

I hope everyone is enjoying a happy and healthy new year. Coming up in just a few days, we have the privilege of hosting Dr. Deborah Lipstadt for our signature Scholar-In-Residence program. It will be an opportunity for us to learn together and be inspired by this renowned and award-winning teacher and historian. Please join us for one or more of the sessions. Many thanks to Warren Harmel and the entire SIR committee. Special thanks to our lead sponsors, the Sweet-Weinberg, Moskowitz, and Brook families, and to all of our many sponsors who ensure the success of this program.

Adult Education is in full swing with a few short-term sessions to accommodate busy schedules. The session on Monotheistic Religions, given the current world political climate, is sure to prompt lively discussion. There is no charge for these classes but you need to reserve your spot. Don't miss out on the chance to study with our esteemed Rabbis.

Moving on in the calendar, we have the Shalach Manot and Purim program. Anshai Torah has consistently taken the lead in the community for the most beautiful and creative Purim baskets and this year will be no different. Many thanks to Jacob Ratner, Debbie and Dan Cohn, and our newest creative mind, Karen Hazan-Cohen. Together they will orchestrate and organize the delivery of more than 700 baskets to the community. Please consider becoming a sponsor for this program and send Shalach Manot to the entire Anshai membership. Then, mark your calendars for Purim Doodle Dandy on March 12, featuring lead actors Rabbi Weinberg and Rabbi Kushnick.

Watch your inbox for information about Mitzvah Day, a Half-Marathon team, and Spring Fair. There is no shortage of opportunity here at Anshai Torah to learn, to pray, to have fun, to give back. Our auxiliaries are busy with programming, and our shul is bustling with activity. Surely, there is something for everyone . . . just jump right in as so many others have done. It has been very exciting to see all of the new faces of Anshai Torah taking on leadership roles, chairing and working on the various committees. Join the fun and help make a difference at Anshai Torah.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge those in our community who have taken precious time out of their daily lives to participate in one or more of our daily minyanim. Thank you. Your presence means so much to those who are saying Kaddish and we appreciate your commitment. What a wonderful way for each of us to start and/or end the day. Again, thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our upcoming programs and of course, at Shabbat services each week.

*Warmly, Marcy*