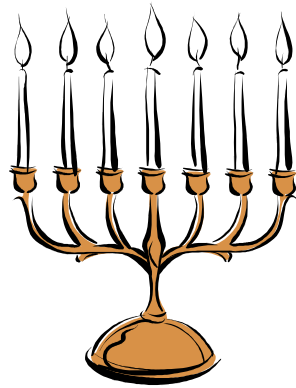


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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

September 2014 / Elul 5774



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Send any articles you wish to have published in *The Shpiel* to Mark Salita at ShpielSLJC@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for publication on the last day of the month.

Meeting Schedules

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES – See schedule on page 4

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, September 11, 4:00PM - please call Marty Silverman @ 895-6917 if you wish to be on the agenda.

MEN'S CLUB – Kick-Off Bagel Breakfast at Chompie's in the Chandler Fashion Mall on Sunday September 14.

SISTERHOOD – Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. in Chapel House (see page 7 for details)

B'nai Mitzvah Celebrations at SLJC During the Coming Year

This year we are commemorating several Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations. As members of our congregation they have chosen to join in this ritual offered and coordinated by our Cantor, Ronda Polesky, and myself.

It is a thrill to watch all these young people come together and form a bond with us and renew their commitment to our heritage and people.

We also feature Confirmation for those wishing to continue their Jewish education. The Cantor and her husband lead classes in higher Jewish learning. And together we introduce them to the richness of our Jewish experience.

Thus far, the following will join a growing list of past recipients of Jewish continuity:

October 11, 2014 – Bar Mitzvah of Max Turner, son of Jennifer Stewart and Sean Turner

January 17, 2015 – Bar Mitzvah of Adam Zilberman, son of Leah and Alex Zilberman

February 14, 2015 – Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Joseph, son of Angelique and Robert Joseph

We congratulate all the celebrants.

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Message from Our Rabbi

Our Uniqueness

A simple man once asked a great Sage why there must be both Chassidim and Misnagdim (opponents, referring to Jews of Lithuanian descent who opposed the Chassidic movement)? He remarked that even the Chassidim are divided into many groups: there are those whose service to God is primarily focused on prayer and others who think Torah is the most important aspect of faith, and yet others who believe that joyful expressions serve as a better conduit for spiritual fulfillment. Why are Jews so divided? That is the eternal question.

The Sage responded by comparing this phenomenon to the military which has different types of soldiers. For example: infantry or foot soldiers, cavalry or mounted soldiers, rocket launchers or distant soldiers, sea farers or sailors; each type comes to battle featuring their own uniqueness to ensure that the battle will be won. Even the one who sounds the alarm, or the bugler inspires the soldier or sailor to respond to his or her duty as they were trained.

So it is with our Jewish people. They are divided into various groups and follow different understandings of faith in their own unique way. However, they all come together with one identity, one common ground. Walk into any Synagogue or Temple throughout the world and you will find the prayers are the same, perhaps the melodies are not, and the language spoken a little strange, but the words found in the prayer books are in Hebrew, the universal language of Jewish prayer.

Remembering this parable brought to mind our experiences in Sun Lakes. We arrived here from different corners of the world and country. We brought with us traditions and customs that may seem strange to some and familiar to others. Yet, when we sit in the pews, we all join together in reciting and singing the prayers of our ancestors as has been done since our founding father and mother, Abraham and Sarah.

As the High Holidays approach we should remember our differences but also our similarities. Some will remember the melodies, some the rituals and others perhaps will look and listen to words and sounds a little differently. It does not matter whether we profess to be Orthodox or Conservative or Reform. It does not matter whether we believe we are atheistic or humanistic. What does matter is that when we come together, we are all Jews determined to identify and offer our individual uniqueness to our holiday experience.

Then, I think about after the holidays. We return to our normal pursuits and normal prejudices. We look at each other and forget our common heritage. The holidays are over, our prayers have been recited, and we may have even felt, for one moment, our connection to each other. None of us are the same, as none of us garner from our experiences the same message or understanding.

We have one other thing in common: we were created by the same God, not to imitate each other or try to imitate God, but rather to complement each other and in turn God as well. Trying to be the same is not a cause for celebration. It is false security. It will be the epitome of monotony.

When we gather, let us celebrate our individuality. Let us accept the differences in our beliefs. Let us understand that we each contribute in our own way to the greatness of our survival. Let us be at peace.

Sandi and I wish all a year of peace and contentment; a year of heal and happiness; a year of fulfillment enjoying each other.

Ritual Schedule for 5775 (2014-2015)



HIGH HOLIDAY HONORS - The Ritual Committee will be starting to make their High Holiday telephone calls to give out honors for this coming year's services. If there is anyone in our congregation who wishes to receive a call requesting an honor, please contact me, SaraRuth, at 883-1791 and I will be happy to forward your name and Holiday request on to the proper person.

2014

<u>HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES</u>			
<u>Rosh Hashanah Eve</u>	<u>Wed., September 24th</u>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Rosh Hashanah Day</u>	<u>Thurs., September 25th</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Kol Nidre</u>	<u>Friday, October 3rd</u>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Yom Kippur Day</u>	<u>Saturday, October 4th</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Conversation w/Rabbi</u>	"	<u>2:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Mincha</u>	"	<u>3:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Yizkor</u>	"	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>
<u>Ne'ilah</u>	"	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun Lakes Chapel</u>

November 14, 2014----- Service honoring JWV and all Veterans -- -----7:30 pm
 December 12, 2014----- Service honoring Men's Club and Hanukkah -----7:30 pm

2015

January 9, 2015----- Installation of Congregation Board and Officers -----7:30 pm
 February 13, 2015----- Sisterhood Sabbath -----**7:00** pm
 March 13, 2015----- Service honoring our Choir -----7:30 pm
 April 10, 2015----- Service honoring our Ritual committee and our
 Annual Yom HaShoah observance -----**7:00** pm
 Anyone wishing to light a candle in remembrance may do so
 May 8, 2015----- Inter-Faith Sabbath -----7:30 pm
 June 12, 2015----- Annual Healing Service -----7:30 pm
 July, August 2015----- Twilight Services (Chapel House) ----- 5:30 pm

PLEASE PRINT THIS SCHEDULE AND REFER TO IT DURING THE COMING YEAR.

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

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. This printed book is given out at the **YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL SERVICE**. Since there are many members 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. The information must be received **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**.

NAMES WILL BE COUNTED, NOT LINES. EACH NAME ON A LINE WILL BE COUNTED INDIVIDUALLY.


Prices for the publication are as follows:

One quarter page	\$18.00	one to ten names
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Send form, along with your check payable to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation to:

Susan & Michael Cohen, 9008 E. Stoney Vista Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 – questions call 895-4660

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Your telephone number: _____

Sisterhood of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

The Sisterhood of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation has an outstanding array of programs lined up for the 2014-2015 season.

The first program, scheduled for Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m., is entitled "We Are One." Several members of a local Sephardic Congregation will be on hand to discuss the variations in how Sephardic Jews (from Mediterranean backgrounds) and Ashkenazie Jews (from Eastern European backgrounds) celebrate holidays, traditions, foods, etc. Sisterhood is delighted to be offering this opportunity to learn how our cultures have differed as well as intermingled. We hope you will join us for this exciting and enlightening afternoon.

Unless otherwise noted, all Sisterhood Meetings take place in the Chapel House in Sun Lakes.

Though it may seem like a long way off, Sisterhood wants to get the word out early to "hold the date" and that date is Tuesday, February 3, 2015. That's when we'll be hosting our annual Card Party. It's going to be another spectacular one, so make sure to mark your calendars. Sisterhood will be putting out all the info on it in the coming months, but in the meantime, we've given you all a heads up.

Sisterhood wants to remind you that dues (which are still only \$25) can be paid now (see form below).

Our ongoing "Toys From the Heart" program is, as always, in full swing and your donations, in any amount, would be most appreciated (see form below).

That's it for now. See you next time. Joyce Spartonos, Publicity

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SHALOM HADASSAH

Sept. 9th kick-off meeting at Oakwood Clubhouse.

Speaker and demonstration on Reiki, the art of stress reduction and relaxation.

Optional lunch \$16.00 at 11:30 a.m. Meeting only at 1:00 p.m. Call Ruth @ 802-9600.

Men's Club of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Membership Application/Renewal Form for 2014-2015

Dear Members,

It is time to look forward to our next year of meetings and activities. To ensure that we get off to a great start, we need to find out who will be counted in our membership rolls. A decision has been made that as of July 1, one can only become a member of the Men's Club if he is a member of our congregation.

Dues will be \$30, which will entitle you to attend for free the Annual Dinner Dance and our September Kick-Off Bagel Breakfast at Chompie's in the Chandler Fashion Mall on Sunday September 14.

Please send your check before September 1st payable to the SLJC Men's Club to:

Sy Evans, 26421 S. New Town Drive, Sun Lakes, 85248

We would also like to update our files so that we have the current postal and email addresses, and phone numbers. Kindly fill out the information below and send this with your dues check to Sy Evans.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Thank you for your response.

Paul Herman and Michael Dar, Co-Presidents

Jewish War Veterans (JWV)

The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sept 21 in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The speakers will be Bety and Michael Dar, former members of the Israel Defense Forces. Bety served in intelligence for 1 1/2 years and Michael served approximately 13 years. He became an officer in the Naval arm of the IDF having gone through officer training while in college. For reservations contact Myra Buckner 480-305-0533.

The post raises and distributes the most donations to homeless and hospitalized veterans in Arizona. During the weekend preceding Veterans Day members will be in front of area Fry's Groceries in Chandler and the Mesa Market Place Swap meet in Mesa. Also, the post is in charge of Veterans Day observances at the flagpole in the area of the Sun Lakes Country Club known as Veterans Pavilion. The guest speaker will be Col Joe Abodeely, the driving force behind the Veterans Museum located at Papago Park Military Reservation. In addition, the group will serve soft drinks and donuts at the new Southeast Clinic of the VA. Also this month we will bidding "fair sails" to Jerry Tatum on her trip by Honor Flight. For information on the post, contact Elliot Reiss 480-802-3281.



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BLUE BOXES - Keep filling J.N.F blue boxes!! If filled, call Lill Fishman (895-8928) for pickup.

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Flowers for the bema for Shabbat services: May be donated by congregation members commemorating important occasions. To participate, call Shirley Gersten at 802-0007 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).

To help serve at the Onegs: call Gary Kanowsky at 802-4517, or fill out the following form:

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation- Shabbat Service Oneg

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CONGREGATION NEWS

CONDOLENCES

To Annette Fischer on the passing of her husband, Ted.
To Millie Nires on the passing of her husband, Henry.
To the family of Ruth Kloner on her passing.

THANKS

Susie Shapiro - I would like to thank the SLJC Congregation for all the phone calls, cards, emails, hugs, words of comfort and donations received in my mother's name regarding her passing. They have been greatly appreciated. I feel honored to have so many caring friends in the community.

NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Myra Buckner	25108 S. Mohawk Dr	Sun Lakes	85248	305-0533
Eric and Cheri Wallin	2162 E. Palm Beach Dr	Chandler	85249	495-2445
Michael and Daisy Levitt	701 W. Stanford Ave	Gilbert	85233	813-0550
Jerry and Judy Walp	49005 W. Julie Lane	Maricopa	85139	520-568-3740
Jeff and Janey Burnce	9510 E. Champaigne Dr	Sun Lakes	85248	895-4815
Leah and Alan Bloom	23718 S. Stoney Brook Dr	Sun Lakes	85248	895-8120
Judy and Zale Asbell	4533 E. Narrowleaf Dr	Gilbert	85298	625-4148

THE CARE COMMITTEE/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Care Committee/Bereavement Committee consists of the following members: Chairperson: Shirley Shalett, tieman11@q.com or 883-9159, and Joyce Spantonos, Michael Kaplan, Jeff Spear, Geri Gould, Rita Solko, Jerri Siegel, Wende Levy, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Arleen Berke, Doris Codkind, Shelly Henden, Sandy Jennings and Edd Shalett.

If there is an illness, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the committee. The Rabbi is always available. Marty Silverman, President, will also be available. In case of a death, please call or email Shirley Shalett so that she can make sure that the congregation is notified.

Contact Marilyn Koss at 940-1916, or e-mail marilynjoe@cox.net if you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, or anyone celebrating the birth of a grandchild, etc. so that a card can be sent to the congregation member on behalf of Sisterhood.

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 ravyitz@cox.net or 623-640-5913.



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September Milestones

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- 1 Ellen Bromley
- 1 Cyril Warshaw
- 2 Barbara Minkoff
- 3 Michael Dar
- 4 Stanley Dolin
- 5 Shirley Gersten
- 5 Evelyn Hall
- 7 Carol Klarfeld
- 8 Judith Herrmann
- 8 Wendy Feldman-Kerr
- 8 Mitzi Pinsly
- 9 Suzanne Wagner
- 10 Annette Fischer
- 10 Judy Walp
- 11 Stan Zimmerman
- 12 Barbara Sommers
- 13 John Arkins
- 13 Linda Mundis
- 13 Rosalyn Sutker
- 15 Melvyn Bram
- 15 Harris Caplan
- 15 Mireille Kaplan
- 16 Marilyn Fein
- 16 Roberta Levitan
- 20 Eric Kerr
- 22 Toby Cohn
- 22 Judy Gross
- 23 Ruth Muenzer
- 23 Martin Silverman
- 24 Yetta Katz
- 27 Muriel Gross
- 28 Bert Friedman
- 28 Roberta Sigel
- 30 Judy Elias



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Beverly & Norman Lefton
- 5 Shelly & Arnie Henden
- 8 Barbara & Edward Schweitzer
- 13 Alice & Mark Salita
- 16 Royce & Bill Steiner
- 19 Diane & Mark Mendelsohn
- 22 Harriet & Monte Post
- 24 Cyril & Jerry Goodman
- 25 Eric & Cheri Wallin
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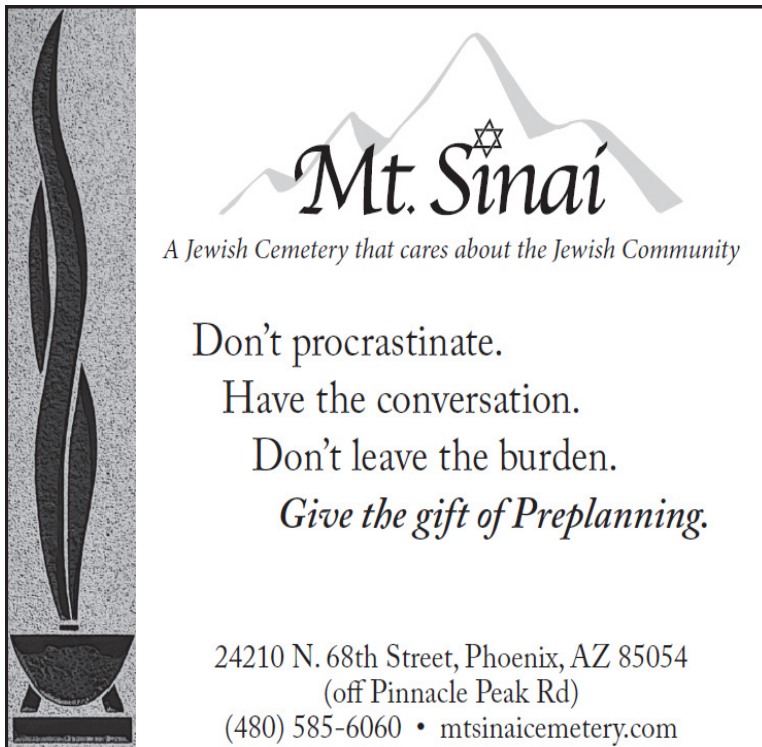
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NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Knesset Speech by Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (July 14, 2014)

(before ground offensive)

To Ismail Haniya, and the leaders and operatives of Hamas:

We, the people of Israel, owe you a huge debt of gratitude. You have succeeded where we have failed. Because never before, in the history of the modern State of Israel, has the Jewish people been so united, like one person with one heart. You stole three of our most precious children, and slaughtered them in cold blood. But before we could discover the horrible truth, we had 18 days of pain and anxiety while we searched for them, during which our nation united as never before, in prayer, in hopes, in mutual support.

And now, as you continue to launch deadly missiles indiscriminately, intended to maim and murder as many civilians as possible, while you take cowardly refuge behind your own civilians - you continue to inspire us to hold strongly onto our newly discovered unity. Whatever disputes we Jews may have with each other, we now know that we have one common goal: we will defeat you.

But we are offering you now one last chance. Within 24 hours, all rocket fire - and I mean all rocket fire - will cease. Completely. Forever.

I give you formal notice that our tanks are massed at the Gaza border, with artillery and air support at the ready. We have already dropped leaflets over the northern parts of the Gaza strip, warning civilians of our impending arrival, and that they should evacuate southward, forthwith. If you fail to meet our ultimatum, we are coming in, and, with God's help, this time we will not leave. Every centimeter of land that we conquer will be annexed to Israel, so that there will never be another attack launched at our civilians from there.

Even so, we will continue to keep the door open to allow you to surrender gracefully. The moment you announce that you are laying down arms, we will halt our advance, and there we will draw our new borders. If you continue to attack our citizens, we will continue to roll southwards, driving you out of territory that you will never again contaminate with your evil presence.

It pains me deeply that your civilians will be made homeless. But we did not choose this war; you did. And if our choice is between allowing our citizens to be targeted mercilessly by your genocidal savagery, versus turning your civilians into refugees, I regret that we must choose the latter. If only you loved your people as much as you hate ours, this war would never have happened.

To the rest of the world: Israel has tired of your ceaseless chidings that we should "show restraint". When you have your entire population under constant missile fire from an implacable enemy whose stated goal is the murder of every man, woman and child in your land, then you may come and talk to us about "restraint". Until then, we respectfully suggest that you keep your double standards to yourselves. This time, Hamas has gone too far, and we will do whatever we have to in order to protect our population.

Hamas, once again, I thank you for bringing our people together with such clarity of mind and unity of purpose. The people of Israel do not fear the long road ahead. Am Yisrael Chai.

Gaza: Hamas Are the Terrorists

A letter by the former presidents of Peru (Alejandro Toledo), Uruguay (Luis Alberto Lacalle), and former government officials in Europe opposes the actions of Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil in recalling their ambassadors to Israel, saying "the manipulation of information in Latin America regarding the current conflict in Gaza...intoxicates the citizens" and "inspires wrong and reprehensible policies."

"Israel didn't start this war. The Jewish State is responding to the constant barrage of rockets and mortars from Gaza falling in Israel." "Hamas is...a terrorist organization designated as such by the U.S. State Department and the European Union and Hamas' foundational charter...calls for the annihilation of the State of Israel and the death of all Jews."

"Any cease-fire that politically rewards Hamas' armed aggression is a strategic mistake. If there's a real desire for peace, the terror infrastructure must be dismantled in Gaza: Tunnels, rockets, weapons factories."

"It's an aberration to establish moral equivalence between the two contending parties. Because, on the one hand is terror, the fanatical Islamist tyranny, and the cult of death, while on the other hand is freedom, prosperity, and the defense of life. Barbarism and civilization cannot be at the same level." (*El Medio-Spanish*)

IDF Assessment of Operation Protective Edge (Gaza 2014) by the Numbers

As of the 72-hr cease fire starting August 5:

A total of 4,762 targets in Gaza were struck by the IDF during the course of the war, the IDF said on Tuesday, as a 72-hour pause in fighting went into effect and was holding, and an Israeli delegation was in Cairo for cease-fire talks with Palestinian factions.

The targets included 1,678 rocket launchers and storage facilities, 191 rocket production facilities, and 997 command and control centers. According to the IDF's Spokesperson's Office, 939 targets were hit as part of the air force's close support for ground forces. In addition, 237 regime sites supporting Hamas' military wing were destroyed.

As for casualties, 64 IDF soldiers and officers were killed as well as three civilians.

On the Palestinian side, 1,867 Palestinians were killed, according to Gaza officials. Of those, 750 to 1,000 were terrorists, says the army: 253 from Hamas, 147 from the Islamic Jihad, and 603 were militants whose affiliations were not immediately established.

During the course of the fighting, Palestinians launched 3,356 rockets towards Israel; of these, 119 launching attempts failed (some blew up at launch) and 589 (18%) landed in Gaza.

Of the 2,648 rockets that fell within Israeli territory, 2,532 landed in open territories without damage, 578 were intercepted over cities and communities by the Iron Dome system, and 116 landed in built-up populated areas. Thus, only 3.5% of the rockets launched from Gaza caused damage in Israel.

Thirty-two tunnels were unearthed and destroyed in the ground offensive, while 82,201 reservists were called up for service.

As far as aid going into the Strip, 1491 trucks of food went into Gaza, including 220 trucks with humanitarian aid, and 106 trucks carrying medical equipment.

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