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*celebrate the
festival of lights*



Hanukkah is December 7-14

1st Candle Sunday, December 6



*Join us for CAJ's Hanukkah Party
Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00pm*

Scholar-in-Residence
GIL HOFFMAN
Chief political correspondent
for *The Jerusalem Post*

November 13-14



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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 in the Epstein Chapel immediately following 5:30pm Minyan (not held December 8, but come to our Hanukkah Party instead!).

Weekday Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Robert Eisen, this informal study group can lead to lively discussion. Held **Wednesdays** in the Library, **11:00am to 12noon**. Everyone is welcome.



Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Robert Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service with stories and songs **the first Friday of most months at 5:45pm (November 6 & December 4)** 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 the importance of Shabbat worship, because families should be together on Shabbat.

But, should your little one(s) get restless or need a break, we offer our "**Kiddie Corner**" in Rabbi Breger Hall. Designed especially for our little ones and their parents/guardians who wish to be a part of Sanctuary services, we have this area just for them. Services are broadcast into Rabbi Breger Hall so parents can listen, see, and participate in the service, as their children relax and play with Shabbat-friendly toys and books. The double doors in our new wall between the Sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall will remain open throughout the service.



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.



Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us for our Family Shabbat celebration on **Fridays, November 20 and December 18**. At 5:45pm, this interactive and upbeat Shabbat service incorporates fun-spirited melodies and family-themed activities. We'll share Shabbat dinner, followed by Open Lounge in the Youth Center with games and fun. Dinner is \$25 per family (two adults & up to four children) and/or adults (13+) \$10 per person. Reservations are needed the Monday before. Visit www.caiaz.org or call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224. Come celebrate Shabbat with *ruach* (spirit) and your congregational family!

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly

Welcome

Dona Rivera Gulko & Arlan Gulko

Simone Krame

Danielle & Guy Larcom,
and their children, Miles & Jax

Barbara Levy,
and her daughter, Linda

Eve & Stuart Pinkert

Deanna Shoob

Ellen Yasmer

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.

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!

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

BAT KOHEN/BAT LEVI

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

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

The Tenth of Tevet *Asarah B'Tevet*

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Date of the fast in 5776: December 22, 2015

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

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

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

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

- As with all Jewish fasts, the prayers for Asarah B'Tevet include Selihot, marking the day as an occasion for each of us to devote time to Teshuvah (repentance), the introspection that motivates us to reexamine our actions and change our ways. As the Talmud in Brachot says, "one who is afflicted should examine his or her actions and do Teshuvah."

- Asarah B'Tevet is the day of mourning for people whose last resting place or date of death is unknown (the Kaddish Clali).

- Asarah B'Tevet is one of four public fasts which begin at dawn (alot hashachar - about an hour before sunrise), but do not carry additional restrictions, such as washing oneself or wearing leather shoes, etc. (while Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av begin from dusk the night before). However, it is the only fast which is not brought forward or postponed if it falls on a Friday, a mark of its immense significance.



Daily Minyan Services & “Jewry” Duty

Our Minyan is expected to be there when someone needs to say *Kaddish*. We hope you will consider being there for others, as there are occasions when it is difficult to get a *Minyan*. Along with your “Jewry Duty,” we ask that you consider committing to being part of the *Minyan* at least one morning or afternoon per month on a regular basis. Service times are on the calendar in each newsletter and on the synagogue's web site, www.caiaz.org. Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their “Jewry” Duty during August and September. *Todah rabah!*

Austin Agron
MeMe Aguila
Murray Baker
Kathy Hays &
Jerry Barkan
Morris Barkan
Tom Borin
Meryl Bressler
Phyllis Broad
Barbara Brodie
Kevin Chess
Miriam Cline
Bob Cohen
Lew Crane
Debby Eisen
Arlene Epstein
Joan Epstein
Deanna Evenchik
L. Elliott Farber
Eric Flank
Enid &
Wynn Freedman
James Frisch
Emanuel Furst
Rayna &
John Gellman
Marvin Glassberg
Peiji Golden
Allen Gordon
Margaret &
Ron Gray
Brina Grusin

Marshall Heyman
Robert Harris
Gloria Hirsch
Marty Johnston
Chaya &
Harvey Jurkowitz
Aurora &
Eugene Kellogg
Steven Ketchel
Boris Kozolchik
Marianne Langer
Richard Langert
Jerry Lapin
Mark Levine
Scott Lewis
Faylene Licker
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Trenty &
Michael Mendel
Pamela &
Stuart Mendel
Arnold B. Merin
Judith Mussman
Victoria Newman
Tidar Ozeri
Bea Paulus
Joy Peskin
Jack Pinnas
Marilyn &
Ira Prensky
Alan Ravitz

Abby Rosen
Sara & Bob Ross
Patti Salonic
Judith Schneider
Judith &
Charles Schultz
Bryan Schwartz
Trudy &
Howard Schwartz
Sarah Segal
Barbara Selznick
Esther Sherberg
Evelyn Sigafus
Linda Silverman
Marilyn Einstein &
Steve Sim
Marcia Simon
Steve Singer
Howard Sloane
Ronit &
Michael Stern
Sandra Tobin
Moshe Toister
Art Weinenger
Carl Weinstein
Jerry Wolf
Robert Wolk
Sam Wolsky
Steve Wool
Arthur Zoref

CAI TZEDAKAH BOXES



From **Nov. 23, 2015 to Jan. 1, 2016**, Rabbi Eisen will be accepting your **CAI Tzedakah Boxes** for donation toward our sister synagogue, Shevet Achim in Gilo, Israel. All donations received via these boxes will be matched!

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



YOUNG ADULT / COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM

All too often our college-age young adults feel cut off from the Synagogue which played such an important part in their younger years. We want to keep that Synagogue connection with your children.

Please help us update our list of young adults who are in college or others who would enjoy hearing from us. We ask those who would like their children to receive both regular and e-mail communications to complete and return the form below to:

CAI Young Adult/College Outreach Program
5550 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85711

Congregation Anshei Israel's Young Adult/College Outreach Program

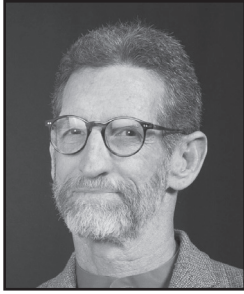
Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____
ST _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____
College Name _____

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

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

Malka Abraham	Katherine Leonard	Hannah Peskin-Owens
Joshua Anbar	Natalie Leonard	Helen Rib
David Ben-Asher	Scott Lewis	Leonard Schultz
Nichole Chorny	Ziva Mason	Steve Seltzer
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Eshed Ozeri	Alan Strauss
Margo Gray	Geva Ozeri	Moshe Toister
Richard Green	Noah Pensak	Sam Wolsky
Marshall Heyman	Phillip Pepper	Arthur Zoref
Aaron Leonard		

A Message from the Board of Trustees and the Synagogue Life Council



As part of its vision for the coming term, the Board of Trustees has adopted the revitalization of CAI's committee and council structure and roles, with the goal of creating/improving opportunities for congregant involvement in creating programs, activities and ritual experiences. A major player in this effort is the Synagogue Life Council or "SLC." This article will provide a general overview of the Board and SLC responsibilities in supporting, managing and providing guidance to the various committees and councils.

The SLC was created in 2007 as part of governance restructuring of the Board. The SLC was charged with coordination and oversight functions for the ritual, social and educational needs of our congregation, while the Board retained direct responsibility for administrative and financial functions. The Board retained all responsibility for setting and managing policy.

As a starting point to this revitalization, the Board explored best practices for synagogues. Using a general template provided by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, we developed revised roles and responsibilities (Scopes of Work) for each committee and council. It is important to note that several of these committees have been functioning quite well over the years; in those cases it is a matter of "tweaking" direction and methodology. Other committees have been somewhat dormant for several years and will get a little "adrenaline boost" in re-establishing their functionality. We invite you to visit the synagogue's website (www.caiaz.org) to review the document. For those who would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

Now the caveat: This structure has been created to provide a wide range of opportunities for congregant involvement; it will only be successful with your participation. Please don't hesitate contacting either of us for additional explanation or to explore ways of getting involved.

A brief update: The work of our Ritual Committee was very much evident during the High Holy Days services. Our Preschool/Kindergarten, Religious School and B'nai Mitzvah programs are well under way and our USY groups have been meeting. Again this year, our Social Action Committee is engaged in providing the food snack packs for Los Amigos School in conjunction with the Community Food Bank. The Adult Education Committee is working on the "Wisdom of Jewish Tucson" program. Rabbi Barkan and Board member Kim Spitzer have reorganized the Religious School Committee with a focus on reaching out to Religious School parents. The SLC-affiliated Women's League and Men's Club continue their planned activities.

SLC meetings are held most second Mondays each month at 7:00pm in the Cantor Falkow Lounge and are open to all congregants.

B'Shalom,

Phillip Pepper, Board President
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pcpepper@pepperviner.com

Kathy Hays, SLC Chair
615-1150
krhays2000@yahoo.com

Social Action Committee

We are committed to meal service for the Primavera Foundation at Five Points (720 S. 6th Ave.), a six month - two year transitional housing facility for motivated men and women who work at least 25 hours/week. There is a group of approximately 20 clients at the facility. Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, November 11**. Meal teams meet at 3:00pm in CAI's parking lot and carpool to the facility, set up and warm prepared foods and serve. The project is usually 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 and serve. We have a suggested shopping list of items and quantities. The cost is about \$20 per volunteer. Contact us for more information.

Please continue to share your ideas and time!

Hedy Feuer

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Jane Poliakoff

jmpoliakoff@gmail.com

Social Action Committee Co-Chairs



Update

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

Because of you, we collected more than 854 pounds of food and \$100 in cash.



"Turkey and More" Drive November 1 - 20

Every year, CAI collects money to purchase kosher turkeys and other food items for Jewish Family & Children's Services to help enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need.

Food items may be dropped off in the marked box in the administrative office lobby. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed in. *Please make checks payable to CAI and note "Turkey Drive" on it.*

Thank you. A bountiful Thanksgiving to all... except, of course, the turkeys!

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

Selihot • Sept. 5



**Tashlich at the Park
Sept. 20**

**USY Progressive
Sukkot Dinner • Sept. 30**



**Religious School Breakfast in the Sukkah
Oct. 4
(Thanks,
Men's
Club!)**



**Shomrei Torah
“Sukkah
Schmooze”
in Debby &
Rabbi Eisen's
Sukkah
Oct. 1**

Firefighters Beyond Borders • Oct. 19



**Blessing of
the Pets
Oct. 11**

FAMILY GAME DAY



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Sunday, Nov. 1
12:00pm

Enjoy group games and board games for all ages, followed by hamburgers & hot dogs!
\$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children); adults (13+) \$10 per person.
Please RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

*Make friends, build community,
learn about Judaism, and have fun!*



THE "REAL STORY" OF HANUKKAH

Sunday, Dec. 6 • 9:30-10:30am

If most Jews knew the "real story" of Hanukkah, they probably wouldn't celebrate it! HINT: It involves events that resonate to this day – gross inequality and religious coercion. Join us for a **special adult studies kollel** where we will explore the texts/history behind this holiday, after which attendees are invited to stay and participate in our Religious School Hanukkah Family Workshop (see page 9).

No charge, but a contribution (non-perishable food item or monetary donation) to the Community Food Bank is appreciated.

Please RSVP to Michelle at 745-5550, x225.

Join us as we welcome

GIL HOFFMAN

Chief political correspondent
for *The Jerusalem Post*

Nov. 13-14

as CAI's Scholar-in-Residence



See insert for more information about his visit!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Saturday, Dec. 5

for CAI'S ADULT "HANUKKAH" PARTY

Watch your mail!

Latkes & Vodkas

Be sure to join us 3rd Night,
Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6:00pm
Full dinner with latkes • Candle Lighting
Crafts • Skit • Concert & Sing-a-long
with CAI's Adult & Youth Choirs
Watch your mail!

Jan. 17 10th Annual
Mah Jongg Tournament
honoring the tradition of Linda Roy

Jan. 23 Casino Night
to benefit CAI's Preschool/Kindergarten

Jan. 24 Blood Donor Drive w/the Red Cross
Tu B'Shevat Seder

Feb. 10, 17 & 24 "Wisdom of Jewish Tucson"

Mark your calendar!

AFFILIATE / SOCIAL GROUPS



Women's League

Thank you to all our wonderful Gift Shop volunteers, and to all those who attended our Paid-Up Membership Lunch on October 14. Your support means everything to us!



Gift Shop volunteers (l. to r.): Dorey Mallis, Evelyn Sigafus, Molly Shenitzer, Barb Gould, Darlene Gettler, Norma Taylor, Phyllis Becker, Anne Landesco & Ron Gray.

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00noon**. All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to come play as well. Do join us ... it's fun and great socializing.

The "**Women's Study Group**" continues **Mondays, November 2 and December 7 at 12noon** using *The Five Books of Miriam: A Woman's Commentary on the Torah* as the core for discussions led by Rabbi Robert Eisen. 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 Chair 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.

The 2015-16 Torah Fund campaign is in full swing! Torah Fund ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by providing rabbis, cantors and educators, and more. See the insert for more information and how you can get involved.

Hanukkah is just around the corner... You can find everything you need at our Judaica Gift Shop: Hanukkiot, candles, dreidels, chocolate gelt, cards and so much more. **PLUS: We have exclusive rights to a UofA menorah! (Arriving in November)** For the best selection of Judaica in Tucson, come here! FREE gift wrap and Gift Certificates available. We're open Mon, Wed, Thu 10am-4pm; Tues 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-1pm; and Sunday 9am- 12pm (when Religious School in session).

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



"Read It & Meet"

"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.

Please join us on the following dates to discuss these books:

Nov. 7 • Gertrude's Oath by Oren Ram, moderator Phyllis Broad

Dec. 5 • A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales by Ruth Calderon, moderator Rabbi Robert Eisen

Jan. 9, 2016 (second Saturday) • *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, moderator Joni Belzer

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



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

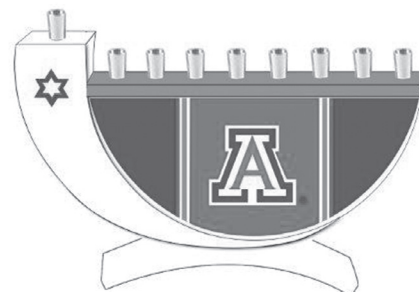
Men's Club

Please join us on **Sunday, November 15** for our Breakfast Meeting at 9:30am with our guest speaker, Evie Varady, a docent at the Jewish History Museum. Ms. Varady has been very involved in the expansion of the museum's Holocaust History Center and will share its evolution.

On **Sunday, December 20**, our guest will be Rabbi Bennett Blum who will share, "How to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones from Financial Scams." Blum is one of the contributors to a *Consumer Reports* article about the topic in an upcoming issue.

There is no charge to attend breakfast meetings for Men's Club members; guests are always welcome for \$4. Not a member of Men's Club yet? Join now for only \$40 per year and attend all breakfast meetings for free!

Men's Club is 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. 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



Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Samuel Paul Goldfinger November 21

Sam is the son of Melissa & Tedd Goldfinger; the grandson of Sandi & Jerry Henderson, and Judi & Jerry Schumacher; great-grandson of June & Bruce Greer; and brother to Ryan. Sam's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering with Beads of Courage. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Sam's interests include skiing, travel and the Denver Broncos.



Edie Mae Cotton December 5

Edie is the daughter of Leah & Don Cotton; the granddaughter of Harry Kirshenbaum & the late Edythe Kirshenbaum, and Earnest Cotton & the late Clasina Cotton; and sister to Jacob, Leah, Rebecca & Justin. Edie's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering with the Humane Society. A student at Doolen Middle School, Edie's interests include basketball and trumpet.



Ellah Ben-Asher December 12

Ellah is the daughter of Jeni Steele & Jon Ben-Asher; the granddaughter of Susan Charles & the late Jim Steele, and David Ben-Asher & the late Bryna Ben-Asher; and sister to Halle. Ellah's Bat Mitzvah project involves collecting books for local charities. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Ellah's interests include reading, guitar, art and spending time with friends.



Shira Hannah Dubin December 19

Shira is the daughter of Pamela Heiman & Matthew Dubin; the granddaughter of Sandra & Elliott Heiman, and Barbara Dubin & Henry Dubin; the great-granddaughter of Florence Schwartz; and sister to Rebecca. Shira's Bat Mitzvah project involves making blankets for the needy. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Shira's interests include soccer, math club and student government.

Religious School & USY

On September 30, Junior and Senior USYers had a great time at their progressive Sukkot dinner held at the homes of: Katherine & Aaron Leonard for appetizers, Debby & Rabbi Robert Eisen for the entrée, and Dani & Phil Bregman for dessert. Thank you to all our wonderful hosts!

King David (aka Rabbi Eisen) came to visit the Religious School Breakfast in the Sukkah on October 4. Thank you to the Men's Club and Religious School dads for preparing a delicious meal.

Thank you to Jennifer & Seth Fox and Tracy & David Jeck for organizing CAI's wonderful Simhat Torah Celebrations.

This year's **"Turkey and More" Drive** runs **November 1 - 20**. We collect money to purchase kosher turkeys and other food items for Jewish Family & Children's Services to help enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need. Look for the drop-off box in the administrative office lobby. **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS: Please bring in your tzedakah for this project.** Our assembly for the **"Turkey and More" Food Drive** will take place on **Sunday, November 22 at 11:45am**. *Parents AND their student(s) are encouraged to attend this brief lesson about the importance of giving to those less fortunate.*

Students AND their parents are invited to our **Hanukkah Family Workshop** on **Sunday, December 6**. Following our joyous minyan at 9:00am, children will study through age-specific activities about the significance of the miracle of Hanukkah today while the parents join Rabbi Eisen for the "Real Story" of Hanukkah (see page 7), a free kollel (class) to learn its texts and history. Children in Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade will experience Hannukah through storybooks and hands-on activities from 9:00-10:30am. Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade parents are welcome to join their child's class or attend the Rabbi's kollel. At 10:30am, all parents will join their children for family-friendly activities by age. At 11:00am, everyone convenes for a Macabbiah with relay races, a GaGa competition, and a short-run with the Macabbiah torch. We will conclude with a Hanukkah party including song, latkes, gelt and more. Each person is asked to bring a can of food for the Community Food Bank. Please RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 by Dec. 1 so that we can plan accordingly.

Parents: Interested in volunteering at the workshop? Contact me at 745-5550, ext. 227 or eddir@caiaz.org

Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth Director

Preschool/Kindergarten

ShopWithSCRIP gift cards is fundraising while you shop! We order gift cards at a discount from over 300 retailers; you pay the face value and P/K keeps the difference. Orders will be taken **through November 6**, with cards ready for pick up November 20. Contact Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 to learn more... before it's too late!

We will hold our **Hanukkah Celebration** for PK families on **Monday, December 7 at 11:00am**. Your children will give a spirited holiday performance, followed by lunch with latkes, pizza and other treats. Please join us and bring your cameras.

SAVE the DATE: Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 7:30pm for our Casino Night fundraiser. It's sure to be a great night with Craps, Blackjack, Roulette, food, fun, live music and great raffle prizes. Watch your mail for your invitation and see the sponsorship insert!

Lynne Falkow-Strauss, P/K Director

DATES TO REMEMBER THERE IS NO SCHOOL:

Nov. 11 Veterans' Day • Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18 Staff Work Day • Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2016 Winter Break

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.

Landon James Magnuson Born May 28

Landon is the grandson of Marlene & Laurence Harris. (Parents: Stephanie & Phillip Magnuson)



Nechama Anton Born August 19

Nechama is the great-granddaughter of Phyllis & Merrill Broad. (Parents: Elisheva & Hillel Anton)



Emily Rose Heil Born August 20

Emily is the granddaughter of Ronnie & Ken Miller.

(Parents: Jessica & Steven Heil)

Astoria Arden Unger Born August 27

Astoria is the granddaughter of Kathryn & David Unger. (Parents: Leyna & Jeffrey Unger)

Ronen Miles Bernstein Born September 14

Ronen is the grandson of Steven Wool and the great-grandson of Nancy Present. (Parents: Rachel Wool Bernstein & Ethan Bernstein)

Liad Heyman Born September 16

Liad is the grandson of Shelley & Marshall Heyman. (Parents: Oshrat & Ori Heyman)



COMFORT FOR BABIES & MOMS

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

November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	34
Barbara & John Gould	1
2 Judith & Ted Drenfeld	58
3 Elana-Beth Rosen & Paul Hetzinger	2
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	12
Joshua & Ashley Hurand	1
12 Sara & Kellen Berkenpas	10
13 Raquel & Edward Gold	60
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	39
Joan & Irvin Belzer	50
Patricia & Eugene Settle	33
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	36
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	32
23 Kelly Kvamme & Alan Hamo	6
24 Vicki & Phil Pepper	41
Sara & Robert Ross	47
25 Nancy & Steve Lipson	28
26 Beatrice & Berthold Lippel	56
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	33
Michelle & David Ollanik	16
29 Joan & Donald Diamond	63
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	7

December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	36
4 Lauren Kaplan & Scott Blinkoff	27
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	17
Rita & Martin Hall	42
7 Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare	31
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	37
Evonne & Alan Ravitz	51
19 Joan & Dennis Rosen	33
Carol & Alvin Stern	61
20 Rebecca & Richard Fink	46
21 Judy & Stan Abrams	35
Martha & William Sampson	29
22 Lois & Everett Broder	58
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25 Elena & Erik Boskoff	7
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29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	52
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	25

Mazel Tov!

Engagements

Michael Fleischman
son of Shelley Heyman
to Rachael Shulski

Adam Polan

son of Terri & David Polan
to Tembre Delong

Matthew Smith

son of Joyce & Michael Smith
to Mary Haywood

Aaron Wolfe

grandson of Jack Pinnas
to Moria Or-Zach

Abigail Leeba Sanfield

granddaughter of Phyllis & Merrill Broad
to Baruch Lipman

Weddings

Devorah Bloch

granddaughter of Phyllis & Merrill Broad
to Simcha Cohen

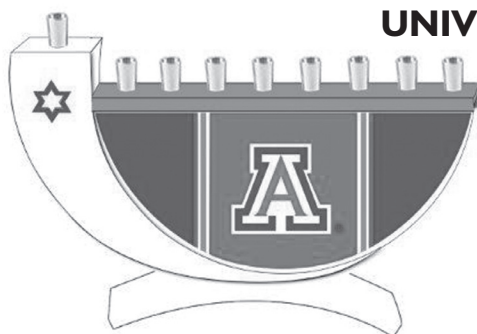
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son of Holly & Steve Shenitzer
grandson of Molly Shenitzer
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*Our condolences to these members who mourn
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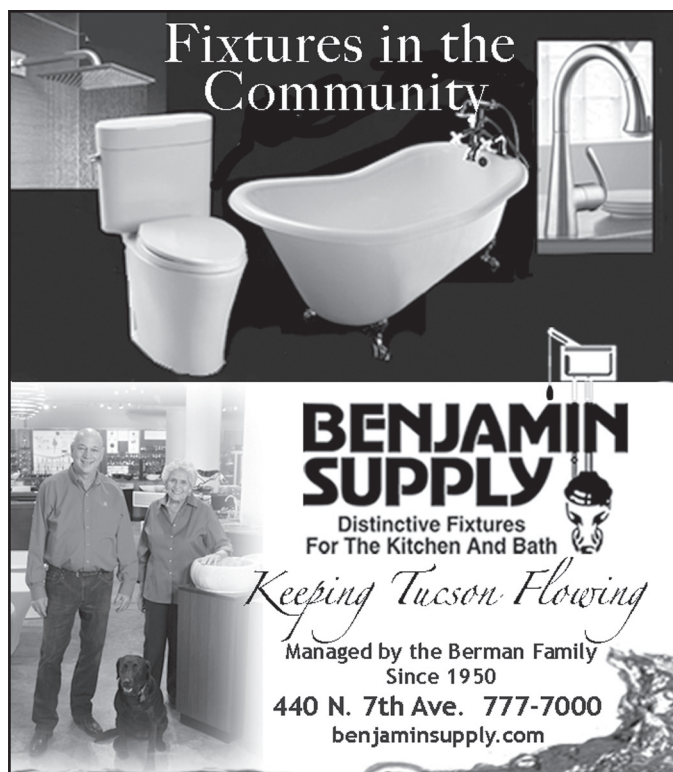
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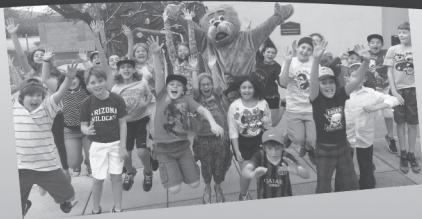
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