



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Shpiel

APRIL 2025 NISSAN - IYAR 5785



Passover

Yom HaShoah

Carol Horowitz

All meetings are held in the Chapel Center unless otherwise noted.

SLJC APRIL 2025

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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Mazon

Mazon is a Hebrew word meaning food. Of course, we think of it as a charitable effort given by the organization with the same name because it essentially is designed to supply a Jewish response to the problem of hunger.

At this time of the year, we commemorate the liberation of our people from human bondage. Yes, Passover is a time set aside to remember the birth of a nation both physically and spiritually. And it is a time for us to understand that all people, regardless of color or creed, have been created in the image of God and deserve and must achieve independence of thought and mind and body.

There are many ways to feed those yearning to be nourished: food for sustenance, words to encourage redemption, actions to accomplish the Divine will, and courage to meet the challenges that accompany everyday living.

The observance of Passover is an invitation to experience the wonders of light and freedom and fulfillment. It is not important to envision a miraculous happening. What is important is the idea that has echoed through the ages: "That all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." (Declaration of Independence of the United States)

Part of this legacy is the requirement to save lives, ensure the safety and survival of all who walk this good Earth. Perhaps it can be described by a story I read attributed to the Chofetz Chaim, a remarkable Sage whose wisdom is world renowned: "Streaming through the center of a certain town was a deep river that was spanned by a rickety bridge. One day, a group of about thirty men was crossing the bridge. When they were at the halfway point, the bridge gave way and collapsed, sending the men plummeting into the river below.

Two bystanders immediately dove into the water and began swimming towards the men to rescue them. Another bystander gazed at what was transpiring, and called at the men, who had jumped into the water, 'You

fools!' he shouted. 'Why are the two of you jumping into the water? Can't you see that their group consists of about thirty men? In any event, you won't be able to save them all. You would therefore have been better off simply remaining on the riverbank.'

It goes without saying that this man was speaking nonsensically. For even if the two men had succeeded in saving only one person from drowning, it would have been well worth their efforts." (Jewish Parables)

The Chofetz Chaim explains that the same thing applies to giving Tzedakah (charity). There are instances when a man thinks to himself, "How much of a benefit will truly be accrued by my giving a pittance to Tzedakah? There are so many poor people anyway." The Chofetz Chaim explains further that another Sage was quoted as saying that it does not matter whether one gives more or less, provided the intention was in the trying.

To me, that is the essence of Passover. To me, that is the message of freedom. To me, that is the true meaning of redemption. We escaped the clutches of degradation and humiliation by knowing full well that only together can we ever achieve significance in our lives.

The plagues wrought upon those who tormented us helps to remind us of our frailties and failings. The parting of the Sea allows us to grasp the message of walking unafraid toward our destiny. The birth of our religious identity accomplished at the Mountain is a clear sign that human beings are capable of great things. These signs and wonders are a testament to the realization that we were created for the purpose of connection to each other and to the Creator of us all.

Mazon, the Jewish Response to Hunger, is an organization that requires our attention at this season of our lives. We learn that "this night is different than all other nights," and it is so because we share what we have with those who have not. Our Haggadah implores us to invite all who are hungry to participate in this great event.

We should be thankful for all we have with no reservation, no stipulation and no expectation. God has given us untold blessings and we sometimes take them for granted. Now is the time to share and now is the time to say "Thank You," even if to and for only one person. 🙏

TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

Use your Arizona State income tax liability and payment to benefit East Valley JCC and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Your tax liability will not increase or decrease for this donation. Instead of giving your income tax payment to the Arizona Treasury Department, you can donate it to East Valley JCC and SLJC!

This is a win-win for both you and our congregation!

Individual income tax filers can donate as much as \$470 and joint income filers can donate as much as \$938 without increasing or decreasing your tax liability for this donation. SLJC will receive 18% of the funds received by East Valley JCC. Once this donation has been made, East Valley JCC will send a donation confirmation to use for your tax records. Form 321 will need to be filed with Arizona Income Taxes for this Charitable contribution.

Help our synagogue benefit from your generous contribution without it costing you any additional money!

Below is a form that you can use for your donation to the East Valley JCC that lists Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation as the benefiting organization.



TAX CREDIT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Donation (Check): _____

Benefiting Organization (AZ Tax Credit): Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to:
East Valley JCC (AZ Tax Credit)
908 North Alma School Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



April Shower Brings...

It's been said many times over that April Showers bring May flowers. How lucky we are here in Arizona not to have to wait for April but are so fortunate to have

beautiful flowers all year long!)

This April we bring you the last two performances of "The Family Tree," on Saturday, April 5 at 7 pm and Sunday, April 6 at 3 pm. If you haven't seen the production, you will have missed seeing many of our members having fun with this hilarious play written and directed by our own Carol Horowitz and her husband, Steve. (See pages 6 and 7 for details.)

Our Erev Shabbat service this month is a very special one, and I hope that many of you will be there to thank the Sun Lakes Community Church for their commitment to greeting us at the door each month. Reverend Mitch McDonald will grace us with his words and will honor us by participating in our Yom HaShoah commemoration. We also will honor the cast members of "The Family Tree," including members of our congregation along with members from the different congregations here in Sun Lakes. Also at the service, the Men's Club will again be accepting checks or non-perishable food donations to benefit Mathew's Crossing.

For those of you that might be leaving for the summer, please have safe travels and we look forward to your return. 🙏

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

BERNHARDT ZANVILEVITZ *By Murray Siegel*

Bernhardt Zanvilevitz was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1912 to parents who were Jewish immigrants from Russia. He received a degree from Cornell and a law degree from St. Johns but due to the Depression, he had to find work as a boxer, baseball player, and model. His modelling led to a movie contract and a long career on the screen and later on TV.

He was signed by Warner Brothers and had a number of significant roles in several motion pictures, yet he was seen as an average American, buddy to the main star. Such a role in "Pride of the Marines" in 1945 allowed him to play a Jewish character. He was the buddy of the main character as a member of a machine gun squad fighting on Guadalcanal. A Jewish star was painted on the side of their gun and when a group of Marines was discussing their post-war plans, Bernhardt's character said that his prospects were limited since he celebrated Passover rather than Easter. In that year, he was voted the 16th most popular movie actor.

After the war, he appeared on Broadway and had roles on radio shows. In the late 1940s, he began to appear on television shows. His last film, "Last Rites," was released in 1988 and his last appearance on TV was in 1989 on "Murder She Wrote."

Bernhardt was married twice; his first wife died in 1970 and his second marriage ended with his own death from lung cancer in 1998. His marriages produced no children. You may be thinking that you cannot recall Bernhardt Zanvilevitz. That is because in 1942, Warner Brothers had his name changed to Dane Clark.





There's still
TIME
to buy tickets!
Sat., **April 5th** or
Sun., **April 6th**!

"The Family Tree"

A Hysterically Funny

MUSICAL COMEDY

HURRY!

There's still time to buy tickets to the
7:00pm, Saturday, April 5th &
3:00pm, Sunday, April 6th
performances!

Tickets may be purchased
In-person at Sun Lakes
Country Club,
online by credit card at

www.ticketsource.us/slhoa1.com

for \$20 per person or may be
purchased at the door for \$25





LAFF presents the hilarious musical comedy, "The Family Tree!"

Tickets are still available to see "The Family Tree", the absolutely hilarious musical comedy! Please support this important SLJC fundraiser. Don't miss the chance to see our talented rabbi act, sing, and even dance, along with many other members of our congregation!

Only two performances remain:

- **SATURDAY** evening, **APRIL 5 @7 pm**
- **SUNDAY** afternoon, **APRIL 6 @3 pm**

You'll roar with laughter! For the best remaining seats, hurry to get your tickets for the Saturday evening show! Some tickets also remain for the final show on Sunday afternoon.

"The Family Tree" is an interfaith performance by LAFF (Laughter and Friendship Forever), sponsored by SLJC, with a cast of over 30 talented performers, including former professional actors, singers, dancers, and musicians that represent most of the religious

organizations within Sun Lakes.

Be prepared to laugh until you cry at this original musical comedy, that first delighted its audiences over a dozen years ago! Filled with surprising twists and turns, there are no dull moments as the cast attempts to unravel the unexpected twists and turns of this hysterically tangled plot!

Tickets may be purchased at Sun Lakes Country Club for \$20 or online by credit card at www.ticketsource.us/slhoa1, and also sold at the door for \$25 each, cash or check only. (Again, remember that the best remaining seats are for the Saturday, April 5, 7 pm show!) All performances will be on stage in the Arizona Room at Sun Lakes Country Club.

To our audiences who loved our play last year, "A Deli Line", you'll go crazy over "The Family Tree". You never know what secrets hide in your family tree!



SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, April 17, 1 pm, Chapel Center

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood held their annual charity event Games Galore last month in the Oakwood Ballroom of Sun Lakes Country Club. More than one hundred and fifty women attended the luncheon, played games, and won prizes. Thank you to all who donated prizes, baked goods, and their time to make this event such a huge success.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, April 17 at 1 pm at the Chapel House. The speaker will be Tami Tisdale, the general manager of Form Floral. The presentation will be tips and tricks of flower care, to be followed by a demonstration of how to assemble a floral arrangement.



Photos from Games Galore 2025

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Sisterhood use only.

Name: _____

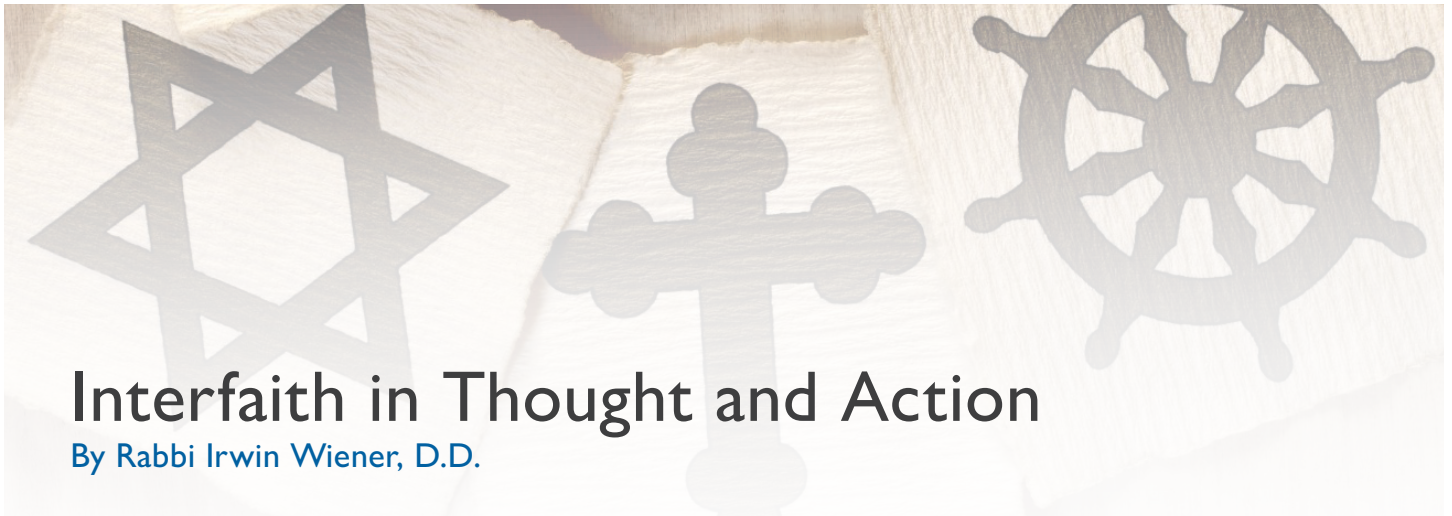
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Birthday (month/day only): _____

Please send **this form and a check for \$30**, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to:
Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248



Interfaith in Thought and Action

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Sitting on a small plot of land in Sun Lakes is a Chapel that houses four congregations: Sun Lakes Community Church, Sun Lakes Lutheran Church, Sun Lakes United Church of Christ, and the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.

What makes this so unique and worth the effort to bring this involvement to the forefront is the attitude and camaraderie of all the parishioners and congregants. Each month a meeting is held representing these faith-based affiliates at which time decisions are made not only affecting the participants, but also the greater community.

Over the years many programs and activities have taken place (and still largely do) that bring everyone together, whether an affiliate or not. It is the values represented that bring people together.

The Sun Lakes Chapel represents a friendly way to exchange ideas and to feel safe in the serene atmosphere of collectively reaching out to say the words and participate in the rituals. Each faith brings together the understanding that it is only by reaching out to understand each other that gives everyone the ability to understand the purpose and value of each created by God.

There are, of course, other Houses of Worship in Sun Lakes, but somehow this setting gives us all the opportunity to learn from each other, exchange ideas and renew our desire to maintain contact with God and request that the Almighty's essence will shine favorably on the work of our hands and hearts.

I have had the good fortune over the years to meet and greet many who come to their Spiritual Home for comfort and solace. One Church membership

in particular, since the return of the scourge of antisemitism, greets us at each of our services. The Sun Lakes Community Church under the leadership or Rev. Mitch McDonald epitomizes the true understanding of faith and the ability, given to us by God, to touch someone in tune with our Creator.

Sun Lakes is truly a blessed community, not only for its outreach to those seeking understanding, but also to those in need of a helping hand. I was so fortunate to be part of the energy expended that created Neighbors Who Care – the Interfaith Council of Sun Lakes. All denominations came together to answer the call – ALL.

This is brotherhood and sisterhood in the true sense reaching out to lift someone who is falling and who looks for a kind word or a kind gesture to emphasize that how we believe is not a criterion for assistance, but the value we place on all created by God.

We were endowed by our Creator to reach out and touch someone, to show kindness and mercy, and to follow the dictates of the Prophet Micah: To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Yes, Sun Lakes is a blessed community. May our prayer be that God continues to look favorably upon us so that we can continue to be a beacon to all who call Sun Lakes their home.

In grateful appreciation for the outstretched hands extended to us at every service, our congregation will honor the Sun Lakes Community Church at the April Sabbath Service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and express our collective gratitude and friendship. 🙏

SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Monday, April 28, 5 PM
Floridino's, 590 N. Alma School Rd., Chandler

The Men's Club is holding a dinner on Monday, April 28 at 5 pm at Floridinos' restaurant. The cost for members is \$10 each and \$18 for spouses or guests. The menu will include salad, chicken, and pasta dishes, as well as dessert. The bar tab is on you.

For make your reservation by April 18, please send a check made out to "SLJC Men's Club" to:

Marty Levine
3805 E. County Down Drive
Chandler, AZ 85249

We look forward to seeing you on April 28!



Men's Club Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Men's Club use only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please **send this form and a check for \$30**, payable to SLJC Men's Club, to:
Marty Levine, 3805 E. County Down Drive, Chandler AZ 85249

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE: A SACRED OBLIGATION

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

YOM HASHOAH: HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



None of us will ever comprehend the horrific chapter in humanities history referred to as the Holocaust. Even those who lived through this nightmare cannot understand how human beings can be brought to such a level of monstrous proportions.

Each year we stand and remember those who have no candles lit for them on the anniversary of their death, or prayers recited as their names are not mentioned because no one really knows all the names. There are no monuments erected to mark the spot where once lived people who were sacrificed for the sake of hatred. Their unmarked graves bear witness to the disgrace that is the legacy of man's darkest hour. All of this happened because to be different in any way was the mortal sin of depravity.

The systematic degradation, dehumanization, and physical destruction are testaments to the evil that lurks inside the dark side of the human spirit. Humankind can sink to the depths of depravity when Godliness is replaced by Godlessness.

One and one half million little boys and girls, and over five million men and women, more than six million victims

of the whim of monsters are no more. "That little boy," wrote A.M. Klein, a German poet (1909-1972), "my cousin, whose cry might have been my cry in that dark land — where shall I seek you? On what wind shall I reach out to touch the ash that was your hand?"

Each of us, whether Jew or Gentile, is left to remind the world that this heinous act cannot ever be repeated. More than sixty-million people from all walks of life, all corners of the globe, were also sacrificed on the altar of indifference. That is why we should always and forever remember the blood-soaked earth, the stench from the ovens of mass destruction, and the cries of the helpless. Each time we remember, we resurrect a soul, which symbolizes the re-birth of values and benevolence and blessing.

Yom Hashoah will be commemorated at our Erev Shabbat service on Friday, April 11 at 7 pm. We are all obligated to light a candle in memory of all who perished. 🕯️

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES — *kol hakavod* — to another great year ahead together!

14 Harvey & Marilyn Fein 19 Elias & Sydney Kerr Slover 21 Jackie Oliver

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

1 Susan Tauber 6 Barbara Nussbaum 14 Esteban Morales 27 Alan Behr
3 James Brener 7 Anita Kolikoff 21 Chuck Wolin 30 Gina Caplan
4 Rita L. Tanen 11 Susan Plambeck

APRIL YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Henrietta Behr	Rena Dolins	Gloria Israel	Rose Nelson
Kate Bender	Edward Fabert	Lillian Jacobsohn	Isidore Pinsky
Joseph Blumenfeld	Joseph Fishman	Sol Kahn	Janet Plotkin
Sarah Blumenfeld	Rose Freed	Sadie Kaplan	Hanan Sakulsky
Zelda Brener	Pearl Freedman	Clara Kaufman	Bennit Scheck
Joseph Brajtberg Bright	Helen Garber	Harry Kimmelman	Esther Schulman
Estelle Brooks	Sol Gerson	Irwin Kolikoff	Joseph Shagrin
Herman Brown	Abraham Gersten	Mildred Kupsensel	Joseph Shagrin Jr.
Richard Carpenter	Jack Gindick	Jerome Kubrin	Harriet Sharff
Nathan Codkind	Henri Glicenstein	Sylvia Kubrin	Jason Sherter
Herman Cohen	Marcelle Glicenstein	Karen Roth Leader	Meyer Solko
Rae Cohen	Frieda Goldstein	Irving Levy	Joan Steinberg
Abraham Cooper	Sam Goldstein	Isaac Levitan	Rosetta G. Stemmens
Sophie Cooper	Jerry Goodman	Barney Meltzer	Ruben Weiner
Rita Gettes	Keneth Goodman	Stephen Meltzer	Gloria Wishengrad
Coopersmith	Alfredo Hernandez, II	Siegfried Moses	Freddie Williams
Jack Dante	Luddy Israel	Morris Nelson	Kassie Wolin

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

THE LONE SOLDIERS PROJECT SUPPORTS PURIM CELEBRATION FOR SOLDIERS



Lone Soldier from 85 countries around the world suffer from degrees of loneliness around all holidays, even "minor" ones if they were celebrated in their homes. Support during these times is especially important.

Chayal el Chayal (Soldier to Soldier), one of our Israeli partners, serves soldiers year around, but has particularly focused on PURIM. Their IDF Purim Project unites children, teens and adults around the world by sending Mishloach Manot (Traditional Purim Gift Packages) to soldiers at bases across Israel.

In 2024 they distributed 6000 packages filled with hamantaschen and tasty treats. This year, as the war

continues, soldier need support more than ever. Their goal is to reach 10, 000 soldiers, letting them know that they are not alone while bringing them a taste of home to the frontlines.

The Lone Soldier Project, EVJCC, with generous donations from the community, has been able to support Chayal el Chayal with contributions for Purim, for the last three years. In addition, we contribute to holiday observances at all three of our Lone Soldier Center partners year-round.

Learn more about the Lone Soldier Project at: evjcc.org

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

ISRAEL, ZIONISM & ANTISEMITISM: UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTION AND ADVOCACY STRATEGIES"



Friends of Israel Sun Lakes invites you to join for a discussion on Sunday, May 4 at 1 pm with guest speaker Jake Bennett, Policy and State Legislative Coordinator for the National Israel-American Coalition. Topics to be addressed will include:

- Israel and Zionism as a focus of antisemitism in the United States.
- What are the best strategies to fight this phenomenon?
- What are the best ways to advocate for and support Israel at this moment in its history?

Bennett advocates to policymakers internationally on behalf of the Israeli-American and pro-Israel communities, ensuring their voices are heard on a range of issues at all governmental levels. He is a combat Lone Soldier veteran of IDF special forces, where he served from 1999-2001 during the Second Intifada. He is a knowledgeable and passionate supporter of Israel.

This event is free and open to the public. Please tell all your friends to attend. Location information will be provided to registrants prior to event date. Registration is required to barbara374@cox.net (please indicate number of attendees). Questions may be directed to Israelsunlakes@gmail.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS



Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made in honor or memory of a special person or event. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the donation form on the opposite page.

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In memory of Janis Silverman
by JoAnn Rubinstein
For Arnie Henden's good health
by Marjorie & David Levinson

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Samuel Dolins
by Leonard Dolins
In memory of Rena Dolins
by Leonard Dolins

SILVERMAN FUND

Wishing Diane Zelinger a complete and speedy recovery from your fall
by Shirley R. Gersten
In honor of my Aliyah
by Judy Plafker

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by Charles Gerson
In memory of Clara Kaufman
by Alan & Marilyn Behr

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Save the Date: May 9th

Lana Oyer and Len Dolins will celebrate a bat mitzvah and bar mitzvah at the regularly scheduled May services, with an Oneg Shabbat to follow. The congregation is invited.

We send condolences to the family of member Cecil Gleason. Sympathy notes may be sent to 7641 S. Quinn Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85298.

SLJC sends get well wishes to Judy Plafker as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at gerijim@hotmail.com.

SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

Fund: Chapel Family Fund Music Oneg Silverman General

Yahrzeit Honoree: _____ Month _____

Please send card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donor: _____ Amt. of Check \$ _____

Address _____

Remit to: Marjorie Levinson, 9533 E Sundune Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Please make checks payable to SLJC.

*Minimum donation of \$10 per person being remembered/honored.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

JWV SPEAKER HELPS VETERANS FIND BENEFITS, CONNECTION, AND PURPOSE

Sunday, April 27, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 welcomes Command Sergeant Major, US Army (Retired) and Executive Director Richard Kreiberg of Veterans Affinity as one of its guest speakers Sunday, April 27 in the new Oakwood Country Club Recreation Center, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with free lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 am. All are welcome.

Richard "Rick" Kreiberg served honorably for 35 years in the US Army, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major. During his career, he served with distinction in numerous leadership positions throughout the world. Rick earned numerous awards and decorations, most notably the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

When asked about his motivation for doing this work, Rick replied, "I am very grateful for our veterans, especially our veteran seniors. These veterans mentored and took care of me when I entered in the Army, and I have never forgotten what they did for me. Many of these skills prepared me for my time in Iraq. They were the first to welcome us home, knowing they never received one. It's never too late to right a wrong and it's our mission to make it happen. We will find them all, welcome them home, too, and ensure they get the resources, respect, and recognition rightfully earned and deserved," concludes Kreiberg.

Rick, as he prefers to be called, will discuss how Veterans Affinity, which he founded in 2019, assists veteran seniors with needed VA healthcare, benefits, resources, and end-of-life planning. The organization's goal is to help veterans find connection, and purpose, and ensure they are honored and remembered.

The membership is volunteer driven with over 100 volunteers, mostly Vietnam Veterans. Those who served prior to 9/11 are often overlooked for much needed

support and resources. Many aren't aware of what's available or don't know how to apply. "We also protect against predators who charge veterans and their families to apply for VA benefits. Everything we do is free," explains Kreiberg.

Veterans Affinity once helped a Vietnam Veteran whose home burned down, losing his medals and uniforms. "We helped him find suitable housing, enroll into the VA healthcare system and receive care, then officially welcomed him home with his awards and decorations. We also had an Army Colonel (in uniform) present his Army Commendation (from Vietnam) to him during this public ceremony" Rick proudly remembered.

The group hosts several cafes across the valley, throughout the month. Veterans connect, open-up, share their story, and build camaraderie with like-minded veterans. Members also visit veterans' bedsides and/or on hospice in long-term care facilities.



JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to June, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. For more information about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please visit the JWV Facebook page at facebook.com/CopperStatePost619 or contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175 or via email at uramarthur@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

REVISIT JWV TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR ACTIVE-MILITARY

Sunday, April 27, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 welcomes back its partner Ahwatukee Recreation Center (ARC) Support the Troops (STT) on Sunday, April 27. The meeting takes place in the new Oakwood Country Club Recreation Center, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with free lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 pm. The speaker follows at 10 am.

STT Chairman, Barb LeChaix, and associate, Mary Williams, will present their next big event for members to set-up and fill the boxes on Thursday, May 8, beginning at 9 am at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, (ARC) 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix, 85044. Approximately 80 members of the STT and JWV will perform this daunting task before enjoying Chick Fil-A sandwiches provided to all.

JWV members will join ARC Support the Troops participants to pack 150 gift boxes to send to active-duty men and women who are in remote areas of the world. Packages, sent twice a year, have reached all branches of service in Africa, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Poland (on the Ukraine border.) "It's our way of thanking them and letting them know they have not been forgotten," expresses Chairman LeChaix.

All boxes contain the same items: individual mac 'n cheese cups, Nature Valley Oats 'n Honey Bars, individual small Nutella cans, individually wrapped BelVita Bars, and individual packets of Swiss Miss hot chocolate. Anyone wishing to donate any of these items may drop them off between 9-9:30 am at the JWV meeting Sunday, April 27 meeting at Oakwood Country Club.

"During the holidays, we have heard from many that our box is the only thing they receive from home (the United States). There is so little we can do, but this is our way of saying thank you to a few," says Barb LaChaix.

"We receive donations from many Ahwatukee Recreation Center members and almost all our clubs contribute monetary donations yearly to help subsidize extravagant shipping costs. Besides our own ARC members, we are fortunate to have help from groups such as the Jewish War Veterans Post 619, local dentists and doctors, Edward Jones, and our own local American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, plus many more organizations," explains Mary.

Barb's husband was in the Air Force during WWII, and they had a special friend who was in the Death March of Bataan and in the Japanese Coal Mines for three years. She adds, "He started a massive program like ours in CA. I felt driven to do something even though it is a mini project compared to his" as she explains her own motivation to start a Support the Troops in Ahwatukee in 2008.

The Jewish War Veterans Post 619 is committed to making a difference in the lives of veterans from all faiths. Everyone is welcome. Come together to support veterans and celebrate the community that uplifts them! For more information about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175 or via email at uramarthur@gmail.com.



DEVORAH HADASSAH

Come join the fun and meet new friends! For information on Hadassah and attending our events, contact Eliana Bar-Shalom by phone at (860) 377-7126 or by email at ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

Exciting News: Annual Game Day

We will be having our annual Game Day on Wednesday, April 2 at the JCC from 1–4 pm. If you are interested in attending or helping with planning, please contact Marcia Garnice by phone at (602) 752-0379 or email at garnicemarcia@gmail.com.

Out to Lunch

Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together! Upcoming dates are Wednesdays, April 23, May 28, and June 25. To learn more, please contact Gail Scheck via email at gscheck85206@yahoo.com.

Food Drive

The third Wednesday between 11 am and 1 pm we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley.

Literary Ladies Book Group


Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The upcoming book we will be discussing will be: (1) *The First Ladies* by Victoria Christopher Murray on Wednesday, April 9 at 1:30 pm; (2) *The Night Travelers* by Armando Lucas Correa on Wednesday, April 15 at 1:30 pm; and (3) *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver on Wednesday, June 11 at 1:30 pm.



Chai Flicks Movie Group

The dates and movies vary each month, but include a discussion of the film at lunch following the film.

Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards! We have cards for all occasions that we sell for \$2 each or, if you want to have a selection on hand, we sell 12 for \$21. Such a deal! We also have several different certificates priced at \$5, \$18, and \$100. These are ready to view at all in-person events. Contact Susan Fox to order or to ask questions at (520) 705-3226.

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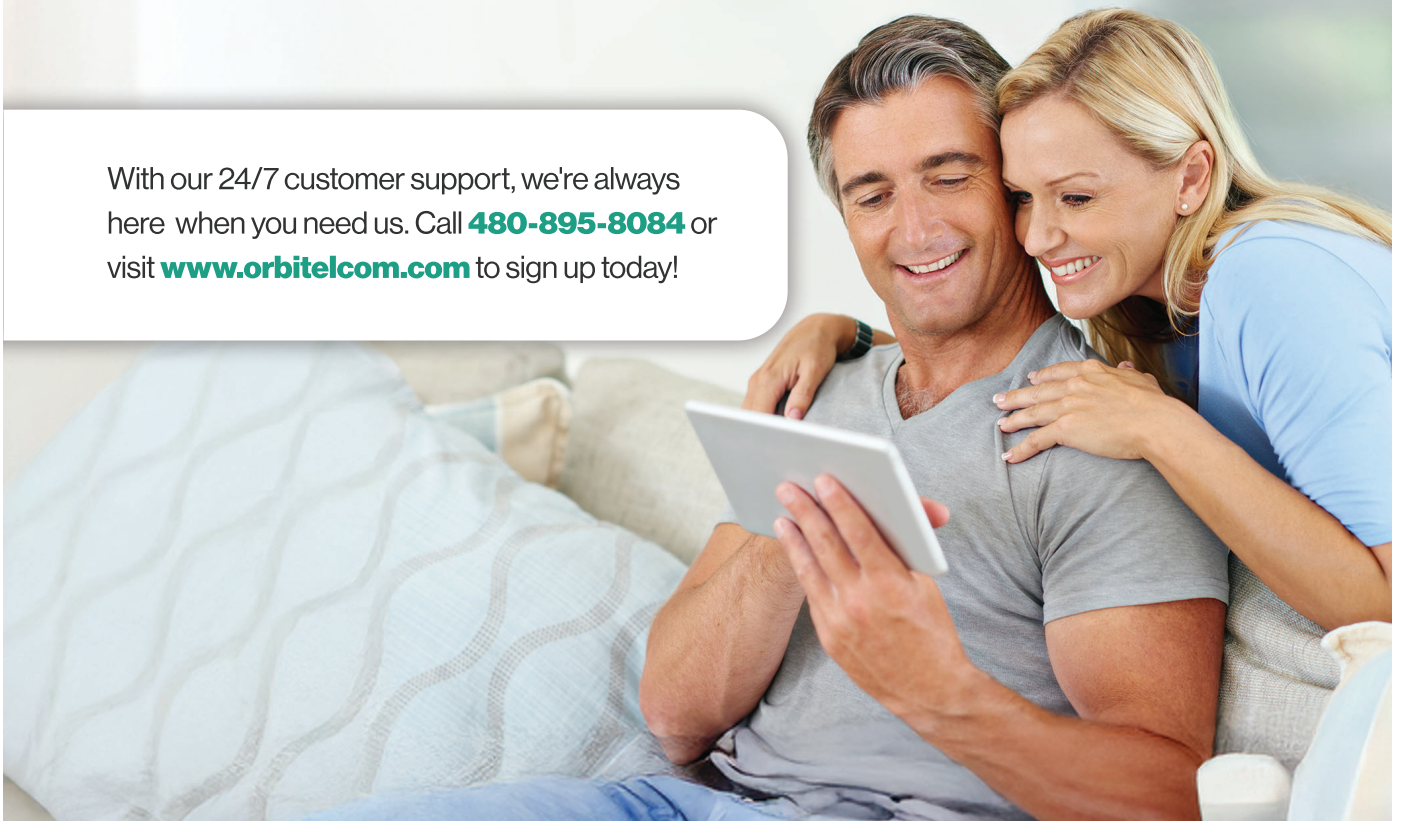
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Israeli Film Series

Sunday, April 6: '999: The Forgotten Girls'
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Yom Hashoah commemoration

Wednesday, April 23

5:30 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. program

Special guest: Holocaust survivor Charlotte Adelman. Also: Candlelighting ceremony and 'Voices Silenced: Music from the Holocaust' with pianist Hannah Creviston
evjcc.org/yomhashoah

Emissaries in Uniform

Wednesday, April 30

Hear from soldiers serving in the IDF.
evjcc.org/israel

Tuesdays at the J

10-11:30 a.m.

April 1: 'Nourishing Your Mind, Body & Soul: 2025 Self-Care and Wellbeing Update' with Debbi Lavinsky

April 8: 'Breaking the Stereotypes': Phoenix Art Museum docent David Obuck

April 22: Gabe Forsberg, veteran advocate

April 29: Adrian Bendick shares her safari adventure

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