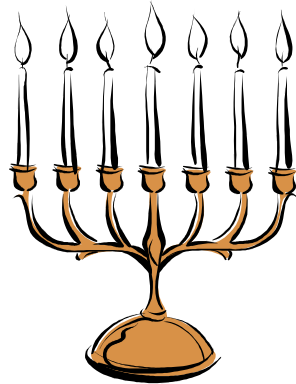
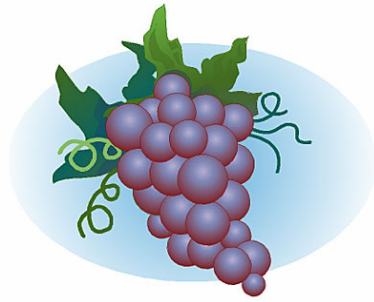


# *The Shpiel*

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

February 2017 / Shevat 5777



# SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

## OFFICERS

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. – (623)-975-4272      Cantor Ronda Polesky – (480)-330-4575  
President – Wende Levy (301)-503-1047      Vice-President – Jeff Spear (480)-556-1284  
Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022  
Recording Secretary – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

## Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

**FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**BOARD MEETING – Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**

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

**RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the Chapel Center.**

**SISTERHOOD – Card party on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oakwood Country Club from 10 am to 4 pm.**

**HAVURAH CHAI – Barleen’s Arizona Opry and Dinner on February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**JWV POST 619 – Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.**

**SHALOM HADASSAH – Meeting February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Stone & Vine Restaurant,  
Alma School and Queen Creek.**

**DEVORAH HADASSAH – Out to lunch on February 2, Movie Mavens on February 8<sup>th</sup>,**

**Fifty Shades of Talmud talk on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chapel House in Sun Lakes at 3:30 PM.**

**To download a Membership Form, go to: [www.SLJC.com/membership](http://www.SLJC.com/membership)**

## Ritual Schedule for 5777 (2017)

February 10	-----	Shabbat Service	-----	7:30 pm
March 10	-----	Service Celebrating 25 yrs of Service by Our Music Director and Choir	-----	7:30 pm
April 23	-----	Yom HaShoah Observance --- (SUNDAY)	-----	2:00 pm
May 12	-----	Shabbat Service	-----	7:30 pm
June 9	-----	Annual Healing Service	-----	7:30 pm

## SECOND SEDER – Save the date: April 11, 2017

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Welcomes You to Join in Our Second Seder!

**April 11th** marks the night of the second Seder of Passover. The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation invites all wanting to celebrate with friends and family to consider our congregation as your extended family here in Sun Lakes and join us for a meaningful and fun Seder experience, led by our Rabbi Irwin Wiener.

The cost of the Seder is \$32 per adult, and \$12 per child. No charge for children ages 3 and under. (Families with children/grandchildren are encouraged to join us – prizes to all affikomen hunters!)

The Seder will be held in Palo Verde Restaurant, in Sun Lakes. Contact Bety @882-9022 or Myra @305-0533 for further information. A reservation form is provided on page 11 to facilitate making your reservations and tables, sending checks, etc.

We look forward to sharing the Passover holiday with you!



## **Message from Our Rabbi**

### **A “Special” Sabbath, Perhaps**

This month we celebrate no particular milestones, no unusual events, no specific recognitions, just a simple Shabbat service designed for us to enjoy and reminisce.

This will be a Sabbath of remembering the old tunes, the traditions of the past, and davening as we did when we were growing up in the Jewish enclaves of the various cities we all came from.

For example, I remember the lower east side of New York. Some of the Yeshivot I attended were all situated in this small section of town and featured pushcarts from which knishes and other snack foods permeated our senses, the nickel pickle vendors, the specialty stores selling white fish and other smoked delicacies, the delicatessens that offered mouthwatering and lockjaw size sandwiches. There was a flavor that was, and remains, indescribable. Perhaps if you get a chance to watch an old movie, “Crossing Delancey Street” you will understand better.

My singing career, such that it was, started there as well. I sang with the Oscar Julius choir and we performed at various functions as well as in a magnificent Synagogue on 181<sup>st</sup> street and the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. Featured at these locations were the most famous of cantors of the day – Kapov Kagan, David Kusevitsky, Jan Pierce, Richard Tucker. It truly was a time of the grandeur of Jewish music.

My teacher was Cantor Steinberg, a very talented musician with the patience of a saint. He played the piano, taught me various cantorial nuances, and even starred me in some of his productions. That is until my voice changed – and then my journey took me to the study halls of the most learned scholars in the rabbinical field. I never gave up the cantorate, but just veered off into a more scholarly adventure.

I mention all this, not for any other purpose than to bring home the thought that this particular month, at this particular service, we will all hopefully remember our youth and the many opportunities we had to appreciate the splendor of the religious experience in each of our respective houses of worship.

All the music, all the prayers will reflect this heritage – an old-fashioned, homegrown, Shabbat experience. It will be a treat too soon forgotten.

Bring your friends, all who will enjoy nostalgia and a spiritual uplifting. I am excited about this as I write these words. Nothing special, nothing notable will be celebrated, just prayer at its finest brought to you by the finest – our cantor, choir, and organist. Perhaps you will be able to close your eyes for a moment and “return to those thrilling days of yesteryear.”

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

## **Cantorial Notes: And You Shall Love-V'Ahavta**

In our February service this year we will have a traditional davening experience. One prayer I will be chanting is the V'Ahavta.

V'Ahavta literally means "and you shall love." The first line of the prayer is translated as "And you shall love Adonai your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might." What does this mean and how do we accomplish that?

In my readings on the V'Ahavta I have come to realize that this prayer quite literally lays out for us how to be good people in the eyes of God. God makes it easy for us to be good. He has written us a 'to-do' list by way of the Mitzvot, the commandments in the Torah. The V'Ahavta is taken out of Deuteronomy and is an essential part of our prayer liturgy because of the way in which it serves as a reminder of our Faith. So what is this "to-do" list? The list is essentially three items:



First, we must Love God with our whole heart (feeling), soul (intellect) and might (active/strength of action). Loving God takes action on our part like completing a mitzvah.

Secondly, the V'ahavta lays out some principles of being good like teaching your children how to be good by being a righteous person both at home and away from home (work).

Finally, we remember the bondage of the Jews in Egypt. We remember that God led us out of slavery and gave us the Torah in order for our people to live in freedom, to worship God and live lives of meaning. Remembering the bondage of our people helps us live with gratitude and purpose.

We Chant the V'Ahavta instead of merely saying the words at times because it not only gives us a sense of the holiness of the words, but it also helps to emphasize the beauty these words can lend to our lives. The melody helps us understand the meaning through inflection and stress and it also serves as a tool by which we can teach our children the very same words. It's no accident that the first prayer all of my Hebrew students learn is the V'ahavta.

As we delve into these words together, let yourself meditate on the words of the V'Ahavta and the special meaning they may evoke for you.

B'Shalom,  
Cantor Ronda

### **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](mailto:ravyitz@cox.net).

## **President's Message**

As we begin 2017 SLJC has been busy. The Adult Education series taught by Rabbi Wiener and Hebrew classes taught by Bety Dar have begun. A New Member Shabbat Dinner was held on January 13<sup>th</sup> prior to services. This get-together provided an opportunity for our new members to meet other new members and to learn about the congregation. A fun time was had by all.

The 2017 SLJC Directory is ready for distribution. If you attended the January Shabbat service you received your copy. If you did not receive a copy the 2017 Directory will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions please contact Myra Buckner. I would like to thank Myra Buckner for her efforts in producing this directory. Due to issues outside her control, Myra had to start from scratch in designing and developing the directory. I would also like to thank Ron Buckner for his help with the directory.

SLJC will begin sending yahrzeit reminder letters to our congregants. You will receive a letter approximately 4 to 6 weeks before the yahrzeit. The name of your loved one will be included in the Shabbat Bulletin and will be read aloud by the Rabbi during the Shabbat service that corresponds to the month of your loved one's yahrzeit. We invite you to attend these services and to participate in the Yahrzeit Prayers in remembrance of your loved one. A return envelope will be included, as it customary to perform an act of tzedakah at this time. Please consider making a charitable donation to SLJC in memory of your loved one. If you have not completed a "Membership Form", please contact Myra Buckner so we can be assured that all yahrzeits and life cycle events are in our new database.

The Chapel is currently undergoing some revitalization. A ramp is being built to allow all congregants to come to the bema. The Chapel Board is contracting to have the Chapel painted in the near future and new carpeting is being chosen for the Chapel. In addition, the Chapel Board has had a sound system evaluation and is discussing the recommended updates. Under consideration is a loop system for those congregants who have hearing aids. The cost of a loop system is being determined. These updates are being funded by the reserve funds of the Chapel Center board.

Decisions from the January 12, 2017 SLJC Board meeting:

1. SLJC is adopting the sponsorship of a Lone Soldier Project. The Friends of Israel Committee will manage the program.
2. The second night Passover Seder is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at Palo Verde, with costs expected to be the same as last year (\$32/adult, \$12/child, free for children under age 3).

Wende Levy

President

## SLJC ADULT EDUCATION

Our ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES started on January 18th with over 22 enthusiastic students. Rabbi Wiener gave a historical background on the beginning of Islamic Extremism, Terrorism and Their Origins. Rabbi will continue with a second class on Wednesday, February 8th and another on February 15th. It is not too late to join us in the last two lectures on this subject. You will find them most interesting and informative. ALL CLASSES ARE FREE AND NEED NO REGISTRATION. COME!

A second series will begin on the first Tuesday of March (March 7th) and the third Wednesday (March 15th) when Rabbi Wiener will present lectures on a question I'm sure most have asked "Proof of God". Come join us on these very inspirational lectures by Rabbi Wiener.

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE CHAPEL CENTER FROM 1:00- 2:30 p.m. AND ARE FREE WITH NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

HEBREW READING AND WRITING: Take advantage of this opportunity to learn Hebrew Reading and Writing from Bety Dar. What an opportunity. Learn what you are reading from our prayers as well. You will leave with a better understanding of the Torah and your religion. Call Bety Dar 480-882-9022 or email BETYAZ2013@GMAIL.COM, since Bety needs to know how many are in the classes. ALL CLASSES ARE FREE!!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BECOME A BAR/BAT MITZVAH: Take advantage this wonderful opportunity to fulfill this mitzvah you might have missed earlier in your life. Although the first class was held January 31<sup>st</sup>, there is still room for additional congregants. Contact Rabbi Wiener and sign up for an experience of a lifetime.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABOVE OPPORTUNITIES. YOU WILL BE MORE INFORMED.



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Harvey & Marcia Weiner (Harvey's 80<sup>th</sup>)

**MEMORIAL BOARD** – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. Many of you have already placed plates on the memorial board to honor and remember your loved ones. The wording for these plates is limited to 5 lines of type, and the cost for each plate is \$75.00, payable to SLJC. Any questions regarding this board, please contact SaraRuth at 883-1791.

**BLUE BOXES** - Keep filling J.N.F blue boxes!! If filled, call me and I will arrange to pick them up. Thanks. Lill Fishman - 895-8928

**SERVICE HONORS** – Anyone wishing to have an honor in any upcoming service, call SaraRuth at 883-1791.

## **Funding of Oneg Shabbats**

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Oneg Fund in honor of a life cycle event. To date your donations have funded each of our Onegs. Members of the SLJC Board of Directors will be contacting members who have birthdays, anniversaries and other life cycle (simcha) events to help defray the costs of our Onegs. Donations to our Onegs help the Board to balance the budget, but more importantly allow our congregants to celebrate with you.

## **Member Outreach Committee**

The Membership Outreach Committee is looking for more volunteers to serve on the committee. If anyone is interested have them contact Jeff at 480-556-1284 or email me at: [jeff.spear46@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.spear46@gmail.com).

## **Not Receiving The Shpiel or Eblasts Electronically?**

If you are not receiving SLJC news in your email, add [sljccomm@gmail.com](mailto:sljccomm@gmail.com) to your contacts list, and add SLJC News to the name field in the contact. If you still don't receive SLJC email with a link to the monthly Shpiel, you can download a copy of the Shpiel for this or many previous months from our web site SLJC.ORG by clicking on the Shpiel tab.

Send any articles you wish to have published in *The Shpiel* to Mark Salita at [mark\\_salita@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_salita@yahoo.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication on the last day of the month.

## SLJC Donation Form

To make a donation, contact:

Betsey Silverman - 480 895-9187    1832 West Havasu Way, Chandler 85248

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## CONGREGATION NEWS

### CONDOLENCES

We are very sorry to report that Joan Tener's brother, Conrad Morgenstern, passed away in Cleveland on January 14. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family.

### THANKS

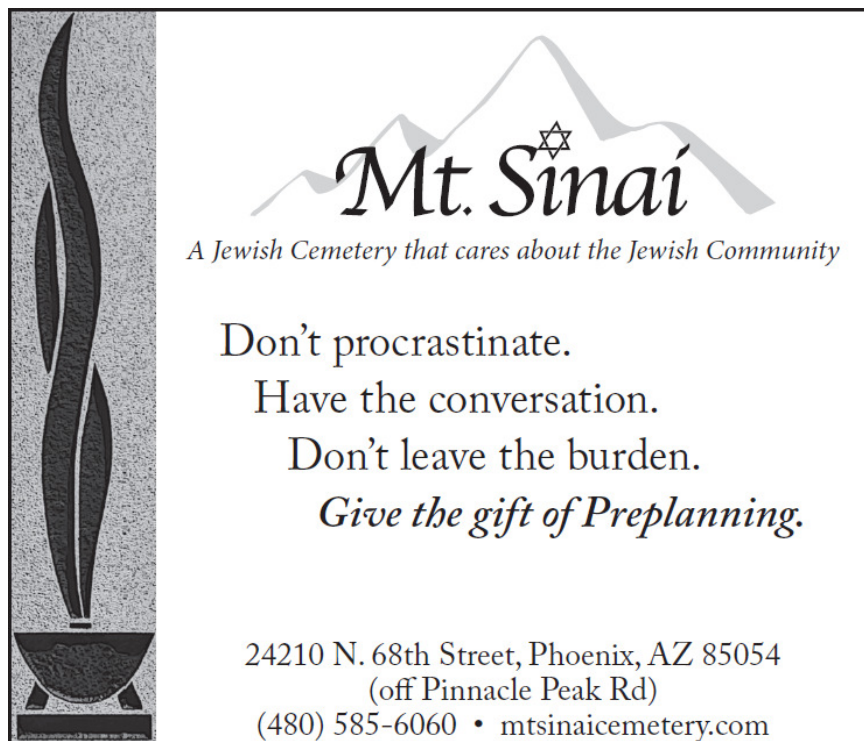
I would like to thank my friends for all the cards and donations that were sent to me after the death of my mother. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Barbara Fridkin

### 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](mailto: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: Michael Kaplan, Doris Codkind, Joyce Spantonos, Jeff Spear, Mark Nelinson, Geri Gould, Marilyn Koss, Fran Applebaum, Carol Biales, Rita Solko, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Shelly Henden, Michael Dar, Edd Shalett, Marty Silverman and Myra Buckner.

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](mailto:marilynjoe@cox.net).



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The Jewish fabric of Israel is a patchwork of numerous factions from many cultures and all corners of the earth. Meeting the needs of all these groups and their interactions results in complicated challenges for the State of Israel. Newspaper headlines such as “Israelis Facing Seismic Rift over the Role of Women”, “Deep Rifts among Israeli Jews are Found in Religion Survey” and “Israel Approves Prayer Space at Western Wall for Non-Orthodox Jews” reflect some of these concerns.

Rabbi Beyo is a published author, university lecturer and historian. Since November 2015, he has been the CEO of the East Valley Jewish Community Center. He has received much acclaim from students of his History classes at the EVJCC.

**Sunday, March 26, 2016, 3:00 PM**

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RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN **APRIL 1, 2017**

## Sisterhood

The theme of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood Annual Fund-Raising Card Party is “Get Your Game On.” This fun-filled event will be held on **February 7, 2017** at the Oakwood Country Club. Mark your calendar for a day of Mah Jongg, Scrabble, card games, lunch, raffles, bake sale and gift baskets. The cost is \$30 for the day which includes lunch and game playing from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

SISTERHOOD DUES STATEMENT 2016 – 2017 Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood \$30.00	
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## Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

Havurah Chai, Jewish Singles began as a haven for friendships and we are so happy to announce we are truly doing just that. The projects held during 2016 were attended by most of our 33 members. At each event new friendships were made.

A very successful Chanukah Party was held and a great New Years Day Appetizer Party was held bonding, eating (of course) and having fun. The bottom line is that no one has to be alone, life is for the living!

A committee has been formed to bring to the group more monthly events for 2017. New events will be sent out in February so that all can mark their calendars. So far for this year we have had a January visit to the Singing Panda Restaurant and in February we will be going to Barleen’s Grand ‘Ole Opry including lunch. April will bring us cruising to British Columbia.

February 18<sup>th</sup>      Barleen’s Arizona Opry and Dinner

April 22<sup>nd</sup>      4-Night Cruise with Chai to Victoria & Vancouver

We have our own tables at the Onegs after Shabbat Services and car-pools for events.

Think you might like to join in the fun? Contact Lainy Sardina at 480-895-0974 or

[lainysardina@gmail.com](mailto:lainysardina@gmail.com)

It’s Chai Time For Fun!



## **Jewish War Veterans (JWV)**



19<sup>th</sup> in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The board meets each month and contributes to many Veterans' causes. The post is active all year long and inquiries are answered all year long from any person regardless of race, religion or gender. Many participants in the post are not Jewish nor veterans but want to help veterans and this post works tirelessly to help homeless and in-need veterans with many persons taking part. For information on the post call Paul Herman at 480-659-2998. For reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or [desertglen1@aol.com](mailto:desertglen1@aol.com).

## **Devorah Hadassah**

Devorah Hadassah has an out to lunch get together on the first Wednesday of every month.

Wednesday 2/2      Out to Lunch

Wednesday 2/8      Movie Mavens

Wednesday 2/22      Talk by Maggie Anton about her new book Fifty Shades of Talmud at the Chapel House in Sun Lakes at 3:30 PM. Free for members. \$5.00 for nonmembers

For more information, please contact Mireille Kaplan at [gardener65@cox.net](mailto:gardener65@cox.net).

## **Shalom Chapter of Hadassah**

The new Shalom Hadassah Board of Directors has already begun their work & we can look forward to an exciting 2017, beginning with our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at Stone & Vine. Our guest speaker will be Joan Nieman, the coordinator of the Speakers Bureau of the organization Generations After. She will discuss the continuing impact of the Holocaust on the second & third generations of their descendants. Joan recom-mends that you go to YouTube and search her father's name, Stephen Lerman, to view an outstanding interview of a courageous young boy who made his way to Philadelphia after surviving the Holocaust.

The February meeting will be held at Stone & Vine and lunch will begin at 11:30. The cost is \$16.00 and we ask that everyone bring cash in order to speed up the payment process. Please RSVP to Ruth at 480-802-9600. RSVP deadline is Thursday, February 16.

Evey Freed, Publicity

## **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 4PM, and news from Israel is broadcast daily at 4PM, except for Friday when it is 3PM. During Chanukah, there were multiple special music programs like the award-winning "a cappella" group Maccabeats. Check it out.

Channel 366 on DirecTV is a second source of Jewish programming.

## February Milestones

### BIRTHDAYS

2	Arleen Forgang
2	Linda Wasserman
3	Ron Kollman
3	Martin Segal
10	Samuel Abramson
10	Cynthia Fielman
11	Marc Israel
11	Martha Lubeach
12	Marsha Levine
13	Roxanne Banta
14	Joy Dolin
15	Betsey Silverman
16	Diana Nelinson
16	Ruth Ostreicher-Weber
17	Ronald Codkind
18	Ellen Fineberg
18	Len Schulman
20	Ruth Friedman
20	Renee Politi
20	Judi Primack
21	Eleanor Miller
21	Joan Nieman
21	Susan Reeves
21	Suzy Ziegler
22	Carol Sherter
25	Harvey Weiner
26	Nancy Stutman
29	Nessa Memberg



### ANNIVERSARIES

14	Anita & Sander Frindell
17	Deborah & Marc Israel
19	Gina & Tzvi Caplan





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## Op Ed – News from Israel

### **Microsoft, Qualcomm Invest in Israel’s Team8 Cyber-Security Effort**

Team8 is a cybersecurity think tank and venture fund founded by veterans of the IDF’s Intelligence & Technology Unit 8200, that strives to create companies to tackle cyber-security threats. They reported Monday that Microsoft Ventures, Qualcomm Ventures and Citigroup would join its partnership of international supporters. The Microsoft and Qualcomm investments, whose figures were undisclosed, brings the total funds raised by Team8 to date to \$92 million, the company said.

The international companies in the cyber syndicate work closely with Team8 to explore, set up and validate the creation of new startups in the cyber security sector. The three new partners will join current Team8 cyber syndicate members Cisco, AT&T, Accenture, Nokia, Temasek, Mitsui, Bessemer Venture Partners, Marker LLC, and Innovation Endeavors, owned by Google co-founder Eric Schmidt.

Adding Microsoft Ventures, Qualcomm and Citigroup to its ranks “will dramatically improve our research capabilities and access to the world’s biggest enterprises across a diverse arena of markets and industries,” said Nadav Zafir, co-founder and CEO of Team8 and a former commander of the IDF Technology & Intelligence Unit 8200.

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