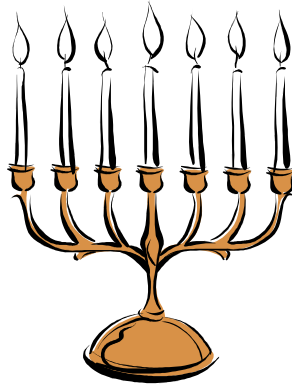
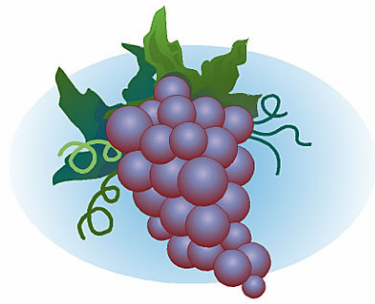


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

January 2017 / Tevet 5777



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. – (623)-975-4272 Cantor Ronda Polesky – (480)-330-4575
President – Wende Levy (301)-503-1047 Vice-President – Jeff Spear (480)-556-1284
Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022
Recording Secretary – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – January 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, January 12th, 4:00 p.m.

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

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – None in January.

**SISTERHOOD – Meeting Thursday January 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center,
Card Party Tuesday, Feb. 7th.**

HAVURAH CHAI – Dinner and Entertainment at Singing Panda (date TBA).

JWV POST 619 – Meeting January 15th at 9:30 a.m., Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

SHALOM HADASSAH – Meeting January 17th at 11:30 a.m. with self-ordered lunch at Stone & Vine Restaurant, Alma School and Queen Creek.

**DEVORAH HADASSAH – Dinner fundraiser at Fresh Millions Restaurant on January 18th from
4:00-9:00 p.m. Out to lunch on January 4th, installation of officers on January 8th,
Movie Mavens on January 28th.**

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

Chapel Repairs

Dear Congregants,

The Chapel Board is going to replace the flooring in the Chapel. We are in need of someone with expertise in commercial flooring to give us some guidance in the selection of the correct floor covering.

If you can advise us please contact any of the following members:

Barbara Reiss @ 480-802-3281

Arthur Fink @ 480-883-9402

Thank you,

Chapel Board

Ritual Schedule for 5777 (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 23	-----	Yom HaShoah Observance --- (SUNDAY)	-----	2:00 pm
May 12	-----	Shabbat Service	-----	7:30 pm
June 9	-----	Annual Healing Service	-----	7:30 pm



Messages from Our Rabbi

Bon Voyage

In May 2017, members of our congregation and others will once again embark on another pilgrimage to Israel. Some have been there on our last trip, but still feel that there is so much more to see and do. There are some who have never had the opportunity to visit our history in real-time. Blending these two segments will result in the adventure of a lifetime.

One thing that has always amazed me about Israel is the travel through time. Sightseeing in the United States encompasses things and places that are hundreds of years old. In Israel everything begins over two thousand years ago. From David's Citadel to the Western Wall our history is replete with awesome experiences. Some people dwell on the negative such as the destructions that occurred over the period of thousands of years. I believe we should concentrate on the marvels that are captivating and have transpired since 1948.

As we travel through time we will see how a handful of returnees took barren land and created an oasis in the desert. Nowhere in the history books will we learn about a people so dedicated to a land and so creative in restoring the grandeur of the "Promise" as demonstrated by the re-birth of Israel.

If you thought the last trip was amazing, then in the words of a Jewish entertainer of the Roaring Twenties, "you ain't seen anything yet." I can promise that Sandi and I will help you understand that the journey of our people, through all its trials and tribulations, became a historical adventure that is alive and vibrant.

I encourage you to contact Bety Dar, 480-882-9022, to reserve your place. Our involvement will witness the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War. Milestones such as this are too few, especially given that it resulted in the reunification of Jerusalem.

I will walk with you through the different aspects of our history as well as visit sights that gave the world some of the marvels of science, education, ecology, and worldwide communication. You will be amazed at some of the contributions offered by this enclave of six million Jews from all walks of life and all corners of the world.

As we enter a New Year, I can think of not better way to celebrate our continued journey into this wonderful life given to us by a caring and loving God. And, believe me, reaching God in Israel is a "local call."

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Gratitude and Satisfaction in Serving

It seems time escapes us no matter how we try to hold on to it. It is as though we blink and in that instant we travel to another time and place. Was it yesterday when we were young and full of life? Perhaps it was a moment ago when we were accomplishing things unreachable today. Regardless, here we are in the throes of another year. I hope that it will be a year filled with many accomplishments and fulfillments.

There are several New Years in the Jewish calendar because there are times and events that shape our lives that require celebration. In fact, each time we enter into a new period of joy we utter the words of the “Shehechyanu” prayer, which reminds us of our good fortune in attaining another milestone in our journey of life.

Of course, we are all aware of Rosh Hashanah – the new year of reconciliation. Then there is Passover – the new year of religious identity. Perhaps there are those who remember Tu B’Shevat – the New Year dedicated to nature and ecology symbolized by our appreciation of trees and vegetation. In modern times, planting trees in Israel through the efforts of the Jewish National Fund commemorates this holiday.

There is one more New Year on the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation calendar: the introduction of our Board of Directors and the Officers chosen to lead us. This is a milestone in the life of our congregation because it marks the continuation of our maturity. We are still in uncharted waters and the future uncertain, but with the help of everyone, we will continue to grow and prosper.

To say that the task ahead is awesome is to understate the nature of the continued development of a congregation to a full-fledged member of the congregations of Israel. I know we are up to the challenges and the New Year gives us an opportunity to go from strength to strength and be strengthened by our commitment.

I am reminded of a quote attributed to the 11th century poet, Moses Ibn Ezra, who is credited with writing a great many of the Selichot prayers we utter each Rosh Hashanah. The most prominent quote that applies to this episode in our lives as a congregation, notably the transition we are experiencing reads: “pleasing everyone is an impossible aim, and escaping all criticism is an unattainable goal.” I am sure those who have chosen to identify with us know the truth of his wisdom.

Some of us come from traditional backgrounds, some from liberal leanings, and some from no involvement at all. All join together to create an atmosphere of caring and commitment to Jewish living. Just as we are all different so are our understandings of faith. That is the strength of who we are.

Happy 2017! Mazal Tov to all who have joined us as we continue to involve ourselves in our quest for Jewish involvement through service to our congregation. I hope you will be with us on Friday, January 13 – 7:30pm, to celebrate another milestone in our lives. As a congregation we must come together to celebrate our continuity. As a congregation, we must commemorate our diversity. As a congregation, we must remember our past as we go forward in our journey, always mindful of each other and always thankful to God.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Cantorial Notes: L'Dor Vador (From Generation to Generation)

January is the month we honor of the installation of our new board. This is our congregation's way of continuing our time-honored traditions and making sure that those who succeed us can both incorporate those traditions while also bringing new energy and ideas to our community.

To celebrate the tradition of passing our leadership from one generation to another, I will be singing L'dor Vador. The translation of the prayer is "From generation to generation we will tell of Your greatness and through all eternity we will sanctify Your holiness, and Your praise, our God, will not depart from our mouths forever and ever. For you are the Almighty who is King, Great and Holy. Blessed are You, Adonai, the almighty, the Holy One."



It has become tradition in many congregations to say this prayer during leadership transitions because it is viewed as another type of passing on tradition. Our congregation's board of directors makes it possible for us to come together to celebrate our faith and fulfill the ideal of this prayer.

May God bless the leaders of the 2017 SLJC board of directors. May they be filled with the wisdom and strength to lead us through the upcoming year with the inspiration of God and the preceding generations to guide them.

B'Shalom,
Cantor Ronda

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President's Message

The SLJC Board hopes you had a wonderful Chanukah with friends and family. We wish you good health in the coming year.

In December the SLJC Board elected their Executive Officers. These individuals have given of their time and expertise and will continue to serve SLJC over the next year.

Executive Board:

President – Wende Levy

Vice President – Jeff Spear

Recording Secretary – Geri Gould

Treasurer – Michael Dar

Board Directors with Committee roles include:

Donations – Betsey Silverman

Communication – Mark Nelinson

Adult Education – Gail Dante

Corresponding Secretary – Carol Biales

Membership Outreach Committee – Jeff Spear

Shpiel and Friday night bulletin – Mark Salita

Committees:

Caring Committee – Shirley Shalett

WEB Master – Susie Shapiro

Friends of Israel – Michael Cohen

Passover 2nd Seder – Bety Dar and Myra Buckner

Publicity – Allan Levy

Finance Committee – Sheldon Raizes, Michael Cohen, Wendy Feldman-Kerr,
Marty Silverman, and Wende Levy

Havurah Chai – Lainy Sardina

Chapel Board Representatives – Barbara Reiss, Charles Gerson, and Arthur Fink

Ritual Committee – Rabbi Wiener (chair) and Sara Ruth Rossow

There are two committees that are forming to address congregational needs. These include the Bylaws Committee and the SLJC 40th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to be included in these committees or any others please contact the person listed above or myself at Wende@his.com.

I want to thank everyone on this list and all the members of these committees for their hard work. Your efforts have made SLJC the synagogue it is.

We currently have 420 members including 43 new members. On January 13th a pre-Shabbat dinner will be held for at the Chapel Center for **New Members** of SLJC. If you have not received your invitation and are a new member, please call Jeff Spear at 480-556-1284.

The SLJC Adult Education Program will kick off on January 18th. The Rabbi will begin his lecture series with the topic of **Current event topics relating to Israel, Islamic Extremism, Terrorism Their Origins and Intent**". On Tuesday January 24th Hebrew classes will begin. Please see the announcement in the Shpiel for additional information.

In February the SLJC will kick off a yahrzeit program. Congregants will receive a memo reminding them of their yahrzeit(s) and the Rabbi will read the names of all yahrzeits for that month. If you have not filled out the new membership form or did not complete the yahrzeit section. Please contact SLJC Membership Chair Myra Buckner at bubbepoppa@gmail.com with this information. Additional information will be provided in my February message.

The next Board meeting will be on January 12th. 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 is meant to support, enlighten, and celebrate Jewish holidays and events.

Wende Levy

President

ADULT EDUCATION

Mark your calendars SLJC Adult Education Programs beginning in January in the Sun Lakes Chapel Center from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm:

- **Current event topics relating to Israel, Islamic Extremism, Terrorism Their Origins and Intent**". This class will begin on Wednesday January 18, 2017 and will be continue on the 1st Tuesday in February (February 7th) and the 3rd Wednesday in February (February 15nd).
- The second class will be **The Proof of God**" this series will be held on the first Tuesday of March (March 7th) and the third Wednesday in March (March 15th).

Note: Both these series of classes will be held by Rabbi Irwin Wiener

- **Hebrew Reading and Writing**; classes will include reading from the Torah for those who are interested. Classes will be taught by Bety Dar. Classes will start January 24th. Classes will continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please RSVP to Gail Dante.
- **Becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah** - a class for Adults to participate in a traditional event that, perhaps, was missed earlier in life." Please contact the Rabbi Wiener for additional information. RSVP required.

For questions on any Adult Education Program please contact Gail Dante at gndante@mac.com or via telephone at 480-802-1832.

Jewish Programming on DirecTV

Channel 388 on DirecTV is the Jewish Broadcasting Service (JBS), which presents a wide range of Jewish entertainment and education throughout the day. For example, a complete musical Shabbat Service is broadcast Fridays at 4PM, and news from Israel is broadcast daily at 4PM, except for Friday when it is 3PM. During Chanukah, there were multiple special music programs like the award-winning "a cappella" group Maccabeats. Check it out.

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.

THE SLJC THANKS YOU FOR YOUR RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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Jack Zelinger
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A special thank you to everyone who donated to the Hamilton High appeal both in clothing and monetarily.

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

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.

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.

SLJC Donation Forms

To make a donation, contact:

Betsey Silverman - 480 895-9187 1832 West Havasu Way, Chandler 85248

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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANKS

To All My Friends In the Sun Lakes Congregation: I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your caring and encouraging calls, cards and visits. It has certainly brightened each day that I have not been able to get out and join you. I can feel your spirit and love and want you to know it has made a difference. Happy Chanukah, and may the New Year bring you good health and many Blessings.

Love, Bunny Emont

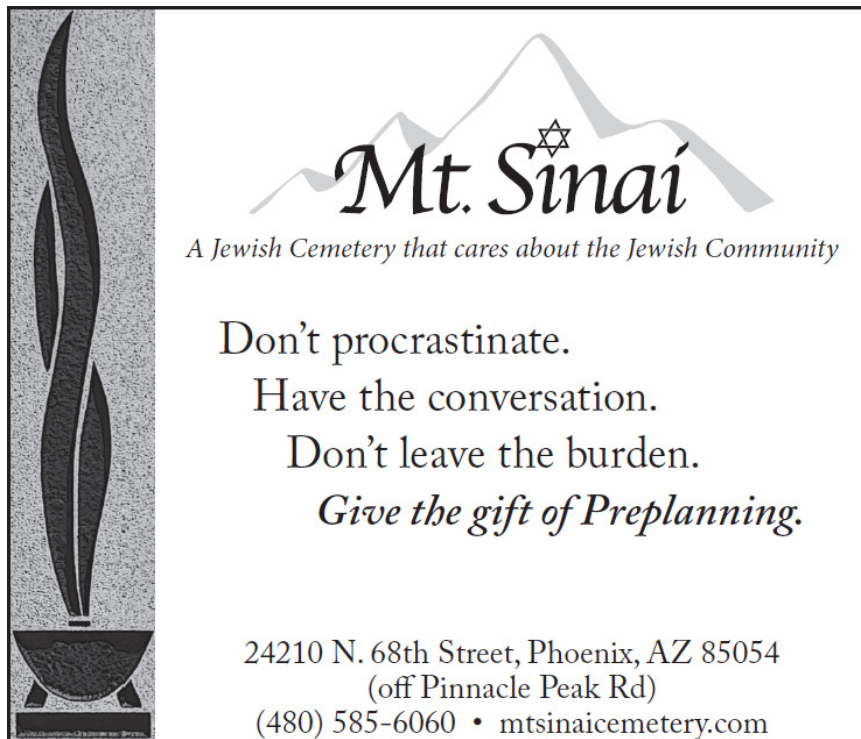
Art Sloane thanks everyone for the cards and letters sent to him during his recent illness. He is home now and going through a long recuperation.

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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A copy of the Shpiel for this or many previous months can be downloaded from our web site SLJC.ORG by clicking on the Shpiel tab.

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.

Sisterhood

The next meeting of the SLJC Sisterhood will be on **Thursday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Chapel Center. The speaker will be Dr. Eugene Lariviere and his topic is "Wine and Your Heart: Taking Alcohol to Heart." Wine has been thought to provide heart health benefits.

The theme of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood Annual Fund-Raising Card Party is "Get Your Game On." This fun-filled event will be held on **February 7, 2017**. Mark your calendar for a day of Mah Jongg, Scrabble, card games, lunch, raffles, bake sale and gift baskets. The cost is \$30 for the day which includes lunch and game playing from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. **Please fill out the form below.**

It is time to order your 2017 Mah Jongg Card from Sisterhood. Our chapter earns \$1.25 for each card ordered at no additional cost to you. Your card will be mailed to your house from the Mah Jongg League. Please fill out the **order form below** and send it along with your check to Nancy Mohr by **January 9, 2017**.

ANNUAL FUND-RAISING CARD PARTY

February 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club

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Entry Fee is \$30 per player and includes lunch.

If you have dietary restrictions, please advise us in advance.

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

Don't forget about our signature raffle baskets and the
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Names of players:

Game to be played: _____

Please make your check for \$30 per player to SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail it to Geri Gould at:
24529 S. Lakeway Circle SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

SISTERHOOD DUES STATEMENT

2016 – 2017

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

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A donation form for Toys From the Heart is located on page 7.

2017 Mah Jongg Cards

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DEADLINE – JANUARY 9, 2017

Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

New beginnings, fresh starts, and promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in a New Year. There are promises we make to ourselves. We resolve to get in shape, lose weight, be kinder. Then, there are the heartfelt promises we make to others, whether aloud or in our minds. We want to care more, reverse bad feelings in old relationships or seek out new loving relationships. We try our very best to put these desires into words. As we think about the new friendships in Havurah Chai and how happy they make us, we want to wish you all happiness in the year to come. A New Year is like a blank book, and the pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself.

Happy New Year.

HAVURAH CHAI COMING EVENTS:

Mid January (TBA) Dinner and Entertainment at Singing Panda

February 18th Barleen's Arizona Opry and Dinner

April 22, 2017 4-Night Cruise with Chai to Victoria & Vancouver

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 January 15th 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. January 4th location is TBD. Installation of officers and discussion on safety issues for seniors will occur at the regular meeting on Sunday January 8. The Movie Mavens Special Interest Group will meet on Tuesday January 28. For more information, contact Marcia Gurian at 480 838-1226.

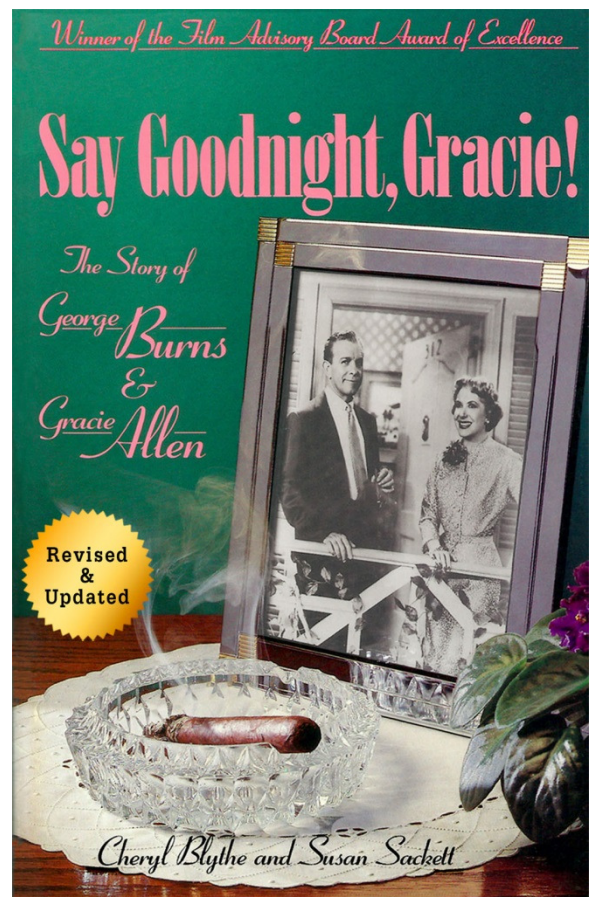
On January 18th we will have a dinner fundraiser at Fresh Millions Restaurant from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring your friends, husbands and family to make this a successful event. For more information please contact Mireille Kaplan at gardener65@cox.net.

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Join us for the first meeting of the new year on January 17th, 2017 at Stone & Vine Restaurant, Alma School and Queen Creek. Enjoy a lovely self-ordered lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a fabulous program.

We welcome Susan Sackett who, with Cheryl Blythe, co-authored their book, *Say Goodnight, Gracie! The Story of Burns & Allen*.

Ms. Sackett will present a slide show with film clips. The book covers the lives of George Burns and his partner/wife, Gracie Allen, from their childhood through their vaudeville years, continuing with the production of their successful '50s television show. It is available as an eBook on Amazon. This should be a fun presentation. For reservations please call Ruth Friedman at 480-802-9600.



January Milestones

BIRTHDAYS

1	Jack Zelinger
2	Barbara Fridkin
2	Sue Shapiro
3	Sheldon Raizes
5	Martin Klemes
6	Edd Shalett
7	Leo Pessin
9	Daryl Edson
9	David Levinson
9	Marjorie Levinson
11	Sydney Kerr
11	Daniel Marz
13	Sherry Green
13	Michael Koller
15	Gloria Howard
16	Myra Delman
17	Susan Tamber
19	Larry Blumberg
19	Barbara Silverman
22	Larry Shapiro
24	Gary Kanowsky
25	Patti Neuberger
28	Ilana Goldschmidt
28	Felice Weiner
29	Irv Feller
30	Naomi Pollack
31	Carol Biales
31	Souzan Blumberg



ANNIVERSARIES

10	Sandra & Harvey Friedson
17	Bette & Ken Goodman
17	Diane & Mark Nelinson
18	Marcia & Harvey Weiner
23	Ruth & Bernard Lieberman





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Op Ed – News from Israel

According to a survey published on Monday, most Arab Israelis (60.5%) described their personal situation as “good” or “very good” and 55% said they are “proud citizens” of the State of Israel, according to the survey. However, over 76 percent rejected the right to define Israel as a Jewish state — with more than 57% saying they strongly disagree with the idea. Jewish Israelis, meanwhile, overwhelmingly say they are proud citizens (86%) and are satisfied with their personal situation (78%).

Painting a fraught and complex picture of Jewish-Arab relations, the survey found that most Jewish Israelis say Arab Israelis do not pose a security threat (56% say no) but a large majority (72%) believe matters of peace and security should be decided by Jews alone.

Most (53%) maintain that Arab Israelis face discrimination, but nearly half believe that the government should allocate more funds to Jewish institutions than Arab ones and a majority (59%) don’t want Arab parties to serve in the coalition or be appointed ministers; 72% of Arab Israelis are in favor of joining the government — something no Arab party has ever done, though individual Muslim and Druze lawmakers have been part of Israeli coalitions — and having Arab Israelis serve in cabinet positions, the survey said.

At the same time, while both Arabs and Jews were against marrying outside of their respective religious groups, both displayed an openness to various relationships with the “other,” the survey said, as neighbors (86% of Arabs and 67% of Jews in favor), , co-workers (96% of Arabs and 82% of Jews in favor), and friends (88% of Arabs and 67% of Jews in favor).

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