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Don't miss CAI's

84th Annual Meeting

MAY 18 • 6:00PM

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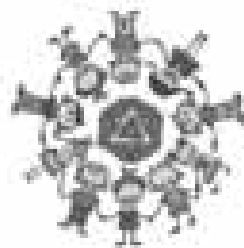
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Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

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 (May 1 & June 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.



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.

7th/8th Grade Geshet ("Bridging") Ceremony

On **Saturday, May 2, at 6:00pm** in the Epstein Chapel, we will be celebrating the end of our Religious School year with a special service honoring our 8th graders as they transition to the next step in their Jewish education. Both 7th and 8th grades will help lead Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdallah, and throughout the evening our students will share their personal stories about their Religious School experiences.

Our 7th graders will also act as hosts and ushers that evening as they prepare to take on the role of being our school's oldest leaders. In addition, we invite our 6th graders to attend, as well, for what we hope will become an annual tradition of transition and celebration for all our middle school students.

We invite everyone to join us for this wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate this exciting time in our students' lives. For more information, contact Sarah Artzi at 745-5550, ext. 227 or rsadmin@caiaz.org



Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Come celebrate Shabbat with *ruach* (spirit) and your congregational family. This interactive and upbeat Shabbat celebration for families incorporates fun-spirited melodies and family-themed activities. Join us at **5:45pm on Friday, May 15 & June 19**. Following the service, we'll share a Shabbat dinner at **7:00pm**, and an energetic song session! Held most third Fridays, everyone is welcome. Following dinner, there is Open Lounge in the Youth Center with games and fun! 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 Afternoon Torah Study

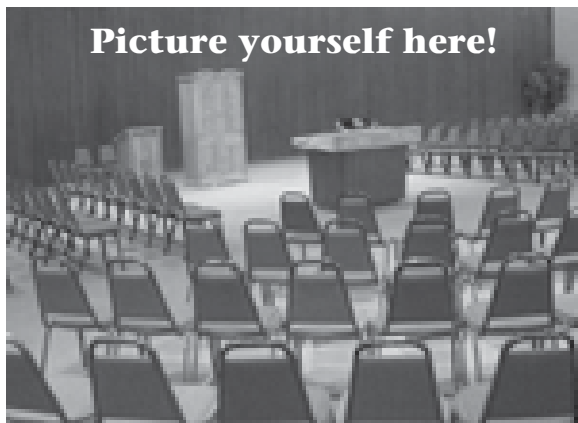
Torah discussions are held **every Saturday, one hour prior to the Mincha Service**. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in "Living Judaism" and your congregation. Times of study are listed on the calendar in each issue of *Kolenu*. If you would like to lead a Torah discussion or for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

"TALMUD ON TUESDAY" Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm in Cantor Falkow Lounge 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. There is no charge to attend.



Summer Shul

For several weeks each summer, we move our **9:00am Saturday service** from the sanctuary to enable us to set a different mood. We will set up Rabbi Breger Hall as a Sanctuary: the chairs will be placed in the pattern of a horseshoe (concentric semi-circles) around a Reader's Stand and the *Aron Kodesh* is placed against the Eastern Wall. This enables us to see and hear each other during the course of the service ... and to find our worship strengthened by our sense of togetherness. Please plan to join us **May 30 through July 25** ... beat the heat and stay cool in *shul*!



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 February and March. **Todah rabah!**

Austin Agron
Meme Aguila
Ellen Alster
Murray Baker
Kathy Hays &
Jerry Barkan
Morris Barkan
Burt Becker
Arlene Bluth
Phyllis & Merrill Broad
Barbara & Mel Brodie
Jillian Cassius
Jennifer & Mark Cassius
Sarah Cassius
Kevin Chess
Lee Chutkow
Miriam Cline
Bob Cohen
Terri Cohen
Lew Crane
Rabbi Helen Cohn &
Dennis Dawson
Andy Douglas
Arlene Epstein
Joan Epstein
L. Elliott Farber
Walter Feiger
Judy & Cary Fishman
Eric Flank
Irene Stern Friedman &
Ellis Friedman
James Frisch
Jami Gan
Rayna & John Gellman
Carole & Arthur Glass
Marvin Glassberg
Shirley Goldberg

Hy Goodman
Allen Gordon
Margo Gray
Lorraine Hellring
Barry Hirsch
Gloria Hirsch
Sarah & Marty Johnston
Sally Julian
Dan Jurkowitz
Rosie Eilat-Kahn &
Paul Kahn
Aurora & Eugene Kellogg
Steven Ketchel
Jane Klein
Ruth Kolker
Mort Kranitz
Peggy & Richard Langert
Katherine &
Aaron Leonard
Natalie Leonard
Jerry Lapin
Sheryl & Mark Levine
Scott Lewis
Faylene & Phil Lictor
Sandra Lictor
Barbara Stern Mannlein &
Martin Mannlein
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Michael Mendel
Pam & Stuart Mendel
Arnold Merin
Lois Bodin &
Herbert Meshel
Nancy Ozeri
Bea Paulus
Rina Paz

Jack Pinnas
David Polan
Helen Rib
Stephanie Roberts
Jerry Ross
Sue Ross
Patti Salonic
Judith Schneider
Leonard Schultz
Alene & Bryan Schwartz
Trudy &
Howard Schwartz
Barbara Selznick
Molly Shenitzer
Steve Shenitzer
Esther Sherberg
Evelyn Sigafus
Michelle Sigafus
Les Silberman
Linda Silverman
Steve Sim
Steve Singer
Paul Smelkinson
Art Solomon
Carol & Alvin Stern
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Art Weinenger
Carl Weinstein
Tyler Weinstein
Joanne Wolf
Robert Wolk
Steven Wool
Susan Wortman
Arthur Zoref

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in February and March)

Malka Abraham
Jonathan Ben-Asher
Lois Bodin
Nichole Chorny
Rabbi Robert Eisen
Margo Gray
Richard Green
Marshall Heyman
Mike Jacobson

Katherine Leonard
Natalie Leonard
Scott Lewis
Ziva Mason
Noah Pensak
Phil Pepper
Helen Rib
Ana Rosman
Daniel Rosman

Ron Sandler
Leonard Schultz
Steve Seltzer
Linda Silverman
Alan Strauss
Ian Strauss
Moshe Toister
Gary Windham
Arthur Zoref

MA'OT HITTIM FUND 2015 FOOD FOR PASSOVER APPEAL

OUR SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Marlene & Bill Abraham
Nancy & Michael Apsell
Sharon & Morris Barkan
David Ben-Asher
Hannah Berg
Bella Bleier
Miriam & Bennett Blum
Phyllis & Merrill Broad
Barbara Burstein
Jennifer & Mark Cassius
Phyllis & Donald Cohen
Rabbi Helen Cohn &
Dennis Dawson
Dvora Tager & Bob Dietz
Amy & Robert Direnfeld
Valorie & Andy Douglas
Elaine & Howard Fagan
Lynne Falkow-Strauss &
Jack Strauss
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Hedy Feuer & Michael Perlman
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Enid & Irwin Freedman
Suzanne & Ross Freund
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Rayna & John Gellman
Carole & Art Glass
Susan & Richard Glass
Harvey Gold
Gloria Goldstein
Zandra Goldstein
Allen Gordon
Linda & Jay Gorsky
Margo & Ron Gray
Caryn Green
Fay Green

Rachel & Jonathan Green
Joan & Richard Green
Sheryl Green
Rita & Martin Hall
Handmaker Jewish Home
for the Aging
Lorraine & Sid Hellring
Lorna Michelson &
Samuel Horowitz
Sarah & Marty Johnston
Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz
Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn
Mona & Steve Karten
Deborah & Jeff Kay
Marta & Steven Ketchel
Ruth & Ron Kolker
Billie & Boris Kozolchyk
Janis & William Krauss
Peggy & Richard Langert
Ida Lebovic
Stanley Lehman
Sheryl & Mark Levine
Barbara Levkowitz
Bertie Levkowitz
Scott Lewis
Faylene & Phil Lictor
Beatrice & Berthold Lippel
Barbara Stern Mannlein &
Martin Mannlein
Margot & Gunther Marx
Ziva Mason
Ronnie & Ken Miller
Marlene Miller
Dawn Moriarty &
Leonard Steinberg
Judith Mussman

Craig Nochumson
Rose Offenberg
Betejoy & Rabbi Arthur Oleisky
Vicki & Phil Pepper
Joy Peskin & Family
Jane Poliakoff
Jill & Dan Ranucci
Helen Rib
Todd Rockoff
Joan & Dennis Rosen
Wendy Rosen
Sue & Sonny Ross
Anna & Myron Rottenstein
Rabbi Richard Safran
Barbara & Michael Schoenhals
Trudy & Howard Schwartz
Sarah & Morty Segal
Barbara & Sanford Selznick
Molly Senor & Mel Cohen
Nathan Shapiro
Molly Shenitzer
Esther Sherberg
Evelyn Sigafus
Linda & Shelby Silverman
Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim
Sandra & Bernard Simon
Shelley & Steven Singer
Karen & Howard Skolnik
Paul Smelkinson
Sandra Tobin
Sara & Marsha Turkin
Arthur Weinenger
Janice Wezelman
Jane Rodda & Jim Whitehill
Hyla & Gary Windham
Jerry Wolf
Al Zehngut



Synagogue Life Council

One of the responsibilities of the Synagogue Life Council (SLC) is to provide oversight for various education programs at the synagogue. Approximately two years ago, in response to concerns voiced by parents of students enrolled in the afternoon Religious School, the program was modified

from a three day per week program to a two day per week program.

At the March 2015 SLC meeting, we held a joint meeting with SLC members, the Strategic Planning Committee, educators, and parents of Religious School students concerning the impact of the various changes that were made to the Religious School. Many of the changes that were recommended two years ago have been implemented, and therefore the intent of this meeting was to assess their impact and recommend modification for the program going forward. The meeting was held on Sunday morning to encourage the participation of Religious School parents. Approximately 20 people attended.

There were a number of important comments and suggestions that emerged from this meeting. Highlights include:

- Generally the parents support the two day program over the three day per week program.
- Some parents felt that the two day program does not provide adequate time for an in-depth Hebrew program that includes Hebrew conversation.
- There were questions raised about goals. It is not clear whether the program is focusing on Jewish life skills or B'nai Mitzvah preparation.
- Classes for younger students were considered to be very satisfactory.
- There is concern regarding classes for older students in that they compete for the students' time with non-synagogue activities. The outside activities often are given a higher priority by the students and families than the Religious School. (This is not a new concern.)
- There was a strong desire expressed to have more and consistent communication between teachers and parents.
- There was a desire to have rapid communication about absences and missing assignments.
- There was a concern about how to keep students engaged post B'nai Mitzvot.
- There was a suggestion that older students be actively engaged in program planning and implementation.
- There was a desire expressed that there be ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the religious school and youth programs.

It is the intention of SLC to share the issues and concerns expressed at this meeting with the new Education Director as that person comes on board. The goal is to help the new Director be successful in implementing the Religious School program, as well as other programs for youth and families.

Kathy Hays, SLC Chair
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Social Action Committee

We are overwhelmed by the response from our volunteers to help with our various projects ... going from sleepless nights worrying if we have over-committed, to being truly grateful for the generosity of our congregation!

Linda Silverman's Havurah contributed to and provided dinner for the Primavera Foundation Catalina Men's Housing Center on March 23. Thank you to: Shiffy & Bob Cohen, Margo & Ron Gray, Shoshana & Mike Jacobson, Sandra & Sid Lachter, Linda Silverman and Karen & Howard Skolnik. Our appreciation to Jerry Barkan, Athol Cline, Kathy Hays, Rick Langert and Jerry Wolf for their continued assistance with the Snack Pack program. Also, a special thanks to Rick Langert, Robin Pozez and Jerry Wolf for their help in delivering for the JFCS "Matzah and More" Passover food drive project.

We will provide our last meal service for the Primavera Foundation Catalina Men's Housing Center at 115 S. 4th Ave. (a permanent housing complex for men transitioning out of homelessness) on Monday, May 11. The meal team arrives at 3:30pm, sets up and warms prepared foods and serves at 4:30pm. The project is 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; as of press time, we still need two more volunteers.

The Snack Pack program runs through May 20. We need help to assemble the packs on Tuesday, May 12, and to deliver on Thursdays, May 7 and 14. Interested? Let us know! We owe a special thank you to Jack Strauss for his tireless efforts in delivering the food for the program from the Food Bank to CAI.

Another wonderful season of social action projects is coming to an end soon. It is our hope to meet in August to discuss projects for 5776. Thank you all!

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

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE



Sunday, June 7
9am - 2pm
Cantor Falkow
Lounge



HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER

With Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day around the corner, a unique and meaningful way to honor those who gave you life is to pass on that gift of life with a blood donation!

All presenting donors will receive an American Red Cross potholder and recipe cards (while supplies last), as well as the glow of knowing your mitzvah potentially saved three lives. We welcome donors ages 16+. Schedule or bring along a relative or friend to double your impact.

To schedule your appointment or to volunteer, contact Margo Gray at 298-8831 or ronpsych@yahoo.com
Eligibility questions? Call American Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

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

Purim Pandemonium

March 4

More than 150 people of all ages attended the party ... many in great costumes! There were bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals and carnival games with prizes for the kids. Dinner and a creative Megillah reading rounded out the evening. Bellies were full of hamentaschen. Smiles were in abundance!

The cat's meow:
(l. to r.) Adrianna
Betancur, her
daughter, Gabi,
& Joel Chorny.



(l. to r.) Lynne Falkow-Strauss, Kendra Citron,
Tracy Jeck & Alex Jeck

The masked
"avengers" (l. to r.)
Sammy, Golleet &
Sarah Lonabaugh.



Nichole Chorny (l.)
with Elvis Presley
(Sarah Artzi).

C O M I N G U P . . .

SHAVUOT: THE FORGOTTEN HOLIDAY

The Shavuot Festival, otherwise known as Pentecost (50th day) or Feast of Weeks, was celebrated primarily as a thanksgiving for the wheat harvest; it falls seven weeks after the barley harvest, when an Omer of the new produce was offered. The Torah refers to Shavuot as Hag Ha-Katsir (The Feast of the Harvest) and Yom Ha-Bikkurim (The Day of First Fruits), observed by offerings of the best ripe produce of the fields (Exodus 23:16; Numbers 28:26).

In the course of time, and as a result of the transformation of the agricultural festivals into historical commemorations, the additional significance of Shavuot as the festival of the Giving of the Torah (Z'man Matan Torateynu) at Mount Sinai completely overshadowed its original significance. Though the Bible does not identify Shavuot with the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the tradition, undisputed in the Talmud, has been that the Torah was given on the sixth day of Sivan.

Shavuot is called *Atzeret* in the Mishnah and the Talmud, in the sense that it serves as a concluding festival to *Pesah*. In the observances of *Shavuot*, the historical as well as the agricultural aspects are reflected. The Decalogue is read in the synagogue on the first day. The first night of the festival is often spent in reading an anthology of sacred writings called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. The Book of Ruth is read for its description of a summer harvest in Israel. Milk dishes are the customary foods, symbolizing the Torah which is likened to milk, according to the allegorical interpretation of the Song of Songs, "honey and milk are under your tongue."

— Adapted from *A Book of Jewish Concepts* by Phillip Birnbaum

***This year Shavuot begins at sundown on May 23
and continues through sundown on May 25.***

SHAVUOT SERVICES:

Erev Shavuot, Saturday, May 23

Ma'ariv/ Shavuot Service 7:45pm

Shavuot I, Sunday, May 24

Shavuot Service 9:00am

Mincha & Evening Service for Second Day 5:30pm

Shavuot II, Monday, May 25

Shavuot Service/Yizkor 9:00am

Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:50pm

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT:

A Guide to the Evening of Shavuot

**Saturday, May 23
7:45pm**

**Includes: Service, dinner,
study sessions, dessert &
reading of the Book of Ruth
~ \$8 per person**



See insert for details & how to RSVP.

C O M I N G U P . . .

SEE INSERTS FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION

In celebration of the 48th anniversary of
the reunification of Jerusalem,
CAI invites you to our
**YOM YERUSHALAYIM
PROGRAM**
Sunday, May 17 at 7:00pm



See insert for details.

Please join us for
**“ANSHEI ISRAEL NATIONAL”
CAI’s 84th Annual Meeting**



**MONDAY,
MAY 18 • 6PM**

Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and
“Arnold Palmers,” followed by the meeting
with reports from the Board of Trustees,
affiliate group representatives and
committee chairs; and, the election and
installation of the new Board of Trustees.

**There is no charge to attend, but RSVPs
are needed by May 14. Call Barb at 745-
5550, ext. 242.**

Dress in golf attire ... no spikes allowed!

SUMMER FILM SERIES SUNDAYS AT 7PM JUNE 28 - JULY 19

Enjoy popcorn and lemonade as we
share the pleasure of spending a few
cool moments in the shadow
of each others’ presence.

Stay after each showing for a casual
discussion of the film.

- June 28, The Book Thief (PG13)
- July 5, Jakob the Liar (PG13)
- July 12, Pleasantville (PG13)
- July 19, Snow in August (Unrated)

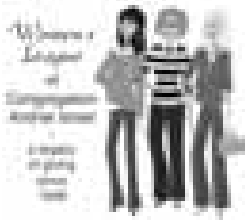


**FREE
AND
OPEN
TO ALL!**



Sunday, August 2 • 6pm

Our “Welcome Back
from Summer Break Party”
at the Gaslight Theatre!



Women's League

Our popular "Women's Study Group" led by Rabbi Robert Eisen continues **Mondays, May 4 and June 1 at 12noon** using *The Five Books of Miriam: A Woman's Commentary*

on the Torah as the core for discussions. 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.

"Gentle Yoga" 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 lunch ("Dutch treat") with us at our next "SWEET" event on **Wednesday, May 6** at 12:15pm. We'll meet at Risky Business (6866 E. Sunrise at Kolb). It's a casual restaurant featuring a wide variety of menu items... there's something for everyone. Join us there and enjoy fabulous food and the pleasure of each other's company! Please RSVP by May 4 to Evelyn at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com



"Read It & Meet"

We hope you'll join us for the next "Read It & Meet" on **Saturday, May 2** when we'll be discussing *Henna House* by Nomi Eve.

"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 and moderators facilitate each discussion.

For more information, contact Vicki Kaufman at vickauff@juno.com or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



Men's Club

We hope everyone has a fun, safe and relaxing summer.

Please join us for our first breakfast meeting of the "new year" on **Sunday, October 18** at 9:30am. In the meantime, should you have any questions about Men's Club, want to help or want to join, please contact Mark Levine at 548-5471 or marsher18@gmail.com

THE MITZVAH OF BIKUR HOLIM

Federal health-care 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 our Clergy Assistant, Michelle Ollanik, ext. 225



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.

LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

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



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

Preschool/Kindergarten



May 4 through 8 is teacher appreciation week, this year chaired by Alisa Leed and Kerri Strug, and May 6 is the final PAC (Parent Action Committee) meeting of the year. Jennifer Fox is outgoing chair, Debra Lytle will become senior chair, and Valorie Douglas will join us as junior chair.

Our Parent-Tot Class continues on Tuesdays, **May 5 and 12**, 9:00-11:00am. Open to the public, this FREE weekly class for children 9- to 24-months in age and their parent(s) is fun and educational. Facilitated by Heather Gordon, participants sing songs, make art projects, read stories, have a snack, and share parenting advice with each other. Join us at **10:15am on May 12** as our guest Dr. Pamela Heiman-Dubin discusses sun safety. We take a break for a couple weeks, and then from **June 2 through July 21**, Parent-Tot Class will include water play! Please bring your child with a towel, sunscreen already applied, and wearing appropriate "swimwear" and water shoes. Also bring a dry change of clothes for them. Our regular schedule/activities will resume **August 11**. For more information, contact Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

May brings the end of the school year for our preschool/kindergarten, with our closing ceremony/graduation at **11:00am on Friday, May 22**. We invite everyone to see the children perform in the Sanctuary.

The start of our Summer Camp is **Monday, June 1**. See the insert for details about the day camp and how you can register your child(ren). The children always have a wonderful time!

Thank you to all of our P/K families, who together with our teaching staff, have made this another wonderful and successful year!

Lynne Falkow-Strauss, P/K Director

All children 2- to 6-years-old are welcome!



**June 1 ~
July 24**

Includes:

Water play • Arts & crafts • Creative movement, singing and science with specialists • Playground time
Story time with "Mr. Bill" from Bear Canyon Library

PLUS: Special guests!

See the insert to learn more...

Religious School



It's hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end! As we wind down this semester, I'd like to express my thanks to you, the parents, grandparents, and other family members, who made the effort — despite all the everyday obstacles — to bring your children to Religious School each week. Your commitment is the foundation of our program, and we truly appreciate and recognize the importance you've placed on your child's Jewish education.

Reminders:

- Registration information for next year has gone out. Please call the office if we can help in any way to facilitate the registration process.
- Our 7th and 8th Grade Gesher Service takes place on Saturday, May 2. Please see page 2 for details. We hope you will join us.
- It's never too early to mark your calendars: Sunday, August 9, is our first day of Religious School for the 2015-16 school year.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer!

Sarah Artzi, Religious School Administrator

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

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May Anniversaries

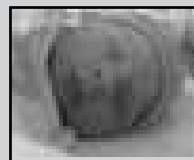
| Date | Years |
|---|-------|
| 1 Helen & Herman Moskovits | 69 |
| 2 Julie & Joseph Aday | 7 |
| Rachel & Eric Dorf | 16 |
| 5 Ann & Howard Sloane | 26 |
| 6 Robyn & David Emmerson | 11 |
| 7 Barbara & Gerald Goldberg | 37 |
| 10 Carol & Alexander Sears | 11 |
| 12 Valentina & David Rubinstein | 54 |
| 13 Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich | 19 |
| 14 Abigail & Noah Tolby | 20 |
| 15 Melissa Solyn & Scott Lieberman | 16 |
| 19 Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman | 42 |
| 20 Mary & Walter Marcus | 42 |
| 21 Gail & Calman Rudner | 43 |
| 22 Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf | 16 |
| 23 Anne & Herman Stein | 51 |
| Joyce & Michael Smith | 35 |
| 25 Emily & Adam Lazarus | 12 |
| Cori Moriarty Smith & Garrett Smith | 12 |
| 26 Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present | 24 |
| Kimberly & Eric Spitzer | 24 |
| Brenda & Ivan Weinstein | 24 |
| 27 Debbie & Bruce Frent | 31 |
| 28 Pamela Heiman-Dubin & Matt Dubin | 20 |
| Michael & Randi Levin | 10 |
| Monica & Eric Rudner | 15 |
| 29 Phyllis & Burt Becker | 49 |
| Emily & Max Ellentuck | 10 |
| Marta & Steven Ketchel | 43 |
| Benita Silvyn & Charles Whitehill | 20 |
| 30 Sarah & Keith Singer | 5 |
| 31 Anna Schwartz-Warmbrand & Matthew Bautista | 12 |
| Gabby & Avi Erbst | 5 |
| Naomi & Stephen Spitzer | 51 |

June Anniversaries

| Date | Years |
|--|-------|
| 1 Sheryl & Mark Levine | 40 |
| Amy & Benjamin Pozez | 7 |
| Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim | 35 |
| 2 Shelly & Edward Berger | 31 |
| Heidi & Wayne Brent | 36 |
| Barbara & Michael Heisler | 41 |
| Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz | 19 |
| Annette & Alan Miklofsky | 36 |
| 3 Tracy & David Jeck | 8 |
| 5 Beverly & Alan Kasdan | 32 |
| 6 Brenda Frye & Sergey Cherkis | 11 |
| Sharon & Frederick Klein | 44 |
| Paula & Daniel Singer | 51 |
| Terry & Mark Yampolsky | 22 |
| 8 Debbie & Lew Crane | 35 |
| Sandra & James Rothschild | 47 |
| 9 Della & Donald Kwasman | 41 |
| 10 Shawn & Aaron Hellman | 31 |
| Deborah & Jeffrey Kay | 31 |
| Yelena & Daniel Rosman | 20 |
| 11 Karyn Kolman & Paul Araiza | 9 |
| Iris Bernstein & David Karp | 20 |
| 14 Elayne & Jerome Feder | 51 |
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| Sara & Tom Borin | 44 |
| Francine & David Lederer | 7 |
| 21 Nancy & Stuart Mellan | 23 |
| 22 Nicole Yuan & Jerel Slaughter | 12 |
| 23 Sally & Geoff Frankel | 14 |
| 24 Julia & Robert Rawdin | 37 |
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| 26 Margot & Gunther Marx | 55 |
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| 29 Amy & Robert Drenfeld | 29 |

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.



Yedidyah Aharon Allen

Born March 9

Yedidyah is the grandson of Linda Roy.

(Parents: Sari & Rabbi Uri Allen)

Leanna Pearl Hoffman

Born February 23

Leanna is the daughter of Stephanie & Michael Hoffman.

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Mazel Tov!

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WE CONGRATULATE THESE CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL MEMBERS TO BE HONORED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 7.

STEVE KIPPUR

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ANDREW ISAAC

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If you know someone who you believe would be interested in finding out about CAI, 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!

Honorable "Menschens"

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Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?
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Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Rochel Feldman

Linda Roy

Bertha Segal

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

Meryl Bressler - her father, Murray Kraus

Barbara Goldberg - her mother, Bertha Segal

Lorraine Hellring - her mother, Trudy Monti

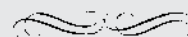
Rose Offenberger - her brother, Milton Dendy

Catherine Pensak - her mother, Betty Henning

Noah Pensak - his grandmother, Betty Henning

Saul Stoltz - his sister, Julia Stoltz

May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



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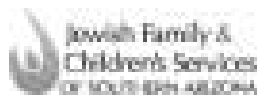
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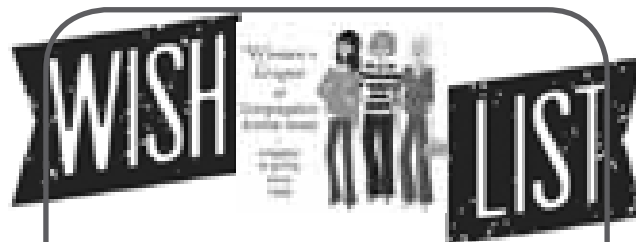
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