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"Our Voice"

The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel



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Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service **the first Friday of the month**. (Note: Not held in April as first Seder is April 6.) On **March 2 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.

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**. (Note: Not held March 7 Fast of Esther.) Everyone is welcome.

Shir Hadash Service and Dinner

On **March 16 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 includes singing, clapping, participatory melodies, and NIGGUNIM (wordless chants). A Shabbat dinner follows at 7:00pm. (See insert for details.) 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 **March 17 and April 21 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, March 24 and April 28 at 10:30 am** in the Epstein Chapel. Following the service, we join the sanctuary service for *kiddush*.

Yom Hashoah

This year, Yom Hashoah — the day we set aside to formally mourn and remember the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis — will be observed on April 19. During the 9:00 am Shabbat service on **Saturday, April 21**, we will pause so that, as a congregation, we might mourn, remember and be able to find comfort.

Kol Od Baleivav

Our Shabbat service on **Saturday, April 28 at 9:00 am** will include commemoration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut — Israel Independence Day. Join us as we celebrate the renewal of the dream... the passion of "The Hope."

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. Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their "Jewry" Duty during December 2011 and January 2012. **Todah rabah!**

Dorit Adler
Sarah Artzi
Murray Baker
Mo Barkan
Ruven Barkan
Betty & Rev. Nachman Berkowitz
Barbara Brodie
Jennifer & Mark Cassius
Jillian Cassius
Sarah Cassius
Miriam Cline
Alan Cohen
Shiffy & Bob Cohen
Rabbi Helen Cohen & Dennis Dawson
Mel Cohen
Terri Cohen
Lew Crane
Bob Drenfeld
Judy & Ted Drenfeld
Ken Dubrinsky
Debby Eisen
Joan Epstein
Judy Esbit
Walter Feiger
Hedy Feuer
Judy Fishman
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman
Madeline Friedman
Jami Gan
Rayna & John Gellman
Vivien & Jacques Gerstenfeld
Jean & Marvin Glassberg
Sara & Marc Goldsen
Sherman Goldstein
Margo & Ron Gray

Ben Gray
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Barry S. Hirsch
Sandra Jahns
Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz
Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz
David Jurkowitz
Michael Jurkowitz
Dan Karsch
Eugene Kellogg
Steven Ketchel
Joan Kleinerman
Jane Klein
Ruth Kolker
Sally & Morton Kranitz
Anne Landesco
Gerald Lapin
Katherine & Aaron Leonard
Natalie Leonard
Francine Levin
Jerry Levy
Lori Lightman
Dorleen Mallis
Mary Marcus
Ziva Mason
Arnold B. Merin
Laura Miller
Gail Mordka
Gail & Marc Offenhartz
Nancy Ozeri
Bea Paulus
Michael Pensak
Joy Peskin
Jane Poliakoff
Mitchell Pozez
Nancy Present
Jill Ranucci

Abby Rosen
Ann Rush
Laura Sagerman
Patti Salonic
Alvin Schechter
Judith Schneider
Trudy & Howard Schwartz
Judith & Charles Schultz
Nathan Shapiro
Esther Sherberg
Shelly & Les Silberman
Linda Silverman
Fran Silver
Steve Sim
Sandra & Bernie Simon
Steve Singer
Karen & Howard Skolnik
Jerry Small
Joan Spivack
Stuart Spivack
Carol & Alvin Stern
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Arthur Weinenger
Elana Weiner
Josh Weiner
Naomi & Tamir Weiner
Tea Weiner
Yoni Weiner
Steve Weisman
Jerry Wolf
Joanne Wolf
Robert Wolk
Sam Wolsky
Steve Wool
Arthur Zoref

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah Nov. 2011 - Feb. 2012)

Marlene Abraham
Eliot Barron
David Ben-Asher
Rev. Nachman Berkowitz
Sarah Cassius
Nichole Chorny
Jeremy Cohn
Benjamin Deitch
Michael Deitch
Noah Deitch
Jennifer Dorfman
Rabbi Eisen
Yafet Felix
Abigail Foley
Ellis Friedman
Marnie Friedman
Rayna Gellman
Dylan Grabell
Jylian Grabell
Sydney Grabell
Margo Gray
Jonathan Green
Richard Green
Rabbi Ben Herman
Barry Hirsch
Devin Hulsey
Steve Hummel
Mark Ingber
Mike Jacobson
Lisa Jurkowitz
Carol Karsch

Dan Karsch
Beverly Kasdan
Remi Kauffman
Andrew Klein
Austin Klein
Jenna Langert
Natalie Leonard
Leah Mann
Nancy Ozeri
Noah Pensak
Phil Pepper
Eli Peskin-Owens
Joy Peskin-Owens
Paul Ranucci
Helen Rib
Manny Rosen
Sara Ross
Ann Rush
Leonard Schultz
Steve Seltzer
Doron Shahar
Efrat Shahar
Noam Shahar
Andrea Shatken
Linda Silverman
Alan Strauss
Ian Strauss
Moshe Toister
Art Weiss
Madyssen Zarin
Arthur Zoref



Need something different for Passover?



Family Tour of Israel June 18 - 29, 2012

~ Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen ~

For more information, contact Rabbi Eisen at 745-5550, ext. 230 or rabbi@caiaz.org

Women's League JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

All proceeds support CAI's preschool/kindergarten, religious school, USY, college outreach and other youth activities.

Special Sabbaths

SHABBAT ZAKHOR (March 2-3, 2012)

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.

SHABBAT PARAH (March 16-17, 2012)

SHABBAT PARAH, the Sabbath of the Red Heifer, occurs on the SHABBAT prior to SHABBAT HAHODESH of the month of NISAN. The MAFTIR reading, Numbers 19:1-22, deals with the red heifer whose ashes were combined with water to ritually purify anyone who had been in contact with a dead person. Because only people who were pure could eat from the Passover sacrifice, a public announcement right before NISAN reminded anyone who had become impure to purify themselves before making the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

The HAFTARAH, Ezekiel 36:16-38, also deals with issues of being cleansed from contamination, but the impurity in this case symbolizes human sinfulness. But, like physical impurity, sins can be overcome. As God says in Ezekiel 36:25,26: "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your fetishes [idolatrous practices]. And I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit into you." This renewal of self and nation reflects Passover's theme of redemption.

SHABBAT HAHODESH (March 23-24, 2012)

SHABBAT HAHODESH occurs either on the SHABBAT before ROSH HODESH NISAN or on ROSH HODESH itself. The MAFTIR reading is Exodus 12:1-20, which details eating the Passover sacrifice, with "your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand"; eating bitter herbs and unleavened bread; and putting blood on the doorposts; and it lists the Passover laws.

The first day of NISAN is also important as the occasion for God's first commandment, sanctifying the new moon, which begins the Torah reading, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you." This commandment moved the determination of months from God's agenda into the hands of the Jewish people--giving them control over time and the theological/liturgical cycle. The HAFTARAH, Ezekiel 45:16-46:18, describes the sacrifices that the Israelites are to bring on the first of NISAN, on Passover, and on other festivals in the future Temple.

SHABBAT HAGADOL (March 30-31, 2012)

The Shabbat before Pesah is called Shabbat HaGadol, the Great Sabbath. As the Israelites were preparing to leave Egypt, God commanded them to select a lamb that would serve as the Passover sacrifice. This mitzvah, or commandment, required the Israelites to actively participate in the redemption from Egypt. The name Shabbat HaGadol literally comes from a verse in the day's Haftarah, Malachi 3:4-24. "Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the Lord," which alludes to a messianic future. The past redemption at Passover is tied to the future messianic redemption, which, according to tradition, will also take place on Passover. Traditional practices on Shabbat HaGadol include reciting special hymns about the laws of Passover, reading the part of the Haggadah that begins with Avadim Hayinu, "We were slaves," and listening to the community's outstanding Torah scholar address the congregation on the laws of Passover.

The Fast of Esther

On the 13th of ADAR, the Fast of Esther is observed in commemoration of the Fast observed by Mordecai and Esther and all Israel. On that very day, the enemies of the Jews had planned to subjugate and destroy them. The opposite, however, occurred and the Jews ruled over their enemies.

The acceptance of this Fast of the 13th of ADAR on the part of Israel for later generations is alluded to in the Scroll of Esther: 'And as they accepted upon themselves and upon their children, the matters of their fastings and their cry' (Esther 9).

The Fast is called by the name of Esther because it was she who first requested the observance of a fast of Mordecai: 'Go and gather all the Jews who are found in Shushan and fast over me, and do not eat and do not drink three days, night and day; and I and my maidens will also fast thus.' (Ibid. 4)

As a "Minor Fast" it is observed from sunrise to sundown. This year, the Fast is observed on **Wednesday, March 7**.

~ PURIM SERVICE SCHEDULE ~

Wed. March 7

Fast of Esther

Shacharit Service 7:30am • Epstein Chapel

Mincha 12:30pm • Epstein Chapel

**Creative Megillah Reading/USY Skit
(as part of "Purim Pandemonium")**

7:07pm • Rabbi Breger Hall

Ma'ariv & Traditional Megillah Reading

7:07pm • Epstein Chapel

Thurs. March 8

Shacharit Service &

Traditional Megillah Reading

7:00am • Epstein Chapel

Social Action Committee



Tucson Newspapers quoted the Pima County homeless population in 2009 as 3200.

Of that, the national statistic shows 23% are chronically homeless for long periods of time or repeatedly, and have a disability.

Our commitment to helping these needy individuals is steadfast and can only be accomplished through the work and commitment of the many individuals from our congregation who continue to assist the most vulnerable. We thank all of our heroes who have shared their time and energy as part of Operation Deep Freeze/Project Hospitality: Elaine & Howard Fagan, Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman, Vivien & Jack Gerstenfeld, Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn, Hannah & Ron Meyerson, Betejoy Oleisky, Linda Roy & USYers (see page 9 for more info), Helen Salvay, Andy & Stuart Shatken, Linda Silverman, Marilyn Einstein & Steven Sim, Judy & Chuck Schultz, Karen & Howard Skolnik, and Lee & Earl Surwit.

We especially wish to acknowledge the generous contribution made by Katherine & Aaron Leonard which helped underwrite our entire program.

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Social Action Committee Co-chairs

Nominating Committee 2012

Members of CAI's 2012 Board of Trustees Nominating Committee are: Dani Bregman, Mary Marcus, Ron Meyerson, Dawn Moriarty, Vicki Pepper, Howard Schwartz, Evelyn Sigafus, and myself as chair. The 81st Annual Meeting at which the Board of Trustees will be elected is scheduled for May 21. The proposed slate will be sent to the congregation no later than April 20.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please contact me.

Richard Fink, Chair

548-9114, richard1@becklinhomes.com

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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JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

AREIVIM LEGACY
COMMUNITY PROJECT

**Legacy Program:
L'Dor V'Dor**

"Your passion, your dreams, your legacy. You can shape the future." These words are on the cover of the new Areivim Legacy Community Project brochure now available at CAI.

In reviewing the first year as a partner in the Areivim Project, it is apparent that we accomplished quite a bit, but still have much to do. Below, a summary of our accomplishments and activities through January 31, 2012:

- Melanie & Harris Amhowitz made a very generous donation earmarked in part for the completion of our new wheelchair-accessible ramp and the remainder to be placed in the CAI Endowment Fund held at the Foundation.
- The estate of Elsie Eisner, of blessed memory, left a generous bequest to CAI.
- The following individuals/families have finalized their legacy plans and included CAI: Shiffy & Bob Cohen, Fern & Ed Feder, Madeline & Barry Friedman, Brina Grusin, Jane & Lee Kivel, Gail Mordka, Andy & Stuart Shatken, Esther Sherberg, Karen & Howard Skolnik, and someone who wishes to remain anonymous.

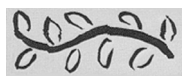
Our heartfelt thanks to all those listed above. We know that there are many who completed their plans years ago or are currently in the process of finalizing plans. Our committee members will be contacting you over the next few months.

- The CAI Legacy/Areivim Committee met eight times.
- Presentations regarding legacy planning/updates were conducted on three occasions.
- Approximately 30 conversations were held with congregants regarding the legacy process.
- To date, we have received \$9000 from the Foundation via the national Areivim Project.

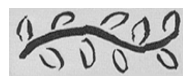
All in all, a very busy and productive year! If you are interested in helping with this committee or if you have completed your legacy plan and have not received acknowledgement from CAI, please contact me.

Vicki Pepper, Legacy Program Chair

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PLEASE JOIN US



"Sharing Our Love with the Next Generation"

Sunday, March 18, 2012 • 9:45am

Cantor Falkow Lounge

Learn how you (yes, you!) can leave a legacy for your children and your children's children. Their future depends on your actions today!

• **Free Breakfast**

• **Guests include:**

Jami Gan, Legacy Donor

Myron Rottenstein, Financial Planner

David Karp, Estate Attorney

Dana Adler, Areivim Coordinator

Vicki Pepper, Chair

• **Q & A**

Please RSVP to Abbi, 745-5550 ext. 240, admasst@caiaz.org

Co-sponsored by CAI's Women's League and Men's Club

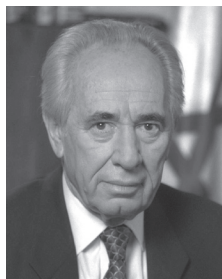


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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 3:30PM

***A Conversation with
Israeli President Shimon Peres***

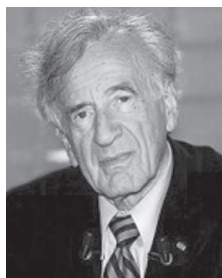


Shimon Peres, Nobel Peace Laureate and the President of the State of Israel, will participate in a conversation with acclaimed interviewer Charlie Rose.

President Shimon Peres has been active in Israel's government for over six decades. In addition, Shimon Peres has authored 15 books.

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.



Saturday, March 3 • 8:00pm

CAI's Spring Fundraiser!
Food • Entertainment • Casino • Auction
~ \$50 per person at the door ~

JEWISH CULTURE SHUK

Sunday, March 4 • 6:15 - 10:00 p.m.
Tucson Hebrew Academy
3888 E. River Rd.

\$10 per person

***As part of the event, Rabbi Robert Eisen
and Rabbi Ben Herman will each teach a class.***

For more information and space availability,
contact Suzanne Amador, 577-9393 ext. 121
or samador@jfsa.org

**WED., MARCH 7
5:00pm
Rabbi Breger Hall**

**BOUNCE HOUSE!
OBSTACLE PLAYZONE!
CARNIVAL GAMES!
COSTUME PARADE!
PASTA DINNER!
HAMENTASHEN!
MEGILLAH READINGS!**

**All ages \$6.13pp with RSVP by Mar. 2
(After Mar. 2 and at the door \$13.00pp)**

RSVP at www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550



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**"Matzah and More"
Passover Food Drive
Mar. 8 - 28**

CAI's Religious School is coordinating this community food drive. **We are responsible for 500 boxes of matzah!** Please bring the matzah to the marked box in the lobby outside the administrative office.

**"Shir Hadash: A New Song"
Friday, Mar. 16
5:45pm Service • Dinner 7:00pm**

Led by and featuring Emily Ellentuck as cantorial soloist, this service includes singing, clapping, participatory melodies and *niggunim* (wordless chants), followed by BBQ chicken Shabbat dinner with sides and dessert.
CAI members: adults \$12, children \$8
Guests: adults \$16, children \$12.

**RSVP by Mar. 12
Visit www.caiaz.org
or call 745-5550**



**"Sharing Our Love with the
Next Generation"**



**Learning to Leave a Legacy
Sunday, March 18, 2012 • 9:45am**

SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS ...

**Construction began January 17, 2012 ...
and now it is a reality!**

**Dedication of The Amhowitz Family Ramp
Saturday, March 24, 9:00am Shabbat Service**

Please join us as the newly-installed wheelchair accessible ramp to the bimah in the sanctuary will be dedicated, honoring the Melanie and Harris Amhowitz family and others.



**3rd Annual Family Festival featuring trucks of all kinds!
Sunday, March 25 • 10am - 2pm**

SEE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION

**"Passover Seder Heder"
Adult Education Class
Wednesday, Mar. 21
7:00pm**

**Rabbi Robert Eisen to present
"The Story Behind the Story' of Exodus"**

**Rabbi Ben Herman to present
"The Fifth Cup of Wine"**

~
Tastings of two variations of haroset



Admission:

**At least one box of matzah for
CAI's "Matazah and More"
Passover Food Drive to benefit
Jewish Family & Children's Service**

**RSVP by Mar. 19
Visit www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550**

PASSOVER 5772 at CAI • See insert



Women's League

January's wonderful Torah Fund Dinner featured Rabbi Ben Herman, who told of his road to the rabbinate; Marilyn Abraham, who spoke of what it means to be the mother of a rabbi; and Rabbi Robert Eisen, who reminded us of the many lives touched when we donate to Torah Fund. Thank you to the many people who helped plan and participated in the event, including Evelyn Sigafus and her hardworking committee who prepared the delicious meal. There's still time to donate to Torah Fund! Receive this year's beautiful Torah Fund Pin as your gift with a contribution of \$180 or more. Please contact Torah Fund chair, Judy Fishman, at 730-7393 or magicjudy1@gmail.com

Our "Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, March 5 and April 2** (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/. 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.

Gentle Chair Yoga continues **Wednesdays, March 14, 28, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9 and 16, 9:30-10:30am**. This class offers better flexibility, strength and balance, with deep relaxation time at the end of class. 8-week session: Women's League members \$60; guests \$80. For more information, contact Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.

All women and their daughters are invited to "**Esther's Banquet**" on **Monday, March 12 at 6:00pm** to celebrate this special Jewish woman. Includes delicious dinner and silent auction. \$12 per person with reservations made by Mar. 7. For more information and to RSVP, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 15 for our annual Brunch and Fashion Show to be held at Skyline Country Club.



"Read It & Meet"

Share in the next "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, March 3**. The book selection is *Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva, with moderator Shirley Rosenberg. Read ahead for the **March 31 RIM** (none held in April due to Passover) when we'll discuss *Great House* by Nicole Krauss, with moderator Vicki Kaufman.

All those who love to read are welcome to join us at our **2012-13 Planning Meeting** on **Monday, April 16 at 10:00am** in CAI's library. Come with book suggestions!

"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 or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



Men's Club

We had our first "Fun Ride" from CAI to the JCC and back on January 29. Noah Deitch, Andrew Klein and Mark Levine participated. We all had a great time and the weather was perfect for it.

In February we held our 12th Annual World Wide Wrap at which we taught 5th and 6th grade Religious School students how to wear tefillin, its importance and its history. We also hosted the Regional Men's Club here in February with members from New Mexico and L.A.

Please join us on **Saturday, March 10 at 5:30pm** as members of Men's Club lead the Mincha Service and sponsor the Third Meal.

Watch your mail for tickets to the Annual Men's Club Raffle. In order to be eligible, they must be returned by March 26. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle campaign. If you can assist, please contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or mcmsl@msn.com



The "CAI Connection"

Hosts Sara and Bob Ross invite everyone 50+ (couples and singles) for a "Hike and Picnic" on **Sunday, April 1**. Meet us at **9:00am** at the Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center. A \$5 Day Pass or an annual Coronado Recreational Pass is required. Please dress accordingly and bring your own water. Participants are asked to bring a picnic snack/lunch to enjoy after the hike. Please RSVP to Sara and Bob at 229-8941 or yogabubbe@peoplepc.com



Seniors

All those 65+ are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, March 21 at 1:00pm** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge to play "Jew-pardy!" hosted by Rabbi Robert Eisen. Take the challenge and test your knowledge of Jewish trivia. Prizes awarded; refreshments served ... you never know what you're gonna get! No charge to attend. Reservations requested. For more information and to RSVP, contact Barb Neuman at 745-5550 ext. 242 or barb@caiaz.org

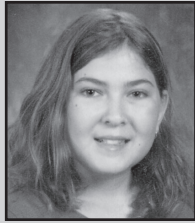
Guy Gelbart, Community Shaliach and Director of the Weintraub Israel Center will be our guest on **April 18 at 1:00pm**. Watch your mail for further information.

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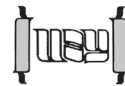


Celebrating Becoming a Bat Mitzvah at CAI



Allison Rose Young April 28

Allison is the daughter of Deborah & Gary Young; and the granddaughter of Kathy & Harris Breit and Carol & Glenn Young. Allison's Bat Mitzvah project involves participating in the Gilo Twinning Program and volunteering at the Hermitage Cat Shelter. A student at Desert Sky Middle School, Allison's interests include Girl Scouts, reading, science and volunteerism.



UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

We had so many volunteers to help with Operation Deep Freeze/Project Hospitality on February 1 (USY Night), that we had to turn people away! Thank you to the following USYers and their families: Zohar Amar, Adina Artzi, Jillian & Sarah Cassius, Ariella Devorah, Adina Karp, Andrew Klein, Shelby Kotz, Avi Landy, Natalie Leonard, Maya & Rachel Levy, Eshed Ozeri, Eitan Penner, Eli Peskin-Owens, Manny Rosen, Rachel Rush, Jacob Spier, Jessica Stewart, Ian Strauss, Rachael & Shane Weinstein, and Madyssen & Rachael Zarin. In addition to a hot dinner and bag lunch for the next day, and a safe and warm place to sleep that night, USY gave each needy person a new pair of socks and a t-shirt, all of which were greatly appreciated.



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

PK Purim Celebration
Thursday, March 8

No School • Friday, March 16 • Parent-Teacher Conferences

Noon Dismissal • Friday, March 30

No School • April 6-13 Passover Break

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We are bringing our spirit-filled and participatory Shabbat Family Experience (led by the children in the Religious School and Tucson Hebrew Academy) to Handmaker (2221 N. Rosemont) on **Saturday, March 10 at 9:30am** where we'll act out a scene from the Torah Service. Includes an activity with the children and senior residents.

ATTENTION: Religious School, Gan Yeladim and THA students! **Friday, March 23** is our Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Service and Dinner at which the children lead the 5:45pm service, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Also, our 3rd Grade Consecration (Kabbalat Siddur) is **Friday, April 20** when the children will lead the service and be presented with their own siddur (prayerbook).

All Religious School students and their families are invited to our Passover Family Workshop on **Sunday, April 1**. We'll have fun activities and food while learning about Passover.

Thank you!

To the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona for our annual religious school student subsidy to help pay for consumable materials for our students



Religious School Aide, Devin Hulsey, shows 1st Grader Kinleigh Fredman how to properly wrap tefillin.

"Matzah and More" Passover Food Drive Mar. 8 - 28

CAI's Religious School is coordinating this community drive. We are responsible for 500 boxes of matzah. Please bring the matzah to the marked box in the lobby outside the administrative office. For more information, contact Rabbi Ben Herman at 745-5550 ext. 228.

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The Jewish Baby Boomer

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OUR NEW MEMBERS: Please warmly welcome...

Steve Eisenstadt

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Happy March Anniversaries!

<u>Date</u>		<u>Years</u>
4	Jennifer & Seth Fox	7
	Laurie & Jacob Klein	6
5	Ofelia & Simon Fried	31
	Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	45
8	Marcia & Irving Winick	49
9	Jennifer & Darren Lehrfeld	16
	Nancy & Richard Weiss	27
10	Deanna & Aubrey Mendelow	44
14	Marylou & Norman Feiger	19
	Michelle & Brent Sigafus	13
21	Irene & Scott Glass	3
	Shelly & Les Silberman	27
25	Dani & Phil Bregman	11
26	Bunny & Don Simon	57
27	Stacey & Zach Singer	1
28	Tara & Todd Rathner	13
29	Judith & Scott Esbit	20
30	Sarah & Leonard Schultz	43

Happy April Anniversaries!

<u>Date</u>		<u>Years</u>
2	Norma & Ron Karp	46
7	Rosalyn & Edgar Katzenberg	66
	Marilyn Peskin-Kaufman &	
	Paul Kaufman	30
9	Melissa & Tedd Goldfinger	12
11	Judith & Borah Jacobskind	58
13	Netty & Nathan Buras	61
18	Amy & Ken Pugliese	14
20	Jessie & Arnold Joffe	54
21	Louise & Gerald Epstein	21
28	Barbara & Peter Danes	10
	Robin Memel Fox & Randy Fox	11
29	Ellen Eichler-Grabell &	
	Lawrence Grabell	17
	Leah & Steven Simmers	12



Guess who recently got a distribution from the 1st-Rate 2nd Hand Thrift Store? CAI received a check for \$600 thanks to our members who earmarked their volunteer hours for our congregation. The store turns volunteer hours into money for the volunteer's chosen Jewish organization. Since the store's inception in 2007, they have given away \$100,000! The thrift store relies on community donations and volunteer hours to help with inventory and the work needed to sort, organize and shelve the donated items.

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Call the store at 327-5252 to schedule free pickup for your large donations or visit the store at 5851 E Speedway (between Wilmot and Craycroft).

SHARE YOUR SIMCHIA!

We welcome donations — in whole or part — toward Kiddush and/or Seudah Shlesheet (Third Meal). All contributions are acknowledged in *Kolenu*. If you want to help, please contact Barb Neuman at 745-5550.



CAI Member Jerry Small, Owner

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TODAH RABAH TO:

Sharon Farquhar, Irene Stern Friedman & Esther Sherberg
for proofing the newsletter

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~ The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim ~

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The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Helen Becker
Arlene Cohn
Romayne Eisenstadt
Gertrude Kane
Charlotte Londer
Rochelle Sulman

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

Bill Becker - his mother, Helen Becker
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Iris Bernstein - her mother, Jeanyse Bernstein
Valerie Deitch - her grandmother, Lillian Schultz
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May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



*A Memorial Plaque has been installed for
Danielle Ashley DuBois*

~ Anshei Israel Memorial Hall ~

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Grief and Bereavement Support Group

In the same way as the loss of our loved ones is something we all share in common, so do we also share many of the same concerns with regard to our grief and bereavement. And, for many of us, the mourning process is something that is awfully overwhelming. In order to help those who would find comfort and guidance through the opportunity to share their "journey" with others, Congregation Anshei Israel is forming this support group. The group would meet once a week for 8 weeks. We need a minimum of 4 people.

Please call Norma Karp at 299-3382.

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Donations made to Anshe Israel Funds enable our Synagogue to continue to carry out its work, thereby better serving our members. Please consider making a donation in honor of a relative or friend who may be celebrating a simcha or in memory of a loved one. This list reflects those donations made after the last issue's publication date. Todah Rabah to all.

To ensure the accuracy of published donations and notification cards, we **strongly** recommend the use of the **Donation Form** available at the Front Desk in CAI's administrative office or on our Web site: www.caiaz.org

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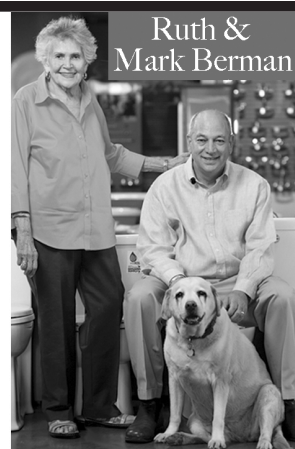
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