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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: Elul Prayer

God of forgiveness, of creativity, of healing, and of transformation,
help me to take this time seriously for honest self-reflection.

Help me to be still, to journal, to talk to the people who really know
me, and allow a mirror to be held up to my face.
How have I grown comfortable in unhealthy habits?
When have I been lazy? When courageous?

For what, this year, must I offer immense gratitude to You, and for what must You apologize?
Help me to be open to the answers You need me to hear.

Help me believe that I am capable, this year,
of becoming the person You put me in this world to be.

KEHILAH/Community

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

livin' on a prayer • תפילה

Second Fridays @ 2U + Early Family Friday Night Dinner

NEXT Friday, September 8th, 6:30pm, Second Unitarian Church 656 W. Barry

Our signature Friday night services - music, prayer, learning, intentionality and inspiration, followed by the best catered dinner this side of Jerusalem. Get a YumCard: www.mishkanchicago.org. **Kids & Families: Join us for Early Family Friday Night Dinner, Rosh Edition** BEFORE services.

learn • לימוד

The Heart Of Torah

Wednesday September 13th, 7:30 pm, Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 North Broadway

Looking for an intellectual power-up before the holidays? Join Hadar and guest panelists Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann, Rabbi David Wolkenfeld and Rabbi David Russo as they discuss the heady issues raised in Rabbi Shai Held's acclaimed new book, *The Heart of Torah: Essays on the Weekly Torah Portion*.

gather • ביחד

Maggie's Place Drop-in Night

NEXT Thursday September 7th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm, Maggie's Place, 4001 N. Ravenswood 108

Feeling bored? Disconnected? Stuck? Come hang out, read a book, play a board game with us, chat it up, and have free dinner. We'd love to see you and check in or just chill with you. Drop-in nights are your space to be you – in community. We are thrilled to be partnering with No Shame on U.

Selichot Jam

Saturday night, September 16th, 7:30pm-9:30pm @ Silverstein Base Hillel, 858 w Wrightwood

The Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah kicks off Selichot - a period of special songs and prayers on the theme of forgiveness, return, and reconnection. We'll kick off with havdallah and sing songs of the season into the night. Feel free to bring an instrument, and/or share a song that fits in the season. If this is your first Mishkan High Holidays, come meet folks in the community so you'll encounter friendly faces at the Holidays.

MishkanX HighHo Shabbat Dinners: Lakeview | Ravenswood | Pilsen | Evanston

Friday September 22nd, various times and locations

Break bread and bring in Shabbat on Rosh Hashanah day 2 with some friendly Mishkanites from all across the city. Visit onetable.org Chicago



It's Elul People, Wake Up!

Get Your Tickets to Get Higher Before They're Gone

Seriously, last year we sold out. Want to give a little more this year? **We're seeking volunteers for High Holidays**—willing hands and spirits to make this year's High Holidays our best year yet—and yours! Want to help out? Email ellie@mishkanchicago.org

Visit: www.mishkanchicago.org to get your tickets.

Torah: Complex Love, Real Love, Love with Conflict

A.

לא יהיה כלי גבר על אשה ולא ילבוש גבר שמלת אשה כי תועבת יהוה אלהיך כל עשה אלה: (פכי יקרא קורצפור | לפניך בדרך בכל עץ | או על הארץ אפרחים או ביצים (והאם רבצת על האפרחים או על הביצים לא תקח האם על הבנים: שלח תשלח את האם ואת הבנים תקח לך למען ייטב לך והארכת ימים: (ס

A woman must not put on man's apparel, nor shall a man wear woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is abhorrent to the LORD your God. If, along the road, you chance upon a bird's nest, in any tree or on the ground, with fledglings or eggs and the mother sitting over the fledglings or on the eggs, do not take the mother together with her young. Let the mother go, and take only the young, in order that you may fare well and have a long life. Deuteronomy 22:5-7

B.

לא תטה משפט גר יתום ולא תחבל בגד אלמנה: תזכרת כי עבד היית במצרים ויפדך יהוה אלהיך משם על כן אנכי מצו לך לעשות את הדבר הזה: (סכי תקצר קצירך בשדה ושכחת עמר בשדה לא תשוב לקחתו לגר ליתום ולאלמנה יהיה למען יברכך יהוה אלהיך בכל מעשה ידיך: כי תקצר קצירך בשדה ושכחת עמר בשדה לא תשוב לקחתו לגר ליתום ולאלמנה יהיה למען יברכך יהוה אלהיך בכל מעשה ידיך: כי תחבט זיתך לא תפאר אחריו לגר ליתום ולאלמנה יהיה: (סכי תחבט זיתך לא תפאר אחריו לגר ליתום ולאלמנה יהיה: (ס

You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment. When you reap the harvest in your field and overlook a sheaf in the field, do not turn back to get it; it shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow—in order that HaShem your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat down the fruit of your olive trees, do not go over them again: that shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. Deuteronomy 24:17-22

HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

Yay for new life in the community! Welcome to all our newest baby Mishkanites. We can't wait to get to know all of you.

Very Happy Birthday (this week) to: **Rebecca Crystal, Seth Madorsky, Charlie Hammerslough & Steven Wiesenthal**

Love Teamers ON today: **Jed Weiner, Reuven Solomon & Alexis Graves**. THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

Don't forget: We are now composting! What is compostable you ask? **EVERYTHING** from the forks, plates and cups to the napkins (& food of course). The green composting bin is your friend.

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 lunch today. 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 **Rachel Cort**, 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 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 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!