

The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

December 2016 / Kislev 5777



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

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Recording Secretary – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – December 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, December 8th, 4:00 p.m.

please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047 if you wish to be on the agenda.

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday December 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

SISTERHOOD – Meeting December 15th at 1:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

HAVURAH CHAI – Chanukah dinner party on December 10th.

JWV POST 619 – Meeting December 18th at 9:30 a.m., Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

**SHALOM HADASSAH – Chanukah celebration and meeting on December 13th
at Oakwood Country Club with lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

DEVORAH HADASSAH – Ladies Literary Book Group on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Ritual Schedule for 5777 (2016-2017)

2016

December 9 ----- Service honoring Chanukah and Rabbi's 80th Birthday ----- 7:30 pm
and Dedication of Chanukah Menorah in Honor of Jack Dante

2017

January 13 ----- Service Honoring Our Officers, Committees, & Volunteers ---- 7:30 pm
February 10 ----- Shabbat Service ----- 7:30 pm
March 10 ----- Service Celebrating 25 yrs of Service by Our Music Director
and Choir ----- 7:30 pm
April 14 ----- Yom HaShoah Observance ----- 7:30 pm
May 12 ----- Shabbat Service ----- 7:30 pm
June 9 ----- Annual Healing Service ----- 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.

Member Outreach Committee

The Membership Outreach Committee is looking for more volunteers to serve on the committee. If anyone is interested have them contact Jeff at 480-556-1284 or email me at: jeff.spear46@gmail.com.



Message from Our Rabbi

Hanukkah – 2016

King Solomon, in his wisdom, taught that there is nothing new under the Sun. Benjamin Franklin went further by declaring that there are only two things that are constant – death and taxes. Both expressions are lessons in life. We may think that there are things in life that are sure, but the reality is that generational continuance is the only constant, because without it everything we know would cease to be. So much for the examples offered by Solomon and Benjamin Franklin.

The glue that keeps life meaningful is the knowledge that when we are a memory, the next episode of perseverance will occur. This has been, and continues to be the design of creation. There was a beginning, but there is no end.

We do have a part in guaranteeing the future. All is not left in the hands of some mysterious force – the one we refer to as God. Our lives, and how we live them, play an active role in the original intent of creation. Traditions begin to take shape, and from these traditions develop customs and humanities connection. Society becomes the grouping of these concepts until we finally arrive at a mode of conduct and adherence.

Hanukkah is, and was, designed to teach these important aspects of attempting to understand our place. It started with love – the love of our Creator, and the love of all who are important in our lives. If memory is the glue for life's meaning, then love is the cement that forms the foundation of the journey begun with our first breath.

Our pilgrimage encompasses compassion and strength. As we travel, we learn about awareness – the informed values enhanced by faith. Faith may seem like an abstract, but if we really think about it we should realize that without this faith there is no hope.

This year, all these thoughts will come together as we not only celebrate a 2300-year-old tradition, but also commemorate a life taken too soon as we dedicate the congregation's new Hanukkah Menorah, donated by friends and family of the late Jack Dante.

Memory is the one significant ingredient in Eternal Life. Each person that traveled with us and is no more represents the continuity that reinforces the constant belief of generational continuance. Remembering Jack Dante should serve to remind us of all who have gone before us. Hopefully, as we dedicate this new addition to our congregation's ritual valuables, we will pause for a moment and remember our past as we celebrate our future. There is no better way to hallow a holiday dedicated to the future.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Cantorial Notes: The Blessing of Hanukkah

As we all know, there are special blessings for lighting the candles on the menorah and they are sung to a very special melody reserved for Hanukkah. I thought the majority of you who don't speak Hebrew would appreciate seeing the translation. The first blessing is translated as follows:

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to kindle **the Hanukkah lights.**"

The last part of the blessing in bold is the only portion that differs from the blessing we say over Shabbat candles which ends in "shel Shabbat." Here we are acknowledging the commandment to light the menorah. The second verse is translated as:

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who performed wondrous miracles for our ancestors, in those days, at this moment."

This blessing helps us recall the miracles of Hanukkah (the Maccabee victory and the miracle of the oil). The third blessing is sung only on the first night of celebration (the Shehechianu) and is translated as follows:

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has kept us in life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment."

We express our gratefulness to God for allowing us to enjoy this special moment, milestone or celebration in our lives.

As we near the celebration of the miracles of Hanukkah, let us also thank God for our beautiful community, friends and family. I wish you a beautiful Hanukkah filled with light and joy!

B'Shalom and Chag Sameach,

Cantor Ronda



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President's Message

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and look forward to celebrating Chanukah with family and friends. On Saturday November 26th, SLJC celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Colin Marx, grandson of Sandi and Rabbi Wiener. Mazel Tov to Colin's family and friends on this milestone event.

SLJC will celebrate Chanukah at our regular Friday evening service on December 9, 2016. At this service our new electric Menorah will be dedicated in memory of Jack Dante. We will also be celebrating the 80th birthday of Rabbi Wiener. Please join us to celebrate these special events.

The SLJC board will be focusing on the election of officers at the December board meeting. The officers will be installed at the January Friday night service. At this service, which will be held on Friday January 13th at 7:30, SLJC Committees and volunteers will be honored. Please plan to attend this service and acknowledge the work of these volunteers.

SLJC needs more congregants to help to continue and expand the activities of the synagogue. These include:

- Fundraising
- Adult Education
- Special Interest Chavaraahs
- Representative to the Sun Lakes Chapel Board

Decisions from the November SLJC Board Meeting:

1. SLJC will be an event sponsor for the EVJCC: Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project

Future Work of the Board

1. On-going work on membership recruitment and retention
2. Succession Planning for SLJC Board
3. Revisions to the SLJC Bylaws.

The next Board meeting will be on December 8th. Board meetings are open to the congregation.

If you have anything you would like discussed at the meeting please contact me in advance so it can be put on the agenda and time can be put aside for discussion.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas for other activities or programs you would like to see. The activities that the congregation undertakes are meant to support, enlighten and celebrate Jewish holidays and events.

Wende Levy

President

ADULT ED

SLJC Adult Education classes will begin on Tuesday afternoons starting in January. A schedule will be sent out shortly.

THE SLJC THANKS YOU FOR YOUR RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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JWV POST #619

Anniversary: Judi & Alan Josephson
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Birthday: Ruth Marcus
Jon Scheck
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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 at 883-1791.

Funding of Oneg Shabbats

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Oneg Fund in honor of a life cycle event. To date your donations have funded each of our Onegs. Members of the SLJC Board of Directors will be contacting members who have birthdays, anniversaries and other life cycle (simcha) events to help defray the costs of our Onegs. Donations to our Onegs help the Board to balance the budget, but more importantly allow our congregants to celebrate with you.

Treasure Sale Thank Yous

The Chapel Board would like to thank the people who helped with our Fund Raisers, the Treasure Sale and the Restaurant Raffle.

Alan Behr, Anita Frindell, Gary Hasenfus, Gary Kanowsky, Renee Politi, Elliott Reiss,

Sandy Schmalzbach, Joyce Spantonos, Glenda Warshaw, Joyce Whitman and Sam Whitman.

Also, everyone who purchased raffle tickets. There were 5 winners from our congregation.

Thank you,
Arthur Fink
Charlie Gerson
Wende Levy
Barbara Reiss

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To make a donation, contact:

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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our SLJC family for their caring and kind concern during Jesse's hospitalization and rehabilitation. All of your good wishes and prayers certainly helped in his recovery. With appreciation, Shirley & Jesse Gersten.

Michael and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, well wishes, and cards for our son Todd's speedy recovery from his automobile accident. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated. Mireille and Michael Kaplan

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 Spartonos, 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.



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Men's Club Members Watching Baseball at Salt River Fields

Sisterhood

The December 15 meeting of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will be an interesting afternoon with author Marcia Fine who will discuss her book "Paris Lamb." This intriguing book tells the story of a biblical archaeologist who leaves his Paris vacation and his new-found love to investigate ancient artifacts tied to a suspicious death. The Sisterhood meeting takes place at 1:00 PM in the Chapel House.

Save the date for our annual Card Party on February 7 at Oakwood Country Club, with a day of Mah Jongg, Scrabble, card games, lunch, raffles, bake sale and gift baskets. For further information, contact Janey Burnce at janeyjeffburnce@gmail.com.

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2016 – 2017

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

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December 10 th	Chanukah Dinner Party
January 1 st	New Year's Day Appetizer Party
January (TBA)	Singing Panda – Dinner and Entertainment
February 18 th	Barleen's Grand Opry and Dinner
April 22, 2017	Cruise - 4 Nights to Victoria/Vancouver British Columbia

We have our own tables at the Onegs after Shabbat Services and car-pools for events.
Think you might like to join in the fun? Contact Lainy Sardina at 480-895-0974 or
lainysardina@gmail.com It's Chai Time For Fun!



Jewish War Veterans (JWV)

The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. on December 18th in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The board meets each month and contributes to many Veterans causes. 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 nor veterans but want to help veterans and this post works tirelessly to help homeless and in need veterans with many persons taking part. For information on the post call Paul Herman at 480-659-2998. For reservations for the brunch that preceeds the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or desertglen1@aol.com.

Devorah Hadassah

Devorah Hadassah has an out to lunch get together on the first Wednesday of every month. For more information please contact Marcia Gurian at 480 838-1226. Our next Ladies Literary Book Group will be on December 4th at 2:00 PM at Claudette Adler's house. We will discuss "Skeletons at the Feast" by Chris Bojalian. We will be doing gift wrap at several Barnes and Noble Book stores as a holiday fund raiser; for information please contact Barbara Ganz at barbara374@cox.net.

Our next Movie Mavens Group will meet on December 14th. For more information about the movie group please contact Carol Fink at desertwoman@aol.com. On January 18th we will have a dinner fundraiser at Fresh Millions Restaurant. Bring your friends, husbands and family to make this a successful event. For more information please contact Mireille Kaplan at gardener65@cox.net.

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Can you believe we will be preparing for Chanukah very shortly? Our Hadassah Chanukah celebration and meeting will be held on December 13th at Oakwood Country Club with lunch at 11:30 a.m. For lunch reservations send check made out to Shalom Hadassah for \$17.00 to Wende Levy at 23821 S. Dobson Dr., Sun Lakes 85248. Please indicate your choice for lunch; either a Cobb Salad or Chicken Avocado Sandwich. Both choices will include potato pancakes and a Chanukah cookie for dessert. Reservations are due by December 2nd. As part of our charitable work we are asking everyone to bring assorted art supplies which will be distributed to needy children.

We look forward to seeing you at these events. Also watch for more information on our upcoming trip to the Phoenix Art Museum and our December Chanukkah Party!

Shalom! Doris Codkind, Publicity



SHALOM HADASSAH CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 13TH, 2016 AT 11:30 am at
Oakwood Country Club
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Shalom Hadassah invites you to join us at this joyous occasion!
Lunch choices are either a Cobb Salad or Chicken Avocado Sandwich. Both will include potato pancakes and a Chanukah cookie for dessert. Please indicate your choice when making your reservation.

**Make check for \$17.00 to Shalom Hadassah and send to
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If you have any dietary restrictions or need a special meal you must provide that information in writing when making your reservation. No changes can be made at the time of the event.

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

December Milestones

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Marcus
- 2 Joan Tener
- 3 George Bromley
- 3 Thea Friedman
- 4 Leah Bloom
- 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 Milton Lewis
- 9 Kevin Murphy
- 9 Jon Scheck
- 13 Sander Frindell
- 15 Craig Herman
- 16 Fritzi Ferguson
- 16 Barbara Gold
- 16 Marshall Gurian
- 19 Ron Buckner
- 20 Jeff Burnce
- 21 Alice Salita
- 24 Sharon Beck
- 25 Evey Freed
- 26 Jeffrey Nieman
- 27 Robert Moise
- 29 Adrian Bendick
- 29 Richard Nadler
- 29 Faith Roth
- 29 Sean Turner



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Judi & Alan Josephson
- 11 Judy & Chuck Wolin
- 16 Rena & Leonard Dolins
- 21 Mickey & Bert Friedman
- 21 Phyllis & Dennis Novy
- 22 Joy & Aaron Dolin
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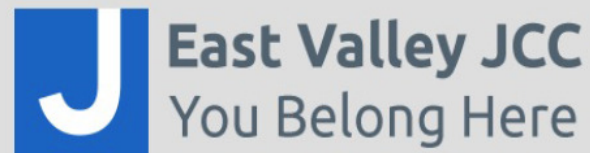
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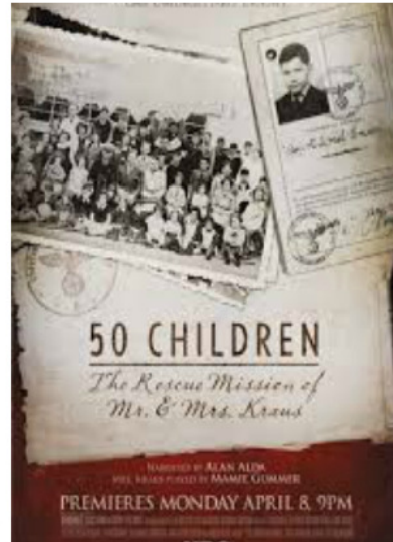
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