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Be sure to join us for our Hanukkab Celebration Tuesday, December 19

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8 Nights, 8 Lights



Scholar-in-Residence DR. HARTLEY LACHTER Associate Professor of Religion Studies at Lehigh University November 10 - 11

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* It's Back! Latkes &



Sunday, December 10 6:00pm

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Weekday Torah Study Group

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

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. An RSVP is needed for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224. Please plan to join us on November 3 (hosted by our 4-year-olds' class Shomrim) and December 1 (hosted by our 4-yearolds' class Halutzim).

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.

Kiddie Corner

One of the most important values we can share is the importance of Shabbat worship, together as families. Should your little one(s) get restless, we offer a spot in Rabbi Breger Hall for them so parents can listen, see and participate in the service, as their children play with Shabbat-friendly toys and books.

Shabbat Afternoon Torah Study

Torah discussions are held **every Saturday, one hour prior to the Mincha Service** and are 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 Tamara 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 fol-lowing 5:30pm Minyan**.

K'Ton Time

Join us on **Saturday, November 11** and December 9, 10:30-11:00am in the Epstein Chapel for this fun and lively 20-minute service led by Gabby Erbst and Marcy Friedman 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!

Family Shabbat Experience Service & Dinner

Please join us on **Friday**, November 17 and December 15, at 5:45pm as we transition into the "Rhythm of Shabbat." With our families... as a family... we welcome Shabbat with rhythm, with movement, with ruach (spirit) and with song. Then we'll share Shabbat dinner, followed by Open Lounge in the Youth Center with games and fun. Come celebrate Shabbat with your congregational family! Dinner \$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children) for CAI members; guest family \$30; adults (13+) \$10 per person. An RSVP is needed for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or visit caiaz.org

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 16, we will hold a discussion following the Kiddush with Tamir Shecory, 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.

The Tenth of Tevet Asarah B'Tevet

Date of the fast in 5778: December 28, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAI TZEDAKAH BOXES

From **November 26, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018**, 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 in to get yours!



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!

Stay connected with us!



- FREE Mobile App (for Android & iOS devices; search for "CAI Mobile")
- Email Updates
- Facebook (CAI, Preschool/ Kindergarten, Religious School & USY)
- FREE Wi-Fi (Ask for the password at the Front Desk in the Administrative Office.)





Julia Maurici & Steve Cohen, and their children, Eva & Sophia

> Renata & Mikhail El, and their children, Allen, David & Sophia

> Leah & Valient Haller, and their children, Miriam & Veronica

Mary Grishim & Michael Harwin

Ron Lyons

Emily Marks

Marjorie Marks

Eileen Neiman

Jan Osmundson

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Josh Silverman

Jacqueline Turchick &

Theodore Warmbrand

Stephen Weinstein

Megan & Aaron Winter, and their children, Ella & Lilah

Social Action

PROJECT ISAIAH Update

Todah rabah to the Anshei Israel family for your generosity in this year's High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank. Because of you, we collected 1376 pounds of food and \$236!



"Turkey & More" Drive November 1 - 19

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 Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer. 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!



There is a critical need for blood donations each January. Reserves are low after meeting needs of holiday traffic accident victims, and extreme winter weather in some parts of the country and seasonal illnesses often make it difficult to maintain a sufficient blood supply at this time of the year. Blood is distributed to hospitals faster than donations come in.

Need a resolution for the secular New Year? January is National Blood Donor Month! YOU can help save lives. Healthy eligible donors are needed. Please contact me to schedule an appointment or to volunteer.

Note to frequent donors: You may give blood before Veterans' Day and be eligible again for the January 7 drive.

> Margo Gray Social Action Committee margocares@yahoo.com 298-8831

Daily Minyan Services & "Jewry" Duty

Our Minyan is expected to be there when someone needs to say *Kaddish*, but 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 CAI's web site. Shown below is a combined list of



Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their "Jewry" Duty during August and September. *Todah rabah!*

Marlene Abraham Austin Agron MeMe Aguila Joshua Anbar Sarah & Jeff Artzi Nancy Auslander Kathy Hays & Jerry Barkan Sharon & Morris Barkan Ioni & Irwin Belzer David Ben-Asher Mirta & Alberto **Bien-Willner** Sara & Tom Borin Dani Bregman Phyllis Broad Barbara & Mel Brodie Arlene & Howard Brody Chaya & Barbara Burstein Jennifer & Mark Cassius Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Shelly & Kevin Chess Miriam Cline Bob Cohen Felicia Cohen Terri Cohen Judy & Ted Direnfeld Judy & Michael Dorf Arlene Epstein L. Elliott Farber Neneng Fassler **Phyllis Fassler** Eric Flank Enid & Wynn Freedman Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich

Madeline Friedman Darlene Gettler Marvin Glassberg Shirley Goldberg Sam Goldfinger Tedd Goldfinger Allen Gordon Linda & Jay Gorsky Margo & Ron Gray Gabe Green Rachel & Jonathan Green Alayne Greenberg Barbara & Michael Heisler Geva Ozeri Shawn Hellman Marty Johnston Sally Julian Dan Jurkowitz Harvey Jurkowitz Paul Kahn Norma & Ron Karp Marta Ketchel Stacy & Adam Klein Sharon Klein Joan Kleinerman Ed Koven Boris Kozolchyk Marianne & Allen Langer Peggy & Richard Langert Katherine & Aaron Leonard Sheryl & Mark Levine Debra Lytle Mary & Wally Marcus Ziva Mason Levi Mendel

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Peter Saxton ludith Schneider Barbara & Michael Schoenhals Leonard Schultz Trudy & Howard Schwartz Ronnie Sebold **Evelyn Sigafus** Linda & Shelby Silverman Marcia & Paul Simon Steve Singer Karen & Howard Skolnik Phyllis Sorkin Kim Spitzer Dawn Sternberg Tammy Strobel Sandra Tobin Moshe Toister Arlene Tuller Irwin Weinberg Art Weinenger Gila Saks & Carl Weinstein Terry Williams Hyla & Gary Windham Seth Windham Joanne Wolf Phyllis Wolf Robert Wolk Steve Wool

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

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

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From the President

After a recent CAI Board meeting, I realized what a fantastic Board of Trustees we have! We have members with years of experience and an institutional understanding that continues to amaze me. We have life trustees who are generous with their time and wisdom, as well as their good humor. We have board members that grew up in this synagogue

and some who moved here as empty nesters to "retire." We have new board members who are articulate and creative and have new, outside-the-box ideas ... because they don't have the "here's how we've always done it" mentality.

A while ago I took a picture of Andy Douglas (one of Y/Our board members) davening *Pesukei* during morning minyan. His youngest son, Robert, was standing up there with him.

It is a beautiful picture so I sent it to Andy with the subject line, "You and our future." Andy's response: "Part of having a future is a place to have it. CAI plays a big role." He's right. In order for our children and our grandchildren to have the opportunity to experience the richness that Judaism provides, we must ensure our future. One vitally important way is simply to engage. Live Your Judaism Together with your community, your congregation. I know you're busy. We're all busy. But what if engagement in your sacred community fed your soul; gave you energy; made you a better person; a better



husband or wife, parent or child; a better friend, a better Jew? It is vitally important that you look for and find ways to engage with your sacred community, this community, Congregation Anshei Israel. Find ways to engage and be inspired, find ways to engage and make a difference.

Y/Our Board of Trustees is working hard to ensure the viability and continuity of CAI. Our commitment is to be fiscally responsible while staying true to our mission, vision and values. As with many non-profit, religious institutions, we are challenged to make ends meet and balance our budget. To that end, we must focus our attention on fundraising and on developing our legacy and endowment programs, while continuing to prioritize opportunities for engagement and enrichment. In fact, over the coming months we will be working on a series of events to do just that: engage and enrich. The first is our "new and improved" Latkes & Vodkas event on Sunday, December 10. We'll have live music and a wonderful brisket dinner, a variety of full-sized martinis and yummy latkes. See page 10 for more information and be sure to RSVP!

More events are planned to engage and entertain you, but please, if you have any ideas or suggestions, let me know. We want to engage you, so we need your input!

Stephanie Roberts 241-8559, president@caiaz.org



The Case for Foreign Aid

In an ever more chaotic world, clear American leadership is critical. Over three billion people worldwide have benefitted from U.S. food assistance programs; nearly seven million people with AIDS/HIV have been treated thanks to the United States; and U.S. supported immunization programs save more than three million people every year. At just slightly more than one percent of the U.S. government spending, foreign aid is one of the most cost effective, impactful and positive displays of American leadership.

Foreign aid also provides benefits at home. In the current global economy—in which ninety-five percent of the world's consumers live outside the United States and one in five American jobs is linked to U.S. exports—foreign markets are crucial to the growth of American businesses. By helping countries stabilize their governments and economies, the United States fosters new customer bases for American businesses and creates more jobs at home. As former Chairman and CEO of Caterpillar James Owens remarked, "As a business person, I understand the value of getting good return on your dollar. And that's what we get when we fund our diplomatic efforts and international programs."

In addition, the aid we send overseas helps the United States cope with significant, ever-evolving security challenges. American military leaders have repeatedly warned that the United States cannot meet its security challenges through military action alone—foreign aid, including active and committed American diplomacy, reinforces American military efforts to promote stability in crucial conflict zones.

Security assistance to Israel highlights the dividends of a robust foreign aid budget. U.S. aid to Israel provides the Jewish state the resources it needs to serve as an anchor of stability in the region and deter the combination of forces arrayed against it. In 2007, the United States and Israel signed a 10-year Memorandum of Understanding calling for America to provide \$30 billion in security assistance over the next decade. And in 2016, the two countries signed a new agreement that pledges \$38 billion in U.S. security assistance between 2019 and 2028, including \$5 billion for missile defense.

Cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in intelligence, homeland security, missile defense and counterterrorism has helped the United States meet its growing security challenges. As a result of the strong friendship between Israel and the United States, the Israel Defense Forces and the U.S. military share technologies and techniques that greatly benefit both nations. In June 2017, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities Thomas Harvey praised the mutually beneficial, bilateral relationship, stating, "The jointly developed Arrow and David's Sling weapon system programs provide Israel with the capability to defend itself against imminent and emerging ballistic missile threats while benefiting the United States through technology sharing."

When America invests in foreign aid—including for Israel's security—it invests in its own security and prosperity. This is an important message to convey to our members of Congress.

Please visit *aipac.org* to learn more about supporting a robust U.S. foreign aid budget.

CATCHING UP..



THANK YOU to everyone who supported this project. I am overwhelmed by your generosity.

Lynne Falkow-Strauss

Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer Project July 10 - September 10, 2017

With much celebration, the dedication ceremony for the "Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer" took place on September 10 to honor Lynne for her 45 years of service to the children of Congregation Anshei Israel. Family, friends, teachers, and former and current students (some now adults!) attended to show their love and appreciation to Lynne. After Lynne's family, CAI president Stephanie Roberts and Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny spoke, Rabbi Robert Eisen gave a touching speach and presented Lynne with a paver. Everyone explored the newly refurbished courtyard and paver path with messages for Lynne, the newly remodeled foyer and Gift Shop, and enjoyed brunch and schmoozing. The kids were entertained with a face painter and balloon artist. What a wonderful leagacy!

With deepest appreciation to the following for making the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer a reality:

Alice & Paul Baker Brina Grusin Marianne & Allen Langer Stanley Lehman & Family Vicki & Phillip Pepper Women's League of CAI

THANK YOU TO:

Bear Canyon Landscaping Greene Enterprises Drywall Al Aguilar Painting Company Alfonso Arza-Verduzco (Gift Shop glass doors & window) Andrew Lauren (floyer flooring) American Play Systems (shade structure) Upbeat Site Furnishings (exterior benches) Off The Wall Furniture Solutions (foyer cabinets & bulletin boards) Graphic Impact (signage) DS Electric Kittle Desirn/Construction (consultant)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

CAI Art Committee Lynne Falkow-Strauss Task Force Jackie McKenzie for her countless hours as a volunteer at the temporary entrance during construction **and CAI STAFF:** Debra Lytle, Synagogue Director Lupe Zambrano, Facilities Manager & the Facilities Team Yvonne Ethier, Communications & Marketing Director

See pages 8-9 for more photos.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO HONOR LYNNE:

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Please let us know if we forgot to thank you.

Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer Dedication September 10, 2017

Attendees to the event explore the new walkway lined with messages to Lynne





CAI President Stephanie Roberts at the podium



Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny singing with the children



Families waiting for their balloon animals to be created



Rabbi Robert Eisen speaking from the heart and making Lynne laugh (and a little embarassed... she's a humble woman!)

A boy with his face painted... or is it a leopard?



CATCHING UP.







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Phyllis Broad congratulating Lynne



Kids playing on the renovated Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard



Children getting their faces painted, while others enjoy brunch



Ken Jacowsky speaking with Lynne

The Gift Shop got a "face lift" too!



Hanukkah 1st candle Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 8th candle Tuesday, Dec. 19



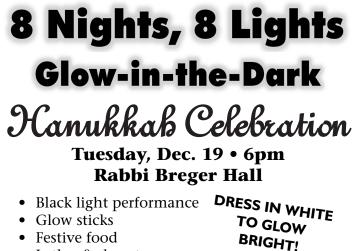
 \sim ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL \sim

Sunday, Dec. 17 • 9:30-10:30am

CUSTOMARY HANUKKAH CUSTOMS: Why do we celebrate this holiday as we do? Together, we'll explore some of the more popular/public and esoteric ways in and through which we observe this holiday. There being more than meets the eye, we will take this opportunity to see, as a byproduct of our study, how this holiday became so much more than it may have been originally intended.

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 13).

No charge to attend, but a contribution (non-perishable food item or monetary donation) to the Community Food Bank is appreciated. Please RSVP to Tamara at 745-5550, ext. 225.



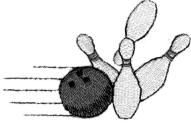
- Latkes & donuts
- CAI's Choir
- Dreidel games & activity stations with USYers
- Dieldel gal.
 Photo area

\$6.13 all ages thru Dec. 12 \$13 per person after & at the door RSVP by visiting *caiaz.org* or call 745-5550.

~ A MITZVAH MOMENT ~

Our congregation has, again, volunteered to help Pantano Christian Church, 1755 S. Houghton (between 22nd St. & Golf Links) with its childcare on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. Along with family services, they provide "alternative programming" for children too young to participate in the services themselves. They need our volunteers to help their "lead teachers" who will be in each room, along with a few of their folks as well. Pantano Christian Church will plan all of the singing, craft time, games and lessons. Our role is just to engage with and love the kids in your class. Our presence will allow that many more of their families to worship together at this, one of their, most sacred seasons. Volunteers are needed to help with babies, toddlers, preschoolers and older preschoolers. There will be four 1-1/2 hour shifts (12:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:45pm & 6:45pm). Please let us know that you can help when an email goes out in late November.

Bowling Party Monday, December 25 • Ilam to Ipm Tucson Bowl 7020 E. 21st St.



Bring the whole family and invite your friends... We've got the whole place to ourselves! (Not open to the public.) Unlimited bowling and bumpers/ramps available for the kids. C'mon, this is right up your "alley"...

Limited selections from the snack bar will be available for purchase. \$10 per bowler, all ages; 5 & under free. Please RSVP by Dec. 20. Visit caiaz.org or call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224



Women's League

"Gentle Chair Yoga" continues on **Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30am**. Increased balance, strength and flexibility in a supportive group setting is the focus. Meditation and deep

relaxation at the end of each class leaves participants with positive healing energy and uplifted spirits. Dress comfortably. Members of Women's League \$6 per class; non-members \$8 per class.

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, November 6 and December 4 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.

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm thru December 4; going back to 10:00am to 12:00pm after 12/4** (not held Dec. 25). 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 2018 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 12** (\$8 standard size; \$9 large). For more information, contact Judy at 722-8562 or *magicjudy1@gmail.com*

Our **Paid-up Membership Lunch** will be held on **Wednesday**, **November 8**, **with 11:45am check-in**, **and lunch at 12:15pm**. All current members of Women's League, those considering membership, and friends and family are invited to thank our many wonderful Gift Shop volunteers and the women of CAI's administrative staff. Free for paid-up Women's League members, all Gift Shop volunteers, and female CAI staff. Guests, including spouses, are welcome for \$10 per person. If you are not currently a member of Women's League and wish to become one, you may do so at this event. Reservations for lunch are required for all attendees regardless of membership status. For more information and to RSVP, contact Evelyn at 885-4102 or *esigafus@aol.com*

The **2017-18 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!



"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturday**, **November 4** when we'll discuss *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar, with moderator Rachel Green. On **Saturday**, **December 2** we'll discuss *The Extra* by A.B. Yehoshua, with moderator Rabbi Robert Eisen.

Throughout the year (October-May), monthly book discussions are held on Shabbat (**approx. 12noon in the Epstein Chapel**) and everyone is welcome. Selected books by Jewish authors or with Jewish content are discussed and moderators facilitate discussions. See the year's selected list and dates at *caiaz.org*

For more information, contact Helen Rib at 299-0340 or *helenrib@yahoo. com*



Men's Club

Men's Club of Congregation Anshei Israel Spe

Men's Club is hosting a special **Veterans' Lunch** on **Sunday, November**

12, at 12:00pm in the Cantor Falkow Lounge to honor Jewish veterans and active military. Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and dessert. Veterans and active military are welcome at no charge; \$10 per person for spouses and guests. Reservations required with/without payment by November 8. Contact Mark Levine at 548-5471 or *marsher18@gmail.com*

You can help make CAI's Men's Club a viable and strong part of your synagogue! We understand that one of your most important commodities is your time. We hope to have 4 - 5 major functions for the year; however, we need volunteers to help, but only for <u>one function</u> per year. Contact Mark to offer your ideas and time!

Ongoing TIKKUN OLAM Project for Ocotillo Early Learning Center 5702 S. Campbell

The Center serves children up to 7-years-old. With a campus of 500 children, 85% qualify for free or reduced lunch, 90% are Latino, and many families are single parents struggling with poverty and resources to support their children.

CAI is committed to helping these children throughout the school year. Please donate: (for children ages 3 through 7)

- Gently-used or NEW children's clothing
- NEW socks & underwear
- Gently-used or NEW children's books
- Gently-used or NEW children's games, puzzles & toys Items may be dropped off in the marked box in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer outside the administrative office. Thank you!



"Poland and Israel: From the Shoah to Survival"

a special journey now being planned for May 30 - June 11, 2018 with Rabbi Robert Eisen

For more information, contact Rabbi Eisen at 745-5550, ext. 230 or *rabbi@caiaz.org*

Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Sara Rachel Silverberg • Nov. 4 Sara is the daughter of Kana Silverberg & David Silverberg; the granddaughter of Masana & Takaco Moriuchi; and Cynthia Silverberg & the late Bernie Silverberg; and sister to Josh Toyota. A student at Tucson

Hebrew Academy, Sara's interests include volleyball and watching Netflix.

Preschool/Kindergarten

Kindergarten Information Night for the 2018-19 Class is **Wednesday, November 1** at 7:00pm in Room 10. Meet me and classroom teacher Ronnie Miller to learn about the coming year and curriculum in CAI's full-day kindergarten. Upon completion of our program, children are fully prepared to enter First Grade ... anywhere!

Tot Shabbat will be held on **Friday, November 3** (service 5:45pm in Sanctuary; dinner 6:15pm in Cantor Falkow Lounge). This month's special Kabbalat Shabbat Service for young families to welcome the Sabbath with stories and songs is hosted by our 4-year-olds' class Shomrim, and will be followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner. \$25 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children). Additional adults \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Parent-Tot Class continues on **Mondays**, **9:00–11:00am** (not held Dec. 25). Facilitator Amanda Stark brings her 3-monthold daughter to the class. This FREE 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. We also read a book from PJ Library twice a month. Feel free to bring your friends; it's open to everyone! (PLEASE NOTE: We have a mandatory vaccination policy.)

Our "Dad & Me" Breakfast is **Friday, November 17** at 8:00am in the Rabbi Breger Hall. Children of the school and their dads (or grandpas, uncles, etc.) enjoy a breakfast buffet made by the moms. The event includes fun activities and a visit from The Wonderfools, circus artists and clowns. Kids \$7; adults \$12. Please RSVP by Nov. 13 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Tot Shabbat will be held on **Friday, December 1** (service 5:45pm in Sanctuary; dinner 6:15pm in Cantor Falkow Lounge). This month's special Kabbalat Shabbat Service for young families to welcome the Sabbath with stories and songs is hosted by our other 4-year-olds' class Halutzim, and will be followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner. \$25 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children). Additional adults \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Parents and grandparents: Don't miss a special musical presentation by the children at our Hanukkah Celebration on **Wednesday, December 13** at 11am in the Cantor Falkow Lounge, followed by lunch with foods prepared by the children.

Remember: There is **NO school** December 22 - January 7, 2018.

Lynne Falkow-Strauss Preschool/Kindergarten Director 745-5550, ext. 229, *lynne@caiaz.org*



Ronnie Ester Barel • Nov. 18

Ronnie is the daughter of Oshrat & Eli Barel; the granddaughter of Ester & Shimon Bozaglo; and Tami Avitan; the great-granddaughter of Haviva Avitan; and sister to Yuval & Shira. Ronnie's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at

Handmaker and Casa Maria. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Ronnie's interests include volleyball and watching Netflix.

Religious School & USY

The annual "Turkey and More" Drive is **November 1 - 19**. 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. (See page 4.) JFCS will come here on November 19 so we may present them with the donated items and money.

Our Parent Havurah/Discussion Group will meet on **Sundays**, **November 5**, 10-11am with topic, "How to eliminate fighting, arguing and stress from parenting," and on **December 3** for "Using healthy discipline strategies to raise your child's self-esteem." Light refreshments will be served; followed by the Parent Havurah in which parents support the family programming for the coming month.

"Shabbat's Cool" on **Saturdays, November 11** (Kadima will join us!) **and December 9**, is a special Shabbat program and service, 9am - 12pm, followed by lunch with the congregation. Youth of all ages will celebrate Shabbat in a hand's-on immersive way!

Religious School students will see a Camp Ramah presentation on **Tuesday**, **November 7** for returning and potential campers. Our Maccabiah Sporting Competition & Hanukkah Workshop will take place on **Sunday**, **December 17**, with an Adult Education Kollel with Rabbi Robert Eisen for parents. (See page 11.) All youth and families are invited.

Kadima will join the Mishapacha Program (see page 10)to create a "Piece of Peace" on **Sunday, November 5** (but everyone is welcome!) On **Sunday, December 3**, the kids will tie-dye, and their Hanukkah Party will be held on **Sunday, December 17**.

Junior USY will see a Camp Ramah presentation on **Tuesday**, **November 7** for returning and potential campers, and on **Saturday**, **December 9**, they'll attend Havdallah, followed by "Into the Night," exploring fun places around town.

On **Saturday, November 4**, Senior USY will attend Havdallah, followed by "Saturday Night Out," exploring fun places around town, and on **Friday, December 8**, they'll attend services, followed by Shabbat dinner away. There is Fall Encampment **November 10-12** at Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA.

All are welcome to attend Targum Shlishi on **Saturday, December 16** (see page 2) when our *shinshin*, Tamir Shecory, will speak about life as an Israeli.

Lastly, join the fun at our annual Bowling Party on **Monday, December 25** (see page 11). It's always a great time for the entire family!



Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth Director 745-5550, ext. 227, eddir@caiaz.org

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 Tamara at 745-5550, ext. 225.



Lev Simon Ash Born August 21 Lev is the grandson

of Jane & Bruce Ash. (Parents: Matthew

Ash & Tessa Basford)

Yisrael Simcha Sanfield Born August 28

Yisrael is the great-grandson of Phyllis Broad. (Parents: Devora & Zachary Sanfield)

Max Lewis Bien-Willner **Born September 3**

Max is the grandson of Mirta & Alberto Bien-Willner. (Parents: Maytal & Alejandro Bien-Willner)



Eve Bernice Kovach Born September 7

granddaughter of

Margo & Ron Gray.

Eve is the

(Parents: Naomi Gray & Joshua Kovach)



Asher Charles Greenberg Born October 16 Asher is the grandson of Alayne

& Bruce Greenberg. (Parents: Felicia & Isaac Greenberg)

MAZEL TOV

Athena & Daniel Schumaker for winning the build-your-own sukkah at CAI's "Community Sukkah Build" held on October I

November Anniversaries

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MARRIAGE

Annie Fassler granddaughter of Phyllis Fassler to Jonah Newfeld

Young Adult / College Outreach Program

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		
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E-mail		
College Name		

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> Laurie Moskowitz & Steve Rabinowitz for co-sponsoring CAI's Simhat Torah Festivities in memory of Steve's mother, Dorothy Rabinowitz

Judy & Ted Direnfeld

for sponsoring the October 21 kiddush in honor of their 60th anniversary and the upcoming marriage of their grandson, David to Abigail Gallen

The wine, juice and challah at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service are donated *In Memory of Moe and Roslyn Wolf* by their family.



We welcome sponsorships — in whole or part — toward Kiddush and/or Seudah Shlesheet (Third Meal). All contributions are acknowledged in *Kolenu*. If you wish to honor someone or simply to help, please call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.

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The congregation mourns the loss of our members: Richard "Ricky" Eisen

David Rubenstein Ronald Sandler Ann Stein

Our condolences to these members who mourn the loss of their loved ones: Bill Abraham - his father, Henry Abraham Alex Eisen - his brother, Ricky Eisen Debby & Rabbi Robert Eisen - their son, Ricky Eisen Josephine Harris - her sister, Ethel Kesler Mike Jacobson - his brother, Milton Jacobson Donald Kwasman - his brother, Mark Kwasman Jan Osmundson - her mother, Elaine Goldman Valentina Rubenstein - her husband, David Rubenstein Marlene Sandler - her husband, Ronald Sandler Alan Zehngut - his brother, Stuart Zehngut

May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners

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Memorial Plaques have been installed for Harry Bodin Helen Bodin Florence Rachman Harry Rachman

~ Anshei Israel Memorial Hall ~

Installation of a memorial plaque is a beautiful way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one. Each year on the anniversary of your loved one's death, the synagogue will send you a reminder of the Yahrzeit and light the light adjacent to their memorial plaque. Call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242 to make arrangements 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.



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 Tamara Artz, ext. 225

Donations made to Anshei Israel Funds enable our Synagogue to continue to carry out its work, thereby better serving our members. Please consider making a donation in honor of a relative or friend who may be celebrating a simcha or in memory of a loved one. This list reflects those donations made after the last issue's publication date. Todah Rabah to all.

Our Donation Form is at the Front Desk in the administrative office AND at caiaz.org Notification cards are sent for donations of \$12 or more.

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