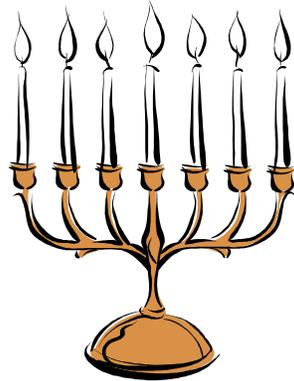
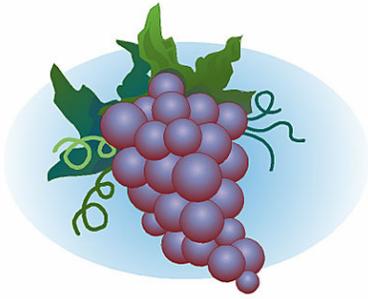


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

January 2018 / Tevet 5778



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. – (623)-975-4272
President – Wende Levy (301)-503-1047
Executive Vice-President – Mark Nelinson
Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022

Cantor Ronda Polesky – (480)-247-8408
President Elect – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123
Membership Vice-President – Bety Dar
Recording Secretary – Jeff Spear

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – January 12th at 7:30 pm in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, January 11th, 4:00 pm in Chapel Center

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

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Meeting January 9th at 11 am in Chapel (not Center).

MEN’S CLUB – Meeting January 2nd in the Chapel Center at 6:30 pm for

Mark Salita’s presentation on "Defense Against North Korean ICBM’s".

SISTERHOOD – Meeting January 18th in the Chapel House at 1:00 pm: Cantor Ronda Polesky will speak about “The Role of Women Cantors in Music and Prayer”.

HAVURAH CHAI – Bee Gee’s Group and dinner at Wild Horse Pass on January 7th.

SHALOM HADASSAH – High Tea & Fashion Show on Tuesday, January 16th.

Luncheon begins at 12:00 pm at Oakwood Country Club.

DVORAH HADASSAH – January 3rd Chapter Meeting at 10:30 am at the JCC.

January 11th movie at Chandler Center for the Arts at 6:00 pm.

January 18th Dinner Fundraiser 2:30-8:30 pm at BJ’s.

January 21st Board Meeting 10:30 am at Susie Shapiro’s house.

January 24th Flick Chicks movie to be announced.

January 25th Ladies Literary Special Interest Group at 1:20 pm at Marion Cohen’s.

JWV Post 619 – Meeting January 19th at 9:30 am, Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

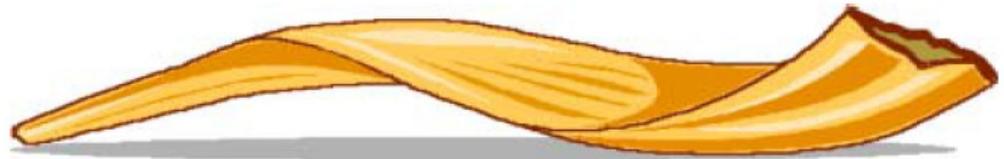
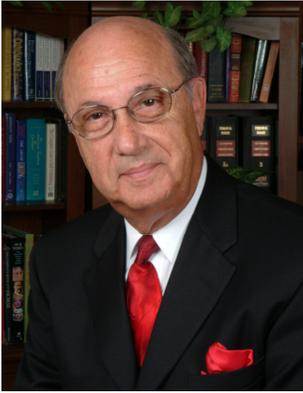
Ritual Schedule for 5778 (2018)

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| 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 ----- (Candles will be available to light by the congregation beginning at 6:30 pm) | 7:00 pm |
| 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

Happy 2018

Perhaps the way to start a New Year is to be grateful for the past year and hopeful for the new. Easier said than done! We tend to concentrate on the bad without reveling in the good. Perhaps, when we think of the past, we get lost in the missed opportunities and the things that got away from us.

These thoughts came to mind while watching my favorite movie during the past holidays. It is played every year and, I believe, speaks to our insecurities – “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Seeing this movie, year after year still brings new messages to me. Parts of it are corny by today’s standards. For the most part, the depictions relate to today and even tomorrow.

How many times have we whispered to ourselves, “I wish I had never been born?” How many times have we thought, “If only I could do it over?” How many times have we imagined, “What if?” I would venture a guess that each of us has had one or more of these contemplations, maybe, even more than once.

Life is comical as well as serious. There are times when we laugh uncontrollably about some silly thing. There are times when we cry just as hard over the most insignificant things. Perspective is needed when dealing with situations that seem overwhelming. This is also easier said than done.

As the calendar continues its journey into the unknown, we are included in that voyage. Life is an exploration into dreams and visions. Life is also real in that we, for the most part, do not know what we will do or say that can and may affect, not only ourselves, but also those around us. Some have said that life is a “crap shoot.” We hope the number seven or eleven will roll each time, but that is not what life is about.

To me, the most important message of the movie is that while we may wish for things to be, as we would like, the chances are that they will be as they are, as we make them. However, there is one more lesson to be learned. Happy endings result when we put forth the effort to make them happen.

A new beginning means that we can be more supportive to our friends and neighbors. New beginnings give us the opportunity to learn from the past, not repeat the same old attitudes that caused us pain. When we start fresh, the slate is clean, the possibilities endless. As we start a calendar New Year, we can find the ability to rely on our faith to remind us that life is a gift.

We cherish the gifts we receive; why not cherish the greatest gift of all? Wishing that things could be different is a call to action. Things can and will be different with faith and determination. What a blessed way for a new beginning.

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:

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 Classes – February 3rd, 13th and 20th.

Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

Participants pictured right to left are Gail Scheck, Barbara Ganz, Cantor, Rabbi, Wendy Goldstein, Victoria Gindick, and Marcia Gurian. Not pictured are Gail Dante, Ann Baum and Judy Elias. This B'not Mitzvah accomplishment will be commemorated at Shabbat services on Feb 9th.



Torah Study

Shemot – Freedom’s Foundation

The portion of the Torah we read this week lays the foundation for the greatest religious experience known to man. It transforms Israel and God from a local expression to a universal understanding of humankind’s partnership with the Divine.

“A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.” (Exodus 1:8) This is the beginning of the drama that would take us from enslavement to freedom. This chapter in our history has left us with a legacy of not just freedom from the whip but freedom of thought, understanding, and of choice.

Not knowing Joseph is a call to promote prejudice and hatred. Fear of numbers - as the children of Israel multiplied - is an age-old excuse for subjugation. Worrying about loyalty - as Pharaoh professed to be concerned about - is how terror tactics emerge.

All these ingredients were joined together to contribute to this story of stories. And as the plot thickens, we see firsthand the trappings of predilections on a grand scale that have occurred in our lifetime.

Bias in any form is evil. And evil cannot exist where there is truth and faithfulness. Evil takes many forms and thrives on death and destruction. And evil lives in darkness, the darkness of a closed mind, and it hides behind a cloak of respectability.

But as we have witnessed repeatedly, evil can only succeed with complacency. Only the willingness of a society with closed eyes, which makes all things dark, can ensure cruelty’s survival. However, justice is the one weave in the fabric of humanity that will bring light from darkness.

This is what the Pharaohs of every generation continue to prey upon: the weakness of the spirit and the unending burden of despair.

And then Moses was born and with him the hope for a better tomorrow. The essential ingredient to be found as the story unfolds is not in the person of a man named Moses but rather in a desire to be free - a desire that rings in each one of us and is echoed around the world time and again.

It is the freedom of slaves as they sang “Go Down Moses” while they toiled from morning until night. It is the freedom of generations of people who, with bent bodies, rose to declare, “Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty I am free at last.”

It is the freedom of thought and the freedom from want. It is the clarion call of every human being who wants only to sit under his fig tree and feel safe and secure. It is the freedom to be able to worship God as his conscience dictates. And it is the freedom to believe that one day, “people will not lift up sword against each other and not make war anymore.”

The Torah portion Shemot begins, as its name implies, with the names of the generation who followed their destiny. Names are important because they identify us. Names are important so that we do not forget the past. More importantly, however, names are important because they help us understand who we are and what God expects of us: “To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.”

Incorporated in this formula is the basis for a free people who will do no less for others and will cry out, as did our ancestors, when freedom is threatened. And God will answer.

Tu’ B’Shevat

The holiday of Tu’ B’Shevat (New Year of the Trees) is celebrated in January. It is the first recorded observance of ecological concerns. Trees offer oxygen, which is essential for life to flourish. Humans offer carbon dioxide, which feed the trees.

President's Message

I am pleased to announce the Executive Board Members, Directors and Committee Chairs for SLJC. This year has been a year of transition as we prepared to complete the succession planning process. As noted in September, Geri Gould is president-elect. I will remain president until June 1, 2018 at which time Geri Gould will move into the role of President. We have added the role of Executive Vice President to the Board and Mark Nelinson has agreed to serve in this position. The Executive Vice President will move into the role of President when the current president's term has been completed or when the current president no longer wishes to serve in the role of president. Michael Dar has agreed to continue to serve as the Treasurer and Jeff Spear has taken on the role of Recording Secretary.

The Vice President of Membership is Bety Dar, who has served as the membership chair for the last year. Her role will now include Membership recruitment and retention as chair of the Membership Outreach Committee.

A complete list of the SLJC Board and Committees will be in the front of the SLJC Directory which is currently being mailed to each household. I want to thank everyone who has participated, led, or been a part of the SLJC Board, Committee or Group. Each of you has helped to facilitate the programs, activities and services for SLJC. Without each of you, SLJC congregation would not be able to do the things we have done this past year. I look forward to the exciting events planned for the future.

If you have a little time, ideas of programs or events you would like to see, please contact me at Wende@his.com or via telephone at 301-503-1047.

The next Board meeting will be on January 11th. 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.

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. Just **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.

Cantorial Notes: Adonai Li – God is with Me

God is with me, I am not afraid. This phrase comes from Psalm 118- and you will find the rest of the text for the song “Adonai Li” at the end of the Adon Olam. It is the section that starts out with B’yado afkid ruchi..

“Into His hand I entrust my spirit, both when I sleep and when I awaken. And with my spirit my body; God is with me, I am not afraid.”

The text of Adonai Li is meant to bring us comfort. Adonai, Who is Sovereign over all the Universe, cares about each of us individually. Because God cares about us, we can entrust our souls to Adonai when we go to sleep with the assurance that he will give us back our souls when we wake up. And ultimately, when we die, God will care for our souls forever. With the assurance of God’s love, we are not afraid to go to sleep and when life is at its end we should not be afraid as the soul once again returns to God.

We will sing Adonai Li at the January service in honor of our board of directors. May God give them the wisdom to lead us well in 2018. And may they derive strength and comfort from the knowledge that God is with each one of them.

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.

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.

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Sally (Sophie) Shulman;
Stephanie Helgren

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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(Minimum donation of \$10.00, please)

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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

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of our members:

Lynne Stone passed away December 8th. Her funeral was held in Connecticut
Harvey Trachtenberg

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 Sparonos, 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.

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PASSOVER SECOND SEDER

Saturday, March 31st marks the night of the second Seder of Passover. The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation welcomes all to join us in a meaningful and fun Seder experience, led by our Rabbi Irwin Wiener and Cantor Ronda Polesky. Children/grandchildren are encouraged to join us – prizes to all affikomen hunters!

The cost of the Seder is \$32 per adult, and \$12 per child. No charge for children ages 3 and under.

The Seder will be held **in Palo Verde Country Club, in Sun Lakes**. Contact **Susie Shapiro** for reservations @ **(480)580-1592**. If you have a seating preference, or are planning to form a table, please advise on the reservation form below (also found on the sljc.org website).

We look forward to sharing the Passover holiday with you!



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SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION PASSOVER 2ND SEDER 3/31/2018 PALO VERDE COUNTRY CLUB



STARTING AT 5:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM)
SERVICES BY OUR RABBI IRWIN WIENER AND CANTOR RONDA POLESKY

Reservation Form

| Names | Brisket | Chicken | Vegetarian |
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DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

SEATING PREFERENCE WITH: _____

PRICE: \$32.00 per adult, \$12.00 per child 3-12, Children 3 Yr. or younger FREE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: SUSIE SHAPIRO @480-580-1592

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2018

Send checks payable to SLJC to:

SUSIE SHAPIRO, 24117 S. LAKEWAY CIRCLE NE, SUN LAKES, AZ 85248

Sisterhood

The January 18th meeting will welcome Cantor Ronda Polesky who will speak about “The Role of Women Cantors in Music and Prayer” in the Chapel House at 1:00pm.

Calling all players of Mah Jongg, Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble and lots more! The Annual Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood Card Party will take place on Monday, February 12 at 10:00 A.M. in the Oakwood Ballroom. Doors open at 9:00 A.M. The \$30 entry fee includes a delicious new and improved buffet lunch. There will be the signature gift baskets, raffles, and the tantalizing treats at the bake sale. Please write your check for \$30.00 per player to SLJC Sisterhood and mail to Geri Gould at 24529 S. Lakeway Circle SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five and indicate what game your group will play. For reservations or questions call Geri at 480-305-0123. Be sure to RSVP by February 2 because this charitable event is always very well attended.



ANNUAL CARD PARTY

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club

Sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

\$30.00 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.

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

Don't forget about our signature raffle baskets and the tantalizing treats at our bake sale !

Names of players: (Please include a contact phone #/e-mail for one member of the group. Reservations deadline is February 2nd .

Game to be played: _____

Please make your check for \$30.00 per player to SLJC SISTERHOOD, and mail to Geri Gould at +024529 S. Lakeway Circle SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

You must provide your own game. No shufflers please!

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.



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FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, SLJC PRESENTS

Israel Defense Forces: A view from the inside IDF Veterans share their experiences

Panel:

Ilana Goldschmidt (1956-1958), Corporal

Michael Dar (1966-1978) Lt. Commander, Navy Mission Electronic Officer

Nachum Erlich (1978-few years?) Second Lieutenant, Paratroopers

Ruth Stiftel, (1986-1989) Commander, Nahal Unit

Jake Bennett (1999-2001) First Sergeant, Golani Infantry Brigade

Jesse Charyn (2003-2006) Sergeant, Golani Infantry Brigade

Since its inception, on May 28, 1948, the IDF has had a Ruach Tzahal (Spirit of the IDF) or a Code of Ethics, with clearly defined values. The 3 pillars of this code are 1. To **protect** the existence of the state of Israel, 2. Service is based on **patriotism, commitment and devotion** to Israel and 3. Soldiers are obligated to **preserve human dignity** of all persons.

The IDF is a unique military force in many ways. Come hear about these differences from the veterans who helped make the IDF one of the most effective military forces in history.

January 28, 2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Chapel Center, 9240 E Sun Lakes Blvd, 85248

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Lone Soldier Project

Our Chanukah greetings arrive in Israel:





Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



Rabbi Wiener was just appointed National Chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States (see notification letter below).

The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on January 21 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. For reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or email desertglen1@aol.com.



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December 12, 2017

Rabbi Irwin Wiener
20432 N. Shadow Mountain Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85374

Dear Rabbi Wiener,

Thank you for being a dedicated member of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV). Your work and commitment help JWV live its mission every day. It is therefore my great pleasure to appoint you to the position of National Chaplain.

As part of this role, you are expected to work to further JWV's mission, establish goals and communicate with your committee regularly (if applicable to your position), and submit written reports detailing your work. Enclosed is your appointment card in recognition of your service to our organization.

This appointment carries with it a public recognition of your commitment to JWV. If at any time there is a question regarding the official position of JWV on a particular issue, please call our National Headquarters before any comment is made to avoid inconsistencies in official policies of JWV.

We look forward to working with you to carry JWV into the next 120 years.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Warner, PhD
National Commander

Men's Club

The SLJC Men's Club is a social group that meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Chapel Center at 6:30PM for socializing and refreshments, followed by a stimulating speaker at 7PM. Wives and prospective members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. The members of the club also gather periodically for lunch to try interesting local restaurants, as well as outings to places of interest. Please join us to experience fellowship with a welcoming group of men. For more information contact Al Bloom [480-895-8120](tel:480-895-8120) or albeenov@gmail.com

Our speaker at the January 2nd meeting will be SLJC member Mark Salita, presenting a "Defense Against North Korean ICBM's". Mark was part of the team that managed the US Minuteman ICBM fleet and launch silos.

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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| 11 4PM | THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS Exhibit and Performance starting at 4:00 pm at Chandler Center for the Arts - evjcc.org/polln |
| 21 3PM | LUNCH & SPEAKER Karolyn Benger 11 am Lunch 12 pm |
| 21 1PM | JEWISH FREE LOAN PROGRAM Family Friendly |
| 11 | LUNCH & SPEAKER Guest Speaker Rabbi Blotner 11am Lunch 12pm |
| 18 | LUNCH & SPEAKER Dr. Larry Bell 11am Lunch 12pm |
| 25 | LUNCH & SPEAKER Rabbi Shapiro 11am Lunch 12pm |
| WEEKLY 10AM MONDAYS MAHJONG MONDAYS Contact Deborah Goffman at djgoffman@cox.net to RSVP or for more info. | WEEKLY 10AM TUESDAYS TERRIFIC TUESDAYS 65+ includes weekly speakers on a variety of topics |
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Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

Wishing you and yours a HEALTHY and HAPPY New Year! With this new year of 2018 Havurah Chai, a group of Senior Jewish Singles, will begin our 3rd year with 40 Members. Take a look at our events calendar below and feel free to join us as we have fun making new friendships.

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| Jan. 07 | Bee Gee's Group at Wild Horse Pass/Dinner |
| Feb. 04 | "Spamalot" at the Desert Stage Theater/Dinner |
| Feb. 11 | Progressive Dinner Party - Havurah Chai Anniversary |
| Mar. 17 | Barleen's Musical Review/Lunch |
| Apr. TBA | Zao Theater "12 Angry Jurors" Comedy |
| Apr. 24 | 10 Day New England Cruise |

You are welcome to come to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Shabbat Services on the 2nd Friday of the month and then join us at our table at the Oneg. Car pooling to events is available. If you would like more information contact: Lainy Sardina at: lainysardina@gmail.com

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.

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| Wednesday 1/3 | Chapter Meeting at the JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler, time 10:30 am. The topic of our program is <i>Feed Your Brain</i> . Our Guest speaker is Samantha Flatland a registered nutritionist at Natural Grocers in Chandler. Out to lunch will follow at 1:00. Restaurant to be announced. For information call Marcia Gurian at 480 838-1226. |
| Thursday 1/11 | <i>They Risked Their Lives</i> Exhibition and <i>The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery</i> movie at Chandler Center for the Arts. 6pm cost is \$12. For information contact evjcc.org/polin Also an authentic WWII Rail Car will be on site and open for viewing. |
| Thursday 1/18 | Tentative Dinner Fundraiser – BJ's 3155 W. Chandler Blvd. Chandler. Time 2:30 – 8:30. Contact Ruth Kovac |
| Sunday 1/21 | Board Meeting at Susie Shapiro's house at 10:30 AM. |
| Wednesday 1/24 | Flick Chicks: movie to be announced. Contact Barbara Ganz |
| Thursday 1/25 | Ladies Literary Special Interest Group will discuss <u>The Notorious RBG</u> : the life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik at Marion Cohen's house at 1:30 |

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Join Shalom Hadassah on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 for our annual High Tea & Fashion Show, an event you won't want to miss. The traditional High Tea Luncheon begins at 12:00 pm at Oakwood Country Club, located on Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes. Fashions will be supplied by Chico's in the Chandler Mall. This is an event you won't want to miss! The luncheon will include finger sandwiches (with the crusts cut off!), mini quiches, scones with cream, fruit, mini desserts as well as other delicious food items. Chico's fashions are always a hit & we'll be among the first to see the new spring collection. Cost is \$30.00 per person & reservations MUST be received by January 10. Your check is your reservation & can be sent to Barbara Silverman, 3868 E Hazeltine Way, Chandler AZ 85249. If you have any dietary restrictions, please include a note with your check.

Also, plan now to join us on February 16th as we see a Friday matinee performance of "No, No Nanette" at Hale Theater. Further information will be available in January, but you'll definitely want to "save this date" now!

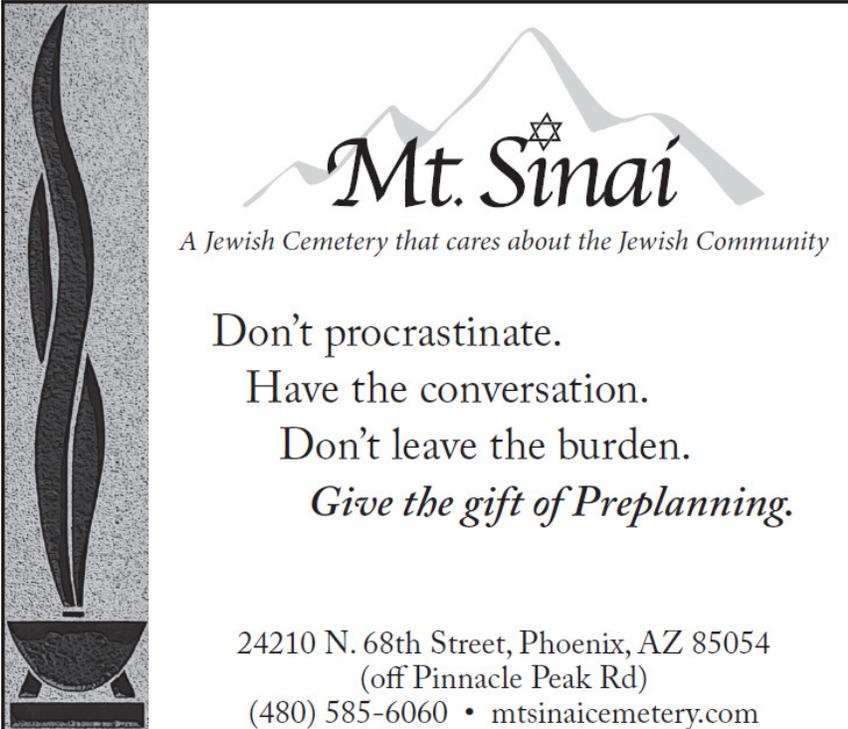
Something You Might Not Know – Judah P. Benjamin (from Murray Siegel)

In recent months, conversations have taken place about Confederate heroes and Confederate statues. The question must be asked, "Were there Jewish Confederates?"

The answer is Yes, and some historians state that more Jews fought for the Confederacy than fought for the Union. There were many German Jews and Sephardic Jews living throughout the South. When the eleven Southern states seceded, twenty-one of the twenty-two senators from these states resigned from the Senate. The one holdover was Andrew Johnson from Tennessee, who went on to be Lincoln's second vice president and succeeded Lincoln upon his death. Two of those departing senators were Jews, David Levy Yulee from Florida and Judah P. Benjamin from Louisiana.

Benjamin was a brilliant lawyer and a significant contributor to the Confederacy. He was born in the West Indies to Sephardic parents who had migrated from London. The family moved to Charleston, SC. Judah attended Yale but left to study law in Louisiana, where he passed the bar exam. He became a wealthy plantation owner and was a slaveholder. Judah was appointed to the U.S. Senate in 1852 where he met Jefferson Davis. When the Confederate States of America (CSA) was formed in 1861, Davis made Judah the CSA Attorney General. Impressed with Judah's effectiveness, Davis appointed him to be Secretary of War and, eventually, Secretary of State. Judah attempted to have Great Britain and France recognize the CSA but his efforts did not meet with success.

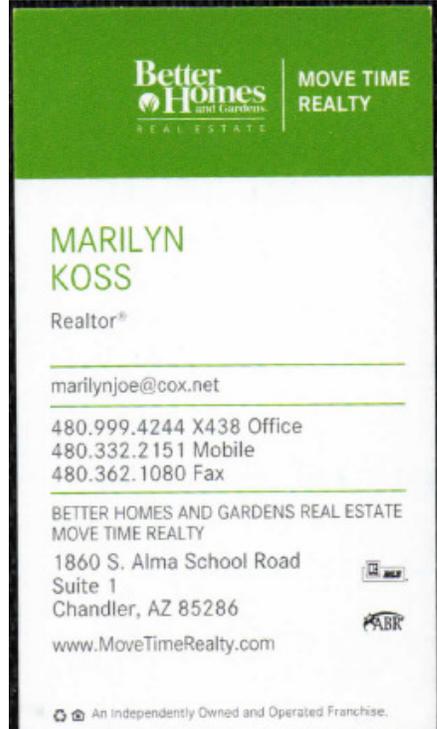
As the war wound down, Judah was wanted by the Union for his alleged involvement in the plot to assassinate Lincoln. There is no evidence that these charges were true, but Judah felt it was best for him to escape to England. He became a highly regarded barrister there, receiving the silk of the Queen's Court. A serious heart attack forced him to retire to France in 1883, where he died a year later. He is buried in his wife's family crypt in Paris. To learn more about Judah P. Benjamin, read *Judah P. Benjamin – The Jewish Confederate* by Eli N. Evans. Evans is the son of "Mutt" Evans, the longtime Jewish mayor of Durham, NC, who helped integrate that city.



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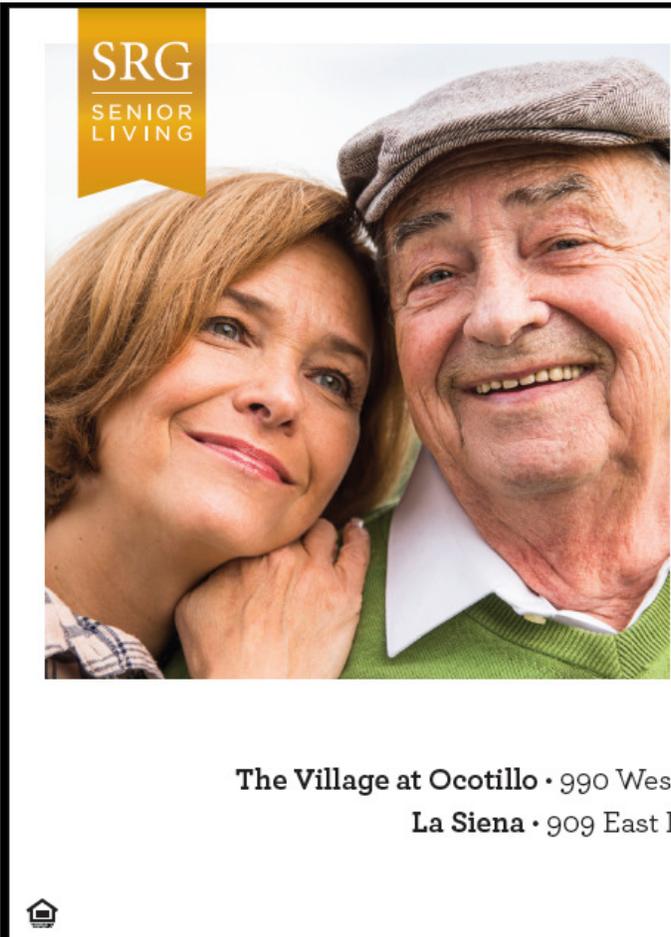
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- 2 Barbara Fridkin
- 2 Sue Shapiro
- 3 Sheldon Raizes
- 6 Edd Shalett
- 7 Leo Pessin
- 9 Daryl Edson
- 9 David Levinson
- 9 Marjorie Levinson
- 11 Daniel Marz
- 13 Carolyn Cesario
- 13 Sherry Green
- 14 Deanna Mintz
- 15 Gloria Howard
- 15 Eileen Schwartz
- 16 Myra Delman
- 17 Susan Tamber
- 19 Larry Blumberg
- 19 Barbara Silverman
- 22 Larry Shapiro
- 24 Gary Kanowsky
- 25 Patti Neuberger
- 27 Barbra Prestia
- 28 Ilana Goldschmidt
- 28 Felice Weiner
- 29 Irv Feller
- 31 Carol Biales
- 31 Souzan Blumberg



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- 17 Diana & Mark Nelinson
- 18 Marcia & Harvey Weiner
- 23 Ruth & Bernard Lieberman





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