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Purim Pandemonium Party

Wednesday, March 20

Come dressed in costume
for the celebration –
Fun & Games • Food & Frolicking

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PASSOVER
5779
at CAI



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The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel

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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!

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 **March 1** when CAI's "littles" classes, Par Par, Keshet & Shemesh will host.

Its Back! We're inviting our regular participants to "BOGO: Bring One, Get One" with us on **April 5**. 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! RSVP required.

Otherwise, 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.

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.



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.

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, call Sierra 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 following 5:30pm Minyan**. (Not held April 23).

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**. (Not held March 20, April 17 & 24).

Shabbat Under the Stars

Join us for an intimate Shabbat service on **Friday, March 8 at 5:45pm** on our beautiful Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard (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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Many people are allergic &/or sensitive to scents (including perfume, cologne, powder, lotion, etc.). Kindly refrain from wearing them when attending services &/or events.

Shalom!

Please
warmly



our
new members:

Josh Gaines • Lynne & Eric Gaines • Jerry Gerber

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner / Kabbalat Siddur Dedication

Please join us on **Friday, March 15** for a special Family Service at 5:45pm as our Kabbalat Siddur students who are celebrating their Hebrew and Judaic accomplishments lead our Friday night Shabbat service and receive their own copy of our siddur. Sure to be a meaningful service!

We'll welcome Shabbat with rhythm, movement, *ruach* and song, followed by Shabbat dinner at 7:00pm, and 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. RSVP needed for dinner only by Mar. 11. Visit caiaz.org or call 745-5550.

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.

Following the Kiddush on **Saturday, March 16** (approximately 12 noon), **Rabbi Robert Eisen** presents "Tikkun Olam: What it Isn't and What it Is!"

No charge to attend. For more information, contact Rabbi Eisen at 745-5550, ext. 230 or rabbi@caiaz.org

Geniza Field Trip

As part of the lifecycle curriculum, our 5th & 6th graders will take a field trip to Evergreen Cemetery on **Sunday, March 17** where **Rabbi Robert Eisen** will point out the graves of those who are a part of the history of our congregation, as well as Tucson at large; teach the students about our GENIZA (a place where worn ritual objects and sacred texts are buried); and lead a short service which will include the burial of items that we have collected over the year. Everyone is welcome. We'll begin sometime **10:00 - 10:15am** (start time will depend on how long it takes to get our students from Religious School to the cemetery); We expect to conclude between 11:00 and 11:30am (depending on questions, etc.). Our visit will begin in the area beneath the archway on the east side of CAI's section. Please contact Rabbi to let him know you will be attending or should you have questions at 745-5550, ext. 230 or rabbi@caiaz.org



Shir Hadash Shabbat: A New Song

Join us on **Friday, March 29 at 5:45pm** for an uplifting service as we mix the traditional liturgy with new melodies from the modern Jewish world. Using *niggunim* (wordless melodies) and participatory singing, Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny will introduce some new melodies to help enhance our service with new music and joy.

Introducing a NEW Program for Youth!

Shaliach Tzibbur Youth Leadership Program

The purpose of this new program is to encourage service leadership from our youth members of CAI, from Bar/Bat Mitzvah through their undergraduate years in college. Participants will receive awards marking their achievements in leadership of religious services. They are also encouraged to expand their knowledge of service leading by learning new parts of the service with the help of Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny.

How does it work?

- When a participant has led three services, they will be presented with an Amazon Gift Card for \$18
- When a participant has led 10 services, they will be presented with an Amazon Gift Card for \$54
- When a participant has led 18 services, they will receive a tallit with a special embroidered atara (in Hebrew): Anshei Israel Shaliach Tzibbur

What counts toward the program?

- Leading any service (Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat, daily Minyan, Holiday) or part thereof (including: P'Sukei D'Zimra, Shacharit, Torah Service, Musaf, Mincha or Ma'ariv)
- Blowing shofar for any service or youth program that requires it

All post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students through young adults are eligible and encouraged to participate. If you would like to sign-up for the program or have questions, please contact Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny at 745-5550, ext. 228 or cantorialsoloist@caiaz.org

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!

Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in
December 2018 and January 2019)

Malka Abraham	Scott Lewis
Joshua Anbar	Ziva Mason
Charles Blitzer	Phillip Pepper
Nichole Chorny	Jessica Priester
L. Elliott Farber	Helen Rib
Margo Gray	Abby Rosen
Aaron Green	Eric Saffioti
Marshall Heyman	Leonard Schultz
Mike Jacobson	Steve Seltzer
Dan Jurkowitz	Linda Silverman
David Jurkowitz	Eri Svenson
Lisa Jurkowitz	Sophia Temyanko
Michael Jurkowitz	Moshe Toister
Sheeri Kahn	Abigail Wilson
Natalie Leonard	

~ Social Action ~

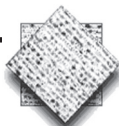


Rabbi Robert Eisen
accepted your **CAI
Tzedakah Boxes**
for donation
toward our sister
synagogue,
Shevet Achim in
Gilo, Israel from

**November 26 to December 31,
2018.** All donations received via
these boxes were matched!

Thank you to all those who brought
in your boxes, picked up new boxes,
and continue to support Shevet
Achim.

Don't yet have a CAI Tzedakah Box?
We have plenty ... come on in to get
yours.



"Matza and More" Passover Food Drive March 18 - April 8

CAI's Religious School is coordinating
this community drive for Jewish Family &
Children's Services to assemble Passover
baskets for families in need.

We are responsible for **200 boxes**
of matza, and are also accepting other
kosher-for-Passover food items.

Please bring items to the marked box in
the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer outside
the administrative office; or monetary
donations to the front desk.

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 2018 and January 2019. **Todah rabah!**

Dorit Adler	Margo & Ron Gray	Eileen Barkan-Riley &
MeMe Aguila	Robert Harris	Michael Riley
Joshua Anbar	Mindy & Fred Hirsh	Abby Rosen
Sarah Artzi	Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz	Leonard Schultz
Gerald Barkan	Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz	Mike Schoenhals
Morris Barkan	Michael Jurkowitz	Phyllis Schwartz
Burton Becker	Rosie Eilat-Kahn &	Trudy & Howard
David Ben-Asher	Paul Kahn	Schwartz
Lois Bodin	Steven Ketchel	Janet & Stephen Seltzer
Phyllis Broad	Ellyn Langer	Evelyn Sigafus
Jennifer & Mark Cassius	Marianne & Allen Langer	Linda & Shelby Silverman
Dennis Citron	Phyllis & Philip Lapin	Marcia & Paul Simon
Miriam Cline	Aaron Leonard	Marilyn Einstein &
Terri Cohen	Barbara Levkowitz	Steven Sim
Amy & Robert Direnfeld	Debra Lytle	Steve and Shelley Singer
Ted Direnfeld	Ziva Mason	David Stoler
Andy Douglas	Levi Mendel	Tammy & Alan Strobel
Debby Eisen	Pamela & Stuart Mendel	Eri Svenson
L. Elliott Farber	Arnold Merin	Elena & Valery Temyanko
Judith & Cary Fishman	Bob Moskovitz	Sandra Tobin
Madeline & Barry Friedman	Judith Mussman	Moshe Toister
Myrna & James Frisch	Robert Mutterperl	Arthur Weinenger
Emanuel Furst	Rina Paz	Stephen Weinstein
Carole & Art Glass	Vicki Pepper	James Whitehill
Philip Goisman	David and Terri Polan	Jerry Wolf
Barbara & Gerald Goldberg	Jessica Priester	Joanne Wolf
Shirley Goldberg	Alan Ravitz	Phyllis Wolf
Allen Gordon		Robert Wolk



Remember how excited Steve
Martin got when the new
phone books arrived? (If not,
Google the 1979 movie "The
Jerk.")

As a member of CAI, you, too,
can get excited because the
new CAI member directory is
here! To keep costs down, it's
not fancy, but we hope you'll
find it handy.

You can pick up a copy (one
per household) at the Front
Desk in the administrative
office during business hours
after March 11.

From the President



Acknowledgement, Appreciation, Gratitude, Honoring, Recognition, Thankfulness

These are the words that I contemplate as I reflect on the success of our, "L'Door V'Dor: 50 Years on 5th Street." You may or may not be aware that this was a two-year initiative with an ambitious fundraising goal and an equally bold celebratory goal.

Acknowledgement of a few very important people. Rabbi Robert Eisen who put the idea of celebrating our 50 years in this building into play. Marty Johnston and Debra Lytle, my partners in crime who did so much of the behind the scenes creative and administrative work. Our L'Door V'Dor Steering Committee Co-Chairs: Sarah Artzi, Eric Tobin, Sue Tobin, Mel and Enid Zuckerman. They helped to mold and grow this idea into a reality. And they all served as confidence builders, the "You go get 'em!" cheerleaders. What we accomplished is due in great part to their guidance, their collaboration and their encouragement.

Appreciation to all of our sponsors. From our "Come Together" and "Down on the Corner" sponsors through all those 1969 hits to include our "Everyday People." Just like in that earlier generation, you all stepped up and took responsibility for our *shul* and "put some skin in the game," just like Saul Tobin would have wanted. Thank you sincerely for your contributions.

Gratitude for our Gala Co-Chairs, Vicki Pepper and Rosie Kahn and their amazing Gala Committee. Rabbi Eisen has said it to me more than once, "If you want a party that people will come to and have a good time, get that group involved!" We had some drama that last week, didn't we? More than one of you said the true hero of the event was Debra, and I agree. But you know what she said? She said, "I'm just so proud of everyone stepping up to do what they could to make it happen." Gala Committee, you have embodied exactly what we were committed to honoring. Every one of you made the Gala the amazing success that it was, *Kol Hakavod!* (Way to go!)

Recognition of those who are making a difference in the long term health of the synagogue through their legacy planning with the establishment of the CAI Legacy Society. The goal of the CAI Legacy Society is to recognize and thank those who have remembered Congregation Anshei Israel in their endowment or legacy plans and encourage others to do the same. If you haven't already, I encourage and invite you (yes, you) to join me in creating your own legacy plan that includes CAI and truly make a meaningful impact on our future.

Thankfulness, my sincere thankfulness to all of you. Marianne Langer for the amazing decorations. Phil Pepper, our incredible emcee, who kept the party going and all of us having fun. Our maintenance team: Lupe, Ramon, Marisol and Draven – whose hard work gives new meaning to the word dependability! Debra, absolutely the hero of the day! And you. You are all a part of our history and a part of our future. When I think about what we are up to at CAI, the meaningful things we are accomplishing, the words that come to mind are acknowledgement, appreciation, gratitude, recognition and thankfulness because we cannot do it without YOU.

Stephanie Roberts
241-8559, president@caiaz.org

CAI's 88th Annual Meeting Monday, May 13, 2019

**SAVE
the DATE**

The Governance Committee is responsible for conducting an annual review of the bylaws and suggesting changes as appropriate, updating bylaws and resolving questions about them as required, reviewing all petitions to amend bylaws, reviewing general Board, Synagogue Life Council and committee operating rules, and maintaining and updating Board policies as appropriate. They also assess the leadership needs of committees and Board and create a slate of Officers and Board members.

This year's slate of Officers and Board member recommendations will be shared in the 88th Annual Meeting mailing.

CAI's Governance Committee:

Monica Rudner, Chair	Madeline Friedman
MeMe Aguila (alternate)	Danielle Larcom
Phil Bregman	Phillip Pepper
Barbara Burstein (alternate)	Steve Spitzer
Richard Fink	

Handmaker Lecture Series Presents Why Good Things Happen to Bad People



Rabbi Yossi Shemtov
Congregation Young Israel



Rabbi Thomas Louchheim
Congregation Or Chadash



Rabbi Robert Eisen
Congregation Anshei Israel

Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 3:30-5pm
Handmaker, in the Great Room
Free and open to all

Join us at Handmaker as three of our community's Rabbis talk about why good things happen to bad people; a discussion about how free will and a divine plan can coexist; from the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative perspectives. There will be time afterwards for your questions.

Light refreshments are included. To RSVP, contact Nanci Levy at 322-3632 or nlevy@handmaker.org


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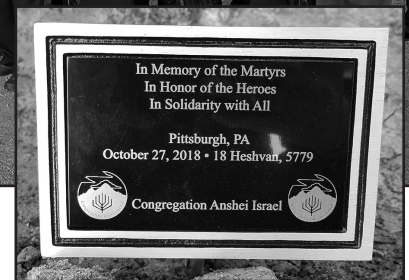
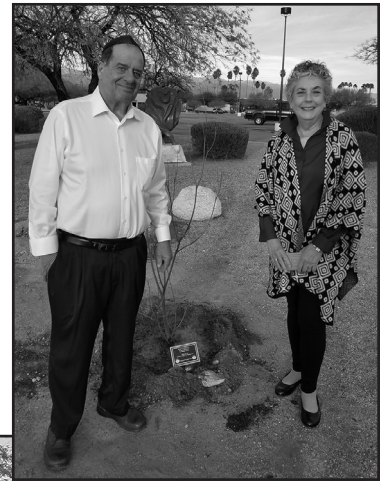
C A T C H I N G U P . . .

Tu B'Shevat Solidarity Tree • January 20

As part of our celebration of the “new year” for trees, we planted and dedicated a tree in memory and honor of those martyrs and heroes from the October 2018 tragedy in Pittsburgh, PA.



The tree was
donated by
Julie & David
Feingold.



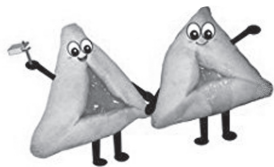
“Mitzvah Mania” • February 3

Todah rabah to all those who participated in community service projects to help others: Creating hygiene packs for Casa de los Niños; making lunches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen; making birthday cards for CAI members 80+; and making Get Well cards for a local children’s hospital and making snack packs for students at Los Amigos Elementary School! Thank you to the following for donating supplies: Lynne Bergman, Shirley Goldberg, Kerri Haefflinger, Emily Lazarus, Marlene Morton, Nadines Bakery, Bill Rosenzweig, Supercuts, Trader Joe’s & Tucson Smiles Pediatric Dentistry.



Thank you to the following people
for helping at the
“Challah Make & Take” on January 13:
MeMe Aguila, Shawn & Aaron Hellman
and Marianne Langer!

C O M I N G U P . . .



3rd Annual Hamentaschen for Hunger

Sunday, March 3 • 3:30pm

Make your own hamantaschen (take & bake), and/or Shalach Manot baskets and Purim greeting cards. **NEW this year:** Each set-up comes with a custom cloth apron to take home as a parting gift! A set-up (\$18 each) of dough (enough to make about 12 hamantaschen), rolling pins, cutters, fillings, a disposable baking pan and instructions are provided. **HURRY:** Call 745-5550 or visit caiaz.org to RSVP!

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.

Jews in the Desert

SABINO CANYON HIKE & LEARNING

Sunday, March 31 • 3:00pm

What is the blessing we say when we see a magnificent sunset? What about while admiring a beautiful rainbow? Join us for an easy family-friendly hike through Sabino Canyon as we explore the *Birchot Nehenin*, the Blessings of Enjoyment. Be sure to bring water and wear sunblock. We'll meet on the north side of the parking lot.

No charge to attend, but there is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle (or use your yearly park pass; also available for purchase at park).

RSVP to Nichole Chorny at 745-5550, ext. 228

THANK YOU TO THE JFSA

Two years ago the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, as part of its allocation process, established a special committee called the "Synagogue Funding Group" with the purpose of supporting Synagogue activities/programming especially for families with children 18 years and younger. CAI is applying the funds that we received to enhance our Preschool, Religious School and Youth programming/engagement in a number of different areas. We appreciate and thank the Federation for this support.

TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL JEWISH SENIORS and JEWISH ADULTS with DISABILITIES!

FREE door-to-door shared rides and safe secure transportation. JFSA provides rides to synagogue services, educational programs, and social events for Jewish seniors and Jewish adults with disabilities.

Call Beverly at 577-9393 to register!



Purim Pandemonium Party



Wednesday, March 20

**SEE INSERT for DETAILS
so you don't miss the fun!**

Adult Education Kollel (Class)

Sunday, April 7 • 9:30-10:30am



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-23



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-35



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-23



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhcleable Bolls
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

As part of our Passover Family Workshop, while students are learning about Passover, adults/parents may join Rabbi Eisen for *"The Ten Plagues: Who suffered ... and why?"*

No charge to attend, but please RSVP by April 3 to Sierra at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Sweet Tomatoes. 
DISCOVER FRESH™

**Thursday, April 18
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!

AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS



Women's League

Open Mah Jongg Play continues to be held on **Mondays, 10:00am to 12:00pm**. All levels of experience are welcome. Join us: It's casual, it's social and it's fun! (Held in Room 10.)

Our **"Women's Study Group"** will be held on **Mondays, March 4 and April 1 (no fooling!) 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.

"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.

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

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

CAI is committed to helping these children throughout the school year.

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



Please donate: (for children ages 3 through 7)

- Gently-used or NEW children's clothing
- NEW socks & underwear
- Gently-used or NEW children's books
- Gently-used or NEW children's games, puzzles & toys

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



Men's Club
of Congregation Anshei Israel

Men's Club

Everyone is invited to join us as Men's Club presents **"Music in Our Lives"** on **Sunday, March**

10 at 10:30am in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Do you have a passion for music? Do you play an instrument or sing? Join us for brunch and a musical presentation as all are welcome to share how music affects their lives, Jewishly and in the secular world. Come to perform a few songs for the group, or just to listen. Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny will facilitate. If you would like to perform and share your passion for music, please contact Eric Flank. Brunch is free for Men's Club members; guests \$4 per person. Please RSVP to Eric Flank at 256-7575 or eflank45@gmail.com

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is observed beginning the evening of **May 1**. In the past, Men's Club mailed yellow Yahrzeit candles so we could honor the memories of our 6 million brothers and sisters who perished in the Holocaust. This year, we are unable to underwrite the cost of the candle mailing, but we encourage you to light a candle in your home. Those of you who own electric Yahrzeit candles may light them; for those who don't have electric candles, we have made an arrangement so you may purchase generic Yahrzeit candles from the CAI Women's League Gift Shop.

Men's Club is planning a series of programs for the coming months and we hope that you will join our group. Membership is complimentary for the first year, and \$40 per year thereafter. As always, Men's Club brunches are free to Men's Club members. Membership applications are on CAI's website or available at the front desk in the administrative office and on the Shalom cart during kiddush every Shabbat. Checks may be mailed in with the application or dropped off to the CAI office at 5550 E. 5th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711. Questions? Call Cary Fishman at 722-8562.



"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturday, March 2**, when we'll discuss *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn, with moderator Malka Abraham.

For the **April 6 "RIM,"** we'll discuss *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, with moderator Linda Gorsky.

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. 12 noon**) 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

E D U C A T I O N

Religious School & USY

Kadima will participate in "Hamentaschen for Hunger" on **Sunday, March 3 at 3:30pm.** (See page 7 to learn more.) We'll meet for pizza in the Linda Roy Youth Center at 3:00pm.

All families are invited to join us on Saturdays, **March 9 and April 13** for "**Shabbat's Cool/Junior Congregation**," 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.

Please join us on **Friday, March 15** for a special Family Service at **5:45pm** as our **Kabbalat Siddur** students who are celebrating their Hebrew and Judaic accomplishments lead our Friday night Shabbat service and receive their own copy of our siddur. (See photo below and page 3 for details.)

Our 5th & 6th graders will take a **Geniza Field Trip** to Evergreen Cemetery with Rabbi Robert Eisen on **Sunday, March 17**, (we'll meet at **9:00am** at CAI to carpool to Evergreen) where he will point out the graves of those who are a part of the history of our congregation, as well as Tucson at large; teach the students about our GENIZA (where worn ritual objects and sacred texts are buried); and lead a short service which will include the burial of items that we have collected over the year.

Our annual "**Matza and More**" **Passover Food Drive** will run **March 18 - April 8** coordinated by CAI's Religious School. We hope to collect 200 boxes of matza! (See page 4 for more.)

A **Senior USY Kinnus** will be held in Phoenix **March 29-31.**

The Religious School **Passover Family Workshop** will be held **Sunday, April 7, 9:00am-12:00pm.** All youth and their families are invited to join us as we prepare for Passover by bringing to life our people's story.

No charge, but please RSVP by Apr. 2 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224. Our Parent Havurah will meet 9:00-9:30am and Rabbi Eisen will present an Adult Education Kollel at 9:30am (see page 7 for more information.)

Kadima's chocolate seder is at **12:00pm on Sunday, April 7.** All youth are welcome!

We'll create our "**Matza Machine**" on **Tuesday, April 9 at 5:45pm.** We load all the donated items from the Matza & More Passover Food Drive into a van to be taken to **JFCS.**

Hebrew High School Graduation is **Tuesday, April 30.** *Mazal tov:* Jillian Cassius, Rebecca Dubin, Aaron Green, Mallory Hulsey, Geva Ozeri, Hayden Peskin-Owens and Erika Spivack.

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

Preschool/ Kindergarten

It's registration time for the 2019-2020 school year! Current preschool families were sent enrollment packets in January and they are being returned at a steady pace. Registration is now open to the public; we mailed packets to families that have toured our preschool over the past weeks. Ours is a vibrant, warm and nurturing school, so be sure to tell all your friends and family about our preschool!

I attended the School & Camp Fair at The J on February 17. It was well-attended and we raffled off gift baskets, gathering contact information so we can follow up with families who stopped by our table.

Work has begun on our spring garden, and the children in Shomrim (4-year-olds) harvested and tasted their winter vegetables. Other work planned for the playground: repairing our irrigation system for more efficient watering in our garden beds; removing a tree causing damage to the brickwork; and some tree trimming.

We're all learning about Purim; getting ready for the Purim costume parade and hamantashen celebration on March 21, followed by our Model Seder and Passover in April. And you know what that means? The end of the school year and summer camp are just around the corner!

Nancy Auslander
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Kabbalat Siddur Graduates (Front row l. to r.) Jax Larcom, Abigail Jeck, William Douglas & Trevin Morton; (back row l. to r.) Rabbi Robert Eisen, Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny, Milena Starobinskaya & Rabbi Ruven Barkan

Celebrating Becoming Bar Mitzvah at CAI



Jared Bernard Matheson • Mar. 16

Jared is the son of Teresa & Brandon Matheson; the grandson of Darlene & Robert Moen, Susan Matheson, and Debra & Landon Matheson; and brother to Melayna and Clayton. Jared's Bar Mitzvah project involves volunteering at Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids (TRAK).

A student at Tucson Hebrew Academy, Jared's interests include football, basketball and Student Council.



Logan Daniel Lazarus • Apr. 6

Logan is the son of Emily & Adam Lazarus; the grandson of Ellen Yasmer and the late Larry Yasmer, and Sandra & Joel Lazarus; and brother to Sawyer. Logan's Bar Mitzvah project involves picking up trash along the Rillito River Park trail as part of Tucson Clean and Beautiful. A student at

Orange Grove Middle School, Logan's interests include basketball, football, golf and piano.

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



Zara Wilburn
Born January 21
Zara is the granddaughter of Rosie & Paul Kahn.
(Parents: Yoneet & Michael Wilburn)

Max Harrison Ehrenpreis **Born February 7**

Max is the nephew of Debra & Mark Lytle. (Parents: Julie & Michael Ehrenpreis)

March Anniversaries

Date	Years
5 Ofelia & Simon Fried	38
Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	52
7 Marsha & Charles Blitzer	38
9 Jennifer & Darren Lehrfeld	23
Nancy & Richard Weiss	34
14 Marylou & Norman Feiger	26
15 Eileen Barkan-Riley & Michael Riley	33
21 Valorie & Andrew Douglas	10
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25 Dani & Phil Bregman	18
27 Stacey & Zach Singer	8
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April Anniversaries

Date	Years
2 Norma & Ron Karp	53
9 Melissa & Tedd Goldfinger	19
11 Judith & Borah Jacobskind	65
18 Amy & Ken Pugliese	21
20 Jessie & Arnold Joffe	61
28 Barbara & Peter Danes	17
29 Ellen Eichler-Grabell & Lawrence Grabell	24

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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 caiaz.org/resources as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim

Federal healthcare privacy regulations make it difficult for us to know when a member of CAI has been admitted to a hospital.

Become a partner in the mitzvah of Bikur Holim — visiting the sick — by advising our clergy when you, a relative, or a friend is hospitalized. We can stay informed ONLY if a family member or friend provides the information to us.

PLEASE CALL 745-5550 to speak with:

Rabbi Robert Eisen, ext. 230 or
Clergy Assistant, ext. 225

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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Honorable "Menschens"

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Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Stanley Abrams

Ruth Berman

Harold Langer

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

Judith Abrams - her husband, Stanley Abrams

Doris Goldstein - her brother, Stanley Abrams

Paul Kahn - his sister, Cathy Kahn Dorson

Allen Langer - his brother, Harold Langer

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Stephanie Roberts - her uncle, Stanley Abrams

Richard Walton - his mother, Jeanette "Ginger" Walton

May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners



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