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Sunday, April 26, 11:00am

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& Wish Farewell to
Debby & Rabbi Eisen**

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- March / April Calendars
- Special Shabbats
- Experiencing Purim
- Purim Pandemonium Party
- Second Night Seder/Sweet Tomatoes
- FUNraiser Flyer
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- Journal Sponsorship Form

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Shalom!

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 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, call 745-5550.

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 Library **immediately following 5:30pm Minyan**. (Not held March 10, April 7 or April 14.)

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 as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

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**. Bring your own dairy lunch. (Not held April 8 or April 15.)

Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner

For families with young children, Rabbi Robert Eisen holds a special service with stories and songs **the first Friday of most months at 5:45pm** on the Bimah in the sanctuary. A kid-friendly Shabbat dinner follows at **6:15pm**. Dinner: \$25 per family (two adults and up to four children); adults \$10 per person. RSVP needed for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224. Please plan to join us on **March 6**, hosted by our Maccabim and Giborim classes (3-year-olds) & **April 3**, hosted by our youngest classes, Par Par & Keshet.

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.



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!

Shalom!

Please
warmly



our
new &
rejoined
members:

Tori Seay • Michelle Kats • Cynthia & Daniel Feig

Family Shabbat Under the Stars Service & Dinner

Join us for an intimate Shabbat service on **Friday, March 20 at 5:45pm** in our beautiful Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard (in lieu of the Chapel). Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 613.

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. Dinner \$25 per family (two adults & up to 4 children) for CAI members; guest family \$30; adults (13+) \$10 per person. RSVP is needed (by Tuesday, March 17) for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or visit caiaz.org

Family Shabbat Experience Service & Dinner

Please join us on **Friday, April 17, at 5:45pm** as we transition into the "Rhythm of Shabbat." We'll welcome Shabbat with rhythm — pick up a percussive instrument and get into the *ruach* (spirit) — movement and song, followed by Shabbat dinner, 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 is needed (by Tuesday, April 14) for dinner only to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224 or visit caiaz.org

Kabbalat Siddur Dedication

Please join us **Friday, April 24** for our Kabbalat Siddur service (Siddur Dedication) as our 3rd grade students lead our Friday night shabbat service and receive their very own copy of our siddur. It is sure to be a meaningful service; come support our 3rd grade students!

(See a photo of our 3rd grade students on page 9)



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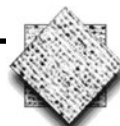


Rabbi Robert Eisen accepted your **CAI Tzedakah Boxes** for donation toward our sister synagogue, Shevet Achim in Gilo, Israel from **November 30 to December 31, 2019.**

A total of \$715.38 was raised - and 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 & More" Passover Food Drive March 1 - 24

CAI's B'Yahad 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.



This Purim, follow Esther's powerful example.

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**Celebrating Debby & Rabbi Eisen's
21 Years at Anshei Israel**

Sunday, April 26, 11:00am

Rabbi Robert J. Eisen Beit Midrash Dedication

Fun for Everyone, Ages 1-121

Meat Lunch with Vegetarian Options

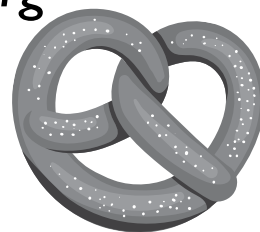
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\$18 per person • Kids (12 & under) Free
RSVP by April 20 to 745-5550 or caiaz.org

*Please see Journal Sponsorship form (insert)
to wish Debby and Rabbi Eisen farewell.*





From the President

On April 26th, we will have an opportunity to honor and recognize the contributions over the last two decades of Rabbi Robert J. Eisen. Like Moses leading the Israelites through the Sinai Desert, Rabbi Eisen has been our spiritual guide in the Sonoran Desert, albeit for half the time. As Immediate Past

President Stephanie Roberts has relayed, everyone has a story about how Rabbi Eisen has touched their lives. Whether it is helping folks in times of distress, posing thought-provoking questions during a sermon, or making a simcha “that much more,” Rabbi Eisen has had a tremendous impact on the lives of our congregants. He has certainly been the hardest working rabbi around. No matter what day or what time of day, you could hardly walk into the building and not run into him as he was dashing from service to appointment, to meeting, to class.

What we hardly ever saw though was what Rabbi Eisen did in the background, as he almost never talks about himself or all of the things he does. A small sample of background activities I have recently caught him doing include chairing the Tucson Board of Rabbis, co-chairing the Jewish Community Roundtable, serving on the Tucson Hebrew High board, giving such a moving invocation at a Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting that he was asked for a copy of his address, participating in an interfaith dialogue and answering questions for AP Human Geography students at University High School, and writing an op-ed piece for the Arizona Daily Star. I also caught him taking a vacation day once. Once.

Rabbi Eisen has unquestionably earned some rest and relaxation, and his retirement from Anshei Israel is well earned. In consequence, the Board of Trustees has voted to honor Rabbi Eisen with the title of Rabbi Emeritus and maintain his affiliation with our synagogue. I hope you too can join us on April 26th to wish him congratulations in person and help us to recognize all of his contributions in our bound keepsake journal for the Eisen family.

It is a truism that whoever will be our next rabbi will have big shoes to fill. It is important that we find someone who is a good fit for our congregation and we need everyone’s input. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our rabbinic candidate weekends and provided us feedback. Please continue to be involved and let us know your thoughts.

Dan Jurkowitz, president@caiaz.org

CAI’s 89th Annual Meeting Monday, May 18, 2020



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 89th Annual Meeting mailing.

CAI’s Governance Committee:

Monica Rudner, Chair
Phil Bregman
Rachel Dorf
Richard Green

Rachel Green, alternate
David Jeck
Paul Kahn
Stephanie Roberts



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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
Tamara Artz, Executive Assistant, ext. 225

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MARCH 18, 2020

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**Family Fun Day at Round1 Bowling and Amusement
December 25**



(L-R) Anshei Israel Executive Director Debra Lytle with her children, Adina and Noah; Debby Eisen, Betejoy Oleisky, Margo and Ron Gray enjoy the bowling lanes.



**Hanukkah Pajamakkah
December 29**
Congratulations to 50/50 raffle winner Judith Schneider. We raised \$90 total, Judith won \$45 and an Amazon Echo Dot.

(L-R) Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny leads the blessings before lighting the Hanukkah; Raffle winner Judith Schneider



Tu B'Shevat in the Park Feb. 9

We gathered at McDonald Park and enjoyed crafts, games and a prayer walk. Special thanks to Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists Vicki Pepper, Anna Rottenstein and Judy Ranzer



(L-R) Rabbi Eisen discusses different kinds of fruits that come from trees; Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists show pelts from Sonoran Desert mammals

14th Annual Mah Jongg Tournament January 12

The 14th Annual Mah Jongg Tournament was a great success. Winners were Emlee Silverman, Amy Drenfeld, and JK Weber.

Thanks to committee members Ellen Kier, Hannah Meyerson, Hedy Feuer, Judy Schultz, Lois Jacowsky, Robin Pozez, Rosie Eilat-Kahn, Sara Borin, Shelley Heyman





JEW IN THE DESERT

Mishpacha Hike

Sunday, March 29 • 3:00pm

Mica View Trail from the Broadway Trailhead

Join us for an easy family-friendly hike at the beautiful Mica View Trail on Sunday, March 29 at 3pm. We will participate in a meaningful *Mincha* service as we enjoy the beauty of Tucson while Living Our Judaism Together. Hike is stroller and wheelchair friendly, approximately 0.7 miles each way.

Directions: Take Broadway East as far as it goes, just past Freeman Road until you see the sign for the trail. There is free parking in the provided spaces or on the street. We will meet at "Broadway Trailhead" at 3pm (see picture).



Be sure to bring water and sunscreen.

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

Traditional Purim Megillah Reading

Please join us **Tuesday, March 10th**, at **7am** as we read the Purim Megillah during our morning shacharit service. Afterward, we'll schmooze and eat hamentaschen. No charge.



SHARE YOUR SIMCHA!

We welcome sponsorships — in whole or part — toward Kiddush and/or Seudah Shlesheet (Third Meal). All contributions are acknowledged in *Kolenu*. If you wish to honor someone or simply to help, please call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 AT 4:54PM
EVERYONE WELCOME (DROIDS INCLUDED)**

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

SEDER HEDER:

**ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL
AND HAROSET TASTING**

Wednesday, March 25

7:00 – 8:30pm



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

7:00 – 7:20pm Rabbi Eisen:

Was I drunk? Were there four or five cups at that Seder?

7:25 – 7:45pm Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny:

Embracing Jewish On-the-Job Training: The Passover Seder

7:50 – 8:10pm Rabbi Ruven Barkan:

Universalist vs. Particularist Seder Experience: Should we include current Social Justice causes into our Seder?

8:15 – 8:30pm Nancy Auslander:

Three varieties of nut-free Haroset

Admission (bring to class): One box of matza per family for the "Matza & More" Passover Food Drive to benefit Jewish Children & Family Services.

**RSVP by Mar. 23 to the Executive Assistant,
Tamara Artz, 745-5550, ext. 225.**



**Tuesday, April 7
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 **Monday, March 2 at 12:00pm**. 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. (Not held April 15.)

The **2019-20 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

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is observed beginning the evening of **April 21**.

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.

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"Read It & Meet" Book Discussions

Please join us on **Saturdays**:

For the **March 7** "RIM," we'll discuss *The Secret of Clouds* by Alyson Richman, with moderator Lois Bodin.

For the **April 4** "RIM," we'll discuss *Rising out of Hatred* by Eli Saslow, with moderator Rachel Green.

Our reading list for the remainder of the year, as well as moderators for each book can be found on our website: 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

B'Yahad Religious School / USY

All families are invited to join us on Saturday, **March 14** 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. This Shabbat experience provides ample time for kids to be together outside and over lunch.

Join us on **Friday, March 20** at **5:45pm** for our **Family Shabbat Under the Stars Service & Dinner** in the beautiful Rabbi Arthur Oleisky Courtyard. (See page 3 for details, pricing and RSVP information.)

Don't miss **Rhythm of Shabbat Service and Dinner, Friday, April 17** at **5:45pm**, where we celebrate with movement and song. (See page 3 for details, pricing and RSVP information.)

Please join us on **Friday, April 24** for a special 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 right and page 3 for details.)



Kabbalat Siddur Graduates (L to R): Gabriela Naiman, Ethan Gordan, Adina Lytle, Miriam Haller, Miles Larcom (not pictured: Devon Shoemaker)

The B'Yahad Religious School **Passover Family Workshop** will be held **Sunday, April 5, 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 March 30 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

Our Chocolate Seder is at **11:00am on Sunday, April 5**, during our **Passover Family Workshop**. All youth and their families are invited to join us!. No charge, but please RSVP by March 30 to Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.

We'll create our **"Matza Machine"** on **Tuesday, March 24 at 5:45pm**. We load all the donated items from the Matza & More Passover Food Drive into a van to be taken to JFCS.

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

Preschool/Kindergarten



My heart is filled with great pride and enthusiasm as I write this letter to you as the new director of the Esther B. Feldman Preschool here at Congregation Anshei Israel. I consider myself to be truly blessed and fortunate to be a part of this amazing program, and I look forward to creating new and exciting connections with our teachers, parents, students, and community.

Compassionate and dedicated, I come with over 20 years of educational and leadership experience in early and elementary education. I have been an active member of Congregation Anshei Israel since 1991, and have served as a Senior USY Advisor, a Member of the Board of Trustees, and (currently) the kindergarten-second grade B'Yahad religious school instructor.

With our outstanding team of passionate and inspiring teachers and parents, I am certain that together we will continue the vision, values and spirit that have been so deeply rooted within the classrooms and hallways of our preschool program.

I enjoyed meeting with our preschool parents for meet-and-greets. If we haven't met yet, I encourage you to come by and say hello. Please feel free to bring a family member or friend who may be interested in seeing all the wonderful things that are going on in our incredible school.

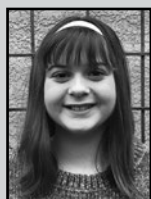
Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. We mailed registration packets to our preschool families in January, and registrations have been coming in at a steady pace. In February, we then opened up registration to the general community, mailing packets to families that have toured our preschool over the past weeks.

In early February, we honored Tu B'Shevat by starting to plant in our garden beds. Children and teachers cleared out last year's annuals, and started planting seeds and seedlings. Flowers, herbs and other edibles are sprouting and growing now that the weather has warmed up.

At the end of February, we held our first ever Family Breakfast with animal visitors from Reid Park Zoo. And now we're all getting ready for the megillah reading, Purim costume parade and hamantashen, followed by our Model Seder and Passover. And you know what that means? The end of the school year and summer camp are just around the corner!

Our Parent Action Committee has contracted with Julie Stein to tile the raised garden beds on the preschool playground. The theme will be the flora and fauna of the Sonoran desert. Julie will visit the classrooms in the coming weeks to work with the children to create and glaze tiles to be included in the project. We hope to have the project complete in time for our closing program.

Kimmie Spitzer,
Early Childhood Director
745-5550, ext. 229 ECDirector@caiaz.org



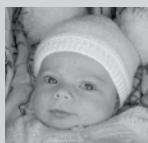
Celebrating Becoming Bat Mitzvah at CAI Elena Lirit Windham • Mar. 7

Elena is the daughter of Hyla & Gary Windham; the granddaughter of Elliott & Suzanne Goldstein; and sister of Seth. Elena's Bat Mitzvah project involves raising money and supplies for a few choice animal rescue programs. A student at Marana Middle School, Elena's interests include singing, karate, playing the flute and spending time with friends.

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 Executive Assistant Tamara Artz, at 745-5550, ext. 225.



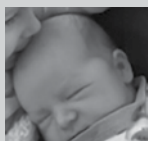
Sephira Hoffman • November 11, 2019

Sephira is the great-granddaughter of Jessie & Arnold Joffe.
(Parents: Kelita & Elan Hoffman)



Gracelyn Nordbeck • January 16, 2020

Gracelyn is the great-granddaughter of Gail & Ron Isaacs.
(Parents: Amy & Ryan Nordbeck)



Jameson David Fleischman • January 17, 2020

Jameson is the grandson of Shelley & Marshall Heyman.
(Parents: Rachael & Dr. Michael Fleischman)



Ahuva Tehila Sanfield • January 31, 2020

Ahuva is the great-granddaughter of Phyllis Broad.
(Parents: Devora & Zachary Sanfield)

Lucille Marie Kesselmayer • February 4, 2020

Lucille is the granddaughter of Ruthie & Mark Friefeld.
(Parents: Rachel & Daniel Kesselmayer)

ENGAGEMENT

Emily Miller Grant

daughter of Jennifer Miller Grant and Ron Grant
granddaughter of Lee Rains
to David Shapir

MARRIAGE

Zachary Strobel

son of Tammy and Alan Strobel
grandson of Phyllis Strobel
brother of Logan, Ariel and Jake Strobel
to Miranda Dillon

The wine, juice and challah at our
Kabbalat Shabbat Service are donated
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Thank you to Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim
for enhancing our unsponsored kiddushes.

Anniversaries

March

Date		Years
5	Ofelia & Simon Fried	39
	Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	53
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9	Nancy & Richard Weiss	35
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15	Eileen Barkan-Riley & Michael Riley	34
21	Valorie & Andrew Douglas	11
	Irene & Scott Glass	11
	Shelly & Les Silberman	35
25	Dani & Phil Bregman	19
27	Stacey & Zach Singer	9
30	Sarah & Leonard Schultz	51

April

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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 website. Shown below is a combined list of Minyan attendees and those fulfilling their “Jewry” Duty during January and February. *Todah rabah!*

Dorit Adler	Mindy & Fred Hirsh	Jessica Priester
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Three 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, B’Yahad Religious School and Youth programming/engagement in a number of different areas. We appreciate and thank the Federation for this support.

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.

Shaliach Tzibbur Youth Leadership Program

The purpose of this new program is to encourage service leadership from our youth members of CAI, from Bar/Bar 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
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- 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

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Welcome to the Hesed Committee, the largest committee at Congregation Anshei Israel. Did you know that you are a member of this committee? Every congregant is a member. Hesed means lovingkindness, grace, helping each other. We exist to help in times of need.



Maybe you need help to make a minyan, set-up a meal of condolence, need temporary help where we can advise you as to where you can receive the needed assistance. As concerns are given to the clergy, I am then contacted to discuss this need and to help find a solution. That is where you come in, my fellow congregants. I then call upon you for your assistance. If you are able to help, fantastic. If not, maybe another time.

Please feel free to contact me.

Evelyn Sigafus, Hesed Committee Chair
esigafus@aol.com

Being Part of our HEVRA KADISHA: A MITZVAH whose reward is found in its doing

For centuries, every Jewish community maintained its own HEVRA KADISHA—a sacred fellowship whose members lovingly cleanse, dress and lay out the bodies of the dead until burial. And, our congregational community is no different.

Our HEVRA KADISHA participants are called on to fulfill the imperatives of HESED SHEL EMET (true kindness, or kindness at the moment of truth) for CAI members and their immediate relatives ... and sometimes, when available to help out other congregations in their time of need. TAHARAH (cleansing and dressing) is performed by a small group of participants - women for women, and men for men—under the guidance of an experienced team leader.

Our HEVRA KADISHA needs YOU!

As our community grows, so does our need to stay connected. Our HEVRA KADISHA continues to welcome additional members to our ranks for TAHARAH ... in order to respectfully enable the decedent to transition through death and burial in a dignified manner.

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is an open heart.**

**If you would like to learn more and/or find out how you
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important MITZVAH, please call**

Rabbi Robert Eisen at 745-5550, ext. 230.

Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

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

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Memorial Plaques have been installed for
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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.

"Nine saints do not make a MINYAN, but one ordinary man or woman can ... by joining them."



One of the things that sets Congregation Anshei Israel apart is our twice daily MINYANIM. Unfortunately, we sometimes struggle to maintain a proper quorum (especially on Sunday morning).

As such, we are asking that you set aside 30 minutes once or twice a week, if you can, to join us for MINYAN. This is not only a CAI commitment, but a ritual utilized by many members of our Jewish community. It is a minor sacrifice of your time to help those around you in times of need. In the end, however, we are really helping ourselves!

Daily Minyan - Room 4

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