



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

APRIL 2024 ADAR II/NISSAN, 5784

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Happy Passover!

Matzoh anyone?

Carol Horowitz

All meetings are held in the Chapel Center unless otherwise noted.

SLJC APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1 pm: Devorah Game Day Fundraiser (EVJCC)	4	5	6 7 pm: SLJC Fundraiser Show "A Deli Line"
7	8	9 9 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting	10 1:30 pm: Devorah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	11 4 pm: SLJC Board Meeting	12 6:30 pm SLJC Men's Club 7-8:30 pm: Erev Shabbat Service (Sun Lakes Chapel)	13 2:30 pm: SLJC Fundraiser Show "A Deli Line"
14 11:30 am: JWV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside) 7 pm: Friends of Israel (EVJCC)	15	16	17 11 am-1 pm: Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (Home of Mireille Kaplan)	18 1 pm: Sisterhood Meeting	19	20
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The Miracles of Passover

When we think of miracles, we naturally think about things happening that are extraordinary. For example, if we lift a book and then let go and the book stays where it is and does not fall, some will say that is a miracle.

It is considered a miracle because the laws of physics tell us that gravity will bring the book down. Of course, we all understand gravity.

On Passover we look at the experience of the Israelites crossing of the Sea of Reeds as a miracle because the sea parted; the Israelites walked safely to the other side. And that wasn't the only "miracle." There were the ten plagues and the march across the desert toward an unknown destiny.

During that journey we were fed "manna," some mystical nourishment that had whatever taste we wished. We weathered storms and upheaval that caused us, on more than one occasion, to ask: "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that we were brought to die in the desert?"

Our first encounter with destiny finds us at the foot of a mountain awaiting the message that has survived time. It is an eternal message.

Passover *is* a time of miracles. It is the miracle of change. To say the least – change does not come easy. Like our forefathers seeking to understand why they found themselves in the desert for so long, we resist change at every turn in our journey. We are creatures of habit and somehow, we feel that the past is to be romanticized and cherished and any change to that feeling makes us uncomfortable. The past reminds us of a period in our lives when we were younger and healthier and capable of so many things that we are not able to accomplish today. That is frightening.

Even during our greatest triumph, the Exodus from captivity, we constantly regretted having made the effort because of the insecurity of the unknown. Our rabbinic tradition refers to the desert wandering as "Dor Midbar," the generation of the desert – the generation that witnessed marvel upon marvel and still regretted the decision to journey to a promise yet unfulfilled.

No matter what God does for us, we are not satisfied and we're even resentful. We can relate to these feelings because we reject change—we see in ourselves the inability to adjust. We object to suggestions that will enhance our lives whether from friends, relatives, or God. God tells us that to grow we must be willing to experiment. And God does this with the miracle of everyday living.

The one thing we should try to remember is that, as we get older, change is necessary for continuation, not stagnation. If we stayed the same—well, there certainly would be no excitement or anticipation. Now, more than ever, we need to adjust our thinking to accommodate all the changes we can absorb, not run away from them as our ancestors tried to do. Don't say: "Why can't they, our children and grandchildren, be like us?" Do we really want that for them, or do we want them to grow and develop into what they can be for themselves?

There is also the miracle of action. The Midrash, the teachings of the rabbis in explaining the meaning of Torah, understood God's message: when action is needed, we should not waste time praying. The People are at the edge of the Sea and their doom seems inevitable. What do they do? They start to pray for deliverance. The Midrash answers quite succinctly by stating that prayers are not the only way to salvation, but action, the action of putting your foot into the water, the action of faith. Faith in your own ability to overcome darkness and fear is a miracle that cannot be provided for us, only by us.

Moses, at the very same time, lifts his rod and stretches it over the water and the Sea does not divide immediately. It takes hours for the final step in the rescue to be accomplished because it was not the miracle of opening the Sea that was needed, but rather the ability to realize that with faith all things are possible: faith in oneself and faith that God will participate if we are willing to step forward.

Passover *is* a time of miracles. Passover reminds us that when we sing and hear "Let my people go," it is a clarion call for all people and for all time. And the miracle of that issuance is that where there is breath, we will never forget the past because it is the secret of a miracle called the future. 🕯️



PASSOVER SEDER

SLJC 2024 PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday, April 23, 5-8 pm, Trilogy Community Ballroom

Costs for our 2nd annual combined seder with the Trilogy Chavurah will be \$45 per person for members and \$55 per person for non-members. You will have a choice of appetizer (chopped liver or gefilte fish). The main entrée will be brisket or chicken. (You may choose a combination of both entrees if you prefer). We hope you will join us for great food, friendship, and the continued coming together of our two communities as we honor the traditions of our ancestors.

Reservation deadline is Friday, April 5. Tables accommodate up to 8 people. This year we are planning to mingle each group, four people from Trilogy and four people from SLJC. If you have a specific seating request, please make it at the time of your reservation. We will do our best to honor your requests.

Questions? Please contact Helene Zimmerman at (909) 229-6572, hzman24@gmail.com.

Passover Seder Menu

catered by *Scott's Generations NY-style deli restaurant*

- Gefilte Fish or Chopped Liver
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Matzoh Ball Soup
- Roasted Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Choice of Brisket or Chicken (can have both if desired)
- Matzoh
- Charoset
- Dessert
- Passover Wine

Passover Seder Reservation Form

Name _____

Please circle choice of appetizer: Gefilte Fish **or** Chopped Liver

Please circle choice of entrée: Brisket Chicken Both

Name _____

Please circle choice of appetizer: Gefilte Fish **or** Chopped Liver

Please circle choice of entrée: Brisket Chicken Both

Seating request _____

**Please make checks payable to SLJC and mail to: Helene Zimmerman
4119 E. Appleby Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85298**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Coming Up

Congratulations to the Sisterhood for another successful Card Party. All of the time and effort that the women put into the event certainly paid off. A reminder that the Men's Club will be collecting packaged and

canned goods for Matthew's Crossing Food Bank at the Shabbat service this month on Friday, April 12.

My thanks to Marcia Weiner and Shelly Schwartz for putting together our highly successful outings to the Hale Theatre. We saw two outstanding productions, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *My Fair Lady*.

In addition to our monthly Shabbat service, two very important events are coming your way this month, and I

hope to see many of you there. The first is the hilariously funny parody, *A Deli Line*, being held in the Chapel on Saturday, April 6 at 7 pm, and on Saturday, April 13 at 2:30 pm. A lot of time and effort has been put forth by the cast, especially our fellow congregant and director and writer of the production, Carol Horowitz. Come join us and laugh along with members of the congregation and members of the churches that use the Chapel.

The second big event in April is our annual Community Seder that we again are combining with the Chavurah from the community at Trilogy on Tuesday, April 23 at the clubhouse in Trilogy. See the reservation form on the opposite page.

As always, please call me with any questions and concerns you may have. 📞

TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

Donations can be made until April 15, 2024 for the 2023 tax year

For every tax credit donation to the East Valley JCC Qualified Charitable Organization, the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation will receive an incentive grant equal to 18%.

Donate up to \$841 per couple, \$421 per individual, and receive it back in 1-to-1 tax credits on your Arizona State Income Tax. SLJC would receive \$151.

Donate directly online at evjcc.org/sljc or call (480) 887-0588.

Any questions? Call Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660 or Arnie Henden at (480) 570-4421.



“A Deli Line”

An original HYSTERICALLY FUNNY musical comedy parody
Of “A Chorus Line”, where MENU ITEMS and INGREDIENTS
audition for the opening of a DELICATESSEN!

Presented by

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation



At The Sun Lakes Chapel on

April 6th, Saturday, **7:00pm** &

April 13th, Saturday, **2:30pm**

Tickets **\$18** for “Will-Call”
or **\$20** at door

Make checks to SLJC 
(Indicate performance date on check)

Mail to: SLJC c/o Wendy
24031 S. Lakeway Circle, NW
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
or call, 480-584-5909

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

PASSOVER FOR LONE SOLDIERS

By Michael Cohen

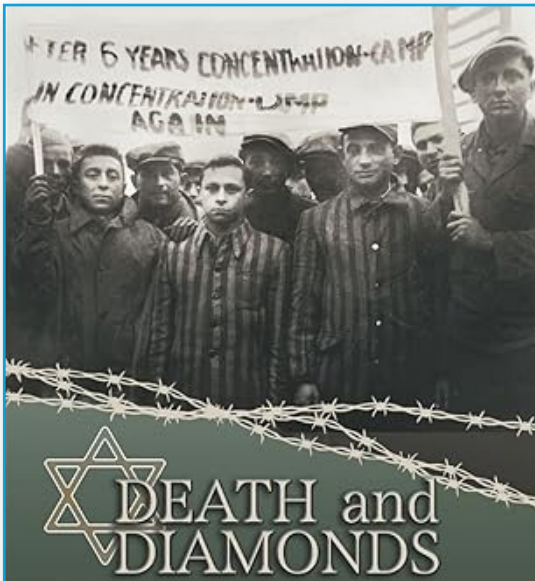
Passover in Israel begins the evening of April 22, with the first seder. As the war with Hamas continues, the arrangements for seders and a diet free of *chametz* until April 29 will be challenging. Lone Soldier Centers will, as they always have, meet these challenges to provide (along with the IDF) a meaningful holiday and religious experience for the 7500 Lone Soldiers from 83 countries around the world. Many who are in combat or support roles will have meals and food supplies delivered to them as pictured. Others will have the joy of gathering together for seders. All Lone Soldiers, with the entire IDF and the Israeli society, are extremely stressed by this prolonged effort to keep the Jewish homeland secure.

Our Lone Soldier project actively supports these efforts with donations from the community for both Jewish holidays and Shabbat. If you would like to volunteer in this rewarding effort, please contact Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660. Learn more about the project by visiting www.evjcc.org/lone-soldier-project.



SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, April 18, 1 pm, Chapel House



Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will meet on **Thursday, April 18 at 1 pm** at the Sun Lakes Chapel House. Jody Crago, from the Chandler Museum, will present the program *Death and Diamonds: A Holocaust Survivor's Journey from Krakow to Chandler*. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to attend this meeting.

Thank you to everyone who attended our very successful Annual Card Party. By supporting this activity, we were able to contribute to many local charities.

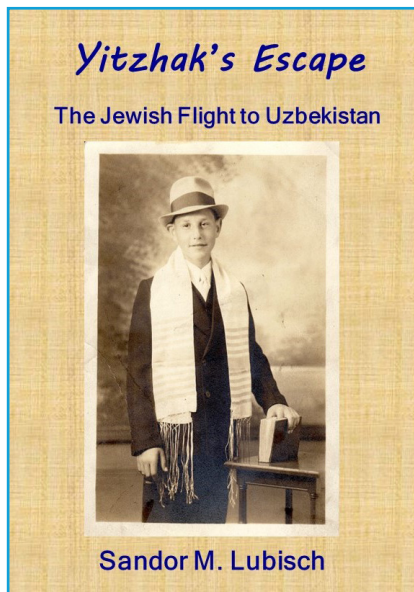
BOOK PUBLICATION

BY SLJC MEMBER SANDOR LUBISCH

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation member Sandor Lubisch recently published a historical fiction book titled *Yitzhak's Escape – The Jewish Flight to Uzbekistan*. The book is designated as Teen and Young Adult Holocaust Historical Fiction, as well as Adult Holocaust Historical Fiction.

The story deals with a rarely known or mentioned aspect of the Holocaust that affected members of his maternal family who lived in a small eastern Polish town called Bolechov.

On June 21, 1941, Adolph Hitler broke his non-aggression pact with Joseph Stalin and ordered the German Army to invade Soviet-controlled eastern Poland with lightning speed. Teenager Yitzhak Barkan, along with his family, relatives, and thousands of Jews, had to make an immediate decision either to remain in eastern Poland and face the Nazis, or flee by joining the Soviet evacuation to Uzbekistan.



According to reviewer cdbunz, "This compelling history recounts an historical perspective on an individual and his family's struggles throughout the Holocaust. Yitzhak embarks on his journey as a teenager, and the unfolding events and choices he faces shape him into a resilient man, capable of not only surviving but also forging a new life that secures the ongoing legacy of his family."

This personal story is recommended not only to those curious about this little-known chapter of the Holocaust, but also to anyone seeking an inspiring story of human resilience amidst profound adversity.

Sandor has met the descendants of the survivors, many of whom now live in Israel. Sandor's book is available in Kindle (e-book), paperback, and hardcover versions on Amazon.com or slubisch@aol.com.

Men's Club Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Men's Club use only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please **send this form and a check for \$30**, payable to SLJC Men's Club, to:
Marty Levine, 3805 E. County Down Drive, Chandler AZ 85249

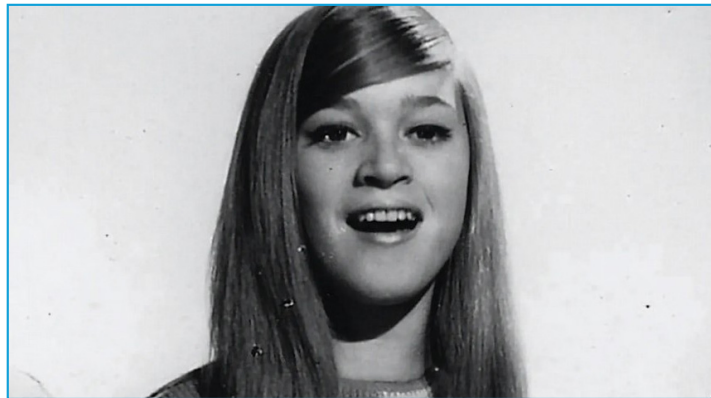
SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

MARY WEISS *By Murray Siegel*

Back in January you might have noticed a news item announcing the death of Mary Weiss, an American singer. You might have asked, "Who was Mary Weiss, and what should I know about her?" Mary was a Jewish woman who grew up in the Borough of Queens and went to Andrew Jackson H.S. with her older sister Betty. Mary and Betty enjoyed singing together and while in high school they met a set of Jewish twins, Marge and Mary Ann Ganser, who also liked to sing.

The four teenagers began singing in talent shows and at local dances, where they were spotted and signed to a recording contract. Their first hit was "Remember (Walking in the Sand)," which reached #5 on the charts. They named their group after a restaurant they frequented and their next song spoke about a step some teenage girls took to disturb their parents: dating a boy who rode a motorcycle and wore a black leather jacket.

Something you might not know is that Mary and friends were the Shangri-Las and their next recording went to #1, besting songs by the Beatles and Rolling Stones. That, of course, was "Leader of the Pack," which many listeners thought was sung by a Black group rather than four Jewish girls.



By 1968, the Shangri-Las stopped performing, and Mary moved to San Francisco to enter the commercial interior design business. At times during the 1970s, Mary and the Shangri-Las would perform, and in 1989 the group was reunited by Cousin Bruce at The Meadowlands.

Mary died on January 19 from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) at her home in Palm Springs, CA. The refrain of their #1 hit said, "The leader of the pack and now he's gone." We can say, "The leader of the Shangri-Las and now she's gone."

SLJC MEN'S CLUB

**Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 12 pm,
Cheddar's, 2530 W Chandler Blvd., Chandler**

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Men's Club held a luncheon at BJ's Restaurant in Chandler on March 12. The next club meeting for lunch will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 12, noon at Cheddar's located at 2530 W Chandler Blvd. in Chandler. In May a picnic at Veterans Oasis Park is planned. For further information, contact Edd at (480) 329-9364 to RSVP.



CONTRIBUTIONS



Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made in honor or memory of a special person or event. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the donation form on the opposite page.

GENERAL FUND

My Torah honors for my
101st Birthday
by Bob Stone
In memory of Siegfried Moses
by Elaine Meltzer
In memory of Barney Meltzer
by Elaine Meltzer
In memory of Stephen
Meltzer
by Elaine Meltzer

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Rena Dolins
by Leonard Dolins

ONEG FUND

In memory of Sidney Berger
by Bobby Sachs
In honor of Bob Stone's 101st
birthday
by Betsey Silverman

FAMILY FUND

In memory of Alan Bram
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In memory of Jerry Kaplan
by Robert A. Kaplan

SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sy Evans
by SLJC Men's Club
In memory of Michael
Kaplan's Brother
by Diane Zelinger
In memory of Sandy Wiener
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Lainy Sardina
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In memory of Jerry Kaplan
by Shirley & Edd Shalett
In honor of Harvey
Schwartz's 90th Birthday
by Marilyn & Harvey Fein

YAHARZEIT FUND

In memory of Kate Bender
by Judy Walp
In memory of Rena Dolins
by Leonard Dolins
In memory of Edward Fabert
by Owen Fabert
In memory of Joseph Fishman
by Ruth Friedman
In memory of Sara
Blumenfeld
by Rabbi Wiener
In memory of Joseph
Blumenfeld
by Rabbi Wiener
In memory of Henry
Kimmelman
by JoAnn Rubinstein
In memory of Jerome Kubrin
by Stephen & Susan Kubrin
In memory of Sylvia Kubrin
by Stephen & Sylvia Kubrin
In memory of Harriet Sharff
by Janey & Jeff Burnce
In memory of Harriet Sharff
by Geri & Jim Gould
In memory of Gloria Israel
by Marc Israel

In memory of Gary Karp
by Adele Karp
In memory of Sarah Feit
by Adele Karp
In memory of Rita Gettes
Coopersmith
by Barbara Nussbaum
In memory of Clara Kaufman
by Marilyn & Alan Behr
In memory of Henrietta Behr
by Marilyn & Alan Behr
In memory of Joan Steinberg
by Sharon Becker
In memory of Hanan Sakulsky
by Shelly Henden
In memory of Sadie Kaplan
by Robert A. Kaplan
In memory of Luddy Israel
by Barbara Israel
In memory of Louis Freedman
by Ruth Dolin
In memory of Alfredo
Hernandez II
by Yolanda Morales
In memory of Nathan
Codkind
by Ronald Conkind

In memory of Sam Goldstein
by Colette Goldstein
In memory of Henri
Glicenstein
by Colette Goldstein
In memory of Marcelle
Glicenstein
by Colette Goldstein
In memory of Abraham
Gersten
by Shirley R. Gersten
In memory of Gloria
Wishengrad
by Irwin & Judy Plafker
In memory of Annette
Fischer
by Julie Bauman
In memory of Joseph
Brajtberg Bright
by Helen Frischenmeyer
In memory of Rose Freed
by Michael Freed

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Please note the two address changes:

Ruth Dolin
9504 E Riggs Road
#418

Marc & Deborah Israel
2050 W Pecos Road
Apt. 206
Chandler, AZ 85224

SLJC sends condolences to the family of former member Jerry Kaplan, husband of Kim Kaplan and brother of Michael Kaplan, who passed away on February 26. Cards may be sent to:

7935 E. North Lane
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of former congregant Elaine (Lainy) Sardina, wife of the previously deceased Teddy Sardina.

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of Patti Neuberger.

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

SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

Fund: Chapel Family Fund Music Oneg Silverman General

Yahrzeit Honoree: _____ Month _____

Please send card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donor: _____ Amt. of Check \$ _____

Address _____

Remit to: Marjorie Levinson, 9533 E Sundune Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Please make checks payable to SLJC.

*Minimum donation of \$10 per person being remembered/honored.

Book of Remembrance

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Return 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

USE SEPARATE CHECK FOR MEMORIAL - DO NOT INCLUDE WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONAL DUES

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
One half page	\$36.00	one to fifteen names
Full Page	\$72.00	one to twenty names

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

PLEASE CHECK BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOUR MEMORIAL

- NO CHANGES AT ALL IN PREVIOUS MEMORIAL.
- CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS OR ADDITIONS TO A PREVIOUS MEMORIAL.
MAKE CHANGES ON SEPARATE PAPER AND SEND WITH FORM.
THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED A NEW MEMORIAL.
- *****
- BRAND NEW MEMORIAL. PRINT NAMES ON SEPARATE PAPER & MAIL WITH FORM.
MONTH AND YEAR OF DEATH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.
THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM.

Amount Enclosed:

_____ \$18.00 [¼ page] _____ \$36.00 [½ page] _____ \$72.00 [full page]

SIGN YOUR NAME[S] EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN YOUR MEMORIAL

By _____

Phone or email address: _____

Please provide this information so that we may contact you if there are any questions.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

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

14 Harvey & Marilyn Fein

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

1 Susan Tauber	8 Michael Milgroom	14 Esteban Morales	30 Gina Caplan
4 Rita L. Tanen	11 Susan Palmbeck	21 Chuck Wolin	
6 Barbara Nussbaum	11 Les Guffey	27 Alan Behr	

APRIL YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Henrietta Behr	Sarah Feit	Luddy Israel	Isidore Pinsky
Kate Bender	Annette Fischer	Gloria Israel	Janet Plotkin
Harry Bendick	Joseph Fishman	Lillian Jacobsohn	Morris Rocklin
Joseph Blumenfeld	Samuel Flaxman	Sol Kahn	Hanan Sakulsky
Sarah Blumenfeld	Rose Freed	Sadie Kaplan	Bennit Scheck
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Rita Gettes	Frieda Goldstein	Barney Meltzer	Ruben Weiner
Coopersmith	Sam Goldstein	Stephen Meltzer	Gloria Wishengrad
Jack Dante	Jerry Goodman	Siegfried Moses	Freddie Williams
Rena Dolins	Harry A. Groban	Morris Nelson	Kassie Wolin
Edward Fabert	Alfredo Hernandez II	Rose Nelson	



FUN, FUN, FUN, I WON, I WON, I WON



DEVORAH HADASSAH IS HAVING A GAME DAY To Benefit Hadassah Medical Organization

WHAT: Choose a game you or your group likes best. Come and play. If you don't have a regular group, let us know.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1 PM-4 PM

WHERE: East Valley Jewish Community Center - 908 N. Alma School Rd. Chandler

COST: \$18.00 pre-game day or \$20.00 at the door
This includes Registration, Snacks and TONS of FUN!
Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

For reservations or more information contact:
Marcia 602-752-0379 or Susan 520-705-3226

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Names of players: Please include contact information of one of the players. Choose the game your group likes best. If you don't have a group, we can help you with that. Lots of people want to play lots of different things. Reservation deadline March 27.

Game to be played: _____

Please make checks payable to Hadassah and mail to Susan Fox, P O Box 10523 Casa Grande, AZ 85130-0078. Please limit groups to five. You must provide your own game. No shufflers, please!

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Looking forward to a busy 2024 with General Meetings, Literary Ladies, Flick Chicks, Out to Lunch, Dinner Fundraisers and Game Day! Come join the fun and meet new friends!

For information on Hadassah and attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom by phone (860) 377-7126 or email at ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

Game Day Fundraiser

Our Game Day Fundraiser, benefitting Hadassah Medical Organization, will be held on [Wednesday, April 3 from 1-4 pm at the EVJCC](#). Come play your favorite game with your friends or sign up for your favorite game and meet new friends! Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Rummikub and more! Cost is \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. Food, auctions, drawings! For more information, please contact Marcia Garnice at garnicemarcia@gmail.com or (602) 752-0379.

Literary Ladies Book Group

The second Wednesday of each month is our book group called Literary Ladies and is held on Zoom. The next book we will be discussing is *And After the Fire*, by Lauren Belfer, on [Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30 pm](#). In May, we will be discussing *The Dressmakers of Prospect Heights*, by Kitty Zeldis, on [Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30 pm](#).

Food Drive

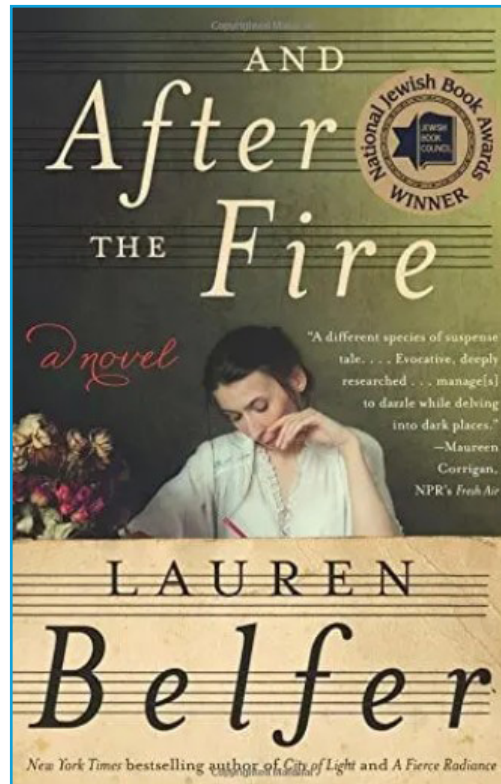
The third Wednesday we collect non-perishable food for JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Services) in various communities in the East Valley. Our next collective drive will be held on [Wednesday, April 17 from 11 am to 1 pm at home of Mireille Kaplan](#).

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on [Wednesday, April 24 at 10:30 am at the EVJCC](#). Out to Lunch will follow the meeting.

Chai Flicks Movie Group

The dates and movies vary each month but include a discussion of the film at lunch following the film. Watch for more information.



Did you know that Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards? We have cards for all occasions: birthday, condolence, bar/bat mitzvah, anniversary, get well, congratulations, in honor of, and major holidays. We sell these for \$2 each or, if you want to have a selection on hand, we sell 12 for \$21. However, if you just need an occasional card(s), let us know and we will mail it for you and pay the postage. Such a deal! We also have several different certificates ranging in price from \$5, \$18 to \$100. These are ready to view at all in-person events. Contact Susan Fox at (520) 705-3226 to order or to ask questions.



The East Valley JCC
& Friends of Israel, Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation
PRESENT

Navigating Anti-Israel and Anti-Semitism on College Campuses

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 | 7 P.M.

- What to look for in a school
- Coping with anti-Semitism on campus
- Resources for support

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR:

- High school students in grades 11-12 & their parents
- Grandparents of future or present college students
- Current college students

SPEAKERS:

Sarah Kader

Community Manager of ADL Arizona

Taylor M. Silverman

Assistant Director of the Hillel Jewish Student Center at ASU

Rabbi Aviva Funke

Principal of the BJE Hebrew High of Greater Phoenix

"73% of Jewish College Students and 44% of non-Jewish students experienced or witnessed anti-Semitism since the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Prior to Oct. 7, 2023, 64% viewed their university as welcoming and supportive of Jewish students; after Oct. 7, only 44% of them felt this way."

-- Anti-Defamation League, New York, Nov. 29, 2023



Free, registration required: evjcc.org/college

Program held at the East Valley JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler AZ 85224
480-897-0588 • evjcc.org



JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

WELCOMING REGGIE YATES OF THE AZ VETERANS HALL OF FAME

Sunday, April 14, 11:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 will install its officers at the April 14 luncheon celebrating the Post's 30th Anniversary. The event will be held in Sun Lakes at 11:30 am at the Poolside Building at Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd in Sun Lakes. The speaker will be Reggie Yates, AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Chair, who will explain the Unified AZ Veterans' program.

Unanimously elected to Post 619 Board are the following officers: Post Commander, Robert Kaplan; Senior Vice Commander, Dan Tilsner; Junior Vice Commanders, Arthur Uram & Bob Howard; and Judge Advocate, Ron Siegel. All other positions are appointed by the Post Commander after the installation.

Unified Arizona Veteran (UAV), which is made up of over 55 veteran organizations, annually recognizes excellence in veterans' contributions to their communities, the State of Arizona, and the Nation. Of the approximately 600,000 veterans currently living in Arizona, only one in 25,000 will be so honored for selection to be inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame each year.

Speaker and Chair in charge of the annual induction ceremonies, Yates annually leads the Induction ceremony into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Veterans selected for this special recognition have honorably served their country through military service as well as their fellow man through deeds and accomplishments outside the military. Reggie himself was inducted in 2013 with this highest honor conferred upon veterans by the Governor. Since his retirement from the Army in 1990, Reggie has been acknowledged for his outstanding work in several veteran organizations and was also recognized by the Arizona Chapter of Nations Finest as one of the 50th Anniversary Local Heroes in 2023.

Post 619 is proud to posthumously honor two AZ Hall of Fame inductees - founder Jesse Gersten and Art Sloane. Jesse and Art were inducted in 2004 and 2008 respectively for their outstanding work with homeless, hospitalized, and disadvantaged veterans. Their widows, Shirley Gersten and Vivianne Sloane, will be in attendance.

The Post will also honor its only living AVHOF inductee, Steve Weintraub. Steve serves as Chief Strategy Officer



for the Veterans' Ticket Foundation (VetTix) in addition to his civic and community service work on both the national and local level. VetTix provides tickets for sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation to all currently serving military personnel and veterans.

Post founders Irvin Plafker and Richard Ashkanazi will be recognized along with World War II veterans Robert Stone and Bernard Domsky.

Registration for the buffet luncheon is \$35 each. Those wishing to have a table reserved for up to 8 people, please mail one check made out to JWV Post 619 and sent to Bety Dar, 26402 S Truro Dr, Sun Lakes 85248, listing all names. Otherwise, you will be seated by the committee. The deadline for responses is April 7. Reservations after that date will be put on a waitlist.

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to May, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participate in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. Volunteers are especially needed in May for JWV's Memorial Day Poppy Campaign at Fry's Food Stores and Mesa Market Place. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Elliott Reiss at ElliottBarb@q.com, (480) 802-3281.

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