

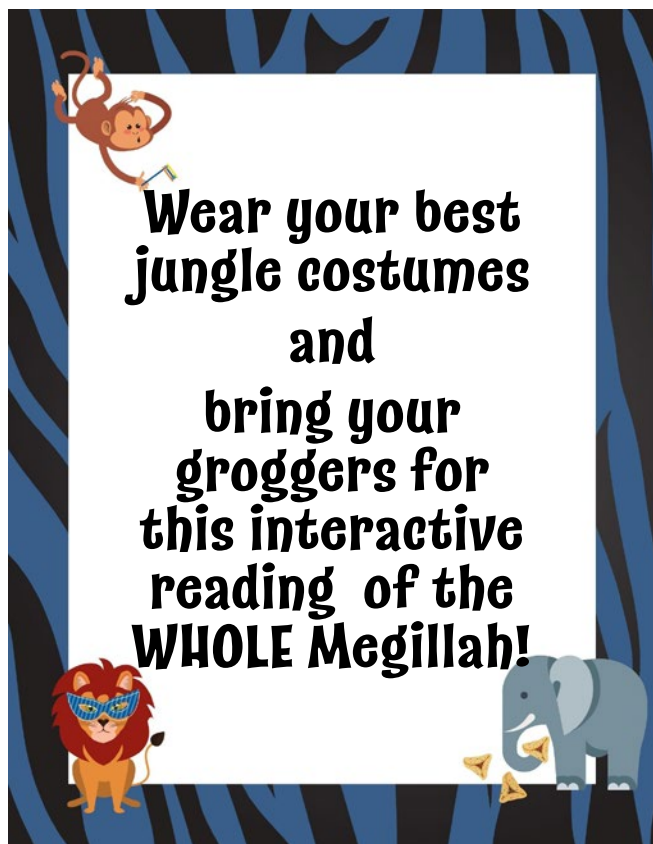


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and Megillah Reading**
Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00pm
See insert for details.



**Passover 2022
Second Night Seder**
Saturday, April 16 at 6:30pm
See insert for details.

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up-to-date information.

Shalom!

Please
warmly

Welcome

Our new
members:

Ina & Gerson Goldberg
Michael Goldberg

FROM RABBI METZ

They say, do what you love and love what you do. I feel so fortunate to be able to fulfill that adage in my position as rabbi at Congregation Anshei Israel. Each and every day is so different, yet always filled with connection and strengthening relationships. This the backbone to everything I do.

Whether it is welcoming in religious school students and schmoozing with parents in the morning to helping our *B'nai Mitzvah* students learn to wrap *tefillin*, I love being amidst this community. Our Youth Committee is incredible with their creative and fun ideas for family programming. They also help to make those programs happen!

I also have the wonderful opportunity to reach out and get to know many of our young adult members to create programming just for them, offering activities they want, when they want.

My days can be filled with *davening*, sharing good wishes with congregants for a joyous occasion, or checking in on someone during difficult times to see how we can help. I feel so fortunate to have incredible lay leaders and volunteers to help in our many task forces and committees that plan and run wonderful ways for us to connect with each other.

Just recently, we partnered with Girl Scout Troop 613 to have a few boxes of cookies that are brought to community member homes when we hear they are sick or have COVID. We aim to brighten their day and let them know we are thinking of them. Remember to please let us know if someone is sick.

It has been such joy to reimagine our Friday night services with our Cantorial Soloist, Nichole Chorny, and our Ritual Advisory Committee. We are working towards making our services more soulful, spiritual and relevant.

Partnership and collaboration is an integral goal as well. Nichole Chorny and I have created close friendships and relationships with educators and clergy around Tucson. This has lead to joint educational programming with *Kol Ami*, adult education sessions with Interfaith Community Services, learning about Conservative Judaism in Israel from Heidi Schneider of the Masorti Foundation, learning about our sister congregation *Shevet Achim* from their Rabbi Oded Peles. We are also in the middle of a wonderful year of monthly young family programming collaboration with PJ Library, *Kol Ami* and Tucson Hebrew Academy, along with planning a Yom Ha'azmaut family celebration in collaboration with The JCC and *Kol Ami*.

Every day and moment is different from the next and so filled with wonderful and vibrant moments of connection. So thank you to all those who make our community warm, welcoming, vibrant and just plain fun!



Candle Lighting Times March/April 2022

| Candle Lighting March | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| March 4 | 6:05pm |
| March 11 | 6:10pm |
| March 18 | 6:15pm |
| March 25 | 6:20pm |



| Candle Lighting April | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| April 1 | 6:25pm |
| April 8 | 6:30pm |
| April 15 (1st night Passover) | 6:35pm |
| April 16 (2nd night Passover) | 7:32pm |
| April 21 (7th night Passover) | 6:39pm |
| April 22 (8th night Passover) | 6:40pm |
| April 29 | 6:45pm |

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wow! Spring is right around the corner. March brings us Purim and hamantaschen while April brings us Pesach and matza brei. Besides the foods which surround each of these holidays, we remember who we are as a people and how *Ha-Shem* was there for us when we faced Haman and Pharaoh, then as well as now. Each holiday emphasizes our role to "Never forget." We tell these stories to our children through fun activities, food, family gatherings as well as the "written word."

You can join us on Zoom for Hamantaschen for Hunger on March 13 and bake along with us or bake later your very own hamantaschen. It is so much fun for all ages. You can then join the congregational family for the Purim carnival, dinner, and megillah reading on Erev Purim, Wednesday, March 16 and at *Shacharit* services the next morning. After you use up your flour for the hamantaschen, you can start your cleaning for Pesach.

As you clean and get ready for Pesach, it is not only the physical space we clean, but our own personal cleaning which is important. As we clean, we recommit to our Judaism in whatever way is best and meaningful for you and your family. Whenever I speak to the *b'nai mitzvah* students about their favorite holiday, Passover is on the top of the list along with matzah ball soup. I know it's a real scavenger hunt to find all you need for *Pesach*, but may you find all you need, and may your matzah balls turn out soft or hard, big or small, however your family enjoys them.

Looking forward to seeing you in shul. May you and your family have a wonderful and joyous spring.

B'Shalom,

Evelyn Sigafus, ESigafus@aol.com

CAI's 91st Annual Meeting Monday May 9, 2022

SAVE
the DATE

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

This year's slate of Officers and Board member recommendations will be shared in the 91st Annual Meeting announcement.

CAI's Governance Committee:
Vicki Pepper, Chair

Richard Green

Joy Peskin

Mike Jacobson

Steve Shenitzer

Dan Jurkowitz

Check your email for details and links

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

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EDUCATION

Preschool



Spring finds our teachers and students gearing up for some Purim and Passover holiday fun. Whether it's dressing up and parading as a superhero or monster ready to scare off anyone who dares bring us harm, or acting out the story of Passover and creating some of the best arts and crafts projects, springtime is a wonderful part of the preschool bringing great excitement and joy.

The children, like springtime, are filled with an abundance of growth and newfound skills. Not only are they physically growing by leaps and bounds, they're challenging themselves in all aspects of their lives.

The little Par Par students (14 months to 2 years old) have definitely broken out of their cocoons, unwrapped their wings, and are now soaring to new heights with increased language skills, coordination, strength and mobility, and a new sense of wonder of the world around them.

Our Shemesh students (2½ years old) are radiating with new skills, their learning, language development and self-confidence are exploding as bright as the sun. Letter recognition, word formations, not to mention finding their own independence have these students beaming.

The Kochavim class (3 years old) welcomes a new Lead Teacher, Ms. Felicity, who has the class bursting like a supernova. These star students are shining bright mastering handwriting, beginning reading, and working together to create a cohesive and exciting learning environment within their classroom universe.

Halutzim students (4 years old) are plowing through their curriculum with great excitement. This Pre-Kindergarten class is exploring reading, language, and math readiness skills, along with sharpening their problem solving and cooperation techniques. Staying true to the course, these students will be Kindergarten ready in just a few short months.

Registration for our 2022-2023 school year is underway and classes are filling up. Preschool and Summer Camp information can be found on our website at [caiaz.org/lifelong learning/preschool](http://caiaz.org/lifelonglearning/preschool), or call the preschool office for more information.

B'Shalom,

Kimmie Spitzer, Early Childhood Director
745-5550, ext. 229 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

B'Yahad and USY

As we enter Spring and get closer to the Summer, our B'Yahad families were given the opportunity to explore Jewish Summer Camp options at our Jewish Summer Camp Fair with *Kol Ami*. We were thrilled to welcome Camp Representatives from



9 different Jewish camps in person (including Camp Ramah!), and another 4 camps virtually. As a reminder, we have summer scholarships available for families who are interested in

sending their child to camp this summer. We want to make sure that every family that wants to send a child to camp can, so please be in touch with us!

As part of our March Family Service, please join us for Siddur Dedication on Friday, March 11 as our 3rd grade students lead our Friday night Shabbat service for the congregation and receive their very own copy of our siddur. It is sure to be a meaningful service - come support our 3rd grade students! Our April Family Service will be held on April 8.



We look forward to celebrating Purim together with Hamantaschen for Hunger on Sunday, March 13 and a special Purim Carnival & Celebration on Wednesday, March 16! Be sure to join us for the fun! The students and teachers of *Kol Ami* will join us for our final collaborative program of the year at our Chocolate Seder & Passover Workshop on Sunday, April 3 at Anshei Israel. Watch your emails for details and volunteer opportunities.

Keep an eye out for details about our upcoming Kadima & USY events. As a reminder, Kadima will be March 20 & April 10, and USY will be March 26 & April 29.

B'Shalom,

Nichole Chorny

Cantorial Soloist and Education & Youth Director
745-5550 ext. 227 CantorialSoloist@caiaz.org

"Matzah & More" Passover Food Drive March 1 - March 25

CAI's B'Yahad Religious School is coordinating this community drive for Jewish Family & Children's Services to provide Passover foods for families in need. *Please help with this cause to enhance the Passover celebration for these families.*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **only monetary donations can be accepted**. JFCS will then purchase gift cards to distribute safely.

Mail checks made payable to CAI, and note "Matzah & More" on it. You can also make a secure donation online at caiaz.org.

Todah Rabah and Chag Pesach Sameach to all!

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW CLASS ON ZOOM ADULT BEGINNING HEBREW!



Wish you could read Hebrew, pray more fluently,
or just feel more comfortable in services?

Join our new Hebrew class with instructor & native speaker,
Evie Shen-Tal.

This 5-session class begins at 6:15pm on March 17.

\$54 per member / \$72 per guest

Register at caiaz.org

Scholarships available to members, if needed.

Online Weekday Torah Study Group



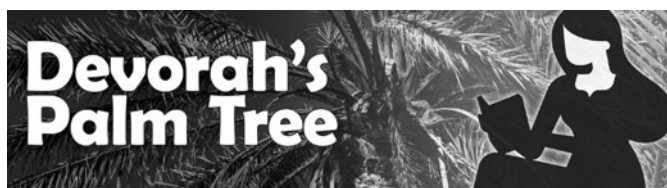
Led by Rabbi Metz, this informal study group can lead to
lively discussion. Held Thursdays on Zoom, 12:00pm until
1:00pm.

Bring your Bible and your desire to learn together.

Study materials can be found at caiaz.org/resources

**In observance of Passover, Torah Study will be on
hiatus April 7, 14 & 21. Class will resume on April 28.**

Check your email for details and Zoom link.



Devorah's Palm Tree

NEW DATES - NEW BOOK!

Classes are held at 12:00pm

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.

Monday, March 14, 12:00 noon

Ata

NO CLASS IN APRIL

(due to Passover holiday)

Monday, May 9, 12:00 noon

Naming God

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



The Way We Were

March 20, 3:00pm - The Way We Were

Step back in time with us under
the experienced guidance of Barry
Friedman, an expert in Tucson's
Jewish heritage, sharing our history
and stories of notable Jewish arrivals
in the West in general and Tucson
specifically. Barry will give us insight
into the rich Jewish heritage of Tucson's Jewish leadership,
economic leaders, political participants (good or bad),
politically active (mayors, council, sheriffs), criminals,
businesses and business leadership, bankers, miners, retail
sales, etc. The location of tour will be in Evergreen Cemetery,
which in the late 1800's, by town edict became the primary
chosen graveyard for Tucson's departed. This tour will be
held outside with attention to expected weather conditions.
Meet in the CAI section of the Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 N.
Oracle Road.

April 10, 10:00am - Bagels & Litvaks



Joel Alpert, who is well-versed in Jewish
genealogy, will host two very special films.
The first is a short, animated film of the
beautiful artworks by the Litvak artist
Simon Karczmer. It will be followed by
a wonderful film about *shtetl* life titled,
"Yurburg, Lithuania: The Jewish Life that
Once Was." This film provides a unique
view of the *shtetl* of Yurburg Lithuania,
showing footage from 1927 and present
day Yurburg. The film was created by the Lithuanian
Television Authority to educate their Lithuanian audience
about the Jewish culture and history prior to World War II.
This is the town of Joel's grandparents; an English version
was created in 2021 by Joel's cousins Fania Jivotovsky and
Misha Hillelson.

***In-person only - join us for breakfast, movie &
presentation***

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.

Sunday, March 27, 11:00am

The Only Woman in the Room

by Marie Benedict.

Joy Peskin will lead the discussion.

Sunday, April 24, 11:00am

Half Life by Jillian Cantor.

Moderator: TBA

**Read It & Meet will be on hiatus until after the
High Holy Days.**

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL AND HYBRID 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

5:45pm Friday

Hybrid: March 11 & April 8

In-person only: March 25 & April 29

(details via email)

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

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 or (520) 488-5443.

Kol Tefilla in Los Angeles - February 11-13

Staff, clergy & lay leaders bring back new melodies and enhanced, innovative services.

Join us for a new, spiritually moving Kabbalat Shabbat service full of community and new melodies sung to traditional liturgy.

Modeled after an innovative new service at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles where we experienced the *Kol Tefilla Shabbaton*, *Shabbat Sovev* will help enhance our connection to our prayers through new melodies and *kavanot* (intentions) and allow us to connect to our community in a new way. During *Sovev*, (meaning "surrounding") we will experience *davening* in concentric circles, close enough to hear one another's melodies and in relationship with one another across the room for beautiful spiritual enhancement.

Our first two services will take place on **March 25 and April 29** at 5:45pm in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash, with dinner to

follow at 7:00pm (dinner outside, weather permitting). In order to experience these services as they are meant to be (in the round), these services will be offered **in person only**.

Our service open to all. RSVP required for dinner at caiaz.org.

MEMBERS: Dinner \$40 per family (up to 4 people), \$15 per adult (13+) / \$10 per child.

GUESTS: Dinner \$50 per family (up to 4 people), \$20 per adult (13+) / \$15 per child.

Join us on the Thursday night before each service (**March 24 & April 28**) at 7:00pm in the sukkah area for *Shir Hadash* as we introduce the new songs coming in *Shabbat Sovev* with music, dessert, and wine.

Social Action for Local Afghan Refugees

We donated more than 80 sports bras!



COMING UP



FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES & DINNERS

MARCH 11

with Siddur Dedication

APRIL 8

with Musical Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Ralph Selig

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*

**Details, pricing and RSVP at caiaz.org no later than
March 7 and April 4**

HAMANTASCHEN FOR HUNGER

**Sunday, March 13
2:00pm**

Save the date and plan to join us for this virtual opportunity to make your own hamantaschen. Again, 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 online "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 give as you can. RSVP and secure donations can be made at caiaz.org.

Musical Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Dr. Ralph Selig April 7-9

**Passover Kollel
Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm
In-person only**

What does one little goat have to do with Passover,
Chad Gadya and the music of the Seder?

**Family Shabbat Service & Dinner
Friday, April 8
Hybrid Service 5:45pm / Dinner 7:00pm**

After dinner, join Dr. Selig for a musical
Shabbat and Passover Sing-a-long!

**Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, April 9
Hybrid**

Dr. Selig will deliver his sermon entitled "Music and Tefillah Across the Pond - The Jewish Music's Revival in Europe."

Dr. Ralph M. Selig is Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. In addition, he is a visiting Professor of Jewish Liturgical Music at the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin where he trains Rabbis and Cantors in *Hazzanut*.

Dr. Selig is an expert in German Jewish Liturgical music. Dr. Selig is well known not only for his collection of music, but also for his dissemination of this music through lectures, performances, and concerts, throughout the United States and Europe.

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STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

As the year is well underway, we are eager to bring you up to date on the activities and plans from the Strategic Development Steering Committee.

A quick refresher will be helpful to set the stage. As you may remember, the Steering Committee assessed the input the congregation provided and from that created the key priorities for services, activities and programs; they are:

1. Engage our congregants and incorporate them into the life of the CAI community
 - i. Young families
 - ii. Young adults
 - iii. Older adults
 - iv. Ensure inter and intra generational connections
2. In order to grow the CAI impact and exposure in the Jewish community, build coalitions and partnering opportunities with synagogues and other community organizations
3. Create more opportunities for congregants to form meaningful relationships while promoting fellowship using small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.

The Board of Trustees fully endorsed these priorities tasking the Steering Committee to begin the process of planning for and implementing these priorities. It was determined that the best way forward was to use the current CAI organizational infrastructure of committees, councils and task forces, along with the Board of Trustees. The Steering Committee met with the current, active CAI committees and introduced the Steering Committee Liaison Program. This program provides a member of the Steering Committee to participate as an active member of the committee, helping to keep the committee focused on the priorities as programs, services and activities are planned. This liaison program was introduced in December and is well underway as committees conduct their work during the early part of this new year.

A second, major launching of the Steering Committee was the development of a Volunteer Development Program Task Force. The following is an excerpt from its charter:

Congregation Anshei Israel (CAI) strives to be a vibrant, spiritually fulfilling place of worship and community. The spirit--the ruach--of Volunteerism at CAI has been very strong for many years. However, in order for CAI to thrive in the future, the approach to recruiting and retaining Volunteers must change and become part of the daily fabric of CAI. To accomplish this, the Strategic Development Steering Committee (SDSC) has proposed to and received approval from the Board of Trustees to oversee a newly formed Volunteer Development Program Task Force (VDPTF) whose

charge is to create a Volunteer Development Program (VDP). Future plans are for an existing or newly formed committee to own the VP Program.

Objectives:

- To establish a VDP Administration Process to include:
 - Identifying programs, committees, groups and services needing Volunteers via Needs Assessment (Board of Trustees (BOT), Committees, and Staff)
 - Using existing best practices to create a VDP for recruitment, training, recognition, and retention of Volunteers
 - Creating a future leadership pool for BOT and other needs
 - Recruiting seasoned individuals to mentor Committee Chairs, conduct Volunteer training sessions, and consult with VDPTF
- To provide for VDP Sustainability:
 - in partnership with CAI staff to accommodate the inevitable and continued "turn-over" inherent in BOT appointment terms and other CAI Volunteer pools.
- To define a method of VDP Evaluation:
 - Regular solicitation and analysis of feedback regarding the VDP efficacy.
- To turn over VDP Administration to either an existing or new committee with appropriate staff partnership

The Steering Committee is grateful to Donna Saffioti who has agreed to chair and provide oversight to this critical program. She will be using models from successful programs currently in place in other agencies of the Tucson Jewish Community along with guidance related to current, best practices from congregations associated with United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism.

Our Rabbi, Cantorial Soloist/Youth Director and Executive Director are all playing key, professional roles in supporting the work of the Steering Committee. Two of them along with lay leadership will be attending a Shabbaton in Los Angeles, co-sponsored by United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism focused on creative methods in developing Shabbat Services using a variety of components including music, study, alternative services and ruach. One example of what is in store for congregants was included in the Kabbalat Service of January 14th. New melodies, new explanations and interpretations of why we say certain psalms and prayers along with participatory opportunities for our congregants.

We will leave you with this final thought: While we are focused on the priorities, we recognize that there are those of you who like, enjoy and prefer things "just as they are." We value your needs and wants and will not lose sight of them. A balance is necessary and we hope to provide such a balance as we move forward. Watch for future updates on the CAI website along with the Kolenu.



Women's League Gift Shop

We carry a huge variety of Judaica and other gifts for Purim, Passover, Shabbat and so much more!

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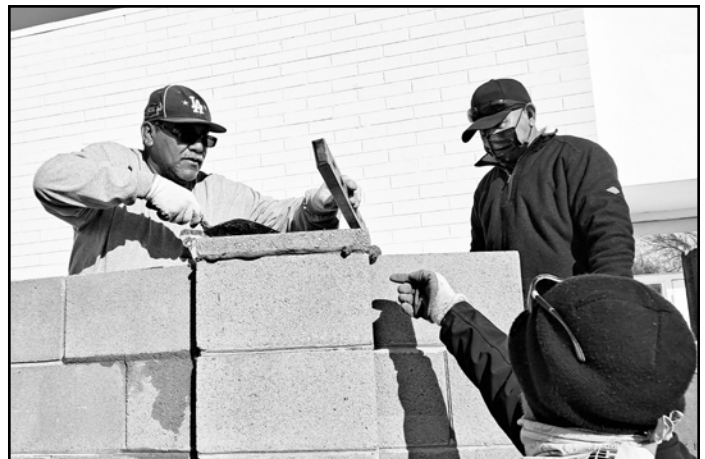


CATCHING UP

On Tuesday, January 18, the University Religious Council at UA invited Rabbi Metz to represent the Jewish community with a speech about Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy.



Masons came to improve the wall of the preschool playground!



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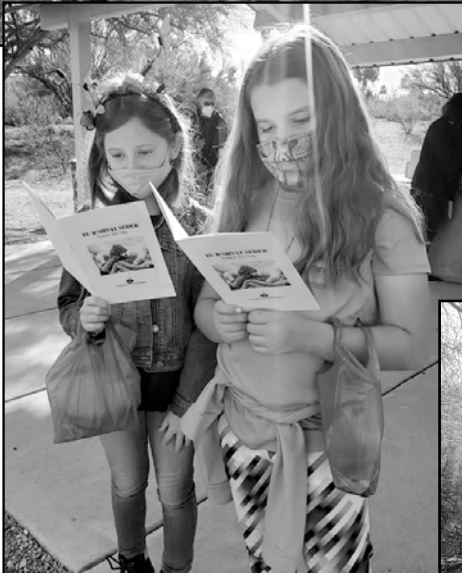
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CATCHING UP

Tu B'Shvat in the Park - January 16



CATCHING UP

CAI's B'Yahad & Kol Ami's Religious Schools' Jewish Summer Camp Fair - January 30

Representatives from 9 Jewish Summer Camps attended to speak with students and parents about their programs.



Rabbi Metz helps 7th & 8th grade students learn to wrap tefillin every Sunday during B'Yahad Religious School



Red Cross Blood Drive - January 23

From our 31 donors, we collected 27 whole pints of blood and 2 Power Reds, smashing our goal by 13 pints, with the potential to save 85 lives!

Yasher koach to Fran Stoler for organizing this extremely successful blood drive, and to all our donors!



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

Theodore David Francis Morrison

January 27, 2022

Theodore is the grandson of Marcia & Paul Simon (Parents: Dr. Kathleen Berfield & Dr. Shane Morrison)

Interfaith Families Welcome

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March Anniversaries

| Date | | Years |
|------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5 | Ofelia & Simon Fried | 41 |
| | Billie & Boris Kozolchuk | 55 |
| 7 | Marsha & Charles Blitzer | 41 |
| 9 | Nancy & Richard Weiss | 37 |
| 14 | Marylou & Norman Feiger | 29 |
| 21 | Valorie & Andrew Douglas | 13 |
| | Irene & Scott Glass | 13 |
| | Shelly & Leslie Silberman | 37 |
| 25 | Dani & Phil Bregman | 21 |
| 27 | Stacey & Zach Singer | 11 |
| 30 | Sarah & Leonard Schultz | 53 |

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| Date | | Years |
|------|---|-----------|
| 2 | Norma & Ron Karp | 56 |
| 7 | Davi & Brett Gytri | 3 |
| 11 | Judith & Borah Jacobskind | 68 |
| 28 | Barbara & Peter Danes | 20 |
| 29 | Ellen Eichler-Grabell & Lawrence Grabell | 27 |

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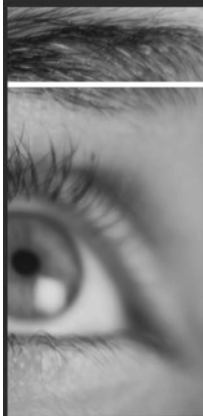
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The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Brandon Neumaier
Ruthann Pozez

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

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