

The Shpiel



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Tu Bishvat



*Carol
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SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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

SLJC JANUARY 2024

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14 2 pm: Adult Education Interfaith Roundtable Forum (Chapel)	15	16	17 11 am-1 pm: Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (Home of Mireille Kaplan)	18 1 pm: Sisterhood Speaker Event	19	20 21 pm: Jewish Single Group (Queen Creek Theater)
21 9:30 am: JWV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside)	22	23	24 EREV TU BISHVAT 10:30 am: Devorah Hadassah General Meeting (EVJCC)	25 TU BISHVAT 11 am-9 pm: Dine Out Fundraiser (BJ's Chandler)	26	27
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The Year That Has Finished Is a Year Not Soon Forgotten

It hardly seems possible that another year is history. Over the years I have seen the goings and comings of so many, the joys and disappointment, the frustrations and rewards.

And now they are memories. All of us have shared many a laugh and for sure, shed many tears. Through it all we have endured.

Yes, we have all shared a great deal. Some have witnessed tragedies and some occasions of joy. Whether it was hospital visits or hospice attention or funerals or weddings, baby namings, or anniversaries, we joined together as a community and participated in all the milestones of life's journey. We are surely destined to share so much more.

There is so much to be thankful for. We have life and health, for the most part. Sure, we all have ailments, and we certainly don't hesitate to share the episodes of pain. But there are the friendships that remain strong and new ones that were developed. They are cherished friendships because they represent the very best in us.

The men and women who volunteer and extend themselves daily blend together to minister to our needs. And let us not forget God who endows us with ability to appreciate all that we have as a community. Most of the names of people who contribute to our effectiveness may never be known. They are the unsung heroes of human capabilities. So, yes, there are so many to thank as we say farewell to another year.

Each time I see gratefulness it helps me understand the value and purpose for which we were created. My prayer as the season continues, and we turn a new page in our chapter of togetherness, is that it will continue to be one of comfort and success. Let us all pray that the New Year will bring contentment and that we will grow even closer as we continue our spiritual pilgrimage.

I extend my prayer to the men and women who serve our country here at home and on distant shores. May they all return home in peace and well-being. And may they find the light of freedom burning even brighter than when they left because of their dedication and service.

I offer the wish that all communities will continue to prosper and be united in friendship. I pray, every day, that those who are afflicted with disease will find comfort in the knowledge that we all share the pain. I continue my prayers with the hope that all who are suffering through the worst weather storms in our history will be able to rebuild. And still more prayers are needed for the victims of natural disasters, the innocent men, women, and children who are caught up in the violence that has destroyed our civility. I send all these prayers to everyone as we journey to destinations of comfort.

This year I send wishes for a safe and steadfast redemption to our people in the State of Israel. Nothing that I write, or for that matter would say, can help us truly understand the nightmare they are experiencing every day.

The scourge of antisemitism has resurfaced in a more tragic way. It is reminiscent of the attempted destruction of our people throughout the world because hate breeds contempt, and contempt breeds the loss of morality. Does civilization not understand that if we do not learn from the past, well....

There is so much agony and pain in the world. Accusations have surfaced that give us pause as we reflect on our behavior as a people and as a nation. Prayer may bring comfort, but action is required to ensure that we, as a nation of compassion, will remember our origins and return to those times when we felt pride in being Americans.

May the God who inspired us in the past continue to inspire us as we begin a new chapter in seeing the fulfillment in the completion of God's plan for the redemption of the world. 🕯️

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

ISRAEL'S WAR WITH HAMAS LEADS TO FOCUS ON LONE SOLDIERS

By Michael Cohen

As the barbaric massacre by Hamas on October 7th killed 1200 Israelis and wounded many more, the Lone Soldier Project's annual Hanukkah Greeting Campaign was underway. An intense interest and concern by North American Jews and non-Jews led many to seek ways to support Israel and the IDF.

The usual Hanukkah focus of the campaign was expanded to include concern about the welfare of soldiers and particularly the accentuated needs of Lone Soldiers as a result of the necessary war against Hamas.

Donations totalling almost \$8,000 were received, including a grant from Jewish War Veterans Post 619 and from Adam Woldoff as part of his Mitzvah Project for his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. We were able to send emergency donations to our three Lone Soldier Centers partners in Israel to support the necessary services required by the war.

Cards and letters were received from religious schools at 14 congregations in Arizona, with additional requests to participate from Bloomfield, New Jersey; Manchester and South Windsor Connecticut; Lexington, Massachusetts; Cossack, New York; and Augusta, Georgia. Madalyn Gressel joined Adam Woldoff for a Mitzvah Project at Temple Solel.

Three new adult organization provided messages: Mitzvah Mavens of Brandeis National Committee, Shalom Circle residents at The Palazzo in Phoenix, and the Shalom Club at Leisure World in Mesa. Lone Soldiers will benefit significantly by everyone's interest and effort. We are doing our share to support Israel as this horrible crisis plays out and is hopefully resolved.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Happy New Year

I just love it that we get to celebrate New Year's two times a year!

Our December service was very special as we lit our beautiful menorah with the help of grandchildren of

members of our congregation. It was a delight to see those young faces! To top it off, we surprised Rabbi Wiener with a certificate (and a plaque to come later) stating that 642 trees will be planted in Israel in his name for the 21 years that he has been our spiritual leader. We were also very fortunate to hear his beautiful voice as he was surprised when he was called to recite the blessing before and after Ronda read from the Torah. He also led us in the *Motzi*.

On the horizon for our Congregation: on Sunday, January 14 our Adult Education program will be held and feature an interfaith panel with religious leaders from several

congregations in Sun Lakes. I hope to see many of you there. See the article below for details. We will be having a fundraiser at the new BJ's on Thursday, January 25; see page 7 for details. Later, on March 9, we will be going to the Hale Theatre to see *My Fair Lady*, so get those reservations to Marcia Weiner or Shelly Schwartz.

Congrats to our newest board members, Arthur Fink, David Levinson, and Barbara Nussbaum, who will be installed at our Erev Shabbat service this month.

As always, we are trying to save money and we can do that with your help with the Onegs. Celebrating a special occasion like an anniversary or birthday, or just want to sponsor an Oneg? The cost would be \$300. If you just want to sponsor, the cake, wine, and challah, it would be \$45. Just let me know.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for sponsoring the December Oneg and to thank Judy Elias who has already offered to sponsor this month's Oneg.

Happy New Year from Arnie and myself. 🧑🏻🧑🏻

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, January 14, Chapel Center

January 14 will be the date of the next event sponsored by the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Education Committee. A community-wide roundtable forum featuring various religious leaders in Sun Lakes is planned. The discussion is a topic impacting all religions worldwide — **The Declining Affiliation and Attendance Rates in Traditional Houses of Worship.**

Participants in the discussion include Rev. Mitch McDonald of Sun Lakes Community Church, Rev Dr. Nathan Bowman of Sun Lakes Lutheran Church, Rev Derrick Elliott of Sun Lakes Church of Christ, Pastor Stephen Foss of First Baptist Church of Sun Lakes, Father Wilfred Yinah of St. Steven's Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Marvin Arnpriester of United Methodist Church of Sun Lakes, as well as our own Rabbi Irwin Wiener of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation.



Each of these religious leaders will discuss an aspect of the multifaceted issue and all will explore the American religious landscape together. The forum is free and open to the public. For any additional information, please contact barbara374@cox.net. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this program in the Chapel Center.

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

WELCOMES ALMA HERNANDEZ, ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, February 4, 3 pm, Sun Lakes Chapel Center

Our guest lecturer, Alma Hernandez, will speak on her experiences as a Jewish Mexican American and being the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona House. 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 Arizona within the state government.

Alma has a BA and MA in Public Health from University of Arizona. Before her five years in government, she worked at the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona. Her bill, HR 2241 requiring mandatory high school education on the Holocaust, was passed in 2021.

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.

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



SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

LINDA G. MILLS *By Murray Siegel*

New York University has been around since 1831, opened under the leadership of Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Jefferson and Madison. The University made history in 2023. It was announced that the next President of NYU is Dr. Linda G. Mills, who is not only the first female to lead NYU, but she is the first Jewish president of the college. (I must mention that NYU is my alma mater). Dr. Mills had a great-grandmother who was murdered in the Holocaust and had a grandfather who escaped the Nazis and immigrated to the U.S.

Dr. Mills has a Ph.D. in Health Policy from Brandeis University and a J.D. from the University of California College of Law in San Francisco (also known as Hastings). She has been the Lisa Ellen Goldberg Professor of Social Work, Public Policy, and Law, and the Executive Director of the NYU Center on Violence and Recovery. She first came to NYU as an associate professor of Social Work in 1999 and in 2001 was promoted to full professor.



Her principal areas of scholarly focus are trauma, bias, and domestic violence; her research, funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Justice, has reshaped the field of treatment in domestic violence and her restorative justice-based programs are currently being adopted in several jurisdictions across the U.S.



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: Jan 25, 2024

Time: 11:00AM to 9:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

7151 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
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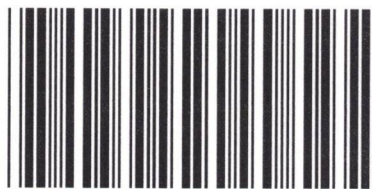
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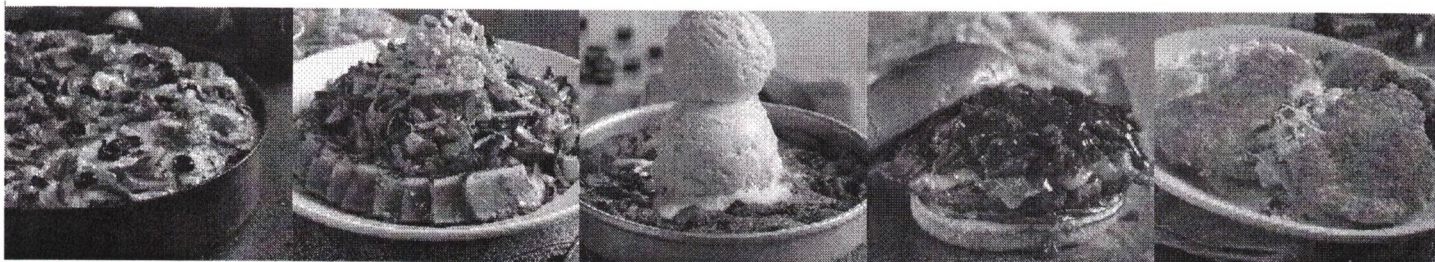
When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.





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!

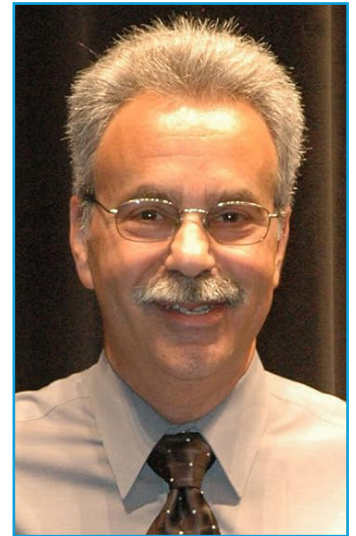
SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Tuesday, January 18, 1 pm, Chapel Center

Sun Lakes Jewish Center Sisterhood is proud to present Sandor Lubisch as our next speaker on Tuesday, January 18, at 1 pm in the Chapel Center. He is a retired high school English teacher, professional development Specialist, and an Arizona Master Teacher Mentor.

Sandor has been a member of SLJC since 1986. He previously researched and completed two family history books and published books regarding his teaching and disc jockey careers. He will speak about his latest fictional novel, *My Own Sunrise*. It is the story of a gay man, the son of Orthodox Jews, who faced fear and discrimination in the 1970s. and beyond. Paperback copies will be available for purchase at the meeting for \$15, cash or credit card. His other books include *Have I the Right?* and soon-to-be released *Yitzhak's Escape: The Jewish Flight to Uzbekistan*. This meeting is open to the public.

Save the Date: On Monday, March 11 at 10 am, we will have our Annual Card Party at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. This charity event includes a delicious buffet lunch, amazing gift baskets, a bake sale, and a cash



raffle. Gather your group for a fun day playing Mah Jongg, bridge, canasta, Scrabble, or any other game. You can also sponsor a gift basket alone or with a group. See the registration flyer in the Shpiel. For more details, see the flyer at left or contact Carol at carolbee38@wbhsi.net.

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



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	NAME/ADDRESS
<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



Men's Club luncheon held in December at Venezia's Pizzeria ▷



DECEMBER IN PHOTOS

Chanukah Party ▷



Shabat Service Honoring Rabbi Wiener ▽

Friday night service honoring Rabbi Wiener for his 21 years of service to SLJC and for his birthday. He was given an aliyah and a certificate showing the purchase of hundreds of trees in Israel in his honor. ▷



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*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
by *Marjorie & David Levinson*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
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GENERAL FUND

Miscellaneous
by *Karen Blonder*
In memory of Milton "Mickey"
Lefton
by *Randi & Daryl*
In memory of Tobi Lefton
by *Randi & Daryl*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
by *Larry Gerber*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
by *Dania & Michael Esterman*
In memory of David Wagner
by *Ethel Greenstein*
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by *Rita Tanen*
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In honor of Rabbi Irwin
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our Cantor
by *anonymous*
In honor of the SLJC Choir
by *anonymous*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
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In memory of Sandi Wiener
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In memory of Sandi Wiener
by *Terry Keane*
In memory of Sandi Wiener
by *Barbara Niles*

MUSIC FUND

In honor of Rabbi Irwin
Wiener
by *Lana Oyer & Leonard Dolins*
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by *Stephen & Susan Kubrin*
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SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Sy Evans
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by *Shirley R Gersten*
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In honor of Rabbi's Birthday
& 21 years with the
Congregation
by *Alan & Marilyn Behr*

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by *Barry Berger*
In memory of David Goldberg
by *Carol Biales*
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by *Charles Gerson*
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In memory of Nathan Plafker
by *Irwin & Judy Plafker*

In memory of Allan Elias
by *Judy Elias*
In memory of Arthur Bush
by *Judy Elias*
In memory of Meyer Bush
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In memory of Hank Cohen
by *Betsey Silverman*
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Goldman
by *Susan Tamber*
In memory of Marsha
Horowitz
by *Stephen Horowitz*
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by *Sandy Golomb*
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In memory of Henry Wiener
by *Rabbi Wiener*
In memory of Rose Hesse
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In memory of Bertha Lubisch
by *Sandor Lubisch*
In memory of Saul Ginsberg
by *Rita Ginsberg*
In memory of Rose
Kimmelman
by *JoAnn Rubinstein*
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In memory of Jane
Wasserman
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In memory of Bill Stutman
by *Nancy Stutman*
In memory of Victor Krohn
by *Michelle Sabrina Stein*
In memory of Victor Krohn
by *Julie Mooney*

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC offers condolences to the family of former member John Katz, who died on Thursday, November 30.

The December online edition of *The Shpiel* did not have the beautiful colored version of the cover that Carol Horowitz prepared. First, thank you to Carol, and second, please go to sljc.org and press "The Shpiel" tab. If you look at the December issue, you will see the color version.

The newly formed Sun Lakes Jewish Council is looking for a volunteer member who could serve as a Communication Coordinator. Contact Michael Cohen at (480) 895-4660.

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

SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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

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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.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

2 Ira & Adrian Bendick
7 Les & Lydia Guffey
18 Harvey & Marcia Weiner
23 Bernard & Ruth Lieberman

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

3 Sheldon Raizes
6 Edd Shalett
7 Robert Kaplan
9 David Levinson
9 Marjorie Levinson
9 Joanne Schlosser
13 Carolyn Cesario
13 Sherry Green
14 Elaine Meltzer
15 Gloria Howard
16 Myra Delman
17 Susan Tamber
19 Dr. Keith Miller
19 Laurence Blumberg
19 Barbara Silverman
22 Larry Shapiro
24 Gary Kanowsky
28 Ilana Goldschmidt
31 Souzan Blumberg
31 Carol Biales

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Wayne Abrams	Blanche Fabert	Harry Lebovitz	Michelle Sabrina Stein
Mickey Asbell	David Feldman	Harry Levin	Morris Stone
Joseph Axelrad	Joseph S Fineberg	Bertha Lubisch	Harold Strauss
Jerome Berg	Betty Jean Fisher	George Mann	Bill Stutman
Irving Berger	Emil Gabel	Julius Miller	Ida Tauber
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Toni Blumental	Joseph Gettes	Phyllis Moss	Rhea Weiner
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Allan Elias	Rose Kimmelman	Sophie Silverman	
Lena Evans	Victor Krone	Anna Solko	

DEVORAH HADASSAH

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 *Lost Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly on Wednesday, January 10 at 1:30 pm. In February, we will be discussing *Trust* by Hernan Diaz on Wednesday, February 14 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, January 17 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Mireille Kaplan,

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

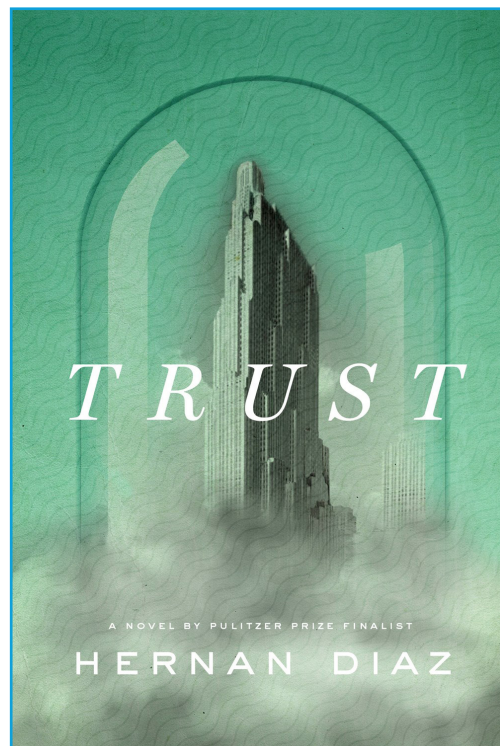
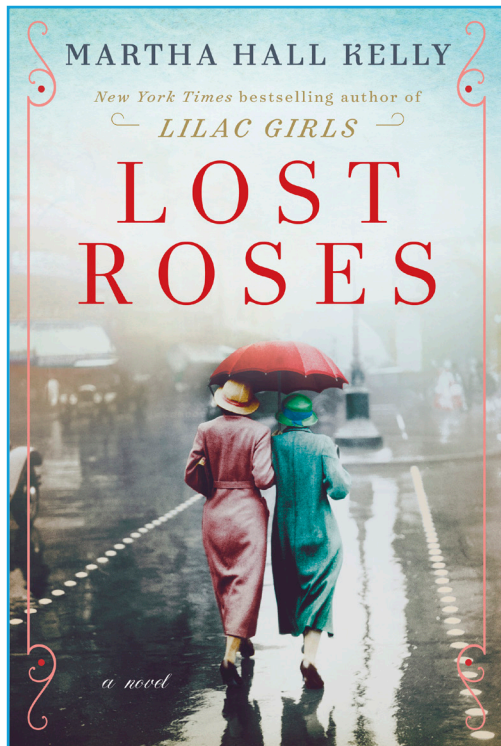
On Wednesday, January 24 at 10:30 am joi for the General Meeting and Installation of New Officers at the EVJCC. Our Out to Lunch will follow the meeting.

Mah Jongg Cards

Devorah is selling 2024 Mahj cards. Please contact Susan Fox to place your order at susansq1@gmail.com.

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.



Donation Form

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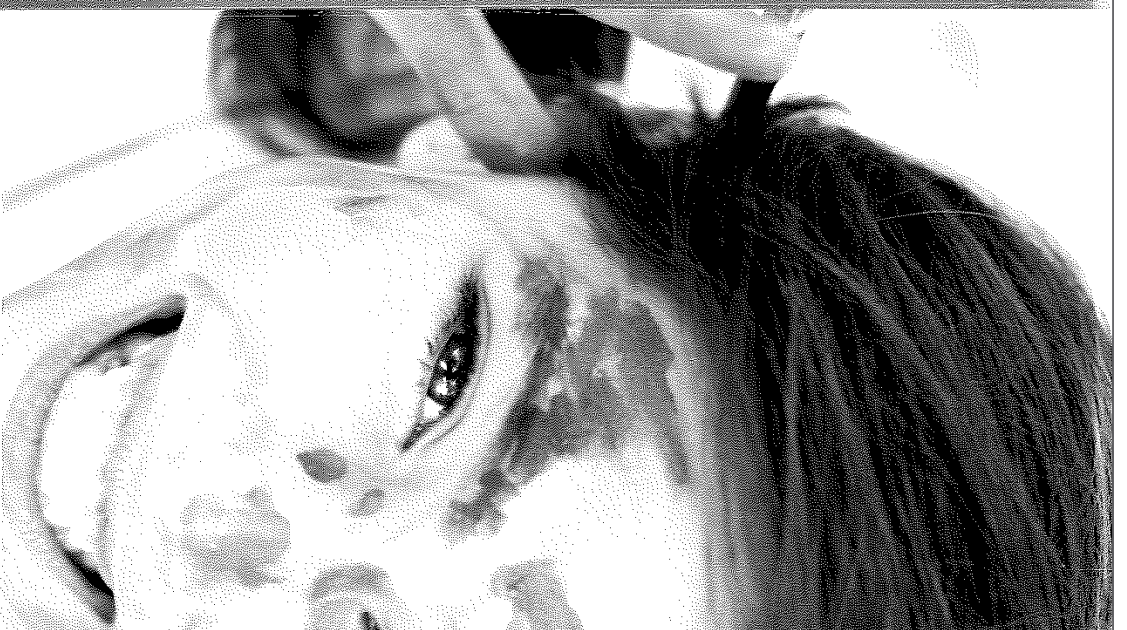
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JEWISH CONDUCTS CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT VETERANS IN SHELTERS

Sunday, January 21, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 (JWV) will welcome Dana West, Central Arizona Outreach Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), as its Sunday, January 21 featured speaker. A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at 9:30 am. The speaker follows at 10 pm. All are welcome. Men's, women's and children's clothing in excellent condition will be accepted at 9:15 am before the meeting begins.

"As Outreach Coordinator for Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), I am excited to be collaborating with the Jewish War Veterans Sun Lakes Chapter in getting clothing donations to local area shelters." Among those veterans' charities benefiting from this event are Catholic Charities MANA House and Justa Center, which both serve homeless veterans. They remove barriers to getting housing by providing essential items, a place to shower, transitional housing, and connecting vets to services to obtain employment.

In addition, Justa Center specifically serves veterans 55+ and older with transitioning from extended homelessness into independent living. Also, UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministries) is committed to providing services to veterans' families in our community struggling with homelessness and has a dedicated team to ensure services are available as needed. Veterans' families experiencing homelessness and eligible by the VA are immediately put into emergency shelter or a hotel and begin receiving individualized supportive services such as help with employment, access to healthcare, and permanent housing programs that lead to a life of stability.



Ms. West, a veteran from a small community herself, is most passionate about developing relations with fire departments in rural areas and Arizona@Work. She is currently excited about bringing VA programs to serve veterans in Vernon, AZ, and surrounding remote areas.

Also happening in the month of January, volunteers will be conducting a poppy drive on January 5, 6 and 7 from 9 am to 3 pm at Mesa Market Place.

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, (480) 802-3281.



◁ Past Commander Chuck Wolin, assisted by Joel Goldman of Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 in Sun Lakes, place a wreath at the newly refurbished and relocated Jewish War Veterans memorial, first dedicated May 1950. The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and Honoring America's Veterans hosted the State's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza, World War II Memorial.



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