



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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Tu Bishvat

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All meetings are held in the Chapel Center unless otherwise noted.

SLJC February 2025

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Another New Year

No matter how we calculate the passage of time, whether we consider the first of January or the first of Tishrei as the New Year, the beginning of a year is always a time to pause, to reflect, and to contemplate.

Tishrei (Rosh Hashanah) represents a rededication of our spiritual self. January is designed to give us a chance to think of our relationships. Then there is Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the trees, and Passover, the New Year of our birth as a nation and a people – our religious maturity, if you will.

All can be summed up with a favorite quote from the rabbis of Yavneh: “I am a creation of God, and my neighbor is also a creation of God; my work is in the city and his in the field; I rise early to do my work and he rises early to do his. As he cannot do well at my work; similarly, I cannot do well at his work. Nevertheless, if you say, I do great things and he does unimportant things, I respond: We have learned that it does not matter if a person does much or little, but only if he directs his heart to heaven.”

Perhaps what the rabbis of Yavneh were trying to say is that we need to care about each other, to be concerned about one another. This is the essence of who we are – our character – our respect for the dignity of all humans and animals as well.

All who toil in this vineyard of caring exemplify these teachings.

How do we accomplish this in everyday living? Quite simply by being who we are – human beings created to imitate the goodness of God. And each New Year that is celebrated, whether secular or religious, gives us the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to doing for others.

Yes, we have a New Year for trees because we know that nature and humankind work together to make life

livable and rewarding. And just as trees sleep in the winter and are reborn in the spring, we too can garner our strength to bring renewal to our existence after the cold winter passes.

Then we turn the page, and it is February. Usually this is a dull month in the cycle of life because December, with all its celebrations, also carries into January. But February seems to be lost in the shuffle.

Hold the presses – we do have things to commemorate and celebrate in February:

Valentine’s Day – a day designated for love and affection. Perhaps we should consider making every day a Valentine’s Day. Love is not for a moment, but for a lifetime. In an instant we love and then in an instant we forget to love. It matters not how this holiday got started. We need it as a reminder that love is the glue that keeps us connected.

President’s Day – a day designated for us to remember the contributions made for our survival and continuity that are represented by the people we elect to lead us into the future as a people and nation, and to remember the sacrifices of those who helped get us to this time in our lives.

Black History Month – a time designated for us to consider equality and the brotherhood of man as mandated in Scripture. To teach about the evils of prejudice and the values of understanding every person’s needs for connection and acceptance.

Each of these observances has a common thread – dignity. Elsewhere in this edition of the Shpiel I have suggested support for a noble venture instituted by our people to follow the instruction given to us in a certain Torah reading. After reading it, please determine that it is a worthwhile effort for our continuing support.

So, dull February is not so dull after all. There are things to consider and to fulfill our dream for a tranquil life. 🏠



Come LAFF with the talented cast of “The Family Tree,” the most unusual, hysterically funny musical comedy that you’ll ever see!

Have you ever thought of researching your own ancestry? What do you actually know about your own lineage? Do you know where your ancestors lived, loved, or what they looked like? Even more, are you brave enough to accept the results of your research?

Warning #1: BE PREPARED TO LAFF!

Warning #2: BE PREPARED FOR SURPRISES!

Although the play is indeed about a family tree, don’t be fooled by the title! It’s unlike anything you’d ever expect!

Warning #3: BE PREPARED to consider the possibilities of what ancestry research may reveal!

You never know what to expect if you’re BRAVE enough to research your family tree! As the cast discovers, secrets hidden in the gnarled and intertwined branches of a family tree can certainly become a life-altering experience.

If you enjoyed last year’s production of “A Deli Line,” you’ll LOVE “The Family Tree,” another truly funny original musical comedy. This interfaith cast of approximately 30 actors, singers, and dancers, representing many of the religious organizations within Sun Lakes, is currently LAFF-ing its way through rehearsals! **LAFF (Laughter and Friendship Forever)** was created to spread laughter and camaraderie throughout our Sun Lakes communities. Our goal is to make our audiences LAFF louder than our cast!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS SLJC FUNDRAISER!

SAVE THE DATE! Tickets will go on sale starting FEBRUARY 18 and will be sold online and in person through the Sun Lakes Country Club, where this musical comedy will be performed onstage. **There will be four performances: Saturday, March 29 @ 7 pm; Sunday, March 30 @3 pm; Saturday, April 5 @7 pm; and Sunday, April 6 @3 pm.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Coming Up

As I sit down to write this month's letter, my thoughts and prayers are with the families in California. Many of us, myself included, likely know friends or loved ones who have been

evacuated or have suffered significant losses.

For our February service, we will honor our Sisterhood members. We cannot thank them enough for their unwavering generosity, which supports not only our congregation but also numerous groups within Sun Lakes and beyond. Their incredible contributions are made possible by their annual fundraiser, now known as Games Galore. This year's event will take place on Monday, February 24. I hope many of you plan to attend and support both the Sisterhood and our congregation.

Here are some important reminders about our upcoming fundraisers:

- **Tuesday, February 11:** Join us for our "Out to Dinner" event at BJ's Restaurant. See page 10 for the flyer.

- **Saturday, March 22:** Enjoy the Hale Theatre production of *Anything Goes*. To reserve tickets, please contact Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.

- **Late March/Early April:** Don't miss "The Family Tree," a production featuring members of our congregation alongside participants from other local congregations. Performances will take place on the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April. See the opposite page for details.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that our combined seder with Trilogy will happen again this year. Details can be found in the flyer and other information included in this issue.

As always, if you would like an honor at our services, please reach out to me. I especially need members who are able to carry or lift the Torahs.

Stay safe and stay well, and I look forward to seeing you around the compound or throughout the Valley. I want to wish you all a very happy Valentine's Day as well. 🎂

ADULT EDUCATION 2025

CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH STUDY AND LEARNING

The theme for this year's educational events is understanding the value and purpose of life. The purpose is to enhance our lives and enjoy the simple pleasures of life-long learning, build relationships with others in our congregation and observe the Sabbath through study.

One session is coming up, presented by Rabbi Wiener. Participants will share a *Kiddush* at the session. Please save the date to join us!



March 15, 10:15 AM, Chapel Center
The Lessons of Purim for Today: Survival, Pride in Our Identity, Strength in Time of Crisis

Please save the date for this session coming up in March.



GAMES GALORE

Formerly known as Card Party

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes

Charity event sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

\$40 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.

We will have our signature gift baskets, cash raffle and tantalizing treats at our bake sale!

For reservations or questions call Carol at 480-895-3168.

Please make your check for \$40.00 per player payable to: SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Doris Codkind, 9038 E Diamond Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

Names of players: (Please include a contact phone # or email for one member of the group.) Reservations deadline is February 10. Contact #/email: _____

_____ Game: _____

You must provide your own game. No card shufflers please.

Welcome to Our Sisterhood

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

We are certainly pleased that the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will participate at our Friday evening Shabbat service on February 14.

Sisterhood is an integral part of our congregation. They are truly representative of the words spoken by Maimonides: "Understand that the Lord wants your heart, and the intention of your heart is the measure of what you do." Who can deny that our Sisterhood acts from the heart and the results are clear: a sisterhood of caring and sharing individuals who collectively encompass all that is good in the human spirit. This is the legacy of the women of our congregation as they toil in the vineyard of goodness and mercy and lend dignity to our existence.

May their efforts continue to uplift us. May they continue to prosper. May we, the beneficiaries of their goodness, continue to be blessed because of their support. And they certainly deserve our eternal gratitude.

Welcome Sisterhood members of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.



SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Monday, February 24, 10 am, Oakwood Country Club, Sun Lakes

Sisterhood knows how to throw a party. Our annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon/Hanukkah party was a huge success. The catered affair was held in the Chapel House where we ate delicious latkes and played Hanukkah Bingo for prizes. Thank you to the Sisterhood Board members for organizing this fun event.

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood is holding its annual fundraiser, formerly known as Card Party, Games Galore on Monday, February 24. (See the flyer on the opposite page.) You will have an opportunity to play Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, or any other table game of your choice. This charity event will take place at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes starting at 10 am. There will be a delicious buffet lunch and we will have our signature gift baskets, gift cards from local restaurants and merchants, a cash raffle, and home-baked treats at our bake sale. All proceeds will be distributed to various charities. You may register individually or as a group. Please indicate what game you will play. The registration deadline is Monday, February 10. For more information, see the flyer in The Shpiel or please contact Carol at (480) 895-3168.

Also, we are in need of bakers for the Games Galore bake sale. If you are already one of our bakers, would you be willing to make an additional item, and if you are not already preparing baked goods, would you be willing to? No store-bought items please. Contact Barbara Reiss, (480-803-3281 / elliottbarb@gmail.com).

The Friday night service on February 14 at the temple will honor Sisterhood. Please read the message above from Rabbi Wiener about the occasion.

The next meeting of Sisterhood will be on Thursday, March 20 at 1 pm in the Chapel House. There will be a presentation from the Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics and the ASU Master's program. Topics include learning the pros and cons of over-the-counter DNA kits and exploring the medical advances that have been made possible since genetic testing has become more commonplace. Learn what CRISPR is. Hint: It's not for your salad!

SLJC SISTERHOOD RAFFLE

For GAMES GALORE – ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Formerly known as Card Party



\$10 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A **CASH PRIZE**

FIRST PRIZE = \$200

SECOND PRIZE = \$100

ALL PROFITS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TEMPLE AND TO VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES.

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE EVENT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025. THE WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. YOU MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE ENTRIES AT \$10 PER ENTRY.

Please make check (\$10 per entry) payable to **SLJC SISTERHOOD**.

Completed form and check should be mailed to:

Diane Silverman, 9437 E. Rocky Lake Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Entries must be received by February 17, 2025.

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

**WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SLJC SISTERHOOD
AND THE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROCEEDS.**



PASSOVER SEDER

SLJC 2025 PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday, April 23, 5-8 pm, Trilogy Community Ballroom

As we look forward to a 2025 shared with friends and family, it is not too soon to think about our upcoming 3rd annual combined seder with the Trilogy Chavurah on Sunday, April 13 from 5-8 pm in the Trilogy Community Ballroom. **Costs: Members \$48/ Non-Members \$60**

You will have a choice of appetizer (chopped liver or gefilte fish). The main entrée will be brisket or chicken. (You may choose a combination of both entrees if you prefer). We hope you will join us for great food, friendship, and the continued coming together of our two communities as we honor the traditions of our ancestors. We encourage you to invite friends from your community as a way to create a greater understanding of our traditions. You may also bring your own wine and beverages if you prefer. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 1.

Tables accommodate up to 8. This year we are again planning to mingle each group, four people from Trilogy and four from SLJC. If you have a specific seating request, please make it at the time of your reservation. We will do all possible to honor your requests. We will accommodate families sitting together. Questions? Please contact Helene Zimmerman at (909) 229-6572 or hzman24@gmail.com.

Passover Seder Menu

Catered by Scott's Generations, NY-style deli restaurant

- Gefilte Fish or Chopped Liver
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Matzoh Ball Soup
- Roasted Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Choice of Brisket or Chicken (can have both if desired)
- Matzoh
- Charoset
- Dessert
- Passover Wine

Passover Seder 2025 Reservation Form

Name: _____

of people in your party: _____

Seating request: _____

Please circle choice of appetizer: gefilte fish **or** chopped liver

Please circle choice of entrée: brisket | chicken | both

Please indicate choices of others in your party:

Please make checks payable to "SLJC and mail them to:
Helene Zimmerman, 4119 E. Appleby Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85298



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: Feb 11, 2025

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

7151 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

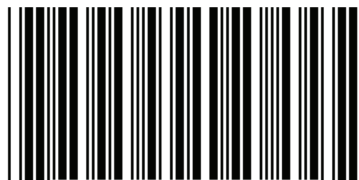
WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



SLJC RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

Our final restaurant fundraiser for this season will be February 11, 2025, at BJ's, 7151 W. Ray Rd., Chandler. The flyer is on the opposite page. Please cut/tear it out and bring it with you. It is good from 11 am to 11 pm.

Thank you for all your support. Please check *The Shpiel* in the fall for what will be coming up next year.

If you have any questions or ideas of restaurants, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Shalett, (480) 329-9368.



FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Do you shop at Fry's, have a Fry's card and an email address? Fry's will donate to SLJC every time you shop. Easy to do and it costs you nothing! Go to our website at sljc.org and click "donations." Follow the easy instructions. Then when you shop, check your receipt. It should read, "Fry's Community Rewards." Fry's will be contributing to SLJC on your behalf. For more information, please call Linda Brooks at (480) 588-1827.

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

JAKE RETZLAFF *By Murray Siegel*

Almost 99% of the students attending Brigham Young University are Mormon, yet the star quarterback of the BYU football team, Jake Retzlaff, is Jewish. Not only that, Jake has a contract where he will get paid to have his image on special edition boxes of Manischewitz matzos. Jake was raised in California where his family belonged to a Reform temple in Pomona.

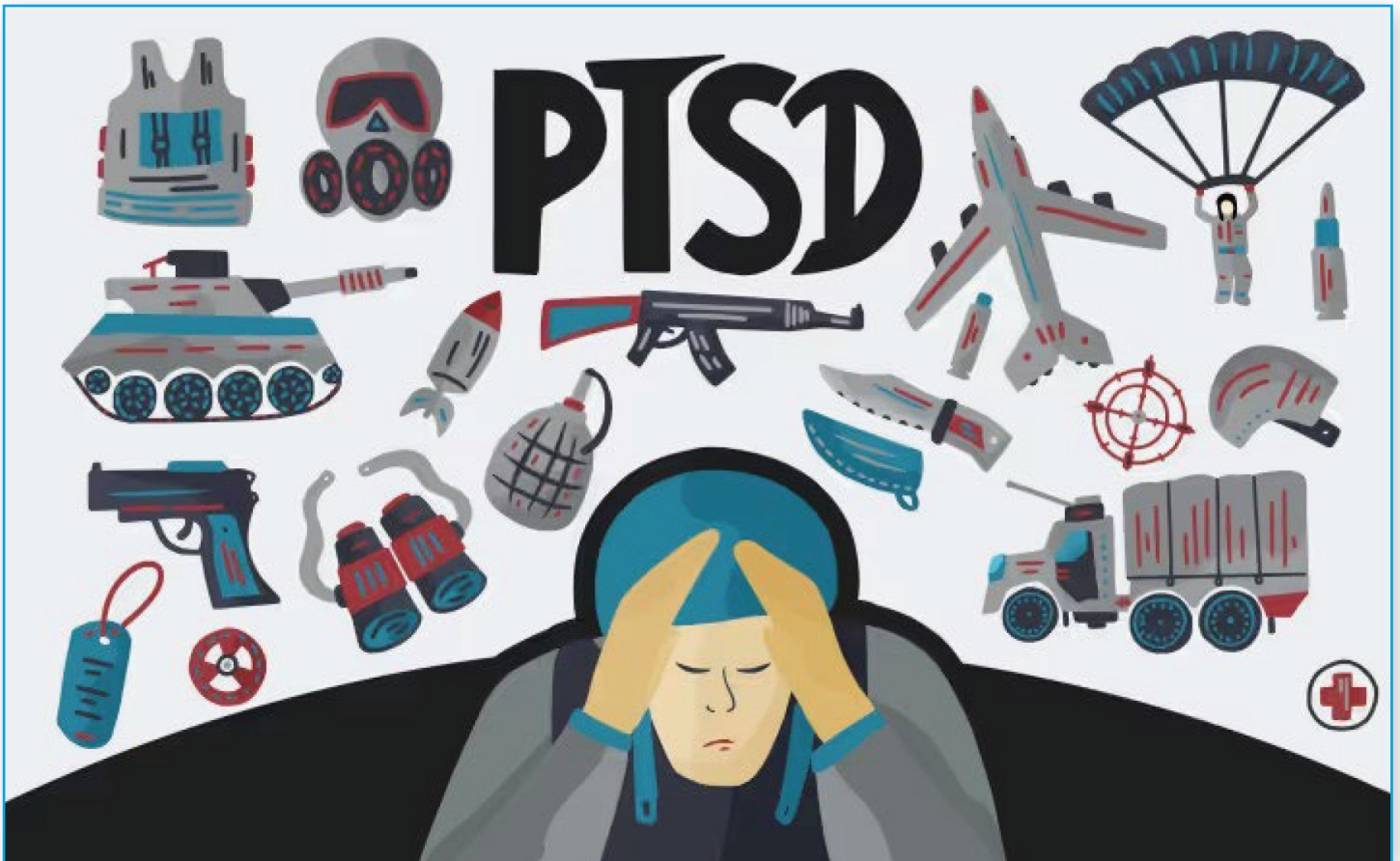
Jake is the first athlete to sign a deal with Manischewitz and the amount he is being paid has not been revealed. The boxes will be sold through Passover. When asked about his experience with the company's products, he said, "Manischewitz has always been part of my life. I grew up with matzo with peanut butter as my favorite snack, and every Passover, my family and I made matzo pizza together. At Hanukkah time our tradition was making potato latkes."

Jake was the number one rated junior college quarterback at Riverside City College and transferred to BYU in January 2023. He is one of only three Jewish students attending Brigham Young and proudly wears a Star of David to demonstrate in public his devotion to his faith.



LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

LONE SOLDIERS SUFFER FROM POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER



Recent reports highlight the extent of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among IDF soldiers who have been in combat and the challenge for the IDF to respond to this massive need. Two groups are particularly vulnerable to this consequence of war: Lone Soldiers and Reservists. Lone Soldiers are vulnerable because they do not have immediate families available to provide intermittent emotional support, and Reservists because they do not want to burden their wives and parents by talking about their stress and feelings. “Lone Reservist” is a newly coined term.

Lt.-Col. Dr. Michal Lipshitz, head of the IDF’s psychiatric department, said the IDF’s mental health system has been expanded to approximately 800 therapists: “We established a new branch during the war that provides support for soldiers with post-traumatic symptoms.”

Our three Lone Soldier Center partners have each enhanced their support role with therapists specifically trained to prevent and treat PTSD. Hagar Gerich Shahaf of the Michael Levin BASE Center says, “Many Lone Soldiers approached us and said they needed treatment,

but they didn’t have the option of doing it privately because it was expensive. So, we established the mental health care system. We have amazing therapists, and we know how to connect the soldiers to therapists and provide an immediate response.” A 2024 midyear report indicated that requests from recently discharged soldiers have surged by approximately 50%, while demands for mental health assistance have risen by about 60%.

Chayal el Chayal Lone Soldier Center held a Shabbaton in August 2024 for 15 Lone Soldiers that were serving in Gaza. They were treated to a well-deserved resort that helped them relax with the aid of professional therapists teaching them techniques to release their tension. More of these essential therapeutic events are planned.

The Lone Soldier Project and EVJCC support these nongovernmental support programs for Lone Soldiers with contributions to each of our center partners. To learn more about the project, go to evjcc.org/lone-soldier-project. If you would like to volunteer, call Michael at (480) 895-4660.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

14 Sander & Anita Frindell 18 James & Pamela Brener 19 Milton & Paula Lewis
15 Darrell & Norma Owens 19 Tzvi & Gina Caplan 26 Judith Herrmann
17 Marc & Deborah Israel

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

2 Linda Wasserman 16 Diana Nelinson 22 Stephanie Streeter
11 Marc Israel 17 Ronald Codkind 25 Harvey Weiner
12 Marsha Levine 18 Ellen Fineberg 26 Nancy Stutman
12 Jose Olagues 20 Ruth Friedman 29 Nessa Memberg
13 Roxanne Banta 21 Eleanor Miller
15 Betsey Silverman 22 Carol Sherter

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

***Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.**

Shalom Batzir	Benjamin Fischer	Joseph Lubisch	Dorothy Stone
Melvin Becker	Shirley Fray	Sylvia Memberg	Isaac Strahl
Anne Berg	Augusta Friedman	Samuel Miller	Michael Wiener
Florence Berger	Melissa Ger	Rebecca Miller	Norma Zacharias
Sheila Berger	Maurice Gerson	Rose Mohr	Irving Zigman
Ida Gilbert Brodsky	Betty Ginsberg	Geraldine Nelinson	Seymour Zolty
William Buchsbaum	Marcy Goldstein	Joseph Pasternack	
Marjorie Buchsbaum	Frank Hasenfus	Allan Price	
Charles Clift	Cie Hirschhoff	Louis Raizes	
Essie Cohen	David Israel	Sadie Roth	
Sylvia Cohen	Leo Kantor	Marilyn Russell	
Barbara Cooper	Barbara Kaplan	Muriel Salita	
Constance Dunayer	Rose Kaplan	Syndi Scheck	
John Elias	Norma Klein	Sylvia Sharf	
Woody Fabert	Barnett Lazarus	Morris Sharff	
Allan Richard Feldman	Sadie Lazarus	Robert Smigel	
David Feldman	Barnett Levenson	Bertha Smigel	

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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made in honor or memory of a special person or event. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the donation form on the opposite page.

CHAPEL FUND

In honor of our 65th
wedding anniversary
by Anita & Sander Frindell
Miscellaneous
*by Dorothy & Emiel Lopes
Dias*

GENERAL FUND

In memory of A. Richard
Feldman
by Harriette R. Feldman
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In memory of Maurice
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by Judy Elias

SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sy and Edie
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YAHARZEIT FUND

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In memory of Morris Sharff
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In memory of Sheila Berger
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by Susan & Richard Tauber
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Friedman
*by Marjorie & David
Levinson*

In memory of Cie
Hirschhoff
by Bobby Sachs
In memory of Irving
Zigman
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Michael
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by Rabbi Wiener
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Miller
by Rabbi Wiener
In memory of Joseph
Lubisch
by Sandor Lubisch
In memory of Isaac Strahl
by Sandor Lubisch
In memory of Sadie Roth
by Faith Roth
In memory of Joseph
Pasternack
by Linda & Bob Brooks
In memory of Allan
Richard Feldman
by Wendy Feldman-Kerr

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC sends its deepest condolences to member Eileen Schwartz on the January 3rd death of her husband, Norman. Cards may be sent to her at:

24511 SW Lakeway Circle SW
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

I'd like to thank all our caring friends for their good wishes, cards, phone calls and visits after my fall, surgery and rehab. A special thanks to Rabbi Wiener, Diane Silverman, and Shelly and Arnie Henden. All of you certainly played a part in my recovery.

– Irwin Plafker

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at gerijim@hotmail.com.

SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

Fund: Chapel Family Fund Music Oneg Silverman General

Yahrzeit Honoree: _____ Month _____

Please send card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donor: _____ Amt. of Check \$ _____

Address _____

Remit to: Marjorie Levinson, 9533 E Sundune Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Please make checks payable to SLJC.

*Minimum donation of \$10 per person being remembered/honored.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Come join the fun and meet new friends! For information on Hadassah and attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom at (860) 377-7126 or ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

We are welcoming a new President of our Devorah Chapter, Marcia Garnice. Please try to attend an event online or in person or one of our Out to Lunch dates and get to meet Marcia. She is bringing with her some great new ideas for functions for our Chapter. Welcome Marcia!

Exciting News: Annual Game Day

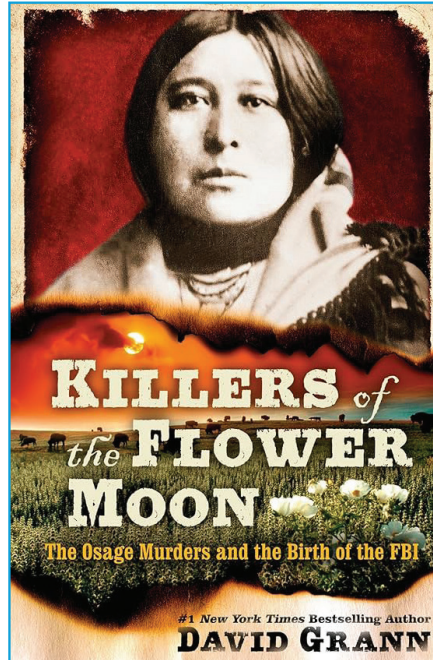
We will be having our annual Game Day on Wednesday, April 2 at the JCC from 1–4 pm. If you are interested in attending or helping with planning, contact Marcia Garnice at (602) 752-0379 or garnicemarcia@gmail.com.

Out to Lunch

Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together! Upcoming dates are Wednesday, February 26 and Wednesday, March 26.

Literary Ladies Book Group

Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The upcoming book we will be discussing will be: (1) *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann on Wednesday, February 12 at 1:30 pm; and (2) *Flags on the Bayou*, by James Lee Burke on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 pm.



Food Drive


The third Wednesday between 11 am and 1 pm we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley.

Chai Flicks Movie Group

The dates and movies vary each month, but include a discussion of the film at lunch following the film.

Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards! We have cards for all occasions that we sell for \$2 each or, if you want to have a selection on hand, we sell 12 for \$21. Such a deal! We also have

several different certificates ranging in price from \$5, \$18 to \$100. These are ready to view at all in-person events. Contact Susan Fox at (520) 705-3226 to order or to ask questions.

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TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

Use your Arizona State income tax liability and payment to benefit East Valley JCC and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Your tax liability will not increase or decrease for this donation. Instead of giving your income tax payment to the Arizona Treasury Department, you can donate it to East Valley JCC and SLJC!

This is a win-win for both you and our congregation!

Individual income tax filers can donate as much as \$470 and joint income filers can donate as much as \$938 without increasing or decreasing your tax liability for this donation. SLJC will receive 18% of the funds received by East Valley JCC. Once this donation has been made, East Valley JCC will send a donation confirmation to use for your tax records. **Form 321** will need to be filed with Arizona Income Taxes for this Charitable contribution.

Help our synagogue benefit from your generous contribution without it costing you any additional money!

Below is a form that you can use for your donation to the East Valley JCC that lists Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation as the benefiting organization.



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U.S. VETS PHOENIX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPRESSES HER APPRECIATION FOR JWV'S DONATIONS OF CLOTHING AND COFFEE

Sunday, February 16, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 welcomes Michelle Jameson, Executive Director for U.S. Vets Phoenix, to speak Sunday, February 16. A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 am. All are welcome.

JWV is a significant contributor to U.S. Vets Phoenix which is dedicated to ending veterans' homelessness, assisting those who have served our country. They do this by providing transitional housing and support to strengthen U.S. vet independence.

Along with transitional housing, their services include mental health counseling, career development, transportation, and case management. Weekly offsite activities such as sports games, gym sessions, community dinners, and events assist veterans with improving their quality of life and strengthening their independence.

Additionally, U.S. Vets Phoenix manages Ashley's Place, two five-bedroom homes specifically for female survivors of Military Sexual Trauma.

Michelle is excited to tell JWV about their U.S. Vets anticipated relocation in April to their new site at the Hawkins Veterans Center, situated off I-17 and Cactus. This facility will significantly expand their capacity to serve veterans in need. When its renovation is complete, the facility will include 103 single rooms, 47 doubles, and 13 female rooms accommodating up to 163 veterans.

Once completed, the new location will also feature a commercial kitchen, gym, and their popular clothing closet for free clothing and essential supplies, made possible through generous community donations.

"We're especially grateful for the regular support we get from Post 619," says Michelle. "Clothing drives, like the one JWV held last month, excite our veterans and keep our closet stocked. We are always open to contributions," concludes the Director.

Michelle was recognized by the Senior White House Advisor to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for her collaboration in the Military/Veteran Community Network. She is an accomplished and transformational leader in the nonprofit sector.

Her contributions throughout her remarkable career have garnered her numerous awards, including the 2020 Arizona Public Service Inspirational Leadership Award, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and the 2018 Lincoln Award from the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Michelle actively contributes to her community. Her affiliations include roles on advisory boards and committees, sharing her expertise in service delivery to veterans

Michelle will leave the February meeting with coffee for her vets, donated by the IronOaks community. Thanks to Stone & Barrel for partnering with JWV and offering a free beverage coupon in appreciation for coffee donations brought to their lobby. Those attending the JWV meeting will also be able to receive the coupon with their donation.

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to June, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. For more information about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please visit the JWV Facebook page at facebook.com/CopperStatePost619 or contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175 or via email at uramarthur@gmail.com



△ David Wasserman and Jan Rathke donate cans of coffee to the Jewish War Veterans Post 619 Coffee Campaign to benefit U.S. Vets Phoenix. With support from IronOaks and Stone & Barrel, the goal is to collect 1,000 cans of regular ground coffee to help meet the facility's yearly supply.

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Author Talk

Tuesday, Feb. 13 | 1 p.m.

Maggie Anton, author of the award-winning trilogy 'Rashi's Daughters,' speaks about her new book 'The Midwives' Escape: Egypt to Jericho' coming out in March 2025.

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Generations After

Wednesday, Feb. 19 | 10-11:30 a.m.

'Little Boy, I Know Your Name: A Second-Generation Memoir from Inherited Holocaust Trauma'

Presented by Mitchell Raff

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