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Shalom!

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warmly

Welcome

Our new &
returning
members:

Rosalie & Ken Fromberg

Richard Rosen

Paul Storm

FROM RABBI METZ

Why I Am a Zionist, and Why You Should Be Too

At Congregation Anshei Israel, we regularly wrestle with questions of identity, justice, and responsibility. I was recently asked, "Are you a Zionist?" The answer is "YES!"



For me, Zionism is personal. It's the story of my ancestors praying toward Jerusalem, of survival through centuries of exile and persecution. Zionism is about dignity, safety, and the right of the Jewish people to self-determination. As Amanda Berman of *Zioness* puts it, "Zionism is the movement for the self-determination and liberation of the Jewish people in our indigenous homeland." It's a movement for justice—not supremacy or oppression.

Today, Zionism is often attacked, even in progressive spaces where we've long felt at home. Some claim that seeking Jewish self-determination means denying others' freedom—this is false. Zionism is about a future of safety and hope for all, including both Israelis and Palestinians.

Loving Israel means embracing her complexities, advocating for her, and committing to her betterment. It means educating ourselves and the next generation to proudly affirm OUR connection to Israel while standing against misinformation.

When I think of Zionism, I think of my grandparents' dreams of a Jewish state, their tears when they first set foot in Israel, and my own awe the first time I touched the stones of the Kotel. We are privileged to live in a time when the Jewish people have a home. Let us stand proudly as Zionists—not out of blind loyalty, but out of love, understanding, and the unshakable belief that our people also deserve to live safely in our homeland.

Am Yisrael Chai.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Sara Metz

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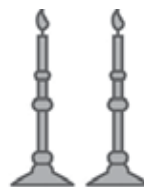
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Todah Rabah to our Gabbaim

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Candle Lighting Times

May	
May 2	6:47pm
May 9	6:52pm
May 16	6:57pm
May 23	7:02pm
May 30	7:06pm



June	
June 1 (<i>Erev Shavuot I</i>)	7:07pm
June 2 (<i>Erev Shavuot II</i>)	8:08pm
June 6	7:10pm
June 13	7:13pm
June 20	7:15pm
June 27	7:16pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I contemplate writing my final Presidential column for the Kolenu, Pesach is fast approaching. Leading a *Seder* is something I have done for many years for both family and friends. To me, leading a *Seder* and leading a congregation as President of the Board of Trustees have many common themes.

Involve Everyone: One of the key tenets to a successful *Seder* is to get everyone involved. For some that is reading in English, in Hebrew, or helping to make/serve the food. For some it may be all of the above, but regardless of what each participant does, it is based upon their skillset and availability. That is how I have approached our board and committee activities. Involve as many of you as possible and base that involvement on your vast skillsets and various levels of availability.

Lead Through Engagement: A good *Seder* leader is one who facilitates participation, coordinates the service/ritual based on their *Haggadah*, and has a keen awareness of their audience. This all requires the complete engagement of the leader both in preparation and execution of the *Seder*. I sincerely hope that the congregation feels this way about my presidency - that I was fully engaged in the activities in which I led or participated through thorough preparation as well as execution.

Maintain Order: The word *Seder* itself means "order," and the order of this home-based service has been maintained for thousands of years. Leadership of the *Seder* is a focus on the necessary components of the *Seder* and the efficiency of getting through them to reach the festive meal. Leadership of the synagogue may not be quite as well ordered, but it is certainly about the focus on the important items and efficiency in achieving them to create the tasty result: an Anshei Israel community in which we are all proud to belong.

Thank you for all your support and participation in the two years I have had the privilege of serving the congregation.

B'Shalom,

Jonathan Green

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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.

We Want to Hear from YOU!



Please remember to complete our 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.

You should have recently received an online survey. The office can also provide a hard copy for you to complete, if needed.

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



Naomi Spitzer, A Young 80 Passed February 7, 2025

An artist who shared with the world her love of music & art, to create watercolor art. Naomi's work reflects nature's beauty through the colors & shapes which make up her collection. See them at NaomiSpitzer.com

Naomi graduated Rincon High School and the University of Arizona with a Master's degree in Education. Naomi was an author of "The Journey of the String Family," a children's book introducing the musical instruments. Naomi attended Interlochen Music Academy where she played flute and piano during her high school summers. A great tennis player on the local tennis scene, Naomi was a tennis substitute for Bo Derek on the TV series, "Rich and Famous."

Naomi was co-president of the Sisterhood at Congregation Anshei Israel and served in varied capacities throughout her life in the Tucson community.

Naomi leaves a sister, Athalia, 7 grandchildren (Shawn, Erin, Ryan, Evan, Taylor, Jacs, & Carly), and her children (Eric, Kim, April, & Dan) and husband Steve. Naomi was predeceased by her parents.

WE all love you - NO stacking.

EDUCATION

Preschool



Spring is always an exciting time at the preschool! Our students have been busy learning about Passover, engaging in hands-on activities to explore the holiday's traditions and significance. A highlight of our learning was a special reading of *The Mouse in the Matzah Factory* by Rabbi Metz's eldest son, Doron.

Our Preschool Model Seder was a wonderful success! A heartfelt thank you to Rachel Black, our Parent Action Committee Chair, for organizing and preparing this beautiful event. We are also so grateful to Rabbi Metz and Nichole for leading the Seder and making it an engaging and meaningful experience for our students.

In May, we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, and hope to spoil our incredible teachers for all the hard work they do each day. A big thank you to our families and PAC chairs for the thoughtful gestures, gifts, and words of appreciation. We also recently welcomed a new teacher, Miss Kat, to our team! This is especially meaningful because Miss Kat's mother was a teacher at CAI Preschool when she attended as a child almost 20 years ago. We love seeing our community come full circle!

We are busy preparing for our end-of-year performance and Halutzim's Pre-K class graduation. This year's graduation is particularly significant for me personally, as my youngest son will be one of the children moving up to kindergarten. I feel incredibly grateful that both of my children had the opportunity to attend this wonderful preschool, where they were nurtured by the very best teachers and given a strong foundation for their education.

As summer approaches, excitement is building for our Summer STEAM Camp, beginning June 9, 2025! Our campers will enjoy incredible experiences, including visits from special guests such as experts from the Reid Park Zoo, the Children's Museum of Tucson, and a local astronomer, CAI member, and incoming president Richard Green. Other highlights include a Fourth of July BBQ, weekly themed science projects led by a scientist, art sessions with our favorite local artist Julie Stein, Shabbat music and celebrations on Fridays, and water play four days a week! We still have a few more spots available for those still making summer plans for children 2-5 years old. Please see our website for a registration form and more information.

B'Shalom,

Allison Wetzel, Early Childhood Director

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B'Yahad and USY

It is hard to believe that a whole school year has gone by already! Our B'Yahad classes for the year will come to an end on May 4 after a wonderful year of service projects, learning, and being together! We will celebrate our accomplishments for the year with a special Family Day of Kindness, in which our families will participate



in projects supporting our CAI and the greater Tucson communities (watch your email for details). Our final days for Kadima will be April 27, and Junior/Senior USY will be held on May 3.

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible teachers, madrichim, USY advisors, and parent volunteers for making this year a success! Stay tuned for details on next year, and registration for 2025-26 will be coming out soon.

MAZEL TOV to our graduating Senior Madrichim this year: Jakob Gonzales and Elena Windham. We have been blessed to have you on our team and look forward to hearing about your college decisions & future career paths in the coming weeks. We will miss you and appreciate everything you have contributed to our program!



After many years of dedicated service as both an educator and Assistant Youth Director, Adina Karp will also be stepping away from her role in our program. Throughout her time with us, Adina has made a lasting impact on countless students and families, nurturing a love of Judaism in the students in our USY & Madrichim programs. Her passion, commitment, and leadership will be deeply missed, although we look forward to continuing to see her in our CAI community. We look forward to welcoming Hayden Peskin-Owens as an Assistant Youth Director for USY, whose love and passion for USY will help continue the success of our program.

2025-26 Registration for B'Yahad and USY will be coming out soon, and feel free to be in touch with any questions. Be sure to register before the Early Bird Deadline of June 1 to receive the discount.

Have a wonderful summer!

B'Shalom,

Nichole Chorny

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ADULT EDUCATION



After Shabbat
Morning Services

May 10
(approximately
12:30pm)

Join Yuval Malka for a presentation about the Moroccan Aliyah

Join us at Congregation Anshei Israel for a monthly, Lunch & 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.**



Is Anti-Zionism Antisemitism? Interactive Workshop

with Prof. David Graizbord, Ph.D.

Director & Curson Professor of Judaic Studies

Author, *The New Zionists: Young American Jews, Jewish National Identity, and Israel*

Sunday, May 18 at 3:00pm

This interactive workshop raises a question that has been at the center of controversy within Jewish communities in the United States and elsewhere. After analyzing the relevant historical and ideological phenomena, the speaker, who directs the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies at the UofA, will facilitate a conversation between audience members, encouraging everyone to think in constructive terms about grappling with this intriguing issue of communal rupture and solidarity.

Pre-registration required for security purposes.

To register, scan the QR Code or call Amber at 520-745-5550.



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Celebration

Saturday, May 17 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Join us to celebrate our Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class as each participant is called to the Torah as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and participates in leading the service in our community. Mazel Tov!



Top Row (L to R):

Veronica Stirnitzke, Brooke Rabe, Kerri Haeflinger, Ole Thienhaus, Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny

Bottom Row (L to R):

Rabbi Sara Metz, MJ Matthews, Beth King, Susan Shack, Judy Fishman, Ginny Mrizek.

Not pictured: Anna Rottenstein

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!

NEW TIME!

Thursdays at 10:00am

Study materials can be found at
caiaz.org/resources

Check your email for details and Zoom link.



All Things Jewish Monthly Discussion Group

with Adrienne O'Hare

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

Join us for a *bisse*/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 & levels of knowledge. Learn more about your Jewish heritage!

Check your email for details and link to register.

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

NEW! HYBRID Evening Minyan Thursdays at 5:30pm

In-person in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash
& on Zoom
STARTS MAY 8!

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45pm Friday

Zoom Only - May 2, 23 & 30, June 13, 20 & 27

Hybrid - May 9 & 16, June 6

Subject to change - check your email for details

Hybrid Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am Saturdays

Shabbat Sovev Services



Israel Shabbat

with guest Ben Cook, JNF

Friday, May 9

Friday, June 6

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 **May 6 & June 3.**

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

RSVP by May 6



RSVP by June 3



Summer is coming, and so is Summer Shul!

*Join us in the Rabbi Eisen
Beit Midrash every Saturday
morning for a more intimate
Shabbat Morning service,
followed by Kiddush.*

Starting June 14, 2025
Services begin at 9:30am

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, May 16

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 May 13





**Board of Trustee Reports • Year in Review
Election & Installation of the Board of Trustees**

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Trustees Nominated for 1-Year

(term ending 2026)

Allen Gordon

Lei Lei

Beth McGinnis

Brooke Rabe

Dawn Steinberg

Trustees Nominated for 3-Years

(term ending 2028)

Michele Cassen

Ari Espinoza

Trustees Continuing

(term ending 2026)

Joy Peskin

(term ending 2027)

Fred Hirsh

Kala Phelps

Teri Thienhaus

Past Presidents Council Chair

Dan Jurkowitz

Below is a synopsis of proposed amendments to the Bylaws for membership review and approval at the upcoming annual meeting. The proposed amendments from the Bylaws Committee have been reviewed by the Board of Trustees. A full copy of the proposed amended Bylaws is available in the Synagogue office, or can be transmitted via e-mail upon request.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws to be approved at the 2025 CAI Annual Meeting:

1. Removal of the Synagogue Life Council (SLC) from the Bylaws as this committee no longer exists.
2. Removal of the Board seat for the Chairperson of the SLC and increase of the number of at large Board Seats by 1 to 11 to keep total number of Board Members at 16.
3. Clarification that maximum term for a Board Member is 9 consecutive years and any years served as an Officer do NOT count toward the nine years.
4. Ability to conduct business at Annual Meeting with quorum of 10% membership units without ratification by Board (currently requires 50 membership units).

**Scan QR Code or visit caiaz.org to RSVP
for dinner no later than Thursday, May 15**



**Join us to cast your vote at
Congregation Anshei Israel's
94th Annual Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025**

**5:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
in Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash
(Hybrid)**

**6:15pm FREE Dinner
with RSVP
in Rabbi Breger Hall
Followed by the Annual Meeting
(In-person only)**

Life Trustees

Ron Gray, Nominee

Jane Kivel

Steve Shenitzer

Steve Spitzer

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Enid Zuckerman

**Submitted by the 2025
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Adventure Group Hike - February 12 & 16, 2025



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Tu B'Shvat Seder - February 12, 2025



Red Cross Blood Drive - February 16, 2025




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COMING UP

Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah



Josie Tor
May 10, 2025

Josie is the daughter of Naomi & Josh Tor, granddaughter of Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present, Rabbi Stephanie & Jack Aaron, Susan & David Rosenthal, Vicky Lunday, and Phillip Tor & Linda Attarian. Josie is the great-granddaughter of Nancy Present, and her sisters are Violet & Cleo Tor. Josie attends Tucson Hebrew Academy, and enjoys ballet, lyrical & jazz dance, reading, playing ukelele, cooking & baking. Josie is collecting books for the Free Little Libraries of Tucson for her mitzvah project. Josie's Bat Mitzvah will be held with Congregation Chaverim.

Doron Boaz Metz
June 7, 2025



Doron Boaz Metz was born on the first day of Shavuot, 6th of Sivan, 5772, in Encino, California. He lived in New Jersey before moving to Tucson with his family at the age of 8. He attends Tucson Hebrew Academy and will be spending his fourth summer at Camp Ramah Galim, in Northern California. He loves turtles, roasting garlic, and playing D&D with his CAI friends. As a mitzvah project, Doron has been helping remove invasive non-native species from the Tanque Verde Creek with the Watershed Management Group.

With great pride and joy, Rabbi Sara & Lev Metz invite the congregation to join us as our son, Doron Metz, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 7 (beginning at 9:30am).

Please plan to join us for a Kiddush luncheon following services.

Though no RSVP is required (as with all our services, which are open to everyone), to ensure we prepare appropriately, please let us know that you will be joining us by scanning the QR Code.

We look forward to sharing our *simcha* with the community!



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CATCHING UP

Scholar in Residence, Gil Hoffman - February 21-22, 2025



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Hamantashen for Hunger - March 9, 2025



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Purim Carnival & Megillah Reading - March 13, 2025



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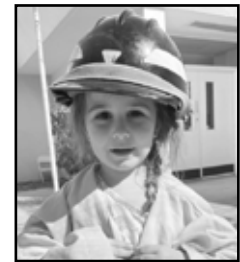
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CATCHING UP

Smokey Bear Visits the Preschool - February 26, 2025



Ready, Set, Rec - March 3, 2025

New AED Installation



Todah Rabah to our partners at the American Heart Association who are helping us to enhance our cardiac emergency preparedness. Through this collaboration, we acquired an additional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in our Saul & Susan Tobin Memorial Hall, developed a customized Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP), and received a CPR & First Aid Anywhere Training Kit which enables us to practice hands-on lifesaving skills on a regular basis. Together, we are strengthening our community's ability to respond in critical moments.



CATCHING UP

"Between October 7 & 8" with Dr. Yizhar Hess, March 18, 2025



**Mazal Tov Elena Windham
Bryna Zehngut Mitzvot Award Winner**



Kadima Kinnus - March 28-30, 2025



CATCHING UP

Colors of Israel Mural Painting - March 23, 2025



Volunteer Opportunity!

The Arizona Department of Corrections Rehabilitation and Reentry is seeking Jewish volunteers to work with incarcerated people who are exploring Jewish identity/spirituality.

This commitment entails going into the Arizona State Prison in Tucson at least two Friday evenings a month for an hour and a half to shmooze, study, and pray with a group of incarcerated men.

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MAZAL TOV

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



Birth

We are happy to announce the birth of:

Milo Ezra Steinberg

March 14, 2025

Milo is the grandson of
Marilyn Einstein & Steven Sim

Parents:
Gabrielle & Joshua Steinberg



Marriage

We are happy to announce the marriage of:

Neil Hirsh
&
Sabre Sarnataro
On March 1, 2025

Neil is the son of
Mindy & Fred Hirsh

Engagement

We are happy to announce the engagement of:

Abigail Roberts
&
Maybelline St. Clair

Abigail is the daughter of
Stephanie & Spencer Roberts

Grandaughter of
Malcom Levin

Share your Simcha!

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Sponsorships will be acknowledged in eblasts, during services, and in the Kolenu.

If you are able to support us, please email Debra Lytle at ExecDir@caiaz.org

May Anniversaries

Date		Years
2	Rachel & Joel Black	11
4	Marlene & William Hudson	45
5	Kay & Laurence Eason	30
6	Robyn & David Emmerson	21
7	Barbara & Gerald Goldberg	47
10	Carol & Alexander Sears	21
13	Lisa Ungar & Robert Fridrich	29
14	Abigail & Noah Tolby	30
21	Gail & Calman Rudner	53
22	Ricki Weinstein-Wolf & Jerry Wolf	26
23	Eve & Stuart Pinkert	32
24	Beth & James McGinnis	16
	Joyce & Michael Smith	45
25	Jessica & Patrick Emerson McCormick	11
	Emily & Dustin Pendleton	17
26	Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present	34
	Kimmie & Eric Spitzer	34
28	Monica & Eric Rudner	25
	Robyn & Ed Schwager	47
29	Marta & Steven Ketchel	53

Todah Rabah!



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Matzah & More Drive for Jewish Family & Children's Services of Southern Arizona.

Your generosity helped so many families in need celebrate Passover!

June Anniversaries

Date		Years
1	Marcy & Jacob Friedman	18
	Marilyn Einstein & Steve Sim	45
2	Shelly & Edward Berger	41
	Lisa & Dan Jurkowitz	29
	Annette & Alan Miklofsky	46
3	Tracy & David Jeck	18
5	Ruthie & Mark Friefeld	37
6	Jennifer & Amit Cher	15
	Brenda Frye & Sergey Cherkis	21
	Sharon & Frederick Klein	54
	Stephanie Stern & Joshua Melson	26
8	Debbie & Lew Crane	45
	Sandra & James Rothschild	57
10	Shawn & Aaron Hellman	41
11	Iris Bernstein & David Karp	30
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המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

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

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A Memorial Plaque has been installed for

Thomas Herz

Anshei Israel Memorial Hall

Installation of a memorial plaque is a beautiful way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one. Each year on the anniversary of your loved one's death, the synagogue will send you a reminder of the Yahrzeit and light the light adjacent to their memorial plaque. Call Debra at (520) 745-5550, ext. 242, to make arrangements or if you wish to reserve a space for the future.

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