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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Who would have imagined?

In George Orwell's Book 1984, written in 1949, he depicts a time when things will certainly be unrecognizable or even possible. "Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten... every statute and street building has been

renamed..." Could anyone have imagined what was penned 68 years ago would become reality? Listen to the laughter as people then read the words. Listen to the pundits on radio and television as they proclaimed then the insanity of such prophecies.

Today, 2024, we are living these pronouncements. Today, 2024, we are watching on our television screens scenes that indicate our nation seems to be imploding from the hate and venom uttered by the few to the many. Today, 2024, we are reminded very vividly of the prophetic words of George Santayana, "Those who do not learn from the past, are doomed to repeat it." Perhaps the year 2024 will surely be remembered as the year of infamy, and it is not even over yet.

We ask ourselves, "Why are these things happening?" We search for answers. The right tells us it is because we are too liberal, and the left screams that we are too conservative. Everyone is determined to label our difficulties, but nowhere do we hear or see solutions, just recriminations. The darkness we experience during a solar eclipse will never sufficiently engender the darkness that will permeate our lives for the foreseeable future.

In 1776 we proclaimed that our lives should be determined by us, not by others. We gathered numerous times to create a document that would declare our independence, and at the same time, our dependence on each other and our Creator. Painstakingly we debated and argued, and even screamed at each other, the results of which produced the envy of the world to be emulated time and again by so many craving for their right to live in peace and harmony.

The one issue that would have destroyed the concept of nationhood lay within the framework of slavery. Economics was the motivation for the disagreement. The concept

of slavery was not brought to the forefront, rather the benefit of individual states to determine their future for themselves. Finally, to reach a consensus, the assembly of representatives decided to sweep this one issue under the rug for the greater good: the formation of a nation.

Finally, 85 years later, the rug was lifted, and the dust brought to the surface. This time, however, no longer could slavery be ignored and a bitter, destructive, Civil War ensued, or as it was referred to, the War between-the-States. We seem to have embarked on a new civil war, not for territory or economic gain, but for the heart and soul of a nation dedicated to the human spirit. The struggle that has lasted for these many years has now become an obsession.

Civility and reason are no longer visible. We now resort to destroying the very essence of our existence. Our history, with all its faults, is in fragments. Our understanding of nationhood, which could not be destroyed from without, is now witnessing a new attempt at destruction from within. All the blood-soaked battlefields in the world will pale in comparison to the destruction that can result if this country, the United States of America, will no longer remain a beacon to the world because the flame of our message and mission will have been extinguished.

Perhaps we should consider these happenings as we gather to honor the men and women who sacrificed so much to defend our liberties. Veterans' Day is a time to reflect on our determination to remain the guiding light unto the nations of the world.

Perhaps, as we gather to offer Thanksgiving to God for the gifts we receive each day (not just one day of the year), Thanksgiving is a time to say "thank you" to all who labor together to make this country remain strong. We should put our hands together, bow our heads and truly remember how we arrived at this juncture in our journey.

As we gather for these two American holidays, let us always remember that we can continue to foster the dream offered to us by our forefathers and foremothers. Perhaps we will be able to imagine a nation at peace with the world, and most importantly, with itself.

ADULT EDUCATION 2024-2025

CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH STUDY AND LEARNING

The theme for this year's educational events is understanding the value and purpose of life. The purpose is to enhance our lives and enjoy the simple pleasures of life-long learning, build relationships with others in our congregation and observe the Sabbath through study.

Three remaining sessions have been planned for the year. The presenter of each will be Rabbi Wiener. They will take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am at the Chapel Center. Participants will share a *Kiddush* at each of the sessions. **Please save the following dates** so you can join us for these interesting topics:

November 23, 10:15 AM, Chapel Center Engaging in Meaningful Relationships: The Importance in Our Lives

January 25, 10:30 AM, Chapel Center Creating and Understanding Meaning, Purpose and Fulfillment in Life March 15, 10:30 AM, Chapel Center
The Lessons of Purim for Today: Survival, Pride
in Our Identity, Strength in Time of Crisis

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

PLEASE SUPPORT LONE SOLDIERS THIS YEAR; THEY REALLY NEED TO HEAR FROM US!

By Michael Cohen

The war against Hamas has gone on now for over one year. Just imagine what Lone Soldiers from around the world or from Israel have experienced during this war which began with atrocities by Hamas and continues with the recent coldblooded murder of six hostages.

The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Center reported in July 2024 that requests for help from recently discharged soldiers have surged by approximately 50%, while demands for mental health assistance have risen by about 60%. In particular, Lone Soldiers require our support in preparing for combat and coping with post-traumatic stress. Many of them have lost friends or experienced the traumatic events of October 7, highlighting their need for professional guidance to navigate these challenging times.

Your words of appreciation will tell them that American Jews in Chandler, Arizona recognize the stress, danger, anxiety and risks they are going through to regain the Jewish homeland's stability and security. They need to read these words from you to keep going!



Take a packet at SLJC services, write a letter from your heart and return it at the next service before December 5, 2024. If you don't attend services and want a packet, please call Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



A Request for Assistance

As I sit here trying to think about my message for the month, my heart is breaking as the rockets are flying across the skies in Israel. By the time this issue goes to press, I hope and pray that this war is

over quickly, and the people in Israel are again back to living a normal life, whatever that may be with all of the antisemitism that surrounds them and all of us around the world.

On a lighter note, I can't begin to again thank Eric and Wendy Feldman-Kerr for opening up their beautiful farm for our Sukkot celebration, to Rabbi Wiener and Cantor Polesky for their service participation, and to all 90 who were able to attend to make this a very successful happening. We were blessed with outstanding weather and wonderful food.

A reminder about the Congregation Annual Meeting is November 12 at 7 PM at the Chapel House.

I am constantly asking for people to make my other job (honors for the monthly services) a lot easier by letting me know that you would be willing to participate in our services. The honors include candle lighting, ark openings, aliyot (the blessing before the Rabbi reads from the Torah) carrying or lifting the Torah, dressing the Torah and the saying motzi. PLEASE HELP ME OUT!

Once again, you can help the congregation in our fund-raising efforts by participating in the Arizona State Income Tax Qualified Charitable program. It's an easy way for our congregation to benefit at no cost to you. Please see the article below.

The Shpiel takes a lot of work from the various arms of the congregation, and especially to Geri Gould who edits it and sends it off to our publisher. So please read it throughout as it gives you information about the upcoming and ongoing happenings.

I am only a phone call or email away if you need to get in touch with me. 🏜

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SPECIAL OFFER FOR MEMBERS OF SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION*

For every tax credit donation to the East Valley JCC Qualified Charitable Organization, the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation will receive a grant equal to 18%.

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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.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY SHALETT tiemanll@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 SLIC 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@g.com.



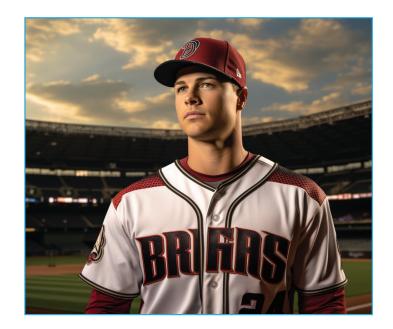
SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

JOC PEDERSON By Murray Siegel

A positive addition to the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team this season was Joc Pederson. A blondehaired, left-handed designated hitter, Joc contributed numerous clutch hits, including homeruns. The Dbacks manager, Torey Lovullo, has stated that loc is the smartest hitter on the team. Pederson has played for the Dodgers, Braves, Cubs, and Giants before signing with Arizona.

What you might not know is that Joc is Jewish, despite his father not being Jewish. His maternal great-greatgreat-grandfather arrived in California during the 1840s and was a founding member of Temple Emanuel is San Francisco. In 2013, loc played for the Israeli team in the World Baseball Classic, where he was a teammate with Gabe Kapler, who was his manager when Joc played for the Giants in 2022.

Joc's dad, Stu Pederson, played briefly for the Dodgers in 1985 and loc was drafted by Los Angeles in the 2010 draft out of Palo Alto High School. He married Kelsey Williams in 2018, and they have four children.



SLJC MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club held their 23rd Annual Bagel Breakfast kickoff event on September 12 at Chompie's Restaurant. The group has re-scheduled the picnic for Tuesday, November 12 at Veterans Oasis Park in Chandler at 12:00, noon. Bring your own sandwich and the club will supply water bottles and dessert. To RSVP, contact Edd Shalett at tieman11@q.com or Marty Levine at martelee@hotmail.com.



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



ANNOUNCING A UNIQUE MUSICAL COMEDY!

Our next original musical comedy, "A Family Tree" will be presented by a new group sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Community to provide entertainment and camaraderie:

"LAFF" -Laughter And Friendship Forever!

(Bringing Laughter and Friendship to Our Interfaith Community!)

There is still time for ALL who live in Sun Lakes and nearby communities who are interested in ACTING, SINGING, or DANCING to join the fun! THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO MEMORIZE!

Rehearsals will mostly be scheduled on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm.

Talent is always great, but having fun and laughing together is what this is all about!

PERFORMANCE DATES: MARCH 29th, 30th, and APRIL 5th, 6th in the BALLROOM AT SUN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB.

Please mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE!

NOT A PERFORMER? We will also need people to help in non-performing ways, including costumes, makeup, set design, videotaping, lighting, and sound. Just please let us know of your interest so that we can plan ahead.

Interested? Please contact Carol Horowitz at chorowitz@live.com or call 760-271-2758.

Let's LAFF Together!



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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.



SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, November 21, 1 pm, Chapel House



Sisterhood will meet on Thursday, November 21 at 1 pm in the Chapel House. The speaker will be Joyce Petrowski, founder of R.O.S.E. (Resources/Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly). She will speak about fraud and scam awareness. Learn how to protect your financial assets and become more confident in identifying fraud.

On Thursday, December 19 we will have our annual Hanukkah Party and paidup membership luncheon. 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.

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.

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Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Sisterhood use only.	
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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

25 Michael & Susan Cohen 7 Lee & Arleene Forgang 26 Francine Miller

25 Marc & Suzanne Machbitz 8 Jeff & Janey Burnce

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

27 Marcie Franklin-1 Shelly Henden 6 Gail Dante 16 Ron Gindick Gascoyne 4 Wende Levy 7 Barbara Ganz 19 Lee Forgang

David Sussman

Leah Trachtenberg Sandi Wiener

Sidney Tanen

30 Linda Brooks 14 Karen Hasenfus 4 Joyce Spartonos 21 Rhoda Waisel

4 Sheldon Wilshinsky 14 Diane Silverman 23 Bobby Sachs

5 Janey Burnce 14 Jerry Bernstein 23 Richard Tauber

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

David Ament Francine Goldner Seymour Price Hannah Ament Dora Gurian Leonard Raffeld Ida Raisin Benjamin Backer Joseph Gurievsky Rose Backer Beryl Gurievsky Ben Raisin Annie G. Becker Goldie Henden Louis Rubinstein Gab Betulia Sidney Israel Yetta Schwartz Anna Biales Jenny Sharff Jerry Kaplan Samantha Byrne Irving Kliger Alfred Sheppard

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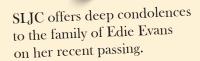
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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD





SLJC offers deep sympathies to Joyce Spartonos on the loss of her husband, Tony.



7PM at the Chapel House

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: Address: _____ Donor: _____Amt. of Check \$ _____ Address _____ Remit to: Marjorie Levinson, 9533 E Sundune Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 Please make checks payable to SLJC.

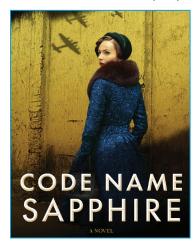
*Minimum donation of \$10 per person being remembered/honored.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

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

We will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 10:30 am. We will be discussing the book Code Name Sapphire by Pam Jenoff. After the meeting we will be going to lunch. RSVP to Gail Scheck at (480) 570-6819.



Literary Ladies Book Group

Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The next book we will be discussing is The Boy with the Star Tattoo by by Talia Carner, on Wednesday, December 11. 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 next Out to Lunch 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.

SUPPORT VETS IN NEED

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 9-10

Over Veterans Day weekend at several East Valley Fry's Markets, look for Jewish War Veterans Post 619 volunteers who will be sporting red shirts and collecting donations for veterans who are disabled, hospitalized, or experiencing homelessness.

Veterans Day and Memorial Day weekends are the two largest fundraising events for JWV Post 619, which annually contributes an average of \$30,000 to nonprofit veteran organizations. The shirts were recently purchased with a generous grant from the Sun Lakes Foundation to help make JWV volunteers more identifiable.

Copper State Post 619 welcomes members from all walks of life. One does not have to be Jewish or a veteran. JWV is happy to open its doors to anyone who is passionate about veterans' causes and combating antisemitism. The Post lists patrons and supporters from Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64, Ahwatkukee Recreation Center Support the Troops, Veterans Affinity, and the DAR. To volunteer to poppy, contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175, uramarthur@gmail.com.

To learn more about this special group, visit the JWV Facebook page at facebook.com/CopperStatePost619. Anyone wishing to be part of a serious, professional organization with a laser focus on helping veterans, please contact dan.tilsner@yahoo.com, (706) 631-0025.



△ Among those Jewish War Veterans Post 619 members collecting donations for veterans on Veterans Day weekend at several east valley Fry's supermarkets will be left to right Bob Howard, Sr. Vice Commander; Arthur Uram, Membership Chair; Elliott Reiss, volunteer; Michael Dar, Quartermaster; and Dan Tilsner, Post Commander.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

JWV SPEAKER RESTORES HOPE TO VULNERABLE VETERANS

Sunday, November 17, 9:30 am, Bradford Room A, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



IWV Speaker, Raymond Perez, speaks from experience. Hear his story Sunday, November 17 when he speaks to Jewish War Veterans Post 619 in the Bradford Room A at Oakwood Country Club 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox

and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 am. All are welcome.

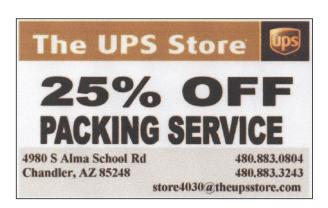
Perez founded the non-profit Operation Restoring Veteran Hope (ORVH) along with his wife, Maria Perez, who is also a veteran. Determined to help incarcerated and homeless veterans, they established programs to serve veterans struggling with addiction, PTSD, suicidal ideations. Their focus has been on vets coming out of incarceration and rehabilitation programs. "We want struggling veterans to know that they are not alone and instill hope that recovery is possible" states Perez. ORVH services help support veterans through workshops, recreational and therapeutic activities, assistance accessing community resources, treatment, and veteran services.

They also host a free annual Veteran's Healing Retreat at St Joseph's Youth Camp in Mormon Lake, AZ. Over 100 veterans attend this annual retreat where they experience camaraderie through hiking, horseback riding, kayaking and meditation.

One attendee, who was homeless and suffered mental health issues, credited the program with the following: "Words can never describe what this experience has done for me. It allowed me to get back to nature and try to heal. My psychiatrist told me that being on this trip with my veteran family is better therapy than he or the VA could ever give me. When most of us get out, we feel lost and discarded. This retreat fills this hole of confusion and hopelessness. If it wasn't for this retreat I don't know where I would be. Everything that they do really shows how important we are as veterans" concluded Whitney, who now works for the State's Department of Veteran Services and is a proud homeowner. She continues to attend the retreat to share with other veterans who may be struggling.

Upon discharge from the Army, Raymond Perez experienced substance abuse issues, incarceration, and homelessness. In 2013, he was incarcerated for the last time and received mental health and substance abuse treatment at the VA. He then began his employment journey at the VA, ending up at the Community Resource and Referral program and the veterans Justice program as a peer support.

IWV 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.



Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Non-Member Memorial Plagues 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.

SLJC NON-MEMBER REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE

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

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Israeli Film Series

Sunday, Nov. 17: 'All About the Levkoviches' evjcc.org/film

Generations After

Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 10-11:30 a.m. Author Laura Soldinger Yotter evjcc.org/generations-after

Parsha discussion

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