

The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

December 2015 / Kislev 5776



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, December 10, 4 p.m. - please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047 if you wish to be on the agenda.

MEN'S CLUB – Regular meeting Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel Center

SISTERHOOD – Meeting Thursday December 17 at 1:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center

SHALOM HADASSAH – Tuesday, December 8th is a trip to *Scottsdale's Museum of the West*, and Chanukah Party on December 15th at 11:30 a.m. at Chompie's

DEVORAH HADASSAH – Events are on December 2, 9, 16 ... see page 15 for details

JWV – Meeting December 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at SaraRuth's house

Important Message from Our SLJC Choir

Our Synagogue choir has lost many members very recently and after the High Holidays we only have 14 singers. We greatly need some voices that can carry a tune!! We rehearse from 3:00-4:30 on most Tuesday's in the Chapel Center. Please contact Lana Oyer at 602-524-5936.

To download a Membership Form, go to: www.SLJC.com/membership

Send any articles you wish to have published in *The Shpiel* to Mark Salita at ShpielSLJC@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for publication on the last day of the month.

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Message from Our Rabbi

The Meaning of Tradition

Usually at this time of the year we start asking questions because of all the commotion regarding Christmas. It is a wonderful time of the year and, a frightening time as well. There are doubts about who we are and how we fit into the rush and excitement that we witness taking place with our Christian neighbors. I, for one, am happy for them because of the message of the season, not the trappings and gift giving.

To me, the meaning is quite simple which makes it even more appealing. “Peace on Earth, good will toward men” – men, of course, used in the generic sense. How could anyone argue with such a concept? After all it has its roots in Judaism’s understanding of relationships and attachments. It emanates from the Jewish gift to humanity of the concept of a Messianic wish and hope – a time when all will be well with the world and the lion will finally lie down with the lamb indicating the removal of hate and fright.

And yet, while we delivered this message as described in the Prophets, we still are a skeptical people reacting more to practical feelings rather than spiritual ones. Our Christian brothers and sisters have taken the belief to include a physical arrival while we look to a time when order will be created out of chaos. Both traditions are rooted in the belief and hope that humanity is capable of good and noble things

We look at this tradition in a more humorous way giving us the opportunity to rationalize the idea so that we can digest it. For example the story is told about a small Russian shtetl (community) where the city council decides to pay a poor Jew a ruble a week to sit at the town’s entrance and be the first to greet the Messiah when he arrives. The man’s brother comes to see him, and is puzzled why he took such a low paying job. “It’s true,” the poor man responds, “the pay is low. But it’s a steady job.”

We wait and yet we wonder and all too often we see misery and homelessness and poverty and wonder about our ever witnessing a time of tranquility and peace. And, yes, we laugh because it gives us the ability to hope without feeling so frustrated.

A Jew comes home from Synagogue and tells his wife: “They say the Messiah is coming any day, and will take us all to Israel.” The wife becomes hysterical. “Oh no! It would be terrible. It took years till we could finally move into this neighborhood, and buy the house we wanted. Now we’ve spent a fortune fixing it up. I don’t want the Messiah to take us away.” “Okay, okay, don’t worry,” the husband says. “We survived Pharaoh; we survived all types of discrimination. With God’s help, we’ll survive the Messiah too!”

Woody Allen reacted to the prophesy about the lion and the lamb explaining that a man was visiting a zoo and is taken to the lion’s cage. He witnesses there the literal fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophesy – a lion and calf in a cage together. Amazed he calls over an attendant. : How long have you had a lion and calf in a cage together?” “Over a year already.” “How do you do it?” “It’s easy. Every morning we put in a new calf.”

So here we are at this time, in this place, and the same thoughts run through our mind about a Messiah and the message it is intended to deliver. But then I look around and see people rushing to help people. I see people, some tired, some ill, still reaching out to help others who need the help more than they. I see volunteers serving food to those who are hungry or bringing groceries and medicines to the house-bound. I see people raising funds for the needy among us. I see others collecting food for those less fortunate. I see all of this each and every day and I realize that the Messiah is among us – in each of us.

This is not a dream or a wish – but in the person of each of us who join together to reconnect to an idea, a feeling, and a moment of sacredness.

Those who believe in a physical Messiah can witness all the Messiahs at work. Those who believe in a Messianic era – well each generation brings the Messianic time a bit closer through the works of their hands. This is how God intended us to believe in the future by living in the present.

To our Christian friends – let us wish them a very Merry Christmas together with the hope that their dreams and aspirations will receive fulfillment and that the message of this season will give them renewed faith in each other and in God.

We, who celebrate Hanukkah – my wish is that the lights of the Menorah will continue to burn in each of us as we go from strength to strength in achieving the meaning of the Messianic promise and expectation of goodness and mercy, of kindness and redemption. This is what the Maccabees, over 2200 years ago in the midst of turmoil and despair taught us by taking destiny into their own hands thus giving us the opportunity to get closer to God through our own efforts of determination and fortitude.

May God bless all who seek to find God through their own commitment of love and caring. And may He find favor with us as we begin a new season of continuity.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Ritual Schedule for 5776 (2015-2016)

2015

December 11 ----- Service honoring Chanukah & Israel Committee/Hillel ----- 7:00 pm

2016

January 8 ----- Installation of Congregational Board, Officers, & Committees -- 7:30 pm

February 12 ----- Service honoring Sisterhood ----- 7:30 pm

March 11 ----- Service honoring our Choir, Interfaith, and Hadassah ----- 7:30 pm

April 8 ----- YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE ----- 7:30 pm

May 13 ----- Service honoring Men's Club ----- 7:30 pm

June 10 ----- Annual Healing Service and Rabbi's Bar Mitzvah Year ----- 7:30 pm

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH INFORMATION

We are proud to offer Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies both for youngsters and adults. For information regarding the procedures for commemorating this milestone, please contact the Rabbi at 623-640-5913 or ravyitz@cox.net.

President's Message

Hearing our rabbi give his sermon "Fighting Mad" on Friday night challenges us to reflect on our words and deeds. As your president I am committed to making SLJC a place where everyone feels welcome and everyone feels they are connected to SLJC and whatever traditions and rituals they practice. Our congregation meets a variety of needs for different people. It is important that we encompass everyone into our community.

As we begin to develop new chavara's within our community to meet the needs and desires of our members I am happy to announce the first group to be formed. Lainy Sardina has volunteered to lead the SLJC Singles Group. If you are interested in joining or want more information please contact Lainy at lainysardina@gmail.com. Other chavara's will begin as soon as leaders are identified. If you are interested in leading a group or have questions about any group please contact me at Wende@his.com. The SLJC Board of Directors welcomed Doris Codkind and Betsy Silverman to the November Board meeting. Their attendance is part of the orientation process to the board. All SLJC Board of Directors' meetings are open to all congregants. If you have an agenda item that you would like discussed please contact me at least a few days prior to the meeting.

The SLJC BOD is conducting a survey to obtain demographic and other feedback from our congregants. You should have received it electronically or by mail. Each person or household is requested to fill out the questionnaire and provide comments. It is important for planning and future programs to learn what the congregants' desire, ideas for new programs or revisions to our current programs. Please take the time to fill out the survey and add your ideas and comments. Surveys can be filled out electronically and sent to me at Wende@his.com or sent to me via the US mail. If sending by mail my address is Wende Levy, 23821 S. Dobson Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. To date I have received 61 completed surveys. It is critical that the Board receives your input via the survey in order to enhance our strategic planning for the future of SLJC. A report on the results of the survey will be provided to the congregation.

I wish each of you, your families and friends a Happy Chanukah!

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Cantorial Notes – Rock of Ages

One song we sing every year at Hanukkah time is Rock of Ages (Maoz Tzur). It is one of those things we do without really thinking about what it means and why it is associated with the Hanukkah season. Last year at this time my article focused on the Maccabees and their miraculous victory over the Syrian army. We believe that this victory was only possible because God was at our side. Rock of Ages is a song of praise that acknowledges God's hand in what would have otherwise been insurmountable odds against Antiochus' army. Other verses of this song (in its original form) reference the Jews overcoming Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar and Haman.

The modern English lyrics of the verse most commonly sung during Hanukkah are as follows:

Rock of Ages let our song praise thy saving power.
Thou amidst the raging foes, wast our sheltering tower.
Furiously they assailed us, but Thine arm availed us.
And Thy word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

Interestingly though, the more direct translation from the Hebrew poem is
My refuge, my rock of salvation! 'Tis pleasant to sing your praises.
Let our house of prayer be restored. And there we will offer you our thanks.
When You will have slaughtered the barking foe.
Then we will celebrate with song and psalm the altar's dedication.

It is even clearer in this poetic reading why Maoz Tzur is sung during Hanukkah. It expresses the longing for rebuilding the destroyed temple and thanks to God for His action against the enemies of the Jewish people. As we light our menorah's during this Hanukkah season, let us all remember the miracle of the Maccabee's victory and try singing Maoz Tzur in our own homes. May this festival of lights remind us all how lucky we are to celebrate in our homes and synagogue in a country where Judaism has flourished.

B'Shalom and Chag Sameach,

Cantor Ronda

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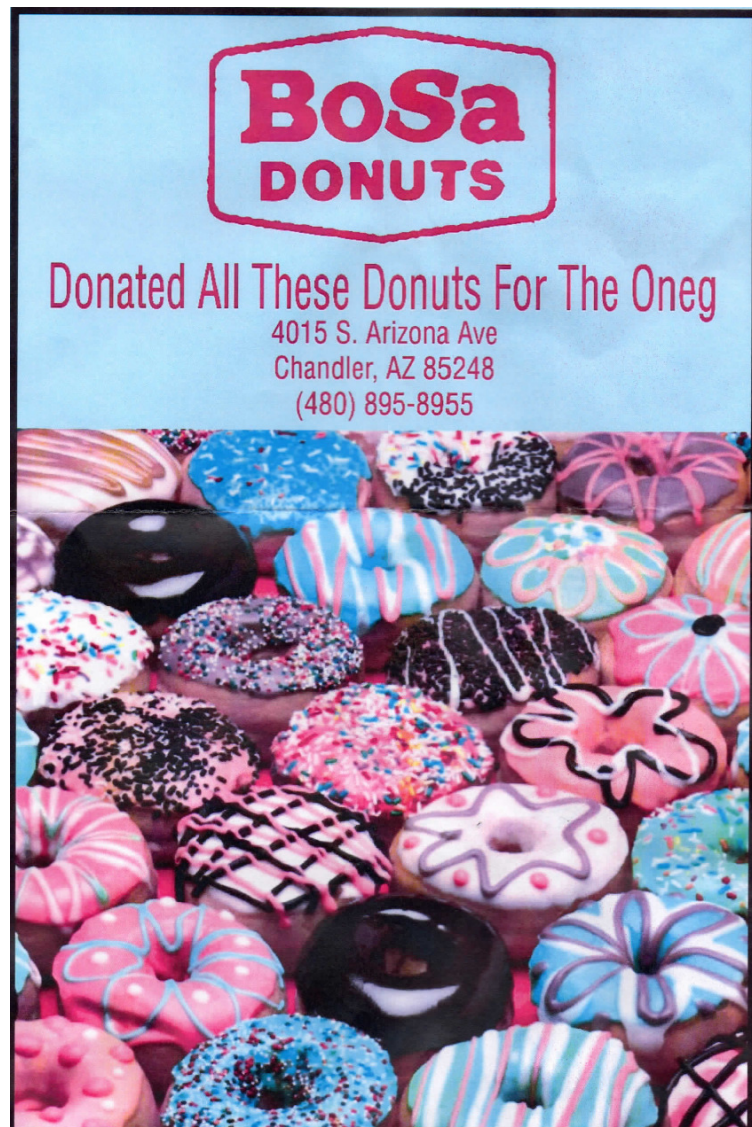
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MEMORIAL BOARD – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. Many of you have already placed plates on the memorial board to honor and remember your loved ones. The wording for these plates is limited to 5 lines of type, and the cost for each plate is \$75.00, payable to SLJC. Any questions regarding this board, please contact SaraRuth at 883-1791.

BLUE BOXES - Keep filling J.N.F blue boxes!! If filled, call me and I will arrange to pick them up. Thanks. Lill Fishman - 895-8928

TRIBUTE CARDS for any occasion can be purchased at the monthly Sisterhood meetings.

SERVICE HONORS – Anyone wishing to have an honor in any upcoming service, call SaraRuth Rossow at 883-1791.



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important occasions. To participate, call Shirley Gersten at 802-0007 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per
household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).

To help serve at the Onegs: call Gary Kanowsky at 802-4517, or fill out the following form:

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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANKS

I want say thanks for the calls, cards, visits and concern during my recent hospitalization. It is wonderful living in such a caring community. I'm doing much better, and know it is because of all the generosity of our Sun Lakes community. Thanks again. Alan Behr

THE CARING/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee functions as a liaison between the Congregation and Rabbi to insure that notifications are made on behalf of anyone who is ill or in need. Privacy and discretion are important and observed at the congregant's request.

If you find out that a congregant is ill, in need of care, or has passed away please contact Committee Chairperson Shirley Shalett at tieman11@q.com or 480-883-9159. Rabbi Wiener is also always available as is SLJC President Wende Levy. Or you may contact a committee member listed below. This committee works hard to help in the time of need. They are: Michael Kaplan, Doris Codkind, Joyce Spantonos, Jeff Spear, Mark Nelinson, Geri Gould, Marilyn Koss, Fran Applebaum, Carol Biales, Rita Solko, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Shelly Henden, Michael Dar, Edd Shalett, Marty Silverman and Myra Buckner.

In order to have a card sent to a congregant on behalf of Sisterhood in the event of an illness or hospitalization, or for a happy event like the birth of a grandchild, contact Marilyn Koss at 940-1916, or e-mail marilynjoe@cox.net.

Help Fund our Oneg Shabbats

Last year, Nancy Stutman began a great tradition of soliciting donations to help defray the costs of our monthly Oneg Shabbats. She was very successful, for which we are so appreciative. This year we would like to continue this tradition by asking you to make a donation in your birthday or anniversary month, or in honor of a simcha in your life. So far, several generous congregants have agreed to take the lead in the month of November by making gifts of anything from \$10, \$25, \$50, or more. Won't you join them and be recognized as an honoree?

If you would like to do so, please send your contribution, including the month for which you would like to be recognized, payable to SLJC and sent to Geri Gould. We would appreciate your support at least one month before the date of the particular Oneg Shabbat that is especially meaningful to you.

Thank you so much for your consideration. We know we can have another great year by joining forces.

SLJC 2016 Member Directory

The SLJC Directory will be available sometime in December. The directory will be available for pick up at the Friday night service immediately following. You will receive notice that the directory is available.

If you are unable to pick up your copy of the directory it will be hand delivered to you if you live in Sun Lakes by members of the board of directors or mailed to you if you do not live in Sun lakes.

Not Receiving The Shpiel or Eblasts Electronically?

Some congregants are having trouble receiving SLJC news from the new website address, possibly because some email providers are sending the messages straight to Spam. If any SLJC member you know is having this problem, tell them to add sljccomm@gmail.com to their contacts list, and add SLJC News to the name field in the contact.

Paper Copies of The Shpiel

Publishing the Shpiel electronically will have saved the congregation nearly \$5000 this year, which has been a major contributor to a balanced budget for SLJC. In addition, the electronic version is easier to create, easier to edit, easier to read, and much more colorful than a black-and-white paper copy. Congregants who don't have email capability receive a paper copy of the Shpiel for free. However, some congregants who receive the Shpiel electronically have chosen optionally also to receive a paper copy by snail mail for a fee of \$2.50 per issue, which barely covers the cost of printing and postage. If you want the optional paper copy starting with the January 1 issue, please send a check for \$15.00 by December 15 to

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Men's Club of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

November's speaker was Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny. His lecture attracted over 25 members and included a "state of the town" presentation as well as details of Chandler future developments. The Mayor allocated a significant time to questions from the participants.



A board was formed in order to establish not only future activities of the club, but also to recommend ways to improve them. The board includes Sy Evans, Sheldon Raizes, Jeff Spear, Art Sloane, Steve Brandon and Michael Dar.

Our speaker for the monthly meeting on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center is Sy Evans, who will lecture and demonstrate applied and behavioral kinesiology. Kinesiology is the scientific study of human movements addressing physiological, mechanical and psychological associated mechanisms. It is a fascinating subject and I am sure will provide not only an entertaining but also informative evening.

Also it is past time for those who have not paid their dues to renew their membership in our club for 2015-2016. Also we invite congregation members who are not enrolled in our club to join us. Dues remain at \$30.00. This entitles you to attend our Annual Dinner free-of-charge. Please send your check, payable to "SLJC Men's Club to: Sy Evans, 26421 S. Newtown Dr, Sun Lakes AZ 85248.



Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Dec 20 in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The Post will devote the meeting to gearing up for both the Maricopa StandDown and Poppying at the Mesa Market Place in Mesa to raise funds for their many events for homeless veterans. In the near future a trip will be scheduled to inform the membership on why this post is the most renowned post of any veterans post in supporting homeless Veterans.

The post is active all year long and inquiries are answered all year long from any person regardless of race, religion or gender. Many participants in the post are not Jewish but want to help veterans and this post works tirelessly to help homeless and in-need veterans, with many persons taking part in the Maricopa StandDown in February. Get information on the post from Paul Herman at 480-659-2998. Make reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting with Donna Liebowitz at 480-883-3153 or bananabunny@centurylink.net.



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Sisterhood

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood is Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Our speaker for this meeting is Dan Shellum, who came to Arizona to pursue a career in law enforcement. He has worked for the Chandler Police Department for 10 years. He has a Master's of Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. As part of his master's program he was afforded the opportunity to study abroad in Israel, where he studied counter-terrorism. He ended up leaving Israel with experiences that he says will last him a lifetime, and an education that he will never be able to replicate. He recently completed his master's degree and received a promotion at work, so the changes continue. He looks forward to the opportunity to share his stories and experiences with us.

Feb. 12, 2016 is Sisterhood Shabbat (Jewish Humor is the theme). If you are interested in having an honor, or participating in any other way, please contact Geri Gould.

If you haven't already done so, send your dues (\$25.00) to Phyllis Mandel. She will also be happy to accept donations for Toys From the Heart (see donation form on page 8). And remember that after December 31st, dues rise to \$30.00.

Suzy Ziegler@yahoo.com

480-460-5574

SISTERHOOD DUES STATEMENT

2015 – 2016

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

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Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

Join us on December 2 for Devorah Hadassah's Out-to-Lunch. The time and location will be sent to members in an email. Potential members and friends are welcome.

December 9 is our next Rummikub game. Join us at 1:15 at the Chandler Senior Center, 202 E. Boston Street, Chandler for some fun, friends, conversation and Rummikub.

December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Sholom will be the installation of the new officers for the 2016 year. With our installing officer, Fredi Brown, we will celebrate the success of Devorah's first year and look forward to success next year. If you are interested in gift wrapping during the holiday season, there are still a few open time slots for you. It is fun for all who participate. For more information about any or all of these events, contact Hadassah.evinfo@cox.net

SLJC Singles Group Forming

The term Havurah means friend and reflects a group of Jewish people brought together through the sharing of similar ideas and experiences. Havurah is about friends, having fun, and being connected within your Havurah and the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. A Havurah typically meets on a regular basis. As a group you decide which activities interest you and when to meet.

Our time as Singles to meet SOCIALLY and mingle through our Temple has come! A Havurah is a terrific way to become acquainted with others who have similar interests.

We are looking for Jewish Senior Singles to join our Havurah, to meet with other Singles and enjoy life!

Our first meeting will be to set up Monthly Meeting times and to talk about the direction we would like to go and anything else we may want to discuss.

If you are a Jewish Single, and are interested in pursuing a Jewish Singles Havurah, please send me your name and you will be contacted for the first ever Sun Lakes Jewish Singles Havarah get together to make a plan!

Please RSVP to Lainy Sardina

lainysardina@gmail.com

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Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

On Tuesday, December 8th a special trip to *Western Spirit, Scottsdale's Museum of the West*, is planned. This includes a docent led tour of the special exhibit, "A Salute to the Cowboy Artists of America". Also on view will be the Lewis & Clark Exhibit. What a wonderful way to connect with our Southwestern Heritage.

This event is limited to 25 women so make your reservation early by sending a check made to Hadassah for \$7.00 (for our Fun, Fundraiser) to Judi Josephson, 23625 S. Rosecrest, Sun Lakes 85248. Senior admission to the Museum will be \$11.00. Cut off reservation date is Nov. 25th. Car pools will be arranged. We will stop for lunch at a nearby restaurant before returning home. Questions? Call Judi at 480-802-4944 or Diane at 480-895-6917.

Doris Codkind, Publicity (For membership information call Cyril at 802-0243 or Kathy at 895-5194)

Shalom Hadassah December Chanukah Party and Luncheon

Tuesday December 15th at 11:30 PM at

Chompie's Restaurant in Chandler

Several menu choices will be available.

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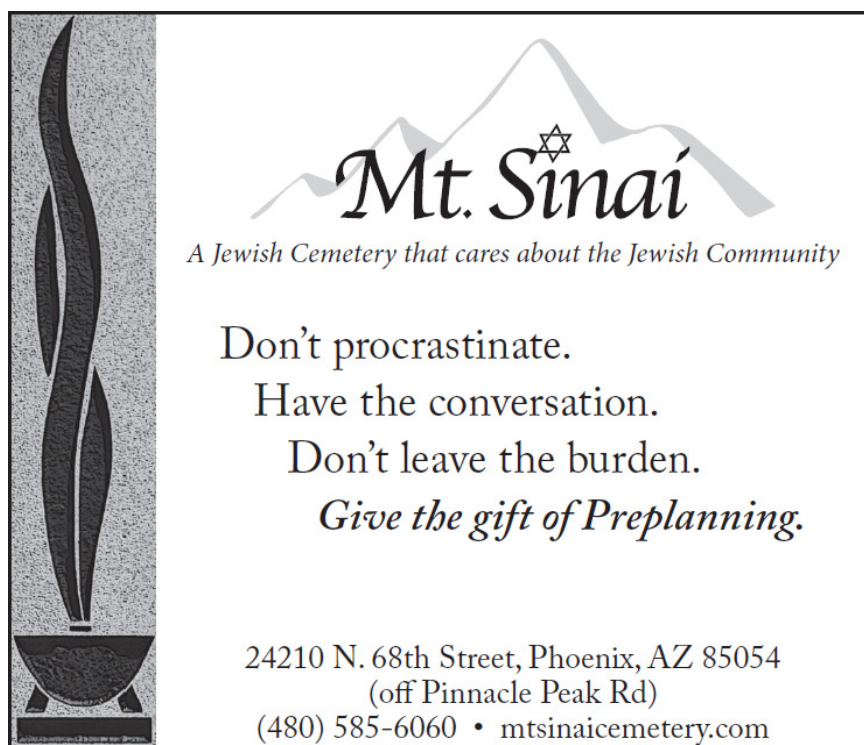
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2	Peter Relyea
2	Joan Tener
3	George Bromley
3	Thea Friedman
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4	Tom Mohr
4	Seymour Zolty
5	Marjorie Weiss
6	Miles Freed
6	Benita Feldman
6	Dennis Novy
7	Judy Asbell
7	Hildy Forman
7	Irwin Wiener
8	Beverly Lefton
8	Milton Lewis
9	Kevin Murphy
9	Jon Scheck
10	Florence Oxman
10	Bernice Richmond
13	Sander Frindell
15	Craig Herman
16	Barbara Gold
16	Marshall Gurian
19	Sharon Rhodes
19	Ron Buckner
20	Jeff Burnce
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News from Israel

In a 2011 Greenberg Quinlan Rosner survey conducted for the Israel Project, Palestinians were asked whether it was morally right or wrong to deny that "Jews have a long history in Jerusalem going back thousands of years." Seventy-two percent said it was right. In parallel, 90% deemed it wrong to deny that Palestinian history in Jerusalem goes back thousands of years. In a 2015 survey by David Pollock of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 83% of Palestinians asserted — regarding the area from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea — that "this is Palestinian land and Jews have no rights to it"; only 12% agreed that "both Jews and Palestinians have rights to the land."

Most Palestinians also believe Israel wants to drive them out entirely, especially from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, where the Al-Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock stand. Since Israel captured this area in 1967, Muslims have been allowed to visit it and pray at its mosques regularly, while Jews are restricted in their visits, have no place for group worship and are forbidden from praying there. Last year, a few Israeli politicians proposed relaxing these restrictions, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu repeatedly declared the status quo would not change, and his government has acted accordingly.

Yet when the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, known as PSR, asked on four occasions about Israel's intentions, 20% of Palestinians said Israel would allow Jews to establish a synagogue next to Al-Aqsa mosque, and a stunning 51% declared that Israel would "destroy Al-Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques and build a synagogue in their place."

The combination, as Palestinians see it, of a lack of a Jewish claim to the land with Israel's imagined, diabolical plans to dispossess the Arabs provides fertile ground for justifying radical actions. This helps explain Palestinian rejection of the pejorative "terrorism" to describe Arab attacks on Israelis.

In a December 2001 poll, 98% labeled as terrorism Baruch Goldstein's killing of 29 Palestinians in Hebron in 1994, but only 15% applied that term to Palestinian suicide bombings that killed 21 Israelis at a Tel Aviv nightclub in 2001. This attitude carries over to attacks on Westerners more generally, as 53% of Palestinians declined to call the 9/11 attacks terrorism. And, according to the Arab Barometer, a project of American and Middle Eastern universities and research centers, similar majorities refused to apply that term to the deadly attacks by Islamists a few years later in Madrid and London.

Palestinians' readiness to justify attacks on civilians also emerges from surveys of Muslim countries by the Pew Research Center. In six polls during the last decade, an average of 59% of Palestinians backed the view that "suicide bombing and other forms of violence against civilian targets are justified in order to defend Islam from its enemies" — making them the pacesetters on that question in every survey.

Since the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center began asking Palestinians in 2001, "How do you feel toward suicide-bombing operations against Israeli civilians?" support has exceeded opposition by an average of 20 points. In a December 2014 PSR poll that prefigured the recent attacks, 78% expressed support for the "increase in Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank in attempts to stab or run over Israelis."

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