

### **A Yom HaShoah Remembrance**



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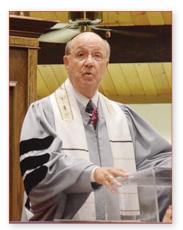
# SLJC April 2021

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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER



In 1964, Simon and Garfunkel wrote and published a song titled "Hello Darkness, My Old Friend." It was originally written for a friend who had gone blind and was struggling to find light where there was none, and hope that seemed

to have disappeared in that darkness. It was a story of compassion, understanding, and extending a helping hand to someone in need of tenderness and faith.

".....And in the naked light I saw Ten thousand people, maybe more, People talking without speaking, People hearing without listening.....

"Fools said I, You do not know Silence like a cancer grows...."

These words resonate today more than ever. We are enduring a disease that has destroyed more than half a million souls and countless others who could only watch from the sidelines as their loved ones vanished from the journey of joy and happiness, and even sadness. Their journey lasted a shorter time than one could imagine. Their memories are now enshrined on our minds and in our hearts. The stories of their lives ended abruptly and leave us the responsibility to complete the saga of their existence.

Yet how many ignore the signs and refuse to observe the slightest of suggestions to reduce the tragedy? How many disregard the science that has been placed before us indicating the severity of this once in a century pandemic? How many foolishly claim that personal liberties are sacrificed without concern for the majority looking for salvation through careful consideration of others?

And if that is not enough, we are faced with a country that is in the throes of convulsion and destruction through ignominious pronouncements of things that are not true and could never be proven because of the magnitude of the distortions and lies. Conspiracy theories are plentiful and somehow believed. Is it

## "People hearing without listening..."

because the frustration of confinement and the unimaginable toll on life and limb has finally created the uncontrollable anger that seems to have overtaken our society?

I sat back and the song I quoted rang though my mind. How many of us listen without hearing? How many of us talk and really say nothing of any worth? More than that, however, are the millions of us who do nothing about the destruction of our common heritage and the over two-hundred years of sacrifice to engage in a country that enhances the value of life, who accept all who participate in the dream through hard work and perseverance, who join in as we attempt to "create a more perfect union?"

I could only conclude that "the silence like a cancer grows." None of us is perfect and that is why our Declaration of Independence included the words "to create a more perfect union," knowing full well that our responsibilities lie in taking the foundation and building and continue building that more perfect union.

This month, we will remember the Holocaust. Yom HaShoah reminds us of hatred and the destruction that uncontrolled hatred can inflict on all of us. The remnants of those who survived taught very valuable lessons about perseverance and determination. These lessons resonate today as we watch our country enter a new phase of complacency and mistrust.

"And in the naked light I saw Ten thousand people, maybe more..." who came and stood at the foundation of our democracy and shouted in unison, "This is my country, land that I love...." Sitting back and watching the parade go by is not what our forebears had in mind when they pledged all they had to the concept of a free people, where men and women put on the uniform and shed tears and blood for this very same understanding.

Perhaps people will begin hearing. We can only hope so. Perhaps people will wake up and learn from the past. We can only pray this will be so. Perhaps the original intent of the song, to bring light where there is darkness, joy where there is sadness, and sanity to a collection of misguided thoughts and actions, will be forever so.

## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE GERI GOULD & WENDE LEVY





#### It's April!

Hopefully, April brings us one month closer to the end of the quarantine and isolation many of us have endured. Most of us have now had or are scheduled to have our second COVID vaccination. The CDC has issued an all-clear for vaccinated grandparents to hug their grandchildren if nobody is in a high-risk situation. However, many of us will have to wait for these hugs because we would have to take a plane to get them. But hopefully this situation, too, will soon be safer.

Rabbi Wiener and the Board of Directors are planning an optimistic course ahead. For our Twilight service in August, we are hoping to see you in person at the Chapel. If everything goes well, we are planning for the High Holidays and all ensuing services to be back to normal — live and in-person. It is likely that we will require masks for the High Holidays, and we hope that everyone who attends any service will have been vaccinated. The Chapel is sanitized at least once a week and cleaned thoroughly after each service.

Rabbi Wiener has also graciously offered to hold an informal service via Zoom in April, May, and June on the fourth Friday of each month in addition to our regular monthly Shabbat services. For April, our regular Shabbat service will take place on Friday, April 9 via YouTube at the regular time of 7:00 p.m., and the second service will be held on Friday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. You will receive a Zoom invitation for this service. Please mark your calendars now.

Another experiment we will be undertaking is live streaming our services starting in August. For those of you who feel uncomfortable or cannot attend services in person, we hope to Zoom the service in real time. We will evaluate and get your feedback as time goes on to see if this is useful and effective in keeping everyone connected.

Please keep in mind that all our decisions will be informed by CDC guidelines of what is safe and acceptable. As of now, we are looking forward to green lights by summertime. But if anything changes, we will have to be flexible and act according to the best medical and scientific guidance. We know you will agree.

So for now, enjoy April. We usually have some of our best weather for outdoor activities in April as well as the opportunity to breathe in fresh air on a warm, sunny day — a great way to feel happy. We hope to see you at our virtual Oneg Shabbat right after the April 9 Erev Shabbat service. Continue to take care of yourself and be safe.

### HAVURAH CHAI JEWISH SINGLES GROUP

Spring is the celebration of starting anew. The air and ground become alive again, filled with colors and scents of new beginnings.

This month begins our 6th year of Havurah Chai, where Jewish Senior Singles can meet and make friends at our special events. We are excitedly waiting for the time we can all get together, so be ready! Put on your spring hats and start thinking about events you would like to play host to. We are so eager to see each other. A great event would be one to which prospective members are invited!

When you give sunshine to others, that sunshine will return



to you. When we can go back to Temple in person, you are all invited to attend our Shabbat services in Sun Lakes. After you enjoy the service, come to the Oneg Shabbat where we have our own tables to mingle at and get to know each other on a beautiful evening.

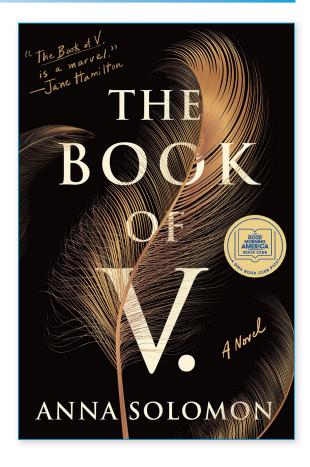
Our dues are your smiles! To learn more, please contact Lainy Sardina at (480) 895-0974 or lainysardina@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

### DEVORAH HADASSAH

Our Ladies Literary Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss The Book of V, by Anna Solomon. On Wednesday, April 21, we will be collecting food for Jewish Family and Children's Services. Our upcoming Flick Chicks date will be announced.

Welcome to the former Shalom members who have joined our chapter.

For more information about Devorah Chapter, please contact Ruth Kovac at ruth.devorah.had@gmail.com.



### FRIENDS OF ISRAEL



Please make a reservation to hear **OREN TABIB speak on the subject of Israelis Living in the United States: All You Wanted to Know, on Sunday, April 11, 2021, 3 p.m. via Zoom**. For reservations (necessary to receive link), type YES in the subject line of an email addressed to Israelsunlakes@gmail.com.

#### **PODCASTS ABOUT ISRAEL**

Here are the some of the Israel focused podcasts that you may find to be informative. All of these feature very informed guests. Podcasts can be heard on computers as well as mobile devices. For computers, search for each website and listen there. On smartphones



or tablets, download and use Spotify or one of the podcast apps:

### LONE SOLDIER PROJECT SEDERS FOR SOLDIERS



Lone soldiers enjoy a Passover seder together in 2018. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Lone Soldiers received food packages with seder supplies for Passover.

**Israel Policy Pod** is sponsored by the Israel Policy Forum and focuses mostly on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and solution (45-50 minutes per discussion).

*Identity Crisis Podcast* is sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. These podcasts focus on all types of Jewish issues and often have historical or current Israeli issues (45-50 minutes per episode).

**Times of Israel Podcast** is sponsored by the newspaper of the same name. Sundays through Thursdays they provide a discussion of 3-4 major news items each day (15-20 minutes per day).

Jews Oughta Know is presented by Jason Harris who is an historian and presents the past in an entertaining and factual manner. Over the first 4 seasons, he covered Israel's history from 1948 to 1967 (20 minutes per episode).

**The Israel Story Podcast**, in concert with Tablet Magazine, offers stories that reflect on the rich human tapestry of Israel. The content is very engaging and provides insight into life in Israel (20-60 minutes per episode).

Passover will end in a few days. Most Lone Soldiers have not seen any family members for over a year, since before Passover 2020 began. COVID-19 caused the cancellation of all trips home and parental visits.

Prior to 2020, in-person seders were available to all. Fortunately, this year, Lone Soldier Centers provided seder food for groups of 15 so that they could experience a meaningful Passover. The Lone Soldier Project uses all donations to fund holiday celebrations and Shabbat meals at Lone Soldier Centers.

Matthew Runnels, who served as a corporal in Kishrey Chutz (Foreign Relations) in 2012 says:

"The Lone Soldier Centers provide a home and comfort for those taking part in something bigger than themselves, and it is the love and community that Lone Soldiers find at these centers that make them feel not alone. From my experience, it was a reminder of why I chose to become a Lone Soldier and a sign of gratitude for my service."

Help us make Passover "almost like being at home" Please donate at evjcc.org/seders.

### SLJC SISTERHOOD



Linda Coppleson, one of only a select few female Torah scribes, spoke to the Sisterhood of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation on February 18 via Zoom. She spoke

about the art and skill of writing a complete Torah and her experiences learning how to repair and restore sacred documents. At our next meeting on **Thursday, April 15 at I p.m.**, please be sure to see the latest Spring fashions at our virtual fashion show with clothing and accessories by JudyWear, via Zoom. Sisterhood members will receive an email with the link.

As part of our Un-Card Party fundraiser for local charities, we would like to thank Dr. Adam Lowe, Sonoran Gastroenterology Associates, for his generous donation.

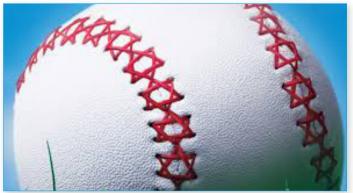
### SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

BASEBALL, JEWS AND ANTI-SEMITISM

By Murray Siegel

If you grew up in the 1950s or 1960s and were a baseball fan, you struggled to find a Jewish ballplayer. Hank Greenberg was a great in the 1930s, Al Rosen in the1950s and Sandy Koufax in the 1960s, but few others could be found. Yes, there was Cal Abrams and Saul Rogovin, but they were not stars. Do you know about Sy Rosenthal?

Sy was the first Jewish player for the Boston Red Sox (1925 and 1926). His Major League career was cut short by injuries sustained while in the minor leagues. He wanted to serve his country during World War II and spent his own money to heal his injuries so that he could serve. He became a paraplegic when his ship was struck by a German mine. His son, Buddy, joined the Marines at age 17, and died in the Pacific before reaching his 18th birthday. The Red Sox honored Sy in 1947.



With so few Jewish ballplayers, was there anti-Semitism? Ben Chapman, better known for his persistent verbal abuse directed at Jackie Robinson, was a virulent anti-Semite. While playing for the Yankees, he violently spiked Senators second baseman Buddy Myer, wanting to injure this Jew. The benches cleared and fans entered the field to fight. The truth was that Myer was NOT Jewish, proving that Chapman was not only a bigot but also quite stupid.



Len Dolins (left) doing an aliyah l'Torah before Rabbi Wiener (right) reads.



left to right: Carol Biales (as gabbai), Bob Stone (doing an aliyah l'Torah in celebration of his 98th birthday!) and Rabbi Wiener.

# Book of Remembrance 🖞

This is the time of year when we plan for our annual **"BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"** in which we honor and memorialize our departed family members. Since there are many congregants who leave for the summer months, and will want to have a listing in the book, we ask that you fill out the form below and send it in as soon as possible.

# A completed form, even if your information has not changed, <u>must be included</u> with your payment and be received no later than:

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

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### ANNIVERSARIES — kol hakavod — to a great year ahead together!

9 Jennifer Stewart & Sean Turner

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### BIRTHDAYS — mazel tov — another year older and another year wiser!

- I Susan Tauber
- 4 Sheila Asroff
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# **APRIL YAHRZEITS**

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- Marilyn and Alan Behr

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#### WANTED:

Volunteer(s) to chair or co-chair the SLJC Breakthe-Fast immediately following the Yom Kippur service (Thursday, Sept. 16). Much of the work has been done; we have already reserved the Cottonwood Ballroom and Cottonwood will cater the meal. We have used them before and they know how to prepare and serve our traditional dairy Break-the-Fast.

If you're willing to help, please call Geri at 480-305-0123. We need you!

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