



THE SHPIEL

JANUARY 2023 | TEVET/SHEVAT 5783

*Cantor
Ronda Polesky*



*Celebrating
Twenty Years
of a Golden Voice*

Milgram

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

SLJC January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ASARAH B'TEVET (TENTH OF TEVET) 6:30 pm: Men's Club Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 9:30 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting	11 1:30 pm: Devorah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	12 4 pm: Board of Directors Meeting	13 7 pm: Shabbat Service Honoring Cantor Ronda	14
15 9:30 am: JWV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside)	16	17	18 11 am-1 pm: Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (Sites TBA)	19 1 pm: Sisterhood Meeting	20	21
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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Another year!

It seems that time escapes us no matter how we try to hold on to it. It is as though we blink and then we travel to another time and place. Was it yesterday when we were young and full of life? Perhaps it was a moment ago when we were accomplishing things unreachable today.

Regardless, here we are entering 2023. Hopefully it will be a year filled with many accomplishments and fulfillments.

There are several new years in the Jewish calendar because there are times and events that shape our lives that require celebration. In fact, each time we enter a new period of joy, we utter the words of the “Shehechaynu” prayer which reminds us of our good fortune in attaining another milestone in our lives.

Of course, we are all aware of Rosh Hashanah — the new year of reconciliation. And there is Passover — the new year of religious identity. Perhaps there are those who remember Tu B'Shevat — the new year dedicated to nature and ecology symbolized by our appreciation of trees. In modern times this is commemorated by planting trees in Israel through the efforts of the Jewish National Fund.

There is one more new year on the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation calendar: the introduction of a newly elected Board of Directors mandated to steer this ship of state in the uncharted waters of the future with responsible stewardship.

To say that this task is awesome would be to understate the nature of leading a congregation that has endured many changes in its over forty-year history. Members have come and gone and so have its leaders. But here we are stronger than ever and ever more important in the lives of its constituents and the community around us.

I am reminded about a quote attributed to the 11th century poet, Moses Ibn Ezra, who is credited with writing a great many of the Selichot prayers we utter each Rosh Hashanah. The most prominent quote that applies to this episode in our lives as a congregation, notably the transition of leadership, reads: “Pleasing everyone is an

impossible aim, and escaping all criticism is an unattainable goal.” I am sure those who have chosen to serve know full well the truth of his wisdom.

So here we are — a New Year not only representing the march of time but also marking the belief in creation through the care and concern for nature. And here we are welcoming and encouraging the leadership of our congregation to complete the task assigned them: the care and maintenance of a viable, meaningful, congregation of people from all corners of the country and beyond.

Some of us come from traditional backgrounds, some from liberal leanings and some from no involvement at all. All of us join together to create an atmosphere of caring and commitment to Jewish living. And just as we are all different, so are our understandings of faith. That is the strength of who we are.

Happy 2023! Mazal Tov to those who stepped forward to assist us in this quest of Jewish involvement through service to our congregation.

As a congregation we must commemorate our diversity. As a congregation we must remember our past as we go forward in our journey always mindful of each other and always thankful to God. 🕯️

Join with us at our Shabbat Service on January 13 at 7 pm as we pay tribute to Cantor Ronda, commemorating twenty years of service.



A TRIBUTE TO CANTOR RONDA POLESKY

Friday, January 13, 7 pm, Chapel Center

It hardly seems possible that it is twenty years since you first graced our pulpit and enthralled us with your talent and brought forth sounds that reflected our feelings of spiritual awareness. This is no small accomplishment because it takes not only talent but a dedication to a concept of faith that enables us to transcend the mundane and enter the realm of holiness. Our religious experience is enhanced and for this we will be eternally grateful.

No one can truly appreciate the untold hours that are spent reflecting your commitment to Jewish music and all that it brings to our worship encounter. Your charm and grace are testaments to your warmth and saintliness and are tributes also to us, the recipients of your efforts. Your talent is filled with love, not only for the musical notes you encourage, but also for us, your devoted fans.

I know that words can never truly reflect our feelings for you. But words are what we have to offer because they reflect the true measure of our respect and admiration. Please accept these words as a note of gladness and a tribute to you. May God continue to guide you and keep you strong as you maintain the standard you have established. And may we, the beneficiaries of your talent, remain ever grateful that you are part of us.

As we gather on January 13 for our traditional Sabbath service, we will all wish you continued blessings in the years ahead. I can think of no better way to begin a New Year.



FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

Welcoming Yuval Morad: Sunday, February 12, 3 pm, Chapel Center

Yuval is an Israeli who currently serves as the Israel Fellow at the University of Arizona Hillel. His topic is *The High School, Military and University Experience in Israel*.

After high school, Morad spent a year with the Youth Zionist Movement (*Hashomer Haz'it*) before serving as the Commander of the Youth Battalions and as a Sargent in the B'nai Garin Department in the IDF. He then attended Hebrew University in Jerusalem studying International Relations and Asian Studies.

Please join Friends of Israel for this interesting discussion on Sunday, February 12 at 3 pm in the Chapel Center. This event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Michael at (480) 895-4660.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Happy New Year

Happy New Year. May it be blessed with peace, harmony, and good health to all of you and your families.

We had a beautiful service in December, highlighted by lighting our Menorah with the help of

twelve grandchildren from members of our congregation. What a joy it was to have young faces participate in the ceremony and see the expressions on their faces as they lit up the Menorah and received their dreidel and candy.

For our January service we will be installing the new members of the Board of Directors and most of all, we will be honoring Ronda, our outstanding Cantor, for her 20 years of service to our congregation. The words that you see in the message from the Rabbi sum up Ronda's contribution to our temple. We hope to see many of you at the service on January 13 to help honor Ronda.

A reminder of our next fundraiser, which is the production at the Hale Theatre of *Andrew Brothers* on Tuesday, January 24 at 4 pm. See the article below for all the information.

We will be sending out corrections to the Directory by way of an email, so if you have corrections please send them to me at shellysunlakes@gmail.com.

Please note my new email. As always, please touch base with me for any questions or concerns and also, please let me know if you would like an honor for one of our services. It is a nice way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

Again from the Henden family, a Happy and Healthy New Year. 🎉

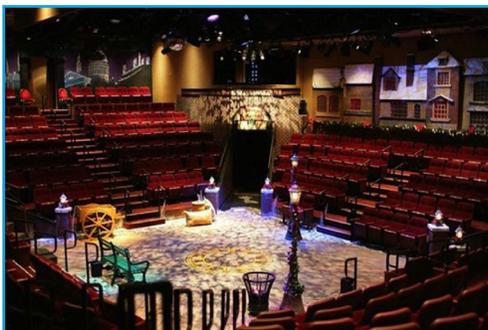
SLJC FUNDRAISER

JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for shows this fall 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: *The Andrews Brothers* on Tuesday, January 24 (a musical about a USO performance from the Andrews Sisters who fail to appear, so three stagehands take over

in their places as they are determined that the show must go on). The show is filled to the brim with over 30 hit tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters. The other upcoming shows are *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.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

18 Harvey & Marcia Weiner
23 Bernard & Ruth Lieberman

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

2 Susanne Shapiro	13 Carolyn Cesario	19 Dr Keith Miller	31 Souzan Blumberg
3 Sheldon Raizes	13 Shery Green	19 Laurence Blumberg	31 Carol Biales
6 Edd Shalett	14 Elaine Meltzer	19 Barbara Silverman	
9 David Levinson	15 Gloria Howard	22 Larry Shapiro	
9 Marjorie Levinson	16 Myra Delman	24 Gary Kanowsky	
9 Joanne Schlosser	17 Susan Tamber	28 Ilana Goldschmidt	

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Wayne Abrams	Steven Farber	Max Mohr	Bill Stutman
Mickey Asbell	David Feldman	Phyllis Moss	Ida Tauber
Helen Korman Axelrad	Joseph S Fineberg	Israel Nelson	Rhea Weiner
Joseph Axelrad	Betty Jean Fisher	L.V. Owens	Jacob Wiener
Zachary Bazerman	Rachel Geffner	Nathan Plafker	Rose Winikoff
Jerome Berg	Joseph Gettes	Herbert Ringel	Barbara Wolin
Irving Berger	Saul Ginsberg	Lorraine Ringel	Henry Zacharias
Arnold Bernstein	David Goldberg	Marc Ross	Nettie Zimmerman
Julian Bornheim	Melvin E. Goldman	Rose Ross	
Toni Blumental	Bernard Goldner	Leon Rossini	
Philip Brodsky	Milton Goldrich	Peter Roth	
Arthur Bush	Rhonda Hamburger	Martha Shagrin	
Meyer Bush	Marsha Horowitz	Esther Shapiro	
David Caplan	Jason Howe	Manuel Sharf	
Hank Cohen	Ruth Israel	Sophie Silverman	
Edith Cooperman	Rose Kimmelman	Anna Solko	
Koren Noguchi Dante	Victor Krone	Michelle Sabrina	
Allan Elias	Bertha Lubisch	Stein	
Lena Evans	George Mann	Morris Stone	
Blanche Fabert	Julius Miller	Harold Strauss	

DEVORAH HADASSAH

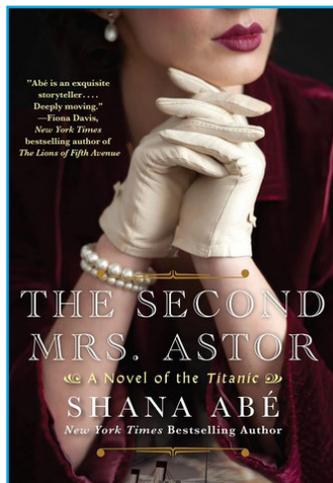
Please join us for all our fun activities and get to meet new friends! For more information on attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom at (860) 377-7126 or ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

Out to Lunch

The first Wednesday of each month is our Out to Lunch. We meet at a different restaurant each month for good food and conversations. We will meet on **Wednesday, January 25** at the EVJCC for our installation of 2023 officers. Out to Lunch meeting will follow the meeting.

Literary Ladies Book Group

The second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm on Zoom is our book group called Literary Ladies. On **January 11** we will discuss *The Second Mrs. Astor*, by Shanna Abe. On **February 8** we will be discussing *The Rose Code*, by Kate Quinn.



Food Drive

The third Wednesday we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley. Our next collective drive will be held on **Wednesday, January 18 from 11 am to 1 pm**.

Chick Flicks

Chick Flicks is our movie group. The dates and movies vary each month, but include a discussion of the film via Zoom.

Did you know that Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards? We have cards for all occasions: birthday, condolence, bar/bat mitzvah, anniversary, get well, congratulations, in honor of, and major holidays. We sell these for \$2 each or, if you want to have a selection on hand, we sell 12 for \$21. However, if you just need an occasional card(s), let us know and we will mail it for you and pay the postage. Such a deal! We also have several different certificates ranging in price from \$5, \$18 to \$100. These are ready to view at all in-person events. Contact Susan Fox at (520) 705-3226 to order or to ask questions.

HELP THOSE IN NEED IN THE EAST VALLEY with your AZ tax credit donation

SPECIAL OFFER FOR MEMBERS OF SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION*.

For every tax credit donation to the East Valley JCC Qualified Charitable Organization, the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation will receive an incentive grant equal to 18%.

\$18 grant for \$100 Tax Credit donation

\$36 grant for \$200 Tax Credit donation

\$72 grant for \$400 Tax Credit donation

\$144 grant for \$800 Tax Credit donation

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT, DONATE AT EVJCC.ORG/SLJC OR WRITE
"TAX CREDIT CODE SLJC" ON THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK.**

NOTE: PER AZ LAW ON TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS,
INDIVIDUALS CAN DONATE UP TO \$400 AND COUPLES \$800 PER TAX YEAR. DEADLINE TO DONATE IS APRIL 15, 2023.

We can accept donations via phone at 480.897.0588.

Mail checks to:

East Valley JCC

908 N. Alma School Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

Thank you for your support!

**Questions? Call Michael Cohen @ 480.895.4660; Arnie Henden
@ 480.570.4421 or Len Dolins @ 480.650.4753.**

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Plans Fashion Show Luncheon: Monday, March 27, 10:30 am, Oakwood Country Club



The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will sponsor a Fashion Show and Luncheon on [Monday, March 27 at 10:30 am](#) at the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. This is their annual charity event that will feature fabulous gift baskets, cash raffles, and delicious bake sale goodies. Fashions will be provided by Calle Rose Boutique Clothing and Accessories. There will be shopping time before and after the sit-down luncheon and fashion show. All profits from the event will be donated to local charities in Maricopa County. For more information contact Carol at (480) 895-3168 or see the registration form in this issue.

At the next meeting on [Thursday, January 19 at 1 pm](#) at the Chapel House, Sisterhood members will learn how to braid and bake traditional challah bread. Wende Levy will prepare the dough and distribute the recipe and directions. Sixteen women will bring a cookie sheet and kitchen towel to the meeting and will braid the dough. Then they will take the dough home to bake the challah. Everyone attending the meeting will take home the recipe.

Save the date for a special meeting on [Sunday, February 20 at 1 pm](#) in the Chapel House. Maggie Anton, an award-winning author of historical fiction, will discuss her book series, *Rashi's Daughters*, as well as other fiction and non-fiction books she has written. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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.

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

Series of horizontal lines for providing names of members to be seated at the table.

SLJC SISTERHOOD RAFFLE

FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT ON MARCH 27, 2023

ONLY \$10.00 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN SOME
HARD "CASH"!

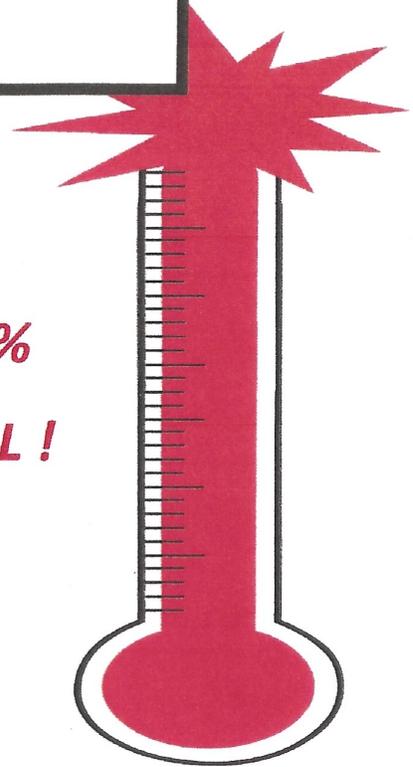
FIRST PRIZE = \$200.00

SECOND PRIZE = \$100.00

REMEMBER THAT ALL PROFITS ARE
DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE TEMPLE
AND VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES

THE RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD
DURING THE EVENT AND THE
PURCHASER NEED NOT BE PRESENT
TO WIN. *We will be happy to send
you additional raffle forms.*

**100 %
GOAL !**



Please make check (\$10.00 per entry) payable to **SLJC SISTERHOOD**.

Completed form and check should be returned by March 23rd to:

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

Name: _____
Phone #: _____

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



Sisterhood Charity Event Pre and Post-Order Sale Form

Additional Variety of Baked Goods Available at Charity Event

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please circle each item you would like to order and indicate when you would like the item.

		Quantity	Total Cost
<i>Baked by Marilyn Behr</i>			
• Chocolate Chip Kahlua Bundt Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
• Cinnamon Streusel Bundt Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
• Applesauce Bundt Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Janey Burnce</i>			
• Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
<i>Cookies: Baked by Marilyn Behr</i>			
	\$15.00		
• Box of White Chocolate & Cranberry Cookies		_____	_____
• Box of Russian Wedding Cookies		_____	_____
<i>Baked by Wende Levy</i>			
• Challah:			
❖ One Large	\$18.00	_____	_____
❖ One Medium	\$12.00	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Anita Kolikoff</i>			
• Blueberry Bundt Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
• Mandel Bread	\$15.00	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Susan Plambeck</i>			
• Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake	\$15.00	_____	_____
Total		\$	_____

Return with check payable to SLJC Sisterhood. Send the filled out form and your check to Barbara Reiss at 24807 S. Lakestar Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.



MAH JONGG CARDS 2023

Dear Mah Jongg Friends,

We have been notified by the National Mah Jongg League that their prices have been increased.

Please fill out this Form and provide a Name, Email Address and Phone Number for ONE person per Group.

NAME _____ Email _____

Phone # _____

STANDARD (Small)	LARGE	NAME/ADDRESS
\$14.00	\$15.00	_____
#	#	_____
#	#	_____
#	#	_____
#	#	_____
#	#	_____

Please make checks (NO CASH) payable to SLJC Sisterhood and send with this FORM to:

Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Court, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

Any questions call 303-350-7888.

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

SLJC CONGREGANTS JOIN 1,000 ARIZONIANS REACHING OUT TO LONE SOLDIERS FOR HANUKKAH

The 5th annual Hanukkah Greetings Campaign expanded to Tucson and Prescott this year, with a total of approximately 30 sites, including nine synagogue religious schools, four day schools, seven youth programs, and ten adult organizations. SLJC members composed letters in person at group meetings as well as electronically. Outreach is ongoing to other Arizona communities within organized Jewish communities. An online inquiry even led to participation by a religious school in Manchester, Connecticut.

Do you know of any Lone Soldier veterans in the State of Arizona? Our next plan is to bring them all together to meet each other and perhaps start a statewide veteran's group. If you know someone, call Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660.



SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Membership Drive Pizza Dinner: January 3, 6 pm, Chapel Center

SLJC Men's Club is looking for new members! On **Tuesday, January 3 at 6 pm** there will be a membership drive pizza dinner at the Chapel Center (in lieu of the regularly scheduled January meeting). Delicious pizza from Brooklyn V and soft drinks will be served (no charge) to paid-up members as well as prospective or unpaid members who bring a check payable to SLJC Men's Club for \$30 covering 2022/2023 dues. To RSVP, call or email Marty Levine at (480) 802-8911 or marteleee39@gmail.com.

Men's Club is a social organization that meets on the first Tuesday of every month from September to June at the Chapel Center. There are interesting speakers, group dinners at various restaurants, ball games, as well as field trips to local attractions.



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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In memory of Rose Kimmelman
by JoAnn & Alan Rubinstein

In memory of Rose Ross
by Lee (Sheilah) Ross

In memory of Marc Ross
by Lee (Sheilah) Ross

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by Barry Berger

In memory of George Mann
by Ruth Friedman

In memory of Rhoda Hamburger
by Caralyn Brace

In memory of Steven Farber
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by Linda Blank

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In memory of Lena Evans
by Edith Evans

In memory of Phyllis Moss
by Mel Moss

In memory of Bill Stutman
by Nancy Stutman

In memory of Jason Alexander Howe, my grandson
by Diane Zelinger

In memory of Ronald Weiner
by Elaine Dover

In memory of Peter Roth
by Faith Roth

In memory of Hank Cohen
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In honor of Shelly Henden's 80th Birthday
by Barbara & David Mayl

In honor of Shelly Henden's Birthday
by Eve & Dave Wagner

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by Sharon Becker

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by Lee Ross

In memory of Mike Bernstein
by Melvin Moss

SILVERMAN FUND

In honor of Diane Silverman's Birthday
by Lee Ross

In memory of Sy Evans
by SLJC Men's Club c/o Martin Levine

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Mike Bernstein
by Shelly & Arnie Henden

In memory of Mike Bernstein
by Gail Dante

In memory of Benna Kisin-Schultz
by Detroit Area Threshold Singers (Karen Bondy)

TORAH FUND

Miscellaneous
by Darrell & Norma Evans

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: 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.

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

TOMAS STRAUSSLER

By Murray Siegel

Every once in a while, you hear of a famous person who was born Jewish but left the faith, only to reconsider being Jewish at a much later date. Such a person was born Tomas Straussler to a Jewish family in Czechoslovakia in 1937. His parents were not observant, but as Jews they were in danger when Germany took over the country. His father's employer arranged for the family to be transferred to Singapore.

When the Japanese invaded Singapore, Straussler's father joined the British Army and moved the family to India. The father was killed by the Japanese, but in 1945, his mother married Englishman Kenneth Stoppard, who adopted Tomas and his brother. Tomas became Tom Stoppard, a world-renowned playwright and screenwriter. Among the honors awarded to Tom are the PEN Pinter Prize and being elected an Honorary Fellow of the British Academy. He won an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for writing *Shakespeare in Love* and has four Tony Awards to his credit.

Late in life, Tom learned that all four of his Jewish grandparents were murdered in Nazi concentration



camps. His newest play, *Leopoldstadt*, relates the experiences of a Jewish family in Vienna, Austria, as the Germans took over. The play opened on Broadway on October 2 to rave reviews and has already been awarded the Laurence Olivier Award for the Best New Play.

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.

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)

\$36 per plaque – Make check payable to SLJC

Mail check and form to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV) SPEAKER TO OFFER ADVICE AT JWV MEETING ON GETTING DESERVED BENEFITS

Sunday, January 15, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



Sunday, January 15th, Jewish War Veterans (JWV), Copper State Post 619, welcomes Dr. Carl Forkner, Commander and a Service Officer for Disabled American Veterans (DAV) East Valley Chapter 8 in Mesa. The meeting takes place at 10 am at the Poolside building of Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes.

DAV is a service organization dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. To accomplish this mission, as Service Officer for the DAV East Valley Chapter as well as Northern District of Arizona, Commander Forkner assists his fellow veterans and their families in receiving the benefits and assistance they have earned through their service.

DAV also fights for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill and educates the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Complimentary bagels, lox, doughnuts, and coffee start at 9:30 am, followed by the speaker at 10 am. Everyone is invited and there is no charge, but attendees wishing to eat are asked to notify Judy Wolin at (480) 802-8521 or cjsunlakes@msn.com by Friday, January 13.

JWV Post 619 members proudly participate in philanthropic activities to help Jewish and non-Jewish veterans. Fundraising activities enable the Post to accomplish its mission of supporting hospitalized, at-risk and veterans experiencing homelessness. Thanks to a partnership with Fry's Food Stores and The Mesa Market Place, JWV volunteers raise sufficient funds to contribute to veterans' organizations in the valley throughout the year.

JWV Post 619 meets the third Sunday of the month from September-May. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Commander Chuck Wolin at (602) 300-5913 or cjsunlakes@msn.com.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC extends our condolences to the family of longtime recent congregant, Mike Bernstein.

Our condolences to the families of two former members: Lawrence Hall and Carl Dubinsky.

Please note the new email of congregational President Shelly Henden: shellysunlakes@gmail.com

Non-Member Plaques are now available for purchase for \$36.

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation is proud to invite everyone to Shabbat services on Friday, January 13 at 7 pm as we pay tribute to Cantor Ronda, commemorating twenty years of service!

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