

Shabbat shalom, and welcome to Mishkan.

Mishkan is a spiritual community whose mission is to reimagine and breathe new life into Judaism, leading people toward more purposeful, more connected, and more inspired lives. We do this by creating radically inclusive spaces for Jewish spiritual practice and community that engage, educate, empower and inspire people in Chicago and beyond, across the spectrum of the identities, backgrounds, ages and beliefs. The ancient Mishkan was the traveling prayer tent in the desert that brought together all kinds of Israelites, and people who wanted to be in community with us. Similarly, we welcome you, whatever the story may be of how you got here. You'll see people who are young and older, total novices in prayer and Jewish study alongside people with years of experience, LGBTQ Jews, Jews of color, Jews in interfaith relationships, and from all denominational and religious backgrounds. We believe everyone's birthright is to connect to G'd, Torah, and community in this way, and that the intersection of these identities in intentional and non-judgmental Jewish space can create more light, more love, more justice, and more goodness in the world. Sound good to you?

We're so glad you're here, and hope your Shabbos with us brings you higher. – Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann rabbi@mishkanchicago.org

TEFILAH/prayer: Sing and Dance. No Excuses.

The important thing to understand is that one does not need an excuse to sing and dance. The *hasidim*/pious ones do it spontaneously. You can do this, too. For example, while studying, praying, or even doing some chore, sing a *niggun*. If you're inspired, start dancing. Maybe you're tired or lonely or frustrated or feeling sad. Just start singing to God. And if you are with someone else, take her with you.

Bratslav Seder Ha-Yom 24:6

TORAH: The Most Powerful Weapon and Gift

י ויצא בן־אשה ישראלית והוא בן־איש מצרי בתוך בני ישראל וינצו במחנה בן הישראלית ואיש הישראלי: יא ויקב בן־האשה הישראלית את־השם ויקלל ויביאו אתו אל־משה ושם אמו שלמית בת־דברי למטה־דן: יב ויניחיהו במשמר לפרש להם על־פי יי: פ יג וידבר יי אל־משה לאמר: יד הוצא את־המקלל אל־מחוץ למחנה וסמכו כל־השמעים את־ידיהם על־ראשו ורגמו אתו כל־העדה: טו ואל־בני ישראל תדבר לאמר איש איש כִּי־יקלל אֱלֹהֵיו ונָשָׂא חַטָּאוֹ: טז ונקב שם־ יי מות יומת רגום ירגמו־בו כל־העדה כגד כְּאֲזַרְח בְּנִקְבוֹ־שֵׁם יומת: יז ואיש כי יכה כל־נפש אדם מות יומת: יח ומכה נפש־בהמה ישלמנה נפש תחת נפש: יט ואיש כִּי־יתן מום בעמיתו כאשר עשה בן יעשה לו: כ שבר תחת שבר עין תחת עין שן תחת שן כאשר יתן מום באדם כן ינתן בו

10 And the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel; and this son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; 11 And the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed. And they brought him to Moses. And his mother's name was Shelomith— Wholeness— the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan— judgement 12 And they put him in custody, that the mind of the Lord might be shown to them. 13 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 14 "Bring forth he who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16 And he who blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him, as well the stranger, as he who is born in the land, when he blasphemes the name of the Lord, shall be put to death. 17 And he who kills any man shall surely be put to death. 18 And he who kills a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. 19 And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him; 20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, as he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done back to him. 21 And he who kills a beast, he shall restore it; and he who kills a man, he shall be put to death. 22 You shall have one kind of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country; for I am the Lord your God." 23 And Moses spoke to the people of Israel, that they should bring forth him who had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the people of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses....."

Revelations • Interfaith Shavu'ote/Pentecost Story Slam

Wednesday May 16th, 6:30pm, Chicago Theater Works, 1113 W. Belmont

A few nights before Shavu'ote (the holiday celebrating the giving of Torah) we join with our interfaith partners in crime (Gilead Church, Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, SVARA, REBOOT, and Friendship) to create a night of heart-opening stories themed around REVELATION(S). Come for inspiration, creativity, curated stories of revelations, and of course, cheesecake and mac n'cheese (vegan and gluten free options available too!). Revelation waits for no one, so get registered. \$15 for general admission, \$10 for Builders.

Why do a Shavu'ote/Pentecost interfaith event? Come and find out!

KEHILAH/Community

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

livin' on a prayer • תפילה

Next service: Second Fridays @ 2U

Friday May 11th, 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 to stay for dinner and drinks after services: mishkanchicago.org/yumcard. **Next service May 24th at Anshe Emet.**

70 Faces of Revelation: A Smorgasbord of Jewish Learning for Shavu'ote

Saturday May 19th, 6:00pm-10:00pm, **Silverstein Base Hillel**, 858 Wrightwood

Join us at Silverstein Base Hillel for an evening of liberatory, preparatory, and revelatory Torah in honor of Shavu'ote, our celebration of Jewish wisdom. Guided by teachers from Hillel, Mishkan Chicago, Avodah, Moishe House, SVARA, and Limmud Chicago, with heavy snacks, cheesecake, and wine.

gather (in order of date) • ביחד

ONE Northside 2018 Community Convention

Sunday May 6th | 2:30pm - 5:00pm | **American Islamic College** | 640 W. Irving Park

Take your social justice activism to the next level at the ONE Northside Community Convention, to advance racial, gender and economic justice.

The Sangha: Weekly Mishkan Meditation Minyan

Wednesday May 9th & ongoing | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | **Mishkan Space** | 4001 N. Ravenswood 101

Come sit in silent meditation together and process what's coming up in our practice— challenges, new insights & questions.

Rosh Chodesh Circle

Sunday May 20th | 5:30pm - 8:00pm | **Maggie's Place** | 4001 N. Ravenswood 101

Our Rosh Chodesh (new moon) circle for those who identify as female is a restorative and regenerative space to reflect and connect in sisterhood through ritual prayer, singing, candle lighting as well as light-hearted socializing. Dinner at 5:30pm, circle at 6pm.

The Challenge of Change

Tuesday May 22nd | 6:30pm - 7:45pm | **Maggie's Place** | 4001 N. Ravenswood 101

Change is a constant in today's world. Join us over dinner and conversation to explore how change can affect one's quality of life and learn healthy living tips that can help you continue finding joy. We're excited to bring you this program in partnership with Journey Care.

Listen & Talk: MishkanX Jewish Podcast Club

Tuesday May 22nd | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | **First Slice Andersonville** | 5357 N. Ashland Ave.

Listen to *Israel Story Episode 10: Birthstory* and join in discussion. RSVP rachelamburstein@gmail.com

Maggie's Place Drop In Night

Thursday May 24th | 5:00pm - 8:00pm | **Maggie's Place** | 4001 N. Ravenswood 101

Drop-in nights are a place to unwind, engage with others and just be you. Come hang out, read a book, play a board game, chat it up, and enjoy FREE dinner! We are thrilled to be partnering with No Shame on U to bring drop-in nights to Maggie's Place.

Djembe: Drumming For The Soul

Tuesday May 29th | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | **Maggie's Place** | 4001 N. Ravenswood 101

Join master drummer Michael Taylor from Tam Tam Mandingue Djembe Academy for a West African drumming workshop. Learn to drum as a practice of self care, inspiration and centering. You do not want to miss this. \$10.

HESED & HODA'AH/love and gratitude

Massive mazal tov to **Rachel Cort** and **David Frankel** on welcoming their little ones into the tribe. It's so great to have your family here today! **Also to Lynn Coe** on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We <3 you! Today is truly the day of all stars celebrating!

Very Happy Birthday (this week) to: **Max Averbukh, Michael Danziger, Robert Lehrer, Jeff Levine, Deborah Zeluda, Adam Pinkert, Judy Yacker & Michelle Broxman.**

Love Teamers ON today: **Rachel Brustein, Lauren Rhodes, Michael Kornick & Rachel Bryan.** 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. 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 **Ellie Spitz** or **any of our staff, or Love Team** so we can shower you with love! 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.

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 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 an 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, Executive Director, if you want more information about supporting Mishkan: rachel@mishkanchicago.org.

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

Mishkan is co-created by Rabbi Lizz Heydemann, Founder • Rachel Cort, Executive 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 • Tracey Morrison, Shabbat Coordinator • The Davening Team • Our Awesome Board • The Love Team • Every Single Builder and Giver • YOU!