



# The Shpiel

**SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION**

**JUNE 2026**

**SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5786**



**HAVE A SAFE**



**& WONDERFUL**



# **SUMMERTIME!**



*Carol Horowitz*

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

# SLJC June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 11:30 am: Men's Club Lunch ( <i>Legends Bar &amp; Grill</i> )	10 1:30 pm: Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	11 4 pm: SLJC Board Meeting	12 7-9 pm: SLJC Erev Shabbat Service	13
14 9:30 am: JWV Meeting ( <i>Oakwood Country Club</i> )	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 1 pm: Devorah Hadassah Out to Lunch	25	26	27
28	28	30	31			

## SAVE THE DATES FOR ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

### JULY

- July 8: 1:30 PM Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies
- July 10: 5:30 PM Twilight Erev Shabbat Service
- July 22: 1 PM Devorah Hadassah Out to Lunch

- July 23: *Tisha B'Av*

- July 29: *Tu B'Av*

### AUGUST

- August 14: 5:30 PM Twilight Erev Shabbat Service

### HIGHLIGHTS

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- President, Shelly Henden (480) 612-4413
- Membership, Susie Shapiro (480) 883-7117
- Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. (480) 436-1460
- Hazzan Ronda Polesky (480) 247-8408
- Music Director, Lana Oyer (602) 524-5936
- Graphics, Carol Horowitz (760) 271-2758

To submit to *The Shpiel* or for more information, contact Geri Gould at (480) 305-0123, or gerijim@hotmail.com.



## Nothing Is Impossible

Recently I had the opportunity to watch a live performance of actors and musicians playing and singing songs made famous on Broadway or at different concerts. The occasion took place at the Music Hall adjacent to the Hale Theater.

It was a magnificent experience and the tunes offered gave me a feeling of nostalgia. After all, I was part of a generation that grew up with crooners and bands and musical movies. The audience, which filled the theater, were of the same generation and enthusiastically responded each time a familiar song was presented.

When I arrived home from this exhilarating experience, I sat down in front of my computer and began to daydream. Perhaps over the years, many of us have found ourselves silent, deep in thought, and reliving memories.

One of the songs in the performance was from the Broadway show “Man of La Mancha.” Listening to the lyrics, with my mind wandering, I thought about all the tragedies in life and realized that we tend to neglect the joyous occasions and the many opportunities to celebrate life.

For example: “To dream the impossible dream... to bear the unbearable sorrow. To right the unrightable wrong. To try when your arms are too weary. To reach the unreachable star,” I began to remember birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, birth, graduations. As the time went on and on, my concentration was centered on the wonderful times and the happy times that overcame the difficult aspects of everyday living, always reaching for more.

Perhaps you, too, will think back to the visits of family, the picnics, the countless opportunities to gather to remind yourself of the importance of family and friends.

Perhaps we can all think about the different thrills such as watching a ball game sitting in a stadium, eating hot dogs while rooting for the home team. Maybe, just maybe, we recall the marvel of watching space flight or the victories we shared over tyranny and gloom.

Then I went back to the lyrics and pondered “This is my quest: To follow that star. No matter how hopeless. No matter how far.” As we began our journey from childhood to maturity, our desires changed as well. No longer are we concentrating on youthful flirtations or finding ways to confuse our teachers and parents. Now we have begun to think about tomorrow and how we learned to transfer that flirtation into love, or mischief into accomplishments.

“And the world will be better for this: That one man, scorned and covered with scars, still strove with his last ounce of courage... To reach that unreachable star.”

The journey of life, as we know it, is filled with so many detours and road bumps that we sometimes throw up our hands and think all is lost. Then we stop at one of those detours, pause, and then continue because life is filled with so many momentous occasions, each giving us memories of cherished moments.

The gift of life is just that – a gift that needs to be wrapped, unwrapped, and marveled for its beauty as we begin to explore the thought behind the gift, the joyous moments appreciating it, and the gratitude we express.

Summer is here and wherever you find yourselves during this lazy time of the year, remember to be grateful; to share that gratitude with others; to always reach for the unreachable; to gaze at the stars and marvel at their brilliance; to always remember to whisper in the quiet of the night, “Thank you, God!” 🙏

# Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

Monday, September 21; Doors open at 5 pm  
Oakwood Country Club, Ballroom B



**Menu:**

- Lox and bagels, including cream cheese, tomatoes, and onions and cucumbers
- White albacore tuna salad
- Egg salad
- Crêpes and sour cream
- Beverages: coffee, tea, water, and iced tea

Cost: \$29 per person; children under age 3 are free of charge. To make your reservation by Tuesday, September 8, please make check made payable to SLJC and mail with the completed form below.

For more information, please call Wendy at (480) 584-5909.

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## 2026 Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Registration Form

Name(s) of attendee(s) for whom you are registering:

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Number of children under 3 years of age (no charge): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a seating preference, please list the name(s) of the individual(s) with whom you would like to be seated (8-10 max):

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$29 per person; children under age 3 are free of charge.

Total payment amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form with your  
check made payable to SLJC:**

**Wendy Goldstein  
24031 S Lakeway Circle NW  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



## Remembering and Looking Ahead

It was very strange to look out on the congregation this past service and not see the face of the last of the two redheads sitting in the second row. It took me quite a while to get used to only one and now there are none.

Shirley Gersten was a

force in both our congregation and the JWV Post 619. She was the Vice President of the congregation for many years and along with Marty Silverman, found our beloved Rabbi Wiener. Shirley never said no to me when I asked her to take a part in our services. She always thanked me for the honor, and I thanked her for her willingness. May her memory be a blessing.

This will be our last *Shpiel* until September, so please check out all the information in this issue. Any new

information will come to you via eblasts, so be on the watch for them (including your dues notice, as well as articles in the Splash).

The High Holy Days will be here before we know it, so if you would like to participate in the services, please let me know. Call me or text me at (480) 612-4413, or email me at [shellysunlakes@gmail.com](mailto:shellysunlakes@gmail.com).

Be safe as you travel, and I look forward to seeing and greeting you all again in September for High Holy Day Services: Erev Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah the following morning at 10 am, September 11-12; Kol Nidre at 7 pm and Yom Kippur the following morning at 10 am, October 20-21.

Happy Father's Day and Happy Fourth of July as we celebrate 250 years of independence for this wonderful country of ours. 🇺🇸

## HAVURAH JEWISH SINGLES GROUP

Diane Zelinger and Roberta Levitan are Co-Presidents of the Havurah Singles Group from SLJC, a group of men and women who like to have fun and socialize with one another. Once a month we post our activities and email everyone a copy. If you wish to join us, please contact Diane at (303) 229-2511 or Roberta at (480) 895-9699. We hope to see you soon!



**MEMBER INFORMATION / DUES FORM FOR SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION**

**July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

Please complete the form below in order to update our database even if you have done so before and send to **Susie Shapiro, 24117 S Lakeway Circle NE, Sun Lakes, Az 85248.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew names (full name using transliteration, e.g. Reuven ben Yoseph or Malka bat Chaim

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Anniversary: (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Yahrzeit (English month only) – if more than five, please add page:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>
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**Membership per person \$200 (includes one High Holiday ticket per member)**

**Total Remittance:** \_\_\_\_\_ payable to S.L.J.C

# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Members of Sisterhood held a baby shower for the families of veterans on May 21. Thank you to those who so generously donated so many essential items for mothers and newborn babies.

As we recess for the summer, we continue to plan for the fall and beyond. Some programs we are planning include: our annual Hanukkah party, a Sisterhood

Shabbat Havdalah service, a field trip to (or a speaker from) the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center in Phoenix that is scheduled to open in 2027, and Games Galore at Oakwood next February. Please fill out the Membership Form below and mail it with a check so that you may participate in these and other activities.

## SLJC Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

*Note: WE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE; FOR SISTERHOOD USE ONLY.*

Today' Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (indicate cell or home): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (month/day/year\*): \_\_\_\_\_

CHK # (of enclosed check): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Your anniversary year is being requested in order for the SLJC Sisterhood to acknowledge milestone anniversaries. Please send this form and a check for \$30, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to:*

Marilyn Koss, 6400 S. Granite Drive, Chandler, AZ 85249

# SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES** — *kol hakavod* — to a many great years ahead together!

4 Sheldon & Marilyn Raizes	15 Tom & Nancy Mohr	25 Gary & Karen Hasenus
11 Mike & Roxanne Banta	16 Eric & Wendy Feldman Kerr	26 Edd & Shirley Shalett
12 Jerry & Judy Walp	16 Michael & Evey Freed	27 Irwin & Judy Plafker
13 Martin & Marilyn Winter	17 James & Marianne Mertzner	29 Jeffery & Esther Spear
14 Emiel & Dorothy Lopes Dias	18 David & Marjorie Levinson	30 Robert & Barbara Kleiman
14 Sheldon & Barbara Silverman	20 Louis & Kimberly Lipchak	30 Andrew & Ronda Polesky
15 Ken & Yael Mesa	24 Howard & Lisa Gershkowitz	

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES** — *kol hakavod* — to a many great years ahead together!

2 Lloyd & Joyce Frank	13 Larry & Susie Shapiro	26 Howard & Jan Weiss
4 Joanne Schlosser	22 Robert & Linda Brooks	29 Stephen & Carol Horowitz
7 Michael & Mireille Kaplan	23 Edward & Alice Mall	

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES** — *kol hakavod* — to a many great years ahead together!

7 Foster Jr & Linda Goldman	15 Jim & Geri Gould	23 Zale & Judy Asbell
7 Esteban & Yolanda Morales	16 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum	24 Allan & Wende Levy
10 Ronald & Jerri Siegel	18 Barry & Nessa Memberg	
12 Robert & Gloria Howard	19 Jerry & Marlene Bernstein	

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

2 Foster Goodman, Jr.	7 Linda Goldman	17 Andrew Polesky	26 Paula Herzstein
3 Robert Howard	7 Howard Hummel	19 Esther Spear	26 Irwin Plafker
4 Helen Bernstein Abrams	7 Marilyn Koss	21 Michael Kaplan	27 Laura Fial
4 Gail Cantor	11 Arlean Levine	23 Rita Ginsberg	30 Howard Gershkowitz
4 Charles Gerson	14 Colette Goldstein	23 Ronald Siegel	
6 Phyllis Novy	17 Leonard Dolins	25 Marilyn Winter	

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

1 Charlotte Currens Bram	11 Gail Scheck	15 Geoffrey Garber	22 Louis Lipchak
2 Neil Tamber	12 Sandor Lubisch	16 Harvey Fein	22 Judy Wolin
6 Suzanne Machbitz	12 Yael Mesa	18 Cyril Goodman	24 Arleen Berke
7 Sandy Golomb	12 Marcia Weiner	18 Rita Solko	25 Stuart Weiner
8 Nancy Mohr	13 Michael Cohen	19 Eileen Schwartz	27 Allan Levy
8 Judy Plafker	13 Deborah Israel	20 Noreen Nadler	28 Alan Bloom
9 Marilyn Raizes	15 Susan Cohen	22 Mark Mendelsohn	28 Howard Weiss

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

4 Anne Teplitsky	13 David Richman	16 Marcia Gurian	21 Sheryl Rockwell
5 Arnie Henden	14 Marilyn Behr	17 Yolanda Morales	23 Elias Slover
7 Mel Moss	14 Geri Gould	19 Hazzan Ronda	24 Judy Pace
8 Gail Zwierankin	14 Emiel Lopes Dias	Polesky	25 Arthur Mundis
9 Jeffrey Spear	14 Geoffrey Kaye	19 Diane Zelinger	26 Robin Minor
9 Norma J. Owens	15 Darrell Owens	20 Susan Kubrin	29 Owen Fabert
10 Lois Garber	15 Barbara Kleiman	20 Elliott Reiss	30 Jerry Walp
10 Andrea Hummel	15 Dorothy Lopes Dias	21 Zale Asbell	

# SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Thursday, June 9, 2386 N Alma School Rd, Chandler

The members of the Men's Club joined the Sisterhood in the screening of the movie *iMordechai* on April 16. It was greatly enjoyed by all. The Men's Club discussed having a similar event next year.

On Thursday, June 9, we are having a lunch at Legends Bar & Grill, 2386 N Alma School Rd, Chandler. Wives, partners, or other guests are invited, but RSVP to Edd or Marty (see second column for contact info.).

Men's Club has been holding food drives at several Shabbat and High Holy Day evening and morning services. Monetary donations to Jewish Family and Children Services are greatly appreciated because JF&C Services can purchase six times as much food as they receive from donations of food. We need volunteers to help with the collection by coming early and standing in front of the Chapel Center to receive donations of food and envelopes of monetary donations before the service.



Please give Edd or Marty a call if you could help at one or more service.

Men's Club is always looking for new members. Join us for lunch or other events, meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. Contact Edd at (480) 329-9364; tieman11@myctl.net or Marty at (908) 216-0848; martelee@hotmail.com) to join.

## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

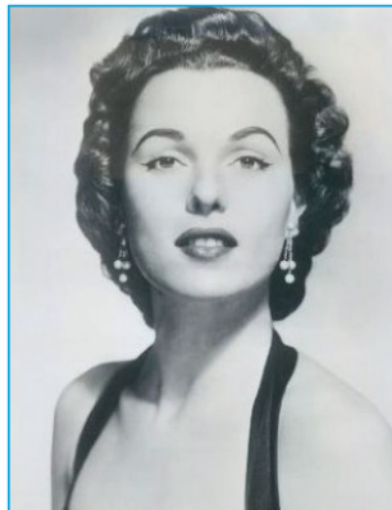
**BESS MYERSON** *By Murray Siegel*

August 14, 1945, the Japanese surrendered ending World War II and Bess Myerson was crowned Miss New York. Her next step was the Miss America pageant, and she was advised to change her name to something less Jewish. She refused, although the suggestion had validity. Once Bess became Miss America, the first Jewish woman to hold that title, three of the five corporate sponsors dropped their funding for Miss America. I wonder why?

While touring the nation as Miss America, Bess came upon "No Jews" signs at some hotels and country clubs, which led her to speak publicly for the Anti-Defamation League. Her parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia who settled in the Bronx. She won the Miss America contest for three reasons. She was taller at 5'10" than the other contestants, she was exceptionally attractive, and her musical performance in the talent phase drew rave reviews.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Bess was seen on various television shows including "The Big Payoff," where she was the Lady in Mink. In 1969, she stepped away from her television appearances when Mayor John Lindsay appointed her as the first NYC Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. In 1977 she chaired Ed Koch's campaign for NYC Mayor. She was defeated in her 1980 attempt to be elected U.S. Senator from New York.

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In 1995 Bess became aware of the excellent technical, medical and social services provided by the NYC's Jewish Guild for Blind and became a donor. When she learned of Guild Care, the organization's multi-faceted day care program serving those experiencing visual impairments, she requested a tour.

Upon visiting and meeting the participants, she was surprised to realize so many of the participants were Russian immigrants. Her love for Yiddish caused her to begin a Yiddish speaking group discussion club within the day care program.

She had two marriages that ended in divorce, and gave birth to a daughter in her first marriage. Bess moved to Florida and eventually to California, where she died in 2014 at age 90.

# CONTRIBUTIONS



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.

## GENERAL FUND

In honor of our anniversary  
& birthday  
*by Margie & Sonny White*  
In memory of Shirley  
Gersten  
*by Marjorie & David  
Levenson*  
In memory of Bess Bloom  
*by Leah & Al Bloom*  
In memory of Stephen  
Fishman  
*by Irwin & Judy Plafker*  
For birthday Torah Honors  
*by Bob Stone*

## MUSIC FUND

In memory of Roberta  
Frank  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen  
Kubrin*  
In memory of Roberta  
Frank  
*by Mireille & Michael  
Kaplan*  
Wishing Diane Posniack a  
speedy recovery from her  
surgery  
*by Mireille & Michael  
Kaplan*  
In memory of Roberta  
Frank  
*by Lana Oyer & Leonard  
Dolins*  
In memory of Lee Forgang  
*by Richard & Susan Tauber*

## ONEG FUND

In honor of our 51st  
wedding anniversary  
*by Wendy & Alex Goldstein*  
In honor of our 1st wedding  
anniversary  
*by Charlotte & Mel Bram*  
In memory of Shirley  
Gersten  
*by Shelly & Arnie Henden*

## SILVERMAN FUND

In honor of Roberta  
Levitan's 2 grandchildren,  
and of her daughter  
& son-in-law, on their  
graduations  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
In honor of Dr. & Mrs.  
Michael Cohen's  
3 grandchildren's  
graduation from law  
school, college & high  
school  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
In memory of Sy & Edie  
Evans  
*by the SLJC Men's Club*  
Congratulatory to Mr. &  
Mrs. Harvey Weiner on  
the birth of your great-  
grandson Miles  
*by Diane Zelinger*

## YAHARZEIT FUND

In memory of Daniel  
Weintraub  
*by Sonny & Margie White*  
In memory of Sue Gerson  
*by Charlie Gerson*  
In memory of Sarah  
Granoff  
*by Carole Victor*  
In memory of Sylvia Levy  
*by Rita Tanen*  
In memory of Sadie Wiener  
*by Rabbi Wiener*  
In memory of Jeyer Wiener  
*by Rabbi Wiener*  
In memory of Mita Wiener  
*by Rabbi Wiener*  
In memory of Anita Wiener  
*by Rabbi Wiener*  
In memory of Esther Berk  
*by Jane Gordon*  
In memory of Jules Vitoff  
*by Jane Gordon*  
In memory of William Berk  
*by Jane Gordon*

In memory of Darnell  
Owens  
*by Darrell Owens*  
In memory of Rosetta  
Stemmons  
*by Norma Owens*  
In memory of Freddie  
Williams  
*by Norma Owens*  
In memory of Seymour  
Weiner  
*by Harvey Weiner*  
In memory of Eva Katcher  
*by Harvey Weiner*  
In memory of Rae Cohen  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Jack Dante  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Morris  
Nelson  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Rose Nelson  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Alva Nelson  
*by Gail Dante*  
In memory of Eva Katcher  
*by Marcia Weiner*  
In memory of Barbara  
Kaplan Forman  
*by Paula Lewis*  
In memory of Martin Cort  
*by Sharon Becker*  
In memory of Inge Becker  
*by Sharon Becker*  
In memory of Betty Caplan  
*by Tzvi & Gina Caplan*  
In memory of Jacob  
Maurice Machbitz  
*by Marc & Suzanne  
Machbitz*  
In memory of Elizabeth  
Burnce  
*by Jeff & Janey Burnce*  
In memory of Helmut  
Strauss  
*by Marc & Suzanne  
Machbitz*

In memory of Lena Levine  
*by Marsha Levine*  
In memory of Frieda  
Zigman  
*by Shirley & Edd Shalett*  
In memory of Stuart  
Silverman  
*by Diane Silverman*  
In memory of Alvin  
Horowitz  
*by Steve Horowitz*  
In memory of Carmen  
Miller  
*by Arthur "Barry" Miller*  
In memory of Anna Kaplan  
*by Robert A. Kaplan*  
In memory of Seymour  
Algranati  
*by Marsha Levine*  
In memory of William  
Raffeld  
*by Diane Zelinger*  
In memory of Marjorie  
Stone  
*by Bob Stone*  
In memory of Rose Freed  
*by Cyril Goodman*  
In memory of Marilyn  
Mazer  
*by Lesley Henner*  
In memory of Richard  
Carpenter  
*by Eileen Carpenter*  
In memory of Gerald Sisser  
*by Wendy Feldman-Kerr &  
Eric Kerr*  
In memory of Regina  
Rubinstein  
*by JoAnn Rubinstein*

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation offers deepest condolences to the family of former member Lee Forgang, who died on May 7.

As is our custom, we will hold Summer Shabbat Twilight Services over the summer. The services will be held on July 10 and August 14 in the Chapel Center (adjacent to the Chapel) from 5:30-6:15 pm.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time congregant Shirley Gersten on April 30. She was a former vice president of the congregation and together with the late Marty Silverman, was responsible for enticing Rabbi Weiner to join forces with Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at [gerijim@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# Book of Remembrance

This is the time of year when we plan for our annual “Book of Remembrance” in which we honor and memorialize our departed family members. Since there are many congregants who leave for the summer months, and will want to have a listing in the book, we ask that you fill out the form below and send it in as soon as possible.

**A completed form, even if your information has not changed, must be included with your payment and be received no later than:**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2026**

Return your check payable to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation to:

Marty and Marsha Levine, 3805 E. County Down Dr. Chandler, AZ 85249

Questions call: 480-802-8911 or 908-216-0848

DO NOT INCLUDE WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONAL DUES

**NAMES WILL BE COUNTED, NOT LINES. EACH NAME ON A LINE WILL BE COUNTED INDIVIDUALLY. Prices are as follows:**

One quarter page	\$18.00	One to ten names
One half page	\$ 36.00	One to fifteen names
Full page	\$72.00	One to twenty names

**PLEASE CHECK BOTH THAT APPLIES TO YOUR MEMORIAL**

- No changes at all in previous memorial
- Corrections, deletions or additions to a previous memorial. Make changes on separate paper and send with form. This is not considered a new memorial.
- Brand new memorial. Print names on separate paper and mail with form. Month and year of death is not included in the Book of Remembrance. This information is to be included with your membership form.

Amount Enclosed:

- \$18(1/4 page)     \$36 (1/2 page)     \$72 (full page)

**PRINT YOUR NAME(S) EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN YOUR MEMORIAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# SUMMER YAHRZEITS

## **JUNE YAHRZEITS** *Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.

Elaine Abramson	Edward Fray	Jack Machbitz	Stuart Silverman
Seymour Algranati	Rose Freed	Marilyn Mazer	Michael Spartonos
Inge Becker	Mark Gurievsky	Hannah Meltzer	Sarah Spiegel
Elizabeth Burnce	Alvin Horowitz	Carmen Miller	Selma Steinhauer
Betty Caplan	Anna Kaplan	Joseph Posniack	Morris Stone
Sylvia Cohen	Michael Kaye	William Raffeld	Robert Strauss
Martin Cort	Golda Kaye	Rose Raizes	Helmut Strauss
Fannie Danberg	Lena Levine	Regina Rubinstein	Herman Wasserman
Marilyn Drob	Jean Levy	Mary Rudin	Jack Winikoff
Barbara Forman	Harry Low	Sheldon Siegel	Frieda Zigman

## **JULY YAHRZEITS** *Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.

Josephine Abrams	Jesse Gersten	Rose Lazarus	William Schwartz
Leo Baumrind	Cele Gersten	Julius Lazarow	Marsha Shapiro
Sarah Bella Blumenfeld	Ed Gertenfield	Lena Lichtig	Martin Silverman
Ben Horowitz	Helen Goldner	Meyer Lubisch	Lee Levin Steinberg
Ida Bush	Herman Golomb	Geraldine Miller	Sean Stutman
Heloise Cohen	Marshall Gurian	Francisco Morales	Leonard Sussman
Albert Cook	Terry Hummel	Ephram Nelison	Max Tanenzapf
Helen Dunn	Morris Jaffe	Renee Polesky	Arthur Tauber
Freddie Fabert	Beverly Kantor	Sydney Ross	David Wagner
Phillip Fein	Sophie Kaplan	Solomon Roth	Estelle Wasserman
Milton Friedman	Hyman Katcher	Fred Sachs	Nettie Weiner
Hyman Frindell	Rose Kort	Mildred Sakulsky	Rose Weiss

## **AUGUST YAHRZEITS** *Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.

Sally Abrams	Gilda Codkind	Elsie Gould	Max Rothstein
Faye Algranati	Stanley Cohen	Leo Grau	Alan Rubinstein
Joan Anderson	Betty Cohn	Dr. Jon Henner	Dorothy Sciacca
William Archer	Bernard Diamon	Florence Hoffman	Annie Shienfield
John Becker	Muriel Dolins	Leo Hummel	Sharon Siegel
Daniel Becker	Jay Drob	Cecelia S. Jacobs	Rita Stone
Arthur Behr	Ernest Earhart	Abe Jacobson	Rose Temkin
Sally Bennett	Marlene Fleischman	Tess Landberg	Norman Teplitsky
Jeffery Berke	Sonia Gass	Howard Levy	Harry Tepper
Milton Bernstein	Judy Gladstein	Michael Mangel	Aberaham Wasserman
Bess Bloom	Marcelle Glicenstein	Herbert Mazer	Mark Prescott Weiss
Louis Blumenfeld	Thelma R. Goldman	Cecelia Allcaraz	Malka Winter
Ruth Bodmer	Uri Lotar Goldschmidt	Morales	Ida Zelinger
Marvin Brooks	Sam Goldstein	Roberta Ofte	Jack Zelinger
Mel Bush	Isaac Gould	Rosalyn Rossen	

# “A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR”

FOR A FUN, LAUGHTER-FILLED BEST TIME-OF-YOUR-LIFE EXPERIENCE,  
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When it comes to arts and entertainment clubs, you might say that LAFF is definitely like a “Horse of a Different Color.” We are unlike any other group or organization within Sun Lakes. Some of the words and expressions that best describe LAFF include unique, fun, friendly, great camaraderie, creative, innovative, positive, genuine, and upbeat. Those who participate as our performers, backstage crew, or helpers call us one big, happy family, a true learning opportunity, and warm and welcoming. They also say that LAFF is “on a bucket list of things to experience,” and that it’s truly both interfaith and open to all who are interested.

Those who become our audiences claim that they’ve “never laughed so hard, had cheeks that hurt from constantly smiling, and can’t wait until LAFF’s next performance.”

A true “horse of a different color,” we uniquely offer a wide variety of creative enrichment experiences in all of the arts (music, visual art, and theatrical arts). LAFF provides innovative opportunities to learn by doing in a nurturing, warm environment that encourages you to develop skills, grow your own creative expression, and discover your hidden talents.

Join our fun and LAFF with us and see for yourself. Sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, LAFF is

always seeking new members who like to act, sing, dance, do comedy, or help backstage, create stage sets, or help with stage tech. Together, we create, learn, and especially have a great time LAFFing.

Our next LAFFing adventure will begin in September, right after Labor Day, when we’ll kick off auditions and rehearsals for our performances of “The Key to A Good Night’s Sleep,” an original and hysterically funny musical comedy. Originally slated to be performed in March of 2026, the play had to be postponed due to multiple illnesses of cast members. Happily, it will now be reprised in early 2027, although it will return in a slightly different format. The musical comedy will now be approximately 45 minutes in length and will be accompanied by several vignettes and musical performances, all happening in less than an hour of nonstop LAFFing!

The musical comedy will be presented as a part of LAFF’s special event during two weekends at the end of January called “The Sun Lakes Celebration of the Creative Arts.” Please read more on the next page, and stay tuned for for more information to be announced over the summer.

For further information, contact Carol Horowitz at [horowitz@windstream.net](mailto:horowitz@windstream.net).

# CALLING ALL INTERESTED PERFORMERS AND ARTISTS

## ANNOUNCING THE FIRST EVER SUN LAKES CELEBRATION OF THE CREATIVE ARTS; A TWO-WEEKEND INTERFAITH FESTIVAL CELEBRATING ART, MUSIC, DANCE, AND DRAMA

Instead of focusing on just one of the art genres, why not enjoy all the visual and performing arts over two weekends right here in Sun Lakes? Please mark your calendar to save the last two weekends in January to join your friends and neighbors for this first-ever celebration that showcases the best of Sun Lakes talent.

Sponsored by SLJC and presented by LAFF (Laughter and Friendship Forever), an interfaith organization that uses the creative arts to develop friendships, build interfaith understanding, and share camaraderie and laughter, this unique event has absolutely no religious content and is open to everyone.

An amazing variety of creative arts experiences will be featured. Regardless of your musical tastes, theatrical preferences, or the types of visual art that inspire your imagination, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Starting with theatrical performances, the first event will feature a presentation of “The Key to A Good Night’s Sleep.” Two matinee performances, one on Saturday, January 23 and the other on Sunday, January 24 will pack all of the performing arts — music, dance, and drama — into approximately one-hour and twenty minutes of nonstop laughing! If you loved the musical comedy “A Deli Line” that was performed a couple of years ago, you’ll love this even funnier production.

On the following weekend, Saturday, January 30, you will be treated to outstanding instrumental and vocal musical performances of all genres, from instrumental presentations that span the gamut from orchestras, bands, instrumental ensembles, piano, and guitar to vocal presentations, including chorales, choirs, singing ensembles, and individual performers.

Also on Saturday, January 30, there will be a juried art exhibition of two- and three-dimensional art, including drawing, painting, sculpture, gourd design, glass art, ceramics, and leather artwork with some of the artwork also being available for sale!

The event will be held at the Sun Lakes Chapel for All Faiths and the adjacent Chapel Center. Please plan ahead and reserve the dates! Be sure to check the upcoming issues of *The Shpiel* in the fall, or contact Carol Horowitz at [chorowitz@live.com](mailto:chorowitz@live.com) for additional information about these exciting events, including how you can participate and when ticket sales will open for LAFF’s hysterically funny musical comedy.

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

## BLUE STAR MOMS TO ADDRESS JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Sunday, June 14, 9:30 am, Oakwood Country Club Ballroom, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



◁ Luana Patterson, President Blue Star Moms, offers support to women with children in the military. All are invited to hear her speak Sunday, June 28 in Sun Lakes.

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 is honored to welcome Luana Patterson, President of Blue Star Moms of Southwest Valley, Chapter AZ 4, as its speaker Sunday, June 14. The meeting takes place in the Oakwood

Country Club Ballroom, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with free lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 am.

Blue Star Moms are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard, or reserves, or have children who are veterans. Chapter AZ4 welcomes members from the greater Phoenix area.

This non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization sends care packages to deployed troops and promotes patriotism. Members engage in volunteering, hospital work, and children's welfare initiatives. "We enjoy participating in events and gift giving," notes member Lauren Erickson. "It was especially gratifying to see the faces of one veteran's young children when we delivered a full-sized playhouse to their back yard."

Blue Star Mothers (or Blue Star Moms as it is known in Arizona), with nearly 6,000 members from over 200 Chapters throughout the nation, was founded during World War II in 1941 to support women with children currently serving in the military. The Moms often hang a service flag with a blue star in their window to represent their child in service.

Blue Star Moms meet the third Thursday of the month, at 6:30 pm, September through June in Litchfield Park. For more information on the organization, email [bsmswvalley@outlook.com](mailto:bsmswvalley@outlook.com).

For more information about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please visit the JWV Facebook page at [facebook.com/CopperStatePost619](https://facebook.com/CopperStatePost619) and contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175, [uramarthur@gmail.com](mailto:uramarthur@gmail.com).

*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. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Arthur Uram, (702) 884-4175, [uramarthur@gmail.com](mailto:uramarthur@gmail.com).*

Members of Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 volunteer to pack CARE packages for Support the Troops (STT) at the Ahwautukee Recreation Center. *Left to right:* Anne Teplitsky, JWV; Mary Williams, STT; and Julian Wyatt, Commander JWV. 250 boxes were shipped to military personnel stationed in remote areas overseas. ▷



◁ Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 (JWV) recently donated \$3,500 plus collected over 800 pairs of socks for veterans at Catholic Charities MANA (Marine, Army Navy, Air Force) The facility distributes 200-300 pairs of socks monthly. *Left to right:* Rachael Masch -Perez, MANA House Community Engagement Coordinator; Jean Milberger, DAR Gila Butte Chapter Regent; and Jay Hershorn. JWV member. DAR also donated \$500 to MANA House.

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation  
**Non-Member Memorial Plaques Order Form**

A loved one has passed away who was not a member of SLJC, and you desire to create a permanent remembrance of this person. Can this be done? This is a question that is often asked, and the answer is definitely “Yes”. We understand the importance of paying tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us. A permanent non-member plaque can be purchased for **\$54.00**, and there are three options for the wording of the plaque.

Simply complete the form below and mail it along with a check payable: SLJC for \$54.00 per plaque to: Wendy Goldstein S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248. Any questions, call (480)548-5909.

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# DEVORAH HADASSAH

## 2026 Game Day Recap

Thanks to everyone who helped to plan this annual event, and also to those who showed up early to help us set up the room. We had over 30 donated gifts for our raffle, including Starbucks coffee and mugs, a Trader Joe's food bag, 60-minute massages, lots of restaurant gift cards and miscellaneous items, including books, puzzles, and household items.

Those who attended played Canasta, Clue, Mah Jongg, Rummikub, and Scrabble. Raffle drawings were held throughout the afternoon. Refreshments were available, and everyone received a swag bag before leaving. A great time was had by all. We hope you will be able to join us next year.



## Literary Ladies Book Group


Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. On June 10 we will be discussing *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier (Zoom session link: [bit.ly/devbookjune26](https://bit.ly/devbookjune26)) and on July 8 we will be discussing *The Last Rose of Shanghai* by Weina Dai Randel (Zoom session link: [bit.ly/devbookjuly26](https://bit.ly/devbookjuly26)).

## Out to Lunch

Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together. Upcoming lunch dates are Wednesdays, June 24 and July 22 at 1 pm. Email [barbara374@cox.net](mailto:barbara374@cox.net) to RSVP.

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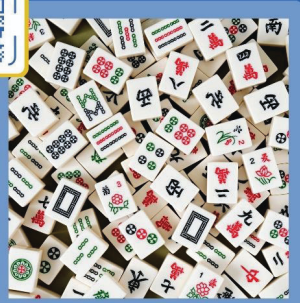
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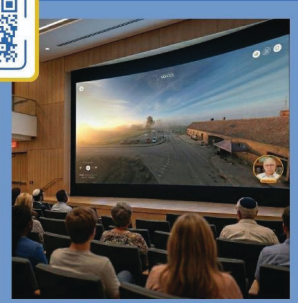
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