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fill your heart and home with happiness.*

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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 (November 7 and December 5)** 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. Reservations are required for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us for our newest Shabbat celebration on **Friday, November 21 and December 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. 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. Reservations are required for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

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!

*Our sincere apologies to those who submitted names of loved ones to be in this year's Book of Remembrance that did not make it into the publication. There were issues with the submittals not going through proper channels once received in the office.
This is a regrettable error on the part of the administrative staff.*

The Tenth of Tevet *Asarah B'Tevet*

~
Date of the fast in 5775: January 1, 2015

Coming as it does a week after the last day of Hanukkah, the fast on the 10th of the month of Tevet (Asarah B'Tevet) might easily be overlooked. It occupies, however, an important niche in the story of Israel and the history of our people.

The text in II Kings (25:1-4) tells us that on the 10th day of the 10th month, in the ninth year of his reign, (588 BCE), Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, began the siege of Jerusalem. Three years later, on the 17th of Tammuz, he broke through the city walls. The siege ended with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later, on the 9th of Av, the end of the first Kingdom and the exile of the Jewish people to Babylon. It can thus be considered part of the cycle of fasts connected with these events: Tzom Gedaliah (3rd of Tishrei); Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (17th of Tammuz) and Tisha B'Av (9th of Av).

The first mention of this fast appears in Zechariah (8:19) where it is called the "fast of the tenth month..." (counting from the month of Nisan, which was the first month in Biblical times). Other references to the fast and the affliction can be found in Ezekiel 24:1-2 (the siege); Jeremiah 52:4-6.

However, although the fast is historically tied in with events surrounding the destruction of the First Temple, the purpose of the fast is not the commemoration of an historical event, but the state of affliction of the Jewish people.

- As with all Jewish fasts, the prayers for Asarah B'Tevet include Selihot, marking the day as an occasion for each of us to devote time to Teshuvah (repentance), the introspection that motivates us to reexamine our actions and change our ways. As the Talmud in Brachot says, "one who is afflicted should examine his or her actions and do Teshuvah."
- Asarah B'Tevet is the day of mourning for people whose last resting place or date of death is unknown (the Kaddish Clali).
- Asarah B'Tevet is one of four public fasts which begin at dawn (alot hashachar - about an hour before sunrise), but do not carry additional restrictions, such as washing oneself or wearing leather shoes, etc. (while Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av begin from dusk the night before). However, it is the only fast which is not brought forward or postponed if it falls on a Friday, a mark of its immense significance.

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 as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome ...

Lynn & Stanford Cramer

Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare

Heather Rinehimer

and her children, William, James & Benjamin

Julia Salehin

Irwin Weinberg

BAT KOHEN/BAT LEVI

In keeping with a position adopted within our movement which affirms that a woman whose father is a KOHEN or LEVITE may consider herself a BAT KOHEN or BAT LEVI for the purpose of receiving the KOHEN or LEVI ALIYAH when she comes to the Torah, we will, on those occasions when we call people to the Torah as KOHEN or LEVI, embrace those who are BAT KOHEN or BAT LEVI as being eligible to take such honors. We know that not all women will choose to do this, but for those who do, once they have claimed this status, from that point on they will be eligible only for the KOHEN or LEVI ALIYAH.

If you are a BAT KOHEN or BAT LEVI, please let Rabbi Eisen know (rabbi@caiaz.org) so that we can be sure to look for you when assigning the honors.

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 Ollanik, 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. Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their "Jewry" Duty during August and September 2014. *Todah rabah!*

Austin Agron
MeMe Aguila
David Ben-Asher
Murray Baker
Jerry Barkan
Betty Berkowitz
Gabe Briggs
Phyllis & Merrill Broad
Barbara Burstein
Kevin Chess
Lee Chutkow
Miriam Cline
Terri Cohen
Dennis Dawson
Valorie & Andy Douglas
Rosie Eilat-Kahn
Joan Epstein
Deanna Evenchik
L. Elliot Farber
Hedy Feuer
Eric Flank
Barry Friedman
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman
Linda Friedman
James Frisch
Emanuel Furst
Rayna & John Gellman
Jean & Marvin Glassberg
Shirley Goldberg
Tedd Goldfinger

Margo & Ron Gray
Robert Harris
Lorraine & Sidney Hellring
Barry Hirsch
Sarah & Marty Johnston
Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz
Dan Jurkowitz
Daniel Karsch
Nedra Katz
Deborah Kaye
Aurora Kellogg
Steven Ketchel
Ruth Kolker
Sallie & Mort Kranitz
Della Kwasman
Gerald Lapin
Katherine & Aaron Leonard
Mark Levine
Jerry Levy
Scott Lewis
Faylene & Phil Lictor
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Pamela & Stuart Mendel
Trenty & Michael Mendel
Arnold Merin
Lois Bodin & Herb Meshel
Nancy Ozeri
Bea Paulus
Rina Paz
Don Persellin

Joy Peskin-Owens
Jane Poliakoff
Adrienne Reilly
Helen Rib
Patti Salonic
Sandra Schenker
Judith Schneider
Judy & Chuck Schultz
Leonard Schultz
Howard Schwartz
Sarah Segal
Barbara Selznick
Esther Sherberg
Evelyn Sigafus
Steve Sim
Karen & Howard Skolnik
Ole Thienhaus
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Art Weinenger
Jan Wezelman
Jim Wezelman
Mary Wezelman
Jerry Wolf
Joanne Wolf
Robert Wolk
Sam Wolsky
Steve Wool
Arthur Zoref

PROJECT



ISAAH

Update

Todah rabah to the Anshei Israel family for your generosity in this year's High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank.

Because of you, we collected more than 1600 pounds of food and \$1300+ in cash. With the Food Bank's purchasing power, they can buy approximately \$11,700 in food!



Did you know that you can earn money for the Preschool/Kindergarten by using gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases? It's true!

When you purchase the gift cards through us, you pay face value for each one (there are hundreds of retailers, restaurants and more from which to choose) and the school earns a percentage of each card sold.

We are challenging CAI families to each buy a \$100 gift card to their favorite grocery store or gas station ... or consider buying them as gifts for other!

Stop by Kim's desk in the Education Office to pick up a "ShopWithScrip" order form. Order deadline: November 14.

See insert for more information and thank you for your support!

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in August and September 2014)

Marlene Abraham
Abigail Auslander
Rebecca Auslander
David Ben-Asher
Amanda Bressler
Joel Chorny
Nichole Chorny
Rabbi Robert Eisen
Rayna Gellman
Margo Gray
Aaron Green
Richard Green

Mike Jacobson
Corey Karp
Katherine Leonard
Natalie Leonard
Scott Lewis
Caleb Nochumson
Cole Nochumson
Michael Pensak
Noah Pensak
Hannah Peskin-Owens
David Polan
Helen Rib

Stephanie Roberts
Ann Rush
Donna Saffioti
Leonard Schultz
Steve Seltzer
Linda Silverman
Moshe Toister
Gary Windham
Sam Wolsky
Rita Zahav
Arthur Zoref



Synagogue Life Council

Our Synagogue Life Council meets monthly. All committee chairs and some staff members give reports on their activities and events. Each month we feature one or two of our committees. In

September we had presentations from Bob Cohen of the Library Committee and Hedy Feuer of the Social Action Committee.

Bob Cohen reported that since February 2013, the Library Committee has made an effort to clean up and catalog the collection. In addition to discussing the library at CAI, he also explained that there is a Jewish Library Association serving and connecting several Southern Arizona Jewish libraries.

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, the Library Committee needs to address several issues regarding the library. Some important questions have to be answered: What is the role of technology in a modern library? Is the space we currently have for the library the best use of that space for the synagogue? How can we help the congregation understand the benefit the library affords them? How do we supervise, update and keep current our library resources? This work will be ongoing during this year.

Hedy Feuer, chair of the Social Action Committee, explained several programs in which CAI is involved to assist the community as a whole. The first program involves "snack packs" for children at Los Amigos Elementary School. These packages provide healthy snacks for children in need to take home for the weekend. CAI picks up the bulk food at the Community Food Bank, packages it for individual students, and delivers it to the school. The school then gives it to the students. CAI is also involved in providing dinner for the Catalina Men's Housing Center for men transitioning out of homelessness, as well as sorting food for the Community Food Bank several times a year. **Please see the article to the right for more information about these programs and how you can help.**

The "SLC" is happy to welcome Steve Singer as our new Chair of the Ritual Committee. I want to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work. The next meetings of the Synagogue Life Council will be at 7:00pm on November 10 and December 8 in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. All interested congregants are welcome to attend and participate.

Please feel free to contact me at 615-1150 or krhays2000@yahoo.com

Kathy Hays, SLC Chair

Social Action Committee

Our New Year is off to a busy start. Our first month on the "Snack Pack" program is underway. The logistics of the program prove to be a challenge. We are still in need of drivers to pick up the food packets once assembled at CAI for delivery to Los Amigos Elementary School on: November 6, 13, 20, 25 and December 4, 11 & 17. Much thanks to our delivery people Jerry Barkan, Lois Bodin, Kathy Hays, Rick Langert, Herb Meshel, Jack Strauss and Jerry Wolf.

Our first meal service at the Primavera Foundation Catalina Men's Housing Center (115 S. 4th Ave.) is complete. The following dates are still available to provide help: December 15, March 16 and May 11, 2015. The Catalina Men's Housing Center is a permanent housing complex for men transitioning out of homelessness. There is a group of no more than 23 clients at the facility. Meal teams arrive at 3:30pm, set up and warm prepared foods and serve at 4:30pm. The project should be done by 5:00pm and we return to CAI just in time for Minyan! The project requires no more than 4 to 5 people to shop, cook, deliver and serve. This a great project for a few friends, havarot, Bar or Bat Mitzvah project, or Monday night Mah Jongg "widowers." Many thanks to our meal staff Della Kwasman, Linda Silverman and Jerry Wolf.

Look for information soon for the opportunity to help sort food at the Community Food Bank in December.

We would not be able to accomplish our goals in the community without your help!

Hedy Feuer, hedy.feuer@gmail.com / 885-8819
Jane Poliakoff, jmpoliakoff@gmail.com
Social Action Committee Co-chairs



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

Sunday, January 4, 2015
9am - 2pm

in Cantor Falkow Lounge

See insert for details!

Hazak, Hazak, V'Nit-hazayk
Be Strong and Let Us
Strengthen One Another

Donating blood puts the power and strength of faith into action. The credo of the Conservative movement is, "Not words but deeds." You have the power to save lives when you participate in our Blood Drives. All presenting donors will receive a long sleeve T-shirt while supplies last. To schedule your appointment or to volunteer, contact Margo Gray, 298 8831, ronpsych@yahoo.com
 Eligibility questions? Call American Red Cross 1-800-733-2767



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/

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

Selihot Program, Sept. 20, 2014



"Inside the Synagogue Studio" with Rabbi Eisen interviewing Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny

CAI's USYers changed the Torah covers



Tashlich at the Park Sept. 30

After symbolically casting away their sins, participants made decorations for the synagogue's sukkah.

F.U.N. (Families Unite Now) Day at Golf n' Stuff, Sunday, Oct. 5



Bumper boats, go carts and golf... oh, my! Fun, indeed, was had by all.



Shomrei Torah "Dessert Under the Stars" in Debby & Rabbi Eisen's Sukkah Oct. 12



Members of CAI's Shomrei Torah enjoyed delicious sweets, great company and conversation, and community.



(l. to r.) CAI President Richard Fink, Rabbi Robert Eisen & Secretary/Treasurer Phil Pepper

C O M I N G U P . . .

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



"Turkey and More" Drive November 2 - 23, 2014

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS: Please bring in your tzedakah for this project.

Are you a cyclist?



Join the newly-formed Tucson Jewish cycling club,

"The Tribe Rides" at our first event on Sunday, Nov. 9!

See insert for details.

Join us as we welcome
JOEY WEISENBERG
Musician • Author • Teacher
Extraordinaire
Nov. 14 & 15, 2014
See insert for more information about his visit!



Sunday, Nov. 16

9 to 11am

Cantor Falkow Lounge



This is an opportunity for all congregants to get to know your Board of Trustees. Share your ideas, opinions and suggestions about the synagogue; and have a nosh with us. Please set aside some time for this get-together; we want to hear from you ... all of you!



It's back! From **Nov. 29 to Dec. 31, 2014**, Rabbi Eisen will be accepting your **CAI Tzedakah Boxes** for donation toward our sister synagogue, Shevet Achim in Gilo, Israel. All donations received via these boxes will be matched!

Please bring your box to the administrative front desk during office hours. Let us know that you are donating the contents (however much they may be) to our Gilo Campaign and pick up a new box to continue your tzedakah efforts into the new secular year. Don't have a CAI Tzedakah Box? We have plenty ... come on in to get yours.



Happy Hanukkah

Hanukkah is Dec. 17-24.

1st Candle Tuesday, Dec. 16

The entire staff of Congregation Anshei Israel wish you and yours a very Happy Hanukkah!

Be sure to join us for our Hanukkah Party

8th Night, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 6:00pm.

Full dinner with latkes • Candle Lighting • Volunteer Recognition Concert and Sing-a-long with CAI's Adult and Youth Choirs

~ See insert for more information. ~

SAVE

January 24, 2015

for

CAI's 85th Birthday!

See insert for how you, your family &/or your business can get in our yearbook!



Women's League

The "Women's Study Group" continues **Mondays, November 3 and December 1 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/ 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.

"Gentle Yoga Plus" classes continue 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.

All Jewish women 18+ are invited to share a "SWEET" lunch (Sexy Women Eating Elegantly Together) on **Wednesday, November 12, 12:15pm** at Feast, 3719 E. Speedway, a relaxed bistro with eclectic cuisine. Join us to share some laughter, delicious food and good company. "Dutch treat." Please RSVP by November 7 to Evelyn at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com

Mah Jongg cards for 2015 are being sold by Judy Fishman to benefit CAI's Women's League. Order deadline: **January 15, 2015** (\$8 standard size; \$9 large). For more information, contact Judy at 722-8562 or magicjudy1@gmail.com

Hanukkah is just around the corner... You can find everything you need at our Judaica Gift Shop: Hanukkiot, candles, dreidels, chocolate gelt, cards and so much more. For the best selection of Judaica in Tucson, come here! FREE gift wrap and Gift Certificates available. We're open Mon, Wed, Thu 10am-4pm; Tues 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-1pm; and Sunday 9am-12pm (when Religious School in session). The shop is strictly volunteer-driven. Have a talent for retail and want to help? Call Phyllis at 299-8932 or Anne at 299-2463.



"Read It & Meet"

Join us for the next "Read It & Meet" on **Saturday, November 1**. The book discussion is about *Ten Green Bottles* by Vivian Kaplan, with moderator Barbara Benjamin. Read ahead for the following RIM dates: *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn with Rabbi Robert Eisen as moderator (Dec. 6, 2014); *Rebbe* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin (Jan. 3, 2015), and *The Family* by David Laskin (Feb. 7, 2015).

"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 or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



Men's Club

Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

The Men's Club is hosting a special Veterans' Day dinner in the Cantor Falkow Lounge on

Sunday, November 9 at 6:00pm to honor Jewish veterans and active military. Veterans are welcome at no charge; \$10 per person for spouses and guests. Reservations are required with/without payment by Nov. 5 to Mark Levine at 886-8825 or marsher18@gmail.com

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 23 at 9:30am** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Our guest speaker is author and noted lecturer Dr. Asher Susser, visiting professor in Modern Israel Studies at UofA. Dr. Susser has written extensively on Israeli/Palestinian issues and was selected Tel Aviv University's Humanities Outstanding Lecturer. The meeting includes our delicious breakfast buffet. There is never a charge for Men's Club members; guests are welcome for \$4.

We will welcome Prof. Lisa Adeli to our **December 7** Breakfast Meeting at **9:30am**. Prof. Adeli is the Outreach Coordinator for the UofA Center for Middle Eastern Studies and will speak about the efforts made by Muslims to save Jewish families during WWII.



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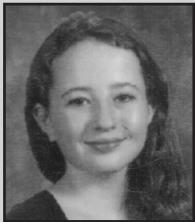
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Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Jillian Hannah Cassius November 1

Jillian is the daughter of Jennifer & Mark Cassius; the granddaughter of Beverly & Sam Cassius, and Paul Smelkinson & the late Elaine Smelkinson. Her Bat Mitzvah project involves working to facilitate the painting of mosaic tiles by CAI students to decorate the security wall between Israel and the Gaza Strip. A student at The Gregory School, Jillian's interests include ballet, drawing, reading and attending Camp Ramah each summer.



Rebecca Michelle Freund November 8

Rebecca is the daughter of Suzanne & Ross Freund; the granddaughter of Ralph Freund & the late Belle Freund, and Marie Jacobus & the late Floyd Jacobus; and sister to Rachel. Her Bat Mitzvah project involves donating money to plant trees in Israel. A student at Magee Middle School, Rebecca's interests include reading, playing the flute and singing.



Benjamin Samuel Krouse November 29

Benjamin is the son of Nancy & Robert Krouse; the grandson of Sandra & Bernard Krouse, and Amalia & Numa Coca; and brother to Julia, Maya & Gabriel. His Bar Mitzvah project involves raising money for Special Olympics El Tour de Tucson. A student at Orange Grove Middle School, Ben's interests include baseball, bike riding and the outdoors.



Katya Julianna Cohen December 20

Katya is the daughter of Felicia & Ari Cohen; the granddaughter of Rose & Brian Cohen, and Anita & Lyle Kaliser; and sister to Ethan & Liam. Her Bat Mitzvah project involves collecting food and toiletries for Youth on Their Own. A student at Orange Grove Middle School, Katya's interests include dancing, basketball, reading and listening to music.

Religious School

During November, Religious School will be participating (along with the rest of the congregation) in our annual "Turkey and More" Drive, to benefit those who otherwise would not be able to afford a holiday celebration. This drive provides an eye-opening opportunity for our students to participate in a real-world, local *mitzvah*.



Please consider coming to our next Family Shabbat and Dinner on **Friday, November 21** (see page 2 for more information). These monthly gatherings are geared specifically to our kids and have grown in popularity — and RUACH — each time. You'll leave smiling and feeling connected to our school and synagogue community.

Two dates to note: On **Sunday, December 14** we'll hold our end-of-the-semester "showcase" highlighting the wonderful work of our orchestra, art, Israeli dance, and Project Tikkun Olam electives; and on **Tuesday, December 16**, the first night of Hanukkah, our Family Hanukkah Workshop and school celebration will be held. It is also our last class before Winter Break begins, so please make every effort to prioritize Religious School that day — it will be a special afternoon.

As always, I hope you'll reach out with your thoughts and feedback. All of us at Religious School are grateful to share meaningful time with your kids. Enjoy the coming holidays!

Sarah Artzi, Religious School Administrator
745-5550, ext. 227, rsadmin@caiaz.org

Mishpacha (Family) Programs



Come and join the fun with us on **Saturday, December 6 at 6:30pm** for our "Havdallah Under the Stars & Picture Scavenger Hunt." After Havdallah outside on the patio, families can participate in an exciting scavenger hunt around the synagogue, taking photos on your cell phones or cameras to help your team find clues. We'll conclude the evening with a delicious ice cream bar. It's all free, but you need to **RSVP to me by December 1.**

These programs are designed for all families with children of all ages. Join us and make friends, build community, learn about Judaism, and have fun!

Nichole Chorny, Cantorial Soloist
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Parent-Tot Class held Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am, is free and open to all. On **November 18 at 10:00am**, guest speaker Nina Isaac will discuss "Picky Eaters."

Our Hanukkah Celebration on **Wednesday, December 17 at 11:00am** is for families with children enrolled in the school. The children will perform songs and everyone will share latkes, pizza and other treats.

Preschool/Kindergarten

All children up to age 8 are invited to the PJ Library "Latkes & Legos" Hanukkah Celebration on **Sunday, November 16, 3:00-4:30pm**, at CAI. There'll be a giant Lego Hanukkah, a special story with Rabbi Eisen, latkes, games and more. It's only \$5 per child (space limited to first 50 kids); accompanying adults are free. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Mary Ellen at 577-9393, ext. 138.

For children 9- to 24-months and their parent(s), our popular

Birth Announcements

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.

Adiv Nittai Green Born September 11

Adiv is the grandson of Fay Green. (Parent: Caryn Green.)



Belinda Adele Kahn Born October 8

Belinda is the daughter of Gina & Michael Kahn; and the granddaughter of Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn.

Ayelet Tucson Liu Born September 13

Ayelet is the granddaughter of Jack Pinnas. (Parents: Shira & Chang Liu.)



Evelyn Jackson Yulish Born September 29

Evelyn is the granddaughter of Dvora Tager

& Robert Dietz. (Parents: Torine Pasek & Noah Yulish.)

November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	33
2 Judith & Ted Drenfeld	57
3 Kelly & Avi Persellin	13
6 Sheryl & Michael Press	9
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	11
12 Sara & Kellen Berkenpas	9
13 Raquel & Edward Gold	59
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	38
Joan & Irvin Belzer	49
Patricia & Eugene Settle	32
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	35
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	31
23 Kelly Kvamme & Alan Hamo	5
24 Vicki & Phil Pepper	40
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25 Nancy & Steve Lipson	27
26 Beatrice & Berthold Lippel	55
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	32
Michelle & David Ollanik	15
29 Joan & Donald Diamond	62
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	6

December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	35
4 Lauren Kaplan & Scott Blinkoff	26
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	16
Rita & Martin Hall	41
7 Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare	30
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	36
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Carol & Alvin Stern	60
20 Becki & Richard Fink	45
21 Judy & Stan Abrams	34
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23 Marta & Willy Kats	36
24 Sarah & Mortimer Segal	62
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27 Ruth & Art Solomon	55
29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	51
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	24

Our apologies to Lois & Ken Jacowsky. Their 50th anniversary on Sept. 3rd was inadvertently omitted in the Sept/Oct Kolenu.

Mazel Tov!

Engagements

Paul Cunningham

son of Marjorie & George Cunningham
to Alisa Alonzo

Brian Fortman

son of Sorale & Marvin Fortman
to Lisa Rosenblatt

Jason Shenitzer

son of Holly & Steve Shenitzer;
grandson of Molly Shenitzer and Jewel Fishkin
to Jill Knepper

Marriages

Barrie Berkson

daughter of Randi & Larry Berkson
to Brian Moaddeli

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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:

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Robert Londer
Mildred Rickles

*Our condolences to these members who mourn
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Larry Grabell - his grandmother, Stella Hershan

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Middle East Spotlight

Giving Thanks: Innovation and the Alliance

This month, Americans everywhere take time to reflect and give thanks. While counting blessings often comes easily around the Thanksgiving table with family and friends, it becomes more challenging to find positive news when discussing the state of world affairs. The enduring strength of the U.S.-Israel relationship is a foundation upon which our nations can feel secure within an increasingly unstable Middle East. While the alliance allows our nations to confront old and new challenges, it also provides support to the innovative spirit America and Israel have always shared. The Jewish state continues to better the world with each technological breakthrough, providing solutions for individuals and societies as a whole.

The success of partnerships between America and the Startup Nation is widely recognizable through the impressive number of Israeli firms that have issued initial public offerings (IPOs) in the U.S. over the past year. Between 2012 and 2013, nine Israeli companies went public, raising \$400 million over two years. In 2014 alone, eight companies made initial stock offerings, raising \$1.2 billion – an indication that Israeli companies are gaining significantly more traction.

At the 2013 AIPAC Policy Conference, attendees witnessed a paralyzed man walk across the stage with the help of ReWalk Robotics' exoskeleton walking device. In the first three days of its 2014 IPO, shares of ReWalk Robotics rose more than 230 percent from its initial listing price. While the success of ReWalk's stock is attracting investors, its life-changing technology is improving the lives of countless individuals.

ReWalk is but one example of Israeli technologies going public this year. Jerusalem-based MobileEye, who engineers advanced driver assistance systems—which alert drivers to potential collisions—raised \$890 million in its initial public offering. MobileEye's IPO was the 10th-largest in the U.S. this year, and is the most successful by an Israeli company on the Nasdaq since 1999. The record offering represents a new wave of Israeli startups that are turning down acquisition offers to grow independently. The company plans to release products that will enable hands-free driving by 2016, helping to ensure safety on roads across the country.

ReWalk Robotics and MobileEye each presented to President Obama during his March 2013 trip to Israel and their acclaim has only grown since. Despite both companies releasing their IPOs in the midst of rocket attacks from Gaza, the hostilities did not deter their success on Wall Street.

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