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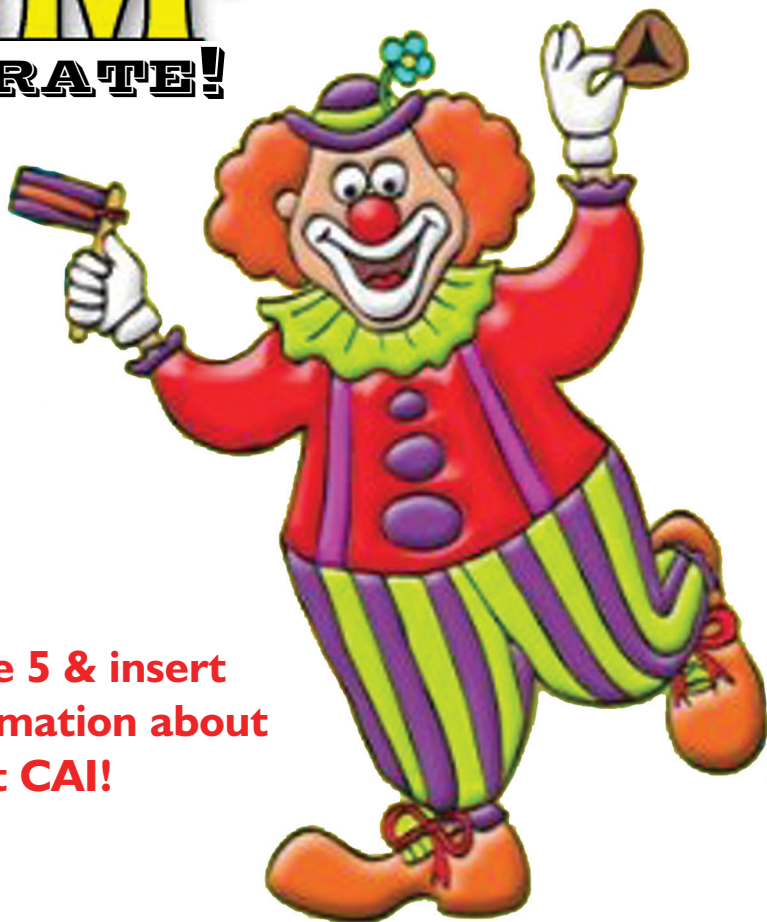
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LET'S CELEBRATE!



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Shabbat Babysitting

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.

RUACH Service

USYers will lead a special service filled with RUACH (and a lot of love!) on **Saturday, March 1 at 10:30am** in Epstein Chapel for families to share Shabbat in a place all their own. Our USYers will bring their spirit (and even some of their special, lively, melodies) with them. Plan to join us and discover SHABBAT all over again!

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!

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 (March 7 and April 4)** on the Bimah in the sanctuary. 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 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

K'Ton Time

This service is held the **third Saturday each month (March 15 and April 19) at 10:30am** in the Epstein Chapel to allow 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!

Shir Hadash: "A New Song" Service and Dinner

On **March 21**, we'll hold a special Shabbat Service at **5:45pm** in the Epstein Chapel, led by Emily Ellentuck as Cantorial Soloist. We'll embrace Shabbat with "a new song" in this spirited, upbeat and inclusive service with participatory singing, clapping, kid-friendly melodies and *niggunim* (wordless chants). At **7:00pm**, share a warm and inviting Shabbat dinner. See page 7 for details.

Special Guest at Torah Study

Please join us **April 26** as our special guest, Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, Rabbinic Director of the JBFC National Center for Jewish Healing, leads "The Taboo of the Tattoo: Healing Insights from a Mitzvah in Emor" at **5:00pm** in the Epstein Chapel. Many Jews are familiar with the Jewish aversion to intentionally marking the skin. This Torah portion has a curious mitzvah prohibiting the shaving-smooth of the head, cutting the side-growth of beards, or making gashes in the flesh. We'll explore some healing themes that underlie these commandments, including the Jewish attitude towards the body and physicality, aging, corporal deterioration, mortality, and order in nature and society. During mincha at **6:00pm**, we'll take a brief look at the special Atah Ehad ("You are One") prayer which is only said at Shabbat Mincha.

Adar I and Adar II

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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.

We're telling you 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.

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.

SHABBAT ZAKHOR (March 14-15)

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

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

SHABBAT PARAH (March 21-22)

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 [idolrous 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 28-29)

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 (April 11-12)

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.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly



Lewis Harris

Nancy & Steve Lipson

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!

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.

LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers and all that they offer are always welcome to help with a variety of ongoing projects. From serving on committees, participating in social action, helping in religious services, working in the Gift Shop and more, there is something for everyone. We can always use your help!



For more information about volunteering at CAI, contact Barb Neuman at 745-5550, ext. 242 or pick up a Volunteer form at the front desk in the administrative office or at the Shalom Cart outside the sanctuary. Thanks!

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 December 2013 and January 2014. **Todah rabah!**

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

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftorah
in December 2013 and January 2014)

Marlene Abraham	Maya Krouse	Ron Sandler
David Ben-Asher	Marianne Langer	Leonard Schultz
Rev. Nachman	Jenna Langert	Steve Seltzer
Berkowitz	Natalie Leonard	Shelley Singer
Miriam Blum	Scott Lewis	Zach Singer
Amanda Bressler	Leah Mann	Erika Spivack
Emily Ellentuck	Nancy Ozeri	Alan Strauss
Margo Gray	Noah Pensak	Leah Tolby
Richard Green	Phil Pepper	Gary Windham
Marshall Heyman	Eli Peskin-Owens	Andy Zitman
Mike Jacobson	Hannah Peskin-Owens	Jaci Zitman
Lisa Jurkowitz	Joy Peskin-Owens	Arthur Zoref
Adina Karp	Sara Ross	



The Fast of Esther

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

The Fast of Esther is observed in commemoration of the Fast observed by Mordecai and Esther and all Israel. On that very day, the enemies of the Jews had planned to subjugate and destroy them. The opposite, however, occurred and the Jews ruled over their enemies.

The acceptance of this Fast on the part of Israel for later generations is alluded to in the Scroll of Esther: 'And as they accepted upon themselves and upon their children, the matters of their fastings and their cry' (Esther 9).

The Fast is called by the name of Esther because it was she who first requested the observance of a fast, of Mordecai: 'Go and gather all the Jews who are found in Shushan and fast over me, and do not eat and do not drink three days, night and day; and I and my maidens will also fast thus.' (Ibid. 4)

As a "Minor Fast" it is observed from sunrise to sundown.

What is Purim?

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

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

When Haman denounced the Jewish people to King Ahashuerus, he argued that "there is one people, dispersed, and divided among the nations . . . and their laws are different from those of any other people." What Haman did not realize, however, was that his very "accusation" held the key to our redemption and ultimate victory over his evil plan. We are "the people" and by strengthening our unity and adhering to the Torah

What is Purim?

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and mitzvot, we survive and flourish. Enemies may arise in every generation to attack and destroy us, but when we affirm our unique heritage and hold fast to our essential character as Jews, we will always prevail.

Mordecai, the Jewish leader of his time, succeeded in uniting his people to defeat Haman. The Megillah tells us that he "did not bend his knee, nor bow down." He refused to compromise the eternal values of the Torah, even at the risk of his life. The lesson to us is clear: Only through closer adherence to our sacred heritage can we ensure our own survival. Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of Adar, or in the case of a leap year, the 14th day of Adar II. This year, Purim falls on the evening of **Saturday, March 15 - Sunday, March 16.**

Purim Observances

Taanit Esther - Fast of Esther

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

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

Shalach Manot - Sending of Choice Portions

At least two portions to friends. This expresses our national solidarity in the face of persecution.

Matanot La'Evyonim - Gifts to the Poor

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

Seudat Purim - Purim Festive Meal

A joyous celebration of thanksgiving for the deliverance wrought for our people.

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



**SEE ENCLOSED
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INFORMATION
ABOUT CAI'S
PURIM
CELEBRATION
MARCH 15 & 16**



Mitzvah 613 Torah Project

We wish to publically thank the staff of Congregation Anshei Israel for all their help in making this a successful project and series of events enjoyed by all who attended and participated. Beyond the staff, however, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to Rabbi Robert Eisen for all of his hard work, guidance, and creativity. His ideas helped to formulate the two-year-long journey which culminated in the Siyum, when we as a congregation took great pride in having fulfilled the 613th Commandment to write a Torah. Each week, as the Torah is used on Shabbat morning, we are reminded that this is truly our Torah. Our gratitude to Rabbi Eisen and the committee for making it all happen. Todah Rabah, Rabbi Eisen.

Jane Kivel and Rosie Eilat-Kahn
Event Co-Chairs

Social Action

A group of CAI members and a few non-members went to the Community Food Bank to help sort food items from the winter collection for distribution in their pantry on December 17, 2013. Much thanks to: Marilyn Einstein, Hedy Feuer, Margo Gray, Peggy & Rick Langert, and Jane Poliakoff.

On January 6 & 7, 2014, a team of wonderful volunteers helped cook, transport and serve a hot meal to 100 homeless men at the Primavera Men's Shelter. Thank you to: Jane Poliakoff for shopping and baking brownies; Lois Jacowsky and Rosie Eilat-Kahn for cooking; Jerry Wolf for transport; Judy Schultz, Michelle & Larry Cassen, and Adam Kwasman for serving. We could not have done it without all of you and the many generous donations. See you next time!

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Jane Poliakoff, jmpoliakoff@gamil.com
Social Action Committee Co-chairs

Festival of Israeli Art Show & Sale • Feb. 13-16

Each day of this wonderful event had its own charm. Between a sponsors' preview gala, an art lecture, an evening dessert reception, and a family day with art workshops for kids, there was something for everyone. We were able to reach out to the entire community!

The success of all these types of events depend on you — the members — for support, and we wish to thank all those who purchased art, sponsored, contributed and volunteered to make this art show and sale so unique.

A special "thank you" to: Hannah Meyerson for coordinating the volunteers; Julie Stein for leading the art workshops and Leslee Gluck for assisting; and to the staff of CAI for making it all work!

Jami Gan, Hedy Feuer & Dani Bregman
Event Co-Chairs



Menachem Safrai of Safrai Gallery of Israel
flanked by Ronnie & Ken Miller



Art Committee Chair Eleanor Jeck
with CAI President Richard Fink



Elliott Farber &
Evelyn Sigafus



(l. to r.) Steve Seltzer, Madeline
Friedman & Janet Seltzer



Linda Gorsky & Moishe Toister

Jami Gan (l.)
with Stephanie
Roberts




Holly & Steve
Shenitzer



C O M I N G U P . . .

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



**PURIM
PALOOZA!**

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 16, 2014**
the FUN begins at 9:30am

**CREATIVE MEGILLAH READING
COSTUME PARADE
CARNIVAL w/GAMES & PRIZES
FACE PAINTING • BOUNCE HOUSE**

*** SEE ENCLOSED INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION ***

"Shir Hadash: A New Song"

Friday, March 21

5:45pm Service • Dinner 7:00pm

Led by and featuring Emily Ellentuck as cantorial soloist, this service includes singing, clapping, participatory melodies and wordless chants, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner (roasted chicken with sides & dessert).

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

Guests: adults \$18, children \$12

Please RSVP by Mar. 18.

Visit www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550

"PASSOVER SEDER HEDER"
Adult Education Class
Wednesday, Mar. 26 • 7:00pm

Rabbi Robert Eisen will lead
participants through
"Making Sense of Passover Observance"

Rabbi Ben Herman will discuss
*"The Seder Customs of Sephardic
and Middle Eastern Jews"*

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Followed by tastings and recipes of three
variations of haroset by Max Ellentuck.



Admission:
**At least one box of matzah for
CAI's "Matzah and More"**
**Passover Food Drive to benefit
Jewish Family & Children's Service**

RSVP by Mar. 21
Contact Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

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

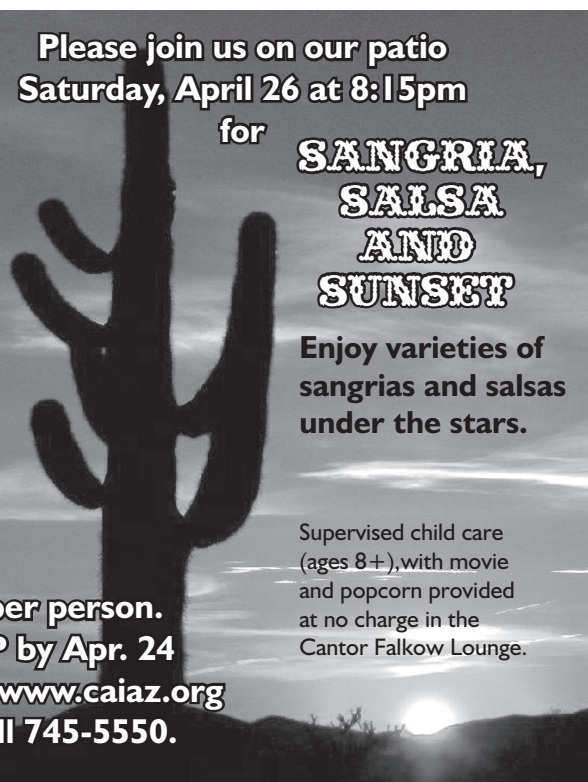
Please join us on our patio
Saturday, April 26 at 8:15pm
for

**SANGRIA,
SALSA
AND
SUNSET**

**Enjoy varieties of
sangrias and salsas
under the stars.**

\$10 per person.
RSVP by Apr. 24
Visit www.caiaz.org
or call 745-5550.

Supervised child care
(ages 8+), with movie
and popcorn provided
at no charge in the
Cantor Falkow Lounge.



Sweet Tomatoes.
salads • soups • bakery
X Fun-Raiser X
Night!

Sunday, April 13
5:00-8:00pm
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!



Women's League

The "Women's Study Group" continues **Mondays, March 3 and April 7 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.

For more information about upcoming Women's League events, contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com



Men's Club

A big "thank you" to all those who helped with our annual WORLD WIDE WRAP in February. We taught 5th-6th Graders the reasons for putting on, and how to wrap, tefillin. We are proud to participate in this project every year.

Our Wellness Program continues on **Sundays, March 2, 30 & April 6**. 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 (location TBD), with time to pick up your child(ren) from Religious School (if applicable).

Members of Men's Club will help daven Shabbat Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdallah Services on **Saturday, March 8 at 5:30pm** in the Epstein Chapel. We ask that all current and potential Men's Club members participate. Men's Club will also sponsor the Third Meal that evening.

Our next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held **Sunday, March 23 at 9:30am**. Our guest (originally scheduled for Jan. 26), 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.

Every year in March, we mail **yellow Yom Hashoah candles** to all congregants to remember those lost in the Holocaust. It is a huge endeavor to prepare the mailing and we could really use your help. Please contact Mark Levine at 886-8825 or mcmssl@msn.com if you can assist.



HAZAK (Wisdom)

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 about upcoming events, contact Linda Roy at 745-5550 ext. 222 or linda@caiaz.org



"Read It & Meet"

Join us on **Saturday, March 1** to discuss *Jihad Incorporated* by Steven Emerson, with moderator Barbara Benjamin. The book selection for **April 5** is *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal, with moderator Vicki Kaufman.

"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)

Join us on Saturday, March 15, 9:00-11pm! Come in costume for a rocking Purim party at The Depot Sports Bar, 3501 E. Ft. Lowell (find them on Facebook). Food/drink is "Dutch" treat. RSVP by Mar. 12. 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. To RSVP, for more information and/or how to become involved, contact Rabbi Ben Herman at 745-5550, ext. 228 or eddirector@caiaz.org

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Mallory Danielle Hulse March 1

Mallory is the daughter of Renee & Howard Hulse; the granddaughter of Sandra & William Yalen, and the late Mary & Howard Hulse; and sister to Devin. Mallory's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering as an aide at CAI Religious School. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Mallory's interests include basketball, art and drama.



Rebecca Michelle Dubin March 8

Rebecca is the daughter of Pamela Heiman Dubin & Matthew Dubin; the granddaughter of Sandy & Elliott Heiman, Barbara Dubin, and Henry Dubin; and sister to Shira. Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah project involves working for Pets for Vets. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Rebecca's interests include tennis, reading and art.



Orson Menashe Lyons March 22

Orson is the son of Hilary & Patrick Lyons; and brother to Aodhan, Ezra and Ellis. Orson's Bar Mitzvah project involves mentoring children for the Junior El Tour de Tucson. A student at BASIS Tucson North, Orson's interests include chess, biking and reading.



Corey Michael Karp April 26

Corey is the son of Iris Bernstein & David Karp; the grandson of the late Jeanyssse & Dorel Bernstein, and Norma & Ronald Karp; and brother to Adina. Corey's Bar Mitzvah project involves collecting donations for the Humane Society. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Corey's interests include dancing, singing and performing.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



- Shabbat Family Experience, **Saturdays, March 8 & April 12 at 10:30am**, is an interactive, spirit-filled and participatory service led by children in our Religious School and THA. Participants discuss the meaning of prayers and determine how the teachings from our tradition apply to their lives.
- Creative Megillah Reading, **Sunday, March 16 at 9:30am**; "Purim Palooza!" begins at 10:30am with a carnival, games, prizes and more. See insert for more. *Religious School will be held that day: 9:00am-12:00pm.*
- Donations of matzah and other kosher for Passover food items to benefit Jewish Family & Children's Service are requested **March 17-April 1. "Matzah and More" Passover Food Drive** is coordinated by CAI's Religious School. Please bring items to the marked box in the lobby outside the administrative office. On April 1, students will become the "Matzah Machine," loading all the food in a van for JFCS.
- Save **Sunday, April 6** for our Passover Family Workshop, a fun-filled event at which we participate in a Model Seder, a readers' theatre and make matzah. Preschool students are encouraged to attend this workshop as well!
- Passover break is **April 14 - 22**; classes resume April 27.
- Our Siddur Dedication is on **Friday, April 25 at 5:45pm**. This amazing service will be led by our Religious School 3rd Graders. They'll speak about their favorite Jewish memories, then each receive his/her own Siddur (prayerbook), followed by a festive Shabbat dinner. Watch your mail.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN



- All families in our P/K are invited to share a special Kabbalat Shabbat Service on **Friday, March 7 at 5:45pm**, led by Rabbi Robert Eisen to welcome the Sabbath with stories; songs will be performed by the children led by music specialist Susan Kravitz; followed at **6:15pm** by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner. \$25 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children). Additional adults \$10 per person. RSVP by Mar. 3 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.
- In appreciation of our families and friends who have supported past book fairs at CAI, Scholastic will hold a "BOGO" **March 12, 13, 14 & 17** at which all books are buy-one-get-one free! Times vary daily; call ahead.
- There is no school **Friday, March 14** for Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- Our PK Purim Celebration will be held **Monday, March 17**. The children parade around in costume; family and friends are invited to hear the Purim story told by Rabbi Robert Eisen and share hamentaschen with the kids!
- Staff in-service on **Friday, March 28** with Sussette Enriquez. Students will have an **early dismissal at 12noon**.
- The PK Model Seder will be held **Friday, April 11** with Rabbi Eisen and Susan Kravitz.
- Passover break is **April 14 - 22**; classes resume April 23.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

We are very excited to host a Senior USY Kinnus here at CAI March 28 - 30! The theme is "Kochavim-nus" (stars). **We could use your help with:** transportation from the airport to CAI on Friday, March 28; transportation from CAI to the airport on Sunday, March 30; and food service any of the three days. **We are also looking for** someone on Saturday, March 29, 7:30-11:30pm, who can bring their telescope and/or their knowledge of astronomy for our program to be held at the JCC (River/Dodge). Please contact Linda Roy at 745-5550, ext. 222 or linda@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.



Ariya Shai Asadabadi
Born Dec. 9, 2013

Ariya is the granddaughter of Linda & Shelby Silverman.

(Parents: Ranit Silverman Asadabadi & Mehran Asadabadi)

Lila Hayden Glazer
Born Dec. 27, 2013

Lila is the daughter of Michelle & Evan Glazer.



Levi Leonard Singer
Born Jan. 12, 2014

Levi is the son of Sarah & Keith Singer; and the grandson of Barbara & Michael Heisler, and Paula & Daniel Singer.

March Anniversaries

Date	Years
4 Jennifer & Seth Fox	9
Laurie & Jacob Klein	8
5 Ofelia & Simon Fried	33
Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	47
9 Jennifer & Darren Lehrfeld	18
Nancy & Richard Weiss	29
14 Marylou & Norman Feiger	21
Andrew & Astrid Kowler	4
Michelle & Brent Sigafus	15
15 Eileen Barkan-Riley & Michael Riley	28
21 Valorie & Andrew Douglas	5
Irene & Scott Glass	5
Sarah & Marty Johnston	4
Shelly & Les Silberman	29
25 Dani & Phil Bregman	13
Lori & Jason Moore	8
27 Stacey & Zach Singer	3
28 Tara & Todd Rathner	15
29 Judith & Scott Esbit	22
30 Sarah & Leonard Schultz	45

April Anniversaries

Date	Years
2 Norma & Ron Karp	48
7 Rosalyn & Edgar Katzenberg	68
Marilyn Peskin-Kaufman & Paul Kaufman	32
9 Melissa & Tedd Goldfinger	14
18 Amy & Ken Pugliese	16
28 Barbara & Peter Danes	12
29 Ellen Eichler-Grabell & Lawrence Grabell	19
30 Sharon & David Meyerson	7

Mazel Tov!

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Lindsey Baker

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to Herman Hyatt-Solorzano

Julia Sarah Goldberg

Daughter of Barbara & Gerald Goldberg
Granddaughter of Bertha Segal
to Daniel Barradas Elitzer

Deborah Weisz

Daughter of Shelly Abell & Dan Weisz
to Kyle Stantus

Wedding

Steven Glassberg

Son of Jean & Marvin Glassberg
to Sandi Gallagher

Achievement

Adina Artzi

for receiving the
JFSA Women's Philanthropy
"Bryna Zehngut Mitzvot Award"



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Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our member:

Ina Feldman

Bernyce (Bunny) Simon

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

Ellen Alster - her mother, Ann Barth
Joel Chorny - his grandfather, Pedro Rosenbaum
Sharon Daniel - her step-mother, Eleanor Lawson
Elayne Feder - her brother, Bernard Evenchik
Scholmit Haber - her great-aunt, Anne Wolf
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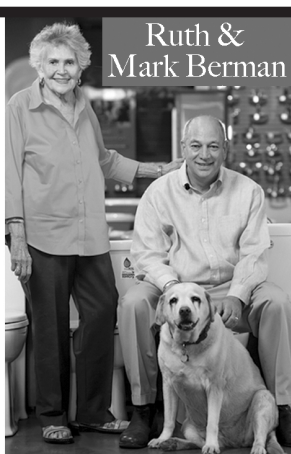
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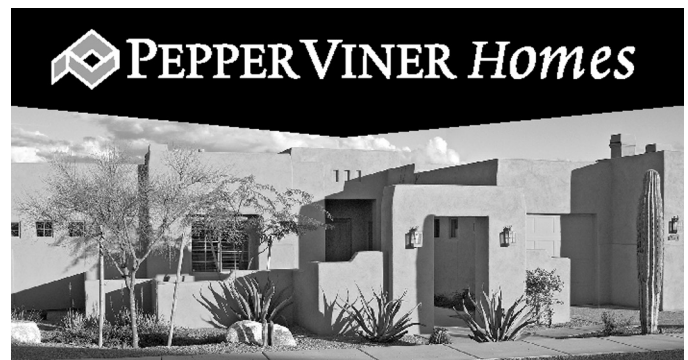
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