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halom!

Worship provides sanctuary from everyday life.

Please keep the outside world outside by refraining from * talking * texting * video taping from your phone or smartphone during services and on Shabbat or holidays.

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. This month's service on March 2 will be hosted by our "littles" classes Par Par, Keshet and Shemesh and will be followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner 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. (Not held Apr. 6).

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 the clergy assistant 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**.

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**.

Shabbat Under the Stars

Join us for an intimate Shabbat service on **Fridays, March 9 and April 13 at 5:45pm** on our beautiful Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard patio (in lieu of the Epstein Chapel). The opportunity to worship outside enables us to better encounter nature and to remind ourselves that any space can become sacred through the manner in which we use it. Come and help us expand our "worship zone" as we welcome Shabbat.

NEW!

Junior Congregation

Join us on **Saturdays**, March 10, 24; April 14, 28; and May 12 at 10:30am for this teen-led (13+) Shabbat service for kids of all ages that includes a Torah service so the youth can take ownership of the service. Storyteller Jordan Wiley-Hill will join us on March 10. For more information, contact Rabbi Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227 or *eddir@caiaz. org*

Family Shabbat Experience Service & Dinner

Please join us on **Fridays, March 16 and April 20 at 5:45pm** as we transition into the "Rhythm of Shabbat." With our families, we will 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. 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* **See below for Israel Night on April 20**!

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, March 17 at approximately 12:00pm** our topic



is, "Couscous, Lasagna and Ballet Shoes" with Chen Dinachi, 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 interesting and inspiring conversations. No charge to attend.

Family Israel Night Service & Dinner

Make friends, build community, learn about Judaism and have fun at this Mishpacha program! Share an upbeat Shabbat celebration for families at **5:45pm on Friday, April 20,** followed at **6:45pm** by an Israeli-style dinner, Israeli dancing and an Israeli trivia bowl. We'll welcome Shabbat with rhythm, movement, *ruach* and song. 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 *caiaz*. *org*

Israel Solidarity Shabbat

Please join us on **Saturday**, **April 21 at 9:00am** as we show our solidarity with The Land, with our people, in honor and celebration of "Tucson Celebrates Israel 70." Israel Is Real ... And So Is Our Relationship with Her. KOL OD BALEIVAV ... as long as our hearts beat strong with the passion of "The Hope," so will our dream be forever renewed ...



Mindy & Fred Hirsch



May 3

Lag B'Omer BBQ & Concert with CAI's Adult Choir, directed by Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny

> **May 14** 87th Annual Meeting

May 19 Shavuot Service, Dinner & Tikkun Leil Shavuot

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, Shabbat HaHodesh, Shabbat HaGadol.

SHABBAT PARAH (March 9 & 10)

Shabbat Parah, the Sabbath of the Red Heifer, occurs on the Shabbat prior to Shabbat Hahodesh of the month of Nisan. The maftir reading, Numbers 19:1-22, deals with the red heifer whose ashes were combined with water to ritually purify anyone who had been in contact with a dead person. Because only people who were pure could eat from the Passover sacrifice, a public announcement right before Nisan reminded anyone who had become impure to purify themselves before making the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

The haftarah, Ezekiel 36:16-38, also deals with issues of being cleansed from contamination, but the impurity in this case symbolizes human sinfulness. But, like physical impurity, sins can be overcome. As God says in Ezekiel 36:25,26: "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your fetishes [idolatrous practices]. And I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit into you." This renewal of self and nation reflects Passover's theme of redemption.

SHABBAT HAHODESH (March 16 & 17)

Shabbat HaHodesh occurs either on the Shabbat before Rosh Hodesh Nisan or on Rosh Hodesh itself. The maftir reading is Exodus 12:1-20, which details eating the Passover sacrifice, with "your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand"; eating bitter herbs and unleavened bread; and putting blood on the doorposts; and it lists the Passover laws.

The first day of Nisan is also important as the occasion for God's first commandment, sanctifying the new moon, which begins the Torah reading, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you." This commandment moved the determination of months from God's agenda into the hands of the Jewish people, giving them control over time and the theological/liturgical cycle. The haftarah, Ezekiel 45:16-46:18, describes the sacrifices that the Israelites are to bring on the first of Nisan, on Passover, and on other festivals in the future Temple.

SHABBAT HAGADOL (April 23 & 24)

The Shabbat before Pesah is called Shabbat HaGadol, the Great Sabbath. As the Israelites were preparing to leave Egypt, God commanded them to select a lamb that would serve as the Passover sacrifice. This mitzvah, or commandment, required the Israelites to actively participate in the redemption from Egypt. The name Shabbat HaGadol literally comes from a verse in the day's haftarah, Malachi 3:4-24. "Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the Lord," which alludes to a messianic future.

The past redemption at Passover is tied to the future messianic redemption, which, according to tradition, will also take place on Passover. Traditional practices on Shabbat HaGadol include reciting special hymns about the laws of Passover, reading the part of the Haggadah that begins with Avadim Hayinu, "We were slaves," and listening to the community's outstanding Torah scholar address the congregation on the laws of Passover.



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 December 2017 and January. *Todah rabah*!

Dorit Adler MeMe Aguila Joshua Anbar Kathy Hays & Jerry Barkan Morris Barkan William Becker David Ben-Asher Adriana Betancur Lois Bodin Phyllis Broad Barbara Brodie Amy Direnfeld Judy & Ted Direnfeld L. Elliott Farber Neneng Fassler Judy Fishman Eric Flank Barbara & Jerry Goldberg

Margo & Ron Gray Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz David Jurkowitz Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz Ruth & Ron Kolker Jerry Lapin Aaron Leonard Barbara Levkowitz Debra Lytle Wally Marcus Ziva Mason l evi Mendel Michael Mendel Pam & Stuart Mendel Arnold Merin Judith Mussman Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Nancy Ozeri

Joy Peskin **Jessica** Priester Helen Rib Abby Rosen Barb & Mike Schoenhals Trudy & Howard Schwartz Sarah Segal **Evelyn Sigafus Michelle Sigafus** Linda Silverman Marcia Simon Karen & Howard Skolnik Moshe Toister Stephen Weinstein Seth Windham lerry Wolf Joanne Wolf Robert Wolk Steven Wool

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in December 2017 and January)

> Malka Abraham Joshua Anbar Nichole Chorny Edie Cotton Rabbi Robert Eisen Margo Gray Aaron Green Marshall Heyman Mike Jacobson David Jurkowitz Lisa Jurkowitz Natalie Leonard Jerry Levy Scott Lewis Ziva Mason Levi Mendel Phillip Pepper Jessica Priester Helen Rib Eric Saffioti Leonard Schultz Steve Seltzer Ellis Selznick Alan Strauss Sophia Temyanko Moshe Toister

Social Action: Passing the Torch



Margo Gray was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Red Cross for her many years as CAI's Blood Drive Coordinator. Thank you, Margo!

(Also pictured I. to r.) Ron Gray, Fran Stoler & Shirley Goldberg, some of the volunteers at the drive held on January 7.

American Red Cross The Red Cross Blood Drive held on January 7 was a success, surpassing the goal! With many past donors too ill to donate, others rose to the challenge, rolled up their sleeves, and fulfilled the *mitzvah* of *pikiuach nefesh*. Our drive was crucial to boosting the national blood supply during a month when drives in

many eastern cities were cancelled due to a bitter winter.

Over the years the blood drives at Anshei Israel have yielded 93 gallons of blood, potentially saving over 2200 lives. While the photo shows me receiving a certificate, appreciation really goes to many people who have supported the blood drives: donors, volunteers who work over two hours at the drives, our Communications & Marketing Director Yvonne Ethier, and our wonderful maintenance staff who set up/tear down the room.

Fran Stoler is the committed volunteer who will take on the role of coordinating Anshei Israel's future blood drives. SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 29 for our next blood drive!



From the President

My mind is on our spiritual home, Congregation Anshei Israel. As our spiritual home, Anshei Israel is where we pray, where we reflect on ourselves and our relationship with ourselves, with others, with God. It's where we live our Judaism together, where we grow up or grow old, where we learn, where we continue to grow as people...into the people we want to be. Anshei Israel is where we learned

and continue learning about Judaism or where we are teaching our children about Judaism. It may be where the sacred responsibility and commitment to be a Jew was passed on to us or where we have passed that sacred responsibility onto our children. We celebrate B'nai Mitzvot, High Holy Days, we mourn those that we've lost and find comfort in remembering them.

We've been talking about our "Whys" lately ... and for a while now. (Spoiler alert: It's not going to stop.) We've shared some stories with you: mine, John Kaufman's, Charlotte Bregman's, the Cohen family's. Why Congregation Anshei Israel is important to us. Why we live our Judaisam together here at CAI. I have asked you to consider your why. I've quoted Rabbi Eisen and the 42 doors (he's counted) in which you can enter our synagogue, our community, our spiritual home. There really are 42 doors, but it's really a metaphor for how many different ways you can be a part of Congregation Anshei Israel. And the ways in which Congregation Anshei Israel can be a part of you and your life. I was speaking with Rabbi Ruven Barkan recently and he mentioned that his why is: the synagogue. I asked him what he meant by that and he shared this with me: "My mind is on the importance of our spiritual leaders. They are like mezuzot on the doors. Think about Lynne Falkow-Strauss, who has stood by the doors of the entrance to the building every single day welcoming the next generation and launching the past one. So too, Rabbi Robert Eisen who stands out in front of the building before every Shabbat morning service and often before daily *minyanim*. But he is also at the <u>door</u> of each life-cycle event. The role of the Rabbi is to guide people through the many doors of life with blessing, tradition and community.

Doors. L'dor v'dor. So many doors. So many generations. What is she getting at? (That's my uncle in my head telling me to get to the point already ... stop waxing poetic and say it!) We are coming up on our 50th anniversary at this location and in this building. Fifty years. That's a lot of Living Y/Our Judaism Together! To celebrate we are embarking on a year-long initiative: L'Door v'dor - 50 Years on 5th Street. The first part is a play on the Hebrew phrase "L'dor *v'dor,"* which means from generation to generation. Here the leading "door" and final "dor" reflects the idea that those who opened the doors to CAI's synagogue home did so for the generations. Over the past few years we have had multiple updates to the building and the grounds: The Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard and Foyer, the Rabbi Lee and Jane Kivel Foyer, the Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard, the Amhowitz Family Ramp in the Sanctuary. We will be finalizing the updates this coming year with our Historical and Honor Hallways and an update to the Cantor Falkow Lounge. We'll be interviewing those who opened these doors initially and those that have worked to keep them open for us all, and we will share their stories of "why."

There will be many opportunities to participate, not the least of which will be the 50th Anniversary Gala on February 9, 2019. I don't want anyone to say they didn't have enough lead time to mark it on their calendar! So watch the *Kolenu*, the website, your email and Facebook to learn about all the ways we will be celebrating. If you or someone in your family were a part of the founding of this building or the transition to this building, please contact me or Marty Johnston to share your memories.

Middle East Spotlight

Women's Contributions to Israel

The celebration of International Women's Day on March 8 is an important opportunity to reflect on the tremendous contributions of women to Israeli society.

The equal status of women in Israel can be traced back to the very foundation of the Jewish state in 1948. Israel's Declaration of Independence enshrines equality for both sexes, and this core value is protected by numerous statues. Legally protected and publicly empowered, women are fully integrated in Israeli society where they play a key role in politics, business, science, sports, art and culture.

In Israeli politics, women represent 24 percent of all members of the Knesset — a higher percentage than in the United States Congress — as well as heads of political parties and ministers in the government. Golda Meir, Israel's fourth prime minister and the third female head of government in modern history, remains revered throughout the world. Tzipi Livni, former foreign minister, vice prime minister and leader of the opposition, founded Hatnuah in 2012 and continues to lead the political party (currently part of the Zionist Union) in the Knesset.

Women are also a central part of the Israeli judicial system, comprising nearly 54 percent of all judges and more than 44 percent of all lawyers. Three of the last four presidents of the Israeli Supreme Court (equivalent to the U.S. Chief Justice) have been women — Dorit Beinisch, Miriam Naor and Esther Hayut. The equal status of women was enshrined in law in 2000, when the Equality amendment to the Defense Service Law established the equal right of women to serve in any role in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). In 2011, the IDF named its first-ever female major general, Orna Barbivai, the second-highest rank in the Israeli army, and a record number of women served in IDF combat roles in 2017.

In the corporate world, Ofra Strauss serves as Chair of the Board of the Strauss Group, an international food and beverage company based in Israel, as well as the Chair of the Israeli-America Chamber of Commerce. Rakefet Russak-Aminoach, President and CEO of Bank Leumi, Israel's biggest and most profitable bank, was named one of the world's "100 Most Powerful Women" in 2015 by Forbes Magazine. More than 40 percent of the top management at Bank Leumi and heads of three of Israel's leading banks are also women.

The accomplishments of Israeli women in science and research routinely garner global recognition. In 2009, Israel's Ada Yonath won the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry — the first Israeli woman to win the prize, the first woman from the Middle East to win a Nobel Prize in the sciences, and the first woman in 45 years to win the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

Despite Israel's role as a regional and global leader in women's rights, the Jewish state continues to face challenges as it strives to achieve gender equality. Many Ultra-Orthodox and Arab-Israeli women face unique difficulties; in response, the prime minister's office has prioritized programs to support the integration of women from these sectors into the workplace. While challenges remain, during this special month, we can take pride in the influential role and contributions of Israeli women.

Stephanie Roberts, 241-8559, president@caiaz.org

CATCHING UP.

Millions for Tucson Raffle Update

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets for the 2017 Jim Click "Millions for Tucson" Raffle. Congregation Anshei Israel got to keep 100% of ticket sales proceeds... \$800!

Tu B'Shevat in the Park Feb. 4, 2018

We gathered to celebrate Tu B'Shevat at McDonald Park with a seder, Israeli dancing, a community craft, and a "Pause and Pray" nature walk. Everyone placed a fingerprint on a beautiful artistic rendering by Julie Stein (thank you, Julie), symbolizing the promise to take care of our land and environment, and "to till and to tend it." Come see the finished canvas in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer!

CAI Comedy Night at Laffs • Jan. 21, 2018



(l. to r.) Rabbi Robert Eisen, Katie Stellitano, Ronit Stern & Stephanie Roberts

More than 100 people attended our first comedy event and we raised \$675 in the raffle! Raffle winners Madeline Friedman, Marianne Langer & Dawn Steinberg took home some great prize packages. Thank you to all those who came to laugh and to:

- Event co-chairs Katie Stellitano & Ronit Stern
- Co-sponsors Desert Eye Associates Ltd. & the Franki Levin Laugh Legacy
- Raffle item solicitators -MeMe Aguila & Jessica Priester
- Raffle ticket sales Board of Trustees & Past Presidents
- LAFFS Comedy Caffé
- Comedians Tim Bateman, Elliot Glicksman & Jill Kimmel

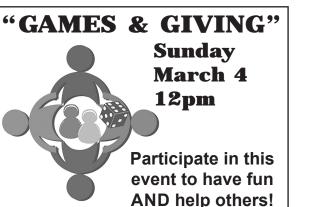








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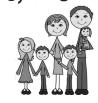


- Share lunch
- Play community-building & board games
- Participate in a special social action project to benefit our community, creating "Blessing Bags" with essential items for people who stay at the Primavera Homeless Shelter, along with a card of encouragement! (*If you would like to contribute to the contents of the bags, please contact Nichole to find out what you can donate.*)

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

Mishpachah (Family) Program

Make friends, build community, learn about Judaism, and have fun!





"Matza and More" Passover Food Drive March I - 22

Donations of matza, other kosherfor-Passover food items & monetary donations to benefit Jewish Family & Children's Service are requested in this community drive coordinated by CAI's Religious School. Please bring items to the marked box in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer outside the administrative office. Questions? Contact Rabbi Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227. SEDER HEDER: ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL AND HAROSET TASTING Wednesday, March 21 7:00-8:30pm



Participate in three rotating "mini" classes, followed by haroset tasting. (Each 20-minute class taught only once.)

- Rabbi Robert Eisen presents "Insights into the Haggadah"
- Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny presents "Hallel: The Song of the Seder"
- Rabbi Ruven Barkan presents

"Telling the Story as an Act of Redemption, Then and Now"

Admission (bring to class): One box of matza per family for the "Matza & More" Passover Food Drive to benefit Jewish Children & Family Services. RSVP by Mar. 19 to the Clergy Assistant, 745-5550, ext. 225.



Sunday, Mar. 25, 2:00-4:00pm

Join us to paint a Miriam and/or Elijah wine glass. Fun for ages 6+! We'll provide two wine glasses to paint (keep both or give one as a gift!), apron, brushes, paints and professional instruction led by Arte Bella Painting. No need to be an accomplished artist... you'll receive guidance through every step in a relaxing & fun atmosphere. Refreshments served.

\$36 per person. RSVP a must by Mar. 20. Call 745-5550 or visit caiaz.org

Sweet Tomatoes.(DISCOVER FRESH

Thursday, March 29 4:00-8:00pm 6202 E. Broadway

Where are you taking your family for your last bit of *hametz* before Passover? Sweet Tomatoes donates 20% of sales generated when diners present a special flyer. Each flyer is good for everyone in your party ... See insert, pick one up in the administrative office, on the Shalom Cart or visit *caiaz.org* ~ We hope to see you there!

EDUCATION



Women's League

Open Mah Jongg play continues **Mondays**, **10:00am to 12:00pm**. All levels of experience are welcome, and we encourage men to play as well. Join us ... it's fun and great socializing.

The **"Women's Study Group"** continues **Mondays, March 5 and April 9 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.

"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.

Torah Fund 2018: Women Ensuring Conservative/Masorti Jewish Education campaign continues through June 15. 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 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*

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 3 for our annual Brunch & Fashion Show. If you can help with the event planning or be a model, please contact Evelyn Sigafus at 885-4102 or *esigafus@aol.com*



of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

The concept for Men's Club is to build Jewish relationships with other members by involving men in Jewish life. Enjoy fellowship on

Sundays, March 4 and **April 15**. For more information, contact Mark Levine at 548-5471 or *marsher18@gmail.com*



"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Join us on **Saturday, March 3** when we'll discuss *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter, with moderator Linda Gorsky. On **Saturday, April 14 (second Saturday)** we'll discuss *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg, with moderator Malka Abraham.

SAVE THE DATE: Local author Lauren Grossman will be our guest on **May 5** as we discuss her book *The Golden Peacock*, with moderator Helen Rib. Lauren will join us at kiddush, followed by "Read It & Meet." Autographed copies of *The Golden Peacock* are available for purchase at the administrative front desk for \$10.95 (retail price: \$14.95) 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. For more information, contact Helen Rib at 299-0340 or *helenrib@yahoo.com*

Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



Nathan Daniel Cherkis Mar. 3

Nathan is the son of Brenda Frye & Sergey Cherkis; the grandson of Norma & Scott

Frye, and Margarita Lazareva & Alexander Cherkis; the great-grandson of Esfira Lazareva; and brother to Abigail & Eleanor. Nathan's Bar Mitzvah project involves teaching kids how to read through "Reading Buddy." A student at Basis Tucson North, Nathan's interests include soccer, programming, chess and violin.



Abigail Rose Wilson Mar. 17

Abigail is the daughter of Amy & David Wilson; the granddaughter of Laurie & Richard Goodman, and Gail

& Michael Wilson; and sister to Simon. Abigail's Bat Mitzvah project involves volunteering at and collecting items for various local non-profits including the Humane Society and Ronald McDonald House. A student at Alice Vail Middle School, Abigail's interests include dance, biking, saxophone and spending time with friends.



Cailan Paige Pugliese Mar. 24

Cailan is the daughter of Amy & Ken Pugliese; the granddaughter of Jan & Mickey Dowling, and Loretta

Pugliese and the late Ralph Pugliese; the greatgranddaughter of Betty Sue Dowling; and sister to Rylan & Logan. Cailan's Bat Mitzvah project involves raising funds for UNICEF and Lil Bit of Love animal rescue. A student at Magee Middle School, Cailan's interests include dance and Odyssey of the Mind.



Isaac David Rawdin Apr. 28

Isaac is the son of Julia & Robert Rawdin; the grandson of Ruth & Jack Rawdin, and the late Mildred & Sonny

Rickles; and brother to Heather McGregor and Sarah, Eric, Harrison & Joshua Rawdin. Isaac's Bar Mitzvah project involves donating funds to the Community Food Bank. A student at La Cima Middle School, Isaac's interests include video games and reading.

Religious School & USY

As part of the JFCS "Matza & More" Passover Food Drive, we are asked to contribute 150 boxes of matza. Please bring boxes to the marked container in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer through March 22. We'll have our "Matza Machine" on **Tuesday, March 20** at 5:45pm when Religious School students will load all the boxes of matza donated so far to be delivered to Jewish Family & Children's Services for families in need.

Shabbat's Cool will be held **Saturdays**, **March 10 and April 14** at 9:00am when all families are invited to join us for this child-friendly Shabbat program, including a parallel session for parents 9:15-10:15am. Youth will learn the Torah portion, play outside and enjoy Shabbat lunch.

NEW! Junior Congregation is a teen-led Shabbat service for kids of all ages that includes a Torah service so the youth can take ownership of the service, **Saturdays**, **March 10, 24; April 14, 28; and May 12** at 10:30am. Storyteller Jordan Wiley-Hill will join us on March 10.

Chen Dinachi, one of our Shinshinim, will speak at Targum Shlishi on **Saturday**, **March 17**. See page 3 for more information.

Our Parent Havurah will meet on **Sunday, March 18** at 11:00am to build a vibrant and organic community among young families around the synagogue and to help shape your child's Jewish experience.

On **Sunday, March 25**, we'll prepare for Passover by bringing to life our people's story at our Passover Workshop & Chocolate Seder.

We're shifting some USY dates around! Senior USY will be held on **Sunday**, **March 4** at 12:00pm for lounge and pizza (not held Mar. 7 & 14). Junior & Senior Lounge will be held on **Sunday, March 18** at 12:00pm for pizza lunch and tallit making.

Kadima will join us — BUT EVERYONE IS INVITED! — to "Games & Giving" on **Sunday, March 4**. (See page 7 for more information.)

Junior & Senior USYers will meet at the synagogue on **Saturday, March 10** at 6:45pm for "Havdallah & Hockey." We'll share Havdallah service, followed by an excursion to see the Tucson Roadrunners hockey game. RSVP by Mar. 2 to Rabbi Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227.

Senior USY will attend a Specialty Kinnus in Valley Village, CA, March 23-25. Call Rabbi Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227 for more information.

As part of the **Sunday, March 25** Kadima lounge, we'll create Passover goodies in the kitchen.

USY Step-Up Days are approching! On **Sunday, April 8** at 12:00pm, 3rd Graders will be welcomed into Kadima; on **Tuesday, April 24** at 6:00pm, 6th Graders will be welcomed into Junior USY; and on **Saturday, April 28** at 8:00pm, 8th Graders will be welcomed into Senior USY through games and fun activities.

We encourage all families to celebrate 70 years of Israel's Independence at the Jewish Community Center on **Sunday**, **April 22**. While the event begins at 1:00pm, parents are encouraged to bring their children at 12:15pm so that they can participate in the opening parade. There will be live entertainment, a kiddie corner, a *shuk* and more!

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

Preschool/Kindergarten

The Usborne Book Fair returns March 12-16 in the school hallways. M-Th 8am-4pm; F 9am-12pm. Shop a large selection of beautiful, colorful, award-winning children's books that make reading and learning fun, promoting literacy and the love of reading while raising funds and books for CAI's Preschool/Kindergarten. All books have sturdy bindings and durable, acid-free pages, and do not have TV or movie tie-ins. Fair includes books, educational activity kits and card packs; no toys, trinkets or video games. The school's teachers will have their "wish lists" for books they would like for their classrooms.

There is no Preschool/Kindergarten on **Friday, March 16** as Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held.

On **March 26**, we'll have our Model Passover Seder (for the children only) led by "Moses" (Rabbi Eisen). Susan Kravitz will lead the children as they tell the story of Passover in song.

Each classroom will hold celebrations on **April 19** for Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence day).

There is a Noon Dismissal on **Friday**, **April 20** for a staff in-service.

Our "Mom & Me" Breakfast sponsored by PAC will be held on **Friday, April 27** at 8:00am. Children of the preschool/ kindergarten and their moms (or grandmas, aunts, etc.) enjoy a breakfast buffet made by the dads. Includes fun activities. Watch for more information soon.

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



Kabbalat Siddur Dedication Friday, March 23 • 5:45pm

Join us to celebrate as our 3rd Grade students lead our Friday night Shabbat service for the congregation and receive their very own copy of our siddur. This very special evening celebrates our students' Hebrew and Judaic accomplishments.

(l. to r. front row) Zachary Bailey, Izeah Bautista, Eleanor Cherkis & Jacob Jeck; (middle row) Logan Lazurus, Gregory Aday, Avery Dorf, Olivia Slaughter, Noah Lytle; (back row) Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny, Madricha Shira Dubin, Madricha Erika Spivack, Rabbi Robert Eisen

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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 the clergy assistant at 745-5550, ext. 225.



Aaron Jackson Heil Born January 9

Aaron is the grandson of Ronnie & Ken Miller. (Parents:

Jessica & Steve Heil)

Sophia Renee Cuison Born January II Sophia is the granddaughter of



Shelly Abell & Dan Weisz. (Parents: Sarah & Daniel Cuison)



Oren Daniel Kirkpatrick Born January 12 Oren is the grandson of Dona & Sheldon

Moskowitz. (Parents: Megan Elizabeth Moskowitz & Ross Kirkpatrick)

Eliza Barbara Hurand Born January 17 Eliza is the daughter of Ashley & Joshua Hurand.



Alaina Fleischman

Born February 2

Alaina is the granddaughter of Shelley & Marshall Heyman and the great-granddaughter

of Doris Fleischman. (Parents: Rachael & Michael Fleischman)

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 - Lawrence Grabell

MARRIAGES

Jacob Hall son of Rita & Martin Hall to Andrea Lagonowski

RECOGNITION

Lisa M. Robinson, photograher, recently exhibited at the Klompching Gallery in Brooklyn, NY

Jillian Cassius, USY President, received the Bryna Zehngut Mitzvot Award at the Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy's Connections Brunch on February 18

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!

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Evelyn Sigafus for enhancing the Jan. 27 kiddush in memory of her parents, Claire & Herman Weiss

Margo & Ron Gray

for sponsoring the Feb. 3 kiddush in honor of Ron's 70th birthday & the naming of their granddaughter, Eve Bernice Kovach

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Abigail & Noah Tolby for sponsoring the Feb. 17 kiddush in honor of their daughter, Dahlia becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Ashley & Joshua Hurand's parents for sponsoring the Feb. 24 kiddush in honor of their daughter, Eliza Barbara

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The congregation mourns the loss of our member: Florence Liebeskind

Our condolences to these members who mourn

the loss of their loved ones: Arlene Brody - her brother, Lewis Bialick Miriam Cline - her sister, Delia Otero Leon Robert Fridrich - his mother, Florence Fridrich Nancy Mellan - her father, Jerome "Jerry" Deutscher Eric Rudner - his grandmother, Florence Liebeskind Gail Rudner - her mother, Florence Liebeskind Rachel & Ryan Rudner - their great-grandmother, Florence Liebeskind

Carol Young Sears - her son, Michael Young

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Memorial Plaques have been installed for Ann Annette Stein Jerome "Jerry" Weiss

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Dealing with Grief and Loss?

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



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PLEASE CALL 745-5550 to speak with: Rabbi Robert Eisen, ext. 230 or Clergy Assistant, ext. 225

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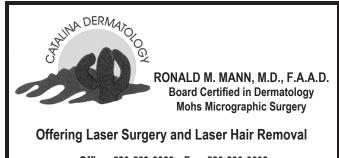






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