



THE SHPIEL

NOVEMBER 2023 | CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5784

ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



HAPPY VETERANS DAY

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

SLJC NOVEMBER 2023

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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Duty – Honor – Country | 11/11/2023

At precisely 11 am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in the year 1918, the “war to end all wars” concluded. If the people who experienced the nightmare known as World War II are spoken of as the “Greatest Generation,” then I submit

to you that the wave of humanity fighting in World War I should be called the “Naive Generation.”

There was no glory to speak of, only the gory mess of millions dead and millions more maimed, their lives forever destroyed. The only thing that came out of that horrific episode in humanity’s quest to kill were seeds that involved us in the next encounter. There have been so many it’s hard to count and even remember.

Wars have been with us since time immemorial. When we do not understand someone or do not like the color of a person’s skin or the tone in a voice or thoughts spoken, we take up arms to destroy that which is different. However, do not forget that most wars are fought because of economics.

As Americans, we know very well what that means. We have visited the shadow of death in a Revolution, a Civil War. Some of us have been victims of discrimination in the workplace, in schools, in the arts. Yet, Americans have contributed immeasurably to the betterment of society – the betterment of the human experience because of a secret ingredient called liberty.

Our ancestors found a haven on these shores. It was not an easy journey. We arrived here from distant lands where we felt the wrath of indifference and contempt. We have been tested repeatedly. The immigrants who travelled great distances to enjoy the smell of freedom and contentment struggled, but through it all we understood that anything worth having is worth the sacrifice necessary to achieve it.

Each generation of Americans answered the call of their country because we knew, as Jeremiah instructed us, “Seek the welfare of the land... and pray to the Lord on this land’s behalf; for in its welfare shall you find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:7) Yes, we even took up arms to ensure this freedom and security for all the people of this great land. And we fought and continue to fight for freedom for everyone. We were not born soldiers – we were farmers or tailors or musicians or laborers trying to earn a living to support our families and bring those less fortunate to be with us as we began a new life in a new land.

We became soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines. We fought and some died and some of us were injured beyond repair – but we came to the aid of our America. We can and should be proud of our contribution to liberty and equality for all. Every American fought side by side. We cheered when the brave came home from battle as we thanked God for our survival as well. We danced in the streets when wars ended because we loved our liberty. Those around the world who hate us never understood that.

We honor all who served and continue to serve because it is the right thing to commemorate the sacrifices made guaranteeing freedom for the generations that follow as was done for us. Each generation takes that responsibility upon itself.

We should always pray that the dreams that brought us to this day should always be remembered. May those who continue to be in harm’s way find their way back in safety and may we never lose sight of the sacrifice for Duty, Honor and Country. That is what it means to be an American.

I hope everyone will join us at our [Sabbath Service on Friday, November 10 at 7 pm](#) when we will honor all veterans with [Capitol Post #619](#) joining with us to pay tribute to all who served. 🇺🇸

LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

SUPPORT FOR IDF SOLDIERS

By Michael Cohen

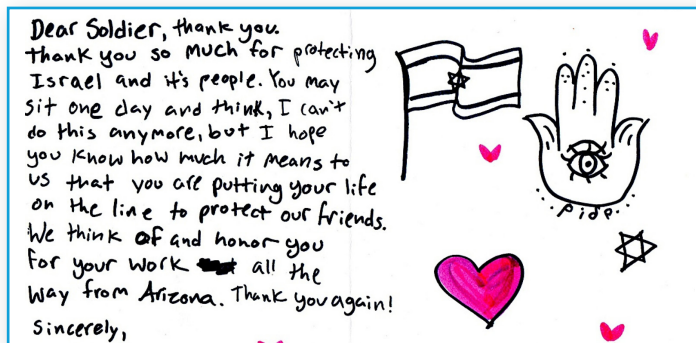
Lone Soldiers in the IDF are in the midst of extreme tension in Israel. Lone Soldiers face many obstacles as they serve including language issues, cultural adaptation, understanding IDF procedures, not being connected to young adult religious or recreational activities, stress related to the extreme demands of IDF service, homesickness, loneliness when Israel soldiers go home for Shabbat and holidays and at times anxiety and depression.

The current tensions in Israel expand the demands and therefore stress within the IDF. Internally, deaths from Palestinian terrorists, from the IDF attempting to keep Israel secure, from extreme Jewish attacks against Arabs, and within the Israeli Arab community are at an all-time high. Externally, Iran threatens Israel on a daily basis with Iran-driven Hezbollah from Jordan on the Israeli border and the Islamic Jihad in Gaza and the West Bank. Hamas is weaponized by Iran, and the Palestinian Authority refuses to police the Israeli-hostile communities as is their responsibility. Divisive politics have caused huge demonstrations requiring IDF involvement.

The typical stresses for Lone Soldiers are currently escalated based on these realistic daily threats demanding IDF attention. This daily risk and stress enhances our need to support them.



Also, the **Lone Soldier Project's Annual Hanukkah Greeting Campaign** has begun, and I would like to offer you two electronic options to participate (see below). The holidays are the loneliest time of the year for the Lone Soldiers, who come from 80 countries around the world and from Israel. The Israeli Lone Soldiers do not have a welcoming home to receive them during the holidays.



Our Annual Hanukkah Greeting Campaign is a great way to communicate our concern and support for Lone Soldiers. When they receive our letters and cards, they realize that they are doing something far greater than themselves. They are defending the Jewish homeland for Jews all over the world and are appreciated for their courage and commitment. Lone Soldiers tell us that our messages energize them to return to their duty in the IDF and defend the Jewish Homeland, knowing that people from around the world appreciate the courageous efforts they are making to keep Israel secure.

Here are some ideas about what to write about:

- A Happy Hanukkah greeting
- Anything that come from your heart
- Appreciation for their courage
- A recognition of the sacrifices they are making
- Any connection to the IDF or Israel
- Any personal Zionist feelings you may want to share

You can upload your message that we will convert to a Hanukkah Card and send it to Israel for distribution by following these directions:

Send your message in an email to lonesoldiers@evjcc.org, or visit www.evjcc.org/greetings to upload your greeting by tapping "Write a Letter or Upload Artwork." Start your message with "Name."

If you have any questions, please call me at (480) 895-4660 or email me at lonesoldiers@evjcc.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Fabulous Lay Leaders

As I sit here trying to think about my message for the month, my heart is breaking as the rockets are flying across the skies in Israel. By the time this Shpiel goes to press, I hope and pray that this war is over as quickly as was the 6-Day War

and the people in Israel are again back to living a normal life whatever that may be with all the antisemitism that surrounds them and all of us around the world.

On a lighter note, I can't begin to again thank Eric and Wendy Feldman-Kerr for opening their beautiful farm for our Sukkot celebration, to Rabbi Wiener and Cantor Polesky for their service participation, and to all 90 who were able to attend to make this a very successful happening. We were blessed with outstanding weather and wonderful food.

A reminder about the Congregation Annual Meeting is **Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm at the Chapel House.**

I am constantly asking for people to make my other job (Honors for the monthly services) a lot easier by letting me know that you would be willing to participate in our services. The Honors are: candle-lighting, ark openings, aliyots (the blessings before the Rabbi reads from the Torah), carrying or lifting the Torah, dressing the Torah and the *motzi*. PLEASE HELP ME OUT!

Once again, you can help the congregation in our fundraising efforts by attending the dinner-out programs or by participating in the Arizona State Income Tax Qualified Charitable program. It's an easy way for our congregation to benefit at no cost to you. (Please see article in this Shpiel.)

The Shpiel takes a lot of work from the various arms of the congregation and especially to Geri Gould who edits it and sends it off to our publisher. So please read it throughout as it gives you information about the upcoming and ongoing happenings.

I am only a phone call (480-612-4413) or email (shellysunlakes@gmail.com) away if you need to get in touch with me. 📞

ADULT EDUCATION

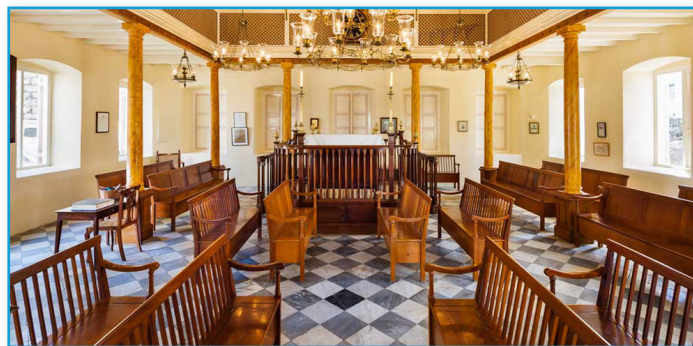
SURF, SAND & SCHMALTZ: UNUSUAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN WARM-WEATHER LOCALES

Sunday, November 19, 2 pm, Cottonwood Lecture Room, 25630 S. Brentwood Drive, Sun Lakes

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Adult Education Committee invites you to take a virtual journey to some of the most interesting and unique Jewish communities in the world. Travel writer/photographer Dan Fellner will discuss Jewish life and history in such places as Ecuador, Barbados, South Africa, Argentina, Malta, Curacao and Costa Rica. Learn about the oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere, an opulent Jewish Community Center just minutes away from the equator, and the only combination synagogue/surfing school in the world. This fast-paced presentation will shed light on resilient and off-the-beaten-path Jewish communities and perhaps give you some ideas for your next warm-weather vacation.

Dan Fellner is a faculty associate at Arizona State University and a freelance travel writer. He has written

for numerous newspapers and magazines about Jewish communities in various countries. This event is free and open to the public.



Nidhe Israel Synagogue UNESCO Heritage Site, Barbados

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

By Michael Cohen

Save the Date: February 4, 2024 when Alma Hernandez, Jewish Hispanic Arizona State Representative and strong supporter of Israel, will speak at 3 pm at the Chapel Center.

Tour Israel for free from the comfort of your home. The Covid pandemic led a variety of organizations to create virtual tours of Israel which became very popular. At the time, these opportunities typically involved a fee. Now, there are several tours on YouTube for free. I have watched some of them and they are excellent.

Here is a partial list of tours. (Simply browse Google to get on YouTube and enter one of the below titles into their onsite search):

- **Virtual Tours of Israel by the Jewish National Fund of Canada**

This is a selection of eight tours ranging from one to two hours each, from an Ethiopian heritage tour, to a tour of the western Wall tunnels.

- **Ayalon Canada Park – A Virtual Park (35 min)**

A beautiful, narrated tour of a wonderful park with a historical perspective



- **Secrets of the Western Wall Tunnels: The Great Bridge Tour (40 min)**

This is an amazing tour of new discoveries.

- **Jewish National Fund-USA Virtual Tours (1 hour; 45 min)**

High-quality and very informative.

- **Tel Aviv Yafo (Jaffa) video tour of Israel with David Hyman (20 min)**

Good tour, laced with biblical history

NEW! SUN LAKES JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Sun Lakes Jewish Community Council is a proudly formed group representing the programming components of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation. Original members include Devorah Hadassah, Jewish War Veterans Post 619, and a liaison from The East Valley Jewish Community Center.

The purpose of this Council is to enhance the quality and participation of all Jewish programming in Sun Lakes and the surrounding community. Group collaboration, communication and collective actions, and resource support from the East Valley JCC will allow us to achieve these goals.

Programming participation is NOT limited to only Jewish community members. The belief is that the success of our entire community is enhanced by the individual successes of each council member group.

The participating member groups of the Council are Sisterhood, Men's Club, Singles Havurah, Adult Education Committee, SLJC and its Board of Directors, Friends of Israel, Lone Soldier Project, EVJCC, Jewish War Veterans Post 619, Devorah Hadassah and the liaison to the EVJCC.

Essential to the success of this new Council are one or two volunteers who serve as a communication central for the member groups, by collecting information about the programming of each group. They will then distribute that information most effectively to the other member groups, the congregation and the community.

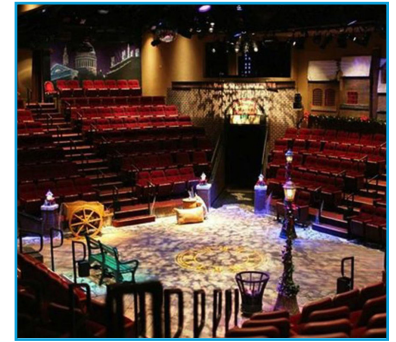
If you are interested in learning more about this exciting new effort to bolster our Sun Lakes experience, please contact Elliott Reiss at (480) 802-3281 or elliottbarb@q.com.

SLJC FUNDRAISER

JOIN US AT THE HALE THEATRE!

Our congregation purchased a block of tickets for shows this fall at the Hale Theatre, a theater-in-the-round located at 50 W. Page Ave. in Gilbert. These performances will provide a chance to get together, see a show, maybe have a nosh in Downtown Gilbert, and raise some much-needed funds for our Congregation. All shows will be matinees at 3 pm.

Coming up are *Fiddler on the Roof* on Saturday, November 4 at 3 pm, and *My Fair Lady* on Saturday, March 9 at 3 pm. Join the fun! Price per ticket is \$45. To make your reservation, please call Marcia Weiner at (480) 802-9455 or Shelly Schwartz at (480) 802-3608.



SUKKOT 2023 PHOTO RECAP



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Mike and Reggie Milgroom have moved to Prescott and would like to keep in touch with SLJC friends

Address: 1151 E. Timber Ridge Rd.
Prescott, AZ 86303

Email: milomil40@gmail.com

SLJC sends condolences to congregant Ruth Kovac on the recent loss of her husband, Harry Hertzberg.

Congratulations to David Levinson for his first hole in one!

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

SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Upcoming Lunch Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 12 pm, Famous Dave's

The SLJC Men's Club held a food drive for Matthew's Crossing Food Bank on September 24 and 25. The total amount of food collected weighed 504 pounds! Thank you to everyone who donated food for your generosity and to the Men's Club members who donated their time collecting the food at the Chapel Center.

Men's Club will meet for lunch at Famous Dave's on **Tuesday, November 14 at 12pm**. The restaurant is located across from the Chandler Fashion Mall. They have lunch specials with several choices at \$10. If you are planning to attend, please email Edd Shalett at Tiemann11@q.com or call (480) 883-9159.



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

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, November 16, 12 pm, Chapel Center

The next meeting of the SLJC Sisterhood will take place on **Thursday, November 16 at 12 pm at the Chapel House**. At the meeting we will celebrate Hanukkah as part of our Paid-Up Membership Luncheon with traditional food and games. The meal is free to our members, but we request that you submit a check for \$15 as a deposit for the caterer and mail it to Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248 by Thursday, November 9. The check will be returned to you at the event.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the form below and send it with a separate check to Wendy Goldstein, Membership Chairperson. For more information, please email Wendy at wendysue800@yahoo.com



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

JCC TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SLJC

Donation can be made until April 15, 2024 for the 2023 tax year!

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%.

Donate up to \$800 per couple and receive it back in 1-to-1 tax credits on your Arizona State Income Tax. SLJC would receive \$144!

Donate directly at evjcc.org/sljc or call (480) 887-0588. 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



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Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions made in honor or memory of a special person or event. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the donation form below.

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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.

SLJC FUNDRAISER

FAT WILLY'S RESTAURANT

Thursday, November 16, Lunch or Dinner

Fat Willy's will donate 20% to SLJC

Support our temple by joining us for dinner at Fat Willy's Restaurant. If you plan on eating at the restaurant, tell the waiter that you are a member of SLJC before you order. Check out their menu at fatwillysaz.com/chandler — they have more than just burgers.

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Deadline: January 12, 2024

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7 Lee & Arleene Forgang | 15 Michael & Susan Cohen |
| 8 Jeff & Janey Burnce | 25 Marc & Suzanne Machbitz |

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

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Shelly Henden | 5 Janey Burnce | 16 Ron Gindick | 27 Marcie Franklin-Gascoyne |
| 2 Bruce Kochman | 6 Gail Dante | 19 Lee Forgang | |
| 4 Wende Levy | 7 Barbara Ganz | 23 Bobby Sachs | 30 Linda Brooks |
| 4 Joyce Spantonos | 14 Karen Hasenfus | 23 Richard Tauber | |
| 4 Sheldon Wilshinsky | 14 Diane Silverman | 27 Harold Fineberg | |

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

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| Cyril Freed | Samuel Koss | Alfred Sheppard | |

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

JWV SPEAKER DESCRIBES HOW VETERANS CAN ACCESS A MYRIAD OF FREE SERVICES

Sunday, November 19, 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, November 19**, featured speaker. The meeting takes place in the Poolside building at Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes. A "Meet & Greet," with FREE lox and bagels, coffee, and doughnuts starts at **9:30 am**. The speaker follows at **10 am**. All are welcome.

The ADVS mission is to remove barriers to the resources and benefits veterans have earned. By calling their Veterans' Benefits Counselors (VBC) scheduling line, (602) 535-1215, counselors educate veterans about the benefits available in the state of Arizona. Veterans can receive assistance with applying for such services as service-connected disability claims, non-service-connected pensions, burial, and survivor benefits.


Ms. West, an Army veteran herself, has been Outreach Coordinator for Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) since last year. Here, she spends her time raising awareness about the programs and services offered to veterans and their families by attending events and doing presentations in the community.

"Recently, as a team, we were able to assist a combat veteran who was experiencing homelessness," Ms. West relayed sympathetically. "He had completed the PTSD Foundation of America's intensive residential program at Camp Hope, which aims to provide comprehensive peer support and mentoring based healing for veterans. The veteran was offered a job with PTSD Foundation after completing the program but needed assistance finding and obtaining housing. I was able to connect him to our Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) team, who assisted him with applying," continued West. The veteran was approved and was able to get assistance paying past due bills, move-in fees, deposits, and a few months' rent. "I am honored we were able to connect him to a resource that not only helped but gave him the ability to get on his feet and thrive," added West.

JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to May, includes 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, contact Elliott Reiss at ElliottBarb@q.com, (480) 802-3281.



Dana West, Outreach Coordinator for Arizona Department of Veterans Services

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Nov. 14: The Power of Observation with Phoenix Art Museum docent
Nov. 28: Healthy Eating with Melissa Frost, NP, of Oak Street Health

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A Thanksgiving Message

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Thursday, November 24, each of us will gather again in various locations for the annual Thanksgiving celebration. Each family will sit around the table and talk about the gratefulness that we all feel in our hearts.

Perhaps we should remember the date of November 26, 1789, when President George Washington issued a proclamation through a resolution from Congress: "A day of public thanksgiving and prayer devoted to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

In setting aside this day of Thanksgiving, a truly American holiday was established setting a non- sectarian tone for all to participate in without fear or reservation. While a hallmark of our Constitution is the separation of church and state, it is still true that we, as a nation, have a strong regard for sacred practices and beliefs.

Also contained in this proclamation were the following words: "And also that we may then Unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and a Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative Duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws..."

Perhaps it would do us well, given all we have endured, to pray as well for the Nation to once again heal and come together as we have done so many times before. Let us always remember to continually ask God to bless these United States.

Thanksgiving should remind us of this and more. ■