



The Shpiel

DECEMBER 2024 CHESVAN-KISLEV 5785



**SUN LAKES JEWISH
CONGREGATION**



May the Lights of Hanukkah
Light the Paths to PEACE!

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

SLJC December 2024

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Remembering the Darkness of 11/9/2023

Understanding the secret of death requires a look into our hearts. Perhaps this can give us a glimpse into an intense understanding of life. I know why Sandi was created: to bring comfort and joy to everyone she met, everyone she befriended, everyone who was drawn to her magnetic

smile and charm. Her heart was always filled with sympathy for those who needed that effort. Her soul was pure as she continued to understand the value and purpose of life.

We know that we are born to die, but what we do with the in-between contains the total of our worth and significance. The in-between involves so much pain and healing, so much conflict and resolution, so much joy and sorrow. Sometimes we wonder about the value of life itself.

These thoughts and more were part of my experience as I witnessed a loved one melt into another world, another dimension. Losing someone we love and cherish is, to say the least, an episode in anguish and turmoil. Losing someone we love can also be inspirational even when our grief is beyond expression.

Sandra was her name. She was a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother. And she was all those things and more. She accomplished this with dignity and grace. And she ended her days in this same state of elegance that was the hallmark of her sojourn here on Earth. She was the epitome of elegance.

My heart ached watching her suffer and go through endless ordeals in futile attempts to gain time. She wanted to witness the continuation of the life of her children and grandchildren. This was not to be. In fact, we certainly can say that she loved them more than life itself. It was her faith that carried her through the rough days and endless nights, but she never complained and always made sure she remained beautiful even as the treatments took their toll.

Her children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends all lived this nightmare with me. Some were able to cope and support, some were tortured by her suffering. I learned a great deal from this experience, not only as a husband, but also as a person of faith. I counseled many people over the years on how to cope with adversity and now, when faced with the same ordeal, found no consolation in my words.

One day I found myself reaching for a book in my library. The book I touched and began to fondle was Psalms. I opened the page to the twenty-third Psalm as I did for so many others who looked to me for comfort and solace. This time, however, I studied each word and looked for meanings that were not apparent to me before.

I found one sentence which reads: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil." I have mentioned this many times and in fact read it at every funeral or memorial service. However, it seemed that this time I really realized what the Psalmist was trying to relate. He talks about walking *through* the valley of death, not *to* the valley of death. I read it over many times and appreciated that even though we suffer tragic losses in our lives, we need to understand that passing through these terrible episodes gives us the ability to continuing living.

Sandi was a noble woman; in fact, she was ennobling because of her demeanor and fortitude. She fought the valiant fight and she lost. But she lost with dignity and for that I came to understand an even greater feeling of connection to my Creator. I knew in an instant after reading this Psalm that sometimes we lose someone we love, someone who has an immense impact on our lives can make us stronger.

Her legacy may not be written in books, but it is embedded in how I live my life and how I treat others who look to me for understanding and compassion. Her legacy is written on a little stone in a cemetery that commemorates her existence. Her reward will be that which only God can give, the gift of life everlasting. She deserves no less.

I finally realized that God, in His infinite mercy, reached out to bring her soul to His bosom in eternal gratitude for a life well spent that contained mercy and forgiveness. Those thoughts help me, to this very day, one year later. It ensures that faith is dependent on knowing that there are things in life over which we have no control. But we have an obligation to live to the fullest and appreciate those who travel that road of life with us as well.

Yes, after one year I still visit the cemetery at least twice a week. I fear that after I am gone there will be no one to visit, no one to remember. However, as I have mentioned on several occasions, God will remember and on the anniversary each year of her passing, the angels will call out her name and all in Heaven will continue to remember as well. This gives me a great deal of comfort. 🕯️

SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD

HANUKKAH PARTY AND PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 12:00 PM

AT THE CHAPEL CENTER IN SUN LAKES

CATERED LUNCH AND LATKES

HANUKKAH BINGO, GAMES, MENORAH LIGHTING

The meal is free to our paid-up members but we request that you **submit a check for \$15 as a deposit for the caterer** and mail it to Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248 by December 6. **The check will be returned to you at the event. Please write “Hanukkah Party” in the check memo.**

If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the form below and send it with **a separate check** to Wendy Goldstein, Membership Chairperson. For more information email her at wendysue800@yahoo.com.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



A Request for Assistance

Congratulations to the returning Board of Directors Wendy Goldstein, Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Susie Shapiro, Barbara Ganz, Susan Plambeck, Bobby Sachs, Marty Levine and Murray Siegel.

At this December's service we will be celebrating Hanukkah by lighting our beautiful menorah which was donated by Gail Dante in memory of her late husband, Jack. If you have grandchildren in the area, please bring them as we love having them be a part of the service. Just let me know if they will be attending. This year we will be celebrating our holiday with our Christian friends as we light the first candle of Hanukkah on Christmas Day.

At the December Erev Shabbat service the Men's Club will again be collecting non-perishable foods for Mathew's Crossing. Checks made payable to Matthew's Crossing are always welcome as well.

SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 AM, Chompie's

We will celebrate Hanukkah at Chompie's Restaurant in Chandler on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 AM in the Subway Room. RSVP to Edd at tieman11@q.com by December 5. Our next lunch will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2025. We will meet for lunch at BJ's in Chandler.

The Men's Club would like to thank all the congregants who donated food items and money to Matthew's Crossing Food Bank during the Jewish High Holy Days. We collected a total of 758 pounds of food and \$150 in cash donations. We would like to hold another collection for the winter holidays on December 13. Please bring non-perishable items or cash donations (payable to Matthew's Crossing) to the Chapel Center garage before the Erev Shabbat service on December 13.

Geoffrey Garber is taking over the publicity for the Men's Club. Men's Club is looking for new members from the congregation. Men's Club meets once a month. Old and

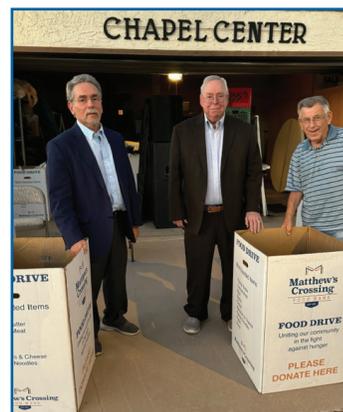
Upcoming Events:

Hold the date for our fundraiser dine-out out at Brooklyn V's on December 17. (See the flyer on the next page.) And speaking about dinners out, thank you to all 70 of you who attended our last outing at Macayo's.

On March 22 we will be going to see "Anything Goes" at the Hale Theater. It's never too early to make your reservations with Marcia at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly at (480) 802-3606.

Mark your calendars for our next interfaith production of "The Family Tree" in March and April. If you don't want to act or sing, you can be a part of the production by helping behind the scenes. Give a call to Carol at (760) 271-2758.

As always, I am here to answer any questions or concerns. Happy Thanksgiving, and safe journeys if you are traveling. 🍁



new friends talk about news, sports, and weather over lunch. We also attend sporting events, visit interesting places, and co-sponsor events with our other auxiliaries. To learn more, please email Edd at tieman11@q.com or Marty martelee39@gmail.com.

A SMALL BOAT IN AN ENDLESS SEA

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener

On the desk in the White House Oval Office, during the presidency of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was a bronze plaque affixed to a wooden surface that read: "O God the sea is so great and my boat so small." It reminded him of the awesome responsibilities of being President of the United States.

To me it signifies the importance we should place on accomplishing impossible tasks such as the constant repair needed in the tear of human experiences.

We find death and misery everywhere. There is hate and destruction that consume us. These constitute the eternal evils that sometimes make us much lower than angels. So low, in fact, that we feel as though we have sunk into the abyss, the emptiness and vastness of an endless cycle of despair.

And sometimes we have such noble ambitions: to make right all the wrongs, to put aside petty antagonisms and indifference. But to do this we sometimes make deals with unscrupulous people and ideas. In our zeal to correct the injustice and inhumanity, we often look the other way and believe the ends justify the means.

Each of us is part of an experiment that began when life was breathed into our nostrils and a soul was placed in our keeping. Each of us is responsible, in part, for the whole universe: responsible for hunger and disease and desolation, responsible for alienation and wars. And we are especially responsible for our conduct with one another because it ultimately leads to every one of these things.

We look around and think how great the sea and how small our boat. Can we ever row to happiness? Can we ever realize the dreams of the generations: to love each other, to ensure justice for all, to be merciful in our dealings with our neighbors, to understand that caring is true benevolence?

Many of us have lived several lives. We have witnessed death and rebirth. Our faith has been challenged. We have

laughed too few times and cried too many. We try to make sense of family. We try to understand our place in the scheme of things. The boat may be small in an endless sea, but it should encourage us to keep rowing until we can all see land.

We are blessed with many opportunities to enter new chapters in the time allotted us. We can live life as we would have wanted to if we had the chance to do it over again. We must love more intensely those we hold dear.

If we can touch someone with sincerity and honesty, we certainly will feel richer for it. If we endeavor to help someone there is an approving nod from those who preceded us. And when our time is done and we are missed, then the impact we had will be reflective of the teachings of the future.



Whether it be peace throughout the world, the elimination of hunger, the defeat of dreaded diseases, the setting aside of religious prejudice and killing in the name of God or all these things, we will be able to see land, not from the distance but right in front of us.

Then perhaps we will fully know the answer to the age-old question:

why is there so much suffering and why hasn't God sent someone to make sense of it all? The answer is within our reach because the answer, quite simply, is that God did send someone. God sent us!

As we begin the celebration of the holiday that taught us the value of freedom, Hanukkah, perhaps it would be worthy of us to always remember that the glow from the candles are indications that the essence of our goodness will give us the ability to overcome despair and gloom, if for just a moment.

And as we begin to usher in 2025, let it be a year that will witness peace and tranquility throughout our land and all lands in this glorious world bequeathed to us by God. 🕯️

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, December 19, 12 pm, Chapel House



On Thursday, December 19 we will have our annual Hanukkah Party and paid-up membership luncheon. Please see page 4 for details. If you haven't already joined Sisterhood, please fill out the form below and return it to Wendy Goldstein with your check so that you can join us for this event.

Save the date of February 24, 2025 for Games Galore (formerly known as Card Party). Gather your friends or come by yourself to make new friends for a fun-filled day. You choose the game you would like to play: Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Rummikub, Mexican Train are just a few. There will be a delicious lunch, fabulous gift baskets, a bake sale, restaurant gift cards and a cash raffle. This is our annual fundraiser with proceeds distributed to local charities and organizations that help our community. See page 11 for details.

Sisterhood members will receive an ecard for your birthday from Jacquie Lawson Productions. If you get an email from Sandy Golomb, please don't delete it. She is the Sisterhood member who sends out these wonderful birthday greetings.

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

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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

SUKKOT 2024 PHOTO RECAP



MAH JONGG CARDS – 2025

Prices remain the same for 2025. Please fill in the information below for **one lead person** per group. Then, list the names, addresses, size and quantity of the card(s) ordered.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

STANDARD	LARGE	NAME/ADDRESS
<u>small</u> \$14.00	<u>large</u> \$15.00	
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Please make checks (NO CASH) payable to SLJC Sisterhood and send with this FORM to: Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Court, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

Deadline: JANUARY 27, 2025. Form and Checks must be received by this date.





GAMES GALORE

Formerly known as Card Party

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes

Charity event sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

\$40 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.

We will have our signature gift baskets, cash raffle and tantalizing treats at our bake sale!

For reservations or questions call Carol at 480-895-316.

Please make your check for \$40.00 per player payable to: SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Doris Codkind, 9038 E Diamond Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

Names of players: (Please include a contact phone # or email for one member of the group.) Reservations deadline is February 10. Contact #/email: _____

_____ Game: _____

You must provide your own game. No card shufflers please.



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION FUNDRAISER

BROOKLYN V'S RESTAURANT - AT ALL FIVE LOCATIONS

COME AND JOIN US ON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, FROM 11 AM TO 8 PM

THIS FLYER SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE SHPIEL AND BROUGHT WITH YOU AS THEY WILL BE GIVING US 20% OF YOUR DINE IN AND TAKE OUT MEALS.

**PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.
THEY HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL,
PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY SHALETT tieman11@q.com**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE TO ENJOY A YUMMY MEAL AND MAKE MONEY FOR SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION TEMPLE.

SLJC RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

The next restaurant fundraiser will be on December 17 for lunch and dinner at Brooklyn V's. All the Brooklyn V's locations will participate in this fundraiser. They are also giving SLJC 20% of dine-in and take-out meals. Just be sure to present the flyer on the opposite page when you pay your bill.

Please mark your calendar and support restaurants in your area. They have been wonderful to work with. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Shalett, tieman11@q.com.



SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

ABE SAPERSTEIN *By Murray Siegel*

Who is the shortest person elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame? At 5'3", Abe Saperstein is the answer as he was inducted in 1971, but why was somebody so lacking in height elected to the HOF which honors rather tall people? Abe was the founder and coach of the Harlem Globetrotters and he introduced the three-point shot to the game. He was also elected to the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Abe was born in 1902 in London, England, where his family had relocated from Poland. When he was five, the Sapersteins moved to Chicago. In high school, he played nine sports; he absolutely loved athletics. After working as a booking agent for a few basketball teams, he started his own team which he named the Harlem Globetrotters. The team's players were all African American and they began playing in the Midwest. The players were not from Harlem, but Abe chose the name to allow the predominantly white audiences to realize that the team was comprised of Black athletes.

At that time, the professional NBA was all White, so Blacks who had the talent had no chance of playing in the NBA. In 1948, the Globetrotters played the NBA champions, the Minneapolis Lakers. The Globetrotters defeated the Lakers and two years later, the NBA was integrated. In 1954, "Go, Man, Go," a movie about the Globetrotters, was produced starring Dane Clark and Sidney Poitier.



The earliest known photo of the Globetrotters, from the 1930–1931 season. Standing from left: Abe Saperstein, Walter "Toots" Wright, Byron "Fat" Long, Inman Jackson, and William "Kid" Oliver. Seated: Al "Runt" Pullins.

In 1934, Abe married Sylvia Franklin, and they had two children. He was known for being a hard worker, taking off just one day each year on Yom Kippur. A heart attack ended Abe's life in 1966 and he is buried outside of Chicago. The news of Abe's passing reached the Globetrotters, who were on the road. Their biggest star, Meadowlark Lemon, when hearing the news said, "My mouth went dry. The boys cried."

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.



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

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

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

4 Eileen (Bunny) Elman	12 Gregory & Diane Posniack	26 Alan & Leah Bloom
6 Dennis & Phyllis Novy	25 Neil & Susan Tamber	27 Richard & Noreen Nadler
11 Charles & Judy Wolin	26 Robert & Karen Kaplan	

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

4 Leah Bloom	7 James Gascoyne	16 Fritzi Ferguson	25 Evey Freed
4 Tom Mohr	9 Kevin Murphy	20 Jeff Burnce	29 Adrian Bendick
4 Marlene Bernstein	9 Jon Scheck	21 Alice Salita	29 Richard Nadler
7 Judy Asbell	12 Eileen Carpenter	21 Phyllis Novy	29 Faith Roth
7 Irwin Wiener	13 Sander Frindell	23 Richard Tauber	31 Gregory Posniack

DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Irving Arnow	Esther Engel	Alexander Katcher	Irving Silverman
Naomi Axelrad	Charles Fink	John Kupsensel	Stewart Silverman
Sophie Behr	Sophie Fischer	Leah Koss	Meyer Solko
Jennie Berenweig	Sol Gass	Tillie Levenson	Anna Solko
Dan Berg	Bessie Gerson	Berthe Machbitz	Joan Spiegel
Sidney Bloom	John Gerson	Alaine Matlaw	Irving Sternhill
Edward Blumberg	Irving Ginsberg	Louis Mertzner	Lynne Stone
Marilyn Blumberg	Sylvia Glazer	Rose Mertzner	Dorothy Taitzman
Fanny Bush	Allan Goelman	Val Morris	Harry Temkin
Frances Calcaterra	Grace Gould Earhart	Mark Nelinson	
Margaret Cline	B. Claiment (Clay)	David Popkin	
Pauline Cohen	Granoff	Libby Rossen	
Ray Cohen	Cyla Gutwillig	Jerome Roth	
Pearl Cook	Joel Gutwillig	Zelda Rothstein	
Edward Coopersmith	George Holstein	Sidney Rudin	
Harold Dunayer	Bobby Hopkins	Morris Schulman	
Alton Dunn	Pearls B. Israelston	Sarah Shalett	
Minnie Elias	Jean Jacobs	Simon Shapiro	

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC wishes a speedy recovery to Irwin Plafker following a recent fall and surgery.

SLJC sends its deepest condolences to the family of member Ellie Trachtenberg, who died on November 5. Notes or sympathy cards may be sent to her family, c/o Fredda Farris, 409 Sir Galahad Dr., Brookhaven, PA 19015.

SLJC wishes a speedy recovery to Sharon Becker following a recent fall and 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: _____

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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.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

We want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. In 2025, we will be selling Mah Jongg cards again and we will also be hosting another game day. Come join the fun and meet new friends! For information on Hadassah and attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom by phone (860) 377-7126 or email at ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

General Meeting

At the next General Meeting there will be the installation of the 2025 Board. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 10:30 am at the EVJCC followed by Out To Lunch.

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 Boy with the Star Tattoo* by Talia Carner, on Wednesday, December 11 at 1:30 pm; (2) *The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 pm; and (3) *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann on Wednesday, February 12 at 1:30 pm.

Food Drive

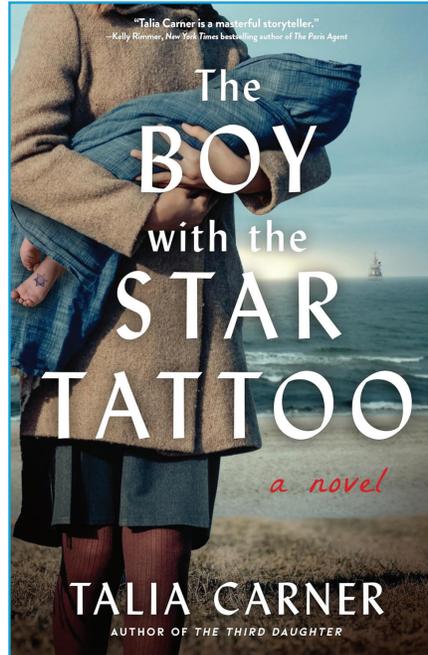
The third Wednesday between 11 am and 1 pm we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley.

Out to Lunch

Our last Out to Lunch for 2024 will be held [Wednesday, December 18 at 1 pm](#). Restaurant to be determined. For more information, please contact Gail Scheck at gscheck85206@yahoo.com.

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. However, if you just need an occasional card(s), let us know and we will mail it for you and pay the postage. Such a deal! We also have several different certificates ranging in price from \$5, \$18 to \$100. These are ready to view at all in-person events. Contact Susan Fox at (520) 705-3226 to order or to ask questions.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to May, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Arthur Uram, (702) 884-4175, uramarthur@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Over Veterans' Day weekend, November 9-10, 55 volunteers collected a total of \$15,600 in donations for hospitalized, at-risk and homeless veteran. Jewish War Veterans Post 619 was assisted by volunteers from the Ahwatukee American Legion and their Auxiliary, as well the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Fry's Markets generously allow the Jewish War Veterans Post 619 to use seven of its stores on Veterans' Day for its Poppy Campaign to raise money for veterans. The money is distributed by the Post throughout the year to nonprofit veteran organizations and select Phoenix Veterans' Administration programs. We are humbled by the continued generosity of the East Valley.

▷ Fry's Riggs & McQueen; L to R: Anne Teplitsky, David Wasserman, Diane and Greg Posniack



Jewish War Veterans Post 619 set up 30 bikes, helmets and locks as part of HUD/VASH (Housing and Urban Development/VA Supportive Housing Program) VetsGiving event on November 19. The \$5,000 JWV gift for newly-housed vets who are part of the program now gives these heroes transportation to be able to now get to work.

◁ L to R: Gabe Forsberg, Nancy Stutman, Elliott Reiss, Commander Dan Tilsner, Bob Howard, Bob Brooks, and Jules Wyatt.

Nineteen volunteers recently attended the annual Jewish War Veterans Post 619 BBQ for MANA (Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force) House Catholic Charities, a peer run organization for up to 76 veterans experiencing homelessness and helps stabilize and find permanent housing. Visiting with the vets is the most important part of this outing, letting them know their service is valued. Along with JWV Post 619 Members and Patrons, pictured are volunteers from Veterans Affinity, American Legion Ahwatukee Post 64, VA Volunteer Services and the DAR.

▷ L to R: Riche Volpe, Joey Caravello, Gloria Howard, Rachel Masch-Perez, Bob Howard, Dan Tilsner, Robert Kaplan, Anne Teplitsky, Joel Goldman, Arthur Uram, Elliott Reiss, Penny Craft, Becky Donatelli, Donna Wisyanski, Gabe Forsberg, and Jean Millberger.



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Non-Member Memorial Plaques Order Form

A loved one has passed away who was not a member of SLJC, and you desire to create a permanent remembrance of this person. Can this be done? This is a question that is often asked, and the answer is definitely “Yes.” We understand the importance of paying tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us. A permanent non-member plaque can be purchased for \$36, and there are three options for the wording of the plaque.

Simply complete the form below and mail it along with a check payable to SLJC for \$36 per plaque to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248. Any questions, call (480) 584-5909.

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Community Hanukkah Fun Day

Sunday, Dec. 15 | 2-5 p.m.
Live music, activities & crafts. Free.
Kosher food available for purchase
evjcc.org/jcommunity

The Art of Hanukkah

Presented by Jewish Art Education (virtual)
evjcc.org/artists

Tuesdays at the J

10-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 3: 'The Adventures of the Rabbi Who Became a Flight Attendant': Rabbi David Pinkwasser

Dec. 10: 'What's Happening in Chandler': Tadd Wille, City of Chandler assistant city manager

Dec. 17: Hanukkah talk: Rabbi Levi Minsky of Chabad of Ahwatukee

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