

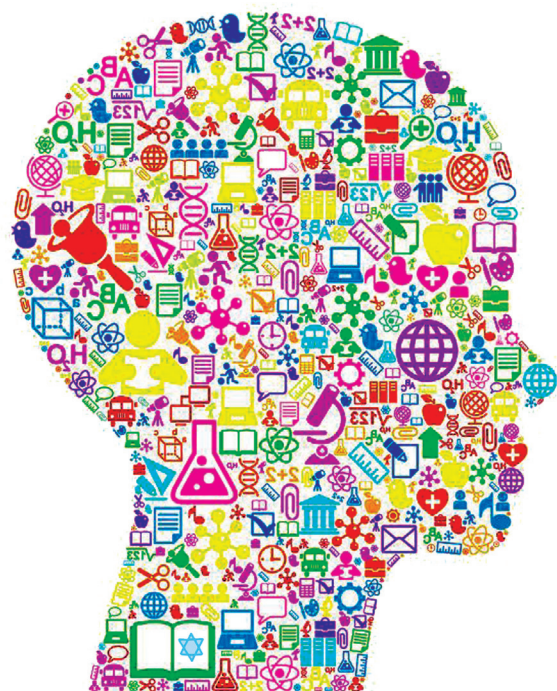


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& February 5**

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**A MIX OF CULTURE, HERITAGE,
STYLE AND COLOR**



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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 (January 3 and February 7)** on the Bimah in the sanctuary. **On February 7**, 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 by Feb. 3. 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.

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**. Everyone is welcome!

Shabbat Shira: Sabbath of Song

Please join us on **Saturday, January 11** 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.

Shir Hadash: A New Song

On third Fridays each month (**January 17 and February 21**), 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).

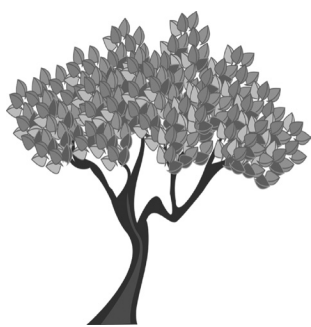
K'Ton Time

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 **January 18 and February 15**.

KNOW SOMEONE NEW TO TUCSON?

If you know someone new to the Tucson community who you believe would be interested in finding out about CAI, please contact Barb Neuman at 745-5550, ext. 242 so that we can speak to them about all of the wonderful religious, spiritual, educational and communal opportunities the synagogue has to offer!

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 February 16 (it begins at sundown Feb. 15). SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO ATTEND OUR "TU B'SHEVAT IN THE PARK" ON SUNDAY, FEB. 12!

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 28/March 1)

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.

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, pick up a brochure 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.

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, 5774, is a leap year. Yahrzeits that occur in ADAR I or Adar II are observed as such. Yahrzeits that fall in a regular Adar are observed in Adar II.



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 October and November 2013. *Todah rabah!*

Austin Agron	Ruth Goldin	Bea Paulus
Murray Baker	Sherman Goldstein	Jane Poliakoff
Jerry Barkan	Hy Goodman	Marilyn & Ira Prensky
Sara & Tom Borin	Marvin Glassberg	Stephanie Roberts
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Kathy Hays	Abby Rosen
Barbara & Mel Brodie	Marty Johnston	Patti Salonic
Shiffy & Bob Cohen	Chaya & Harvey	Howard Schwartz
Donald Allen Cohen	Jurkowitz	Barbara Selznick
Lee Chutkow	Dan Jurkowitz	Esther Sherberg
Katie Cubillas	Rosie Kahn	Evelyn Sigafus
Dennis Dawson	Bill Kugelman	Linda Silverman
Bob Dietz	Marianne & Allen	Arthur Solomon
Debby Eisen	Langer	Herman Stein
Emily Ellentuck	Jerry Lapin	Moshe Toister
Judy Esbit	Jerry Levy	Art Weinenger
Lynne Falkow-Strauss	Jane Kivel	Chuck Whitehill
L. Elliot Farber	Jane Klein	James Whitehill
Neneng Fassler	Barbara Stern Mannlein	Jerry Wolf
Leroy Feig	& Martin Mannlein	Joanne Wolf
Eric Flank	Ziva Mason	Robert Wolk
Irene Stern Friedman &	Levi Mendel	Sam Wolsky
Ellis Friedman	Trenty & Michael Mendel	Steve Wool
Jami Gan	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Arthur Zoref
Rayna & John Gellman	Arnold Merin	
Vivien & Jacques	Judith Mussman	
Gerstenfeld	Gail & Marc Offenhartz	

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

(Those who read Torah and Haftorah in October and November 2013)

Marlene Abraham	Natalie Leonard
Rev. Nachman Berkowitz	Nancy Ozeri
Miriam Blum	Hannah Peskin-Owens
Marlee Dell	Joy Peskin-Owens
Emily Ellentuck	Ron Sandler
Dilyn Grabell	Leonard Schultz
Jylian Grabell	Steve Seltzer
Sydney Grabell	Andrea Shatken
Lauren Grabell	Linda Silverman
Margo Gray	Jerel Slaughter
Aaron Green	Erika Spivack
Jonathan Green	Jerry Spivack
Richard Green	Alan Strauss
Ryan Green	Leah Tolby
Mike Jacobson	Arthur Zoref
Jenna Langert	



Middle East Spotlight

A History of Helping

As we look out on the barren trees and feel the frigid temperatures this winter, many of us may daydream about being in a tropical country like Israel, sitting on the warm beaches of Tel Aviv or hiking through the forests of the north. Yet Israel’s geography didn’t always make it the kind of place worth daydreaming about on cold winter days.

Even before the establishment of the state of Israel the nascent Jewish community there began making the desert arable and turning swampland into fertile orchards. They built infrastructure to distribute water through drip irrigation and began to set in place strategies and systems that would help the tiny country develop into one of the world’s most lucrative producers of technology, science, business, culture and community.

After the state of Israel was founded it became a dependable consultant to communities and countries around the world facing similar challenges to the ones recently overcome by the Jewish state: land that was not conducive to agricultural development, neighbors who worked towards the destruction of the newly established state, and building a defense system from the ground-up. To that end, Israel founded MASHAV—Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation—in 1957 to act as an ambassador of best practices to other countries and empower them to meet their challenges with the same determination as Israel has met hers.

By prioritizing poverty alleviation, provision of food security, empowerment of women and upgrading health and educational services, MASHAV has made Israel a reliable resource to developing countries. Since its founding, MASHAV has trained close to 270,000 individuals from over 130 countries.

MASHAV also assists with disaster relief around the world, such as the recent typhoon in the Philippines that devastated much of the country. In response to the storm, Israel sent a delegation of experts to assess the situation and ultimately build a medical facility in Bogo, located in the northern province of Cebu, where most basic necessities were lacking following the storm. Two Israeli planes brought personnel and over 100 tons of humanitarian and medical supplies to set up a field hospital operated by IDF doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, mental health professionals, x-ray technicians and lab workers.

The operation helped to treat nearly 400 patients, including 150 children. Israeli doctors even helped a woman to deliver a baby in the field hospital—the mother named her child “Israel.”

Through this mission and others, MASHAV helps Israel to continue to build new relationships with countries and communities all over the world. As we bundle up to face the sting of the cold this winter, we can take comfort in knowing that rain or shine, winter or summer, Israel is seeking opportunities to help others wherever it can.

High Holy Days Appeal Task Force Update

With your generosity and commitment, we were able to exceed our projected goal for this year's High Holy Days Appeal by approximately \$21,000.00; a little over \$141,000 was contributed! What is most rewarding is how the focus on bringing in new gifts surpassed the "mini" goal of 60 such gifts, and that the dollar amount allowed us to capitalize on our matching donor's generosity. Approximately 14% or \$20,000.00 of the money raised came directly from these new gifts. It clearly proves that building the understanding of *tzedakah*, in even the smallest amounts, yields huge benefits for our congregation.

We want to again thank the very hard-working members of the High Holy Days Appeal Task Force: MeMe Aguila, Fay Green, Katherine Leonard, Stephanie Roberts, Judy Schultz, Barbara and Sanford Selznick, Kim Spitzer and Lisa Ungar. Special thanks to Katherine, Aaron and Natalie Leonard for their wonderful family presentation on Kol Nidre, and to Rabbi Robert Eisen who, behind-the-scenes, helped "close" several, significant gifts.

Additionally, new segments of our congregational family participated. The Preschool/Kindergarten and Religious School classes donated their *tzedakah* monies collected from the beginning of the school year through Sukkot 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 truly brought home the meaning of *tzedakah* for our kids.

Thank you all. *Todah Rabah*,
Vicki and Phil Pepper

A Visit to Villa Hermosa • Dec. 4, 2013



Rabbi Robert Eisen gave blessings and spoke about Hanukkah with residents of Villa Hermosa (Speedway/Wilmet).

Sherman Goldstein &
Ruth Berman were among
those in attendance.



Library Project

Initially, those of us working on the Library project estimated the number of books that needed cataloguing to be 5000. The children's section had about 1500 books; we discovered the actual total number of books in our library is more likely 7500!



Our library is slowly taking shape. We are cataloguing, affixing labels, rearranging sections, and more. We have about 12 volunteers working on the project and one staff member, Mirra Nieman, from the Tucson Association of Jewish Libraries.

Our hope is to be completed by March. We also plan on having a corps of people who will staff the library during the week.

If you'd like to help, please contact me.

Bob Cohen

robertcohen00@gmail.com / 320-5494



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Sunday, January 5 • 9am - 2pm
in Cantor Falkow Lounge

See insert for details!

Social Action

CAI's Social Action Committee is in need of 10 volunteers on **Tuesday, January 7**, to provide,



cook and serve dinner for about 125 men at the Primavera Men's Shelter (200 E. Benson Highway, Tucson, AZ 85713). Volunteers will prepare the food in CAI's kitchen that afternoon, and take the food to the shelter to serve dinner at 5:00pm. If you'd like to help, please contact us!

We can really use monetary donations because of quantities needed. Please make checks payable: Congregation Anshei Israel and note on check "For Primavera" and drop them off at the front desk.

Hedy Feuer

hedy.feuer@gmail.com / 885-8819

Jane Poliakoff, jmpoliakoff@gamil.com

Social Action Committee Co-chairs

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

Mitzvah 613 Torah Dedication • Dec. 8, 2013



The new Torah being escorted into the Sanctuary.

(l. to r.) Jane Klein, Hedy Feuer & Linda Gorsky



(below)
Jordan Persellin



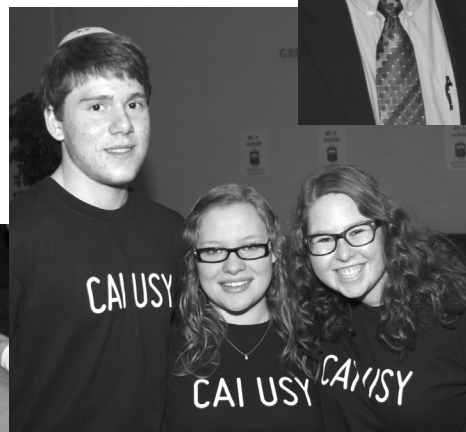
Tom & Sara Borin



(above)
Carey & Judy Fishman



Michael Jurkowitz



(l. to r.) Aron Needle, Emily Miller & Adina Karp



(l. to r.) Tiffany Hill & Patty Salonic



(above)
Abigail & Eleanor Jeck



(l. to r.) Richard Fink watched as Israeli scribe, Zerach Greenfield, completed the Torah.



(l. to r.) Shiffy & Bob Cohen and Aaron & Katherine Leonard

C O M I N G U P . . .

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

Free and
open
to all!

Business Networking Group
Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 19
6:00pm • Room 2

Members of CAI who wish to network with other business professionals are invited!
If interested in being in a new on-line CAI business directory or for more information, contact Hilary Lyons at 275-7240.

Tu B'Shevat in the Park

Sunday, Jan. 12 • 9:30am
McDonald Park (Catalina Hwy/Harrison)



Trees are regarded as special gifts from God and are symbols of goodness and nobility. We observe Tu B'Shevat by eating fruits grown on trees from the Land of Israel. Join us for this family program open to all in which participants go through stations of a seder, plant parsley seedlings, learn Israeli dancing, followed by a nature walk. (All Religious School families are asked to attend, as this event is in lieu of Religious School at the synagogue.) Also, each attendee gets to take home their parsley seedling for use on Passover!

No charge to attend.

Please RSVP by Jan. 9.

Visit www.caiaz.org or call Kim at 745-5550.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
Judge Stanley Feldman
Dr. Richard Green
Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

A different keynote speaker will open each evening, followed by two classes led by a choice of noted Jewish experts in their fields.

**\$18 for 3-week series PLUS
food or cash donation for the Community Food Bank**

**Please RSVP by Jan. 17.
See insert for more information.**



**DON'T MISS THE
8TH ANNUAL**

Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, January 19 • 9:30am

Everyone is welcome to share in the friendly competition and the fun!

\$36 entry fee includes lunch, game, party favors and prizes for the top three scorers, plus each round winner gets a prize.

REMEMBER: All proceeds benefit
CAI's United Synagogue Youth.

Registration mandatory by Jan. 13.

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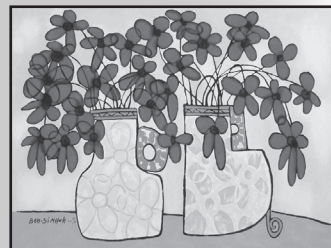
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CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS



Women's League

The "Women's Study Group" continues **Mondays, January 6 and February 3 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.

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

Please join us on **Saturday, January 25 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



"Read It & Meet"

Join us on **Saturday, January 4** to discuss *The Outside World* by Tova Mirvis, with moderator Joni Belzer. The book selection for **February 1** is *In the Garden of the Beasts* by Erik Larson, with moderator Lily Brull.

"Read It and Meet" is held monthly and is open to all. Selected books by Jewish authors or with Jewish content are discussed. Most discussions take place on Shabbat (**approx. noon**) in the Epstein Chapel. Moderators facilitate each discussion. For more information, contact Vicki Kaufman at vickauff@juno.com or Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102.



YACHAD (Together)

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Shared transportation for affiliated and unaffiliated Jewish seniors (60+) and adults with disabilities is available to attend worship services and other synagogue-sponsored events and educational programs. Funded by a grant from the JFSA, rides should be scheduled 2 to 3 days in advance.

To schedule a ride, call 465-4323.



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

Our Wellness Program will continue on **Sundays, January 19, February 9 & 23**. 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).

Our next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 26, 9:30am**. Our guest, Burton Becker, will speak about his recent trip to Russia and share photos of several Jewish sites he visited there including synagogues, monuments and the newly opened Jewish History Museum in Moscow. Included is our delicious breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4. For more information, contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or mcmsl@msn.com

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 2 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 is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn as well! Breakfast is free for Men's Club members, children and parents; guests \$4.



HAZAK (Wisdom)

Join us on **Sunday, January 5 at 4:00pm** for "Keep Your Mind Sharp!" with Mimi Furst of Mindsharp Inc. Mimi teaches fun and intriguing ways to keep one's mind alert and growing. It's never too late! Strengthen your creative thinking and keep your neurons firing ... laughter and learning guaranteed.

There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served. HAZAK is CAI's group for those 60+ who are interested and interesting seniors who like to have fun, meet new people, learn new things and socialize. For more information, contact Linda Roy at 745-5550 ext. 222 or linda@caiaz.org



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Ready for some great news? For our annual “Turkey” Drive this year, we raised \$702.00 to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration for families in need! In addition, we had a nice family gathering on November 24 for a lesson about the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Todah rabah!

Since there will be no Shabbat Family Experience on **Saturday, January 11**, we encourage all Religious School students and their families to attend **Shabbat Shira at 9:00am**, 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.

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All 6th thru 8th Grade students and their families are invited to our grade-level Shabbat Service and Dinner on **Friday, January 31 at 5:45pm. Dinner is at 7:00pm.** Our Religious School and THA students will lead the entire service. Parts will be assigned in advance and worked on during the school day. This family event enables us to be part of “living Judaism,” passing our Jewish values from generation to generation. Watch your mail for details!

Our next Shabbat Family Experience is taking place on **Saturday, February 8** in the evening! Our Religious School and THA students will lead the **5:00pm** (Mincha) service, partake in a meal, sing songs and then conclude Shabbat with a beautiful Havdalah service.

All 3rd thru 5th Grade students and their families are invited to our grade-level Shabbat Service and Dinner on **Friday, February 28 at 5:45pm. Dinner is at 7:00pm.** Our Religious School and THA students will lead the entire service. Parts will be assigned in advance and worked on during the school day. This family event enables us to be part of “living Judaism,” passing our Jewish values from generation to generation. Watch your mail for details!



PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN

Make an informed decision about your child’s kindergarten experience at our Kindergarten Open House for 2014-15 Class on **Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00pm.** Meet Director Lynne Falkow-Strauss and classroom teacher Ronnie Miller to learn about the coming year and curriculum in CAI’s full-day kindergarten. Morah Ronnie will give a presentation on what the children learn in Gan Yeladim and show some of the materials, reading and math programs for the parents to peruse, followed by a Q & A.

Moms, mom “substitutes” and their children will enjoy our annual Preschool/Kindergarten “Mom & Me” Breakfast on **Friday, January 24 at 8:00am**, a themed event produced by the dads! Kids \$6; adults \$10. For more information & to RSVP, call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

The Gan class will be going to the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium on **Wednesday, January 29, 1:00-3:00pm.**

Staff will be participating in another Empower+ workshop on **Wednesday, January 29.** They will continue to focus on childhood obesity, more physical activity time for youngsters, no screen-time and sun safety issues.

There will be a staff in-service on **Friday, February 7** with teacher presentations from NAEYC and Empower+. Students will have an **early dismissal at 12noon.**

PARENT-TOT CLASS 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.

Special Guests will join us:

- **January 14 at 10am**
Nichole Chorny will present “Making Music”
- **February 11 at 10am**
Nina Isaac will present “Picky Eaters”

For more information, contact Lynne Falkow-Strauss at 745-5550, ext. 229 or lynne@caiaz.org

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.

Eli Solomon Gordon

Born November 23, 2013

Eli is the great-grandson of Hy Goodman.
(Parents: Karen & Scott Gordon)

Jonah Elkin Marcus

Born November 17

Jonah is the great-grandson of Al Schechter.
(Parents: Jordy & Adam Marcus)

Nathan Louis Pozez

Born October 14

Nathan is the son of Amy & Benjamin Pozez and the grandson of Robin & Mitchell Pozez.



Bennett Rayne Simokaitis

Born November 1

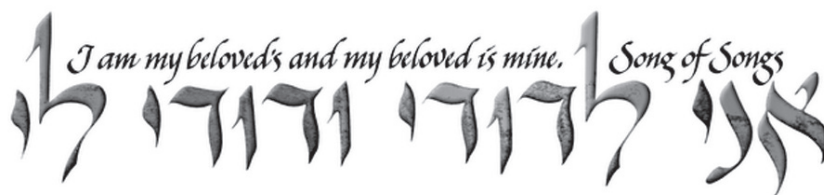
Bennett is the granddaughter of Sandra & James Rothschild.

(Parents: Marci & Mark Simokaitis)

Banyan Quest Unger

Born November 23

Banyan is the grandson of Kathryn & David Unger. (Parents: Leyna & Jeffrey Unger)



January Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Beth & Alan Strauss	18
11 Sandra & Gerald Ross	55
12 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	27
13 Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	12
15 Marianne & Allen Langer	30
20 Lori & David Jacobs	6
21 Sallie & Morton Kranitz	51
23 Jane & Jonathan Klein	43
28 Shiffy & Bob Cohen	63
30 Yael & Shlomo Neuman	49

February Anniversaries

Date	Years
11 Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	35
Randi & Larry Berkson	30
Enid & Irwin Freedman	64
13 Ruth & Marvin Hoffman	59
Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn	20
14 Judith & Jerome Weiss	49
16 Hyla & Gary Windham	11
17 Janis & Daniel Gasch	29
Alla & Howard Steinberg	6
19 Betty & Stanley Scott	53
20 Madeline & Barry Friedman	31
25 Anita & Danny Levkowitz	36

Mazal Tov!

Engagements

Yoneet Eilat

Daughter of Rosie & Paul Kahn
to Michael Wilburn

Rabbi Ben Herman

to Karina Reizman

Wedding

Rachel Wool

Daughter of Steven Wool
Granddaughter of Nancy Present
to Ethan Bernstein



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May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



A Memorial Plaque has been installed for
Lillian Zaden Stern

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Installation of a memorial plaque is a beautiful way to perpetuate
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Call 745-5550 to make arrangements or if you wish to
reserve a space for the future.

DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS?

Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?
Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained
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Please contact Norma Karp at 299-3382.

The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim

Federal health-care privacy regulations make it difficult
for us to know when a member of CAI has been
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PLEASE CALL 745-5550:
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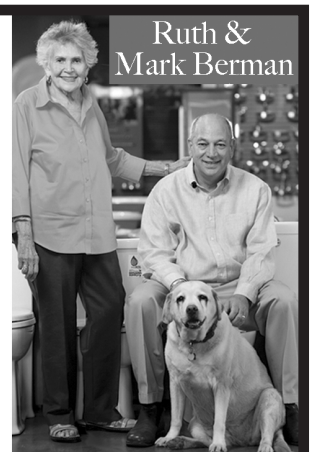
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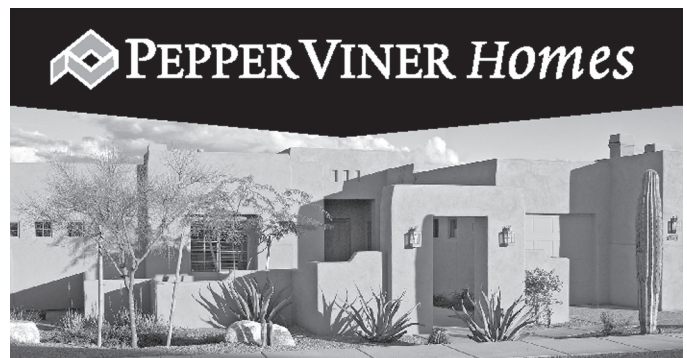
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