



THE SHPIEL

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SLJC November 2020

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Are We Truly Thankful?

November is a marvelous month because of a magnificent American holiday called Thanksgiving. It is called Thanksgiving because it reminds us of all that we have to be thankful for. Even during these trying times it is more important

than ever to be grateful for survival.

We get up each morning and are amazed at all that is in front of us. For example, how many of us wonder how a bird can fly but we can't? Sometimes we can't see the trees for the forest, as the saying goes, which really means that there are so many experiences we take for granted that we don't really stop to look or touch or smell the wonders of nature.

We are prone to look for miracles and yet they are right in front of us: the birth of a child, the grandeur of space, the warmth of a smile, the tenderness of a caress — these are all miracles of life, and yet we let them pass us by as though they were commonplace and expected.

So yes, we have so much to be grateful for. We should be appreciative of the fact that we live in a country that enables us to appreciate the miracles of life and encourages the goodness that is found in the human spirit. We need to remember that living in this great country affords us the opportunity given to very few: the ability to explore our imagination for creative purposes.

Americans are the most generous people on the face of the Earth. Our faith-based heritage encourages benevolence and compassion. Sometimes we lose sight of our responsibilities but then we are reminded with a holiday called Thanksgiving. It is not only a reminder of the things we are grateful for but also to whom we owe this gratitude.

I would urge everyone to display additional gratefulness to the men and women who defend our liberties and put their lives at risk for the sake of our heritage which was given to us by visionaries who saw the value in life and liberty as has been ordained for all people.

Our history as a nation is replete with stories of valor and fortitude. Blood has been shed, not only here, but also on foreign soil because we know that liberty and freedom know no boundaries. Fences and walls may be built, but all they do is concentrate the effort into a small area waiting to destroy the very fabric of our society.

Our men and women in uniform are the reason we are here today to vote, especially now as we determine our future in the quiet of the voting booth or through the mail, to express ourselves, to redress our grievances, and, yes, to make changes to ensure the continuation of all that was accomplished through the sacrifice of fortune and life.

As we gather together to feast on turkey and retell the stories of holidays past together with the dreams of tomorrow, let us clasp our hands in prayer in the hopes that Almighty God will continue to bless our efforts in behalf of all who cry out for salvation and redemption. This year, in particular, we need to pray that this pandemic, that has taken so many lives, will finally be conquered through the tremendous efforts of our scientists and medical professionals.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a wonderful time indeed. Perhaps we should not waste it on unimportant things but rather concentrate on the positive aspects of all that God offers: the wonderfulness of life, the magic of each day, and the ability to reach another season together.



LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

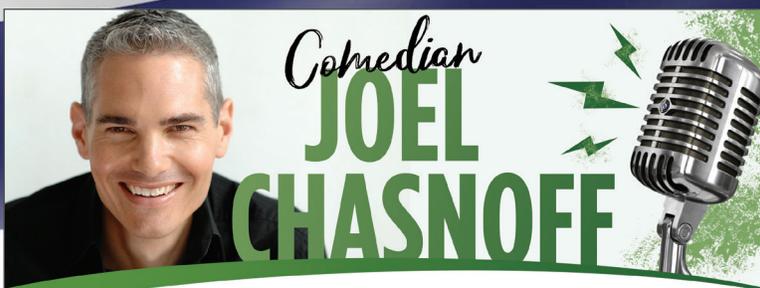
The Lone Soldier Project 2020 Chanukah Greetings Campaign continues until November 20 2020. If you have not sent your personalized greeting, please join us in this act of kindness! IT IS EASY.



Just type this address in your browser (i.e. Google): bit.ly/lonesoldiergreeting. A form will appear. Type in your name, email address, and a personal Chanukah greeting or words of appreciation for their service in the defense of our Jewish homeland and submit. Your words will be formatted into a card and sent. Email addresses are necessary and will be protected.

The soldiers love and need your words. Holidays are very lonely and IDF service is physically and psychologically demanding. Your wishes and appreciation will bolster their energy to defend Israel.

Joel Chasnoff, an Israeli comedian, will bring laughter to your Sunday afternoon. On **Sunday, November 22, 2020** at 2:00 p.m., the Lone Soldier Project will present a virtual concert to raise money to support Shabbat meals and holiday celebrations at three Lone Soldier centers in Israel. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 and available at evjcc.org/comedian. Please join us!



THE EVJCC'S LONE SOLDIER PROJECT PRESENTS
Comedian Joel Chasnoff
Sunday, Nov. 22 | 2 pm

LIVE FROM ISRAEL VIA ZOOM

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Our next speaker is **Jake Bennett**, the Director of State Legislative Affairs for the Israeli-American Coalition for Action. He will speak on: **"Israeli Sovereignty in the Biblical Heartland: The Moral and Legal Implications?"** This topic relates to the rights of Israel vs. the Palestinians to Judea and Samaria and is one of the prime obstacles to peace.

Jake is extremely well informed and will provide the facts, which are often distorted in the media. This virtual event is open to the public, but requires a reservation to receive the Zoom link. RSVP at israelsunlakes@gmail.com.

A twice a month **Israel News** email is now available to provide Israeli perspective on events that we read and hear about in the American media. The content is non-political. If you are interested in receiving this Friends of Israel SLJC communication, email to mwcohen000@gmail.com.



Adult Education

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE TODAY

“The Bible is a living depiction of life and the journey that we undertake at the beginning of our birth.”

On **Tuesday, November 17** at 11 a.m., tune into YouTube as we reach for the answers to today’s questions through the “One Book” that contains the hope and salvation of humankind. All are welcome to join us. The link to YouTube will be sent closer to the date.

Using the Bible as a basis for understanding our lives and connecting the Bible to the needs and times of today, Rabbi Wiener will be connecting the two as a way to spiritually and morally understand our lives in modern times, using the ancient words of thousands of years ago.



HAVURAH CHAI JEWISH SINGLES GROUP

November is a good month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our lives.

Are you tired of the same old scene and are you a senior Jewish single? If so, come and check us out! We'll be doing lots of fun events to expand your social circle and make new friends along the way!

The COVID-19 has caused many events around the world to be cancelled and as we know, we are a part of that world. We have been working on a list of events to bring to you at a moment's notice when the virus permits. Included are two great parties: the annual Chanukah and New Year's Day Soirees. Our mini lunches have been quite successful. Good friends, good food and a good way to get to know each other better!



Havurah Chai is open to all senior Jewish singles. When the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation is able to re-open for Shabbat services, please feel free to join us for each service on the second Friday of the month. And after the service, join us at our oneg tables and make new friends.

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

GERI GOULD AND WENDY FELDMAN-KERR



November. Everything we've done in past Novembers has involved Thanksgiving family gatherings, travel, cold weather, lots of menu planning, shared cooking, and, oh yes, did I say family gatherings? Now, everything is different.

I hate the fact that our 16-year-old-grandson has grown from 5' 6" to just about 6 feet tall without our watching any changes. Likewise, his 14-year-old sister, our "baby," is now almost 5'6". How did that happen? A whole year has passed since we could hug them and take walks with their dog outside together.

For many of us, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed our lives and our feelings of control. Instead, there is fear that those who are not in our regular bubble — for most of us that means our own household — have the capacity to make us sick. We're all in a population thought to be at risk, so for most of us, common sense and isolation seem to be the norm. We look longingly at our calendars hoping to see some exciting activities fill the empty dates. When will that happen?

Eventually it will. Life will return to "normal" and we can get busy again with our regular routines. However, we on the BOD, working with Rabbi Wiener and Cantor Polesky, are trying to make our Jewish life here as normal as possible. We continue to plan and offer creative programs and monthly services. We hope you will sign up.

One important event that we hope you will join is our first (and hopefully only) virtual Congregational Meeting.

This meeting will occur on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. At that time, we will vote on the new BOD members (whose bios appeared in our last Shpiel), vote on three by-laws changes (again, described in last month's Shpiel), and review our last fiscal year's report. Here are the basics for connecting to Zoom, although you will get a specific link closer to the meeting:

To access Zoom, log on to zoom.us. When connected, click on "Join Meeting" at top of screen. You will be asked for a "Meeting ID." Enter the 11-digit Meeting ID number you will be sent.

You will be prompted to allow you to join the meeting. Click on that prompt. Then there may be a delay of a few seconds.

After that, you will be asked to enter the Passcode. Enter the 6-digit number you will be sent. After another very short wait, you will be connected. (Make sure you turn up your volume control.)

Or, connect to Zoom with the link you will be sent and follow above directions as needed. We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, think about the positives we do have in our lives, even during this very trying time. We are still finding ways to connect with one another and send virtual hugs. We are sending you a virtual hug right now! Whatever your plans for this year's Thanksgiving, enjoy the peace of the day. 🙏

SLJC Sisterhood

FILM SCREENING



The next Sisterhood meeting will take place virtually on Zoom on **Thursday, November 19 at 1 p.m.** Our program will be the 2020 film *The Windermere Children*. It tells of the uplifting true stories of 300 child survivors of the Holocaust. An email will be sent to all Sisterhood members with details.

Meanwhile, we are excited to present our “Un-Card Party” activities. Although we can’t meet in person, this special event will have lots of prizes donated by local restaurants and merchants as well as a cash raffle. Information will be mailed to all members of the Congregation and Sisterhood. Be sure to send in your annual dues if you have not done so already.

It’s also time to order your Mah Jongg cards for 2021. The order form reflects the one-dollar increase that the National Mah Jongg League has instituted. Tell all of your friends that these are the same prices as the League charges, but Sisterhood will receive \$1.25 for each card that is ordered through our organization.

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Deadline: January 28, 2021

Sisterhood earns \$1.25 for each card ordered. Please complete form and provide an email address and phone number for ONE person per group:

Name _____

Email _____

Card Costs:

STANDARD PRINT (\$9.00)

LARGE PRINT (\$10.00)

No. of Cards # _____

Make checks (no cash) payable to "SLJC Sisterhood" and send by January 15, 2021 with this form to:
Nancy Mohr, 24518 S. Cedarcrest Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Birthday (month/day only): _____

Please send a check for \$25, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to Suzy Ziegler, 139 W. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85045.

A Spiritual Journey

AN INTERFAITH PROGRAM

A three-part virtual series featuring Reverend Vernon Meyer of United Church of Christ and Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. (An access link will be sent before each program.)

PART II: GRATITUDE — November 24, 11 a.m.

This session will deal with the subject of Gratitude. The question as to whether gratitude is just a gesture or perhaps an empty slogan will be discussed, helping us understand the value of expressing our appreciation for things that we find exceptional and rewarding. There are times when favorable actions or comments are made that we find difficult to accept and, more importantly, to acknowledge.

We hope that this discussion will enable us to learn to appreciate goodness and mercy when it is extended. Sometimes, perhaps, we expect these overtures and are disappointed when they are lacking or missing. Do not underestimate the value of a simple “thank you.”



CELEBRATION: December 15, 11 a.m.

An ecumenical program honoring Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Chanukah. Through this collective celebration we will better understand the meaning of salvation and redemption.

Shalom Hadassah



Well, here we are now into November, and still no closer to knowing when it will be safe enough to convene a meeting of Shalom Hadassah. However, that doesn't mean we're not a viable, strong chapter. We definitely are! We care about you all and are here for you always. Please feel free to contact Shalom President Barbara Silverman at bsilverman44@gmail.com with any suggestions or comments you may have. She is always delighted to hear from the membership.

We are all so looking forward to the return of some sort of normalcy in our lives and when we once again can enjoy our lively and informative Shalom Hadassah in-person meetings. In the meantime, we want to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 Arleene & Lee Forgang | 26 Sidney Berger & Bobby Sachs |
| 8 Jeff & Janey Burnce | 29 Carol & Leo Pessin |
| 24 Kim & Jerry Kaplan | |
| 25 Susan & Michael Cohen | |

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

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Shelly Henden | 11 Charlotte Amiton | 18 Sharon Siegel | 28 SaraRuth Rossow |
| 4 Wende Levy | 14 Karen Hasenfus | 19 Lee Forgang | 29 Kim Kaplan |
| 4 Joyce Spartonos | 14 Carol Pessin | 21 Rhoda Waisel | 29 Paula Lewis |
| 5 Janey Burnce | 14 Diane Silverman | 23 Bobby Sachs | 30 Linda Brooks |
| 6 Gail Dante | 16 Ron Gindick | 23 Richard Tauber | 30 Jeri Goldfader |
| 7 Barbara Ganz | 17 Judie Weissman | 27 Harold Fineberg | |

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

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|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| David Ament | Cyril Freed | Wendy Markin | Yetta Schwartz |
| Hannah Ament | Henry Fryde | Lester Merritt | Arthur Shapiro |
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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



By tradition, November services honor our veterans and members of the JWV are encouraged to participate in this month's service. As Rabbi Wiener stated, when we tape the service, social distancing is observed on the bima and in the Chapel. If you would like to participate by lighting candles, opening the ark, or having an Aliyah, please let me know. We will be pre-taping the service on Tuesday, November 10 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel. You only need to be there for your portion but are welcome to stay for the entire service. This is a nice way to honor a birthday, anniversary, or any other special occasion. To participate in this or any future service, please call me, Shelly Henden, at (480) 895-8851. Hoping we will all be back together soon.



We are thrilled to announce that so far, more than \$6,000 has been donated to the Marty Silverman Memorial Campaign. We want to thank everyone who has already made a donation and urge others who have not as yet done so to please consider contributing to this campaign. If you have any questions, please call Wende at (301) 503-1047. Checks, made payable to SLJC, should be sent to Wende Levy, 23821 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Thank you!

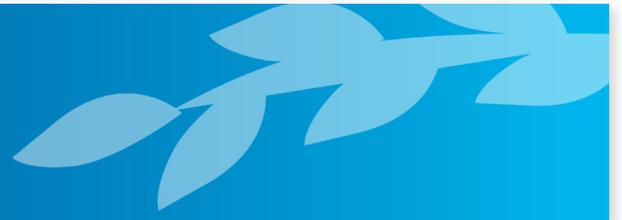
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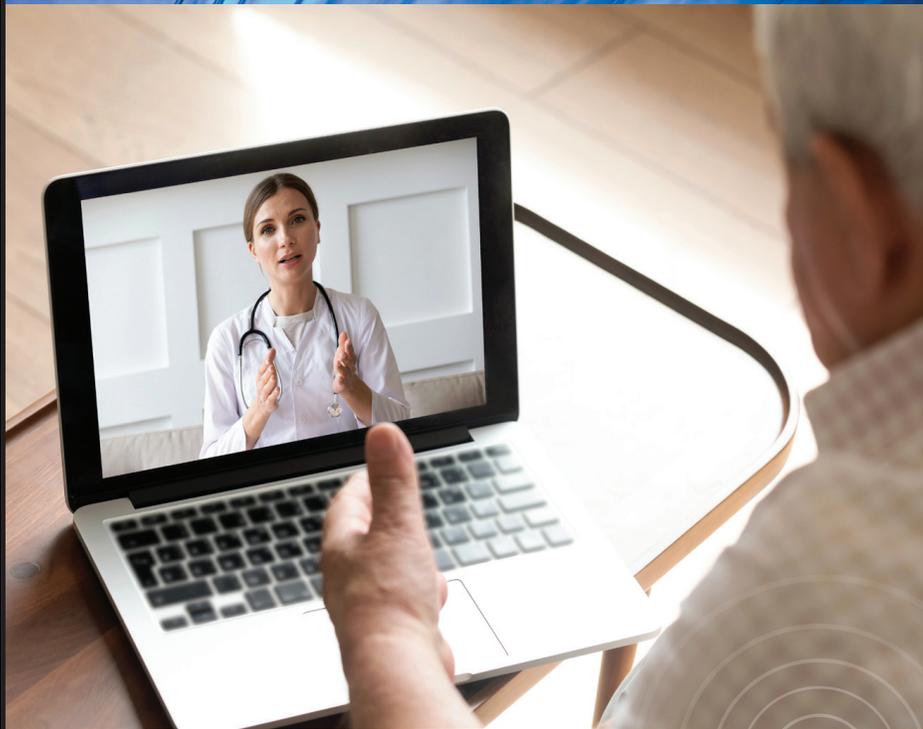
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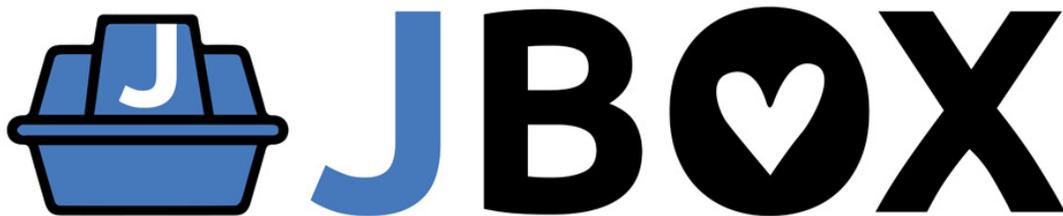


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