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LAFFS
comedy café

Sunday, Jan. 21 • 6:30pm

LAFFS • 2900 E. Broadway

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**Hamentaschen
for Hunger**
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Mar. 3 • Adult Purim Party

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Shalom!

Talmud on Tuesday

Learn about the law and lore in the "sea" of Talmud with Rabbi Robert Eisen as we dig deep into the "who, what, where, when, why and how" of living Judaism. Join us in the Epstein Chapel **immediately following 5:30pm Minyan**.

Weekday

Torah Study Group

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

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.

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** 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.

K'Ton Time

Join us on **Saturdays, January 13 and February 10, at 10:30am** 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 **Fridays, January 19 and February 16, 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 Linda Roy 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, January 20 at approximately 12:00pm** our topic is, "Wired to God... Modern Technology & Jewish Life: Can One Participate in a Minyan via the Internet? Why Would I Want To?!" Our next discussion will be on **Saturday, February 17**. Topic: TBD. Plan on joining us for what we know will be interesting and inspiring conversations. There is no charge to attend.

CORRECTION: Our sincere apologies for the incorrect listing of contributors Shelley Fleischman & Marshall Heyman to the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer Project.

Carlebach-style Shabbat Service

As part of Shabbat Shira (The Shabbat of Song), join us on **Friday, January 26 at 5:45pm** for a spirited and engaging participatory service with melodies by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, one of the most influential composers of Jewish music in the 20th century.

Shabbat Shira: The Sabbath of Song

Come learn new melodies and join us in song for the “Sabbath of Song” on **January 27 at 9:00am**. This musical Shabbat will feature the CAI Adult and Youth Choirs (all K-6th Grade Religious School students will participate) directed by Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny during a special “Sermon-in-Song.” Throughout the service you will hear some new melodies to familiar prayers, and will explore some of the varied repertoire of our heritage. Come sing with us!

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. Plan to join us on **February 2**, hosted by our 3-year-olds’ class Maccabim. (**Not held Jan. 5**).

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please warmly



Roslyn Blumberg

Brian Crane

Dana & Adam Goldstein,
and their children,
Emma, Juliet & Nathan

Rachel Haimowitz & Nick Eckley,
and their son, Asher

Amy & Chad Miltenberger,
and their daughter, Gianna

Melissa Weinstein & Kyle Johnson,
and their son, Ryan

Tu B'Shevat

The semi-holiday, Chamishah Asar B'Shevat (15th day of Shevat) marks the first day of spring in Israel. It occurs six weeks after Hanukkah. The Mishnah refers to it as Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot (New Year of the Trees). Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed it by eating fruit grown in Israel. With the rise of the Zionist movement and the re-establishment of the land of Israel, Tu B'Shevat has gained new significance as Arbor Day, observed by the planting of trees in Israel.

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

Not too long ago, it was customary among many of our people to plant a tree when a child was born — a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. Branches from these trees were then used for the poles of the wedding canopy (chuppah) on the day of their marriage.

In our day, many people purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF). If interested in purchasing a tree or making a donation to the JNF for reclamation of the land of Israel, please contact the JNF at 800-542-TREE (8733).

This year Tu B'Shevat falls on Wednesday, January 31 (it begins at sundown Jan. 30). For more information about CAI's "TU B'SHEVAT SEDER," see page 7.

ARBA PARSHIOT: Special Sabbaths

During the month or so before Passover, four Shabbatot are characterized by special Maftir readings, called the Arba Parshiot [four Torah portions], which relate thematically to Passover or Purim: Shabbat Shekalim, Shabbat Zakhor, Shabbat Parah, and Shabbat Hahodesh.

SHABBAT SHEKALIM (February 10/11)

SHABBAT SHEKALIM — which takes place the SHABBAT prior to ROSH HODESH for the month of ADAR or on SHABBAT ROSH HODESH ADAR itself — is named for the MAFTIR reading, Exodus 30:11. The MAFTIR describes a census requiring every Israelite man to contribute a half-SHEKEL to support communal sacrifices in the portable Tent Of Meeting and later at the Temple. The egalitarian nature of this contribution is emphasized--“the rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than half a SHEKEL.” The requirement that all individuals contribute equally to the community helped develop a sense of unity crucial to the new nation created by the Exodus.

In the special Haftarah, 2 Kings 11:17-12:17, King Yehoash commanded that all money brought to the Temple be used for its repairs and renovations--both the required contributions and the free-will offerings. SHABBAT SHEKALIM occurs about a month before Passover as a reminder that the due date for the half-shekel contributions was approaching, on 1 NISAN, a month later. Some people contribute to an institution of Jewish learning in remembrance of the half-SHEKEL.

SHABBAT ZAKHOR (February 23/24)

Shabbat Zakhor, whose maftir reading, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, is an admonition to remember Amalek, the nation that surprised the Israelites wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt with a rear attack on the stragglers. The Israelites constituted no military threat, leading some Jewish commentators to view Amalek as rebels against God, because they were trying to destroy the Israelites. God commands the Israelites, therefore, that when safely settled in Palestine, “You shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”

The Torah instructs Jews to “remember Amalek,” a commandment fulfilled each year by publicly reading this passage on the Shabbat before Purim, because Haman, the arch-villain of the Scroll of Esther [megillat Esther], who tries to kill the Jews of Persia, is an Amalekite. The haftarah reading is I Samuel 15:2-34, which describes Saul's war with Amalek.

Adar I and Adar II

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

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

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

Why are we telling you all of this? Because this year, 5778, is a “regular” year. Yahrzeits that occur in ADAR I or Adar II are observed in the “only Adar we will have this year.”

Social Action

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE

**Sunday,
January 7, 2018
9am-2pm**



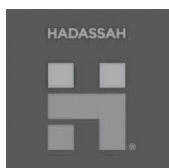
**American
Red Cross**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Receive a free long-sleeve Red Cross t-shirt when you donate (while supplies last).

We welcome donors ages 16+ and, of course, volunteers. Call 1-800-733-2767 for eligibility questions. To reserve a time slot or to volunteer, contact me.

Margo Gray
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Community News



Hadassah Shabbat

On **Saturday, February 24**, at **5:15pm**, Hadassah Southern Arizona will celebrate its 106th birthday at Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdallah services in the Epstein Chapel. While anyone can attend weekly Sabbath afternoon services, we especially encourage Hadassah members to come on this date. For those Hadassah members who plan to join us for the Third Meal, please **RSVP by Feb. 15** to me at 298-8831 or margocares@yahoo.com (use subject line: Hadassah Shabbat).

Margo Gray

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 October and November. *Todah rabah!*

Austin Agron
MeMe Aguila
Joshua Anbar
Jerry Barkan
Morris Barkan
Barbara & Mel Brodie
David Ben-Asher
Kevin Chess
Miriam Cline
Terri Cohen
L. Elliott Farber
Neneng Fassler
Eric Flank
Madeline & Barry Friedman
Myrna & James Frisch
Tedd Goldfinger
Linda Gorsky
Margo Gray
Joan Kleinerman
Dan Jurkowitz
Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz

Adam Klein
Marianne Langer
Debra Lytle
Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Michael Mendel
Pam & Stuart Mendel
Arnold B. Merin
Marleen Miller
Betejoy & Rabbi Arthur Oleisky
Nancy Ozeri
Rina Paz
Jane Poliakoff
Marilyn Prenskey
Jessica Priestner
Alan Ravitz
Helen Rib
Abby Rosen
Patti Salonic

Emily Riley-Saxton
Barb & Mike Schoenhals
Howard Schwartz
Evelyn Sigafus
Michelle Sigafus
Linda & Shelby Silverman
Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim
Paul Simon
Dawn Steinberg
David Stoler
Tammy Strobel
Moshe Toister
Art Weinenger
Gila Saks & Carl Weinstein
Stephen Weinstein
Terry Williams
Jerry Wolf
Joanne Wolf
Robert Wolk
Steve Wool

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

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

Malka Abraham
Joshua Anbar
Oshrat Barel
Ronnie Barel
Rabbi Ruven Barkan
David Ben-Asher
Nichole Chorny
Rabbi Robert Eisen

Marshall Heyman
Mike Jacobson
David Jurkowitz
Scott Lewis
Ziva Mason
Levi Mendel
Phillip Pepper
Jessica Priestner

Helen Rib
Leonard Schultz
Steven Seltzer
Erika Spivack
Sophia Temyanko
Moshe Toister



"Poland and Israel: From the Shoah to Survival"

*a special journey now being planned
for May 30 - June 11, 2018*



Join **Rabbi Robert Eisen** as your host on this special trip.
Final plans are being put into place...

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



I've asked Debra Lytle, our Synagogue Director, to take my column this month. I think it's important for all of us to know who Debra is and get a sense of her commitment to our congregation; her "Why Anshei Israel?" Many of you know Debra: she's transitioned from a Preschool/Kindergarten parent to a PAC (Parent Action Committee) co-chair, to a part-time receptionist and on and on. She is now our Synagogue Director and

is responsible for the operations of Anshei Israel. Think of it this way, if it's not under Rabbi Eisen, it's probably under Debra. For those of you who don't know Debra, don't be surprised if she knows you! I think she knows every single member. Debra is from New York and I, for one, am so glad that she fell in love with our weather and blue skies, decided to go to the University of Arizona and found a home with us at Anshei Israel!

Stephanie Roberts

241-8559, president@caiaz.org



We've all heard Rabbi Eisen talk about the 42 doors into our synagogue, but did you know that I've walked around and counted them all with him? With our "Living Y/Our Judaism" campaign, we learned which doors some of our congregants came through and what connects them with Anshei Israel. I entered through the Sanctuary doors for High Holy Days services my freshman year of college and

then took advantage of our free membership program for college students. I was lost and overwhelmed when I had to decide how I would continue to live my Judaism in a new city. I had to find all new connections in Arizona and I'm lucky enough to have found those connections here, at CAI. Rabbi Eisen performed my wedding, oversaw my son's *bris* and my daughter's baby naming and now we work alongside each other. Both my kids went through our Preschool and Kindergarten programs and now attend our Religious School. I have been immersed with this synagogue since I moved here and feel honored to now be a bigger part of it.

I am writing this as I return to Tucson after my first Executive Director's conference in Boston, and finding it difficult to control my excitement about all the new resources I can bring back to our congregation. At the conference, I was submerged for four days of trainings, classes, hands-on demonstrations and networking with 180 of my international colleagues. Some of the classes included: Adaptive Leadership, Audacious Hospitality, Congregation Size and Location break-out groups, Congregational Governance, Dashboard & Asset Management Systems, Deepening our Membership Engagement, Diversifying our Revenue, Financial Planning, Leadership Building, New IT Programs and Security. I've gained a valuable mentor with over 35 years as a professional fundraising and development specialist, learned about the newest cutting-edge programs, met with a myriad of vendors and so much more that I can't wait to share with all of you. THANK YOU, Anshei Israel, for supporting and encouraging me to grow as your Director, I can't wait for what our future holds!

Debra Lytle

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Middle East Spotlight

Israel and the "Longest Hatred"

In 2004, Israel officially designated January 27 as "National Day to Combat Anti-Semitism." On that date in 1945, the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Soviet army. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, many had hoped that the horrors of state-sponsored genocidal anti-Semitism would inspire the world's communities to abandon the age-old hatred of Jews. Unfortunately, instead of disappearing, anti-Semitism has undergone yet another transformational change.

Over the past two millennia, anti-Semitism has repeatedly evolved. In the Middle Ages, Jews were hated for their religion; in post-Enlightenment Europe, for their race; and today, for their nation-state. Previous forms of anti-Semitism have not disappeared, instead they have adapted to the changing social milieu.

The zeitgeist of today is human rights, and the target is the nation-state of the Jewish people. Like every country, Israel must balance delicate political and policy issues. But no other country in the world receives such a high level of criticism. This, as Britain's Chief Rabbi Emeritus Lord Jonathan Sacks wrote in April 2016, "is why Israel — the only fully functioning democracy in the Middle East with a free press and independent judiciary — is regularly accused of the five crimes against human rights: racism, apartheid, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and attempted genocide. This is the blood libel of our time."

One of the most prominent enablers of this "new" anti-Semitism is the United Nations. Created in 1945 to promote humanitarian values, the U.N. played an important role in the founding of Israel in 1948. However, since then it has routinely attacked Israel. For example, since the creation of the U.N. Human Rights Council in 2006, it has passed more resolutions condemning Israel than it has for the rest of the world combined. The Council consistently displays both an unseemly focus and double-standard in its treatment of the Jewish state. In April 2017, the entire U.S. Senate — Democrats and Republicans alike — sent a letter to U.N. General Secretary Antonio Guterres decrying that "too often, the U.N. is exploited as a vehicle for targeting Israel," which has "reinforced the broader scourge of anti-Semitism."

The U.N. has also facilitated the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement, which falsely claims to promote human rights, while actually working to delegitimize and isolate Israel. BDS proponents seek to drive a wedge between Israel and the rest of the world — separating Israel's government, businesses, universities and people from their partners abroad. By manipulating the language of international law, the BDS movement depicts Israel as an illegitimate aggressor, then seeks to sanction those who interact with the Jewish state.

Right now, two important bills are moving through Congress: the Combatting BDS Act of 2017 and the Israel Anti-Boycott Act. Both bills, if passed and signed into law, will put the U.S. squarely on the side of standing with Israel against those who wish to do her, and the Jewish people, harm.

To confront anti-Semitism's long and troubling history, we must start by understanding how anti-Semitism continues to be manifested today. Defending Israel's legitimacy is part of that responsibility. As Rabbi Sacks instructs, "The hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews."

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

Create a Piece of Peace • Nov. 5, 2017



Participants of all ages gathered together for lunch and to “Create a Piece of Peace,” three projects to show our love and support of Israel. They painted tiles created by Israeli artist Tsameret Zamir, to be taken to Israel and placed on the “Path to Peace” wall between Gaza and Israel. We also created our own “Path to Peace” currently displayed in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer (come check it out!). Lastly, some wrote letters to Israeli soldiers and Israeli students in our partnership region. What a great day!



More than 150 people attended this Hanukkah party for adults, enjoying delicious brisket and latkes, martinis and cool jazz by Birks Works, featuring Stuart and Eric Mellan. A 50/50 raffle brought in \$1040. Marsha Rosenblum won the \$520 cash prize and donated it back to CAI! She also won a Hanukkah-themed gift basket donated by CAI's Women's League Judaica Gift Shop.

“Latkes & Vodkas” • Dec. 10, 2017



Special thanks to:
 MeMe Aguila
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 CAI's Women's League Judaica Gift Shop
 Stu Mellan & Birks Works

COMING UP . . .

Mishpachah (Family) Program



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.

"Havdallah Under the Stars and Digital Scavenger Hunt"

Saturday, Jan. 13, 6:30pm

Come join the fun... all ages welcome!



Special "Havdallah Under the Stars" outside on the Rabbi Oleisky Courtyard patio, then families will participate in an exciting synagogue-wide "digital scavenger hunt," taking photos to help your team find clues and objects (secrets & gems of CAI!) that you are hunting. (Be sure to bring a camera/cell phone with you...). We'll end the evening with a delicious ice cream bar.

It's FREE, but you must RSVP to Nichole Chorny by Jan. 9 at 745-5550, ext. 228 or cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org

Tu B'Shevat in the Park

Sunday, Feb. 4 • 9:30am

McDonald Park

Stations of a Seder • Israeli Dancing • Craft Project • Parsley Planting • Environmental Activity
Nature Walk/Pause & Pray • Snack

More info to follow... watch your mail.



12TH ANNUAL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Sunday, January 14 • 9:00am

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CAI Comedy Night at

LAFFS
comedy caffè



**Sunday,
Jan. 21,
6:30pm
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Come with your favorite companions for comedy and cocktails at this fun event for adults.

Raffle w/prizes • Seating limited • RSVP a must!

5th Annual WISDOM OF JEWISH TUCSON Wednesdays, February 7, 14 & 21

"The Ethics of Medicine"

With **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

Feb. 7 • Barry Friedman

Health Care in America:
A Physician's Perspective

Feb. 14 • Stephanie Roberts
Biopharmaceuticals: At What Cost?

Feb. 21 • Howard Schwartz
Limited Resources, Infinite Needs:
A Jewish Medical Response



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YOUR MAIL
for more
details soon!**

2nd Annual



Hamentaschen for Hunger

Sunday, Feb. 18 • 3:30pm

A program designed to satisfy both the body and the soul! Make your own hamentaschen (take & bake), and Shalach Manot baskets and Purim greeting cards. Proceeds will be divided between the Tucson Community Food Bank, LEKET (the national food bank of Israel) and CAI's Youth Programs. Feel the MITZVAH ... DO the MITZVAH!

~ WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR MORE NEWS ~



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.

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00pm** (not held Jan. 1 & 15). All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to play as well. 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

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, January 8 and February 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.

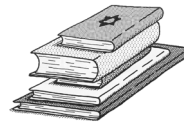
Torah Fund 2018: Women Ensuring Conservative/Masorti Jewish Education campaign continues. Torah Fund ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by providing rabbis, cantors and educators and more. Through your Torah Fund contribution, students' Jewish education can be furthered; strengthening and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world. Receive the 5778 pin (shown here; not to scale) as our gift to you in recognition of your generous support. Pins will be distributed at time of pledge. Partial payments accepted. Full payment due by June 2018. To learn more, contact Debby Eisen, Torah Fund Pin Chair at 751-8361 (after 4pm) or debbylevy@aol.com



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- **Email Updates** (Sign up on our website Home page: caiaz.org)
- **Facebook** (CAI, Preschool/Kindergarten, Religious School & USY) Some tips:
 1. Sharing our posts allows more people to learn about us.
 2. When you comment on or like our posts, it puts our page on your friends' radars, expanding our audience.
 3. Tagging your friends in our photos gives someone else the chance to take action on the photo.



"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturday, January 6** when we'll discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende, with moderator Joan Belzer. On **Saturday, February 3** we'll discuss *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon, with moderator Shirley Goldberg.

NEW! Author-in-Residence May 5: Local author Lauren Grossman, will be our guest as we discuss her book *The Golden Peacock*, with moderator Helen Rib. Lauren will join us at kiddush, followed by "Read It & Meet." Buy the book in advance! Autographed copies of *The Golden Peacock* will be available for purchase at the administrative front desk for \$10.95 (retail price: \$14.95) beginning January 2, 2018, while supplies last.



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 future selected books and dates at caiaz.org

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



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

Enjoy fellowship and our delicious breakfast buffet on **Sunday, January 21**

at **9:30am** as we welcome guest speaker, Douglas "Lev" Ettelson who will present, "An Encounter with Hasidism." Drawing from personal experience, he will share teachings and songs, and reflect on the changing nature of Hasidism. There is no charge for Men's Club members; guests are always welcome for \$4.



Men's Club will join the 4th, 5th and 6th Graders in Religious School on **Sunday, February 18** to show them how to wrap *tefillin* in conjunction with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' annual "World Wide Wrap." As a culmination of their *shema* unit, students will present their own symbols of their relationship with God.

Let us know your ideas for breakfast meeting guest speakers, events, community programs, athletic activities, and anything else which you'd like the club to become involved. We want to hear from you! Contact Mark Levine at 548-5471 or marsh18@gmail.com

Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI

Hadlie Reese Polonski • Feb. 10

Hadlie is the daughter of Tamara Knox-Polonski & Lynn Polonski; the granddaughter of Linda & Fred Knox, Bluma Polonski and the late Joe Polonski; and sister to Dreo. Hadlie's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering with Ronald McDonald House and collecting books for Literacy Connects. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Hadlie's interests include cooking, sports, music and movies.



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Dahlia Rae Tolby • Feb. 17

Dahlia is the daughter of Abigail & Noah Tolby; the granddaughter of Aviah & Stuart Friedman and the late Linda & Hal Solomon; and sister to Eliana & Leah. Dahlia's Bat Mitzvah project involves providing meals for Ronald McDonald House and collecting books for Literacy Connects. A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Dahlia's interests include baking, acting and student government.

Religious School & USY

Reminders: There is no Religious School through Jan. 7, 2018; and no class on Jan. 14 & 28; or Feb. 11 & 25, but there is Shabbat's School on Jan. 27 & Feb. 10 (see below).

Kadima will participate in Havdallah Under the Stars & Digital Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, January 13**. (see page 7 to learn more). **Sunday-Monday, January 14-15**, Junior and Senior USY will sleep over at CAI and participate in social action programs in honor of MLK Day. And on **Sunday, January 21**, Kadima, Junior USY and Senior USY will have a group lounge. Religious School and Kadima will join the Tu B'Shevat Seder in the Park on Sunday, **February 4** (see page 7 for more information).

CAI's 12th Annual Mah Jongg Tournament will be held **Sunday, January 14**, 9:00am – 4:00pm and includes lunch, games and prizes with all proceeds benefitting CAI's United Synagogue Youth. See insert for more information!

In USY, we make life-long Jewish friends in Tucson and beyond: Kadima and Junior USY will attend a Kinnus at Camp Ramah, in Ojai, CA **January 19-21**; a Senior USY Kinnus will take place in La Jolla, CA **February 16-18**.

Strengthen your bonds with other families in the congregation. Join us for our Parent Havurah on **Sundays, January 21** and **February 18, 11:00am-12:00pm**.

All youth: Did you know that "Shabbat's Cool?" Come join us on **Saturdays, January 27** and **February 10, 9:00am-12:00pm**, followed by lunch with the congregation. Youth of all ages will celebrate Shabbat in a hands-on immersive way!

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As part of the JFCS "Matza & More" Passover Food Drive, CAI is asked to contribute 140 boxes of matza. Please bring boxes to the marked container in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer **March 2-20**. Thank you!

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

Preschool/Kindergarten

Reminders: There is no Preschool/Kindergarten through Jan. 5; no class Jan. 15, Feb. 22-23; and there is a Noon Dismissal on Feb. 9 for a staff in-service.

Parent-Tot Class continues on **Mondays, 9:00–11:00am** (not held Jan. 1 & 15). Facilitator Amanda Stark brings her 3-month-old 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.)

Current PK Families: Look for 2018-19 Registration information in your mail around **January 29**. Registration will open to the public on February 19.

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat, the children will be planting in the school garden.

Tot Shabbat will be held on **Friday, February 2** (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 3-year-olds' class Maccabim, 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.

Be sure to join us for CAI's 2nd Annual Hamentaschen for Hunger on **Sunday, February 18** at 3:30pm. Make your own hamentaschen (take & bake). Proceeds will be divided between the Tucson Community Food Bank, LEKET (the national food bank of Israel) and CAI's Youth Programs. See page 7 for more information.

Speaking of hamentaschen, on Thursday, **March 1**, the children will come to school in costume for Purim. Parents are invited to join us. Rabbi Eisen will read the children's version of the Megillah, the children sing and we'll all eat hamentaschen!

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

Kathy Gerst (left) &
Anna Nelson-Moseke,
co-chairs for the
Nov. 17 "Dad & Me"
Breakfast did a great job
planning the event.
Thank you both!



MAZEL TOV!

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.

Yaakov Yeshayahu Anton

Born October 13, 2017

Yaakov is the great-grandson of Phyllis Broad. (Parents: Elisheva & Hillel Anton)

Gideon Jude Rothman

Born November 2, 2017

Gideon is the son of Ilona Wolfman & Matthew Rothman

Donovan Hill

Born November 25, 2017

Donovan is the grandson of Liora Jacobs. (Parents: Leah & Quintin Hill)

January Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Beth & Alan Strauss	22
6 Jan & Steve Osmundson	33
Kim & Michael Reeves	14
11 Sandra & Gerald Ross	59
12 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	31
13 Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	16
15 Marianne & Allen Langer	34
21 Sallie & Morton Kranitz	55
23 Jane & Jonathan Klein	47
28 Ronit & Michael Stern	11
30 Yael & Shlomo Neuman	53
31 Jeannie Fransen & David Youngerman	2

February Anniversaries

Date	Years
9 Lori & Hugh Stroube	15
11 Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	39
Enid & Irwin Freedman	68
13 Ruth & Marvin Hoffman	63
Rosie Eilat-Kahn & Paul Kahn	24
16 Hyla & Gary Windham	15
17 Janis & Daniel Gasch	33
Alla & Howard Steinberg	10
19 Betty & Stanley Scott	57
20 Madeline & Barry Friedman	35
23 Marcia & Paul Simon	4
25 Anita & Danny Levkowitz	40
28 Dawn & Leonard Steinberg	2

ENGAGEMENT

Alex Eisen

son of Debby & Rabbi Robert Eisen
to Carly Glickstein

MARRIAGES

Andrew Beren

son of Nessa & Peter Beren
to Simone Chambliss

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grandson of Judy & Ted Direnfeld
& Phyllis Broad
to Abigail Gallen

Matthew Smith

son of Joyce & Michael Smith
to Mary Haywood

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.



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**Items may be dropped off in the marked box
in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer outside
the administrative office. Thank you!**

Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Theodore Bersin

Paula Karchmer

Herbert Meshel

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

Marcelle Bersin - her husband, Theodore Bersin

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Mary Wezelman - her brother, Hershel Wolfson

May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



*A Memorial Plaque has been installed for
Simone Heyman Bauer*

~ 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
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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
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PLEASE CALL 745-5550 to speak with:

Rabbi Robert Eisen, ext. 230 or

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