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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: On Intimacy

God and I have become  
like two giant fat people living in a tiny boat.

We keep bumping into each other  
and laughing.

-Hafiz

### KEHILAH/Community

Register for all events (unless otherwise posted) @ [www.mishkanchicago.org/events](http://www.mishkanchicago.org/events)

### livin' on a prayer • תפילה

#### Last Fridays @ AES

**Friday May 26th**, 6:30pm, **Anshe Emet Synagogue**, 3751 N. Broadway

We'll be wrapping up May with music and spirit, followed by the best darn vegetarian pot-luck anywhere... but only because YOU bring it. Help us continue to step up our potluck game this week!! If your last name begins with A-L bring something veggie- or fruit-based. If your last name begins with M-Z bring a grain or nut-free side We've got the main! **\*\*NO SERVICES TIL Friday MAY 26th @ AES\*\***

#### Jewish Emergent Network Shabbat Morning

Sat. May 27th, 9:30am, Second Unitarian Church, 656 W. Barry

Our Jewish Emergent Network Fellows are excited to be hosting their own Shabbat morning service as part of their Mishkan site visit. Join all seven of the fellows for prayer and lunch, as they share what they have been learning over the past year at all their sites at innovative communities across the country. Please note: this is not a Mishkan service and will be completely fellow-led. Spots for lunch are limited, and registration is encouraged.

### learning + justice • לימוד וצדק

#### OM: Jewish Mindfulness Collective

**THIS Wednesday, 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, this series includes teachings, meditations and mindfulness practices inspired by weekly Torah portions. Session two taught by Cantor Aviva Katzman. \$10 per class.

### gather & maggie's place • ביחד

#### 40s+ Social Team: A Song for You Screening + Bagel Brunch

**TOMORROW May 7th**, 11:00am, **Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood Suite 108

In 1943 the Karp family escaped the Nazis by crossing the Pyrenees on foot with the help of the French Resistance. In this story, filmmaker Sharon Karp and her sisters retrace the escape route. We are excited to welcome the director, Sharon Karp, at the screening! \$10 registration.

#### Mankind: The Men of Mishkan

**Monday May 15th**, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

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

#### Holy Schluf: The Art of Shabbat Rest

**Wednesday May 17th**, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

What's the difference between Shabbat rest and crashing at the end of a Tuesday in front of Netflix? How might you take Judaism's timeless and ancient approach to Shabbat rest, and infuse your life with its transformative power? Let's take a look at our own lives and ask "what kind of rest do I need?" and workshop realistic ways to incorporate those dreams into reality for a happier, healthier life.

#### Maggie's Place Themed Shabbat Dinners: Recovery & Addiction, Sustainable Food

Maggie's Place is excited to be hosting themed Shabbat dinners throughout the month of May!

**Friday May 19th**, 7:00pm, **Lakeview**: Hosted by our very own Rabbi Lauren and Joel Dworkin, is all about recovery. Whether you're currently in recovery or know someone who is, this is a safe space to process your experiences.

**Friday May 19th**, 7:30pm, **Edgewater**: Hosted by Christy Cook, this dinner will explore how eating sustainable is not only a way of building community, but also a way to connect your lifestyle to your Jewish ideals. *Addresses will be emailed when you register.*

# TORAH: Too Close for Comfort

וַיְדַבֵּר יי אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׁנֵי בְנֵי אֶהֱרֹן בְּקִרְבָּתָם לִפְנֵי יי וַיָּמָתוּ:

The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, who died when they drew too close to the presence of the LORD. **Leviticus 16:1**

Who, if I cried out, would hear me among the angelic orders? And even if one of them pressed me suddenly to his heart: I'd be consumed in his stronger existence. For beauty is nothing but the beginning of terror, which we can just barely endure, and we stand in awe of it as it coolly disdains to destroy us. Every angel is terrifying...

...O and the night, the night, when the wind full of worldspace gnaws at our faces - for whom won't the night be there, desired, gently disappointing, a hard rendezvous for each toiling heart. Is it easier for lovers? Ah, but they only use each other to hide what awaits them.

You still don't see? Cast the emptiness from your arms into the spaces we breathe: perhaps the birds will sense the increase of air with more passionate flying. -**rainer maria rilke, duino elegies, the first elegy**

“וַעֲתָה יִשְׂרָאֵל — מָה ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ שָׂאֵל מֵעֲמָךְ?  
כִּי אִם לִירְאָה אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ לָלֶכֶת בְּכָל-דְּרָכָיו, וּלְאַהֲבָה אוֹתוֹ...”

And now, Israel, what does G!d want of you?

Only that you **fear** the Eternal your G!d, following in all G!d's paths and **loving** G!d...

**Deuteronomy 10:12**

## Revelation & Revolution: Shavu'ote 5777

music • sex • justice • torah • bagels, shmear & cheesecake

**Wednesday May 24th • 6:30pm (doors) - 10:00pm • Catalyst Ranch • 656 W Randolph St #3W**

A fast-paced night of opening your heart, body and mind to the kind of life-learning that is the stuff of Torah: love, and relationships, justice, food & in-depth exploration of Jewish wisdom. \$25, \$15 for Builders. Don't wait! Prices increase at the door.

## HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

**Mazal Tov** to **Molly Rose Arnstein & Jeffrey Levine** on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, **Asher Bennett Levine** AND **Allyson Gold and Steven Merrill** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, **Lydia Reese Merrill!**

**Very Happy Birthday** (this week) to: **Michael Danziger, Suzanne Griffel, Jeffrey Levine, Adam Pinkert & Katie Rzepka!**

**Love Teamers ON** today: **Aimee Halstuk, Sara Beth Hoffman, Shannon Cochran, Benna Kessler and Alexis Graves.** THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

**Torah Readers:** **Suzanne Griffel and Sara Blumenthal.** Thanks for your rockstar leyning (torah reading)!

Hungry for discussion? Join **Lilia Rissman** at her table during lunch for conversation about getting the most out of your Shabbat practice.

**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 have contributed to sponsor kiddish in recent weeks. 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](mailto:admin@mishkanchicago.org)

**Here for the first time?** Come say hello to **Ellie Spitz, or any of our staff, or Love Team** on so we can shower you with love and affection! Get on the Mishkan email list at [www.mishkanchicago.org](http://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](mailto:support@mishkanchicago.org). **Be a Lover!** Contact James Evans at [LoveTeam@mishkanchicago.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:rachel@mishkanchicago.org).

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

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!