



Robinson's Arch by CAI member Margie Samuels

CAI ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

A year of meaningful Jewish experiences made possible by philanthropy



THE 2017-18 ANNUAL FUND

Extraordinary things are happening at CAI.

Our clergy team is growing with the exciting addition of an Associate Rabbi. Our ECC is leading the way toward innovative research-based teaching. Our Adult and Scholarly Education programs have become a highly coveted model for lifelong learning.

And that's just the beginning.



ECC/Religious School Parents Cocktail Party

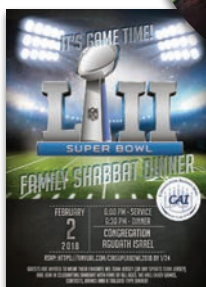
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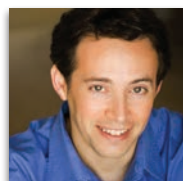
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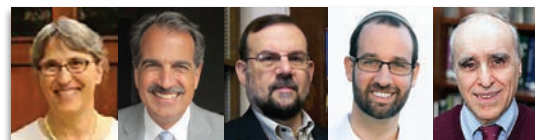
Maccabeats Concert



Super Bowl Shabbat



Comedy Night Featuring Avi Liberman



Scholarly Speakers



Celebrate Israel Parade, NYC



Purim Carnival



Imagination Playground in the ECC



Adult Education Film Screenings



Religious School



Verb Sanctuary

These remarkable advancements, together with the full range of what CAI offers spiritually, culturally, educationally, and socially, are bound by their shared reliance on the Annual Fund, a philanthropic resource that strengthens the synagogue's ability to support its members, the community, and Jewish causes around the world.

In 2017-18, gifts to the Annual Fund enabled CAI to provide an extraordinary portfolio of opportunities in the sanctuary and the library; the classroom and the social hall; the playground, the teen lounge, and beyond.

If you're one of our donors who gave in 2017-18, please accept our community's sincere thanks for making it possible for CAI to offer meaningful experiences like these:

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Cocktail Party was enjoyed by more than **140 ECC and Religious School parents**.

Super Bowl Shabbat engaged more than **250 sports fans**.

Comedy Night brought out nearly **300 audience members**.

A Maccabeats concert on Yom Ha'atzmaut drew roughly **500 music lovers**.

Eleven movie screenings were sponsored by the Michael and Barbara Erlichman Film Series.

Five musical performances were presented by the Spiegel Concert Series.

More than 10 events were hosted collectively by Sisterhood and Men's Club.

ADULT EDUCATION

Classes that met five days per week engaged **200 learners**.

Twenty-two special learning opportunities were also offered, including trips, lectures, and book signings.

SOCIAL ACTIVISM

An impressive number of CAI members continued doing good in the community.

More than **60 members** joined with the Interfaith Hospitality Network to care for displaced families.

CAI marched in support of Israel in Caldwell and New York City.

The Environmental Committee promoted eco-friendly living.

The Interfaith Committee hosted programming to build cross-cultural understandings.

HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL WORK

Physical and emotional well-being were promoted by our Congregational Nurse and Zeller Family Social Worker, who served more than **100 members** collectively, offering health care services, mental health counseling, and referrals.

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Teachers held a Research Symposium, bridging new pedagogical ideas with classroom practices.

A home visit program was established for all new students, easing their transition to school.

Imagination Playground (blue blocks), a cutting-edge product featured at the Liberty Science Center, was added to the curriculum to teach problem-solving, collaborative work, and innovative thinking.

Hebrew Immersion continued to grow, warranting the exciting addition of a second classroom in 2018-19.

SIMCHAS AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Lifecycle celebrations throughout the year brought our community together.

B'nei mitzvot: 55

Aufrufs: 12

New babies born into the community: **31**

In-house baby-naming ceremonies: **5**

Shabbat services continued to draw **hundreds of daveners** on a weekly basis.

Rabbi Silverstein, Cantor Caplan, and Education Director Susan Werk trained CAI members to join with them in leading Jewish observances. CAI now has **40 Torah readers** and **12 Shabbat service leaders** in the congregation.

Indeed, extraordinary things are happening at CAI.

And thanks to our wonderful donors, the Annual Fund is one of them.

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The impact of philanthropy at CAI has been transformative, enabling us to create a community that is both large in stature and intimate in character, a community rooted in the practice of Judaism, the value of education, the mitzvah of service to others, and the continuity of culture.

The ethos of giving at CAI has been built and fostered by members of the lay leadership, whose efforts have inspired others to make the synagogue a philanthropic priority.

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TWO-RABBI FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Among the many people who played an important role in expanding our clergy team are the members of the Two-Rabbi Founders Society (TRFS), a group of congregants who matched their passion for CAI with personal philanthropy. In many cases, their support as part of the TRFS is in addition to their generous Annual Fund participation.



These commitments made it possible for CAI to launch its two-rabbi future while continuing to build on the religious, educational, cultural, and social programming that have made it a flagship center for Jewish life.

The generosity of these families enabled CAI to move forward with the exciting addition of Associate Rabbi Ari Lucas, who is the first to serve in this newly created role, a position that will impact each one of us and the community at large.

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Sixty-nine donors.
Two million dollars.
One synagogue.

CAI's financial future is on solid footing thanks to the Create a Jewish Legacy program and the generosity of our 69 Legacy Circle member units, each of which has made the synagogue a beneficiary of their estate plan.



These commitments – consisting of life insurance policies, retirement plan assets, wills, trusts, annuities, and other after-life forms of philanthropy – have climbed to an estimated future value of nearly \$2 million. When realized, these funds will constitute CAI's endowment, a pool of resources invested in long-term growth and income-generating securities, adding a new source of revenue that will strengthen programming for future generations.

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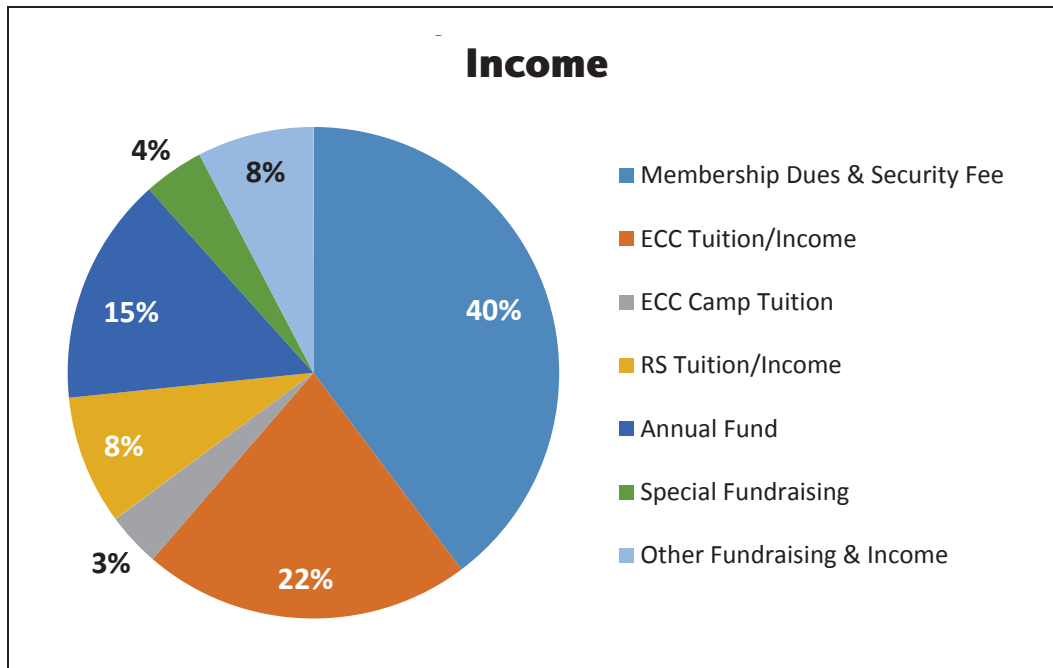
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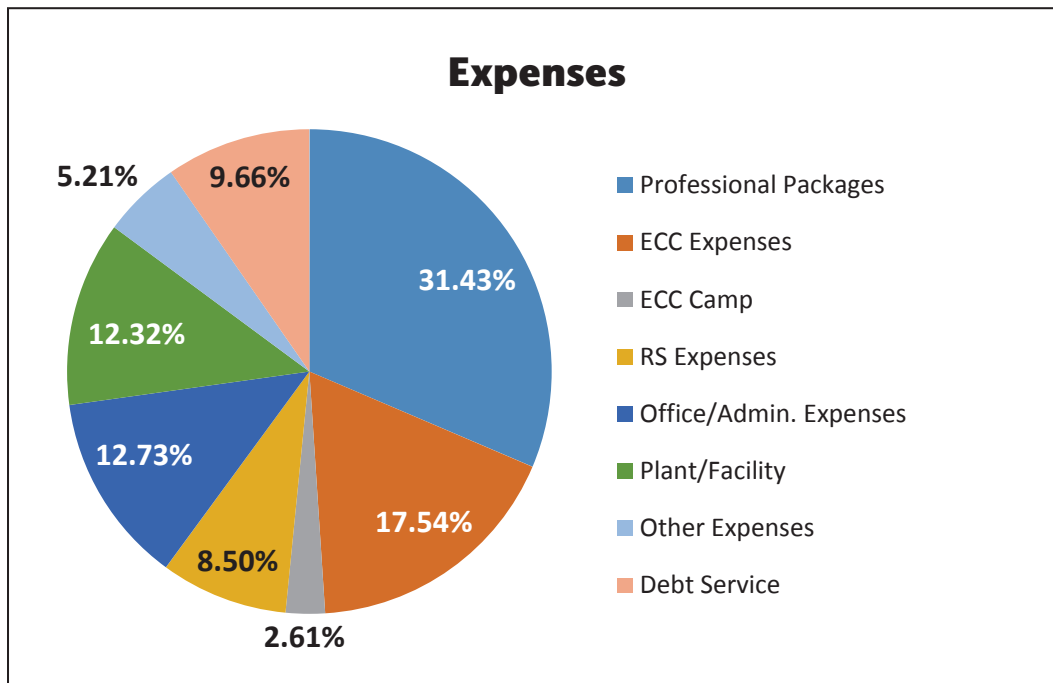
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CAI'S 2018-19 BUDGET

Illustrating the need for – and impact of – philanthropic support.



- Less than 50 percent of the 2018-19 budget is fulfilled by membership dues, making the Annual Fund a significant source of funding for religious, educational, social, and cultural programming
- Religious School expenses exceed revenues, making sure that a high-quality Jewish education is accessible to all CAI families
- Facilities maintenance costs, which are on the rise, are necessary investments in sustaining the beauty and function of our building



COVER ART



Robinson's Arch by Margie Samuels, 2017-18 Annual Fund Artist-in-Residence, whose original watercolor was completed incrementally as a stunning visual representation of the Annual Fund's progress toward reaching its goal.

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