

# The Shppiel



**SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 • SHEVAT/ADAR**



*Carol  
Horowitz*

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

# SLJC FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 <b>3 pm:</b> SLJC Board Meeting	9 <b>7-8:30 pm:</b> Erev Shabbat Service (Sun Lakes Chapel)	10 <b>11:30 am:</b> Jewish Singles (Barlene's Dinner Theater)
11	12	13 <b>9 am:</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting <b>12 pm:</b> Men's Club Pizza Party (Brooklyn V's)	14 <b>1:30 pm:</b> Devorah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	15 <b>1 pm:</b> Sisterhood Meeting; Baby Shower	16	17
18 PHOENIX JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS <b>9:30 am:</b> JVV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside)	19	20	21 <b>11 am-1 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (Home of Judy Weissman)	22	23	24
25 <b>10:30 am:</b> Devorah Board Meeting (Zoom) <b>3 pm:</b> Friends of Israel Guest Speaker Lecture	26	27	28 <b>1 pm:</b> Devorah Fundraiser (Portillos)	29		

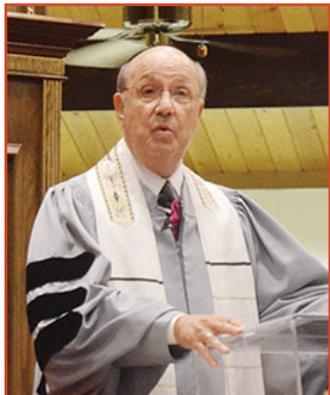
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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



## “What the world needs now!”

Fifty years ago, a song was introduced that became an instant hit. It's title: “What the World Needs Now.” It caught on for several reasons, but I believe, the words ring true today, more than ever. All we need do is turn on our TVs

and witness the madness that surrounds us. No longer is it necessary for the media to create sensationalism to create a following. We are the characters in an ongoing epic of melodrama and mayhem.

Read the words, listen to the melody, and you will find the accurate cry of the generations past and the hope, as well as the despair, of today.

“What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No, not just for some but for everyone.”

Imagine the lament of a parent who witnesses the senseless death of a child caught in the quagmire of hate. Hear the cry of people taken from their homes and indiscriminately slaughtered because their beliefs differ from their murderers. Watch the planes drop bombs on cities and dwellings, causing panic and displacement. Witness the world pontificating about issues that are so far removed from reality.

Today, more than ever, we sit in our comfortable homes and stare at pictures of atrocities only read about a generation ago. The glamour of conflict has disappeared and has been replaced by the actuality of the gory details. Extremism has replaced common decency. We no longer think in terms of “Peace on Earth, good will toward men.” This has become a momentary slogan followed the next day by sameness.

Do we ever stop to think about the abundance of goodness that surrounds us? Have we really considered that the more fortunate need to be concerned about those with less? Why do we concentrate on helping others at certain seasons of the year, and then forget them the other days?

Look around and we can see the beauty that was created for us to enjoy. God did not cause all this to be part of our enjoyment of life, only to watch its destruction. We were given gifts for unimaginable fulfillment, and we seem to enjoy squandering them rather than participating in these treasures.

Is one life worth more than the other? Do some deserve to live, and others die to satisfy the living? There is enough mercy and justice for all, not just a few. Look around, if you dare. What do you see?

Our fields are now strewn with bodies. Our meadows are soaked with the blood of the innocent. The lights of heaven are clouded with the smoke of bombs and cannons. The rainbow, which was set to remind us of God's compassion, has added a black stream in mourning for civilization's ability to destroy rather than perpetuate. We ask God to listen to our cry, but we are the ones who are not hearing the sounds of bitterness and anguish.

During the most heinous period in human history (World War II), the question was asked, “Where was God?” And the answer given, “Where was man?” Where are we? Where are we going? We have forgotten that “What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that's there just too little of... No, not just for some, but for everyone.” 🕯️

# LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

## THE MICHAEL LEVIN MEMORIAL LONE SOLDIER CENTER

By Michael Cohen

The Lone Soldier Project partners with three Lone Soldier centers in Israel. Your donations enable the project to provide the resources for their services. The Levin Center is the largest of the three. Our donations are primarily used to fund Shabbat and holiday meals. Here is a summary of some of their 2023 services:

- 15,600 Shabbat and holidays meals
- 2,500 hours of individualized emotional support
- 175 Lone Soldiers housed in 7 facilities
- 1,250 essential needs for new Lone Soldiers
- 300 new olim soldiers
- 1,250 celebrated holiday parties
- 1,627 calls to the hotline (from Lone Soldiers and parents)

After October 7, the project made an emergency donation of \$3,000 to this center which supported:

- 200 equipment sets to support combat soldiers
- 5,000 personal items in the field
- 50 financial assistances to reservists called to active duty
- Established a 24/7 emotional support system for soldiers during wartime, providing counseling and assistance
- Provided ongoing updates and support to Lone Soldiers' parents, ensuring constant information and assistance

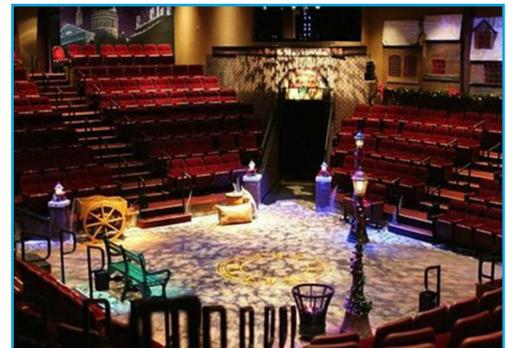


# SLJC FUNDRAISER

## JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for *My Fair Lady* on **Saturday, March 9 at 3 pm at Hale Theatre**, a theater-in-the-round located at 50 W. Page Ave. in Gilbert. This performance 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. We hope you can join the fun!

Ticket price is \$45. To make your reservation, please call Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## SHELLY HENDEN



## On the Horizon

In my last message to you, I mentioned things that are on the horizon for our congregation. Well, here goes:

**February there is nothing special...** only our Erev Shabbat service

on Friday, February 9. Taking a little break!

### March is another story:

- An Erev Shabbat service honoring our wonderful choir will be on Friday, March 8.
- "My Fair Lady" will be performed at the Hale Theatre on Saturday, March 9 at 3 pm Call Marcia Weiner or Shelly Schwartz for reservations.
- Sisterhood's big fundraiser, the fabulous Card Party, is on Monday, March 11.

### April:

- If you want to have fun and be a part of the show production of "A Deli Line," a performance-oriented fundraiser, please contact Carol Horowitz at (760) 271-2758, chorowitz@live.com.
- Our annual Seder will be on Tuesday, April 23. More information will be coming soon.
- Three big thank you's: to Gail Dante, who directed our choir this past month in Lana's absence; to Barbara Ganz, for putting together our Adult Education Inter-Faith program — I think that we might see more Inter-Faith events due to her hard work; and to Linda Brooks, for organizing the fundraiser at BJ's restaurant.

As always, I am here for you. 🕍



# PASSOVER SEDER

## 2ND ANNUAL JOIN SLJC/TRILOGY PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday, April 23, 6-9 p.m., Trilogy Ballroom

Please save the date for the 2nd annual joint SLJC / Trilogy Chavurah Community Passover Seder. We hope you will join us again this year for a traditional Passover dinner and festive evening, catered by Scott's Generations New York Style Deli Restaurant. Full details to come in the next March issue of *The Shpiel*.

## FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

### WELCOMES ALMA HERNANDEZ, ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, February 25, 3 pm, Sun Lakes Chapel Center

#### Israel: A Personal and Arizona Government Perspective

Alma Hernandez will speak on her experiences as a Jewish Mexican American and being the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona House of Representatives. She is an ardent supporter of Israel, having visited the Jewish homeland on several occasions. She will also address the official and unofficial support for Israel within the State government.

Hernandez was raised in a non-religious home and converted to Judaism in 2015; she became interested in learning about Judaism during her teenage years after discovering that her maternal grandfather was Jewish. Her siblings, Consuelo Hernandez and Daniel Hernández Jr., have also served as State Representatives.

*Forward Magazine* named Alma Hernandez one of the 50 Most Influential Jews, while *Algemeiner.com* named her one of the top 100 People Positively Influencing Jewish Life. She is a great Speaker, according to Jake Bennett, Israel American Council, State Legislative Director

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Call (480) 895-4660.



## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### ALAN ARKIN *By Murray Siegel*

In June of this past year, Alan Arkin passed away from heart disease. He had a history of coronary problems. He was born in Brooklyn, NY with grandparents who had immigrated from Russia, Ukraine, and Germany. Alan was raised in a Jewish household without any emphasis on religion. His family moved to Los Angeles when Alan was 11.

Most folks know that Alan was an Academy Award winning comedic actor, but something you might not know is that he had a major hit record. In 1956, he was part of a singing group called The Tarriers, which took advantage of the craze for Calypso music. Reworking the lyrics of “Day-O” sung by Harry Belafonte, the group produced “The Banana Boat Song” which reached number four on the Billboard chart. They followed this with “Cindy, Oh Cindy,” which was a hit in 1957.

Alan started his acting career with Second City and moved to Broadway. He came to the attention of most



Americans as the Russian naval officer in the 1966 movie “The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming.” In 2007, he received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in “Little Miss Sunshine.” His son, Adam Arkin, is a professional actor as well.



# Sisterhood Charity Event Pre and Post-Order Sale Form

*Additional Variety of Baked Goods Available at Charity Event*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please indicate when you would like the item delivered***

		Quantity	Total Cost
<i>Baked by Marilyn Behr</i>			
• Chocolate Chip Kahlua Bundt Cake	\$18	_____	_____
• Cinnamon Streusel Bundt Cake	\$18	_____	_____
• Applesauce Bundt cake	\$18	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Janey Burnce</i>			
• Chocolate Chip Coffee Cake	\$18	_____	_____
<i>Cookies: Baked by Marilyn Behr</i>			
	\$18		
• Box of White Chocolate & Cranberry Cookies		_____	_____
• Box of Russian Wedding Cookies		_____	_____
<i>Baked by Wende Levy</i>			
• Challah:			
❖ One Large	\$18	_____	_____
❖ One Medium	\$15	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Anita Kolikoff</i>			
• Blueberry Bundt Cake	\$18	_____	_____
• Mandel Bread	\$18	_____	_____
<i>Baked by Susan Plambeck</i>			
• Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake	\$18	_____	_____
• Lemon Poppy Bundt Cake	\$18	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>		_____	

**Return with check payable to SLJC Sisterhood. Send the completed form and your check to:  
Barbara Reiss, 24807 S. Lakestar Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**



# 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, February 15, 1 pm, Chapel Center

The next meeting of the SLJC Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 1 pm. It will be a special Baby Shower for women veterans. Our speaker will be from the Maternity Outreach for Moms' Program, a collaborative effort between the Phoenix VA and Veterans First Ltd. The Moms' Program assists pregnant female veterans in providing items for mothers and their newborn babies. We will have a "baby shower basket" as part of our "gifts from the heart" theme for the day. If you would like to donate something, please select from the list of items below. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANYTHING.

## ITEMS FOR BABIES

- Onesies / Shirts / Pants / Dresses / Socks / Booties / Caps (newborn to 9 months old) / Hooded Towels / Washcloths / Bibs / Burp cloths
- Disposable Diapers Sizes #1 and #2
- Baby Wipes / Baby Shampoo / Body Wash / Diaper Rash Ointment
- Bottles / Bottle Brushes / Pacifiers/ Teething Rings / Drinking Cups / Baby Spoons
- Baby Hairbrushes / Combs / Nail Clippers
- Baby Thermometers/ Medicine Dispensers / Nasal Aspirators / Teething Gel
- Stuffed Animals / Children's Books / Receiving Blankets / Baby Quilts / Knitted Baby Blankets

## ITEMS FOR MOMS

- Razors and Shaving Gel
- Flip Flops (med/ large sizes) / Slippers
- Nail files / Clippers / Polish
- Feminine Products: Tampons / Pads
- Shower or Bath Sponges / Bubble Bath
- Lip Gloss / Chapstick
- Small / Medium-sized candles
- Toothbrushes and Toothpastes
- Shampoos / Conditioners / Hairbrushes / Hair Ties
- Nursing Pads
- Hand Lotions / Coconut Oil

It is time to register for our Annual Card Party fundraiser that will take place on [Monday, March 11 at 10 am at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes](#). Gather your group for a fun day to play Mah Jongg, bridge, canasta, Scrabble or any other game, or come alone and we'll place you in a group to meet new friends. Highlights of the day include a delicious buffet lunch, amazing gift baskets, a bake sale, and a cash raffle. You can also sponsor a gift basket alone or with a group. Complete and return the registration flyer on the opposite page. Registration deadline is Friday, March 1. For more information, please contact Carol at [carolbee38@wbhsi.net](mailto:carolbee38@wbhsi.net).



# 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 memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Barbara & Elliott Reiss

## GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Barbara Niles  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Terence Keane  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Betsey Silverman & Robert Stone  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Carolann Biederman  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Larry Gerber  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by JoAnn & Elynn Rubinstein  
In memory of Irv Stein  
by JoAnn Rubinstein  
In memory of Marlene Lebovitz  
by Debra Sufrin  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Ilana Goldschmidt  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Ruth Friedman

## MUSIC FUND

In memory of Bob Siegel  
by Arnie & Shelly Henden  
In memory of Maurice Gerson  
by Charlie Gerson

## ONEG FUND

In memory of Saul Ginsberg  
by Rita Ginsberg  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Susan & Michael Cohen  
In honor of our 65th wedding anniversary  
by Marcia & Harvey Weiner

## SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by SLJC Sisterhood  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by SLJC Men's Club  
In memory of Sy Evans  
by SLJC Men's Club  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Deborah & Marc Israel  
In memory of Sandi Wiener  
by Judy Elias

## YAHARZEIT FUND

In memory of Marilyn C. Russell  
by Gail Dante  
In memory of Florence Berger  
by Barry & Joan Berger  
In memory of David Israel  
by Barbara Israel  
In memory of Rebecca Miller  
by Rabbi Wiener  
In memory of Michael Wiener  
by Rabbi Wiener  
In memory of Sadie Roth  
by Faith Roth  
In memory of Bertha Smigel  
by Noreen Nadler  
In memory of Robert Smigel  
by Noreen Nadler  
In memory of Augusta Friedman  
by Marjorie & David Levinson  
In memory of John Elias  
by Judy Elias  
In memory of Morris Sharff  
by Geri & Jim Gould  
In memory of Joseph Pasternack  
by Linda & Bob Brooks  
In memory of Victor Krone  
by Julie Mooney  
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by Sheryl Rockwell  
In memory of Rose Ross  
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by Lori Mangel & family  
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by Barbara & Bruce Nussbaum  
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by Adele Karp  
In memory of Dorothy Stone  
by Robert Stone  
In memory of Michelle Sabrina Stein  
by Julie Mooney  
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by Tzvi & Gina Caplan  
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by Owen Fabert  
In memory of Jason A. Howe  
by Diane S. Zelinger  
In memory of Philip Brodsky  
by Lori Mangel & family  
In memory of Sophie Silverman  
by Barbara & Shel Silverman  
In memory of Marlene Lebovitz  
by Debra Sufrin



△ January 2024 installation of the SLJC Board of Directors

# 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.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

We wish to send condolences to Sandy Golomb on the recent death of her mother. Cards may be sent to: Sandy Golomb, 10902 E. Sunnydale Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

A shout out to all my friends and congregants for their care and concern during my recent bout with covid, et al. I'm feeling great and all is right with the world! Thank you.

Karen Blonder

We are sorry to report the passing of long-time, former congregation member Bob Sigel, husband of the late Roberta Sigel.

Virtual hugs, kisses and thank you to all the schleppers, chefs, phoners, visitors, and friends who kept me going these past few months while I was out of commission. Your help, concerns, and friendship continue to lift my spirits, and I love you all.

Nancy Stutman

Please correct your directory for Diane Zelinger. Her telephone number should be (303) 229-2511.

Rabbi Wiener thanks everyone who honored Sandi with donations to SLJC and elsewhere. He is extremely grateful for this show of affection and respect.

Help Wanted: SLJC needs help with fundraising. We're looking for someone who may have additional ideas and/or can continue finding restaurants who offer us a percentage of dining revenues on a slated date. We also need someone to send out yahrzeit notices. (Labels are provided and any out-of-pocket costs are reimbursed.) This "job" takes approximately four hours a month. Please contact Shelly Henden if you're willing to help.

Thank you, SLJC Sisterhood, for inviting me to speak at your January meeting.

Sandor Lubisch

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

## DEVORAH HADASSAH

### 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, February 1 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Judy Weissman.](#)

### Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser at Portillos

On Wednesday, February 28 at 1 p.m., we will meet as a group and help raise funds for Devorah Hadassah. Can't make it? Order dinner instead! The fundraiser will continue until 8 p.m.

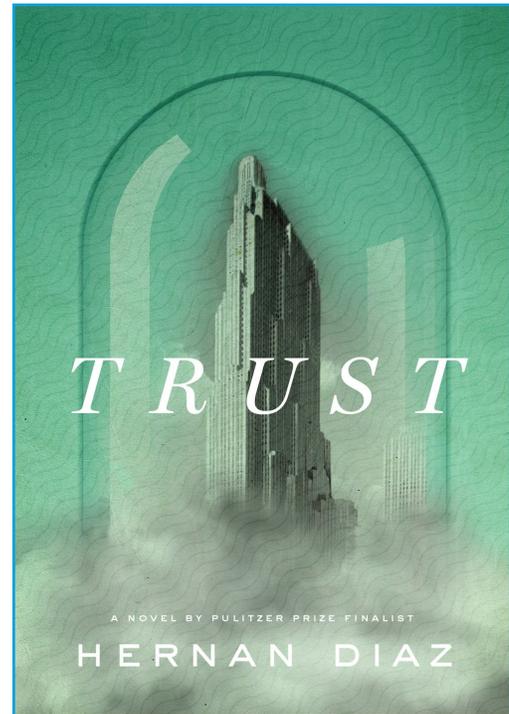
### Literary Ladies Book Group

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 [Trust by Hernan Diaz on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:30 pm.](#)

**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).



## SLJC MEN'S CLUB

**Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 12 pm, Brooklyn V's, 4991 S Alma School Rd., Chandler**

On [Tuesday, February 13 at 12 pm](#), the SLJC Men's Club will have a pizza party at Brooklyn V's, which will take place at Alma School and Chandler Heights Road. There will be no charge to members. Dues may be paid at the event. RSVP to Edd at (480) 883-9159.

SAVE THE DATE: On [Friday, April 12](#), prior to the Passover service, there will be a non-perishable food collection for Matthew's Crossing by the SLJC Men's Club. Food donations should be dropped off at the Chapel garage.



# FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

14 Sander & Anita Frindell      17 Marc & Deborah Israel      19 Paula & Milton Lewis  
15 Darrell & Norma Owens      19 Tzvi & Gina Caplan

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

2 Harriet Haroutunian      13 Roxanne Banta      18 Ellen Fineberg      25 Harvey Weiner  
2 Arleene Forgang      15 Beverly Goldstein      20 Ruth Friedman      26 Nancy Stutman  
2 Linda Wasserman      15 Betsey Silverman      21 Eleanor Miller      29 Nessa Memberg  
11 Marc Israel      16 Diana Nelinson      22 Stephanie Streeter  
12 Marsha Levine      17 Ronald Codkind      23 Dana Spiel

# FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

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

Melvin Becker	Melissa Ger	Frances Harriet	Robert Smigel
Anne Berg	Maurice Gerson	Mason	Bertha Smigel
Florence Berger	Betty Ginsberg	Sylvia Memberg	Donald Spiel
Sheila Berger	Lena Seltzer	Samuel Miller	Dorothy Stone
Ida Gilbert Brodsky	Goldstein	Rebecca Miller	Isaac Strahl
William Buchsbaum	Marcy Goldstein	Rose Mohr	Michael Wiener
Marjorie Buchsbaum	Frank Hasenfus	Geraldine Nelinson	Yetta Weuntraub
Charles Clift	Cie Hirschhoff	Joseph Pasternack	Norma Zacharias
Essie Cohen	David Israel	Allan Price	Irving Zigman
Sylvia Cohen	Leo Kantor	Louis Raizes	Seymour Zolty
Barbara Cooper	Barbara Kaplan	Stanley Rocklin	
Constance Dunayer	Irving Karp	Sadie Roth	
John Elias	Norma Klein	Marilyn Russell	
Woody Fabert	Barnett Lazarus	Muriel Salita	
Allan Richard Feldman	Sadie Lazarus	Dorothy Schaeffer	
Benjamin Fischer	Barnett Levenson	Syndi Scheck	
Shirley Fray	Vivienne Levin	Sylvia Sharf	
Augusta Friedman	Joseph Lubisch	Morris Sharff	

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

## JWV SPEAKER PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR NEEDY VETERANS' FAMILIES

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

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 (JWV) is proud to welcome Bryan Chaplin, Founder of Bravo Brotherhood Veterans Foundation, as its featured speaker Sunday, February 18. The meeting takes place in the Poolside Building at Oakwood Country Club. A "Meet & Greet" with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts begins at 9:30 am with the speaker following at 10 am. All are welcome.

The Bravo Brotherhood Veterans Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was established in Feb 2019 by Bryan and Michelle Chaplin. Bryan served in the US Army from 1985-2005 before enlisting in the US Air Force from 2005-2015.

The Chaplins felt a strong desire to assist veterans needing a "hand up" in life. They recognized that a lack of transportation and avoiding homelessness contributed to the huge gap in the kinds of services provided. Bravo Brotherhood's primary role is repairing and donating vehicles to veterans with families so they can get to work, school, doctor appointments, etc. To date, the Foundation has provided 20 vehicles to disadvantaged veterans and their families with more to come.

Some vehicles that are donated come to them after other veterans have seen the impact that providing reliable transportation can make. Additional vehicle donations have been referred by the great people from Voluntary Services at the PHX VA, and one was donated by Sanderson Ford. On occasion, the parts and services have been donated by other generous local dealerships.

The Bravo Brotherhood Veterans Foundation has been funded and staffed largely by the Chaplins and from generous volunteers and companies. Every donated vehicle requires repairs, and Bryan does most of this work himself at his home in Surprise. When the repairs are not within his capabilities, he reaches out to a few friends (skilled mechanics) who are able and willing to provide support.

Obviously, Bryan could use more volunteers with mechanical skills and financial donations and, of course, more cars. There are several motorcycle associations



and organizations, such as Jewish War Veterans, that help support Bravo Brotherhood financially with their generous donations. To donate time, money, and/or mechanical skills, contact Bryan Chaplin at (602) 930-6374, [bravobrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:bravobrotherhood@gmail.com).

According to Bryan "Chappy" Chaplin, "We have all had our problems in life. But if there is one glimmer of hope for our veterans, we want to be part of it! Our veterans have provided the umbrella of freedom that we all live under, and we should never forget the sacrifice they have made for us."

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of each month from September to May, 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, please contact Elliott Reiss at [ElliottBarb@q.com](mailto:ElliottBarb@q.com), (480) 802-3281.

# Donation Form

## Donor Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

## Filing status for the 2023 tax year:

- Married filing jointly  Single

## Ways to Donate:

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## 1. Private School Donation Information:

Yes! I would like to make a private school tax credit donation to:



### Check One:

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OR

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Name of School/Tuition Organization

### Private School Donation Amount: \$

\*Maximum donation amounts for the 2023 tax year are:

- \$2,609 filing jointly.
- \$1,307 filing single.

## 2. Qualified Charitable Organization Donation Information:

Yes! I would like to make a QCO tax credit donation to:



### QCO Donation Amount: \$

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- Arnie Henden at (480) 570-4421
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