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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/Reflection: Know Your Story

A primary source of evil, according to Jewish tradition, is loss of memory. Those who do not build upon their memory and who are frightened and ashamed of their past may manifest hostility toward others because their sense of worth and dignity is derived only by manipulation and control of others... Thus "love the stranger because you too were outcasts in Egypt." Have regard for the poor because you too were once persecuted. Be cautious with power because you have suffered the perversions of another's might."

– Rabbi David Hartman

KEHILAH/Community

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

livin' on a prayer • תפילה

2nd Fridays + K for P Dinner!

Next Friday April 14th, 9:30am, **Second Unitarian Church**, 656 W. Barry

Our signature Friday night services - music, prayer, learning, intentionality and inspiration, followed by the best catered kosher for Passover dinner this side of Jerusalem. Menu: moussaka, vegan eggplant rolls, apple kugel & mushroom broccoli kugle. Get a YumCard: www.mishkanchicago.org.

Kids & Families: Join us for Early Family Friday Night Dinner, Pesach-style BEFORE services at 5:15pm.

learning + justice • לימוד וצדק

Hope & Resistance Interfaith Dinner

THIS Wednesday April 12th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, **Lincoln Park Presbyterian**, 600 W. Fullerton Parkway

Resist the forces of social divisiveness and build bridges across community as we share stories of resistance and hope, sharing the foods of our traditions (both Hallal and Kosher for Passover). Meet new people, bring a friend or family member, sing and celebrate!

OM: Jewish Mindfulness Collective

Wednesdays, April 19th - May 10th, 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. Session two taught by Cantor Aviva Cantor. \$10 per class, pre-registrations encouraged.

The S & M Bet Midrash returns, starting Tuesday, April 25th, for 5 weeks.

gather • ביחד

Maggie's Place Drop-In Night: Pizza and POP (...culture that is)

Thursday April 13th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Drop in time = YOU time. Come by at any time, meet new people and relax. This week we'll be chatting about our favorite movies, shows & music. Come hang with us! We are thrilled to be partnering with No Shame on U to bring drop-in nights to Maggie's Place.

ManKind: The Men of Mishkan

Monday April 17th, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

A monthly space for people who identify as men to connect. This group is open to all people who identify as men without regard to race, sexual orientation, disability or experience. No registration required.

Resistance During the Holocaust: Then & Now

Sunday April 23rd, 11:00am - 1:00pm, **Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

On Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, join us for a survivor testimony, and a discussion on resistance during the time of the Sho'ah. What happened then, and what can we learn about what we're called to in the present? We are grateful to the Illinois Holocaust Museum for help connecting us with the survivor community.

TORAH: Keep the Flame Burning

"If God had not taken our ancestors out of Egypt, then we would still be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt, along with our children, and our children's children.

Even if all of us were wise, all of us discerning, all of us veteran scholars and all of us knowledgeable in Torah, it is still a mitzvah for us to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. And the more one expands and embellishes, the better!" - Passover Hagaddah

יְיָ דִבֶּר וַיִּהְיֶה אֱלֹהֵי מִשְׁכָּה לְאָמֵר: ב צו אֶת אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת בָּנָיו לֵאמֹר זֹאת תֹּרַת הָעֹלָה הוּא הָעֹלָה עַל מִזְבֵּחַ עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ כָּל-הַלַּיְלָה עַד-הַבֹּקֶר וְאֵשׁ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ תִּשְׂרֹף בּו

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the Torah of the burnt offering; it is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night to the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning on it...

RASHI: "Command has to mean urging, for the immediate moment and for future generations. Rabbi Shimon said, 'Scripture especially has to urge in a situation where there is loss of money' (which there would be for a priest foregoing worldly occupation for the priesthood)..."

HAFTARAH: וְזָרְחָה לָכֶם יְרֵאֵי שְׁמֵי שָׁמַיִם צְדָקָה וּמִרְפָּא בְּכַנְפֶיהָ וּיְצַאֲתֶם וּפְשָׁתֶם כְּעֶגְלֵי מִרְבָּק: כֹּא וְעִסוּתֶם רְשָׁעִים כִּי־יִהְיֶה אִפְרַיִם תַּחַת כַּפּוֹת רַגְלֵיכֶם בַּיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה אֱמֹר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת: כִּב זָכְרוּ תֹרַת מִשְׁה עֲבָדֵי אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי אוֹתוֹ בְּחָרֵב עַל־כֵּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים: כִּג הִנֵּה אֲנִי שֹׁלֵחַ לָכֶם אֶת אֱלֵיָהּ הַגִּבְיָא לְפָנַי בּוֹא יוֹם יְיָ-הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא: כִּד וְהָשִׁיב לִב־אֲבוֹת עַל־בָּנִים וְלִב־בָּנִים עַל־אֲבוֹתֶם פְּרָאבוּא וְהִפִּיתִי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ חֲרָם

To you who are in awe of my name, the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in its wings, and you shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall. 21 And you shall trample down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of hosts.

22 Remember the Torah of Moses my servant, which I commanded him AT Horev for all Israel, with the statutes and laws. 23 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord; 24 And God shall turn the heart of the parents to the children, and the heart of the children to their parents, lest I come and strike the land with a curse. Malachi 3:20-24

Registration for Mensch Academy 2017 - 2018 opens May 18th!

Know any budding mensches?

Keep an eye on this space: www.mishkanchicago.org/the-mensch-academy

More info about Mensch Academy 2.0 coming soon!

HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

Happy 70th birthday to Rona Pietrzak! Mazal tov, *ad me'ah v'esrim* (may you live in good health till 120!) **Also very Happy Birthdays** (this week!) to **Aimee Halstuk, Abby Citrin & David Frankel!** *Refu'ah shelema* to **Aidan Gilbert**, Aiden Shalom ben Avraham v' Sarah, who is recovering from flu!

Mazal tov to Kalman Strauss for being chosen for JUF's 18 Under 18! You've always been our #1. Google "JUF 18 Under 18" to join in the celebration.

Love Teamers ON tonight: Adam Reisberg, Charlie Hammerslough, Reuven Solomon & Shannon Cochran. THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

Thank you to our Torah readers, Ana Lind, Jamie Weisbach and Reuven Solomon. You rock the holy scroll hard.

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. Thank you to the **anonymous angels** who **sponsored the upgraded bagel fixings!** If you want to contribute in this way, for a special occasion or just because you're feeling generous, contact Natalie at admin@mishkanchicago.org

Here for the first time? Come say hello to **Natalie Dibo, or any of our staff, or Love Team** on tonight 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.

Thank you and bless you for building this community with us!

Lizzi: Psukei

Shaharit: Lauren

Musaf: Grace

Torah service: Lizzi + Lauren co-lead. Lauren's got aliyot and kavanot.

Aidan's name for Mi Sheberach: Aiden Shalom ben Avraham v'Sarah.

Rona's name for aliyah: Peninah Hannah bat Zev v'Sofia

TORAH LEARNING: Interesting study, telling of phenomenon that complicates basic Jewish approach to religion, which is telling and retelling story. Tell stories for generating empathy with other, which torah teaches, and yet, the study shows that if a person listens to THEIR

Study: Michael Wall Nyla Branskin. Asked Jews to think about suffering of P's. Jews reminded of own groups suffering showed LESS compassion toward Palestinians.

Americans reminded of traumas in our history.

Trauma makes us turn inwards, creates justifications for the harms we cause other groups. Makes it easier to justify harm to people