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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!

Please  
warmly



## Welcome

Our new & rejoining  
members:



*Sara & Charles Block  
Hirsch Handmaker  
Alison Tygiel & Ethan Amzallag*

## Hesed Committee

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 loving kindness, grace, helping each other. We exist to help our members in times of need.



Please feel free to contact me.

**Evelyn Sigafus**  
**Hesed Committee Chair**  
[esigafus@aol.com](mailto:esigafus@aol.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Congregation Anshei Israel  
&  
StandWithUs**

*present a virtual*

**Anti-Semitism Workshop  
Just for High School Students**

**Sunday, February 7  
11:15am**

For more information, contact  
Nichole Chorny at  
[CantorialSoloist@caiaz.org](mailto:CantorialSoloist@caiaz.org)

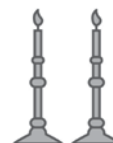
## Let your voice be heard - become a Meturgeman!

We are inviting congregants to sign up to prepare and share a short summary of the week's Torah portion (2-3 minutes, about 1 page), and what we might learn from it. The focus can be on a word, a verse and/or the theme of the portion. You will then share your thoughts with the congregation immediately after we remove the Torah from the Ark, right before we begin reading the weekly portion.

Please let us know when you would like to serve as our *meturgeman*, adding your voice, your Torah, to ours. To choose a date, contact Amber Page at [ExecAssist@caiaz.org](mailto:ExecAssist@caiaz.org). For more details, please contact Rabbi Metz at [RabbiMetz@caiaz.org](mailto:RabbiMetz@caiaz.org).

## Candle Lighting Times January/February 2021

January 1	5:12pm
January 8	5:18pm
January 15	5:24pm
January 22	5:30pm
January 29	5:37pm



February 5	5:43pm
February 12	5:50pm
February 19	5:56pm
February 26	6:01pm

Please visit our website [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org) and check your email for the most up-to-date information.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



The wait for the highly anticipated widespread COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues. In the meantime, while we have been limited in what we can do, additional online programming opportunities will be increased. Please watch for some of our new Adult Education programs in particular.

In February we celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees. It celebrates the time when the earliest fruits in Israel begin to emerge in the Spring. I think we can take some consolation from this observance given our current plight. Each year, many trees go through a cycle of life, growth, bringing forth fruit, diminishment with leaves falling, dormancy, and then rebirth again. We celebrate this life cycle and contribute to it by planting our own seeds that will one day participate and grow into trees. Even in the dark days of winter when everything seems sad and lifeless, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Spring will come and the fruits of our labor will see sunlight and growth. While 2020 was certainly a tough year, 2021 is a new year and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Eventually, we will see the other side where we can grow and thrive. Still, it's never too late to plant seeds.

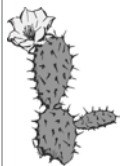
The Talmud (*Ta'anit* 23a:15) relates a story about Choni HaMe'agel, famous for successfully praying for rain from within a circle he drew. Choni was walking along the road when he saw a man planting a carob tree. Choni asked him how long it would take for the tree to bear fruit. The man answered, "70 years." Choni asked him if he expected to live for another 70 years to benefit from the fruit. The man replied that there were carob trees already here for me to enjoy, and so I am just paying it forward and planting for my descendants.

So, let's focus on planting what seeds we can now (real and metaphorical). Maybe we will personally benefit from these seeds when they mature into trees, but maybe these are seeds that individuals in the future will benefit from as well.

*B'Shalom,*

Dan Jurkowitz, [President@caiaz.org](mailto:President@caiaz.org)

### 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!

### Interfaith Families Welcome

CAI welcomes all interfaith families and encourages them to participate in as much synagogue life as they choose within the framework of Conservative Judaism. For more information, go to [caiaz.org/resources](http://caiaz.org/resources) as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

## Women's League



There are many congregants who need to purchase and stock up on Judaica, books, candles, Mah Jongg cards, and other gifts for friends and family. To set up a private shopping appointment, contact Marianne at 349-3347 or

[marilang@comcast.net](mailto:marilang@comcast.net). Check out the items featured on the back page of this issue.

Women's League is now taking orders for 2021 Mah Jongg cards. Cards are \$9 each or \$10 each for cards with large print. Order deadline is Tuesday, January 19. Cards for 2020 are available in the Gift Shop and are used through the end of March.



Please send your check made out to Judy Fishman and mail to Judy at 485 S. Edgeside Avenue, Tucson AZ 85748.

Starting January 4, Women's League is sponsoring Devorah's Palm Tree, a monthly study group. See page 5 for details.

## Read It and Meet



We look forward to seeing you at our next Read It and Meet session on January 24 at 11:00am on Zoom. January's book is *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner. Joni Belzer will facilitate the discussion.

Please save the date for our next session on February 28, when Sara Ross will be our facilitator for the book *Unorthodox* by Deborah Feldman.



*Watch your email for details and links.*

### UPCOMING DATES & TITLES

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| March 21 | <i>Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love</i> by Dani Shapiro |
| April 25 | <i>The Yellow Bird Sings</i> by Jennifer Rosner                                |
| May 23   | <i>Color Me In</i> by Natasha Diaz   |

### MUSIC FOR THE NEW YEAR with Nichole, Hillary & Michal Chorny January 3rd, 2021 - 2:30pm

Enjoy a special afternoon of  
music as we join  
Beth Tikvah of Naples  
for a virtual concert  
featuring our very own  
Nichole Chorny  
and her "sisters."



*Look for details and link in your email.*

# EDUCATION

## Preschool/Kindergarten



Our Parent Action Committee (PAC) has been hard at work these past few months setting up dine-out fundraiser nights at MOD Pizza and Chipotle, having beautiful school pictures taken with photographer Tina Blatchford, offering an online book fair with Usborne Books, as well as ongoing preschool T-shirt and cutlery sales, all to raise funds to support our students and school. Preschool families, friends and staff also participated in a “Stuff the Trunk” donation event to help support the local organization **More Than a Bed Foster & Adoptive Family Resource Center**. *Yasher koach* to everyone involved with helping to make our school and our community a wonderful place to be – we can’t thank you enough.

December found our preschool bubbles enjoying some cooler weather but more importantly, embracing the magic of Chanukkah. Songs, prayers and laughter could be heard as each class celebrated with crafts, lighting menorahs AND playing dreidels. A big THANK YOU to Adeline Horst for graciously offering to purchase food for our preschoolers to enjoy during their celebrations. Unfortunately, due to the early closure of preschool to ensure that our staff and students are safe from COVID as cases spiked in Arizona, we did not hold our preschool Chanukkah celebrations.

It’s hard to believe, but registration for the 21-22 school year begins in January for all currently enrolled families. Registration will open to the public in early February. As always, we welcome families with children 14 months to 4 years old to our program. If you know of a family looking for one of the best preschool programs around, please send them our way.

Every day our teachers and students continue to be diligent about wearing masks, keeping hands washed, adhering to our policies and procedures, and following CDC and PCHD recommendations and guidelines. Our facilities and maintenance team continues to work at the highest level to keep our school clean and disinfected daily for the safety of us all. Together with our preschool families, we’re striving to ensure the safest and best learning and working environment for our students and staff. I’m so proud of all the work being done here, and I continue to praise everyone helping to make our school the best it can be.

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*  
– Helen Keller

*B'Shalom,*  
**Kimmie Spitzer, Early Childhood Director**  
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## B'Yahad and USY

The first semester of B'Yahad ended with some wonderful family programming! B'Yahad families participated in a Virtual Challah Bake and experienced challah-making in their homes (some for the first time!) Students and families also enjoyed a fun Chanukkah program. Our Madrichim planned and led our Virtual Chanukkah Program, and they continue to provide amazing peer-tutoring for Hebrew and *Tefilla* (prayers) as they create bonds with our younger students as wonderful role models.



Our Madrichim and USYers will participate in a special high school development program about anti-Semitism in early February. If your high school student is interested in participating, please contact us. Information will be coming soon.



Our USYers have continued to stay virtually connected through unique virtual programs last semester including a Mystery Lounge, Friendsgiving Shabbat, Encampment and monthly Kadima events like Movie Night as shown in the picture below. Stay tuned for upcoming events!



Be sure to save the date for a special B'Yahad Havdalah Program on February 13 (in place of B'Yahad on February 14), Hamentaschen making on February 21 and our Purim Celebration on February 25. Details to come!

As a reminder, if you have any questions or need any assistance with technology, feel free to contact us. We are here for you!

*B'Shalom,*  
**Nichole Chorny**  
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## Todah Rabah

*Todah rabah* for all the generous donations made to our Turkey and More drive! Jewish Family & Children Services asked us to raise \$800 to help them provide kosher turkeys for Thanksgiving.

We were able to go above and beyond and raised \$1,559, which provided meals for 21 families!

# ADULT EDUCATION

## Introducing Two New Adult Education Programs for 2021!



### Devorah's Palm Tree

*A monthly class beginning*

**Monday, January 4 at noon on Zoom**



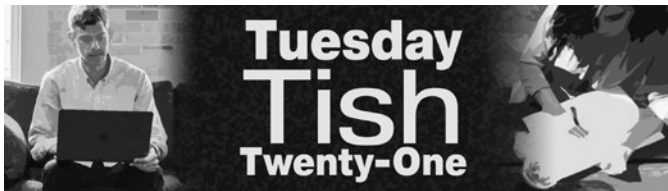
Join Rabbi Metz and Women's League the first Monday of every month to learn more about how and why we celebrate our holidays. We will be studying the book, *My Jewish Year* by Abigail Pogrebin. It is not necessary to

have the book in order to participate in the class. Your perspective makes for a lively discussion. Our first topic will be Tu B'Shvat, which starts on page 145.

Next date - February 1, 2021. Topic: Purim, page 159.

*Zoom links are available in your e-mail.*

*Call 745-5550 for more information or to be added to our email list.*



### Tuesday Tish 21

*A weekly class beginning*

**January 12 at 7:00pm on Zoom**

Rabbi Metz will be teaching *Walking With God*, a series of 9 Tuesday classes (final class - March 9) in which we will learn different ideas about God in Judaism throughout our history through today.

No charge for the class, but a minimum \$18 donation is suggested for a bound, printed packet of all the materials we will be studying together. *Please consider an additional donation sponsoring the packet for another.* **NOTE:** Complimentary digital packets will also be available online.

*Zoom links are available in your e-mail.*

*Call 745-5550 for more information or to be added to our email list.*

### Online Weekday Torah Study Group

***Resumes January 7, 2021***

Led by Rabbi Metz, this informal study group can lead to lively discussion. Held Thursdays on Zoom, 12:00 noon until 1:00pm.

***Bring your Bible and your desire to learn together.***

Study materials can be found at [caiaz.org/resources](http://caiaz.org/resources)

***New link can be found in your email.***

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# LET'S CONNECT ONLINE!



Connection information and links to materials are shared with members via email

## VIRTUAL MINYANIM ON ZOOM

Join us online for daily prayer services!

*Sign in 10 minutes before Morning Minyan and Mincha/Ma'ariv services begin for a schmooze.*

### Morning Minyan

8:00am Sunday • 7:30am Monday-Friday

### Evening Service

5:30pm Sunday-Thursday

### Kabbalat Shabbat

5:45pm Friday

### Shabbat Morning Service

9:00am Saturday

### Virtual Kiddush & Schmooze

*Immediately following Shabbat Morning Service*

## HAYDALAH ON FACEBOOK LIVE

*Make the transition from Shabbat to the week!*

Approx. 6:15pm Saturday\*  
[facebook.com/congregationansheiisrael](https://facebook.com/congregationansheiisrael)

No Facebook account is necessary.

\*Times vary. Check [caiaz.org](https://caiaz.org) for times.

## WEEKLY ZOOM TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI METZ

Resumes Thursday, January 7, 12:00pm-1:00pm

*Bring your Bible and your desire to learn together.*

Study materials can be found at [caiaz.org/resources](https://caiaz.org/resources)

*New link can be found in your email.*

## MONTHLY READ IT AND MEET

On Zoom

January 24 at 11:00am

*The Third Daughter by Talia Carner*

Service materials are online at [caiaz.org/resources](https://caiaz.org/resources) or call 745-5550 (M-F 8am-4pm) for pickup or delivery of prayer books. Zoom links are available in your e-mail. Call 745-5550 for more information or to be added to our email list. Times may vary. Please check our website [caiaz.org](https://caiaz.org) for up-to-date details.



# High Holy Days Appeal 5781

We'd like to thank these generous donors who made contributions to our High Holy Days Appeal.

*Todah rabah one and all!*

***Thank you to our Appeal Chairs Tracy & David Jeck and Family***

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 Marcia & Irving Winick  
 Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf  
 Sandra & William Yalen  
 Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin  
 Enid & Mel Zuckerman

*\* We apologize for any inadvertent omissions \**

# Tu B'Shvat Seder



**Wednesday, January 27, 6:00pm**  
(immediately following evening minyan)

**Meeting ID: 860 8729 1835 / Password: 5550**  
**Join by Telephone: (253) 215-8782**

**RSVP Deadline - January 20**

Please contact Amber to RSVP or for more information  
**ExecAssist@caiaz.org**

Materials & Seder supplies, including  
Le Cave's fruit-filled donuts  
(better late than never!)

will be available for drive-by pick-up  
(masks required)

Sunday, January 24 from 2:00pm-2:30pm



**Congregation Anshei Israel & PJ Library**  
*present*

**It's In The Bag:  
Celebrating Tu B'Shvat  
with the Eric Carle Museum**

**Sunday, January 24  
3:30pm**

Families & kids 3 years old and up can join Congregation Anshei Israel, PJ Library, and the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art to learn about and celebrate Tu B'Shvat!

Eric Carle Museum Art Educator, Meg Nicoll, will guide us as we paint, draw, cut and rip our way into creating a Tu B'Shvat Tree Collage.

**FREE Art Kits include:**

Watercolor paper, various card stock, watercolor paint set,  
and an apron

**RSVP by Jan. 15:**

<https://jfsa.ticketspice.com/pjtubshevat2021>



**Zoom link & pick-up  
information  
provided upon RSVP**

*Find details in your email.*

**PJ Library**



## About Tu B'Shvat

The semi-holiday, *Chamishah Asar B'Shvat* (15<sup>th</sup> day of *Shvat*) marks the first day of spring in Israel. It occurs six weeks after Chanukah. The Mishnah refers to it as *Rosh Hashanah L'Tlanot* (New Year of the Trees). Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed it by eating fruit grown in Israel. With the rise of the Zionist movement and the re-establishment of the land of Israel, Tu B'Shvat has gained new significance as Arbor Day, observed by the planting of trees in Israel.

Trees were regarded as special gifts from God. There are many symbolic allusions to trees in the Bible, especially the olive, which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that dies. Trees are represented as symbols of goodness and nobility. The upright person is compared to "a tree planted near a stream, that bears fruit in due season, with leaves that never fade" (Psalm 1:3). "The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalm 92: 13-14).

Not too long ago, it was customary among many of our people to plant a tree when a child was born. Branches from these trees were then used for the poles of the wedding canopy (*chuppah*) on the day of their marriage.

In our day, many people purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF). If interested in purchasing a tree or making a donation to the JNF for reclamation of the land of Israel, please contact the JNF at 800-542-TREE (8733).

**This year Tu B'Shvat falls on Thursday, January 28  
(it begins at sundown January 27).**



# Purim

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 25



### Wild West Purim Celebration & Megillah Reading

*Look for details in your email.*

**YEEHAW!**

#### About Purim

Purim tells the story of Esther and Haman, and begins with a feast in the kingdom of Persia, hosted by King Ahashverosh. The king was flaunting his riches and treasures for all to see, and decided that his beautiful wife, Queen Vashti, should also be displayed. But when the king sent for Vashti, she refused to appear before him. In anger, he threw Vashti out of the palace. In search of a new wife, the king chose Esther, a young and very beautiful Jewish woman. Esther's uncle, Mordecai, cautioned her not to tell the king that she was a Jew.

King Ahashverosh bestowed a special honor on Haman, his power-hungry assistant, telling all the people in his kingdom to bow down to Haman. As a Jew, Mordecai refused. Haman became enraged and devised a plan to kill all the Jews. He even bribed the king into signing the declaration.

To determine the date the Jews were to be attacked, Haman drew lots ("purim" in Hebrew). Mordecai, however, discovered Haman's evil scheme and revealed it to Esther. Esther decided she must tell Ahashverosh, even if it meant her life.

King Ahashverosh was horrified to learn that his beautiful wife and her people were in danger. Haman was condemned to be hanged on the gallows and Mordecai was elevated to the position of Prime Minister. The Jews were safe once again, and Esther and Mordecai proclaimed the day to be one of feasting and merrymaking.

## HAMANTASCHEN FOR HUNGER

Sunday, February 21

11:00am



Save the date and plan to join us for this virtual opportunity to make your own hamantaschen. This year baking will take place at home and we will share 3 different recipes (traditional, chocolate and savory). Pick the recipe you'd like to make and join us online with your materials.

As our dough chills, we will play a Purim-themed Kahoot game together. We are continuing our mission of this program and will be raising funds for the local Community Food Bank and Leket (Israel's food bank), so please continue to support them and please give as you can. RSVP to Amber at [ExecAssist@caiaz.org](mailto:ExecAssist@caiaz.org). Secure donations can be made at [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org).

## MISHLOACH MANOT PACKAGES

**Purim will be here before you know it!**



It is customary to send two types of ready-to-eat food to at least one friend. These gifts symbolize the spirit of unity which kept the Jewish people together in the face of the threat from Haman and his cohorts.

This year you can order Mishloach Manot packages for family and friends for Purim. No need to make your own!

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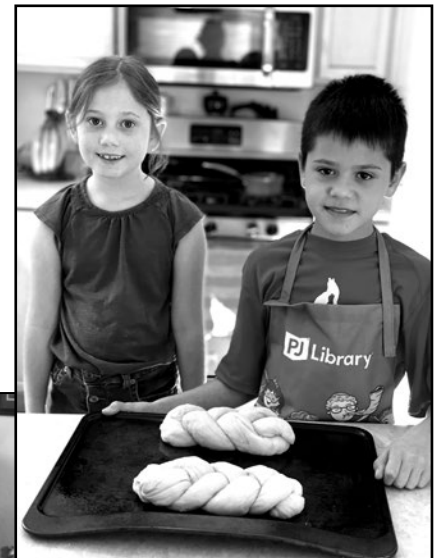
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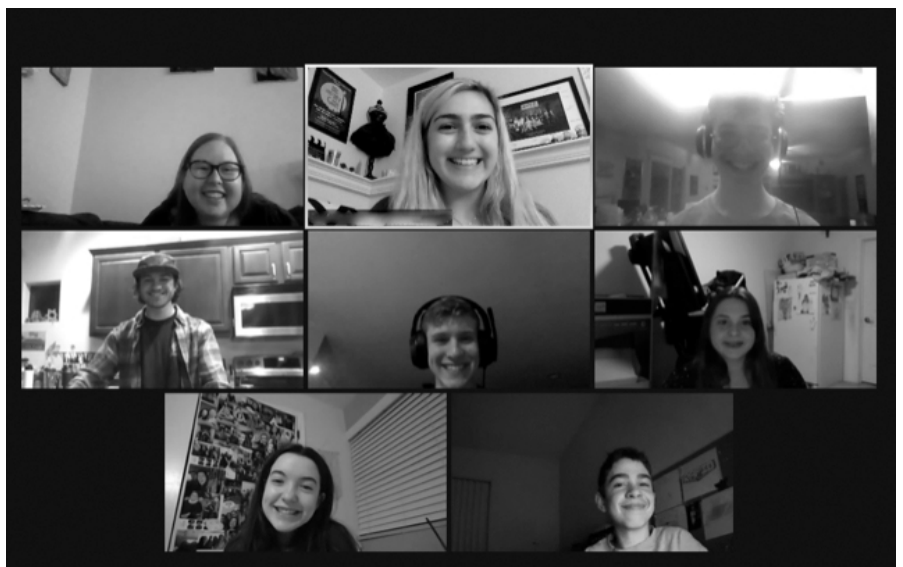
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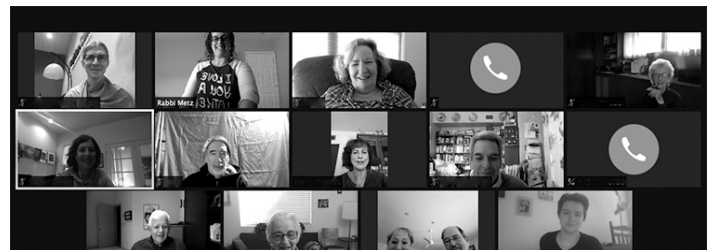
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# MAZAL TOV

## Bat Mitzvah

**Melayna Rachel Matheson**  
**February 20**



Melayna is the daughter of Teresa & Brandon Matheson; granddaughter of Susan Matheson z"l, Debra & Landon Matheson, and Darlene & Robert Moen; and sister to Clayton z"l and Jared Matheson. Melayna attends Tucson Hebrew Academy and enjoys reading, dance, and participating in THA's Student Council. Melayna's Bat Mitzvah project is organizing a book drive to collect books for Make Way For Books.

## January Anniversaries

Date		Years
11	<b>Sandra &amp; Gerald Ross</b>	<b>62</b>
12	Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	34
13	Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	19
15	Marianne & Allen Langer	37
23	<b>Jane &amp; Jonathan Klein</b>	<b>50</b>
30	<b>Yael &amp; Shlomo Neuman</b>	<b>56</b>

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Date		Years
11	<b>Enid &amp; Irwin Freedman</b>	<b>71</b>
	Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	42
12	Anjelina Belakovskaia & Lawrence Bernstein	18
13	<b>Ruth &amp; Marvin Hoffman</b>	<b>66</b>
	Rosie & Paul Kahn	27
16	Hyla & Gary Windham	18
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Mort Kranitz

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