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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Activity Schedule

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September 2020													October 2020																
1													Saturday		1													Saturday	
2		Sunday		3		Monday		4		Tuesday		5		Wednesday		6		Thursday		7		Friday		8		Saturday			
								9:30 am Sisterhood Board meeting		11:00 am Ritual Committee meeting		6:30 pm Men's Club meeting																	
9		Sunday		10		Monday		11		Tuesday		12		Wednesday		13		Thursday		14		Friday		15		Saturday			
7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashana service				10:00 am Rosh Hashana service												7:00 am Men's Club outing to Luke AF base		4:00 pm SLJC Board meeting											
16		Sunday		17		Monday		18		Tuesday		19		Wednesday		20		Thursday		21		Friday		22		Saturday			
10:00 am Kever Avot service								7:00 pm Kol Nidre service		10:00 am Yom Kippur service		2:00 pm Rabbi conversation		3:00 pm Mincha		4:00 pm Yiskor		5:00 pm Ne'ilah		6:00 pm Break the Fast		1:00 pm Devorah Hadassah Fundraiser							
23		Sunday		24		Monday		25		Tuesday		26		Wednesday		27		Thursday		28		Friday		29		Saturday			
11:00 am Devorah Hadassah Kickoff meeting																													
30		Sunday																											
10:00 am Men's Club Annual Brunch																													



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?

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. The reason is that 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 the 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 the beginning.

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 that sound a little different. It does not matter whether we profess to be Orthodox or Conservative or Reform. It does not even matter whether we claim to be 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 healing and happiness.

Rabbi Dr. Irwin Wiener

Why Do We Do the Things We Do?

(Continued from last issue of Shpiel)

In the last issue of the Shpiel I explained some of the rituals and traditions we follow (or not) on the High Holidays. Here are some additional ones that you may find interesting:

Significance – Contrary to some understandings, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are deeply religious occasions. The emphasis is two-fold: a) happiness b) humility. There are times in our lives when it is important to realize that we are obligated, in order to achieve fulfillment in life, to concentrate on the happy occasions we experience. All too often we seem to fall into a mood of remembering the bad things that occur. These holidays remind us that what matters is family, friends, connections and reflections of the times we celebrated the values we enjoy.

Selichot – This Hebrew word means forgiveness, and refers to the special prayers we recite the entire month before the Holidays. They are intended to focus our attention on our shortcomings, which in effect teaches us humility – the other significant aspect of the Holidays.

Shofar – The Shofar (Ram's Horn) is sounded on the Holidays to awaken us to our responsibilities as both members of the human family, and as Jews obligated to follow the dictates of Tikun Olam (repairing the fabric of society to enhance life). The shrill sound causes us to be more aware of who we are and what God expects of us.

Apples and Honey – Traditionally (taken from Ashkenazic customs), we take apples, or any other fruit, and dip them into honey symbolizing our wish for a sweet year – grateful for the bounty we enjoy and hopeful that the sweetness we taste will remain with us for the entire year. There is so much bitterness that we experience in our journey, we look forward to the enjoyments that lie ahead.

Torah – When the first Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, the exiles began a tradition of reading from the Five Books of Moses for several reasons: 1) to never forget their history 2) to maintain the understanding of their obligations as Jews separated from their land and their Holy Temple. During the Holidays the special readings deal primarily with a) the *Akeidah* – the binding of Isaac which should remind us of our loyalty and dedication to God b) *Creation* – as this is the traditional beginning of the year (even though it is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar), the beginning of everything is described and taught.



Again, these are some of the highlights of traditions, customs and laws that are observed (or not) during this awe-inspiring time of the year. They are what make these Holidays so special.

Please refresh your memory of other symbols that were explained in the June Shpiel.

And, the typical greetings – *L'Shanah Tovah* – have a great, blessed, and, rewarding New Year.

Rabbi Dr. Irwin Wiener

President's Message

Now that we're headed into the New Year and a new temple season, there are many good things to look forward to. First, you'll notice immediately this new version of The Shpiel, which includes a monthly calendar of temple activities. The Shpiel will be mailed to each household this year at no additional cost to you and will also be accessible electronically if you prefer to read it on your computer. One of our members, Mike Milgroom (a retired graphic artist), has graciously developed this new template, cover art, and new SLJC logo. We are really appreciative. Thank you, Mike. As well, Michael Dar and Allan Levy have plunged into learning a new desktop publishing software that will be the basis of this new format. We thank both of them as well. Michael Dar has assumed the role of "editor" and will be putting The Shpiel together each month. We would love your feedback on the new look.

However, we owe a huge thank you to Mark Salita, who for many years has been the editor of The Shpiel and made sure we all got it on time every month in our publishing cycle. So, from the congregation, thank you, Mark. We appreciate all your efforts with The Shpiel and The Bulletin.

You will notice information elsewhere in this edition about the start of our Adult Education program, the congregational Break-Fast event, and other organizational activities. We hope you will participate in many and also volunteer to help with upcoming events, because only with your help can they take place.

I would like to ask you to circle the date of Tuesday, November 13th for our annual congregational meeting. More details will be forthcoming. For now, Jim and I want to wish all of you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year.

Geri Gould

Congregants Thank You Notes

We want to thank everyone for their cards, calls, donations and warm condolences on the loss of our dear sister and sister-in-law, Ilene Grife. We miss her so much and are coping our best with wonderful memories of her. Your offers to help have been so dearly appreciated.

Jeff and Hildy Forman

A special thank you to our carrying SLJC family for donations and cards in memory of our daughter-in-law, Vicki Frindell, who passed away on July 15th in Scottsdale. Your thoughtfulness means so very much to us.

Anita and Sander Frindel

It has been a long struggle, but your good wishes have continually helped me get through it. I appreciate all the prayers, calls and emails and now on the better days.

Lainy Sardina

BOD Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submits the following candidates as being interested and prepared to serve for a two year term to the Board of Directors.

SHARON BECK

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, in a Conservative Jewish home, I went to Richmond College for my Bachelor's degree and then to Brooklyn College for my Master's in Early Childhood Education.

I met and married Victor Beck, in 1972, and learned with him as he studied to be a Cantor and then a Rabbi. During this time, I taught at an elementary school for 20 years.

When Victor became a Cantor at B'Nai Shalom, we moved to Rockville Centre. As Cantor's wife I became active in congregation affairs, including Sisterhood, Hadassah, and various fundraising activities such as ordering Shaloch Munes baskets to be sent during Purim.

We moved to Arizona in 2006. As Victor received his Smicha as Rabbi, I helped him form a new congregation, Etz Chaim. As Rebbitsin, I organized Oneg Shabbats, various outreach activities, and congregational duties such as welfare, yahrzeits, and simchas.

When Victor passed in 2014, I was encouraged by my many friends who were members at Temple, to begin coming to SLJC services. I soon realized I had found a home here, joining in 2015.

Joining Sisterhood, Hadassah and the Singles Group has allowed me to become even more involved in SLJC activities. I am happy to be able to share my experiences, abilities and knowledge to help the Congregation grow and be the best it can be.

CAROL HOROWITZ

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. Over the years, I've enjoyed participating in the leadership of a wide variety of Jewish organizations. Beginning in high school, I was Vice President of our congregation's youth group, Temple Israel of Temple Youth in Miami, Florida, served as Program Chair at the state level, and organizer of leadership training conferences and summer camp/workshops at the regional and national levels. I was one of the founding members of Congregation Bet Breira, a Reform congregation in Miami and served as Membership Chair, helping to grow the congregation from its initial membership of only 13 families to over 1,400 families within four years back in the mid-1970's. I was also President of the Bet Breira Sisterhood. I am also a lifetime member of Hadassah. I was privileged to work for many years as grant writer and an educator for Miami-Dade County Public Schools where I created a unique multicultural program for grades K-12.

After marrying my husband, Steve Horowitz, and moving to California, I created a 501c3 non-profit organization and took this same program to schools throughout the nation. I was invited to be a keynote speaker and to demonstrate the program at the National PTA Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. I've also taught Master's Degree level courses in Teacher Education at four universities.

After moving to Arizona following the birth of a granddaughter and retiring to Sun Lakes, I directed the Sun Lakes Community Theatre's production of "Beau Jest" in the Fall of 2017.

In recent years, I've wanted to again become more active in the Jewish community and am thrilled for this opportunity. I would look forward to contributing my experience to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.

RENEE POLITI

As an advertising representative for a daily newspaper, I called on my accounts to establish a relationship and understand the goals for their business. I then designed an advertising campaign to generate business. In addition, I helped them with other effective forms of publicity. Our department won several state awards for creative ad campaigns.

I have also served on a City board. We made decisions regarding the city employee benefit health plan. I enjoyed serving on these boards as well as being president of a large kennel club. I am sure my past experience will help bring new ideas to the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.

Congregational News

Men's Club

The Men's Club is a social organization that meets monthly, often at lunch and hear interesting speakers from our community. The members also meet at interesting restaurants for lunch throughout the year, as well as take field trips to interesting locations in the greater Phoenix area.

This September 13th, the Men's Club has been cleared for a private tour of Luke Air Force Base in Goodyear, AZ. The trip is limited to 30 members and we will be traveling by bus.

Our first meeting will take place October 2, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Chapel Center and our speaker is Barbara Ganz. Her topic is the Arizona Penal System.

For further information, contact Al Bloom at albeenov@gmail.com

Havurah Chai

From Havurah Chai to all of you, may the joyful sound of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health, happiness, laughter and love. May you be sealed in the Book of Life.

Havurah Chai is a Jewish Singles group in its third year. We are a place to meet new friends with like interests who join in monthly events. The dues are your smiles. Our members are invited to attend Shabbat Services at the SLJC and to join us at our Chai tables at the Onegs. There is carpooling to all events.

We are invited for September 19th to attend the SLJC Break-Fast Dinner at Cottonwood. The reservation form is in the Shpiel. Please make a note on the form if you wish to sit with Havurah Chai.

For information contact Lainy Sardina at 480-895-0974 or lainysardina@gmail.com

Jewish War Veterans

The Executive board of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting on September 17th 2018. The general members meetings will resume in October.

Sisterhood

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will kick off the season with a special presentation by Marc Israel from Biltmore Loan & Jewelry. He will present a program similar to the PBS show Antiques Roadshow. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Sun Lakes Chapel Center. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Devorah Hadassah

Sept 2nd: Flick Chicks to view Operation Finale - 15 years after World War II, a team of secret agents are brought together to track down Adolf Eichmann. Contact Barbara Ganz for details.

Sept 20th: 1-3pm Savers Fundraiser. Bring your items for a donation to Hadassah. Contact Wendy Goldstein for more information.

Sept 23rd: 11:30am Kickoff Meeting to be held at Stone And Vine Urban Italian, 1035 W Queen Creek Rd, Chandler. Contact Ruth Kovac for more information.

Oct 3rd: 5-8pm Dinner fund raiser at Wildflower Bread Company at the Chandler Mall. Contact Ann Baum for more information.

Shalom Hadassah

Shalom Hadassah is a philanthropic organization, and everyone is welcome to join. Come check us out. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about our group. We are planning a full year of activities & look forward to seeing you often.

Our first event of the year is our WELCOME BACK POT LUCK PATIO EVENT at Doris Cod-kind's home on October 16 from 12:00 pm (noon) until 3:00 pm. If you'd like to attend this fun get-together and show off a favorite dish at the same time, please contact Doris at 480-883-1378. To insure a good variety of food, Doris will need to know what you are bringing. All dishes should serve at least 10 people.

Lone Soldier Project

The Lone Soldier Project Committee will again be requesting Hanukkah Greeting Letters to Lone Soldiers. This year, all of the Congregations in the East Valley, will be joining Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation in this effort.

The guidelines, stationary and envelopes will be handed out to everyone leaving Rosh Hashanah morning services. The completed letters may be returned to a collection box at future services or congregational events with a deadline of October 20, 2018. This will allow time for the letter to get to Israel in time for Hanukkah. Last year's greetings were very much appreciated. Please bring a smile to their faces again.

Adult Education Program

This year our Adult Education Series will begin with an exciting and dynamic lecture to be given by Rabbi Wiener on the subject of "Prayer". Have you sometimes wondered about your prayers? Prayers, are they passé? Prayers, are they necessary? Are they answered? Do we understand their values? Questions that we sometimes ask ourselves, and do not seem to find answers for, or do we?

Rabbi Wiener will be taking up these important questions and defining these and other questions. Perhaps you too have questions! There are answers, and perhaps they will help you understand and appreciate prayer a little more.

The Date: October 22nd

Place: The Chapel Center at 1:00pm

Please call Gail and let her know you will be attending. 480-802-1832

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Rabbi Michael Beyo is the CEO of the East Valley Jewish Community. He is an author, university lecturer and historical scholar. He is highly acclaimed for his insight, knowledge and the clarity of his presentations. He has previously spoken to the Friends of Israel, SLJC on "Is Israel a State of Jews or a Jewish State"? The upcoming talk highlights the religious and cultural differences between these ancient Jewish approaches that cause significant conflict in modern day Israel.

Date: October 14, 2018

Time 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Location: Sun Lakes Country Club, **Navajo Room**, 25601 North Sun Lakes Blvd, 85248 (**Note change of location for this talk only**)

Light Refreshments will be served

Free and open to the public

Is there anyone who can help us videotape the presentation?

Please contact Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660.



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After Services on September 19, 2018
At Cottonwood Country Club, in the Ballroom

Located at 25630 S Brentwood Dr, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248



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of children under 3 _____

Your contact telephone number _____

Attendees: \$15.00

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Reservation Deadline is September 12th

September Milestones

Birthdays



1 Cohen Jan
1 Warshaw Cyril
3 Dar Michael
5 Gersten Shirley
10 Walp Judy
11 Zimmerman Stan
12 Horowitz Stephen
12 Sommers Barbara
13 Mundis Linda
13 Sutker Rosalyn
15 Brooks Robert
15 Caplan Tzvi
15 Kaplan Mireille
15 Bram Melvyn(Mel)
16 Fein Marilyn

16 Levitan Roberta
17 Linder Lori
20 Victor Carole
22 Shalita Sydnee
22 Perna Karen S.
23 Kraus Martin
23 Muenzer Ruth
23 Silverman Martin
23 Baum Ann
24 Katz Yetta
28 Friedman Bert
28 Levine Martin
30 Elias Judy
30 Whitman Samuel

Anniversaries



5 Henden Shelly & Arnie
7 Frankel Janice & Alvin
11 Levine Martin & Marsha
13 Salita Alice & Mark
16 Whitman Joyce & Samuel
19 Mendelsohn Mark & Diane
28 Katz Yetta & Jonas



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Ida Fein
Diane Feller
Luba Fishman
Morris Fishman
William Fishman
Soloman Frankel
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Muriel Goldberg
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Sylvia Weiss
Lenore Wolin
Harry Zolty
Nettie Zolty



Kever Avot Memorial Services
at Valley Sun Mortuary and Cemetery

Remembering the Generations

Sunday, September 16th 2018

Refreshments – 10:00 am, Service -10:30 am

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, DD

Cantor Ronda Poleski

Kever Avot, the tradition of visiting the graves of our parents and loved ones between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, can evoke a wealth of emotions and memories. We invite you to join with us as we pray together, support one another, and honor the memory of those who have passed at our annual Kever Avot Memorial Services.

We will perform also the burial of Sacred Books and writings

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June	
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July	
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Marianne Fudem	Martin Fudem
Marianne Fudem	Max Hess
Michael Abrams	Josephine Abrams
August	
Shirley & Jesse Gersten	Max Rothstein
Karen Blonder	Sy Blonder
Michael Bernstein	Gayle Bernstein
Michael & Helen Abrams	Sally Abrams
September	
Nancy Stutman	Marty Klemes
Marylin & Alan Behr	Selma Behr
Suzie & Larry Shapiro	Irma Shapiro
SaraRuth Rossow	Alice Kornetsky
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General Fund

Donor	Occasion
July	
Myron Bernstein	Bernice's 95th birthday
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August	
Marilyn & Harvey Fein	In memory of Jesse Gersten

Oneq Fund

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Marilyn & Alan Behr	Jesse Gersten
Wende & Alan Levy	Jesse Gersten
Carolyn & John Atkins	Jesse Gersten

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*All events will be held at the EVJCC unless otherwise noted

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Jewish Life and Learning Sept. 6
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11 am Speaker Series followed by kosher lunch

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To register, email andre@evjcc.org. See details at evjcc.org.

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OCT. 9, 2018
AT EAST VALLEY JCC

This month's holidays

LABOR DAY Sept. 3 office closed	ROSH HASHANAH Sept. 10, 11 JCC closed
YOM KIPPUR Sept. 18 JCC closed at 1 pm Sept. 19 JCC closed	SUKKOT Sept. 24-30

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