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HIGH HOLY DAYS GUIDE
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Congregation Anshei Israel

A Conservative Synagogue and Proud Member of USCJ

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Shanah Tovah!

Our Officers, Board of Trustees,
Clergy & Staff wish each & everyone

a happy & healthy New Year!

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Do you know any students, young adults or military service members?

Complimentary tickets are available! **See page 2.**

Attending services in another community?

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Let us know about your college-age kids.

See page 3 for information.

Bring non-perishable food items for Project Isaiah.

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Tips:

**Keep this publication for reference
throughout the High Holy Days.**

**To help us better serve you, please adhere to
deadlines for all reservations and orders.**



Rabbi Sara Metz



Nichole Chorny,
Cantorial Soloist and Education & Youth Director

Dear Friends,

As we enter the High Holy Days together, one word rises to meet us: **Hineni. Here I am.**

It is one of the most powerful words in the Torah. When God calls to Abraham, he answers, “**Hineni**” (Genesis 22:1). When God calls to Moses from the burning bush, Moses answers, “**Hineni**” (Exodus 3:4). When Isaiah hears God asking, “Whom shall I send?” he responds, “**Hineni, send me**” (Isaiah 6:8).

Hineni is more than being physically present. It means showing up with our whole selves. It means saying, “I am here, even if I am uncertain. I am here, even if I am still becoming. I am here, ready to listen, ready to grow, ready to be part of something larger than myself.”

That is the invitation of these Days of Awe. We come as we are: joyful, tired, hopeful, grieving, grateful, distracted, curious, skeptical, inspired, hungry, maybe all at once. And still, we come. We gather in prayer, song, learning, memory, community, and yes, also grabbing a nosh, a pick-me-up, and catching up in our schmooze space. All of it can be holy.

This year, our theme of **Hineni** invites us to ask: How do we show up for God? How do we show up for one another? How do we show up for our community, our people, and the world that needs us?

The High Holy Days remind us that we do not have to be perfect to begin again. We only have to be willing to answer the call.

May this season help each of us say, with courage and openness: **Hineni. Here I am.**

With blessings for a sweet, meaningful, and hope-filled new year,

Rabbi Sara Metz

**Nichole Chorny, Cantorial Soloist and
Education & Youth Director**





Ticket & Seating Information



Ticket Details

All members in good standing will receive our virtual links and passwords for the High Holy Days. Tickets will be available for pickup at the check-in table, starting with Erev Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah services on **SEPTEMBER 11**.

Unreserved Seating in Rabbi Breger Hall is available at no additional cost for each in-person ticket requested. *Shomrei Torah* level members can receive reserved seating in the Sanctuary at no additional cost for each in-person ticket requested.

If you are not sure if you would like to attend in-person services, or would like to do a combination of in-person and virtual, please fill out the **Green** ticket order form insert.

If you only want to attend virtual services this year, please use the **Green form to make sure we have your current email address.**

If you have not already completed and returned an order form for High Holy Days tickets/seating, the **Green** form included in this publication must be completed and returned to the synagogue office **no later than AUGUST 21 so that we can have your tickets ready for you at the door to pick up when you arrive for services.** Options for disability-related accommodations, as well as Youth Services are also included in this publication.

For security purposes, everyone ages 16+ will be required to present a ticket with their full name printed on it and a matching photo ID to be admitted to the synagogue. Tickets and photo ID cards will be required for entry at all times during the High Holy Days.

To receive tickets, your account must be current with a minimum of 25% of your 2026-27 membership commitment and Safety & Security fee paid. Being current means that all past charges must be paid or on a payment plan. If you have questions or concerns about your account status, please contact Lanette at (520) 745-5550, ext. 223 or Controller@caiaz.org

Complimentary Tickets

Free Unreserved Seating tickets (non-reserved seating) are available for all High Holy Days services to:

- All unaffiliated Jews 30-years-old and younger. (Please make arrangements in advance.)
- All college students, and all military personnel. (A school or military ID along with another picture ID, such as a valid driver's license, is required. Please make arrangements in advance.)

Again this year: On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Congregation Anshei Israel opens its doors to the entire Tucson Jewish community as an opportunity to share the warmth and tradition that has been our pride for over 90 years. We want others to experience what members enjoy year-round and especially during the High Holy Days. We open our collective arms and welcome others into our synagogue home.

We want to make it easy for everyone to worship together, but for security reasons we ask that — **in advance** — you send us your contact information so we can prepare tickets. You will also need to provide ID under the security tent.

For more information, please contact Debra at (520) 745-5550, ext. 242 or ExecDir@caiaz.org

Reserved Seats

Main services will be held in the Sanctuary and in Rabbi Breger Hall. Members may choose to upgrade their seats to reserved seats. If you have purchased seats previously (or are *Shomrei Torah* level members), we will do our best to seat you in a similar place this year. Reserved seats in the Sanctuary pews can be purchased for \$200 each (included in *Shomrei Torah* level membership). Reserved seats in Rabbi Breger Hall are available for \$50 each.

Scan for
ticket order
forms.



High Holy Days Honors

Participation in High Holy Days Services is an important honor. Honors are distributed in a way that makes it possible for every member family to be offered an honor every few years.

The Honors Committee has begun calling members to offer honors. We look forward to your participation. Please consider saying "yes" when you are called. Instructions are available to those who have questions regarding their honor, please contact Amber at (520) 745-5550, ext. 225, or email ExecAssist@caiaz.org

Do You Have College-Age Children?

During the High Holy Days, the absence of many of our young adults is readily apparent to the Synagogue and to you, the families whose children are away from home. All too often, our college-age young adults feel distanced from the Synagogue that played such an important part in their younger years. We want to keep that Synagogue connection with your children.

Please help us update our list of young adults who are in college or young adults who would enjoy hearing from us. We ask those who would like their children to receive email communications, and occasional gifts, to please email Name(s) and Email address(es) to Amber at ExecAssist@caiaz.org and Rabbi Metz will send them some sweet surprises.

A Warmer Worship Space

In response to positive community feedback, we will continue using pipe and drape in Rabbi Breger Hall during High Holy Day services. This helps create a warmer, more welcoming atmosphere and encourages a greater sense of connection throughout the room.

Reciprocal Tickets

If you will be out of town during the High Holy Days, are a member in good standing, and would like to attend services at a synagogue in another city, please scan the QR code below or email the following information to Amber at ExecAssist@caiaz.org, and she will email you back a PDF of the letter of reciprocity.

- Name(s) of individuals requesting reciprocation
- Contact information for the synagogue where you will be attending
- Which days you plan to attend services at that synagogue

Scan to
Request
Reciprocal
Tickets



Serve as an Usher

We are seeking volunteers to greet and direct our members during the High Holy Days services. Ushers play a vital role in creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere for everyone who walks through our doors. If you are interested, please contact Amber at (520) 745-5550, ext. 225 or ExecAssist@caiaz.org

Inclusive Spaces

Special Needs, Seating, Assistive-Hearing Devices, & Large Print Mahzors

If you or any member of your family uses a walker, wheelchair, etc., and requires special seating, please let us know so that we may accommodate these needs. Limited quantities of assistive-hearing devices are available for use in the Sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall. Large print editions of the *Mahzor* are available. Please fill out the **Green** ticket order form (included in this mailing) to indicate your needs.

Safety Information

Admittance and Security

In the interest of the safety of all service attendees, Tucson Police officers and personnel from a local security company specifically hired for this purpose will check tickets and identification. These procedures allow us to provide a comfortable environment conducive to the High Holy Days spirit. To help alleviate delays at the door, we suggest that you arrive early for services with your photo ID in hand.

Please note: Please leave any backpacks or large bags at home. ALL bags on property are subject to search. We cannot be responsible for personal items left in your car.

Do you like to sing?

Join our first rehearsal for the High Holy Days Youth Choir

Sunday, August 16 at 9am in Classroom 3

As in previous years, students who enjoy singing will have the opportunity to participate in High Holy Days services as our Youth Choir. All students between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to participate! Come and sing with us!

To RSVP for the initial rehearsal or for more information, contact Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny at (520) 745-5550, ext. 228 or CantorialSoloist@caiaz.org



Creating Inclusive Sacred Spaces

Families with Young Children

- We are so glad you're here! Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in our services.
- Feel free to explain our rituals, pray and sing. Children learn by observing you.
- If you need to leave services with your child, do so, but please come back. Better yet, visit our new Shalom Space - located in the back of the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash, this space has toys, a changing table, and audio and video to watch the service live. A perfect spot for families with small children.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in synagogue directly affects the way they respond to synagogue, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are welcome in this house of worship.
- The "Kiddie Corner" is also set-up in the back of Rabbi Breger Hall with holiday/festival friendly toys to play with or bring back to your seat.
- Use the **Pink** form to RSVP for our Youth & Family Services OR scan the QR code to submit the form online.
- Step out to our High Holy Days Schmooze Spaces (see page 7).
- Please feel free to nurse and feed hungry babies in the service. If you would like privacy or quiet while nursing, please visit the Shalom Space in the back of the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash. Feed your soul as you feed your baby!



Creating Sacred Spaces

- Please make sure that any children's activities brought to services are "Shabbat/Festival appropriate" (**for example, please avoid coloring/drawing, electronic games, phones, etc.**)
- To show respect for the holiness of our prayerbooks, please place them in the book sleeves rather than on the floor.
- We ask all adults to wear a head-covering while attending services as a sign of respect for our holy place.
- Please join us to unplug from technology and be present in this holy moment, by keeping cell phones on silent and away.

Children are Our Future!

The presence of children is a gift to our congregation and a reminder that not only are we growing, but that Judaism's future is in the room with us right now. How we treat them today affects their behavior as Jews tomorrow.

Please welcome our children and give a smile to them and their families.





Children & Family Services



Please RSVP by August 21 to attend these services by filling out the included **Pink** form or scan the QR code to submit the form online.

Young Children's Family Services

For Preschool through 1st Grade children and their adults

Shabbat & 1st Day Rosh Hashanah with Orli Griver

Sat., Sept. 12, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Yom Kippur with Julie Szerina Stein

Mon., Sept. 21, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Cantor Falkow Lounge

Children and their adults can participate in engaging services and holiday friendly crafts, designed specifically for our little ones.

Please RSVP by AUGUST 21. To RSVP, please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code on the right.

Family Services

For 2nd Grade and up and their adults

Shabbat & 1st Day Rosh Hashanah with Lev Metz

Sat., Sept. 12, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Yom Kippur with Lev Metz Mon., Sept. 21

10:30am - 12:00pm • Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

An interactive service exploring themes of the holidays through prayer, stories and educational activities. **Adults required.**

Please RSVP by AUGUST 21. To RSVP, please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code on the right.

Family/Youth Program

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah with Lev Metz

Sunday, Sept. 13

10:30am - 12:00pm • Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

A unique High Holy Days service in which we explore key concepts of the holidays through creative activities, and then apply these lessons to everyday life. *Adults are required to accompany children attending the program.*

Please RSVP by SEPTEMBER 21. To RSVP, please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code on the right.

Focus on the Service While Your Kids Enjoy Babysitting

Drop off Your Children for Free Babysitting

Shabbat, 1st Day & 2nd Day

Rosh Hashanah:

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 12 & 13

9:15am - end of morning services

Kol Nidre: Sun., Sept. 20

5:30pm - end of services

Yom Kippur: Mon., Sept. 21

9:15am - end of morning services

To accommodate our youngest congregants, we offer baby-sitting for children 14-months through first grade. Please RSVP by AUGUST 21. To RSVP, please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code below.



Scan to RSVP for
Youth Services and
Babysitting.





Prepare for this Sacred Time



Selichot

Program & Service

The opening service to the High Holy Days

Saturday, September 5

Cantor Falkow Lounge and Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash

6:30pm Schmooze with wine, dessert & Havdalah, followed by a teaching, "Hineni - How to be Present in Your Own Life" with Rabbi Metz.

8:30pm Hybrid Selichot Service

There is no charge to attend; however, reservations are requested by **SEPTEMBER 1**. To RSVP, please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code below.



Scan to RSVP for
Selichot.



Kever Avot

Memorial Service

Sunday, September 6 • 10:30am

Evergreen Cemetery, Anshei Israel Section

3015 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705

The *Kever Avot* Memorial Service is a time to come to the cemetery to pay our respects to our dearly departed. Even if your loved ones are not buried in our Cemetery, you are encouraged to participate in the service to express your feelings of love and loss.

The service lasts no more than 30 minutes.



Tashlich at the Park

Sunday, September 20 • 10:00am

Ft. Lowell Park, Ramada 5

2900 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712

Join us for Tashlich, a meaningful High Holy Day tradition as we gather to reflect, renew, and welcome the New Year together.

Inspired by the words of the prophet Micah, "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19), Tashlich invites us to symbolically let go of the past and look ahead to the year to come.

All ages are invited to enjoy an engaging program filled with reflection, learning, and connection. Bring the whole family and join us at Ft. Lowell Park for this special experience together.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested by **SEPTEMBER 17**. Please contact Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, email EdAsst@caiaz.org, or scan the QR code to below.



Scan to RSVP for
Tashlich.



Rosh Hashanah

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Day 1 is Saturday, September 12 at 8:00am.

Day 2 is Sunday, September 13 at 8:00am.

See insert for all service times.



Yom Kippur

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and continues through Monday, September 21
starting at 8:30am.

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Connect with the Community

Growing Inwards

Growing Forward: A High Holy Day Experience with Jordan Wiley-Hill

Shabbat & 1st Day Rosh Hashanah:

Saturday, September 12, 9:30am

Yom Kippur:

Monday, September 21, 9:30am

Linda Roy Youth Center

Every year, the High Holy Days greet us with an invitation to turn inward, dive deep, and reconnect. The traditions of the High Holy Days are like signposts, guiding us on an inner journey that can nurture us and help us grow. It takes intention, though, to accept this invitation and take new steps along our journey. This alternative service will help participants nurture that intention, or *kavanah*, through approaches ranging from meditation and prayer to story and chant. By taking the time to engage and go deeper, we can find greater meaning and connection in the High Holy Days and within ourselves.



High Holy Days Schmooze Spaces

Take a moment to refuel your body as you refuel your soul. Connect with community members in our outdoor Sukkah area with water and cups. Snacks and drinks will also be available in Cantor Falkow Lounge throughout the mornings of Rosh Hashanah. These spaces will also be available without snacks on Yom Kippur. Families and children welcome. **Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**



Donate to Project Isaiah

Every year, Congregation Anshei Israel participates in Tucson's annual High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank.

We will be accepting new, unopened food donations in the Lynne Falkow-Strauss Foyer of the administrative wing through **Friday, SEPTEMBER 18**. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. The Food Bank can use the monies to purchase items at a greater discount. Cash or checks (made payable to: Community Food Bank) may be mailed to, or dropped off at the Synagogue in advance.

In addition, we will be collecting donations of **food items only** from 5:00 to 5:45pm on *Kol Nidre*, Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 20**. Please bring your food donations to the donation boxes by the main sanctuary entrance on your way to services.



Yom Kippur



Mincha & Ne'ilah Service

(Yom Kippur Afternoon)
with Glow Sticks and Candles

Monday, September 21 • 4:00pm

Our upcoming *B'nai Mitzvah* class will carry *Havdalah* candles and lead us in prayer as glow sticks are handed out to the rest of the children in attendance (and adults who would like them) to experience the beauty and wonder of the *Ne'ilah* service, and hear the long final blast from the shofar.

Final shofar blast at 7:06pm.

Students - Be a Part of the Ne'ilah Service

All Kadima and USY students are invited to perform the special honor of serving as a Guardian of the Ark during the *Ne'ilah* Service at the close of Yom Kippur. If you would like to participate, please have your child meet in the Sanctuary in the front pews at approximately 6:00pm.



Break-the-Fast with Us

We will provide a symbolic Break-the-Fast after the Yom Kippur evening service concludes. Juice, water, light snacks, and challah will be available just outside the exit doors on the north side of the building by the main parking lot.



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From our President



Once again, the High Holy Days are approaching, our chance for prayer and introspection, to see and be seen, and to reassert our Jewish identities. Three times a day the *Amidah* ends with a prayer for peace for all of the people Israel, yet in our world today, that remains aspirational.

As for identity, that is defined by a pull and a push. For several of the last decades, we have

had the luxury of dealing with competing pulls – the attraction of Jewish community and observance vs. the sometimes stronger attraction of secular life and material comfort. We are once again dealing with a push as well. To quote writer Nicholas Lemann, “Open antisemitism has awakened from one of its periodic slumbers.”

Anshei Israel provides a focus for our shared Jewish identities in a safe space, a connection to tradition through the values of Conservative Judaism, and a community of supportive friendships serving almost as extended family.

As we think about the High Holy Days and Anshei Israel, we each prize a different combination: the beauty of the prayers led by our *Shlichat Tzibbur* (Nichole Chorny), the relatability and inspiration of our Rabbi, the extraordinary program of education and social connection for our young generation, the opportunities to deepen our connection with Israel and our own Jewish learning, or maybe our chance to play Mah Jongg or cook brisket together.

This institution remains vital (and it is very much alive and well!) because of your continuing commitment and support. Your Board of Trustees does not take that support for granted – you have our sincere gratitude.

We wish you a Year 5787 that is good and sweet, and that sees a return to peace and security for Jews everywhere.

Richard F. Green, President

Congregation Anshei Israel Board of Trustees

Thank you again for your commitment to and support of Congregation Anshei Israel! Our Deepest Appreciation to our Volunteer Leaders!

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Sukkot & Shemini Atzeret



Family & Community Shabbat/Sukkot Dinner

It's a mitzvah to eat in a sukkah!

Friday, September 25

Shabbat Evening and Sukkot Service 5:45pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Join us for our Family Shabbat and Sukkot services, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner with dessert in the Sukkah with your congregational family. RSVP details to come!

Shabbat, First & Second Day of Sukkot

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

9:30am in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash and on Zoom

Followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Sip, Schmooze, & Shake!

Young Adult Sukkah Night

Tuesday, September 29

7:00pm in the Anshei Israel Sukkah

Young adults are invited to the Anshei Israel sukkah for festive cocktails and mocktails, friends, and a chance to shake the lulav and etrog.

B'Yahad & USY Sukkah Hop!

Sunday, September 27 at 6:30pm

B'Yahad and USY families! Check out Sukkot in our community as we "hop" to different Sukkot for a festive dinner together! More information to come!

Shomrei Torah Members Event

Monday, September 28 at 7:00pm

With gratitude for their generous support of Congregation Anshei Israel, *Shomrei Torah* members are invited to a special Sukkot gathering at the Metz home.

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

Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret

Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication

Saturday, October 3 • 9:30am Service

Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash and 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 approx. 11:00am. Please join us for this service and meaningful dedication.





Simchat Torah



Erev Simchat Torah Service with Hakafot

Processions with the Torah Scrolls and Israeli Dancing

Saturday, October 3

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Family Simchat Torah Service with Hakafot & Torah Roll-Out

Sunday, October 4

9:30am Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash and Zoom

Followed by a Kiddush Lunch.

Renew Your Membership to Receive High Holy Days Tickets

In unsettled times, being part of a community rooted in shared Jewish values is more important than ever. Congregation Anshei Israel is that sacred community, our *kehillah kedoshah*, where we gather to pray, to learn, to support Israel, to stand against antisemitism, and to simply be together as Jews. This is our anchor and our strength.

To sustain all that we do; education for all ages, meaningful services, social and cultural events, support for Israel, and pastoral care—we rely on your continued generosity. Our new fiscal year began on July 1, 2026. Renewing your membership and pledging your contribution for the coming year enables Anshei Israel to remain welcoming, inclusive, and forward-looking. As Jewish communities face growing challenges, and as our commitment to the State of Israel deepens, we invite you to stand proudly with us.

We thank all our wonderful members who enable everything we do, and want to remind you to return your **Blue** membership renewal card if you have not done so already. Thank you again for your continued commitment to and support of Congregation Anshei Israel! Your generosity assures that no one is ever turned away from our congregation due to an inability to pay.



**Scan to
Renew Your
Membership**





Place Your Orders Soon!



Delicious Kosher Honey

8 oz. bottles \$18 each

All proceeds benefit our United Synagogue Youth Program.

Just in time for Rosh Hashanah, ship your honey with a personalized card reading: "*Shanah Tovah* – Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year." and signed with your name.

Order by **AUGUST 16** for free delivery. Order by **AUGUST 28** for delivery by Rosh Hashanah.

Shipping Cost: Shipping is free for orders placed by **AUGUST 16**. Orders placed after **AUGUST 16** will incur a \$8 per jar within the U.S. and APO/FPO military addresses.



Scan for
honey orders.



Lulav & Etrog Sets for Sukkot

Blessing the *lulav* and *etrog* on *Sukkot* is a Jewish way of thanking God for the blessings of the earth. By holding the four species together (the branch of a palm (*lulav*), three myrtle branches (*hadass*), two willows (*aravot*), and a bright yellow *etrog*) we symbolically "get our act together." When we point the *lulav* and *etrog* in six directions, we remind ourselves that God's presence can be found in every area of our lives. By shaking the *lulav* and *etrog* vigorously, we commit to being "movers and shakers" in the world this year, for good and for blessing. Add meaning to your Jewish life and create special memories for your family by shaking a *lulav* in your home! We offer fully assembled Lulav & Etrog Sets for \$54. Order Deadline: **SEPTEMBER 1**. Call Kim at (520) 745-5550, ext. 200, or email EdAsst@caiaz.org or scan the QR code below.



Scan to order lulav
& etrog sets.



Tree of Life - Etz Chayim

The Congregation Anshei Israel Tree of Life is a loving way to commemorate weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, special occasions, and memories of your family and friends.

Anyone may purchase leaves or stones in honor, or in memory of loved ones. Our Tree of Life is displayed in the Honor Hallway by the Linda Roy Youth Center. You are invited to pause and share the special memories in the lives of our community, especially leading up to our High Holy Days.

For more information and to place your order for a leaf or stone, please scan the QR code below.



Scan for Tree of
Life Orders.





Connect with Our History



Book of Remembrance

A Book of Readings and Memorial Prayers

The act of remembrance is an important tradition. The High Holy Days are a time for reflection, a time when we remember with fondness the relatives and friends who had a significant role in shaping our lives. We publish a Book of Remembrance to be used at all *Yizkor* Services throughout the year.

The Book of Remembrance includes special readings, psalms and prayers, as well as listings of those being remembered, their relationship to, and the name(s) of those who are remembering them.

It is a beautiful way to recall your dearly departed at this most solemn time of the year.

We want to encourage everyone to memorialize their loved ones. There is no charge to submit names for members. The act of remembrance can take on an even deeper meaning when accompanied by a donation to the synagogue. All contributions will be a gift in the spirit of *tzedakah* and remembrance.

Firm Deadline

Please respond by **AUGUST 24** by filling out the included **Yellow** form, visit caiaz.org, or scan the QR code (below).



Scan for Book of Remembrance Submissions



Yahrzeit Plaques

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we invite you to honor the memory of your loved ones with a Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque. To do so, call Amber at (520) 745-5550, ext. 225, purchase at caiaz.org, or scan the QR code below. Orders must be placed by **JULY 27** so they may be installed, and dedicated during our Shemini Atzeret service.

On Shemini Atzeret, Saturday, October 3, 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.



Scan for Yahrzeit Plaque Orders.



High Holy Days Review Brunch

Sunday, October 11 • Cantor Falkow Lounge
Led by Sarah Artzi
10am Brunch and Meeting

After the conclusion of the High Holy Days, join us for a lay-led session to help us gather feedback about our services and programs over the fall holidays. Moderated by Board member Sarah Artzi, we're hoping for a broad cross-section of our membership, so please consider joining us and bringing a friend!



Introducing Our New Shalom Space

A Welcoming Space for Every Family

We are thrilled to announce our new Shalom Space, a private, comfortable place designed to help families with young children feel even more at home at Congregation Anshei Israel.

Located at the back of the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash, the Shalom Space allows parents and caregivers to remain connected to services through a live audio and video feed while caring for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. The room includes age-appropriate toys and a comfortable area for nursing, feeding, and diaper changes.

Whether your little one needs a quiet moment, or a chance to stretch and play, the Shalom Space is here to make synagogue life more accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for every family.

This exciting new addition was made possible through a generous grant from Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona, and we look forward to celebrating its dedication during our August 28 Family Shabbat Service.



Help Keep Anshei Israel Safe and Double Your Impact

As concerns about antisemitism continue to rise, ensuring the safety and security of our synagogue community is more important than ever.

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, **all increased giving to this fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar**, doubling your impact as we protect and strengthen our community together.



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