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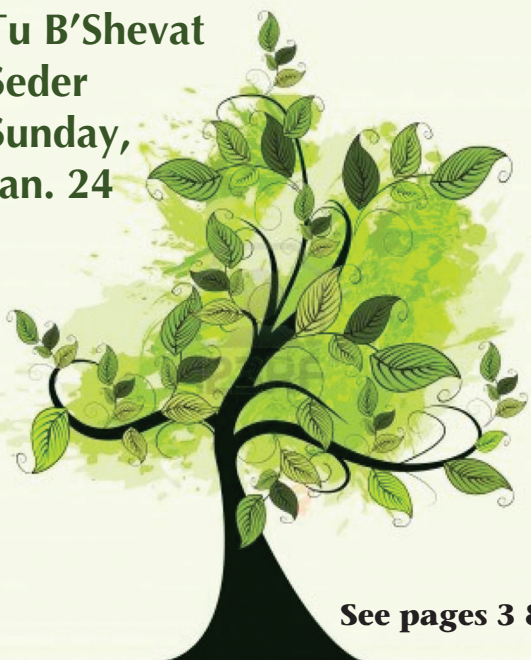
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For the Kiddies

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.

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**.

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.

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us for our Family Shabbat celebration on **Fridays, January 15 and February 19**. 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!

Introducing: Targum Shlishi

On the third Shabbat of **January (16), February (20) and March (19) at 12:00pm**, we will introduce our own version of Targum Shlishi. We are taught to read the Torah Portion of the week, each week, twice: In/From the Torah text (Shnayim Mikra), and again in translation (Targum Shlishi) to ensure that we understand both the form and the function of Torah – what it teaches, and how it can be applied. The discussion will follow the Kiddush helping us to discern exactly how we can apply Torah in our world today with regard to some important/critical issues such as: Immigration and Refugees; The Environment; and Politics and Power: What are the issues about which we would like the candidates to be concerned? Each week's topic will be introduced through texts, case studies (where appropriate) and opportunities for discussion. There is no charge to attend.

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



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 (February 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.

Tu B'Shevat

Judaism teaches that trees are special gifts from God and are symbols of goodness and nobility. There are many symbolic references to trees in the Bible, especially the olive tree, which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that dies. The upright person is compared to "a tree planted near a stream, that bears fruit in due season, with leaves that never fade" (Psalm 1:3). "The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalm 92:13-14).



Tu B'Shevat is the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, the first day of Spring in Israel. It is also known as the "New Year" for trees. Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed this semi-holiday by eating fruit grown on trees. The accounting of the life of a tree was important for establishing the proper times for harvesting and tithing its fruit.

Not too long ago, it was customary among many of our people to plant a tree when a child was born — a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. Branches from these trees were then used for the poles of the wedding canopy (chuppah) on the day of their marriage. In our day, many people purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF), participate in a community project involving trees or plant a tree themselves.

This year Tu B'Shevat falls on January 25 (it begins sundown Jan. 24).

Adar I and Adar II

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

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

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

Why are we telling you all of this? Because this year, 5776, is a leap year!

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly

Welcome

Susan & Rick Levy

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!



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

Austin Agron	Michael Heisler	Patti Salonic
MeMe Aguila	Gloria Hirsch	Ron Sandler
Murray Baker	Marty Johnston	Judith Schneider
Morris Barkan	Chaya & Harvey	Barb & Mike
Lois Bodin	Jurkowitz	Schoenhals
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Steve Ketchel	Judy & Chuck Schultz
Barbara & Mel Brodie	Joan Kleinerman	Trudy & Howard
Kevin Chess	Jane Klein	Schwartz
Miriam Cline	Nancy Krouse	Barbara Selznick
Bob Cohen	Della Kwasman	Esther Sherberg
Terri Cohen	Katherine Leonard	Evelyn Sigafus
Dennis Dawson	Sheryl Levine	Linda Silverman
Arlene Epstein	Barbara Levy	Steve Sim
Joan Epstein	Linda Levy	Karen & Howard
L. Elliott Farber	Faylene Licter	Skolnik
Eric Flank	Ziva Mason	Moshe Toister
Hedy Feuer	Levi Mendel	Melissa Truelove
Linda Friedman	Michael Mendel	Art Weinenger
Jim Frisch	Pam & Stuart Mendel	Carl Weinstein
Rayna Gellman	Arnold B. Merin	Jerry Wolf
Jean & Marvin Glassberg	Rabbi Arthur Oleisky	Joanne Wolf
Shirley Goldberg	Tidi Ozeri	Phyllis Wolf
Pejji Golden	Bea Paulus	Robert Wolk
Ruth Goldin	Rina Paz	Sam Wolsky
Sarah Goldin	Joy Peskin	Steve Wool
Linda Gorsky	Jane Poliakoff	Arthur Zoref
Margo & Ron Gray	Marilyn Prenskey	
Brina Grusin	Judy Ruben	

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

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

Malka Abraham	Renee Hulsey	Leonard Schultz
Joshua Anbar	Dan Jurkowitz	Caleb Schumacher
Nichole Chorny	David Jurkowitz	Michael Schumacher
Arielle Devorah	Lisa Jurkowitz	Steve Seltzer
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Joan Klein	Linda Silverman
Elliott Farber	Katherine Leonard	Erika Spivack
Sam Goldfinger	Natalie Leonard	Alan Strauss
Tedd Goldfinger	Scott Lewis	Moshe Toister
Margo Gray	Ziva Mason	Leah Tolby
Jonathan Green	Phillip Pepper	Tyler Weinstein
Richard Green	Logan Pugliese	Jayden Yalen
Marshall Heyman	Rylan Pugliese	Sandra Yalen
Devin Hulsey	Jake Rabinowitz	Arthur Zoref
Mallory Hulsey	Donna Saffioti	



Middle East Spotlight

Preserving a Source of Life

In late January 2016, we celebrate Tu B'Shevat — the Jewish new year of trees. Commemorating this celebration through the planting of trees provides us an opportunity to take concrete action and make the world a better place.

As many parts of the world — including several American states — face droughts and water shortages, protecting our water resources (on which trees and all life depend) must be a major priority in the twenty-first century.

Consider a few facts:

- The average American uses 100-176 gallons of water at home each day.
- 663 million (1 in 10) people worldwide lack access to safe water.
- 1/3 of all schools in the world lack access to safe water and adequate sanitation.

To combat these growing challenges, Israel — the “startup nation” — is applying its cutting-edge innovation and entrepreneurial spirit toward pioneering water preservation technologies. The widespread planting of trees and an innovative use of water resulted in this amazing feat: Israel is the only country in the world with a receding desert.

In addition, the Jewish state now recycles a remarkable 85 percent of all its water — while 60 percent of all crops in Israel are irrigated with recycled urban wastewater.

In his recent book, *Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World*, Seth M. Siegel explores Israel's water challenges, the innovations that led it to global prominence in water science and technology, and how the Jewish state can help the world adapt to and mitigate the effects of water-shortages worldwide. According to Siegel, the United States, Israel and the entire world can benefit immensely from increased U.S.-Israel cooperation in water preservation.

“Israel is being used as a model for countries all over the world as they grapple with water scarcity problems,” Siegel said in an interview with Near East Report. “Just as America has done so much to help Israel, Israel can do so much to help America assure itself of a secure, robust water future ... I have no doubt that the U.S.-Israel partnership will deepen due to water-sharing technologies and practices.”

In 2014, Congress signed the U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Act, which calls for bilateral “improvement of energy efficiency and the overall performance of water technologies through research and development in water desalination, wastewater treatment and reclamation, and other water treatment refiners.”

To learn more about how the United States and Israel are partnering to improve global water deprivation and other environmental concerns, visit www.aipac.org



From the President

Happy Gregorian Calendar New Year to you all!

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to enjoy the renovated Rabbi Lee and Jane Kivel Foyer which now provides a welcoming, warm environment leading into the Sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall, I urge you to do so (you might even consider strolling in on a Shabbat morning and taking a few more steps into the Sanctuary for a wonderful Shabbat service). For

most of us, we show up and *voilà*, a new foyer; but let me take you behind the scenes for a peak at the enormous amount of volunteer hours that go into such a project.

The foundation of course, is the extraordinary generosity of Jane Kivel honoring the blessed memory of her husband, Rabbi Lee Kivel, along with marking her ongoing commitment to our synagogue as a past Trustee and a current Life Trustee.

Taking Jane's vision and translating it into the finished product began with Immediate Past President Richard Fink, CAI's Art Committee Chair Eleanor Jeck, and the other members of the committee. Their collective experience in these types of projects is impressive. Rabbi Eisen, Finance Director Bob Dietz and Congregational Services Director Barb Gould added staff input.

I should probably stop here and tell a joke about Jews and opinions, but suffice it to say, that there were more opinions than ... well you get the picture. Once the ideas were hatched, enter the trade vendors for flooring, plastering, electrical, carpentry, doors, furniture, special order cabinets, etc. Ordering, scheduling, re-scheduling, delays, more re-scheduling all with the attitude of "time is not the issue, getting it right is" was the mantra. It was indeed a work of love. Please don't miss the opportunity to say a special thanks to Jane, Richard, Eleanor and all of the committee members.

Now, for the rest of us who get to enjoy the benefits and warmth of this great space, we will have two choices (I'm sure there are more, but these are all I can think of right now): Enjoy this wonderful enhancement to our synagogue OR throw in a bunch more opinions as to what you would have done differently. Regardless, see you in Shul!

B'Shalom,

Phillip Pepper, Board President
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Social Action Committee

The children's clothing drive to help the students at John B. Wright Elementary School was very successful. Thank you to all those who donated items, especially preschool/ kindergarten and religious school families.

Research shows a strong relationship between a child's overall health – including their nutrition – to overall cognitive development. Our participation in the Snack Pack program (in partnership with the Community Food Bank) continues to address the food insecurity of children at Los Amigos School by providing 100 supplemental food packages for them each weekend. This project could not be accomplished without Jerry Barkan, Lois Bodin, Athol Cline, Ted Drenfeld, Kathy Hays and Herb Meshel.

Volunteers and contributions are still needed to continue our Five Points Primavera meal team on the following dates: January 13, February 9, March 8 and April 5. Much thanks to Elliott Farber, Hannah Meyerson, Marlene Miller, Fran Stoler, Nancy Stoler, and Linda & Robert Ullman.

We will be collecting feminine hygiene products at the January 17 Mah Jongg Tournament (see insert) for the Primavera Homeless Women's Day Shelter.

Please contact us to volunteer or if you have any ideas or comments. Thank you for all you do.

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Social Action Committee Co-Chairs

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE



Sunday, January 24
9am - 2pm
Cantor Falkow Lounge

Be a hero ... no cape required!

Picture yourself among these heroes: Teachers, principals, high school and college students, stalwarts of our daily Minyan, scientists, entrepreneurs, doctors, nurses, lawyers, artists, and ordinary citizens who know they have the extraordinary power to save lives by donating their blood. The heroes above participated in last June's outstanding blood drive. The Red Cross recognized Congregation Anshei Israel online for potentially helping 100 patients. It's your turn to take part in this life-saving effort. We welcome donors ages 16+.

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.

All presenting donors will receive a red holiday spoon (while supplies last).

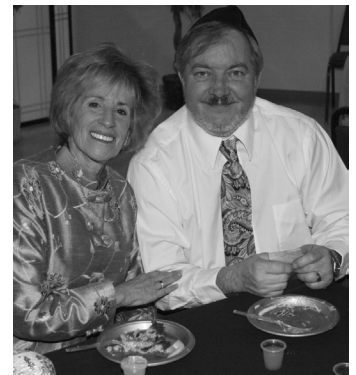


Congratulations to each of you for making this the best Jim Click Raffle yet! The winner of the 2015 Ford Mustang, 50th Anniversary Edition is Colleen Mahoney of Tucson. She bought a ticket from the Khalsa Montessori School Community Organization.

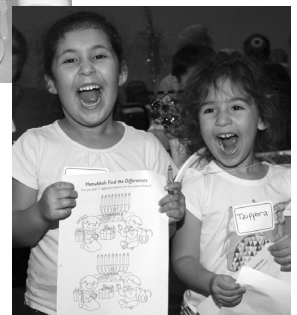
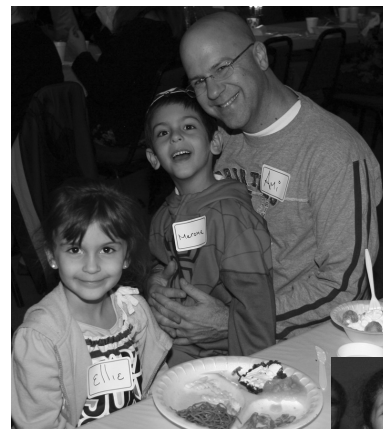
Together, 484 local nonprofits raised more than \$1.2 million—which is a half-million dollars MORE than what was raised in the last raffle and \$750,000 more than the one before that. Over the past six raffle campaigns, local charities have raised over FOUR MILLION dollars to support local services and programs!

On behalf of the Click family, thanks so much for all the hard work you do in our community!

“Latkes & Vodkas” • Dec. 5



Hanukkah Party Dec. 8





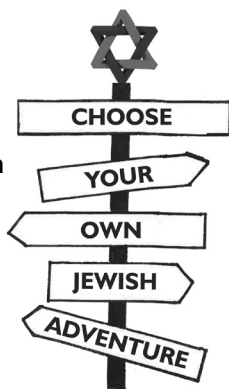
Mishpachah (Family) Programs

For families with children of all ages. Make friends, build community, learn about Judaism, and have fun!

“HAVDALLAH UNDER THE STARS” and “CHOOSE YOUR OWN JEWISH ADVENTURE” Saturday, Jan. 9, 6:30pm

Families with children of all ages are invited! The evening will start with a make-your-own spice box project, followed by a special “Havdallah Under the Stars” on the synagogue’s patio courtyard as we bid farewell to Shabbat. Then we’ll break into teams to follow clues around the building and “choose our own Jewish path” while participating in fun activities (complete tasks, discuss values, etc.); followed by an ice cream/dessert bar.

It’s all free, but you must RSVP to Nichole by Jan. 6 at 745-5550, ext. 228 or cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org



“DINNER & A MOVIE”

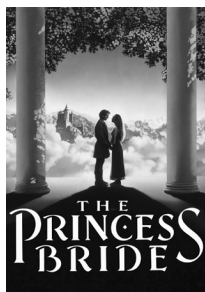
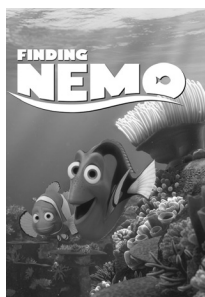
**Sunday, Feb. 7
4:00 - 6:00pm**

Choose from
two movies ...

Enjoy a movie,
cheese pizza,
beverages,
dessert &
fresh popcorn!

Little kids:
Come in your pajamas
& bring your blanket
&/or pillow.

It’s all free. Watch your mail!



**Tu B’Shevat Seder
Sunday, Jan. 24
4:30pm Seder
5:30 pm Mincha/
Ma’ariv Service**



Celebrate the “new year” for trees with us as we enjoy fresh and dried fruits, juices, and dinner of tuna salad, chips, challah rolls and dessert.

No charge to attend. Please RSVP by Jan. 20 to Barb at 745-5550, ext. 242 or barb@caiaz.org

THE WISDOM OF JEWISH TUCSON Wednesdays, February 10, 17 & 24



“What We Need to Know About ... Islam, Mormonism & Catholicism”

With KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Dr. Watheq Alobaidi
Muslim Community Center of Tucson

President Cole Thies
Mormon Church, Tucson Stake

Bishop Gerald Kicanas
Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

**WATCH
YOUR MAIL!**

~ ADULT EDUCATION KOLLEL ~

“Not Your Grandchildren’s Purim”

Wednesdays, March 9 & 16

Join us as Rabbi Robert Eisen and Rabbi Ruven Barkan help us explore what PURIM is all about and why it is so important to reclaim its form and function as adults.



**Save the dates & watch your mail
for more information.**

ISRAEL TRIP

**June 20-30,
2016**

**To be led by
Rabbi Robert Eisen**

Explore and eat, sightsee and shop, learn and linger, and see the wonder of Israel: she is real!

**Interested? Contact Rabbi Eisen
745-5550, ext. 230
rabbi@caiaz.org**

AFFILIATE / SOCIAL GROUPS



Women's League

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00noon (not held Jan. 18)**. All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to come play as well. It's fun and great socializing. (P.S. See insert for the **Mah Jongg Tournament on January 17.**)

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, January 4 and February 1 at 12noon** using *The Five Books of Miriam: A Woman's Commentary on the Torah* as the core for discussions led by Rabbi Robert Eisen. 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.

Members of CAI's Women's League will lead the Shabbat morning service on **Saturday, January 30 at 9:00am**. They will also sponsor the kiddush following the service.

All Jewish women 18+ are invited to share lunch ("Dutch treat") with us at our next **"SWEET"** event on **Wednesday, February 3 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 February 1 to Evelyn.

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:
Jan. 9 (second Saturday) • *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, with moderator Joni Belzer
Feb. 6 (first Saturday) • *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit, with moderator Rayna Gellman

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



Men's Club

Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Please join us on **Sunday, January 10 at 9:30am** for our Breakfast Meeting

with guest speaker Matt Chojnaki from the University of Arizona's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter HiRISE Team. Matt will share news about the recent findings of water on Mars. Includes our delicious breakfast buffet.

Rabbi Ruven Barkan and the Men's Club invite all Religious School students, their parents, and anyone else interested in learning about wearing tefillin for **"WORLD WIDE WRAP"**

on **Sunday, February 7.**

The "World Wide Wrap" unites men, women and children in prayer in cities around the world. The community is welcome to join us at **9:00am** in the Epstein Chapel to daven and "wrap" with us. Please bring your own tefillin if you own a set. (Extra sets will be provided.) Following the service at **9:30am**, we'll share bagels and coffee, and at **10:00am**, Rabbi Robert Eisen will present, "Mr. Manners Comes to Shul: The Etiquette of a Prayerful Experience." This will be a wonderful learning opportunity for all! There is no charge to attend.



At our Breakfast Meeting on **Sunday, February 21**, our guest will be Matt Brode, KVOA-TV4's meteorologist. Can't decide "weather" or not to attend? It includes our delicious breakfast buffet!

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! 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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Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Ryan Nathaniel Spitzer Jan. 2

Ryan is the son of Kim & Eric Spitzer; the grandson of Marge & Phil McFate, and Naomi & Steve Spitzer; great-grandson of Peiju Golden; and brother to Shawn and Erin. Ryan's Bar Mitzvah project involves working with the National Meningitis Association. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Ryan's interests include soccer, golf, video games and movies.



Macy Hannah Sigafus Jan. 16

Macy is the daughter of Michelle & Brent Sigafus; the granddaughter of Jeannette Wells & the late Don Wells, and Evelyn Sigafus & the late Martin Sigafus; and sister to Clayton. Macy's Bat Mitzvah project involves donating goody bags for animal rescue agencies. A student at Miles Exploratory Learning Center, Macy's interests include volleyball, piano, musical theater and doing make-up.



Eliana Maya Tolby • Feb. 3

Eliana is the daughter of Abigail & Noah Tolby; the granddaughter of Aviah & Stuart Friedman, and the late Linda Solomon; and sister to Leah and Dahlia. Eliana's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at Beads of Courage. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Eliana's interests include soccer, dancing, math and science.



Jonah Parnaby • Feb. 6

Jonah is the son of Ori & Julian Parnaby; the grandson of Shoshana & Michael Jacobson, Frances Parnaby & the late William Parnaby, and Madelyne & Jerrold Green; and brother to Liam. Jonah's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering at CAI's Preschool/Kindergarten and Handmaker Assisted Living. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Jonah's interests include stand-up comedy and going to the movies.



Jacob Fredman • Feb. 20

Jacob is the son of Katheryn Fredman and Daniel Fredman; the grandson of Kathy & Frank Chrzanowski, and Henrietta Fredman & the late Avery Fredman; and brother to Kinleigh. Jacob's Bar Mitzvah project involves collecting and donating clothing for charity. A student at Emily Gray Junior High School, Jacob's interests include computer games, soccer and swimming.

Religious School & USY

Thank you to all those who contributed to this year's **"Turkey and More" Drive**. In addition to your generosity, Religious School students donated their tzedakah. In total, we were able to present a check for \$750 to Debbie Crowder with Jewish Family & Children's Services to help enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need. She described the difficult choices for people who face economic challenges and that she has a group of 20 clients who still try to keep kosher in the face of such challenges. This money helped them do so on Thanksgiving.

Please see the Men's Club column on page 8 so you can join us for this year's **"World Wide Wrap."** Let's all come together in prayer!

Make note of these dates:

No Religious School Jan. 3, 17 & Feb. 28

No B'nai Mitzvah Class Jan. 18

No Senior USY Feb. 24

As always, feel free to contact me with your questions, ideas or concerns at 745-5550, ext. 227 or eddir@caiaz.org

Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth Director

Preschool/Kindergarten

Make an informed decision about your child's kindergarten experience. Kindergarten Information Night for the 2016-17 class is on **Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00pm** in Room 10. Meet me and teacher Ronnie Miller to learn about the coming year and curriculum in CAI's full-day kindergarten. Low student-to-teacher ratio; programs designed to enhance the physical, social and emotional growth of your child; secure facility with park-like playground and much more. Upon completion of our program, children are fully prepared to enter First Grade anywhere!

I hope you will all join us on **Saturday, January 23 at 7:30pm** for our **"Casino Night"** fundraiser. (See the insert for more information.) It will be a fantastic night of excitement and entertainment. Fun-filled and for adults only, the evening includes: casino gambling (for fun and entertainment), hors d'oeuvres and dessert, a cash bar, live music, dancing, and FABULOUS (and I do mean fabulous!) raffle prizes. Even if you won't be able to attend that night, you can purchase raffle tickets and win!

Our annual "Mom & Me" Breakfast will be on **Friday, February 5 at 8:00am**. It's a themed event produced by the dads for all of the CAI preschool/kindergarten moms (& grandmoms, etc.)

Make note of these dates:

No School Jan. 18

Noon Dismissal Feb. 12

No School Feb. 25-26

Stop by my office, give me a call or send an email. I always love hearing from you: 745-5550, ext. 229 or lynne@caiaz.org

Lynne Falkow-Strauss, P/K Director

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.

Harrison Maxwell Levkowitz

Born November 4, 2015

Harrison is the grandson of Anita & Daniel Levkowitz, and the great-grandson of Barbara Levkowitz. (Parents: Emily & Jeffrey Levkowitz)

Julie Harper Heisler

Born November 12

Julie is the granddaughter of Barbara & Michael Heisler and Faylene & Phil Licer, and the great-granddaughter of Rose Offenberg. (Parents: Lori & Jeff Heisler)

Adam Hillard Elitzer

Born November 13

Adam is the grandson of Barbara & Gerald Goldberg. (Parents: Julia & Daniel Elitzer)



Noah Avram Hurand

Born November 21

Noah is the son of Ashley & Joshua Hurand.

Jacob Joel Weinenger

Born November 23

Jacob is the great-grandson of Art Weinenger.

Isaiah Daniel Cuison

Born November 24

Isaiah is the grandson of Shelly Abell & Dan Weisz. (Parents: Sarah Weisz & Daniel Cuison)



Bennett Asch Drimer

Born November 24

Bennett is the grandson of Myrna & Jim Frisch. (Parents: Cari & Jason Drimer)

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.

Mazel Tov!

Wedding

Abigail Leeba Sanfield

granddaughter of Phyllis & Merrill Broad
to Baruch Lipman

Recognition

Alan Miklofsky of Alan's Shoes

named the 2015 "Retailer of the Year" by the
National Shoe Retailers Association

Stephanie Bowers

(Tucson Medical Center),

Aaron Rottenstein

(UBS Financial Services)

and Ken Morris (Merrill Lynch)

each won a 2015 "40 Under 40" Award



January Anniversaries

Date		Years
1	Beth & Alan Strauss	20
5	Sha Fu & Steven Gendel	7
11	Sandra & Gerald Ross	57
12	Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	29
13	Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	14
15	Marianne & Allen Langer	32
20	Lori & David Jacobs	8
21	Sallie & Mort Kranitz	53
	Dona & Arlan Gulko	10
23	Jane & Jonathan Klein	45
28	Ronit & Michael Stern	9
30	Yael & Shlomo Neuman	51

February Anniversaries

Date		Years
11	Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	37
	Enid & Irwin Freedman	66
13	Ruth & Marvin Hoffman	61
	Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn	22
16	Hyla & Gary Windham	13
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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

Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

**Meta Cohen
Janet Deutch
Abraham Fried
Sam Wolsky**

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

Lois Bodin - her sister, Esther Mona Davidson Sakuma
Nicole Chorny - her uncle, Maurice Hellman
Bruce Frent - his mother, Bobbsey Frent
Simon Fried - his father, Abraham Fried
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May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



Memorial Plaques have been installed for
**Toby Sophie Bluth
Ann Katz Lederman**

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or if you wish to reserve a space for the future.

DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS?

Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?
Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained counselor.
A synagogue volunteer would be happy to speak with you
confidentially. Please call Norma Karp at 299-3382.

Dear Friends,

*We want to thank you for your cards,
contributions and many acts of kindness
during this difficult time in our lives. Your
thinking of us following our son, Michael's
tragic death has been comforting and
meaningful to our family.*

With much appreciation,

— Betejoy & Rabbi Arthur Oleisky

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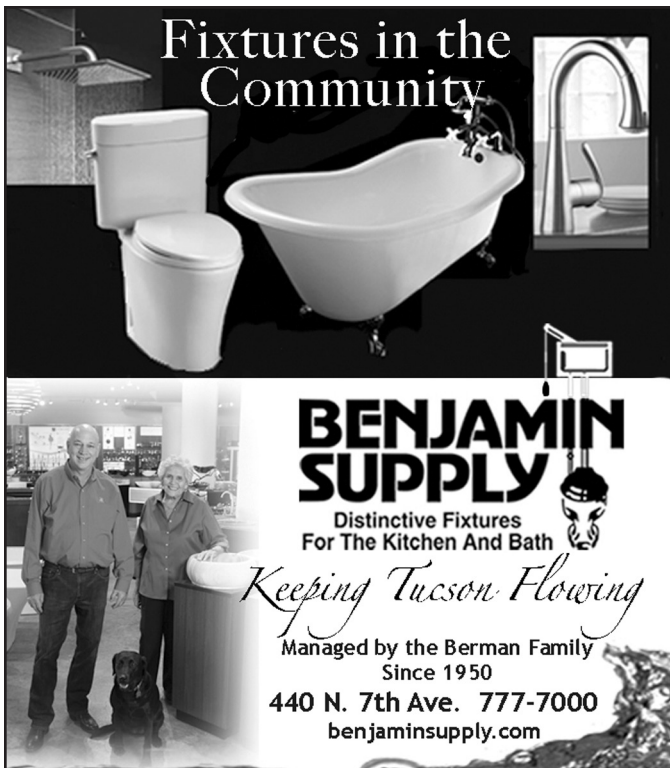
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