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Dinner & Megillah Reading**
Wednesday, March 13

See page 10 for more information.

**Community Second Night Seder
with Rabbi Metz**
Sunday, April 13, 6:30pm at JCC

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Shalom!

FROM RABBI METZ

People often tell me that they love joining together at Anshei Israel for our many programs and events, and that it is hard to get together outside of shul. Whether you have been a member for many years or are new to Anshei Israel, we want to connect you with a group of friends to do more inside and outside our building. We are recreating *chavurah* groups.



What is a Chavurah?

A *chavurah* (plural *chavurot*), which comes from the Hebrew word for friend, is a group of synagogue members – couples, families, or singles – who meet regularly for Jewish socializing, learning, and celebration. Each *chavurah* takes on a personality of its own, reflecting the thoughts and interests of its members.

Why Join A Chavurah?

Chavurot are a great way to make new friends and have the warmth and support of a close-knit community within the larger synagogue context. Belonging to a Congregation Anshei Israel *chavurah* offers members a great opportunity to get together in a smaller group with others who share similar interests which meet their unique needs.

What Does a Chavurah do?

Some Congregation Anshei Israel *chavurot* have held Chanukkah parties, baked hamentaschen, shared a Passover seder, enjoyed Shabbat dinner, and attended Shabbat services and other special synagogue events together. Other groups have gone to Jewish cultural events, read and discussed books and articles, attended lectures and concerts, invited outside speakers, gone hiking, camping, gone to Wildcats games, and even traveled together.

Please see the *Chavurah* Application included in this newsletter, and let us know you want to be part of a *chavurah*. We would love you to fill out the paper and mail it back to us, or go online and fill out the online form.

The antidote to loneliness is community. Let us help to strengthen yours!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Sara Metz

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Please warmly

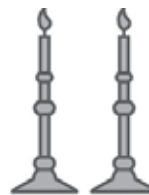
Welcome

Our new & returning members:

Debbie & Lew Crane
Natasha Stock and son Patrick

Candle Lighting Times

March	
March 7	6:08pm
March 14	6:13pm
March 21	6:18pm
March 28	6:22pm



April	
April 4	6:27pm
April 11	6:32pm
April 12 (1st night Pesach)	7:29pm
April 13 (2nd night Pesach)	7:29pm
April 18 (7th night Pesach)	6:37pm
April 19 (8th night Pesach)	7:34pm
April 25	6:42pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT



One of my favorite parts of my presidency has been the presentation to the congregation of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah on their special day. As part of that, I ask them a series of questions, one of which is: "What is your favorite Jewish Holiday, and why?" For me the answer to this question has always been Pesach. From the time I was a child, I always enjoyed the family and home-based nature of this holiday. I will admit that as an adult this holiday is now a lot more challenging, but it remains my favorite nonetheless.

An additional part of Pesach that we don't spend much time talking about is that Pesach is also a harvest festival. I have been thinking about harvesting lately, as I harvested the remaining citrus from our trees. Like Pesach, the prep work is the hard part, capturing the difficult to reach fruit with the picker. However, the end result of fresh oranges, pomelos and tangelos, is, like the Seder itself, the most rewarding part.

Additionally, I have been thinking lately that harvesting is also a metaphor for my presidency. Throughout my time as president, I have planted a number of seeds regarding programs, events, as well as Board and financial strategies. As my presidency comes to a close in the next few months, I only hope that these seeds come to fruition and yield the same wonderful feeling as the taste of fresh citrus or the satisfaction of a seder with friends and family.

B'Shalom,
Jonathan Green
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Todah Rabah

Thank you to the William & Doris Rubin Endowment Fund held at the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for providing funds for security personnel during our preschool hours in January & February 2025.

Thank you to the Peskin-Owens Family, who have donated pediatric pads for our AED in our Preschool Hallway in memory of Jon Owens.



Matzah & More Passover Food Drive



Now Through March 28

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

Only monetary donations can be accepted. JFCS will then purchase gift cards to distribute.

Mail checks made payable to CAI, 5550 E. 5th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711, and note "Matzah & More" on it.

You can also make your secure donation online at caiaz.org or scan the QR Code.



Todah Rabah and **Chag Pesach Sameach** to all!

We Want to Hear from YOU!



Keep an eye out for our upcoming congregational survey.

This is a follow up to the 2019 congregation-wide survey that set the direction for the Strategic Development/Rabbinic Transition Task Force. We're looking for feedback on how well CAI met the goals for the congregation and rabbinic leadership over the last five years.

We'll be sending out an online survey after Passover. The office can also provide a hard copy for you to complete, if needed.

All responses are anonymous and confidential. Your participation is vital.

Challah Helpers Needed!

Help us bring the warmth and sweetness of homemade challah to our Family Shabbat and Shabbat Sovev dinners! We're looking for volunteers to assist with making and baking challah on Thursdays and Fridays. No experience necessary—just a positive attitude and a love for community!

Reach out to Executive Director, Debra Lytle at ExecDir@caiaz.org to sign up or learn more.



Join us to celebrate

Hadassah Shabbat

Saturday, March 8 9:30am

In the Sanctuary & on Zoom

HADASSAH



EDUCATION

Preschool



Since January, we have been delighted to welcome several new students and their families into our preschool. It has been a joy to see them settle in, make friends, and become part of our school family. To further support these connections, our Parent Action Committee hosted a Preschool Stay and Play event at the end of February, providing a fantastic

opportunity for both new and returning families to come together and build relationships. Families enjoyed a beautiful afternoon outdoors on our shaded playground while children played, explored, and shared delicious snacks.

Our Parent-Tot classes are now underway, meeting Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. These sessions provide a joyful and engaging environment for our youngest learners and their caregivers. We love spending time with little ones from families already in our community while also welcoming new families as they discover the magic of our wonderful school. Please tell your friends so they can join us!

We were thrilled to welcome preschool families and new friends to our Pajama Tot Shabbat, a special evening filled with Shabbat songs, blessings, and stories. Children arrived in their coziest pajamas, creating a warm and memorable atmosphere of togetherness and celebration. The evening was such a success that we have decided to make our next Tot Shabbat on March 28 pajama-themed as well—this time, children can bring their favorite stuffed animal friends along!

In honor of Tu B'Shvat, the holiday celebrating trees and nature, our preschoolers participated in a hands-on gardening experience, harvesting winter vegetables and fragrant herbs from our school garden. They eagerly planted new seeds, learning about growth, sustainability, and the beauty of the natural world. We are especially excited to see our parsley flourish—just in time to enjoy it at our Model Seder in early April!

As we look ahead, we are pleased to announce that registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Also, stay tuned- information about our upcoming Summer STEAM Camp will be coming very soon!

B'Shalom,
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B'Yahad and USY

As we enter spring and get closer to the summer, we gave our B'Yahad families 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 8 different Jewish camps (including Camp Ramah!). As a reminder, we have 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!



We look forward to celebrating Purim together with **Hamantaschen for Hunger on Sunday, March 9** and our **Aloha Purim Celebration on the evening of March 13!** Be sure to join us for the fun! We also look forward to our **B'Yahad Family Chocolate Seder** to help teach the steps of seder (with some yummy fun) on April 6. 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 held on April 27 (Step-Up Day for 3rd grade students to join us!), along with our Midbar Kinnus at the end of March at Camp Stein in Prescott. USYers will be helping with the Purim Carnival on March 13, with Junior USY meeting March 9 & April 6, and Senior USY meeting March 22 & April 26.



B'Shalom,
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ADULT EDUCATION



After Shabbat
Morning Services

March 8

(approximately
12:30pm)

**Join Teri Thienhaus for a lively discussion of
Mussar: Torah Study for Your Soul**

Join us at Congregation Anshei Israel for a monthly,
Lunch-and-Learn on Shabbat once a month.

The idea is that each month we will have a
community member teach about a subject they
find interesting and would be of interest to others.
Often this could be related to a special expertise
or a passionate interest the person may have –
professionally or otherwise.

**To register to lead a Lunch & Learn session,
please scan the QR Code or visit caiaz.org.** You'll
be able to choose a date, as well as specify the topic
you'd like to discuss.

If you still have additional questions, please feel
free to reach out to our Adult Education Committee
Chair, Ole Thienhaus,

thienhaus@gmail.com

or Rabbi Metz, **RabbiMetz@caiaz.org**

*** Watch your email for future topics
and leaders.**



Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30pm



"Between October 7th & 8th"

Join Vice Chairman of the World Zionist
Organization, Dr. Yizhar Hess as he discusses the
roles American Jews can and must play in shaping
Israel's "Day After" - the Jewish state that will
emerge after October 7th.

**Scan QR Code to RSVP
or visit caiaz.org**



**All Things Jewish
Monthly Discussion Group**

with Adrienne O'Hare

**1st Wednesdays through July 2025!
at 6:30pm on Zoom**



Join us for a *bissel* inspiration, a couple of jokes, and
definitely FUN while we discuss All Things Jewish.
In our time together, we will explore all aspects of
Judaism and Jewish life — from food to history to
beliefs and practices.

The group is geared toward people of all backgrounds
and levels of knowledge.

Learn more about your Jewish heritage!

Check your email for details and link to register.



**Online Weekday
Torah Study Group**

Join this informal group to learn about the
weekly Torah portion. Make sure to bring your
curiosity and your good sense of humor!

Thursdays at 12:00pm

Study materials can be found at
caiaz.org/resources

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

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 2024-2025:*

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR
March 30	Kantika	Elizabeth Graver
April 27	The Wind Knows My Name	Isabel Allende

**Subject to change*

Check your email for details and Zoom link!

COMING UP

Daily & Weekly Services

Join us online for daily prayer services!

Morning Minyan Service on Zoom

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

HYBRID Morning Minyan Fridays at 7:30am

In-person in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash
& on Zoom, followed by a light breakfast.

Evening Minyan Service on Zoom

5:30pm Sunday-Thursday

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45pm Friday

Zoom Only - Mar. 7, 14 & 28, Apr. 11 & 18

Hybrid - Mar. 21, Apr. 4 & 25

Subject to change - check your email for details

Hybrid Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am Saturdays

Community Second Night Seder

with Rabbi Metz

Sunday, April 13 at 6:30pm

at the Tucson J • 3800 E. River Road

(Doors open at 6:00pm)



Plan to join CAI, Congregation Chaverim, Congregation M'Kor Hayim, and the greater Jewish community for a family-friendly traditional Seder on the Second Night of Passover, Sunday, April 13 at 6:30pm at the **Jewish Community Center**.

Join us to celebrate the Jewish people's Exodus from slavery in Egypt, along with all the trappings of a Passover Seder - stories, song, symbolic foods and, lest we forget, four cups of wine! Followed by a delicious Passover meal.

RSVP DEADLINE: April 1.

Space is very limited; reservations are first-come, first-served.

Scan QR Code for pricing
and RSVP to the JCC or
visit caiaz.org



Need financial assistance, contact
Jenn Selco at jselco@TucsonJCC.org



Shabbat Sovev

Friday, April 4

at 5:45pm

in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

Dinner at approximately 7:00pm

Join us for a spiritually-moving Kabbalat Shabbat Service full of community and 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 **April 1**.

Scan QR Code for pricing & RSVP
or visit caiaz.org

RSVP by Apr. 1



Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Fridays,

March 21 & April 25

Service at 5:45pm

with Rabbi Metz & Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny
in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash & on Zoom.

(approximately 1 hour)

Followed by a chicken dinner with vegetarian option.

Scan QR Codes for pricing and RSVP
or visit caiaz.org

RSVP by Mar. 18



RSVP by Apr. 22



COMING UP

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah



Tzipora Malka Chorny March 1, 2025

Tzipora is the daughter of Joel & Nichole Chorny, and sister to Gideon. Her grandparents are Aaron & Shawn Hellman, Rabbi Ammos & Aviva Chorny, and her great-grandparents are Adrienne & Larry O'Hare. Tzippi attends Esperero Canyon Middle School, and enjoys reading, music, shopping, and art. For her mitzvah project, Tzippi is collecting books to donate to foster children at Aviva Childrens Services and Literacy Connects.

Ava Sage Morton March 15, 2025



Ava is the daughter of Kerri Haeflinger & Craig Morton, and sister to Trevin. Ava's grandparents are Julie & Earl Haeflinger, and Marlene Morton & William Rosenzweig. Ava attends Booth-Fickett K-8; she enjoys walking and playing with her dogs, hanging out at the mall, and going to the gym. Ava also enjoys listening to music, drawing, painting & playing the trumpet. She is contributing to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona for her mitzvah project.



Colors of Israel Mural Painting Sunday, March 23 at 11:00am



Example of Julie's artwork - not the actual mural design

Join Rabbi Metz and Tucson artist, Julie Szerina Stein to learn about Israel and create a beautiful mural at CAI.

- 11:00am** Join Rabbi Metz for a text study exploring symbols of Israel in our Torah
- 12:00pm** FREE Congregational Family Pizza lunch with RSVP
- 12:30pm** Julie Szerina Stein will lead us to paint a beautiful Israel-themed mural.

Scan QR Code to RSVP by March 20
or visit caiaz.org



AgeWell Day

SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Monday, April 28 • 9:00 am
The Tucson J
3800 E River Road, 85718



Enjoy a day for adults (60+) that promotes wellness, helps combat social isolation and enables personal connections, and includes activities and lunch.

Space is limited.

Registration opens March 12.

Check your email for details and the link to register through our partners.



COMING UP

What is Purim?

More than 23 centuries ago, when the Persian Empire dominated the civilized world, an evil advisor, Haman, devised a diabolic plot to annihilate the Jewish people. But on the 13th day of the month of Adar, our people were delivered from the wicked Haman's decree. Each year on Purim, we celebrate our victory with feasting and joy. At first reading, the *Megillah* (Scroll of Esther) which recounts the miracle of Purim, seems more like an epic tale of espionage and suspense than Sacred Scripture. In fact, throughout this carefully woven story of evil ambition and palace intrigue, we do not find the name of God mentioned, even once! Yet, within the intricate details of the *Megillah*, we can detect the unmistakable hand of Divine Providence. The closer we look into the events of people, the more we discover that every "coincidence," every seemingly insignificant event, is precisely arranged by the hand of the Almighty.

When Haman denounced the Jewish people to King Ahashverosh, he argued that "there is one people, dispersed, and divided among the nations... and their laws are different from those of any other people." What Haman did not realize, however, was that his very "accusation" held the key to our redemption and ultimate victory over his evil plan. We are "the people" and by strengthening our connection to the Torah and *mitzvot* (commandments), we survive and flourish. Enemies may arise in every generation to attack and destroy us, but when we affirm our unique heritage and hold fast to our essential character as the Jewish People, we are victorious.

The *Megillah* tells us that Mordecai "did not bend his knee, nor bow down." Mordecai refused to compromise the eternal values of the Torah, even at the risk of his life. Purim is celebrated on the 13th day of Adar. This year, Purim falls on the evening of **Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14.**

The Fast of Esther

This year, Purim starts on the evening of Thursday March 13, the 13th of Adar, so The Fast of Esther is also held on Thursday, March 13.

The Fast of Esther is the commemoration of the Fast observed by Mordecai and Esther and all Israel. On that very day, the enemies of the Jews had planned to subjugate and destroy them. The opposite occurred, however, and the Jews ruled over their enemies.

The acceptance of this Fast on the part of Israel for later generations is alluded to in the Scroll of Esther: "And as they accepted upon themselves and upon their children, the matters of their fastings and their cry" (Esther 9).

The Fast is called by the name of Esther because it was she who first requested the observance of a fast of Mordecai: "Go and gather all the Jews who are found in Shushan and fast over me, and do not eat and do not drink three days, night and day; and I and my maidens will also fast thus." (Ibid. 4)

This is a "Minor Fast," which means we at Congregation Anshei Israel conclude the fast at 12:30pm with our Mincha service on Zoom.



Congregation
Anshei Israel

CAI's 94th Annual Meeting

Monday May 19, 2025

**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, 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 94th Annual Meeting announcement coming out soon.

CAI's Governance Committee:

David Jeck, Chair

Phil Bregman	Lisa Jurkowitz	Evelyn Sigafus
Steve Singer	Jerel Slaughter	Jim Whitehill

COMING UP



**Sunday, March 9 at 11:00am
In the Cantor Falkow Lounge**

Plan to join us for our annual Hamentaschen for Hunger event Sunday, March 9 at 11:00am, in the Cantor Falkow Lounge. Executive Director Debra Lytle will walk participants step-by-step through the recipe, giving tips and tricks along the way.

After the dough is made and chilling, participants will have the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of *matanot la'evyonim*, and visit our Donation Station to make snack bags for those in need at the Primavera Foundation Homeless Shelters. When the dough is chilled we will roll, fill and shape our cookies to bring them home to bake.

\$25 per kit*

Each kit makes a dozen cookies

(complimentary for our B'Yahad students.)

***\$30 per kit at the door. Limited sets available.**

Please bring your donations of snacks and toilet paper for the donation station!

Designed to satisfy both the body and the soul, profit will be split evenly between the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and Leket Israel, the National Food Bank of Israel. Please give as you can on our secure website. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a custom-printed Hamentaschen for Hunger Apron, as SONG AS supplies last.

**RSVP and secure donations can be made
at caiaz.org or scan the QR Code.**



Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 4.

*Are you a college student or in need of a subsidy?
Please contact Rabbi Metz at RabbiMetz@caiaz.org*



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Aloha Purim Carnival & Megillah Reading Thursday, March 13

*Come and celebrate Purim Hawaiian-style with a
fun-filled evening:*

- 5:00pm:** FREE Purim Carnival with games, inflatables, hula hoop, & limbo contests in Rabbi Breger Hall
- 5:45pm:** Dairy pasta dinner* in Cantor Falkow Lounge
- 6:30pm:** Hear the story of Esther with a tropical twist in the Sanctuary & on Zoom

Dress in your favorite costume like Lilo & Stitch, Moana,
or whatever fits your style!
Mahalo & Chag Purim Sameach!

***Dinner is \$10 per person
\$15 per person after March 10 or at the door.**

RSVP for dinner by Monday, March 10.

Please bring a can of food for the Community Food Bank!

Scan QR Code to
RSVP, or go to
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Judaica Exchange

April 6, 2025



Do you have hidden Judaica in your drawers and closets taking up valuable space in your home because you just don't have the heart to throw it away?

Perform a mitzvah by donating these items to CAI to resell, so that we can find them a new Jewish home!

We will be accepting used or new Judaica items through Monday, March 31 for our Judaica Exchange sale.

Drop off items at the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer by the Administrative entrance during office hours, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm, and donation receipts will be provided as requested. Please only donate gently used items, nothing broken or torn, no books and no kippot will be accepted. All proceeds benefit Congregation Anshei Israel.

**"One Day Only" sale on Sunday, April 6th
from 9:00am- 1:00pm in the Rabbi Breger Hall.**



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CATCHING UP

Community Chanukkah Celebration - Sunday, December 29, 2024



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Community Chanukkah Celebration - Sunday, December 29, 2024



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Preschool Celebrates Chanukkah - Friday, December 20, 2024



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CATCHING UP

Shalom Broadway - Sunday, January 12, 2025



Olive Days Book Discussion - January 26, 2025
with author & CAI member Jessica Elisheva Emerson



MAZAL TOV

Birth Announcements

This column features the children, grandchildren & 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

Sadie James Rothschild December 11, 2024

Sadie is the granddaughter of Sandy & Jim Rothschild. (Parents: Sarah & Phillip Rothschild)

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 Rabbi Metz at
(520) 745-5550, ext. 230**

March Anniversaries

Date		Years
5	Billie & Boris Kozolchyk	58
5	Ofelia & Simon Fried	44
7	Marsha & Charles Blitzer	44
9	Nancy & Richard Weiss	40
14	Marylou & Norman Feiger	32
18	Hollie & Bradley Rotenberg	13
21	Shelly & Les Silberman	40
21	Valorie & Andy Douglas	16
21	Irene & Scott Glass	16
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**Mazal Tov to Our
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Todah Rabah

Welcome to CAI's Legacy Society!

We'd like to extend a hearty *todah rabah* to Mindy and Fred Hirsh who have joined CAI's Legacy Society, ensuring the future of Congregation Anshei Israel.

Thank you to the following congregants for sponsoring our Kiddushes

- Peggy & Mark Littmann, in honor of grandson Liam McGinnis becoming a Bar Mitzvah
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Condolences

המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

*David Ben-Asher
Richard Glass
Susan Glass*

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

Nancy Stoler, brother David Bash
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May the Author of Life Comfort the Mourners

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Dealing with Grief and Loss?

Are you having difficulty dealing with grief and loss? Perhaps it would be helpful to talk with a trained counselor. A synagogue volunteer would be happy to speak with you confidentially.

Please call Norma Karp at (520) 299-3382.



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(Those who read Torah and Haftarah in Dec. & Jan.)

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