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PARTY
&
OPEN
HOUSE
SUNDAY,
AUGUST 21**

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at
Congregation Anshei Israel

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Shalom

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 August 6** ... 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.

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 July 12, 19 & August 2).

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**.

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 24. Mincha will be held at 12:30pm.

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** 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 needed for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224. Please plan to join us on **August 5**.

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 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 August 12-13; *Shabbat Nahamu* falls on August 19-20.



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 August 13 and continues through August 14.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES FOR:

TISHA B'AV

**August 13: Mincha/Ma'ariv/
Lamentations 7:40pm**

**August 14: Shacharit 8:00am
Mincha 12:30pm**



**Traditional Community
Shabbat Service & Dinner**

Enjoy a traditional Shabbat service at 5:45pm, followed at 7:00pm by dinner with family and friends at CAI (with linens, china plates and silverware!) on Friday, July 22. Served family-style: roast chicken (vegetarian option upon request), vegetables, wild rice, salad and dessert. (Seating will be assigned.) CAI members: adults (ages 13+) \$14; children \$8; guests: adults \$18, children \$12. RSVP needed by July 13. For more information & to RSVP, call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242 or visit www.caiaz.org

**Family Shabbat
Service & Dinner**

Please join us on **Friday, August 19 at 5:45pm** for our interactive and upbeat Shabbat service that incorporates fun-spirited melodies and family-themed activities, followed by Shabbat dinner and 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. RSVP needed by August 15. Visit www.caiaz.org or call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

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

**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.

Kiddie Corner

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, we offer our "**Kiddie Corner**" in Rabbi Breger Hall for our little ones and their parents/guardians who wish to be a part of Sanctuary services. 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.

**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.



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!***

Ellen Alster	Linda Gorsky	Eshed Ozeri
Murray Baker	Margo & Ron Gray	Geva Ozeri
Morris Barkan	Robert Calvin Harris	Nancy & Tidi Ozeri
David Ben-Asher	Paul Hoffman	Jonah Parnaby
Sara & Tom Borin	Sarah & Marty Johnston	Ori Parnaby
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Sally Julian	Bea Paulus
Barbara Brodie	Aurora Kellogg	Rina Paz
Jacob Chess	Steve Ketchel	Jane Poliakoff
Kevin Chess	Ruth Kolker	Evonne & Alan Ravitz
Pat & Dennis Citron	Mort Kranitz	Renee Rhyner
Terri Cohen	Peggy & Richard Langert	Helen Rib
Dennis Dawson	Jerold Lapin	Donna Saffioti
Emily Dawson	Katherine Leonard	Patti Salonic
Ted Drenfeld	Sheryl & Mark Levine	Judith & Charles Schultz
Arlene Epstein	Scott Lewis	Alene & Bryan Schwartz
Joan Epstein	Beth Lictor	Trudy & Howard Schwartz
L. Elliott Farber	Faylene & Phil Lictor	Esther Sherberg
Sharon Farquhar	Sandra Lictor	Deanna Shoob
James Frisch	Ziva Mason	Evelyn Sigafus
Manny Furst	Levi Mendel	Steve Singer
Rayna & John Gellman	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Moshe Toister
Shirley Goldberg	Arnold B. Merin	Art Weinenger
Allen Gordon	Lois Bodin & Herb Meshel	Robert Wolk
Michael Gordon	Marleen Miller	Arthur Zoref

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly

Welcome

Jodi Gross

Lori & Hugh Stroube,
and their children, Isabel & William
Sydney Scharer & Simon Stickroth

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 call Debra Lytle at 745-5550, ext. 242, so we can speak to them about all of the many religious, spiritual, educational and communal opportunities the synagogue has to offer!

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

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

Malka Abraham	Natalie Leonard
Joshua Anbar	Scott Lewis
Rabbi Ruven Barkan	Ziva Mason
Hali Baron	Phillip Pepper
Sara Bluth	Joy Peskin
Nichole Chorny	David Polan
Katya Cohen	Helen Rib
Alexa Dorf	Rachel Rudner
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Leonard Schultz
Rebecca Frankel	Steve Seltzer
Sam Goldfinger	Linda Silverman
Margo Gray	Alan Strauss
Richard Green	Moshe Toister
Jessica Grossman	Eliana Tolby
Marshall Heyman	Arthur Zoref
Michael Jacobson	

Mazel Tov!



Rabbi
Arthur Oleisky
~ Class of 1966 ~
The Rabbinical Assembly

*Unwavering
Dedication
as
Rabbi, Counselor
and Teacher*



From the President

I hope you had some fun and learned a few things about your fellow congregants at the Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration held on May 16. A photo montage of the past year kicked off the event; food, libations, a few reports, a bunch of awards and the installation of Officers and Trustees filled the balance of the evening. Yesher Koach to the “al-OY-ha” chairs Madeline Friedman and Vicki Pepper, along with great support from

the Community Engagement Committee, chaired by Linda Gorsky and Katherine Leonard. Marty Johnston and Yvonne Ethier curated the photos for the video montage, and Marty served as our photographer for the evening. Coordination of the event was done by CAI’s Administrative Assistant Debra Lytle. Be sure to see a complete list of the award winners and photos on page 6.

There are several staffing changes that have been announced recently including Barb Gould’s departure and Bob Dietz’s retirement transition, so I want to bring you up to date. The Board is anticipating unfolding a new administrative model over the next three to six months. There are two immediate components of this plan that we want to share with you now:

Debra Lytle, who has served CAI as a part-time receptionist for the past several years, has been promoted to the full-time position of Administrative Assistant and will be taking on direct responsibility as the synagogue’s membership liaison, and for room rentals, Kiddush and Third Meal sponsorships and event planning, along with assisting in the High Holy Days administrative preparations and cemetery matters. Debra has demonstrated a real talent for event management with an eye for detail and creativity. This “interim” position will evolve as the Board, through its Human Resources Committee, continues its evaluation and implementation.

Marianne Langer, Chair of CAI’s Finance Director Search Task Force, along with Bob Dietz, Lynne Falkow-Strauss, Jonathan Green, Katherine Leonard, Eric Rudner and Abigail Tolby, are very excited to announce the hiring of Susan J. Kirschner as Finance Director beginning July 1, 2016.

Ms. Kirschner has been involved in synagogue financial management and administration since 1996. She brings to CAI first-class skills in financial management, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, membership development, fundraising/development and multi-fund endowment oversight. She has an excellent understanding of not-for-profit operations including working with independent auditors, investment advisors, insurance brokers and the banking community. She is proud of her interpersonal skills and the ability to work closely with lay committees and the Board in establishing and implementing sound and sustainable financial planning. We know you join us in welcoming Susan to CAI.

Bob Dietz will stay on at CAI with emphasis on orienting Ms. Kirschner and ensuring a smooth staffing transition. He will also be involved in some special projects subsequently.

See you in *Shul*!

Phillip Pepper, Board President
906-9122, pcpepper@pepperviner.com

Synagogue Life Council



On May 9 Kathy Hays chaired her last Synagogue Life Council meeting and passed the torch to me. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this important part of the synagogue and look forward to my time as Chair. (I am, however, a little concerned with how happy Kathy’s husband, Jerry Barkan, seemed to be!)

Many of you know me since both sides of my family have been members of Anshei Israel for almost 70 years. My parents, myself and my children were all raised at CAI. It is truly a privilege to have the chance to give back to my spiritual home, to my *Kehilla*, to the community that has provided me and my loved ones so much spiritual, educational and social enrichment and inspiration. I hope you will join me in looking for ways in which you can give back AND for ways in which you can be enriched and inspired.

At the May 9 meeting, I led a brainstorming exercise in which we generated many ideas for the areas of Education, Ritual and Youth. While the “SLC” will be taking a hiatus over the summer, core committees and staff will be working hard to prioritize and develop these ideas.

The SLC’s purpose is to develop and implement programs and initiatives to meet the ritual, social and educational needs of CAI. We will be looking for ways to engage all of you. The culture of engagement and of volunteerism has changed over the years. This summer, a number of us will be looking at how to best evolve the SLC so that it can meet its objective and find ways to meet the needs of the congregation. You may not realize it, but our synagogue has 42 doors through which to enter. The goal of the SLC is to help you find the right one(s) for you!

I look forward to meeting and working with you. If you have any ideas, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Stephanie Roberts, SLC Chair
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BLOOD DONOR DRIVE



Sunday, July 31
9am - 2pm
Cantor Falkow
Lounge

With so many people on vacation during the summer months, you can help prevent a shortage: Share your good health by donating blood!

All presenting donors will receive a free American Red Cross t-shirt (while supplies last), as well as knowing your act makes you a life saver. We welcome donors ages 16+.

For more information, contact Margo Gray at 298-8831 or ronpsych@yahoo.com
Eligibility questions? Call American Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

“al-OY-ha” CAI’s 85th Annual Meeting • May 16



We had a great turn-out for this meeting/party/celebration with a Hawaiian theme. It was wonderful to see so many congregants in their tropical garb, enjoying themselves, and honoring fellow congregants and staff. Thank you to Madeline Friedman and Vicki Pepper for chairing the event.

HONOREES:

Mensch of the Year - Phyllis Broad

Volunteers of the Year - Hedy Feuer, Ron Gray, Marty Johnston, Evelyn Sigafus

Volunteer Groups of the Year - Preschool/Kindergarten Parent Action Committee: Debra Lytle, Valorie Douglas & Lori Jacobs; **Honorable “Menschens”** - Strategic Planning Committee: Dan Weisz, Katherine Leonard & Ron Meyerson; Art Committee: Eleanor Jeck, Marilyn Prenskey & Janet Seltzer

Super Seniors - Art Weinenger, John Gellman

Linda Roy Youth of the Year - Michael Artzi

Special Youth Service Awards - Natalie Leonard, Noah Pensak

Religious School Attendance Super Stars - Laci Rosen, Elena Windham

Staff Longevity Awards - 15+ years: Lynne Falkow-Strauss, Leslie Conecoff-Gluck & Yvonne Ethier

10-15 years: Ronnie Miller, Ramon Zambrano, Patty Fishman, Max Ellentuck & James Yurmanovich

5-10 years: Viviana Frankenberg, Lynn Walsh, Stacy Klein, Zina Starobinska, Tara Rathner & Kim Miller



Phyllis Broad



Hedy Feuer



Marty Johnston



Evelyn Sigafus



Art Weinenger



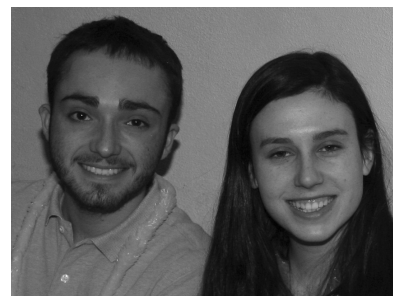
John Gellman



Michael Artzi

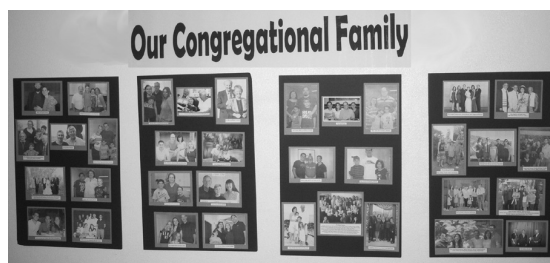


Laci Rosen



Noah Pensak & Natalie Leonard

All in the Family: The Congregational Family SEND US YOUR PICTURE!



Would you like YOUR picture to be added to our congregational family display in the hallway outside the Epstein Chapel? We will be adding new panels this summer so we can continue to get to know our members. Please send in a family picture (along with the names of who is in the photo) to the office **no later than September 1** to have them added to this beautiful display. (Hard copy photos will not be returned unless requested. Digital photos or copies of the original photo are preferred.) **Please send digital photos in JPG format, 300 dpi, to cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org OR hard copies ATTN: Nichole Chorny.**

C O M I N G U P . . .

SUMMER CAMP



for all kids 2- to 6-years-old

continuing
thru July 22

SUMMER FILM SERIES SUNDAYS AT 7PM JULY 10 - AUGUST 7

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|----------|----------------------|
| July 10 | Fiddler on the Roof |
| July 17 | Marjorie Morningstar |
| July 24 | The Dybbuk |
| July 31 | The Jazz Singer |
| August 7 | The Pawnbroker |

POPCORN,
LEMONADE &
MOVIE
ALL FREE!

For more information, see insert.



There's no place like home... there's no place like CAI!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR WELCOME BACK PARTY & OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 • 12 - 2PM

See old friends and make new ones!

Learn about:

- Membership at CAI
- The synagogue, its programs, schools & affiliate groups
- Register for Preschool/Kindergarten, Religious School & USY
- Volunteer Opportunities

IT'S ALL
FREE!

Lunch included • Watch "The Wizard of Oz"

Fun activities for all ages

Themed photo area (bring your camera!)

Mitzvah Project to benefit
HOPE Animal Shelter
(friends of Toto!)



SAVE THE DATE & WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION!



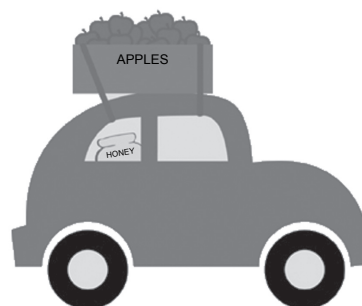
ROSH HASHANAH HONEY

Sweeten the New Year for
your family and friends!

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DEADLINE:
August 22

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in this issue.

All proceeds benefit
CAI's United Synagogue
Youth tzedakah programs.



SAVE THE
DATES:
Wednesdays,
September 14,
21 & 28
High Holy Days
Kollel

"Finding Our Way into the New Year"
with Rabbi Robert Eisen,
Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny and
Rabbi Ruven Barkan



Women's League

"Gentle Chair Yoga" classes continue on **Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30am (not held July 6 & 13)**. 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.

Open Mah Jongg play continues on **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00noon (not held July 4)**. All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to come play as well. It's fun, and great socializing.

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, July 11 and August 8 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. The topics are always interesting and the discussion is stimulating and educational. 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.

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



Men's Club

We hope everyone has a safe, fun and relaxing summer. Stay cool and drink plenty of water!

Save the date of **Sunday, October 23** so you can join us as we prepare breakfast and share it with the Religious School kids in the Synagogue's sukkah.

Got great ideas for, or questions about, Men's Club? Want to help or join? Contact Lew Crane at 400-9930 or catsfan1997@cox.net



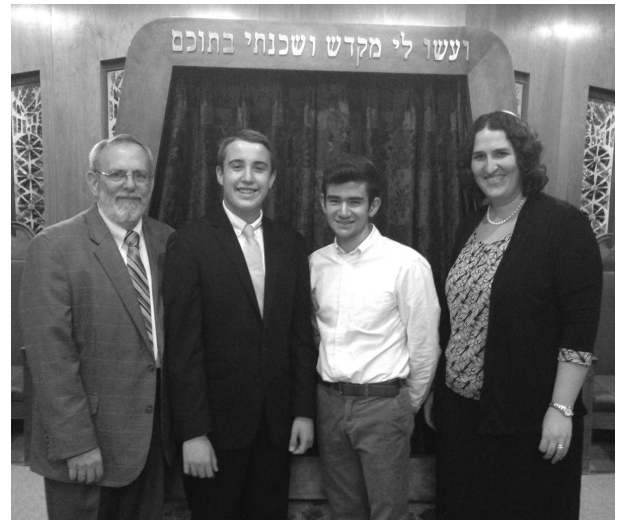
"Read It & Meet"

Join us for lunch – "Read It and EAT!" (Dutch treat) and help us plan our reading list for the coming year. Our "Read It and Meet" **Planning Meeting** will be held on **Monday, August 29, 11:45am**, at Eli's Deli (former 5th St. Deli). Let's share our favorite books by Jewish authors or those that have Jewish content. Or, help add to our list one you may have heard of, but haven't had a chance to read yet. Plan to bring titles and brief summaries of 2 – 3 books and feel free to bring a friend. For more information and to RSVP, contact Vicki Kaufman at vickauff@juno or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.

We have selected some books for you to read ahead:

- *Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide* by Michael B. Oren
- *Orphan #8* by Kim Van Alkemade
- *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume
- *The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari

Our first "RIM" is scheduled for October 8. Most discussions take place on Shabbat (approx. noon) in the Epstein Chapel; moderators facilitate each discussion and everyone is welcome!



Confirmation, May 7, 2016 • These students satisfactorily completed two years of post-Bar Mitzvah study in the Confirmation class. (l. to r.) Rabbi Robert Eisen, Simon Wilson, Michael Artzi & Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny

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

Jared Friedman

Graduated from: Catalina Foothills High School

Short Term Plans: Attending ASU in the fall

Long Term Plans: To work for a professional sports team

Ryan Green

Graduated from: Catalina Foothill High School

Short Term Plans: Attending ASU Barrett next year

Long Term Plans: To do something in business

Natalie Leonard

Graduated from: University High School

Short Term Plans: Attending University of Chicago in the fall

Long Term Plans: Undecided about career; possibilities include academia (philosophy, chemistry) or medical research

Caleb Nochumson

Graduated from: Vail Academy and High School

Short Term Plans: Work and attend Pima Community College for two years, then transfer to UofA

Long Term Plans: Earn business degree and begin career

Erin Spitzer

Graduated from: Rincon High School

Short Term Plans: Attending the UofA's College of Fine Arts in the school of Film, Television and Theatre

Long Term Plans: To become a film editor in post-production, and one day win an Academy Award

Tyler Weinstein

Graduated from: University High School

Short Term Plans: Attending the University of Pittsburgh with a major in Engineering

Long Term Plans: To work in materials science for a company that deals with complex materials and their structures

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!

Announcing: The BA'AL KOREH Program - Master of Reading -

The purpose of the Ba'al Koreh Program is to encourage people of all ages (especially our post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students) to read Torah and participate in CAI services. Our goal is to recognize and reward those congregants who provide service to the congregation by regularly participating in services.

How does it work?

- When a participant has read **12** Torah *aliyot*, he/she will be presented with a beautiful Tikkun (the special book used by Torah readers to prepare their portions). This volume contains not only the entire text of the Torah, but also all the *haftarot* and the five *megillot*.
- When **18** *aliyot* have been read, the participant will receive a special *yad* (pointer), sponsored by the CAI Men's Club, to be used during future Torah readings.
- Participants who reach 12 or 18 *aliyot* will also be presented with a certificate at the Annual Meeting during the year in which their goal is met.

What counts?

- Torah readings for Shabbat, Holidays or weekday services
- Chanting *Haftarot* (1 credit for each *Haftarah*)
- Chanting a portion of one of the five *megillot*

All post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and adults are eligible and encouraged to participate. If you would like to sign up for the program or have questions, please contact Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny at 745-5550, ext. 228 or cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org

Preschool/Kindergarten

Our Summer Camp for Kids was once again well-attended this year. With plenty of activities and special guests, the children all had a great time.

The first day of Preschool/Kindergarten is **Monday, August 15**. If you haven't registered your child(ren) yet, better hurry... space is limited!

Our FREE Parent-Tot Class returns soon, but with a few changes: It will now be held on **Mondays, 9:00-11:00am beginning August 15** and facilitated by Gabby Erbst, a mother of three small boys. Parent-Tot is a weekly class for children 9- to 24-months in age and a great way to meet other parents, exchange experiences, and provide an opportunity for the children to play together and engage in age-appropriate activities. We will also bring in various experts from different fields of child development and child-care to share their expertise and provide opportunities for discussions. Feel free to bring your friends; it's open to all!

Our Welcome Back Party will be held here on **Sunday, August 28 at 3:00pm**. Save the date so you can join us.

As always, feel free to contact me at 745-5550, ext. 229 or lynne@caiaz.org

Lynne Falkow-Strauss, P/K Director

Religious School

Our end of the year Siyum on May 15 was a wonderful close to a wonderful year! Each class presented their "page of Torah" (come see them hanging in Rabbi Breger Hall!).

Parents are invited to join us on **August 21 at 11:00am** in the Epstein Chapel for our **Religious School Open Assembly**, after which we will all celebrate at "There's No Place Like CAI" Welcome Back Party & Open House, 12:00-2:00pm in the Rabbi Breger Hall.

In the coming year, we will experiment with a new Hebrew Reading program for all ages. We will also hold a series in the Fall for parents and other interested synagogue members. The materials are provided free of charge by the National Jewish Outreach Program. We'll let you know more about the program as it draws closer.

We will also introduce three Shabbat School programs, shifting Religious School from Sunday to Shabbat morning to encourage all synagogue families to attend and experience the learning that we will do in the context of Shabbat morning services. Please plan to join us November 5, February 4, 2017 and April 1.

DATES to REMEMBER:

Aug. 21 Religious School starts / Open Assembly
HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD(REN)?

Aug. 21 "There's No Place Like CAI"
Welcome Back Party & Open House

Aug. 28 Parent Havurah/Discussion Group

Camp Ramah

The following youth will attend Camp Ramah this summer: Jillian Cassius, Katya Cohen, Esabella Confino, Shira Dubin, David Jurkowitz, Geva Ozeri, Rachel Rudner, Dahlia Tolby and Eliana Tolby. Have a great time!

United Synagogue Youth

The USY Convention at Brandeis Bardin in Simi Valley held over Memorial Day weekend was amazing! We received seven awards for Programs of Excellence.

(l. to r.): Mara Serber, one of our new USY advisors, with Hannah Peskin-Owens & Jillian Cassius at the convention.



USY leadership for the coming year: Leah Tolby, President; Michael Artzi, Executive Vice President; Hannah Peskin-Owens, Social Action Tikkun Olam Vice President; Jillian Cassius, Programming/Israel Affairs Vice President; and Cole Nochumson, Membership/Kadima Vice President.

DATES to REMEMBER:

Aug. 17 Senior USY starts

Aug. 20 Senior USY Welcome Back Luau

Aug. 23 Junior USY starts • **Aug. 28** Kadima starts

Contact me with your questions, ideas or concerns at 745-5550, ext. 227 or eddir@caiaz.org

Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth 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.

Maxwell James Ryan

Born April 22

Maxwell is the son of Michelle Kats & Jamie Ryan, and the grandson of Marta & Willy Kats.

Parker Quinn

Truelove

Born April 23

Parker is the daughter of Melissa & Erik Truelove, and the granddaughter of Trenty & Michael Mendel.



Asher Shlomo

Erbst

Born May 7

Asher is the son of Gabby & Avi Erbst, and the grandson of Marta & Willy Kats.



Kaley Madison Cher

Born May 22

Kaley is the daughter of Jennifer & Amit Cher, the granddaughter of Arlene & Richard Bluth, and the great-granddaughter of Molly Shenitzer.

Mazel Tov!

Recognition

Malka Abraham

recently selected as a "recipient" of one of the 12 Torches by the Weintraub Israel Center of the JFSA

Barry Baker

recently selected as a "Father of the Year" by the Father's Day Council

Billie Kozolchyk

recently selected as a "recipient" of one of the 12 Torches by the Weintraub Israel Center of the JFSA

Natalie Leonard

recently received a National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship

Thomas Warne

recently selected as a "Father of the Year" by the Father's Day Council

July Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Trudy & Howard Schwartz	54
2 Phyllis & Don Cohen	63
Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein	50
Nancy & Tidhar Ozeri	27
Stephanie & Spencer Roberts	27
Kathryn & Sheldon Wald	37
3 Kathy Hays & Gerald Barkan	25
Janet & Stephen Seltzer	56
4 Elaine & Howard Fagan	45
Judy & Cary Fishman	55
Rhea & Arnold Merin	42
Kathryn & David Unger	51
5 Laura & David Tick	25
9 Stephanie & Michael Hoffman	10
Barbara & Sanford Selznick	16
14 Alayne & Bruce Greenberg	43
15 Phyllis & Merrill Broad	65
16 Ellen & David Alster	27
19 Gail & Alan Cohn	23
23 Melanie & Harris Amhowitz	36
Linda & Shelby Silverman	44
26 Marlene & Ronald Sandler	63
27 Maya & Josef Gonzales	18
Linda & Jay Gorsky	41
29 Bobbie & Leroy Feig	60
Adriana & Zachary Naiman	13

August Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Gail & Ron Isaacs	6
2 Nichole & Joel Chorny	7
Rachel & Jonathan Green	24
Barbara & Michael Schoenhals	46
3 Pat & Dennis Citron	41
Sorale & Marvin Fortman	58
Myrna & James Frisch	41
Terri & David Polan	36
Adrienne & Thomas Reilly	25
5 Trenty & Michael Mendel	37
Susan & Steven Weisman	37
6 Karen & Gilbert Sokal	10
7 Rebecca & Ronald Mann	28
Carole & Sylvain Sidi	45
8 Lynn & Stanford Cramer	40
10 Jackie & Paul Hoffman	47
11 Terry & Jerry Neuman	48
Joann & Steven Weinstein	21
12 Jennifer & Mark Cassius	26
Margo & Ron Gray	43
14 Sara & Chuck Block	61
15 Hannah & Ronald Meyerson	46
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Nancy & David Stoler	45
16 Joyce & Bill Becker	57
18 Felisa & Ruben Bien-Willner	43
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19 Gail & Marc Offenhartz	32
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20 Arlene & Richard Bluth	49
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PLEASE CALL 745-5550 to speak with:

Rabbi Robert Eisen, ext. 230 or Clergy Assistant Michelle Ollanik, ext. 225

Honorable “Menschens”

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for their help with the May 16 Annual Meeting

Molly Shenitzer

for sponsoring the May 21 kiddush in honor of her great-granddaughter, Sara Bluth, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Anonymous

for sponsoring the June 18 kiddush in honor of David Ben-Asher's 85th birthday

Rosie & Paul Kahn, Jane Poliakoff & CAI
for co-sponsoring the July 9 kiddush in honor of Rabbi Arthur Oleisky's 50th year in the Rabbinate

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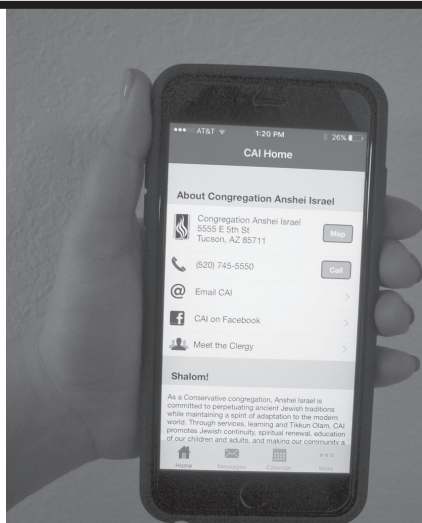
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המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

**Seymour Einstein
Sidney Lachter
Stephen Marks
Robert Rosenblum**

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

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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 counselor. A synagogue volunteer would be happy to speak with you confidentially. Please call Norma Karp at 299-3382.

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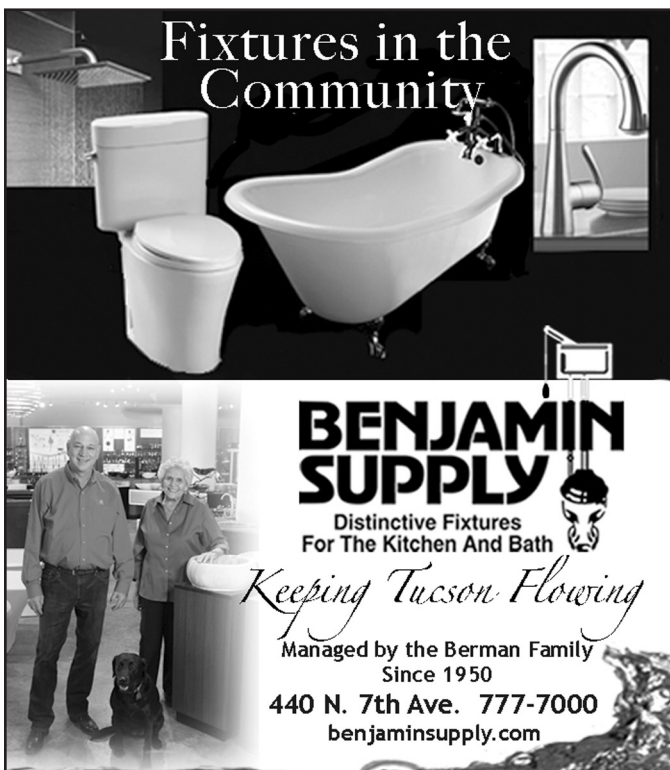
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