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Chanukkah Festival of Lights



**1st Candle
December
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**8th Candle
December
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Shalom!

Please warmly


Welcome

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Annette & Leonard Hamm
Joanne & Brad Morantz*

Our new members:


TURKEY & MORE DRIVE 2020 NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 13

Every year, we collect money to purchase kosher turkeys and other food items for Jewish Family & Children's Services.

Please help with this cause to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration of families in need.



*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
only monetary donations
can be accepted.*



**Drop off or mail checks made payable to CAI
and note "Turkey Drive" on it
or make a secure donation online at
caiaz.org**

TODAH RABAH & HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

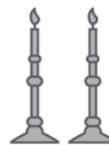
Let your voice be heard - become a Meturgeman!

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 the reading the weekly portion.

Please let us know when you would like to serve as our *meturgeman*, adding your voice, your Torah, to ours. To choose a date, contact Amber Page at ExecAssist@caiaz.org. For more details, please contact Rabbi Metz at RabbiMetz@caiaz.org.

Candle Lighting Times November/December 2020

November 6	5:10pm
November 13	5:05pm
November 20	5:02pm
November 27	5:00pm



December 4	5:00pm
December 11	5:01pm
December 18	5:04pm
December 25	5:07pm

There are no calendar inserts in this edition of Kolenu. Please visit our website caiaz.org and check your email for up-to-date information.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



TGI Chanukkah, seriously. A fun, home-based holiday to take our minds off of COVID-19. Lighting candles, spinning dreidels, and eating latkes. What's not to like? When I ask B'nai Mitzvah students what their favorite Jewish holiday is, the most common answer is Chanukkah. Why? Because presents. But Chanukkah has deeper meanings than just fun. One is the celebration of miracles. There

are miracles that we experience on a daily basis that we take for granted or we are too busy to notice. Certainly, we should be thankful for all of the wonders *Hashem* has bestowed upon us. Chanukkah presents an opportune time to stop, smell the roses, and be thankful.

Another meaning of Chanukkah is the triumph of tradition over assimilation. This seems to be a never-ending battle to be fought and one in which the institution of the synagogue has been at the forefront. A 2019 Gallup poll found that the number of Americans who were members of a religious institution had dropped from 70% in 1999 to only 50%. The same poll also found that roughly 50% of Jewish respondents were members of synagogues in 2019. We know that the Conservative Movement has experienced contraction as well. However, one of the findings of the 2013 Pew Research Center survey of U.S. Jewry was that members of Conservative synagogues still reported high Jewish identity, participation, and observance. My takeaway is if Judaism will continue to survive and thrive in the coming decades, it will be because of the synagogue. Ahad Ha'am said, "More than the Jewish People have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." Similarly, synagogues are the future for the Jewish people outside of Israel, and without them there will be no successive generations.

So as we remember the fight of the Maccabees for the freedom to practice their religion and their rejection of Greek assimilation, let's keep in mind the importance of the synagogue in the fight for Jewish continuity. If you are looking to make charitable donations before the end of the year, think about investing in the future of our local Jewish community and make a donation to the Anshei Israel Congregational Fund.

B'Shalom,
Dan Jurkowitz, *President@caiaz.org*

Hesed Committee

Welcome to the Hesed Committee, the largest committee at Congregation Anshei Israel. Did you know that you are a member of this committee? Every congregant is a member. *Hesed* means loving kindness, grace, helping each other. We exist to help our members in times of need.



Please feel free to contact me.

Evelyn Sigafus
Hesed Committee Chair
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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 finding out about CAI, please call Debra Lytle at 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!



Women's League

There are many congregants who need to purchase and stock up on Judaica, books, candles, mah jongg cards, and other gifts for friends and family. To set up a private shopping appointment, Contact

Marianne at **349-3347** or *marilang@comcast.net*. Check out the items featured on the back page of this issue.

The **2020-2021 Torah Fund** campaign continues with Malka Abraham as Torah Fund Pin Chair. Torah Fund ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by helping to educate and train rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, committed lay leaders and more. Visit the Women's League page on our website for more information and how you can receive this year's orah Fund pin!



Read It and Meet



We look forward to seeing you at our next Read It and Meet session on November 22 at 11:00am on Zoom. November's book is *Henna House* by Nomie Eve. Evelyn Sigafus will facilitate the discussion.

There will be no Read It and Meet in December; please save the date for our next session on January 24, when Joni Belzer will be our facilitator for the book *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner. Watch your email for details and links.

Online Weekday Torah Study Group

Led by Rabbi Metz, this informal study group can lead to lively discussion. Held Thursdays on Zoom, 12:00 noon until 1:00pm. Please note that there will be no Torah Study on November 26, December 24 or December 31.

CAI Tzedakah Boxes Gilo Twinning Fund

From **November 22 through December 31**, Rabbi Metz is continuing our partnership with our sister synagogue, *Shevet Achim* in Gilo, Israel. Rabbi Metz is now accepting CAI Tzedakah Boxes for donation, and all donations received via these boxes will be matched!



Please bring your box to the administrative office between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday for contact-free drop off. Let us know that you are donating the contents (however much they may be) to our "**Gilo Campaign**" and pick up a new box to continue your tzedakah efforts into the new secular year.

Don't have a CAI Tzedakah Box? We have plenty; call the office at 745-5550 to request yours today!

EDUCATION

Preschool/Kindergarten



The High Holy Days certainly kept our preschool bubbles busy learning about and creating wonderful crafts for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and harvest decorations for Sukkot. Teachers and students were able to enjoy snacks and lunch in our beautifully decorated CAI Sukkah and even made posters displayed at our CAI Simchat Torah "Ministry of Biblical Silly-Walks" event.

Over the past few months our preschool has grown from 21 students to over 30, and we're so proud to have our *Kochavim* and *Halutzim* classes full at this time. We have very limited space available for more students in our younger classrooms. If you know of anyone needing our assistance, please have them contact Kim Miller, Education Assistant, or me in the preschool office.

We welcome back Ms. Valerie Deitch and Ms. Patty Fishman to our preschool team, where they, Ms. Kirby and Ms. Elizabeth are doing exciting things with our *Par Par* (butterfly) students. Whether it be water play, shape and color exploration, music and stories, or movement and stretching, these ladies are keeping our *Par Par* students soaring.

Ms. Stacey and Ms. Erin are showering our *Keshet/Shemesh* students with lots of sunshine and rainbows. Each week a different theme and color are used to capture their students' imaginations and inner artists. Creative and instructional centers such as painting, books, puzzles, dance, as well as fine and gross motor activities are what makes their classroom radiate with excitement.

Ms. Abigail, Ms. Emiliya and Ms. Elizabeth have their students twinkling like the *Kochavim* (stars) they are. With multiple learning and activity areas, the students have plenty of room to explore and play while working together in a positive environment. Learning pods and centers are used to create special time for each 3- and 4-year-old group with each teacher, but shining bright together is what this class does best during story time, sharing and friendship community circle.

Ms. Tara and Ms. Viviana and their *Halutzim* (pioneers) students are trailblazing through their days using learning centers, small and large group activities, and unit projects keeping them engaged, focused and ready to face new challenges. Everyone plays a part working together and building their classroom community to help keep it filled with positivity, creativity, and of course, lots of that pioneering spirit.

As we head into the cooler months of November and December, we find ourselves eternally grateful and giving thanks to everyone who has helped our preschool get to where we are today; we couldn't have done it without you. To all those who helped guide us on our path to reopening, and to our wonderful preschool families for their faith and trust in us, we can't thank you enough.

Wishing you all the best from our Preschool Bubbles.

B'Shalom,

Kimie Spitzer, Early Childhood Director
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B'Yahad and USY



The Fall holidays kept us busy! Many of our families participated in our High Holy Day Family Services, 6th graders were featured holding Havdalah candles during our *Ne'ilah* service at the end of Yom Kippur, and several families participated in our in-person *Tashlich*, Snacks in the Sukkah, and Simchat Torah celebrations. Our B'Yahad online classes are going well, with all students making good progress in Hebrew, *Tefilla* (prayers), and our Judai curriculum.

Two of our USY leaders attended LTI (Leadership Training Institute) in September, and we had a nice turn-out for our Yom Kippur Teen Hangout events, creating meaningful connection with USYers in Phoenix and LA. Stay tuned for upcoming events!



Be sure to save-the-date for our B'Yahad Virtual Challah Bake on November 8! We will be sending out the ingredient list early so you can prepare (or adjust for family dietary needs). Families will prepare the challah dough at the beginning of class together, then as the dough rises we will have regular class. At the end of class, we will braid together! Students should have parental help for the Challah Bake part of the morning.

On November 15, 6th graders will participate in our B'nai Mitzvah *Kallah* (orientation). Watch your email for details.

Save the date for a special Chanukkah Celebration on December 13. Details to come!

As a reminder, if you ever need any help with the technology or have any questions feel free to contact us. We are here for you!

B'Shalom,

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Todah Rabah

Thank you Danielle Larcom for delivering Havdalah candles to all our 6th grade families to light at the end of Yom Kippur.



For every "Box Tops for Education" coupon from specially-marked General Mills products, CAI's Preschool/Kindergarten receives 10 cents!

And now, no more clipping - just scan your receipt. Go to boxtops4education.com for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Congregation Anshei Israel is proud to partner with ScholarStream



SCHOLARSTREAM

AN INITIATIVE OF THE RA, USCJ, JTS, AND ZIEGLER

ScholarStream Registration is Now Open!

Complimentary registration for Congregation Anshei Israel's congregants when you use the coupon code

TucsonFall20

(case sensitive)

Each individual must sign up for each of the sessions they plan to attend.

Zoom links will be sent out to registered participants shortly before each session.

Hidden Histories and Untold Stories

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Arizona

Ziegler Registration Link:

https://www.wizevents.com/register/register_survey.php?sessid=11804#top

Coupon Code: TucsonFall20

Join JTS scholars as they uncover the hidden context around biblical figures and important eras in Jewish history.

- **11/10:** Dr. David Fishman on how religious pre-Holocaust Eastern European Jewry actually was—or wasn't
- **11/17:** Dr. Alan Cooper on why we stopped caring about Moses's descendants
- **12/1:** Dr. Sarah Wolf on how foreign the beit midrash would feel to the early Rabbis
- **12/8:** Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky on what the Bible really had against Jezebel

Equity, Forgiveness and Intersectionality

Wednesdays at 8:00 PM Arizona

Ziegler Registration Link:

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/civcrm/event/register?reset=1&id=1246>

Coupon Code: TucsonFall20

Join Ziegler faculty as they explore issues related to race, gender equality, intersectionality, and building a democracy of the future.

- **11/11:** Rabbi Cheryl Peretz will examine the centuries old Jewish march towards gender equality and justice
- **11/18:** Rabbi Dr. Elliot Dorff will explore the concept of communal forgiveness
- **12/2:** Rabbi Dr. Gail Labovitz on what Exodus has to teach us about intersectionality
- **12/9:** Rabbi Dr. Aryeh Cohen on building a multiracial democracy

Join us for these Adult Education opportunities!



LET'S CONNECT ONLINE!



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

VIRTUAL MINYANIM ON ZOOM

Join us online for daily prayer services!

Sign in 10 minutes before Morning Minyan and Mincha/Ma'ariv services begin for a schmooze.

Morning Minyan

8:00am Sunday • 7:30am Monday-Friday

Mincha/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening)

5:30pm Sunday-Thursday

Kabbalat Shabbat

5:45pm Friday

Shabbat Morning Service

9:00am Saturday

Virtual Kiddush & Schmooze

Immediately following Shabbat Morning Service

HAVDALLAH ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Make the transition from Shabbat to the week!

Approx. 6:15pm Saturday*
[facebook.com/congregationansheisrael](https://www.facebook.com/congregationansheisrael)

No Facebook account is necessary.

*Times vary. Check [caiaz.org](https://www.caiaz.org) for times.

WEEKLY ZOOM TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI METZ

New Time!

Thursdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Bring your Bible and your desire to learn together.

Study materials can be found at [caiaz.org/resources](https://www.caiaz.org/resources)

MONTHLY READ IT & MEET

On Zoom

November 22 at 11:00am

Henna House by Nomi Eve

Read It & Meet will be on hiatus in December

Service materials are online at [caiaz.org/resources](https://www.caiaz.org/resources) or call 745-5550 (M-F 8am-4pm) for pickup or delivery of prayer books. Zoom links are available in your e-mail. Call 745-5550 for more information or to be added to our email list. Times may vary. Please check our website [caiaz.org](https://www.caiaz.org) for up-to-date details.



High Holy Days Appeal 5781

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

Please join us in supporting our High Holy Days Appeal. Make your secure donation online at caiaz.org

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** We apologize for any inadvertent omissions **

Congregation Anshei Israel

~ ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL ~

presented by Rabbi Metz

The Truth About Chanukkah:

Did the oil last eight days?



**Sunday, Dec. 13 • 9:15-10:15am
on Zoom**

Why is Chanukkah eight days?

Why do we really spin the dreidel?



Join us for the truth about Chanukkah!

Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 875 3969 9053

Password: 5550

Join by Telephone

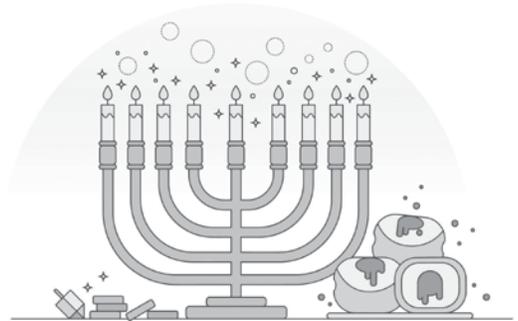
Meeting ID: 875 3969 9053

Password: 5550

Save the Date

Chanukkah Celebration

December 13 at 4:00pm



Planning is underway for this in-person, socially distant, masks-required, all-ages event in our parking lot.

Activities will include everyone lighting their Chanukkiyot in their own Chanukkiyot, lighting our big Chanukkiah in the parking lot, making a "wishing chain" to display, singing Chanukkah songs, and a Chanukkah-themed game of bingo.

More surprises to come!

Bring your Chanukkiah, matches or lighter and candles, and be sure to bundle up to stay warm outside!

Details to follow in your email.



*Living (y)our
Judaism
together*

Blessings for the Chanukkah Lights



On the first night all three blessings are recited, and on succeeding nights only the first two.

1. *Baruch Atta Adonai, Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam, Asher Kiddishanu B'Mitsvotav V'Tzivanu L'Hadlik Ner Shel Chanukkah.*

Blessed are Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with Thy commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukkah light.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

2. *Baruch Atta Adonai, Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam, She'asah Nissim La'Avotenu Bayamim Ha'Hem Ba'Zeman Ha'Zeh.*

Blessed are Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who didst perform miracles for our ancestors in those days at this season.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ,
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

The following blessing is chanted only the first night:

3. *Baruch Atta Adonai, Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam, Sheh'Hecheyanu V'Kimanyu, V'Hig Giyanu La'Zeman Ha'Zeh.*

Blessed are Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has granted us life and sustained us, and brought us to this season.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

In What Order Do We Light the Chanukkah Candles?

Many people question the order in which the Chanukkah candles should be lit. The correct way to light a Chanukkah is while standing facing the front of your Chanukkah, insert the candles into the holder from the right to left, not counting the *shamash*. On the first night, insert one candle; on the second night, insert two, etc. Always work from right to left. When lighting the candles, use the *shamash* to light the candles from left to right. In this way the candle representing the new night is always lit first.

The Tenth of Tevet

Asarah B'Tevet

Date of the fast in 5781:

DECEMBER 25, 2020

Coming as it does a week after the last day of Chanukkah, the fast on the 10th of the month of Tevet (*Asarah B'Tevet*) might easily be overlooked. It occupies, however, an important niche in the story of Israel and the history of our people.

The text in II Kings (25:1-4) tells us that on the 10th day of the 10th month, in the ninth year of his reign, (588 BCE), Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, began the siege of Jerusalem. Three years later on the 17th of Tammuz, he broke through the city walls. The siege ended with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later, on the 9th of Av, marking the end of the first Kingdom and the exile of the Jewish people to Babylon. It can thus be considered part of the cycle of fasts connected with these events: *Tzom Gedaliah* (3rd of Tishrei); *Shivah Asar B'Tammuz* (17th of Tammuz) and *Tisha B'Av* (9th of Av).

The first mention of this fast appears in Zechariah (8:19), where it is called the "fast of the tenth month..." (counting from the month of Nisan, the first month in Biblical times). Other references to the fast and the affliction can be found in Ezekiel 24:1-2 (the siege); Jeremiah 52:4-6.

Although the fast is historically tied in with the events surrounding the destruction of the First Temple, the purpose of the fast is not the commemoration of an historical event, but the state of affliction of the Jewish people.

As with all Jewish fasts, the prayers for *Asarah B'Tevet* include Selichot, marking the day as an occasion for each of us to devote time to *Teshuvah* (repentance), the introspection that motivates us to reexamine our actions and change our ways. As the Talmud in Brachot says, "one who is afflicted should examine his or her actions and do *Teshuvah*."

Asarah B'Tevet is the day of mourning for people whose last resting place or date of death is unknown (the *Kaddish Clali*).

Asarah B'Tevet is one of four public fasts which begin at dawn (*alot hashachar* - about an hour before sunrise), but do not carry additional restrictions, such as washing oneself or wearing leather shoes, etc. (while Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av begin from dusk the night before). However, it is the only fast which is not brought forward or postponed if it falls on a Friday, a mark of its immense significance.

**Mincha/Ma'ariv will be held at 12:30pm
for Asarah B'Tevet**

C A T C H I N G U P

In-Person Shofar Blasts

Rabbi Metz sounded the shofar in-person weekly over the month of Elul. We even had visitors in their cars tune into the radio with our FM transmitter.



Tashlich at the Park

This year's Tashlich at the Park was held at Fort Lowell Park. It was a beautiful afternoon, and participants of all ages made this a most meaningful experience, even while maintaining social distance and wearing face masks.



CATCHING UP



Behind-the-scenes peek at the technology behind our first Virtual High Holy Days and Fall Festival services.



Many came by to pick up our free palm fronds and willow bunches for those who were building their own sukkahs and celebrating at home.

Sweets in the Sukkah

We had over 20 households attend this year's Sweets in the Sukkah. Our safe, socially-distant Sukkot celebration enabled those the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah. Friends and family were also able to safely shake the lulav and etrog.



Todah Rabah to Adeline Horst for sponsoring our Sweets in the Sukkah in appreciation of Congregation Anshei Israel and in celebration of her birthday.



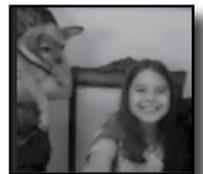
Preparing to shake the lulav and etrog



Rabbi Metz joined the preschool children in the sukkah to teach them all about Sukkot.

Blessing of the Pets

This well-attended Zoom event featured creatures of all shapes, sizes and species for us to bless. Some were co-operative, others were a bit camera-shy.



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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 us at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Zissel (Zisi) Sonnenblick Born September 6

Zisi is the great-granddaughter of Phyllis Broad and granddaughter of Judy & Phillip Sanfield. (Parents: Sarah & Ariel Sonnenblick)



Cameron Leon Blitzer Born October 5

Cameron is the granddaughter of Marsha & Charles Blitzer. (Parents: Tory & Mark Blitzer)

Mila Kai Shenitzer Born October 8

Mila is the granddaughter of Holly & Steve Shenitzer. (Parents: Jill & Jason Shenitzer, and big sister Shia)

Mateo Jorge Bailon Born October 11



Mateo is the nephew of Marty Johnston. (Parents: Alison Johnston Bailon & Jorge Bailon)

Ella Elizabeth Rothschild Born October 12

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

November Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Joan & Barry Beroth	39
2 Judith & Ted Drenfeld	63
8 Heather & Michael Gordon	17
Joshua & Ashley Hurand	6
13 Raquel & Edward Gold	65
14 Bettie & Murray Baker	44
Joan & Irvin Belzer	55
Margie & Bob Douglas	50
Tammy & Alan Strobel	38
15 Mindy & Fred Hirsh	39
17 Pamela & Stuart Mendel	41
20 Anna & Myron Rottenstein	37
24 Vicki & Phillip Pepper	46
25 Nancy & Steve Lipson	33
28 Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	38
30 Shelley & Marshall Heyman	12

December Anniversaries

Date	Years
1 Peggy & Richard Langert	41
2 Susan & Rick Levy	47
6 Felicia & Ari Cohen	22
Rita & Martin Hall	47
7 Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare	36
10 Norma & Stanley Feldman	42
Evonne & Alan Ravitz	56
19 Joan & Dennis Rosen	38
20 Rebecca & Richard Fink	51
22 Lois & Everett Broder	63
24 Sarah & Mortimer Segal	68
27 Ruth & Art Solomon	61
29 Sandra & Elliott Heiman	57
30 Sarah & Jeff Artzi	30
Joan & Robert Mutterperl	41



Engagements & Marriages



Engagement

Mara Frisch to Jason Vanterpool

Mara is the daughter of Myrna & Jim Frisch

Marriages

Emily Simon to Brandon Rosenbloom

Emily is the daughter of Paul (Marcia) Simon & Elaine Jones and Brandon is the son of Karen Blume & Steve Rosenbloom

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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 745-5550, ext. 242 to make arrangements or if you wish to reserve a space for the future.

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 299-3382.

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Become a sponsor of our weekly Virtual Kiddush & Schmooze held every Saturday morning immediately following Shabbat morning services.

Sponsorships start at \$36 and will be acknowledged in eblasts, during services and in the Kolenu. If you are able to support us, please email Debra at ExecDir@caiaz.org

*Thank you to Madeline & Barry Friedman for
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in honor of Barry's birthday.*



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

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CAI welcomes all interfaith families and encourage them to participate in as much synagogue life as they choose within the framework of Conservative Judaism. For more information, go to caiaz.org/resources as part of CAI's "Myths vs. Facts" program.

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