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Please visit our website caiaz.org and
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date information.

Shalom!

Please
warmly

Welcome

Our new &
returning
members:

Suzanne & Elliott Goldstein

Ida Lebovic

Alexis & Jeremy Sharpe, and children Robbie & Talia

*Todah Rabah to Carol & Charles Sumner, for delivering
Welcome Baskets to our newest members!*

FROM RABBI METZ

A few weeks ago, we began the month of *Elul*. This month precedes *Tishrei*, and our High Holy days. At Congregation Anshei Israel and many Jewish communities, it is traditional to sound the *shofar* every morning during the month of *Elul* as a wake up call. We also celebrated the beginning of the month with a wonderful in-person (and on Zoom) morning *minyan*. We joined our voices together praying and singing. We concluded by hearing the voice of the *shofar* wcall to us to examine how we can be ever closer to becoming our best selves.



The beginning of the month of *Elul* also began our restarting of a weekly, Friday in-person (and on Zoom) *minyan*. We love zoom and it has been an invaluable tool for connection. Yet, there is something so special about gathering in-person. When we are in-person in our beautiful *Beit Midrash*, our voices, hearts and souls can join together. It is also easier to add in a little *kibbitz* or chat to your neighbor.

Judaism necessitates a *minyan* or quorum of Jewish adults to say certain prayers. The reason is to encourage the people to be together. Judaism and community are built on us coming together. Jewish prayer is set up to be a communal experience because we all need each other. Prepare for Shabbat by joining us in-person on Friday mornings at 7:30am.

We are thrilled for you to connect with us as you are able, and we welcome you to come home. Help us revitalize and restart our in-person (and Zoom) *minyanim*. We can't wait to see you!

B'Shalom,

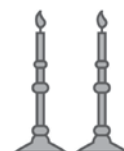
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Candle Lighting Times September/October 2023

September		October	
Sept. 1	6:30pm	Oct. 6 (<i>Erev Shemini Atzeret</i>)	5:44pm
Sept. 8	6:21pm	Oct. 7 (<i>Erev Simchat Torah</i>)	6:45pm
Sept. 15 (<i>Erev RHI</i>)	6:11pm	Oct. 13	5:35pm
Sept. 16 (<i>Erev RH2</i>)	7:14pm	Oct. 20	5:27pm
Sept. 22	6:02pm	Oct. 27	5:20pm
Sept. 24 (<i>Erev YK</i>)	5:59pm		
Sept. 29 (<i>Erev Sukkot 1</i>)	5:53pm		
Sept. 30 (<i>Erev Sukkot 2</i>)	6:54pm		



FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 26th marked a significant milestone in my tenure with this incredible community – my 10th work anniversary at CAI. It was a bonus that it happened to fall on a Shabbat so that I could sponsor the *kiddish* and celebrate this *simcha* with many of you. It's hard to believe that a decade has passed since my transition from being a member and volunteer, to a part-time role, to a more than full-time role leading this congregation in partnership with the Board of Trustees and clergy. I feel so blessed that this remarkable *kehilla kedosha* (sacred community) has become more like family to me, than colleagues and members.



I've been honored to cultivate close relationships and commemorate numerous life cycle events with so many of you, likewise, many of you have celebrated and mourned with me and my family. It's been a pleasure to be able to work at the same congregation where my son had his *bris*, my daughter had her baby naming, both of my children went through our Preschool, Kindergarten, religious school and USY programs, my son became a Bar Mitzvah during the pandemic, and now he is a *madrichim* in B'yahad. This November, my daughter will follow in our traditions and become a Bat Mitzvah, sharing the same Torah portion that I had many years ago, and hopefully surrounded by even more family and friends in person.

Reflecting on these professional years, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support, camaraderie, and opportunities that this community has provided me. Each day, I am inspired by the dedication and passion that our staff and lay leaders bring to their roles, and it's been a true honor to be a part of such a dynamic and impactful team. I also take great pride in my roles in numerous professional organizations, including being on the Board of Governors of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives.

My journey has been filled with shared triumphs, collaborative efforts, and even the occasional challenge that has allowed us to grow and learn together. Working in the Jewish communal field has enriched my life in ways I couldn't have imagined, and I am excited to continue this journey for many years to come.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for a decade of wonderful memories, meaningful work, and the privilege of being part of this extraordinary journey together. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the High Holy Days this year and wishing everyone a *Shana Tova U'Metuka!*

B'shalom,

Debra Lytle

Executive Director

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Chesed "Caring" Committee

Did you know that **every congregant** is a member of the Chesed "Caring" Committee, the largest committee at Congregation Anshei Israel?!

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



Please feel free to contact
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Chesed Committee Chair.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am sure many of you have heard the joke, "There are two seasons in Arizona: Summer and Summer's Coming." While summer has certainly made itself evident with the heat we've experienced, this joke seems to fit our Synagogue lives as well. "There are two seasons in Synagogue life: High Holy Days and High Holy Days are coming." While we are currently in the High Holy Days are coming phase, the High Holy Days will be upon us before we know it.

As this will be my first High Holy Days as President, I have begun to think about how this High Holy Days season will differ from those I have experienced in the past. Of course, they will still be about family and the traditions we have established over many years. They have also been about the community we have established at Anshei Israel. Where I think the difference will come is that, even in this short time as President, I have met many new people who are now part of my extended Anshei Israel community. I look forward to now being able to celebrate with that even more extensive group in a High Holy Days season that I know our clergy, staff, and volunteers will make a most meaningful experience.

If you see me at High Holy Days services and we have not yet met, I hope you will take the opportunity to introduce yourself, so we can make the community more extensive for all of us.

I wish you all a *Shanah Tovah Tikateivu v'Tikateimu*.

B'Shalom,

Jonathan Green

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The Mitzvah of Bikur Holim (Visiting the Sick)

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 (520) 745-5550, ext. 230
to speak with Rabbi Metz.**

EDUCATION

Preschool



As the summer sun begins to set, we eagerly welcome a new season filled with joy, growth, and celebration. Our preschool had a wonderful summer camp with several special events such as a petting zoo, tie dying clothes, bubble parties, sports week, and water play four days a week. It was so much fun! The start of the school year is a special time when tiny

hands grip crayons, curious minds explore shapes and letters, and friendships blossom like wildflowers. As we usher in this new season, parents and caregivers can nurture a sense of excitement in our little ones, fostering a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

As the school year unfolds, families eagerly anticipate the upcoming celebrations that mark the Jewish calendar. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time for renewal and reflection. In preschool, this can be introduced in age-appropriate ways. Engage children in conversations about new beginnings, personal goals, and acts of kindness. A simple activity like making cards with wishes for a sweet new year can be a meaningful way to reflect on the new year together.

Sukkot, the Festival of Booths, brings the opportunity to build and decorate sukkahs—temporary outdoor shelters symbolizing both harvest and the journey of the Israelites. At school, we will decorate our sukkah with a variety of items created by the children and will enjoy eating snacks and lunch there as a special activity when the weather permits. On Thursday, October 5, we invite preschool aged families to enjoy PJ's and Pizza in the Sukkah with us at 5:00pm.

The joy of Simchat Torah, the holiday that celebrates the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle, can also be shared with preschoolers. Engaging them in age-appropriate ways, such as dancing with miniature Torah scrolls or singing joyful songs, creates a foundation of positive associations with Jewish customs that will stay with them as they grow.

In the spirit of a sweet new year, may our preschoolers thrive, and our upcoming celebrations bring us closer together as a community.

B'Shalom,

Allison Wetzel

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Local artist Julie Szerina Stein's sculpture was gifted to Karen Skolnik z"l upon her retirement from being CAI's Kindergarten teacher. This piece is now on display in our Teacher's Lounge.

B'Yahad and USY



B'Yahad and USY are off to a great start as we approach the holidays! We welcomed our families back on Sunday, August 20 with a special assembly and Parent/Guardian meet and schmooze, and we look forward to a great year of learning and community building. With many of the holidays falling on Sundays this year, we are adding some exciting family programs to celebrate together as a community!

We are looking forward to many of our post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students participating in High Holy Day services again this year as Torah & Haftarah readers, *shofar* blowers, service leaders, and members of our High Holy Day Youth Choir. Be sure to



join us for our High Holy Day Family Services on both days of **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**, as well as **Tashlich at Fort Lowell Park** on Sunday, September 24 at 10am. Our community celebrations continue with our **Community Shabbat & Sukkot Service and Dinner** on

Friday, September 29 and **Chag-Friendly B'Yahad & Family Sukkot Programming for the 2nd day of Sukkot** on Sunday, October 1. We are especially excited to introduce our **B'Yahad & USY Sukkah Hop** on Tuesday, October 3 as we travel to several community sukkot together for food and fun! Stay tuned for more details. We will conclude our *Tishrei* holidays together with **Chag-Friendly B'Yahad & Family Simchat Torah activities and Torah Rollout** on Sunday, October 8. What a big month!

Continuing our collaboration with Kol Ami, we invite you to join us for a special **Blessing of the Pets at Reid Park on Sunday, October 22**, starting at 12:30pm. Bring a picnic lunch and join us after B'Yahad for some blessings and fun in the park with our pets!

We had a wonderful start to our USY and Kadima Lounges this year, with our first events last month! Our 7th-12th grade students are thrilled to head to Universal Studios over Labor Day weekend to meet up with other chapters from Arizona, California, and Nevada! Watch your inbox for details about our next USY & Kadima Lounges: USY will have their own Sukkah Hop on October 3. Kadima will have lounge right after B'Yahad on September 10 & October 15.



Wishing you and your family a healthy and happy New Year.

Shanah Tovah!

Nichole Chorny

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Know Someone New to Tucson?

If you know someone new to the Tucson community who you believe would be interested in learning 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!



ADULT EDUCATION

Read It and Meet

Nothing beats talking about good books!



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.

Schedule for 2023-2024:*

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR
Oct. 29	The English Assassin	Daniel Silva
Nov. 19	The Matchmaker's Gift	Lynda Cohen Loigman
Dec. 17	The Assignment	Liza Wiemer
Jan. 28	On Division	Goldie Goldbloom
Feb. 25	Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir of the Power of Friendships	Nina Totenberg
Apr. 7	The Thread Collectors	Shaunna J. Edwards & Alyson Richman

**Subject to change*

**Watch your email for details and
NEW Zoom link!**

Online Weekday Torah Study Group



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

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

Study materials can be found at
caiaz.org/resources

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

Lunch is on us each month at

Shabbat Lunch & Learn

Join us for a delicious lunch,
learn about a variety of topics related to aging,
and take home a Shabbat dinner!

2nd Fridays each month at Handmaker, starting in October with...

- **Friday, October 13** - Financial Wellness Coach Molly Quale from Jewish Family & Children's Services will share some tips on Financial Wellness.
- **Friday, November 10** - Marcia Berger will talk about the importance of engaging in the arts at any age to keep your mind, body, and spirit active.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required.

For more information or to RSVP contact Nanci Levy at 520-322-3632.

This program was funded by a grant from the
Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona.



SOCIAL ACTION



**American
Red Cross**

Thanks to your generous donations, we collected an abundance of school supplies for the AVIVA Children's Services School Supplies Drive to benefit children in foster care.

Todah Rabah to our 18 blood donors who turned out for the Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, July 30.

Together we were able to collect 13 whole bloods & 3 power reds for a total of 19 pints of blood!



Rabbi Arthur Oleisky z"l Memorial Bench

Todah Rabah to those who have made generous donations toward this initiative:

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Ronnie Kaufman
Deborah Kaye, in memory of
my parents Joan & Murray Kaye
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MJ Kivel
Sharon & Fred Klein
Neil Kleinman
Ron Kolker, in memory of Ruth
Ed Koven
Billie & Boris Kozolchik
Peggy & Richard Langert
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Bertie & Jack z"l Levkowitz
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Becky & Al Zehngut
Anonymous

COMING UP

Daily & Weekly Services

Join us online for daily prayer services!

Morning Minyan Service on Zoom

8:00am Sunday • 7:30am Monday-Thursday

NEW!

HYBRID Morning Minyan Fridays at 7:30am

In-person in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash
& on Zoom

Evening Minyan Service on Zoom

5:30pm Sunday-Thursday

Please check your email for any scheduling changes.

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

5:45pm Friday

Zoom Only - Sept. 1, 15 & 22, Oct. 6 & 13

Hybrid Family Shabbat - Sept. 8

Shabbat/Erev Sukkot - Sept. 29

In-Person Community Shabbat at the Tucson JCC - Oct. 20

Hybrid Shabbat Sovev - Oct. 27

**Subject to change - check your email for details*

Shabbat Morning Service

In-person & online on Zoom

9:30am Saturdays



Shabbat Sovev

Friday, October 27 at 5:45pm

in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

Dinner approximately 7:00pm

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

After the service, join us for a chicken dinner with vegetarian option.

RSVP and payment for dinner required
no later than **October 24.**

RSVP at **caiaz.org**

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



Service at 5:45pm

Dinner at approximately 7:00pm

With Rabbi Metz and Cantorial Soloist
Nichole Chorny in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash
and on Zoom
(approximately 1 hour)

Followed by a chicken dinner with vegetarian option.

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COMING UP

Sukkot

Community Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Friday, September 29

Family Shabbat/Erev Sukkot Service 5:45pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Join us for our Family Shabbat and Sukkot service, followed by dinner and dessert in the Sukkah with your congregational family.

Details & RSVP link at caiaz.org/hhd

Shabbat & Sukkot Day 1 Services

Saturday, September 30

9:30am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom

Followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Second Day of Sukkot

Sunday, October 1

9:30am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom

Sukkot B'Yahad & Family Programming

Enjoy a Sukkot service and chag-friendly activities with our B'Yahad families, followed by a Kiddush lunch in the



Sukkah.

Private Shomrei Torah Member Event Monday, October 2

Shomrei Torah members are invited to a private Sukkot event at the Metz home.

Not a Shomrei Torah member? Please contact Debra Lytle at ExecDir@caiaz.org for information about how to join!

B'Yahad & USY Family Sukkah Hop! Tuesday, October 3

Check out Sukkot in our community as we "hop" to different Sukkot for a festive meal together!

More information to come!

Preschool Sukkot Celebration Thursday, October 5 in the Sukkah

Preschool families are invited to our Preschool Sukkot Celebration with PJs and pizza in the Sukkah!

More information to come!



Shemini Atzeret

Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication

Saturday, October 7

9:30am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom

On *Shemini Atzeret*, all *yahrzeit* plaques installed in Congregation Anshei Israel's Memorial Hall during the past year will be dedicated; memorial *Yizkor* prayers will be said at approximately 11:00am. Please join us for this service and meaningful dedication.

Simchat Torah

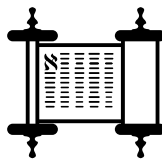
Simchat Torah Ma'ariv Service with Hakafot

*(Processions with the Torah Scrolls)
& Israeli Dancing*

Saturday, October 7 in the Sanctuary

6:45pm Ma'ariv Service & Hakafot, followed by dessert.

Details & RSVP link at caiaz.org/hhd/



Simchat Torah Morning Service & Torah Roll-Out

Sunday, October 8

9:30am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom

With B'Yahad & Family Programming,
Hakafot and a Torah Roll Out.

Followed by a Kiddush Lunch.

Details & RSVP link at caiaz.org/hhd/

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 22

12:30pm at Reid Park, Ramada 4

Anshei Israel & Kol Ami join together for a special Blessing of the Pets!

Bring your own picnic lunch and join us for some blessings and fun with our pets in the park.

For the safety of all participants, all animals must be leashed or in a pet carrier.

See insert for more information.



CATCHING UP

CAI Trivia Night at Canyon's Crown - Thursday, June 22, 2023



Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 5784 (2023-24)

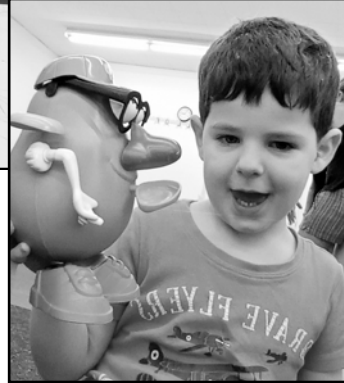
Holidays begin *the evening before* the day noted. Holidays noted in *italics* are holy days on which no work is permitted, and absences from school or work should be excused.

Rosh Hashanah.....Sat. & Sun., Sept. 16 & 17, 2023
Yom Kippur.....Mon., Sept. 25, 2023
Sukkot (start) .. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2023
Shemini Atzeret..... Sat. Oct. 7, 2023
Simhat Torah Sun. Oct. 8, 2023
ChanukkahThur., Dec. 7-Fri., Dec. 15, 2023
Tu B'ShvatThur., Jan. 25, 2024
PurimSun., Mar. 24, 2024

Passover (start).... Tue. & Wed., Apr. 23 & 24, 2024
Passover (end)..... Mon. & Tue., Apr. 29 & 30 2024
Yom HaShoahMon., May 6, 2024
Yom Ha'Atzmaut..... Tue., May 14, 2024
Lag B'Omer..... Sun., May 26, 2024
Shavuot Wed. & Thu., June 12 & 13, 2024
Tisha B'AvTue., Aug. 13, 2024

CATCHING UP

Preschool Summer Camp - June and July 2023



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CATCHING UP

Mishpacha (Family) Desert Hike at Marshall Gulch - Sunday, July 9, 2023



CAI Red Cross Blood Drive - Sunday, July 30, 2023



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- **Email Updates** (Sign up on our website Home page: caiaz.org)
- **Facebook** (CAI, Preschool, B'Yahad Religious School & USY)

Some tips:

- Sharing our Facebook posts allows more people to learn about us.
- When you comment on or "like" our Facebook posts, it puts our page on your friends' radars, expanding our audience.

Women's League Gift Shop

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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

Jett Tatum Vanterpool

July 27, 2023



Jett is the grandson of Myrna & Jim Frisch. (Parents: Mara Frisch & Jason Vanterpool, and his sister is Mila)

Marriage

Mazal Tov!

Noah Gan & Chloe Cheney-Rice
for their marriage on
July 15, 2023

Noah is the son of:
Jami Ober Gan and Scott Gan

Chloe is the daughter of:
Stephen Cheney-Rice z"l and
Celesta Cheney-Rice

September Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Robin & Michael Kaiserman	55
M. Elizabeth Uriarte & Raziel Levidis	2
3 Lois & Ken Jacowsky	59
Alene & Bryan Schwartz	57
4 Hedy Feuer & Michael Perlman	17
5 Rochelle Abell & Dan Weisz	47
Sandra & William Yalen	58
8 Lynne Falkow-Strauss & Jack Strauss	55
11 Nancy & Michael Apsell	57
12 Victoria & Allen Gordon	7
16 Nessa & Peter Beren	50
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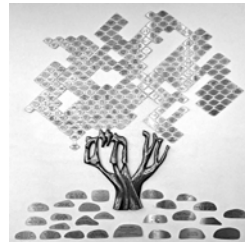
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October Anniversaries

Date	Years
7 Talia & Evan Blackford	16
9 Stacy & Adam Klein	29
Teri & Ole Thienhaus	42
10 Annette & Len Hamm	19
12 Katherine & Aaron Leonard	27
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Becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Ethan William Gordon
October 28

Ethan is the son of Heather and Michael Gordon. Ethan's grandparents are Allen & Marsha z"l Gordon, Steve McPherson z"l & Ann Micka, and his great-grandfather is Donald McPherson. Ethan's sister is Zoe. Ethan attends Emily Gray Junior High, and spends his free time with soccer, hiking, swimming, drawing and writing. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Ethan is collecting donations for Cheer for Charity through the Tanque Verde Unified School District.



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