



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

# The Shpiel

MARCH 2025 ADAR - NISSAN 5785

A Whirlwind Of Fun In MARCH!

PURIM

THE FAMILY TREES

A Musical Comedy

*Carol Horowitz*

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

# SLJC MARCH 2025

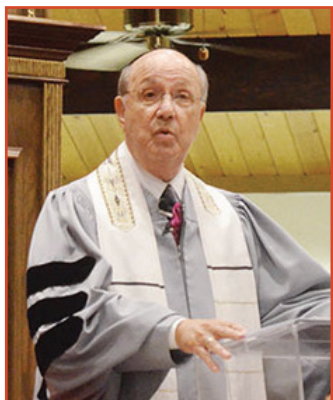
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## Haman Is Alive and Well!

Yes, Haman is alive and well and still in Persia (Iran). His sons are also doing well (the Mulahs). And the destruction of the Jews is still at the top of the list. Here it is Purim, and we are faced with the same tragic events that gave us the celebration of

this holiday. History is repeating itself even after 2500 years. It is like being brought back in time. The place is the same, the players the same, the intention the same. Will the results be the same? Where is Esther when you need her? Where is Mordecai?

Again, and again the platform of the United Nations, the place designated to bring order out of chaos, is desecrated. Civilization seems to have been put to sleep. Men and women dressed in suits and ties and skirts and dresses stand to applaud death and destruction.

I am reminded of Psalm eighty-three: "O God, keep not your silence; Hold not your peace, and be not still, O God. For lo, your enemies are in an uproar; and they that hate you have lifted up their head. They hold crafty converse against your people and take counsel against your treasured ones. They have said: 'Come and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.'" On and on the Psalmist decries the torturous torment of the Jewish people.

We seem to be helpless drifters in a world of hate and indifference. Our path is strewn with mistrust and anger. Our homes feel like prisons because we fear to move in circles where we once felt secure. We are expected to negotiate with barbarians and compromise and relent. The world sits on the edge of its seat waiting for signs and wonders from people with no such designs.

Israel teeters on the brink of annihilation expecting a miracle to deliver it from the sword of Haman. Hundreds of thousands were displaced when indiscriminate rockets were sent into its cities. Thousands died either on the battlefield or in their back yards, which are also battlefields because civilian life is no concern of murderers. We send leaflets to warn people of impending disaster and it is greeted with killing fields of children and women and the aged.

The whole world is embarked on a perilous journey. Do we stand and fight or run and hide? Do we allow ourselves to be intimidated by threats and sacrifice our hard-won freedoms by giving in to acts of cowardice that cause us to change our understanding of life? There is no place to hide, no place secure, no place unreachable by those who would destroy the very fabric of human endeavors.

When will we learn that only by the strength of our convictions can we ever hope to maintain the dignity we fought so hard to secure? Must we always repeat the mistakes of the past to ensure the future? The world is so small. We are all connected in some way to each other. Oceans don't separate us. Languages don't inhibit us. Cultures are thrown together and must learn to live in the framework of togetherness.

I am also reminded of an essay written by Pastor Neimoller during World War Two: "First, they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me."

What does it take to make us realize that an act against one is an act against all?

And what of God's silence? Isaiah answered that question most eloquently: "For as the Heavens are higher than the Earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts." We can sit and judge but what are we judging? The answer to God's silence is in our silence and inaction. God is not silent – we are deaf. Faith does not require an understanding but rather our participation in what was ordained from the beginning: To live together, to work together, to be strong together, to act together. Maybe then we can eliminate the evil that confronts us.

And perhaps as Psalm eighty-three ends, we too will understand: "That they may know that it is You alone whose name is the Lord, the Most High over all the earth."

Haman may be alive and well, but his fate is written in sacred texts. 🕯️



# PASSOVER SEDER

## SLJC 2025 PASSOVER SEDER

Sunday, April 13, 5-8 pm, Trilogy Community Ballroom

As we look forward to a 2025 shared with friends and family, it is not too soon to think about our upcoming 3rd annual combined seder with the Trilogy Chavurah on Sunday, April 13 from 5-8 pm in the Trilogy Community Ballroom. **Costs: Members \$48/ Non-Members \$60**

You will have a choice of appetizer (chopped liver or gefilte fish). The main entrée will be brisket or chicken. (You may choose a combination of both entrees if you prefer). We hope you will join us for great food, friendship, and the continued coming together of our two communities as we honor the traditions of our ancestors. We encourage you to invite friends from your community as a way to create a greater understanding of our traditions. You may also bring your own wine and beverages if you prefer. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 1.

Tables accommodate up to 8. This year we are again planning to mingle each group, four people from Trilogy and four from SLJC. If you have a specific seating request, please make it at the time of your reservation. We will do all possible to honor your requests. We will accommodate families sitting together. Questions? Please contact Helene Zimmerman at (909) 229-6572 or hzman24@gmail.com.

### Passover Seder Menu

Catered by *Scott's Generations, NY-style deli restaurant*

- Gefilte Fish or Chopped Liver
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Matzoh Ball Soup
- Roasted Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Choice of Brisket or Chicken (can have both if desired)
- Matzoh
- Charoset
- Dessert
- Passover Wine

### Passover Seder 2025 Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating request: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle choice of appetizer: gefilte fish **or** chopped liver

Please circle choice of entrée: brisket | chicken | both

Please indicate choices of others in your party:

Please make checks payable to "SLJC and mail them to:  
Helene Zimmerman, 4119 E. Appleby Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85298

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



## Congratulations Are In Order

Congrats to the Sisterhood for another successful fundraiser now known as “Games Galore.”

Speaking of fundraisers, many thanks to Shirley

Shalett for organizing the “Out to Dinner” at BJ’s last month and more than 80 folks that joined us.

Let’s not forget about the Hale Theatre production “Anything Goes” on March 22 at 3 pm. To make reservations, call either Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.

Also, with tax season upon us, don’t forget how you can help the congregation as well as the JCC with the tax credit available to us. See the information in this issue.

And, last but not least, “The Family Tree” production will be presented the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April. Come join us and LAFF along with us and our Interfaith friends who again are participating. I can assure you that you will have a good time laughing at our singing and dancing.

Our service this month we will be honoring our wonderful choir. They (as always) have something new to sing for us.

April, we are again having our 3rd combined Passover Seder with the Havurah from Trilogy. See the flyer in this issue for more information as well as check email blasts for this event and anything that you need to be reminded about.

As always, I am only a phone call away.

Stay well and be safe if you are traveling. 🧑🏻‍🦲

## ADULT EDUCATION 2025

CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN  
OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH  
STUDY AND LEARNING

**March 15, 10:15 AM, Chapel Center**  
**The Lessons of Purim for Today: Survival, Pride  
in Our Identity, Strength in Time of Crisis**

Purim is a joyous holiday that marks the Jewish people's triumph over adversity. The holiday inspires us to have courage in the face of adversity. We will delve into the Megillah Esther like never before! Enjoy a mini-Kiddush and socializing too.



We will also have a book exchange. Bring a book (fiction or nonfiction) and go home with a different book.

The Adult Education Committee looks forward to welcoming you on March 15.





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

What's the most *humorous* thing you ever heard or seen? We guarantee that "THE FAMILY TREE" Musical Comedy will be even FUNNIER, far surpassing your wildest expectations! You'll LAFF until you cry, so bring tissues and/or "Depends," whichever works best for you (or bring both)!

If you've ever researched your own family tree, you might think you can anticipate what this zany, fun musical comedy is about! Well, think again! Never ever could you imagine the twists and turns this convoluted plot takes and the SURPRISING and life-altering consequences resulting from ancestry research! Talk about surprises! You'll never guess what happens. However, one hint is to expect the unexpected. **Be prepared to LAFF!**

A group of over 30 of Sun Lakes' most talented actors, singers, and dancers will perform the hilarious original musical comedy "The Family Tree" during the last weekend in March and the first weekend in April on stage at the Sun Lakes Country Club, presented by the new interfaith creative arts group, LAFF (Laughter and Friendship Forever).

Sponsored by the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, our interfaith cast, representing most of the religious organizations within Sun Lakes, has been laughing our way through rehearsals. Our goal is to delight our audiences by not only entertaining them with song and dance, but especially by knowing that they are LAFFing even louder and harder than the performers.

"The Family Tree" will definitely be the most unusual and hysterically funny musical comedy you'll ever see. It's truly an unparalleled and unique entertainment experience.

If you loved our production last year of "A Deli Line," you'll go crazy over this year's performances of "The Family Tree." There will be four performances:

- SATURDAY evening, MARCH 29 @7 pm
- SUNDAY afternoon, MARCH 30 @3 pm
- SATURDAY evening, APRIL 5 @7 pm; and
- SUNDAY afternoon, APRIL 6 @3 pm

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available either in-person through Sun Lakes Country Club or online at [ticketsource.us/slhoa1](https://ticketsource.us/slhoa1). Come LAFF with us! It's an experience you'll never forget or regret!

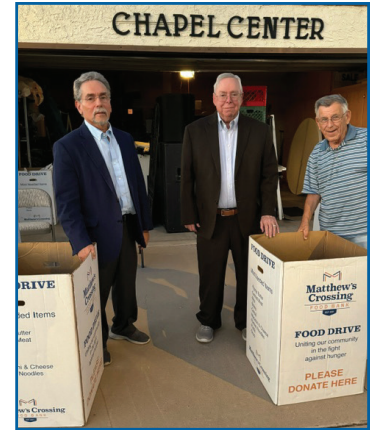
# "The Family Tree"

# SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Tuesday, March 11, 11:30 AM  
Famous Dave's, Chandler

The Men's Club is meeting for lunch on Tuesday, March 11 at 11:30 am at Famous Dave's on Frye Rd. just outside of the Chandler Mall.

There will be a food collection for Matthew's Crossing before the April 11 Shabbat service. Donations payable to Matthew's Crossing Food Bank are also welcome; they actually go further than our food donations! This is a last opportunity to rid your home of *chametz* just before Passover.



## 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



# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Monday, March 20, 1 pm, Chapel Center

The Sun Lakes Jewish Center Sisterhood will meet on Thursday, March 20 at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. Our guest speaker from the Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics and the ASU Master's program will present a program about your genes. Topics that will be covered include learning the pros and cons of over-the-counter DNA kits, learning about advances in gene therapy to help treat Tay-Sachs and other genetic disorders prevalent in Jews, and exploring the medical advances made possible since genetic testing has become more commonplace. Find out what CRISPR is. Hint: It's not for your salad!

Thank you to all the participants at Games Galore last month. Our annual fundraiser was a huge success. We also thank all those who donated gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, baked goods, and other prizes. The members of the Games Galore committee and the Sisterhood Board members did an outstanding job!



## 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

# LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

## BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024 – THE MICHAEL LEVIN MEMORIAL LONE SOLDIER CENTER



The East Valley JCC contributes to Shabbat and holiday observance and meals at the Center. We are proud of the role we play in this massive effort to support Lone Soldiers during wartime! Want to help? Call Michael at (480) 895-4660.

Here's what has been accomplished:

### Community

- Opened a new center in Tel Aviv, conveniently located near the train station and Azrieli Towers.
- Hosted over 1,500 soldiers at our events throughout the year.
- Served more than 30,000 warm meals during Shabbat and the holidays.

### Counseling & Support

- Welcomed 460 new soldiers, including Olim (new immigrants) and Israeli-born individuals.
- Managed 1,183 cases — a 30% increase compared to 2023.
- Facilitated extended psychological treatment for 40 soldiers.
- Provided over 80,000 shekels in financial assistance to active and veteran soldiers.
- Awarded 21 educational scholarships.
- Distributed 7,000 items of personal equipment, including warm clothing, hygiene kits, first aid kits, and backpacks.
- Issued 200 gift cards (valued at over 70,000 shekels) for Rosh Hashanah meals.

### Housing

- Provided six Lone Soldier Center houses that provide housing for 116 soldiers.
- Upgraded facilities with new furniture, air conditioners, and improved showers.
- Awarded over 60 scholarships to reserve soldiers to assist with living expenses

## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### MELISSA RAUCH *By Murray Siegel*

If you watched *The Big Bang Theory* or currently watch the revival of *Night Court*, then you know who Melissa Rauch is. What you might not know is that Melissa was raised in a Jewish family that left New York City and settled in Marlboro Township, New Jersey. She had an early interest in acting and comedy. The theme of her Bat Mitzvah was "Melissa's Comedy Club."

After graduating from Marymount Manhattan College in 2002, Melissa started getting roles on various television shows and performing in stage comedies. Her big break came when she was selected to have a guest role on *The Big Bang Theory*; her character, Bernadette Rostenkowski-Wolowitz, was a hit and she became a regular member of the cast.

Since 2023, she has starred on *Night Court* as Judge Abby Stone. Melissa is also the executive producer of the show. She is married to Winston Beigel, a writer, and they have a son and a daughter.



## FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

### BARBARA NUSSBAUM BECOMES CO-CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, SLJC COMMITTEES



Chair Michael Cohen announces that Barbara Nussbaum joins him as Co-Chair. Her vast experience and passion for Israel brings a special boost to the committee.

#### Israel and Fighting Antisemitism Needs Your Personal Advocacy

■ While many of us feel unable to impact on public policy and corporate decision making, we, in fact, are quite powerful when collectively expressing our opinions to public and private national leaders.

■ Various organization have made it quite simple to express our opinions to our congressional representatives and executive leaders. Typically, they provide a drafted letter for you to simply add your name and address and the letter automatically be sent to the appropriate person's email. While each email may not be read by the congressperson, their aides often respond and always tally the opinions for the congressperson's decision making.

#### These Action Centers Provide This Opportunity:

- Anti-Defamation League:  
[adl.org/take-action](http://adl.org/take-action)
- American Jewish Committee:  
[ajc.org/take-action](http://ajc.org/take-action)
- Union of Reform Judaism:  
[rac.org](http://rac.org)
- Hadassah National Action Center:  
[p2a.co/i3TpOIR](http://p2a.co/i3TpOIR)
- World Jewish Congress:  
[worldjewishcongress.org/en/take-action](http://worldjewishcongress.org/en/take-action)



# 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.

## MUSIC FUND

In honor of Cantor Ronda Poleski on the birth of grandson Asher Azkai  
*by Judy Elias*  
In memory of Samuel Dolins  
*by Leonard Dolins*

## SILVERMAN FUND

Get well wishes for Marilyn Behr  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
Get well wishes for Ronald Codkind  
*by Diane Zelinger*

## YAHREZEIT FUND

In memory of Irving Karp  
*by Sherry Karp*  
In memory of Yetta Weintraub  
*by Margie White*  
In memory of Woody Fabert  
*by Owen Fabert*  
In memory of Barnett Levenson  
*by Owen Fabert*  
In memory of Norma Klein  
*by Wendy Goldstein*  
In memory of Charles Clift  
*by Owen and Carol Fabert*  
In memory of Lynne Stone,  
*by Robert Stone*  
In memory of Dorothy Stone  
*by Robert Stone*

In memory of Morris Stone  
*by Robert Stone*  
In memory of L.V. Owens  
*by Darrell Owens*  
In memory of Benjamin Fischer  
*by Elaine Zolty*  
In memory of Seymour Zolty  
*by Elaine Zolty*  
In memory of Sol Tanenzapf  
*by Rita Tanen*  
In memory of Gittel Nelson  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Andrew Krauss  
*by Carolyn Cesario*  
In memory of Samuel Dolins  
*by Leonard Dolins*  
In memory of Marilyn Russell  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of John Elias  
*by Judy Elias*  
In memory of Ida Brodsky  
*by Lori Mangel*  
In memory of William Buchsbaum  
*by Charlotte Currens*  
In memory of Marjorie Buschsbaum  
*by Charlotte Currens*

In memory of Samuel Miller  
*by Eleanor Miller*  
In memory of Gail Moss  
*by Mel Moss*  
In memory of Cydney Wax  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
In memory of Eleanor Raffeld  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
In memory of Maishe Levitan  
*by Roberta Levitan*  
In memory of Gerhard Muenzer  
*by Ruth Muenzer*  
In memory of Sheldon Joel Kaplan  
*by Robert A. Kaplan*  
In memory of Isabel Levy  
*by Charles Gerson*  
In memory of Louis Cohen  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Louis Israelton  
*by Francine Miller*  
In memory of Lois Mundt  
*by Mel Moss*  
In memory of Lillian Rossini  
*by Victoria Gindick*  
In memory of Leon Rossini  
*by Victoria Gindick*  
In memory of Betty Ginsberg  
*by Barbara Silverman*

In memory of Mitchell Rabstein  
*by Rita Ginsberg*  
In memory of Ann Rabstein  
*by Rita Ginsberg*  
In memory of Hyman Ginsburg  
*by Joyce Spartanos*  
In memory of Marcia Bram  
*by Melvyn Bram*  
In memory of Anne Sommer Tamber  
*by Neil Tamber*  
In memory of Barbara Goldstein  
*by Alex Goldstein*  
In memory of Norman Goldstein  
*by Alex Goldstein*  
In memory of Sidney Klein  
*by Alex Goldstein*  
In memory of Sheldon Biales  
*by Carol Biales*  
In memory of Ida Goldberg  
*by Carol Biales*  
In memory of Sarah Weinberg  
*by Judy & Irwin Plafker*

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

In my 75th year, I remember, honor, and express my gratitude to my parents who gave me life. Thank you, Rabbi Wiener and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, for this opportunity to donate to our temple.

—Victoria Gindick

I want to thank SLJC for the calls, texts, flowers, food, contributions, and visitation as I recover from my recent total knee replacement. I'm so appreciative and thankful that I have so many people that care.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Behr

Note: The correct phone number for Ellen Fineberg is (480) 266-9627.

SLJC sends get well wishes to Sander Frindell and Ron Codkind, both of whom are in rehab centers.

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at [gerijim@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation**  
**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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**SLJC NON-MEMBER REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE**

Please complete a separate form for each plaque, indicating the desired choice of wording.

**Choice 1**

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Choice 2**

Always in Our Heart. \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Choice 3**

In Remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\$36 per plaque – Make check payable to SLJC

Mail check and form to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248.

Any questions, call (480) 584-5909.

# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

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

2 Michael & Helen Bernstein Abrams	10 Richard & Susan Tauber	24 Wendy Podkasik
4 Elliot & Barbara Reiss	19 Joyce & Robert Dickman	28 Laurence & Souzan Blumberg
6 Edd & Shirley Shalett	21 Stuart & Sarah Weiner	30 Marty & Sandy Golomb

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

1 Susan Tauber	8 Murray Siegel	17 Diane Mendelsohn	26 Marianne Mertzner
3 Eileen (Bunny) Elman	10 Laura Blumberg	19 Lee Ross	31 Sheldon Silverman
4 James Mertzner	10 Martin Winter	24 Barry Berger	31 Robert Stone
6 Michael Freed	13 Harvey Schwartz	24 Wendy Podkasik	
7 Art Sharf	16 Shirley Shalett	25 Jim Gould	

# MARCH YAHRZEITS

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

Morris Berenweig	Trouti Golomb	Samuel Lewis	Lillian Rossini
Sid Berger	Dan Gurian	Jennie Lewis	Bernard Salita
Sheldon Biales	Fran Hasenfus	Rachel Milgroom	Norma Schulman
Marcia Bram	Louis Israelton	Libby Mosberg	Daurcy Schwartz
Joseph Braytberg Bright	Sarah Jacobsohn	Gail Moss	Joseph Siegel
Louis Cohen	Sheldon J. Kaplan	Gerhard Muenzer	Louis Solko
Diana Cohen	Sheila Kaplan	Lois Mundt	Bernard Spiller
Samuel Dolins	Sidney Klein	Gittel Nelson	Sol Tanenzapf
Celia Eisenman	Henry Kolb	Bill Oyer	Anne S. Tamber
Arthur Frank	Andrew Kraus	Dr Leibe Pace	Cydney Wax
Jill Gertenfield	Gertrude Lapkin	Burt Quint	Sarah Weinberg
Hyman Ginsberg	Maishe Levitan	Eleanor Raffeld	
Ida Goldberg	Doris Levy	Mitchell Rabstein	
Norman Goldstein	Isabel Levy	Ann Rabstein	
Barbara Goldstein	Walter Levy	Abraham Rossen	

# 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



# DEVORAH HADASSAH

Come join the fun and meet new friends! For information on Hadassah and attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom at (860) 377-7126 or 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, contact Marcia Garnice at (602) 752-0379 or garnicemarcia@gmail.com.

## Out to Lunch

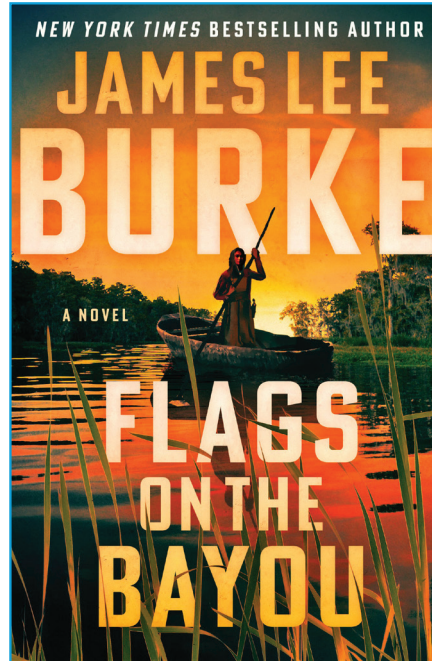
Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together! Upcoming dates are Wednesday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 23. To learn more, contact Gail Scheck at gscheck85206@yahoo.com.

## 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) *Flags on the Bayou*, by James Lee Burke on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 pm, and (2) *The First Ladies* by Victoria Christopher Murray on Wednesday, April 9 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.



## 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 ranging in price from \$5 to \$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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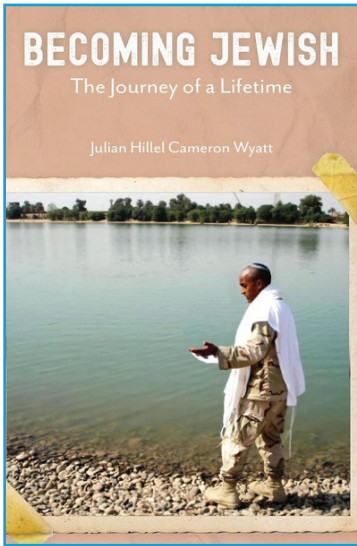
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# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

## JDR JULIAN WYATT, RETIRED COMBAT VETERAN, TO SPEAK AT JWV INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 16, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



Dr. Julian Wyatt, Retired Navy Lieutenant Commander and author of “Becoming Jewish,” will be the featured speaker at the Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 Installation Luncheon on Sunday, March 16. This event, chaired by Bety Dar, will take place in the new Oakwood Country Club Recreation Center, (formerly Poolside), 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes.

The 2025-2026 Board will be installed, and members will be honored. Doors open at 11:30 am with a seated hot lunch served beginning at 12, noon.

The featured speaker is newly elected Post 619 Commander Julian Wyatt, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. He served 30 years in the United States Navy from 1980 – 2010. His highest military award was the Bronze Star, from his combat tour in Iraq, 2007-2008.

“After formal education at a parochial school, I became a nomad and studied various faiths and traditions. I fell in love with the self-help teachings of Mussar (Jewish practice of moral conduct, instruction, or discipline) and the Kabbalah. That’s where everything began,” explains Julian.

Jules, as he prefers to be addressed, sought out a local synagogue after visiting Haifa, Israel in 1979. He became a Jew by choice in 2007 and a Bar Mitzvah in 2010. His vision quest is described in his book *Becoming Jewish*, which is available on Amazon.com.

Jules will speak about his 30 years in the U. S. Navy, and how both his military and civilian colleagues embraced him with open arms when he became Jewish. Oftentimes, he was the senior Jewish person at a duty station or ship and became the Jewish Lay Leader. “Basically, I held all worship services and worked closely with our chaplains

for emergencies and deaths,” explains Jules. During his last few months in the International Combat Zone, Jules describes his service as the Lay Leader for B’nai Baghdad, as the duty, honor, and privilege of a lifetime.

Back home in 2016, Jules began the Prison Yoga Project Phoenix Detachment as a way of helping to reduce recidivism and give incarcerated people tools of yoga and meditation to navigate stress, anxiety and depression. He currently works for a nonprofit called Mindfulness First, in Scottsdale, AZ. The organization goes into schools and teaches mindfulness to children and staff in K-12 schools. Also, as a certified health and life coach, this multi-talented man helps veterans and their families with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and reintegration back into civilian life. “I believe strongly that if you have a gift, you must find a way to serve others. Every day I live Tikkun Olam (the Jewish concept of ‘repairing the world’),” claims Jules proudly.

Registration for the seated, hot lunch is \$40 each. For those wishing to have a table reserved for up to 6 people, send one check made out to JWV Post 619 and mail to Bety Dar, 25827 S. Greencastle Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 listing all names of those to be seated together. Otherwise, you will be seated by the committee. Deadline for a response is March 8. Reservations after that date will be put on a waiting list.

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*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](https://facebook.com/CopperStatePost619) or contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175 or via email at [uramarthur@gmail.com](mailto:uramarthur@gmail.com).*

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Sunday, March 9: 'Happy Purim'

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### 'Divorce, Insanity and Halacha'

Wednesday, March 5 | 10:30 a.m.

Rabbinical student Karolyn Benger explores the legal case of the Gett of Cleves, a moment in Jewish legal history that sheds light on the intersection of mental health and Halacha.

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### Generations After

Wednesday, March 19 | 10-11:30 a.m.

'Escaping the Whale: The Holocaust is over, but is it ever over for the next generation?'

Presented by Ruth Rotkowitz

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### Tuesdays at the J

10-11:30 a.m.

**March 4:** 'The King was a Mensch: Tracing Elvis Presley's Jewish Roots' with Dan Fellner

**March 11:** 'The Genesis of Modern Art': Phoenix Art Museum docent Stephen Riter

**March 18:** 'Is Hypnosis Dangerous? Find out if you dare' with author Alan Handelsman

**March 25:** 'Travelin' Rabbi' Arthur Lavinsky shares his latest travels as a cruise rabbi

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