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Celebrate  
the  
New Year  
for Trees

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**SAVE THE  
NEW DATE**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

**AS WE CELEBRATE  
CAI'S 85<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!**



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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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## Tot Shabbat

### Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Robert Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service with stories and songs **the first Friday of the month at 5:45pm (January 2 and February 6)** 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.



### "Origins" Kiddush

**Saturday, Jan. 10  
approximately 12:00pm  
after Shabbat service,  
in Rabbi Breger Hall**

Tables will be arranged so people can sit with fellow congregants from the same areas of the US (and beyond!) while they enjoy kiddush. Find out who else is from "your neck of the woods"!

## Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us for our newest Shabbat celebration on **Friday, January 16 and February 20**. 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.



## Shabbat Shira

Come sing with us on **Saturday, January 31 at 9:00am!** This "Sabbath of Song" will feature CAI's Adult and Youth Choirs directed by Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny. See insert to learn more...

## Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Following the 5:45pm Mincha service on **Friday, February 13**, please join us for Shabbat dinner at 7:00pm.

Enjoy each other's company and a buffet dinner of meatloaf, "smashed" potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. Dinner for CAI members is \$14 adults; children (12 & under) \$8; guests are \$20 adults; children \$12. Reservations are required for dinner only by Feb. 9 to Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242.

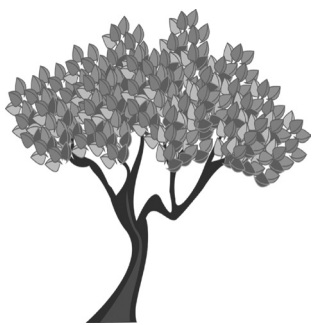
## For the Kiddies

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 Shabbat worship, because families should be together on Shabbat... But, should your little one(s) get restless or need a break, we have 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, this area is 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 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.

Kolenu is published bi-monthly September - August. We welcome your submissions & advertisements. The deadline for all submissions is the first day of the month prior to the publication month. Ad placement & editing of submissions at CAI's discretion. For more information, contact Yvonne Ethier at 745-5550, ext. 231 or [yvonne@caiaz.org](mailto:yvonne@caiaz.org)

## Tu B'Shevat



The semi-holiday, Chamishah Asar B'Shevat (15<sup>th</sup> day of Shevat) marks the first day of spring in Israel. It occurs six weeks after Hanukkah. The Mishnah refers to it as Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot (New Year of the Trees). Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed it by eating fruit grown in Israel. With the rise of the Zionist movement

and the re-establishment of the land of Israel, Tu B'Shevat has gained new significance as Arbor Day, observed by the planting of trees in Israel.

Trees were regarded as special gifts from God. There are many symbolic allusions to trees in the Bible, especially the olive, which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that dies.

Trees are represented as symbols of goodness and nobility. The upright person is compared to "a tree planted near a stream, that bears fruit in due season, with leaves that never fade" (Psalm 1:3). "The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalm 92: 13-14).

Not too long ago, it was customary among many of our people to plant a tree when a child was born — a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. Branches from these trees were then used for the poles of the wedding canopy (chuppah) on the day of their marriage.

In our day, many people purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF). If interested in purchasing a tree or making a donation to the JNF for reclamation of the land of Israel, please contact the JNF at 800-542-TREE (8733).

**This year Tu B'Shevat falls on February 4 (it begins at sundown Feb. 3). For more information about CAI's "TU B'SHEVAT IN THE PARK," see page 7.**

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## 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 13/14)

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 (February 27/28)

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 Amalek 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.

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## Adar I and Adar II

The Hebrew/Jewish calendar is a luni-solar calendar based on the phases of the moon, but adjusted for the cycle of the earth's revolution around the sun. Because the solar year is about 11 days longer than 12 lunar months — though the Bible does not directly mention the addition of "an extra month here or there," without the insertion of an extra month now and then — Jewish festivals would gradually shift outside of the seasons required by the Torah.

And so, according to our tradition the Jewish calendar is based on a cycle of 19 years, of which 12 are common years (12 months) and seven leap years (13 months). The leap years are years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19.

During a leap year ADAR I (or ADAR ALEPH — "first ADAR") is added before the regular ADAR. ADAR I is actually considered to be the extra month, and has 30 days. ADAR II (or ADAR BET — "second ADAR") is the "real" ADAR, and has the usual 29 days. For this reason, holidays such as PURIM, and according to many authorities, Yahrzeits that fall in a regular ADAR are observed in ADAR II, not ADAR I.

Why are we telling you all of this? Because this year, 5775, is a "regular" year. Yahrzeits that occur in ADAR I or Adar II are observed in the "only Adar we will have this year."



## 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 October and November 2014. ***Todah rabah!***

Austin Agron	Linda Gorsky	Nancy Ozeri
MeMe Aguila	Margo & Ron Gray	Bea Paulus
Murray Baker	Robert Harris	Don Persellin
Jerry Barkan	Kathy Hays	Joy Peskin
David Ben-Asher	Gloria Hirsch	David Polan
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Marty Johnston	Jane Poliakoff
Barbara Brodie	Dan Jurkowitz	Marilyn & Ira Prenskey
Kevin Chess	Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz	Helen Rib
Lee Chutkow	Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	Sara & Robert Ross
Miriam Cline	Steven Ketchel	Patti Salonic
Terri Cohen	Joan Kleinerman	Barbara & Michael Schoenhals
Dennis Dawson	Hy Labovitz	Barbara Selznick
Judy Drenfeld	Anne Landesco	Esther Sherberg
Valorie & Andy Douglas	Gerald Lapin	Evelyn Sigafus
Rosie Eilat-Kahn	Katherine & Aaron Leonard	Michelle Sigafus
Arlene Epstein	Mark Levine	Steve Sim
Joan Epstein	Barbara Levkowitz	Shelley Singer
L. Elliot Farber	Scott Lewis	Herman Stein
Judy & Cary Fishman	Faylene & Philip Licter	Sandra Tobin
Eric Flank	Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein	Moshe Toister
Enid & Wynn Freedman	Margot Marx	Art Weinenger
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman	Ziva Mason	Steven Weisman
Myrna & James Frisch	Levi Mendel	Jerry Wolf
Jean & Marvin Glassberg	Trenty & Michael Mendel	Joanne Wolf
Jerry Goldberg	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Robert Wolk
Shirley Goldberg	Arnold Merin	Steve Wool
Allen Gordon	Lois Bodin & Herb Meshel	Arthur Zoref
Harvey Gold	Hannah Meyerson	



### Legislative Impact: Make your Voice Heard

January is not only the start of the New Year and the time for making resolutions, but it is also the inauguration of the 114th Congress. As elected representatives of the American public, members of Congress serve a unique role in transforming our advocacy into policy. Thus, we in the Jewish community have a special obligation to educate our policy makers and help them better understand the importance of a robust U.S.-Israel relationship.

Across the country, pro-Israel activists have worked to ensure that every newly elected member understands the issues that matter most for the U.S.-Israel relationship — notably the foremost threat of a nuclear-capable Iran. We must be the ones to remind members of Congress that U.S. support for Israel is not just an act of friendship; it is an act of national self-interest.

Congress has traditionally supported a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, but that support is not a given. It requires the pro-Israel community — individuals who care about the future of America and the Jewish state — to constantly educate policymakers about the issues most important to us.

Throughout the past year, members of Congress played a vital role in framing the contours of an acceptable final agreement with Iran. Both the Senate and the House advanced legislation that spelled out the consequences for the Islamic Republic if it violated interim deals or rebuffed a verifiable final pact.

When it came to Iran’s nuclear quest and the issues that mattered most to the security of America and Israel, it was the persistent work of citizen activists building relationships with their elected leaders in Washington that helped keep these policy imperatives in focus. Each of us has the opportunity to do this important work. And every March, we have the chance to join together and amplify our message as a community at the AIPAC Policy Conference. Together, we can exercise our right as American citizens to work with our legislators in Washington toward a world free of a nuclear capable Iran, a stronger America and a more secure Israel.

As you ponder the things you might improve upon this year, please consider how you can help strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. Consider getting involved in pro-Israel political activism. In doing so, we can all help make a difference for our country, our ally and ourselves.

### Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

*(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in October and November 2014)*

Marlene Abraham	Marshall Heyman	Nancy Ozeri
David Ben-Asher	Joshua Hurand	Shoham Ozeri
Jennifer Cassius	Mike Jacobson	Michael Pensak
Jillian Cassius	Shaun Kozolchik	Noah Pensak
Mark Cassius	Benjamin Krouse	Phil Pepper
Sarah Cassius	Maya Krouse	Joy Peskin
Nichole Chorny	Ryan Krouse	Hannah Peskin-Owens
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Matt Kurtzman	Helen Rib
Rebecca Freund	Katherine Leonard	Donna Saffioti
Dilyn Grabell	Natalie Leonard	Steve Seltzer
Jylian Grabell	Scott Lewis	Erika Spivack
Sydney Grabell	Liora Olesen	Alan Strauss
Margo Gray	Eric Olschwanger	Simon Wilson
Richard Green	Geva Ozeri	Arthur Zoref





## Synagogue Life Council

The Synagogue Life Council meets every year shortly after the High Holy Days. The purpose of the meeting is to review all aspects of High Holy Days events at Congregation Anshei Israel. These

meetings are announced in advance and all members of the congregation are welcome to participate. This year's High Holy Days review took place on November 10, 2014. I wish to thank Steve Singer for co-moderating the meeting. We received comments via e-mail, phone conversations, and during personal discussions, and the members of the SLC added their suggestions and comments as well. We were delighted that most of the comments were positive! We discussed such items as: ticketing, publicity, Selihot, greeters, ushers, honors, shofar blowers, youth services, Tashlich, Sukkot, food bags, security and more.

Topics that generated some issues included: seating, exterior lighting for security, usher training and availability, and the need for more volunteers to act as greeters and ushers. The staff and synagogue leadership will take appropriate steps to address the issues that were of concern.

Thank you to Preschool/Kindergarten Director Lynne Falkow-Strauss and the kindergarten class for allowing the SLC to display some of their artwork in the Rabbi Breger Hall.

The next meeting of the Synagogue Life Council is Monday, January 12. It will be a regular meeting with reports from the Board of Trustees, committee chairs and a look at future events to be held at CAI.

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

**Kathy Hays, SLC Chair**

**DID YOU KNOW?**



Shared transportation for affiliated and unaffiliated Jewish seniors (60+) and adults with disabilities is available to attend worship services and other synagogue-sponsored events and educational programs. Funded by a grant from the JFSA, rides should be scheduled 2 to 3 days in advance.  
**To schedule a ride, call 465-4323.**

## Social Action Committee

Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with the "Snack Packs." CAI is a partner with the Community Food Bank's "Snack Pack" Program which provides children needing additional food assistance over the weekend with a pack of nutritious, child-friendly food. Each Tuesday, CAI is responsible for assembling 100 packs for kids at Los Amigos Elementary School. We are committed to participate in the program every week through May 2015. In addition to assembling food packs, drivers are needed to pick up the food packets once assembled at CAI for delivery to Los Amigos.

We continue to be involved in meal service at the Primavera Foundation Catalina Men's Housing Center (115 S. 4th Ave.). The following dates are available to provide help: March 16 and May 11. 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.

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

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**Jane Poliakoff, [jmpoliakoff@gmail.com](mailto:jmpoliakoff@gmail.com)**

**Social Action Committee Co-chairs**

### BLOOD DONOR DRIVE



**Sunday, January 4  
9am - 2pm  
Cantor Falkow  
Lounge**

Donating blood puts the power and strength of faith into action. 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 at 298 8831 or [ronpsych@yahoo.com](mailto: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/](http://www.caiaz.org/getting-involved/volunteer-opportunities/)

## PJ Library “Latkes and Legos” Hanukkah Celebration, Nov. 16, 2014



Rabbi Robert Eisen read a Hanukkah book to a rapt audience of children.



Bronwyn Sternberg enjoyed latkes with her children Alston & Addalay.



Matt Rothman & his daughter Juliana made a Lego menorah.

## Havdallah Under the Stars & Digital Scavenger Hunt, Dec. 6, 2014

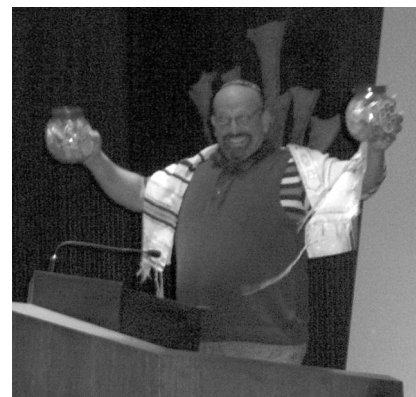


A team of scavenger hunters photograph a “find.”

A team performs the task of making a Star of David with their bodies.



Members of a team (Sarah Johnston & Stuart Mendel) found the ark from CAI's former synagogue at 6th St. & Martin.



Tidi Ozeri performed the task of acting like Rabbi Eisen on the pulpit. He is holding jars of candy like Rabbi does on Shabbat.



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

## CONTINUING!

### 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!

## NEW!

### "TALMUD ON TUESDAY"

beginning **Tuesday, January 6**  
**6:00 – 7:00pm • Epstein Chapel**  
immediately following 5:30pm Minyan

Learn about the law and lore in the "sea" of Talmud with Rabbi Robert Eisen as we dig deep into the "who, what, where, when, why and how" of living Judaism.

No charge to attend.

See insert for more information.



## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Sunday, January 18 • 9:30am

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

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

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

Registration mandatory by Jan. 12.

SEE ENCLOSED INSERT.



## ~ ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ~ THE WISDOM OF JEWISH TUCSON Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 18

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Sharon Megdal  
Boris Kozolchyk  
Barbara Levy

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

\$18 for 3-week series PLUS

food or cash donation for the Community Food Bank

WATCH YOUR MAIL!

## Tu B'Shevat in the Park

Sunday, Feb. 8 • 9:30am

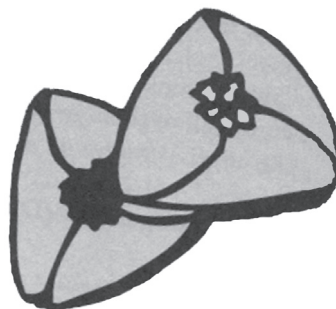
McDonald Park (Catalina Hwy/Harrison)



Trees are regarded as special gifts from God and are symbols of goodness and nobility. We observe Tu B'Shevat by eating fruits grown on trees from the Land of Israel. Join us for this family program open to all in which attendees will participate in NEW nature-related activities and a seder. (All Religious School families are to attend as there will not be class at the synagogue.) It's sure to be fun and its all free!

WATCH YOUR MAIL ...

## SAVE THE DATE: March 4 for CAI's PURIM PARTY



PLUS  
see insert  
for  
information  
about our  
**Shalach  
Manot  
Project!**

ORDER DEADLINE: Feb. 25



## Women's League

The "Women's Study Group" and "Gentle Yoga" classes continue for women only, but we have some great new classes coming up that are open to everyone! See the insert for more

information and how to register.

Our "SWEET" lunch (Sexy Women Eating Elegantly Together) in November was fun and productive. Twenty women enjoyed a delicious lunch and a presentation from Marty Croissant, a founder of Angel Heart Pajama Project. The organization's mission is to provide new pajamas and books to homeless children, as well as those in foster care and shelters. CAI's Women's League donated three sets of pajamas and books to the Project at the lunch, combining a social event with Tikun Olam, a very important *mitzvah* that all Jews are called on to perform. If you are interested in donating to, or volunteering for, Angel Heart Pajama Project, contact Hannah Meyerson at 403-1034 or [hannahm1016@gmail.com](mailto:hannahm1016@gmail.com) and please consider joining us for our next "SWEET" lunch on **Wednesday, February 4** at 12:15pm. Watch your mail for details.

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

Members of CAI's women's group will lead the Shabbat morning service and sponsor the kiddush on **Saturday, January 24 at 9:00am**. Please join us!



## "Read It & Meet"

The book for the next "Read It & Meet" on **Saturday, January 3** is *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit, with moderator Joni Belzer. Read ahead for the following RIM dates: *The Family* by David Laskin (Feb. 7), and *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris (Mar. 7).

"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.

**Nov. 6-9, 2014**  
Senior USYers  
from CAI  
attended LEAD  
(Leadership,  
Education and  
Development) at  
Camp Ramah in  
Ojai, CA.



## Men's Club

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In November, we made a nice dinner for all veterans. At the event, we heard some amusing stories about how the military fed Jewish soldiers in the past. One such story was that the military chefs didn't know much about Kashrut laws, so instead of serving pork, they served them lobster!

Mike Jacobson read from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Sefer Haftarah in December, and members of Men's Club helped cook latkes for the congregational Hanukkah Party.

For our **Sunday, January 11** breakfast meeting at 9:30am, we will welcome CAI congregant Capt. Mark Lytle of the Green Valley Fire District to speak about his experience as part of Southern Arizona's first "Firefighters Without Borders" trip to Israel in 2013. Capt. Lytle was the only Jewish firefighter in the delegation. Includes our breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests \$4.

All are welcome to participate in the 15th Annual "World Wide Wrap" on **Sunday, February 15** at 9:30am. We will teach the 5th & 6th Grade Religious School students how to wear tefillin, as well as show a short video about the reasons for wearing it. Parents and grandparents are welcome to participate! Breakfast is free for Men's Club members, children and parents; guests \$4.

We will be hosting a Regional Training Session for the Western Region Men's Club on **Sunday, February 22**. If interested, please call Mark Levine at 548-5471.

## USY On the Move

**Nov. 19, 2014**  
Sara Ross, an experienced yoga practitioner, led Senior USYers as the program for the evening.



**Dec. 5-7, 2014**  
CAI's Kadimaniks attended a Kinnus at Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA.



## Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



### Lily Hannah Selznick January 3

Lily is the daughter of Barbara & Sanford Selznick; the granddaughter of Betty Wilinsky; and sister to Ellis. Her Bat Mitzvah project involves collecting donated instruments for Tucson Summer

Music. A student at Basis Tucson North, Lily's interests include playing violin, swimming and baking.



### Emelia Parker Bregman January 17

Emily became a Bat Mitzvah in Israel on June 28, 2014. She is the daughter of Daniella & Philip Bregman; the granddaughter of Margaret Rebaza & the late David Southworth, and the

late Harriet & Irving Bregman; and sister to Breanna and Charlotte. Emily's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering for Soles for Souls and Locks of Love, and raising funds for CAI's Gilo Twinning Project. A student at Esperero Middle School, Emily's interests include dance and art.



### Ana Mae Rosman February 7

Ana is the daughter of Yelena & Daniel Rosman; the granddaughter of Mariyam & Avner Barayev, and Rebecca & Roberto Rosman; and sister to David. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Ana's interests

include soccer, fashion and cooking.

## Mishpacha (Family) Programs



Come learn new melodies and join us in song for the "Sabbath of Song" on **January 31**. All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious School students will be participating as the "Youth Choir" during the service. See page 2 and the insert for more information.

We have another Mishpacha (Family) Program planned for **Sunday, February 15 at 4:00pm**: "Shema Sweet Dreams." This

program is geared toward families with children of preschool/ kindergarten age. Join us and make friends, build community, learn about Judaism, and have fun! We'll have stories with Rabbi Robert Eisen, songs with me, decorate Shema pillowcases to take home, followed by a pasta dinner. It's only \$5 per child. Watch your mail for more information. See you there!

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

## Religious School



It's hard to believe that we are starting the second half of our Religious School year! I am eager to welcome everyone back from Winter Break on Tuesday, January 6 for what promises to be a terrific second semester. I am delighted to report, as a follow-up from my last Kolenu article, that our Religious School raised over \$140 for our annual congregational Turkey Drive this year, enabling many in our own community to enjoy a Kosher Thanksgiving meal. Special thanks to the Selznick family for their generous contribution.

Please note the following:

- Parents of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are invited to an important meeting on **Sunday, January 11, 11:30am-12:00pm**, to learn the details of the class's Kabbalat Siddur Celebration to be held in April. The meeting will provide an overview and explanation of this special experience.
- There is NO Religious School on **Sunday, January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Mark your calendars for our school-wide celebration of Tu B'shevat at beautiful McDonald Park on **Sunday, February 8, at 9:30am**. (This is a regular school day!) Outdoor nature-themed activities, food, and fun will be part of our Celebration of the Trees. See page 7 for details and watch your mail.

As always, please be in touch with your thoughts and feedback.

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

## Preschool/Kindergarten

For children 9- to 24-months and their parent(s), our popular Parent-Tot Class held Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am, is free and open to all. On **January 13 at 9:15am**, our guest, Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny will teach the children how to make music.

Kindergarten Information Night for the 2015-16 Class is **Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pm**, in Room 10. Meet Director Lynne Falkow-Strauss and classroom teacher Ronnie Miller to learn about the coming year and curriculum in CAI's full-day kindergarten. Upon completion of our program, children are fully prepared to enter First Grade ... anywhere!

In-house registration for 2015-16 begins **January 26**. Registration opens to the public on February 16.

Our "Mom & Me" Breakfast will be held **Friday, January 30, 8:00am**. This themed event is produced by the dads for all CAI preschool/ kindergarten moms (& mom "substitutes") and their children. Kids \$6; adults \$10. For more information & to RSVP, contact Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

The annual school-wide Shabbat Service and Dinner is **Friday, February 6 at 5:45pm**. All "Tot Shabbat" families are invited to join us. See page 2 for more information.

## 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.*

### Logan Israel Cotton

**Born November 4, 2014**

Logan is the grandson of Leah & Don Cotton.

(Parents: Melissa & Justin Cotton)

### Kyle Thomas Ketchel

**Born October 24**

Kyle is the grandson of Marta & Steven Ketchel.

(Parents: Kristina & Aron Ketchel)

### Allison Danielle Levine

**Born October 27**

Allison is the granddaughter of Sheryl & Mark Levine.

(Parents: Shirit & Martin Levine)

### Ezra Bowers Rottenstein

**Born November 14**

Ezra is the grandson of Anna & Myron Rottenstein.

(Parents: Stephanie & Aaron Rottenstein)

## January Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Beth & Alan Strauss	19
5 Sha Fu & Steven Gendel	6
11 <b>Sandra &amp; Gerald Ross</b>	<b>56</b>
12 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	28
13 Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	13
15 Marianne & Allen Langer	31
20 Lori & David Jacobs	7
21 <b>Sallie &amp; Morton Kranitz</b>	<b>52</b>
23 Jane & Jonathan Klein	44
28 <b>Shiffy &amp; Bob Cohen</b>	<b>64</b>
30 <b>Yael &amp; Shlomo Neuman</b>	<b>50</b>

## February Anniversaries

Date	Years
11 Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	36
Randi & Larry Berkson	31
<b>Enid &amp; Irwin Freedman</b>	<b>65</b>
13 <b>Ruth &amp; Marvin Hoffman</b>	<b>60</b>
Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn	21
14 <b>Judith &amp; Jerome Weiss</b>	<b>50</b>
16 Hyla & Gary Windham	12
17 Janis & Daniel Gasch	30
Alla & Howard Steinberg	7
19 <b>Betty &amp; Stanley Scott</b>	<b>54</b>
20 Madeline & Barry Friedman	32
23 Marcia & Paul Simon	1
25 Anita & Danny Levkowitz	37

## Mazel Tov!

### Marriage

**Joshua Hurand to Ashley McLaren**

**Barb Neuman to John Gould**

### Recognition

**Jon Ben-Asher**

appointed as THA's permanent  
Head of School

**Fred Fruchthendler**

elected as chair of the  
JFCS Board of Directors

## KNOW SOMEONE NEW TO TUCSON?

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in honor of their combined 70 years of marriage

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## Condolences

### המקום ינחם אתכם

*The congregation mourns the loss of our members:*

**Leonard Chaison  
Jan Wiesel**

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

Bella Bleier - her brother, Jan Wiesel  
Ruth Solomon - her sister, Elaine Heiman

*May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners*



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Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?  
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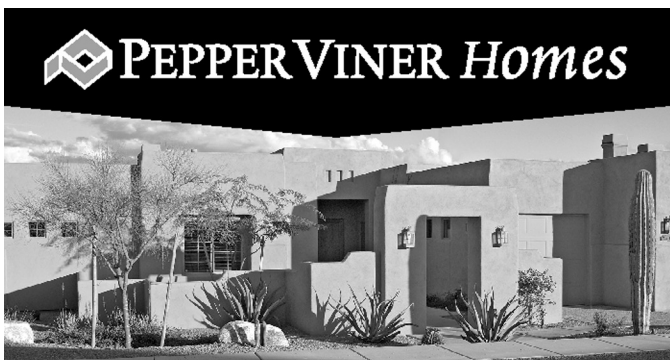
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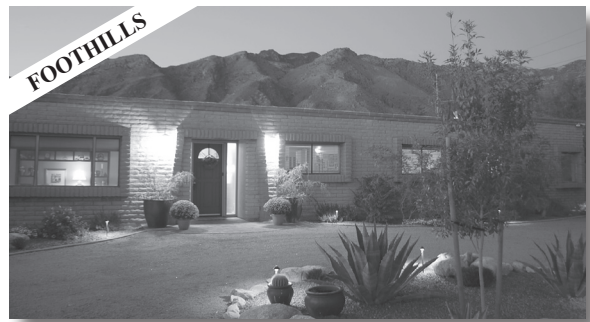
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