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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: Darkness to Light**

We may begin with degradation but we end with exaltation.

א תלמוד בבלי מסכת פסחים דף קטז עמוד א Talmud Bavli 116a

From the narrow place I called out, and You answered me, with expansive possibility. - Psalm 118:5

מן המצר קראתי י-ה ענני במרחב י-ה הודו ליי כי טוב כי לעולם חסדו

*Min ha'metzar karati Yah anani b'merhav Yah / Hodu L'adonai ki tov kilolam chasdo*

**KEHILAH/Community**

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

**livin' on a prayer • תפילה**

**RISE @ Mishkan + Mini-Mishkan**

**Saturday April 7th**, 9:30am, **Second Unitarian**, 656 W. Barry

Disconnect to reconnect! Wake up, sing, daven, discuss. Our usual Shabbat morning service, heavy on the intention and light on fluff, followed by a delightful kiddish lunch. **Kids and families** invited for **Mini-Mishkan at 11:15am** upstairs.

**learn • לימוד**

**Learn Your Alef-Bet**

**Sunday April 15th**, 11:00am - 4:00pm, **NEW Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood suite 101

This class is for our conversion cohort and anyone else who wants to learn to read Hebrew, taught by the awesome David Kaplinsky. \$25 for general registration and \$15 for Builders (includes yummy snacks). Builders, email RachelGray@mishkanchicago.org for the code.

**gather • ביחד**

**March for our Lives**

**TOMORROW Saturday March 24th**, 11:00am, **Union Park**, 1501 W Randolph St

Join in solidarity with the broader Jewish community and meet outside the Whole Foods, Ashland & Belmont, 10am + take 50 bus down to the march.

**Cook + Serve Lunch @ Lincoln Park Community Shelter**

**THIS Sunday March 25th**, 11:30am - 2:00pm, **LPCS**, 600 W Fullerton Ave

Join us in partnership with the Lincoln Park Community Shelter & Repair the World to make some yummy food and connect with the guests of LPCS. Bring yourself, your spouse/partner, your friends and/or your kids! We need you! RSVP to Sasha: sashataskier@gmail.com.

**Complicity: Yom HaShoah 2018**

**Wednesday, April 11th, 7-8:30pm, Mishkan Space** 4001 N Ravenswood

Most people during the Holocaust weren't purely victims or perpetrators. Rather, the vast majority were complicit bystanders - people who knew there was something evil happening around them, but did nothing. Join Mishkanite Daniel Riff on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) for an exploration of complicity during the holocaust and how we understand our own roles today

**SoulCollage®**

**Thursday April 19th**, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, **Maggie's Place**, 4001 N. Ravenswood suite 101

Taught by the talented Kathy Bresler, SoulCollage® is a creativity workshop that helps you tap into your inner wisdom – your strengths, your beauty, your complexity, your dreams, your creativity and your accomplishments. This class is amazing, requires no artistic talent, and will rock your life.

**The Sangha: Weekly Mishkan Meditation Minyan**

**Wednesday March 28th & ongoing**, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, **Mishkan Space**, 4001 N. Ravenswood suite 108

**Need some Passover inspiration?**

Pesach is an incredible ancient festival– a celebration of spring, of renewal, and of possibility. A commitment to liberation from every kind of oppression, a reckoning. If you're planning to host this year, or just want some holiday discussion fodder, check out our Seder in a Zip and find everything you need to know, do, buy for the ultimate Jewish holiday.

[www.mishkanchicago.org/seder-in-a-zip](http://www.mishkanchicago.org/seder-in-a-zip)

## TORAH: From Degradation to Exaltation

מתחיל בגנות ומסיים בשבח מאי בגנות רב אמר: מתחלה עובדי עבודת גלולים היו אבותינו. ושמואל אמר: עבדים היינו תלמוד בבלי מסכת פסחים דף קטז עמוד א

We begin with degradation and end with exaltation.

Rav says, "At the beginning, our ancestors worshipped idols." Shmuel says, "Our ancestors were slaves."

- Talmud Bavli Pesachim 116a

"In every generation a person must see themselves as though they personally had gone out of Egypt, as it is said: "And you shall tell your child in that day, saying: 'It is because of what G!d did for me when I came out of Egypt!'" Therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, laud, glorify, exalt, honor, bless, extol, and adore She Who performed all these miracles for our ancestors and us..." Whole brought us forth from bondage into freedom, from sorrow into joy, from mourning into festivity, from darkness into great light, and from slavery into redemption."

- Mishnah Pesachim 10:4

Garland yourself / in all the green there is —

ivy green / olive green / fennel green / growing green / yearning green / wet sap green / new grape green,  
green of youth and green of branches / green of mint and green of marsh grass / green of tea leaves, oak and pine,  
green of washed needles and early rain / green of weeds and green of oceans,  
green of bottles, ferns and apples, green of dawn-soaked dew and slender green of roots,  
green fresh out of pools - green slipped under fools,  
green of the green fuse / green of the honeyed muse / green of the rough caress of ritual,  
green undaunted by reason or delirium/ green of jealous joy,  
green of the sacred iridescence of the dance --  
and let all the people dance --  
to the mountains,  
to the mountains."

- Euripides' Bakkhai - "The Entrance Song of the Bakkhai"

## HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

Welcome to Rabbi Jordan Schuster and Morgan Meyer, visiting from Boston and Hebrew College. We're so glad you're here.

Thank you to Fatima Al-Hamada for catering our delicious desserts.

Very Happy Birthday (this week) to: Robin Le Vine, Lynn Coe, Jeffrey Coe, Judith Marohn & Samantha Greenberg.

Love Teamers ON tonight: Doug Winkelstein, Rachel Bryan, Aliza Becker, Lisa Goldberg & Michael Kornick. THANK YOU for your hands, hearts & smiles.

Hungry for Discussion? Join Shalisha Erenberg for a discussion on **Passover: Time, Slavery and Freedom** during dinner.

Don't be a *wilde chaya* (that's Yiddish, for wild animal). We love sharing shabbos dinner with you. **Please help us by cleaning up after** yourself. Want to contribute toward the cost of a meal for the community, for a special occasion or just because you're feeling generous? Write Natalie admin@mishkanchicago.org.

Here for the first time? Come say hello to Rachel Gray or any of our staff, or Love Team on so we can shower you with love! 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) hear about the Love Team.

If you're thinking to yourself, "This community rocks! Someone should make sure this thing stays healthy!" be that someone by:

- **Giving!** Make a donation online at [mishkanchicago.org/support](http://mishkanchicago.org/support) 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 on a sliding scale 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!

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!**