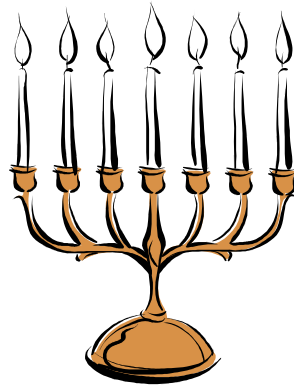


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

April 2018 / Nissan 5778



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – April 13th at 7:00 pm in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, April 12th, 4:00 pm in Chapel Center

If you wish to be on the agenda, please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047.

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Meeting April 3rd at 11 am in Chapel Center.

MEN'S CLUB – Geneology presentation at meeting April 3rd in the Chapel Center at 6:30 pm.

April 24th: Carpool to Tucson for guided tour of Titan Missile Silo followed by Casino lunch.

SISTERHOOD – Meeting Thursday April 19th at 1:00 pm in the Chapel Center;

Renee Levin will present the latest innovations being created at Intel.

HAVURAH CHAI – The drama “12 Angry Jurors at Zao Theater on April 14th.

SHALOM HADASSAH – Challah Making Demonstration on Wednesday April 18th

at Kathy McKimmy's Home for first 15 members to register.

DVORAH HADASSAH – Events April 11th, 15th, 25th, and 29th (see page 15 for details)

JWV Post 619 – Meeting April 15th at 9:30 am, Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

Ritual Schedule for 5778 (2018)

April	13 -- Shabbat Service – Holocaust Remembrance and Lighting of Candles -----	7:00 pm
	(Candles will be available to light by the congregation beginning at 6:30 pm)	
May	11 -- Shabbat Service – Celebrating Shevuot and Mother's Day -----	7:30 pm
June	8 -- Healing Service – Celebrating Father's Day -----	7:30 pm
July	13 -- Twilight Service -----	5:30 pm
August	10 -- Twilight Service -----	5:30 pm

All services are held in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

Headphones for Shabbat Services

If you have difficulty hearing the Rabbi during Shabbat services, you can borrow a set of headphones. They are available at the table when you first walk into the Chapel.

Optional Paper Shpiel

Any member with email access to the Shpiel who also desires a paper copy of each issue through June 2018, needs to send \$5.00 for the remaining 2 issues to Bety Dar, 25427 S. Glenburn Dr., Sun Lakes, 85248. Members without email access will still receive a free paper copy.



Message from Our Rabbi

Vitriol and Bigotry

I am amazed that after the world has endured two world wars, skirmishes that eventually developed into full-blown conflicts, hate that has, and continues to permeate societies, that we still find the ability to foment bigotry on a scale thought unimaginable at this time, in this place.

The headlines are filled with incidents that boggle the mind. For example: Our temples of academia are filled with the most blatant display of inhuman behavior. University professors and students use hatred as a form of learning and hide under the banner of free speech, to justify this obtrusive conduct. Political correctness has superseded logic and reality. We are so preoccupied with being sensitive to the feelings of others, we forget that this can, and has, led to the most virulent expressions of divisiveness.

Age-old distortions are prevalent. It seems that all the progress made over the last several decades are irrelevant. New efforts are being introduced to rekindle the flames of distrust reminiscent of the early part of the last century, and for that matters, centuries past.

The difference now, however, is that the world is supposedly more civilized, more tolerant, more educated. It is frightening, to say the least. And yet, the so-called civilized world is promoting the very thing it was designed to eradicate – death and destruction. The advent of the United Nations was, for the most part, developed to bring order to chaos, to establish dialogue in place of war, to ensure the safety of all.

Those who thought this kind of vulgarity was destroyed when Nazism and Fascism were eliminated should understand that evil is capable of resurfacing at any time, in any place. We are witnessing the full-scale annihilation of people because of the faith they follow. Extremism is the order of the day. We sit idly by and report it one day, and forget it the next. Where are the people of conscience?

Here in our little corner of the world we are also experiencing events that test our endurance and fortitude. We lose good friends and family members. We are recuperating from traumas that have turned our lives upside down. We have emotional ties to our fellow countrymen who are sacrificing more than we can truly imagine. Madmen murder our children.

Civilized society requires, even demands, that humanity must affect a solution to death and destruction. Civilized society must not be afraid to confront evil. Civilized society needs to be reminded that to survive we need each other. This is why we stop for a moment; recall the past so we will never forget. This we will do, as the generations past, have done on Friday, April 13.

Five community churches, their pastors and congregants, will join with us to commemorate life as we remind ourselves never to forget the horrors of yesterday. You will find, on the pages of this periodical, the names of the participants. Their commitment to solidarity and the leadership they display through their belief in the sanctity of life, are testaments to the goodness that can be found in each of us. They are truly a credit to their people, and a blessing given us by God.

What better way is there to honor them, and keep the promise to “Never Forget,” than to participate at this service of sanctification? Join with us as we honor the past and join hands in a better tomorrow.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Sun Lakes Community Holocaust Commemoration and Observance

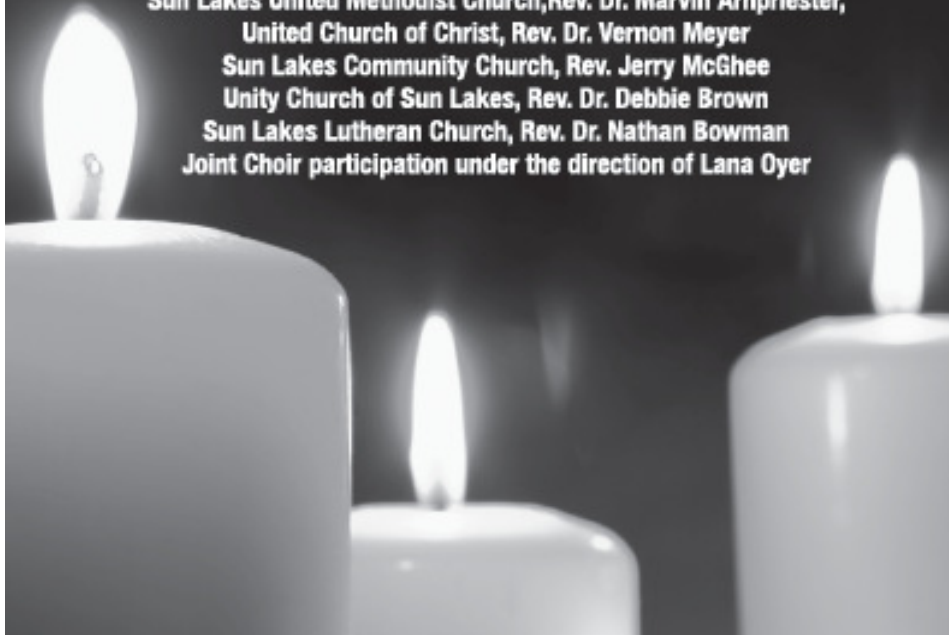
Hosted by the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation
Friday, April 13th • 7pm

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM FOR THE COMMUNITY
TO LIGHT CANDLES IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO PERISHED.

Social Hour will follow in the Navajo Room
of the Sun Lakes Country Club.
The entire community is invited to participate
in this historic event of solidarity and worship.
Further information may be obtained
from the participating congregations.

Participants include:

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, Rabbi Dr. Irwin Wiener, Cantor Ronda Polesky
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Marvin Arnpriester,
United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. Vernon Meyer
Sun Lakes Community Church, Rev. Jerry McGhee
Unity Church of Sun Lakes, Rev. Dr. Debbie Brown
Sun Lakes Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. Nathan Bowman
Joint Choir participation under the direction of Lana Oyer



YOM HASHOAH

An Additional Holocaust Remembrance Program

Sunday, April 15 2018

2 – 3:30 PM

Each year, the Jewish community of the East Valley gathers to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust, to feel the enormity of our collective loss, and to honor our beloved dead. This year, we gather at **Temple Emanuel of Tempe**, 5801 S. Rural Road to hear survivor testimony, listen to music, and pray as one people. All are welcome to join this community observance.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, APRIL 22 WITH SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION AND SUN LAKES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

On Sunday April 22 Rabbi Irwin Wiener and Pastor Vernon Meyer will bring together their Jewish and Christian congregations to celebrate Earth Day 2018. Close to 48 years ago, on 22 April 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the US and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the US Congress and President Nixon responded quickly. In July of the same year, they created the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clear Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.

One billion people

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

In the spirit of *Tikkun Olam* Rabbi Wiener and Pastor Meyer will celebrate in prayer and song ways we can heal the brokenness of the earth and the human community. The phrase "tikkun olam" was first used to refer to social action work in the 1950s. In subsequent decades, many other organizations and thinkers have used the term to refer to social action programs; *tzedakah* (charitable giving) and *gemilut hasadim* (acts of kindness); and progressive Jewish approaches to social issues.

The service will be at 11:15am at the Sun Lakes Chapel, 9240 E. Sun Lakes Blvd N/. Music will be provided by the joint choirs of both congregations, led by Erica Glenn from Sun Lakes UCC and Lana Oyer from Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. Come and join us for the celebration of Earth Day 2018. Call pastor Vernon Meyer for more information, 480-895-6317.

SLJC Choir at Choir Appreciation Service



President's Message

As spring comes to the Southwest, the SLJC Board is busy developing the budget and activities for the coming year. A major focus of the coming year is recruitment and retention of our members. SLJC is a unique congregation. We are made up of members who for the most part are retired or are thinking about retirement. During this year we added programs and activities to engage our membership and meet the needs of our congregation.

Membership recruitment and retention is vital to the continued success of SLJC. Each of you is an ambassador for SLJC. You are our best salespersons. Each time you meet someone new either at a SLJC event or in the community there is an opportunity to make a favorable impression and encourage non-members to become members. Please take the time to welcome potential members, invite potential members, and share our community with them. The Membership Committee is hard at work developing new approaches to recruiting members. If you have ideas, are interested in this committee's work or want more information regarding this committee please contact Bety Dar at betyaz2013@gmail.com.

Remembering our loved ones is a cornerstone of the Jewish religion. Members of our congregation who pass away are remembered on the board as you enter the Chapel. Non-member plaques are available for purchase at a price of \$75. From April 1 to September 1, 2018 we will be offering a one-time reduced price for non-member plaques to \$36. On September 2nd the price of non-member plaques will return to \$75. Please consider honoring your deceased family members by buying a plaque for them. The non-member plaques that are purchased will be dedicated at High Holiday services by Rabbi Wiener. If you are interested in purchasing one or more plaque(s), please complete the order form enclosed in this issue of the Shpiel or under FORMS on the SLJC WEB site.

Thank you

Wende Levy, President

Decisions of Your SLJC Board of Directors

As a trial, Shabbat services for the months of October and November will begin at 7:00 pm. Congregants will be asked after this trial period if they prefer services at 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm. The December and following services will be based on the majority vote.

Please support these two fundraising efforts undertaken by the Board:

Smile. Amazon (see page 9 for details)

Fry's Community Awards Program.

For detailed information on signing up for these programs please see the SLJC web site.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Information

We are proud to offer Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies both for youngsters and adults. For information regarding the procedures for commemorating this milestone, please contact the Rabbi at 623-640-5913 or ravyitz@cox.net. The procedures and requirements are listed in the November 2017 Shpiel available on the congregation website SLJC.org.

Calling All Gabbai Candidates!!

If you would like to participate in performing a great Mitzvah as Gabbai when we read the Torah, please contact the Rabbi. This is available to anyone and includes prior instruction. When you participate, you will also be able to observe the turning of the Torah to the appropriate chapter for reading that evening.

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Non Member Memorial Plaques Order Form

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Choice 1
In Loving Memory of <i>rel</i>
Name and Date

Choice 2
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Choice 3
Always in Our Hearts
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rel (Choice #1 only) = “mother” or “father” or “son” or “daughter” or etc

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(Please Print)

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Person to be Remembered (one per plaque, send additional forms if needed, please print):

Name of Person to be Remembered	Date of Death	Choice #/ <i>rel</i>
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Total number of Plaques included _____

Total \$ remitted _____

Note: No changes can be accepted after plaque is sent for engraving.

Please send this form and your check made out to SLJC to:

Mark Nelinson , 24505 S. Lakestar Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

For questions please contact Mark at 480-883-1995.

Cantorial Notes: Al Kol Eleh- “All These”

In the month of April, we will remember those who perished in the Holocaust. One of the pieces that I have chosen to help us through the process of remembering is Al Kol Eleh. The music and lyrics of this piece were written by Naomi Shemer, an Israeli composer who was well known for writing some of Israel's most beloved folk tunes. Shemer originally wrote the song to comfort her sister, Ruth, who had just lost her husband.

Why would I choose this folk tune for a Holocaust remembrance? The lyrics of the first verse in English are: *The honey and the thorns, the bitter and the sweet, our infant daughter - watch over all these God of goodness.* The song is a reminder that God is always with us even when there is bitterness, thorns and bee stings. It also reminds us that all these are part of life: the fire and the water, the garden and the wall, grief and happiness, peace and war. We take the bad with the good. We can also take comfort in the idea that even in times of sorrow, we are not alone and that the light will shine once again.

The chorus is translated as: *Oh God, please guard over all of these for me.... the honey and the thorns, the bitter and the sweet, please do not root up that which is planted and do not forget “The Hope” (the national anthem of Israel). Cause to return to me and I will return to the good land.* Al Kol Eleh was not only conceptualized to help a loved one through grief, but also to stand as a deeply patriotic and nationalistic anthem. Shemer was a Zionist and her love for the land of Israel is prominent in Al kol Eleh as well. A world that includes a Jewish state gives hope to Jews everywhere that there will always be a place where Jews are welcome.

B'Shalom,

Cantor Ronda



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Please send checks (in any amount) payable to SLJC Sisterhood to:
Suzy Ziegler, 139 W. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85045

Donations from Amazon

*The SLJC Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new approach to fundraising that is open to everyone in our congregation and allows us all to participate with minimal effort on your part. Our first activity involves anything you might purchase online at Amazon. Amazon has a website called **smile.amazon.com** that has all the same merchandise and all the same prices as Amazon.com. The only difference is with **smile.amazon.com**, a small percentage of each purchase will be donated by the Amazon Foundation to SLJC. To have your purchases count, visit **smile.amazon.com** and you will be prompted to designate a charitable organization. Write in Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation and start shopping. Then, whenever you need or want to order anything from Amazon, simply go to **smile.amazon.com** and shop away. It's really easy!*

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Donation Form

Please accept this contribution to the following fund, in honor/memory of:

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Family Fund _____ Flower Fund (minimum \$50/household) _____

Please send card to:

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Donor: _____

Amount of Check \$ _____

Please complete this form and return with your check to Betsey Silverman,
1832 W Havasu Way,
Chandler 85248 (Minimum donation of \$10.00 please)

Note: If you are making donations for multiple months and events please indicate them on this form.

WHEN DONATING TO DIFFERENT FUNDS, PLEASE ISSUE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH FUND; OTHERWISE ALL THE MULTIPLE DONATIONS WILL BE POSTED TO THE SAME FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. IF A FUND IS NOT INDICATED, THE DONATION WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SLJC GENERAL FUND. BETSEY SILVERMAN

Flowers for the bema for Shabbat services: May be donated by congregation members commemorating important occasions. To participate, call Betsey Silverman at 895-9187 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).



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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the calls, e-mails, and cards following my surgery. Your well wishes and caring are so appreciated. Janey Burnce

I want to thank the members of our congregation for the wonderful support shown to me during my recent stroke. The cards and visits have meant a lot to me. I am now at the Renaissance assisted living center and welcome visits, however I ask that folks either text me at 480-612-3952 or email me at sjenmah@cox.net. I have a heavy therapy schedule and tire easily but enjoy seeing my friends. Sandy Jennings

THE CARING/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee functions as a liaison between the Congregation and Rabbi to insure that notifications are made on behalf of anyone who is ill or in need. Privacy and discretion are important and observed at the congregant's request.

If you find out that a congregant is ill, in need of care, or has passed away please contact Committee Chairperson Shirley Shalett at tieman11@q.com or 480-883-9159. Rabbi Wiener is also always available as is SLJC President Wende Levy. Or you may contact a committee member listed below. This committee works hard to help in the time of need. They are: Wende Levy, Diane Silverman, Jeff Spear, Marilyn Koss, Carol Biales, Jan Cohen, Mireille Kaplan, Geri Gould, Joyce Spantonos, Doris Codkind, Rita Solko, Mark Nelinson, Sara Ruth Rossow, Lana Oyer, Lainy Sardina, Al Bloom, Michael Kaplan, Michael Dar, Bety Dar, and Edd Shalett.

In order to have a card sent to a congregant on behalf of Sisterhood in the event of an illness or hospitalization, or for a happy event like the birth of a grandchild, contact Marilyn Koss at 940-1916, or e-mail marilynjoe@cox.net.

MEMORIAL BOARD – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. The cost and wording limitations for these plates are described in the form on page 7. For any questions regarding this board, please contact SaraRuth at 883-1791.

SERVICE HONORS – Anyone wishing to have an honor in any upcoming service, call Shelly Henden at 480-895-8851.



Choir Appreciation Service
Accompanist Shea Marshall with past accompanist Guy Whatley and the choir.

Sisterhood

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will take place on April 19 meeting in the Chapel Center. Find out the latest innovations being created at Intel. Renee Levin, a spokesperson from Intel, will discuss timely topics such as driverless cars and the water treatment center.

Come join us for tea time! The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will hold its Annual Paid Up Luncheon on Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 A.M. at the Global Tea Mart Tea Room. It is located in the Fulton Ranch Shopping Center at 4991 S. Alma School Road, Suite 5, in Chandler. There will be salad, quiche, scones, and tea. The Luncheon is free to paid up members. Non-member guests pay \$30.00. Please call Anita at 480-895-8203 to RSVP and for further information regarding a deposit.

(There's still time to pay your dues for this year. Send a check for \$30, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to Suzy Ziegler, 139 W. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85045. Please be sure to include your e-mail address and your birthday month.)

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (2017-2018)

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Address: _____

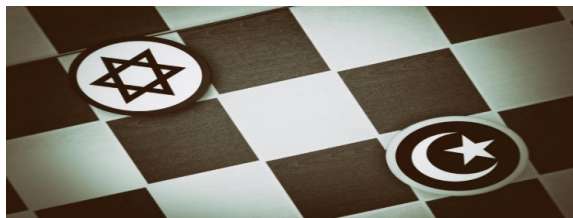
E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (month/day) _____

Please send check for \$25, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to
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Choir Appreciation Service



Friends of Israel, SLJC

Presents

JEWISH AND ISLAMIC TRADITIONS: Similarities and Differences, Then Came Israel

KAROLYN BENDER

Learn about the relationship between these two major religions over the centuries. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 had obvious and long term implications for that connection, and provides understanding regarding the current politics of the Middle East.

Karolyn is currently the Executive Director of The Jewish Community Relations Initiative, a project of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix. She is a graduate of Emory University, where she has taught courses in Comparative Politics, Political Islam and Politics of the Middle East. She is a published author in both academic and lay publications. She is a passionate advocate for Jewish causes and a fighter for Social Justice.

April 8, 2018, 3:00PM to 4:30PM

Sun Lake Chapel Center, 9240 E Sun Lakes Blvd, 85248

Light Refreshments, No Solicitations, Open and Free to the Public

Lone Soldier Project

The transition to the EVJCC is complete. If you would like to follow our activities, go to EVJCC.org and sign up for their weekly e-mail newsletter. Look for the date for a Yom HaAtzMa-ut (Israel Independent Day) celebration in honor of Lone Soldiers at the EVJCC. Many thanks to the committee members who continue to serve Lone Soldiers and to all those who supported the Lone Soldier Project at SLJC for the past two years.

Men's Club

The SLJC Men's Club is a social group that meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Chapel Center at 6:30PM for socializing and refreshments, followed by a stimulating speaker at 7PM. Wives and prospective members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. The members of the club also gather periodically for lunch to try interesting local restaurants, as well as outings to places of interest. Please join us to experience fellowship with a welcoming group of men. For more information contact Al Bloom [480-895-8120](tel:480-895-8120) or albeenov@gmail.com

Esther Speer will give a presentation on genealogy at our April 3rd meeting. On April 24th we will carpool to a guided tour of the Titan Missile Silo followed by lunch at a local Casino in the Tucson area.

Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

Friendship is like a flower. Plant a seed and watch it grow. You are welcome to join us in Havurah Chai and start your garden with some beautiful friends. Friendship is not about whom you have known the longest. It's about who walked into your life and said, "I'm here for you". Havurah Chai is beginning it's 3rd year and if you are a Jewish Single, come check us out and meet another friend.

HAVURAH CHAI EVENTS

Apr. 14	Zao Theater "12 Angry Jurors" A Drama
Apr. 24	10 Day New England Cruise
Aug. 18	Hale Theater "Sister Act" A Musical
Dec. 7	Chanukah Party

The Havurah Chai yearly dues is just your being there. After Shabbat Services on the 2nd Friday of the month we all meet at the Oneg at our table of friendship. We have car pooling to events. If you would like more information please email: Lainy Sardina at: lainysardina@gmail.com

East Valley JCC

The East Valley JCC is offering programs for adults including Jewish Life and Living, Terrific Tuesdays, Jewish Philosophy and Health and Wellness activities. Please look on the EVJCC at <http://www.evjcc.org/> for further information or you may contact the EVJCC at 480-897-0588.



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ONGOING EVENTS.....

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MAH JONG MONDAYS

You're invited to join the game! All levels welcome
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10 a.m. | RSVP to Deborah G. at djgoffman@cox.net

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Social, educational, and cultural programs for those 55+

April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10 a.m.

OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

Jewish Life and Learning Series

April 26 | 9 a.m. Pirkei Avot Ethics of the Fathers

10 a.m. Day to Day Jewish Learning - Life Cycle

11 a.m. Speaker Presentations followed by lunch

TORAH TALK WITH RABBI BEYO

April 9, 23 | 8:45 a.m.

Starbucks at Ray Rd. & HWY 101 | RSVP to mbeyo@evjcc.org



YOM HASHOAH - APRIL 12 | 10 A.M.

Art exhibit, prayer, speaker, a ceremony, and food
RSVP webbc@evjcc.org

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION - APRIL 19 | 6:30 P.M.

Food and Music with Erez Kessler and Gal Drimmer
RSVP Required | \$7 individual / \$20 family
RSVP webbc@evjcc.org

EVEN MORE AT OUR J!.....

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

Blood Drive | April 19 | 2 - 8 p.m.

EVJCC MOVIE SERIES, "WHEN JEWS WERE FUNNY"

Enjoy a free movie showing

April 8 | 3 p.m.

Temple Beth Shalom

SPARKS ASU

April 16 | 4:30 p.m.

To RSVP and for Details, email

programs@evjcc.org

NA'AMAT

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April 20 | 12:30 p.m.

MULTI-FAITH PROGRAM

Judaism 101

April 25 | 7 p.m.

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Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on April 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The board meets each month and contributes to many Veterans causes. For reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or email desertglen1@aol.com.

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Have you ever wanted to make your own Challah? Well, you can now learn. On Wednesday, **April 18th**, Shalom Hadassah will have a Challah Making Demonstration at Kathy McKimmy's Home, 11111 E Chestnut Court in Palo Verde, Sun Lakes. You will learn how to make challah as well as tips on braiding, shapes, special recipes & toppings. **There is limited space so only the first 15 Shalom Hadassah members to register will be able to attend.** Please send your \$15.00 check, made out to Shalom Hadassah, to Marsha Levine at 3805 East County Down Drive, Chandler AZ 85249. You can also call her at 480-802-8911. Bring a cookie sheet & clean dish towel to take home your individual challah to bake in your oven.

Our end of the year activity & luncheon will be held on **May 8**. We will begin at the Basha Museum, 22402 S. Basha Road, Chandler, for a tour at 10:15 a.m. We will then go to Mimi's Café, 2800 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, for lunch. Everyone will be able to order what they want off the menu since we will have individual checks. A donation of \$3.00 to Hadassah is suggested & an envelope will be passed around for those who wish to donate. Both members & non-members are welcome. Please contact Marsha Levine at 480-802-8911 to RSVP for either or both venues & to provide reserved seating in the restaurant.

Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

Devorah Hadassah meets every other month on the first Wednesday of the month at the JCC in Chandler. Our members live in Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, Mesa, Ahwatukee, Sun Lakes and Casa Grande. Besides our fund raising activities, we have an out-to-lunch on the first Wednesday of every month (it follows our meetings when the meetings occur). We also have a Flick Chicks Special Interest Group and a Ladies Literary Special Interest Group. We welcome anyone who is looking for a connection with other Jewish women. For more information, contact devorah.hadassah@gmail.com.

Wednesday, April 11

Dinner Fundraiser, Portillo's at the Tempe Marketplace, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting at Mireille Kaplan's

Wednesday April 25

Literary Ladies book choice is To the End of the Land by David Grossman. We will be meeting to discuss the book at Lois Zeidman's house.

Sunday, April 29 2:00 p.m.

Kugel Kook Off at Ruth Kovac's; go to the calendar on sljc.org to see flyer and rules.

Jewish Programming on DirecTV

Channel 388 on DirecTV is the Jewish Broadcasting Service (JBS), which presents a wide range of Jewish entertainment and education throughout the day. For example, a complete musical Shabbat Service is broadcast Fridays at 3PM from the Central Synagogue in New York City, and news from Israel is broadcast daily at 3PM, except for Friday when it is 2PM. During Chanukah, there were multiple special music programs like the award-winning "a cappella" group Maccabeats. Check it out.

Something You Might Not Know – Mickey Marcus (from Murray Siegel)

There is one person buried in the USMA West Point cemetery who died while fighting in the army of a foreign nation. Who is that man and what was that nation?

David Daniel Marcus was born on the Lower East Side to parents who had immigrated from Rumania. Known as “Mickey” he was in the West Point Class of 1924. After completing his active duty commitment, Mickey remained in the Reserves and attended law school. He was an assistant U.S. attorney and served Mayor LaGuardia as director of corrections.

As World War ii approached his reserve unit was activated and he commanded a ranger training school. He yearned to command troops in combat but was assigned to plan for occupation of territories freed from Nazi control. He was in England before D-Day and, thanks to being a classmate of Maxwell Taylor, commander of the 101st Airborne, Mickey parachuted into France on June 6, 1944.

Viewing the recently liberated Dachau camp caused Mickey to rethink his attitude about Zionism. After the war, he was on the teams that conducted the Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes trials, after which he returned to civilian life. He entered Israel using a false name and was made the first officer of general rank in the Israeli army, commanding the defense of Jerusalem.

A few hours before a cease fire took place, Mickey was shot and killed by a young Israeli sentry who mistook him for an Arab infiltrator. His body was flown to the U.S. accompanied by Moshe Dayan, and Mickey was buried at West Point. His wife, Emma, lived until 1982 and is buried beside her husband. Emma was a 5th grade teacher and the piano player at all assemblies at P.S. 177 in Brooklyn, the elementary school attended by both the author and his wife.

In 1966, the film “Cast a Giant Shadow” was released with Kirk Douglas playing Mickey and Angie Dickinson playing Emma. In the film Mickey had an Israeli girlfriend, which was purely fiction. Mickey Marcus was an American hero and a Jewish hero and now you know the answers to the questions asked above.



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We invite you to see all that La Siena and The Village at Ocotillo has to offer (including assisted living services if needed) at a complimentary lunch and tour.

Please call now to schedule.

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