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Saturday, January 26

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& SE'UDAH**
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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, **11:00am 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 at 5:45pm** on the Bimah in the sanctuary with stories and songs (**January 4 and February 1**). On **February 1**, 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.

Shir Hadash: A New Song

On third Fridays each month (**January 18 and February 15**), 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!

K'Ton (Small) 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 (**January 19 and February 16**), **10:30 - 11:30am** in the Epstein Chapel.

Shabbat Shira: Sabbath of Song

Please join us on **Saturday, January 26** for a special musical Shabbat featuring the CAI Choirs directed by cantorial soloist Nichole Chorny. This Sabbath of Song will have new melodies to familiar prayers, and will explore some of the varied repertoire of our heritage.

Because we love our children ...

Because families should be together on SHABBAT ...

We offer free SHABBAT morning babysitting!

Saturdays, 9:45 - 11:45am

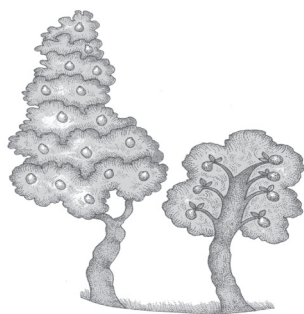


Should your child(ren) need a break, feel free to take them to **Room 11** for some play time, stories and a snack. We want everyone to have a great SHABBAT experience!

My heartfelt appreciation to all those who enjoyed — and acknowledged their appreciation of — my participation in CAI's High Holy Days services. It was my honor to share in, and be a part of them.

— Ron Sandler

Tu B'Shevat



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

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

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

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

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

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

This year Tu B'Shevat falls on January 26 (it begins sundown Jan. 25). SEE ENCLOSED FLYER TO ATTEND OUR "TU B'SHEVAT SEDER" ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

ARBA PARSHIOT: Special Sabbaths

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

SHABBAT SHEKALIM (February 9)

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

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

SHABBAT ZAKHOR (February 23)

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

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

Adar I and Adar II

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

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

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

Why are we telling you all of this? Because this year, 5773, is a regular year. All yahrzeits are observed during the one month of ADAR.





The Fast of Esther

The Fast of Esther is traditionally held on the 13th of Adar. However, because the 13th falls on Shabbat this year, we will observe the Fast on Thursday, the 11th of Adar, **February 21**, so there is no conflict with our preparation for, or observance of, Shabbat.

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 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.

What is Purim?

More than 23 centuries ago, when the Persian Empire dominated the civilized world, an evil chamberlain, Haman, devised a diabolic plot to annihilate the Jewish people. But on the 13th day of the month of Adar, our people were delivered from the wicked Haman's decree. Each year on Purim, we celebrate our victory amid feasting and merriment. Purim is not only our most joyous festival, it is also a day of great significance — a day whose lessons remain relevant for all times.

At first reading, the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) which recounts the miracle of Purim, seems more like an epic tale of espionage and suspense than Sacred Scripture. In fact, throughout this carefully woven story of evil ambition and palace intrigue, we do not find the name of God mentioned, even once! Yet, within the intricate details of the Megillah, we can detect the unmistakable hand of Divine Providence. The closer we look into the events of man, the more we discover that every "coincidence," every seemingly insignificant event, is precisely arranged by the hand of the Almighty.

When Haman denounced the Jewish people to King Ahashuerus, he argued that "there is one people, dispersed, and divided among the nations . . . and their laws are different from those of any other people." What Haman did not realize, however, was that his very "accusation" held the key to our redemption and ultimate victory over his evil plan. We are "the people" and by strengthening our unity and adhering to the Torah and mitzvot, we survive and flourish. Enemies may arise in every generation to attack and destroy us, but when we affirm our unique heritage and hold fast to our essential character as Jews, we will always prevail.

Mordecai, the Jewish leader of his time, succeeded in uniting his people to defeat Haman. The Megillah tells us that he "did not bend his knee, nor bow down." He refused to compromise the eternal values of the Torah, even at the risk of his life. The lesson to us is clear: Only through closer adherence to our sacred heritage can we ensure our own survival. Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of Adar, or in the case of a leap year, the 14th day of Adar II. This year, Purim falls on the evening of **February 23 - 24**.

Purim Observances

Taanit Esther - Fast of Esther

On the day before Purim (Adar 13), we fast to commemorate Esther's fasting before she went to plead with the king for her people.

K'riat Hamegillah - Reading of the Scroll of Esther (Adar 14, both evening and morning) Women have a sacred obligation to attend.

Shalach Manot - Sending of Choice Portions
At least two portions to friends. This expresses our national solidarity in the face of persecution.

Matanot La'Evyonim - Gifts to the Poor
Gifts of money and food to at least two poor persons. "The memory of past suffering should sensitize us to the needs of others, particularly the poor." — Rabbi Irving Greenberg (Contributions may be made to any Synagogue fund.)

Seudat Purim - Purim Festive Meal
A joyous celebration of thanksgiving for the deliverance wrought for our people.

Machatzit Hashekel - On Purim night, those over the age of 20 give three half-dollars to commemorate the half-shekel given in ancient times to the Temple.



**See enclosed flyer for more
information about
CAI's Purim Celebration
and Se'udah
February 23 & 24**

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read
Torah and Haftorah in
October and November 2012)

Marlene Abraham
Sarah Artzi
Eliot Barron
David Ben-Asher
Halle Ben-Asher
Miriam Blum
Sarah Cassius
Ellis Friedman
Jami Gan
Dilyn Grabell
Jylian Grabell
Sydney Grabell
Margo Gray
Richard Green
Ben Haffey
Barry Hirsch
Mike Jacobson
Lisa Jurkowitz
Monique Kornell
Shaun Kozolchik
Natalie Leonard
Eshed Ozeri
Noah Pensak
Phil Pepper
Joy Peskin-Owens
David Polan
Helen Rib
Ann Rush
Steve Seltzer
Andrea Shatken
Jacob Spier
Jeffrey Spier
Alan Strauss
Simon Wilson
Gary Windham
Arthur Zoref



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

Dorit Adler
Austin Agron
MeMe Aguila
Murray Baker
Jerry Barkan
Betty & Rev. Nachman Berkowitz
Liliane Blumenberg
Phyllis & Merrill Broad
Barbara & Mel Brodie
Jillian Cassius
Lee Chutkow
Shiffy & Bob Cohen
Terri Cohen
Dennis Dawson
Valorie & Andrew Douglas
Kenneth Dubrinsky
Rosie Eilat-Kahn
Debby Eisen
Joan Epstein
Judy Esbit
Deena Falkow
Neneng Fassler
Hedy Feuer
Enid & Irwin Freedman
Marlyne Freedman
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman
Madeline Friedman
Jim Frisch
Jami Gan
Rayna & John Gellman
Vivien & Jacques Gerstenfeld

Marvin Glassberg
Ruth Goldin
Sherman Goldstein
Margo Gray
Brina Grusin
Michael Heisler
Eleanor Jeck
Dan Jurkowitz
Harvey Jurkowitz
Aurora & Eugene Kellogg
Steve Ketchel
Jane Klein
Ruth Kolker
Sallie & Mort Kranitz
Nancy Krouse
Della Kwasman
Aaron Leonard
Sheryl & Mark Levine
Jerry Levy
Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein
Margot Marx
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Trenty & Michael Mendel
Pamela & Stuart Mendel
Arnold Merin
Gail Mordka
Dawn Moriarty
Gail & Marc Offenhartz
Rabbi Arthur Oleisky
Bea Paulus
Rina Paz

Joy Peskin-Owens
Jane Poliakoff
Stephanie Roberts
Abby Rosen
Ann Rush
Laura Sagerman
Patti Salonic
Judy & Charles Schultz
Howard Schwartz
Esther Sherberg
Evelyn Sigafus
Michelle Sigafus
Linda Silverman
Steve Sim
Karen & Howard Skolnik
Ruth & Arthur Solomon
Herman Stein
Carol & Al Stern
Ole Thienhaus
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Carol Wells
Arthur Weinenger
Naomi & Tamir Weiner
Téa Weiner
Yoni Weiner
Jerry Wolf
Joanne Wolf
Phyllis Wolf
Robert Wolk
Sam Wolsky
Arthur Zoref

Member Survey



Congregation Anshei Israel's Synagogue Life Council (SLC) has designed a brief survey in support of our mission to review, develop and implement programs and initiatives meeting the ritual, social and educational needs of the congregation.

This survey, intended for all adult CAI members, will require approximately 10 minutes of your time, and provides feedback opportunities regarding several aspects of congregational life.

The survey will be conducted online; a link to the survey will be sent via e-mail on January 7, so watch your inbox! Congregants who prefer to fill out a hard copy of the survey will have the option of picking up a copy in the Administrative Office, beginning January 7.

Todah Rabah — thanks in advance for your participation! Your feedback and interest in CAI strengthens our congregation and helps the SLC to better serve you!

**Gary Windham,
SLC Survey Chair**

C A T C H I N G U P . . .

Latkes & Vodkas • December 1, 2012

More than 150 people enjoyed "Latkes & Vodkas," an adult Hanukkah party. With five different martinis and a variety of gourmet latkes and toppings to sample, bellies were filled and spirits were high! A live jazz band and raffle prizes rounded out the evening and fun was had by all.



(l. to r.)
Gary Tenen, Carol
Wells & Tidi Ozeri



Trudy & Howard Schwartz

(r.) Brittany Neumaier made more than
100 dozen (appetizer size) latkes for
the event.



Ellis Friedman & Irene
Stern Friedman



(l. to r.) Sarah Schultz, Laura Sagerman &
Paul Sagerman



(l. to r.) Tracy Jeck,
Debby Eisen &
Linda Roy



(l. to r.) Elayne Feder, Steve Seltzer & Jerry Feder

Social Action

The Community Food Bank is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to relieving hunger in our community. On November 13, 2012, Hedy Feuer, Margo Gray, Peggy Langert, Richard Langert, Jane Poliakoff, Andrea Shatken, Stuart Shatken and Lee Surwit gathered there to sort canned and dry goods. We were such an efficient and jolly group, that we soon finished the first task given to us and were given 3000 lbs. of potatoes to package! A special "Todah Rabah" to all who participated.

CAI is continuing to participate in Project Hospitality to feed and house the homeless during the winter months. We only have one more night (Monday, Jan. 7), so please contact us if you can help.

We also need donations of new men's socks, undershirts (size L or XL), disposable razors and deodorant. Please bring items to the marked box in the administrative office lobby.

Thank you all for your generous support of our Social Action Projects.

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Social Action Committee Co-chairs



Scholar-in-Residence
January 11 - 12
PROFESSOR ROBERT EISEN

Robert Eisen, Professor of Religion and Director of Judaic Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Prof. Eisen's areas of interest include medieval and modern Jewish philosophy, biblical interpretation, Jewish ethics, and comparative religion. Prof. Eisen's visit will include Shabbat dinner on Friday and presentations both days.

See enclosed flyer for more information.
RSVP Deadline: Jan. 7

7TH ANNUAL
Mah Jongg
Tournament



Sunday, January 20
9:30am - 3:30pm

See enclosed flyer for details
& registration form.
Registration Deadline: Jan. 14



Tu B'Shevat Seder
Saturday, January 26

Celebrate the "new year" for trees!
Includes dairy dinner.

See enclosed flyer for more information.
RSVP Deadline: Jan. 20

~ ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL ~

"Purim Oddities
and
Curiosities"

Wednesdays,
February 6, 13 & 20
7:00-9:00pm



Learn more than you thought you'd ever
want to know about Purim!
with Rabbis Eisen & Herman

See enclosed flyer for more information.
RSVP Deadline: Feb. 1

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Programs broadcast live via satellite

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FREE live broadcast from New York's 92nd Street Y
of select lectures featuring newsmakers,
political figures, opinion-shapers and authors.

Join us: Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:15PM
The Lemba Jews of Zimbabwe

A member of Zimbabwe's Lemba Jewish community, Modreck Zvakavapano, will speak about how the Lemba community has remained in relative secrecy and isolated from other Jews for generations, while managing to follow Jewish practices devoutly according to their oral tradition.



PURIM CELEBRATION
& SE'UDAH

February 23 - 24

See enclosed flyer for more information.
RSVP Deadline: Feb. 20

~ Save the Date ~



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Women's League

"Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, January 7 and February 4 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/. Click on "Study Materials" for each date listed above and print. No charge to attend; bring your own dairy lunch; beverages provided. For more information, call Helen Rib at 299-0340.

An 8-week session of "Gentle Yoga Plus" will be held **Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am, January 9 thru February 27**. The class focuses on increased balance, strength and flexibility. Meditation and deep relaxation at end of class leaves participants with positive healing energy and uplifted spirits. Members of Women's League \$48; non-members \$64. For more information, call Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.

Please join us on **Saturday, January 19 at 9:00am** as members of CAI's women's group lead the Shabbat morning service and sponsor the kiddush. For more information, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com

Mah Jongg cards for 2013 are being sold by Judy Fishman to benefit CAI's Women's League. Order deadline: Jan. 25 (\$7 standard size; \$8 large). For more information, call Judy at 722-8562.



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

Our next meeting will be held **Sunday, January 13 at 9:30am**. Our guest speaker is Dr.

Mitchell Sokoloff, Professor of Surgery and Chief of Urology at The University of Arizona College of Medicine. Internationally known for his contributions to the surgical treatment of prostate, kidney, and testis cancers, Dr. Sokoloff will speak about the use of robotics in treating these cancers. Open to all; includes breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4.

All men and their children of Bar or Bat Mitzvah age are invited for the annual WORLD WIDE WRAP to learn how to wear tefillin on **Sunday, February 3 at 9:30am**. Please bring your own tefillin if you own a set. A short movie about how to put on tefillin will be shown, followed by hands-on time to practice. Rabbi Robert Eisen will have a tefillin completely taken apart so everyone can see the prayers on the parchment paper. PARENTS: This will be a great opportunity for you to learn as well! Breakfast is free for Men's Club members, children and parents; guests \$4.



"Read It & Meet"

Join us for "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, January 5 at 12noon**. The book selection is *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer, with moderator Joni Belzer. *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman will be discussed at the **February 2 "RIM,"** with Norma Taylor as moderator.

"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.



HAZAK (Wisdom)

CAI's group for those 60+ is for interested and interesting seniors who like to have fun, meet new people, learn new things and socialize. You're invited to "The Chosen" at Live Theatre Workshop (5317 E. Speedway) on **Sunday February 3 at 2:00pm**. A standing-room-only hit wherever it has played, this award-winning adaptation from the award-winning novel by Chaim Potok is the story of two boys, two fathers, and two very different Jewish communities in Williamsburgh, Brooklyn, in the 1940s. CAI's Rabbi Robert Eisen will lead a post-play discussion for the audience. Only 28 seats available; \$16 per person. RSVP by Jan. 21 to Linda at 745-5550, ext. 222. (Make checks payable to CAI.)



Yachad

YACHAD (Together)

This group for those 22- to 45-years-old is about participation in a variety of activities to build relationships with each other and with the synagogue. One does not need to be a member of CAI to be a part of YACHAD. Past events have included hikes, a special Yom Kippur Break-Fast, Shabbat dinners, paintball, and helping with social action projects. Events are posted via our Facebook group and notifications will be sent via e-mail in the near future. For more information about upcoming events and how to become involved, contact Rabbi Ben Herman at 745-5550, ext. 228 or eddiretor@caiaz.org



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Celebrating Becoming a B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Jacob Samuel Cotton February 2

Jacob is the son of Leah & Don Cotton; the grandson of Jane & Harry Kirshenbaum, Earnest Cotton and the late Clasina Cotton; and brother to Edie. Jacob's Bar Mitzvah project involves raising funds for Casa de los Ninos. A student at Doolen Middle School, Jacob's interests include chess and ultimate frisbee.



Rylan Kate Pugliese February 9

Rylan is the daughter of Amy & Ken Pugliese; the granddaughter of Jan & Mickey Dowling, Loretta Pugliese and the late Ralph Pugliese; the great-granddaughter of Betty Sue Dowling; and sister to Logan and Cailan. Rylan's Bat Mitzvah project involves raising funds for Andrea's Closet and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. A student at Magee Middle School, Rylan's interests include reading, soccer and playing the trumpet.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR

- PK Classes resume • Monday, Jan. 7
- Kindergarten Open House for 2013-14 • Wed., Jan. 16
- Parent/Tot Class • Thursday, Jan. 17, 10:00am
- Libby Quinn of "Sign with Baby Language"
- No School • Jan. 21 (MLK Jr. Day)
- "Mom & Me" Breakfast • Friday, Feb. 1
- Early Dismissal 12noon
- No School • Feb. 21 -22 (Rodeo)
- Purim Celebration & Se'udah • Sunday, Feb. 24
- PK Purim Celebration • Monday, Feb. 25

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Thanks are due to Judy Esbit and Fay Green for helping with the 6th-8th Grade Service & Shabbat Dinner held in October; Fay Green, Lisa Jurkowitz and Nancy Krouse for helping with the 3rd-5th Grade Service & Shabbat Dinner held in November; Fay Green, Amy Pugliese and Hyla Windham for helping make Hanukkah cookies; and Joy Peskin-Owens for helping with the candle-making art project.

Religious School and THA families are encouraged to join us for our **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Service & Shabbat Dinner** on **Friday, January 25 at 5:45pm**. The children will lead the parts of the service with their grade, including Hebrew songs, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. Watch your mail for more information.

CALENDAR

- Religious School Classes resume • Sunday, Jan. 6
- Shabbat Family Experience • Saturday, Jan. 12
- No School • Jan. 20-21 (MLK Jr. weekend)
- K-2nd Grade Shabbat Service & Dinner • Friday, Jan. 25
- B'nai Mitzvah Class & Family Dinner • Monday, Feb. 4
- Shabbat Family Experience • Saturday, Feb. 9
- Purim Celebration & Se'udah • Sunday, Feb. 24

Hanukkah Family Workshop • Dec. 9, 2012



Approximately 50 families (about 100 people) attended the Hanukkah Family Workshop featuring singing; art projects (making candles & Hebrew calligraphy); learning stations (symbolism of Hanukkah & decorating cookies); dreidel playing and putting on a play. Older students mentored the younger kids.



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.



Annalise Marie Cotton
Born September 20
Annalise is the granddaughter of Leah & Don Cotton.



Rochell Fridrich
Born October 23
Rochell is the granddaughter of Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich.

Blake Aliyah Herzon
Born November 7

Blake is the grand-daughter of Eileen Barkan-Riley & Michael Riley.

Elliana Madelyn Levkowitz & Samantha Jordyn Levkowitz
Born August 31

Elliana & Samantha are the granddaughters of Anita & Danny Levkowitz and the great-granddaughters of Barbara Levkowitz.

Asher Grayson Morris
Born November 10

Asher is the son of Nicole & Ken Morris, brother to Chloe Morris, the grandson of Jill Ives & Jay Zuckerman and the great-grandson of Enid & Mel Zuckerman.

Isabella Aliyah Ranucci
Born October 24

Isabella is the granddaughter of Jill & Daniel Ranucci.



Michael Alexander Sakoff
Born November 1
Michael is the great-grandson of Betty & Stanley Scott.

January Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Michelle & Howard Horne	40
Beth & Alan Strauss	17
11 Sandra & Gerald Ross	54
12 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	26
13 Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	11
15 Marianne & Allen Langer	29
21 Sallie & Morton Kranitz	50
23 Jane & Jonathan Klein	42
28 Shiffy & Bob Cohen	62
30 Yael & Shlomo Neuman	48

February Anniversaries

Date	Years
11 Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	34
Randi & Larry Berkson	29
Enid & Irwin Freedman	63
Ruth & Marvin Hoffman	58
Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn	19
14 Judith & Jerome Weiss	48
16 Hyla & Gary Windham	10
17 Janis & Daniel Gasch	28
Alla & Howard Steinberg	5
19 Betty & Stanley Scott	52
20 Madeline & Barry Friedman	30
25 Anita & Danny Levkowitz	35

Mazal Tov!

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The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

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*Our condolences to these members who mourn
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Eric Flank - his father, Lipa Flank

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the mourning process is something that is awfully
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Please call Norma Karp at 299-3382.

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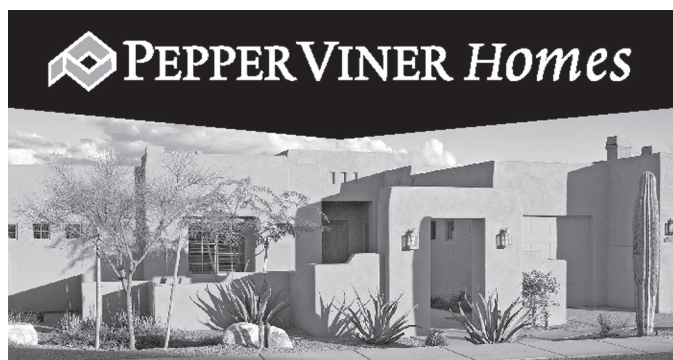
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