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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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~ Shalom ~



### Weekday Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen, this informal study group 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**. Please join us on **May 4 and June 1 at 5:45 pm**, when 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 Service

On **May 18 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). It's a new way to embrace Shabbat!

### Mishpachah Minyan / K'Ton Time ~ for young families ~

Children are always welcome in our Sanctuary ... we want families to feel comfortable participating in all of our services. However, we know that services in the Sanctuary can be a bit much for some of our younger congregants. Please join us every third Saturday:

- **9:45 - 10:30am** For a traditional Shabbat service where families with children are especially encouraged to attend, including P'sukey D'Zimrah (Introductory service) and Shacharit (Morning service)
- **10:30 - 11:00am (ish)** For K'Ton Time with songs, prayers, stories and games, and playground time if so desired / Torah Service
- **11:00am** For Musaf and a kid-friendly Kiddush

Join us on **May 19 and June 16** in the Epstein Chapel. We look forward to seeing you!

### Minyan Shelanu: Our Minyan

This service — led by your fellow congregants — is for 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. Join us on **Saturday, May 26 at 10:30 am** in the Epstein Chapel. Following the service, we join the sanctuary service for *kiddush*.

### Summer Shul

For several weeks each summer, we move our **9:00am Saturday service** into **Rabbi Breger Hall** from the sanctuary to enable us to set a different mood. We set up Rabbi Breger Hall as a Sanctuary: the chairs are placed in the pattern of a horse-shoe (concentric semi-circles) around a Reader's Stand and the *Aron Kodesh* is placed against the Eastern Wall. This enables us to see and hear each other during the course of the service ... and to find our worship strengthened by our sense of togetherness. Please plan to join us **June 16 through August 18** ... beat the heat and stay cool in *shul*!



Because we love our children ...  
Because families should be together  
on SHABBAT ...  
**SHABBAT morning babysitting is back!**



We want our children to grow up exposed to those things which we hold precious in our own hearts. Values are transmitted through their imitation of our behavior, more than any words we might share with them. And one of the most important values we can share is SHABBAT ... especially the importance of SHABBAT worship.

And so, along with our regularly-scheduled family Shabbat services (Tot Shabbat, Mishpachah Minyan / K'Ton Time, Shabbat Family Experience, and Minyan Shelanu), **we offer babysitting on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30am. Should your child(ren) need a break, feel free to take them to Room 11 for some play time, stories and a snack.**

We want everyone to have a great  
SHABBAT experience!

**Thank you to our  
"Yad Squad"**  
(Those who read Torah and  
Haftarah March - April 2012)

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## 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 February and March 2012. *Todah rabah!*



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### ~ The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim ~

Federal health-care privacy regulations make it difficult for us to know when a member of CAI has been admitted to a hospital. Become a partner in the mitzvah of *Bikur Holim* — visiting the sick — by advising our clergy when you, a relative, or a friend is hospitalized. We can stay informed ONLY if a family member or friend provides the information to us. **PLEASE CALL 745-5550:**

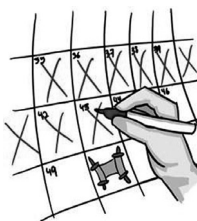
Rabbi Robert Eisen, X230 • Clergy Secretary, X225

## The Counting of the OMER

*You shall count for yourselves — from the day after the SHABBAT, from the day when you bring the OMER of the waving — seven Sabbaths, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days ...* —Leviticus 23:15-16

*You shall count for yourselves seven weeks, from when the sickle is first put to the standing crop shall you begin counting seven weeks. Then you will observe the Festival of SHAVU'OT for the Lord, your God* —Deuteronomy 16:9-10

According to the Torah (Lev. 23:15), we are obligated to count the days from Passover to SHAVU'OT. This period is known as the Counting of the OMER. An OMER is a unit of measure. On the second day of Passover, in the days of the Temple, an OMER of barley was cut down and brought to the Temple as an offering. This grain offering was referred to as the OMER.

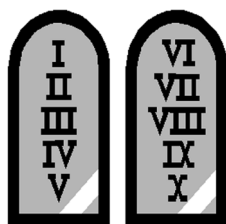


Every night, from the second night of Passover to the night before SHAVU'OT, we recite a blessing and state the count of the OMER in both weeks and days. So on the 16<sup>th</sup> day, you would say "Today is sixteen days, which is two weeks and two days of the OMER."

The counting is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and SHAVU'OT, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah.

This period is a time of partial mourning, during which weddings, parties, and dinners with dancing are not conducted, in memory of a plague during the lifetime of Rabbi Akiba. Haircuts during this time are also forbidden. The 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the OMER (the 18<sup>th</sup> of IYAR) is a minor holiday commemorating a break in the plague. The holiday is known as LAG B'OMER (the word "LAG" is not really a word; it is the number 33 in Hebrew). The mourning practices of the OMER period are lifted on that date.

This year, LAG B'OMER falls on May 10 (begins at sundown on May 9).



## SHAVUOT

The Shavuot Festival, otherwise known as Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day) or Feast of Weeks, was celebrated primarily as a thanksgiving for the wheat harvest; it falls seven weeks after the barley harvest, when an Omer of the new produce was offered. The Torah refers to Shavuot as Hag Ha-Katsir (The Feast of the Harvest) and Yom Ha-Bikkurim (The Day of First Fruits), observed by offerings of the best ripe produce of the fields (Exodus 23:16; Numbers 28:26).

In the course of time, and as a result of the transformation of the agricultural festivals into historical commemorations, the additional significance of Shavuot as the festival of the Giving of the Torah (Z'man Matan Torateynu) at Mount Sinai completely overshadowed its original significance. Though the Bible does not identify Shavuot with the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the tradition, undisputed in the Talmud, has been that the Torah was given on the sixth day of Sivan.

*Shavuot* is called Atzeret in the Mishnah and the Talmud, in the sense that it serves as a concluding festival to *Pesah*. In the observances of *Shavuot*, the historical as well as the agricultural aspects are reflected. The Decalogue is read in the synagogue on the first day. The first night of the festival is often spent in reading an anthology of sacred writings called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. The Book of Ruth is read for its description of a summer harvest in Israel. Milk dishes are the customary foods, symbolizing the Torah which is likened to milk, according to the allegorical interpretation of the Song of Songs, "honey and milk are under your tongue."

— Adapted from *A Book of Jewish Concepts* by Phillip Birnbaum

***This year Shavuot begins at sundown on May 26 and continues through sundown on May 28.***  
**See insert for details about CAI's Tikkun Leil Shavuot.**

## 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.

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[www.caiaz.org/our-congregation/board-slc-communications/](http://www.caiaz.org/our-congregation/board-slc-communications/)

## SHAVUOT SERVICES

Erev Shavuot • Saturday, May 26  
Mincha 12:15pm; Ma'ariv 7:30pm  
Shavuot, Sunday, May 27 • Minyan 9:00am  
Mincha & Evening Service for Second Festival Day 5:30pm  
Shavuot/Yizkor • Monday, May 28  
Minyan 9:00am • Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:30pm

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## The Phantom of Shushan

**March 3, 2012**

Congregation Anshe Israel's Spring fundraiser, as part of our Purim celebration, was a huge success! More than 200 people — many dressed in costume — attended the fete, enjoying music, food, cocktails, casino games, and auctions.

**Special thanks to the following people for their hard work in making the event the wonderful evening that it was:**

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Marianne Langer (Concepts  
Event Planning & Decorating)

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The entire staff of CAI

**See insert for list of  
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& Joann Weinstein



(l. to r.) Ronnie Miller, Peter  
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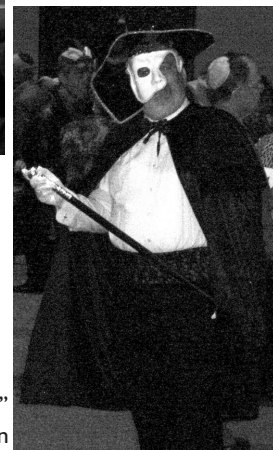
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Max Ellentuck



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Stacey Singer



"The Phantom"  
Rabbi Robert Eisen

## "Keep on Truckin'" Family Festival

**March 25, 2012**

In its third year, the festival once again proved to be a fun family event for the community. We had trucks, sports cars, service vehicles, police Hummer, motorcycles, and more for viewing, exploration and learning. Attendees also enjoyed food, music, a climbing wall and painting an old truck!

**Thank you to the following people for their tremendous help:**

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Noah Deitch

Debby Eisen

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Michelle Sigafus

Sandy Tobin

Jacob Weinstein

Tyler Weinstein

Women's League members

(Vicki Kaufman, Gail

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& Evelyn Sigafus)

The entire staff of CAI  
(with special thanks to our  
Maintenance team!)  
AND The Peskin-Owens  
family and Abbi Gold for  
use of a canopy.



Hannah Levin at the  
wheel



A student "driver"



Event attendees were allowed "artistic freedom"  
in painting a truck!



(l. to r.) Marlee Dell & Ariana  
Deitch in an Army truck

We congratulate  
**MARY COCHRAN WOLK**  
to be named "Leader of the Year" at the  
Tucson Jewish Community Center  
Annual Meeting on May 1.

We congratulate these  
**Congregation Anshei Israel members**  
to be honored by the  
Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona  
at their Annual Meeting on May 10.

MARILYN EINSTEIN • *Woman of the Year*

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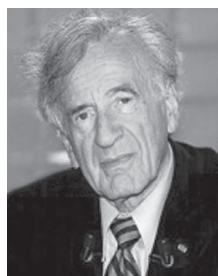
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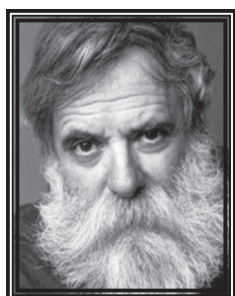
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*with Elie Wiesel*



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**MAY 20, 2012**  
**6:00 - 9:00PM**

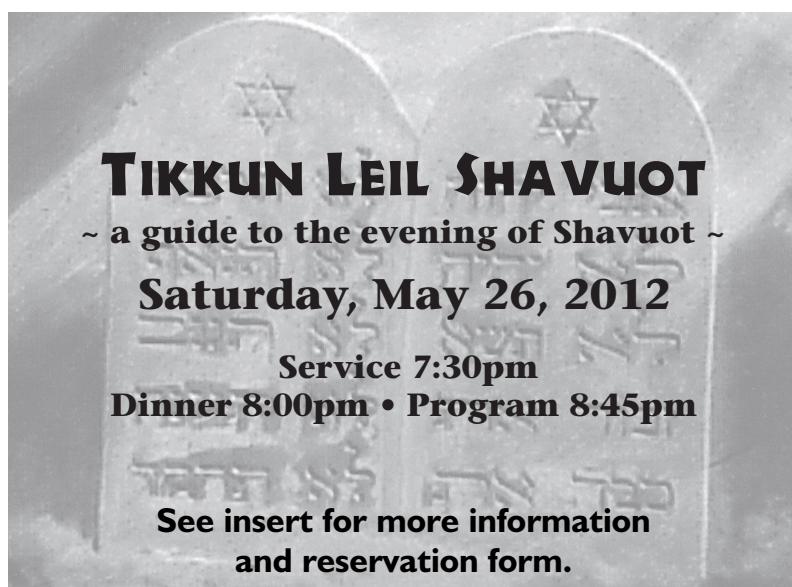
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information.



**Monday, May 21, 2012**

**7:00pm in Rabbi Breger Hall**

See insert for more information.



## TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

~ a guide to the evening of Shavuot ~

**Saturday, May 26, 2012**

**Service 7:30pm**

**Dinner 8:00pm • Program 8:45pm**

See insert for more information  
and reservation form.



~ **SAVE THE DATES** ~

**Summer Film Series 2012**

**Sundays, July 1 - August 12**

## Are You Interested in Learning Hebrew?

We are hoping to offer a 10-week Adult Hebrew Class on Sundays 9:15-10:45am beginning in early September. The objectives of this class are to teach reading and writing of Hebrew, as well as understanding of some of the common roots and words. The central goal is to help participants feel more comfortable in Shabbat synagogue services. If you are interested in such a class, please contact me so that we can make arrangements for a teacher and confirm dates on our calendar.

**Rabbi Ben Herman, 745-5550, ext. 228, [eddiretor@caiaz.org](mailto:eddiretor@caiaz.org)**





## Women's League

Gentle Chair Yoga continues **Wednesdays, May 2 - 23, 9:30-10:30am**. This class offers better flexibility, strength and balance, with deep relaxation time at the end of class. For more information, call Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.

Our "Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, May 7 and June 4 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.

Women's League had a great past year with some wonderful programs and we are planning more for the coming year! Not a member yet? Don't miss out on socializing with other women, delicious lunches with entertaining speakers, educational classes, social action projects, a discount in our Judaica Gift Shop... and so much more! An annual membership is only \$36. For more information, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or [esigafus@aol.com](mailto:esigafus@aol.com)

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## Men's Club

Thank you to all those who participated in the FJMC Annual Raffle in March and to those who helped with, and donated toward, the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle campaign in April.

Please join us on **Sunday, May 6 at 9:30am** as we welcome our guest speaker Anna Spitz, Education & Public Outreach Lead from the Lunar & Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona, discussing the OSIRIS-REx Mission. OSIRIS-REx stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer. It is a project to send a spacecraft to an asteroid to get soil samples and bring them back to earth for study. These soil samples may help us better understand planet formation and the building blocks of life. Includes breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests are always welcome for \$4. For more information, contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or [mcmsl@msn.com](mailto:mcmsl@msn.com)



## "Read It & Meet"

Join us for "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, May 5**. The book selection is *The Gift of Rest* by Senator Joe Lieberman, with moderator Rayna Gellman. Read ahead for the **June 2 RIM** when we'll discuss *This Burning Land* by David Myre and Jennifer Griffen, with moderator Lily Brull.

"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.



## Seniors

All those 65+ are welcome to join us on **Sunday, June 3 at 6:30pm** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge for our last event of the year, an ice cream social. No charge to attend. Reservations requested. For more information and to RSVP, contact Yvonne Ethier at 745-5550 ext. 231 or [yvonne@caiaz.org](mailto:yvonne@caiaz.org)



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### Leah Tamar Tolby May 12

Leah is the daughter of Abigail & Noah Tolby; the granddaughter of Aviah & Stuart Friedman and Linda Solomon; and the sister of Eliana and Dahlia. Leah's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at Live Theatre Workshop in the musical theatre class for children ages 6-9. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Leah's interests include dancing and camp and math competitions.



### Jacob Francis Weinstein May 19

Jacob is the son of Joann & Steve Weinstein; the grandson of the late Theresa & Frank Brandolini, Beverly Johnson and Bernard Weinstein; and the brother of Tyler. Jacob's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House. A student at Emily Gray Junior High School, Jacob's interests include football, skiing and video games.



### Sidney Faye Szerlip June 9

Sidney is the daughter of Molly & Harold Szerlip; the granddaughter of Mary & Michael Itzkowitz and the late Fay & Sidney Szerlip; and the sister of Max. Sidney's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at the Humane Society. A student at Orange Grove Middle School, Sidney's interests include dancing, singing and acting.



### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Siyum will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 6:00pm, a special Shabbat afternoon service to honor the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class at which the students lead the Mincha and Ma'ariv services.

Don't miss the last day of Religious School on Sunday, May 20 with our Closing Program & Reception at 11:30am. We'll draw from the raffle for the winner of the iPod as part of our Shabbat Incentive Program, and we'll announce the names of those who have attended Shabbat services 10 times over the year and qualify for our bowling and pizza party. In addition, we will recognize our teachers for their hard work.



### Religious School 3rd Grade Consecration • April 20, 2012

(front row, l. to r.) Georgia Belanger, Logan Pugliese, Sara Bluth, Sigal Plotkin, Caden Lonabaugh & Rio Lederer (second row) Ellah Ben-Asher, Dillon Simmers, Rachael Rudner, Jacob Fredman & Sarah Lonabaugh; (third row) Edie Cotton, Lucy Litvak, Ryan Spitzer, Eric Saffioti, Alexa Dorf & Hannah Lehrfeld; (back row) Rabbi Robert Eisen, Nichole Chorny, Emily Ellentuck, Rabbi Ben Herman & Laura Olesen



CAI's Youth Center now has newly-reupholstered, beautiful sofas and chairs. They really brighten up the space! Monies from the Youth Center Fund were used ... thank you donors!

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### PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Closing Program / Graduation  
Thursday, May 24 • 11:00am • Sanctuary



### Confirmation Class • April 28, 2012

(front row, l. to r.) Adina Artzi, Linnea Dawson, Leah Mann & Isabel Alster (back row) Rabbi Robert Eisen, Devin Hulsey, Rachel Rush, Shelby Kotz & Rabbi Ben Herman

## Mazal Tov!

### Births

**Henson Edward Etter**  
Grandson of Nancy & Stuart Mellan

**Samantha Avery Glazer**  
Daughter of Michelle & Evan Glazer

**Benjamin David Heisler**  
Grandson of Barbara & Michael Heisler  
Grandson of Faylene & Philip Licter  
Great-grandson of  
Rose & Harry Offenber

**Caitlyn Leigh Offenber**  
Great-granddaughter of  
Rose & Harry Offenber

### Weddings

**CPT Isaac Greenberg**  
Son of Alayne & Bruce Greenberg  
to Felicia Bernstein

**Marina Wexler**  
Granddaughter of  
Valentina & David Rubenstein  
to Daniel Hutto

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and their children,  
Eleanor, Abigail & Nathan

Randi & Michael Levin  
and their daughter, Hannah

Lindsay & Bill Parsons  
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Teri & Ole Thienhaus  
and their son, Lukas

Kalyn Wolf

## Happy May Anniversaries!

### Date

### Years

1	<b>Helen &amp; Herman Moskovits</b>	<b>66</b>
2	Rachel & Eric Dorf	13
3	Monisha & Craig Green	4
5	Ann & Howard Sloane	23
6	Robyn & David Emmerson	8
7	Barbara & Gerald Goldberg	34
9	Lisa & Jeffery Goldberg	7
	<b>Edith &amp; Hyman Goodman</b>	<b>64</b>
10	Carol & Alexander Sears	8
12	<b>Valentina &amp; David Rubinstein</b>	<b>51</b>
13	Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich	16
14	Abigail & Noah Tolby	17
15	Melissa Solyn & Scott Lieberman	13
19	Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman	39
	<b>Helen &amp; Rev. Aaron Polinsky</b>	<b>66</b>
	Deborah & Gary Young	16
20	Mary & Walter Marcus	39
21	Gail & Calman Rudner	40
22	Melissa & Todd Desberg	7
	Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf	13
23	Anne & Herman Stein	48
24	<b>Lee &amp; Alan Cohen</b>	<b>56</b>
	Joyce & Michael Smith	32
25	Emily & Adam Lazarus	9
	Cori Moriarty Smith & Garrett Smith	9
26	Patricia & Ladd Kleiman	39
	Ina Rae & Robert Levine	49
	Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present	21
	Kimberly & Eric Spitzer	21
	Brenda & Ivan Weinstein	21
27	Debbie & Bruce Frent	28
28	Pamela Heiman-Dubin & Matt Dubin	17
	Randi & Michael Levin	7
	Monica & Eric Rudner	12
	Kris & Ben Silverman	17
29	Phyllis & Burt Becker	46
	Emily & Max Ellentuck	7
	Marta & Steven Ketchel	40
	Benita Silvyn & Charles Whitehill	17
30	Sarah & Keith Singer	2
31	Sandra & Sidney Lachter	45
	Naomi & Stephen Spitzer	48

## Happy June Anniversaries!

### Date

### Years

1	Sheryl & Mark Levine	37
	<b>Helen &amp; Louis Rib</b>	<b>62</b>
	Ann & Bradley Rush	21
	Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim	32
2	Shelly & Edward Berger	28
	Heidi & Wayne Brent	33
	Barbara & Michael Heisler	38
	Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz	16
	Annette & Alan Miklofsky	33
3	Laurie & David Burns	39
	Tracy & David Jeck	5
5	Beverly & Alan Kasdan	29
6	Brenda Frye & Sergey Cherkis	8
	Sara & Marc Goldsen	13
	Sharon & Frederick Klein	41
	Paula & Daniel Singer	48
	Terry & Mark Yampolsky	19
8	Lyn Lewis & Cliff Altfeld	32
	Debbie & Lew Crane	32
	Sandra & James Rothschild	44
9	Della & Donald Kwasman	38
10	Deborah & Jeffrey Kay	28
	Yelena & Daniel Rosman	17
11	Rebecca & Eric Foley	14
	Iris Bernstein & David Karp	17
14	Elayne & Jerome Feder	48
	<b>Jean &amp; Marvin Glassberg</b>	<b>53</b>
	<b>Lois &amp; Rabbi Richard Safran</b>	<b>59</b>
	<b>Enid &amp; Mel Zuckerman</b>	<b>59</b>
15	Jami & Scott Gan	26
	Lee & Earl Surwit	43
	Laurie & Scott Weiss	26
16	Joan Auerbach Green & Richard Green	38
17	<b>Jane &amp; Rabbi Lee Kivel</b>	<b>56</b>
18	Sarah & Don Persellin	49
	Sue & Sonny Ross	45
	Monique Kornell & Jeffrey Spier	14
	Keren & Jeffrey Winkelman	6
19	Louise & Marshall Fealk	36
	<b>Anne &amp; Gerald Lapin</b>	<b>52</b>
20	Nancy & Steven Auslander	30
	Sara & Tom Borin	41
	Francine & David Lederer	4
21	Nancy & Stuart Mellan	20
	Dayli & Paul Ranucci	3
22	Nicole Yuan & Jerel Slaughter	9
23	<b>Sonia &amp; Rev. Larry Barr</b>	<b>66</b>
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25	Linda & Jeffrey Lewis	45
	Caren & Tom Newman	49
26	Leslee Conecoff-Gluck & Ira Gluck	29
	Jackie & David Lester	18
	<b>Margot &amp; Gunther Marx</b>	<b>52</b>
27	Alice & Paul Baker	47
	Betty & Rev. Nachman Berkowitz	21
	Carol & Dan Karsch	47
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	Suzette Leclerc & Stanley Rubin	14
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for proofing the newsletter

**Jane Klein**  
for cleaning the showcase

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for sponsoring the March 10 kiddush  
in honor of the birth of their granddaughter,  
Samantha Avery Glazer

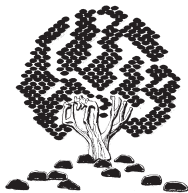
**Rita Hall's Family**  
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**Margo & Ron Gray**  
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### המקום ינחם אתכם

*The congregation mourns the loss of our members:*

**Nathan Buras**  
**Bryna Hellman**  
**Clara Levin**

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

Netty Buras - her husband, Nathan Buras  
Nina Isaac - her mother, Frances Sydney  
Debbie Kotz - her father, Victor Levin  
Malcolm Levin - his mother, Clara Levin  
Anita Levkowitz - her mother, Marilyn Burkam  
Rhonda Rich - her mother-in-law,  
Joyce Cohen Rich Benjamin  
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*May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners*



*Memorial Plaques have been installed for*

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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  
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adjacent to their memorial plaque. Call 745-5550 to make  
arrangements or if you wish to reserve a space for the future.

### 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  
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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 Anshei 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.

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daughter  
Marta & Willy Kats's new  
grandson  
Nancy & Stuart Mellan's new  
grandson  
Vicki & Phil Pepper's new  
grandson

### In honor of:

Valentina & David Rubinstein's  
granddaughter's marriage  
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granddaughter  
*Madeline & Barry Friedman*  
Alayne & Bruce Greenberg's son  
Isaac's wedding  
*Madeline & Barry Friedman*  
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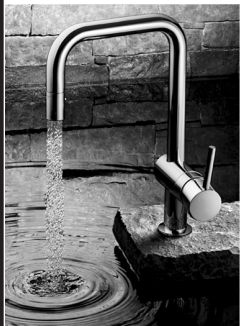
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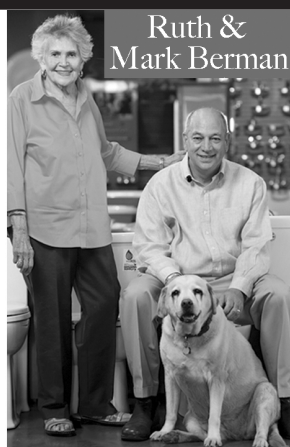


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