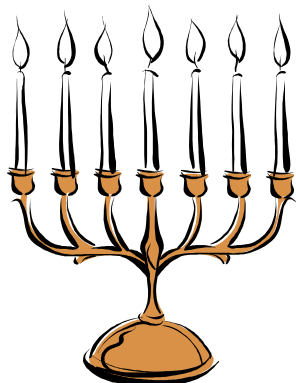
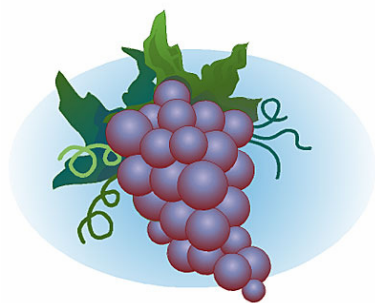


The Shpiel

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

January 2016 / Tevet 5776



SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

OFFICERS

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D. – (623)-975-4272 Cantor Ronda Polesky – (480)-247-8408
President – Wende Levy (301)-503-1047 Vice-President – Jeff Spear (480)-556-1284
Treasurer – Michael Dar (480)-882-9022
Recording Secretary – Geri Gould (480)-305-0123

Meeting Schedules (details on later pages)

FRIDAY NITE SERVICES – January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

BOARD MEETING – Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m. - please call Wende Levy @ 301-503-1047 if you wish to be on the agenda.

RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday January 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center

**MEN'S CLUB – Meeting Tuesday January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center,
Lunch Tuesday January 19 at Brunchies**

SISTERHOOD – Meeting Thursday January 21 at 1:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center

SHALOM HADASSAH – Lunch Tuesday January 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Stone and Vine Restaurant

**DEVORAH HADASSAH – Lunch Wednesday January 6, meeting Sunday January 17
at Temple Beth Shalom, Fundraiser Thursday January 21 4:30-7:30pm at Chompies**

JWV – Meeting Sunday Jan 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club

♪ The SLJC Choir Needs You ♪

If you like to sing, can carry a tune, and enjoy learning new songs, please become a member of the choir. We rehearse from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on most Tuesday's in the Chapel Center. Please contact Lana Oyer at 602-524-5936.

Trip to Israel –Opportunity

One of our congregants who was planning to go on the trip has to cancel their trip due to a family occasion. The land portion of the trip is refundable, but the air portion is non-refundable (it is exchangeable with a penalty). If we could find someone to take their place the airline has agreed to allow a change of traveler. The prices of airline tickets to Israel are currently more expensive. You would benefit from the price that was locked in at time of purchase of the airline tickets. Please consider this opportunity for yourselves, your friends or neighbors.

If you are interested in going to Israel or know of someone that might be interested in joining the trip to Israel, please contact Bety Dar.

Funding of Oneg Shabbats

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Oneg Fund in honor of a life cycle event. To date your donations have funded each of our Onegs. Members of the SLJC Board of Directors will be contacting members who have birthdays, anniversaries and other life cycle (simcha) events to help defray the costs of our Onegs. Donations to our Onegs help the Board to balance the budget, but more importantly allow our congregants to celebrate with you.



Message from Our Rabbi

Todah Rabah

A philosopher once wrote that pleasing everyone is an impossible aim, and escaping all criticism is an unattainable goal.

I am sure that members of the Board of Directors, committee chairpersons and committee members, Sisterhood and Men's Club, all have that feeling one time or another. The thing to remember is that in trying to please everyone we please no one. So, our goal should be to do the best we can, try to understand the needs and then make decisions that will hopefully benefit as many as possible.

Perhaps these are some of the thoughts running through the minds of the newly elected Board members as well as the ones remaining. As the saying goes, "It's a thankless job, but somebody has to do it."

The newly elected Board members, those remaining and those retiring, will be honored at our worship service on January 8. The installation ceremony will begin their term of office and remind all that the work of the Synagogue is holy work. It requires devotion and dedication to the concept of K'lal Yisrael, the collective responsibility of continuity and connectiveness.

Synagogues attract many people from various traditions and religious understandings. It is no easy task to mesh these customs and beliefs so that something meaningful becomes part of our spiritual experience.

Sometimes we think that everyone should know the right things to do in certain situations. Sometimes we wait to see if someone is aware of things that are important to all and are not shared. Sometimes we sit back and wait to see if anyone will find out what is going on, as if they had a crystal ball, and when they don't we pounce on their insensitivity. And sometimes some believe that we don't do enough.

Yes, these thoughts as well come to the surface when we accept responsibility. All we can do is the best we can and that is what stepping forward means. There are no magic answers, no crystal ball to guide us. We are human beings making human decisions and hopefully with a little Divine guidance.

I extend my congratulations to everybody who takes the time and extends the effort to sustain this viable institution called the Synagogue.

Israel

In March members of our congregation, and beyond, will embark on a pilgrimage and mission to Israel. We have endeavored, over the years, to journey to a land that was redeemed 68 years ago by pioneers willing to sacrifice to ensure that the dream of centuries would finally be realized.

It was a daunting task, to say the least. Hostility welcomed them, even as they fled from the worst nightmare imaginable. With perseverance and determination and, more importantly, with the desire for survival, they forged from the arid ground, a land, once more flowing with milk and honey.

We will follow the footsteps taken by our ancestors more than 4,000 years ago. We will marvel at what has been accomplished. We will visit sights only read about in history books. **AND, WE WILL BE SAFE!** Have no fear for Israel is safer than some of the streets in the world.

Thirty-six of us (four openings left) will leave on March 27, returning on April 6. This year, when we return, the holiday of Passover will begin just a few days later. Imagine sitting at the Seder table recounting all that transpired, and being able to say, "**We were there!**" Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Ritual Schedule for 5776 (2016)

2016

January 8 -----	Installation of Congregational Board, Officers, & Committees --	7:30 pm
February 12 -----	Service honoring Sisterhood -----	7:30 pm
March 11 -----	Service honoring our Choir and Hadassah -----	7:30 pm
April 8 -----	Interfaith YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE -----	7:30 pm
May 13 -----	Service honoring Men's Club and Rabbi's Bar Mitzvah Year ---	7:30 pm
June 10 -----	Annual Healing Service -----	7:30 pm

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH INFORMATION

We are proud to offer Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies both for youngsters and adults. For information regarding the procedures for commemorating this milestone, please contact the Rabbi at 623-640-5913 or ravyitz@cox.net.

Cantorial Notes – L'dor Vador: From Generation to Generation

Judaism has a great history of handing down our traditions to the succeeding generation. I will be singing a new L'dor Vador for the congregation this month in honor of the installation of our new board. This is our congregation's way of continuing our own traditions and making sure that those who succeed us can both incorporate those traditions while also bringing new energy to our community.

The translation of the prayer is "To all generations we declare Your greatness, and for all eternity proclaim Your holiness. Your praise, O God shall never depart from our lips. Blessed are You, Adonai, the Holy God." We teach these words as the V'Ahavta commands to our children, thereby passing on all that the older generation holds dear to the younger generation. In the same way, our old board will teach the ways of the congregation to the new board thus ensuring not only our survival but also our vibrant Jewish community.



May our new leadership be granted the wisdom to lead us wisely into the future as well as the inspiration to guide new generations to do the same. 2016 will be a fun and exciting new year bringing the hope of the generations with it.

B'Shalom

Cantor Ronda

SLJC Gabbai-im

Would any SLJC members (male or female) be interested in the honor of becoming a gabbai at our monthly services? We currently have two regular Gabbai-im, as well as one stand-by always ready to assume the role. However, we are always looking for additional people to assume this important function. If interested, please contact SaraRuth at 883-1791.

President's Message

As we begin the new calendar year the SLJC Board of Directors is focusing on membership recruitment and retention. A new member event will be held on Friday January 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Alan and Wende Levy, 23821 S. Dobson Dr. Invitations have been sent out to members of the congregation who joined in 2015, If you did not RSVP or did not receive an invitation please contact Wende Levy at Wende@his.com or via telephone at 301-503-1047.

Membership Directories for 2016 are available. Directories were picked up by our members at the December Shabbat service or Sisterhood meeting. Members of the SLJC Board of Directors are currently delivering directories to the members within Sun Lakes. For those of you living outside of Sun Lakes you will receive your directory via mail. If you have not received your directory please contact Myra Buckner at 301-305-0533.

On Friday night January 8th at the Shabbat service the new Board of Directors will be inducted by Rabbi Wiener. The current officers will continue in their current roles. They include:

- Wende Levy-President
- Jeff Spear-Vice-President
- Recording Secretary-Geri Gould
- Treasurer-Michael Dar

In addition, the other board members, committee chairs and special projects leaders will be honored. The Board of Directors for 2016 includes Marty Silverman, Arthur Fink, Mark Nelinson, Mark Salita, Doris Codkind, Betsey Silverman and Carol Biales. Three long time volunteers will be honored as they conclude their roles for SLJC. They are:

- Shirley Gerson-Donations
- Sandy Jennings-Membership
- Lana Oyer-Chapel Board Representative

Please attend this service as we honor our volunteers and thank them for their service to SLJC.

In early January members of the congregation will receive a letter that outlines the financial status of the congregation as reported at the SLJC Annual Meeting that has held at the end of October 2015. The letter will also outline the Finance Committee recommendations approved by the SLJC Board of Directors regarding our reserve funds.

Results of the survey conducted by the Board are currently being analyzed and will be reported to the Board at their January meeting. The February Shpiel will summarize the results.

The synagogue needs volunteers for several committees/activities listed below. In order for our congregation to flourish and grow volunteers are needed. If you are interested in participating, please contact Wende Levy Wende@his.com or via telephone at 301-503-1047.

- Fundraising
- Adult Education
- Interfaith Council is in the planning stage of a one day First Community-Wide Peace Conference-volunteers need to help with planning
- Due to a resignation on the Board of Directors 1 board member is needed
- Special Interest Havurah Leaders

Save the date: On **Saturday April 23rd** SLJC will hold our second night Seder at Oakwood Country Club. The chef and staff at Oakwood will be working with the Passover Committee to make this event a delicious and meaningful experience for everyone. The Passover Committee will take the comments from congregants provided in the survey and verbally into account as the planning of this event begins. The cost and menu will be provided as it is finalized. We look forward to seeing you at this congregation event.

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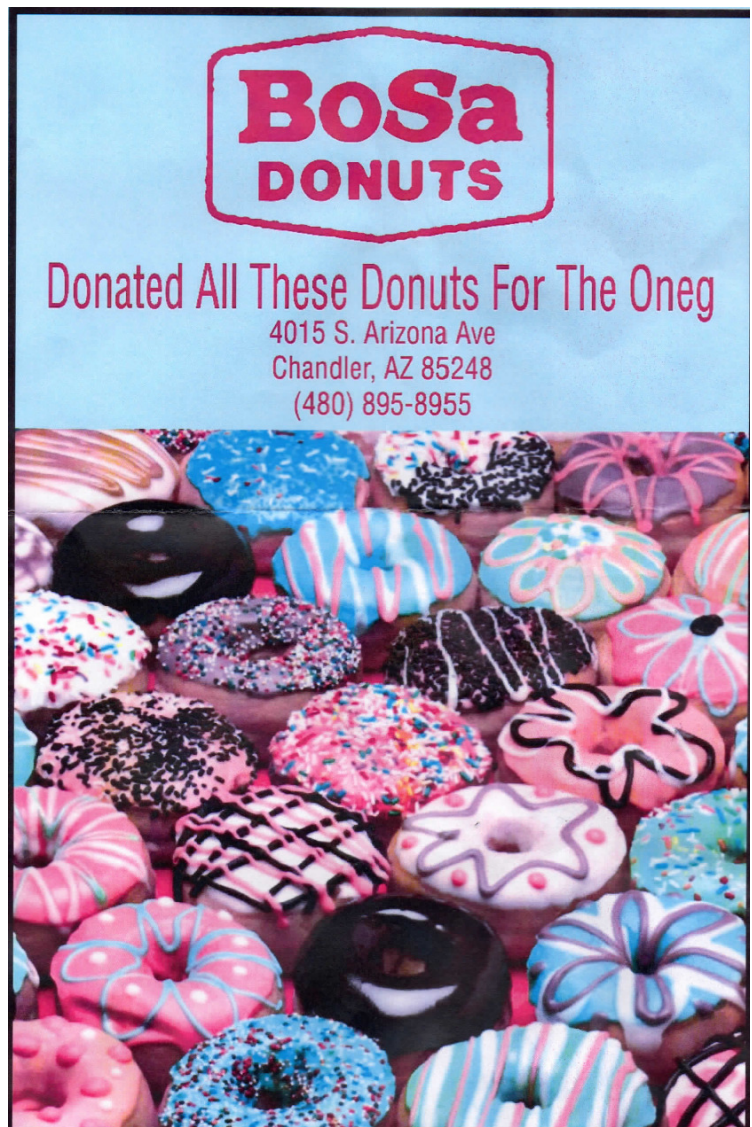
MEMORIAL BOARD – A non-member Memorial Board is in the lobby of our chapel. Many of you have already placed plates on the memorial board to honor and remember your loved ones. The wording for these plates is limited to 5 lines of type, and the cost for each plate is \$75.00, payable to SLJC. Any questions regarding this board, please contact SaraRuth at 883-1791.

BLUE BOXES - Keep filling J.N.F blue boxes!! If filled, call me and I will arrange to pick them up. Thanks. Lill Fishman - 895-8928

TRIBUTE CARDS for any occasion can be purchased at the monthly Sisterhood meetings.

SERVICE HONORS – Anyone wishing to have an honor in any upcoming service, call SaraRuth Rossow at 883-1791.

Thanks to Bosa for their generous donation of donuts for our Shabbat Oneg!



Donation Forms

Note: As of January 2016, Shirley Gersten is retiring as the contact person for SLJC donations. We have appreciated her many years of faithful and efficient service. The new contact person for donations will be

Betsey Silverman - 480 895-9187 1832 West. Havasu Way - Chandler 85248

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Flowers for the bema for Shabbat services: May be donated by congregation members commemorating important occasions. To participate, call Betsey Silverman at 895-6917 to reserve your date. The cost is \$50.00 per household (no more than two households may donate flowers for any one service).

To help serve at the Onegs: call Gary Kanowsky at 802-4517, or fill out the following form:

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CONGREGATION NEWS

THANKS

I never knew what it was like to live in a community that was so willing to offer help when needed. I want to thank all of our new friends and family that we have acquired since moving here for their cards, phone calls, flowers, visits, offered prayers and meals that they provided while I was recovering from my most recent knee surgery. They all made my recovery a little easier to bear. Susie Shapiro.

A great big thank you for all your cards, donations, and phone calls during my two months of dealing with my heart procedures. I am well on the road to recovery! Love, Lana.

A warm and hearty thank you for the many cards, donations, food drops, visits, and calls offering help during my recovery from knee surgery. It helps so much during uncomfortable days to know our community is such a caring place. I look forward to participating in regular activities as soon as possible. Thanks again, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. Geri Gould

ADDITIONS TO MEMBER DIRECTORY

Arlean and Noel Levine	4206 E. Donato Drive	Gilbert	85298	480-275-6101
Daniel and Graciela Marz	23610 Rosecrest Dr.	Sun Lakes	85248	858-395-2286

THE CARING/BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee functions as a liaison between the Congregation and Rabbi to insure that notifications are made on behalf of anyone who is ill or in need. Privacy and discretion are important and observed at the congregant's request.

If you find out that a congregant is ill, in need of care, or has passed away please contact Committee Chairperson Shirley Shalett at tieman11@q.com or 480-883-9159. Rabbi Wiener is also always available as is SLJC President Wende Levy. Or you may contact a committee member listed below. This committee works hard to help in the time of need. They are: Michael Kaplan, Doris Codkind, Joyce Spantonos, Jeff Spear, Mark Nelinson, Geri Gould, Marilyn Koss, Fran Applebaum, Carol Biales, Rita Solko, Mireille Kaplan, Sara Ruth Rossow, Shelly Henden, Michael Dar, Edd Shalett, Marty Silverman and Myra Buckner.

In order to have a card sent to a congregant on behalf of Sisterhood in the event of an illness or hospitalization, or for a happy event like the birth of a grandchild, contact Marilyn Koss at 940-1916, or e-mail marilynjoe@cox.net.

Treasure Sale and Restaurant Raffle Thank Yous

Our Chapel Board members (Joel Goldman, Lana Oyer, and Barbara Reiss) would like to thank those who helped with the Treasure Sale and the Restaurant Raffle: Gary Hasenfus, Rich Nadler, Gary Kanowsky, Joyce Spantonos, Joyce Whitman, Sam Whitman, Tom Mohr, Myra Buckner and Elliott Reiss. If we forgot anyone we are very sorry.

Men's Club of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

Our December meeting guest was Sy Evans, who introduced us to kinesiology - the scientific study of human movements addressing physiological, mechanical and psychological associated mechanisms. Sy dedicated a big portion of his lecture to the applied portion of the study using members as mediums to prove the body response to different physiological inputs and based on that the direct implication of finding allergies and sources of pain. Beside the entertaining aspect, we learned a lot of potential applications of the kinesiology.

In order to resolve the leadership function of the Club, a committee was formed from those members who expressed interest in guiding the future activities of the club as a group, including Sy Evens, Jeff Spear, Art Sloane, Jon Scheck, Brandon Steve, Sheldon Raises and Michael Dar.

The activities for January include:

- a. Adrian Bendick is our speaker for January 5th in the Chapel Center. As usual we will socialize from 6:30–7:00 pm.
She will discuss her activity related to EVJCC, but I am sure she will entertain us also (being known as a stand-up comedian).
- b. For our mid-month outing at noon on Tuesday January 19th we will try something new - a lunch instead of dinner at Brunchies in Chandler (corner of Boston St and Arizona Av) – address is 17 E Boston St, Chandler, AZ 85225. The restaurant seems to have good reviews and good value for the money – and serves only breakfast and lunch till 2:00 pm.

Also it is past time for those who have not paid their dues to renew their membership in our club for 2015-2016. Also we invite congregation members who are not enrolled in our club to join us. Dues remain at \$30.00. This entitles you to attend our Annual Dinner free-of-charge. Please send your check, payable to “SLJC Men’s Club to: Sy Evans, 26421 S. Newtown Dr, Sun Lakes AZ 85248.



Jewish War Veterans (JWV)



The members of Post 619 Jewish War Veterans in Sun Lakes will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Jan 17 in the Mirror Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club. The Post as always will have a speaker, but the speaker was not set by the time this news had to be submitted. In the near future, a trip will be scheduled to inform the membership on why this post is the most renowned post of any veterans post in supporting homeless Veterans. The trip will be to the many homeless organizations for veterans the post supports. The board meets each month and contributes to many Veterans causes.

The post is active all year long and inquiries are answered all year long from any person regardless of race, religion or gender. Many participants in the post are not Jewish but want to help veterans and this post works tirelessly to help homeless and in-need veterans, with many persons taking part in the Maricopa StandDown in February. Get information on the post from Paul Herman at 480-659-2998. Make reservations for the brunch that precedes the meeting with Donna Liebowitz at 480-883-3153 or bananabunny@centurylink.net.

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Sisterhood

Sisterhood invites you to join us for the first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 1:00 pm in the Chapel House at Sun Lakes, with a presentation by Merle Nudelman, a lawyer, poet and educator. She has published four books of poetry with Guenica Editions in Canada. *Borrowed Light*, her first collection, won the 2004 Canadian Jewish Book Award for Poetry. Merle's books and poems have garnered prizes and have appeared in literary and educational journals, anthologies, and zines. Merle leads workshops on creative writing and on healing through words. She is currently working on a book of non-fiction. She is also poetry editor of the literary journal *Parchment*.

Merle will be speaking on Metamorphosis: Insight and Change Through Poetry and what the connection is between creative expression, loss, and healing. Merle will speak about why she began to write poems and the power of the creative process to open new paths of compassion, understanding, and peace with what was and with what is. She will unpack the profound gifts that this work has brought to her as she expressed and honored her family's experience both during the Holocaust and after.

We would also like to remind you that the deadline to join us for Card Party on Feb. 2nd is fast approaching. Reservations must be made by January 15th.

As always, donations for Toys from the Heart are always appreciated. Donations, as well as dues payments (\$30.00 now), can be sent to Phyllis, at 3495 E. County Down Dr., Chandler, 85249.

Feb. 12, 2016 is Sisterhood Shabbat (Jewish Humor is the theme). If you are interested in having an honor, or participating in any other way, please contact Geri Gould.

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Devorah Chapter of Hadassah

Devorah Chapter Hadassah will have an out to lunch get together on Wednesday, January 6th. The restaurant will be announced the week before. The next regular meeting of Devorah Chapter will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 1:30 PM at Temple Beth Shalom, 3400 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ. The topic of the program will be fraud protection. For more information about either event, e-mail Hadassah.evinfo@cox.net.

On January 21st Devorah with the generous cooperation of Chompies at the Chandler Village Center will hold a fundraiser event from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. A percentage of the proceeds from event attendees will be donated back to Devorah. A special form needs to be submitted to the server before placing an order. To have a form e-mailed to you for this event call Barbara at (480) 318-7568.

Future activities include a lunch get together on Wednesday, February 3rd. Devorah will also be going to see Beau Jest at the Hale Theater, 50 W. Page Ave, Gilbert on Thursday, February 11th. For information about Beau Jest call Barbara at (480) 318-7568.

For membership information contact Gail at (480) 981-6963.

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Shalom Chapter of Hadassah

The Shalom Chapter of Hadassah had a wonderful trip visiting the Scottsdale Cowboy Museum of the West.

On January 19th Hadassah will host their meeting at Stone & Vine Restaurant, Alma School & Queen Creek during which we will have the installation of Board Members for 2016. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. followed by a review of the book, "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

Doris Codkind, Publicity (For membership information call Cyril at 802-0243 or Kathy at 895-5194)

Welcome Jewish Singles Havurah

Havurah is an important part of Jewish life where single adults and the young at heart come together to share friendship and similar interests. We are looking for Jewish Senior Singles to join us and to meet with others in an informal friendly setting.

Our first meeting will be on January 13th at 130PM in the Chapel House next to the SLJC Center. This meeting will be a very important gathering of like minded people exchanging ideas and information that will concern everyone attending.

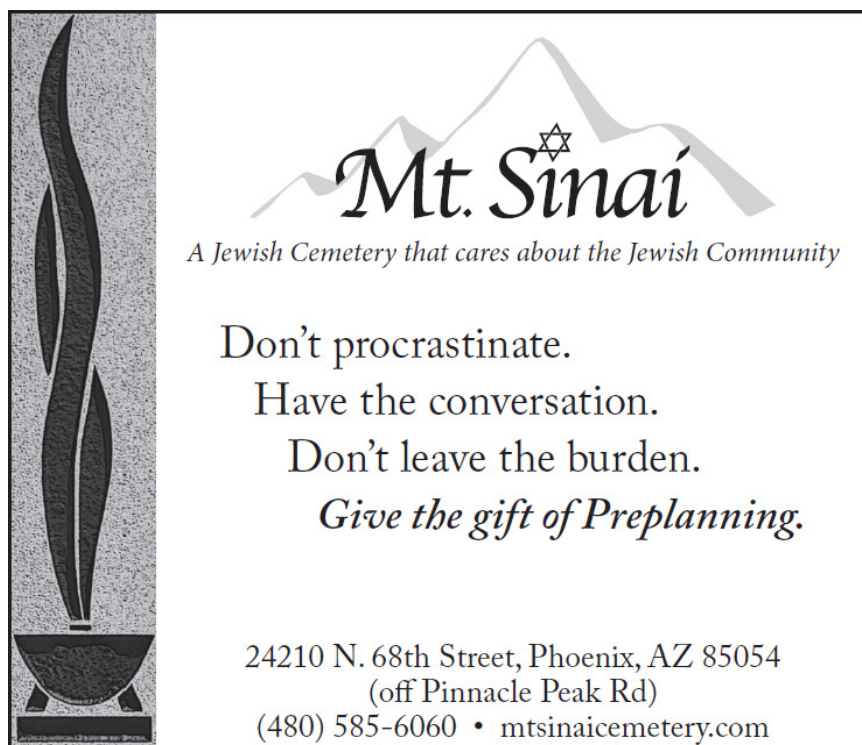
If you join us on Jan. 13th we plan to shower you with warmth, well wishes, and some attentive listening ears. Not impressive? OK fine, we'll also bring cookies.

Come forth! Arrive! Please join us!

Make new friends and have input on how to build our Havurah in to a huge success. Please feel free to contact me to be put on the roster and a part of the NEW Havurah!

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OpEd: News from Israel

Israel/Jordan Desalination Plant and Pipeline

Israel and Jordan are moving ahead with a plan to build a water-carrying canal from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea, which will rehabilitate the shrinking Dead Sea and supply drinking water to Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians. The pipeline will take some four or five years to complete. It will be 180 kilometers long and will pass through Jordanian territory, carrying around 200 million cubic meters of seawater from the Red Sea — at the very southern tip of Israel — per annum.

A desalination plant in the Jordanian city of Aqaba, across the gulf from the Israeli resort town of Eilat, will produce the drinking water. Israel will receive around 30-50 million cubic meters of potable water, which will go to Eilat and communities in the arid Arava region, while Jordan will use 30 million cubic meters for its own southern areas. One hundred million cubic meters of the highly saline byproduct of the process will be piped north to the Dead Sea — the lowest point on earth at some 427 meters (1,400 feet) below sea level — to replenish the lake, whose level has dipped precariously in recent decades.

Jewish Kurds

A ceremony marking the deportation of Jews from Iraq seven decades ago was held for the first time on Monday in the country's autonomous Kurdish region. It also marked the beginning of Jewish representation in the Kurdistan region's religious-affairs ministry as a result of a law passed in May to promote minority rights.

"The law says that if there was one person from the followers of any religion, his rights are preserved," said Sherzad Omar Mamsani, the Jewish representative at the Kurdish regional ministry.

The ceremony in Kurdistan capital Arbil was attended by Kurds of Jewish origin and officials who also visited an exhibition of old photographs and records documenting Iraqi Jewry. According to Mamsani, the ceremony is the first of its kind and marks what is known as the "Farhud", the dispossession that led to the flight and deportation of Jews from Iraq. Mamsani, who has Jewish origins, said he estimated that the families who self-identify as Jews in Kurdistan -- but are still officially registered as Muslims -- numbered around 400. He added that the number of families who converted to Islam but "are Jews in origin" was in the thousands.

Zach Huff, an American researcher living in Israel and specializing in Kurdish affairs, said he hoped Monday's ceremony was the start of a Jewish revival in the Iraqi region of Kurdistan. "There are about 200,000 Kurds living in Israel and close to 100,000 living in and around Jerusalem," he told AFP.

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Friends of Israel at SLJC

Upcoming events sponsored by SLJC's Friends of Israel:

January 13th, 7:00PM, The Chapel Center; Mr Bill Straus retired Director of ADL, will speak on

“Anti-Semitism and its Relationship to Anti-Israel Bias “

The public is invited to attend. No solicitations will be made. Light refreshments will be served.


Anti-Semitism is an ancient hatred which has plagued the Jewish people for generations, including ours. What forms is it taking today? Is it responsible for the Anti-Israel sentiment to be so prevalent among otherwise intelligent people and nations? The Friends of Israel of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation has asked Bill Straus, retired Executive Director of the Anti Defamation League (ADL) to explore these topics and related matters with us. Bill is the acknowledged expert in fighting Anti-Semitism and is the recipient of many awards and accolades for his successful work with ADL.

March 6th, 3:00PM, The Chapel Center, Ms Yamit Armbrister, author of “ A Moroccan Woman” and “From Egypt to Canaan”, will speak about the

“Moroccan and Sephardic Jews making Aliyah in the Earliest Days of the State of Israel”.


This event will be co-sponsored with the East Valley Jewish Community Center.

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