

The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

December 2017 / Kislev 5778



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

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Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022
Recording Secretary and President Elect – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – December 8th at 7:30 pm in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, December 14th, 4:00 pm (Note: a week later than usual)
If you wish to be on the agenda, please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047.

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Meeting December 12th at 11am in Chapel Center.

MEN’S CLUB – Meetings December 5th in the Chapel Center at 6:30 pm.

Outing December 21st at 10:30 am to Gilbert Air Museum and Lunch.

SISTERHOOD – Meeting December 21st at 1:00 pm in the Chapel House.

HAVURAH CHAI – Chanukah Dinner Party on December 17th.

SHALOM HADASSAH – Chanukah Party at Chandler Chompies at 11:30 am on December 5th.
Fun Fundraiser December 14th at Phoenix Art Museum.

DVORAH HADASSAH – Meeting December 6th at JCC: Installation of Officers and lunch.

JWV Post 619 – Meeting December 17th at 9:30 am, Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

Ritual Schedule for 5778 (2017-2018)

December	8	-- Shabbat Service – Chanukah Candle Lighting -----	7:30 pm
January	12	-- Shabbat Service – Installation of Officers and Honoring Committees -----	7:30 pm
February	9	-- Shabbat Service – Adult B’not Mitzvah Class Participation -----	7:30 pm
March	9	-- Shabbat Service – Honoring Our Choir, Celebrating Purim -----	7:30 pm
April	13	-- Shabbat Service – Holocaust Remembrance and Lighting of Candles -----	7:00 pm
		(Candles will be available to light by the congregation beginning at 6:30pm)	
May	11	-- Shabbat Service – Celebrating Shevuot and Mother’s Day -----	7:30 pm
June	8	-- Healing Service – Celebrating Father’s Day -----	7:30 pm

All services are held in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

Optional Paper Shpiel

Any member with email access to the Shpiel who also desires a paper copy of each issue through June 2018, needs to send \$15.00 for the remaining 6 issues to Bety Dar, 25427 S. Glenburn Dr., Sun Lakes, 85248. Members without email access will still receive a free paper copy.



Message from Our Rabbi

If it is December it Must be Chanukah

Each year we agonize over whether this is a religious holiday or emphasized because of the proximity of Christmas. Many interfaith households wrestle with the situation of respect for one with sensitivity to the other. And each year there are articles written about how to celebrate, how to identify, so that the spiritual aspect is not lost on the commercialism.

It certainly is a time of lights. There is darkness all around us. The days are short. The nights are long. It is cold and the harshness of winter is fast approaching. Life withers as do trees, and flowers, and people. We sleep, as does nature. Some do not wake. It is the darkest time of the year.

This year, in particular, it is really dark. Gloom and doom seem to be everywhere. We learned that over 5,000 men and women have sacrificed their life to bring back the light. More than 30,000 have been injured or maimed and will never completely see the true light of wholeness again. Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? We have such doubts and we struggle to find optimism.

Chanukah is a time of re-dedication – we saw an example of that when the Maccabees put sword in hand to ensure the survival of the Jewish people and their faith. We cannot recapture the past, but we can use it to ensure the future. The religious freedom we won some 2200 hundred years ago has been the clarion call for all people throughout history. Every battle for religious freedom has had as its foundation the spark from the candles lit when evil was conquered. The Temple that was cleansed is no more, but the Temple is within us by what we do and who we are.

Chanukah helps us understand the eternal struggle of good over evil. We pray for good to survive. We attempt to eradicate evil. What we want is to be left alone so that we can be secure and free. What we need are voices that will drown out the hate and animosity.

God cannot do this for us – we need to do it for ourselves. That is the message of Chanukah – with faith in the right we lead the battle – not expecting some mighty hand to do it for us. We have been given the ability to survive – all we need to do is grab it and run with it.

And yet, in the final analysis – we still want some Divine intervention to save us from the path of destruction – whether in the Middle East or here at home. And to pray for guidance is not bad – it is necessary – as long as we understand that it is we who must affect the change for good to complete the partnership we all have with God.

Chanukah is also a time of spiritual connection – to our beliefs – to togetherness – to building a viable congregation. We may not always agree with one another – and that is the human way – but when everyone has had their say – we speak with one voice – one clear direction – one congregation.

May the lights of this season, whether a Menorah or a Christmas tree, remind us to respond to those in trouble so that we can be an instrument in relieving all the pain and suffering. May the lights remind us that tomorrow can be better and that life is cherished above all else. May the leaders of our country, The United States of America, receive Divine guidance to ensure that we remain a beacon of light to all people.

And may God continue to bless us all.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Winter Adult Education Classes with the Rabbi

Once again Rabbi Wiener will be leading our congregation in a series of inspiring adult classes this fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear and learn first hand information that will bring thoughtful information to everyone. You will come away with a feeling of fulfillment and inspiration. ALL are WELCOME: Please make a quick call to Gail at 480-802-1832 with any questions or to reserve a place for you and your friends. We look forward to hearing from you.

Each class will be held Tuesdays in the Chapel Center from 1:00 – 2:30 pm as follows:

Torah Study – December 12, 19

Learning the various interpretations of Scripture to better understand their meaning for today as they affect our lives. Torah is a living expression of hope, faith and even human failings that are brought together to teach about being human even as we strive to be more. We will explore Torah, the Prophets, and the Talmud to better understand how all of Scripture evolved over time.

Yiddish Classes – January 9, 23, 30

Learning about background and history of Yiddish. You will enjoy learning sayings and words used in conversation. Yiddish is learning several languages put into one. Hope you can come; you will enjoy the experience.

Torah Study

Dreams Can Come True

The main Torah reading this month is rather unique because the future of Israel, the future of civilization rests on a dream. Pharaoh dreams and Joseph interprets the dreams. The rest, as it is said, is history. But in reality dreams are just the beginning, the beginning of a journey that will eventually lead us to the greatest dream of all: the dream of one people united in its quest for the true meaning of life and the purpose for our being. The most important chapter in our history as a people begins with a dream and takes us through nightmares, redemptions, and re-birth.

Joseph's interpretations begin a journey that is still part of our experiences today. His understanding of the importance of dreams gives us the ability to continue the dream into the future. Pharaoh's dreams began a chain of events that gives us the insight to realize that there are good times as well as bad and that we should endeavor to prepare ourselves for the worst while enjoying the best. The lean cows eating the fat cows all the while remaining thin is an indication that we can, at times, be so consumed by the bounty and forget that there are those of us still begging for food and shelter. Read the newspapers of today and know that nothing has really changed except the date.

Yes, a dream started us on the journey and the meaning of the dream enables us to continue that journey—the mysterious journey of life and death. And even at death the dreams are not gone – they just become memories. We are living proof that dreams can come true and as long as we continue to dream and interpret those dreams and re-interpret them, so that they have relevance, the generations that follow will have an appreciation of what dreams mean and how destiny can be the secret ingredient of our continuity.

At this time of the year we remember the dreams of a small band of dedicated individuals who remembered the past and used that past to ensure a future for all of us. They too dared to dream; a dream of independence and salvation. And that is the connection of the portion of the Torah we read this month: Pharaoh's dreams led us to the ultimate freedom and Chanukah renewed our determination for the sanctity of religious existence.

President's Message

Now that Thanksgiving is “in the books” as it is said, we focus on Chanukah, another opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. At the December Shabbat service we will celebrate Chanukah by lighting the Chanukah Menorah. At the Oneg following the services, Chanukah treats will be served.

At the December Board meeting on December 14th the new Board will elect the new Executive Committee for SLJC. The installation of officers will occur at the January service. At the service we will honor our volunteers who have served, are serving, and those who have volunteered to serve in the future on the committees of SLJC. The SLJC Board is currently looking for volunteers to serve as chairs/or members of several committees. Volunteerism is the only way SLJC is able to offer the variety of services to our members. Please give me a call if you are willing to help support the activities of the synagogue. We are currently looking for someone to chair the Caring Committee, write publicity, and help to plan fundraising events for the synagogue.

Check later pages in the Shpiel for the Adult Education offerings that will be held in December, and new offerings for January.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting which was held on October 24th attendees heard from the Treasurer, Michael Dar and myself on the financial status of the congregation. As reported at the meeting, the budget for the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. The financial status of the congregation is good as of September 2017. The Finance Committee will be meeting in January to discuss the SLJC Reserve Funds and will provide recommendations to the SLJC Board.

Wende Levy, President

Keeping Your Computer Safe on the Internet

Unfortunately, seniors have been targeted over the last year by scammers. Some seniors have lost thousands of dollars. If your machine says, “You are infected, call this number”, **do not call**. **It is a scam**. If your computer is frozen you should turn off your machine. Under no circumstances reply to a telephone call saying “call this number” to fix your machine, **hang up**.

I have had to work on several of these machines. The people had to get new credit cards and checking accounts. The caller may claim to be from Microsoft. Microsoft does not call their customers. If they don't say they're from Microsoft, then they might say "Windows Technical Support". **DO NOT** allow anyone you don't know to access your computer EVER!

The IRS and Utility company will not call and demand money by wire, again hang up. If you have any questions or doubts, please call me.

Allan Levy, Technology Director, Computer Booters, 301-503-1387.

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 3PM from the Central Synagogue in New York City, and news from Israel is broadcast daily at 3PM, except for Friday when it is 2PM. During Chanukah, there were multiple special music programs like the award-winning “a cappella” group Maccabeats. Check it out.

Cantorial Notes: Blessing the Chanukah Lights

This Chanukah I wanted everyone to have the translation for the Chanukah candle blessings so you understand what we are saying/singing. There are special melodies (modes) used just for Chanukah that distinguish it from our other holidays. The same is true for the melodies of the High Holy days and festivals like Passover. This helps us get in the mood for the Chanukah celebration and evokes the memories and stories associated with this holiday. That is also why we sing familiar tunes like “Who can retell?” and “Maoz Tzur.” These familiar songs that are only sung at this time of year not only help us recall the story and the miracles of Chanukah, but also give us a tangible and familiar way to participate in the celebration.



Blessing over Candles

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)

Blessing for the Chanukah Miracle

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baziman hazeh. (Amein)

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.

Shehecheyanu (Who Has Kept Us Alive) This blessing is recited only on the first night of Chanukah.

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiymanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season (Amen)

This month-let us thank God for bringing victory to the Maccabees and for the miracle of the oil that lasted for eight days. Let us also pray that God continues to watch over the Jewish people and all the righteous people of the world.

B'Shalom,

Cantor Ronda

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 procedures and requirements are listed in the November 2017 Shpiel available on the congregation website SLJC.org.

Calling All Gabbai Candidates!!

If you would like to participate in performing a great Mitzvah as Gabbai when we read the Torah, please contact the Rabbi. This is available to anyone and includes prior instruction. When you participate, you will also be able to observe the turning of the Torah to the appropriate chapter for reading that evening.

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Dear Congregants,

We have received a warm response to our new Yahrzeit Fund. We are pleased to honor the memories of your beloved family.

Thank you, as well, to those who have supported our additional funds throughout the year.
(Chapel, General, Family, Flower, Music, Oneg, Yahrzeit)

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is much appreciated.

SLJC Donation Forms

SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION DONATION FORM

Please accept this contribution to the following fund, in honor/memory of _____

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Flowers for the bema for Shabbat services: May be donated by congregation members commemorating important occasions. To participate, call Betsey Silverman at 895-9187 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).

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CONGREGATION NEWS

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Ed Cohn, husband of Toby Cohn. The funeral will be held in Wisconsin.

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, Carol Biales, Rita Salko, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Shelly Henden, Michael Dar, Edd Shalett, Marty Silverman and Bety Dar.

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.

MEMORIAL BOARD – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. Many of you have already placed plates there 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.

SERVICE HONORS – Anyone wishing to have an honor in any upcoming service, call Shelly Henden at 480-895-8851

New Jewish Assisted Living Facility in Phoenix

Shalom Home, Inc. is a brand new kibbutz-style Jewish and certified kosher (under the Phoenix Vaad HaKashruth) assisted living home in Phoenix, Arizona! It was founded by Jesse Charyn, a Rabbinical student (ordination in June 2018), chaplain, and veteran of the IDF. Shalom Home has received official recognition from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity. Jesse and his wife Shira are certified caregivers and will be on site daily to oversee activities and operations with their newborn daughter Rayna Esther (born 10/30/2017) who will bring joy to our Shalom Home mishpacha.

Shalom Home will house 5 seniors in an environmentally conscious atmosphere. Shalom Home is largely self-sustaining and is in the process of establishing an organic greenhouse with all meals made in-house with local and nutritious ingredients. There is a coop and run on site to house hens for organic eggs, raised beds for additional organic gardening, solar panels, and hospital grade air purification units. Additionally, Shalom Home uses only high quality plant-based non-toxic cleaning supplies.

In addition to providing services to meet 24-hour medical, physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social needs we are embarking on this venture to provide those who live at the Shalom Home with a sense of pride to live Jewishly in a home that they can feel great about!

For more information, please access our website: www.shalomhomeaz.org or contact Jesse or Shira Charyn at shalomhomeaz@gmail.com or 480-619-3344.

Men's Club

December 5, 2017 - 6:30 pm Men's Club Meeting - Speaker Dr. Carl Goldberg/Sharia Law

December 21, 2017- 10:30 am Men's Club Outing - Mesa Air Museum and Lunch - Details to follow

January 2, 2018 - 6:30 pm Meeting - "Defense against North Korean ICBM's" - Mark Salita

All meetings are held at the Chapel Center.

East Valley JCC

The East Valley JCC is offering programs for adults including Jewish Life and Living, Terrific Tuesdays, Jewish Philosophy and Health and Wellness activities. Please look on the EVJCC at <http://www.evjcc.org/> for further information or you may contact the EVJCC at 480-897-0588.



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DECEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

03 3PM
AN EVENING OF THE LITURGICAL POETRY OF THE SEPHARDIC WORLD
at Temple Beth Shalom of East Valley Tickets can be purchased at evjcc.org/concert

07 3PM
CHANNUKAH EVENT ECE

07 6PM
TEEN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

<p>04 8:45AM TORAH TALK What it means and why it matters with Rabbi Beyo @ Starbucks on 101 and Ray. Limited spaces. RSVP @ mbeyo@evjcc.org</p>	<p>06 10AM DEVORAH HADASSAH MEETING</p>	<p>07 3PM OPEN BEIT MIDRASH Pirkei Avot 9 am Tzedaka Vs. Charity 10 am Karolyn Benger 11 am Lunch 12 pm</p>	<p>07 3PM CHANNUKAH EVENT ECE</p> <p>07 6PM TEEN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE</p>
<p>08 9:30AM ECE KABBALAT SHABBAT</p>	<p>13 9am CHANNUKAH PARTIES EVJCC 9am Temple Emanuel 5pm</p>	<p>14 11AM OPEN BEIT MIDRASH Pirkei Avot 9 am Shabbat & its Meaning 10am Andre Ivory The poems of Hanna Szenesh 11 am Lunch 12 pm</p>	<p>17 11AM CHANNUKAH PARTY Party at Whole Foods</p>
<p>10 9AM LADLES OF LOVE sign up online at ladiesofloveaz.org</p>	<p>13 11AM GENERATION AFTER Discussion Group</p>	<p>18 8:45AM TORAH TALK What it means and why it matters with Rabbi Beyo @ Starbucks on 101 and Ray. Limited spaces. RSVP @ mbeyo@evjcc.org</p>	<p>21 10AM OPEN BEIT MIDRASH Pirkei Avot 9 am Shabbat & its Observance 10 am Larry Bell: The Holocaust 11 am Lunch 12 pm</p>
<p>28 10AM OPEN BEIT MIDRASH Pirkei Avot 9 am The History and Meaning of Prayer 10 am Marty Haberer - Why Israel 11:15 am Lunch 12 pm</p>	<p>WEEKLY MONDAYS 10AM MAHJONG MONDAYS</p> <p>WEEKLY TUESDAYS 7PM BBYO</p>	<p>WEEKLY TUESDAYS 10AM TERRIFIC TUESDAY 05 - Sarah Kader 12 - Art Museum 19 - Luncheon at Chomple's (11:30AM) 26 - Rabbi Irwin Wiener Comparisons of Chanukah & Christmas</p>	<p>WEEKLY FRIDAYS 6PM ECE KABBALAT SHABBAT</p>

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Sisterhood

At the December 21 meeting, a representative from the Arizona Jewish Historical Society will present “Love and Marriage – Cultural Evolution of Jewish Weddings from 1912-2016.” The January 18th meeting will welcome Cantor Ronda Polesky who will speak about “The Role of Women Cantors in Music and Prayer.”

The Sisterhood welcomes everyone to their meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Chapel House in Sun Lakes. Save the Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 for the annual Card Party event that will be bigger and better than ever at the Oakwood Clubhouse in Sun Lakes. There will be a fantastic lunch buffet, our delicious bake sale, huge gift baskets, a raffle, and favors. Be sure to tell your friends who play Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta, Scrabble or other games. For more information call Geri at 480-305-0123.

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (2017-2018)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (month/day) _____

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

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Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Deadline January 9, 2018

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

Inside View of the IDF

Save the date: January 28, 2018, 3:00 pm. Chapel Center. **“Israel Defense Forces: A View from Inside. IDF veterans share their personal experiences”**. A panel of six IDF veterans will tell us about themselves and their history in the IDF. Two of our congregants will be on the panel. Their active duties span from the 1950s to the 2000s. They will give us insights as to the changes over time and strategic perceptions regarding the defense of Israel. Questions for the panel will be encouraged. If you want to be sure your question receives a priority, please send it to mwcohen000@gmail.com before the event.

Lone Soldier Project

By the Numbers:

90 – The number of Chanukah Greeting Letters sent to Israel. Thanks to everyone who wrote letters to Lone Soldiers at Chayal el Chayal. Special thanks to the students at Desert Jewish Academy and Director Emily Zappa. These letters will enhance their Chanukah celebrations. This campaign will become an annual event.

1000 - The dollars donated by Jewish War Veterans Post 619. The committee has decided to sponsor a Shabbat Dinner at Chayal el Chayal and establish a monetary fund for Lone Soldiers who have a determined need for a cash loan or gift. These approaches are being reviewed with the CEO.

44 – The number of personal Care Packages donated to Lone Soldiers. The need continues. We’re asking for more donations of \$25.00 to meet the needs of Lone Soldiers staying at Chayal el Chayal. If you have given once, please consider keeping the flow going. If you haven’t given, this is a “feel good” donation that will make a Lone Soldier’s life a little easier and say “Thank You” for their defense of our Jewish homeland.

28 – The number of knitted hats completed. Winter is coming and nights are cold on many assignments. Please join our knitters and help us keep them warm. Call Shelly Schwartz at 480-802-3608 or Marcia Weiner at 480-802-9455 if you can lend your hands to knitting a few hats.

10 – The number of Lone Soldier community education presentations given and planned through the East Valley. We want everybody to hear their stories and appreciate their courage and commitment. If you belong to a group who might want to learn more, contact lonesoldiersljc@gmail.com.



Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on December 17 at 9:30 a.m. 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 reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or email.

Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

To remember the joyous day when we regained the right to pray we CELEBRATE CHANUKAH and wish for the brightest lights to fill your life.

Dec. 17	Chanukah Dinner Party
Jan. 01	New Year's Day Appetizer Party
Jan. 07	Bee Gee's at Wild Horse Pass & Dinner
Feb. 04	Desert Stage Theater "Spamalot" & Dinner
Feb. 11	Progressive Dinner Anniversary Party
Mar. 17	Barleen's Musical Review and Lunch
Apr.	TBA Zao Theater "12 Angry Jurors" Comedy
Apr. 24	10 Day New England Cruise

Come to the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Friday night Shabbat Service and then join us at our Havurah Table at the Oneg Shabbat where we can sit, munch and visit. Bring a friend. We also have car pooling to the events. For more information call or email: Laina Sardina 480-895-0974.

Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

Devorah Hadassah meets every other month on the first Wednesday of the month at the JCC in Chandler. Our members live in Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, Mesa, Ahwatukee, Sun Lakes and Casa Grande. Besides our fund raising activities, we have an out to lunch on the first Wednesday of every month (it follows our meetings when the meetings occur). We also have a Flick Chicks Special Interest Group and a Ladies Literary Special Interest Group. We welcome anyone who is looking for a connection with other Jewish women. For more information, contact devorah.hadassah@gmail.com.

Wednesday 12/6 Chapter Meeting at the JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler, time 10:30 am. Installation of officers (This is an extra meeting because our incoming Chapter President, Ruth Kovac, will be awaiting her first grandchild in January). Program: video on breast cancer research. **Out to lunch will follow at 1:00.** Restaurant TBA. For information call Marcia Gurian at 480 838-1226.

Dec. 8 - 24 Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser: At Local Barnes and Nobles locations. Don't miss out on our favorite fundraiser. Contact Barbara Ganz for dates and time slots. Barbara374@cox.net

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

December is always a busy month for Shalom Hadassah. On December 5, we will meet at Chompies in Chandler at 11:30 am for our annual Chanukah Party. Expect lots of food choices, games & prizes. The \$18.00 cost covers your meal, tax & tip. You must RSVP by NOVEMBER 20 to Marsha Levine at 480-802-8911 or at marsha52@gmail.com. Your check should be made out to Shalom Hadassah & sent to 3805 E County Down Drive, Chandler AZ 85249.

Our next FUN FUNDRAISER will be a trip to the Phoenix Art Museum on Thursday, December 14. Stef Thier will be our docent & lead us on a tour of the James Galanos, Fashion Designer exhibit. The show features more than 40 high fashion & ready to wear ensembles along with their accessories. Lunch will follow in the Museum Café. The donation for the fundraiser is \$7.00 & carpools can be arranged. For more information & to reserve your spot, call Diane Silverman at 895-6917 or Kathy at 895-6917.

Remember that our annual High Tea & Fashion Show will be held in January this year. Look for more information later this month.

Something You Might Not Know – (from Murray Siegel)

The Greatest Jewish Baseball Player

If you were asked to name the greatest Jewish baseball player of all time, who would you nominate? Some would say Sandy Koufax, Hall of Fame pitcher, who refused to pitch in a World Series game because it was Yom Kippur. Perhaps you would suggest Hank Greenberg, Hall of Fame first baseman for the Detroit Tigers, who in 1938 came close to Babe Ruth's season record of sixty homeruns, when he hit a total of fifty-eight. It all depends on how you define "greatest".

If you are a baseball junkie, you might provide the name of Moe Berg, a back-up catcher with the Brooklyn Robins (later Dodgers), Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians and Washington Senators, who played a total of fifteen seasons. How could a mediocre catcher be the greatest Jewish baseball player of all time? Moe was born in New York City in 1902 and was a graduate of Princeton University and Columbia Law School. His contributions were not on the ball field, but as an intelligence agent. In 1934 he traveled with an All Star baseball team touring in Japan. While there he took movies of industrial and military establishments in Tokyo Bay. These movies were later used to plan Doolittle's raid in 1942. During World War II he worked behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia and Italy. He was recognized for his significant contribution to the war effort by being awarded the Medal of Freedom, which was presented posthumously.

Moe spent his final years living with relatives, since he was penniless. He died in 1972 after a fall at home. According to his nurse at the hospital, his final words were, "How did the Mets do today?"

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2 Joan Tener
3 Thea Friedman
4 Leah Bloom
4 Tom Mohr
4 Seymour Zolty
6 Miles Freed
6 Benita Feldman
7 Judy Asbell
7 Hildy Forman
7 Irwin Wiener
8 Milton Lewis
9 Kevin Murphy
9 Jon Scheck
13 Sander Frindell
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
28 Robert Baum
29 Adrian Bendick
29 Richard Nadler
29 Faith Roth
29 Sean Turner
31 Gregory Posniack



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11 Judy & Chuck Wolin
12 Diane & Gregory Posniack
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21 Mickey & Bert Friedman
22 Joy & Aaron Dolin
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