

Shabbat shalom, and welcome to Mishkan.

Mishkan is a spiritual community on a mission to engage, educate, empower and inspire people in Chicago and beyond through dynamic experiences of Jewish prayer, study, music, social activism and community-building. We believe that Judaism is a vehicle for bringing more light, more goodness, more justice, and more joy into the world, and that inspired prayer and inspired living reinforce one another.

The ancient Mishkan was the traveling prayer tent in the desert that brought together Israelites from across the spectrum of the community, and so do we: young, young-at-heart, total novices in prayer and Jewish study alongside people with years of experience, LGBTQ Jews, Jews in interfaith relationships and from all denominational and religious backgrounds. We believe everyone's birthright is to connect to God, Torah and community in this way. The only thing needed is that your heart be in it. You in?

We're so glad you're here, and hope your shabbos with us brings you higher.

Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann

TEFILAH/prayer: Thread by Thread, Stitch by Stitch

No real achievement is possible without attention to detail. The musician must practice note after note, day after day, to play with excellence. The athlete must stretch, run, and lift weights to compete successfully. Students must gather facts one by one, detail after detail, to master a subject. Genuine accomplishments, like magnificent sanctuaries, are products of hard work, deed after deed, careful attention to detail.

The Mishkan is a sacred work of art: the challenge to the student of Torah is, like the student of great art, to appreciate the beautify and mystery of the object.

– Rabbi Harvey Fields, A Torah for Our Time

KEHILAH/Community

Register for all events (unless otherwise posted) @ www.mishkanchicago.org/events

livin' on a prayer • תפילה

Second Fridays @ 2U

Friday March 10th, 6:30pm, **Second Unitarian**, 656 W. Barry

Our signature services chalk full of music, prayer, inspiration and reflection. **There will be no meal on this night** however we encourage you to get together on your own! Check out the OneTable.org to find out how to host a sponsored dinner and let us know you're doing it in our FB group.

LOCALS: Under The Radar

Friday March 24th, various times, **Neighborhoods across & around Chicago**

Looking to meet new people, check out new places and connect more deeply with folks at Mishkan? Come to one of our LOCALS dinners– small, intimate gatherings to help you Jew wherever you are. This month, Locals are in Hyde Park, Lincoln Square, Highland Park, Pilsen & Ravenswood!

learn • לימוד

OM: Jewish Mindfulness Collective

Wednesdays starting March 15th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, **Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Taught by seasoned meditation teachers from Mishkan and the Center for Jewish Mindfulness at Orot, the series includes teachings, meditations and mindfulness practices inspired by the weekly Torah portion. Feel free to drop in, \$10 per class.

Next Justice Team Meeting

Thursday March 16th, 6:45pm **Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Learn about JCUA's Police Accountability campaign and get involved. And save the date for a Jewish community-wide meeting on police accountability with JCUA on Sunday, April 2nd.

gather • ביחד

Louder Than a Bomb: Purim Slam

Wednesday March 8th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, **Young Chicago Authors**, 1180 N Milwaukee Ave

Join The Young Chicago Authors and our friends at Chicago Theological Seminary for a Purim themed evening of spoken word with Kevin Coval.

JUF City Dessert Reception: Featuring The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg

Tuesday March 14th, 7:30pm, **Anshe Emet Synagogue**, 3751 N. Broadway

Join Chicago city congregations for the JUF's annual campaign dessert reception including a talk on U.S. and Israel relations from Jeffrey Goldberg, editor-in-chief for The Atlantic. This event is free (but fair warning: this is a fundraiser!).

IGNITE YOUR VITALITY! Preventing Burn-Out in the Era of Resistance

Sunday March 19th, 4:00pm - 7:00pm, **Maggie's Place***, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Feeling overwhelmed by the world? Join Mishkanite and wellness ninja, Rachel Goldberg, for a female identified workshop to discover an ancient definition of "burnout" and some strategies to avoid it. Flip the script on stress and meet other women who are committed to their health & wellness!

***Maggie's Place** is a wellness center at Mishkan Chicago dedicated to building community through a holistic approach to wellness, learning, leadership, social community and access to social services. **Next drop-in night: Thursday, March 23rd 5:00pm - 8:00pm**



GET YOUR TICKET BEFORE PRICES GO UP THIS WEEK!!!

Saturday March 11th • Doors 6:00pm • 2U (Second Unitarian)

General Admission: **\$25 in advance, \$30 two days before & \$36 at the door**, Builders: **\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door**

This is a 21+ event!

Lou Malnati's • Babycakes breakfast for dinner • Schmaltz Brewing Co. beer • The Full Megillah • scandalous shpiel • drinking + dancing • photo booth • justice themed adult carnival games • Brought to you in partnership with SVARA & Moishe House Edgewater.

TORAH: Let them make me a sanctuary and I will dwell in them. – Exodus 25:7

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכָם

Modern commentary: A. God doesn't need your performance....The building of a house in God's name for us to perform therein acts of prayer and sacrifice was inspired by *our* needs, to put us in the right frame of mind to worship, not because God needs to dwell amongst people. Were we to build it of cedars it would not suffice, for the heavens are God's– how much less a house built by mortals! Rather, it is the impact on ourselves which is important. Repeated actions make their impact on body and mind, purifying both. God wants to promote Her creatures' happiness! That's why we are commanded to set aside a place of the highest purity there to purify our thoughts and refine our character. – *Sefer HaChinuch*/the Book of Education

B. The poles of the ark symbolize, on the physical plane, the ubiquitous mission of the ark and what it housed– to be carried beyond its place to wherever circumstances demanded. The commandment: "the poles shall not be removed," embodied the eternal message that the Torah is not parochial, restricted to the particular country where the Temple is situated. Independence of place is an essential characteristic of the Torah... We may not remove the poles– they can only be wrenched out by force but even so the ark remains in tact and waits for new bearers." – Rabbi Shimshon Rafael Hirsch

TZEDEK & HESED & HODA'AH/justice, love and gratitude

Mazal Tov to **Michelle & Aidan Gilbert** on their 25th wedding anniversary and thank you for MAKING such a delicious kiddush lunch!

Very Happy Birthday (this week!) to **Phoebe Arbogast, James Johnson, Billy Pekin, Steve Sondheimer & Morris Fisher!**

Have you heard? Mishkan is now **COMPOSTING!** Look out for the green compost bins at lunch.

Thank you, **Torah readers, David Frankel, Rabbi Suzanne Griffel and Reuven Solomon!! Love Teamers ON today: Aimee Halstuk, Sara Beth Hoffman, Scott Hirsch and Shannon Cochran.** THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

Don't be a wilde chaya (that's Yiddish, for wild animal). We love sharing shabbos lunch with you. **Please help us by cleaning up after yourself.**

Our Justice Team is the space for sharing up-to-date information about opportunities for serving, rallying, marching & advocating. Visit www.mishkanchicago.org/justice to get involved.

Here for the first time? Come say hello to **Natalie Dibo, or any of our staff, or Love Team** on today so we can shower you with love and affection! Get on the Mishkan email list at www.mishkanchicago.org and get in our FB group and follow us on Instagram too. **Congrats? Condolences? Want to let us know that someone needs a little love?** Contact Hillary Gimpel at support@mishkanchicago.org. **Be a Lover!** Contact James Evans at LoveTeam@mishkanchicago.org to hear about the Love Team.

HOLY MOLY, YA HEARD?? Mishkan just got an amazing opportunity: a generous local foundation will **match any increase in donations this year.** Every little bit counts, and the bigger the numbers the bigger our ability to keep bringing inspired down-to-earth Judaism to Chicago! So consider...

- **Giving!** Make a donation online at mishkanchicago.org/donate Every dollar goes to engaging people in dynamic and deep Jewish spiritual practice regardless of background or denomination. Give for the first time or make a workable increase on last year's donation!
- **Becoming a Builder!** Builders make a monthly gift or annual gift to help sustain Mishkan, not out of guilt, but out of inspired co-creation of this community. (And if that's not convincing enough, you get cool perks, discounts and Mishkan swag.)
- **If you're already a Builder, consider increasing,** even by a few dollars a month. It all counts!

All the ways that you give are eligible for the match-- Buildership, High Holiday pledges, one-time donations and gifts from family trusts and foundations. If you've been holding out for that increase, this year is the year! We have till Dec 31, 2017 to make the match.

Contact Rachel Cort, Managing Director, if you want more information about supporting Mishkan: rachel@mishkanchicago.org.

Mishkan is co-created by Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann, Founder • Rachel Cort, Managing Director • Ellie Spitz, Director of Community Engagement & Wellness • Ilana Gleicher-Bloom, Vision Director, Mensch Academy • Rabbi Lauren Henderson: Jewish Emergent Network Rabbinic Fellow • Rachel Gray Alexander, Marketing & Communications Manager • Natalie Dibo, Rabbinic & Admin Assistant • The Davening Team • Our Awesome Board • The Love Team • Every Single Builder and Giver • YOU!

אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: בְּדִבַּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל זֶא וַיִּדְבֹּר
וַיִּקְחוּ־לִי תְרוּמָה מֵאֵת כָּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִדְבְּנוּ לְבוֹ
תִּקְחוּ אֶת־תְּרוּמָתִי: ג וְזֹאת הַתְּרוּמָה אֲשֶׁר תִּקְחוּ
מֵאֲתָם זָהָב וְכֶסֶף וְנֹחֶשֶׁת: ד וּתְכַלֵּת וְאַרְגָּמָן
וְתוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי וְשֵׁשׁ וְעִזִּים: ה וְעֹרֹת אֵילָם מְאֻדָּמִים
וְעֹרֹת תַּחֲשִׁים וְעֵצֵי שִׁטִּים

ו שֶׁמֶן לַמָּאֵר בְּשָׂמִים לְשֶׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה וְלִקְטֹרֶת
הַסָּמִים: ז אֲבִנֵי־שֹהֶם וְאֲבִנֵי מַלְאִים לְאַפֹּד
וְלַחֹשֶׁן: ח וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשִׁכְנָתִי בְּתוֹכָם:
ט כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מֵרְאֶה אוֹתָךְ אֵת תְּבִנֵית הַמִּשְׁכָּן
וְאֵת תְּבִנֵית כָּל־כֵּלָיו וְכֵן תַּעֲשׂוּ: ס

י וַעֲשׂוּ אֲרוֹן עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים אֲמֵתִים וְחָצִי אֲרָכּוֹ
וְאֵמָה וְחָצִי רָחְבוֹ וְאֵמָה וְחָצִי קִמְתּוֹ: יא וְצִפִּיתָ
אוֹתוֹ זָהָב טָהוֹר מִבֵּית וּמִחוּץ תִּצְפְּנוּ וַעֲשִׂיתָ עָלָיו
זָרְזָהָב סָבִיב: יב וַיִּצְקֶתָ לוֹ אַרְבַּע טַבַּעֲתֵי זָהָב
וְנָתַתָּה עַל אַרְבַּע פַּעֲמֹתָיו וְשִׁתִּי טַבַּעַת עַל־צִלְעוֹ
הָאֶחָת וְשִׁתִּי טַבַּעַת עַל־צִלְעוֹ הַשֵּׁנִית: יג וַעֲשִׂיתָ
בְּדֵי עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים וְצִפִּיתָ אֹתָם זָהָב: יד וְהִבַּאתָ
אֶת־הַבָּדִים בְּטַבַּעַת עַל צִלְעַת הָאֲרוֹן לְשֹׂאת
אֶת־הָאֲרוֹן בָּהֶם: טו בְּטַבַּעַת הָאֲרוֹן יִהְיוּ הַבָּדִים
לֹא יִסְרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ: טז וְנָתַתָּ אֶל־הָאֲרוֹן אֵת הָעֵדֻת
[אֲשֶׁר אֶתָּן אֵלֶיךָ: שְׁנֵי]

יז וַעֲשִׂיתָ כִּפְרֹת זָהָב טָהוֹר אֲמֵתִים וְחָצִי אֲרָכָה
וְאֵמָה וְחָצִי רָחְבָּהּ: יח וַעֲשִׂיתָ שְׁנַיִם כְּרָבִים זָהָב
מְקֻשָּׁה תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם מִשְׁנֵי קְצוֹת הַכִּפְרֹת:
יט וַעֲשֶׂה כְרוֹב אֶחָד מְקַצָּה מִזֶּה וּכְרוֹב־אֶחָד
מְקַצָּה מִזֶּה מִן־הַכִּפְרֹת תַּעֲשׂוּ אֶת־הַכְּרָבִים
עַל־שְׁנֵי קְצוֹתָיו: כ וְהָיוּ הַכְּרָבִים פְּרָשֵׁי כְנָפִים
לְמַעַל סִכְכִּים בְּכַנְפֵיהֶם עַל־הַכִּפְרֹת וּפְנִיָהֶם
אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו אֶל־הַכִּפְרֹת יִהְיוּ פְנֵי הַכְּרָבִים:
כא וְנָתַתָּ אֶת־הַכִּפְרֹת עַל־הָאֲרוֹן מִלְּמַעְלָה
וְאֶל־הָאֲרוֹן תִּתֵּן אֶת־הָעֵדֻת אֲשֶׁר אֶתָּן אֵלֶיךָ:
כב וְנוֹעַדְתִּי לְךָ שֵׁם וְדִבַּרְתִּי אִתָּךְ מֵעַל הַכִּפְרֹת
מִבֵּין שְׁנֵי הַכְּרָבִים אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאֲרוֹן הָעֵדֻת אֵת
כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֶצְוֶה אוֹתָךְ אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: פ

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel, let them bring me an offering, from every person that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering. 3 And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, and silver, and bronze, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, 5 And rams’ skins dyed red, and goats’ skins, and shittim wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set on the ephod, and on the breastplate. 8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in and among them. 9 According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all its utensils, so shall you make it.

10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and shall make upon it a rim of gold around it. 12 And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners, and two rings shall be in one of its sides, and two rings in its other side. 13 And you shall make poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 And you shall put the poles into the rings by the sides of the ark, so that the ark may be carried with them. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark, they shall not be taken from it. 16 And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17 And you shall make a cover of pure gold— two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. 18 And you shall make two cherubum of gold, of hammered workmanship shall you make them, in the two ends of the cover. 19 And make one cherub on one end, and the other cherub on the other end; of the cover shall you make the kerubim on its two ends. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings on high, covering the cover with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another, toward the cover shall the faces of the cherubim be. 21 And you shall put the cover upon the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. 22 And there I will meet with you, and I will talk with you from above the cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the Testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the people of Israel.

כג וְעָשִׂיתָ שֻׁלְחָן עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים אֲמָתִים אָרְכוֹ וְאַמָּה
 רְחִבּוֹ וְאַמָּה וְחֲצִי קֶמֶתוֹ: כד וְצָפִיתָ אוֹתוֹ זָהָב
 טָהוֹר וְעָשִׂיתָ לוֹ זֶרֶזָהָב סָבִיב: כה וְעָשִׂיתָ לוֹ
 מִסְגָּרֹת טַפַּח סָבִיב וְעָשִׂיתָ זֶרֶזָהָב לְמִסְגָּרָתוֹ
 סָבִיב: כו וְעָשִׂיתָ לוֹ אַרְבַּע טַבַּעַת זָהָב וְנָתַתָּ
 אֶת־הַטַּבַּעַת עַל אַרְבַּע הַפָּאֵת אֲשֶׁר לְאַרְבַּע
 רַגְלָיו: כז לַעֲמֹת הַמִּסְגָּרֹת תַּהֲיֶין הַטַּבַּעַת
 לְבָתִּים לְבָדִים לְשֹׂאת אֶת־הַשֻּׁלְחָן: כח וְעָשִׂיתָ
 אֶת־הַבָּדִים עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים וְצָפִיתָ אוֹתָם זָהָב
 וְנִשְׂאֲבָם אֶת־הַשֻּׁלְחָן: כט וְעָשִׂיתָ קְעָרֹתָיו
 וְכַפְתָּיו וְקִשּׁוֹתָיו וּמִנְקִיתָיו אֲשֶׁר יִסַּךְ בָּהֶן זָהָב
 טָהוֹר תַּעֲשֶׂה אוֹתָם:

23 You shall also make a table of shittim wood—
 two cubits shall be its length, and a cubit its
 breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 And
 you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make for it a
 rim of gold around it. 25 And you shall make for it a
 border, one hand breadth wide, and you shall make
 a golden rim around its border. 26 And you shall
 make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in
 the four corners that are on its four feet. 27
 Opposite the border shall the rings be as places for
 the poles to carry the table. 28 And you shall make
 the poles of shittim wood, and overlay them with
 gold, that the table may be carried with them. 29
 And you shall make its dishes, and its spoons, and
 its covers, and its bowls, to cover it with, of pure
 gold shall you make them. 30 And you shall set the
 bread of display upon the table before me always.