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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. **On November 1 and December 6**, a kid-friendly Shabbat **dinner follows at 6:15pm**. Dinner is \$25 per family (two adults and up to four children). Reservations are required for dinner only. Call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Because we love our children
and families should be together
on SHABBAT ... we offer free
babysitting on Saturdays
9:45 - 11:45am



Should your child(ren) need
a break, take them to **Room
11** for some play time, stories
and a snack.

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.

My sincere 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

Weekday

Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen, this informal study group can lead to lively discussion. Held **Wednesdays** in the Library, **11:00am to 12noon**. **NOTE: Not held December 25**. Everyone is welcome!

Shir Hadash: A New Song

On third Fridays each month (**November 15 and December 20**), we hold a special Shabbat Service at **5:45pm** in the Epstein Chapel. Led by Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist, we embrace Shabbat with "a new song," a spirited, upbeat and inclusive service with participatory singing, clapping, kid-friendly melodies and *niggunim* (wordless chants). On **November 15**, young adults (**YACHAD: Together [see page 8]**) are invited to share in a special Shabbat service exclusively for them featuring contemporary, spirit-filled melodies led by Cantorial Soloist Emily Ellentuck, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner with sides and dessert. Dinner is \$10 per person. Reservations are required for dinner only by November 11. Call Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

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 every **third Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30am** in the Epstein Chapel. Please join us on **November 16 and December 21**.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly



Drs. Karyn Kolman & Paul Araiza
& their children, Ari & Jonah

Heidi Horwitz

Susan Lee & Scott Lewis

Wendy Davita Rosen

Sarah Smolowitz

Project Isaiah Update

Todah rabah to the Anshei Israel family for your generosity in this year's High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank. Because of you, we collected more than 1200 pounds of food and \$1000+ in cash. With the Food Bank's purchasing power, they can buy approximately \$9000 in food! Thank you to everyone.

High Holy Days Appeal Task Force Update

Although we still have some follow-up work to complete as we write this article, initial indications are that we will meet our projected goal for this year's High Holy Days Appeal. We are truly grateful to all those who participated.

This year, we focused special attention on bringing in new gifts, and we are delighted to report that we have surpassed our goal of 60. Each dollar of these new gifts will be matched through the generosity of our anonymous donor.

We want to thank the very hard-working members of the High Holy Days Task Force. Together we discussed the entire Appeal process, brainstormed new ideas, and envisioned different approaches. Some of the new approaches implemented this year included the focus on new gifts, and involving more segments of our congregational family by educating Preschool/Kindergarten and Religious School students. The schools' *tzedakah* monies collected from the beginning of the school year through Sukkot were designated for the Appeal – and it was matched by an “anonymous” Rabbi. The kids got a kick out of the challenge to “break the Rabbi's bank.” This effort “brought home” the meaning of *tzedakah* for our children.

While we are very pleased with the 75 new pledges, our overall percentage of participation was slightly down over last year. Through our follow-up efforts, we are confident of achieving an equal or better participation level. We will report the “final” numbers in the next issue of *Kolenu*.

Thank you to Task Force Members: MeMe Aguila, Faye Green, Katherine Leonard, Stephanie Roberts, Judy Schultz, Barbara and Sanford Selznick, Kim Spitzer, and Lisa Ungar. A special thank you to Katherine, Aaron and Natalie Leonard for their wonderful family presentation on Kol Nidre. This year's Appeal process was truly a team effort.

Todah Rabah,
Vicki and Phil Pepper

The Tenth of Tevet Asarah B'Tevet

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Date of the fast in 5774:
December 13, 2013

Coming as it does a week after the last day of Hanukkah, the fast on the 10th 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 10th day of the 10th month, in the ninth year of his reign, (588 BCE), Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, began the siege of Jerusalem. Three years later, on the 17th of Tammuz, he broke through the city walls. The siege ended with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later, on the 9th 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 (3rd of Tishrei); Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (17th of Tammuz) and Tisha B'Av (9th 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*. We hope you will consider being there for others, as there are occasions when it is difficult to get a *Minyan*. 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 August and September 2013. *Today rabah!*

MeMe Aguila	Linda Friedman	Joshua Offenhartz
Murray Baker	Madeline Friedman	Bea Paulus
Ruth Berman	Myrna & James Frisch	Joy Peskin-Owens
Sara & Tom Borin	Jami Gan	Jack Pinnas
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Rayna & John Gellman	Marilyn Prenskey
Barbara & Mel Brodie	Vivien & Jacques Gerstenfeld	Stephanie Roberts
Shelly & Kevin Chess	Shirley Goldberg	Patti Salonic
Lee Chutkow	Hyman Goodman	Howard Schwartz
Miriam Cline	Margo & Ron Gray	Sarah Segal
Leatrice Cohen	Brina Grusin	Janet & Steve Seltzer
Shiffy & Bob Cohen	Harvey Jurkowitz	Barbara Selznick
Terri Cohen	Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	Molly Shenitzer
Dennis Dawson	Marta Ketchel	Esther Sherberg
Andrew Douglas	Jane Kivel	Linda & Shelby Silverman
Rosie Eilat-Kahn	Joan Kleinerman	Steve Sim
Emily Ellentuck	Mort Kranitz	Karen & Howard Skolnik
Joan Epstein	Katherine & Aaron Leonard	Howard Sloane
L. Elliot Farber	Mark Levine	Carol & Alvin Stern
Neneng Fassler	Jerry Levy	Earl Surwit
Hedy Feuer	Ziva Mason	Gary Tenen
Eric Flank	Levi Mendel	Moshe Toister
Cary Fishman	Pam & Stuart Mendel	Art Weinenger
Enid & Wynn Freedman	Trenty & Michael Mendel	Steven Weisman
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman	Arnold Merin	Joanne Wolf
Ellie Friedman	Hannah Meyerson	Robert Wolk
Jared Friedman	Benjamin Offenhartz	Steve Wool
	Gail & Marc Offenhartz	Arthur Zoref

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

(Those who read Torah and Haftorah in August and September 2013)

Bill Abraham	Michael Hoffman	Noah Pensak
Marlene Abraham	Devin Hulsey	Phil Pepper
Isabel Alster	Mike Jacobson	Joy Peskin-Owens
Abigail Auslander	Dan Jurkowitz	David Polan
Rebecca Auslander	Lisa Jurkowitz	Helen Rib
Rev. Nachman Berkowitz	Adina Karp	Manny Rosen
Miriam Blum	Shaun Kozolchik	Sandra Rothschild
Amanda Bressler	Carter Krouse	Leonard Schultz
Sarah Cassius	Maya Krouse	Steve Seltzer
Emily Ellentuck	Jenna Langert	Andrea Shatken
Brandon Esbit	Stanley Lehman	Linda Silverman
Simon Esbit	Natalie Leonard	Jerel Slaughter
Jami Gan	Aodhan Lyons	Jacob Spier
Rayna Gellman	Ezra Lyons	Alan Strauss
Margo Gray	Leah Mann	Moshe Toister
Richard Green	Liora Olesen	Leah Tolby
Marshall Heyman	Nancy Ozeri	Gary Windham
		Arthur Zoref

Two of a Kind

This November marks a momentous occasion for American Jews. For the first time in history Hanukkah and Thanksgiving occur at the same time. And they won’t coincide again until the year 79811!

While these two holidays may not overlap very often, in many ways they are similar celebrations. Both are commemorations of gratitude: Thanksgiving is when the Pilgrims expressed their gratefulness for the blessing of the harvest and Hanukkah is when the Maccabees rededicated the ancient Temple, thanking God for their victory over the Assyrian Greeks.

In addition, both the Pilgrims and the Maccabees wanted the same thing: to worship as they saw fit, free from religious persecution. This principle that binds the early Americans and the ancient Jews is one of the many shared values that today links the United States and Israel.

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.

These shared values are manifested today in the strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Close strategic, economic, political and diplomatic ties between the United States and Israel further U.S. interests, promote regional peace and enhance the security of both nations.

The United States and Israel work together to defeat common threats ranging from terrorism, the spread of radical Islamist ideology and nuclear and missile proliferation to narcotics, counterfeiting and cyberwarfare.

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 two nations are also working together like never before in the arenas of energy security and clean technology. 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.

As we put latkes next to the turkey on our plates this Thanksgiving, we understand that it is not just the two foods that go well together. The United States and Israel are truly two of a kind.



SIYUM HaTORAH *December 8, 2013 – 5 Tevet 5774*

There is something that I have had on my mind for almost a year now that I feel a need to say. Many of you may share the same feeling ... and if you do, I invite you to join with me, the words should be familiar:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחנינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

We give thanks to You, O Lord, Our God, for the life you have implanted within us, for the sustenance which you have invested in us, and for the opportunity this sacred occasion affords us.

I have felt an urgent need to recite that prayer for a very long time. And soon we will ... on December 8th, the 5th of Tevet ... when we welcome and embrace as our own our new Torah, commissioned in honor of our 83rd anniversary...

Our gathering that morning will truly be an historic moment in the life of our community, our congregation and for each of us as individuals. But more than history - a moment which we create to pass on to the next generation - that moment should be better understood as a gift from God ... an opportunity to fulfill an often neglected commandment through which we can draw closer to our destiny as a people. That that opportunity is ours, is not of our making, but, rather, for our making. And, that we have made it this far is a testament to how near to us God's presence can be felt.

We will have cause of celebration ... we will have reason to be proud ... we will have the incentive to laugh and cry, to shout and sing, to dance like we never danced before. And yet, even in the midst of our joy, we will need to ask a question: "Why" what makes that time so special - so different? All we will be doing is fulfilling a MITZVAH - we do that all day every day - (MAH NISHTANAH?) what makes this MITZVAH so different from all the rest?

On a simple level (the level of what is called PSHAT) what we will have done is fulfilled the last (613th of the 613) MITZVAH found in the Torah ... the MITZVAH (Deuteronomy 31:19) which commands us to:

וְעַתָּה כָּתְבוּ לָכֶם אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת וְלַמָּדָה אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל

Now therefore, write this poem for you, and teach it to the people of Israel ...

understood throughout the ages as directing each and every one of us to write for ourselves our own SEFER TORAH.

On another level, however, what we have really done is come full circle. For while this MITZVAH is the "last" MITZVAH, it is understood to be reminiscent of the first MITZVAH - the MITZVAH of P'RU U'R'VU (to be fruitful and to multiply). With the beginning of Torah we read of the creation of the world. And as God begins to define our role in that creation, so are we directed to participate in the same physical process in which God is involved - so are we to busy ourselves with the process of making order out of chaos ... so are we to inhabit the world. As we reach the end of Torah, the world has begun to take shape. The essence of the MITZVAH concerning the writing of a SEFER TORAH is that as the world is given to us, so are we to be fruitful and multiply on a spiritual level - so are we to insure that the world be inhabited not just with bodies, but, rather, with meaning and purpose - with vision and direction. The Talmud teaches us that one who teaches another Torah is as if he/she has given birth to that person ... and so as we have written this Torah, have we given birth to the possibility of the next generation - so have we established a platform for the future of this congregation.

Please plan to join us on **December 8** ... plan to dance and sing and celebrate one more chapter in our history ... plan to welcome and embrace as our own our new Torah, commissioned in honor of our 83rd anniversary.

Rabbi Robert Eisen



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

“FUN-raiser” at Golf n’ Stuff • Sept. 15, 2013



Brenda Frye and her children, Nathan and Abigail, had fun squirting people from their Blaster Boat.

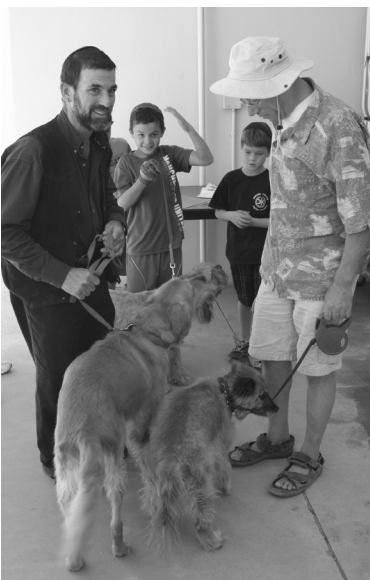


Samuel Hendricks and Schlomit Haber sped around the “Lit'l Indy” track.



The men of the Nochumson family showed off their putting skills on the “Mini Golf” course.

Blessing of the Pets • Oct. 6, 2013



Jerry Levy & his dog get acquainted with Mike Jacobson & his dog.



“We thought we were going to the vet. This is way better!”



Eye to eye with a pet bunny.



Charlotte Bregman brought her gerbil.



Lillian Kalish chatted with Judy Schneider & her service dog.

CAI's Rev. Nachman Berkowitz attended the Jewish History Museum's dedication of the Holocaust History Center on October 20. The exhibit tells the history of the Holocaust through the eyes of survivors. A survivor of a Soviet concentration camp, Rev. Berkowitz was one of several in attendance who provided testimony of his experience during the war.



Rev. Nachman Berkowitz standing below his photo (third above his head) among survivors of the Holocaust.

COMING UP . . .

PLUS: DON'T MISS THE INSERTS FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION!

"Turkey" Drive 2013 November 3 - 24

Every year, CAI collects money to purchase kosher turkeys and other support for Jewish Family & Children's Services to help enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need. Food items may be dropped off in the marked box in the administrative office lobby. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed in. Please make checks payable to CAI and note "Turkey Drive" on the check.



**Jewish Law and
Bioethics Kollel**
continuing Wednesdays,
Nov. 6 & 13 • 7:00-9:00pm

For more information, call Michelle at 745-5550,
ext. 225 or visit www.caiaz.org
Admission: Food or cash donation
for the Community Food Bank

Hanukkah is Nov. 28 - Dec. 5

1st Candle Wednesday, Nov. 27

The entire staff of Congregation Anshei Israel
wish you and yours a very Happy Hanukkah!
See insert for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL BOWLING PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 25

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Meet us at

Tucson Bowl

7020 E. 21st St. (22nd/Kolb)



Bring the family and invite your friends
to spend the afternoon "striking out"
with us ... we've got the whole place to
ourselves!

Bumpers and ramps available for the
kids. Unlimited bowling; includes shoes.
Snacks provided (beverages for sale).
\$10 per bowler, all ages.


Please RSVP by Dec. 23.

Visit www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550



Latkes & Vodkas
Saturday, December 14 • 8:00pm

ADULT "HANUKKAH" PARTY
Enjoy tastings of a variety of latkes
& vodka drinks. (Non-alcoholic drinks
available plus beer/wine cash bar.)
Dessert table w/chocolate fountain
Pianist • All those 21+ welcome!
\$18 pp thru 12/11; \$25 pp after



To RSVP call 745-5550 or visit www.caiaz.org

**"The Wisdom of Jewish Tucson" Coming
WHAT IS IT? January 22 ...**

Social Action Projects

In October, the Social Action Committee provided lunch at the Primavera Men's Shelter on Benson Highway and has been asked to do so again in November (date TBD). On December 17, we will need eight to 10 volunteers to help sort food at the Community Food Bank after their Holiday Food Drive. We'll meet at 8:30am at CAI and carpool to the Food Bank, working there until noon. On January 7, 2014, we hope to have 10 volunteers to provide and serve dinner to about 100 men at the Primavera Men's Shelter. This will be one of the larger projects we have planned and will take a coordinated effort. Remember: Everybody deserves a reprieve from the streets. Want to volunteer? Contact us!



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Jane Poliakoff, jmpoliakoff@gamil.com

Social Action Committee Co-chairs

Take out your 2014 calendars & Save the Date!
Anshei Israel's next blood drive will be Sunday, January 5,
9:00am to 2:00pm in the Cantor Falkow Lounge.
After the secular New Year, the blood supply will likely be
meager, so your participation is most appreciated.

Go ahead ... Postpone the diet & indulge yourself.
Donors and volunteers will be entered into a raffle for three
prizes: A bag of groceries worth \$35 from Trader Joe's & one
of two \$10 gift cards from Panera Bread.

Please contact me or Ron Karp, rkarp3@aol.com
We need you to be a donor OR volunteer!

Margo Gray, ronpsych@yahoo.com • 298-8831
Blood Drive Coordinator

Women's
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of giving
since
1948



Women's League

The "Women's Study Group" continues **Mondays, November 4 and December 2 at 12noon** using *The Woman's Torah Commentary* as the core for discussions led by Rabbi Robert Eisen. Portions are 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 and dessert provided. For more information, call Helen Rib at 299-0340.

SAVE THE DATE: December 11 at 12noon for another great "Lunch & Lecture." Details to follow. Watch your mail!

Mah Jongg cards for 2014 are being sold by Judy Fishman to benefit CAI's Women's League. Order deadline: January 10 (\$8 standard size; \$9 large). For more information, contact Judy at 722-8562 or magicjudy1@gmail.com

Without all our wonderful Judaica Gift Shop volunteers, the shop could not stay open! Thank you to: Betty Berkowitz, Lee Cohen, Rosie Eilat-Kahn, Sharon Farquhar, Vivien Gerstenfeld, Ron Gray, Rita Hall, Carrie Kart, Marta Katz, Joan Kleinerman, Anne Landesco, Barbara Levkowitz, Jerry Levy, Margo Marx, Deanna Massey, Molly Shenitzer, Carol Sholoff, Evelyn Sigafus, Peggy Simon, Karen Skolnik, Ruth Solomon, Irene Stern Friedman, Terrie Williams ... and our Gift Shop maven for more than 32 years, Phyllis Becker!

Three talented women, Margo Marx, Hannah Meyerson and Terrie Williams, knit and/or crochet blankets: some for children who are stillborn or premature at hospitals; others for Project Linus. Oftentimes, the women buy their own yarn; Phyllis Becker donates yarn to them... Can you help, too?



"Read It & Meet"

Join us on **Saturday, November 2** to discuss *The Lady in Gold* by Anne-Marie O'Connor, with moderator Susan Wortman. The book selection for **December 7** is *The Lawgiver* by Herman Wouk, with moderator Rabbi Robert Eisen.

"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 vickaupf@juno.com or Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102.



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

CAI Men's Club is hosting a Veterans' Day Dinner on **Sunday, November 10, 6:00pm** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge, a special "All American" meatloaf meal to honor veterans and active military. Veterans welcome at no charge; \$10 per person for spouses and guests. Reservations required with/without payment. For more information, to RSVP, or if you can help with preparation for this event, call Mark Levine at 886-8825.

Our next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be on **Sunday, November 17, 9:30am**. Guest speaker, Andy Rosen, President of the Southern Arizona Genealogy Association, will discuss finding your relatives and connecting your Jewish history. For our **Sunday, December 15** meeting at **9:30am**, we'll welcome guest speaker, physical therapist John Woolf, who will share his ideas on proactive wellness, exercise and nutrition. Both events include our delicious breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4. For more information, contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or mcmssl@msn.com

We will continue our new Wellness Program on **Sunday, November 24**. Meet us in the parking lot at 9:00am from where we'll either walk or bicycle (your choice) for about an hour. Once back to the synagogue, we'll have beverages and a nosh, with time to pick up your child(ren) from Religious School (if applicable).

We'll be helping make latkes for the Congregational Hanukkah Party (to be held December 3) on **Sunday, December 1 in the morning**. If you'd like to help make them, please let us know!



YACHAD (Together)

Join us on **Friday, November 15** for a special Shabbat service exclusively for young adults featuring contemporary, spirit-filled melodies led by Cantorial Soloist Emily Ellentuck, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner with sides and dessert (service 5:45pm; dinner 7:00pm). Dinner is \$10 per person with paid reservations by November 11 to Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

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 eddiretor@caiaz.org



Business Networking Group
Wednesdays, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4
6:00pm • Room 2

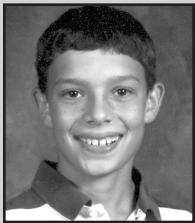
Members of CAI who wish to network with other business professionals are invited!
For more information, contact Hilary Lyons at 275-7240, Ori Parnaby at 661-8528 or Emily Riley-Saxton at 490-1409.

Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Lauren Janae Grabell November 16

Lauren is the daughter of Ellen Eichler-Grabell & Larry Grabell; the granddaughter of Bernie Eichler & the late Molly Eichler, Lisa Grabell & the late Allan Grabell; the great-granddaughter of Stella Hershan; and sister to Jylian, Dilyn & Sydnie. A student at Basis Tucson North, Lauren's interests include basketball, friends and camp.



Aaron Micah Green November 23

Aaron is the son of Rachel & Jonathan Green; the grandson of Renata Limmer & the late Ralph Limmer, Fay Green & Barry Green; and brother to Gabriel & Ryan. Aaron's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering at CAI Religious School and at Handmaker. A student at Esperero Canyon Middle School, Aaron's interests include soccer, basketball and hiking.



Marlee Dell November 30

Marlee is the daughter of Susie Parker & Jeff McKee; the granddaughter of Sherry & Len Parker, Jenny Parker & Gerald Litwak, Sharon McKee and Myra Dell; the great-granddaughter of Rose & Herman Koch and Louise McKee; and sister to Ava. Marlee's Bat Mitzvah project involves donating clothing, toys and sweets to a local women's shelter. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Marlee's interests include cheerleading and friends.



Jaci Erin Zitman December 28

Jaci is the daughter of Colleen & Andrew Zitman; the granddaughter of Betsy & Victor Dreicer, and Shelley & Steven Singer; and sister to Chloe. A student at Long Beach Middle School, NY, Jaci's interests include drawing, Tae Kwon Do and animals.



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Our popular **Parent-Tot Class** continues on Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am. Open to the public, this FREE weekly class for children 9- to 24-months in age and their parent(s) is fun and educational. Facilitated by Heather Gordon, participants sing songs, make art projects, read stories, have a snack, and share parenting advice with each other. For more information, contact Lynne Falkow-Strauss at 745-5550, ext. 229 or lynne@caiaz.org

There is no school on November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day nor November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving break.

Our **Hanukkah Celebration** will be on Monday, December 2 at which all the children sing with music specialist Julie Zorn, and we share a special meal partially prepared by the children. Parents and grandparents are invited!

There is no school on December 20 due to a staff in-service that will include a presentation by Mark Lytle on school security.

There is no school December 23 - January 3 for the winter break.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Did you enjoy our High Holy Days Family Services? Then join us for **Shabbat Family Experience** on Saturday, November 9 at 10:30am in the Epstein Chapel. Share in this interactive, spirit-filled and participatory service led by children in the Religious School and Tucson Hebrew Academy. We'll have another "SFE" service on December 14, followed by a free lunch and singing led by Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny. Please RSVP for the lunch to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

The **B'nai Mitzvah Kallah** on Sunday, November 17 at 9:30am is a required workshop for families of 6th Grade children currently in Religious School and THA to learn about the entire B'nai Mitzvah process. Students learn about expectations and procedures; parents learn about invitations, facility use, etc.

Our youngest students in Religious School and THA are invited to the **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service** on Friday, November 22 (dinner 6:00pm; service 7:15pm). The students will lead parts of the service and some Hebrew songs. All Religious School and THA families are encouraged to attend! For more information, contact Rabbi Ben Herman at 745-5550, ext. 228.

Parents of Religious School students AND their student(s) are encouraged to attend our **"Turkey" Drive Assembly** on Sunday, November 24 at 11:45am for a brief lesson about the importance of giving to those less fortunate. This is the culmination of a month-long drive for donations to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration for families in need.

SAVE THESE DATES in December:

- 3 • Hanukkah Workshop followed by Congregational Hanukkah Party
- 8 • Mitzvah 613 Torah Dedication with Youth Choir
- 15 • Semester Assembly and Talent Show (See what your children have been learning in their electives!)

Watch your mail for more information.

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.

Alexander Samuel Jeck

Born August 27

Alexander is the son of Tracy & David Jeck, and the grandson of Eleanor & Donald Jeck.



Halle Illana Levkowitz

Born September 29

Halle is the granddaughter of Anita & Daniel Levkowitz, and the great-granddaughter of Barbara Levkowitz.

Zev Loren Neuman

Born August 13

Zev is the son of Eszter & Ariel Neuman, and the grandson of Yael & Shlomo Neuman.



Reece Samuel Stoler

Born September 19

Reece is the grandson of Nancy & David Stoler.

Kaylin Juliana Truelove

Born August 28

Kaylin is the granddaughter of Trenty & Michael Mendel.

November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	32
2 Judith & Ted Drenfeld	56
3 Kelly & Avi Persellin	12
6 Michelle & Evan Glazer	8
Sheryl & Michael Press	8
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	10
12 Sara & Kellen Berkenpas	8
13 Raquel & Edward Gold	58
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	37
Joan & Irvin Belzer	48
Patricia & Eugene Settle	31
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	34
18 Liza & Sean Belanger	12
19 Rose & Harry Offenber	63
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	30
22 Bryna & David Ben-Asher	57
23 Kelly Kvamme & Alan Hamo	4
24 Vicki & Phil Pepper	39
Sara & Robert Ross	45
26 Beatrice & Berthold Lippel	54
27 Naomi & Michael Nadelberg	45
Paula & Morris Riback	31
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	31
Michelle & David Ollanik	14
29 Joan & Donald Diamond	61
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	5



December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	34
4 Lauren Kaplan & Scott Blinkoff	25
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	15
Rita & Martin Hall	40
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	35
19 Joan & Dennis Rosen	31
Carol & Alvin Stern	59
20 Rebecca & Richard Fink	44
21 Judy & Stan Abrams	33
Martha & William Sampson	27
22 Lois & Everett Broder	56
23 Marta & Willy Kats	35
24 Sarah & Mortimer Segal	61
25 Elena & Erik Boskoff	5
27 Andy & Stuart Shatken	34
Ruth & Art Solomon	54
29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	50
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	23

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Parents will meet with Michelle Blumenberg, Executive Director of the University of Arizona Hillel Foundation to discuss "Jewish Life on Campus: Expectations and Realities ... The Role/Presence of Hillel." Students will meet with CAI's Rabbi Robert Eisen, Youth Director Linda Roy and a panel of former and current UA students to discuss "College Choices, Jewish Choices" and "Preserving Jewish Identity on Campus." No charge, but RSVP requested. Contact Linda Roy at 745-5550, ext. 222 or linda@caiaz.org

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Throughout the year, the absence of many of our young adults is readily apparent to the Synagogue and to you, the families whose children are away from home. All too often our college-age young adults feel cut off from the Synagogue which played such an important part in their younger years. We want to keep that Synagogue connection with your children.

Help us update our list of young adults who are in college or others who would enjoy hearing from us. Those who would like their children to receive both regular and e-mail communications may complete and return the form below to: **Congregation Anshei Israel, Young Adult/College Outreach Program, 5550 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85711**

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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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DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS?

Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss? Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained counselor. A synagogue volunteer would be happy to speak with you confidentially.

Please contact Norma Karp at 299-3382.

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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 Assistant, X225

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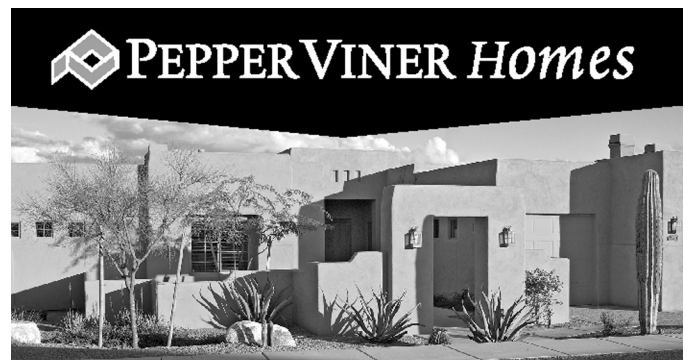
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