



The Shpiel

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INSTALLATION OF
SLJC'S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 18, 2026

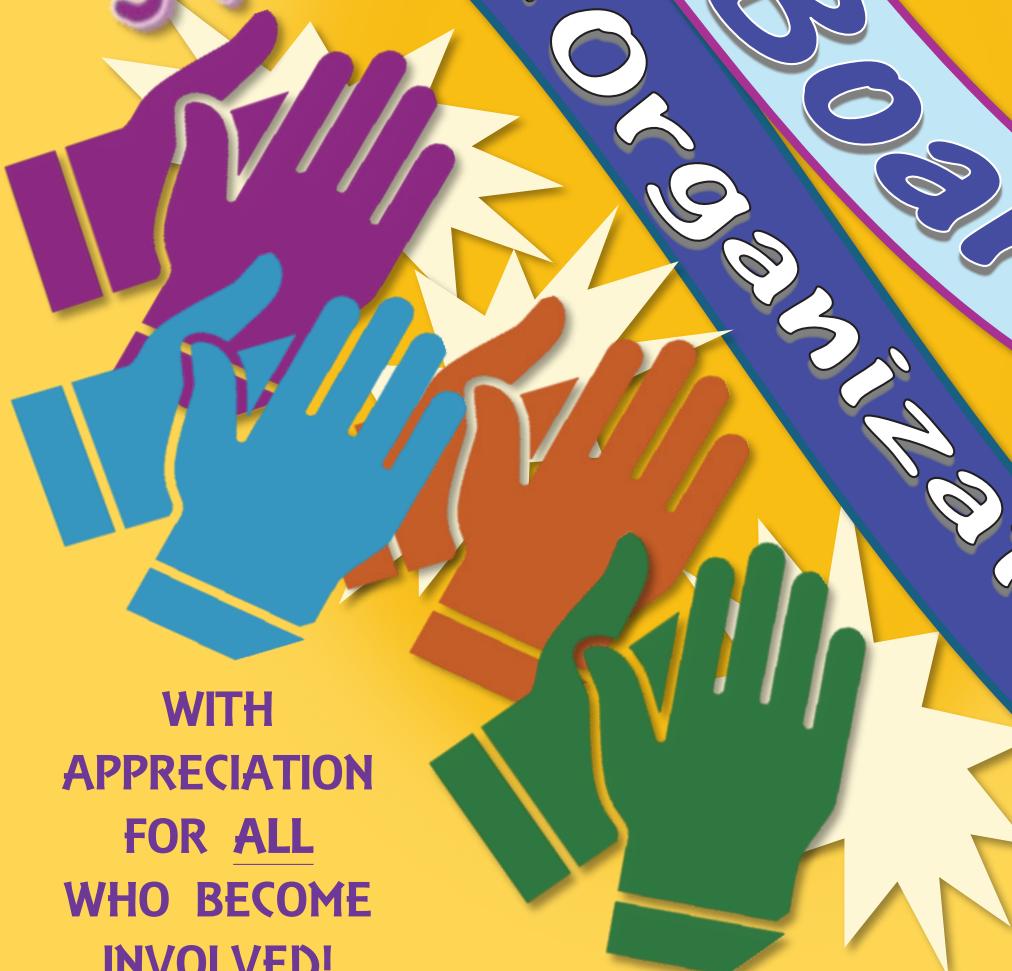
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& Organizations!

WITH
APPRECIATION
FOR ALL
WHO BECOME
INVOLVED!

SLJC



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

SLJC JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 12:30 pm: LAFF Rehearsal	5 6 pm: Restaurant Dine Out Temple Fundraiser (<i>Black Bear Diner</i>)	6 2:45 pm: SLJC Choir Practice	7	8 4 pm: SLJC Board Meeting	9	10 10 am: Devorah Hadassah Board Meeting (<i>Private Home</i>)
11 12:30 pm: LAFF Rehearsal	12	13 9:30 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting 2:45 pm: SLJC Choir Practice	14 1 pm: Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies (<i>Zoom</i>)	15 1 pm: Sisterhood Meeting	16 7-9 pm: SLJC Erev Shabbat Service; celebrating ordination of Ronda Polesky	17
18 9:30 am: JWW Meeting (<i>Oakwood Country Club</i>) 12:30 pm: LAFF Rehearsal	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	20 2:45 pm: SLJC Choir Practice	21	22	23	24
25 12:30 pm: LAFF Rehearsal	26	27	28 2:45 pm: Devorah Hadassah General Meeting (<i>EVJCC</i>)	29	30	31

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- President, Shelly Henden (480) 612-4413
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- Music Director, Lana Oyer (602) 524-5936
- Graphics, Carol Horowitz (760) 271-2758

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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



This Year, May There Be Goodness In Life

A group of citizens in a small town was busily engaged in digging a foundation for a new House of Worship when a disturbing thought occurred to one of the laborers. "What are we going to do with all the earth we are digging up? We certainly can't leave it here."

There was much discussion – suggestions were flying here and there.

Suddenly one of the men smiled and held up his hand and said, "We will make a deep pit and shovel all the dirt into it." Everyone applauded except one man who asked, "What will we do with the earth from the pit?"

Silence – and more thinking. And then finally another man raised his hand and said, "We'll dig another pit and into that pit we will shovel all the earth we're digging now together with all the earth from the first pit with one addition – we will make the second pit much larger to accommodate all the earth from the House of Worship and the first pit."

Sometimes life is like that – we go from crisis to crisis, never thinking about the goodness in our lives. We just dig pit after pit, an endless cycle of despair.

And then there is the story of the man carrying a heavy load of wood and the load just keeps getting heavier and heavier until finally, in desperation, he puts the load down and cries out for the angel of death to come and take him so that he would no longer have to carry this heavy load. The angel of death hears the lament and appears and asks what the man wants from him. To which the man replies, "Could you please put the load back on my shoulders?"

Sometimes it appears that the trials of life are too much for us. We think about how simple it would be if it was all over. But then we remember that life has more than burdens; life has good things like births and anniversaries and celebrations of one kind or another. When we weigh the good and the bad, we realize that the good outweighs the bad and life is just great.

What we say – what we do – can result in happiness or sadness. We control how our lives are lived in great measure.

Sometimes life is so simple, and we make it so difficult. Sometimes we create issues and incidents that tend to make life a chore. We can, if we will, make these the best years of our lives. We can all come in from the cold because life is too short to be so unhappy, and these years – the ones that lie ahead of us – can be rewarding and fulfilling if we try to make things easy for ourselves.

Here we are entering a New Year. Perhaps we should reflect on the goodness in each other. We should awake each day and look around. Life can be as simple as we like with just a little effort and gratitude.

As we enter the Chapel on Friday, January 16 let us join in and show our gratitude to the men and women who determined that the future of our lives and those of the community around us can be achieved through a willingness to serve. As they are installed, let's congratulate them and encourage them for the sacrifices made on our behalf. We all benefit from their hard work.





△ Some of the children who helped with our Hanukkah candle lighting service.

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW “Doc”

By Murray Siegel

A main character on the medical drama “Doc” is Dr. Jake Heller, who is Jewish, yet is portrayed by Jon-Michael Ecker, who is not Jewish. Jake wears a chai to let everyone know that he is Jewish. Last spring, during Passover, Jake brought a container of charoset to eat at night. The focus of the November 25 episode, entitled “Kaddish,” was the funeral for Jake’s father, who had proclaimed he might be the only Jewish father who was not proud that his son was a physician. He hoped that Jake would be a professional athlete. During the funeral, all in attendance said the Mourner’s Kaddish, including hospital staff who are not Jewish. At the gathering after the funeral, it was suggested to non-Jewish visitors that they should bring food rather than flowers.

Of course, there is a love interest to confuse Jake’s world. The main character, Dr. Amy Larsen, had an automobile accident that caused her to lose her memories for the last eight years. Before the accident, Amy was Jake’s supervisor and they were engaged



Jon-Michael Ecker (right) plays the role of Dr. Jake Heller on the television series "Doc"

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in a torrid love affair. After the accident, she did not remember the affair. Now he is her supervisor and the affair seem to be heating up tenuously. There have been numerous Jewish physicians on television dramas, yet Jake seems the most human, a caring, competent doctor, who is proud to be Jewish, with a challenging personal life.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Happy New Year

Happy New Year. Let us pray for peace around the world and hope for a bright future ahead.

Some very exciting news to relate to you. After many hours, days and

months, our wonderful Cantor, Ronda Polesky is being ordained as a hazan on the second Friday of January, so we will be moving the January monthly service to the third Friday, January 16, when we will celebrate Ronda and install the incoming Board Members. Thank you to the Men's Club which is sponsoring the oneg this month where we will continue to celebrate Ronda.

And guess what?! I am finally going to have a Vice President, Barbara Ganz. I am so thrilled that she is on board to share some of my responsibilities.

Don't forget our dining out fundraiser on Monday, January 5 at the Black Bear from 6-9 pm. So go have dinner and help fundraising for the congregation. (See page 12 for details.) Also, thank you to all of you that support our funds that helps keep our congregation going.

A call out to anyone that might be interested in being a Gabbi at our monthly services. We can explain to you and show you what the responsibilities are. Believe me, it's not hard to learn and it's a beautiful way to be a part of our services.

And a final reminder: it's not too late to make your Arizona state tax donation to the JCC. See the information in the article in this issue of the Shpiel

As always, I am here for you. Be safe, and from our family to yours a happy and healthy New Year. 

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

DIVERSITY OF THE ISRAELI POPULATION: FROM DIVISION TO UNITY: WHAT'S NEXT?

Save the Date: February 8, 1 pm, Location TBA



Join us to hear a talk from Rabbi Michael Beyo, EVJCC CEO. Rabbi Beyo is a published author, speaker, educator, social entrepreneur, and community leader. He is driven by a passion for the Jewish people. Look for more information coming soon.

Questions? Email israelsunlakes@gmail.com or call Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

18 Harvey & Marcia Weiner

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

3 Sheldon Raizes	11 Sydney Kerr	18 Jackie Oliver	28 Ilana Goldschmidt
6 Edd Shalett	13 Carolyn Cesario	19 Dr. Keith Miller	31 Souzan Blumberg
7 Robert Kaplan	13 Sherry Green	19 Laurence Blumberg	31 Carol Biales
9 David Levinson	14 Elaine Meltzer	19 Barbara Silverman	
9 Marjorie Levinson	15 Gloria Howard	22 Larry Shapiro	
9 Joanne Schlosser	17 Susan Tamber	24 Gary Kanowsky	

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

***Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.**

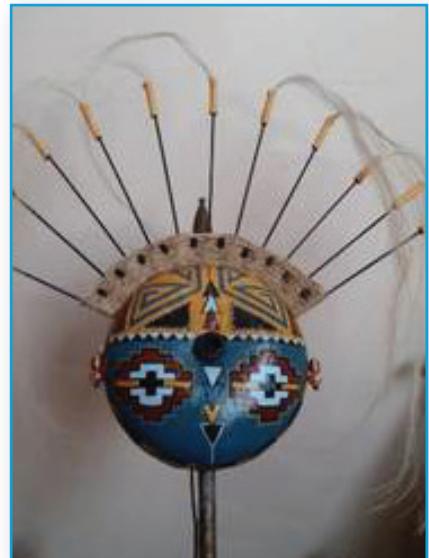
Wayne Abrams	Joseph Gettes	Max Mohr	Sophie Silverman
Mickey Asbell	Saul Ginsberg	Rose Mohr	Nancy Skolnik
Joseph Axelrad	David Goldberg	Phyllis Moss	Anna Solko
Jerome Berg	Melvin E. Goldman	Israel Nelson	Harold Strauss
Julian Bornheim	Bernard Goldner	L.V. Owens	Bill Stutman
James Bright	Milton Goldrich	Janina Pace	Ida Tauber
Philip Brodsky	Rose Hess	Nathan Plafker	William Warshauer
Arthur Bush	Marsha Horowitz	Marc Ross	Jane Wasserman
Meyer Bush	Jason Howe	Rose Ross	Rhea Weiner
David Caplan	David Kaplan	Leon Rossini	Yetta Weintraub
Hank Cohen	Milly Khan	Joseph Roth	Jacob Wiener
Merle Cooper Ross	Rose Kimmelman	Peter Roth	Rose Winikoff
Edith Cooperman	Harry Lebovitz	Norman Schwartz	Barbara Wolin
Koren Noguchi Dante	Bertha Lubisch	Tom Sciacca	Jules Vitoff
Allan Elias	George Mann	Martha Shagrin	Henry Zacharias
Blanche Fabert	Julius Miller	Manuel Sharf	

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, January 15, 1 pm, Chapel Center

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15 at 1 pm in the Chapel House. Our speaker will be Kathi Agins, a former educator turned gourd artist. She will discuss how gourds evolved into beautiful works of art from culturally rich primitive cultures. She will bring samples of her work. Kathi also specializes in creating masks in the style of Southwest Native American art and in the cubist Picasso style. Many items will be available for purchase by check or cash.

On Monday, February 23, we will gather for our Games Galore Day. This annual charity event will take place at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes at 10 am. Bring your friends or come alone to meet new ones to play your favorite games: Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge, Scrabble, Mexican Train, or any other game. We will have a delicious buffet lunch with a new menu, our signature gift baskets, cash raffle, Dine-Around gift cards, and our Bake Sale. All proceeds go to local charities. For reservations or questions, please email Doris at rondor55@gmail.com or fill out the registration flyer on page 8 in this issue of the Shpiel.



SLJC Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

Note: WE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE,
FOR SISTERHOOD USE ONLY.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone Number (indicate cell or home)

Birthday (month/day only)

Anniversary (month, day and year*)

**Your anniversary year is being requested in order for the SLJC Sisterhood to acknowledge milestone anniversaries*

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.



GAMES GALORE

Formerly known as Card Party

Monday, February 23, 2026 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 with a new menu.

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

For reservations or questions email Doris: rondor55@gmail.com .

Please make your check for \$40.00 per player payable to: SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Doris Codkind, 100 W Queen Creek Rd., Apt. 215, Chandler AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of 5.

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.

Single registration. Please add me to a group. Preferred game _____.

SLJC SISTERHOOD RAFFLE



\$10 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE

FIRST PRIZE = \$200

SECOND PRIZE = \$100

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE GAMES GALORE EVENT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026. THE WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. YOU MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE ENTRIES AT \$10 PER ENTRY.

Please make check (\$10 per entry) payable to **SLJC SISTERHOOD**. Mail to:

Diane Silverman, 9437 E Rocky Lake Drive, Sun Lakes AZ 85248

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

**WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SLJC SISTERHOOD
AND THE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROCEEDS.**



MAH JONGG CARDS

It is time to order your Mah Jongg cards for 2026. Please print clearly when you fill out the form. You may use one form for up to 5 players. Use additional forms if necessary. The form (see below) and the checks are to be mailed to Rita Tanen by January 9, 2026. For more information: ritatanen@gmail.com

2026 MAH JONGG CARDS

Please fill in the information below for **one lead person** per group. Then clearly print the names, addresses, size and quantity of the card(s) ordered.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

Indicate: SIZE: (S) STANDARD PRINT \$14.00 (L) LARGE PRINT \$15.00

SIZE QUANTITY NAME and ADDRESS

—	—	_____
—	—	_____
—	—	_____
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—	—	_____
—	—	_____
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Make checks payable to: SLJC Sisterhood and send all the checks with this form to Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 9, 2026. Form and checks must be received by this date.





Sisterhood Charity Event Pre-Order Sale Form

Additional Variety of Baked Goods Available at Charity Event

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Please circle item

indicate when you would like the item delivered _____

Baked by Marilyn Behr

	Number of items	Cost \$
• Chocolate Chip Kahlua Bundt Cake	\$18.00	_____
• Cinnamon Streusel Bundt Cake	\$18.00	_____

Baked by Janey Burnce

• Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake	\$18.00	_____	_____
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Cookies: Baked by Marilyn Behr \$18.00

• Box of White Chocolate & Cranberry Cookies	_____	_____
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Baked by Marilyn Behr

• Candied Pecans 1 LB box: \$18.00	_____	_____
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Baked by Wende Levy

• Challah:			
❖ One Large	\$18.00	_____	_____
❖ One Medium mini	\$15.00	_____	_____

Baked by Anita Kolikoff

• Blueberry Bundt Cake	\$18.00	_____	_____
• Mandel Bread with fruit	\$18.00	_____	_____

Baked by Susan Plambeck

• Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake	\$18.00	_____	_____
Lemon Poppy Bundt Cake	\$18.00	_____	_____

Total CHECK _____

Return with check payable to SLJC Sisterhood. Send the filled-out form and your check to Barbara Reiss at 24807 S. Lakestar Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

SLJC RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Two Upcoming Dine Out Opportunities

We are hoping for a big turnout and for everyone to enjoy themselves at these two upcoming dine out opportunities that will help benefit our congregation. For more information, please be in touch with Shirley Shalett at (480) 329-9368, shalettshirley@gmail.com.

#1 - BLACK BEAR DINER: Come dine and raise money for our congregation on **Monday, January 5** from **6-9 pm** at Black Bear Diner. The restaurant is located at 2805 W. Alma School Road in Chandler. You do not need a flyer, but please say you are from Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation to your server.

#2 - BJ'S BREWHOUSE: A second opportunity to dine out (or pick up take out!) and raise money for our congregation will take place on **Wednesday, February 11**



from **11 am to 11 pm** at **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**. The restaurant is located at **7151 W. Ray Rd.** in Chandler. Please bring the flyer below with you to present to your server when you pay for your order.

RESTAURANT **BJ's** **BREWHOUSE**

**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!**

Date: **Feb 11, 2025** **Time:** **11:00AM to 11:00PM**

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

7151 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.

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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Tuesday, January 13, 11:30 am, Chompie's Deli, Chandler



The SLJC Men's Club is meeting for lunch on Tuesday, January 13 at 11:30 am at Chompies Deli located at 3151 W Frye Rd. across from the Chandler Fashion Mall. RSVP to Edd at (480) 329-9364 or Marty at (908) 216-8911 so they can make reservations. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

We're also looking for new members with ideas for speakers, field trips to places we can visit together, or other fun event ideas.

Save The Dates!

For LAFF's Original HYSTERICALLY FUNNY MUSICAL COMEDY!

"The Key to a Good Night's Sleep!"

LAFF's Original Musical Comedy!

★ Saturday, March 14th, 7:00pm
★ Sunday, March 15th, 2:00pm
★ Sunday, March 22nd, 2:00pm

An SLJC FUNDRAISER, *presented by*
LAFF. Laughter and Friendship Forever

Opportunities still exist to join in the fun by helping with costumes, stage sets, and as stage crew or tech crew!

Contact Carol Horowitz – 760-271-2758 if you'd like to LAFF with us!

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.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Shelly Schwartz
In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Barbara Ganz
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Marjorie & David Levinson
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Shelly & Arnie Henden
In honor of Greg & Diane Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Tom & Nancy Mohr
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Stephen & Susan Kubrin
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Stephen & Susan Kubrin
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Jeff & Janey Burnce
In memory of Sheldon Kruger
by SLJC Men's Club
In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Sheryl Rockwell
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Doris & Ron Codkind
In honor of Chuck & Judy Wolin's 65th anniversary
by Sandy & Marty Golomb
In honor of Gregory & Diane Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Sandy & Marty Golomb
In honor of Rabbi Irwin Wiener
by Sheldon Wilshinsky & Family
In honor of Cantor Rhonda Polesky
by Sheldon Wilshinsky & Family
In honor of President Shelly Henden
by Sheldon Wilshinsky & Family
In honor of Lana Oyer and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Choir
by Sheldon Wilshinsky & Family
Miscellaneous donation by Harriet Feldman

In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Michael & Evelynn Freed
In honor of Greg & Diane Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Glenn & Shanti Posniack
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Geri & Jim Gould
In honor of Rabbi Wiener by Geri & Jim Gould

CHAPEL FUND

In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Barbara & Elliott Reiss
In honor of Diane & Gregory Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Barbara & Elliott Reiss
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Susan & Michael Cohen
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Doris & Ron Codkind
In honor of Diane & Gregory Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Judy Latman

MUSIC FUND

In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Shelly & Arnie Henden
In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Charles & Hazel Tobias
For my niece Diane Diane Posniack's good health
by Regina Vogelman
In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Regina Vogelman

ONEG FUND

In honor of Diane & Gregory Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Gail Dante

SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sy & Edie Evans
by the SLJC Men's Club
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Marcia & Harvey Weiner

In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Judy & Irwin Plafker
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Diane Silverman
In honor of Diane & Greg Posniack's 60th anniversary
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Harvey Schwartz
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Carol Weiner
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Marilyn Fein by Shirley & Edd Shalett

YAHRZEIT FUND

In memory of Mark Nelinson
by Diana Nelinson
In memory of Harry Temkin
by Gloria & Bob Howard
In memory of Sam Asbell
by Zale & Judy Asbell
In memory of Mickey Asbell
by Zale & Judy Asbell
In memory of Rhea Weiner by Harvey & Marcia Weiner
In memory of Saul Ginsberg by Rita Ginsberg
In memory of Julian Bornheim
by Sheryl Rockwell
In memory of Rose Ross by (Sheilah) Lee Ross
In memory of Marc Ross by (Sheilah) Lee Ross
In memory of David Caplan by Tzvi & Gina Caplan
In memory of Barbara Wolin
by Chuck & Judy Wolin
In memory of Rose Kimmelman
by JoAnn Rubinstein
In memory of Marsha Horowitz
by Steve Horowitz
In memory of Israel Nelson by Gail Dante
In memory of Milton Goldrich
by Marilyn Raizes
In memory of Nancy Skolnick
by Paula Lewis
In memory of Jason Howe by Diane Zelinger

In memory of Peter Roth by Faith Roth
In memory of Hank Cohen by Betsey Silverman
In memory of Joseph Roth by Wendy Podkasik
In memory of Harry Lebovitz
by Sandy Golomb
In memory of Bernard Goldner
by Susan & Richard Tauber
In memory of Ida Tauber by Susan & Richard Tauber
In memory of Phyllis Moss by Mel Moss
In memory of George Mann by Ruth Friedman
In memory of Alexander Katcher
by Marcia Weiner
In memory of Nathan Plafker
by Irwin & Judy Plafker
In memory of Karen Noguchi Dante
by Gail Dante
In memory of Bill Stutman by Nancy Stutman
In memory of Joseph Gettes
by Barbara & Bruce Nussbaum
In memory of Joseph Axelrad
by Esther Spear
In memory of Bertha Lubisch
by Sandor Lubisch
In memory of Dr. Melvin E. Goldman
by Susan Tamber
In memory of Yetta Weintraub
by Margie White
In memory of Jacob Wiener by Rabbi Wiener
In memory of Rose Hess by Rabbi Wiener
In memory of Blanch Fabert by Owen Fabert
In memory of Julius Miller by Arthur "Barry" Miller
In memory of Edith Cooperman
by Nessa & Barry Memberg
In memory of Philip Brodsky
by Lori Mangel
In memory of Morris Stone by Robert Stone

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC sends our condolences to Shelley Schwartz and family on the passing of longtime congregant Harvey Schwartz on November 26. Cards may be sent to Shelley at:

9508 E. Riggs Rd., #B202
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

SLJC sends good wishes for a speedy recovery to Janey Burnce, following her shoulder surgery.

SLJC extends condolences to congregant Robert Kaplan on the death of his brother-in-law, Harvey Derman, on November 30.

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.

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 \$495 and joint income filers can donate as much as \$987 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

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO VETERANS

Sunday, January 18, 9:30 am, Ballroom A, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Financial assistance is based on needs that arise from financial hardships faced when a veteran's immediate family is experiencing a dramatic life change including job loss, medical emergency, facing multiple deployments, a member killed in action, or suffering from injuries received in the line of duty.

For the past 17 years, Helping Hands for Freedom's mission is to provide EMERGENCY financial assistance to keep the family in their home. This includes the veteran, spouse, or Gold Star family member asking for assistance with rent/mortgage, insurance, vehicle, and utility payments.

Gold Star families are those surviving family members of a fallen soldier, along with veterans who suffer from PTSD. Emergency financial assistance is offered to military families with at least one child 18 or under currently living at home. "In the past 10 years, we have raised just over \$4,000,000 to provide the help these families need," states Eric Snelz. More than 200 requests for help are received monthly.

Life Enrichment experiences for children, parents and spouses includes lunches for Gold Star spouses and mothers, and attendance at sports events, amusement parks, wildlife parks and other entertainment options.

Eric Snelz joined the HHFF board in 2012 and became CEO/Executive Director in 2017. His interest in Helping Hands for Freedom was fueled by his son's experience as a United States Marine who served two tours in Afghanistan in 2010 and 2011. His son returned with a traumatic brain injury and PTSD, which exposed Eric to the difficulties and challenges experienced by returning veterans and their families. His service as a board member connected him with Gold Star families who had suffered the loss of a loved one because of combat or post service suicide.

Eric, with decades of experience in marketing and sales, has worked in corporate America with a Fortune 500 company as well as recent entrepreneurial ventures. As the CEO of HHFF, he brings his expertise in marketing and the digital arena to increase awareness of the families



△ Eric Snelz, CEO Helping Hands for Freedom and Jewish War Veterans Post 619, invites the community to learn how veterans in need can receive emergency funds to help with household payments. Anyone interested in learning about how to help veterans is welcome to all JVV meetings. Membership is not required.

of the fallen, wounded, and deployed. In 2015, Helping Hands for Freedom received the Lincoln Award at the Southwest Veterans' Chamber of Commerce's Patriots' Ball in Tempe, Arizona. This award is presented to a veterans' advocacy organization making outstanding contributions and supporting military families.

Eric is the recipient of the Mark Ashby Civilian Service Award for service to the military and veteran community. He has also received an award from MOPH (Military Order of the Purple Heart for Exemplary Service to Veterans) In 2015.

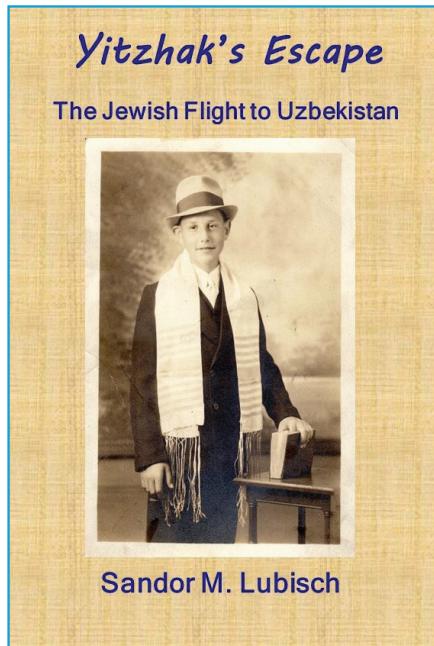
JVV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to June, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. To learn more about JVV activities and membership, contact Arthur Uram, (702)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

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, has a Chapter in the East Valley called Devorah Hadassah. We organize events, programs, and fundraising activities to support Hadassah Medical Center in Israel and other Hadassah initiatives. Learn more at desertmountain@hadassah.org or contact Marcia Garnice via email at garnicemarcia@gmail.com.

January Speaker

Our speaker for our meeting on Wednesday, January 28 is local author Sandor Lubisch who will be talking about his book, *Yitzhak's Escape: The Jewish Flight to Uzbekistan*. After the meeting, we will go Out to Lunch. Please contact Barbara Ganz for lunch location.



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 on Zoom on Wednesday, January 14 is *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn.

Out to Lunch

Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together! Upcoming meeting date is Wednesday, February 25 at 1 pm.

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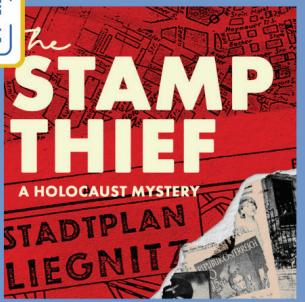
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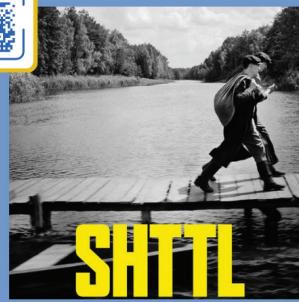
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