



# THE SHPIEL

DECEMBER 2023 | KISLEV / TEVET 5784

Happy  
Hanukkah!



*Carol  
Horowitz*

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

# SLJC DECEMBER 2023

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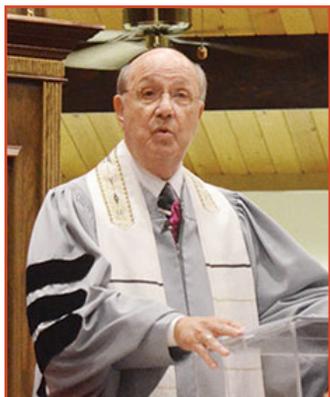
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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



## To Say "Thank You" Is Not Enough

Over the course of twenty-one years, we have grown together, aged together, laughed and cried together, shared illnesses and recoveries. However, the one experience that defies understanding is the passing of time.

Week after week, month after month, we shared stories of children and grandchildren. We shared pictures of loved ones with great pride. The sum-total of who we are can be found in our ability to come together in times of

need to share the most daunting experience — the loss of a loved one.

November 9, 2023, will forever be enshrined in my memory for it was on that day forty years folded into memory.

I thank everyone for their response to my needs. I thank everyone for the comfort offered. I thank everyone for being part of Sandi's life and appreciating her love and caring. I thank everyone for being there on November 14, 2023, to celebrate her life.

May God always watch over us as we continue life's journey together. My blessing is being part of you. 🕯️



## Hanukkah 5784

Each year we all agonize over whether Hanukkah is a religious holiday. Many interfaith households wrestle with the situations of respect and sensitivity to Hanukkah and Christmas. And every year there are articles written about how to celebrate and how to identify, so that the spiritual aspect is not lost in the commercialism.

It certainly is a time of lights. There is darkness all around us. The days are short. The nights are long. It is cold and the harshness of winter is fast approaching. Life withers as do trees, and flowers, and people. We sleep, as does nature. Some do not wake. It is the darkest time of the year.

This particular year it is very dark. Gloom and doom seem to be everywhere. We are witnessing mass murders occurring in our cities. In Israel the nightmare of barbarism remains evident with the murder of 1400 Israelis. The description of these atrocities is too gruesome to describe. And the destruction of the evil that has permeated this corner of the world hopefully will be eliminated. Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? We have such doubts, and we struggle to find optimism.

Hanukkah is a time of re-dedication — we saw an example of that when the Maccabees put sword in hand to ensure the survival of the Jewish people and ▾

their faith. We cannot recapture the past, but we can use it to ensure the future. The religious freedom that was won some twenty-three hundred years ago has been the clarion call for all people throughout history. Every battle for religious freedom has had as its foundation the spark from the candles lit to celebrate the scourge of evil.

Hanukkah helps us understand the eternal struggle of good over evil. We pray for good to survive. We attempt to eradicate evil. What we all want is to be left alone so that we can be secure and free. What we need are voices that will drown out the hate and animosity. God cannot do this for us — we need to do it for ourselves. That is the message of Hanukkah — with faith in the right, we lead the battle — not expecting some mighty hand to do it for us. We have been given the ability to survive. All we need to do is grab it and run with it.

And yet, in the final analysis, we still want some Divine intervention to save us from the path of destruction whether in the Middle East or here at home. And to pray for guidance is not bad; it is necessary for us to understand that it is we who must affect the change for good to complete the partnership we all have with God.

## LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

### LONE SOLDIERS THANK SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

By Michael Cohen

SLJC and the Community responded graciously to the current Israeli crisis and war. Your generous donations allowed us to raise \$6,000 in emergency donations for our three Lone Soldier Center partners in Israel. The needs of Lone Soldiers have dramatically escalated because of the unimaginable, horrific terrorist murders by Hamas on October 7. Although they are well prepared and trained for combat and combat support roles, Lone Soldiers as well as the rest of the IDF and reservists will be in harm's way for an extended time. The ongoing battle and responses to Israel's attempts to maintain security will reverberate for some time.

Black Shabbat, as it is now known, was a tragedy that has affected Jews across the world in ways that we may not have imagined. All of us were aware of rising antisemitism in the US, Europe and Great Britain, but I'm not sure that we expected Israel and Jewish hatred to be so widespread, intense and vicious.

It is clear that the IDF is attempting to eliminate Hamas and preserve Israel's security and longevity for all of

Hanukkah is also a time of spiritual connection to our beliefs and to togetherness. Hanukkah, to me, indicates the need to set aside petty jealousies and indignations and concentrate on peace and goodwill among people and nations.

Hopefully the lights of this season will remind us to respond to those in trouble so that we can be an instrument in relieving all the pain and suffering. Perhaps the lights will begin a tomorrow that can be better as it emphasizes that life is cherished above all else. We should all pray that the leaders of our country, The United States of America, receive Divine guidance to ensure that we remain a beacon of light and influence to all people.

Above all, we pray that the destructive forces alive in every part of the world, in particular in the Middle East, will be relegated to memory so that we can all enjoy the birth of a new era in the history of humanity. 🕯️

***Please join us at our Erev Shabbat service on December 8 at 7:00 pm, the second night of Hanukkah. We will light our Hanukkah menorah, graciously donated by Gail Dante in memory of her husband and our long-time member, Jack.***



us as well as for Israeli citizens. Antisemitism is anti-Israel, and hate for Israel often translates to hate for Jews worldwide. It is truly our homeland, where any of us could seek refuge if threats to our wellbeing ever grew intolerable.

These history-changing events emphasize why our support for the IDF, specifically for Lone Soldiers, has drastically increased. Thank you, SLJC, for meeting this challenge.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## SHELLY HENDEN



## Peace On Earth

On behalf of the entire Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Wiener and his family on the passing of Sandi. May her memory be a blessing.

Happy early Hanukkah. Needless to say, it has been a harrowing two months around the world and especially in Israel. I do hope that those of you who have family and dear friends in Israel have found them all safe and out of harm's way.

At our service this month we will be celebrating Hanukkah as we light our beautiful menorah donated by Gail Dante and friends. I am hoping that you all will make a special effort to join us as we all need to celebrate

something joyful.

Many thanks to Marcia Weiner and Shelly Schwartz for arranging the fundraiser to the Hale Theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof," which was an outstanding production. Having seen this show and movie before, I still get very emotional and did so this time because of what we are witnessing: the happenings around the world with the rise of antisemitism. My query is why do so many people have such hatred and dislike for us Jews? It just boggles my mind!

Many thanks to Linda Brooks for organizing our fundraiser at Fat Willy's.

I can't help repeating myself, that you should read your *Shpiel* and watch for e-blasts for all the goings on with our temple.

Again, a happy Hanukkah to you and your families, and let us all pray for peace on earth for the coming year. 🙏

## ADULT EDUCATION

### SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, January 14, 2024, Chapel Center

January 14, 2024, is the date of the next event sponsored by the Sun Lakes Congregation Education Committee: a community-wide event including other religious congregations in the Sun Lakes community. The religious leaders of various congregations have agreed to participate in a roundtable discussion on topic impacting all religions — The Declining Affiliation and Attendance Rates in Traditional Houses of Worship. The Chapel will be the location for this event. Please put this date on your calendar and join us on January 14. More details will be announced in the January *Shpiel*.



# FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

## UNITY IN ISRAEL

By Michael Cohen

I am writing this, 32 days after of the horrific massacre of Jews in Israel on October 7, 2023. Black Shabbat, as it will be known, occurred in the context of the most social and political divide that Israel has known in its 75-year history. Suddenly, there was an immediate unity response because 1400 Jews were killed, 240 taken hostage and thousands injured. The survival of Israel was threatened.

No reservist stayed home as threatened. Virtually everyone who was not called into the IDF as a reservist is doing their job or volunteering to support the families of those killed, injured or kidnapped. Identifying those murdered and seeing that they have an appropriate Jewish burial has been challenging. Vast communication networks have identified needs, allowing Israelis to respond.

One area of unity has been remarkable. Service in the IDF by ultraorthodox, especially the Haredi sect, has been a major divisive issue among Israelis for decades.

Young Haredi men who decided to join the IDF were often considered to be Lone Soldiers because they were no longer welcome in the family home. The Supreme Court has postponed deciding about mandatory draft since 2012. In fact, the current right-wing conservative government pushed for judicial reforms, in part because they want to court to rule that Haredi IDF service would be mandatory.

However, since October 7, over 3000 Haredi men have indicated a desire to join to IDF in non-combat roles. Before entering Gaza, many IDF soldiers wanted to wear *tzitzit* under their uniforms. Haredi rabbis are mass producing these to meet this demand.

Hopefully when the military engagement concludes, Hamas will be eliminated and Israel will regain security. This unity will be sustained with the understanding that the mutual needs of all Israelis far exceed their differences.



# SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Upcoming Lunch Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 12 pm, Venezia's Pizzeria

The SLJC Men's Club will be collecting food donations for Mathew's Crossing Food Band, Chandler, on Friday, December 8 at the Chapel Center prior to our Erev Shabbat service.

On **Tuesday, December 12 at 11:45 am**, the Sun Lakes Congregation Men's Club will have lunch at Venezia's Pizzeria, 1245 Price Road (just south of the 202). They

have a full menu including delicious sandwiches. There are daily pizza specials and combinations. One or two slices plus a drink, or one slice with a salad and a drink are reasonably priced. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, please contact Marty Levine [martelee@hotmail.com](mailto:martelee@hotmail.com), (908) 216-0848 or Edd Shalett at [Tieman11@q.com](mailto:Tieman11@q.com), (480) 883-9159.



▷ On October 18, The Men's Club attended an Arizona Fall League baseball game at Sloan Park in Mesa. The game was between the Mesa Solar Sox and the Glendale Desert Dogs.

*Pictured left to right: front row; Jeff Spear and Marty Levine | back row; Dave Bales, Bruce Kochman, Mike Abrams, Edd Shalett and Dick Lapkin*

## 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



# ANNUAL CARD PARTY

**Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

**Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes**

**Charity event sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood.**

**\$40 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch.**

**For reservations or questions call Carol at 480-895-3168.**

**Don't forget about our signature gift baskets, cash raffle and the tantalizing treats at our bake sale !**

**Names of players: (Please include a contact phone #/e-mail for one member of the group.) Reservations deadline is March 1st.**

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**Game to be played:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check for \$40.00 per player to SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.**

**You must provide your own game. No shufflers please!**

# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, December 21, 1 pm, Chapel Center

The next meeting of the SLJC Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, December 21 at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. Our guest speaker will be Julie Bauman, a group fitness instructor. She will teach us easy exercises that are done sitting in a chair. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a positive attitude for a healthy lifestyle.

Save the date for our annual Card Party on March 11. (Please see the flyer on the opposite page.)



## Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day only): \_\_\_\_\_

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

# DEVORAH HADASSAH

## Israel in Crisis

When Hamas attacked Israel, Hadassah jumped into action on the ground in Israel at our hospitals and youth villages. In the US and around the world, our members, donors and leaders have helped generate support for our crisis response efforts and our beloved Israel. With such devastating news every day, we all want to help: 1. Donate, 2. Advocate, 3. Rally, 4. Spread the Word, 5. Find Comfort and Community, 6. Remember Self-care, 7. Stay Informed. However, you choose to help, thank you. We're grateful that you are part of our Hadassah community.

## Literary Ladies Book Group

The second Wednesday of each month is our book group called Literary Ladies on Zoom. The next book we will be discussing is *The Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis **Wednesday, December 13 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, December 20 from 11 am to 1 pm.**

## Chick Flicks

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

## General Hadassah Meeting

Save the date of Wednesday, January 24 at 10:30 am for the General Meeting and Installation of New Officers at the EVJCC. Our Out to Lunch will follow the meeting.

## Mah Jongg Cards

Devorah is selling 2024 Mahj cards. Please contact Susan Fox to place your order at [susansq1@gmail.com](mailto:susansq1@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 at (520) 705-3226 to order or to ask questions.

Please join us for all of our fun activities and get to 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](mailto:ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com).

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

**Sunday, December 17, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes**

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 meets the third Sunday of every month from September to May and includes members who represent a wide range of religious affiliations and participates in philanthropic activities to help veterans of all faiths. Our meetings take place at the poolside building at oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet"

with FREE lox, bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The program follows at 10 am. All are welcome.

To learn more about JWV activities and membership, contact Elliott Reiss at [ElliottBarb@q.com](mailto:ElliottBarb@q.com), or call at (480) 802-3281.

**MAH JONGG CARDS – 2024**

Prices for 2024 remain the same. Please fill out this form and provide a name, email address and phone number for ONE person per Group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD	LARGE	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>
<u>small</u> \$14.00	<u>large</u> \$15.00	
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Please make checks (NO CASH) payable to SLJC Sisterhood and send with this FORM to: Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Court, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

***Deadline: January 12, 2024***

# 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.

## CHAPEL FUND

In honor of our Rosh Hashanah Aliyah  
by Bruce & Carol Gabel

## GENERAL FUND

For my Yom Kippur honor  
by Fritzi Ferguson  
For my Torah Honor in October  
by Bob Stone

## MUSIC FUND

In honor of our Aliyah on our October Anniversary  
by Susan & Stephen Kubrin

## YAHREZIT FUND

In memory of Lester Merritt  
by Ellin Lee Merritt  
In memory of Edith Cooper  
by Susan & Steve Plambeck  
In memory of Sidney Silverman  
by Shel & Barbara Silverman  
In memory of Marjorie Betulia  
by Bob Stone  
In memory of Leah Trachtenberg  
by Ellie Trachtenberg  
In memory of Sidney Israel  
by Marc Israel  
In memory of David Sussman  
by Joan Berger

In memory of Rose Backer  
by Marilyn & Harvey Fein  
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In memory of Rose Mertz  
by James & Marianne Mertz  
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In memory of Harry Temkin  
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by Marcia Weiner  
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by Marc & Suzanne Machbitz  
In memory of Berthe Machbitz  
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In memory of Tillie Levenson  
by Owen Fabert  
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by Owen & Carol Fabert  
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by Owen & Carol Fabert  
In memory of Val Morris  
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In memory of Zelda Rothstein  
by Shirley R. Gersten  
In memory of Allan Goelman  
by Leah Bloom  
In memory of Sydney Bloom  
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In memory of Marilyn Blumberg  
by Laurence Blumberg  
In memory of Edward Blumberg  
by Laurence Blumberg  
In memory of Ruth Sternhill  
by Fritzi Ferguson  
In memory of Irving Sternhill  
by Fritzi Ferguson  
In memory of Lillian Popkin  
by David Pollack  
In memory of David Popkin  
by David Pollack  
In memory of Irving Ginsberg  
by Barbara & Shel Silverman  
In memory of Harvey Trachtenberg  
by Ellie Trachtenberg

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC sends it heartfelt condolences to our dear rabbi, Irwin Wiener, on the very sad loss of his beloved wife, Sandi, on Thursday, November 9.

Our get well wishes go to Nancy Stutman and Karen Blonder.

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at [gerijim@hotmail.com](mailto:gerijim@hotmail.com).

## SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

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**Fund:**  Chapel  Family Fund  Music  Oneg  Silverman  General

Yahrzeit Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

Please send card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

# DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

11 Charles & Judy Wolin                      21 Dennis & Phyllis Novy                      26 Alan & Leah Bloom  
12 Gregory & Diane Posniack                      25 Neil & Susan Tamber                      27 Richard & Noreen Nadler  
12 Robert & Karen Kaplan

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

4 Marlene Bernstein                      7 James Gascoyne                      16 Fritzi Ferguson                      25 Evey Freed  
4 Leah Bloom                      8 Milton Lewis                      20 Jeff Burnce                      29 Adrian Bendick  
4 Tom Mohr                      9 Kevin Murphy                      21 Alice Salita                      29 Richard Nadler  
7 Judy Asbell                      9 Jon Scheck                      21 Phyllis Novy                      29 Faith Roth  
7 Rabbi Irwin Wiener                      13 Sander Frindell                      23 Richard Tauber                      31 Gregory Posniack

# DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

## *Zichronam livrachah* — may their memories be a blessing.

Irving Arnow	Esther Engel	Olga Bodek Hern	Zelda Rothstein
Naomi Axelrad	Irving Evans	George Holstein	Sidney Rudin
Sophie Behr	Elizabeth Fineberg	Bobby Hopkins	Sam Schaeffer
Jennie Berenweig	Charles Fink	Jean Jacobs	Morris Schulman
Dan Berg	Sophie Fischer	Alexander Katcher	Sarah Shalett
Sidney Bloom	Sol Gass	John Kupsensel	Simon Shapiro
Edward Blumberg	Bessie Gerson	Leah Koss	Irving Silverman
Marilyn Blumberg	John Gerson	Tillie Levenson	Stewart Silverman
Fanny Bush	Fred E. Gilbert	Berthe Machbitz	Meyer Solko
Frances Calcaterra	Irving Ginsberg	Arthur Mason	Anna Solko
Margaret Cline	Sylvia Glazer	Alaine Matlaw	Irving Sternhill
Pauline Cohen	Allan Goelman	Louis Mertzner	Lynne Stone
Ray Cohen	Edward B Goldstein	Rose Mertzner	Dorothy Taitsman
Pearl Cook	Grace Gould Earhart	Val Morris	Harry Temkin
Edward Coopersmith	B. Claiment (Clay)	Mark Nelinson	Harvey Trachtenberg
Harold Dunayer	Granoff	David Popkin	Glenn Allen Weiss
Alton Dunn	Cyla Gutwillig	Libby Rossen	Pauline Danen Zackin
Minnie Elias	Joel Gutwillig	Jerome Roth	

# TAX CREDIT DONATIONS TO THE EAST VALLEY JCC BENEFITS SLJC

**What is it?** The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is for people who have made a Tax Credit donation during the tax year to a Qualifying Charitable Organization such as the East Valley JCC (EVJCC).

**What Does This Mean for You?** Donating to EVJCC will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state income tax return. This means that you can SUBTRACT your donation amount from the taxes you owe.

**Can I Receive Multiple Tax Credits?** Yes. You can participate in all the AZ tax credit programs and receive a separate tax credit for each donation you make.

**How Much Will I Receive?** You can receive a charitable tax credit of up to \$421 if you are a single taxpayer. Couples filing jointly can receive up to \$841 credit on their Arizona State income tax return. It is a direct dollar-for-dollar credit back to you.

**Special Offer for Members of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.** 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%.



**How Does It Work?** To be eligible for the grant, donate at [evjcc.org/sljc](http://evjcc.org/sljc) or write "Tax Credit Code SLJC" on the memo line of your check. Mention SLJC when you call. For more information, please call one of the following:

- Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660
- Arnie Henden at (480) 570-4421
- Len Dolins at 480 650 4753

We can accept donations via phone at (480) 897-0588.

Mail checks to:

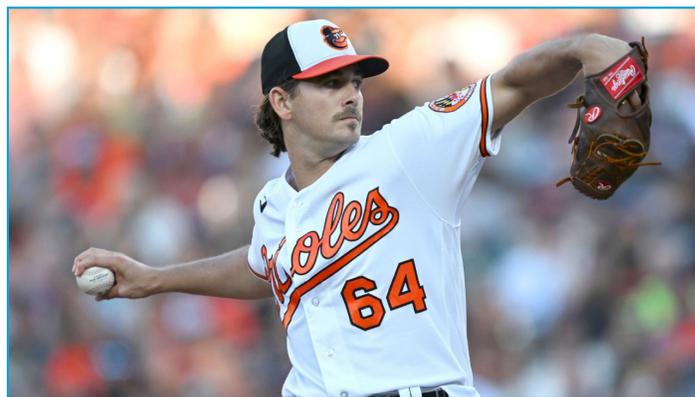
East Valley JCC  
908 N. Alma School Road  
Chandler, AZ 85224

## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### MAKING JEWISH BASEBALL HISTORY *By Murray Siegel*

May 5, 2023, was a historical night for Jewish baseball fans as the Baltimore Orioles visited the Atlanta Braves. What was significant about this game was that the starting pitchers, Dean Kremer for Baltimore and Max Fried for Atlanta, are both Jewish. The last time a Major League game was played where both starting pitchers were Jewish happened 57 years ago, on September 25, 1966, when Sandy Koufax faced Ken Holtzman (Dodgers vs. Cubs).

Fried is the son of Jewish parents, grew up in Santa Monica, CA, and by age of seven, he knew he loved baseball. He learned to throw a curveball from Reggie Smith, the retired outfielder, and pitched for the USA baseball team in the 2009 Maccabiah Games, in Israel, where the team won the Gold Medal. At Montclair Prep, Fried wore #32 to honor Sandy Koufax.



Kremer is also from CA and had his bar mitzvah in Israel. He holds dual Israeli-American citizenship — his parents are both Israeli — and the family speaks Hebrew at home. He started his baseball “career” at the age of five and won a baseball scholarship to UNLV, where he starred.

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

A loved one has passed away who was not a member of SLJC, and you desire to create a permanent remembrance of this person. Can this be done? This is a question that is often asked, and the answer is definitely “Yes.” We understand the importance of paying tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us. A permanent non-member plaque can be purchased for \$36, and there are three options for the wording of the plaque.

Simply complete the form below and mail it along with a check payable to SLJC for \$36 per plaque to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248. Any questions, call (480) 584-5909.

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**SLJC NON-MEMBER REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE**

Please complete a separate form for each plaque, indicating the desired choice of wording.

**Choice 1**

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name & date)

Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

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