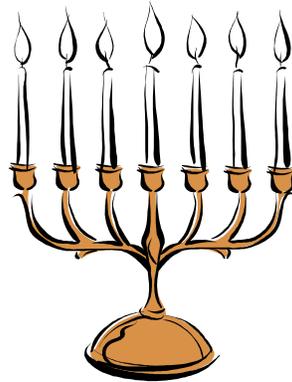


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

May 2018 / Iyar 5778



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. – (623)-975-4272

Cantor Ronda Polesky – (480)-247-8408

President – Wende Levy (301)-503-1047

President Elect – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

Executive Vice-President – Mark Nelinson

Membership Vice-President – Bety Dar

Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022

Recording Secretary – Jeff Spear

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – May 11th at 7:30 pm in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, May 10th, 4:00 pm in Chapel Center.

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

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday May 1st at 11 am in Chapel Center.

MEN’S CLUB – Talk at Chapel Center about Elder Abuse May 1st, visit Hall of Flame Museum, followed by lunch at Mellow Mushroom on May 17th.

SISTERHOOD – Annual Paid Up Luncheon Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 A.M.

at the Global Tea Mart Tea Room in the Fulton Ranch Shopping Center.

HAVURAH CHAI – Memorial Weekend Pot Luck Dinner on May 27th.

SHALOM HADASSAH – May 8th end of year luncheon at Mimi’s Café at 12:15 pm.

DVORAH HADASSAH – General Meeting May 2nd at the EVJCC, Flick Chicks movie May 15th, Road Show May 20th.

JWV Post 619 – Meeting May 20th at 9:30 am, Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

Ritual Schedule for 5778 (2018)

May	11 -- Shabbat Service – Celebrating Shevuot and Mother’s Day -----	7:30 pm
June	8 -- Healing Service – Celebrating Father’s Day -----	7:30 pm
July	13 – Twilight Service -----	5:30 pm
August	10 – Twilight Service -----	5:30 pm

All services are held in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

As a trial, Shabbat services for the months of October and November will begin at 7:00 pm. Congregants will be asked after this trial period if they prefer services at 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm. The December and following services will be based on the majority vote.

Headphones for Shabbat Services

If you have difficulty hearing the Rabbi during Shabbat services, you can borrow a set of headphones. They are available at the table when you first walk into the Chapel.

Call for Nominating Committee Members

It is the time of year when we solicit individuals to serve on the SLJC Nominating Committee. Doris Codkind will chair the SLJC Nominating Committee, which needs to include four SLJC members. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Doris Codkind via e-mail at rondor55@gmail.com or via telephone at 480-883-1378. Being on the Nominating Committee is a wonderful way to participate in SLJC activities.



Message from Our Rabbi

The Impact We Have on Others

While it is true that, as hard as we try, we will never abate hunger, or eradicate poverty, or even eliminate homelessness, we do know that one person helping another will eventually begin a process that will relieve these afflictions. So it is with us in a place called Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. We may not be hungry, or homeless, or impoverished, but we are in search of fulfillment.

This fulfillment comes in many forms. There are those who find completion by coming together in worship, some by celebrating holidays with family and friends, some by extending a hand to ensure continuity – the continuity of faith through involvement. Not everyone comes forward, but those who do offer so much that can never be repaid in kind.

Our congregation is more fortunate than most because given the fact that we are a retirement community, and the burden even greater, still we see the extended hand. Sometimes we feel tired. We have, at one time or another, been there and done that and we settle in to receive rather than give. But then we come across a person named Wende Levy.

She answered the call at a time when our congregation was searching for a more meaningful experience with new ideas and a steadfastness that would give stability. She brought organization, and a new group of volunteers eager and enthusiastic. Above all she understood that we are obligated to try new approaches and new ideas even though they may not always succeed.

All of us were placed here to establish goodness and mercy, because all of us depend on this attitude for true completion. It is a thankless job, as those who preceded her can attest to. I do not believe volunteers such as Wende accept responsibility with the expectation of reward in any form.

She is retiring in May. We will pay tribute to her at the May service. Accolades will be delivered and, perhaps even a gift or two, but we can never sufficiently offer the proper appreciation because all who toil in the vineyard of spiritual awareness know that the reward is the satisfaction felt because of the many accomplishments.

Sitting on the Bema will be different starting in June. Looking at her describe the many adventures we embark upon every day will somehow be missing from my routine. Our monthly lunches will disappear as will our email messages and phone calls. However, I must admit that I have been strengthened by her dedication, and this will help me as I begin a new chapter with our incoming president, Geri Gould.

So, as I say farewell to Wende's tenure, I also say hello to Geri's beginning. It is a wonderful feeling to witness our congregation go from strength to strength as we begin a new era in our development.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

The Limits of Human Endurance

The one thing that man has perfected, above all else, is the art of war. The one thing that man has yet to perfect is the art of peace. The many we honor on Memorial Day are truly a testament to these pronouncements.

The hallowed grounds that contain their remains should remind us of the destructive nature of weapons beyond description and behavior that imitates the most heinous efforts ever perpetrated by human beings. If we should learn anything from their sacrifice it is that they are the perfect examples of goodness and mercy abiding in each us. We desecrate their memories when we abandon our obligations.

Yes, we devote time to commemorate and celebrate. We commemorate the vision they represented when they went off to battle – the vision of peace and tranquility. We celebrate their lives because now what we have are memories of fathers and mothers, and husbands and wives, of brothers and sisters who remain with us through the difficulty of remembrances.

How many times in our journey have we been forced to memorialize a loved one? How many times in our journey have we asked the purpose for which they died? How many times have we really tried to determine the value and purpose of all life?

Questions, more questions, an endless display of the questions asked through the ages. Yet, there is one more, and it is connected to today, involving the seemingly mindless killings and murders, not only of adults, but now of our children. So, here is the remaining question at this time as we connect to our heroes: Is this what they sacrificed so much for?

Our endurance is being tested as never before, and we take the time and expend the energy to pay tribute to all who answered the call of their country since the beginning of our Republic. We do this to offer our thanks and to pray:

Dear God, You endowed us with both eyes and ears. Teach us to use those eyes to see the horrors before us. Teach us to use our ears to listen to the cries of the generations sent to all corners of the Earth to fight for justice and decency. Give us the ability to access the teachings You sent through the Holy words of Scripture: there will come a time when the lion will lie down with the lamb, and each will live under his fig tree and not be afraid.

Perhaps then, O Lord we will earn the blessings You bestow upon us each and every day.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

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 on the congregation website SLJC.org.

President's Message

Summer is almost here. As the temperature warms up in Arizona, the SLJC Board is hard at work preparing for next year. The Board will finalize and vote on the budget for the year beginning on September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. The Board is starting to prepare for the High Holidays. Information on High Holiday tickets will be coming out in the June Shpiel. Break-fast will be held immediately following Yom Kippur services at Cottonwood Country Club in their ballroom. Details on reservations will be in the June Shpiel.

I am pleased to announce that Doris Codkind will be chairing the SLJC Nominating Committee. Please consider participating in SLJC activities by becoming a member of the committee or by running for election as a Director of the Board.

At our April Board meeting we approved the Bar/Bat Mitzvah contract. The contract outlines the fees and the timeline, and is a formal contract between the family and SLJC. If you wish to review the contract it is available on the SLJC WEB site.

Remembering our loved ones is a cornerstone of the Jewish religion. Members of our congregation who pass away are remembered on the board as you enter the Chapel. Non-member plaques are available for purchase at a price of \$75. However, from April 1 to September 1, 2018, we will be offering a one-time reduced price for non-member plaques to \$36. On September 2nd the price of non-member plaques will return to \$75. Please consider honoring your deceased family members by buying a plaque for them. The nonmember plaques that are purchased will be dedicated at High Holiday services by Rabbi Wiener. If you are interested in purchasing one or more plaque(s), please complete the order form enclosed in this issue of the Shpiel, or under FORMS on the SLJC web site SLJC.ORG.

I want to remind you of two fundraising opportunities that are open to everyone in our congregation and allow us all to participate with minimal effort on your part.

- Our first activity involves anything you might purchase online at Amazon. Amazon has a website called **smile.amazon.com** that has all the same merchandise and all the same prices as Amazon.com. The only difference is with **smile.amazon.com**, a small percentage of each purchase will be donated by the Amazon Foundation to SLJC. To have your purchases count, visit **smile.amazon.com** and you will be prompted to designate a charitable organization. Enter Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation and start shopping. Then, whenever you need or want to order anything from Amazon, simply go to **smile.amazon.com** and shop away. It's really easy!
- SLJC now is enrolled in the Fry's Community Awards Program. The details on signing up for this program will be sent via e-mail to the congregation and are listed on page 10..

These programs are being undertaken to offset the costs of our activities and programs. Please join these activities and help SLJC to continue to offer additional services and programs to our members.

SLJC is looking for volunteers to lead and participate in providing programs to our congregation. If you have a few moments, enjoy participating and socializing with our members, please contact me for additional information. Examples of some of the opportunities include Break-Fast planning committee, Sukkot decorating committee, and liaison to EVJCC.

Please remember to sign up for our two fundraising efforts.

Thank you.

Wende Levy, President

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

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Choice 1

In Loving Memory of <i>rel</i>
Name and Date

Choice 2

In Remembrance of
Name and Date

Choice 3

Always in Our Hearts
Name and Date

rel (Choice #1 only) = “mother” or “father” or “son” or “daughter” or etc

Name of Purchaser (s):
(Please Print)

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(if you don't have e-mail please provide your telephone number)

Person to be Remembered (one per plaque, send additional forms if needed, please print):

Name of Person to be Remembered	Date of Death	Choice #/ <i>rel</i>
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Total number of Plaques included _____

Total \$ remitted _____

Note: No changes can be accepted after plaque is sent for engraving.

Please send this form and your check made out to SLJC to:
Mark Nelinson , 24505 S. Lakestar Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.
For questions, please contact Mark at 480-883-1995.

Cantorial Notes: My Yiddishe Mame

In May we celebrate all the mothers in our lives. We honor our own mothers and grandmothers. Perhaps your daughters and granddaughters are now mothers. Whatever is the case in your family, I'm sure there is a mother-figure (or the memory of one) that is special and means something to you.

Our Anthem for May will be the song "My Yiddishe Momma" by Jack Yellen and Lew Pollack. You may recognize some of the famous singers who recorded this classic through the years including: Willie Howard, Belle Baker, Sophie Tucker and The Barry Sisters. Connie Francis, Tom Jones, Neil Sedaka and Ray Charles all recorded pop versions of this beloved song. It is an ode to Yellen's mother and all our mothers. It speaks of the self-sacrifices a mother makes willingly for her children. And conversely, how we hold our own mother in high esteem and treasure the way she always makes us feel loved.

The following is an excerpt of the beautiful lyrics:

*In water, through fire, she would have run for her child
Not to hold her dear, is surely the greatest sin,
How lucky and rich is the one who has
Such a beautiful gift presented from G-d
Like an old Yiddishe Mamma
My Yiddishe Mame!
Happy Mother's Day!*

B'Shalom,

Cantor Ronda



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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Donation Form

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

Oneg _____ Music _____ Torah _____ Chapel _____
 Family Fund _____ Flower Fund (minimum \$50/household) _____

Please send card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donor: _____

Amount of Check \$ _____

Please complete this form and return with your check to Betsey Silverman,
 1832 W Havasu Way,
 Chandler 85248 (Minimum donation of \$10.00 please)

Note: If you are making donations for multiple months and events please indicate them on this form.

WHEN DONATING TO DIFFERENT FUNDS, PLEASE ISSUE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH FUND; OTHERWISE ALL THE MULTIPLE DONATIONS WILL BE POSTED TO THE SAME FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. IF A FUND IS NOT INDICATED, THE DONATION WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SLJC GENERAL FUND. BETSEY SILVERMAN

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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Fry's will donate a portion of your purchase to SLJC if you have an account and are registered. All you need is a Fry's Card and an e-mail address. Follow the instructions below (1) to create an account, if you don't already have one, then (2) to register for the Fry's Community Awards program. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Brooks at 480-588-1827.

STEP #1 CREATING AN ONLINE FRY'S ACCOUNT*

(If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to STEP #2)

*Go to www.frysfood.com

*Click on "Welcome! Sign in (top right)"

*Click on "No Account? Register (top right)"

*Under "Create an Account" enter your email and create a password

(write down your email & password- you will need it in Step #2)

*Under "select your preferred store", enter your postal code and click "find"

*Select your store, then click on "Create Account"

*You will then be prompted to check your email for the confirmation email

*Click the hyperlink "View My Account" in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account

*Continue to step #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

STEP #2: REGISTER FOR THE FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM*

*Go to www.frysfoods.com

*Select "Sign-in"

*Enter your email and password then select "sign in" (the email and password you created in Step #1)

*Under "Welcome back!" click "Your Name/My Account"

*Under "Account Summary" scroll down to "Community Rewards"

*Click "enroll" under "Community Rewards"; if prompted, enter personal information

*Under "Find Your Organization": Enter 38763 then select "search" and click SLJC

Once registered you will receive an e-mail from Fry's, and at the bottom of every receipt it will say

Fry's Community Reward At your request, Fry's will donate to SLJC

DONATION FORM TOYS FROM THE HEART

Name _____

Address _____

Please send checks (in any amount) payable to SLJC Sisterhood to:

Suzy Ziegler, 139 W. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85045

SAVE THE DATE: BREAK-the -FAST

SLJC will host Break-Fast immediately following services on Wednesday, September 19th at the Cottonwood Ballroom. The per person cost will be \$15. This is an opportunity to get together with friends and family including our SLJC family. Details on reservations will be provided in the June Shpiel

CONGREGATION NEWS

CONDOLENCES

We regret the passing of longtime member Gloria Israel.

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: Wende Levy, Diane Silverman, Jeff Spear, Marilyn Koss, Carol Biales, Jan Cohen, Mireille Kaplan, Geri Gould, Joyce Spartonos, Doris Codkind, Rita Solko, Mark Nelinson, Sara Ruth Rossow, Lana Oyer, Lainy Sardina, Al Bloom, Michael Kaplan, Michael Dar, Bety Dar, and Edd Shalett.

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. The cost and wording limitations for these plates are described in the form on page 6. For any questions regarding this board, please contact Mark Nelinson at 480-883-1995.

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



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. This printed book is given out at the **YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL SERVICE**. Since there are many members 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. Yom Kippur is quite early this year, so the information must be received no later than **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018**.

NAMES WILL BE COUNTED, NOT LINES. EACH NAME ON A LINE WILL BE COUNTED INDIVIDUALLY.

Prices for the publication 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

Return with your check payable to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation to:

Susan & Michael Cohen, 9008 E. Stoney Vista Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 – questions call 895-4660

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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NEW NAME[S] added to previous memorial: _____

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Lone Soldier Project

The transition to the EVJCC is complete. If you would like to follow our activities, go to EVJCC.org and sign up for their weekly e-mail newsletter. Look for the date for a Yom HaAtzMa-ut (Israel Independent Day) celebration in honor of Lone Soldiers at the EVJCC. Many thanks to the committee members who continue to serve Lone Soldiers and to all those who supported the Lone Soldier Project at SLJC for the past two years.

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

On April 3rd, Esther Spear gave an interesting and very informative presentation about genealogy. On April 24th, the Men's Club visited the Titan Missile Museum and enjoyed a buffet lunch afterwards at the Desert Diamond Museum.

Our speaker at our May 1st meeting will be Gerry Kroloff with the Area Agency on Aging. Her talk will focus on elder abuse. On May 17 we will visit the Hall of Flame Museum (displaying firefighting equipment), followed by lunch at the Mellow Mushroom.



Al Bloom, President of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Men's Club, presents 2018 Outstanding Service Awards to Sy Evans and Sheldon Kruger at the Annual Paid-Up Members Luncheon March 25.



Men's Club visiting the Titan Missile Museum

Sisterhood

Come join us for tea time! The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will hold its Annual Paid Up Luncheon on Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 A.M. at the Global Tea Mart Tea Room. It is located in the Fulton Ranch Shopping Center at 4991 S. Alma School Road, Suite 5, in Chandler. There will be salad, quiche, scones, and tea. The Luncheon is free to paid up members. Non-member guests pay \$30.00. Please call Anita at 480-895-8203 to RSVP and for further information regarding a deposit.

(There's still time to pay your dues for this year. Send a check for \$30, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to Suzy Ziegler, 139 W. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85045. Please be sure to include your e-mail address and your birthday month.)

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (2017-2018)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (month/day) _____

Please send check for \$30, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to
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Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

Friendship is like a flower. Plant a seed and watch it grow. You are welcome to join us in Havurah Chai and start your garden with some beautiful friends. Friendship is not about whom you have known the longest. It's about who walked into your life and said, "I'm here for you". Havurah Chai is beginning it's 3rd year and if you are a Jewish Single, come check us out and meet another friend.

HAVURAH CHAI EVENTS

May	27	Memorial Weekend Pot Luck Dinner
June	TBA	Tour of Olive Garden & Lunch
July	TBA	Singing Panda, Dinner & Show
August	18	Hale Theater – "Sister Act", a musical
December	7	Chanukah Party
January	1	New Year's Day Appetizer Party

We are expanding our great events by adding a Lunch/Dinner monthly. Everyone likes to eat out. Everyone likes to get together.

The Havurah Chai yearly dues are just your being there. After Shabbat Services on the 2nd Friday of the month we all meet at the Oneg at our tables of friendship. We have car pooling to events. If you would like more information please email: Lainy Sardina at: lainysardina@gmail.com

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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Ongoing Programs

*All events will be held at the EVJCC unless otherwise noted

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Jewish Life and Learning **May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
9 am Perkei Avot | 10 am Right of Passage
11 am Featured Speaker followed by lunch

MAHJONG MONDAYS

You're invited to join the game! All levels welcomed.
RSVP 480.897.0588. **May 7, 14, 21** | 10 - 12:30 pm

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Social, educational, cultural programs for those 55+.
RSVP 480.897.0588. **May 1, 8, 15** | 10 - 11:30 am

BBYO

Teens participate in fun, meaningful Jewish experiences!
May 1, 8, 15 | 7 - 8:30 pm

Featured Events

ARE SUPERHEROES
JEW-PERHEROES?

Teen led discussion presented by
Ilene Blau Teen Leadership Institute

May 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm
Adults and Teens Invited

EVJCC MOVIE SERIES

"East Jerusalem, West Jerusalem"
May 13 | 3 - 5 pm
Temple Beth Shalom of the East Valley
3400 N. Dobson Rd. Chandler, AZ 85224
Free admission. Donations appreciated.

Even More At Our J!

*All events will be held at the EVJCC unless otherwise noted

LADIES NIGHT OUT

May 8 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm

GENERATIONS AFTER

May 9 | 11 - 12:30 pm

Discover more at evjcc.org The EVJCC offers arts and culture, entertainment, Jewish learning, health and wellness, and social opportunities. **Questions?** Call our welcome desk at 480.897.0588 or contact a member of our program staff at events@evjcc.org

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Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on May 20 at 9:30 am 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.

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Shalom Hadassah is a philanthropic organization & is open to everyone. We have speakers, activities, and social events throughout the year that reflect the varied interests of our membership. Please come check us out. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about our group.

On May 8, 2018 Shalom Hadassah will have their end of the year luncheon at Mimi's Cafe, 2800 W Chandler Blvd, at 12:15 pm. Everyone will be able to order what they want off the regular menu since we will have individual checks. Please contact Shirley Shalett at 480-883-8159 to reserve your spot. A \$5.00 donation to Hadassah is suggested for the lunch.

Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

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

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:30 a.m. at the EVJCC

Devorah General Meeting. Out to Lunch follows the meeting.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Flick Chicks - Movie and time will be decided the Friday before the outing contact Barbara Ganz for info.

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Devorah Hadassah Road Show – Save the date. More details soon!

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.

Something You Might Not Know – A Jewish U.S. President (from Murray Siegel)

Will there ever be a President of the United States who is Jewish? Many Americans doubt that will ever happen, yet some scholars believe that there already has been a president who was actually Jewish. John and Mary Huffman, a German Jewish couple, immigrated to the U.S. and landed in Maryland. They moved to Kentucky and, finally, the family settled in Texas. Their daughter, Ruth, was Jewish since both of her parents were Jewish. Ruth married a non-Jew and had a daughter, Rebecca Baines, who, as the daughter of a Jewish mother, was Jewish.

Rebecca married Sam Johnson, and their son was Jewish, even if he did not know it. His middle name is his mother's maiden name, and we know him as Lyndon Baines Johnson. LBJ, although Jewish by birth, did not consider himself a Jew and worshipped at a Disciples of Christ Church. LBJ had an affinity for Jews and went out of his way to assist Jews.

When Lyndon was a boy, his father and grandfather worked to seek clemency for Leo Frank, a Jew who was eventually lynched by the Klan in Georgia. The local KKK threatened to kill the Johnsons because of their support for Frank. As a member of Congress before World War II, LBJ helped hundreds of refugee Jews immigrate to the U.S. through Texas. Some of those immigrations were of questionable legality, since there were restrictions on immigration. In 1938, Johnson was responsible for saving the life of Erich Leinsdorf, an Austrian Jew who was a renowned musician. Johnson arranged for Leinsdorf to receive a difficult-to-obtain U.S. residency permit.

LBJ generally had a positive view of Israel. His Aunt Jessie was a member of the Zionist Organization of America and strongly influenced young Lyndon. After JFK was assassinated, LBJ told the Israeli government that they had lost a friend, but now they had a better friend. Most importantly, he supplied needed arms to Israel after the Six Day War, when France froze their deliveries of armaments to Israel. Lyndon Johnson may not have been Jewish in his religious practices but he would certainly have been considered as a Jew in Nazi Germany and he acted with great simpatico towards Jews and Israel.



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 6 Michael Levitt
 7 Jesse Gersten
 8 Daisy Levitt
 9 Martin Kovick
 10 Lana Oyer
 10 JoAnn Rubinstein
 11 Wendy Goldstein
 11 Jocelyn Rick
 12 Michael Kaplan
 13 Ann Baumrind
 13 Lillian Fishman
 14 Alex Goldstein
 14 Bernard Lieberman
 14 Chuck Rappaport
 14 Mark Salita
 14 Norman Schwartz
 15 Jan Rappaport
 17 Sandy Jennings
 17 Noel Levine
 19 Mort Huskey
 24 Sheldon Kruger
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