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Happy Hanukkah!



Celebrating the Festival of Lights

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

SLJC December 2022

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Hanukkah: A Time to Celebrate Freedom and Redemption

In the beginning there was light. Over 2,200 years ago the light was almost extinguished. But then humanity was introduced to an awareness that not only illuminated the path of life's journey but also enabled us to understand the difference

between good and evil.

Hanukkah helps us understand this eternal struggle.

The lesson of Hanukkah should be that military might or the ability to wage war is contrary to the relationship required of us in our quest to connect with God. Perhaps that is why the Book of the Maccabees was not included in the Canon of Jewish Holy writings. To glorify armed conflict contradicts the very essence of Heaven's connection to Earth. And yet, without Hanukkah and its military aspect, we would not be able to celebrate freedom and redemption. Perhaps the intent was to allow us the ability to decide when struggle justifies the need for spiritual salvation.

Hanukkah began the process of globalization of the understanding of God. The true meaning of sacrifice can be found in the light that emanates from the Menorah and affords us the opportunity to engross ourselves in the true meaning of the relationship between God and the created.

Hanukkah comes at a time when darkness surrounds us, whether it be the darkness of mind and body or the darkness of destructive experiences. There is despair and hopelessness because the days are short, the night is long, and the cold harshness of winter is upon us. We are reminded of our mortality. Some sleep and some die. For this is the darkest time of the year, the darkest time of our lives.

Then there is light. The warm glow of the candles kindles an awareness in our hearts that radiates strongly and gives us solace. We watch the flame, almost hypnotized, and we are assured of a brighter tomorrow. Each night we light another candle to be added to the candle of the preceding night until all eight are lit. And each encounter with the new flame gives us a new sense of enlightenment, a new level of holiness.

We celebrate Hanukkah primarily in our homes because there, too, do we find the comfort and serenity that separates the Holy from the profane. Our homes are sanctified through the blessings of family and friends. And it is in our homes that the lessons of life are first learned.

We cannot recapture the past, but we can use it to ensure the future. The religious freedom we established some 2,200 years ago has been the clarion call for all people throughout history. Every effort at religious freedom has had as its example the spark from the candles lit when evil was overcome. The Temple where it all began is no more, but the Temple is with us in all that we do, in all that we are — particularly at Hanukkah.

We pray not only for ourselves but for all peoples everywhere that the light of religious freedom will glow forever; that the light will give hope and meaning to our journey. We pray that the light will illuminate the paths of darkness awakening our souls to our societal duties, reminding us that there is goodness and that we have an obligation, a moral responsibility, to comfort the oppressed, to respond to those in trouble and to relieve as much pain and suffering as we are able. We also pray that tomorrow can be better and that life is cherished above military might or the ability to make war.

Perhaps the light of this season will illuminate our concentration on ending this nightmare of bigotry that surrounds us every day. Let these lights shine on those responsible for relieving the pain and suffering: those people in the forefront who administer to our needs so that we will all see the light of promise and redemption. Then perhaps the hate-filled rhetoric and vitriol will disappear, and we will feel safe and secure in our beliefs and fulfillment of our dreams. 🕯️

Join with us at our Shabbat Service on December 9 at 7 pm as we celebrate Hanukkah and light the Congregation Menorah. New members, who have joined us this year, will be honored with their participation in our observance.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Upcoming Events:

Please join us for all our fun activities and get to meet new friends! For more information on attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom at (860) 377-7126 or ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

The first Wednesday of each month is our Out to Lunch. We meet at a different restaurant each month for good food and conversations. Our next lunch meeting will be held on [Wednesday, December 7 at 1 pm](#), which will include a Hanukkah party. The location will be announced via an email.

The second Wednesday of each month is our book group called Literary Ladies. The next meeting will be held on [Wednesday, December 14 at 1:30 pm](#) at which the group will discuss *Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly.

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, December 21 from 11 am to 1 pm](#).

The Chick Flicks movie group meeting dates and movies vary each, month but include a discussion of the film via Zoom.

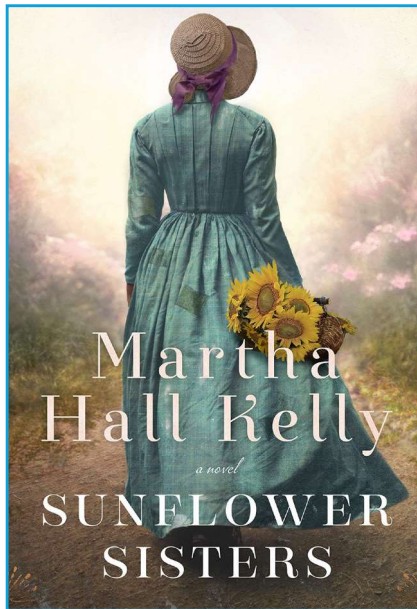
Desert Mountain Region Meeting in Phoenix: December 10-12, 2022

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to the land, the people, and the future of Israel. Devorah Hadassah is our Chapter located in the Southeast Valley.

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

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 to order or to ask questions.



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Do you shop at Fry's, have a Fry's card and an email address? Fry's will donate to SJLC every time you shop. Easy to do and it costs you nothing.

Follow the instructions on our website, under "Donations" (sunlakesjewishcongregation.org/donations/donations.html).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Happy Hanukkah

Greetings fellow congregation members. I hope to see you at our December Shabbat service as we will be lighting our menorah in celebration of Hanukkah. We invite those of you with grandchildren in the area to bring them

to help us celebrate. I love the sight of children in our sanctuary.

At our November service we welcomed our new accompanist Jeanette Cline and her husband, Gene, who is now gracing our choir with his wonderful tones. What a great find. Thank you, Lana and Len, for finding her.

I again want to thank our outstanding SLJC Sisterhood for donating the beautiful silk floral arrangement that will be a permanent fixture at our services, in memory of Suzy Zeigler.

For those of you that attended both of our last two fundraisers, Brooklyn Vs and the Hale Theatre, thank you for your participation. More of these will be on the calendar. Look for them in *The Shpiel* and the e-blasts.

Please see the promotion on page 13 entitled "Help Those In Need In The East Valley" if you'd like to help with our fundraising efforts. Simply donate to the East Valley JCC and you get a dollar-for-dollar credit on your Arizona State Taxes (limit \$800 married couple; \$400 single) and the Temple gets a grant back from the JCC. Everybody wins!

The Board of Directors voted on the cost of the non-member plaques to remain at double Chai \$36. See the form in this issue on page 12.

As my first year as your president draws to a close, I want to thank our Board, and all of you who are behind the scenes. It is much appreciated.

Remember, any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Speaking of calling, my phone number has changed. Please note I am now at (480) 612-4413.

Another reminder, if you would like to participate in a Shabbat service, please let me know. If you have a birthday or anniversary or something special to celebrate, an honor is a good way to celebrate.

From the Henden home to you and yours, we wish you a happy Hanukkah and a happy and healthy New Year. 🎉

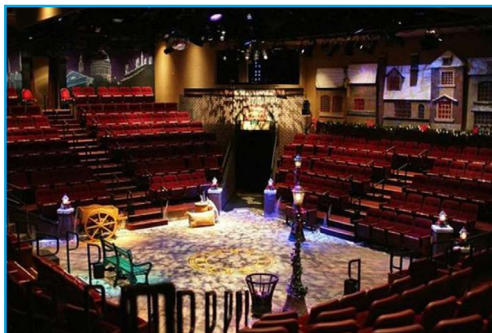
SLJC FUNDRAISER

JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for shows this fall at the Hale Theatre, a theater-in-the-round located at 50 W. Page Ave. in Gilbert. These performances will provide a chance to get together, see a show, maybe have a nosh in Downtown Gilbert, and raise some much-needed funds for our Congregation. All shows will be matinees at 4 pm.

Here is what is on the landscape: *The Andrews Brothers* on Tuesday, January 24 (a musical about a USO performance from the Andrews Sisters who fail to appear, so three stagehands take over in their places as

they are determined that the show must go on). The show is filled to the brim with over 30 hit tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters. The other upcoming shows are *42nd Street* on Saturday, March 11 and *Bye Bye Birdie* on Saturday, May 20. We hope you can join the fun!



Ticket price is \$40. To make your reservation, please call Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelley Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.



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Make checks out to SLJC Sisterhood and send to:
Rita Tanen, 23905 S. Sunland Court, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
DEADLINE – JANUARY 10, 2023

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC offers condolences to the family of our congregant Benna Kisin-Schultz, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 22.

We offer condolences to the family of Lucy Fleishman, a former congregant, who died on October 31.

Please note the new number of congregational president
Shelly Henden:
(480) 612-4413

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

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Upcoming Sessions: Thursday, December 15, 1 pm, Chapel House



On Thursday, December 15 we will have a Hanukkah Party at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. There will be lots of games and delicious traditional desserts for the holiday celebration. Activities include making edible dreidels, Hanukkah bingo, and holiday word puzzles.

On January 19 at 1 pm we will learn how challah is made. Wende Levy will demonstrate how to braid the dough. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, but space is limited to the first sixteen people who sign up to do the hands-on activity. Those people who would like to participate must bring a cookie sheet and clean kitchen towel or cloth to the Chapel Center on that day. You will take home the braided dough to let it rise and then you will bake it at home. The recipe and instructions will be distributed at the meeting. RSVP to Barbara Reiss at elliottbarb@q.com by Thursday, January 5 in order to be one of the first sixteen people who will do this activity. Everyone else at the meeting is welcome to learn how to make this traditional Jewish bread.

Please fill out and return the Membership Dues form and the Mah Jongg Cards form on the opposite page if you have not done so already.

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

NOTE: We do not share information with anyone. For Sisterhood use only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Birthday (month/day only): _____

Please send check for \$25, payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to:
Marsha Levine, 3805 E. County Down Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

MEET AHARON GARNOT AND OSEY CHAIL ASSOCIATION

Aharon is the founder a Osey Chail Association, one of our Lone Soldier Center partners in Israel. Six years ago, he recognized that many Heradi youth who decided to join the IDF and were no longer welcome at their family's home. For this reason, in the eyes of the IDF, they qualify as Lone Soldiers.

Their accomplishments are numerous and include:

- 200 Soldiers supported in 6 years
- 20 apartments, with adoptive families nearby, for 75 Lone Soldiers at various locations around Israel
- 64 hours of therapy have been provided to help soldiers deal the situations and crises they face
- 23 soldiers returned to their families
- 10 have participated in the Life Preparation Program upon IDF discharge
- 9 Certificates of Excellence from IDF this year
- 2 Got married with wedding support from Osey Chail



SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Upcoming Sessions: Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm, Chapel House

Questions about Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Supplement insurance? Then plan on attending the Men's Club meeting on December 6.

Our speaker is Randy Hill with Retirement Insurance Specialists (RIS). Randy has an extensive background in guiding retirees through the maze of Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Medicare Drug Plans, Life Insurance, Travel Insurance as well as Long Term Care Insurance.

Bring friends and family to this important meeting as well as your questions! Randy will be there to help!

Meeting is at the Chapel Center with socializing at 6:30 pm and meeting starts promptly at 7 pm.

There will also be a lunch at Macayo's Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, December 13 at noon. They gave great lunch specials starting at \$9.95. RSVP to Jeff Spear at (732) 930-8866.

Men's Club is a social organization that meets monthly from September to June. There are interesting speakers, group lunches and interesting field trips.

For further information, contact Marty Levine at (480) 802-8911 or marteleee@hotmail.com.



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

11 Charles & Judy Wolin 25 Neil & Susan Tamber 27 Richard & Noreen Nadler
12 Gregory & Diane Posniack 26 Alan & Leah Bloom 28 Cyril & Glenda Warshaw
12 Robert & Karen Kaplan

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

4 Leah Bloom 8 Milton Lewis 16 Marshall Gurian 25 Evey Freed
4 Tom Mohr 9 Kevin Murphy 19 Vera Stein 29 Richard Nadler
4 Seymour Zolty 9 Jon Scheck 20 Jeff Burnce 29 Faith Roth
7 Judy Asbell 13 Sander Frindell 21 Alice Salita 31 Gregory Posniack
7 Rabbi Irwin Wiener 16 Fritzi Ferguson 23 Richard Tauber

DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Irving Arnow	Alton Dunn	George Holstein	Roberta Schaffer
Naomi Axelrad	Minnie Elias	Bobby Hopkins	Sam Schaeffer
Sophie Behr	Esther Engel	Lenore Huskey	Morris Schulman
Jennie Berenweig	Irving Evans	Jean Jacobs	Sarah Shalett
Dan Berg	Elizabeth Fineberg	Dorothy Kaplan	Simon Shapiro
Federick Blank	Charles Fink	Alexander Katcher	Irving Silverman
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Sidney Bloom	Sol Gass	John Kupsensel	Meyer Solko
Edward Blumberg	Bessie Gerson	Leah Koss	Anna Solko
Marilyn Blumberg	John Gerson	Tillie Levenson	Charles Stein
Fanny Bush	Fred E Gilbert	Berthe Machbitz	Anna Stern
Frances Calcaterra	Irving Ginsberg	Alaine Matlaw	Irving Sternhill
Margaret Cline	Sylvia Glazer	Mark Nelinson	Ruth Sternhill
Pauline Cohen	Allan Goelman	Edith Ornstein	Lynne Stone
Sydney Cohen	Marilyn Goldsmith	Max Rosendale	Dorothy Taitsman
Minna Cohen	Grace Gould Earhart	Libby Rossen	Harry Temkin
Ray Cohen	B. Claiment (Clay)	Jerome Roth	Harvey
Pearl Cook	Granoff	Helen Roth	Trachtenberg
Bette E Dubinsky	Cyla Gutwillig	Zelda Rothstein	Ronald Weiner
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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 Marjorie Betulia
by Bob Stone
In memory of Frances Calcaterra
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In memory of Pearl Cook
by Nancy Stutman
In memory of my father Jean Jacobs
by Bobby Sachs
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In honor of Shelly Henden's and Diane Silverman's dedication
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by Rabbi & Sandi Wiener
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by Gail Cantor
In honor of Diane Silverman's special birthday
by Ilana Goldschmidt
In honor of Shelly Henden's 80th birthday
by Shirley Gersten
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by Marilyn & Harvey Fein

GENERAL FUND

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Thank you for my honor at Yom Kippur Services
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In honor of Shelly Henden's and Diane Silverman's special birthday
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by Gail Cantor

ONEG FUND

In memory of Anne Teplitsky's brother David Cohen
by Arnie & Shelly Henden

MUSIC FUND

In honor of Diane Silverman's special birthday
by Lanya Oyer
In honor of Shelly Henden's special birthday
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In honor of Shelly Henden
by Cyril Goodman
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FLOWER FUND

In memory of Anne Teplitsky's brother David
by Betsy Silverman

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In memory of Michelle Yacuzzio
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Minimum donation of \$10* please.

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SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

HYMAN GREENBERG

By Murray Siegel

It is December and the baseball season has finally ended. A World Series champion has been crowned and the Arizona Fall League has completed its run. This was a year filled with talk about home runs. Aaron Judge, of the NY Yankees, broke the American League record for home runs in a season. Luis Pujols, of the St Louis Cardinals, ended his Hall of Fame career by joining an exclusive club (four members) of Major League players who have hit at least 700 home runs in a career.

You might not know that one of the earliest players to challenge the home run record of Babe Ruth was the son of Orthodox Jews who had come to NYC from Bucharest, Romania, named Hyman Greenberg at birth, but known to baseball fans as Hank Greenberg. Besides hitting 58 home runs in 1938, Hank was a proud Jewish American. He was the first American League player to register for the peacetime draft in 1940, and served 47 months of active duty, missing four baseball seasons in his prime.

In 1934, he opted to attend Yom Kippur services rather than play in a game against the Yankees. He endured



years of anti-Semitic remarks and was one of very few players who offered support to Jackie Robinson in 1947, Hank's last year as a player. He became a team executive for the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox. In Cleveland, he made a strong effort to sign African-American players. (Hearing of three Negro League players with potential, he asked the team scouts to assess their talent. Ironically, the scouts found the three lacked in talent — the players were Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and Ernie Banks.) Greenberg died of kidney cancer in 1986 at the age of 75.

**Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation
Non-Member Memorial Plaques Order Form**

Remembering our loved ones is a cornerstone of the Jewish religion. Members of our congregation who pass away are remembered on the board as you enter the Chapel. Non-member plaques are now available for \$36. Please print clearly when completing the form.

There are three different choices of wording from which to select:

CHOICE 1

Choice #1 option only = “mother” | “father” | “son” | “daughter”

In Loving Memory of _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ *(name of purchaser(s))*

CHOICE 2

Always in Our Hearts _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ *(name of purchaser(s))*

CHOICE 3

In Remembrance of _____
(name of person and date of death)

By _____ *(name of purchaser(s))*

Total number of plaques included: _____
x \$36

Total remitted: \$ _____

Note: No changes can be accepted after plaque is sent for engraving.

*Please send this form and your check made payable to SLJC to:
Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S. Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.
For questions, please contact Wendy at (480) 584-5909.*

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

VETS ATTENDING THE JWV DECEMBER MEETING WILL LEARN HOW TO RECEIVE FREE EVENT TICKETS

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



Steven Weintraub, Chief Strategy Officer of The Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix), will address the Jewish War Veterans, Copper State Post 619 on **Sunday, December 18.**

Steve Weintraub retired from the Marine Corps in 2019, attaining the rank of Colonel after having given more than 32 years of honorable and dedicated

service on active duty and the reserves. He was inducted this year into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

Steve joined the executive staff of the Veteran Tickets Foundation in 2016 as Chief Strategy Officer. He has led the effort to grow and increase the national nonprofit organization Vet Tix membership to more than two million members and enabled the organization to have distributed over 14 million tickets to its members since the organization was created in 2008.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online and their service is verified. Membership is available to veterans and active-duty military along with their families, including immediate family of troops killed in action (KIA). Detailed information can be obtained at www.vettix.org.

Give something to Those Who Gave. By providing free tickets to events, Vet Tix offers opportunities to reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories, and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. Wounds of war, both mental and physical, can stay with veterans the rest of their lives. "Giving to our veterans and supporting the transitions back into their families and communities is a gift of gratitude in which we all can take part," states Weintraub.

A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am, followed by the speaker at 10 am. The public is invited. There is no charge. To partake in the food, however, a reservation is required by Friday, December 16 at 5 pm. Contact Joyce Spartonos by email at joytoyspartonos@aol.com or text her at (480) 802-4902.

JWV Post 619 meets the third Sunday of every month from September-May. To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Commander Chuck Wolin (602) 300-5913 or cjsunlakes@msn.com.

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