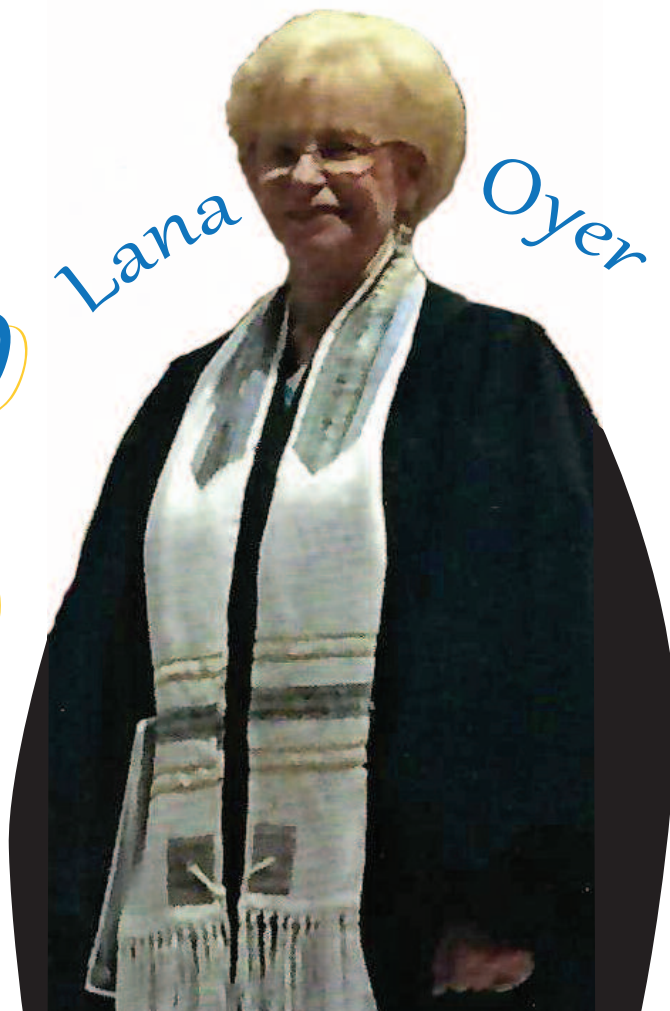




# THE SHPIEL

MARCH 2023 | ADAR/NISSAN 5783



Lana Oyer



Honoring Thirty Years of Musical Magic  
Choir Director

March 10, 2023 at 7pm

*Milgram*

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

# SLJC March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <b>1 pm:</b> Adult Ed. Session (Cottonwood Lecture Room)	6 FAST OF ESTHER & EREV PURIM	7 PURIM <b>11:30 am:</b> Men's Club Meeting	8 SHUSHAN PURIM <b>1:30 pm:</b> Devorah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	9 <b>4 pm:</b> Board of Directors Meeting	10 <b>7 pm:</b> Erev Shabbat Service	11 <b>4 pm:</b> 42nd Street Hale Theatre
12 <b>2 pm:</b> Havurah Chai Singles Group (Private Home)	13 <b>9:30 am:</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting	14	15 <b>11 am-1 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (Sites TBA)	16	17	18
19 <b>10:30 am:</b> JWV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside)	20	21	22	23 <b>10:30 am:</b> Devorah Hadassah Meeting (EVJCC)	24	25
26	27 <b>10:30 am:</b> Sisterhood Fashion Show (Oakwood Country Club)	28 <b>7 pm:</b> Women's Roles in Diverse Faith Traditions (EVJCC)	29	30	31	

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## Chag Sameach — Happy Purim [March 6-7]

Several things come to mind when the holiday of Purim peeks through the maze of calendar days and dates. For example, there is the understanding that it is unique in the Jewish experience. Nowhere else in our celebrations do we commemorate victory with merriment. In fact, we are

taught that we have a duty, an obligation, to not rejoice over the misfortune of others. Yet, here we are, rejoicing over the demise of villains determined to destroy us.

A Midrash describes the salvation of the Israelites from the clutches of Pharaoh when they are cornered at the Sea. There is nowhere to turn, no retreat, and only death in front. The Bible tells us that Moses lifted his hands over the water, and it parted. The Israelites are spared but the Egyptians drown in pursuit. Then the angels cry out to God as to why there should not be celebrating and rejoicing to which God replies that the Egyptians are also His children—certainly, no cause for jubilation.

While many think of ourselves as different, none went so far as to wish us harm for that reason alone. When Pharaoh decided to enslave the Hebrews, it was because he feared that we were becoming too numerous and lived in the most fertile part of the Nile delta. When the Israelites journeyed to their promised land, Amalek did not want us to falter because of our belief in One God, but because he was concerned about the survival of his people by being overwhelmed by our numbers.

Even when the mighty Roman Empire destroyed the lands of Judea and Samaria, it was because of insurrection and rebellion. The Romans had a great deal of respect for our culture and religious practices. History tells us that many Roman soldiers converted to Judaism for its element of connection and the value of life. It was our own hate for one another that contributed to our destruction. The Talmud describes it as “Sinus Chinum.”

The equation changed when the Nazis systematically designed a “final solution,” which included the indiscriminate murder of the Jewish people wherever they were located because they were Jewish. The agenda was

short, simple, and direct. There was no pretense of the Jews being “too numerous” or too strong.

Haman’s remarks in his diatribe to the Persian King of “a certain people scattered about and dispersed among other peoples...” is an invitation to resent people who are different. How many times have we seen hatred surface when we do not understand someone or find that person or persons so different that it frightens us? Also, Purim gives us an opportunity to escape from reality. We dress differently; we masquerade as someone else, all in a frenzy to elude the terrible misfortune that awaited us as Haman and his cohorts developed a scheme to rid themselves of the Jewish presence, not the Jewish people as such.

However, the most unique aspect of Purim is the dialogue we have regarding the absence of God in the narrative. Maimonides debates this in his Guide to the Perplexed and in his Mishnah Torah. He talks about good and evil, and the part played by God in both.

Purim is a holiday, the last in the Jewish sequence that allows us to examine our role in accepting that which happens or making the effort to extract from the experience the ability to allow goodness to dominate our lives. Purim is a holiday that enables us to understand that we must take control of our destiny. Purim is a holiday that helps us comprehend the meaning of freedom as fully described in a holiday that follows just four weeks later – Passover, the ultimate expression of self-determination.

So dance, be merry, laugh, hide, be someone else, and then remember that Purim exists to encourage us to see a brighter tomorrow with all its noisemakers and dancing. The name of evil is drowned out by the tumult. Perhaps then we will fully understand the essence of the story, that as Isaiah taught us, “Cease to do evil, and learn to do good. See justice and relieve the oppressed.” Maybe that is why we particularly distribute charity during this celebration of life’s journey. 🕯️

*Join with us at our Shabbat service on March 10 at 7 pm as we pay tribute to Lana Oyer, commemorating thirty years of service.*

# LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

## MEET MICHAEL LEVIN AND THE LONE SOLDIER CENTER

Hanukkah Greeting cards and Letter were sent to Osey Chail Association, one of our Lone Soldier Partners in Israel. Osey Chail supports 100 soldiers from the Haredi community, who are no longer welcomed in their family's homes, because they have joined the IDF.

About 140 letters were prepared by children, students and adults, from 40 sites across the state of Arizona and sent to the Osey Chail Lone Israeli Soldiers serving in bases across Israel, thanking them for keeping the Jewish Homeland secure!

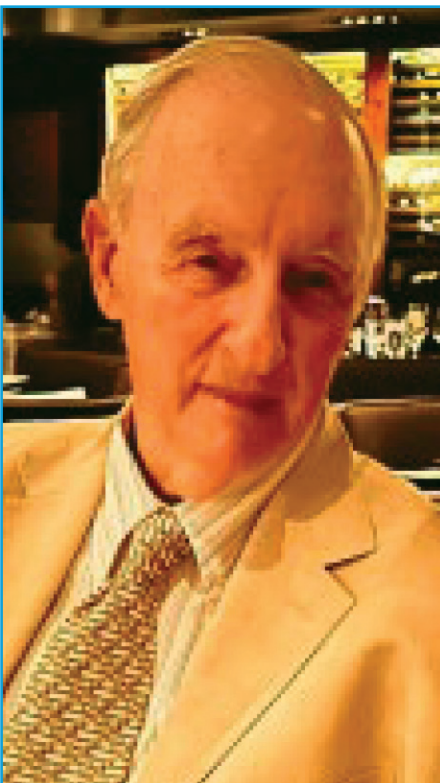


### The Thank You:

*"How amazing and uplifting! Thank you, Michael Cohen, from the Lone Soldier Project in the East Valley Jewish Community, for organizing it and always thinking of our lone Israeli soldiers!"*

# FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

## Teacher Education in Israel: Sunday, April 2nd, 3 pm, Chapel Center



Geoffrey John Kaye, an SLJC member, will discuss his role in developing the Kaye Academic College of Education in Beer Sheva, Israel. He will discuss how he got involved and how the school has grown and now flourishes. The college is now the hub of teacher training for the entire Negev with approximately 3,500 students.

Teacher education in Israel is especially important:

- Education of youth has always been an important Jewish cultural and religious value.
- The diversity in the Israeli population requires teachers that meet the needs of all students.
- The population of Israel is relatively young, creating high demands for early education.
- Technology has become the backbone of the Israeli economy, requiring skilled students.
- University education is the social expectation for many Israeli families.

Come learn more about the education of youth in Israel and the important role played by the Kaye Academic College of Education. The event is free and open to the public.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



## March Madness

For those of you who are big sports fans as I am, now that football is over, March Madness is upon us and I hope that your favorite college team is one of the 64 that was invited to compete in the tournament.

Our calendar is full this month starting with our first Adult Education program to be held on Sunday, March 5 at 1 pm at the Lecture Room in Cottonwood. (See page 6 for details.) The speaker will be Dan Fellner, whose late parents Irv and Eileen were members of our Congregation. His mom Eileen was a member of the choir for many years. Dan's topic will be Elvis Presley's Jewish roots.

And speaking of the choir, we hope you will all join us at our March Service when we will be honoring Lana Oyer for her 30 years as our amazing VOLUNTEER Choir Director. (See page 7 for details.)

Next we have our 3rd Hale Theatre fundraiser performance on Saturday, March 11 at 4 pm and then on Sunday, March 12, we will be having an Open House for the Single Members of the Congregation. I am excited about getting this activity up and running once again. (See page 12 for details.)

Lastly, the Sisterhood's big fundraiser will be a Fashion Show and Luncheon on Monday, March 27. (See page 10 for details.)

On Thursday, April 6 we will be having our Community Seder at the Chapel Center. I do hope that we won't have to cancel this event as we had to last year due to a lack of participants. Those of us who don't have family here want to continue with the tradition of a seder. I hope that you will join us. (See page 15 for details.)

So as you can see, we have a lot going on. I hope you plan to participate in many of these events.

A plea from me and the Men's Club. You all got a blast about how they are trying to increase the membership. They would like very much to bring in speakers, but are hesitant and feel that because of the low turnout of members that they would feel very embarrassed to schedule someone and only have so few people attend. So please help them out! They so much want to be a contributing arm of our congregation!!

Our hearts go out to Rabbi Wiener and Sandi on the loss of son, Michael. May his memory be a blessing.

As always, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to call me. 🙏

## SLJC FUNDRAISER

### JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for shows this spring at the Hale Theatre, a theater-in-the-round located at 50 W. Page Ave. in Gilbert. These performances will provide a chance to get together, see a show, maybe have a nosh in Downtown Gilbert, and raise some much-needed funds for our Congregation. All shows will be matinees at 4 pm.

Here is what is on the landscape: *42nd Street* on Saturday, March 11 and *Bye Bye Birdie* on Saturday, May 20. We hope you can join the fun!

Ticket price is \$40. To make your reservation, please call Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.



## ADULT EDUCATION

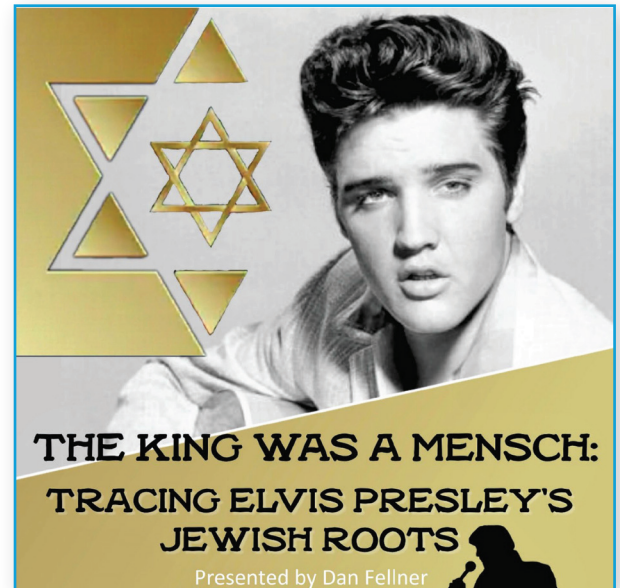
### THE KING WAS A MENSCH: TRACING ELVIS PRESLEY'S JEWISH ROOTS

Sunday, March 5, 1 pm, Cottonwood Lecture Room

Locked away in a crate for several decades until its recent public unveiling, a grave marker in Memphis revealed a little-known fact about one of America's most iconic figures of the 20th century. Elvis Presley, the King of Rock & Roll, had Jewish roots. This highly visual presentation by travel writer Dan Fellner will take you to Elvis' birthplace in Tupelo, Mississippi, and to the Graceland mansion in Memphis, to uncover the secrets of Elvis' surprising connection to Judaism. It's a fascinating glimpse into Presley's life and the multiculturalism that inspired his music.

The presentation will take place on March 5 at 1 pm at the Cottonwood Lecture Room at 25630 S. Brentwood Drive, Sun Lakes. Dr. Dan Fellner is a faculty associate at Arizona State University and a freelance travel writer. He has written for numerous newspapers and magazines about Jewish communities in various countries. The Congregation and the community are invited to attend.

The event is co-sponsored by the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Education Committee and the East Valley Jewish Community Center. There is no admission fee for this event. Please join us for this enjoyable presentation.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Sandi and I extend our heartfelt appreciation for all the outpouring of comfort during this difficult time.  
—Rabbi Weiner

Best wishes for a full recovery to congregant Sid Berger, who has been dealing with a serious chronic illness.

SLJC sends our deepest sympathies to our wonderful Rabbi on the unexpected loss of his son, Michael on February 5.

Our condolences to former congregant Hildy Forman on the death of her husband, Jeff.

Speedy get well wishes to congregant Esther Spear for her recent surgery.

SLJC sends condolences to congregant Barbara Israel on the loss of her husband, David, on February 4.

SLJC sends best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Doris Codkind, who recently had surgery on her leg.

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



# THE GIFT OF LOVE THROUGH MUSIC

Friday, March 10, 7 pm, Chapel Center

On Friday, March 10 at 7 pm, we will gather, as we do each month of the year and holidays, to listen to the sounds emanating from the many voices that constitute our choir. This month we will pay tribute to the leader of these spiritual experiences as she continues to lead the music enhancing our expressions of worship.

Lana Oyer's musical career began in her home. Listening to her mother's operatic voice and her father's penchant for entertainment through his many movie theater enabled her to learn her art, which in turn, enabled her to demonstrate her musical talents.

In between her career in retailing and her expressions of musical acumen, she married and had three children. Though her son proved to be challenged, he too mastered certain skills that enabled him to excel in Special Olympic Sports and received a gold medal for his efforts.

Lana sang with the Mansfield, Ohio Symphony Chorus and continued her love of music by joining the Symphony Board of Directors. Her journey took her to many areas, but here in Sun Lakes she excelled when she joined the (now famous) Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Choir. For 30 years she led arranged innovations of the songs of our fathers and mothers that were bequeathed to us throughout the history of our people.

Each year she would journey throughout the country to learn of new renditions and new choral arrangements and bring them back to Sun Lakes to enhance the choral repertoire already developed. She constantly sought new ideas to ensure that the musical aspects of our worship service did not remain stagnant, all the while remembering tradition, and incorporated and experimented with them to make them fresh.

I have been a partner with her for the last 20 years and I never fail to marvel at how she continues to nourish us through her understanding of our sacred music. Together we have created an unmatched threesome – you, Lana; the Cantor; and I bring light into everyone's lives as we join in study, song, and melody.

Lana, you bear witness to our lives as we journey together, and you help us elevate our religious fervor as we embark on a new experience every service we attend.

For your dedication to the Jewish Community as well as to the wider community, I pray that you will continue to share your gifts of music and love for many more years.



*Sun Lakes Jewish  
Community is  
pleased to invite  
you to a special  
Erev Shabbat  
service as we honor*

LANA  
OYER

for her 30 years of service  
to the SLJC Community

FRIDAY, MARCH 10  
7 PM, CHAPEL CENTER

# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 27, Chapel House



The biggest fundraising event of the year will occur on **Monday, March 27**, when the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will present a Fashion Show Luncheon at Oakwood Country Club. Fashions and accessories will be provided by Calle Rose Boutique and will be available for purchase before and after the Fashion Show and sit-down luncheon. Afternoon events include

fabulous gift baskets, cash raffles, and delicious bake-sale goodies. The proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to benefit our temple and local charities in and around our community including, but not limited to, Sun Lakes Fire Department, Chandler CARE Center, Stand Down (for Homeless Female Veterans), EVJCC and Neighbors Who Care. For more information, please contact Carol at (480) 895-3168.

One more note-worthy event is called "Women's Roles in Diverse Faith Traditions" and will take place on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm** both in person at 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler, or via Zoom. This event is co-sponsored by the East Valley JCC and the Arizona Interfaith Movement. Karolyn Benger (Rabbi Beyo's wife) will be joined by women of the Islamic, Hindu and Christian faiths. To RSVP to either format go to: [bit.ly/400r9WZ](https://bit.ly/400r9WZ). (See the flyer on the opposite page.)

## Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

*NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Sisterhood use only.*

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please send check for \$25, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to:  
Marsha Levine, 3805 E. County Down Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249



# Women's Roles in Diverse Faith Traditions

March 28 at 7 PM

908 N ALMA SCHOOL RD | CHANDLER



Azra Hussain  
*Islamic Speakers Bureau*



Anita Rangaswami  
*Hindu*



Aimee Cardon  
*Christian*



Karolyn Bengier  
*Orthodox Judaism*

Register to Attend in person or via Zoom

Register at: [bit.ly/400r9WZ](https://bit.ly/400r9WZ)

## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### WOLF BLITZER

By Murray Siegel

If you have watched CNN for any length of time, you have seen and heard Wolf Blitzer, who has been a broadcaster on the network for more than three decades. Many observers believe that Wolf Blitzer is not his real name, but a “made for TV” name.

However, Wolf (his real name) is named after his mother’s grandfather and was born near Munich to parents who were Polish Jewish survivors of Auschwitz. As displaced persons, the Blitzers were permitted to immigrate to the U.S. and Wolf grew up in Buffalo, NY. He is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo and has an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

His journalism career began as reporter for Reuters in Tel Aviv, and he was hired by the Jerusalem Post (an English-language Israeli newspaper) to be its reporter in Washington, DC. Wolf is fluent in Hebrew. In 1990 he joined CNN where he has been a principal anchor and currently hosts “The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer.”



**SLJC SISTERHOOD ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT**

**LUNCHEON – FASHION SHOW – SHOPPING**



**MARCH 27, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.**

**OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes, AZ**

**Fabulous Gift Baskets, Cash Raffles, Delicious Bake Sale Goodies,  
Luncheon and Fashion Show from Calle Rose Boutique Clothing & Accessories  
Shopping before and after Lunch and Fashion Show.**

**Cost: \$40 Check payable to SLJC Sisterhood. Mail with the form below to: Wendy Goldstein,  
24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

**JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY WHILE HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES!**

**For more information contact Carol Biales at 480-895-3168.**

**Cut on the dotted line and mail the lower portion.**

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**SLJC SISTERHOOD FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON. Please return this form with payment to the  
address above. Must be received by March 13, 2023.**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**LUNCH CHOICE: \_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad \_\_\_ Herb roasted Chicken w/Yukon Mash & Seasonal Vegetables**

**DESSERT CHOICE: \_\_\_ Flourless Chocolate Cake \_\_\_ Bread Pudding**

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Each person at your table must send in her own check and form  
with lunch and dessert choices. Maximum of 10 per table. Have them list the names of members in their group.  
Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_**

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## CHANGES FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please note these **UPDATES** to our **SLJC Membership Directory** (changes are underlined):



- **Laura Rachel Blumberg** | 4873 S Mosley Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249 | (480) 540-3876
- **Charles Gerson** | 9137 E. Diamond Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 | (480) 829-8220 | (480) 529-6411
- **Foster Jr & Linda Goldman** | 10104 E Elmwood Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 | (412) 480-5633 | (412) 480-0555
- **Alan & JoAnn Rubinstein** | 6851 S Coral Gable Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249 | (480) 802-2746
- **Elynn Rubinstein** | 35053 N Barrel Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142 | (805) 236-3621
- **Sheldon & Barbara Silverman** | 4124 E Sourwood Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85298 | (408) 483-4744
- **Diane Zelinger** | 24513 S. Stoney Lake Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 | (303) 229-2511
- **Stacey Zellers** | 19859 E Country Meadows Dr., Queen Creek, AZ 85142 | (602) 549-6714

Please note these additions of **NEW MEMBERS** to our **SLJC Membership Directory**:

- **Joyce Dickman** | 24120 S Agate Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 | (480) 802-8008
- **Paul Fieldstone** | 5870 W Robinson Way, Chandler AZ 85226 | (602) 818-2619
- **Burton Greenberg** | 2471 E Edgewater Way, #1058, Chandler AZ 85248 | (480) 907-8750
- **Donald & Marilyn Levine** | 4821 S Eileen Dr., Chandler AZ 85248 | (520) 858-5904 | (520) 413-3331
- **Marjorie Weiss** | 9508 E Riggs Rd., #B203, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 | (480) 883-7806

## HAVURAH CHAI SINGLES GROUP RETURNS

Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2 pm,  
Private Home

The Singles Group Havurah Chai is looking to start up again. There will be an open house on Sunday, March 12 at 2 pm at the home of Diane Zelinger, located at 24513 S Stoney Lake Court in Oakwood. We hope many of you will help this group come alive again by attending this event. Please call either Diane at (303) 229-2511 or Shelly at (480) 612-4413 and let them know if you will be attending.



# 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.

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# HOW ARE OUR FUNDS USED?

Every month in *The Shpiel*, there is a donation form with several choices of funds from which to select. (See below.) What are these funds and how are they used?

Let's start with the Marty Silverman Campaign, named in memory of and to honor one of the most significant members of our congregation. This fund is a restricted fund, meaning its use is limited to expenses relating to the perpetuation of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation into the future. Any outlay of expenses from this fund must be voted on by the Board of Directors.

All the other funds are more fluid. For instance, the Chapel Fund supports our costs to rent the Chapel and Chapel House. The Family Fund supports those members of our congregation who cannot fully support their own membership or participation in some synagogue activities that require a fee. The people in this category

are anonymous except, possibly, to the Rabbi or congregational president.

Donations to the Music Fund support the work of the choir. We often need to pay for the right to use much of our music, and we need to pay for the expenses related to copying the music and providing the "books" used by the choir members during their rehearsals and at services.

The Oneg Fund supports the cost of the monthly food and our food preparer/server, Roxy Nault, at Oneg Shabbats. Our General Fund is used for any regular monthly expenses not covered by the funds listed above or other income. Finally, when we donate in memory of a loved one through Yahrzeits, those monies are added to the General Fund and help with regular monthly expenses (i.e. salaries, administrative costs, etc.). Thank you for all your donations; let's keep them coming!

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. of Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Remit to: Alan Behr, 25803 Eastlake Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 (Minimum donation of \$10.00 please)

Minimum donation of \$10\* please.

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

# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

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

- |                                       |                           |                               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 Michael & Helen-Bernstein<br>Abrams | 4 Elliot & Barbara Reiss  | 26 Rabbi Irwin & Sandi Wiener |
|                                       | 10 Richard & Susan Tauber | 28 Laurence & Souzan Blumberg |

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

- |                   |                       |                     |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Susan Tauber    | 10 Martin Winter      | 23 Maishe Levitan   | 28 Jerry Kaplan      |
| 6 Michael Freed   | 13 Harvey Schwartz    | 24 Barry Berger     | 31 Sheldon Silverman |
| 7 Ruth Lieberman  | 13 Ellie Trachtenberg | 24 Helene Zimmerman | 31 Robert Stone      |
| 7 Art Sharf       | 16 Shirley Shalett    | 25 Caralyn Brace    |                      |
| 8 Murray Siegel   | 17 Diane Mendelsohn   | 25 Jim Gould        |                      |
| 10 Laura Blumberg | 19 Lee Ross           | 28 Lucy Geller      |                      |

# MARCH YAHRZEITS

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

- |                         |                   |                   |                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Herman Alter            | Max Geffner       | Rachel Milgroom   | Bernard Salita      |
| Morris Berenweig        | Hyman Ginsberg    | Libby Mosberg     | Norma Schulman      |
| Harry Bernstein         | Ida Goldberg      | Gail Moss         | Daurcy Schwartz     |
| Sheldon Biales          | Norman Goldstein  | Gerhard Muenzer   | Joseph Siegel       |
| Marcia Bram             | Barbara Goldstein | Lois Mundt        | Louis Solko         |
| Joseph Brajtberg Bright | Trouti Golomb     | Gittel Nelson     | Bernard Spiller     |
| Jack Cohen              | Dan Gurian        | Jennie Nigelis    | Leonard Stein       |
| Louis Cohen             | Fran Hasenfus     | Bill Oyer         | Sol Tanen Zapf      |
| Diana Cohen             | Sarah Jacobsohn   | Myne Pauker       | Anne S. Tamber      |
| Samuel Dolins           | Sidney Klein      | Nathan Pearlstein | Irving Trachtenberg |
| George Dolinsky         | Henry Kolb        | Burt Quint        | Cydney Wax          |
| Rosetta Dolinsky        | Andrew Kraus      | Eleanor Raffeld   | Sarah Weinberg      |
| Celia Eisenman          | Gertrude Kapkin   | Mitchell Rabstein |                     |
| Lena Fisher             | Doris Levy        | Ann Rabstein      |                     |
| Louis Freedman          | Isabel Levy       | Abraham Rossen    |                     |
| Lily Freedman           | Walter Levy       | Lillian Rossini   |                     |



# PASSOVER SEDER

Each year SLJC organizes a Passover Seder for our community. We hope you will join us this year for a traditional Passover dinner and festive evening, catered by Scott's Generations New York Style Deli Restaurant.

Thursday April 6, 2023 @ 6:00-9:00PM in the Chapel House.

Cost: Members \$40.00 Non-Members \$50.00

You will have a choice of main entrée (brisket or chicken—or even both if you prefer) from the menu (see below). Please make your choices at the time of your reservation. We hope you will join us for great food, friendship, and the creation of new memories.

We will be accepting reservations through March 15 by email at [hzman24@gmail.com](mailto:hzman24@gmail.com). Should this event need to be cancelled, all monies are fully refundable. You can mail your checks to Helene Zimmerman at 4119 E. Appleby Dr. Gilbert, AZ 85298. Please make checks payable to 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.

## **Passover Seder Menu**

- ❖ Hard Boiled Eggs
- ❖ Matzoh Ball Soup
- ❖ Potato Kugel
- ❖ Vegetables
- ❖ Choice of Brisket or Chicken (can have both if desired)
- ❖ Matzoh
- ❖ Charoset
- ❖ Dessert
- ❖ Assorted Beverages

**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 \$36, and there are three options for the wording of the plaque.

Simply complete the form below and mail it along with a check payable to SLJC for \$36 per plaque to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248. Any questions, call (480) 584-5909.

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**SLJC NON-MEMBER REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE**

Please complete a separate form for each plaque, indicating the desired choice of wording.

**Choice 1**

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Choice 2**

Always in Our Heart. \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Choice 3**

In Remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

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# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

## JWV COLLECTING CLOTHES FOR VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ENTERING A NEW VET SHELTER

Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jennifer Gewarges, Executive Director for U. S. Vets-Phoenix, will address Jewish War Veterans, Copper State Post 619, Sunday, March 19, in the Poolside Building of Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes. Clothing donations will be accepted at 9:15 am. A free brunch is offered beginning at 9:30 am, followed by the speaker at 10 am. All are welcome; however, to enjoy the brunch, a reservation is required. (See below for details.)



Left to right: JWV Patron, Eve Wagner and U.S Vets' Exec. Dir., Jennifer Gewarges unpacking donations from Judy Wear Boutique in Chandler at U.S. Vets' Ashley's Place for women. March meeting is requesting both men's and women's wear for new U.S. Vets' location.

### U.S. Vets-Phoenix Opens New Larger Facility


U.S. Vets' new site, which will hold 182 veterans, is anticipated to open in April 2023. It features four floors

with elevators, a private wing to allow more safety for women, an indoor gym area, a kitchen and dining hall. At the JWV meeting, Jennifer will detail how the veterans are selected and the services provided to help them obtain regular housing.

**Clothing Drive:** The new facility will have a drop off center and a mini-store where veterans can have a shopping experience in selecting clothes to get them started in the program. JWV is collecting used clothing in excellent condition and new socks and underwear. Shirts, pants, sport & outerwear jackets, pajamas, accessories, and shoes are welcomed for men. Women can use sportswear, sweaters, jackets, outerwear, casual business attire, sleepwear, accessories, and shoes.

**Brunch Reservation:** A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am, followed by the speaker at 10 am. To partake in the food, a reservation is required by Friday, March 17, at 5 pm. Contact Judy Wolin by email [cjsunlakes@msn.com](mailto:cjsunlakes@msn.com) or phone (480) 802-8521.

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September-May, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations. JWV participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. It is not necessary to be a veteran to join. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, please contact Commander Chuck Wolin at (602) 300-5913 or [cjsunlakes@msn.com](mailto:cjsunlakes@msn.com).

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#### East Valley JCC

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## **J** East Valley JCC

**Tuesdays at the J**  
Tuesdays | 10-11:30 a.m.

- March 14:** Phoenix Art Museum
  - March 21:** Current events in Israel with Jake Bennett
  - March 28:** Lecture-recital by pianist Elias-Axel Pettersson
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