



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

# The Shpiel

JANUARY 2025

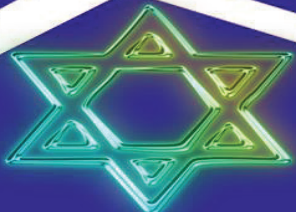
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January  
2025



*Carol  
Horowitz*



**To Happy  
New Beginnings!**

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

# SLJC January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <b>2 pm:</b> LAFF Rehearsal	6	7 <b>2:45 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	8 <b>1 pm:</b> SLJC Bereavement Meeting <b>1:30 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	9 <b>4 pm:</b> SLJC Board Meeting	10 FAST OF TEVET <b>7 pm:</b> Erev Shabbat Service	11
12 <b>2 pm:</b> LAFF Rehearsal	13	14 <b>9:30 am:</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting <b>11:30 am:</b> Men's Club Lunch (BJ's) <b>2:45 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	15	16 <b>1 pm:</b> Sisterhood Meeting	17	18
19 <b>9:30 am:</b> JWV Meeting (Oakwood Country Club) <b>2 pm:</b> LAFF Rehearsal	20 MLK, JR. DAY	21 <b>2:45 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	22 <b>11 am-1 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (location TBA)	23	24	25 <b>10:15 am:</b> Adult Education
26 <b>2 pm:</b> LAFF Rehearsal	27	28 <b>2:45 pm:</b> Choir Practice	29 <b>10:30 am:</b> Devorah Hadassah Meeting (EVJCC) <b>1 pm:</b> Devorah Out to Lunch (TBD)	30	31	

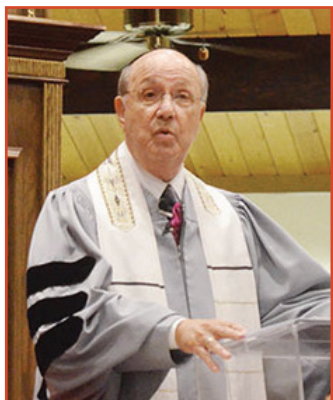
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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



## The Importance of Words

At our Shabbat service in January, we will honor the Board of Directors of this venerable institution. Our congregation has been successful over the years in attracting talented individuals to come forward and

contribute not only personal resources but more importantly, personal commitment. It takes a great deal of effort, time and money to ensure growth, stability and continuity, not only for our synagogue but for our community as well.

But the real essence of our thriving continuity is our understanding of the meaning of the conduct that is required to achieve and maintain this camaraderie: It is called the importance of words.

All too often we say things we do not mean or say things that are mean. Sometimes we talk and do not realize that what we say can be hurtful. Words are important in the scheme of things. For example, the power of words brought the world into being. Creation occurred because “God said.” We too have the power to create with word – a Great Society, a great life, a great community and a great congregation, which is a vital part of this community.

That is what leadership is all about: listening and then saying what is beneficial to all. We listen to hear what is being said, how people feel and think. Then we respond – we talk to one another, fully cognizant of the impact our words have. To be a leader in the community or right here in our own congregation requires patience. We, the leaders, need to remember that our words can and should bring about the caring and loving that we display day in and day out. Our lives and our future depend on these words.

And above all we need to remember that our words are very dear to God who listens to our prayers, listens to our wants and knows our likes and dislikes. And if we falter, it is not God who has caused faltering, but rather we, because of words that sometimes do not matter, because we sometimes lose sight of our responsibilities toward one another.

So yes, the chosen leaders of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation deserve our gratitude for their pledge of service. We are grateful for their willingness to step up to the plate, as the saying goes. I wish there were more of us that had the same courage and strength. We may be getting older but also maybe a little lazier.

As we go forward from this place to face another year, let us remember what the Midrash says: Perhaps in the coming world we will be asked as to what kind of person we have been and we can answer (with pride that we were not like anyone else) that we were ourselves. That is all we can ask of each other – to be ourselves. And then we will be able to be objective and continue to be caring, which is what makes us so unique.

May 2025 continue to be a year of goodness, sharing, listening and hearing – and above all may it be a year of health and prosperity for us, our congregation and our community of Sun Lakes.

AMEN. 🙏

# LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

## LONE SOLDIERS THANK SUN LAKES CONGREGANTS

We have just completed the 6th Annual Hanukkah Greetings Campaign. As always SLJC members have the successfully of reached out to Lone Soldiers. On behalf of these committed and courageous young adults from all over the world, I thank you.

As you know since the atrocities of October 7, 2023, Israel's security has been threatened on seven fronts. In addition to the sacrifices made by these volunteers and the cultural and language challenges they experience, they now are faced with the risk of injuries and death on a daily basis.

Their loneliness is constant, being accentuated at holiday time. Our messages of support, appreciation and respect mean so much to them. In addition to the smile your letter will bring to their faces, they know the Jews in Arizona care about them and understand the important role they are playing in returning Israel to stability, security and peace.

In addition to hundreds of letters we are sending a record number of 90 home knitted hats to them. That bring our



total to over 425 since inception. In addition to knitters in Arizona, we now have them in New York, Maryland and Idaho.

If you are able to knit and would like to join this effort, please email to [lonesoldiers@evjcc.org](mailto:lonesoldiers@evjcc.org). If you did not get a chance to write a letter this year, please watch for other opportunities to let these brave young people know you care. If you want to volunteer in this meaningful project, call Michael at (480) 895-4660. *Am Yisrael chai!*

# FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

## ISRAEL, A NATION AND ITS PEOPLE

By Barbara Nussbaum

For those who heard Rabbi Beyo and Gil Hoffman speak, we hope we enjoyed and benefitted from the presentations. The large audience reflected the community interest and support for Israel. The Committee appreciates the interest and attendance. We will continue to bring you quality programs in support of Israel. As Gil Hoffman said, you must be honestly informed in order to form justified opinions and influence others who are misguided by biased and false information. Truthful, up-to-date information is readily available free on the internet. Please look into these resources for the facts:

### The Times of Israel

- Download the app and receive daily updated English articles about current events and opinions.
- Search on your browser for *Times of Israel* and receive that day's English newspaper.
- *Times of Israel Daily Briefings*: Provides an update on the war every day in a 20-minute audio podcast; available at [timesofisrael.com/topic/the-daily-briefing](https://timesofisrael.com/topic/the-daily-briefing), or where you listen to other podcasts (i.e. Spotify).

### Daily Alert | A project of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

Israel's global embassy for national security and applied diplomacy, available at [dailyalert.org](https://dailyalert.org).

### The Jerusalem Post

Available at [jpost.com/breaking-news/article-832246](https://jpost.com/breaking-news/article-832246).



### Honest Reporting (Gil Hoffman's Organization)

This site corrects misinformation or falsehood expressed in the international media, with the truth and its background. Sign up for their newsletter at [honestreporting.com/signup-to-honestreporting](https://honestreporting.com/signup-to-honestreporting).

### IsraelAM

Sign up for the daily newsletter, plus links to headlines in other Israel media, at [atisraelam.com](https://atisraelam.com).



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



## A New Year

Happy New Year! May this year be a peaceful one for all of us here in Sun Lakes and throughout the world.

As I am sitting here composing my message which is the day after our December service, I am still grinning from ear to ear. What a joy it was to have so many grandchildren participate in the lighting of our Menorah. They added so much to the service and it gives me and I know the rest of you the same feeling to see young ones in the temple.

At the December Board of Directors meeting an election was held for the executive board. The following were re-elected for this year: Treasurer Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Recording Secretary Geoff Garber, and yours truly as President. We have many wonderful programs scheduled through May before many of us

leave for the summer... starting off of course with the Sisterhood's BIG fundraiser "Games Galore" (card party) on February 24. This event always raises quite a bit of money for charities in and around Sun Lakes as well as for SLJC. Some of the other events are Adult Education led by Rabbi Wiener, the Hale Theatre March 22 production of "Anything Goes", the fun play "The Family Tree," written and directed by our own Carol Horowitz, and out-to-dinner fundraisers headed by Shirley Shalett.

As always, please read *The Shpiel* and watch for e-blasts to let you know what is going on with the Temple. You also know that I am a phone call away for questions. Don't ever feel that you are a bother.

Happy and healthy New Year from my home to yours.



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

SLJC sponsors a bereavement group on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. The group is led by Bobby Sachs, a certified grief counselor with many years of experience. If you're interested in participating, please contact Bobby at (480) 802-7429. This is a comforting and confidential environment and can be more helpful and supportive than you can imagine!





# GAMES GALORE

Formerly known as Card Party

**Monday, February 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

**Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes**

Charity event sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

\$40 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.

We will have our signature gift baskets, cash raffle and tantalizing treats at our bake sale!

For reservations or questions call Carol at 480-895-316.

Please make your check for \$40.00 per player payable to: SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Doris Codkind, 9038 E Diamond Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

**Names of players: (Please include a contact phone # or email for one member of the group.) Reservations deadline is February 10. Contact #/email: \_\_\_\_\_**

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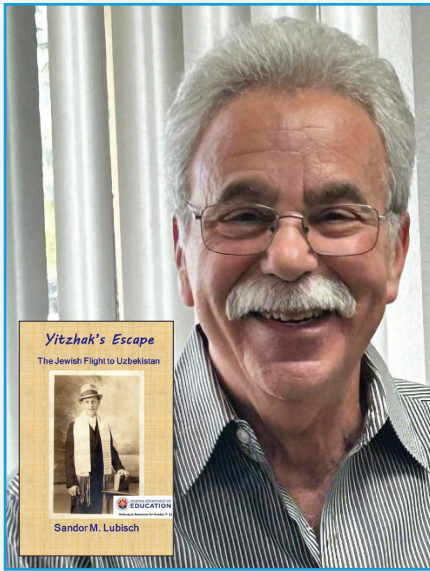
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\_\_\_\_\_ Game: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide your own game. No card shufflers please.**

# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, January 16, 1 pm, Chapel House



The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, January 16 at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. The guest speaker will be Sandor Lubisch, a member of our congregation, who will speak about his newest book, *Yitzhak's Escape: The Jewish Flight to Uzbekistan*. The historical fiction book is based on the true story of the author's maternal family who lived in a small eastern Polish town whose residents were faced with the sudden invasion of the Nazis in 1941.

Our annual charity event, formerly known as Card Party, is now called Games Galore to include Mah Jongg, Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Poker, Rummikub, and any other table game that you like to play. It will take place on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 10 am at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. In addition to a delicious buffet lunch, we will have our signature gift baskets, cash raffle, and tantalizing treats at our bake sale. For well over a decade, we have sponsored events to benefit local charities in and around our area such as, but not limited to: Matthew's Crossing Food Bank, Sun Lakes Fire Department, Neighbors Who Care, female veterans' organizations. Tell your friends to create a group or come solo and we'll match you to others who like to play your favorite game. Lunch seating is limited to groups of five so you may have to reserve several tables for large groups. Men are welcome to join. The registration deadline is February 10. For reservations or questions, call Carol at (480) 895-3168.

## SLJC SISTERHOOD RAFFLE

**\$10 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE**

**FIRST PRIZE = \$200**

**SECOND PRIZE = \$100** THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD  
AT THE EVENT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025. THE WINNERS NEED NOT BE  
PRESENT TO WIN. YOU MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE ENTRIES AT \$10 PER  
ENTRY.

Please make check (\$10 per entry) payable to **SLJC SISTERHOOD**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**MAH JONGG CARDS – 2025**

Prices remain the same for 2025. Please fill in the information below for **one lead person** per group. Then, list the names, addresses, size and quantity of the card(s) ordered.

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

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

STANDARD  
small \$14.00

LARGE  
large \$15.00

NAME/ADDRESS

#	#	_____
#	#	_____
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#	#	_____
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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

***Deadline: JANUARY 27, 2025. Form and Checks must be received by this date.***



# ADULT EDUCATION 2025

## CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH STUDY AND LEARNING



The theme for this year's educational events is understanding the value and purpose of life. The purpose is to enhance our lives and enjoy the simple pleasures of life-long learning, build relationships with others in our congregation and observe the Sabbath through study.

Two remaining sessions are coming up. The presenter of each will be Rabbi Wiener. They will take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am at the Chapel Center. Participants will share a *Kiddush* at each of the sessions. Please save the following dates to join us for these interesting topics:

**January 25, 10:15 AM, Chapel Center**  
**Creating and Understanding Meaning,  
Purpose and Fulfillment in Life**

Rabbi Wiener will present a talk about the mysteries of life, as we try to understand the meaning of our existence and the mystical nature of faith which is designed to enhance our understanding of God.

**March 15, 10:15 AM, Chapel Center**  
**The Lessons of Purim for Today: Survival, Pride  
in Our Identity, Strength in Time of Crisis**

Please save the date for this session coming up in March.

### **Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please send **this form and a check for \$30**, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to:  
Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO  
**RAISE MONEY!**

**Date:** Feb 11, 2025

**Time:** 11:00AM to 11:00PM

**For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:**

7151 W. Ray Rd.  
Chandler, AZ 85226  
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

**Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation**

**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

**VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER**

**When dining in:** Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

**When ordering online:** Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

**When placing a take-out order:** Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



**F E B 6 3 2**

Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.  
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



## SLJC RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Our final restaurant fundraiser for this season will be February 11, 2025, at BJ's, 7151 W. Ray Rd., Chandler. The flyer is included in this *Shpiel*. Please cut it out and bring it with you. It is good from 11 am to 11 pm.

Thank you for all your support. Please check *The Shpiel* in the fall for what will be coming up next year.

If you have any questions or ideas of restaurants, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Shalett, (480) 329-9368.



## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### DEBORAH LIPSTADT *By Murray Siegel*

You might not be aware that there is a position in the federal government entitled United States Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism, and on July 30, 2021, President Biden nominated Deborah Lipstadt to that office. In 2023, she was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. For more than 30 years, Deborah has been the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University.

Deborah was born in New York City to Jewish parents who were immigrants, her mom from Canada and her dad from Germany. The Lipstadts met at a local synagogue and raised their family in Far Rockaway, NY. Deborah spent her junior year in Israel and was there for the Six Day War. After graduating from CCNY, she received a Ph.D. from Brandeis University in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

Her career has focused on examining Holocaust deniers, which led to her writing "Denying the Holocaust" in 1993. In 1996, author David Irving sued Deborah and her publisher, Penguin Books, in English court for libel because of claims she made in her book that he was a Holocaust denier. The bench trial found that her accusations were substantially true and there was no libel.

In 2016, a movie about the libel trial "Denial" was released with Rachel Weisz playing Deborah. Rachel's mother had left Austria and her father had escaped from Hungary; because of Rachel's background, Deborah has stated that Rachel came to the part "quite personally."



In a recent interview in Time magazine, when asked for her perspective on Gaza since October 7, 2023, Deborah said, "We are talking about responding to an attack. The 1,200 dead on Oct. 7 is (as a proportion of the population) like 48,000 Americans." Furthermore, she stated, "To hold Jews everywhere responsible for what goes on in Israel is antisemitism."



# TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

## Use your Arizona State income tax liability and payment to benefit East Valley JCC and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Your tax liability will not increase or decrease for this donation. Instead of giving your income tax payment to the Arizona Treasury Department, you can donate it to East Valley JCC and SLJC!

**This is a win-win for both you and our congregation!**

Individual income tax filers can donate as much as \$470 and joint income filers can donate as much as \$938 without increasing or decreasing your tax liability for this donation. SLJC will receive 18% of the funds received by East Valley JCC. Once this donation has been made, East Valley JCC will send a donation confirmation to use for your tax records. **Form 321** will need to be filed with Arizona Income Taxes for this Charitable contribution.

**Help our synagogue benefit from your generous contribution without it costing you any additional money!**

Below is a form that you can use for your donation to the East Valley JCC that lists Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation as the benefiting organization.



### TAX CREDIT FORM

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

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

Amount of Donation (Check): \_\_\_\_\_

Benefiting Organization (AZ Tax Credit): Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

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

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

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

Please return this form to:  
East Valley JCC (AZ Tax Credit)  
908 North Alma School Road, Chandler, AZ 85224



# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

18 Harvey & Marcia Weiner

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

3 Sheldon Raizes	11 Sydney Kerr	18 Jackie Oliver	31 Souzan Blumberg
6 Edd Shalett	13 Carolyn Cesario	19 Dr. Keith Miller	31 Carol Biales
7 Robert Kaplan	13 Sherry Green	19 Laurence Blumberg	
9 David Levinson	14 Elaine Meltzer	19 Barbara Silverman	
9 Marjorie Levinson	15 Gloria Howard	22 Larry Shapiro	
9 Joanne Schlosser	17 Susan Tamber	28 Ilana Goldschmidt	

# JANUARY YAHRZEITS

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

Wayne Abrams	Betty Jean Fisher	Bertha Lubisch	Nancy Skolnik
Mickey Asbell	Joseph Gettes	George Mann	Anna Solko
Joseph Axelrad	Saul Ginsberg	Julius Miller	Morris Stone
Jerome Berg	David Goldberg	Max Mohr	Harold Strauss
Irving Berger	Melvin E. Goldman	Phyllis Moss	Bill Stutman
Julian Bornheim	Bernard Goldner	Israel Nelson	Ida Tauber
James Bright	Milton Goldrich	L.V. Owens	William Warshauer
Philip Brodsky	Edwin Golomb	Janina Pace	Jane Wasserman
Arthur Bush	Lydia Golomb	Nathan Plafker	Rhea Weiner
Meyer Bush	Rose Hess	Marc Ross	Yetta Weintraub
David Caplan	Marsha Horowitz	Rose Ross	Jacob Wiener
Hank Cohen	Jason Howe	Leon Rossini	Rose Winikoff
Merle Cooper Ross	Ruth Israel	Joseph Roth	Barbara Wolin
Edith Cooperman	Milly Khan	Peter Roth	Henry Zacharias
Koren Noguchi Dante	Rose Kimmelman	Martha Shagrin	
Allan Elias	Harry Lebovitz	Manuel Sharf	
Blanche Fabert	Marlene Lebovitz	Sophie Silverman	

# 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.

## CHAPEL FUND

In memory of Edie Evans  
by Susan & Richard Tauber

## ONEG FUND

In memory of Saul  
Ginsberg  
by Rita Ginsberg

## SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sy Evans  
by the SLJC Men's Club  
In memory of Edie Evans  
by the SLJC Men's Club  
In memory of Ellie  
Trachtenberg  
by Judi Josephson  
In memory of Ellie  
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by Sun Lakes Book Club  
In memory of Ellie  
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by Cyril Goodman &  
Michael Kaplan  
In memory of Ellie  
Trachtenberg  
by Nancy Stutman

## YAHREZEIT FUND

In memory of Marlene  
Lebovitz  
by Sandy Golomb  
In memory of Harry  
Lebovitz  
by Sandy Golomb  
In memory of Edwin  
Golomb  
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In memory of Lydia  
Golomb  
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In memory of Jason Howe  
by Diane Zelinger  
In memory of Hank Cohen  
by Betsey Silverman  
In memory of George  
Mann  
by Ruth Friedman  
In memory of Phyllis Moss  
by Mel Moss  
In memory of Nathn  
Plafker  
by Irwin & Judy Plafker  
In memory of Rose Hess  
by Rabbi Wiener  
In memory of Edith  
Cooperman  
by Nessa Memberg  
In memory of Julian  
Bornheim  
by Sheryl Rockwell  
In memory of Sidney Rudin  
by Deborah Israel  
In memory of Harry  
Temkin  
by Gloria & Bob Howard  
In memory of Irving  
Sternhill  
by Fritzi Ferguson  
In memory of Marsha  
Horowitz  
by Steve Horowitz  
In memory of Philip  
Brodsky  
by Lori Mangel  
In memory of Joseph  
Axelrad  
by Esther Spear  
In memory of Simon  
Shapiro  
by Larry & Susie Shapiro

In memory of Julius Miller  
by Arthur (Barry) Miller  
In memory of Peter Roth  
by Faith Roth  
In memory of Bertha  
Lubisch  
by Sandor Lubisch  
In memory of Rhea  
Weiner  
by Harvey Weiner  
In memory of Koren  
Noguchi Dante  
by Gail Dante  
In memory of David  
Caplan  
by Tzvi & Gina Caplan  
In memory of David  
Goldberg  
by Carol Biales  
In memory of Rachel  
Geffner  
by Ruth Lieberman  
In memory of Stewart  
Silverman  
by Betsey Silverman  
In memory of Milton  
Goldrich  
by Marilyn & Sheldon  
Raizes  
In memory of Libby  
Rossen  
by Judy Elias  
In memory of Grace  
Earhart  
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In memory of Minnie Elias  
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In memory of Fanny Bush  
by Judy Elias

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Katcher  
by Marcia Weiner  
In memory of Melvin  
Goldman  
by Susan Tamber  
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Fischer  
by Elaine Zolty  
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Rothstein  
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by Bobby Sachs  
In memory of Irvin  
Ginsberg  
by Barbara Silverman  
In memory of Jacob  
Wiener  
by Rabbi Wiener  
In memory of Sophie  
Silverman  
by Barbara Silverman

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Please correct the following in your Membership Directory:

- 1) Linda Goldman's phone number: (412) 480-0555
- 2) Sharon Becker's phone number: (480) 225-0194
- 3) Eileen Carpenter's address: 2643 S Dartford Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

I'd like to thank everyone for their kind notes, condolence cards, donations, visits and all expressions of sympathy that I and my family received on the passing of my husband Tony. Your outpouring of support has meant more to me than you'll ever know. I am so grateful to be a part of this very caring and special congregation.

-Joyce Spartonos

SLJC sends get well wishes to Ruth Kovac, who had hip surgery on December 3 and will be recuperating at home.

SLJC sends its deepest condolences to the family of member Army Pinsky who passed away on December 13. Notes or sympathy cards may be sent to his family at:

c/o Gary Pinsky  
215 Hillwood Blvd.  
Nashville, TN 37205

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation would like to extend a hearty mazel tov to new grandparents, Cantor Ronda and the entire Polesky family on the birth of a grandson, Asher Zakai, born in December to daughter Jessie. The SLJC is overjoyed for the Polesky family.

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

## SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

**Fund:**  Chapel  Family Fund  Music  Oneg  Silverman  General

Yahrzeit Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

Please send card to:

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Remit to: Marjorie Levinson, 9533 E Sundune Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Please make checks payable to SLJC.

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

# DEVORAH HADASSAH

We want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. In 2025, we will be selling Mah Jongg cards again and we will also be hosting another game day. Come join the fun and meet new friends! For information on Hadassah and attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom by phone (860) 377-7126 or email at ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

## Mah Jongg 2025 Cards

Online renewals are now being accepted through January 12. To order, visit [go.hadassah.org/mahjongg2025](http://go.hadassah.org/mahjongg2025). Be sure to specify your region (Desert Mountain) and your chapter (Devorah). Prices are \$14 for a standard print card and \$15 for a large print card.

## General Meeting

The next General Meeting meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 10:30 am at the EVJCC. We will have a speaker and conduct the installation of the 2025 Devorah Board. After the meeting, we will be going to lunch. RSVP to Gail Scheck at (480) 570-6819.

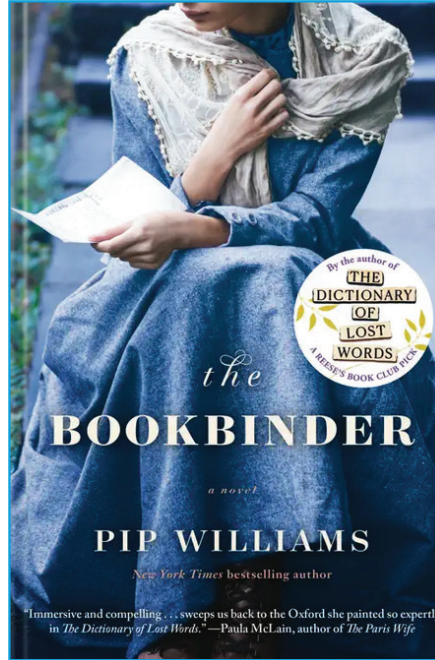
## Literary Ladies Book Group

Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The upcoming book we will be discussing will be: (1) *The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 pm; and (2) *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann on Wednesday, February

12 at 1:30 pm.

## Food Drive

The third Wednesday between 11 am and 1 pm we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley.



## SAVE THE DATE: Annual Game Day


We will be holding our annual Game Day on Wednesday, April 2 at the JCC from 1-4 pm. If you are interested in attending or helping with the planning, please contact Marcia Garnice at (602) 752-0379 or [garnicemarcia@gmail.com](mailto:garnicemarcia@gmail.com).

## Chai Flicks Movie Group

The dates and movies vary each month, but include a discussion of the film at lunch following the film.

**Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards!** We have cards for all occasions that we sell 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

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# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

## PARALYZED VETERANS OF AZ & HONOR FLIGHT SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS JWV

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

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 (JWV) will feature two speakers at its Sunday, January 19 meeting. Dawn Quinn, Donation Coordinator/ Outreach at AZ Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and Matt Hartman from Honor Flight AZ will detail the important free services their organizations offer veterans.



JWV's meeting takes place in the Oakwood Country Club 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 am.

### PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

PVA is the only nonprofit Veteran Service Organization dedicated solely to helping Veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders and diseases like multiple sclerosis and Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

They provide advocacy and support to the disabled community in a multitude of ways. which allows them to get back to living and enjoying their lives. PVA's strongest impact would be their Medical Loan Closet in Phoenix. which serves Veterans and Families of Veterans throughout the state of AZ for free. Non-Veterans are asked for a small donation for the items they require. PVA has served over 1000 Veterans and non-Veterans in the past year.

"My favorite medical give," says Donation and Outreach Coordinator Dawn Quinn, "was when I stopped a 23-year-old college student at the State Fair during an event and begged her to let me provide her with a new wheelchair. Hers was covered in duct tape because her wheels were badly ruined."

### HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Board member and Viet Nam Vet, Matt Hartman, will explain how Honor Flight pays homage to our veterans by offering WWII, Cold War, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who served in the U. S. armed forces a free trip to see their memorials in Washington D.C. at NO cost to the veteran.

Viet Nam veteran Sandy Borken couldn't praise the trip enough." It began at the airport with a breakfast hosted by the DAR women who then escorted us to our flight with a sendoff applause as we walked the concourse. Everything was first class on the three-day trip, from hotels, food, memorials and transportation to the guardians provided each veteran," Borken concluded.

### JWV

Jewish War Veterans Post 619 welcomes members and patrons of all faiths and backgrounds who are committed to making a difference in the life of every veteran.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn about JWV's philanthropic activities and how to get involved. Meetings are held the third Sunday morning of each month between Sept-June. Everyone is welcome — bring a friend. Come together to support veterans and celebrate the community that uplifts them!

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



◁ Jewish War Veterans Post 619 Commander Dan Tilsner presents a check for \$2,500 to Kyleigh Vahjen, Recreation Therapist for Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix. The 104 bed Medicare-certified, skilled-nursing care facility provides exceptional care for eligible Arizona veterans and their spouses. Residents can enjoy a vibrant lifestyle in a supportive environment that emphasizes dignity and independence.

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

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## Coming up at the East Valley JCC

### Israeli Film Series

**Sunday, Jan. 12: 'Running on Sand'**  
[evjcc.org/film](http://evjcc.org/film)

### Open Beit Midrash

**Wednesdays | 9-10:30 a.m.**

Parsha discussion

**Thursdays | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (virtual)**

Jewish Ethics and Morals in Today's World

What are the 613 Commandments?

[evjcc.org/obm](http://evjcc.org/obm)

### Generations After

**Wednesday, Jan. 15 | 10-11:30 a.m.**

'I Just Wanted to Live: My Grandfather's  
Holocaust Journey of Loss and Survival'

Presented by 3G Einat Orlev

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### Tuesdays at the J

**10-11:30 a.m.**

**Jan. 7:** Author at the J: Howard Gershowitz

**Jan. 14:** 'Shock and Awe: Latin-American Art  
Before Columbus': Phoenix Art Museum  
docent Patrick Ventura

**Jan. 21:** City of Chandler Cultural  
Development Director Kim Moyers

**Jan. 28:** Daughters of Jacob Genealogy

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