



THE SHPIEL

MAY 2021 | IYAR / SIVAN 5781

On Passover, the people of Israel were freed
from their enslavement to Pharaoh...



...on Shavuot, they were given the Torah
and became a nation committed to serving God.

All meetings are held virtually via Zoom or YouTube unless otherwise noted.

SLJC May 2021

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2 10:30 am: Devorah Hadassah Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
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The Feast of Weeks: Shavuot

Shavuot — Its name derives from the fact that this primarily agricultural holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover. Traditionally it marked the beginning of the wheat harvest. The ceremony surrounding its importance can be

found in the Talmud, and includes a beautiful ceremony of song and merriment as people gathered in the Temple to offer thanks to God for the abundance of the harvest.

As I have mentioned numerous times, the Israelites were required to make a pilgrimage to the Temple three times a year — Shavuot, Sukkot and Passover (Pesach). Each journey symbolized the feelings of gratitude and appreciation for the blessings of life during the various episodes of life's voyage.

Shavuot also commemorates the giving of the Commandments at the Mount. This significant moment in the life of the people also represented the understanding that life had meaning and purpose. It has been and remains a message for all people as it helps us realize that life has no value unless it contains discipline and connection — connection to each other and to God.

One tradition that relates to this holiday is that we do not eat any kind of meat. It is a reminder that all life is precious. We do not destroy to enjoy.

We also read from the Book of Ruth in which is described the essence of loyalty and devotion to family and faith. Ruth, after losing her husband, determines that her life has no purpose if not connected to his ancestors and faith. She joins her mother-in-law, Naomi, as they head back to their homeland and famously declares: "Whither thou goest I will go. Thy people will be my people, thy God my God." That is the beginning of her conversion into the faith of Judaism.

Ruth eventually marries Boaz and from that union King David was given to us. Thus begins the process of solidifying the Israelites into one nation.

Unfortunately, over time this holiday gets lost in the aftermath of Passover and the beginning of summer when things slow down, and the heat of the season keeps us closer to home.

At the Shabbat Service on Friday, May 14, we will read from the Book of Ruth, as is the custom.

This story emphasizes the importance of helping the unfortunate (as Ruth symbolized), and the opportunity to make known the value of a person's worth. Boaz rescues Ruth from poverty and through this gesture of kindness guarantees that their journey would remain an inspiration for all time. It is recited at the time of commemorating the giving of the Commandments to teach us that deeds sanctify life, as well as the words given by God. It is a classic tale of love and devotion and how these feelings weave themselves into our perception of life's blessings.

Such is the love that God has for us. 🕎



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

GERI GOULD & WENDE LEVY



Vaccinate! Vaccinate! Vaccinate!

As optimism grows in our country about getting together and returning to something like normal, we, too, are planning for a reunification of our congregation. Obviously, the key is vaccination, wearing a mask, and social distancing if possible.

We are planning to “open up” for the July and August Twilight Services, July 9th and August 13th, both at 5:30. Usually the attendance is smaller because we have snowbirds who may not be here during the summer. (Also, many of you have borrowed prayerbooks; please remember to return them when you first attend services in person.) If all is well, we will be holding High Holiday services together at the Chapel as usual. Our choir will be back and Jan Semez, the wonderful cellist from the Phoenix Symphony, will be with us for Yom Kippur.

In June, you will receive a dues invoice along with the personal information we have in our database regarding your address, phone number, birthday, anniversary, and yahrzeits you observe. This will give you a chance to review and, if necessary, correct anything we may have that isn't right. There will also be information about ordering guest High Holiday tickets. Later in the summer you will receive your own High Holiday tickets along with any guest tickets you may have ordered, with the time of each service noted.

This year, Rabbi Wiener will also resume conducting the K'ver Avot service. Valley of the Sun is hosting the

service for us; it is scheduled for Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast, and then the service beginning at 10:30.

The Board of Directors has also voted to reinstate the non-member plaque sale, offering you the opportunity to memorialize non-member loved ones at a cost of \$36 instead of the usual \$50 per name. The sale will be in effect until October 31st, but if you want to add a plaque please keep in mind that Rabbi Wiener consecrates the new plaques on Yom Kippur. Look for further information about this sale elsewhere in this Shpiel.

We hope you are well. Please be sure to get your vaccination before attending services. We will be requiring masks at Twilight Services, and for all future plans we will continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and Dr. Fauci. Keep in mind that the Chapel is sanitized once a week.

In the meantime, please join us for our YouTube Shabbat service on May 14th and June 11th at the usual time of 7:00 p.m. Then, on Friday, June 25th, Rabbi Wiener and Cantor Polesky will hold a brief Twilight service as an extra treat on Zoom. You will be sent a link closer to that date. (Please note: there will not be a Twilight Service on the fourth Friday in May as previously announced due to the Memorial Day Weekend holiday.)

Stay healthy! We'll be seeing each other soon. 🙏

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

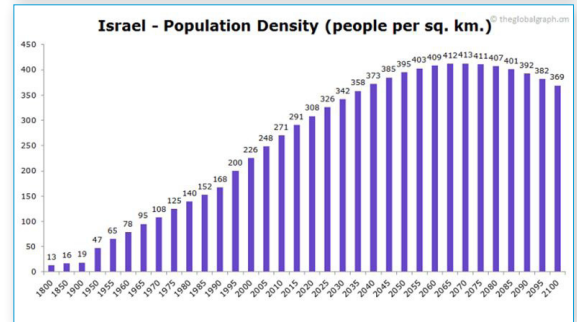
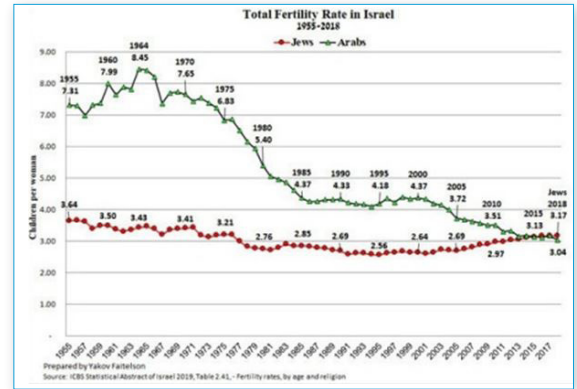
ISRAEL'S POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Israel's population is 9,227,700 inhabitants with 74.24% being Jewish, 20.95% being Arab of any religion other than Jewish, and 4.81% being "other" (may include those with Jewish ancestry but officially deemed not Jewish). Israel's 6.9 million Jews are part 14.8 million Jews worldwide with 83% living in the US or Israel. Among the Israeli Jews, the Haredi community was 12.9% of the total population in 2020. Life expectancy is 82.7 years (8th in the world).

Projections are that by 2059 there will be 18 million people in Israel, with 14.4 million Jews and 3.6 million Arabs. Haredis will be 27% of the total population by then. The fertility rate in Israel in 2020 was 3.0 children per woman. For the first time in 2018 the fertility rate of Israeli Jews exceeded that of their Arab peers. The Haredi birth rate is currently 6.7 per women but is expected to decline to 5.5 by 2025.

These statistics and birth rate projections make it highly probably that Jews will remain Israeli's majority and that Haredi social, political, religious influence will grow substantially.

This data is summarized from the Feature Topic in the April 1, 2021 Friends of Israel, SLJC Israel Newsletter. If you would like to begin receiving this twice a month email, email "YES" to mwcohen000@gmail.com.



LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

SEDERS FOR SOLDIERS

We are pleased to announce that with your donations, we were able to support Passover observance at the Lone Soldier Center in Israel, as depicted in these photos. Covid restrictions did not allow for large seders, but food was distributed for seders up to 15 people. After a very rough year because of Covid, and all the continuing IDF Security issues, these courageous young adults from 80 countries had a "taste of home." You can't imagine how this respite from IDF stress energizes them to continue their duty.

The Lone Soldiers Project sends donations for holiday celebrations and Shabbat throughout the year. Consider making a donation to support Lone Solders in Israel by at evjcc.org/lone-soldier-campaign.



HAVURAH CHAI JEWISH SINGLES GROUP

MAY you do things that make you happy. MAY you have friends to make you smile. MAY good health be yours. MAY Havurah Chai get together soon!

Here is an unusual idea for a new event! A group surgery to pin our ears back where they belong after wearing a mask for so long! If you are not comfortable with that, start thinking of future events and send ideas of what you would like to do.

We all have phones, so “share the care” and call another member of Chai to say Hello! How wonderful it would be if we all reached out to others.

Thinking of when we can get together again? For our first event, why not bring a single Jewish guest to join our fun in Havurah Chai!

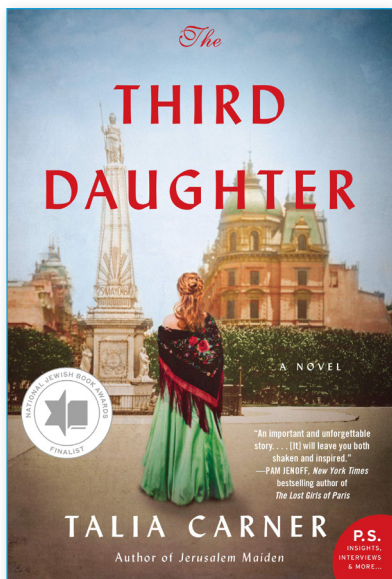
Please note that when the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation opens the temple doors for Shabbat



services, our Chai group is always welcome. After services, join us at the lovely Oneg Shabbat to get more acquainted with our new friends.

For more information about Havurah Chai, please contact Lainy Sardina at (480) 895-0974 or lainysardina@gmail.com.

DEVORAH HADASSAH



Our Board Meeting will be on **Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.** via Zoom. All members are welcome to share their ideas. Our Ladies' Literary Group will meet on **Wednesday, May 12 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom to discuss **The Third Daughter: A Novel** by Talia Carner. Our

monthly food drive for Jewish Family and Children's Services will be on **Wednesday, May 19**. Our regular meeting, on **Wednesday, May 26 at 10:30**, will host guest speaker Misha Harris, Nutritional Health Coach from Natural Grocers. The topic is Digestive Health 101. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Ruth Kovac at ruth.devorah.had@gmail.com.

A warm welcome to former Shalom Chapter members.

In addition, the members of Mountain Southwest (the Greater Southwest and Desert-Mountain Regions) welcome you to our **High Tea** membership engagement event on **Thursday, May 27, at 10 a.m.**

We are so excited to meet and mingle with you! We would love for you to invite a new friend who does not yet belong to Hadassah or has not been involved recently. She will be introduced to our dynamic organization, as well as our fun Zoom programs and other great Hadassah initiatives, and will hear more about what our members do for Israel and for the world.

To top it all off, we will all drink some healthy tea together and learn about the health benefits of different teas from our special guest and tea expert, Kim McHugh. We will also meet with Rhoda Smolow our National President and will hear her talk about current Hadassah advances.

Please fill in your full address and have your guest register and fill in her address, so we can send you and your guest(s) the tea goodie bag (please include your email in case we have a question.) This event is FREE so you and your guests do not have to spend a dime on the tea, the company, or the fun!

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Carol Biales & Janey Burnce, Co-Presidents

SLJC Sisterhood members were treated to a wonderful fashion show at our April meeting. JudyWear Boutique highlighted great styles and colors for the spring and summer! This was Sisterhood's final program of the year. While it was a different kind of year, we hope you enjoyed our zoom visits as much as we did.

We are already busy planning fun and informative programs for the 2021-2022 year, the first of which will be October 21, 2021. And, our fabulous Card Party will be back on February 7, 2022, so be sure to mark your calendars.

In the June Shpiel you will find an SLJC Sisterhood membership form for the 2021-2022 year, which runs July 1 to June 30. We want to thank all of our amazing members for their support throughout this craziness, and to our magnificent Board for going the extra mile to keep Sisterhood running in these unprecedented times.

SLJC Sisterhood has donated over many years in support of Jewish Free Loan. Now, JFL invites you to join them as they thank the community for enabling them to help transform lives through interest-free lending. The event will include a musical performance by a JFL recipient. The 2021 President's Award recipient is Tina Sheinbein. Special acknowledgements go to the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix and Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix. The event will take place on **Sunday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m.** To register for this free event please visit jewishfreeloan.org. For more info, contact the JFL office at (602) 230-7983.



We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

CARDINALS NUMBER 99

By Murray Siegel

Recently the Arizona Cardinals signed J.J. Watt, one of the premier defensive players in the NFL. Watt wears #99 but that number had been "retired" by the Cardinals. To understand why that number was retired you must go back in time to when the Cardinals played in Chicago and they had a star running back named Marshall Goldberg.

Marshall was born to Jewish parents, Sol and Becky Goldberg, who ran a ladies' clothing store in the town of Elkins, West Virginia. Marshall was an outstanding athlete and was captain of the high school football, basketball and track teams. He went on to play at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was on the national championship teams in 1936 and 1937. Goldberg placed second in the 1938 Heisman Trophy voting (third place was also a Jewish player, Sid Luckman).

Marshall played for the NFL Cardinals from 1939 to 1948, with an interruption in 1944 and 1945 for service in the Pacific with the Navy. He was a four-time All Pro and the team became the NFL champion in 1947.



His uniform number was retired and was placed in the Cardinals' Ring of Honor. Going into business after football, Marshall ran a machine tool company in Illinois. He died in 2006 at the age of 88. This year, his daughter, Ellen Tullos, gave permission for the Cardinals to unretire jersey number 99 so that Watt could have that number. 🏈

Book of Remembrance

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

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

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One-quarter page	\$18	1 to 10 names
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This photo shows several people lighting a candle in memory of Holocaust victims at several concentration camps, including children. Some are survivors of the Holocaust.



1st row (left to right): Carol Weiner, Mireille Kaplan, Rabbi Wiener, Emile Lopes Diaz, Shelly Henden, Ella Lerner (age 99!), and Gil Hendry

2nd row (left to right); Linda Moser, Cantor Ronda Polesky, Lenny Dolins, and Geri Gould

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Non-Member Memorial Plaques Order Form

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 normally available for purchase at a price of \$50. **From now until October 31, we will be offering a one-time reduced price for non-member plaques of \$36. Please print clearly.**

There are three different choices of wording from which to select:

CHOICE 1

Choice #1 option only = “mother” | “father” | “son” | “daughter”

In Loving Memory of _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ (name of purchaser(s))

CHOICE 2

Always in Our Hearts _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ (name of purchaser(s))

CHOICE 3

In Remembrance of _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ (name of purchaser(s))

Total number of plaques included: _____
x \$36

Total remitted: \$ _____

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

Please send this form and your check made payable to SLJC to:

Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S. Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes, AZ 8528.

For questions, please contact Wendy at (480) 883-5909.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

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

4 Victoria & Ron Gindick	16 Joan & Barry Berger	25 Wendy & Alex Goldstein
5 Marilyn & Alan Behr	18 Helen & Michael	28 Michael & Regina Milgroom
5 Myron & Carol Bernstein	Frischenmeyer	
11 Judi & Jordan Primack		

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

1 Gary Hasenfus	10 Lana Oyer	14 Chuck Rappaport	25 Jennifer Stewart
1 Barbara Israel	10 JoAnne Rubinstein	14 Mark Salita	27 Victoria Gindick
4 Sharon Becker	11 Wendy Goldstein	15 Jan Rappaport	28 Bobbi Berg
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8 Bernice Freitag	14 Bernard Lieberman	24 Sheldon Kruger	

MAY YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

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David Gordon	Birgit Metzger	Norman Spear
Sarah (Sally) Granoff	Gretel Moses	Malcolm Steinberg
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Eva Katcher	Alva Nelson	Seymour Weiner
Meyer Katz	Julius Nigelis	Edith Weisenberg
Aaron Katzman	David Pauker	Leon Winter
Jeff Krone	Joseph Pinkus	Marjorie Wolf
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Herman Levinson	Mildred Roth	Nat Zuckerman
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Sylvia Levy	Sylvia Shayman	
Jerome Mendelsohn	Arthur Siegel	

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

A special thank you to our wonderful friends at SLJC. Thank you for your prayers, cards, donations and get well wishes for me as I have been recuperating. Your thoughts, well wishes and prayers helped me to recover. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the months ahead.
— Marilyn Fein

SLJC sends speedy get well wishes to Sheldon Raizes and Bobby Sachs.

Our condolences to Irwin Plafker on the loss of his sister, Gloria Wishengrad.

Our condolences to the family of Sandra Schulman, who passed away on April 21.

SLJC sends prayers to Debbie Friedman, daughter-in-law of Mickey Friedman, for a full recovery.

Please submit Community Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at gerijim@hotmail.com.

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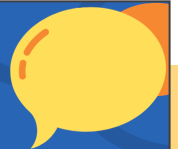
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