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The New Year of the Trees

Sum Lakes Jewish Congregation Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 am Devorah Hadassah Flick chicks	9:30 am Sisterhood BOD 11:00 am Ritual Committee 6:30 pm Men's Club			4:00 pm SLJC BOD	7:00 SLJC Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4:00 pm Israel Trip Reunion		10:30 am Shalom Hadassah Chicks for Flicks		11:00 am Sisterhood meeting		2:00 pm Shabbat Movie Club
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:15 am Interfaith Service Devorah Hadassah Road Show			10:30 am Devorah Hadassah Meeting 12:00 pm Lunch Devorah Hadassah			
27	28	29	30	31		
2:30 pm Friends of Israel						

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Message from our clergy



Another year!

It seems that time escapes us no matter how we try to hold on to it. It is as though we blink and in that instant, we travel to another time and place. Was it yesterday when we were young and full of life? Perhaps it was a moment ago when we were accomplishing things unreachable today. Regardless, here we are entering a New Year. Hopefully it will be a year filled with many accomplishments and fulfillments.

There are several New Years in the Jewish calendar because there are times and events that shape our lives that require celebration. In fact, each time we enter into a new period of joy we utter the words of the “Shehechaynu” prayer which reminds us of our good fortune in attaining another milestone in our lives. Of course, we are all aware of Rosh Hashanah – the new year of reconciliation. And there is Passover – the new year of religious identity. Perhaps there are those who remember Tu B’Shevat – the New Year dedicated to nature and ecology symbolized by our appreciation of trees. In modern times this is commemorated by planting trees in Israel through the efforts of the Jewish National Fund.

There is one more New Year on the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation calendar: The introduction of a newly elected Board of Directors mandated to steer this ship of state in the uncharted waters of the future with responsible stewardship.

To say that this task is awesome would be to understate the nature of leading a congregation that has endured many changes in its over forty-year history. Members have come and gone and so have its leaders. But here we are stronger than ever and ever more important in the lives of its constituents and the community around us.

I am reminded about a quote attributed to the 11th century poet, Moses Ibn Ezra, who is credited with writing a great many of the Selichot prayers we utter each Rosh Hashanah. The most prominent quote that applies to this episode in our lives as a congregation, notably the transition of leadership reads: “Pleasing everyone is an impossible aim, and escaping all criticism is an unattainable goal.” I am sure those who have chosen to serve know full well the truth of his wisdom.

So here we are – a New Year not only representing the march of time but also marking the belief in creation through the care and concern for nature. And here we are welcoming and encouraging the leadership of our congregation to complete the task assigned them: The care and maintenance of a viable, meaningful, congregation of people from all corners of the country and beyond.

Some of us come from traditional backgrounds, some from liberal leanings and some from no involvement at all. All join to create an atmosphere of caring and commitment to Jewish living. And just as we are all different so are our understandings of faith. That is the strength of who we are.

Happy New Year! Mazal Tov to those who stepped forward to assist us in this quest of Jewish involvement through service to our congregation.

As a congregation we must commemorate our diversity. As a congregation we must remember our past as we go forward in our journey always mindful of each other and always thankful to God.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

President's message

On New Year's Eve, many of us watch the ball fall in Times Square, have a sip of champagne, and sing the traditional song Auld Lang Syne. This song, with its Scottish words, basically reminds us to remember friends from the past. For me it also means thinking about all my friends, old and new.

Some of our closest friendships, like yours I'm guessing, go back many decades. Our oldest friendship was formed when we were newlyweds, and it was this couple who inspired us to move to Arizona eleven years ago. One friend from our early marriage days in Vermont still meets me every few years in New York where we indulge our shared passion for Broadway musicals, great museums, and really good restaurants. Our other close friends from Vermont, now in Boston to be near their children, exchange visits with us for new adventures and to catch up and think back when our kids were small. I remember clearly one year when a grandparent died in their family and they asked us if we could take their children for one or two nights while they went to New York for the funeral. Of course we said yes, and as we sat at our kitchen table for supper while they were away and I was cutting up food for four children ranging in age from one to four, Jim reminded me to be sure and take my birth control pill! We all still laugh about that today.

As we moved, we have been lucky enough to make new friends who have become extremely close. During our 26 years in California, we were members of a Havurah that became like the kind of family you choose. I still go to my annual "pajama party" with four of the women from that group. We rent the same condo at the beach in Aptos, walk, talk, play lots of mahjongg, and consider how the last years have changed us. As you can imagine, there's lots of talk about aches and doctors. And Jim's dearest college friend has become a close friend of mine over the years. A confirmed bachelor, he has traveled with us and visited almost every year no matter where we live and has hosted us several times at his summer home in Maine.

My parents told us one of the biggest and best surprises of their life was making close friendships when they were older and had moved to a retirement community. Like them, we have been delightfully surprised by the warmth and friendships we have made here in Sun Lakes. We thought our cup was very full. It now truly laps over the top. As we make plans for the new year, one thing we know will be true: we will celebrate New Year's Eve the way we always do, going out for an early bite and coming home to play cards and watch the ball drop at midnight (New York time!) with my best friend of all time, my sister (and brother-in-law), and the original friends from our newlywed days who now live nearby. As we ring in 2019, Jim and I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2019 along with enduring, cherished friendships.

Geri Gould

To commemorate the value of life

I am pleased to announce that the United Church of Christ, and its pastor, Vernon Meyer, have invited us to participate with them in an Interfaith service dedicated to the redemption of the human spirit and the fulfillment of the freedoms we enjoy On Sunday, January 20, 2019 – 11:15am in the Sun Lakes Chapel. January 20 marks the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Its significance is important because he symbolizes the search for equality, not only racially, but also religiously. Our history records many instances of the struggle for connection, free from the bigotry that sometimes interferes in our desire to be equal, as we

are in God's eyes.

Our choirs will join together with our clergy and leadership to bring the message of the ages found in Scripture: "Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken." (Micah 4:4)

Please join us as we celebrate a life well lived, and commemorate the value of life, as it should be lived.

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Congregational News

Shalom Hadassah

On January 15th we have a great day planned. We will meet at Harkins Chandler to see the movie, “The Upside”, starring Bryan Cranston, Nicole Kidman and Kevin Hart. The showing will be in the A.M., but time scheduling won’t be out until Jan. 11th. Lunch and a meeting will follow at Firebirds Restaurant. Please RSVP to Barbara S. at bsilverman44@gmail.com as to whether you will attend the movie, lunch and meeting or just certain parts of the day. We need reservations and the cutoff date is January 12th. Should be a fun outing.

It’s not too early to order your tickets for the 3:00 p.m. matinee of Singing in the Rain at the Hale Theatre on Saturday, February 16th. What a treat that will be. Tickets are \$30 each. For more information call Marcia at 480-802-9455 or Shelly at 480-802-3608.

Watch for our upcoming events at the Phoenix Air Museum, a Wine and Cheese Party and more!

If you would like more information about Shalom Hadassah, please call Shirley at 480-883-9159. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Devorah Hadassah

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Chick flicks, Movie TBD. Please contact Barbara G. hadassah.evinfo@cox.net for details

Sunday, January 20, 2019 1 p.m.

Roadshow - at the Village of Ocotillo, 990 W. Ocotillo Road, Chandler.

Please RSVP by January 6th by sending your check payable to Devorah Hadassah to Wendy Goldstein, 167 S Willow Creek, Chandler, AZ 85225: \$10 if you plan to bring items for appraisal, or \$5 if you do not plan to have items for appraisal. Please indicate if you will be attending the lunch at the Village Inn prior to the Roadshow.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:30 a.m. EVJCC

General Meeting and Installation of Officers, followed by Out to Lunch.

Rabbi Michael Beyo of the JCC will be our featured speaker.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Annual Card Party , Bake Sale, and Gift Baskets

Whether you play Canasta, Bridge, Mah-Jongg, Scrabble, or Rummikube, you will want to attend the annual Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood Card Party. It will take place on Monday, February 11 at 10:00 A.M. at the Oakwood Country Club. Doors open at 9:30 A.M. This annual fundraiser donates to many local charities. The \$35.00 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch. Don’t forget about our signature gift baskets, dine around gift certificates, cash raffle, and the tantalizing treats at our bake sale. You must provide your own game. No shufflers, please. Organize your group to limit five people per table. Reservation deadline is February 1st. For further information call Geri at 480-305-0123.

Sisterhood meeting January 17th

Award-winning Canadian poet, Merle Nudelman, will be our speaker at our January 17th meeting at the Sun Lakes Chapel House at 1:00 P.M.. She will discuss her book of poems, tracing a woman’s healing emotional and spiritual journey after the loss of her beloved son to cancer. Built on a life-long love of writing, Nudelman’s poems are composed of carefully chosen and deeply honest words.

Havurah Chai

We know that taking a step starts with one foot, then the next. Do yourself a favor and take a step to join Havurah Chai, a Jewish Senior Singles group in the Sun Lakes area where many new friendships are being made.

Chai is making great strides in 2019 as we venture in to our 4th year with an event each month plus a lunch or dinner get together. Some great events include the Hale Theater, Japanese Flower Gardens, Chandler Center of the Arts and Barleens Theater.

If you are a Jewish single senior here is a place to feel welcome, this is it! You are invited to attend Shabbat Services, at the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation on the 2nd Friday of the month. After the Service, join our group at our Oneg tables. We have no dues except your smile plus car pooling to events.

Please contact Lainy Sardina at Lainysardina@gmail.com 480-895-0974

Men's Club

The Men's Club is a social organization that meets the first Tuesday of the month from October to June. We invite interesting speakers from our community to address our membership. The members also meet at restaurants for lunch throughout the year, as well as visiting interesting attractions in the Phoenix area. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019 (second Tuesday) at 6:30pm at the Chapel Center and our speaker is Anthony Canecchia, the owner and founder of SanTan Brewing. He will be telling us about his restaurant in downtown Chandler as well as his brewing business. He will also be bringing appetizers from his restaurant for us to sample. Wives and prospective members are always invited to attend. For further information contact Al Bloom albeenov@gmail.com

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25th Year

Celebration Luncheon

April 7th, 2019 11:30 at Oakwood Country Club Ballroom

We invite you to be part of this exciting celebration luncheon honoring vets, JWV members for their hard work in collecting money to support them and the Phoenix area veterans' organizations that have benefited from JWV donations averaging \$34,000 per year. There will be a cash bar. Keep in mind, as you invite friends to join you, they don't have to be Jewish or a vet.

Additional information including reservation forms will follow in February Shpiel edition.

Save the date

Attention all Chicks for Flicks! The new Shalom Hadassah Movie Club will be meeting on January 15th in the morning.

Theater, movie title, synopsis and time will be emailed to you one week before the date. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant.

Please RSVP.

Barbara Silverman
bsilverman44@gmail.com

Friends of Israel

The Friends of Israel at the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation will present Mr. Marty Haberer on January 27, 2019. His topic will be “The Changing Attitudes of the American Jewish Community Regarding Israel”. He will answer the questions: What were the circumstances both in Israel and the United States that led to these attitudinal changes? What does the future hold? Are these trends reversible?

Mr. Haberer has been the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix for 2 years. Prior to Phoenix, he served as Associate Director for the Jewish Federation in Sarasota Mantee in Florida for 13 years. He has worked in Jewish communal services for over 33 years. He has visited Israel more than 40 times. He is well informed about events occurring in Israel as well as sensing the pulse of the American Jewish Community.

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) recently did surveys of the attitudes of American and Israeli Jews. David Harris, CEO of AJC summarizes, “We revealed sharp differences of opinion between the world’s two largest Jewish communities on President Trump, U.S.-Israel relations, and Israel’s security and peace process policies. On Jewish communal issues, such as Jewish religious equality in Israel, the surveys confirm fissures between American Jews and Israelis, though, at the same time, the data show a degree of commonality in opinions about the vitality of both the Diaspora and the State of Israel and their significance for the future of the Jewish people.”

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. January 27, 2019 3:00 till 4:30 PM at the Sun Lakes Chapel Center, 9240 E Sun Lakes Blvd, N. 85248. Inquiries contact: Michael Cohen at mwcohen000@gmail.com or 480 895 4660.

Adult Education

It is time to present our second and very exciting film for “SHABBAT FILM SALON” SERIES. Our second film in our series is called “Denial” a tense real-life drama which centers around a rich upper class neo-Nazi bigot who is out prove that the Holocaust never happened and was just made up.

This is an extremely riveting story starring Rachel Weisz, Timothy Spall and Andrew Scott. Immerse yourself into the story as you become part of the trial that ensues. Join us at the Village at Ocotillo on January 19, 2019 from 2-4. It’s a perfect way to spend a “wintery” Saturday afternoon, one hand holding some popcorn. (IT’S ALL FREE).

RESERVATIONS!!!! MUST BE MADE BY CALLING, GAIL AT 480-802-1832.

MOVIE: “DENIAL”

TIME: JANUARY 19TH - 2-4 PM

PLACE: VILLAGE AT OCOTILLO (corner Alma School & Ocotillo)

Passover 2019

Our annual Passover Seder will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Palo Verde Country Club. We would like for you and your family to join us for this special holiday dinner. Helen Abrams and Janice Frankel are the co-chairs. We would welcome any help to make this event a success. Please call Janice at 480-895-9036 or email Helen at HSBBCD@aol.com. Details to follow.

Congregants' Thank you Notes

The Nelinson family would like to express our deepest gratitude for the tremendous generosity and support of the SLJC community. The outpouring of love, warm wishes and condolences for the passing of our beloved Mark Charles Nelinson has been overwhelming. Mark was an amazing husband, brother and father, and we will miss him every day. Though we will continue to grieve, it is a great comfort to have such a supportive community with us. Thank you all so very much.

Nelinson Family

Thank you to all our members who have generously contributed to our Funds. These donations are an honor to your loved ones and an important support of our Congregation.

Betsey Silverman

Thank you to everyone for your calls, cards and e-mails during my recent illness. I very much appreciate the support of the SLJC community.

Wende Levy

Messages

Service Honors

If you would like an honor for our Friday night services, please contact Shelly Henden at (480) 895 - 885.

Shelly Henden

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Linda Brooks

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The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix invites you and your congregation/organization to walk united with the Jewish community of Phoenix as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 21, 2019. JCRC will bring a large banner and we welcome you to bring signs as well. Feel free to wear your synagogue/organization apparel so that we can show our Jewish pride as we support this important event. This walk is a very easy pace, suitable for all ages and for baby strollers, too. Shuttle service is provided to return to your vehicle after the March.

Meeting Location: The Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, S 15th Street & E Jefferson Street

Meeting time: 8:30 am

The MLK March begins at 9 am. Contact us at info@jcrphoenix.org or (480) 481-7149 for questions or for more information and let us know if you'll be walking with us.

January Milestones

Birthdays



1	Jack Zelinger	15	Eileen Schwartz
2	Barbara Fridkin	16	Myra Delman
2	Susanne Shapiro	17	Susan Tamber
3	Sheldon Raizes	19	Larry Blumberg
6	Edd Shalett	19	Barbara Silverman
7	Leo Pessin	22	Larry Shapiro
9	David Levinson	24	Gary Kanowsky
9	Marjorie Levinson	25	Patti Neuberger
9	Joanne Schlosser	28	Ilana Goldschmidt
9	Daryl Edson	28	Felice Weiner
11	Daniel Marz	29	Irvin Feller
13	Carolyn Cesario	30	Naomi Pollack
14	Deanna Mintz	31	Carol Biales
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23	Lieberman Ruth & Bernard



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Philip Brodsky
Morris Brodsky
Sheldon Buckner
Arthur Bush
Meyer Bush
David Caplan
Edith Cooperman
Koren Noguchi Dante
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	December
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Game to be played: _____

Please make your check for \$35.00 per player to SLJC SISTERHOOD, and mail to Geri Gould at 24529 S. Lakeway Circle SW, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Please limit lunch seating to groups of five.

You must provide your own game. No shufflers please!

Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (Sept. 2018-Aug. 2019)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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