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Moses with the  
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The Newsletter for Congregation Anshei Israel

## Congregation Anshei Israel

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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!

### Bat Kohen/Bat Levi

A position adopted within our movement affirms that a woman whose father is a Kohen or Levi may consider herself a Bat Kohen or Bat Levi for the purpose of receiving the Kohen or Levi Aliyah when she comes to the Torah. We will embrace them as being eligible to take such honors on those occasions when we call people to the Torah as Kohen or Levi. We know that not all women will choose to do this, but for those who do, once they have claimed this status, from that point on they will be eligible only for the Kohen or Levi Aliyah. If you are a Bat Kohen or Bat Levi, please let Rabbi Robert Eisen know so that we can be sure to look for you when assigning the honors.

### Weekday Torah Study Group

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

### Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Robert Eisen holds a special Tot Shabbat Service with stories and songs **the first Friday of most months** at **5:45pm** on the Bimah in the sanctuary (**May 3 and June 7**). A kid-friendly Shabbat dinner follows at **6:15pm**. Dinner is \$25 per family (two adults and up to four children); additional adults \$10 per person. RSVP is needed for dinner only. Call 745-5550.



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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.

#### 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.

### 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**.

**Note:** Jane Kivel was inadvertently omitted from the new Membership Directory. Should you need her contact information, please call the front desk.

# Shalom!

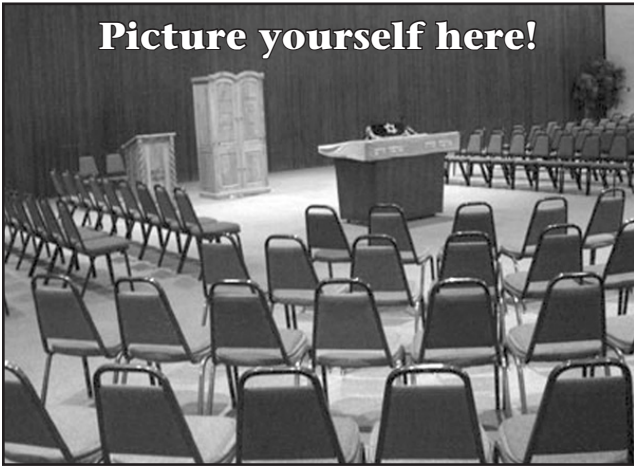
Please warmly *Welcome* our new member:

Paul Berman

## Family Shabbat Israel Night Service & Dinner

Share an interactive and upbeat Shabbat celebration for families at **5:45pm on Friday, May 17**, followed at **7:00pm** by an Israeli-style dinner, Israeli dancing, Israeli trivia bowl and Open Lounge in the Youth Center. Join us and make friends, build community, learn about Judaism, and have 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. Call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or visit [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)

## Picture yourself here!



## Summer Shul

For several weeks each summer, we move our **9:00am Saturday service** from the sanctuary to enable us to set a different mood. We will set up Rabbi Breger Hall as a Sanctuary: the chairs are placed in concentric semi-circles around a Reader's Stand, and the *Aron Kodesh* is placed against the Eastern Wall. This enables us to see and hear each other during the course of the service, and to find our worship strengthened by our sense of togetherness. Please plan to join us **June 15 through August 10**.

## 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!



## What Is Lag B'Omer?

This minor holiday is known for bonfires, weddings and haircuts.

Lag B'Omer is a minor holiday that occurs on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. A break from the semi-mourning of the Omer, key aspects of Lag B'Omer include holding Jewish weddings (it's the one day during the Omer when Jewish law permits them), lighting bonfires and getting haircuts.

There are a few explanations why we celebrate Lag B'Omer, but none is definitive.

The Omer is a time of semi-mourning, when weddings and other celebrations are forbidden, and as a sign of grief, observant Jews do not cut their hair. The most often cited explanation for the Jewish practice comes from the Talmud, which tells us that during this season a plague killed thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students because they did not treat one another respectfully. The mourning behavior is presumably in memory of those students and their severe punishment.

According to a medieval tradition, the plague ceased on Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the Omer. (The Hebrew letters *lamed* and *gimel* which make up the acronym "Lag" have the combined numerical value of 33.) As a result, Lag B'Omer became a happy day, interrupting the sadness of the Omer period for 24 hours.

A completely different reason for the holiday concerns one of Rabbi Akiva's few disciples who survived the Bar Kochba revolt, Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai. He is said to have died on Lag B'Omer. Tradition ascribes to him the Zohar, the key work of the Kabbalah. And in Israel, on Lag B'Omer, people flock to the site of his tomb in the village of Meron in the Galilee, near Safed, where they light bonfires and sing kabbalistic hymns. Hasidic Jews follow the custom of bringing their 3-year-old sons to Meron to have their hair cut for the first time. (The custom of not cutting the child's hair until his third birthday, when it is done in a ceremony called an *upsheren*, is probably an extension of the law that forbids picking the fruits of a newly planted tree during its first three years.)

Kabbalists also give a mystical interpretation to the Omer period as a time of spiritual cleansing and preparation for receiving the Torah on Shavuot. The days and weeks of counting, they say, represent various combinations of the sefirot, the divine emanations, whose contemplation ultimately leads to purity of mind and soul. The somberness of this period reflects the seriousness of its spiritual pursuits.

Finally, on yet another tack, some authorities attribute the joy of Lag B'Omer to the belief that the manna that fed the Israelites in the desert first appeared on the 18th of Iyar.

Though its origins are uncertain, Lag B'Omer has become a minor holiday. Schoolchildren picnic and play outdoors with bows and arrows — a possible reminder of the war battles of Akiva's students — and in Israel plant trees. It is customary to light bonfires, to symbolize the light Simeon bar Yohai brought into the world. And every year numerous couples wed at this happy time.

From: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com>

**This year Lag B'Omer falls on May 22-23.**

## Thank you to our "Yad Squad"

(Those who read Torah and Haftarah  
in February and March)

Malka Abraham	Ziva Mason
Joshua Anbar	Phillip Pepper
Rabbi Ruven Barkan	Jessica Priester
David Ben-Asher	Helen Rib
Nathan Cherkis	Eric Saffioti
Nichole Chorny	Leonard Schultz
Rabbi Robert Eisen	Steve Seltzer
Yoni Green	Eri Svenson
Marshall Heyman	Sophia Temyanko
Fred Hirsh	Moshe Toister
Mike Jacobson	Eliana Tolby
Scott Lewis	



## 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 February and March. ***Todah rabah!***

Malka Abraham  
Dorit Adler  
Joshua Anbar  
Jerry Barkan  
Morris Barkan  
David Ben-Asher  
Lois Bodin  
Barbara Burstein  
Jennifer & Mark Cassius  
Dennis Dawson  
Bob Dietz  
L. Elliott Farber  
Jean & Marvin Glassberg  
Elizabeth Goisman  
Tedd Goldfinger  
Victoria Newman &  
Allen Gordon  
Margo & Ron Gray  
Fred Hirsh

Marty Johnston  
Rosie Kahn  
Ruth Kolker  
Sallie & Mort Kranitz  
Aaron Leonard  
Susan & Rick Levy  
Debra Lytle  
Ziva Mason  
Levi Mendel  
Pamela & Stuart Mendel  
Arnold Merin  
Robert Mutterperl  
Marc Offenhart  
Jack Pinna  
Terri & David Polan  
Jessica Priester  
Eileen Barkan-Riley  
Abby Rosen  
Michael Schoenhals

Judith & Chuck Schultz  
Sarah Schultz  
Trudy & Howard Schwartz  
Evelyn Sigafus  
Michelle Sigafus  
Linda Silverman  
Shelley & Steve Singer  
Karen Skolnik  
Paul Smelkinson  
Tammy Strobel  
Eri Svenson  
Moshe Toister  
Art Weinenger  
Stephen Weinstein  
Jim Whitehill  
Joanne Wolf  
Phyllis Wolf  
Robert Wolk

## ~ Social Action ~



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive  
Sunday,  
June 2  
9am-2pm**

We welcome blood donors of all types, as well as volunteers to assist in making the drive a huge success. Please contact our Blood Drive Coordinator Fran Stoler at [franstoler@gmail.com](mailto:franstoler@gmail.com) or 465-1720 for further information. You may also sign up directly at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## 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!**

## Thank you to all those who participated in CAI's 3rd Annual "Hamentaschen for Hunger" on March 3!

This event allowed attendees to make their own hamentaschen (take & bake). They were provided with a set-up of dough (enough to make about 12 hamentaschen), rolling pins, cutters, fillings, a disposable baking pan and instructions; as well as materials to decorate *Shalach Manot* bags and Purim greeting cards to give to family and friends.

Proceeds from the event were divided between the Tucson Community Food Bank, LEKET (the national food bank of Israel) and CAI's Youth Programs, with each receiving \$454.

**You all DID a mitzvah! Did you FEEL it?**



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## From the President



You know what they say, “The only constant is change.” Well, we recently heard from Rabbi Robert Eisen that he is choosing to leave our congregation at the end of his term in June 2020; and, I will not be the President of the Board of Trustees for much longer. Change often causes anxiety but it is my hope that transparency will provide some much-needed perspective and comfort.

So in this, my last *Kolenu* article as President, I’d like to share with you a little more about our rabbinic transition. As I mentioned in my letter that accompanied Rabbi Eisen’s, your Officers, Rabbi Eisen and Executive Director Debra Lytle met to discuss our strategy for this process. We outlined a timeline and discussed the multiple tasks ahead of us. While we are still early in the planning phase, I want to give you an update. First, I realized shortly after Rabbi’s announcement that the tasks related to changing our rabbinic leadership is too big a responsibility for one person. As such, I have asked Phillip Pepper to co-chair the process with me and he has graciously agreed. We will share the overall planning process with you at the **88th Annual Meeting on Monday, May 13.**

We are currently pulling together a Task Force for Strategic Development and Rabbinic Transition. Rabbi Eisen likes to say, “We are a congregation of congregations;” to that end, we are focused on identifying people from the various “congregations” within our congregation to ensure representation for all of us. To further guarantee that everyone has an opportunity to share their thoughts, we will be sending out an electronic survey in the coming weeks. The office can also provide a hard copy for you to complete if needed. Additionally, we will be conducting focus groups to dig deeper into who we are and our vision for the future. These focus groups will take place in the spring and into the summer. It may interest you to know that in order to attract the type of spiritual leader our congregation desires, requires and deserves, it’s not enough to just say what we want, we must first do a little “soul searching” and be able to articulate **who we are** as a Conservative congregation (in Tucson) and our vision for the future. Please take the time to really think about it as you complete the survey, participate in a focus group or engage with me or others directly involved with the process.

We anticipate utilizing the services of the Rabbinic Assembly of United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism, United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism itself and other consultants to assist us in assessing where we are currently, as well as our vision for the future. Please be sure to join us at the Annual Meeting when we will provide a more detailed outline/timeline for this next chapter in CAI’s history. We plan to be in communication with the congregation on a regular basis. Look for email updates, information on our website and in the *Kolenu*. If you have questions about the process or feel like you are not getting the updates you need, please let me know.

On a personal note, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president these past two years. We truly are a congregation of congregations, all with different needs, desires, commitments and viewpoints. My commitment has been to work to ensure that CAI provides the space and the opportunity for everyone to be welcomed and inspired to Live Y/Our Judaism Together. I ask your understanding and forgiveness for where I fell short and I offer my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to work to make a difference for my *shul*.

*B'Shalom,*

**Stephanie Roberts**  
241-8559, [president@caiaz.org](mailto:president@caiaz.org)



## Israel and the United States: An Unbreakable Partnership

As America’s closest ally in the Middle East, Israel is an anchor of stability in an ever more dangerous and unpredictable region. The two allies have formed an unbreakable partnership, based on a dedication to common values and interests. The United States and Israel have developed deep strategic ties to confront common threats and ensure the security of the Jewish state. This strategic relationship is a key pillar of America’s Middle East security framework, and this partnership is constantly growing and expanding into new areas.

Today, Israel faces an unprecedented array of evolving threats stemming from the growing regional turmoil fueled by Iran’s unceasing aggression. These challenges require Israel to significantly increase its defense budget. By providing security assistance to Israel, the United States safeguards the Jewish state’s qualitative military edge (QME) over its adversaries and enhances the safety and security of both nations. In addition a robust and foreign aid program ensures America’s strong leadership position in the world.

At just one percent of the federal budget, foreign aid is a cost-effective and relatively small investment that saves U.S. taxpayer money by helping prevent more costly wars, crises and disasters. In fact, over 75 percent of our assistance to Israel comes back to the United States through the purchase of U.S.-made aircraft and other equipment. Foreign aid enables the United States to support key allies like Israel, spur our job-creating exports, and help prevent unstable areas from becoming breeding grounds for terrorism.

In addition, non-defense related joint U.S.-Israeli programs have made America stronger through the development and introduction of technologies relating to energy efficiency, cybersecurity and water scarcity. Israel has in recent years brought some of these technologies to the developing world—furthering sustainability, helping lift millions out of poverty and creating enormous possibilities of cooperation between Israel and our development agencies.

The broader U.S. foreign aid budget, which includes security assistance to Israel, is an essential component of America’s national security strategy. Beyond aid to Israel, overall U.S. foreign aid also helps American companies develop foreign markets, build stable business environments in developing countries, and thereby create jobs at home. Foreign aid programs also help bring education, health care and transportation to hundreds of millions of potential new customers. Today, one in five American jobs is linked to U.S. exports.

Few can predict what the coming years will bring in the Middle East, but one thing remains certain: Israeli security and U.S.-Israel cooperation are deeply in the American interest. Maintaining deep bipartisan support in Congress for this vital partnership will remain even more critical as America and Israel continue to work together to meet the challenges that lie ahead, and to advance the goals of a peaceful, stable and pro-Western Middle East.

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

## “L’Door V’Dor”\* 50 Years on 5<sup>th</sup> Street Come Together Gala • Feb. 17, 2019

\*L’Door V’Dor is a play on the Hebrew saying “L’Dor V’Dor,” meaning “from generation to generation.”

A 1969-themed evening with dinner, dancing, a 50/50 raffle, and the dedication of the Susan & Saul Tobin History Hall honored those who opened Congregation Anshei Israel’s doors and those investing in our future generations. Memories and photos from community members were shared throughout the night.

The 50/50 raffle raised \$1481.00, with Rabbi Arthur Oleisky picking the winning ticket held by Ruth and Ron Kolker, who graciously donated their winnings back to CAI.

**Thank you to all who attended the event, contributed photos and memories, sponsored, volunteered, and/or participated in any way.  
YOU made the event a huge success!**



**1969 - Torah being transferred from  
6<sup>th</sup> St./Martin to 5<sup>th</sup> St./Craycroft**

### **TODAH RABAH**

#### **Come Together**

Alice & Paul Baker  
Jane Kivel  
Stanley Lehman & Family  
The Tobin & Artzi Families  
Enid & Mel Zuckerman

#### **Down on The Corner (of 5th & Craycroft)**

Ruth & Ron Kolker  
Marianne & Allen Langer  
Vicki & Phillip Pepper

#### **Gimme Shelter**

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Tammy & Alan Strobel & Family & Phyllis Schwartz

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 Women's League Gift Shop  
 Chef Becky Yim



Vicki Pepper (l.) & Rosie Kahn



(l. to r.) Sarah, Adina, Jeff, David & Michael Artzi



(l. to r.) Stephanie Roberts, Debra Lytle & Marty Johnston



Debby & Rabbi Robert Eisen



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**“L'Door V'Dor”\* 50 Years on 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Come Together Gala • Feb. 17, 2019**



(l. to r.) Jane Kivel & Pat Ballard



(l. to r.) Marcia Simon, Adina Karp & Abby Rosen



(clockwise from bottom left) Rachel Green, Jonathan Green, Barbara Selznick, Sanford Selznick, Nancy Ozeri, Eric Rudner, Joy Peskin, Dani Bregman & Monica Rudner



Betejoy & Rabbi Arthur Oleisky



(l. to r.) Ramon & Lupe Zambrano, Draven Wilson & Marisol Polanco

(l. to r.) Amy Direnfeld, Phyllis Broad & Sandra Tobin

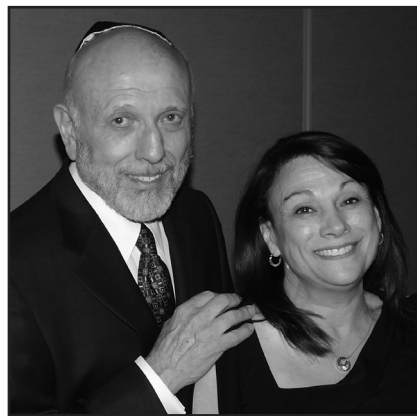


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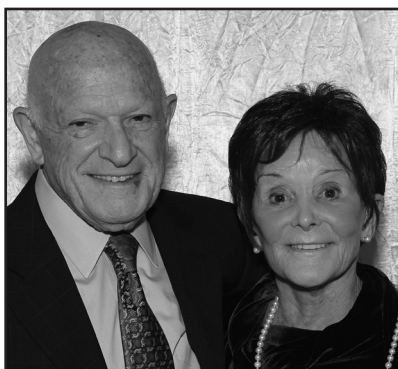
## “L'Door V'Dor”\* 50 Years on 5<sup>th</sup> Street Come Together Gala • Feb. 17, 2019



(l. to r.) Robyn Benish Emmerson, Rosie Kahn, Steve Shenitzer, Deena Falkow, Devie Levin & Bruce Greenberg



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(clockwise from bottom left) Guy Larcom, Karl Rosen, Katie Stellitano Rosen, Avi Erbst, David Jeck, Josh Hurand, Ashley Hurand, Gabby Erbst, Danielle Larcom & Tracy Jeck

## Purim Pandemonium Party • Mar. 20, 2019

Fun and games and frolicking ... a Seuss-inspired party with “Green Eggs & Hamentaschen.” The price of admission was a can of food to benefit the Community Food Bank. Thanks, everyone!

### Thank you to these volunteers for their help:

MeMe Aguila	Rina Paz	Aletha “Lethal” Kalish -
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Nancy Auslander	Kim Spitzer	Marianne Langer -
Rebecca Auslander	Ryan Spitzer	Concepts Event Planning
Debby Eisen	Abby Wilson	& Decor
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Linda Gorksy		
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## ISRAELI MUSIC CONCERT

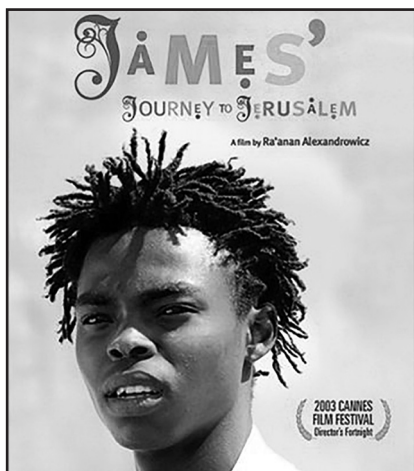
Sunday, May 5 ♦ 11:00am  
in the Cantor Falkow Lounge

Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny invites all to celebrate Israel together through music! Featuring the CAI Adult and Youth Choirs, join us to enjoy classic Israeli pieces, as well as some by modern Israeli composers, and some with which the audience can sing-along. No charge to attend.

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**SEE PAGE 3 for details about our  
Family Shabbat Israel Night on May 17  
and join us to continue the celebration.**

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In celebration of the 52nd anniversary  
of the reunification of Jerusalem,  
CAI invites you to our  
**YOM YERUSHALAYIM  
PROGRAM**  
Sunday, June 2 at 3:45pm



Featuring the showing of the film,  
“James’ Journey to Jerusalem.”

South African actor Siyabonga Melongisi Shibe stars as a devout Christian who becomes part of Tel Aviv’s migrant force after making a pilgrimage from his African village to the Holy Land in director Ra’anan Alexandrowicz’s cinematic look at the contrast between hypocritical Western values and cultural Israeli divisions. After embarking on a religious journey to the Holy Land in a quest to find spiritual fulfillment, James (Shibe)’s subsequent involvement with the impoverished migrant workforce finds his religious journey sidetracked by an increasing desire to give his wealthy employers an unanticipated run for their money. (Run time: 90 min.)

No charge to attend.

Tammy Strobel & Marty Johnston, Event Chairs  
& the Community Engagement Committee  
invite all synagogue members to

## “Come, Sit & Stay”

at

Congregation Anshei Israel’s 88th

## Annual Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019

6:00pm • Rabbi Breger Hall

The evening includes “chow”: Hot dogs & veggie dogs, baked beans, “paw”tato chips & veggie salad

The meeting will include reports from Board of Trustees, and the election and installation of officers and Board of Trustees. Cast your vote, see the new president installed and celebrate the year in review.

Outgoing President Stephanie Roberts will share updates from the Task Force for Strategic Development and Rabbinic Transition.

If you have not already picked up your new Membership Directory, you may do so at the event.



**Email:** Photos of your pet(s) to be part of the evening to [receptionist@caiaz.org](mailto:receptionist@caiaz.org) or drop them off at the front desk in the administrative office.



**Bring:** Donations for a local animal shelter (unopened food/treats, beds, toys, &/ or monetary) to the front desk in the administrative office or to the event.



**RSVP:** No charge to attend, but visit [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org) or call 745-5550 by May 7.





**SHAVUOT: THE FORGOTTEN HOLIDAY**

The Shavuot Festival, otherwise known as Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day) or Feast of Weeks, was celebrated primarily as a thanksgiving for the wheat harvest; it falls seven weeks after the barley harvest, when an Omer of the new produce was offered. The Torah refers to Shavuot as Hag Ha-Katsir (The Feast of the Harvest) and Yom Ha-Bikkurim (The Day of First Fruits), observed by offerings of the best ripe produce of the fields (Exodus 23:16; Numbers 28:26).

In the course of time, and as a result of the transformation of the agricultural festivals into historical commemorations, the additional significance of Shavuot as the festival of the Giving of the Torah (Z'man Matan Torateynu) at Mount Sinai completely overshadowed its original significance. Though the Bible does not identify Shavuot with the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the tradition, undisputed in the Talmud, has been that the Torah was given on the sixth day of Sivan.

*Shavuot* is called Atzeret in the Mishnah and the Talmud, in the sense that it serves as a concluding festival to *Pesah*. In the observances of *Shavuot*, the historical as well as the agricultural aspects are reflected. The Decalogue is read in the synagogue on the first day. The first night of the festival is often spent in reading an anthology of sacred writings called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. The Book of Ruth is read for its description of a summer harvest in Israel. Milk dishes are the customary foods, symbolizing the Torah which is likened to milk, according to the allegorical interpretation of the Song of Songs, "honey and milk are under your tongue."

— Adapted from *A Book of Jewish Concepts* by Phillip Birnbaum

***This year Shavuot begins at sundown on June 8 and continues through sundown on June 10.***

**SHAVUOT SERVICES:**

**Erev Shavuot, Saturday, June 8**

Ma'ariv/ Shavuot Service 7:45pm

**Shavuot I, Sunday, June 9**

Shavuot Service 9:00am

Mincha & Evening Service for Second Day 5:30pm

**Shavuot II, Monday, June 10**

Shavuot Service/Yizkor 9:00am

Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:45pm

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT:**

**A Guide to the Evening of Shavuot**

**Saturday, June 8 • 7:45pm**

Shavuot celebrates many things: The cycle of nature, the anniversary of the day the Israelites received the Ten Commandments from God, and God's gift of Torah. It is customary to study late into the night, read the Ten Commandments, review the Book of Ruth (the first "Jew by choice"), and eat foods made with milk products because the Torah is thought of as being like "milk and honey," bringing health and sweetness to our lives. Please join us for this special program.

**7:45pm Ma'ariv / Shavuot Service**

**8:00pm Dairy dinner**

**8:45pm Program:** "Revelation Boot Camp ... a Review of The Ten Commandments: What are they? What do they mean?"

**10:30pm Dessert**

**11:00pm Reading of The Book of Ruth**

**11:30pm Late Night Study Session**

*(Those who wish to study until morning.)*

**\$8pp to attend dinner;**

**no charge for service, program & dessert.**

**RSVP REQUIRED by JUNE 4 TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE EVENING.**

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# AFFILIATE/SOCIAL GROUPS



## Women's League

"Gentle Chair Yoga" continues to be held on **Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30am**. (PLEASE NOTE: We will meet in Room 2 June 5 - July 24, after which we will resume in Room 10.)

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 May 27 or June 10)**. (PLEASE NOTE: We will meet in Room 2 June 3 - July 22, after which we will resume in Room 10.) All levels of experience are welcome. Join us: It's casual, it's social and it's fun!

Our "**Women's Study Group**" will be held on **Mondays, May 6 and June 2 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.

Another Women's League "**SWEET**" **Lunch** is happening, and it has a social action aspect to it. Join us on Wednesday, **May 8 at 12:15pm** at Trattoria Pina, 5541 N. Swan near Sunrise. ("SWEET" = Smart, Sassy, Sophisticated, Sexy ... Women Eating Elegantly Together.) All Jewish women 18+ are invited to share lunch ("Dutch treat") with us. Trattoria Pina has excellent Italian fare with several vegetarian options. Enjoy fabulous food and the pleasure of each other's company. NEW: We will be collecting new/unused cosmetics (we've all made a few make-up purchases that we regret...!) and toiletries to benefit EMERGE! Center for Domestic Abuse. Often, women leave an abusive situation with nothing but their wallets. Having something to make them feel worthy and better about themselves truly boosts their spirits. Please bring items to the lunch. RSVP by May 6 to Evelyn at 885-4102 or [esigafus@aol.com](mailto:esigafus@aol.com)

**Mah Jongg cards for 2019** are available for sale in the Women's League Gift Shop; \$8 standard size; \$9 large. Cash or check only.



**Check this out!** This is 97-year-old Marian Marcus enjoying our Gentle Chair Yoga class on her birthday! Obviously, age is no barrier to participate ... The class is open to all women.

**Today Rabah to CAI's Women's League for this year's annual gift of \$28,000 for scholarships to our Preschool/Kindergarten, Religious School, USY and college outreach programs.**



## "Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturday, May 4**, when we'll discuss *Traitor* by Jonathan De Shalit, with moderator Shirley Goldberg. 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.

"RIM" will resume October 5. Should you wish to suggest a book for the group OR want to get involved in any way, please contact Helen Rib at 299-0340 or [helenrib@yahoo.com](mailto:helenrib@yahoo.com)



**Men's Club**  
of Congregation Anshei Israel

## Men's Club

**Yom Hashoah**, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is May 1 - 2. In past years your Men's Club has

helped us all to remember the Shoah by mailing yellow Yahrzeit candles so we could honor the memories of our 6 million brothers and sisters who perished in the Holocaust. This year, we will not mail the candles due to the expense; however, we encourage you to light a candle on the evening of **Wednesday, May 1**. In this way, we will help educate a new generation in our congregation and remind our families and neighbors of the Holocaust. We have made arrangements for you to purchase generic Yahrzeit candles from the CAI Women's League Gift Shop at a reduced rate so that you can light them in your home.

Why not give us a try? Men's Club membership is complimentary for the first year, and \$40 per year thereafter. We're involved in synagogue events and community projects, as well as other programming. And, as always, Men's Club breakfasts are free to Men's Club members. Membership applications are on CAI's website ([caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)) 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 St., Tucson, AZ 85711. Questions? Call Cary Fishman at 722-8562.

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## Preschool/Kindergarten

March is said to come in like a lion and out like a lamb, but our Purim Celebration showed us so much more: superheroes, princesses, dragons and dinosaurs, Disney and Dr. Seuss characters!

In April we learned all about Passover, and then practiced what we learned at our Model Seder. After the long Passover break spent with family and friends, we returned to school and started getting ready for our closing program on May 23. Wow, that was a fast year!

As we wind down our school year, I want to thank our Parent Action Committee (PAC) and the many parents who volunteered to help with our events and activities throughout the year. A special *todah rabah* and *yasher koach* to my fantastic PAC co-chairs, Katie Stellitano Rosen and Dana Goldstein, Treasurer Sarah Singer and Secretary Lindsey Embree. You all worked so hard to make this school so special in my inaugural year as director. You always greeted me with smiles, and found new and creative ways to keep our events and activities fresh and inviting. Thank you for showing me the ropes, and I look forward to seeing you around *shul*.

And on that note, I am pleased to welcome Stephanie Buchler, Caitlyn Lowy, and Lindsey Embree who will be leading PAC for the 2019-20 school year. It should be a very exciting year, with plenty of volunteer opportunities, and new events and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Finally, registration for both our Summer Camp for Kids and the 2019-20 school year are in full swing. If you have friends or family looking for a warm, nurturing preschool to start their children on a journey of lifelong learning and friendships, please have them contact me.

**Nancy Auslander, Preschool/Kindergarten Director**  
745-5550, ext. 229 [PKDirector@caiaz.org](mailto:PKDirector@caiaz.org)



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## Celebrating Becoming B'nai Mitzvah at CAI



### Jarrod Michael Stevenson Saffioti • May 4

Jarrod is the son of Donna Saffioti; the grandson of Gale Schaffroth, and the late Edward Schaffroth, Gail Stevenson & Anthony Saffioti; and brother to Eric.

Jarrod's Bar Mitzvah project involves donating pet food and supplies to the Humane Society, and canned food to the Community Food Bank. A student at Desert Sky Middle School, Jarrod's interests include rollerskating and creating YouTube videos.



### Gianna Joelle Miltenberger May 25

Gianna is the daughter of Amy & Chad Miltenberger; the granddaughter of Joni Perry, Ron Miltenberger & Cathy Thompson, and Marilyn & Ira Prenskey.

Gianna's Bat Mitzvah project involves creating care packages for the homeless. A student at Esperero Canyon Middle School, Gianna's interests include swimming and singing.

## Religious School & USY

Thank you to all those who contributed to our annual **"Matza and More" Passover Food Drive** to benefit Jewish Family & Children's Services. We collected 200 boxes of matza and a substantial donation from preschool students and others.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Kadima** will meet on **Sunday, May 5 at 12:00pm**.
- Our **Parent Havurah** will meet on **Sunday, May 5 at 9:00am**. Come relax with other parents to discuss relevant topics around Jewish parenting. For more information, contact Kerri Haeflinger, [kerri\\_haeflinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kerri_haeflinger@yahoo.com)
- All families are invited to join us on Saturday, **May 11** 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 **Sunday, May 19, 11:00am-12:00pm** for our Siyum end-of-the-year Religious School Closing Program/Celebration.
- A special end-of-the-year group meeting of **Kadima, Junior USY and Senior USY** will be held on **Sunday, May 19 at 12:00pm**. All youth groups will converge one last time before the summer break.

**Rabbi Ruven Barkan, Education & Youth Director**  
745-5550, ext. 227, [EdDir@caiaz.org](mailto:EdDir@caiaz.org)

# MAZAL 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.*

### Naomi Elizabeth Boxer Born December 4, 2018

Naomi is the granddaughter of Betsy & Michael Boxer. (Parents: Dara & Alexander Boxer)



### Ava Dahlia Ryan Born February 23

Ava is the daughter of Michelle Kats &

Jamie Ryan, and the granddaughter of Marta & Willy Kats.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Emily Simon

daughter of Paul Simon  
to Brandon Rosenbloom

### MARRIAGES

#### David Gluck

son of Leslee Conecoff-Gluck  
to Sarah Richman

#### William Gray

son of Margo & Ron Gray  
to Erin Wilcox

### GRADUATION

#### Abigail Auslander

daughter of Nancy & Steven Auslander  
to receive a Bachelor of Science  
degree in Biology from UA

## May Anniversaries

| Date                                 | Years     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2 Rachel & Joel Black                | 5         |
| Rachel & Eric Dorf                   | 20        |
| 5 Ann & Howard Sloane                | 30        |
| 6 Robyn & David Emmerson             | 15        |
| 7 Barbara & Gerald Goldberg          | 41        |
| 10 Carol & Alexander Sears           | 15        |
| 13 Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich      | 23        |
| 14 Abigail & Noah Tolby              | 24        |
| 20 Mary & Walter Marcus              | 46        |
| 21 Gail & Calman Rudner              | 47        |
| 22 Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf | 20        |
| 23 Eve & Stuart Pinkert              | 26        |
| <b>Anne &amp; Herman Stein</b>       | <b>55</b> |
| 24 Joyce & Michael Smith             | 39        |
| 25 Emily & Adam Lazarus              | 16        |
| 26 Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present    | 28        |
| Kim & Eric Spitzer                   | 28        |
| 27 Debbie & Bruce Frent              | 35        |
| 28 Monica & Eric Rudner              | 19        |
| 29 <b>Phyllis &amp; Burt Becker</b>  | <b>53</b> |
| Emily & Max Ellentuck                | 14        |
| Rinna & Jordan Keltner               | 14        |
| Marta & Steven Ketchel               | 47        |
| Benita Silvyn & Charles Whitehill    | 24        |
| 30 Sarah & Keith Singer              | 9         |
| 31 Anna Schwartz-Warmbrand &         |           |
| Grady Bautista                       | 16        |
| Gabby & Avi Erbst                    | 9         |
| <b>Naomi &amp; Stephen Spitzer</b>   | <b>55</b> |

## 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 [caiaz.org/resources](http://caiaz.org/resources) as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

## June Anniversaries

| Date                                   | Years     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Marcy & Jacob Friedman               | 12        |
| Amy & Ben Pozez                        | 11        |
| Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim           | 39        |
| 2 Shelly & Edward Berger               | 35        |
| Heidi & Wayne Brent                    | 40        |
| Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz                   | 23        |
| Annette & Alan Miklofsky               | 40        |
| 3 Tracy & David Jeck                   | 12        |
| 5 Ruthie & Mark Friefeld               | 31        |
| 6 Brenda Frye & Sergey Cherkis         | 15        |
| Sharon & Frederick Klein               | 48        |
| <b>Paula &amp; Daniel Singer</b>       | <b>55</b> |
| Terry & Mark Yampolsky                 | 26        |
| 7 Leah & Valiant Haller                | 10        |
| 8 <b>Sandra &amp; James Rothschild</b> | <b>51</b> |
| 10 Shawn & Aaron Hellman               | 35        |
| 11 Iris Bernstein & David Karp         | 24        |
| 14 <b>Elayne &amp; Jerry Feder</b>     | <b>55</b> |
| <b>Jean &amp; Marvin Glassberg</b>     | <b>60</b> |
| <b>Enid &amp; Mel Zuckerman</b>        | <b>66</b> |
| 15 Laurie & Scott Weiss                | 33        |
| 16 Joan Auerbach Green &               |           |
| Richard Green                          | 45        |
| 18 Aletha & David Kalish               | 48        |
| <b>Sarah &amp; Don Persellin</b>       | <b>56</b> |
| <b>Sue &amp; Sonny Ross</b>            | <b>52</b> |
| 19 <b>Anne &amp; Gerald Lapin</b>      | <b>59</b> |
| 20 Nancy & Steven Auslander            | 37        |
| Sara & Tom Borin                       | 48        |
| 21 Nancy & Stuart Mellan               | 27        |
| 22 Nicole Yuan & Jerel Slaughter       | 16        |
| 23 Sally & Geoff Frankel               | 18        |
| 24 Julia & Robert Rawdin               | 41        |
| Sharon & Richard Walton                | 40        |
| 25 <b>Caren &amp; Tom Newman</b>       | <b>56</b> |
| Bri & Joshua Tennenbaum                | 8         |
| 27 <b>Alice &amp; Paul Baker</b>       | <b>54</b> |
| <b>Carol &amp; Dan Karsch</b>          | <b>54</b> |
| 28 Barbara & Mel Brodie                | 55        |
| 29 Amy & Robert Direnfeld              | 33        |

WE CONGRATULATE THESE CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL MEMBERS TO BE HONORED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 9.

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MARY COCHRAN WOLK • *Special Recognition Award - Tucson Jewish Community Center*



## Honorable “Menschens”

### TODAH RABAH TO:

**Marilyn Einstein & Linda Silverman**  
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**Sarah & Leonard Schultz**  
for co-sponsoring the March 30 kiddush  
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

**Sandy & Joel Lazarus and Ellen Yasmer**  
for sponsoring the April 6 kiddush in honor of  
their grandson, Logan, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

**Marilyn & Ira Prensley**  
for sponsoring the May 25 kiddush in honor of  
their granddaughter, Gianna, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

**Marianne & Allen Langer**  
for donating 10 emergency kits

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for donating a printer

### SHARE YOUR SIMCHA!

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## Condolences

### המקום ינחם אתכם

*The congregation mourns the loss of our member:*  
**Alvin (Al) Stern**

*Our condolences to these members who mourn  
the loss of their loved ones:*  
Max Ellentuck - his mother, Martha “Marty” Ellentuck  
Hannah, Benny & Naomi Ellentuck -  
their grandmother, Martha “Marty” Ellentuck  
Josh Katz - his mother, Linda Katz  
Jessica Priester - her grandmother, Ruth Owens  
Carol Stern - her husband, Al Stern

*May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners*



### ~ Anshei Israel Memorial Hall ~

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

### Dealing with Grief and Loss?

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



### The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim

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

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

**PLEASE CALL 745-5550 to speak  
with:**

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

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

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### In honor of:

Betsy & Michael Boxer's new granddaughter, Naomi  
Margo & Ron Gray's son, William's marriage  
Michelle Kats & Jamie Ryan's new daughter, Ava  
Rhea & Arnold Merin's son,  
David's engagement  
Sarah Richman & David Gluck's marriage  
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