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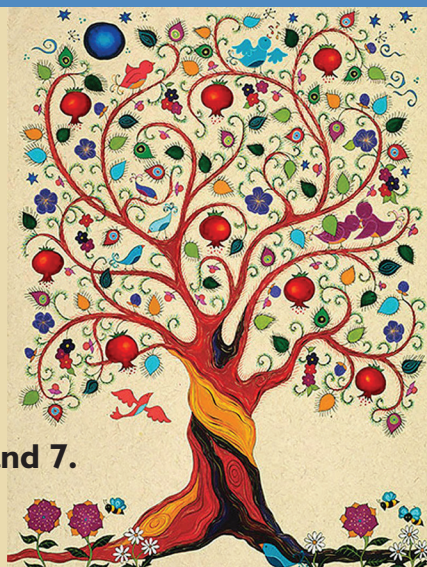


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President & Dean
Mechon Hadar, New York City
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"Our Voice"

The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel

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Proud Member of USCJ*

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Congregation Anshei Israel shall serve as a source of spiritual, educational, and social enrichment in order to encourage and ensure Judaic values in accordance with the Principles of Conservative Judaism.

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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**. (Not held January 1).

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**.



Worship provides
sanctuary from
everyday life.

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

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 Emilia at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Family Shabbat Experience Service & Dinner

Please join us on **Friday, January 18**, at **5:45pm** as we transition into the "Rhythm of Shabbat," followed by a **"BOGO"** dinner at 7:00pm.

At this service, we welcome Shabbat with rhythm, movement, ruach and song. Then we share Shabbat dinner, followed by Open Lounge in the Linda Roy Youth Center with games and fun.

What's **"BOGO"**? **Bring One, Get One!** For each family that brings a Jewish family who has not experienced this service and/or dinner with us before, **we'll cover the cost of dinner for the host family and their guests!** Let us share the spirit of SHABBAT and help others live their Judaism together... with us. **RSVP needed for dinner only by January 14.**

"BOGO" Price: Bring a Jewish family who have not experienced this Shabbat dinner, both families FREE. Otherwise: Dinner \$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children) for CAI members; guest family \$30; adults (13+) \$10 per person. Visit caiaz.org or call 745-5550.

We will also hold our regular "FSE" on **February 15** at which our Girl Scout Troup 613 will participate.

Shabbat Shira: The Sabbath of Song

Come learn new melodies and join us in song for the "Sabbath of Song" on **January 19 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, "Sounds of Freedom: Exodus in Song." Throughout the service you will hear some new melodies to familiar prayers and explore some of the varied repertoire of our heritage. Come sing with us!

Shalom!

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 Sunday, January 20 (it begins at sundown Jan. 19). For more information about CAI's "TU B'SHEVAT SEDER," see page 7.

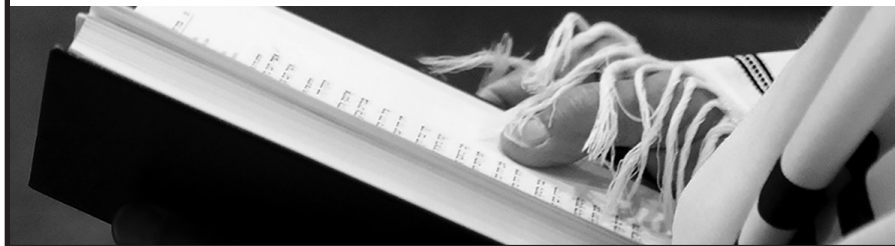
Ever wonder?

- What page are we on now?
- Why did he ask us to do that?
- I thought we already said that ... Why do we have to do it again?

Well, now we have a chance for you to learn!

~ PRAYERBOOK BOOT CAMP ~

On **Sunday, January 27 at 9:15am** we will hold a class on the form and function of our SHABBAT Morning Service. We will look at the structure of the service, as well as the meaning ("intention") of the more significant sections. There is a reason why we refer to our prayerbook as a SIDDUR (which means "order") ... and that "reason" was never meant to be a secret. Join us and turn all those things you find yourself wondering about into a greater sense of wonder!



Targum Shlishi with Special Guests

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 26**, following the Kiddush, six Southern Arizona firefighters recently returned from Israel will be our guests to share their experiences. While there, they



worked with their Israeli partners on the evolving threat of wildland and urban firefighting. After training, they explored Israel's history, culture and food. No charge to attend.

On **Saturday, February 16**, we will hold a discussion following the Kiddush **with Ron Benacot**, one of our *Shinshinit* (young Israelis doing a year of service here in Tucson on behalf of Israel through the Jewish Federation). A high school graduate who postponed her military service for a year in order to serve Tucson's Jewish Community, Ron will speak about her life in Israel. She lives in Moshav Mavkiim, which is in our Partnership region, Hof Ashkelon. Ron loves to CrossFit and is interested in computer science. She has an older brother who just finished his military service. She will begin working at CAI as of January 22. No charge to attend.



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**.

Join us on **February 1** when CAI's 3-year-olds' class, Maccabim will host. Dinner is: \$25 per family (two adults and up to four children); additional adults \$10 per person. RSVP needed for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

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, Yahrtzeits 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, 5779, is a leap year!



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!*

Dorit Adler	Mindy & Fred Hirsh	Jessica Priester
Austin Agron	Marty Johnston	Evonne Ravitz
MeMe Aguila	Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz	Sue Ross
Joshua Anbar	Aletha Kalish	Patti Salonic
Murray Baker	Aurora Kellogg	Judith Schneider
Morris Barkan	Sharon Klein	Judith & Charles Schultz
David Ben-Asher	Aaron Leonard	Phyllis Schwartz
Arlene Bluth	Norman Levine	Evelyn Sigafus
Lois Bodin	Susan & Richard Levy	Linda & Shelby Silverman
Barbara & Mel Brodie	Miriam Lippel	Steve Sim
Lawrence Cassen	Debra Lytle	Karen Skolnik
Jennifer & Mark Cassius	Barbara Stern Mannlein & Martin Mannlein	David Stoler
Shelly & Kevin Chess	Walter Marcus	Ariel Strobel
Dennis Dawson	Ziva Mason	Tammy Strobel
L. Elliott Farber	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Eri Svenson
Neneng Fassler	Levi Mendel	Moshe Toister
Eric Flank	Arnold B. Merin	Art Weinenger
Mark Friefeld	Jere & Bob Moskovitz	James Whitehill
James Frisch	Robert Mutterperl	Terry Williams
Jean & Marvin Glassberg	Jane Poliakoff	Jerry Wolf
Philip Goisman	Mitchell Pozez	Joanne Wolf
Shirley Goldberg	Shelley Pozez	Phyllis Wolf
Allen Gordon		Robert Wolk

~ Social Action ~



American
Red Cross

**Blood Drive
Sunday,
January 6
9am-2pm**

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 our Blood Drive Coordinator Fran Stoler at franstoler@gmail.com

Thank you to our “Yad Squad”

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

Malka Abraham	Markus Gonzales	Elana-Beth Rosen
Joshua Anbar	Marshall Heyman	Eric Saffioti
Rabbi Ruven Barkan	Mike Jacobson	Leonard Schultz
Jillian Cassius	Ziva Mason	Steve Seltzer
Abigail Cherkis	Phillip Pepper	Sophia Temyanko
Nichole Chorny	Joy Peskin	Moshe Toister
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Jessica Priester	Seth Windham
	Helen Rib	



UPDATE

CAI raised \$1900.00!

Congratulations to Dennis Vannorman of Tucson! Jim Click drew his winning ticket at the Millions for Tucson Raffle on December 13, 2018, and Dennis won the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee!

A very hearty congratulations to all 362 charities that participated this year raising \$1M+ for Southern Arizona charitable organizations.

The Millions for Tucson Raffle has now raised almost \$7M over nine raffles. On behalf of the Click family, thanks so much for all the hard work done in our community!



From the Executive Director

It's been a full year since my last Executive Director's conference and it couldn't have fallen at a more appropriate time. Last November, I joined over 160 of my international colleagues for an intense few days and nights of trainings, classes and networking.

The classes offered at the conferences are truly priceless. At this conference, I felt most connected to the Engaging Millennials and Security classes. All religious institutions are trying to figure out the best routes to engage young adults. I am thrilled to bring back some new ideas that I have been working on with our Community Engagement Committee to implement here. Security has, and will always be a hot topic in any organization; being part of the Jewish community amplifies that. To remain a secure facility, we will never disclose all of our security measures. What happened recently in Pittsburgh is horrible; how we've seen our community respond is significant. Rabbi Eisen was able to put together a meaningful vigil that was held at the Tucson JCC with over 1,500 in attendance. We will also be planting a tree in memory of the Pittsburgh victims. Staying committed to the synagogue and continuing to have a home for the community, to Live Y/Our Judaism Together is everyone's responsibility.

The attendance at the conference this year was different than last year. As I looked around the rooms, I noticed that the average age of attendee was much younger. Across all the Movements, there are more and more young and thriving Executive Directors stepping up into new roles. It's exciting and it's a new generation of leadership in Judaism. The thing that can make change difficult is the unknown. This year, we wished Max Ellentuck good luck on his future endeavors, and luckily, we had MeMe Aguila and Eric Flank able to help with our immediate needs. Now we are fortunate enough to have Dave Bizak as our new Food Services Coordinator (see right). We've also gone through a lot of physical changes: In recent years we've updated the Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard, the Rabbi Lee & Jane Kivel Foyer, and the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Courtyard & Foyer, and, by the time this article comes out, you'll have noticed the changes starting to our Susan & Saul Tobin History Hall.

Fifty years in one building can bring up a lot of changes, but it also brings up a lot of memories: "Aaron" becoming a Bar Mitzvah, "Uncle Marc & Aunt Rebecca's" wedding, little "Sarah's" first day of preschool. We want all of those memories, and more! Please help us include you and your family in our "50 Years on 5th Street" gala celebration this February by sending in those memorable stories, pictures and videos. We even changed the date of the gala to include our Wildcat fans, so no excuses, we want to see you on February 17th at 6:00pm!

So, what's next? For the synagogue? Our leadership? Committees? Programs? A lot and I hope when you see me at the doors, or in the hallway or at a meeting, and I ask you if you'd like to get more engaged with our community, you will say "yes" and join me. As for what's next with me, I'm fortunate that all of you, my congregation, allow me to schedule some time in March to attend my next conference to continue to grow and bring back this valuable material. *Todah Rabah!*

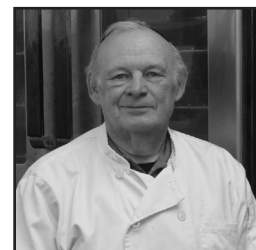
Debra Lytle, Executive Director
745-5550, ext. 242, ExecDir@caiaz.org

Todah Rabah!

A huge "thank you" to MeMe Aguila for her help in the kitchen during our search for a Food Services Coordinator. In that time, she reorganized CAI's kitchen, shopped for food, and cooked for Kiddush, Third Meal and Shabbat dinners. We also want to thank Eric Flank for coordinating our *Hevra Kadisha* team. We greatly appreciate their assistance during the transition.

Our New Food Services Coordinator

Dave Bizak brings a vast knowledge of kosher food and catering to CAI. A former co-owner of Rincon Market (6th St./Tucson Blvd.) for 42 years, Dave developed a large kosher food section in the Market, and provided catering for Congregations Young Israel and Chofetz Chayim under the supervision of Rabbis Shemtov and Becker, respectively. While with Rincon Market, he also provided catering for all the UA Athletic Departments, and the Diamondbacks and Rockies Spring Training teams.



After selling Rincon Market – a butcher for 40+ years – Dave was the General Manager at 5th St. Kosher Deli / Eli's Deli / 5th St. Kitchen under its various owners.

He is now responsible for managing CAI's kosher kitchen, its operations, and cooking for events, ensuring that all food prepared in the kitchen is done so according to Jewish law under the supervision of Rabbi Eisen. Dave shops for and/or orders all food items and kitchen supplies needed for all areas/departments of the synagogue.

He is also responsible for the coordination of volunteers (*Hevra Kadisha*) to perform certain Jewish burial traditions (*Tahara*) as needed.

Proud of his long-time working relationship with the Jewish community, Dave is married to his wife, Mary, of 45 years. They have two sons and seven grandchildren.

We are pleased to welcome Dave as part of our staff. Please introduce yourself to him when you get the chance!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed on #GivingTuesday, Nov. 27!

Including in-person donations and donations from Facebook, we collected \$1,481

toward the bottle-filling water fountain!

With the matching funds from Facebook, we hit our goal!

#GIVING
TUESDAY

Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah
for helping our community
continue to "Go Green"!



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

“Hanukkah & the Chocolate Factory” Party December 9, 2018



Rabbi Robert Eisen
lighted the Hanukiah.

Lots of happy faces &
bellies full of latkes!

(below) A chocolate fountain &
donuts from Le Caves were a hit!



**Thank you for helping
at the event:** Marty
Johnston, Marianne
Langer, Katherine
Leonard & Abby Rosen.

Mazal tov to the Black, Chorny, Griver,
Jeck & Jurkowitz families for finding the
Golden Tickets hidden in chocolate gelt.
Each was presented with prizes by Rabbi
Eisen & Executive Director Debra Lytle.

C O M I N G U P . . .

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January 11 - 12**



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For more information,
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Mishpacha (Family) Program



Especially 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.

**“Challah
Make & Take”
Sunday, Jan. 13
12:00pm**



All ages are welcome to learn how to make challah like
a pro! Make and take your very own challah to bake
at home and create a beautiful challah cover while we
wait for the dough to rise.

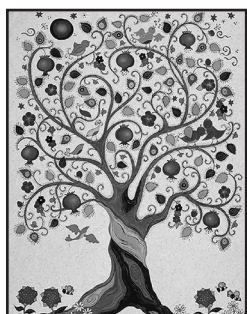
**\$6.13 per person with RSVP by Jan. 7;
(\$10 pp after Jan. 7). Includes lunch.
Visit caiaz.org or call 745-5550.**

**13TH
ANNUAL
Mah Jongs
Tournament
Sunday, January 20**

SEE INSERT for DETAILS.

C O M I N G U P . . .

Tu B'Shevat Seder
Sunday, Jan. 20
4:30pm Seder
**5:30 pm Mincha/
 Ma'ariv Service**



Celebrate the "new year" for trees with us as we enjoy fresh & dried fruits, seeds & juices, & dairy dinner of tuna salad, chips, challah rolls & dessert. Plus each attendee will take home a parsley seedling for use on Passover!

**No charge to attend; however
 RSVP needed by Jan. 16.**
 Visit caiaz.org or call 745-5550.

Mishpacha (Family) Program



Especially 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.

Mitzvah mania! Sunday, Feb. 3 12:00pm

Participate in a rotation of community service projects to help others in the greater Tucson Community. Projects* include:

- Creating hygiene packs for Casa de los Niños
- Making lunches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen
- Making birthday cards for CAI members 80+
- Making Get Well cards for a local children's hospital and more!

** If you would like to donate supplies or funds for any of the projects, please call Nichole Chorny at 745-5550, ext. 228.*

Open to all ages & all free; includes lunch!
RSVP required by Jan. 29. Visit caiaz.org or call 745-5550.



Come Together Gala **February 17, 2019 at 6pm** **Celebrating 50 Years on 5th Street**

Featuring the Dedication of the Susan & Saul Tobin History Hall

A 1969-Themed Evening
Dining & Dancing the Night Away
Tucson Cocktail Attire Requested

RSVP by February 4, 2019
5550 E. 5th Street, Tucson, 85711

Tickets \$69 - Call the Office or Purchase at caiaz.org



Cover/Interior Illustration: The cocktail party illustration features artwork from a vintage 1960's cocktail party invitation card produced by the now-defunct Gibson Greeting Card Company. Used in compliance with 17 U.S.C. § 106.



We Want Your Photos!

We're celebrating 50 years at 5th and Craycroft, and we need your memories.

As we are preparing to honor those who opened these synagogue doors 50 years ago, we're collecting photos and memories from our members. Please share them with us by visiting our website or bring them to the synagogue office so we can scan them. Photos will be shared on our website and at our 50th anniversary *Come Together Gala* on February 17th.

Longtime Members!

If you or your family have been members of Congregation Anshei Israel for 50+ years, please let us know, so that we may honor you at the Gala.

~ SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE UPCOMING PROGRAMS ~

AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS



Women's League

"Gentle Chair Yoga" continues to be held 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 to be held on **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00pm (not held Jan. 21 MLK Day)**. All levels of experience are welcome. It's casual, it's social and it's fun!

Please note: BOTH Yoga and Mah Jongg are now held in Room 10.

Our "**Women's Study Group**" will be held on **Mondays, January 7 and February 4 at 12noon**. Rabbi Robert Eisen leads the monthly group session using *Pirkei Imahot: The Wisdom of Mothers, The Voices of Women* as the core for discussion. Each month we explore the depth of their teaching with an eye to seeing how we might apply their lessons to our lives. Volumes of the book are available at each class session. No charge to attend. Bring your own dairy lunch; beverages and dessert provided.

Mah Jongg cards for 2019 are being sold 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 22** (\$8 standard size; \$9 large). For more information, contact Judy at 722-8562 or magicjudy1@gmail.com

CAI's **13th Annual Mah Jongg Tournament** will be held on **Sunday, January 20**, with check-in beginning at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to participate! Proceeds benefit our USY. For more information, pick up a form at the front desk in the administrative office, on the Shalom Cart, or visit caiaz.org

The **2018-19 Torah Fund** campaign continues with Debby Eisen as Torah Fund Pin Chair. Torah Fund ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by providing rabbis, cantors and educators and more. For more information and how you can receive this year's beautiful Torah Fund pin, pick up a form at the front desk in the administrative office, on the Shalom Cart, or visit caiaz.org



"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturday, January 5**, when we'll discuss *My Mother's Son* by David Hirshberg, with moderator Phyllis Broad.

For the **February 2 "RIM,"** we'll discuss *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker, with moderator Rabbi Robert Eisen.

Our reading list for the remainder of the year, as well as moderators for each book can be found on our website: <http://caiaz.org/getting-involved/affiliate-social-groups/read-it-meet/>

Monthly book discussions are held on Shabbat (**approx. 12noon**) 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



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

All are welcome to share their Jewish experiences, anecdotes and vignettes as part of "Roots

of My Judaism" on **Sunday, January 6 at 9:30am**. The event includes our delicious breakfast buffet. No charge for Men's Club members; guests are welcome for \$4 per person. For more information, contact Eric Flank at 256-7575 or eflank45@gmail.com

Our annual "**World Wide Wrap**" will take place on **Sunday, February 3 at 9:00am** when we will join the Religious School for Minyan and model for them how to wrap tefillin. Then 4th, 5th and 6th Graders and their parents are invited to share our delicious breakfast buffet at no charge and the students will present what they learned about tefillin. No charge for Men's Club members or Religious School guests; all others \$4 per person. For more information, contact Cary Fishman at 730-5282 or caryfish.com

Please note: BOTH events will be held in Rabbi Breger Hall.

C O M I N G U P SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE PROGRAMS

"THE TRIAL of ABRAHAM"

Wednesdays, Feb. 6 & 13 • 7:00pm

Join us for a mock grand jury and trial of Abraham, accused of attempted murder of his son, Isaac. Attendees will act as jury.



**WATCH FOR YOUR JURY SUMMONS
IN THE MAIL!**

3rd Annual



**Hamentaschen
for Hunger**

Sunday, Mar. 3 • 3:30pm

Dr. Seuss Purim

Wednesday, Mar. 20 • 5:00pm

Jews in the Desert

SABINO CANYON HIKE & LEARNING

Sunday, Mar. 31 • 3:00pm

E D U C A T I O N

Preschool/Kindergarten

In November we had our first class-sponsored Tot Shabbat of the year. Thank you *Shomrim* for providing the beautiful musical addition to the service.

Our Usborne Book Fair was a great success, as was our **"Danishes with Dad" Breakfast**. A hearty thank you to our event co-chairs Heather and Megan for obtaining Home Depot kid craft kits and organizing a wonderful event. The "dads" did a great job helping the children with the kits. It was hard to tell who had more fun!



In December, this year's Hanukkah Celebration included a dairy lunch of latkes, as well as student-made treats. And new this year, some PAC moms made yummy treats for a bake sale, with all proceeds going to our Parent Action Committee to help pay for enrichment programs and supplies. We made \$345! Thank you all. We'll have another bake sale in time for Purim.

Looking ahead, registration for current preschool families for the 2019-2020 school year begins in January, with open registration to the general community in February. We welcome families with children 14- months to 6-years-old, so tell your families and friends to come meet our staff and tour our classrooms and playground.

Remember: There is no school January 21 in observance of MLK Day, and February 21 & 22 for Rodeo Break. On February 8, we have 12:30pm early dismissal.

Nancy Auslander
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Thank you to these PAC moms for preparing goodies for the Bake Sale: (back row left, clockwise) Carla Preiss, Olesia Ivanytska, Elizabeth Cohn, Lindsey Embree, Simone Kirk, Dana Goldstein, Stephanie Buchler, Katie Stelltano & Alisa Cunningham

Religious School & USY

Senior USY will be making *tallitot* on Wednesday, January 9 (tie-dye), and on Wednesday, January 16 (tie knots).

A Senior USY Specialty Kinnus will be held in San Diego February 15-17. Please RSVP by January 10 to me.

Kadima will join the Mishpacha program, "Challah Make & Take" on January 13 at 12:00pm. (See page 6 to learn more.) They will also participate in the social action Mishpacha program, "Mitzvah Mania" February 3 at 12:00pm. (See page 7 for more.) On Sunday, February 17, we'll have a tie-dye lounge.

All families are invited to join us on Saturdays, January 19 and February 9 for **"Shabbat's Cool,"** 9:00am-12:00pm. This service, led by and for kids of all ages, includes the reading and exploration of Torah, with a parallel learning session for parents. This Shabbat experience provides ample time for kids to be together outside and over lunch.

Remember: There is no Religious School January 1, 6, 20, February 10 & 24.

Junior and **Senior USY** will participate in a special MLK Day event: We'll have a sleep-over at CAI in Rabbi Breger Hall on Sunday, January 20. The following morning, we will join the City's MLK March. After the march, we'll do service projects into the day, and end the afternoon at Tucson Bowl for a little relaxation. Pick-up time at CAI: 5:00pm.

Junior and **Senior USY** will lead a Shabbat Service and share their own Shabbat dinner on Friday, February 1. Please meet at the synagogue at 5:40pm.

Our *shinshinit* **Ron Benacot** will be the guest speaker at the February 16 Targum Shlishi (see page 3 for details). Come hear about her life in Israel.

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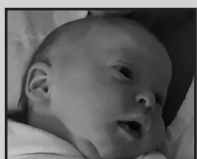


Gemma Ostin Joffe **Born October 1**

Gemma is the granddaughter of Jessie & Arnold Joffe. (Parents: Niki & Daryl Joffe)

Samuel Lev Reichman **Born October 17**

Samuel is the grandson of Felisa & Ruben Bien-Willner. (Parents: Carina Bien-Willner Reichman & Matthew Reichman)



Shakked Avigail Abraham **Born November 1**

Shakked is the granddaughter of Malka & William Abraham and the great-granddaughter of Hyman Goodman. (Parents: Aylana & David Abraham)

Pierce Bryan Chambliss-Beren **Born November 11**

Pierce is the grandson of Nessa & Peter Beren. (Parents: Simone Chambliss & Andrew Beren)



Zohreh Decker **Born November 14**

Zohreh is the daughter of Parisa & Scott Decker.

Benjamin Monroe Elitzer **Born November 19**

Benjamin is the grandson of Barbara & Gerald Goldberg. (Parents: Julia & Dan Elitzer)

Tristan Jeral Lewish **Born December 5**

Tristan is the grandson of Patti Salonic. (Mother: Katie Cubillas)

January Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Beth & Alan Strauss	23
11 Sandra & Gerald Ross	60
12 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	32
13 Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	17
15 Marianne & Allen Langer	35
21 Sallie & Morton Kranitz	56
23 Jane & Jonathan Klein	48
30 Yael & Shlomo Neuman	54

February Anniversaries

Date	Years
11 Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	40
Enid & Irwin Freedman	69
13 Ruth & Marvin Hoffman	64
Rosie & Paul Kahn	25
16 Hyla & Gary Windham	16
17 Janis & Daniel Gasch	34
Alla & Howard Steinberg	11
19 Betty & Stanley Scott	58
20 Madeline & Barry Friedman	36
23 Marcia & Paul Simon	5
25 Anita & Danny Levkowitz	41
28 Dawn & Leonard Steinberg	3

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