

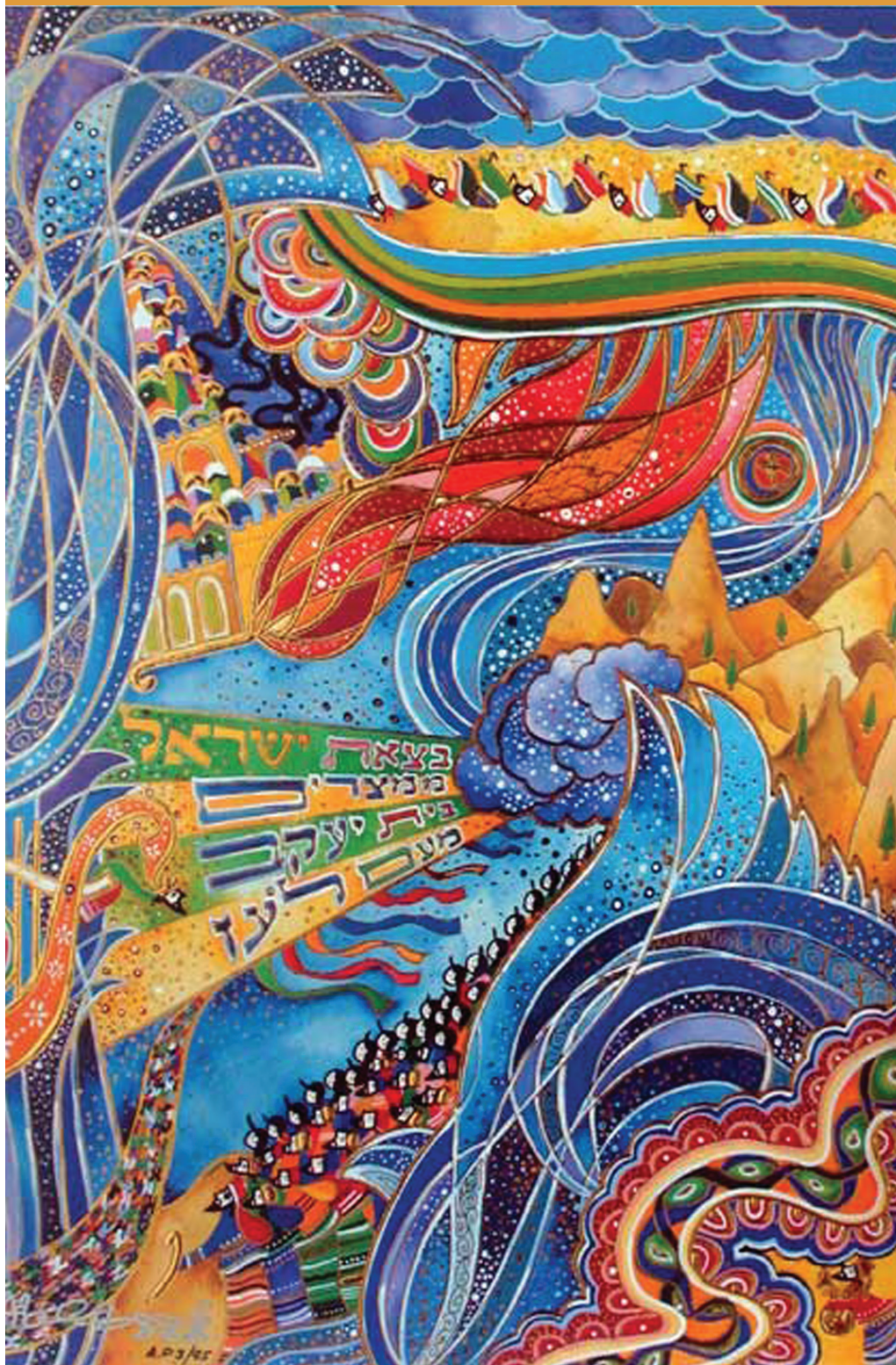


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PASSOVER
to all.**

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~ Shalom ~



Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Robert Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service with stories and songs **the first Friday of the month at 5:45pm** on the Bimah in the sanctuary (**March 1 and April 5**). A kid-friendly Shabbat **dinner follows 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. On **March 1**, we'll also enjoy a musical presentation by the children of CAI's preschool/kindergarten as part of their annual schoolwide Shabbat.

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!

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 (**March 15 and April 19**), 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 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! On **April 19**, we'll also share Shabbat dinner. See page 7 for details.

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 (**March 16 and April 20**), **10:30 - 11:30am** in the Epstein Chapel.

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 8. During the 9:00 am Shabbat service on **Saturday, April 6**, 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 13 at 9:00am** 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."

Special Sabbaths

SHABBAT PARAH (March 1-2, 2013)

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 8-9, 2013)

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 22-23, 2013)

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.



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 December 2012 and January 2013. *Todah rabah!*

Murray Baker
Betty Berkowitz
Phyllis & Merrill Broad
Barbara & Mel Brodie
Shiffy & Bob Cohen
Terri Cohen
Lee Chutkow
Lew Crane
Dennis Dawson
Judy & Ted Direnfeld
Kenneth Dubrinsky
Emily & Max Ellentuck
Deena Falkow
Lynne Falkow-Strauss
Neneng Fassler
Sam Feldman
Alex Fisher
Elijah Fisher
Judy Fishman
Eric Flank
Enid & Wynn Freedman
Irene Stern Friedman &
Ellis Friedman
Madeline Friedman
Jean & Marvin Glassberg
Sara Goldsen
Sherman Goldstein
Margo & Ron Gray
Barry Hirsch
Gloria Hirsch
Sarah & Marty Johnston
Aurora Kellogg
Jane & Jon Klein
Joan Kleinerman
Ruth Kolker
Sallie Kranitz
Anne Landesco

Jerry Levy
Ariyah Mandel
Jeff Mandel
Ron Mandel
Rona Mandel
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Michael Mendel
Pamela & Stuart Mendel
Arnold Merin
Gail Mordka
Judith Mussman
Gail & Marc Offenhartz
Rabbi Arthur Oleisky
Bea Paulus
Rina Paz
Joy Peskin
Ira Prenskey
Jill Ranucci
Stephanie Roberts
Sara & Bob Ross
Ann Rush
Patti Salonic
Trudy Schwartz
Evelyn Sigafus
Michelle Sigafus
Linda & Shelby Silverman
Steve Sim
Karen & Howard Skolnik
Arthur Solomon
Carol Sumner
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Art Weinenger
Carol Wells
Robert Wolk
Arthur Zoref



Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and
Haftorah in December 2012
and January 2013)

Marlene Abraham
Eliot Barron
Rev. Nachman Berkowitz
Miriam Blum
Benjamin Deitch
Rayna Gellman
Margo Gray
Jonathan Green
Richard Green
Mike Jacobson
Lisa Jurkowitz
Monique Kornell
Jenna Langert
Natalie Leonard
Leah Mann
Alexis McKinstry
Nancy Ozeri
Noah Pensak
Joy Peskin-Owens
Helen Rib
Evan Rich
Sandra Rothschild
Ann Rush
Leonard Schultz
Steve Seltzer
Andrea Shatken
Bernie Silverman
Bennett Silverman
Max Silverman
Alan Strauss
Theresa Theinhaus
Gary Windham
Arthur Zoref

Interfaith Families Warmly Welcomed



Congregation Anshei Israel welcomes all who seek the spiritual comfort found within our sacred community. We warmly welcome interfaith families and encourage them to participate in as much synagogue life as they choose within the framework of Conservative Judaism. For more information, you may pick up a brochure on the topic at the Shalom Cart and at the front desk in the administrative office. It is also accessible at www.caiaz.org/resources as part of CAI's "Myths Vs. Facts" program.

At our December 30, 2012, Blood Donor Drive, we collected 32 units of blood, the second highest total during the eight years we have sponsored drives! This was the first Blood Drive at CAI for 12 donors; three who gave previously in other countries, two CAI employees, and two new volunteers. In all, nine volunteers and 37 donors (some people did both!) made it a huge success. Barbara Mannlein, volunteer and donor, and Thomas Reilly, loyal repeat donor, each won a \$25 gift certificate to Bistro 44 restaurant. Together we saved lives: *pikuach nefesh*. Save the date of June 9 for our next Blood Donor Drive.



Margo Gray, Blood Drive Chair
Ron Karp and Wally Marcus, Committee Members



Thank you to all those who responded to our recent membership survey. Your feedback and interest in CAI strengthens our congregation and helps the Synagogue Life Council better serve you! We are analyzing the results.

Gary Windham, SLC Survey Chair

We are beginning a project to update the Rackoff/Weisman Library. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Sumner at 529-1813 or Bob Cohen at 320-5494.



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



A collaborative program funded by a grant from the JFSA Task Force on Services for Jewish Seniors and Adults with Disabilities offers transportation for Jewish seniors and for adults with disabilities. The goal is to open our doors to all Jewish seniors or adults with disabilities who are unable to drive — either affiliated or unaffiliated — who wish to be more active and take part in Jewish ritual, learning and social programs where they can connect with others in the greater Jewish community. The "shared ride" transportation is provided by Handicar of Tucson, which has the ability to transport wheelchair riders as well as those who do not require a lift vehicle. **To schedule a ride, call Sheryl at 449-1454.**

The members of CAI's 2013 Board of Trustees Nominating Committee are: Dani Bregman, Brina Grusin, Jane Kivel, Mary Marcus, Dawn Moriarty, Vicki Pepper, Howard Schwartz and myself as chair. The 82nd Annual Meeting at which the Board of Trustees will be elected is scheduled for May 20. The proposed slate will be sent to the congregation no later than April 22.



Ron Meyerson, Nominating Committee Chair

Shared Values, A Shared Bond

In pro-Israel circles, we often hear that Israel is a unique sanctuary of democracy, freedom and pluralism in the Middle East, protecting its citizens' rights while upholding the progressive values it shares with America. When Israelis went to the polls in late January, they proved that this is indeed the case.

The newly elected parliament, Israel's 19th Knesset, consists of 120 members who reflect a wide range of points of view and includes Israelis from all walks of life: Jews, Christians and Muslim Arabs and Druze. The vote was universal, countrywide, secret, and proportional.

Such open and free elections are a hallmark of the Jewish state and one of the many common features that the United States and Israel share. Commitment to democracy, the rule of law, freedom of religion and speech and human rights are all core values of both countries.

Both nations were founded by refugees seeking political and religious freedom. Both were forced to fight for independence against foreign powers. Both have absorbed waves of immigrants seeking political freedom and economic well-being. And both have evolved into democracies that respect the rule of law, the will of voters and the rights of minorities. Like the United States, Israel has an independent judicial system, which protects the rights of individuals and operates under the principle of "innocent until proven guilty."

At a time when our country faces historic challenges, including increasing global threats and turmoil in the Middle East, the unique bond between the United States and Israel is more essential than ever. Close strategic, economic, political and diplomatic ties between the countries further U.S. interests, promote regional peace and enhance the security of both nations.

Moreover, bilateral ties in trade and technology launched in the 1970s and cemented in the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement of 1985 have yielded groundbreaking advances and joint economic growth for the two allies. The American and Israeli governments, as well as private business ventures in both countries, are partnering to promote new energy solutions and ensure our long-term energy security.

The military partnership between the United States and Israel has also helped both countries keep its soldiers safe, strengthen its military and protect its homeland. And Israel is working with U.S. government and private entities to develop technologies and equipment aimed at thwarting terrorism and safeguarding citizens from both nations.

Rooted in these shared values is the bond between two nations that are working together to make the world a better, cleaner, and more secure place.



Have you
fulfilled
your
mitzvah?

MITZVAH 613

Congregation Anshei Israel has commissioned the creation of a new Torah as part of a year-long celebration of its 83rd anniversary. A kick-off event, MITZVAH 613 TORAH FAIR, was held on Sunday, December 16, 2012, to allow all to participate in the fulfillment of the 613 Commandment by sharing with others in the creation of a new Torah. Our Israeli scribe, Zerach Greenfield, demonstrated the writing of a Torah and answered questions.

One of the spiritual duties of Judaism is that each Jew, in his or her lifetime, write a Torah in order to preserve the heritage of our ancestors. Since this is probably impractical for most individuals, the Talmud allows us to fulfill the mitzvah by sharing with others in the creation of a new Torah. Our MITZVAH 613 Torah Project is an opportunity to participate in a great mitzvah!

A list of Dedication Opportunities is available at the front desk in the administrative office and as a PDF at www.caiaz.org/home/mitzvah-613 so that you and your family can be a part of this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime event. The dedications listed provide a variety of opportunities to honor or memorialize in perpetuity Jewish life-cycle events such as a birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, special birthday, wedding and anniversary, special achievement/honor, or the loss of a loved one.

Should you need guidance for you or your family to help select an appropriate and meaningful dedication, please contact Michelle at clergysecretary@caiaz.org or call her at 745-5550, ext. 225.

All dedications will be published in a MITZVAH 613 Commemorative Book that will become a part of our congregation's history.

Other celebratory events will be held throughout the year, with a Torah Project Siyum to be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013, to showcase the completion of the new Torah.

See special insert for
dedications so far!

SHHHH!

A SPEAKEASY!

Saturday, March 9

Congregation Anshei Israel

5550 E. Fifth Street, Tucson, AZ 85711, 520-745-5550

(use the side door, knock three times, tell 'em Bugsy sent you)

A fundraiser to benefit Anshei Israel's Youth Education Programs (if you know what I mean...)

- **Jazz** (featuring soloist Arlette Wills and Piano-Man Mark Wills)
- **Gambling** (until we get raided)
- **"Hooch"** (from Tucson's finest bathtubs...)
- **Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts & Full Bar**
- **Silent Auction** - spa, golf and travel packages, jewelry, (don't worry about it... none of it's "hot") luggage, restaurant vouchers

Dress in 30's garb
(cash prize for
best costume).

(tommy guns must be
checked at the door)

Only those "in the know" can attend ...

RSVP by March 4 • 745-5550 • www.caiaz.org



Fun-Raiser X Night!

Sunday, March 24
5:00-8:00 pm
6202 E. Broadway

Where are you taking your family for your last bit of *hametz* before Passover?

Sweet Tomatoes donates 15% of sales generated when diners present the special flyer enclosed in this issue of *Kolenu*.

Each flyer is good for everyone in your party ...
See you there!

PASSOVER 5773

See special pullout for everything you need to know about Passover at CAI.



Please join us for a special musical program to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day)

Tuesday, April 16, 5:00-5:30pm in the sanctuary. The assembly will feature CAI's Adult Choir and Religious School Youth Choir, directed by cantorial soloist Nichole Chorny. The choirs will each sing uplifting Israeli pieces to celebrate this special time of year. There will also be an Israeli sing-a-long. Everyone is welcome!

"Shir Hadash: A New Song"

Friday, April 19

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 chicken Shabbat dinner with sides and dessert. Vegetarian option available.

EARLY BIRD PRICING:

CAI members: adults \$12, children \$8
Guests: adults \$16, children \$10.

RSVP by Apr. 12 or add \$4 per person.
Visit www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550

Please join us on our patio
Saturday, April 6 at 8:00pm
for **SALSA,**
SANGRIA
AND
SUNSET

Enjoy a sampling of salsas and sangrias while we share the pleasure of each other's company.

\$18 per person.
RSVP by Apr. 4
Visit www.caiaz.org
or call 745-5550

Presented by CAI's Congregational Engagement Task Force

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Thursday, April 25, 5:00PM

in Cantor Falkow Lounge

Elie Wiesel:

Jeremiah and His Lamentations

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from Elie Wiesel, founder of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and Nobel Laureate. Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council from 1980-86, he also serves on numerous boards of trustees and advisors.

Lecture 60-75 min. w/o audience Q & A.

CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS

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1948



Women's League

"Women's Study Group" continues on **Mondays, March 4 and April 8 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 new 8-week session of "Gentle Yoga Plus" will be held **Wednesdays, March 6 & 13; April 3, 10, 17 & 24; and May 1 & 8**. 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 **Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00pm** for another great "Lunch & Lecture." Guest speaker and local author Naomi Benaron will discuss her best-selling book, *Running the Rift*, the story of a Tutsi youth who dreams of becoming an Olympic runner and whose life (and the lives of everyone he loves) is broken apart by the genocidal mayhem that erupts in his home country. Includes lunch of vegetable lasagna, salad & dessert. All are welcome! Women's League and Men's Club members \$10; guests \$12. Reservations due by Mar. 8. For more information and to RSVP, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

You should have already received your entry for the annual Men's Club Raffle. The drawing will be held March 6 and winners will be notified shortly after.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 10 at 9:30am**. Guest speaker Jim DeGrood, Transportation Services Director of the Regional Transportation Authority with the Pima Association of Governments will present, "Transportation Plans for Tucson's Future." Open to all; includes breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4.

Everyone is invited on **Saturday, March 16 at 5:30pm** for Men's Club Shabbat in the Epstein Chapel as members of Men's Club will help daven Shabbat Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdallah Services. We ask that all current and potential Men's Club members participate. Men's Club is also sponsoring the Third Meal that evening.

We need your help March 11-22 to prepare the Yom HaShoah yellow candles for mailing. Please call Mark Levine at 548-5471 with your availability. Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is April 8, with yellow candle lighting on April 7.

We have a meeting scheduled for **April 21 at 9:30am**, with guest speaker to be determined.



"Read It & Meet"

Join us for "Read It and Meet" on **Saturday, March 2 at 12noon**. The book selection is *The Arrogant Years* by Lucette Lagnado, with moderator Shirley Rosenberg. *Not Me* by Michael Lavigne will be discussed at the **April 6 "RIM,"** with Vicki Kaufman as moderator. *A Convenient Hatred* by Phyllis Goldstein will be discussed at the **May 4 "RIM,"** with Klara Swimmer 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)

All those 60+ are invited **Thursday, March 7 at 3:00pm** to experience "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Library, 1501 N. Campbell (enter thru UMC main doors). The exhibit traces the history of the early 20th-century international eugenics movement to the Nazi regime's "science of race" and was produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. No charge; docent-led. Free valet parking with handicapped parking permit.

On **Thursday, March 21 at 2:00pm**, we'll be attending the Arizona Theatre Company's production of Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" at The Temple of Music and Art (330 S. Scott Ave.). In this comic masterpiece about growing old, comedy partners struggle with reconciliation, grudges and resentment. ONLY 20 tickets available! \$30 per person. RSVP by March 19 to Linda at 745-5550, ext. 222. Don't miss it!

HAZAK is CAI's group for those 60+ 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



YACHAD (Together)

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm** at Rabbi Herman's home for "Bread, Beer & Board Games," some last minute hametz (pizza and beer) prior to Passover, as well as some great board games!

Share a picnic lunch and an ultimate Frisbee tournament at our Lag B'Omer Picnic on **Sunday, April 28 at 12:30pm** at Reid Park, Country Club/22nd St. Lag B'Omer is traditionally a joyous day and we hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon!

CAI's 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. For more information about upcoming events and how to become involved, contact Rabbi Ben Herman at 745-5550, ext. 228 or eddirector@caiaz.org

Celebrating Becoming a B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Yonatan Eliezer Weiner March 2

Yoni is the son of Naomi & Tamir Weiner; the grandson of Liliane Blumenberg & the late Alexander Blumenberg, Betty Weiner & the late Ira Weiner; and brother to Téa, Elana and Joshua. Yoni's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering at the Community Food Bank. A student at St. Gregory's College Preparatory School, Yoni's interests include games and playing the flute.



Sophia Morgan Isaac April 20

Sophia is the daughter of Nina & Andrew Isaac; the granddaughter of Sharon & Seth Weintraub and the late Frances Sydney, Barbara & Chuck Isaac; the great-granddaughter of Lillian Mendelson; and sister to Liliana and Olivia. Sophia's Bat Mitzvah project involves raising funds for In the Arms of Angels Animal Rescue. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Sophia's interests include reading, cooking, dogs and babies.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Join Religious School and Tucson Hebrew Academy families at **10:30am on Saturday, March 9** for Shabbat Family Experience, a spirit-filled service featuring a play and a discussion of the weekly Torah portion.



The entire family is welcome to join us for a Passover Workshop on **Sunday, March 17, 9:00am - 12:00pm**, a fun-filled day of learning. Make matzah, a matzah cover or Seder plate, go on a Haggadah Scavenger Hunt, play Passover trivia games and attend a Model Seder. Passover goodies will be served. Shomrim and Gan Yeladim preschool families are invited, too!

Our 3rd Graders will lead the Friday night service and will share insights on their meaningful Jewish experiences at our Kabbalat Siddur **Friday, April 12 at 5:45pm**. Each student will be presented with a Siddur (prayerbook), as well as a certificate for formally beginning their Hebrew studies. The service will be followed by a festive Shabbat dinner.

Join Congregations Anshei Israel and Or Chadash **Sunday, April 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm** for a Yom Ha'atzmaut Maccabiah, an Israeli-themed day of Religious School, held here in Rabbi Breger Hall. The event will include trivia, Israeli sports, dance and art. Israeli food will be served.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Passover Break • Mar. 25 - Apr. 2 No School

B'nai Mitzvah Class & Family Dinner • Monday, Apr. 15

5th & 6th Grade Field Trip to Geniza • Sunday, Apr. 21



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR

"Meaning Business without Being Mean"

Love & Logic Workshop

Thursdays, Mar. 7, 14 & 21, 7:00pm

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Cameron James Hutto Born November 9

Cameron is the great-grandson of Valentina & David Rubinstein.



Adam Richard Cohn
Born December 19
Adam is the son of Elizabeth & Jeremy Cohn.



Violet Louise Vickers
Born January 3
Violet is the granddaughter of Jane Poliakoff.



Claudia Lynn Watkins
Born February 6
Claudia is the granddaughter of Barbara & Michael Schoenhals.

March Anniversaries

Date	Years
4 Jennifer & Seth Fox	8
Laurie & Jacob Klein	7
5 Ofelia & Simon Fried	32
Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	46
9 Jennifer & Darren Lehrfeld	17
Nancy & Richard Weiss	28
14 Marylou & Norman Feiger	20
Michelle & Brent Sigafus	14
15 Eileen Barkan-Riley & Michael Riley	27
21 Valorie & Douglas Douglas	4
Irene & Scott Glass	4
Sarah & Marty Johnston	3
Shelly & Les Silberman	28
25 Dani & Phil Bregman	12
26 Bunny & Don Simon	58
27 Stacey & Zach Singer	2
28 Tara & Todd Rathner	14
Judith & Scott Esbit	21
30 Sarah & Leonard Schultz	44

April Anniversaries

Date	Years
2 Norma & Ron Karp	47
7 Rosalyn & Edgar Katzenberg	67
7 Marilyn Peskin-Kaufman & Paul Kaufman	31
9 Melissa & Tedd Goldfinger	13
18 Amy & Ken Pugliese	15
21 Louise & Gerald Epstein	22
26 Phyllis Simon & Roy Karon	11
28 Barbara & Peter Danes	11
Robin Memel Fox & Randy Fox	12
29 Ellen Eichler-Grabell & Lawrence Grabell	18
29 Leah & Steven Simmers	13
30 Sharon & David Meyerson	6



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to Craig Smith

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Daughter of Steve Wool
Granddaughter of Nancy Present
to Ethan Bernstein

Wedding

Raquel Litin

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המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Rev. Lawrence Barr

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Lynn Strauss

Aileen Weisman

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

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*The Falkow, Falkow-Strauss and Strauss families offer their
sincere thanks and gratitude for the countless expressions
of condolence on the death of Bess Falkow. Her memory is
indeed a blessing to us all, as you were all indeed a blessing
to her.* — Lynne, Jack, Deena, Rick and Sheila

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
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find comfort and guidance through the opportunity
to share their "journey" with others, Congregation
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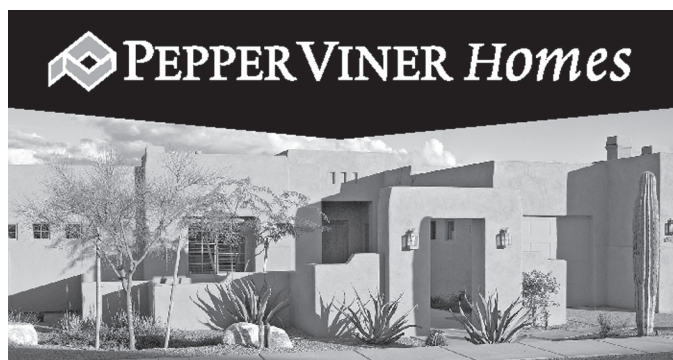
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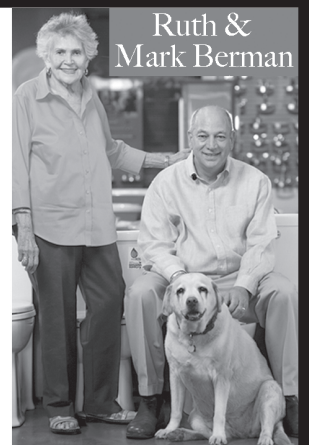
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