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of Hanukkah ...*

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The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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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 ~



### PLEASE NOTE: Fridays, November 2 & December 7 We will offer three(!) different SHABBAT Experiences:

At **5:45pm** we will hold our traditional **Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service** in the Epstein Chapel. Held in the intimate setting of the Chapel, this service offers a "natural transition" from the "week that was" into the sanctity of Shabbat. Also at **5:45pm**, we hold our **Tot Shabbat Service** in the Sanctuary. And, we hold "**Shir Hadash: A New Song**" at **7:30pm** in the Epstein Chapel (in addition to it being held on third Fridays at 5:45pm; see below). This special Shabbat evening service features Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist and includes singing, clapping, participatory melodies, *niggunim* (wordless chants), and more involvement by all who attend.

### Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service **the first Friday of the month at 5:45pm (see above)** on the Bimah in the sanctuary with stories and songs. On **November 2 and December 7**, we'll also share a kid-friendly Shabbat **dinner at 6:15pm**. 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 leads to lively discussion. Held **Wednesdays** in the Library, **11:00am to noon**. Everyone is welcome!

### Shir Hadash: A New Song

On third Fridays each month (**November 16 and December 21**), we hold a very special Shabbat Service/Experience at **5:45pm** in the Epstein Chapel. Led by Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist, we embrace Shabbat with a "**Shir Hadash: A New Song**," our spirited, upbeat and inclusive service with participatory singing, clapping, kid-friendly melodies and *niggunim* (wordless chants). Join us to add a little life to Shabbat and a little Shabbat to your life! The **November 16 Shir Hadash** includes a delicious chicken **Shabbat dinner** with sides and dessert. Admission with reservations made by Nov. 12: CAI members: adults \$14, children \$8; Guests: adults \$18, children \$12. RSVP to Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242 or on-line at [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org)

### K'Ton Time

This service allows young families to share songs, prayers, stories, games and playground time; then partake of a kid-friendly Kiddush. Geared to families with kids ages 1 to 6, but everyone is welcome! Please join us third Saturdays **November 17 and December 15, 10:30 - 11:30am (ish)** in the Epstein Chapel.

### CAI in the Northwest

In addition to CAI's regular Mincha and Kabbalat Services at 5:45pm, we offer Friday Night Service **December 14 at 7:00pm** in the new JFSA Northwest facility (190 W. Magee Rd. Suite 162), lay-led by Fred Mittleman. An oneg follows. Reservations are requested to Helene Mittleman at 219-7297 or [fredmittleman@mac.com](mailto:fredmittleman@mac.com)

## OUR NEW MEMBERS: Please warmly welcome...

Gabrielle Rubin-Burgess & Andrew Burgess and their son, Jonathan	Jennifer Newman
Shirley & Leonard Goldberg	Renee Rhyner
Deborah & Franklin Gubernick	David Rib
Roni Hozberg & Vincent Tevere and their children Rachel & Erica	Carol & Daniel Schloff
Sara Kellogg & Linus Kafka	Stacey Schulman
Phyllis Simon & Roy Karon	Heidi & Daniel Stokes
Brenda McBride	Lynn Urban
	and
	Audrie & Harry Wiesenfelder

**Because we love our children ...  
Because families should be together on SHABBAT ...  
We offer free SHABBAT morning babysitting!  
Saturdays, 9:45 - 11:45am**



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!

### *Comfort and Quiet for Babies and Moms*

Anshei Israel has a designated room for moms who wish to nurse their babies in a quiet and more private space.

The bride's changing room (at the back of the Epstein Chapel) will comfortably accommodate one or two moms at a time.



### *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, ext. 230

Michelle Ollanik, Clergy Secretary, ext. 225

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## The Tenth of Tevet *Asarah B'Tevet*

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**Date of the fast in 5773:  
December 23, 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); Shivah 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 *Selihot*, 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.





## Daily Minyan Services & “Jewry” Duty

Our Minyan is expected to be there when someone needs to say *Kaddish*. There are 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 August and September 2012. ***Todah rabah!***

MeMe Aguila  
Marj Ansell  
Murray Baker  
Sonia & Rev. Lawrence Barr  
Christine Becker  
Miriam Lippel Blum &  
Bennett Blum  
Phyllis & Merrill Broad  
Barbara & Mel Brodie  
Shelly Chess  
Lee Chutkow  
Miriam Cline  
Shiffy & Bob Cohen  
Terri Cohen  
Leatrice Cohen  
Rabbi Helen Cohn &  
Dennis Dawson  
Ken Dubrinsky  
Neneng Fassler  
Walter Feiger  
Hedy Feuer  
Irene Stern Friedman &  
Ellis Friedman  
Madeline Friedman  
Mathew Friedman  
Jim Frisch  
Manny Furst  
Janis Gasch

Rayna Gellman  
Vivien & Jacques  
Gerstenfeld  
Marvin Glassberg  
Marc Goldsen  
Tedd Goldfinger  
Sherman Goldstein  
Margo & Ron Gray  
Brina Grusin  
Natalie Guerin  
Barry Hirsch  
Aurora & Eugene Kellogg  
Rosie Eilat-Kahn  
Steven Ketchel  
Ruth Kolker  
Sharon Klein  
Mort Kranitz  
Bill Kugelman  
Stanley Lehman  
Katherine, Aaron &  
Natalie Leonard  
Mark Levine  
Jerry Levy  
Hilary & Patrick Lyons  
Dorleen Mallis  
Ziva Mason  
Pamela & Stuart Mendel  
Arnold Merin

Gail Mordka  
Gail & Marc Offenhartz  
Bea Paulus  
Vicki Pepper  
Joy Peskin  
Jack Pinnas  
Jane Poliakoff  
Stephanie Roberts  
Ann Rush  
Laura Sagerman  
Patti Salonic  
Trudy & Howard Schwartz  
Sarah Segal  
Esther Sherberg  
Steve Sim  
Steven Singer  
Karen & Howard Skolnik  
Ruth & Arthur Solomon  
Carol & Alvin Stern  
Lee Surwit  
Moshe Toister  
Arthur Weinenger  
Steven Weisman  
Robert Wolk  
Sam Wolsky  
Arthur Zoref

## Thank you to our “Yad Squad” (Those who read Torah and Haftarah in August and September 2012)

Marlene Abraham  
Miriam Blum  
Emily Ellentuck  
Ellis Friedman  
Jami Gan  
Rayna Gellman  
Margo Gray  
Richard Green  
Barry Hirsch  
Mike Jacobson  
Dan Jurkowitz  
Lisa Jurkowitz  
Sharon Klein  
Jenna Langert  
Natalie Leonard  
Arnold Merin  
Noah Pensak  
Helen Rib  
Ann Rush  
Leonard Schultz  
Steve Seltzer  
Andrea Shatken  
Linda Silverman  
Jerel Slaughter  
Theresa Thienhaus  
Leah Tolby  
Moshe Toister  
Gary Windham  
Arthur Zoref

## Hesed Committee

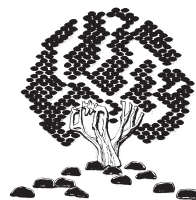
CAI’s Hesed Committee is here for you, our congregants. Do you know someone who is a shut-in, in rehab or would just like a friendly visit or call from a member of the committee? Do you or someone you know need a ride to *shul*? We are also able to assist with the meal of condolence or post-bereavement calls. Call on us ...we are here to help.

**Evelyn Sigafus, Chair**  
885-4102, [esigafus@aol.com](mailto:esigafus@aol.com)

Celebrate the happy events and people who touch our lives. Share your family’s simcha with a leaf on our **TREE OF LIFE** to make

a permanent dedication: birthdays, weddings, B’nai Mitzvah and a host of other happy occasions. CAI’s Tree of Life is located outside the sanctuary doors.

**To place your order,  
call 745-5550.**



## A Double Mitzvah! Support Israel and Our Synagogue

For every tree you plant, all purchases from the JNF store and any donation you make to Jewish National Fund, JNF will donate 20% back to CAI and another 5% to United Synagogue to support congregational Israel programs. Visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org) and click on the JNF/United Synagogue button at lower right or call 1-800-542-TREE and mention United Synagogue.



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# C A T C H I N G   U P . . .

## Tashlich • September 20, 2012



Approximately 35 people attended "Tashlich at the Park" to symbolically toss away their sins. Rabbi Robert Eisen led the service at the dry wash near the Jewish Community Center.



Sigal (l.) and Liana Plotkin enjoyed a snack as part of the event.

## "Hava NaGRILLA" Sukkot Dinner October 4, 2012



Joel and Nichole Chorny and their daughter, Tzippi, enjoyed the dinner.



Rabbi Ben Herman taught Ellis Selznick about the lulav and etrog at one of the learning stations at the event.



(l. to r.) Mallory Hulse, Elena Windham and Devin Hulse made model sukkahs at the craft station.



Adriana Betancur and Zachary Naiman posed as daughter Gabriela enjoyed playing with plastic utensils.

## Wall of History Dedication • October 13, 2012



As part of the dedication of CAI's Wall of History, Rabbi Robert Eisen led a creative Havdallah service with quotations from famous Jewish thinkers.

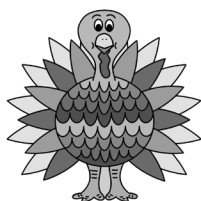


Siblings Mimi Blitzer and Charles Blitzer and family donated the panels in honor of their parents, the late Pauline and Leon Blitzer.



(l. to r.) Committee members Marilyn Prenskey, Eleanor Jeck and Janet Seltzer pose in front of the panels.





## CAI Turkey Drive 2012 November 1 – 18

Every year, CAI collects money to purchase kosher turkeys to be donated to Jewish Family & Children's Services. Please help with this cause to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need. Kindly drop off or mail in your check made payable to CAI (note "Turkey Drive" on the check). We then purchase the turkeys and deliver them to JFCS. Todah rabah!

## Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee is dedicated to creating opportunities for our members to participate in the ongoing work of *Tikkun Olam*, which suggests our shared responsibility "to heal, repair and transform the world" by doing good deeds in our local community. We would like to thank our returning volunteers and invite all members to participate. Thank you for your support!

The **Community Food Bank** depends on its volunteers to bring food to Southern Arizona. Volunteering is rewarding, productive and easy. We are seeking 8 to 12 volunteers to pack food boxes or sort food in the warehouse at 3003 S. Country Club on **Tuesday, November 13, 9:00am to 12:00pm**. There will be some bending and lifting involved (up to 20 lbs.) and we will be on our feet the entire time. We plan to meet at CAI at 8:30am and carpool to the Food Bank.

**Project Hospitality** is a volunteer-driven community-wide effort to provide the homeless with shelter and food during the winter months. We are seeking 6 to 8 volunteers to purchase or prepare and serve food to approximately 25 people at Temple Emanu-El (225 N. Country Club), 5:00 - 6:30pm. This includes assembling a sack lunch and cold breakfast for the following day. If you are not able to volunteer on the scheduled nights, we still need food contributions.

**Congregation Anshei Israel will be participating on: December 10 and 19; January 7 and 29 (USY Night).** If you are not able to volunteer on the scheduled nights, we still need food contributions. (See insert for needed items.)

If interested in helping or in making any donations, please contact Hedy Feuer at [hedy.feuer@gmail.com](mailto:hedy.feuer@gmail.com) or 471-0324; or Jane Poliakoff at [jmpoliakoff@gmail.com](mailto:jmpoliakoff@gmail.com) or 748-8849.

## BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Sunday, December 30 • 9am - 2pm  
in Cantor Falkow Lounge



**American  
Red Cross**

Every pint counts. Hospitals and trauma centers trust the Red Cross to supply blood for accident victims, sick children and patients in need of transfusions. It is you, our donor heroes, who provide this blood and deliver hope to those in need. New and loyal blood donors and volunteers welcome! See the insert for incentives and to reserve your time slot. Thank you for your commitment to save lives!

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- **Sun., Nov. 4, 5:30PM • "Mind, Body and Soul "**  
Eric Kandel and Elie Wiesel with Dr. Gail Saltz
- **Wed., Nov. 28, 6:00PM • "What Is Jewish Culture?"**  
Amos Oz, Daniel Libeskind, James E. Young, Deborah Dash Moore and Fania Oz-Salzberger
- **Thurs., Nov. 29, 6:00PM • "Science, Religion and the Search for Meaning"**  
Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks with Ira Flatow

## ~ ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL ~



## "A Jew?"

**Wednesdays,**

**November 7, 14 & 28**

Explore concerns of the 21st Century as tradition says one thing, modernity another.

Nov. 7, 7:00pm • "Who is a Jew?"  
with Rabbi Robert Eisen

Nov. 14, 7:00pm • "What is a Jew?"  
with Rabbi Ben Herman

Nov. 28, 6:00pm • "What Is Jewish Culture?"  
via 92Y Live! broadcast (see above)

**\$18 plus food donation to Community Food Bank.  
RSVP by Nov. 5 to 745-5550 or [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org)**

C O M I N G U P . . .



**Sunday, November 11**

9:15am • Cantor Falkow Lounge

This is an opportunity for all congregants to discuss congregational issues, share opinions, have a nosh with us, and get to know YOUR board of trustees better.

Please set aside some time for this get-together ... better yet, come at 8:00am and join us at Sunday morning minyan first. It's a wonderful way to start the week!



## "Eight Days of Caring and Sharing" Hanukkah Party

**Tuesday, December 11 • 6:00pm**

Menorah Lighting • Dinner • Singing  
Volunteer Recognition

**Watch your mail for further details!**



**RICK RECHT IN CONCERT!**  
**Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30pm**

Don't miss this dynamic performer who uses music as an effective tool for developing Jewish pride.

**See insert for more information.  
Tickets available now!**

## "Shir Hadash: A New Song"

**Friday, Nov. 16**

Service 5:45pm • Dinner 7:00pm

Service led by

*Emily Ellentuck, Cantorial Soloist*



Includes singing, clapping, kid-friendly melodies and wordless chants, followed by chicken dinner with sides and dessert.

CAI members: adults \$14, children \$8

Guests: adults \$18, children \$12.

**RSVP by Nov. 12. Call 745-5550 or visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org)**

## *Latkes & Vodka*

**Saturday, December 1 • 8:00pm**

### **ADULT HANUKKAH PARTY**

Enjoy tastings of a variety of latkes & vodka drinks. (Non-alcoholic drinks available plus beer/wine cash bar.)

Jazz Quartet • Raffle • \$18 pp

All those 21+ welcome!



**RSVP by Nov. 28. Call 745-5550 or visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org)**



## **MITZVAH 613 Kick-off Festivities Sunday, Dec. 16**

The celebration of Congregation Anshei Israel's 83rd anniversary begins with the writing of a new Sefer Torah!

As we are taught that each of us is responsible for the writing of a Torah Scroll at least once in our lifetime (it is the last of the 613 Commandments), we want to make that mitzvah accessible to everyone. Join us for a "TORAH FAIR," a fun-filled morning where we will begin the celebration / fulfillment of the 613<sup>th</sup> Commandment to include learning stations, an opportunity to meet our Sofer (Scribe), people to help you with your dedication, and time to savor the moment. Be a part of the history of CAI!

## **S•T•R•I•K•E!**



**BOWLING PARTY  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25  
1 TO 3PM • TUCSON BOWL**

**Watch your mail for further details!**

## **SAVE THE DATES:**

**January 11-13, 2013**

Scholar-in-Residence Prof. Robert Eisen

**January 20, 2013**

7th Annual Maj Jongg Tournament



## Women's League

Our paid-up membership "Chai Tea" in October was well-attended with refreshments, a fashion show, kudos for our volunteers and female staff members,

and Renee Ravich, Pacific Southwest Region WL president (pictured to the right of Evelyn Sigafus).

A new 6-week session of Gentle Chair Yoga will be held **Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am, November 14 thru December 19**. The class offers better flexibility, strength and balance, with deep relaxation time at the end. Members of Women's League \$36; non-members \$48. For more information, call Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



The "Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, November 5 and December 3 at 12noon** 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.

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 14** for a "Lunch & Lecture" at **12noon** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Guest speaker Michael Jacobson will present, "How We Live by the Calendar." The event includes a delicious catered lunch. Women's League & Men's Club members \$10; guests \$12. Reservations due by Nov. 9. For more information & to RSVP, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or [esigafus@aol.com](mailto:esigafus@aol.com)



## Men's Club

Welcome to all of our new Men's Club members. With your help, we can accomplish many things! In September we had the honor of using the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' Sefer Haftorah. The scroll travels to each Men's Club Region so that other synagogues may use it. It is written with vowels and tropes and there are very few of these in the entire U.S. Helen Rib had the privilege of reading from it and did a great job.

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, November 18 at 9:30am** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Guest speaker Jim DeGrood, Transportation Services Director of the Regional Transportation Authority will present, "Transportation Plans for Tucson's Future." The event is open to all and includes a breakfast buffet. Like to cook? Meet us at 8:15am in the kitchen to help! No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4. Save **December 2** for another breakfast meeting with speaker.



## "Read It & Meet"

Join us for "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, November 3 at 12noon**. The book selection is *This Burning Land* by David Myre and Jennifer Griffen, with moderator Lily Brull. *Ben Gurion* by Shimon Peres will be discussed at the **December 1 "RIM,"** with Rabbi Robert Eisen as moderator.

Get your FREE "RIM" bookmark with all the book selections and dates at the Shalom Cart outside the sanctuary or at the front desk in the administrative office.

"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.



## HAZAK • Seniors

CAI's newly-revamped group for "people of a certain age" (60+) is off and running. Two interest meetings were held in October and plans are in place for discussion groups, plays, trips and more! Our first event is **Thursday, November 8 at 6:30pm** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Lee Chutkow will lead a discussion, "Jews and Judaism: Past, Present and Future," based on two recent articles in *Moment Magazine* and *Commentary Magazine* dealing with changes and challenges our larger Jewish community faces in the 21st century. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served.

This group is for interested and interesting seniors who like to have fun, meet new people, learn new things and socialize. For more information, contact Linda Roy at 745-5550 ext. 222 or [linda@caiaz.org](mailto:linda@caiaz.org)

## Religious School Breakfast in the Sukkah October 7, 2012



(l. to r.) Katya Cohen, Lily Selznick, Devin Hulsey, Max Szerlip, Rebecca Freund and Hannah Lehrfeld practiced shaking the lulav.



## Celebrating Becoming a B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



**Benjamin Skylar Haffey**  
**November 17**

Ben is the son of Elizabeth Haffey and Kenneth Haffey; and the grandson of Ann Berlin Haffey and Joseph Haffey. Ben's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering with Operation Deep Freeze. A student at Basis Charter School, Ben's interests include reading and video games.



**Simon Elliott Wilson**  
**November 24**

Simon is the son of Amy & David Wilson; the grandson of Gail & Mike Wilson and Laurie & Richard Goodman; the great-grandson of John Goodman; and the brother of Abigail. Simon's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering in the autism room at school. A student at Alice Vail Middle School, Simon's interests include taekwondo, art and reading.



**Maxwell Isaac Silverman**  
**December 8**

Max is the son of Kris & Ben Silverman; the grandson of Rosalyn Silverman, the late Alex Silverman, Linda Robertson and Bill Robertson; the great-grandson of Robert Stephen; and the brother of Bernie and Sophia. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy and Basis Charter School, Max's interests include basketball, fishing and baseball.



**Alexis Leah Sage McKinstry**  
**December 15**

Alexis is the daughter of Susan McKinstry; and the granddaughter of Bela Vig, Edit Vig and Barbara Castner. Alexis's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering to help animals. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Alexis's interests include drawing, Doctor Who, reading and piano.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



CAI's **Turkey Drive 2012 runs November 1-18**. Religious School and Preschool/Kindergarten families are encouraged to send their child(ren) to class with a check (made payable to CAI) to support this worthy cause to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need. Monies collected will be used to purchase kosher turkeys to be donated to Jewish Family & Children's Services.

Join us the second Saturday of every month for **Shabbat Family Experience, 10:30 - 11:45am** in the Epstein Chapel (**November 10 and December 8**). This interactive and spirit-filled service features family *aliyot*, discussions about specific prayers and acting out of the weekly Torah portion. Afterwards, join us for a free lunch and a themed program. Lunch is free, but reservations are needed. Please call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Religious School and THA families are encouraged to join us for a **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Service & Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 30 at 5:45pm**. The children will lead the majority of the service, each with a specific part, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Watch your mail for more information.

Our **Religious School Hanukkah Program** is planned for **Sunday, December 9, 9:30am - 12:00pm**. Join us for a fun-filled Hanukkah workshop including art project, an interactive activity about the Maccabees and a rousing game of dreidel. The Shomrim and Gan Yeladim preschool families are encouraged to attend as well.

Interested in learning how to read Hebrew? We are offering a crash course that begins with a **Hebrew Marathon on Sunday, December 16, 9:00am - 1:00pm**. There will be follow-up courses offered in January 2013. Registration is \$18 and includes all materials. To RSVP, please contact Rabbi Ben Herman at [eddirector@caiaz.org](mailto:eddirector@caiaz.org) or 745-7550, ext. 228.

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## Birth Announcements

*This column features children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of CAI members. The birth announcement and photo (if available) will appear in the issue of Kolenu within appropriate print dates. Please notify Michelle Ollanik, Clergy Secretary, at 745-5550, ext. 225 for more information.*



**Henry Simon Abraham**  
**Born September 28**  
Henry is the grandson of Marlene & Bill Abraham, and the great-grandson of Edith & Hy Goodman.



**Benjamin Sanford Childers**  
**Born September 17**  
Benjamin is the great-grandson of Hy Labovitz.



**Robert Franklin Douglas**  
**Born September 27**  
Robert is the son of Valorie & Andrew Douglas.

## November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	31
2 <b>Judith &amp; Ted Drenfeld</b>	<b>55</b>
Ann & Leon Lederman	15
3 Kelly & Avi Persellin	11
5 Sandra & Tim Jahns	6
6 Michelle & Evan Glazer	7
Sheryl & Michael Press	7
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	9
12 Sara & Kellen Berkenpas	7
13 <b>Raquel &amp; Edward Gold</b>	<b>57</b>
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	36
Joan & Irvin Belzer	47
Patricia & Eugene Settle	30
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	33
18 Liza & Sean Belanger	11
19 <b>Rose &amp; Harry Offenber</b>	<b>62</b>
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	29
22 <b>Bryna &amp; David Ben-Asher</b>	<b>56</b>
24 Sharon Glassberg & Alan Rockowitz	5
Vicki & Phil Pepper	38
24 Sara & Robert Ross	44
26 <b>Beatrice &amp; Berthold Lippel</b>	<b>53</b>
27 Ana Lucia & Jason Litvak	13
Naomi & Michael Nadelberg	44
Paula & Morris Riback	30
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	30
29 <b>Joan &amp; Donald Diamond</b>	<b>60</b>
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	4

## December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	33
4 Lauren Kaplan & Scott Blinkoff	24
5 Teresa & Brandon Matheson	20
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	14
Rita & Martin Hall	39
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	34
16 <b>Rimona &amp; Richard Friedberg</b>	<b>50</b>
18 <b>Marj &amp; George Ansell</b>	<b>52</b>
19 Joan & Dennis Rosen	30
<b>Carol &amp; Alvin Stern</b>	<b>58</b>
20 Betsy & Michael Boxer	37
Rebecca & Richard Fink	43
21 Judy & Stan Abrams	32
Martha & William Sampson	26
22 <b>Lois &amp; Everett Broder</b>	<b>55</b>
23 Marta & Willy Kats	34
24 <b>Sarah &amp; Mortimer Segal</b>	<b>60</b>
25 Elena & Erik Boskoff	4
27 Andy & Stuart Shatken	33
<b>Ruth &amp; Art Solomon</b>	<b>53</b>
29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	49
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	22



## Mazal Tov!

### Weddings

#### **Michael Ash**

Son of Jane & Bruce Ash  
to Onnie Haag

#### **Marnie Alexis Friedman**

Daughter of Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman  
to Steven Barnett Stiglitz

#### **Ilana Rachel Shenitzer**

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### Bar Mitzvah

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## Condolences

### המקום ינחם אתכם

*The congregation mourns the loss of our members:*

**Melvina Balk  
Marshall Becker  
Reva Golad  
Francine (Franki) Levin  
Julius Mendel  
Harry Sokal**

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

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Gerald Barkan - his brother, Barry Barkan  
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Gilbert Sokal - his father, Harry Sokal

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to share their "journey" with others, Congregation  
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group would meet once a week for 8 weeks. We need  
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**Please call Norma Karp at 299-3382.**



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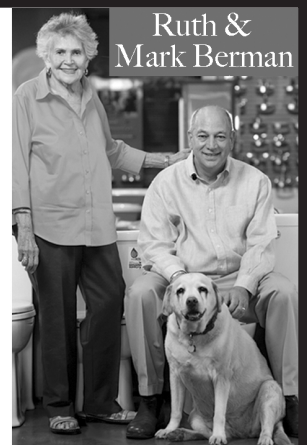
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