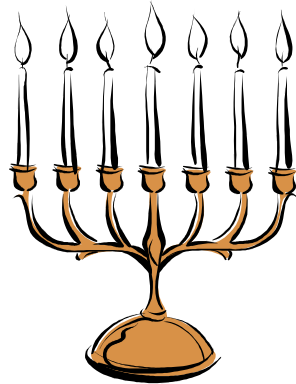
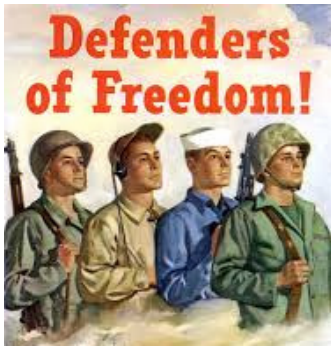


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

November 2017 / Cheshvan 5778



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – November 10th at 7:30 pm in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

**BOARD MEETING – Thursday, November 9th, 4:00 pm –
please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047 if you wish to be on the agenda.**

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Meeting November 7th at 11am in Chapel Center.

MEN’S CLUB – Meeting November 7th in the Chapel Center at 6:30 pm.

SISTERHOOD – Meeting November 16th at 1:00 pm in the Chapel House.

HAVURAH CHAI – November 29th: Be An Artist, plus lunch.

**SHALOM HADASSAH – Annual Bar-B-Q at the Halley Pool on November 7th in Ironwood.
Visit from 4:30 pm and dinner from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.**

**DVORAH HADASSAH – Meeting on November 1st, Fundraiser on November 15th,
Flick Chicks on November 29th. See page 15.**

JWV Post 619 – Meeting November 19th at 9:30 am, Mirror Room, Sun Lakes Country Club.

Ritual Schedule for 5778 (2017-2018)

November	10	-- Shabbat Service – Celebrating Thanksgiving and Our Local Veterans -----	7:30 pm
December	8	-- Shabbat Service – Chanukah Candle Lighting -----	7:30 pm
January	12	-- Shabbat Service – Installation of Officers and Honoring Committees -----	7:30 pm
February	9	-- Shabbat Service – Adult B’not Mitzvah Class Participation -----	7:30 pm
March	9	-- Shabbat Service – Honoring Our Choir, Celebrating Purim -----	7:30 pm
April	13	-- Shabbat Service – Holocaust Remembrance and Lighting of Candles -----	7:30 pm
May	11	-- Shabbat Service – Celebrating Shevuot and Mother’s Day -----	7:30 pm
June	8	-- Healing Service – Celebrating Father’s Day -----	7:30 pm

All services are held in the Sun Lakes Chapel.

Optional Paper Shpiel

Any member with email access to the Shpiel who also desires a paper copy of each issue through June 2018, needs to send \$20.00 for the remaining 8 issues to Bety Dar, 25427 S. Glenburn Dr., Sun Lakes, 85248. Members without email access will still receive a free paper copy.

Chapel Board

There will not be a Treasure Sale this year. Instead the Sun Lakes Chapel is running a raffle, with all of the proceeds going to the maintenance of the Chapel and Chapel Center. This is the major fundraiser of the SL Chapel. You can win prizes for free dinners for some of the best restaurants in the East Valley. There will be at least 16 winners and the first prize is dinner for two at 7 restaurants.

You can purchase tickets from Barbara Reiss, Charles Gerson and Arthur Fink. Please support this effort as the monies raised are used to maintain and enhance our worship and activities facilities.



Message from Our Rabbi

Two Celebrations of Life

This month we will, as have the generations before, commemorate two events that are connected in many ways:

The traditional Veterans Day holiday is a time set aside to pay tribute to the men and women who have and currently serve our country through military service. Ever since the war of independence our citizens have understood the need to be ready to defend and protect our rights and liberties.

President Abraham Lincoln eloquently spoke of the responsibility we each carry to proudly proclaim that this nation, of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth. This has been our solemn duty and our sacred commitment and has been tested time after time on and off the battle field.

Millions of people throughout the world have prospered because of our involvement in the rights of all. We are here today to confirm that faith in human dignity. We do this each and every year when we pay tribute to those men and women who answer the call in defense of freedom.

This holiday, which started out as an armistice for peace, has blossomed into a desire for strength of purpose through strength of conviction. We know full well that peace, true peace, cannot be achieved without the ability to protect and defend the rights of every man, woman and child as described in our Declaration of Independence: The inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We then direct our attention to Thanksgiving. This holiday too was designed to impress upon us the need to not only be strong but to be grateful for that strength. We have much to be thankful for in addition to our God given gifts.

Thanksgiving is a time set aside to remember, with humility, our past because it was that past that gave us our future. Humbleness is essential to truly recognize the gifts of life. We have reached this milestone in our lives because of hard work and determination. We have achieved greatness of purpose because we began with a simple premise: All things are possible with God.

Families will gather together and enjoy the bounties of nature, and as we become satisfied with our delicacies, we should never forget the struggles of so many less fortunate. Be thankful for what we have, but sympathetic to those who have not. Enjoy the pleasures of family and friends, but be ever mindful of those who will be alone this Thanksgiving.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate fulfillment, but it is also a reminder that there are those in need of a helping hand. Perhaps when we are eating our scrumptious food, we should, at the end of the meal, leave a little on the plate to remind us that there are those who don't even have that much to eat.

Join us on Friday evening, November 10, 7:30pm, at our regular Shabbat Service at which time we will honor our Veterans and pay tribute to our own Copper Post #619, JWV.

May the blessings of this season bring all of us the joy and happiness we so richly deserve.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Fall Adult Education Classes with the Rabbi

Once again Rabbi Wiener will be leading our congregation in a series of inspiring adult classes this fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear and learn first hand information that will bring thoughtful information to everyone. You will come away with a feeling of fulfillment and inspiration. ALL are WELCOME: Please make a quick call to Gail at 480-802-1832 to reserve a place for you and your friends. We look forward to hearing from you.

Each class will be held every Tuesday as follows:

Session Two – December 5, 12, 19 – 1pm – 2:30pm

“Torah Study.” Learning the various interpretations of Scripture to better understand their meaning for today as they affect our lives. Torah is a living expression of hope, faith and even human failings that are brought together to teach about being human even as we strive to be more. We will explore Torah, the Prophets, and the Talmud to better understand how all of Scripture evolved over time.

Torah Study

Chaye Sarah

During the month of November the main chapter of the Torah, in my opinion, is titled “Chaye Sarah” – the life of Sarah. Of course, there are other chapters read during the month, but to me, the essential reading is here.

The title of the chapter is somewhat misleading because early on we learn of Sarah’s death. Here we find a woman who struggled her whole life with the thought of never being able to give birth to an offspring who will carry on the tradition established by her husband, Abraham. In fact the whole future of the Jewish people rests with Sarah and she finds it a burden almost too difficult to bear.

After much determination and faith she conceives a child, Isaac. He is, of course, the apple of her eye arriving so late in her life. After almost believing that she would never conceive, especially at her age, a miracle occurs. And then, in an instant, her life seems to mean nothing, her pain was in vain, for she learns that Abraham has received instructions from God to offer their son as a sacrifice.

The God whom she loved and revered has now made a demand so unthinkable that she loses all faith and in the end dies a broken woman unable to witness this senseless slaughter. She dies never knowing that the test of faith was not a test at all but an exercise in instruction: The instruction that life is precious and we are obligated to protect it. The love of a mother is tested beyond understanding and it is this love that prevents her from continuing on. Thus, the chapter begins with Sarah’s death and continues with the possible death of Isaac, and embraces his rescue.

This chapter embraces many aspects of human behavior and asks several questions: Should we be very obedient? Where is the ability to choose? How do we determine right from wrong as it relates to human behavior? It also teaches how jealousy can be destructive, even if the intent is good. Intriguing? Read it and find out.

Calling All Candidates!!

If you would like to participate in performing a great Mitzvah – as Gabbai each and every time we read the Torah, please contact the Rabbi. This is available to anyone and includes prior instruction.

The first instruction date is Friday, November 10 at 4pm in the Chapel (same day as our service). When you participate on this date you will also be able to observe the turning of the Torah to the appropriate chapter for reading that evening.

President's Message

Volunteerism is an important part of the success of any congregation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our SLJC Board members, Doris Codkind and Gail Dante, who stepped up and planned and organized our very successful Break-fast which was attended by 84 people. The food was great, and the community warmth and chance to celebrate the New Year was wonderful.

On Friday October 13th SLJC held the New Member Dinner and Get-Together prior to services. Twenty-one new members were able to join us and enjoyed good food and a chance to meet and welcome members of the Board, Rabbi Wiener, Cantor Ronda, and our Music Director Lana Oyer. I would like to thank Jeff Spear and the members of the Membership Outreach Committee for all their hard work. In addition I would like to thank Bety Dar for all her work providing Jeff with the information he needed on the new members, to Geri Gould for her help with preparing the food, to Myra Buckner for helping to set up, and to Marty Levine for being Jeff's right arm and helping pick up and serve the food. To all the board members who attended I thank you for welcoming our new members and taking the time to get to know them.

In order for a congregation to be successful members of the congregation need to step up and volunteer to support, lead, or participate in events and functions of the synagogue. There are several areas where we are looking for volunteers. The Rabbi will be holding a class for individuals interested in being a Gabbai, we need a new publicity chair-person, a chair-person for the Caring and Bereavement Committee. The Congregation is looking for individuals willing to usher at our services and an individual willing to be in charge of the auxiliary audio equipment headsets at services. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles. I would like to thank Shirley Shalett for being the chair of the Caring Committee for the last 4 years, and Allan Levy for being our publicity person for the past 4 years.

The next Board meeting will be on November 10th. Board meetings are open to the congregation. If you have anything you would like discussed at the meeting, please contact me in advance so it can be put on the agenda and time can be put aside for discussion.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas for other activities or programs you would like to see. The activities that the congregation undertakes is meant to support, enlighten and celebrate Jewish holidays and events. Join us whenever you can.

Wende Levy, President

SLJC Congregational Meeting Board of Directors Results

I am pleased to announce that Marty Silverman (term #3), Mike Abrams (term #1) and Linda Brooks (term #1) were elected to the SLJC Board of Directors.

Jewish Programming on DirecTV

Channel 388 on DirecTV is the Jewish Broadcasting Service (JBS), which presents a wide range of Jewish entertainment and education throughout the day. For example, a complete musical Shabbat Service is broadcast Fridays at 3PM from the Central Synagogue in New York City, and news from Israel is broadcast daily at 3PM, except for Friday when it is 2PM. During Chanukah, there were multiple special music programs like the award-winning "a cappella" group Maccabeats. Check it out.

Cantorial Notes: Oseh Shalom

As many of you may already know, Oseh Shalom is a prayer for peace. It literally means “He who makes peace.” When we pray and sing the words in Hebrew, it is important for us to understand what we’re asking of God. The words to the prayer are: Oseh Shalom bim’romav, hu ya’aseh shalom aleynu v’al kol Yisrael v’Imru, Amen. This translates to: He who makes peace in High Places, He will make peace for us and for all Israel and let us say, Amen.



What could be a more profound statement for the times we’re living in? Not only is there turmoil and uncertainty in the world, but many of us also struggle with inner turmoil. When I sing these words, my mind inevitably turns to Israel first. I wish so deeply that this tiny little country which is surrounded by hatred may survive and spread shalom and tranquility throughout the region. Next my mind turns to America and those who seek to cause harm to the United States and our allies around the world. I believe deeply that overall America has been a great source of good in the world throughout its relatively short history. My prayer for peace includes the wish that we may be as Jerusalem “a shining city on a hill” so that we may also spread goodness across oceans and borders. Finally, my prayer for peace turns inward to my own sense of contentment. I pray for the inner peace that comes with being grateful for the good things God has bestowed on me—a loving family, wonderful friends and work that is truly meaningful.

At November’s Shabbat service, I will be singing a version of Oseh Shalom by Benjie Ellen Schiller. I was enthralled the first time I heard it, which was before it was released to the public. I emailed Cantor Schiller to let her know how much I loved it, and she responded by gifting me a copy of it. I hope this version of Oseh Shalom (which includes English lyrics) will help you feel a sense of Shalom as you sit in the sanctuary and that you will be able to keep that feeling with you as you go on your way. On this Thanksgiving, I wish for you all Shalom: peace, harmony, tranquility and contentment.

B’Shalom,

Cantor Ronda

Mama Loshen

Don’t understand what this title says? Well, perhaps you would be interested in learning this and many other phrases. Yiddish is an ancient language and consists of several languages, the root of which is German. Many times we hear words and do not realize that they are Yiddish as they have become part of the English language.

We will be offering a glimpse into Yiddish, understanding its meaning, and even conversing. All we need is your interest. If you are interested, please call Gail Dante, chair of the Adult Education to register. If enough people would like to attend, the Rabbi will begin classes in January.

The primary text we will all use: Complete Idiot’s Guide to Learning Yiddish. Forget the name – just remember the experience.

(By the way- Mama Loshen means – “language used by mothers”. Interested in finding out why it is referred to as this? Join the class!)

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.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROCEDURES – Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

The following procedures and/or responsibilities are outlined for conducting Bar/Bat Mitzvah Services and celebrations at the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation for members and/or children and grandchildren of members:

1. The Chapel needs to be reserved for the date of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Friday evening, Saturday morning or Saturday evening). The person to contact is Susie Shapiro, 480-883-7117. The fee for the Chapel use is paid directly to the Chapel Board, and is made out to The Sun Lakes Chapel, in the amount of \$200.00.
2. Contact should be made with Shelly Henden regarding the set-up of the Chapel and any special requirements required, 480-895-8851.
3. A sound engineer is required to ensure that the sound system works properly and to enable the system to operate on the date required. This is arranged with Michael Dar, 480-882-9022. A check in the amount of \$50.00 is made payable to the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.
4. There is a congregation fee of \$250.00 made payable to the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. This too is arranged with Michael Dar.
5. If you require the use of the Chapel Center facilities (located adjacent to the Chapel), there is a fee of \$50.00 also made payable to the Sun Lakes Chapel. Set-up of tables and chairs is accomplished by the congregation for an additional fee of \$25.00. A \$50.00 deposit is required which is refundable if everything is in order.
6. All checks are to be delivered to Michael Dar who will distribute them to the proper recipients.
7. If you desire the services of the Congregation’s Cantor to participate contact should be made directly with her (Ronda Polesky – 480-330-4575).
8. To enhance the service we recommend the participation of our Organist. This can be arranged with the Cantor as well.
9. Membership is required unless a grandparent is a member. All membership requirements are applicable.
10. Floral arrangements for the Alter area are required. Please contact Charles Gerson – 480-829-8220
11. Any photograph requirements are to be coordinated with the Rabbi prior to the day of the service. No photos or videos can be taken during the service.
12. Arrangements with the Rabbi are made separately and should be completed prior to completing all the other items listed. This will ensure that the date is available on the Rabbi’s calendar.

SUMMARY

<i>Use of Chapel.....</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Use of Chapel House.....</i>	<i>\$ 50.00,</i>
<i> plus a \$50.00 deposit that is refundable if everything is in order</i>	
<i>Set-up and tear-down of tables and chairs in Chapel House.....</i>	<i>\$ 25.00</i>
<i>Sound Engineer.....</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Congregation Fee.....</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Membership based upon current rates</i>	

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation and Sisterhood Answer the Call

Tikkun Olam-A Jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world. The phrase is found in the Mishnah, often used when discussing issues of social policy, ensuring a safeguard to those who may be at a disadvantage. SLJC stepped up and answered the appeal to help the victims of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria.

As you all know three successive hurricanes, Harvey, Irma and Maria, wreaked tremendous havoc on countless helpless victims all across Texas, parts of Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico. Thousands have lost their homes and belongings and many thousands are still stranded in floods that are unparalleled in recent decades. In their severity these three hurricanes and the carnage they have bring forth have surpassed the damage caused by Katrina.

To date SLJC has donated \$3,300 and the SLJC Sisterhood has donated an additional \$1,000, that has been sent to Hand in Hand USA. Hand to Hand was chosen by both Boards because of their history of stepping up in such occasions and helping out in times of such natural calamities and disasters with no administrative costs. 100% of these donation will go towards hurricane relief.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and responded to this appeal.



Rabbi Wiener; Co-Presidents of SLJC Sisterhood: Geri Gould, Carol Biales; President, Wende Levy; Cantor Ronda

THE SLJC THANKS YOU FOR YOUR RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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Henry Milgroom

Dear Congregants,

We have received a warm response to our new Yahrzeit Fund. We are pleased to honor the memories of your beloved family.

Thank you, as well, to those who have supported our additional funds throughout the year. (Chapel, General, Family, Flower, Music, Oneg, Yahrzeit)

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is much appreciated.

SLJC Donation Forms

SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION DONATION FORM

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

Chapel____ Oneg____ Music____ Family Fund____ Flower____ Yahrzeit____
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Please send card to: Name - _____
 Address- _____

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 Address _____

Remit to: Betsey Silverman, 1832 W. Havasu Way, Chandler Sun Lakes 85248 480-895-9187
 (Minimum donation of \$10.00, please)

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

Flowers for the bema for Shabbat services: May be donated by congregation members commemorating important occasions. To participate, call Betsey Silverman at 895-9187 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).

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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind words of sympathy in the memory of my beloved wife Gayle Bernstein. Your prayers and thoughtfulness were deeply appreciated at this difficult time. I'm forever thankful for your support and kindness. Gratefully, Mike Bernstein.

We wish to thank Rabbi Weiner, Rhonda and the kind members of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation for their loving support during the unexpected passing of our beloved friend, father and partner, Marty Klemes. Your cards, calls, emails, shiva visits, donations and exceptional display of caring are much appreciated. Fondly, Nancy Stutman, Susan Karesky, and David Klemes

A big Thank-you from the bottom of my heart for all the well wishes, cards, calls, and Mi Shebeirachs as they truly worked wonders in helping me to heal. Your caring is a special gift. Generously given, happily accepted, and deeply appreciated! – Lainy Sardina

THE CARING/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee functions as a liaison between the Congregation and Rabbi to insure that notifications are made on behalf of anyone who is ill or in need. Privacy and discretion are important and observed at the congregant's request.

If you find out that a congregant is ill, in need of care, or has passed away please contact Committee Chairperson Shirley Shalett at tieman11@q.com or 480-883-9159. Rabbi Wiener is also always available as is SLJC President Wende Levy. Or you may contact a committee member listed below. This committee works hard to help in the time of need. They are: Michael Kaplan, Doris Codkind, Joyce Spartonos, Jeff Spear, Mark Nelinson, Geri Gould, Marilyn Koss, Carol Biales, Rita Salko, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Shelly Henden, Michael Dar, Edd Shalett, Marty Silverman and Bety Dar.

In order to have a card sent to a congregant on behalf of Sisterhood in the event of an illness or hospitalization, or for a happy event like the birth of a grandchild, contact Marilyn Koss at 940-1916, or e-mail marilynjoe@cox.net.

MEMORIAL BOARD – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. Many of you have already placed plates there 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.

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

Men's Club

The Men's Club assisted with ushering at the High Holiday services as well as collection of food for local food banks. We had a successful first meeting of the "season where the Mayor of Chandler enlightened us on current and future plans for Chandler. The speaker for our November 7th meeting is Carl Goldberg, author and expert on Sharia law. Mike Kaminski, owner of the East Valley School of Music, will speak and perform on the electric keyboard, accompanied by one of his instructors on guitar at our December 5th meeting. We're inviting wives and grandchildren to what will be a fun and informative night of music and information about their approach to teaching children as well as adults.

Havurah Chai Welcomes Jewish Singles

Thanksgiving, is a day to count the Blessings in your life. It is a time to acknowledge the people who form your World. On this Thanksgiving, we want to wish you the very best and may you live in a world where you keep making new friends.

- Nov. 29 Be An Artist Plus Lunch
- Dec. 17 Chanukah Dinner Party & Gift Exchange
- Jan. 01 New Year's Day Appetizer Cocktail Party
- Jan. Progressive Dinner Party to start 3rd year of Havurah Chai!
- Feb. Barleen's Musical Review and Lunch
- Apr. Zao Theater "12 Angry Jurors" Comedy

We will soon begin our 3rd year of Havurah Chai and are pleased to announce a Membership of 38 Singles coming together to make new friends. We have car pooling to events and our own tables at the Oneg after Friday Shabbat Services. No one needs to be alone. If you would like more information please email: Lainy Sardina at: lainysardina@gmail.com

East Valley JCC

The East Valley JCC is offering programs for adults including Jewish Life and Living, Terrific Tuesdays, Jewish Philosophy and Health and Wellness activities. Please look on the EVJCC at <http://www.evjcc.org/> for further information or you may contact the EVJCC at 480-897-0588.

NOVEMBER
EVENT CALENDAR

02 LUNCH & SPEAKER	R' Welner: Kabbalah 11:15 am Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Asher Lopatin 12 pm
09 LUNCH & SPEAKER	Life In the Balance: Medical Dilemmas 11:15 am Lunch 12 pm
12 MOVIE SERIES 3PM	Beneath the Helmet @ Temple Beth Shalom of East Valley Free Admission Donations Accepted
15 GENERATION AFTER 11AM	Discussion Group
16 LUNCH & SPEAKER	Anti-semitism and the Jewish Experience 11:15 am Lunch 12 pm
30 LUNCH & SPEAKER	Judalism & Islam 11:15 am Lunch 12 pm

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Sisterhood

Have you ever wondered what your family name means? Surnames can tell you where your ancestors are from, what occupations they had, and who their relatives were generations ago. Come to the November 16 Sisterhood meeting at 1:00 P. M. in the Chapel House to hear Esther Spear discuss “What’s in a Name: The Genealogy of Jewish Surnames.” At the December 21 meeting, a representative from the Arizona Jewish Historical Society will present “Love and Marriage – Cultural Evolution of Jewish Weddings from 1912-2016.” The January 18th meeting will welcome Cantor Ronda Polesky who will speak about “The Role of Women Cantors in Music and Prayer.”

The Sisterhood welcomes everyone to their meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Chapel House in Sun Lakes. Save the Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 for the annual Card Party event that will be bigger and better than ever at the Oakwood Clubhouse in Sun Lakes. There will be a fantastic lunch buffet, our delicious bake sale, huge gift baskets, a raffle, and favors. Be sure to tell your friends who play Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta, Scrabble or other games.

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (2017-2018)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (month/day) _____

Please send check for \$25, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to
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Inside View of the IDF

Save the date: January 28, 2018, 3:00 pm. Chapel Center. **“Israel Defense Forces: A View from Inside. IDF veterans share their personal experiences”**. A panel of six IDF veterans will tell us about themselves and their history in the IDF. Two of our congregant will be on the panel. Their active duties span from the 1950s to the 2000s. They will give us insights as to the changes over time and strategic perceptions regarding the defense of Israel. Questions for the panel will be encouraged. If you want to be sure your question receives a priority, please send it to mwcohen000@gmail.com before the event.

Lone Soldier Project

By the Numbers:

90 – The number of Hanukkah Greeting Letters sent to Israel. Thanks to everyone who wrote letters to Lone Soldiers at Chayal el Chayal. Special thanks to the students at Desert Jewish Academy and Director Emily Zappa. These letters will enhance their Hanukkah celebrations. This campaign will become an annual event.

1000 - The dollars donated by Jewish War Veterans Post 619. The committee has decided to sponsor a Shabbat Dinner at Chayal el Chayal and establish a monetary fund for Lone Soldiers who have a determined need for a cash loan or gift. These approaches are being reviewed with the CEO.

44 – The number of personal Care Packages donated to Lone Soldiers. The need continues. We’re asking for more donations of \$25.00 to meet the needs of Lone Soldiers staying at Chayal el Chayal. If you have given once, please consider keeping the flow going. If you haven’t given, this is a “feel good” donation that will make a Lone Soldier’s life a little easier and say “Thank You” for their defense of our Jewish homeland.

28 – The number of knitted hats completed. Winter is coming and nights are cold on many assignments. Please join our knitters and help us keep them warm. Call Shelly Schwartz at 480 802 3608 or Marcia Weiner at 480 802 9455 if you can lend your hands to knitting a few hats.

10 – The number of Lone Soldier community education presentations given and planned through the East Valley. We want everybody to hear their stories and appreciate their courage and commitment. If you belong to a group who might want to learn more, contact lonersoldiersljc@gmail.com.



Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on November 19 at 9:30 a.m. 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 reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting, please call Glenda Warshaw 480-802-7847 or email.

Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

- Wednesday 11/1 **Chapter Meeting** at the JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler; time 10:30 am. This is our annual Chapter book discussion and book exchange. We will discuss The Diplomat's Daughter by Karin Tanabe. The discussion will be led by Lois Zeidman. We are continuing with our *Just 3 Things* mitzvah project. There will be a vote on the new slate of officers. **Out to lunch will follow at 1:00 pm** at the Cheesecake Factory, 3111 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler; 480 792-1300.
- Wednesday 11/15 **Dinner Fundraiser** at Panera's, 2820 Germann Road, Chandler from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Hadassah will receive 20% of the proceeds from our group. Have fun with friends and family and make this fundraiser a success. You will need to present a flyer; we will have printed flyers at the meeting on 11/1.
- Wednesday 11/29 **Flick Chicks'** special interest group – movie to be announced for details contact Barbara Ganz Devorah@hadassah.org

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

Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

Now that everyone is back from their summer trips & the High Holidays are over, Shalom Hadassah has lots of great things planned for the year. On November 7, we will hold our annual Bar-B-Q at the Halley Pool in Ironwood in Sun Lakes. Come at 4:30 pm to visit; dinner will be from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Our extensive menu includes hot dogs, chili, chicken breasts, a salad bar with an assortment of dressings & toppings, cupcakes, cookies, fresh fruit, water & coffee. Cost is \$19.00 per person & your check is your reservation. Checks should be made out to Shalom Hadassah & sent to Joyce Spartonos, 9210 E Crystal Dr, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. If you need more information or have any questions, contact Barbara Silverman at uofmlady44@gmail.com.

December means Hanukah & our annual Hanukah party will be held at Chompies on December 5. Our December Fun Fundraiser will be a trip to the Phoenix Art museum on December 14. In January, we will hold our High Tea & Fashion Show. More information on all these events will follow, but save the dates now. You won't want to miss a single thing!!

Keeping Your Computer Safe on the Internet

Unfortunately, seniors have been targeted over the last year by scammers. Some seniors have lost thousands of dollars. If your machine says, "You are infected, call this number", **do not call. It is a scam.** If your computer is frozen you should turn off your machine. Under no circumstances reply to a telephone call saying "call this number" to fix your machine, **hang up.**

I have had to work on several of these machines. The people had to get new credit cards and checking accounts. The caller may claim to be from Microsoft. Microsoft does not call their customers. If they don't say they're from Microsoft, then they might say "Windows Technical Support". **DO NOT** allow anyone you don't know to access your computer EVER!

The IRS and Utility company will not call and demand money by wire, again hang up. If you have any questions or doubts, please call me.

Allan Levy, Technology Director, Computer Booters, 301-503-1387

Something You Might Not Know – Haym Salomon (from Murray Siegel)

Most American Jews can trace the arrival of their ancestors on U.S. shores during the late 19th or early 20th centuries. Few Jews can claim to be descendants of those who faced the redcoats at Lexington or Concord or who heard the reading of the Declaration of Independence in July of 1776. The question must be asked, “Were there Jews who made contributions to the American Revolution?” The answer is affirmative and one example is Haym Salomon.

Haym was born in Poland and emigrated to New York City in 1775. He joined the Sons of Liberty and was arrested as a spy by the British. He spent 18 months on a British prison ship and was released. In 1778, he was arrested again for aiding prisoner escapes and was sentenced to death, which motivated him to move to Philadelphia. Here he worked to finance the needs of Washington’s army. In addition to raising monies for the cause, he loaned \$650,000 of his own money to the Continental government. That would be \$17 million today. When Washington needed funds to complete the siege of Yorktown in 1781, Haym gathered donations including some of his own funds that led to the military victory which ended the Revolution.

There are stories that Washington wanted six-pointed stars on the American flag to honor Salomon but that five-pointed star were easier to cut. There is no documentation for this tale. In 1785, Haym died in poverty since his loans were never repaid. He had contracted tuberculosis while a British prisoner. In 1939, Warner Brothers produced a movie entitled “Sons of Liberty” starring Claude Rains as Haym. In 1975, the Postal Service released a commemorative stamp honoring Haym Salomon. So, it is true that part of the success of the American Revolution was due to the patriotic actions of one Jew, who believed that liberty was more important than financial gain. Now you know!

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4 Harriett Taub
5 Janey Burnce
6 Gail Dante
11 Charlotte Amiton
12 Andrew Polesky
14 Karen Hasenfus
14 Carol Pessin
14 Diane Silverman
15 Anne Stedman
16 Ron Gindick
16 Melvyn Mintz
17 Judie Weissman
18 Sharon Siegel
19 Lee Forgang
20 Joe Koss
21 Rhoda Waisel
23 Richard Tauber
24 Gloria Israel
27 Harold Fineberg
28 SaraRuth Rossow
29 Kim Kaplan
29 Paula Lewis
30 Linda Brooks
30 Jeri Goldfader



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