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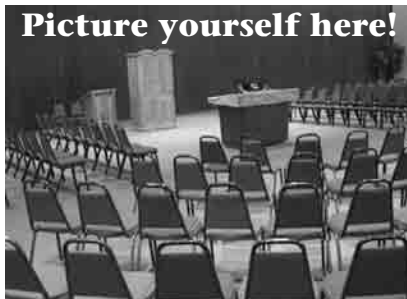
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Weekday Torah Study Group

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!

Picture yourself here!



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. Rabbi Breger Hall is set up as a Sanctuary: the chairs are placed in 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 join us **through July 25** ... beat the heat and stay cool in *shul*!

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.

Shiv'a Asar B'Tammuz

The 17th of *Tammuz* is observed as a fast commemorating the breaking down of the wall of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and the cessation of Temple worship during the siege of Titus. It ushers in the three weeks of mourning which end with *Tisha B'Av*, the fast of the ninth day of Av.

The three weeks between *Shiv'a Asar B'Tammuz* and *Tisha B'Av* are referred to as "between the straits," a phrase borrowed from Lamentations 1:3. The *Mishnah* mentions five misfortunes that befell the Jewish people on the 17th of *Tammuz* and five on the ninth of Av (*Ta'Anit* 4:6).

The three weeks are concluded with the so-called Nine Days, from the first to the ninth of Av, during which the mourning is intensified until *Tisha B'Av* itself — the saddest day of the Jewish year.

This year the observance of the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz falls on July 5. Mincha will be held at 12:30pm.

Talmud on Tuesday

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. Join us **Tuesdays beginning July 21, 6:00-7:00pm** in the Epstein Chapel immediately following 5:30pm Minyan. There is no charge to attend.

Special Shabbatot SHABBAT HAZON and SHABBAT NAHAMU

The Sabbaths surrounding the Ninth of Av carry a clear message relating to the holiday. The prophetic readings for the three weeks preceding the holiday — the first two from Jeremiah and the third from Isaiah — are full of admonitions in preparation for this mournful time. Following *Tisha B'Av*, there are seven prophetic readings of consolation — all from Isaiah — providing comfort after this somber occasion and preparing the individual emotionally and spiritually for the upcoming High Holy Days. The Sabbaths that immediately precede and follow *Tisha B'Av* each have a special name reflecting the message of the respective *Haftarah* (prophetic reading).

The Sabbath immediately preceding the Ninth of Av is known as the Sabbath of Vision (*Hazon*) for the prophetic reading Isaiah 1:1-27. After recounting heinous

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transgressions, it offers the hope of reconciliation, which will come when the people "cease to do evil, learn to do good." The Sabbath of Vision and *Shabbat Nahamu*, which provides words of consolation a week later, embrace *Tisha B'Av* from opposite sides, cushioning the blow of the day of destruction, allowing the mourners to go into it knowing there is salvation and emerge from it reassured that redemption will come. The entire portion [of *Shabbat Hazon*] may be chanted to the melody of *Eicha* (Lamentations); more appropriately, only the verses of admonition are rendered in the subdued chant.

The upswing of hope begun on the afternoon of *Tisha B'Av* continues on the following *Shabbat*. Called *Shabbat Nahamu* (Console) after the first line of the day's prophetic reading (*Nahamu, Nahamu Ami*, "Console, console my people ...") (Isaiah 40:1-26), it is also the first of seven *Haftarot* of consolation, all drawn from the book of Isaiah, that deliver a message of comfort in the seven weeks following *Tisha B'Av* and lead us to the period of *Rosh Hashanah* (49:14-51:3; 54:11-55:5; 51:12-52:12; 54:1-10; 60:1-22; 61:10-63:9).

This year, *Shabbat Hazon* falls on July 24-25; *Shabbat Nahamu* falls on July 31-August 1.



The ninth day of *Av*, mentioned in Zechariah 8:19 as the "Fast of the Fifth" month, commemorates such national calamities as the destruction of both Temples, the fall of Bar Kokhba's fortress, Bethar, and the expulsion from Spain in 1492. According to tradition, both the First and Second Temples were destroyed on the ninth of *Av*, the day referred to as predestined to misfortune. *Tisha B'Av* resembles *Yom Kippur* in its restrictions upon eating and bathing, maintained from sunset to sunset.

The three weeks between the 17th of *Tammuz* and the ninth of *Av* are observed by abstaining from all festivities and joyous celebrations. But when the month of *Av* has begun, all enjoyment should be reduced. It has long been the custom in Israel to eat no meat (except on the Sabbath) from the first day of *Av* until after the fast.

On the ninth of *Av*, when the Book of Lamentations and other dirges (*kinot*) are recited, before congregations seated on low stools as a sign of mourning, the curtain (*Parokhet*) is removed from the Ark (*Aron Ha-Kodesh*), and visits are made to cemeteries, in order to stress the sense of mourning. The morning service is recited without *tallit* or *tefillin*; these are worn during the *Mincha* service. The elegies known as *kinot* are descriptive, not only of the calamities connected with the destruction of Jerusalem, but also of the Jewish catastrophes that occurred in various lands of persecution.

This year, the Ninth of *Av* observance/fast begins on the evening of Saturday, July 25 and continues through Sunday, July 26.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES FOR:

TISHA B'AV

July 25: *Mincha/Ma'ariv/Lamentations* 8:00pm

July 26: *Shacharit* 8:00am
Mincha 12:30pm

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.

**Please welcome
our new
members...**



Gabrielle Hauer & Allen Peck,
and their son, Charles



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 most months at 5:45pm (August 7)** on the Bimah in the sanctuary. A kid-friendly Shabbat **dinner follows at 6:15pm**. Dinner is \$25 per family (two adults and up to four children); Additional adults \$10 per person. Reservations are required for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.



Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Beginning **August 21** and continuing throughout the rest of the year (except for Jewish holidays), we will hold a **Family Service and Dinner the third Friday each month**. The service will be held as our congregational Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Service, but is an interactive and upbeat Shabbat celebration for families incorporating fun-spirited melodies and family-themed activities.

The service will begin as usual at **5:45pm**, and is, of course, open to all who wish to attend. After the service, we'll share a Shabbat dinner at **7:00pm**, followed by Open Lounge in the Youth Center with games and fun. Dinner is \$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.

Come celebrate Shabbat with *ruach* (spirit) and your congregational family!



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 April and May. ***Todah rabah!***

Meme Aguila	Peiji Golden	Joy Peskin
Ellen Alster	Allen Gordon	David Polan
Austin Agron	Michael Gordon	Jane Poliakoff
Murray Baker	Margo & Ron Gray	Sara & Bob Ross
Kathy Hays & Jerry Barkan	Robert Harris	Judy Ruben
Mo Barkan	Sarah & Marty Johnston	Rabbi Richard Safran
Phyllis Broad	Harvey Jurkowitz	Gila Saks
Barbara & Mel Brodie	Nedra Katz	Patti Salonic
Kevin Chess	Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	Judith Schneider
Dennis Citron	Ruth & Ron Kolker	Charles Schultz
Terri Cohen	Mort Kranitz	Trudy & Howard Schwartz
Dennis Dawson	Della Kwasman	Barbara Selznick
Ted Drenfeld	Sidney Lachter	Esther Sherberg
Andy Douglas	Jerry Lapin	Evelyn Sigafus
William Douglas	Mark Levine	Linda Silverman
Arlene Epstein	Scott Lewis	Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim
Joan Epstein	Faylene & Phil Lictor	Steve Singer
L. Elliott Farber	Sandra Lictor	Howard Sloane
Hedy Feuer	Ziva Mason	Arthur Solomon
Eric Flank	Levi Mendel	Sandra Tobin
Irene Stern Friedman & Ellis Friedman	Michael Mendel	Moshe Toister
James Frisch	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Art Weinenger
Emanuel Furst	Arnold Merin	Steven Weisman
Jami & Scott Gan	Herb Meshel	Carl Weinstein
Rayna & John Gellman	Rose Offenbergl	Jerry Wolf
Barbara & Jerry Goldberg	Nancy & Tidhar Ozeri	Robert Wolk
Shirley Goldberg	Bea Paulus	Steve Wool
	Rina Paz	Arthur Zoref

Social Action Committee

The old adage says, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” Well, tell us your story!

As an organization, the Social Action Committee strives to build families and give back to the community. By our actions in the Snack Pack program, Catalina Men's housing meal teams and Community Food Bank food sorting, we demonstrate our commitment to live more generous lives.

Now we want to share our stories in pictures. Send us your photos from any of our volunteer programs and tell us the story behind it. We will share them in future issue of *Kolenu*.

Once again, thank you to all who have helped make our programs a success.

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Social Action Committee Co-Chairs



The Scene: A June afternoon in Tucson, 102 degrees Inside Dana Donor is reclining in a cool 72 degree room, sipping lemonade.

The Cast: Thirty-eight heroes, eight valiant volunteers, and Red Cross staff

The Plot: Searching for the fountain of ruby red liquid treasure, they amass 34 pints of lifesaving blood.

The June 7th Blood Drive participants at Congregation Anshei Israel succeed in tying the highest total of blood donations. Potentially one hundred patients benefit.

Who are these heroes? Among the seven first-time donors are two young women in high school and a grandfather. Among the loyal donors: A class of 2015 college graduate completes donating her first gallon of blood, while on another cot lies a mature man proudly wearing his ten gallon pin.

YOU can audition as an understudy for the SEQUEL. Contact Margo Gray at 298-8831 or ronpsych@yahoo.com for information about the next blood drive at CAI.

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in April and May)

Malka Abraham	Lisa Jurkowitz	Stephanie Roberts
Rebecca Auslander	Katherine Leonard	Leonard Schultz
David Ben-Asher	Natalie Leonard	Steve Seltzer
Nichole Chorny	Scott Lewis	Lily Selznick
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Ziva Mason	Sanford Selznick
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From the President

I wish to open this article by thanking Richard Fink, our synagogue's immediate Past President. The time, energy and heart Richard committed to the growth and wellbeing of CAI over the past two years was truly remarkable and it is clearly more than a little daunting for me to

follow such a class act. On behalf of the congregation and as your dear friend, thank you, Richard.

We plan on approaching these next two years from a collaborative perspective. You have elected a very strong cadre of Trustees, and these lay-leaders, through collaboration with our clergy, staff and most importantly you, are capable of forging the necessary partnerships to sustain and grow Congregation Anshei Israel. Pretty flowery, no? Let me explain what I mean by "necessary partnerships."

We may think that the Board and its committees put together "the plan" and then hand it over to our very capable clergy and staff for implementation; seems simple enough. This approach however, excludes a component which is central to "best practices" for non-profit organizations. That key component is the partnership between the lay leadership of the Board, the Synagogue Life Council, each committee, task force or ad hoc group AND staff during the development of "the plan." The implementation then becomes a shared endeavor as well. The more lay leaders and staff communicate, collaborate and listen to each other, the greater chance we will have of creating programs, rituals, services and activities which meet the "wants and needs" of the congregation. We look forward to growing this network of collaboration over the next several months.

A reminder: Stephanie Roberts as First Vice President, Dan Jurkowitz as Second Vice President, Jonathan Green as Secretary/Treasurer and I, along with each Trustee are available to you and eager for your input, feedback and suggestions. A good way to communicate with us is by email:

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Phillip Pepper, President

Synagogue Life Council

I want to take this opportunity to thank our past president Richard Fink for the support he has given the Synagogue Life Council for the last two years. I would also like to welcome our new president Phil Pepper. I have met with Phil and Rabbi Eisen and am sure support of the "SLC" will continue.

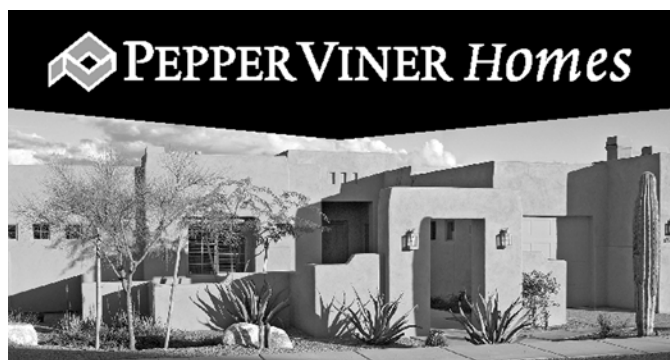


Those on the "SLC" are excited about the hiring of Rabbi Ruven Barkan as our new Education and Youth Director. We are in the process of revitalizing our Religious School Task Force in order to offer support to Rabbi Barkan for many of his areas of responsibility and in any way he feels appropriate. We want to include as many Religious School Parents as possible on the Task Force. If you are interested in being a part of this important endeavor, please contact me.

"SLC" is also working on a wonderful event to be held on **Sunday, October 18, 12:00-5:00pm**. "The Finer Things in Life" will be an art show (and sale) of many forms, expressions and media. The event will also include sale of boxed lunches and beverages; free art projects for children; and a "happy hour" for adults with wine and cheese. We are seeking artists from our congregation and the community. If you are an artist, know of one or would like to help with the event, please contact event chair Jerry Barkan at barkan98@yahoo.com

"SLC" will not meet in July; our next meeting will be on August 10. Chairs of synagogue committees are expected to attend, but all members of the congregation are welcome. Your ideas and comments are always appreciated!

Kathy Hays, SLC Chair
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7th/8th Gr. Gesher ("Bridging") Ceremony • May 2



A celebration of 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 helped lead Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdallah, and shared personal stories about their Religious School experiences.

(l. to r.) Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny, Erika Spivack, Maya Krouse, Jillian Cassius, Rita Zohav (teacher), David Jurkowitz, Cole Nochumson, Sarah Artzi (Religious School Administrator) & Rabbi Robert Eisen

Confirmation • May 9



These students satisfactorily completed two years of post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah study in the Confirmation class.

(l. to r.) Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny, Eshed Ozeri, Ezra Lyons & Rabbi Robert Eisen



MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES Graduated from area High Schools this past May!

Breanna Bregman

Graduated from: Catalina Foothills High School

Next Year: Attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a full four-year scholarship

Long Term Plans: To have a career that will allow me to travel the world and make a difference in the world.

Amanda Bressler

Graduated from: University High School

Next Year: Attending the University of Pittsburgh

Long Term Plans: To pursue a career in business.

Sarah Cassius

Graduated from: Catalina Foothills High School

Next Year: Attending George Washington University

Long Term Plans: To make a difference through public policy.

Adina Karp

Graduated from: Catalina Foothills High School

Next Year: University of Arizona

Long Term Plans: Hoping to become a Special Education teacher and work with AIPAC on the side.

Jacob Kaufman

Graduated from: Catalina Foothills High School

Next Year: Attending Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University

Long Term Plans: To graduate from college majoring in Film & Business and find a job in a related industry.

Erica Tevere

Graduated from: BASIS Tucson North

Next Year: Attending the University of Michigan

Long Term Plans: Hoping to have a successful career and a loving family, as well as become a foster parent. I also hope to spend a couple of years working as a humanitarian in a foreign country.

*We tried to contact all of our seniors.
If we missed you we apologize.
If you would like to be included in further
announcements, please let us know!*

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

Congregation Anshei Israel's 85th Birthday Celebration • May 3



Thank you to the 300+ people who attended this joyous occasion. Madeline Friedman dedicated "The Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard" and unveiled an original piece of metal art by Tidi Ozeri, endowed by Stan Lehman and family. In addition to the artwork, the courtyard has new benches, plants and pots. Several thousands of dollars were raised from a live auction, with attendees also making donations to CAI's "wish list" (much-needed items). More than \$17,000 was raised for those items. What a night!

A live auction was conducted by President Richard Fink, with Steve Spitzer (far left) coercing the crowd to bid, assisted by auction co-chairs Linda Gorsky & Hedy Feuer.



Stan Lehman (l.) &
Rabbi Robert Eisen



The rabbis' wives:
Debby Eisen (l.) & Betejoy Oleisky



Rabbi Arthur Oleisky (l.) & Stan Lehman

THANK YOU to all who made this event possible.

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Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Skolnik
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Snyder
Mrs. Ann Stein
Mr. & Mrs. David Tick
Mr. Carl Weinstein &
Dr. Gila Saks

THANK YOU to all who donated to our "wish list" and participated in the auction.

Trees:

Jennifer & Mark Cassius
Margo & Ron Gray
Rachel & Jonathan Green
Bertie Levkowitz
Caren & Tom Newman
Esther Sherberg
Kim & Eric Spitzer

Silk tree:

Sarah & Leonard Schultz

Bimah arrangement:

Jon Ben-Asher / THA

Torah table light:

Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz

Keyboard:

Katherine & Aaron Leonard
Ron Sandler

Smartboards:

Sara & Tom Borin
Madeline & Barry Friedman
Marianne & Alan Langer

Round tables:

Elayne & Jerry Feder
Jane & Jon Klein
Janet & Steve Seltzer

Banquet tables:

Linda & Jay Gorsky
Marcia & Paul Simon

Chairs:

Jean & Marvin Glassberg
Brina Grusin
Aurora & Gene Kellogg
Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present
Evelyn Sigafus

Pots & Pans:

Ruth & Ron Kolker

Mixer:

Rosie & Paul Kahn

Monetary donations:

Fern & Ed Feder
Eleanor & Don Jeck
Shelly & Les Silberman
Norma Taylor

Auction:

Dani & Phil Bregman
Dvora Tager & Bob Dietz
Evergreen Mortuary
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Barbara & Martin Mannlein
Vicki & Phil Pepper

Our apologies if we inadvertently omitted anyone who contributed to the event.

C O M I N G U P . . .



OUR SUMMER FILM SERIES CONTINUES SUNDAYS THRU JULY 19 AT 7 PM

Enjoy a movie, 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.

- **July 5**, Jakob the Liar (PG13)
- **July 12**, Pleasantville (PG13)
- **July 19**, Snow in August (Unrated)

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**Sunday, August 2 for
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CAI members are invited to share each other's company after the summer break while watching the Gaslight Theatre's intergalactic space odyssey production, ***"Space Wars: May the Farce Be with You!"*** Cheer for the hero... boo the villains! Fun, frivolity, family, friends, laughter and popcorn. (Food extra.)

***"Do. Or do not attend.
There is no try." — Yoda***



Adults \$18 • Children (2-12) \$10 • RSVP by July 17. Call Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242. Doors open at 5:30pm; show starts at 6:00pm. • Limited seating... don't miss it!



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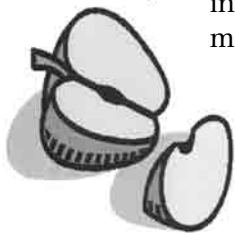
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High Holy Days Services

The High Holy Days begin
September 13, Erev Rosh Hashanah.
Congregation Anshei Israel welcomes everyone to
attend this year's High Holy Days services.

A free* one-year membership is offered
to anyone who hasn't been affiliated with any
synagogue for two years. The membership
includes High Holy Days tickets.

**Free general admission tickets for High
Holy Days services are offered to all
unaffiliated Jews age 20 to 39, as well as
college students and military personnel.**

AND:

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah is open to all!

**For more information about membership
or High Holy Days tickets,
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"ARE YOU READY?"

Every year, from about the end of August until Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Eisen is asked: "Rabbi, are you ready?" Ready? For what? For the High Holy Days, of course. Though he approaches the time of year very differently than most, his usual response is: "Are you?!" By which he means: These days are not about him, they are about "us" – as individuals and as a community. Whether he is ready with notes, sermons, signs and songs is not as important as whether we are looking inward to find our own faith and fortitude to make this a NEW year.

To help us each answer the question: "Are you?" we have invited some congregants to share with us something of importance to them; something that helps them with their preparation for this season, so that it can become that much more for us as well.

**Please join us on
Wednesdays, Aug. 19, 26 & Sept. 2
7:00-9:00pm**

August 19: Rabbi Dr. Bennett Blum presents
"Forgiveness: The Law and The Lore"

August 26: Rabbi Dr. Howard Schwartz presents
*"T'SHUVAH (Repentance): Up Close & Personal:
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CAI's High Holy Days publication.**

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Women's League

"Gentle Chair Yoga" classes continue on **Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am**. The focus is on increased balance, strength and flexibility in a supportive group setting. Meditation and deep relaxation at the end of each class leaves participants with positive healing energy and uplifted spirits. Members of Women's League: \$6 per class; non-members \$8 per class.

Open Mah Jongg play continues on Mondays through **August 31, 10:00am - 12:00pm**. All levels are welcome ... men are welcome, too!

Our popular "Women's Study Group" led by Rabbi Robert Eisen continues **Mondays, July 6 and August 3 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.

All Jewish women 18+ are invited to share lunch ("Dutch treat") with us at our next "SWEET" event on **Wednesday, August 26** at 12:15pm. We'll meet at Trattoria Pina, 5541 N. Swan (near Sunrise). Trattoria Pina has excellent Italian fare with several vegetarian options. Join us there and enjoy fabulous food and the pleasure of each other's company! Please RSVP by August 21.

For more information about any class or event, or to RSVP, contact Evelyn at 885-4102 or esigafus@aol.com



"Read It & Meet"

Recently, a planning meeting to compile the reading list for 2015-16 was held. Watch this space or contact us to learn more. We'll be sharing the list and dates of future book discussions soon.

"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 vickauf@juno.com or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.



Men's Club

Please join us for our first breakfast meeting of the "new year" on **Sunday, October 18** at 9:30am.

Men's Club is all about service to the synagogue, making new friends, participating in learning opportunities, leadership training and so much more. Whether you have time to be actively involved or to help us occasionally with our programs, you are needed.

Complimentary first year membership; thereafter annual membership is \$40. Should you have any questions about Men's Club, want to help or want to join, please contact Lew Crane at 400-9930 or catsfan1997@cox.net

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TODAH RABAH • YESHER KOACH • THANK YOU SARAH ARTZI

Even as we are all looking expectantly toward the arrival of Rabbi Ruven Barkan as our new Education & Youth Director, we need to publicly thank Sarah Artzi for serving as our Interim Religious School Administrator this past year.

Sarah's commitment to, and investment in, our Religious School (not to mention our congregation as a whole!) enabled us to maintain the quality and integrity of our program through this transition period. Though "interim" in title, the positive impact of her contribution and presence will continue to be felt for a long time to come ... she touched us all in more ways than she will ever know.

We look forward to seeing her continue to go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing ...

— Rabbi Robert Eisen

Religious School



It's hard to believe that my year as the Interim Religious School Administrator has come to an end. That old phrase "time flies when you're having fun" certainly sums things up!

My thanks to each and every one of our families for supporting our program and showing your children the importance of Jewish learning and the community that surrounds it. It has truly been an honor to

work in this role. I'd also like to thank Rabbi Eisen, Nichole Chorny and our special CAI staff for their guidance, wisdom, and collaboration as we used this year to move into our new organizational structure of the Education department. As a member of the Search Committee for our new Education & Youth Director, I can tell you that there are great things ahead. Rabbi Ruven Barkan brings extraordinary opportunities for our synagogue. I look forward to his arrival later this summer and to assisting him however I can as he transitions into this wonderful new position.

My sincerest personal thanks to all those with whom I've worked over this past year. It has been a joy and a privilege. Enjoy your summer, and I'll see you in shul!

Sarah Artzi

As I am excitedly embarking on preparations for the first day of Religious School (**Sunday, August 16**), the start of this year's Kadima and USY programs, and enhancing the community of young families around the synagogue in general, I am mindful of Ben Zoma's teaching in Pirkei Avot, "Who is wise? The one who learns from all people." (Mishnah 4:1)

I am grateful to Rabbi Eisen for gently and methodically introducing me to these wonderful programs so that our students can begin the year with enthusiasm.

I have met with all of the teachers individually by phone to learn about the curriculum for each class and to develop a collaborative spirit among our community of educational colleagues. I am very impressed with the collective experience, enthusiasm, and leadership among our teachers and the opportunities we share to learn from one another.

I am also learning from our youth advisors for Kadima (4th-6th grades), Junior USY (7th-8th grades), and Senior USY (9th-12th grades) about ways to develop inclusive, engaging, and fun activities. Many of these emerging leaders are "paying it forward" to the next generation by sharing meaningful experiences that are part of their respective youth groups.

One of my early goals is to maximize communication with parents. Parental partnership, input, feedback, excitement, support, and active involvement will guide and propel the advancement of these programs and enhance our overall community. I will develop formal and informal ways to learn from this vital group.

There is another beautiful rabbinic teaching about the value of learning from others that extends the first teaching in a poignant way: Rabbi Chanina said, "I have learned much from my teachers, even more from my colleagues, but I have learned the most of all from my students." (Talmud Taanit 7a). I relate to this teaching as a reminder that the guiding purpose of all of our efforts is to serve the educational needs of our children. We will determine what works and what needs to be improved by this clear bottom line: how does it directly benefit the educational needs of our children?

We all have a great deal to learn from our children. By being particularly attuned to our children's interest and readiness, we will build, shape, and refine an engaging learning environment.

I have much to learn. What a blessing! May it be a wonderful year of learning for us all.

Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth Director



Preschool/Kindergarten



Summer Camp for Kids is well under way and the children are having a blast! The fun continues **through July 24** and all kids 2- to 6-years-old are welcome! Please contact me for space availability.

Our free Parent-Tot Class continues on **Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am through July 21** with water play. Open to the public, this weekly class for children 9- to 24-months

in age and their parent(s) is fun and educational. Participants sing, make art projects, read stories, have a snack, and share parenting advice with each other. Our regular schedule/activities will resume August 11.

The first day of Preschool/Kindergarten is **Monday, August 10**. Our Welcome Back Party will take place on **Sunday, August 16**, and our Open House for Parents is **Wednesday, August 26**. Watch your mail for more information. See you soon!

Lynne Falkow-Strauss, P/K Director

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 Gould 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!

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!



For more information about volunteering at CAI, contact Barb Gould 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.

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.

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Israel and Jordan Expand Regional Cooperation

Time and again, Israel has demonstrated a willingness to address challenges facing the Jewish state, but also impacting people all across the world. This priority has not been lost amid the overwhelming security challenges facing Israel today. While many parts of the region are aflame, one of Israel's latest projects has been focused on addressing a challenge shared by all countries in the Middle East — water scarcity.

Early this year, Israel signed The Red Sea-Dead Sea canal agreement with Jordan that seeks to increase the availability of fresh water in one of the most arid parts of the world. Along with the World Bank, Israel will help Jordan build a desalination plant at Aqaba, on the Red Sea.

The historic agreement allows the two countries to share the potable water produced by the plant, while the byproduct of desalination, a salty brine, will be pumped north to help combat the sinking water level of the Dead Sea. Israel also committed to releasing an additional 50 million cubic meters of water from the Sea of Galilee to Jordan.

Upon signing the accord, leaders from both nations noted

that this deal will help ensure cooperation between Israel and Jordan long into the future.

“This is the most important agreement since the peace agreement with Jordan [in 1995],” Israeli National Infrastructures, Energy and Water Resources Minister Silvan Shalom said. “It will help to rehabilitate the Dead Sea and provide a solution to the water problems in Jordan and the Arava.”

Israel and Jordan have also committed to providing water from the project to the Palestinian Authority.

The two countries' agreement is the product of Israel's status as a global leader in water technology. The Jewish state is currently recycling over 80 percent of its water and aiming to recycle 95 percent by 2020, while continuing to build new desalination plants in Israel, the region and the United States.

At a time when much of the region is engulfed in terror and sectarian violence, the Jewish state continues to move forward in strengthening regional partnerships and in improving lives through innovation.

Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 5776

Holidays begin *the evening before* the day noted. Holidays marked with an asterisk are often observed for one day only by Reform and Reconstructionist Jews. Holidays noted *in italic* are holy days on which no work is permitted and absences from school or work should be excused.

Rosh Hashanah* Mon & Tue, Sept. 14-15, 2015
 Yom Kippur Wed, Sept. 23, 2015
 Sukkot* Mon & Tue, Sept. 28-29, 2015
 Shemini Atzeret Mon, Oct. 5, 2015
 Simhat Torah Tue, Oct. 6, 2015
 Hanukkah Mon, Dec. 7-13, 2015
 Purim Thur, Mar. 24, 2016

Passover (start)* Sat & Sun, Apr. 23-24, 2016
 Passover (end)* Fri & Sat, Apr. 29-30, 2016
 Yom Hashoah Thur, May 5, 2016
 Yom Ha'atzmaut Thur, May 12, 2016
 Lag B'Omer Thur, May 26, 2016
 Shavuot* Sun & Mon, June 12-13, 2016
 Tisha B'Av Sat, Aug. 13, 2016

Yom Hashoah is Holocaust Remembrance Day.
 Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israel Independence day.

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.



Eleanor Ann Singer Born May 2

Eleanor is the daughter of Stacey & Zach Singer, and the granddaughter of Sara & Tom Borin and Shelley & Steve Singer.

Parker Scott McAlister Born May 5

Parker is the grandson of Hannah & Ron Meyerson. (Parents: Barrie & Brendan McAlister)



Jackson Meyer Wilburn Born May 12

Jackson is the grandson of Rosie & Paul Kahn. (Parents: Yoneet & Michael Wilburn)

Noah Matthew Greenberg Born May 20

Noah is the grandson of Alayne & Bruce Greenberg. (Parents: Felicia & Isaac Greenberg)



Mazel Tov!

Engagement

Devorah Bloch

granddaughter of Phyllis & Merrill Broad to Simcha Cohen

Wedding

Amy Becker

daughter of Phyllis & Burt Becker to Adam Platizky

Recognition

Nancy Ben-Asher Ozeri

for receiving the Simon Rockower Award for Excellence in Jewish Journalism from the American Jewish Press Association for the second time in two years

July Anniversaries

<u>Date</u>		<u>Years</u>
1	Trudy & Howard Schwartz	53
2	Phyllis & Don Cohen	62
	Deborah & Larry Kotz	26
	Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein	49
	Nancy & Tidhar Ozeri	26
	Stephanie & Spencer Roberts	26
	Kathryn & Sheldon Wald	36
3	Kathy Hays & Gerald Barkan	24
	Janet & Stephen Seltzer	55
4	Elaine & Howard Fagan	44
	Judy & Cary Fishman	54
	Rhea & Arnold Merin	41
	Kathryn & David Unger	50
5	Laura & David Tick	24
9	Stephanie & Michael Hoffman	9
	Barbara & Sanford Selznick	15
13	Tracy Salkowitz & Richard Edwards	13
14	Alayne & Bruce Greenberg	42
15	Phyllis & Merrill Broad	64
16	Ellen & David Alster	26
19	Gail & Alan Cohn	22
23	Melanie & Harris Amhowitz	35
	Linda & Shelby Silverman	43
26	Marlene & Ronald Sandler	62
27	Maya & Josef Gonzales	17
	Linda & Jay Gorsky	40
29	Bobbie & Leroy Feig	59
	Adriana & Zachary Naiman	12

August Anniversaries

<u>Date</u>		<u>Years</u>
1	Gail & Ron Isaacs	5
2	Nichole & Joel Chorny	6
	Rachel & Jonathan Green	23
	Barbara & Michael Schoenhals	45
3	Pat & Dennis Citron	40
	Sorale & Marvin Fortman	57
	Myrna & James Frisch	40
	Terri & David Polan	35
	Adrienne & Thomas Reilly	24
5	Trenty & Michael Mendel	36
	Susan & Steven Weisman	36
6	Karen & Gilbert Sokal	9
7	Rebecca & Ronald Mann	27
	Charne & Morrie Shoob	49
	Carole & Sylvain Sidi	44
8	Lynn & Stanford Cramer	39
11	Terry & Jerry Neuman	47
	Joann & Steven Weinstein	20
12	Jennifer & Mark Cassius	25
	Margo & Ron Gray	42
14	Sara & Chuck Block	60
15	Hannah & Ronald Meyerson	45
	Robin & Mitchell Pozez	34
	Marilyn & Ira Prensky	50
	Nancy & David Stoler	44
16	Joyce & Bill Becker	56
18	Felisa & Ruben Bien-Willner	42
	Ruth & Ronald Kolker	52
	Karen & Myles LeVine	13
19	Gail & Marc Offenhartz	31
	Renee & Michael Rhyner	7
20	Arlene & Richard Bluth	48
	Janis & William Krauss	65
21	Arlene & Howard Brody	55
	Fern & Edward Feder	66
	Rayna & John Gellman	60
23	Marjorie & George Cunningham	46
24	Suzanne & Ross Freund	23
	Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz	46
25	Lyudmila Rytslina & Ilya Tepelboym	26
26	Jennifer & Jason Bailey	8
	Karen & Howard Skolnik	53
27	Miriam & Athol Cline	44
	Lila & Bernard Greisman	65
	Lorraine & Sidney Hellring	43
29	Ori & Julian Parnaby	23
30	Mirta & Alberto Bien-Willner	40
	Susan & Richard Glass	45
	Eleanor & Don Jeck	51
	Helene & Fred Mittleman	49
	Jill & Daniel Ranucci	35
31	Holly & Steven Shenitzer	40
	Alice & Joel Steinfeld	40



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Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Marilyn Agron
Lillian Fisher
Barry Hirsch
Dolores Miller
Herman Moskovits
Saul Stoltz

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

Austin Agron - his wife, Marilyn Agron
Marjorie Cunningham - her mother, Lillian Fisher
Gloria Hirsch - her brother, Barry Hirsch
Zora Litin - her father, Herman Moskovits
Ronnie Berger Miller - her father, Walter Berger
Helen Moskovits - her husband, Herman Moskovits
Tidhar Ozeri - his mother, Naomi Ozeri
Alice Steinfeld - her brother, Richard Abramson
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DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS?

Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?
Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained
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*Thank you to all of you for your prayers, condolences
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Walter Berger's passing.*

It is greatly appreciated. Todah rabah.

— Ronnie Berger Miller



*The unveiling for Mildred Rickles gravestone will take
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