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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Hope and Faith

Faith and hope consist of many considerations. For example, there is the desire for a life of contentment and fulfillment. This is accomplished with faith in the future. Then there is the belief that doing good and acting kindly will find favor with God. We hope that the faith we have will enable us to realize

our dreams and aspirations.

Many tragedies occur in our lifetime. Sometimes we dwell on them more than the accomplishments we have achieved. We forget the creativity and exploration that gave us satisfaction. We sometimes achieve unimaginable heights in reaching for a life with meaning, but we also forget to appreciate what we have.

It reminds me of something I once read that deals with the effects of gratitude. It starts by talking about our parents, and how they attempt to teach us the path to independence. It explains how sometimes we are audacious and obnoxious, but we know that our parents will accept us with open arms ever forgiving. God, too, sees us succumbing to temptation and floundering with no purpose or destination. God sets a plan before us — a roadmap — and we choose to not follow knowing full well the consequences of our actions.

What does God do? God smiles and accepts the good with the bad and understands full well the gift of choice.

There is one thing missing however — gratitude. True, there are times when we do not feel so grateful. Still, just as we found our parents to be less than understanding at times, we were still grateful for their open arms, their unconditional love.

How about extending that to God a little. The reading I refer to goes even further. It talks about dreaming together. It then leads us into a dream of meeting an angel as we ascend the seven rungs on the ladder to eternity. The angel takes our hand and begins showing us around. Eventually we arrive at a room where there are many angels. Our guide tells us that we are in a reception area. Here is where the many prayers that are said are received. Yes, prayers are received.

This place, where prayers are delivered, was very busy with so many petitions from all over the world. They are then distributed to the various sections to be considered by the angel in charge of each section. And as the story continues, we learn that each section is referred to as a receiving section. All the requests are then sorted for distribution and eventually delivered to God. Sort of an Amazon distribution center where everything is sorted for delivery.

Finally, we arrive at a room at the end of the corridor and much to our surprise only one angel is there sitting idly doing nothing. This, we are told, is the *gratitude section*. Naturally, we are curious as to why it was not busy. The angel told us that after people receive the blessings they ask for, very few send back acknowledgments.

We then asked our guide as to how one acknowledges God's blessings. The answer was quite simple – "Just say thank you," was his reply. How many of us stop to say thank you to God? We complain to God, we blame God, we even deny God. For that matter, how many times do we say thank you to anyone who is kind to us, shows generosity or just befriends us?

How do we say thank you to God – think of all the people in the world who have no food, no shelter, not enough resources to make their lives livable. Think of all the people in the world who are ill with no hope for a recovery, imprisoned, lonely or maimed. Think of all the people in the world who cannot pray to their God without the fear of being murdered because of their practices or beliefs.

Then we should bow our heads and give thanks to a God who is here this very moment. On this day we should express our gratitude, this time for renewal – for that is the way to start a new day – grateful for the past and ever grateful that there is a tomorrow. It is not an easy road we travel, but if we say thank you enough maybe our attitude and the results of our positive responses will make all the difference in how we live our lives and at the same time extend them so that we can say thank you again the next day, and the next day, and, yes, the next day as well.

Is this not what the season that we are enjoying is all about? Oh — and thank you for reading this!

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT LONE SOLDIERS RECOGNIZED AS JEWS

According to the *Jerusalem Post* on March 3, 2023, Lone Soldiers realized their dreams of being officially recognized as Jews after completing a conversion ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and being called to read from the Torah. While all of them had Jewish ancestral histories, it was not adequate to be recognized as Jews in accordance with Halacha.

Maria Ratzitz, who serves with the Border Police, came to Israel in 2020 and recently completed her conversion studies, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah, and was feted with a special surprise. Her mother, whom she had not seen in more than a year, was brought to Israel from Russia for the occasion. The Big Brother Association for Lone Soldiers, which was founded by its CEO Daniel Aharon together with the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, organized the ceremony.

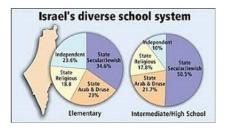


Bar Mitzvah Celebration at the Western Wall on March 3, 2023

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT TEACHER EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

Sunday, April 2, 3 pm, Chapel Center





The Teacher Education in Israel program is free and open to the entire community. Geoffrey John Kaye, an SLJC member, will discuss his role in developing the Kaye Academic College of Education in Beer Sheva, Israel. He will discuss how he got involved and how the school has grown and now flourishes. The college is now the hub of teacher training for the entire Negev with approximately 3500 students.

- The college population is socio-economically and ethnically diverse, including religious and secular Jews, Ethiopian and former Soviet Union immigrants, Bedouin (about 48% of all students), and Arab students.
- It features a Center for Motivation and Self-Determination, as well as a Multiculturalism Center.
- The school highlights education of democratic values; coexistence in a multicultural society; and communal, social, and civil activism and leadership.
- It is currently involved in two international collaborative projects funded by the European Union.
- The faculty has published a record 26 and 24 research papers in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



What a lovely service we had in March honoring Lana Oyer who, for the last 30 years, volunteered her time directing our choir. We also paid tribute to the oldest member of our congregation, Bob Stone, a past chairman of

our Ritual Committee, who turned 100 years young on March 31. Mazel tov to both of you.

I want to thank all of you that attended our fundraisers at Chompie's (over 60 of you) and Hale Theatre, and those who attended our first Adult Education program cosponsored by the EVJCC. A BIG thanks to Linda Brooks (Chompie's), Marcia Weiner and Shelly Schwartz (Hale Theatre), and Barbara Ganz (Adult Ed) for making all of these events possible.

This month as a part of our regular service on Friday April 14, we will be having a Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day recognition.

A Look Back — A Look Ahead

Our final fundraiser at the Hale Theatre is "Bye Bye Birdie" on Saturday, May 20 at 4 PM. Contact Marcia Weiner or Shelly Schwartz for reservations. (See below for details.)

Again, a shout out for the Men's Club. They would like to plan events other than lunches such as speakers, so with your help by joining the Club you can also help the congregation. Contact Jeff Spear, Marty Levine, or Edd Shalett for more information.

Congratulations to our Sisterhood for a very successful Fashion Show!

For those of you that will be joining us at our combined seder with the Havarah in the Trilogy Community, I will see you there.

To all of you and your loved ones, a happy Passover. 🚢

SLJC FUNDRAISER JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for shows this spring at the Hale Theatre, a theater-in-the-round located at 50 W. Page Ave. in Gilbert. These performances will provide a chance to get together, see a show, maybe have a nosh in Downtown Gilbert, and raise some much-needed funds for our Congregation. All shows will be matinees at 4 pm.

Coming up is *Bye Bye Birdie* on Saturday, May 20. We hope you can join the fun!

Ticket price is \$40. To make your reservation, please call Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.



SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW JACKIE ROBINSON

By Murray Siegel

On April 15, thousands of baseball fans will celebrate the anniversary of Jackie Robinson trotting out to take his position at first base at Ebbets Field, breaking the Major League Baseball (MLB) color line. What most folks might not know is the contribution to Robinson's success by a number of Jews.

There were two Jewish sports writers who pressed for baseball to end its segregation. They were Lester Rodney of *The Daily Worker*, and Shirley Povich, who wrote for *The Washington Post*. These two journalists consistently challenged MLB to allow stars of the Negro League to have a chance to utilize their athletic skills in the big leagues.

Isadore Muchnick was a Russian Jew who was a member of the Boston City Council. He arranged for Jackie to have a tryout with the Red Sox, which resulted in Branch Rickey discovering Robinson's talents and the eventual signing with the Dodgers.

Another Jewish sportswriter was Sam Maltin, a writer for the Montreal Herald, who charted Jackie's success in leading the Montreal Royals to the 1946 Minor League World Series victory. Once Jackie made his Major League debut, many players were hostile, but there were a few exceptions. Future Hall of Famer and the first MLB Jewish superstar, Hank Greenberg, offered positive advice to Robinson, and they became good friends.



In 1954, Jackie and his wife Rachel were looking to buy a home in Westchester County, but the homes they liked were taken off the market to avoid selling to a Black family. Andrea Simon (wife of Richard Simon of Simon & Schuster, and mother of Carly Simon) learned of the Robinson's difficulties and went house hunting with Rachel until she was able to buy a 12-room home on a five-acre property. So as Americans celebrate Jackie Robinson, they should be aware of the support provided by Jewish citizens of the U.S. and Canada.

| | Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Sisterhood use only. | |
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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE: A SACRED OBLIGATION

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.



None of us will ever comprehend the horrific chapter in humanities history referred to as the Holocaust. Even those who lived through this nightmare cannot understand how human beings can be brought to such a level of monstrous proportions.

Each year we stand and remember those who have no candles lit for them on the anniversary of their death, or prayers recited as their names are not mentioned because no one really knows all the names. There are no monuments erected to mark the spot where once lived people who were sacrificed for the sake of hatred. Their unmarked graves bear witness to the disgrace that is the legacy of man's darkest hour. All of this happened because to be different in any way was the mortal sin of depravity.

The systematic degradation, dehumanization, and physical destruction are testaments to the evil that lurks inside the dark side of the human spirit. Humankind can sink to the depths of depravity when godliness is replaced by godlessness.

One and one half million little boys and girls, and over five million men and women — more than six million victims of the whim of monsters--are no more. "That little boy," wrote A.M. Klein, a German poet (1909-1972), "my cousin, whose cry might have been my cry in that dark land-where shall I seek you? On what wind shall I reach out to touch the ash that was your hand?"

Each of us, whether Jew or Gentile, is left to remind the world that this heinous act cannot and will not ever be repeated again. More than sixty million people from all walks of life and all corners of the globe were also sacrificed on the altar of indifference. That is why we should always and forever remember the blood-soaked earth, the stench from the ovens of mass destruction, and the cries of the helpless. Each time we remember, we resurrect a soul, which symbolizes the rebirth of values and benevolence and blessing.

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 1 pm, Chapel House



The Sisterhood of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation sponsored a very successful fashion show and luncheon on March 27 at the Oakwood Clubhouse. Funds were raised for many local charities.

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. There will be a speaker from the Phoenix Art Museum and light refreshments will be served. Plans are being made for our end of year luncheon for paid-up members. If you have not already joined, please fill out the form on the opposite page.

Book of Remembrance 🖞

This is the time of year when we plan for our annual **"BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE"** in which we honor and memorialize our departed family members. Since there are many congregants who leave for the summer months, and will want to have a listing in the book, we ask that you fill out the form below and send it in as soon as possible.

A COMPLETED FORM, even if your information has not changed, must be included with your payment and be received no later than:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

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

14 Harvey & Marilyn Fein

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

- 1 Susan Tauber
- 4 Rita L. Tanen
- 6 Sara Jo Deahl
- 6 Barbara Nussbaum
- 8 Michael Milgroom
- 11 Susan Plambeck
- 21 Chuck Wolin 27 Alan Behr

28 Jeffery Stein30 Gina Caplan

APRIL YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

We are saddened to report that long time congregant Seymour Zolty, husband of Elaine, passed away on February 28. Cards may be sent to the family at 9940 E Emerald Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Our condolences to former congregant Hildy Forman on the death of her husband, Jeff. SLJC offers condolences to congregant Robert Kaplan, whose brother Sheldon died on March 7th in New Jersey. Cards may be sent to Robert at 25277 S. Buttonwood Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. SLJC sends condolences to Roberta Levitan on the passing of her husband, longtime congregant, Maishe, on March 3, 2023. Messages of condolence may be sent to Roberta at 24507 S. Lakeway Cir SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts, donations, and emails wishing me a speedy recovery. I am so grateful for the love and support of the SLJC community. This congregation has given me strength and hope to get well soon. - Esther Spear

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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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JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619 — JWV HONORS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AT INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 am, Saguaro Room, Sun Lakes Country Club, 25219 E J Robson Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jewish War Veterans, Copper State Post 619 will hold its Installation of 2023-2024 Officers at a Brunch on Sunday, April 16. The event takes place in the Saguaro Room at Sun Lakes Country Club, 25219 E J Robson Blvd. Doors open at 10:30. See schedule and reservations details below.

Steven Weintraub, Chief Strategy Officer of The Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix), will be the guest speaker. He will explain how veterans can obtain free tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation.

This year's Member of the Year Award will also be presented, and this year the award goes to veteran, Gary Kanowsky, JWV's "go-to" man who always steps up to the plate. Gary manages the Mesa Market Place Poppy Campaign held on several three-day weekends per year by supervising two shifts of volunteers; setting up the display tables; and collecting, counting, and turning over thousands of dollars to JWV's Quartermaster. The Post donates this money to the many organizations that provide help to our veterans. Poppy drives are JWV's major source of fundraising. Volunteers are always needed. It is not necessary to be a member of the Post to Poppy.

In addition, Gary, a professional magician for twenty years, enjoys entertaining the vets and their children at JWV functions.

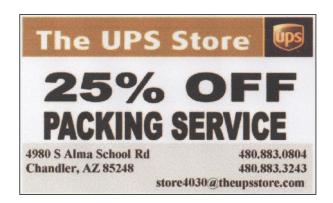


Gary Kanowsky

Schedule: Doors open at 10:30 am. Opening Ceremony at 11 am. Buffet begins at 11:15 am. Program starts at 12:30 pm. Installation at 1 pm. Speaker at 2 pm. Closing ceremony at 2:40 pm.

Reservations & Payment Deadline: April 10. Members \$20, Guests \$26. Checks should be made out to JWV Copper State Post 619 and must be received by Judy Wolin, 9006 E. Copper, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 no later than April 10. For questions, contact Judy (480) 802-8521.

To learn more about Post to Poppy, please contact Harve Kimmel at (480) 313-4734, kimmel4@aol.com.



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J East Valley JCC

Voices Silenced: Music from the Holocaust Yom Hashoah commemoration Monday, April 17 | 6 p.m. Opening reception: 5:30 p.m.

Lecture-recital featuring music by composers who were killed in the Holocaust. Presented by Hannah Creviston on piano, Nancy Buck on viola and Sabrina Hu on flute.

The evening also includes survivor testimony from Holocaust survivor Dirk Van Leenen and a candle-lighting ceremony with representatives from the City of Chandler and local faith leaders.

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