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*Olive trees and cactus  
in Haifa, Israel*

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**March 3 for  
"The Phantom of Shushan"**

Please join us for  
**Tu B'Shevat in the Park**  
Sunday, February 12 • 9:30 am

*See insert for details & reservation form.*



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The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel



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Congregation Anshei Israel shall serve as a source of spiritual, educational, and social enrichment in order to encourage and ensure Judaic values in accordance with the Principles of Conservative Judaism.

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### Weekday Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen, this informal study group often leads to lively discussion. Held **Wednesdays** in the Library, **11:00 am to noon**. Everyone is welcome.

### Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service **the first Friday of the month**. (Children need not be enrolled in our school to participate.) On **January 6 and February 3 at 5:45 pm**, we'll begin on the Bimah in the Sanctuary with stories and songs. A kid-friendly Shabbat **dinner follows at 6:15 pm**. Dinner is \$20 per family (two adults and up to four children). Reservations are required for dinner only. Call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

### Shabbat Afternoon Torah Study

Torah discussions are held **every Saturday, one hour prior to the Mincha Service**. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in "Living Judaism" and your congregation. Times of study are listed on the calendar in each issue of *Kolenu*. If you would like to lead a Torah discussion or for more information, call Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

### Shir Hadash

On **January 20 at 5:45 pm** we will hold "SHIR HADASH: A New Song," our special SHABBAT evening service featuring Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist. The service will include singing, clapping, participatory melodies, NIGGUNIM (wordless chants), and more involvement by all who attend. Everyone is welcome. It's a new way to embrace SHABBAT!

### K'Ton Time

A fun and lively 20-minute service that includes songs, prayers, stories and games geared to families with kids ages 1 to 6, but every family is welcome. After the service everyone is invited to a kid-friendly *kiddush* where each child's attendance is acknowledged in song. This is followed by playground time for kids, and schmoozing time for parents, after which we join the sanctuary service for *kiddush*. Join us on **January 21 and February 18 at 10:30 am** in the Epstein Chapel.

### Minyan Shelanu: Our Minyan

This service is led by your fellow congregants and is for children and adults of ALL ages. We *daven* with *ruach* and the inspiration of a camp service! Throughout the year, we explore the meaning behind the prayers and music of the Shabbat morning service. The next services will be held on **Saturdays, January 28 and February 25 at 10:30 am** in the Epstein Chapel. Following the service, we join the sanctuary service for *kiddush*.

Ever wonder?

- What page are we on now?
  - Why did he ask us to do that?
  - I thought we already said that ... Why do we have to do it again?
- Well, now we have a chance for you to learn!

### ~ PRAYERBOOK BOOT CAMP ~

On **Sunday, January 22 at 9:15am** we will hold a class on the form and function of our SHABBAT Morning Service. We will look at the structure of the service, as well as the meaning ("intention") of the more significant sections. There is a reason why we refer to our prayerbook as a SIDDUR (which means "order") ... and that "reason" was never meant to be a secret. Join us and turn all those things you find yourself wondering about into a greater sense of wonder!

## Daily Minyan Services & “Jewry” Duty



Our Minyan is expected to be there when someone needs to say *Kaddish*. There are often occasions when it is difficult to get a *Minyan*. We hope you will consider being there for others. Along with your “Jewry Duty,” we ask that you consider committing to being part of the *Minyan* at least one morning or afternoon per month on a regular basis. Service times are on the calendar in each newsletter and on the synagogue's Web site, [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org). Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their “Jewry” Duty during October and November 2011. ***Todah rabah!***

Marlene Abraham	Vivien & Jacques Gerstenfeld	Bea Paulus
Austin Agron	Gerald Goldberg	Jack Pinnas
Melanie Amhowitz	Ruth Goldin	Jane Poliakoff
Murray Baker	Marc Goldsen	Marilyn & Ira Prensky
Jerry Barkan	Sherman Goldstein	Jill Ranucci
Morris Barkan	Margo Gray	Abby Rosen
Sonia & Rev. Lawrence Barr	Brina Grusin	Ellen Rosen
David Ben-Asher	Lorraine Hellring	Ann Rush
Ruth Berman	Harvey Jurkowitz	Laura Sagerman
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Dan Karsch	Patti Salonic
Barbara Brodie	Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	Judith Schneider
Jennifer & Mark Cassius	Steve Ketchel	Trudy & Howard Schwartz
Jillian Cassius	Jane Klein	Nathan Shapiro
Sarah Cassius	Joan Kleinerman	Esther Sherberg
Kevin Chess	Ruth Kolker	Clayton Sigafus
Miriam Cline	Morton Kranitz	Evelyn Sigafus
Lee & Alan Cohen	Nancy Krouse	Macy Sigafus
Bob Cohen	Jerry Lapin	Michelle Sigafus
Barbara Danes	Katherine & Aaron Leonard	Michelle & Brent Sigafus
Dennis Dawson	Natalie Leonard	Les Silberman
Rosie Eilat-Kahn	Francine & Malcolm Levin	Linda & Shelby Silverman
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Debby Eisen	Rachel Levy	Karen & Howard Skolnik
Joan Epstein	Beatrice Lippel	Herman Stein
Seneca Erman	Martin Mannlein	Carol & Alvin Stern
Judy Esbit	Walter Marcus	Moshe Toister
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Walter Feiger	Ziva Mason	Steven Weisman
Hedy Feuer	Laurie Melrood	Jerry Wolf
Eric Flank	Arnold Merin	Joanne Wolf
Enid & Wynn Freedman	Hannah & Ron Meyerson	Phyllis Wolf
Linda Friedman	Gail Mordka	Robert Wolk
Irene Stern Friedman &	Dawn Moriarty	Sam Wolsky
Ellis Friedman	Judith Mussman	Susan Wortman
Madeline Friedman	Gail & Marc Offenhartz	Max Zilberman
Emanuel Furst	Rabbi Arthur Oleisky	Arthur Zoref
Jami Gan	Tidhar Ozeri	

## From the President

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has approved the modification of our Bimah to accommodate a ramp to enable our members who have been challenged by the steps to approach the Torah safely and with dignity. We are now attempting to raise sufficient funds to make the ramp a reality. If everyone participates, I am confident that we can reach our goal. Please know that we have many congregants who will directly benefit from, and appreciate, this enduring gift.

The plans for the ramp are on display outside the Sanctuary and construction will begin January 17. If you would like to contribute, please contact Michael Landy, Executive Director, at 745-5550 ext. 226 or [execdirect@caiaz.org](mailto:execdirect@caiaz.org).

**Madeline Friedman, President**

## The Tenth of Tevet Asarah B'Tevet

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Date of the fast in 5772:  
January 5, 2012

Coming as it does a week after the last day of Hanukkah, the fast on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month of Tevet (Asarah B'Tevet) might easily be overlooked. It occupies, however, an important niche in the story of Israel and the history of our people.

The text in II Kings (25:1-4) tells us that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month, in the ninth year of his reign, (588 BCE), Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, began the siege of Jerusalem. Three years later, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, he broke through the city walls. The siege ended with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, the end of the first Kingdom and the exile of the Jewish people to Babylon. It can thus be considered part of the cycle of fasts connected with these events: Tzom Gedaliah (3<sup>rd</sup> of Tishrei); Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz) and Tisha B'Av (9<sup>th</sup> of Av).

The first mention of this fast appears in Zechariah (8:19) where it is called the “fast of the tenth month...” (counting from the month of Nisan, which was the first month in Biblical times). Other references to the fast and the affliction can be found in Ezekiel 24:1-2 (the siege); Jeremiah 52:4-6.

However, although the fast is historically tied in with events surrounding the destruction of the First Temple, the purpose of the fast is not the commemoration of an historical event, but the state of affliction of the Jewish people.

- As with all Jewish fasts, the prayers for Asarah B'Tevet include Selichot, marking the day as an occasion for each of us to devote time to Teshuvah (repentance), the introspection that motivates us to reexamine our actions and change our ways. As the Talmud in Brachot says, “one who is afflicted should examine his or her actions and do Teshuvah.”

- Asarah B'Tevet is the day of mourning for people whose last resting place or date of death is unknown (the Kaddish Clali).

- Asarah B'Tevet is one of four public fasts which begin at dawn (alot hashachar - about an hour before sunrise), but do not carry additional restrictions, such as washing oneself or wearing leather shoes, etc. (while Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av begin from dusk the night before). However, it is the only fast which is not brought forward or postponed if it falls on a Friday, a mark of its immense significance.

## Tu B'Shevat



The semi-holiday, Chamishah Asar B'Shevat (15<sup>th</sup> day of Shevat) marks the first day of spring in Israel. It occurs six weeks after Hanukkah. The Mishnah refers to it as Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot (New Year of the Trees). Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed it by eating fruit grown in Israel. With the rise of the Zionist movement and

the re-establishment of the land of Israel, Tu B'Shevat has gained new significance as Arbor Day, observed by the planting of trees in Israel.

Trees were regarded as special gifts from God. There are many symbolic allusions to trees in the Bible, especially the olive, which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that dies. Trees are represented as symbols of goodness and nobility. The

upright person is compared to "a tree planted near a stream, that bears fruit in due season, with leaves that never fade" (Psalm 1:3). "The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalm 92: 13-14).

Not too long ago, it was customary among many of our people to plant a tree when a child was born — a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. Branches from these trees were then used for the poles of the wedding canopy (chuppah) on the day of their marriage.

In our day, many people purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF). If interested in purchasing a tree or making a donation to the JNF for reclamation of the land of Israel, please contact the JNF at 800-542-TREE (8733).

**This year Tu B'Shevat falls on February 8 (it begins sundown Feb. 7). SEE INSERT TO ATTEND "TU B'SHEVAT IN THE PARK" ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12.**

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## ARBA PARSHIOT: Special Sabbaths

During the month or so before Passover, four Shabbatot are characterized by special Maftir readings, called the Arba Parshiot [four Torah portions], which relate thematically to Passover or Purim: Shabbat Shekalim, Shabbat Zakhor, Shabbat Parah, and Shabbat Hahodesh.

### SHABBAT SHEKALIM (February 18)

SHABBAT SHEKALIM — which takes place the SHABBAT prior to ROSH HODESH for the month of ADAR or on SHABBAT ROSH HODESH ADAR itself — is named for the MAFTIR reading, Exodus 30:11. The MAFTIR describes a census requiring every Israelite man to contribute a half-SHEKEL to support communal sacrifices in the portable Tent Of Meeting and later at the Temple. The egalitarian nature of this contribution is emphasized—"the rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than half a SHEKEL." The requirement that all individuals contribute equally to the community helped develop a sense of unity crucial to the new nation created by the Exodus.

In the special Haftarah, 2 Kings 11:17-12:17, King Yehoash commanded that all money brought to the Temple be used for its repairs and renovations—both the required contributions and the free-will offerings. SHABBAT SHEKALIM occurs about a month before Passover as a reminder that the due date for the half-shekel contributions was approaching, on 1 NISAN, a month later. Some people contribute to an institution of Jewish learning in remembrance of the half-SHEKEL.

### SHABBAT ZAKHOR (March 3)

The next of the ARBA PARASHIOT is SHABBAT ZAKHOR, whose MAFTIR reading, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, is an admonition to remember Amalek, the nation that surprised the Israelites wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt with a rear attack on the stragglers. The Israelites constituted no military threat, leading some Jewish commentators to view Amalekites as rebels against God, because they were trying to destroy the Israelites. God commands the Israelites, therefore, that when safely settled in Palestine, "You shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

The Torah instructs Jews to "remember Amalek," a commandment fulfilled each year by publicly reading this passage on the SHABBAT before Purim, because Haman, the arch-villain of the Scroll of Esther [MEGILLAT ESTHER], who tries to kill the Jews of Persia, is an Amalekite. The HAFTARAH reading is I Samuel 15:2-34, which describes Saul's war with Amalek.

## Adar I and Adar II

The Hebrew/Jewish calendar is a luni-solar calendar based on the phases of the moon, but adjusted for the cycle of the earth's revolution around the sun. Because the solar year is about 11 days longer than 12 lunar months — though the Bible does not directly mention the addition of "an extra month here or there," without the insertion of an extra month now and then — Jewish festivals would gradually shift outside of the seasons required by the Torah.

And so, according to our tradition the Jewish calendar is based on a cycle of 19 years, of which 12 are common years (12 months) and seven leap years (13 months). The leap years are years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19.

During a leap year ADAR I (or ADAR ALEPH — "first ADAR") is added before the regular ADAR. ADAR I is actually considered to be the extra month, and has 30 days. ADAR II (or ADAR BET — "second ADAR") is the "real" ADAR, and has the usual 29 days. For this reason, holidays such as PURIM, and according to many authorities, Yahrzeits that fall in a regular ADAR are observed in ADAR II, not ADAR I.

Why are we telling you all of this? Because this year, 5772, is a regular year. All yahrzeits are observed during the one month of ADAR.





## Viva Volunteers!

Our Viva Volunteer Program supplements the work of our volunteer leaders. We recruit people who want to volunteer, but may not know how to get started. Think about what skills, interests, and hobbies you have, then complete the Volunteer Opportunity form at [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org) under the "Getting Involved" tab (also available at the Shalom Center and in the administrative office.) I look forward to volunteering with you!

**Wally Marcus, Volunteer Coordinator**  
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## Blood Drive



American  
Red Cross

This past Hanukkah, we gave the most precious and meaningful gift of all ... LIFE! At CAI's Blood Donor Drive on December 4, we collected 22 pints of blood and enrolled two more people on the organ donor registry. And as we always do, we recycled our bottles and cans. Thank you to the extraordinary volunteers and the 31 people who donated blood, ranging in age from 20 to 85. Mazal tov to Lenny Steinberg who won a gift certificate to Millie's Pancake Haus.

**Margo Gray, Blood Drive Coordinator**  
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## Hesed Committee



We care about our congregants and our Hesed Committee is here for you. Do you know someone who is a shut-in, in rehab or would just like a friendly visit or call from a member of the Hesed Committee?

Do you or someone you know need a ride to *shul*? We are also able to assist with the meal of condolence or post-bereavement calls. We are here to help.

**Evelyn Sigafus, Chair**  
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## Going Green



Kermit is green. Trees are green. Money is green. That's no coincidence ...

If you have not already done so, please complete the enclosed "Going Green" insert to let us know your preferences

on receiving mail versus e-mail. We need to reduce our environmental impact AND save the synagogue money.

We appreciate your understanding and your input. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

**Michael Landy, Executive Director**  
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## Social Action Committee



We hope that all congregants will participate in **Operation Deep Freeze/Project Hospitality**, a community-wide effort to give people shelter and meals during the winter months. **CAI will continue to participate on:** Thursday, Jan. 5; Wednesday, Feb. 1 (USY Night); and Wednesday, Feb. 15.

We seek volunteers to purchase, prepare and serve meals to a group of homeless men and women at Temple Emanu-El. We also need a chaperone for the group on each night (either a volunteer or a paid position). On all nights we meet at Temple Emanu-El at 5:00pm, and serve a hot meal that has been prepared or purchased for approximately 25 people. A sack lunch and cold breakfast is also provided for the following day. The meal and clean-up is usually completed by 6:30pm.

In addition, we are collecting non-perishable food items and gently-used men's and women's (no children's items needed) jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, NEW SOCKS, blankets, and travel-sized toiletries. Please bring items to the marked boxes outside the administrative office. Monetary donations for us to purchase food gladly accepted as well. Thank you!

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**Social Action Committee Co-chairs**

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**AREIVIM LEGACY**  
COMMUNITY PROJECT

## Legacy Program: L'Dor V'Dor

I am very pleased to report that we have recently received confirmation that the following CAI members have finalized their planned giving with the Jewish Community Foundation and graciously included Congregation Anshei Israel as a beneficiary: Madeline and Barry Friedman, Brina Grusin, Esther Sherberg, and Karen and Howard Skolnik. Our deepest thanks to them for helping to ensure that our synagogue will be here in the future for many generations to come.

Please take note of these important dates: The Jewish Community Foundation will be honoring Carol Karsch on February 7 for her many years of leadership and vision, and it will also be an opportunity for people to sign the Endowment Book of Life. (See ad on page 7.) And on March 18, CAI will have a Legacy information event with Women's League and Men's Club. Watch you mail for both.

As we enter 2012, I hope that each of you takes the opportunity to think about what Congregation Anshei Israel means to you and what this Jewish community means to you. Perhaps it's the right time to think about what you want YOUR legacy to be?

If you have any questions or want to make an appointment, please feel free to contact me.

**Vicki Pepper, Legacy Program Chair**  
322-0433, [tucpepper@hotmail.com](mailto:tucpepper@hotmail.com)

## CATCHING UP...

### "CAI Connection" 50+ Launch Party November 12, 2011

Congregation Anshei Israel held a launch party for its newest social group for all those 50+ (singles and couples) on Saturday, November 12, 2011. To get acquainted, attendees participated in a "Speed Meeting" game. Appetizers, pizza and wine were served. Thank you to Helen Salvay for coordinating and hosting the event. (Page 8 contains information about future group events.)



The "Speed Meeting" game



Sarah & Alberto Bien-Willner



Helen Salvay & Steve Nash

### "Latkes & Vodkas" Adult Hanukkah Party December 3, 2011

Congregation Anshei Israel held its second annual "Latkes & Vodkas" Adult Hanukkah Party Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the synagogue. More than 100 people attended, braving inclement weather to enjoy a variety of gourmet latkes and toppings, sufganiot and five different martini samples. Voted the favorite martini? Chocolate! Entertainment was provided by the Foothills High School Jazz Band.



(l. to r.) Brina Grusin & Marianne Langer



(l. to r.) Myrna Frisch,  
Don Jeck & Peggy Langert



(l. to r.) Hedy Feuer, Anna  
Greenberg & Lauren Rocker



(l. to r.) Event co-chairs  
Dani Bregman & MeMe Aguila

## COMING UP...



ALL BROADCASTS  
FREE!  
NO RSVP NEEDED.

FREE live broadcasts from New York's 92nd Street Y of select lectures featuring newsmakers, political figures, opinion-shapers and authors. For more information, visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 17, 6:00PM**

***Will to Create, Will to Live: The Music of Terezin*** Concert with Nash Ensemble and baritone Wolfgang Holzmair



Terezin was a transition camp/ghetto in occupied Bohemia during WWII in which, despite Nazi terror, great art and music flourished.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 6:15PM**

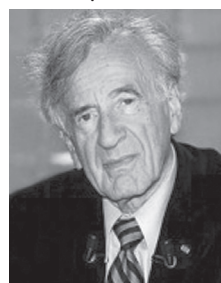
***Unprotected Texts: Controversial Elements in the Bible*** with Bart Ehrman and Jennifer Wright Knust



Examination of the Bible's many mixed messages on sex and sexuality, and its lasting influence on hot-button issues from the priesthood to gay marriage with these two leading Biblical scholars.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 5:00PM**

***Return to the Akeda: Why I Love Isaac*** with Elie Wiesel



Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel shares his insight on this most timeless and relevant biblical tale. Discover the deeper meaning of Abraham's almost sacrifice of his son Isaac and the broader context of this pivotal story.



C O M I N G U P . . .



6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
*Mah Jongg Tournament*

Sunday, January 15 • 9:30am

Make your reservation **by Jan. 9** or you'll miss all the fun! Forms are available at [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org), at the front desk in the administrative office and at the Shalom Cart.

P.S. Remember: This event benefits USY! — Linda Roy

**WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS  
AND WINTER VISITORS!**

Please join us for  
a wine and cheese reception  
with Rabbi Robert Eisen  
on

**Friday, January 20 at 5:00pm**  
followed by our very special  
Shir Hadash Shabbat evening service  
at 5:45pm featuring  
Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist.

~ Sponsored by Madeline Friedman ~

SAVE THE DATE



*The Phantom of Shushan*

Saturday, March 3 • 8:00pm

CAI's Spring Fundraiser!  
Food • Entertainment • Casino • Auction

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Wednesday, March 7 • 6:00pm

**Purim  
Pandemonium**



Games  
Creative  
Megillah Reading  
Spaghetti Dinner  
& more ...  
Fun for all  
ages!

*Save the Date*

**Endowment Book of Life Signing Event**  
Join with us as we honor Carol Karsch

**February 7, 2012**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Tucson Jewish Community Center

Light Supper and Program  
Free Babysitting and Children's Activities



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SAVE THE DATE

**"Keep on Truckin'"**



3rd Annual Family Festival featuring trucks of all kinds!

**Sunday, March 25 • 10am - 2pm**



## Women's League

Our "Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, January 9 and February 6** (and monthly through June) **at noon** using *The Woman's Torah Commentary* as the core for discussions led by Rabbi Robert Eisen. Portions are available in the administrative office or at [www.caiaz.org/events-calendar/](http://www.caiaz.org/events-calendar/). Click on "Study Materials" for each date listed above and print. No charge to attend; bring your own dairy lunch; beverages are provided. For more information, call Helen Rib at 299-0340.

Please join us for the **Torah Fund Dinner** on **Sunday, January 22 at 6:00pm**. Torah Fund raises money for the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in L.A., the Jewish Theological Seminary in N.Y., and the Schechter Institute of Judaic Studies in Israel to assure the perpetuation of Conservative Judaism. Guest speaker, CAI's own Rabbi Ben Herman, will present "My Road to the Rabbinate," to share his insights on the importance of Torah Fund, and the positive impact it can have in the education of future members of clergy. \$18 per person with reservations made by January 17.



This year's beautiful Torah Fund Pin is your gift with a contribution of \$180 or more. Please contact Torah Fund chair, Judy Fishman, at 730-7393 or [magicjudy@gmail.com](mailto:magicjudy@gmail.com)

Mah Jongg cards for 2012 are being sold by Betty Berkowitz to benefit CAI's Women's League. The deadline for orders is January 25 (\$7 standard size; \$8 large). For more information, call Betty at 299-4615.

Share in a very spiritual and meaningful Shabbat experience on **Saturday, January 28 at 9:00am** as members of Women's League lead the service and sponsor the kiddush.

Watch your mail for details about our next "Lunch & Lecture" to be held on **Wednesday, February 8 at noon**. And SAVE THE DATE **Monday, March 12 at 6:00pm** for an exciting and fun event, "Esther's Banquet," to include a silent auction. This is a great mother-daughter get-together!



## "Read It & Meet"

Share in the next "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, January 7**. The book selection is *Tenth Song* by Naomi Ragen, with moderator Joni Belzer. Read ahead for the **February 4** RIM when we'll discuss *Kitchen Table Wisdom* by Rachel Remen, with moderator Klara Swimmer. Pick up a RIM bookmark at the Shalom Cart outside the sanctuary or at the front desk in the administrative office. It lists all future dates, books and moderators.

"Read It and Meet" is held monthly and is open to all. Selected books by Jewish authors or with Jewish content are discussed. Most discussions take place on Shabbat (**approx. noon**) in the Epstein Chapel. Moderators facilitate each discussion. For more information, contact Vicki Kaufman at [vickauff@juno.com](mailto:vickauff@juno.com) or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



## Men's Club

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Sunday, January 8 at 9:30am** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge with a guest speaker yet to be determined. Includes our breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4.

Board meetings will be held on January 19 and February 16 at which we encourage your attendance and ideas for Men's Club programming.

All those 15+ are invited for a "**Fun Ride**" on **Sunday, January 29**. Meet us at **10:00am** in CAI's parking lot for a bike ride to the JCC (3800 E. River) for optional "dutch" treat brunch, then back to CAI. All level of riders welcome; all types of bikes. Helmets are MANDATORY. For more information, contact Mark Levine at 886-8825.

Our **12<sup>th</sup> Annual World Wide Wrap** will be held on **Sunday, February 5 at 9:30 am** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. All men in the congregation who are experienced "wrappers" and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School students are invited to join in the *mitzvah* of putting on *tefillin*.

We are hosting the Regional Men's Club on Sunday, February 19 with members from Phoenix, New Mexico and L.A. We need help with transportation to/from the airport, as well as cooking meals for the day. If you can assist in these areas to assure a warm welcome for our guests, please contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or [mcmsl@msn.com](mailto:mcmsl@msn.com)



## The "CAI Connection"

Everyone 50+ (couples and singles) is invited on **Sunday, January 1 at 2:00pm** for a tour of "Who Shot Rock & Roll," a photographic history of rock music 1955 to the present at the Tucson Museum of Art (140 N. Main Ave.), followed by optional snack or dinner at The Cup (311 E. Congress St. inside the Hotel Congress). Free admission to museum. RSVP to Mary Marcus at 615-7552 or [mgmphd@comcast.net](mailto:mgmphd@comcast.net)

Share in a Tu B'Shevat Seder and Potluck Dinner on **Sunday, February 5 at 5:30pm** at the Catalina Del Ray Clubhouse. For more information, contact Helen Salvay at 990-8989.



## Seniors

Try something different in the New Year! Everyone 65+ is welcome to join us on **Wednesday, January 11 at 1:30pm** as personal trainer Sergio Giardini from O2 Modern Fitness presents "Functional Movement: Getting Your Body Back." Sergio is an expert in the field of body movement. Wear comfortable clothing. There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact Barb Neuman at 745-5550 ext. 242 or [barb@caiaz.org](mailto:barb@caiaz.org)

SAVE THE DATE **Sunday, February 26** for our annual gala. This year's event has a Western theme and we'll welcome singer/guitarist Chris Minker as our entertainment.



## Celebrating Becoming a Bar Mitzvah at CAI



### Ian Aaron Strauss February 25

Ian is the son of Beth & Alan Strauss; the grandson of Wanda & Charles Long and Lynne Falkow Strauss & Jack Strauss; and the great-grandson of Bess Falkow and Ruth Strauss.

Ian's Bar Mitzvah project involves participating in the Gilo Twinning Program. A student at Emily Gray Junior High School, Ian's interests include social studies, travel and video games.



### Preschool/Kindergarten

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a great success thanks to our wonderful co-chairs, Helen Barayeva, Emily Lazarus and Leasa Seagraves. Our school ranked first in the state for dollars spent per child for books! And, this is the first year the fair was on-line. Thank you to all those parents who worked the many shifts that the fair was open. Not only do we receive profits and materials from Scholastic, but the teachers receive many books for their classrooms.

Love and Logic® Institute is dedicated to making parenting and teaching fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. Instructor Karen Quigley presents "Keep Parenting Fun" on Mondays, January 23 & 30 at 7:00pm to introduce practical tools and techniques to help parents achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children and help them prepare their kids for the real world. \$35 per couple or \$25 per person with RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Watch your mail for: Our school-wide Shabbat dinner on February 3 and our annual "Mom & Me" Breakfast on February 10.



### United Synagogue Youth

Over the weekend of November 10-13, 2011, nine of our USYers attended LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) at Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA. Breanna Bregman, Sarah Cassius, Adina Karp, Avi Landy, Natalie Leonard, Eli Peskin-Owens, Rachel Rush, Rachel Weinstein and Shane Weinstein especially enjoyed the SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam) component. USY staff member Jesse Muller accompanied them on the trip.

In early December Emily Bregman, Ben Haffey, Corey Karp and Hannah Peskin-Owens attended a Kadima Kinnus at Camp Ramah where they learned group dynamics. A fun part of the weekend included the free-style and creative services around the camp planned by the Far West Region board.



### Religious School

At Religious School on Nov. 20, 2011, we talked about the importance of giving to those less fortunate and we read Psalm 100, the Psalm of Thanksgiving. Thanks to many generous donors, we raised \$350 for this year's Turkey Drive to benefit families in need.

More than 100 participants representing 60 families attended the Religious School Hanukkah Family Workshop on Dec. 11, 2011 (see photos below). Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade students took part in a scavenger hunt around the shul; 3rd thru 6th Grade students played "Jewpardy;" and everyone made dreidels and hanukkiot, and ate Hanukkah cookies. Thank you to all the parents who helped make the event a success!



(clockwise from bottom left) Jared Matheson, Ryan Spitzer, Gabe Green & Melayna Matheson



(l. to r.) Talia Brown, Charlotte Bregman & Rachel Lieberman

Teacher Elana Weiner & some of her Kindergarten class played the dreidel game



ATTENTION: Religious School and THA students! Save these dates for our grade-wide services and dinners. January 27 (6th - 8th Grades); February 17 (3rd - 5th Grades); March 23 (Kindergarten - 2nd Grades). Children will lead the 5:45pm Friday service, followed by dinner at 6:45pm. Also, our 3rd Grade Consecration (Kabbalat Siddur) will take place April 20 when the children will lead the Friday night service and be presented with their own siddur (prayerbook).

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and Paula & Daniel Singer

**Jake Michael Slaughter**  
Son of Nicole Yuan & Jerel Slaughter

**Laila Rose Travis**  
Daughter of Michelle & Jaran Travis  
Granddaughter of Steve Kippur

**Alec Jace Ullman**  
Grandson of Linda & Robert Ullman

### Engagements

**Cari Frisch**  
Daughter of Myrna & Jim Frisch  
to Jason Drimer

**David Licavoli**  
Son of Lizbeth Licavoli  
Grandson of Sallie & Mort Kranitz  
to Whitney Spencer

**Michael Neuman**  
Son of Barb Neuman  
to Krista Padegimas

**Ilana Shenitzer**  
Daughter of Holly & Steve Shenitzer  
Granddaughter of Molly Shenitzer  
to Jeremy Rothstein

## Happy January Anniversaries!

### Date

1	Michelle & Howard Horne
	Beth & Alan Strauss
2	Dave & Joan Beckies
11	<b>Sandra &amp; Gerald Ross</b>
12	Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin
13	Nicci & Maury Kauffman
	Debbie & Irving Rosenberg
15	Marianne & Allen Langer
21	Sallie & Morton Kranitz
23	Jane & Jonathan Klein
28	<b>Shiffy &amp; Bob Cohen</b>
30	Yael & Shlomo Neuman

### Years

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### Date

1	Rise & William Rosenfeld
11	Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett
	Randi & Larry Berkson
	<b>Enid &amp; Irwin Freedman</b>
	Francine & Malcolm Levin
13	<b>Ruth &amp; Marvin Hoffman</b>
	Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn
14	Judith & Jerome Weiss
16	Hyla & Gary Windham
17	Janis & Daniel Gasch
	Alla & Howard Steinberg
19	Terri Friedman & Doug Cohen
	<b>Betty &amp; Stanley Scott</b>
20	Madeline & Barry Friedman
22	<b>Rena &amp; Gerald Blum</b>
25	Anita & Danny Levkowitz

### Years

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OUR NEW MEMBERS:  
Please warmly welcome...

Dorit Adler  
Heather & Leo Gage  
and their son, Ethan



## Young Adult/College Outreach Program

Throughout the year, the absence of many of our young adults is readily apparent to the Synagogue and to you, the families whose children are away from home. All too often our college-age young adults feel cut off from the Synagogue which played such an important part in their younger years. We want to keep that Synagogue connection with your children.

Please help us update our list of young adults who are in college or others who would enjoy hearing from us. We ask those who would like their children to receive both regular and e-mail communications to complete and return the form below to:  
**Congregation Anshei Israel, Young Adult/College Outreach Program, 5550 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Tucson, AZ 85711**

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**Beverly Telson**

*Our condolences to these members who mourn  
the loss of their loved ones:*

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Lori Lightman - her mother, Josephine Lightman  
David Tick - his father, Irving Tick

*May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners*



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Installation of a memorial plaque is a beautiful way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one. Each year on the anniversary of your loved one's death, the synagogue will send you a reminder of the Yahrzeit and light the light adjacent to their memorial plaque. Call 745-5550 to make arrangements or if you wish to reserve a space for the future.

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Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss? Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained counselor. A synagogue volunteer would be happy to speak with you confidentially.

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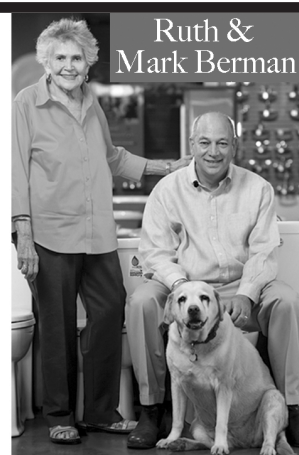
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