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Giving Thanks!



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

SLJC NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 10 am: Devorah Hadassah Board Meeting (<i>home of Gail Scheck</i>) 2 pm: Friends of Israel Meeting	10 11:30 am: Men's Club Out to Lunch (<i>Famous Dave's, Chandler</i>)	11 VETERANS DAY 9:30 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting 2:45 pm: SLJC Choir Practice	12 10:30 am: Devorah Hadassah General Meeting, Book Discussion & Out to Lunch	13 4 pm: SLJC Board Meeting	14 7-9 pm: SLJC Erev Shabbat Service, Honoring JWV	15
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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Two Celebrations of Life

This month we will, as have done 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

served 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 battlefield.

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 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 also to be grateful for that strength. We have much to be thankful for in addition to God. 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 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 be 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.

I thank Geri Gould for sending me a poem written by Mary Oliver, some excerpts of which I include:

- Do you bow your head when you pray, or do you look up into that blue space?
- Take your choice, prayers fly in all directions.
- And don't worry about the language you use. God no doubt understands them all.

Join us on Friday evening, November 14, 7:00 pm, at our regular Shabbat Service at which time we will honor our veterans and pay tribute to our own Copper Post #619, JWV. We will express our gratitude to God with bowed heads, not in just any direction, but always toward God. Perhaps it is no accident that both holidays occur near each other.

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



Gratitude

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

These past High Holidays, although now a memory, were inspiring. We should all feel blessed for the dedication of so many people. If I started to name everyone, it would take pages. There are the many volunteers who work diligently at ensuring our comfort — the Gabbaim, the people who set up and tear down — after all, we come from every corner of this great land, and we bring with us different understandings of faith and love and togetherness.

- The officers and Board of Directors of the congregation who deliberate and argue, but after the dust settles, we are one congregation with one voice.
- Our president Shelly — her steadfast determination and leadership have led us through difficult times with great stamina.
- Our Cantor Ronda — such beauty from such a beautiful person. I am thrilled every time I hear her interpretations of our prayers.
- Our Music Director Lana — she radiates with enthusiasm as she marked her 34th year with us, constantly looking for new music to enthrall us as we witness heights of musical enjoyment.
- Our Choir — they join to fashion a symphony of spiritual delight as we marvel at their abilities and professionalism.
- Our Accompanist Joshua — he magically tickles the ivories, as it is said, and from that tenderness we are transported to a world of unparalleled ecstasy.
- Our Choir Guests and our Cellist — all enhanced the feeling of spirituality as we listened to their renderings of our liturgy.
- Our Sound Engineer Yvonne and her partner, Jean Adele, — allowed us to be heard by everyone in comfort.

So, you see, I could go on and on about everyone who makes this congregation inviting, energizing and inclusive. Yes, we are blessed — blessed with you!

We are also blessed with a great country and even though it is going through some difficult times, it is still the greatest country on the face of the planet. It still mirrors the hopes and dreams of generations past and visions of generations yet to be.

We set aside time to pay our respects to a country that is free, inviting, and the envy of the world. People flock to our shores hoping to be part of a transition from despair to fulfillment. We open our doors to those yearning to breathe free and we can be proud of who we are and not be ashamed if we falter or make mistakes. After all, we are still human.

For sure, this country espouses all that is good in the human spirit. We encourage the exploration of the imagination of every citizen. We treasure benevolence and practice it every waking moment.

And we will pause to remember the men and women who have served and continue to serve this great land of opportunity. Since time immemorial we have been fortunate to be part of a country that reveres its dedicated citizens. Many have given their lives for the benefit of all. Many are involved in a great struggle thousands of miles from home. We revere the past and acknowledge the present.

We are grateful to the members of Copper Post #619, Jewish War Veterans of the United States. They not only exemplify service to country, but they continue with service to our community and beyond.

Yes, we have so much to be grateful for, but all the gratitude in the world is meaningless unless it contains a special recognition of the One who made us, who breathed life into us and formed us with His own hands: Almighty God. For without Him, all things are empty expressions.

Remember how wonderful life is, how magical the moments we share. And don't forget to give thanks to God for enabling us to have reached this season together. 🙏

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Happy Thanksgiving

Another outstanding High Holiday Services! A huge THANK YOU to all who participate and to those in the background in the making of our Services... Rabbi, Ronda, Josh, Lana,

the choir, our special cellist Jan, Yvonne and Jean Adele, Doug, and finally to the Rangers who keep us safe.

Another thanks to our chairman of the Break Fast, Len Dolins, and to Wendy Goldstein, who took the reservations and created the seating chart. It made for a beautiful ending to our High Holidays.

And another very personal THANK YOU to all of your prayers for my husband Arnie. You saw how far he has come when he was called to the bema on Yom Kippur morning. Those prayers really worked and still are as he is improving each day.

As always, check the calendar and read the articles in this issue to keep you updated on all that is happening with the congregation.

Don't forget that I am here for you with any questions or concerns.

Happy Thanksgiving! 🍂

ADULT EDUCATION COMING UP IN DECEMBER 2025



The Cantor and Rabbi will offer opportunities to experience Shabbat morning services and study. The upcoming Shabbat services December will be evaluated for participation to ensure their continuation and will take place, to start, in the Chapel Center. Please save these December dates to join us:

December 6 | 10:30-11:30 am

Shabbat Morning Service –

**The origins and traditions of Hanukkah:
Why the Books of the Maccabees are not
included in the Canon of Jewish Holy Books**

December 27 | 10:30-11:30 am

Shabbat Morning Service –

Torah portion understanding

HARVEY FEIN TRIBUTE



For the past 25 years, Harvey Fein has been the sounder of the shofar at SLJC. His piercing rendition of the final TEKIAH, lasting what seemed like forever, was a fitting ending for the holidays and beginning of the New Year. Now, Harvey (and his wife Marilyn) is off to Maryland where we hope he continues to sound the shofar for many years to come. As Edward R. Murrow would have said, "Goodbye and good luck!"

A SPECIAL SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

PRESENTED AND CONDUCTED BY OUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 1, 10 AM
IN THE CHAPEL CENTER
A KIDDUSH/LIGHT BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED

No charge for Sisterhood members, but reservations and a
\$10 deposit check are required due to limited seating.
The check will be returned to you at the event.

For more information,
email Shirley at tieman11@q.com
or Sandy at golombsandy@aol.com

RESERVATION FORM FOR SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mail this form by October 24 with your \$10 refundable check made out
to: SLJC Sisterhood to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW,
Sun Lakes AZ 85248.

ATTN: TEMPLE MEMBERS

Seeking a Bima Volunteer for Shabbat and High Holidays

We are in desperate need of a volunteer or two to help set up the Chapel on the day of Friday night services and the High Holidays. Our current "custodian," Doug Ross, wants to retire because of age and health reasons. The job requires NO heavy lifting and takes 30 minutes before the service (at about 3 pm on the afternoon of the service) and 30 minutes after the service is over.

We cannot continue to rely on Doug, and are desperately in need of one or two members to step forward to help. It can be a man or a woman, or both. It could also be a neighbor, a relative, or an acquaintance who might be interested; it need not be a temple member.

If we can't find someone for this job, we will end up with a bare bima during our Shabbat services. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Shelly Henden at (480) 612-4413. Thank you.



SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, November 10, Famous Dave's, Chandler

Thank you for the donations of food and money to the Matthew's Crossing Food bank drive held before services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with the collection.

On Monday, November 10 at 11:30 am we will meet for lunch at Famous Dave's restaurant off Frye Rd. outside the Chandler Fashion Center Mall. The SLJC Men's Club meets at least once a month, often for lunch at one of the popular nearby restaurants. So that we can have a count for reservations, please RSVP to Edd at (480) 329-9364, tieman11@q.com or Marty at (908) 216-0848 martelee@hotmail.com.



◁ Men's Club Matthew's Crossing Food Bank volunteer initiative: (left to right), Marty Levine, Jeff Spear, Butch, and a representative from Matthew's Crossing Food Bank.

SLJC Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

Note: WE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE,
FOR SISTERHOOD USE ONLY.

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone Number (indicate cell or home)

Birthday (month/day only)

Anniversary (month, day and year*)

**Your anniversary year is being requested in order for the SLJC Sisterhood to acknowledge milestone anniversaries*

Please send this form and a check for \$30, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to
Wendy Goldstein 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, November 20, 1 pm, Chapel Center



Sisterhood's next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20 in the Chapel House at 1 pm. The speaker will be Jody Crago (photographed at left), the Director of the Chandler Museum. The presentation will be about Dorothea Lange, the photojournalist known for her iconic images taken during the Great Depression. She visited Chandler three times during the

1930s and 1940s and we will see the photographs that she captured through her camera lens.

Sisterhood sends out greeting cards electronically to our members for birthdays and milestone anniversaries. Don't be afraid to open emails sent by Marilyn Behr, our Correspondence Chairperson. They are from Jacquie Larson eCards.

On Thursday, December 18, Sisterhood will hold a "Paid-up Membership Luncheon with a Hanukkah Flair" at the Chapel House. We will have a delicious catered lunch and will play Crazy Bingo. Be sure to send your dues if you haven't already done so. You will need to send in a \$15 REFUNDABLE check so that we have an accurate count for the caterer. Your check will be returned to you at the event. The checks and forms are to be mailed to Wendy Goldstein. See the forms below.

Kudos to all the organizers and participants in our Sisterhood Shabbat on November 1. We are proud of everyone who made this event a huge success.

Our annual fundraiser for local charities, Games Galore (previously known as Card Party), will take place on Feb. 23, 2026, at the Oakwood Clubhouse. More information about our fabulous gift baskets, cash raffle, delicious lunch, and home-baked goods at our bake sale will be forthcoming soon.

SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

THURS., DEC. 18th, 2025, AT @12 pm, The Chapel Center in Sun Lakes
FEATURING CATERED LUNCH, CRAZY BINGO* AND MENORAH LIGHTING
(*Please bring 4 quarters for Crazy Bingo)

The meal is free to our paid-up members, but we request that you submit a check for \$15 as a deposit for the caterer and mail it to Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248 by December 5. **The check will be returned to you at the event. Please write "Hanukkah Party" in the check memo.** If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the Membership Form and send it with a **separate check** to Wendy Goldstein, Membership Chairperson. For more information email her at wendysue800@yahoo.com.

Hanukkah Party Registration:

NAME: _____ CHECK # _____

EMAIL: _____

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

ISRAEL: A NATION AND ITS PEOPLE, PART II

Next Event: Sunday, November 9, 2 pm, Chapel Center

Diversity of the Israeli Population: Social, Cultural and Political Implications — Immigration and Absorption

Israel is truly a melting pot, having experienced massive immigration even before statehood in 1948. Each wave of immigrants has brought unique cultures, religious experiences, education and ways of life to Israel. For some, integration into Israel society was seamless, while others experienced multiple obstacles and even absorption rejection.



Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

On November 9 at 2 pm at Sun Lakes Chapel Center, the Friends of Israel, in cooperation with the East Valley JCC, present a vital topic to understand the impact of population diversity on current day Israel.

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of immigrants has brought unique cultures, religious experiences, education and ways of life to Israel. For some, integration into Israel society was seamless, while others experienced multiple obstacles and even absorption rejection.

SPEAKERS:

- **Sapir Tiram**, Senior Shlichah (Emissary from Israel) at the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix
- **Vita Krivyakova**, Jewish Agency Israel Fellow at Arizona State University Hillel

Both women are Israeli, with Vita making Aliyah from Russia to Israel in 2017, and Sapir being born in Israel. In addition to Vita's experience as an immigrant, both women have connections with multiple cultural groups. They have served in professional roles that provides them with important insight regarding the absorption process of immigrants into Israel. Join us for a most interesting and relevant afternoon experience.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Please indicate how many people will attend. Register at israelsunlakes@gmail.com.

Questions? Email Barbara Nussbaum at barban@aol.com or Michael Cohen at mwcohen000@gmail.com.

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

WRITE TO A LONE SOLDIER ELECTRONICALLY THIS YEAR

It's not too late to write a letter to Lone Soldiers in Israel. Please tell them that they are commended and appreciated for service they provide and the role that they play in Israel's return to stability and security.

HARD COPY SUBMISSION: Pick up a packet at the Erev Shabbat service on Friday, November 14. Please write your letter and send it to Michael Cohen, 9008 E Stoney Vista Court, Sun Lakes, AZ, 85248. Or, if you have a packet, bring the letter to the November 15 Erev Shabbat service. Submission deadline is Friday, November 28, 2025.

DIGITAL SUBMISSION: Alternatively, you can submit your letter electronically either in an email sent to lonesoldiers@evjcc.org or by visiting www.evjcc.org/greetings to upload your greeting by tapping "upload greetings."

This two-year war has stretched to coping strategies of soldiers, Israelis, and Zionists to the limit. Lone Soldiers

have suffered physically and emotionally beyond what they imagined they would experience when they joined the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). They need to hear from us!

If you have any questions, email lonesoldiers@evjcc.org for more information.





MAH JONGG CARDS

It is time to order your Mah Jongg cards for 2026. Please print clearly when you fill out the form. You may use one form for up to 5 players. Use additional forms if necessary. The form (see below) and the checks are to be mailed to Rita Tanen by January 9, 2026. For more information: ritatanen@gmail.com

2026 MAH JONGG CARDS

Please fill in the information below for **one lead person** per group. Then clearly print the names, addresses, size and quantity of the card(s) ordered.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

Indicate: SIZE: (S) STANDARD PRINT \$14.00 (L) LARGE PRINT \$15.00

SIZE	QUANTITY	NAME and ADDRESS
_____	_____	_____
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Make checks payable to: SLJC Sisterhood and send all the checks with this form to Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 9, 2026. Form and Checks must be received by this date.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

8 Jeff & Janey Burnce
25 Michael & Susan Cohen
25 Marc & Suzanne Machbitz

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

1 Shelly Henden	6 Gail Dante	23 Bobby Sachs
4 Wende Levy	7 Barbara Ganz	23 Richard Tauber
4 Joyce Spartonos	14 Karen Hasenfus	29 Paula Lewis
4 Sheldon Wilshinsky	14 Diane Silverman	27 Marcie Franklin-Gascoyne
5 Janey Burnce	14 Jerry Bernstein	30 Linda Brooks
5 Robert Dickman	16 Ron Gindick	

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

David Ament	Rebecca Lubisch	Seymour Price	Julius Steinhauer
Hannah Ament	Goldberg	Leonard Raffeld	Ruth Sternhill
Dortha Archer	Francine Goldner	Ida Raisin	William Strauss
Benjamin Backer	Joseph Gurievsky	Ben Raisin	David Sussman
Rose Backer	Beryl Gurievsky	Louis Rubinstein	Sidney Tanen
Annie G. Becker	Goldie Henden	Yetta Schwartz	Sandi Wiener
Anna Biales	Sidney Israel	Jenny Sharff	
Samantha Byrne	Jerry Kaplan	Alfred Sheppard	
Sandra Cervera	Robert Klau	Richard Schmalzbach	
Edith Cooper	Samuel Koss	Rose Siegel	
Cyril Freed	Esther Z. Kovac	Sidney Silverman	
Ann Frindell	Florence Lazarow	Phil Sontag	
Rose Gabster	Bart Levy	Ruth Spear	
Shirley Gerson	Jesse Miller	Harry Spiegel	
Celia Ginsberg	Esther Plotkin	Sol N. Steinberg	

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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.

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In memory of Dr. Martin Ganz
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by Rabbi Wiener

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by Diane S. Zeilinger
In memory of Richard Green
by Sherry Green
In memory of Louis Rubinstein
by JoAnn Rubinstein
In memory of Sol Steinberg
by Sharon Becker
In memory of Annie G. Becker
by Sharon Becker
In memory of Jerry Kaplan
by Anita Kolikoff
In memory of Jenny Brajtberg Bright
by Helen Frischenmeyer
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by Rita Tanen
In memory of Sandra Gervera
by Rita Tanen
In memory of Donald Becker
by Marilyn Fein
In memory of Goldie Sontag
by Gary & Karen Hasenfus
In memory of Ruth Sternhill
by Fritzi Ferguson
In memory of Harry Spiegel
by Eileen Carpenter
In memory of Jesse Miller
by Eileen Carpenter

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Thank you to my SLJC friends for the calls, texts, cards and emails, especially the visits from the Rabbi and Shelly during my husband's recent illness and hospitalization. My husband and I want you to know how much it meant to us. His journey is not yet over, with an impending surgery in Dec. Your support means a lot.
—Roxanne Banta

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at 7 pm at the Chapel Center.

SLJC sends condolences to the family of congregant Karen Blonder, who passed away on September 25. Notes may be sent to her daughter, Kim Franklyn, at: 800 W. Queen Creek Rd., #1123, Chandler, AZ 85248

Mazel tov to Doris and Ron Codkind on their 70th anniversary, to Judy and Chuck Wolin on their 65th anniversary, and to Greg and Diane Posniack on their 60th anniversary.

HELP WANTED: Do you know anyone who would prepare the Bima and put away the Judaica items needed for our monthly Shabbat services? This is a paid position. For information or questions, please contact Shelly Henden.

Dennis and I want to thank our wonderful SLJC family for all of your support and well wishes during Dennis's surgery, hospitalization, and rehab. We very much appreciate your calls, visits, prayers, and thoughts during this difficult time. Thank you to our dear Rabbi and Shelly for their meaningful visits. Dennis is home now and continues to make progress and to heal. Your support and encouragement fill our hearts. —Phyllis and Dennis Novy

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.

TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

Use your Arizona State income tax liability and payment to benefit East Valley JCC and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Your tax liability will not increase or decrease for this donation. Instead of giving your income tax payment to the Arizona Treasury Department, you can donate it to East Valley JCC and SLJC!

This is a win-win for both you and our congregation!

Individual income tax filers can donate as much as \$495 and joint income filers can donate as much as \$987 without increasing or decreasing your tax liability for this donation. SLJC will receive 18% of the funds received by East Valley JCC. Once this donation has been made, East Valley JCC will send a donation confirmation to use for your tax records. Form 321 will need to be filed with Arizona Income Taxes for this Charitable contribution.

Help our synagogue benefit from your generous contribution without it costing you any additional money!

Below is a form that you can use for your donation to the East Valley JCC that lists Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation as the benefiting organization.



TAX CREDIT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Donation (Check): _____

Benefiting Organization (AZ Tax Credit): Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to:

East Valley JCC (AZ Tax Credit)

908 North Alma School Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

JWV SPEAKER OFFERS HELP TO BRAIN INJURED VETS AND PUBLIC

Sunday, November 16, 9:30 am, Oakwood Clubhouse Ballroom, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



More than 45,000 people in Arizona are living with a traumatic brain injury. Luke Fadell, Director of Veteran Services for the Brain Injury Association of Arizona (BIAZZ), will address Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 on Sunday, November 16, in the Oakwood Clubhouse Ballroom, 24218 S Oakwood Blvd, Sun Lakes, at

10 am. Lox, bagels, donuts, and coffee will be served at 9:30 am. The public is welcome.

"Brain injury is a monumental obstacle in anyone's life. Too often, common brain injury symptoms are part of combat-related PTSD and struggles with addiction," according to the BIAZZ Director Fadell, a U.S. Army Desert Storm veteran. BIAZZ is dedicated to supporting all veterans and their families statewide who are striving to live well after experiencing service-connected or post-deployment brain injuries and trauma. This is accomplished by connecting them with the Brain Injury Association's approved neuro-provider database, alongside the VA, healthcare providers, and human service organizations. Support for service members caring for a parent or child with a brain injury is also provided.

The Brain Injury Association of Arizona helps survivors with all types of brain injury, whether from an accident or acquired, as in cases of drug overdose or severe illness. The work has directly improved the lives of thousands of survivors of brain injury, their loved ones, and caregivers by helping them rebuild rich lives with accessible social events and support groups. Their work has gotten brain injury survivors off the streets and into homes and out of rehabilitation centers and back into the workforce.

BIAZZ's Client Emergency Assistance Fund is used to close vital gaps in care and support that insurance or other resources won't cover, such as transportation, food for their pet family, internet access to keep job searches active, or other needs that simply aren't covered elsewhere. "Recently, I helped a veteran who had been experiencing several months of homelessness get back home to Manilla in the Philippines so he could reconnect with his family and support network," proudly explains Fadell. "This entailed finding necessary documentation, helping him get cleared for international travel and gaining funding for a place to settle in Manila."

Fadell holds certifications in ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), Peer Support, and Traumatic Brain Injury. He serves as the Board Chair for the Phoenix VA Mental Health Advocacy Council and is a member of the Phoenix VA Veteran Family Advisory Council and the Southern Arizona VA Veteran Mental Health Advocacy Council.

Anyone with a brain injury seeking help is encouraged to reach out to BIAZZ by calling their helpline at (888) 500-9165, emailing info@biaaz.org, or visiting their website at www.biaaz.org. Calls are returned within 48 hours.

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to June, boasts members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Arthur Uram, (702) 884-4175, uramarthur@gmail.com.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, has a Chapter in the East Valley called Devorah Hadassah. We organize events, programs, and fundraising activities to support Hadassah Medical Center in Israel and other Hadassah initiatives. For more information, please visit desertmountain@hadassah.org.

Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 10 am at the home of Gail Schek, located at 2600 E Springfield Pl., #4, Chandler.

Out to Lunch

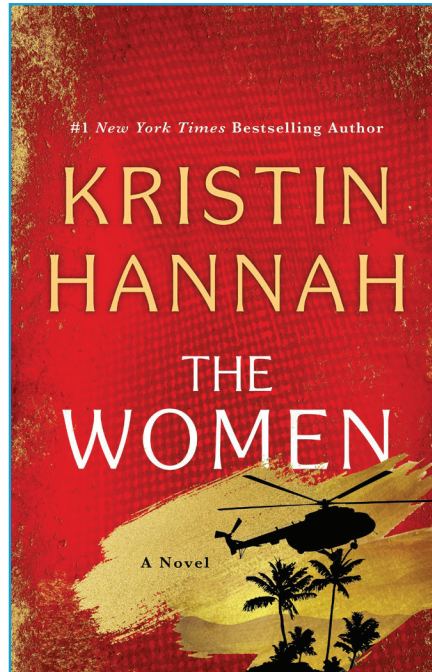
Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together! Upcoming dates are Wednesday, November 12 and December 17 at 1 pm.

Literary Ladies Book Group

Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. The upcoming book we will be discussing on Zoom on December 10 is *Someone Else's Shoes* by JoJo Moyes.

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12 at 10:30 am. We will be installing the 2026 Devorah Slate of Officers, and then discussing the book *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. After the meeting, we will be going to lunch at Tao Garden



Devorah Hadassah sells greeting cards!

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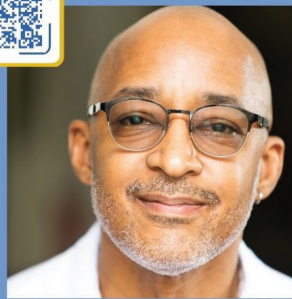
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Yiddish-Kite Club

Nov. 17



Tuesdays at the J

Nov. 4: Julian Wyatt



Israeli Film Series

Nov. 16: Farewell Mr. Haffman

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