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The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel



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Congregation Anshei Israel shall serve as a source of spiritual, educational, and social enrichment in order to encourage and ensure Judaic values in accordance with the Principles of Conservative Judaism.

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### Weekday

#### Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen (not held September 24), 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 (September 5; not held in October; returns November 7)** 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); Additional adults \$10 per person. RSVP by Sept. 2 for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

### Shabbat Afternoon Torah Study

Torah discussions are held **every Saturday, one hour prior to the Mincha Service**. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in "Living Judaism" and your congregation. Times of study are listed on the calendar in each issue of *Kolenu*. If you would like to lead a Torah discussion or for more information, call Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

### 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 or at the front desk in the administrative office. It is also accessible at [www.caiaz.org/resources](http://www.caiaz.org/resources) as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.



### K'Ton Time

This service, held the **second Saturday each month (September 13 and October 11) at 10:30am** in the Epstein Chapel, 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!

### Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us for our newest Shabbat celebration on **Friday, September 19**. At 5:45pm, this interactive and upbeat service for families incorporates fun-spirited melodies and family-themed activities. Then we'll all share a Shabbat dinner at 7:00pm, followed by an energetic song session! Held every third Friday, everyone is welcome. (*Not held in October; returns November 21.*) Come celebrate Shabbat with *ruach* (spirit) and your congregational family. Dinner \$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children); adults (13+) \$10 per person. RSVP by Sept. 15. Visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org) or call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

### Blessing of Our Pets

Our lives would not be the same without our pets! They are such a part of our lives: a presence in our homes and in our hearts; companions in times of joy and comfort in times of pain. Please join us on **Sunday, October 19 at 11:45am** as we pause to recognize just how important our pets are to us. Meet us (pets included, of course!) on the basketball court near the sukkah for a short "service" to include a blessing of our pets. We encourage everyone to come for this very special moment. PLEASE: Safely transport and control your pet(s). All dogs must be on leashes. For the safety of all, no aggressive animals.

### For the Kiddies

We welcome families with children of all ages to our Shabbat morning services. One of the most important values we can share is Shabbat, especially the importance of Shabbat worship, because families should be together on Shabbat ...

But ... should your little one(s) get restless or need a break, we offer our "Kiddie Corner" in Rabbi Breger Hall. Designed especially for our little ones and their parents/guardians who wish to be a part of Sanctuary services, we have this area just for them!

Services will be broadcast into Rabbi Breger Hall so parents can listen, see, and participate in the service, as their children relax and play with Shabbat-friendly toys and books.

The double doors in our new wall between the Sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall will remain open throughout the service. We invite you and your children to come pray and play every Shabbat morning!



Along with our regularly-scheduled family Shabbat services (Tot Shabbat, K'Ton Time and Family Service), we offer babysitting on Saturdays, 9:45 - 11:45am.

Should your child(ren) need a break, feel free to take them to Room 11 for some play time, stories and a snack at no charge.

### TZOM GEDALIAH • *Fast of Gedaliah*

TZOM GEDALIAH (Fast of Gedaliah) is an annual fast day instituted by our tradition to mark the assassination of Gedaliah Ben Achikam, the Governor of Israel during the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylonia.

In the time immediately after the destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem itself by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, most of the Jewish people who lived in the land of Judah were exiled. There were a few that remained. Nebuchadnezzar appointed a man named Gedaliah as governor.

Gedaliah advised the people not to accept the Babylonian rule and instead to work towards reestablishing normal life in the country. Unfortunately, there were people who disagreed with him. A man named Yishmael ben Netaniah, a descendant of the royal family, murdered Gedaliah and many other Jews. This murder was the final blow that completely destroyed the last remnant of organized Jewish community in the land of Israel until the Jews returned to build the Second Temple.

The story of Gedaliah is told to us in two places in the TaNaCh, in Kings II chapter 25 and in the book of Jeremiah chapters 40 and 41.

The "Fast" itself is considered a "Minor Fast" as it begins at daylight and not on the evening before. This year TZOM GEDALIAH falls on **Sunday, September 28.**

### OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly



Julie & Joseph Aday,  
and their children, Gregory & Jacob

Kerri Strug & Robert Fischer,  
and their children, Tyler & Alayna

Sha Fu & Steven Gendel,  
and their children, Lydia & Benjamin

Stephanie Pearmain & Ron Grant,  
and their children, Maya & Olivia

Robert Harris

Marshall Herron

### 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 many religious, spiritual, educational and communal opportunities the synagogue has to offer!

### COMFORT FOR BABIES & MOMS

We have a designated room for moms who wish to nurse their babies in a quiet private space. The bride's changing room (at the back of the Epstein Chapel) will comfortably accommodate one or two moms at a time.

### THE MITZVAH OF BIKUR HOLIM

Federal healthcare 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 to speak with Rabbi Robert Eisen, ext. 230 or Clergy Assistant Michelle, ext. 225.





## 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](http://www.caiaz.org). Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their "Jewry" Duty during June and July 2014. *Todah rabah!*

Austin Agron  
MeMe Aguila  
Murray Baker  
Irvin Belzer  
David Ben-Asher  
Phyllis & Merrill Broad  
Barbara Brodie  
Jacob Chess  
Shelly & Kevin Chess  
Lee Chutkow  
Bob Cohen  
David Cohen  
Lee Cohen  
Mel Cohen  
Terri Cohen  
Rabbi Helen Cohn  
Dennis Dawson  
Valorie & Andrew Douglas  
Rosie Eilat-Kahn  
Debby Eisen  
Joan Epstein  
Arlene Epstein  
L. Elliot Farber  
Hedy Feuer  
Eric Flank  
Enid & Wynn Freedman  
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman  
Madeline Friedman  
Mat Friedman  
Myrna & Jim Frisch  
Emmanuel Furst  
Jami Gan  
Rayna & John Gellman  
Jacques Gerstenfeld  
Susan & Richard Glass

Jean & Marvin Glassberg  
Barbara Goldberg  
Shirley Goldberg  
Pejji Golden  
Linda Gorsky  
Lisa Grabell  
Margo & Ron Gray  
Alyne Greenberg  
Brina Grusin  
Barry Hirsch  
Sarah & Marty Johnston  
Harvey Jurkowitz  
Eugene Kellogg  
Steven Ketchel  
Sharon Klein  
Sallie & Mort Kranitz  
Bill Kugelman  
Della Kwasman  
Jenna Langert  
Peggy & Richard Langert  
Jerry Lapin  
Mark Levine  
Jerry Levy  
Scott Lewis  
Faylene & Phil Lictor  
Sandra Lictor  
Martin Mannlein  
Ziva Mason  
Levi Mendel  
Pam & Stuart Mendel  
Trenty & Michael Mendel  
Arnold Merin  
Lois Bodin & Herb Meshel  
Rose Offenberger  
Rabbi Arthur Oleisky  
Geva Ozeri

Nancy & Tidhar Ozeri  
Bea Paulus  
Rina Paz  
Jack Pinnas  
Jane Poliakoff  
Marilyn Prenskey  
Adrienne Reilly  
Helen Rib  
Abby Rosen  
Ann Rush  
Patti Salonic  
Judith Schneider  
Barbara & Michael Schoenhals  
Judith & Charles Schultz  
Howard Schwartz  
Sarah Segal  
Steve Seltzer  
Esther Sherberg  
Evelyn Sigafus  
Les Silberman  
Steve Sim  
Karen & Howard Skolnik  
Howard Sloane  
Arthur Solomon  
Sandra Tobin  
Moshe Toister  
Art Weinenger  
Jerry Wolf  
Joanne Wolf  
Robert Wolk  
Sam Wolsky  
Steve Wool  
Susan Wortman  
Arthur Zoref



## CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL'S TREE OF LIFE

Celebrate the happy events and people who touch our lives. Share your family's *simcha* with a leaf or stone on our Tree of Life to make a permanent dedication. CAI's Tree of Life is located outside the sanctuary doors. To place your order, call Brittany at 745-5550, ext. 240.



## 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 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. You can also access the form online at [www.caiaz.org/getting-involved/volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.caiaz.org/getting-involved/volunteer-opportunities/)

Thank you!

## Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftorah in June and July 2014)

David Ben-Asher  
Rev. Nachman Berkowitz  
Miriam Blum  
Nichole Chorny  
Margo Gray  
Richard Green  
Rabbi Ben Herman  
Mike Jacobson

Lisa Jurkowitz  
Jenna Langert  
Natalie Leonard  
Scott Lewis  
Leah Mann  
Phil Pepper  
Joy Peskin-Owens  
Helen Rib

Stephanie Roberts  
Donna Saffioti  
Leonard Schultz  
Steve Seltzer  
Teri Thienhaus  
Moshe Toister  
Gary Windham  
Arthur Zoref



## Synagogue Life Council

Hello! My name is Kathy Hays and I am the new chair of CAI's Synagogue Life Council.

My family came to Tucson in the 1940's, I am a graduate of Tucson High and the University of Arizona. My husband, Jerry Barkan, and I were married at CAI, and our membership here spans generations. We are retired educators from both public schools and Jewish day schools.

I have served as a member of the Board of Trustees, participated on numerous committees and have been a member of the SLC for about four years.

The Synagogue Life Council was created by the CAI Board of Trustees to coordinate programs, committees, and volunteer opportunities for the congregation. All of our meetings are open to the membership and we welcome your participation, ideas and creativity. Our meetings are usually held on the second Monday each month at 7:00pm in the Cantor Falkow Lounge.

The goals for the SLC this year are to increase participation and to provide support and encouragement for the efforts of volunteers as they create engaging and interesting programs for the members of the synagogue and the community.

Interested in helping? Please feel free to contact me at 615-1150 or [krhays2000@yahoo.com](mailto:krhays2000@yahoo.com)

**Kathy Hays, SLC Chair**



## ADULT CHOIR INTEREST MEETING AND REHEARSAL

Do you like to sing? Then CAI Adult Choir wants YOU!

**Monday, October 6  
6:00pm • Cantor Falkow Lounge**

This choir is open to all adults who have an interest in Jewish music and enjoy singing. The repertoire will include a full spectrum of Jewish music, both liturgical and secular. Rehearsal and performance dates will be given out at this rehearsal. New singers welcome; please join us!

**For more information, contact  
Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny  
at 745-5550, ext. 228 or  
[cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org](mailto:cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org)**

## All in the Family: The Congregation Family SEND US YOUR PICTURE!



Let's get to know our members!  
For the High Holy Days this year,  
we will be displaying family photos  
of our congregants in the hallways  
of our synagogue.

Please send in a family picture (along with the names of who is in the picture) to the office **no later than Sept. 12** to add to this beautiful display.

Hard copy photos will not be returned unless requested.

Digital photos or copies of the original photo are preferred.

NOTE: Depending on the volume of photos we receive, our hope is to use them in future display projects.

**Please send digital photos in JPG format, 300 dpi, to  
[cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org](mailto:cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org) OR  
hard copies ATTN: Nichole Chorny.**

**WE WANT TO SEE YOUR SMILING FACES!**

## Social Action Committee

Congregation Anshei Israel has hosted two Blood Donor Drives so far this secular year. In January we collected 31 units of blood, exceeding our goal by three. And on August 10, we collected 32 units of blood which was 110% of our goal. Way to go, Anshei Israel! Our participants included three donors who gave double red blood cells, a process which takes more of their time, but yields two units per donor. A volunteer and a donor who had joined Anshei Israel a few months ago added their efforts, as well as many loyal blood drive supporters.

Thanks to each of you for doing this *mitzvah*. Our next drive will be this winter.

**Margo Gray, Blood Drive Coordinator**

Now that summer is behind us, CAI's Social Action Committee is seeking to make a commitment to new projects that help fulfill the needs in our community while actively engaging our volunteers. It's a new way of thinking!

We plan to participate in the following projects this year:

- Community Food Bank food sorting
- Habitat for Humanity Build
- Meal service at Catalina Men's Housing Center on Mondays, Sept. 15, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 and more 2015 dates.

Do you have a favorite charity or cause? Please contact us and let's get involved together! We look forward to working with you.

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Social Action Committee Co-chairs**

# COMING UP . . .

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

Every year, Congregation Anshei Israel participates in Tucson's annual High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank.

## PROJECT



## ISAIAH

**Kindly drop off food donations Sept. 2 - Oct. 16 in the marked box in the administrative office foyer.** Cash or checks (made payable: *Community Food Bank*) may be mailed to, or dropped off, at the Synagogue. In addition, CAI's United Synagogue Youth will be collecting donations of **FOOD ITEMS ONLY from 4:30 to 5:30pm on Kol Nidre, Friday, October 3.** Please bring your food donations to the marked truck parked by the flag pole near the main entrance to the Synagogue.

### MOST-NEEDED ITEMS:

**Canned Fruit or Fruit Juice • Canned Vegetables  
Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Beans, Soups • Peanut Butter and Paper Goods**

Project Isaiah was conceived and initiated by the Conservative Movement.

Please join us for our **HIGH HOLY DAYS KOLLEL**

"Looking Forward,  
Looking Back:  
How to Make the  
New Year 'New'"

7:00 - 7:45pm

*Teshuvah, Maimonides and "Me"*

with **Rabbi Dr. Howard Schwartz**

7:50 - 8:35pm

*Six Things Worth Remembering*

with **Rabbi Robert Eisen**



continuing  
Wednesdays,  
Sept. 3 & 10

**Please RSVP to Michelle  
at 745-5550, ext 225.**

## Membership & High Holy Days Tickets / Admission

The High Holy Days begin September 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah. We welcome everyone to attend this year's High Holy Days services.

**A free\* one-year membership is offered** to anyone who hasn't been affiliated with any synagogue for two years. The membership includes High Holy Days tickets. (\**Yearly Mortgage & Maintenance fee required.*)

Free general admission tickets for High Holy Days services are offered to all unaffiliated Jews age 20 to 39, as well as college students and military personnel. **NEW THIS YEAR: 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah is open to all!**

For information about membership or High Holy Days tickets/admission, call Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242.

## Kever Avot Memorial Service

**Sunday, Sept. 21  
10:30am**

*Evergreen Cemetery,  
Anshei Israel Section*

Even if your loved ones are not buried in CAI's Cemetery, you are encouraged to participate in the service and pay your respects to your dearly departed. The 30-minute service includes a special booklet of prayers.

## Inspirational Author to Speak Wednesday, Sept. 17 7:00pm



Rabbi Charles Sherman will share the remarkable story about his journey dealing with a severely disabled son and the faith that sustained him in "The Broken and the Whole: Discovering Joy after Heartbreak." Published in March, the book has received critical acclaim and will be available for purchase and/or author signing. There is no charge to attend.

**See insert for details.**

Please join us for the  
opening service to the  
High Holy Days



## Selihot Program & Service

**Saturday,  
Sept. 20**

beginning in  
Rabbi Breger Hall

**8:00PM**

Wine, Cheese & Dessert Reception

**8:45PM**

Havdallah Program:

"Inside the Synagogue Studio"

**9:40PM**

Changing of the Torah Covers  
Honoring CAI's USY

**10:00PM**

Selihot Service

**There is NO CHARGE to attend;  
however, reservations are  
requested by Sept. 15.  
Call Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242.**



C O M I N G U P . . .

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



**Tashlich  
at the Park  
Tuesday, Sept. 30  
4:00pm at Reid Park,  
Ramada 7**

Join us as we symbolically  
"cast away" our sins as  
the New Year begins.

Traditionally, bread crumbs are cast upon a body of water as an act of self purification. CAI will provide refreshments. Bring the whole family and participate in this meaningful experience. (Enter park via Lakeshore Dr. off 22nd St.; turn left into first parking lot; Ramada 7 is between playground and road.)

**There is no charge to attend;  
but please RSVP by Sept. 29.  
Visit [www.caiaz.org](http://www.caiaz.org) or call 745-5550**



*It's a mitzvah  
to eat in a  
sukkah.*

*Join us for*

**Hava  
Na"Grilla"  
Sukkot Dinner  
Wednesday,  
Oct. 8 • 6:00pm**

Enjoy burgers,  
beans & more  
with  
family, friends  
and fun!

**Please RSVP  
by Oct. 2.  
See insert for more  
information.**

**Come out to play on Sunday, Oct. 5  
10:00am – 12:00pm at**

Families of all ages  
are welcome to  
share in the FUN at  
this FUN-raiser!



**See insert to  
learn more.**

*Please join us for this service and meaningful dedication.*

**Shemini  
Atzeret** Thursday, Oct. 16 • 9:00am

On Shemini Atzeret, all yahrzeit plaques installed in  
Congregation Anshei Israel's Memorial Hall  
during the past year will be dedicated;  
Yizkor approximately 10:30am.

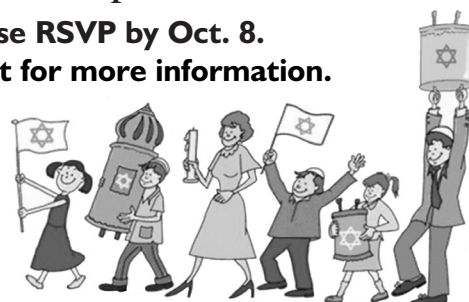
**Share in our Simhat Torah celebration!**

**Simhat Torah Dinner** Bring the whole  
Thursday, Oct. 16 • 5:00pm family!

**Please RSVP by Oct. 8.  
See insert for more information.**

*To be followed  
at 5:45pm by ...*

... our traditional Hakafot  
to include Israeli singing  
and dancing.



*The Simhat Torah celebration continues ...*

**Friday, Oct. 17  
9:00am**

Share in a festive service geared toward children.  
At 9:30 am, the Sifrey Torah are taken out of the  
Ark. The children parade behind, then go up on  
the Bimah and are blessed.

**IT'S BACK!**

**4TH ANNUAL**

**KEEP ON TRUCKIN'**

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, Oct. 26**

**See insert to  
learn more.**

# CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS



## Women's League

Our "Gentle Yoga Plus" class continues on **Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am**. Increased balance, strength and flexibility in a supportive group setting is the focus. Meditation and

deep relaxation at the end of each class leaves participants with positive healing energy and uplifted spirits. Dress comfortably. Members of Women's League: \$6 per class; non-members \$8 per class. For more information, call Evelyn at 885-4102.

The "Women's Study Group" continues **Mondays, September 8 and October 6 at 12noon** using *The Five Books of Miriam: A Woman's Commentary on the Torah* as the core for discussions led by Rabbi Robert Eisen. Topics can be interesting, insightful and inspiring. Portions are in the administrative office or at [www.caiaz.org/events-calendar/](http://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 are provided. For more information, call Helen Rib at 299-0340.

Please join us for our paid-up membership "Lunch in the Sukkah" on **Wednesday, October 15 at 12:00pm** when we'll thank our many wonderful Gift Shop volunteers and the women of CAI's administrative staff. Free to all members of Women's League, Gift Shop volunteers and female staff. Not a member yet? Join at the lunch! As a member, you'll meet incredible women, feel good helping others, and have great learning experiences - all while financially supporting the youth of our synagogue. Watch your mail for an event flyer.

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**Opening Soon!**



## "Read It & Meet"

Read It & Meet will resume on Saturday, October 11. Our first book discussion will be about *Invisible City* by Tova Mirvis. Read ahead for the following RIM dates: *Ten Green Bottles* by Vivian Kaplan (Nov. 1, 2014); *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn with Rabbi Robert Eisen as moderator (Dec. 6, 2014); *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit (Jan. 3, 2015), and *The Family* by David Laskin (date not yet decided).

"Read It and Meet" is held most months 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](mailto:vickauff@juno.com) or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



**Men's Club**  
of Congregation Anshei Israel

## Men's Club

Our next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 14, at 9:30am**

in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Guest speaker Oshrat Barel, Shaliach (Israel ambassador) and Director of the Weintraub Israel Center, will speak on "The Current Situation in Israel." Includes our delicious breakfast buffet. There is never a charge for Men's Club members; guests are welcome for \$4.

All Religious School students are invited to join us in the synagogue's sukkah on **Sunday, October 12, at 9:30am** to share breakfast. We could use extra hands in the kitchen to help prepare the meal. Following breakfast, we'll adjourn to the Cantor Falkow Lounge to hear our guest speaker (TBD).

Please feel free to bring a friend with you to any of our meetings. We have plenty of great food, in addition to interesting guests.

**Mark Levine, Men's Club President**  
**886-8825, [marsher18@gmail.com](mailto:marsher18@gmail.com)**



## 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. Future plans for the group are undetermined at this time. For more information about upcoming events, contact Linda Roy at 745-5550 ext. 222 or [linda@caiaz.org](mailto:linda@caiaz.org)

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. Rides should be scheduled 2 to 3 days in advance. **To schedule a ride, call 465-4323.**





## Celebrating Becoming a B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



### Joshua Cole Nochumson September 13

Cole is the son of Karyn & Wes White and Craig Nochumson; the grandson of Anne & Stephen Friedman, Susan Nochumson and the late Charles Nochumson; the great-grandson of Lilly Paradise; and brother to Caleb. A student at Vail Academy and High School, Cole's interests include basketball, bowling, golf and computers.



### Geva Ozeri October 25

Geva is the son of Nancy Ben-Asher Ozeri & Tidhar Ozeri; the grandson of M. David Ben-Asher & the late Bryna Ben-Asher, and Naomi & Yehrel Ozeri; and brother to Shoham & Eshed. Geva's Bar Mitzvah project involves helping cancer patients. A student at Alice Vail Middle School, Geva's interests include chess, reading, video games and the Tucson Jewish Youth Choir.

## PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN REMINDERS

### Open House • Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:00pm

For parents with children currently enrolled in the school.

Meet with the Parent Action Committee and teachers to go over the curriculum!

### Family Portraits PAC Fundraiser • Sunday, Oct. 12

Packages start at \$54

### Scholastic Book Fair • Oct. 20-29

New congregant Stephanie Pearmain's book, *Animal BFFs*, will be among the many books offered.

### "Dad & Me" Breakfast • Friday, Oct. 24

Stephanie Pearmain will happily sign her book, *Animal BFFs*, at this fun event!

## PARENT-TOT CLASS

This FREE weekly class (Tuesdays, 9-11am, Room 11) is for children 9- to 24-months in age and their parent(s). Fun and educational, and facilitated by Heather Gordon, participants sing songs, make art projects, read stories, have a snack, and share parenting advice with each other. Join us **Sept. 9 at 9:20am** for our guest, Cantorial

Soloist Nichole Chorny, as she teaches the children how to play instruments, sing and dance!



## Religious School

Religious School is off and running! Thanks to all our families who helped create such a warm and welcoming kick-off to what promises to be a wonderful school year. For those parents who would still like to sign up for volunteer opportunities or Religious School committee involvement, it's never too late. Contact me to talk about how you'd like to be involved.



Please make note of the following events that affect Religious School:

- "Tashlich in the Park," **Tuesday, September 30**, is a regular **required** Religious School day, 4:00 - 6:00pm. The only difference is our location AND that the whole family is invited and encouraged to attend! We are meeting at Reid Park, Ramada 7. (**See page 7 for RSVP information.**)
- There is no Religious School on **Sunday, October 5**, the day after Yom Kippur. Instead, bring the whole family to a fun-filled morning at Golf n' Stuff, (6503 E. Tanque Verde) where we will have the whole place to ourselves 10:00am - 12:00pm! Did we mention it will be fun?? Look for the **flyer insert** to learn more.
- We'll enjoy breakfast in the synagogue's sukkah with the Men's Club on **Sunday, October 12**, at 9:30am, followed by regular classes.

And, of course, CAI has lots of other great events planned ... see pages 6 and 7. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or thoughts you may have about Religious School. I welcome and look forward to your communication.

**Sarah Artzi, Religious School Administrator**  
745-5550, ext. 227, [rsadmin@caiaz.org](mailto:rsadmin@caiaz.org)

## Introducing New Family Programs



We are happy to announce some new and exciting programs coming up! Mishpacha (Family) Programs are especially designed for our families with children. Save the dates below so you can join us on a Jewish journey of making friends, building community, learning about Judaism, and family fun!

### Mishpacha (Family) Programs

- Saturday, December 6: Havdallah Under the Stars & Picture Scavenger Hunt
- Tuesday, December 16: Family Hanukkah Workshop
- Sunday, February 8, 2015: Tu B'Shevat in the Park
- Sunday, February, 15: Shema Sweet Dreams (for pre-school through kindergarten children)
- Sunday, March 15: Family Game Night
- Sunday, March 29: Family Passover Workshop
- Friday, April 17: Israeli Night

**Nichole Chorny, Cantorial Soloist**  
745-5550, ext. 228, [cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org](mailto:cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org)

## Birth Announcement

*This column features children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of CAI members. The announcement and photo (if available) will appear in the issue of Kolenu within appropriate print dates. Please notify Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.*



**Keshet Bryce Stiglitz**

**Born August 8**

Keshet is the granddaughter of Irene Stern

Friedman & Ellis Friedman.

## Mazel Tov!

### Marriage

#### **Yoneet Eilat**

daughter of Rosie & Paul Kahn  
to Michael Wilburn

### Recognition

#### **Nancy Ben-Asher Ozeri**

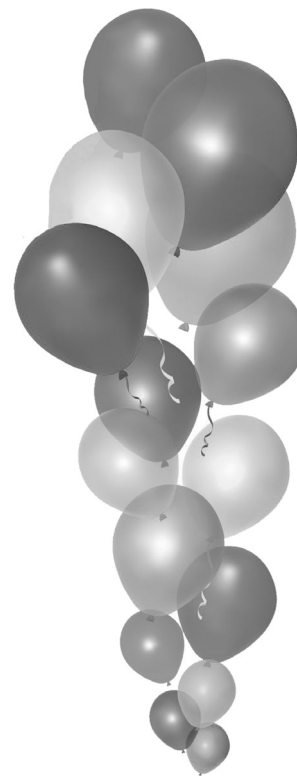
for writing an article for the Arizona Jewish Post that won a first place Simon Rockower Award for Excellence in Jewish Journalism from the American Jewish Press Association

## September Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Robin & Michael Kaiserman	46
2 Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	42
3 <b>Vivien &amp; Jacques Gerstenfeld</b>	<b>53</b>
Ellyn & Harold Langer	25
Alene & Bryan Schwartz	48
4 Hedy Feuer & Michael Perlman	8
5 Phyllis & Robert Harris	27
Rochelle Abell & Dan Weisz	38
Sandra & William Yalen	49
6 Faylene & Phil Lictor	33
8 Marlene & Bill Abraham	35
Lynne Falkow-Strauss & Jack Strauss	46
11 Nancy & Michael Apsell	48
12 Gina & Michael Kahn	5
<b>Sandra &amp; Bernard Simon</b>	<b>60</b>
13 Kerri & Craig Morton	5
14 Bertie Levkowitz & Thomas Herz	9
16 Nessa & Peter Beren	41
Debby & Rabbi Robert Eisen	30
17 <b>Carole &amp; Art Glass</b>	<b>54</b>
20 Judy & Michael Dorf	45
21 Sandi & Lawrence Adler	23
22 Renee & Howard Hulsey	23

## October Anniversaries

Date	Years
5 Josephine & Jules Harris	42
9 Stacy & Adam Klein	20
Nancy & Robert Krouse	15
Teresa & Ole Thienhaus	33
13 Bronwyn & Lonny Sternberg	7
21 Sondra & Edward Koven	30
23 Anne & Jerry Levy	25
Shelley & Steven Singer	31
25 Gabrielle & Andrew Burgess	5
26 Michele & Lawrence Cassen	11
Judith & Charles Schultz	34
27 Jane & Bruce Ash	37
28 Vicki & Abraham Kaufman	25
Debra & Mark Lytle	7
Linda & Robert Ullman	41
29 Mindy & Allen Bergman	14
Dvora Tager & Bob Dietz	25
Ilona & Matthew Rothman	5
30 <b>Marcelle &amp; Ted Bersin</b>	<b>60</b>
31 Andrea & Mark Evenson	12



**Congregation  
Anshe Israel  
is turning 85!**

**January 24, 2015**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Are you a Member of the Tribe? Are you a cyclist?**



Then join the newly-formed Tucson Jewish cycling club, **"The Tribe Rides."** Our first event will be a spin class fundraiser **Sunday, November 9** as part of the JCC's "Family Wellness Expo." Funds will benefit CAI and Team Colleen, an organization dedicated to cancer survivorship.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

For more information, contact Stephanie Roberts  
at 290-4590 or [stephanieroberts001@msn.com](mailto:stephanieroberts001@msn.com)

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### TODAH RABAH TO:

**Irene Stern Friedman, Brina Grusin,  
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for proofing the July/August Kolenu

**Phyllis & Merrill Broad**  
for sponsoring the July 12 Third Meal  
in honor of their 63rd anniversary

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for sponsoring the August 9 kiddush  
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**Sam Wolsky**  
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We welcome donations — in whole or part — toward  
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to help, please call Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242.

## Condolences

### המקום ינחם אתכם

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

Joan Salmon - her son, Howard Salmon  
Stewart Salmon - his brother, Howard Salmon  
Fran Stoler - her mother, Martha Rothman  
*May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners*



*Memorial Plaques have been installed for*

**Mary Aronoff**  
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Installation of a memorial plaque is a beautiful way to perpetuate  
the memory of a loved one. Each year on the anniversary  
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reminder of the Yahrzeit and light the light adjacent to  
their memorial plaque. Call 745-5550 to make arrangements  
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## Young Adult/College Outreach Program

During the High Holy Days, 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.  
Please help us update our list of young adults who are in college  
or others who would enjoy hearing from us. We ask those who  
would like their children to receive both regular and e-mail  
communications to complete and return the form below to:  
**Congregation Anshei Israel, Young Adult/College Outreach  
Program, 5550 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Tucson, AZ 85711**

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College Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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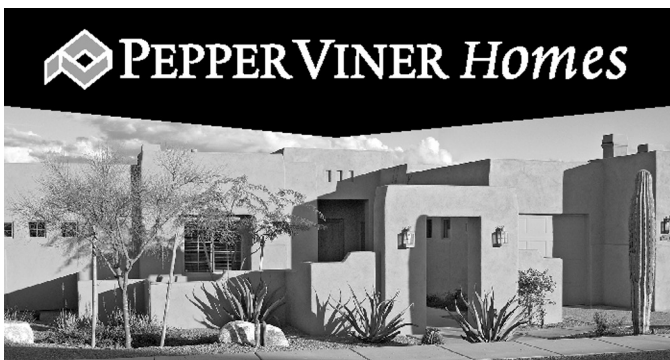
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## Iron Dome Saves Lives

As the deluge of rockets from Gaza endangered millions of Israeli lives this summer, the Jewish state was able to rely on a remarkable technology to protect its most populated areas with the Iron Dome missile defense system. Thanks to this groundbreaking, U.S.-backed technology, most of the rockets destined for Israeli schools, buildings and neighborhoods were shot down out of the sky.

The Iron Dome air defense system is unique in its capabilities and is one of the most tangible manifestations of American aid to Israel. Designed by Israel's Advanced Defense Systems LTD., it was first introduced in 2011, after successfully intercepting several Grad rockets that were fired from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel. Since then, Iron Dome has undergone numerous improvements and has become a critical component to Israeli deterrence against terrorist rocket fire.

The system provides robust, selective defense and can discriminate between threats headed toward population centers and those that will land in open fields or in the ocean. It is effective at destroying incoming rockets in all weather conditions, including low clouds, rain, or fog.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Dan Shapiro, has joined a chorus of praise from both Israeli and American officials regarding the United States' funding for this life-saving device. "If there has been a more substantial contribution than the aid and funding for [Iron] Dome, that saves lives, I can't imagine what it is," he said.

For years, pro-Israel activists across the country have lobbied their members of Congress to provide annual funding for the Iron Dome system and other critical missile defense programs. As of this summer, the United States has allocated more than \$700 million towards Iron Dome with Congress considering an additional \$576 million in fiscal year 2015.

Additionally, American lawmakers have so far contributed nearly \$2 billion for Israel's mid-range and long-range missile defense programs including David's Sling and the Arrow II and III systems.

The United States played an essential role in helping Israel protect its people from its enemies and eliminate the possibility of mass casualties during the Hamas offensive this past summer. The work of AIPAC and the pro-Israel community to lobby our legislators in support of these vital security subsidies will remain an indispensable facet of the robust U.S.-Israel partnership.

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