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**Happy New Year,  
Trees!**

**TU B'SHVAT  
Begins at sunset  
January 16**

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January 7	5:16pm
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Family Shabbat Service & Dinner  
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Candle Lighting February	
February 4	5:42pm
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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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up-to-date information.**

# Shalom!

## Welcome

Please  
warmly

Our new  
& rejoined  
members:

Talia Green, Evan Blackford & son August Blackford

Marilyn Lobell

Rose Offenber

Teresa & Ole Thienhaus



## Excerpted from Rabbi Eisen's speech at the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash Dedication on December 5, 2021

When asked to describe a Synagogue we usually use such terms as:

- BEIT KENESSET – Place of/for gathering
- BEIT T'FILLAH – Place of/for Prayer

However, it is as BEIT MIDRASH – Place/House of MIDRASH, that it can best fulfill its mission.

Though we would usually translate the term BEIT MIDRASH as a Place/House of Study, it is, in truth, much much more. The term MIDRASH can be understood to mean more than just "study". It connotes searching or seeking: searching/seeking for the questions and answers for how life should be lived (and not only through the traditional texts). The goal of the searching is not just to know ... it was in order to begin to do ... to live accordingly ... to find life what it was meant to be.

It was as/through the ideal of a BEIT MIDRASH that a Synagogue can become a BEIT KENESSET and BEIT TEFILLAH as well ... that enables us to search for and seek out that which will enable us to find life what we want it to be as individuals, families and a community.

Especially because of the centrality of the BEIT MIDRASH to our history as a people, never in my life did I think (especially when first arriving in Tucson a little over 21 years ago) that we would be gathered as we were this past Sunday evening, the last night of HANUKKAH, to dedicate the BEIT MIDRASH as we did.

That my name is associated with our BEIT MIDRASH is humbling ... and I will forever be thankful for all that it reflects. However, if my name is associated with this BEIT MIDRASH, it should be seen as a reflection of all of you who have made this journey with me over the (especially past 21) years ...

As we spoke on Sunday night, may it be our prayer that:

- The door of this BEIT MIDRASH be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, and all who are lonely for fellowship.
- It welcomes all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.
- The door of this BEIT MIDRASH be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.
- Its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.
- Its walls be too high to admit complacency, selfishness, and harshness.
- This BEIT MIDRASH be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

May you all go from strength to strength and blessing to blessing ... be afforded all that which you have extended to me.

With gratitude from the bottom of my heart for all who enabled this dream to become a reality ...

B'VIRKAT SHALOM  
Robert Eisen, Rabbi Emeritus

*View the whole dedication on our website, [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to 2022. It's hard to believe that it is already the start of the secular year. Where did 2021 go? Can you believe that we are still in the throes of COVID-19 protocols? I hope 2022 finds you and your family in the best of health.

On December the fifth we held the dedication of the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash, a space for *tefillah* (prayer), *midrash* (study), and *kneset* (gathering) as well as our congregational Chanukkah party. It was so wonderful to be with so many of you in-person as well as on Zoom. We hope to hold many more gatherings where we can safely be together this year.

Our *Kehillah*, our congregation, is not a building but the people who are here in the building as we work, study, pray and play together. You are the ones that make us Anshei Israel, the people of Israel. We have many family/youth activities planned for the coming months as well as adult education opportunities.

Speaking of adult education, please join us at Devorah's Palm Tree, Read It and Meet, Tuesday Tish, and weekly Torah Study. I also understand that there is a "trial" in our future. So, let's come together to study and learn from each other.

Remember that twice daily minyan, while still online only, gives us a daily chance to pray, as do our Friday Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services.

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Dedication, and I look forward to seeing you all at shul, in-person or online.

Happy Secular New Year 2022.

*B'Shalom,*

**Evelyn Sigafus, [ESigafus@aol.com](mailto:ESigafus@aol.com)**

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I thank you for your contributions, as well as your beautiful letters and cards. Our family appreciates your support and caring.

As most of you know, Arthur loved the rabbinate and was devoted to Anshei Israel. It was the focal point of his life. He cultivated numerous relationships with many of you.

We will always remember your kindness. May his memory be for a blessing.

זכרונו לברכה

*Zichrono l'vracha*

**Betejoy Oleisky**

**Mazal Tov!**  
**Adam Goldstein**

**40/40**

Adam was named one of the 40 under 40 winners for 2021. The award is presented annually by Snell & Wilmer with the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Arizona Daily Star.

## Help Seniors in Our Community Through the Arizona Tax Credit

### Arizona Tax Credits are not just for schools

You can support seniors who attend SandRuby, a comprehensive adult community program in Tucson, through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit.

- **Individuals may contribute up to \$400**
- **Married couples filing jointly may contribute up to \$800**
- **Deadline is April 15, 2022, or when you file your taxes**
- **Donors need to use Qualifying Charitable Organization, or "QCO" code 20051 to get credit on their income tax return**

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit that empowers you to redirect your state tax liability to support the work of SandRuby, a member of the Handmaker family of services.



 **SANDRUBY**  
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Donate now at [www.sandrubbycp.org/donate](http://www.sandrubbycp.org/donate) or call (520) 322-3622**



# EDUCATION

## Preschool



January brings new learning opportunities and milestones to be reached by the children all while building upon their already existing skills and knowledge. It's a great time for teachers to introduce new materials, games, activities, and songs to help support the social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development in each child. My motto - "learn something new every day," and the new semester allows us to do just that.

The past 2 years have definitely been a learning opportunity for me as the Early Childhood Director. I've learned that the responsibilities of being the director go way beyond just standing at the front door greeting the children as they enter school. I've learned that you have to build relationships with teachers, students, families, synagogue staff, and members, and no, this cannot be done remotely.

I've learned that our teachers and staff are incredible, and I wish I could pay them what they're truly worth. I've learned to rely on the expertise of other people to help create policies and procedures to provide the safest learning and working environment for the students and staff.

I've learned that children need help defending the playground from monsters; taking a child for a walk because they won't nap is appreciated; reassuring a parent that a behavior issue is common and we'll work together for the success of the child; and gloving-up and pulling a car out of the potty are all part of the job requirement.

I've also learned that even though you try really hard to do the best for other families, yours must come first. That is why it's incredibly difficult for me to make the decision to step away from this position at the end of this school year. I will continue to stand proudly to greet each child into school, defend the playground at all cost, glove-up to unclog a potty, and continue to provide the safest and most compassionate environment that I can for my students, staff and families through May 20th.

Registration for the 22-23 school year will run from January 3rd - January 31st for currently enrolled families and will open to the public the first week in February. If you or someone you know are looking for a compassionate, dedicated and high-quality Judaic preschool, please contact the preschool office for a tour, and check out our website at [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org) under Lifelong Learning/Preschool.

*B'Shalom,*

**Kimmie Spitzer, Early Childhood Director**  
745-5550, ext. 229 [ECDirector@caiaz.org](mailto:ECDirector@caiaz.org)

### Early Childhood Director Position:

Do you know someone with a positive attitude, who loves working with young children, has administrative experience, and would be a good addition to our team?

Please email resume to

**Debra Lytle, [ExecDir@caiaz.org](mailto:ExecDir@caiaz.org)**

## B'Yahad and USY

We had a wonderful end to our first semester of B'Yahad with our Chanukkah Maccabiah & Celebration followed by our Mitzvah Fair with

Kol Ami! A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who fried *latkes* and helped make our Chanukkah celebration special for our students and families. For the Mitzvah Fair, each class researched and presented about a non-profit organization that they were passionate about.



After each class did their presentations, every student was given a chance to donate to the organization(s) of their choice. Between Anshei Israel and Kol Ami, we collected \$885, and made donations to the following organizations this year: Handmaker, JCC, JFCS, Jewish History Museum, THA, USY, Pima Animal Care Center & the Primavera Foundation. *Yasher Koach!*

Be sure to join us for **Tu B'Shvat at McDonald Park on January 16** and stay tuned for our 3<sup>rd</sup> collaboration event with Kol Ami: **The Jewish**



**Camp Fair on January 30 at Kol Ami.** We already enjoyed a special Zoom visit with a Camp Ramah representative and look forward to hearing more about Camp Ramah and other Jewish Camps at this special event. Please keep in mind that we have scholarship funds available for any Jewish child who wishes to attend Jewish Summer Camp!

Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Kadima events on January 9 and February 20, as well as our USY events, coming up on January 17 (Into the Day-Day of Service) and February 19.

We also look forward to starting our Shabbat Family Services & Dinners on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, starting on January 14. Look for RSVP information and come celebrate Shabbat together!

*B'Shalom,*

**Nichole Chorny**  
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## TODAH RABAH!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Project Isaiah, the Turkey Drive and Toy Drive this year!

Here's the impact your donations made:

- **Project Isaiah:** 558 pounds of food & \$900
- **Turkey & More:** Gift cards for 19 families
- **AVIVA Toy Drive:** We filled the entire bin!

Thank you for your generous donations.



# ADULT EDUCATION



## Devorah's Palm Tree

**NEW DATES - NEW BOOK!**

**Classes are held at noon the second Monday of every month**



Join Rabbi Metz and Women's League the second Monday of every month. We will be studying a new book, *The Path of Blessing* by Rabbi Marcia Prager. It is not necessary to have the book in order to participate in the class. Your perspective makes for a lively discussion.

**January 10, 12:00 noon**  
The Spiritual Practice of *Brakhot*  
Language and God

**February 14, 12:00 noon**  
*Barukh*

Call (520) 745-5550 for more information, to be added to our email list, or go to [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org) to sign-up online.

***Please check your email for details and Zoom link.***



## Read It and Meet

Please join Women's League on Zoom for Read It and Meet, to discuss a wide variety of books by Jewish authors and/or about Jewish themes.

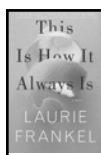
**January 23, 11:00am**

*The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.  
Tammy Strobel will lead the discussion.



**February 27, 11:00am**

*This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel.  
Lois Bodin will lead the discussion.



***Please check your email for details and Zoom link.***

**The next Read It and Meet will be held on March 27.**

## Online Weekday Torah Study Group



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

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



## Tuesday Tish 22

### "Walking with Mitzvot"

Understanding the Commandments

*An 8-Week Adult Education Program on Zoom*

**Every Tuesday at 7:00pm**

**January 11 through March 1**

Join Rabbi Metz to learn how *mitzvot* (commandments) have changed and evolved over time, and how to apply them to everyday life.

### **Registration\***

**\$18 for CAI members / \$36 for guests**  
Register at [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)

*\*Includes materials*

Each participant will receive a source booklet which will be emailed out January 4.

Upon advance request, paper copies are also available for pickup January 4 - January 11.

We will record every class.  
Participants will receive a link to the recording, which will be available for 1 week only after every class.

***Check your email for details and Zoom link.***

## JOIN OUR HYBRID SERVICES!

### *In-Person/Virtual Hybrid Shabbat Services*



*Virtual services continue  
for those at home*

*Masked, socially distanced,  
limited-attendance services*

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

### **VIRTUAL MINYANIM ON ZOOM**

*Join us online for daily prayer services!*

#### **Morning Minyan Service**

8:00am Sunday • 7:30am Monday-Friday

#### **Evening Minyan Service**

5:30pm Sunday-Thursday

### **SHABBAT SERVICES**

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

*Online on Zoom every week*

*Hybrid 2nd & 4th Fridays*

*(details via email)*

5:45pm Friday

#### **Shabbat Morning Service**

*In-person & online on Zoom\**

9:00am Saturday

\*All in-person attendees must comply with the current COVID-19 protocols found on our website, [caiaz.org](http://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. For more information, contact **Bob Fridrich** at [Bob.Lisa96@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.Lisa96@gmail.com) or (520) 488-5443.

Service materials are online at [caiaz.org/resources](http://caiaz.org/resources) or call (520) 745-5550 (M-F 8am-4pm) for pickup or delivery of prayer books.

Zoom links are available in your email. Call (520) 745-5550 for more information or to be added to our email list.

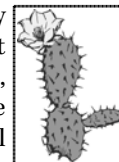
Times may vary. Please check our website [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org) for up-to-date details.

### **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.

### **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 (520) 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!



## COMING UP



### FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

**JANUARY 14 AT 5:45PM**

Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat service in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash at 5:45pm followed by a meat dinner with vegetarian options outside in the Sukkah area\* at approximately 7:00pm.

*\*weather permitting*

**See insert for more details.**

### Tu B'Shvat in the Park Sunday, January 16, 10:00am McDonald Park, Ramada 6 (Catalina Hwy/Harrison)

*In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at CAI.*

Trees are regarded as special gifts from God, and are symbols of goodness and nobility. We observe Tu B'Shvat by eating fruits grown on trees from the Land of Israel.

Please join us for this complimentary family program open for all to enjoy participating in:

- Mini-Seder
- Parsley planting
- A nature walk through the 7 species of Israel

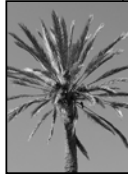
#### NOTE:

*All B'Yahad & Kadima families are asked to attend. There will not be class or lounge.*

***This is an in-person only event — social distancing and face masks required for all attendees.***

**RSVP Deadline - January 13**

*Check your email for details & RSVP link.*



**American  
Red Cross**

### Blood Drive

Congregation Anshei Israel

**Sunday, January 23, 2022  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

*See insert for more details.*

### The Way We Were

*A 3-month series*

**February 17 at noon**

#### Who Knew? Celebrating Jewish Artists

At the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century, artists moved away from representing people, places, and things, to the less tangible arena of ideas, emotions, and direct, personal experience. Come join us for a direct and personal experience of the works of Jewish artists in the collection of the University of Arizona Museum of Art. We will see Jewish artworks on display, and their generous staff has invited us for a private viewing of more riches. The tour will be conducted by university staff and Adrienne O'Hare. Please note this will be IN PLACE of Torah Study on that day. **\$5 admission fee. Space is limited.**

**RSVP DEADLINE: Monday, February 15.**

#### March - The Way We Were

Join us for a stroll as we step into Tucson's past on location at Evergreen Cemetery with Barry Friedman.

#### April - Bagels & Litvaks

Join us for an afternoon of Bagels & Litvaks with Joel Alpert when we will explore Jewish genealogy through film.

**Check your email for RSVP link and details.**

### Yee-Haw-ydalah Family Game Night!

**February 19, 7:00pm**

Get ready for Rodeo Break and wear your Western gear for Havdalah. Games, dessert, and wine for adults. **FREE!**

**Check your email for details & RSVP link.**

### Save the Dates

**for these upcoming events you won't want to miss!**

- Bird Watching Walk at Agua Caliente Park (Feb. 20)
- Hamentashen for Hunger (March 13)
- Hadassah Potter & the Sorcerer of Shushan Purim Celebration & Megillah Reading (March 16)
- Trial of Noah (March 22 & 29)
- Musician in Residence, Dr. Ralph Selig (April 8)
- Second Night Seder (April 16)

*Check your email for details and links!*

**Join our leaders at**



Temple Beth Am & USCJ Present

### KOL TEFILLA

**February 11-13 2022 gether  
Shabbaton & Music Festival**

**See insert for details &  
registration information**



# High Holy Days Appeal 5782

We'd like to thank these generous donors who have already made contributions.

Please join us in supporting our High Holy Days Appeal. Make your secure donation online at [caiaz.org](http://caiaz.org)

***Appeal Chairs Nancy Ben-Asher Ozeri, Jonathan Ben-Asher & Judy Ben-Asher***

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Gerald Fleischner  
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Chaya & Harvey Jurkowitz  
Sheeri Kahn  
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Iris Bernstein & David Karp  
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Aurora & Eugene Kellogg  
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Jack Pinnas  
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Alice & Joel Steinfeld  
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Paul Storm  
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Rochelle Abell & Dan Weisz  
Benita Silvyn & Charles Whitehill  
James Whitehill  
Terry Williams  
Hyla & Gary Windham  
Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf  
Susan Wortman  
Sandra & William Yalen  
Ellen Yasmer

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

# CATCHING UP

## B'Yahad Religious School Chanukkah Maccabiah - December 5



Our B'Yahad students & Madrichim and their families enjoyed competitive games, candle lighting and yummy foods prepared by B'Yahad parent volunteers.

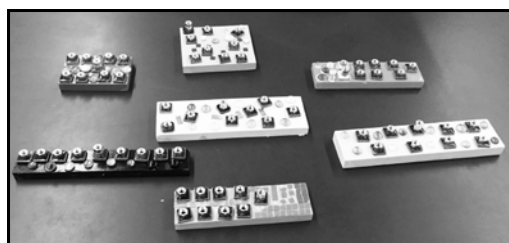




# CATCHING UP

## A peek into the world of preschoolers

From getting ready for Thanksgiving to making Chanukkiyot, performing Chanukkah songs for family & friends, our preschoolers have been very busy!





# CATCHING UP

Family Schmovie Night - November 13



# CATCHING UP

## Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash Dedication - December 5



Rabbi Robert Eisen addressing the community.



Past President Steve Shenitzer & Rabbi Metz affixing a new mezuzah (closeup, *right*) to the Beit Midrash doorframe.



Surprise guest Rabbi Kelly Gludt, via Zoom, recounting memories she shares with Rabbi Eisen.



Past President Phillip Pepper honors Rabbi Eisen with a song.



Marianne and Allen leading an English reading.



Past President Stephanie Roberts talks about her friendship with Rabbi Eisen.



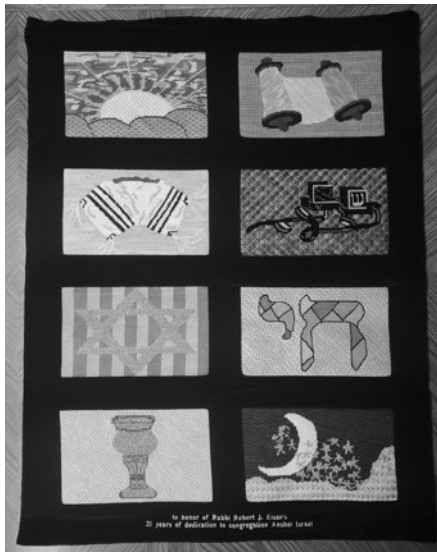
Eleanor Jeck leads an English reading.



# BEIT MIDRASH DEDICATION SELFIE STATION



Coby Jeck lights the 7th Candle as Rabbi Eisen and children look on.



New needlepoint Amud Cover, with panels created by MeMe Aguila, Phyllis Becker z"l, Lois Bodin, Mindy Hirsh, Sandra Lachter, Tammy Strobel, Dvora Tager




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Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny leads the children in song.

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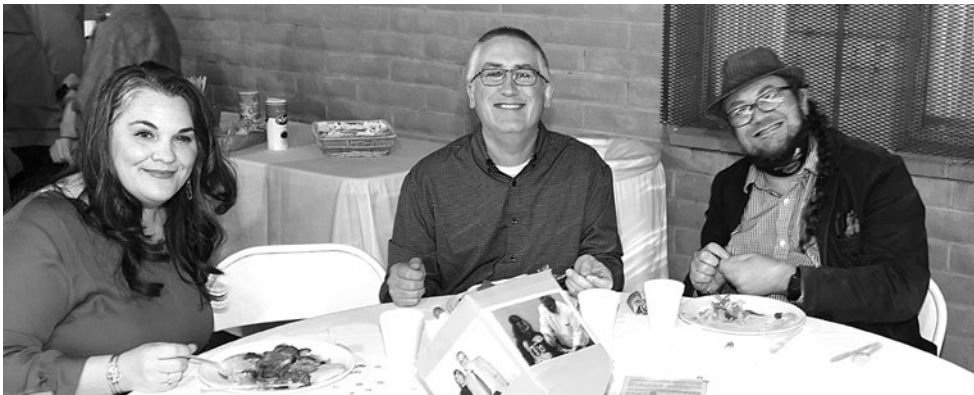
# CATCHING UP

## Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash Dedication - December 5



Rabbi and Debby Eisen with Executive Director Debra Lytle, and Board President Evelyn Sigafus.

Past President Steve Shenitzer, Sharon Walton, Rabbi Eisen, Holly Shenitzer, Richard Walton.



Board Member Kala Phelps, Scott Phelps, Board Member Marty Johnston.



“Kids’ Table” with Zarek Phelps, Tzipporah Chorny, Adina Lytle, Zaida Phelps, and Noah Lytle

# CATCHING UP

## Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash Dedication - December 5



Volunteers, Lois Jacowsky, Hedy Feuer, Shelley Heyman, Event Co-Chair Rosie Kahn, Sara Borin prepared and served the delicious Chanukkah meal.



Mike Jacobson, Linda Silverman & Janet Seltzer in front of the the newly remodeled ark



Dan Weisz serves the delicious Chanukkah meal to Brian Crane.



Ramon and Lupe Zambrano with Rabbi Eisen



Dani, Charlotte & Past President Phil Bregman pose with the newly-remodeled ark



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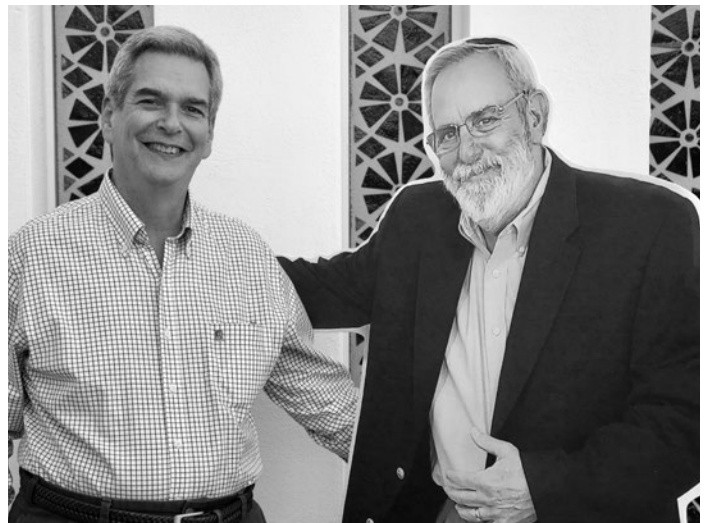
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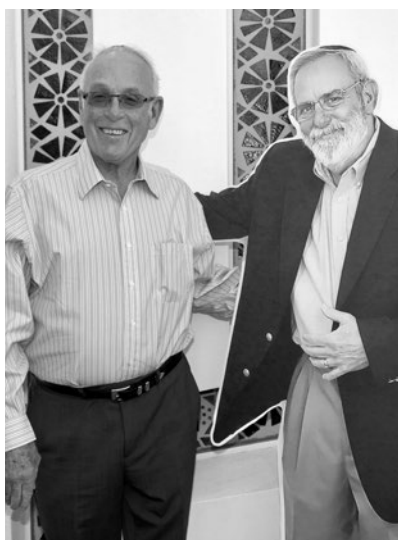
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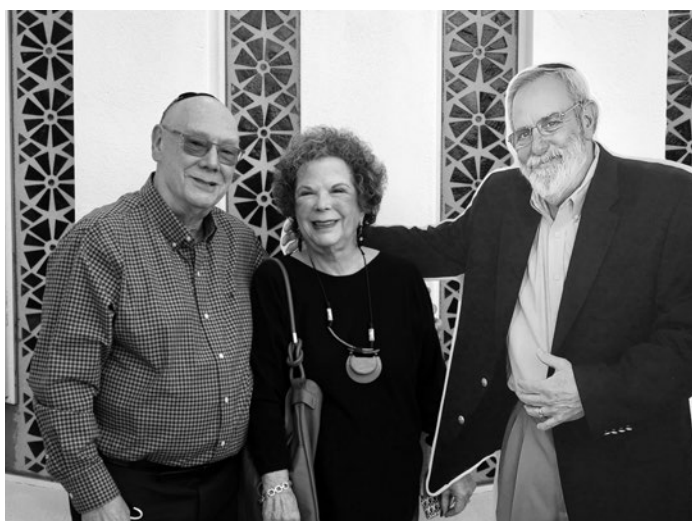
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# MAZAL TOV

## Birth Announcements

This column features the 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 Amber at (520) 745-5550, ext. 225 or [ExecAssist@caiaz.org](mailto:ExecAssist@caiaz.org)



### Harvey Allan Hulsey October 26, 2021

Harvey is the great-grandson of Sandy & Bill Yalen, grandson of Renee & Howard Hulsey, and nephew of Mallory Hulsey. (Parents: Sarah & Devin Hulsey)

### Camden Jacob Nordbeck

November 5, 2021

Camden is the great-grandson of Gail and Ron Isaacs, and grandson of Lisa and Mark Szerlip. (Parents: Amy & Ryan Nordbeck)



## January Anniversaries

Date		Years
11	<b>Sandra &amp; Gerald Ross</b>	<b>63</b>
12	Patricia Dumes-Zarin & Ira Zarin	35
13	Debbie & Irving Rosenberg	20
15	Marianne & Allen Langer	38
23	<b>Jane &amp; Jonathan Klein</b>	<b>51</b>
30	<b>Yael &amp; Shlomo Neuman</b>	<b>57</b>

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## February Anniversaries

Date		Years
11	Janice Wezelman & David Bartlett	43
11	<b>Enid &amp; Irwin Freedman</b>	<b>72</b>
13	<b>Ruth &amp; Marvin Hoffman</b>	<b>67</b>
13	Rosie & Paul Kahn	28
26	Hyla & Gary Windham	19
17	Janis & Daniel Gasch	37
17	Alla & Howard Steinberg	14
20	Madeline & Barry Friedman	39
23	Marcia & Paul Simon	8
24	Roni & Jeffrey Cruz	1
25	Anita & Danny Levkowitz	44
28	Dawn & Leonard Steinberg	6



## Welcome Heather Gacey, Finance Assistant

Please join us in making Heather Gacey, our new Finance Assistant, feel welcome as our newest staff member, taking over the bookkeeping duties, as well as helping at the front desk, answering phones, and assisting members and guests alike with her quiet patience and professional demeanor.

From Safford, Arizona, Heather has 14 years of bookkeeping experience, and has worked for an eclectic group of companies, including a tax attorney and a local manufacturer of a wide variety of craft and children's activity supplies here in Tucson. Heather's non-finance interests include reading, binge watching good TV, and swimming.

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## Celebrating Becoming a Bat Mitzvah

### Olivia Rose Slaughter January 29

Olivia is the daughter of Nicole Yuan & Jerel Slaughter, granddaughter of Ying-Ying T. Yuan, Robert Yuan & Yuan Lin, and Diane & Howard Slaughter. Olivia's brother is Jake Slaughter. Olivia attends The Gregory School and enjoys music, art and hanging out with friends. Olivia is raising money for the HOPE Animal Shelter (a no-kill shelter & sanctuary for dogs and cats) and Tucson Rescue Now (senior dog adoptions).



## Honorable "Menschens"

### Todah Rabah to:

#### New Amud Cover for the

##### Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

MeMe Aguila  
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*If we missed you, we apologize. If you would like to be included in further announcements, please let us know.*

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

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### המקום ינחם אתכם

*The congregation mourns the loss of our members:*

Jerry Feder  
Judith Schneider

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

Ellen Eichler (Larry Grabell), father Bernie Eichler  
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Elayne Feder, husband Jerry Feder  
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