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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Calendar

Messages from our Clergy



There is a classic Yiddish folk saying that goes: "You have chosen us from among all the nations. Why, O Lord? What did you have against us?"

I think about this phrase containing both sadness and humor rolled up into one expression that has haunted the Jewish People throughout the ages. There is no doubt that we, as a people, have endured numerous efforts to eradicate all memory of us from the human psyche.

We have suffered, not only at the hands of others, but also by self-inflicting pain and anguish. The Talmud tells us that the Second Temple was destroyed because of "Seenus Hinum" – self-hatred and inner conflicts. If we study the history of

the Second Temple period we understand fully what the rabbis of the Talmud were telling us. It was a tragedy, witnessing neighbor against neighbor, zealots against liberals, and apologists against nationalists. It was the ultimate destruction of a people and a tradition brought on by self-indulgence and passions that transcended reason and logic. When the Temple walls tumbled they brought down with them the hopes and aspirations of a people who witnessed thousands of years of development and contributions that still permeate human society.

I fast forward to today, and by today I mean the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We were there when, after two thousand years, a people's longing for return was realized. This was accomplished after the most unimaginable sacrifices. History is replete with stories and depictions of a dark time in humanities development. There can never be enough said or written to fully describe the anguish and torment suffered by so many and inflicted by so few.

David Ben-Gurion once wrote: "Building a State means for us a return to the soil. We found hundreds of Arab villages. We didn't take them away. We established hundreds of new Jewish villages on new soil. We didn't merely buy the land, we re-created the land. In the swamps of Hedera hundreds of Jews died of malaria, and they refused to leave that place until it was made healthy. With our toil, our sweat, and with our love and devotion, we are remaking the soil to enable us to settle there, not at the expense of anybody else."

In that short paragraph he summed up the dreams and aspirations of a people ignored and denigrated but who gave the world the understanding of hope and survival. In that short paragraph was embodied the realization that centuries of humiliation and dehumanization did not alter our determination to complete the work given to us by our forefathers and foremothers as they brought the world from darkness into light.

Theodore Herzl went even further in fewer words when he said: "If you will it, it is not a dream." The fulfillment of centuries of crying each and every year at Passover: "Next year in Jerusalem," was not only a clarion call for deliverance, but a willingness to continue the task assigned to us at Sinai: The fulfillment of the human effort at completion and connection, not only to God, but to each other.

Today we are witnessing a return to the days of "Seenus Hinum." Some call these detractors "self hating Jews." Others have more descriptive terms. We are observing our own people demonizing a State and its people as they consider the path of survival in a hostile environment. These same people disregard the daily threat to life and limb that is reported as though it were some innocuous experience. And even when we admit that mistakes are made, it is not enough. We must die, for that is the fate of this inglorious people. Mordecai M. Kaplan said it best: "Our emancipation will not be complete until we are free of the fear of being Jews."

The question remains, why? Why is it necessary for us to turn the other cheek when, if we do, we will lose our face? Why is our hand extended in friendship to all who hate us only to have it ignored? Why does the world gather, on more than one occasion, to condemn this tiny land filled with so few people? Why, oh why, are there many of our own people who join in the chorus of defeatism and destruction?

There are too many "whys." There are not enough answers. It seems that the "whys" have it. It seems that the ageless question uttered by many Holocaust survivors: "At Auschwitz, where was God?" is still echoed today. And the answer that is given: "Where was man?"

Perhaps that answer is too simple. Life is more complicated than that. Perhaps, though, that answer is sufficient for us to believe that what we must do and what must be done requires us to speak loudly when we see and hear our fellow Jews so misguided and so emancipated that they believe they are not Jews at all but rather "self hating Jews" which, in my opinion is the same as being anti-Semitic.

The Yiddish folk saying may be more prophetic than humorous. And perhaps we should add What do our own have against us?

Presídent's Message

When headlines grab us with racist and bigoted language and actions, we often feel disgusted with the ignorance that abounds in the world and powerless to make changes. Well now, SLJC 's Adult Education Committee proudly offers a two-part panel presentation to help people of many cultures learn each other's ways and hopefully bring tolerance and understanding.

On Tuesday, January 28th and concluding on Tuesday, March 24th you are invited to attend our panels, entitled Life Cycle Rituals. The first panel (in January) will explore rituals surrounding birth, coming of age, and marriage. The second panel (in March) will offer explanations of rituals surrounding death and beliefs about the afterlife.

Panelists include Mr. Barnaby Lewis, Historian at the Huhugham Native American Cultural Center; Minister Carolina Uribe,Pastor at St. Mary's Church in Chandler; Ms. Azra Hassain of the Islamic Speakers Bureau; Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy; Pastor Mitch McDonald, newly installed at Sun Lakes Community Church and our own Rabbi Irwin Wiener.

Both parts of this program will take place at the Sun Lakes Chapel. The Chapel Board has graciously offered us this space at no cost to us. In return, we will ask for donations at each presentation to benefit the Sun Lakes Chapel Board. The programs will be open to the public, and we will invite members of local houses of worship and constituents of the speakers named above. Please save the dates and come and learn from all these amazing speakers.

WHEN: Tues., Jan. 28th and Tues., Mar. 24th

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Sun Lakes Chapel

Geri Gould

LIFE CYCLE RITUALS

Part 1 – Tuesday, January 28 Birth, Coming of Age, Marriage

Part 2 – Tuesday, March 24 Death, Beliefs about Afterlife

1:00-2:30 p.m. Sun Lakes Chapel – Sun Lakes, Arizona Open to the public at no cost

Speakers

Mr. Barnaby Lewis, Historian at Huhugham Native American Cultural Center Minister Carolina Uribe, Pastor at St. Mary's Church of Chandler Asra Hassain of the Islamic Speakers Bureau Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy Pastor Mitch McDonald, newly installed at Sun Lakes Community Church Rabbi Irwin Wiener, Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

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Congregational News

Havurah Chaí

May the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all human kind. May the lights of friendship shine all throughout the year. Come and see the glow that shines with Havurah Chai friends. You are welcome to attend the 2nd Friday night Shabbat Services with us at Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation and then join Chai at our Oneg table for a social hour. Life is for the living so come join us and light up your life! For information on Havurah Chai contact, Lainy Sardina at 480-895-0974 or lainysardina@gmail.com.

DEC. 15th – Hanukkah Dinner Party JAN. 1ST - New Year's Day Appetizer Party

Men's Club

The Men's Club is a social organization that meets the first Tuesday of the month from September through June. We have interesting speakers from our community to address our membership each of these months. Guests are always invited, and refreshments are provided. The organization also has special lunches as well as various site visits in the local area. The Temple membership is encouraged to be members of the Men's Club to enable fellowship throughout our Jewish Community and achieve our social responsibility as a Jewish Community. Membership dues are due on July 1st each year. It is truly the BEST DEAL in town.

The Men's Club collects non-perishable food for local food banks prior to Friday night Services in front of the Chapel House from 6:15 pm until 6:45 pm. There will be large boxes for your non-perishable food donations in front of the Garage Door of the Chapel House. Do not leave food items in the Chapel as they may get lost or discarded. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. 485 pounds of food was collected at the High Holiday Services. Keep up the good work.

During November, the Men's Club travelled to the Ping Golf Club Factory for a tour of the manufacturing facility. Afterwards there was a lunch at a barbeque Restaurant. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 7 pm at the Chapel Center. As always, wives and prospective members are always welcome. Refreshments will be provided beginning at 6:30 pm.

Our speaker is John Owens who is the Downtown Redevelopment Specialist for the City of Chandler. His role includes working with Downtown Businesses to better deliver city services, helping the city build a dynamic urban environment that welcomes private investment, and continuing the redevelopment of Downtown Chandler. John joins the City of Chandler from the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, where he was on the Research and Analytics team. He holds a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and master's degrees in Urban Planning and Public Policy from Arizona State University.

John serves on the Board of Swift Youth Foundation and is a past participant of Valley Leadership Advance, a program for emerging leaders in the Phoenix metro area. He is an avid sports fan, a downtown evangelist, and a determined adventurer. He's played semi-professional tackle football in Tel Aviv and spent a month traversing the United States in his car, among other adventures.

Future events, visits, and lunches are being planned. For further information contact Steve Horowitz stevehorowitz@windstream.net

Sísterhood

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will meet on Thursday, December 19 at 1:00 P.M. in the Chapel Center. The guest speaker will be from the Jewish Free Loan program. Mark your calendars for our annual Card Party on February 10, 2020. It's a full day of playing your favorite games: Mah Jongg, Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble, etc. with a gourmet buffet lunch, fabulous gift baskets, raffles, and a bake sale. For more information contact Carol at: carolbee38@wbhsi.net.

Shalom Hadassah

We are looking forward to our annual Hanukkah celebration that will be held this year at the East Valley JCC on December 10th at 12:00 noon.

Along with a delicious lunch we will also have the Installation of Officers for the new term.

There will be a great combination of food, fun and games! For reservations send an \$18.00 check made out to Shalom Hadassah and send to Marsha Levine at 3805 E. County Down Drive, Chandler 85249.

Save the date for our next event....Shalom's Fashion Show at the Global Tea Mart on January 14th, 2020. This is always a sellout!

Community Seder 2020

It's not too early to start planning for the annual SLJC community seder. Please contact Helen Abrams (Hsbbcd@aol.com) if you would be willing to help on the committee. Thanks.

Condolences

Our condolences to the Evans family on the recent passing of Sy Evans.

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Thank you Notes

I would like to thank everyone for your calls, cards, donations and food in memory of my sister, Loretta Weber. Your support and caring is what helps so much during the grieving period. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful friends.

Judy Plafker and family

The Chapel Board would like to thank the members of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation who worked so hard to make the Treasure Sale a success: Gail Dante, Evey Freed, Anita Frindell, Barbara Ganz, Charlie Gerson, Gary Hasenfus, Gary Kanowsky, Anita Kolikoff, Lori Mangel, Renee Politi, Sheldon Raizes, Elliott Reiss, Barbara Reiss, Sandy Schmalzbach (4 days) and Linda Wasserman.

We also want to thank the shoppers who were also important.

If I forgot anyone, please forgive me.

If anyone needs a tax write off form for donations for the sale please contact Barbara.

Thank you, Charlie Gerson, Wende Levy, Barbara Reiss

Servíce Honors

If you would like an honor for our Friday night Services, please contact Shelly Henden at 895-8851

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Community News

Lone Solder Program

On December 22, 500 Lone Soldiers will have a smile on their faces when they read the letters sent from Chandler and Phoenix for Hanukkah. Students at seven Valley congregations and 2 day schools heard presentations about Lone Soldiers. In addition to SLJC, Temple Nefesh Soul, ASU and NAU Hillel, Israeli Scouts, two JCC camps, participants in adult programs at the EVJCC, and Chabads from the East Valley contributed letters.

These holiday greetings and messages of appreciation mean a great deal to Lone Soldiers who are far away from home or have no home support them in Israel. It is a true mitzvah to provide them with encouragement and energy to continue the very difficult and dangerous task of defending Israel.

Thanks to all those committee members whose help allowed the message to get out to so many young people. For the members of SLJC who wrote letters, I know you felt rewarded by your meaningful effort.

The Hanukkah Letter Writing Campaign will be an annual expanding program. For next year we are going to suggest that you include your grandchildren in performing this mitzvah, whether they live locally or not. We will provide age appropriate information to make it meaningful for them. Modeling an act of kindness will go a long way to instill altruistic feelings in them.

Friend of Israel

Better audio and sound in the future is comming. Some Israel supporters have had difficulty hearing our speakers in the past. Starting with our February 23, 2020 event, the system will allow everyone to hear the speaker.

Our speaker is **Rabbi Michael Beyo**, who has spoken twice before. His topic will be "**Why is Jerusalem so important to the Muslims**." This is obviously a very contemporary issue because any peace proposal would have to solve the rights to Jerusalem. Rabbi Beyo is the CEO of the East Valley JCC and an historian with an extraordinary grasp of the history of the Middle East and the Jewish People.

Please save the date, February 23, 2020 at 3:00PM at the Chapel Center.



Noah Arí Teplítsky Bar Mítzvah

Noah Ari Teplitsky will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 14. Noah is the son of Daniel Teplitsky and Shari Abbit, stepson of Steve Abbit, and the grandson of Anne Teplitsky and the late Norman Teplitsky and Stanley and Lorraine Daniel and the late Helene Daniel. Noah is a 7th grade student at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School.

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Monday, February 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club

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\$35.00 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.

For reservations or questions call Geri at 480-305-0123.

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Hey Men! How about getting together a poker or pinochle table.

Names of players: (Please include a contact phone #/e-mail for one member of the group.) Reservations deadline is February 1st.

Game to be played: ____

Please make your check for \$35.00 per player to SLJC SISTERHOOD, and mail to Geri Gould at 24529 S. Lakeway Circle SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

You must provide your own game. No shufflers please!





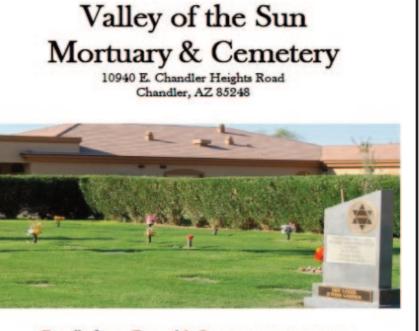
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- 4 Tom Mohr
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- 6 Benita Feldman
- 6 Dennis Novy
- 7 Judy Asbell
- 7 Irwin Wiener
- 8 Milton Lewis
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Occasion

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Occasion

Aliyah on Yom Kippur In Memory of Bertha Levinson In Memory of Howard Warshaw In Honor of Remington Gray Hug and Reese Janeson Hug In Honor of Remington Gray Hug and Reese Janeson Hug

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Yahrzeit Month

Occasion

In honor of Bety and Michael Dar 50th Wedding Anniversary In honor of Rochelle and Harvey Schwartz In honor of Diane and Jack Zelinger In honor of Marcia and Harvey Weiner In memory of Bea Pollock In honor of Lorrie and Howard Cohen's granddaughters Remington and Reese Hug Get well wishes for Lorrie Cohen



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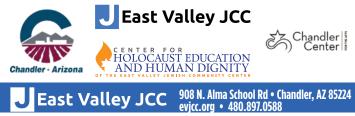
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