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*Hanukkah is
December 25, 2016 -
January 1, 2017*

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*1st Candle
Saturday,
December 24*

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*Be sure to join us for
CAI's Hanukkah Party
Wednesday,
December 28*

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at The Jewish Theological Seminary
November 11 - 12

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Shalom!

Talmud on Tuesday

The Talmud is an extensive compilation of teachings and opinions of thousands of rabbis over the centuries, covering matters of Jewish law, ethics, philosophy, history, customs and more. We are currently studying Tractate Megillah. Learn about the law and lore in the Talmud with Rabbi Robert Eisen as we dig deep into living Judaism. Open to all and there is no charge to attend. 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.**

Tot Shabbat Service & 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 **November 4** (hosted by the kindergarten class *Gan Yeladim*) **and December 2** (hosted by the four-year-olds class *Shomrim*).

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 them 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.

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.

K'Ton Time...

It's Back!

Join us on **Saturdays, November 12 and December 10, 10:30-11:00am** in the Epstein Chapel for this fun and lively 20-minute service led by Gabby Erbst that includes songs, prayers, stories and games; playground time for kids and schmoozing time for parents; and a kid-friendly kiddush. Geared to families with kids ages 1 to 6, but every family is welcome!

"Rhythm and Ruach" Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Please join us on **Fridays, November 18 and December 16, 5:45pm** as we transition into the "Rhythm of Shabbat." We begin our service with a "Drum Circle" – we supply the instruments, you bring the rhythm! Percussion instruments will be available for all who wish to participate. Then we'll share Shabbat dinner, followed by Open Lounge in the Youth Center with games and fun. Come celebrate Shabbat with ruach (spirit) and your congregational family! Dinner \$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children) and/or adults (13+) \$10 per person. RSVP needed for dinner only. Call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or visit www.caiaz.org

Shalom!

Neshamah Minyan:

A Service of and for the Soul

Every week the Shabbat morning service is beckoning us through the doorway of prayer and meditation to a profound experience of ourselves, our world and God. Let's step through the doorway together. This service will guide those steps, deepening your relationship with the service while developing practices and understandings that you can take back with you into any morning service and, indeed, your day-to-day life.

Please join us on **Saturday, December 3, 9:30-10:30am** as Jordan Hill, storyteller and founder/director of The Mindfulness Education Exchange, explains how to raise your prayer experience (and yourself as well) "ever higher."

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. On **Saturday, December 7**, we will hold a discussion following the Kiddush with Leah Avuno, one of our Shinshinim (young Israelis doing a year of service here in Tucson on behalf of Israel through the Jewish Federation). Plan on joining us for what we know will be an interesting and inspiring conversation. There is no charge to attend.

Interfaith Families Welcomed

CAI 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 access it 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 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!

CAI TZEDAKAH BOXES



From **November 27, 2016 to Jan. 1, 2017**, 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.



Mark your calendar!

Jan. 15, 2017 CAI's 11th Annual Mah Jongg Tournament honoring the tradition of Linda Roy

Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1 & 8 Parenting in Peace with Naomi Weinberg

Feb. 1, 8 & 15 "Wisdom of Jewish Tucson"

Feb. 5 Mishpacha "Family" Program: CAI Super Bowl Party

Feb. 10 Tu B'Shevat Seder

Feb. 26 NEW! Hamentaschen for Hunger
Bake hamentaschen and assemble Shalach Manot bags for Purim to donate to local charities or for family and friends.



Daily Minyan Services & “Jewry” Duty

Our Minyan is expected to be there when someone needs to say *Kaddish*. We hope you'll consider being there for others, as there are times when it is difficult to get a *Minyan*. Along with your “Jewry Duty,” please consider 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!***

MeMe Aguila	Victoria Newman &	Jane Poliakoff
Ellen Alster	Allen Gordon	Jessica Preister
Joshua Anbar	Linda & Jay Gorsky	Marilyn & Ira Prensky
Murray Baker	Margo & Ron Gray	Evonne & Alan Ravitz
Kathy Hays &	Robert Harris	Marsha Rosenblum
Jerry Barkan	Marty Johnston	Sue Ross
Morris Barkan	Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz	Patti Salonic
David Ben-Asher	Rosie & Paul Kahn	Michael Schoenhals
Tova Braunstein	Aurora & Eugene Kellogg	Leonard Schultz
Phyllis & Merrill Broad	Susan Kirschner	Trudy & Howard Schwartz
Barbara Brodie	Sallie Kranitz	Esther Sherberg
Barbara Burstein	Gerald Lapin	Evelyn Sigafus
Lee Chutkow	Katherine & Aaron Leonard	Linda & Shelby Silverman
Miriam Cline	Natalie Leonard	Steve Sim
Bob Cohen	Mark Levine	Karen & Howard Skolnik
Lew Crane	Scott Lewis	Valery Temyanko
Helen Cohn &	Ziva Mason	Sandra Tobin
Dennis Dawson	Levi Mendel	Moshe Toister
Debby Eisen	Michael Mendel	Art Weinenger
Arlene Epstein	Pam & Stuart Mendel	Steven Weisman
L. Elliott Farber	Arnold Merin	Terry Williams
Neneng Fassler	Lois Bodin & Herb Meshel	Jerry Wolf
Hedy Feuer	Marleen Miller	Joanne Wolf
Eric Flank	Rabbi Arthur Oleisky	Phyllis Wolf
Marlene Freedman	Tidi Ozeri	Robert Wolk
Madeline & Barry Friedman	Jeff Penfil	Steve Wool
Rayna & John Gellman	Joy Peskin	Susan Wortman
	Jack Pinnas	

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

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

Malka Abraham	Scott Lewis
Joshua Anbar	Ziva Mason
Nichole Chorny	Phillip Pepper
Shira Dubin	Hannah Peskin-Owens
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Harrison Rawdin
L. Elliott Farber	Joshua Rawdin
Elissa Goldberg	Sarah Rawdin
Sam Goldfinger	Helen Rib
Margo Gray	Donna Saffioti
Richard Green	Eric Saffioti
Marshall Heyman	Leonard Schultz
Anndee Hochman	Steve Seltzer
Liliana Isaac	Ashlee Spivack
Marty Johnston	Erika Spivack
Aaron Leonard	Alan Strauss
Katherine Leonard	Moshe Toister
Natalie Leonard	Arthur Zoref



*Do you like to sing?
We want you!*

ADULT CHOIR INTEREST MEETING AND REHEARSAL

**Monday, November 7
6:00pm • Cantor Falkow Lounge**

This choir is open to all adults who have an interest in Jewish music and enjoy singing. The repertoire will include a full spectrum of Jewish music, both liturgical and secular. Rehearsal and performance dates will be given out at this rehearsal. New singers welcome; please join us!

**For more information, contact
Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny
at 745-5550, ext. 228 or
cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org**

Young Adult / College Outreach Program

During the High Holy Days, the absence of many of our young adults is readily apparent to the Synagogue and to you, the families whose children are away from home. 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	_____

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.

PROJECT



ISIAH

Because of you, we collected more than 1176 pounds of food!



Synagogue Life Council

As I write this, we have just inserted “*Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGeshem*” into our Amidah. Some say it is our prayer for rain. Others say it's not really a prayer for rain, but a mention reminding God that we know it is He that brings the life sustaining rain to us. Regardless, it rained Erev Simhat Torah just hours after Nichole Chorny, our Cantorial Soloist, chanted the special “prayer for rain” during the Shemini Atzeret musaf service. At our Simhat Torah celebration, many of us remarked to her that it was because of her excellent chanting that we were blessed with rain. In that moment, I felt so connected to my community, to my Kehillah. We were Living Y/Our Judaism Together! Later, Rabbi Eisen, Nichole and Phil Pepper danced on the Bimah while we all sang songs. We sang parts of the Amidah to the tune of the Beatles, “We all live in a Yellow Submarine,” and “Hey Jude.” Then, young and old paraded our Torot around the sanctuary. That too, was #CAILivingY/OurJudaismTogether.

How do you live your Judaism? Is it through your observance of the holidays? Is it through your social action and your giving? Is it participating in your Jewish community? What are you doing to “BE Jewish, or live Jewishly?” It's about being Jewish AND it's about being a part of something, a community. So our new focus is “Living Y/Our Judaism Together.” Let me know what you think!

To get your thinking started, I encourage you to visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJeOuqVGZJA> and watch Andrew Lustig perform his poem, “I am Jewish.” It's brilliant. It starts, “I am the collective pride and excitement that is felt when we find out that that new actor, that great athlete, his chief of staff ... is Jewish... And I am the collective guilt and shame that is felt when we find out that that serial killer, that Ponzi schemer, that wife beater ... is Jewish.”

Our Synagogue Life Council will be meeting quarterly this year and next; please watch your email inbox for dates and times. We look forward to Living Y/Our Judaism Together!

Stephanie Roberts, SLC Chair
290-4590, stephanieroberts001@msn.com

“Turkey and More” Drive November 1 - 20



Every year, CAI collects food and 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 at the front desk 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!

**SAVE THE
DATE**



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Donor Drive
Sunday, January 22, 2017
9:00am - 2:00pm

For more information,
contact Margo Gray at 298-8831 or
margocares@yahoo.com



Middle East Spotlight

Israel's Natural Gas: A Cornerstone of Regional Cooperation

A popular witticism is that Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt to the sole place in the Middle East without significant energy resources. Although Israel still depends on oil imports to meet its energy needs, the recent discovery of several offshore natural gas reserves is expected to help the Jewish state attain greater energy independence and ultimately, potentially, become an energy exporter. Already, this prospect is helping Israel and her neighbors improve their relationship.

In 2015, Israel generated 42% of its electricity from natural gas, while coal and oil accounted for the remaining 58%. In 2016 natural gas is expected to account for 50% of Israel's total electricity generation.

Israel discovered its first offshore gas field, the Mari-B, in 2000. The Mari-B's reserves were depleted by 2013, yet while in production, the field satisfied 40% of Israel's natural gas demand. In 2009, the Tamar field was discovered off the coast of Haifa and began production in 2013. The field currently satisfies almost all of Israel's domestic demand for natural gas.

The Leviathan field, discovered in 2010 and expected to come online in 2019, offers the Jewish state the greatest opportunity so far to become an energy exporter — the field is the second largest reserve of natural gas to be discovered in the Mediterranean Sea. Under a plan approved in 2013, Israel will reserve 60% of its total natural gas reserves for domestic use, which is expected to satisfy Israel's energy demands for at least the next 25 years, while the remaining 40% will be exported.

In January 2016, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades met to cement a new geopolitical bloc, the cornerstone of which is Israel's future export of natural gas to Cyprus, Greece, and the rest of Europe. The three countries also plan to deepen their diplomatic cooperation. For example, Greek and Cypriot support for Israel within the European Union (EU) will be crucial in helping to blunt one-sided resolutions against the Jewish state. Already, the two countries reportedly helped water down a one-sided EU resolution concerning the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

The prospect of natural gas exports also appeared to play a key role in the June 2016 Turkey-Israel reconciliation deal. As Alan Makovsky notes in an August 2016 interview in AIPAC's Near East Report, Turkey seeks to diversify its energy imports, as it is currently reliant on Russia. Israel could provide one such source.

Israel began the 21st century dependent on foreign energy imports. However, with the recent discovery of large offshore natural gas reserves, the Jewish state has the opportunity to forge ahead as an important regional energy exporter and increasingly valuable partner for neighboring countries.

To learn more about Israel's energy sector, visit www.aipac.org

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

“There’s No Place Like CAI” Welcome Back Party & Open House • Aug. 21

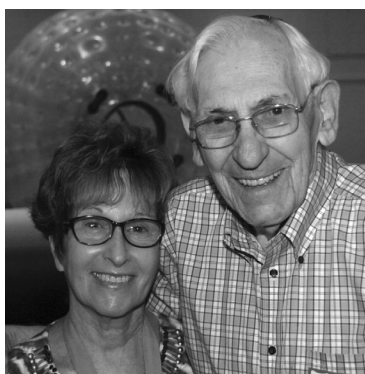
More than 150 people attended our annual welcome back party — this year’s had a Wizard of Oz theme! Between trivia games, human “hamster” ball races, a bounce house, photo props, lunch and much more, everyone had a great time.

Thank you to the following people for their help in making the event such a success:

Lew Crane	Stephanie Roberts
Debby Eisen	Laci Rosen
Paul Hetzinger	Evelyn Sigafus
Sarah Kats Cohen	and the CAI Clergy & Staff
Mark Levine	



(l. to r.) Michael Jurkowitz, Stephanie Roberts & Dan Jurkowitz played the trivia game.



Lynne Falkow-Strauss & Merrill Broad



(l. to r.) Lew Crane & Eric Flank



Gideon Chorny & Shinshinit Leah Avuno



(l. to r.) Marta Kats, Sarah Johnston & Paul Hetzinger



Olivia & Jake Slaughter



Avery & Rachel Dorf

Scholar-in-Residence November 11 - 12



DR. ELIEZER DIAMOND

Associate Professor of
Talmud & Rabbinics at The
Jewish Theological Seminary

Dr. Diamond's visit will include a Shabbat dinner and presentation and delivering the Shabbat morning D'var Torah and an afternoon presentation on Saturday.

For more information, see insert.



Mishpachah (Family) Programs

Specially designed for our families with children (but everyone is welcome!). Join us on a Jewish journey of making friends, building community, learning about Judaism and family fun.

JOIN US!
MAKE HANUKKAH
CARDS & CRAFTS WITH
HANDMAKER RESIDENTS
Sunday, Dec. 11

Families with children of all ages are invited!

We'll begin 12:00 - 12:45pm at CAI with pizza lunch & games in the Linda Roy Youth Center. Then we'll caravan to Handmaker at 1:00pm to visit and play games together, and help the residents make holiday cards for their families.

It's all FREE, but you must RSVP to Nichole Chorny by Dec. 6 at 745-5550, ext. 228 or cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org



~ SAVE THE DATES ~
CONGREGATIONAL BOWLING PARTY DEC. 25
COMMUNITY HANUKKAH PARTY DEC. 28

Watch your mail!

*A Jewish
Ethiopian
Celebration*

*Tuesday,
November 22
6:00pm*



Come receive a Jewish blessing for the new year Ethiopian style! Join us as we simulate the special Ethiopian Sigd ceremony that takes place exactly 50 days after Yom Kippur. After learning a special prayer in the Ethiopian language, Ge'ez — led by Leah Avuno, one of our *Shinshinim* — attendees will ascend the *bimah*, our "mountain" to receive special blessings from spiritual leaders under colorful umbrellas. We'll conclude the evening with Ethiopian dishes, music and dance.

Open to all; no charge to attend! RSVP by Nov. 16 to Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.



~ ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL ~
Sunday, Dec. 18 • 9:30-10:30am

It is HANUKKAH and we pause to remember: NES GADOL HAYAH SHAM – A Great Miracle Happened There. How did it happen? Did "we" have anything to do with it? What does our tradition teach us regarding miracles ... and how can that understanding deepen our appreciation for, and observance of, HANUKKAH?

Join us for this **adult studies kollel** after which attendees are invited to stay and participate in our Religious School Hanukkah Family Workshop (see page 9).

No charge to attend.
Please RSVP by Dec. 14
to Michelle at 745-5550, x225.



Women's League

Twenty women attended our last SWEET lunch on September 21 at Trattoria Pina. Just look at these smiling faces!



Gift Shop workers were honored at the Women's League Paid-Up Membership luncheon in the sukkah on October 19. Rabbi Eisen had a lulav and etrog for those women who wished to say the prayer and learn to shake the lulav. For many of us, it was our first time! Whether it's your first time or 50th time, it's always very special. A lovely luncheon for the members, Gift Shop workers and women who work in the office was enjoyed by all. Irene Stern Friedman delivered an inspiring *drosh*. Women's League also held a 50-50 raffle with the proceeds going to Angel Heart Pajama Project, and collected items for Sister Jose's Women's Center.



(l. to r.): Lynne Falkow-Strauss, Margo Gray, Debra Lytle, Darlene Gettler, Norma Taylor, Molly Shenitzer, Evelyn Sigafus, Phyllis Becker & Rita Hall

"Gentle Chair Yoga" 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.

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00noon** (not held Dec. 26). All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to play as well. Do join us ... it's fun and great socializing.

Mah Jongg cards for 2017 are being sold by Judy Fishman to benefit CAI's Women's League. When you buy your card from us, \$2.50 comes back to CAI's Women's League! Order deadline: **January 13** (\$8 standard size; \$9 large). For more information, contact Judy at 722-8562 or magicjudy1@gmail.com

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, November 7 and December 5 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/. No charge to attend. Bring your own dairy lunch; beverages and dessert are provided.

The **2016-17 Torah Fund** campaign is under way! 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 receive this year's beautiful Torah Fund pin!

Join us on **Sunday, December 4, 3:00-5:00pm** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge for **World Community Day** with Church Women United, a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical women's movement celebrating unity. Malka Abraham will present, "Gathering at God's Table." Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend; however, non-perishable food or cash donations are requested to benefit the Community Food Bank. Please RSVP by November 28 to Malka Abraham at 299-5908 or malka20@aol.com

Hanukkah begins December 24 and we have everything you need at our Judaica Gift Shop: Hanukkiot, candles, dreidels, chocolate gelt, cards, adorable musical bears and much more. FREE gift wrap and Gift Certificates available. Open Mon 10am-5:30pm; Tues 10am-6pm; Wed, Thu 10am-4pm; Fri 10am-1pm; and Sun 9am-12pm (when Religious School in session).

SAVE: Monday, February 20, 2017, 6:00pm for a WINE & CHEESE HAPPY HOUR. Enjoy a nibble and a sip and each other's company... Just us "girls"! And Sunday, March 26, 2017, 10:30am for our BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW. Enjoy a catered brunch and a fashion show modeled by members of Women's League.

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



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

Enjoy fellowship and our delicious breakfast buffet with a dynamic guest speaker on **Sundays, November 20 and December 11, 9:30am** in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. There is no charge for Men's Club members; guests are always welcome for \$4.

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

"Read It & Meet"

Monthly book discussions are held on Shabbat (**approx. noon**) and are open to all. Selected books by Jewish authors or with Jewish content are discussed and moderators facilitate discussions.

Please join us: **November 5** for *The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari and **December 3** for *Orphan #8* by Kim Van Alkemade. For more information, contact Vicki Kaufman at vickauff@juno.com or Rayna Gellman at 887-8358.

Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Talia Rose Zuckerman • Dec. 10

Talia is the daughter of Amy Zuckerman & Morey Brown; and the granddaughter of Enid & Mel Zuckerman, and Doris & Nathan Brown. Talia's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at the Tucson Wildlife Center and taking the family dog to hospitals and nursing homes. A student at St.

Michael's School, Talia's interests include ice skating, horseback riding and rock climbing.



Ellis Reuben Selznick • Dec. 17

Ellis is the son of Barbara & Sanford Selznick; the grandson of Betty Wilinsky and the late Allen Wilinsky, and the late Roslyn & Richard Selznick; and brother to Lily. Ellis's Bar Mitzvah project involves collecting toys for kids at Diamond Children's Hospital. A student at BASIS Tucson

North, Ellis's interests include tennis, piano and hiking.

PARENT-TOT CLASS

Mondays, 9:00 -
11:00am

Open to the public, this FREE weekly class for children up to 24-months in age and their parent(s) is 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. The children also enjoy our park-like playground and we read a book from PJ Library twice a month.

Facilitator Gabby Erbst has a Master's Degree in Education and is a mother of three young boys. Various experts from different fields of child development and child-care will visit to share their expertise and provide opportunities for discussions.

Feel free to bring your friends; it's open to everyone! (PLEASE NOTE: We have a mandatory vaccination policy.) For more information, contact Lynne Falkow-Strauss at 745-5550, ext. 229 or lynne@caiaz.org



Religious School & USY

Our "Turkey" Drive Assembly will take place **Sunday, November 20**, at 11:45am in the school wing with a representative from JFCS accepting our donations. Parents of Religious School students AND their student(s) are encouraged to attend this brief lesson about the importance of giving to those less fortunate. This is the culmination of a month-long drive for donations to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration for families in need. (*Refer to page 5 to learn about donations!*)

There is a Midbar Kinnus in Phoenix **December 2-4** for Junior and Senior USYers. \$100 per attendee. Limited spaces available. RSVP by Nov. 11 to Rabbi Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227 or eddir@caiaz.org

Everyone is welcome to participate in our Hanukkah Family Workshop & Kollel on **Sunday, December 18**.

- **9:00am** Minyan in Epstein Chapel
- **9:30am** Learning activities for youth in Rabbi Breger Hall
- **9:30am** Adult Education Kollel: The Making of Miracles with Rabbi Robert Eisen in the Library (*see page 7 for more information; no charge; RSVP to Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225*)
- **10:30am** Maccabiah Competition & Hanukkah Torch Run Lighting in Rabbi Breger Hall led by USY
- **11:30am** Hanukkah Party with food & games

It's all free! But, we need an RSVP by Dec. 14 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

SAVE THESE DATES!

December 25 - Congregational Bowling Party at Tucson Bowl
December 28 - Community Hanukkah Party at CAI

REMEMBER:

NO SCHOOL Nov. 27; Dec. 20-Jan. 8, 2017

Preschool/Kindergarten

School portraits by Lisa Robinson will take place on **November 1 - 2**. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing.

The November and December Tot Shabbat Service & Dinner will be hosted by preschool/kindergarten classes. (See page 2 for more information.)

Our annual "Dad & Me" Breakfast is **Friday, November 4**, at 8:00am in the Rabbi Breger Hall. Children of the preschool/kindergarten and their dads (or grandpas, uncles, etc.) can enjoy a breakfast buffet made by the moms. Includes fun activities and a visit from some animals from the Reid Park Zoo. Kids \$7; adults \$12. RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or edasst@caiaz.org

Parents and families are invited to our schoolwide Thanksgiving Feast on **Friday, November 18** with a musical performance by the kids at 11:30am, followed by a feast prepared "mostly" by the children.

REMEMBER:

NO SCHOOL Nov. 11, 23-25; Dec. 23-Jan. 6, 2017

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.

CORRECTION

(and our sincere apologies!):

Keira Abigail Sweeney

Born August 16

Keira is the granddaughter of Jane & Jonathan Klein. (Parents: Amy & Kevin Sweeney)



Chloe Beneduci

Born August 21

Chloe is the granddaughter of Sara & Tom Borin. (Parents: Tzuwah & Jeremy Beneduci)

Leo Grayson Cogan

Born August 27

Leo is the grandson of Barbara & Michael Heisler. (Parents: Laura & Scott Cogan)



November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	35
2 Judith & Ted Drenfeld	59
3 Elana-Beth Rosen & Paul Hetzinger	3
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	13
Ashley & Joshua Hurand	2
13 Raquel & Edward Gold	61
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	40
Joan & Irvin Belzer	51
Patricia & Eugene Settle	34
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	37
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	33
24 Vicki & Phil Pepper	42
25 Nancy & Steve Lipson	29
26 Beatrice & Berthold Lippel	57
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	34
Michelle & David Ollanik	17
29 Joan & Donald Diamond	64
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	8

December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	37
2 Susan & Rick Levy	43
4 Lauren Kaplan & Scott Blinkoff	28
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	18
Rita & Martin Hall	43
7 Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare	32
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	38
Evonne & Alan Ravitz	52
19 Joan & Dennis Rosen	34
Carol & Alvin Stern	62
20 Rebecca & Richard Fink	47
21 Judy & Stan Abrams	36
Martha & William Sampson	30
22 Lois & Everett Broder	59
Carrie Gottschalk & Zachary Clark	1
23 Marta & Willy Kats	38
24 Sarah & Mortimer Segal	64
25 Elena & Erik Boskoff	8
27 Ruth & Art Solomon	57
29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	53
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	26

Mazel Tov!

WEDDING

Victoria Newman
to **Allen Gordon**

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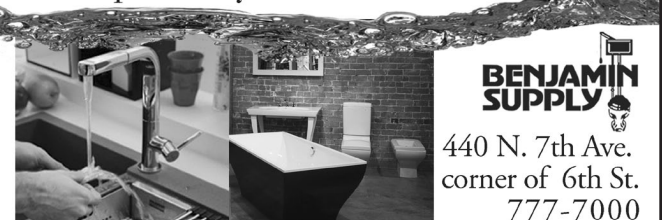


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המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Harris Amhowitz

Phil Chess

Fern Feder

Lewis Harris

Murray Rosenbaum

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

Melanie Amhowitz - her husband, Harris Amhowitz

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Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss?
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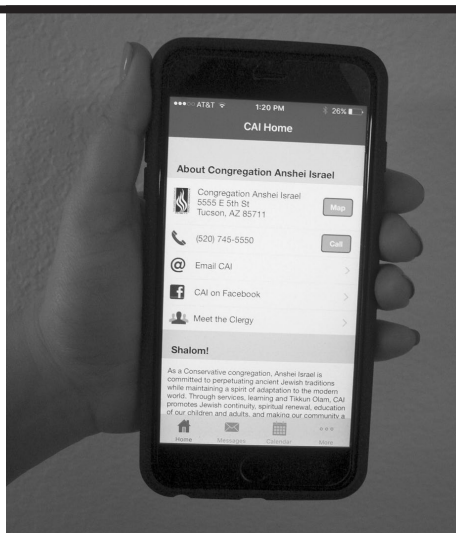
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