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# **SLJC OCTOBER 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SUKKOT II am: Sukkot Lunch (Home of Wendy Feldman-Kerr & Eric Kerr)	<b>2</b> sukkot	3 ѕиккот	<b>4</b> suккот	<b>5</b> sukkot	<b>6</b> SUKKOT	<b>7</b> shemini atzeret/ simchat torah
8 2 pm: Adult Education Series Kickoff	9	10 9 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting	11 I:30 am: Literary Ladies Book Group	12	13 <b>7 pm:</b> Erev Shabbat Service	14
15 9:30 am: JWV Post 619 Meeting (Oakwood Poolside)	16	17	18 II am-I pm: Devorah Hadassah Food Collection for JFCS (285 Benrich Dr, Gilbert)	<b>19</b> <b>I pm:</b> Sisterhood Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 7 pm: SLJC Congregation Meeting	25 <b>10:30 am:</b> Devorah Hadassah General Meeting <i>(EVJCC)</i>	26	27	28
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GHLIGHTS	President, Shelly Henden	(480) 612-4413
<ol> <li>From the Clergy</li> <li>President's Message</li> <li>Contributions</li> <li>Donation Form</li> <li>Yahrzeits</li> <li>Celebrations</li> </ol>	Membership, Susie Shapiro	(480) 883-7117
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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



# God Knows

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), American Women's Rights Advocate, wrote, "I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own desires." I think of this every time I read or hear about someone pontificating on

what God wants from us and for us. It amuses me that there are those who proclaim to be in direct contact with God, and it is because of this so-called connection, they attempt to control our every thought and action.

To ascribe this to arrogance would be to underestimate the detriment to which they affect our lives. Perhaps we could describe these people as sanctimonious. The clear indication is that there are people who think they are better than others and use God as the justification for their feelings.

Perhaps we should attempt to understand the purpose for which faith was installed in our psyche. Faith, to me, is synonymous with hope. Each gives us the opportunity to make sense of our lives, no matter what direction is followed. That is exactly what Scripture is intended to inculcate in us. The words found in these various writings are there to help us understand human nature and the various relationships we discover as time progresses.

Whether one believes that these words are inspired or the result of revelations does not alter the fact that human behavior is dictated by moral responsibility and the attitude of right and wrong. These are the fundamentals of a civilized society as prescribed by God. Still, we are just human. I believe this humanity gives us an added responsibility. To attain a level of attempting to emulate God is not an easy task. We are so fragile and susceptible to so many distortions. The Prophets attempted to reinforce this concept of goodness by illustrating what can become of us if we destroy the very fabric of our existence. They illustrate in prose the things we can do to ourselves that can surely be inherited by those who follow. When Scripture talks about the sins of the fathers carrying forward to our progeny, it is describing what can result if we do not realize the harm of not recognizing the path of destruction. It is not a curse, but rather a warning.

Closed minds lead to closed thoughts, and, in turn, to dogmatic approaches to our existence. Living life with no peripheral vision is tantamount to walking around with a blindfold, cutting off not only vision, but light as well. Think of it as walking into a dark room, feeling our way, groping for support, and only realizing redemption when a light appears.

Being judgmental or critical is a form of abuse and is contrary to what faith is intended to accomplish. Acceptance and encouragement are what is needed if we are to find fulfillment. Jealousy leads to contempt. Satisfaction with our lot eliminates frustration. Gratitude gives us the ability to accept what is, with an eye toward what could be, if we try.

Perhaps Susan B. Anthony was attempting to teach us these very things. Perhaps Scripture can instill in us the understanding that we are responsible for our actions because they affect not only ourselves, but those around us as well. Perhaps we can and should feel better, not because we followed some prescribed order or spoke words that are lost as they are uttered, but rather because we have a clearer picture of our purpose – not because someone told us to, but because we know full well the impact of these words, and because we can come together in the one place designed to help us understand a little better: our houses of worship. And we can understand that our lives were placed in our hands, not someone else's.

This the eternal gift given to us by God. 🚢

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR

#### David Levinson

Born in Brooklyn, NY, David is a graduate of CUNY Brooklyn College, with a BA *cum laude*, and from Brooklyn Law School, where he was an editor on its Law Review. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan and then entered the private practice of law.

In 1977, he was elected Town Justice of Woodbury, NY where he served for 37 years and also served as Village Justice of Tuxedo Park, NY for 24 years. He is a past president of the Monroe Temple and serves as a lifetime member of its board.

David is married to Marjorie for 56 years and raised three children and now has seven grandchildren. He offers our congregation his legal experience and knowledge of temple life and its needs.

#### Barbara Nussbaum

Barbara has held many volunteer leadership roles over the years, including having been Past President of the National Council of Jewish Women — Greater Philadelphia Section. She has also been a consultant to various Jewish communal organizations in the areas of strategic leadership, board and leadership development, and customized educational travel projects.

Barbara and her husband Bruce moved to Sun Lakes a few years ago, and she has been a regular attendee at SLJC services. Besides living in the Philadelphia area prior to moving here, Barbara lived and worked for the Toronto Jewish Federation.

Barbara, with her long and strong volunteer experience, is looking forward to participating on the SLJC Board of Directors.

#### Arthur Fink

Arthur wishes to return to the SLJC Board of Directors, having served before and representing our congregation on the Chapel Board Committee. Arthur and his wife Judy have lived in Sun Lakes for many years.

**INCUMBENTS:** In addition to these individuals, incumbents who seek to remain on the BOD are Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Geoffrey Garber, Wendy Goldstein, Shelly Henden, Marty Levine, Susie Shapiro, and Murray Siegel. Retiring from the BOD (with great thanks from SLJC) are Linda Brooks, Norma Owens, and Mike Abrams.

### **CELEBRATE SUKKOT WITH SLJC**

#### Sunday, October 1, 11 AM-1 PM, Hosted by Wendy Feldman-Kerr and Eric Kerr

Join your SLJC community for a potluck Sukkot lunch at the home of Wendy Feldman-Kerr and Eric Kerr. The traditional etrog and lulav will grace the natural, leafy area that will house the sukkah.

Please bring a dish suitable for 8-10 people. Wendy suggests wearing casual shoes as the event will be held outdoors unless it is too hot (in which case, the celebration will be held indoors). Directions to Wendy's home will be sent by email. Please contact Wendy at (480) 987-9425 for further information and/or to let her know what you will bring. We hope to see you there!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SHELLY HENDEN



Fabulous Layleaders

It was great seeing so many of you at our wonderful High Holiday Services. It takes a village to bring the High Holiday services together and so I want to extend a big thank you to all that played

a part in putting the service together and for your participation. My thanks to those of you who accepted honors for the Holidays.

There are many fundraising activities planned for this year and I hope that you will participate in all of them. The people that are chairing these events for the second consecutive year have been working very hard to make these happen. Marcia Weiner and Shelly Schwartz have been working on organizing our Saturday Matinees at the Hale Theatre. The upcoming productions begin on November 4 with *Fiddler on the Roof* and on March 9 with *My Fair Lady*. To make your reservations see the article below.

**Barbara Ganz** is heading Adult Education, which has four programs scheduled. The first will be held on October 8. Details can be found on page 7.

Linda Brooks, our fundraising chair, has dinner outings planned and so again, watch for details in the Shpiel and in email blasts.

And from the Henden house to yours, we wish you a happy and healthy new year.

### 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. We hope you can join the fun!

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



# SLJC SISTERHOOD

#### Next Event: Thursday, October 19, 1 pm, Chapel Center

At the next meeting of the Sun Lake Jewish Congregation Sisterhood, Martin Rittman, owner of Rango Honey in Tempe, will be the guest speaker. His company sells kosher honey and its mission is to help young people and adults on the autism spectrum. Students from the Scottsdale and Tempe school districts who are on the spectrum help with bottling and labeling at the company's Tempe facility. The adults live in a home called Neshama with full time care. Martin will tell the story of the Rango Honey, the bees, and the mission of his company.

Save the date of March 4, 2024 for the Card Party. This annual fundraiser will return to the Oakwood Country Club with games such as Mahjongg, Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble, and Rummi-Cube. There will be extraordinary gift baskets, cash raffles, restaurant gift cards, and a bake sale. Mark your calendar and gather a group of friends to join us for a funfilled afternoon.

This year, our **Paid-up Membership Luncheon will be held** on November 16, so be sure that you have sent in your dues before then. For more information, please contact Marsha at marsha52@gmail.com.



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Birthday (month/day only):	
Please send <b>this form and a check for \$30</b> , payable to SLJC Sisterhood, to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes AZ 85248	):

### ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE, BEGINNING OCTOBER 8

The Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Adult Education Committee is pleased to share our planned events for the 2023-2024 season. We have chosen a variety of topics of interest. Please watch for updates as to times and locations of the events but make note of the dates so you can add them to your calendar and not miss anything of interest. The first is coming up soon.

Sunday, October 8, 2 PM, Chapel Center Fraud, Scams and Consumer Protections: AZ Attorney General's Office With speaker Jillian Ashby

Sunday, November 19, 2 PM, Cottonwood Surf, Sand and Schmaltz: Unusual Jewish Communities in Warm-Weather Locales With speaker Dan Fellner Sunday, January 14, 2023, Time TBA Chapel Center Declining Religious Affiliation: Issues and Opportunities An interfaith event with four leaders of

Chapel member congregations speaking

March 17, 2024, Time & Location TBA Jewish Religious Observances: Yesterday and Today With speaker Rabbi Irwin Weiner

# **DEVORAH HADASSAH**

Please join us for all our fun activities and get to meet new friends! For more information on attending our events, please contact Eliana Bar-Shalom at (860) 377-7126 or ebarshalom.eb@gmail.com.

#### Out to Lunch

We meet at a different restaurant each month for good food and conversations.



#### Literary Ladies Book Group

The second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom is our book group called Literary Ladies. The next books we will be discussing are *The Saints* of *Swallow Hill* by Donna Everhart, on Wednesday, October 11 at 1:30 pm.

#### **General Meeting**

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30 am the EVJCC. Out to Lunch will follow the meeting.

#### 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, October 18 from 11 am to 1 pm.

#### **Chick Flicks**

Join our movie group! The dates and movies vary each month, but include a discussion of the film via Zoom.

#### 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.

# 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 David Wagner by Barbara & Elliott Reiss

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#### **MUSIC FUND**

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#### **SILVERMAN FUND**

In memory of Sy Evans by SLJC Men's Club

#### **YAHRZEIT FUND**

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In memory of Michael Goldner by Susan Goldner Tauber In memory of Jenny Braijthberg Bright by Helen Frischenmeyer In memory of Myron Granoff by Carole Victor In memory of Charles Cohen by Betsey Silverman In memory of Lenore Wolin by Charles Wolin In memory of Milt Moss by Mel Moss In memory of Jacquey Moss by Mel Moss In memory of Rose Goldrich by Marilyn Raizes In memory of Jacob Levine by Martin Levine In memory of Samuel Eisenman by Marilyn Koss In memory of Richard Green by Sherry Green In memory of Flornce Kraus by Carolyn Cesario

In memory of Ruth Lubisch by Sandor Lubisch In memory of Rachel Wiener by Rabbi & Sandi Wiener In memory of Fran Fink by Rabbi & Sandi Wiener In memory of Justin Friedman by Ruth Friedman In memory of Nancy Hopinks by Ruth Friedman In memory of Emanuel Fishman by Ruth Friedman In memory of Bertha Levinson by David & Marjorie Levinson In memory of Loretta Weber by Judy & Irwin Plafker In memory of Samuel Weinberg by Judy & Irwin Plafker In memory of Ruth Plafker by Judy & Irwin Plafker

### LONE SOLDIER PROJECT





### COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SLJC extends a huge thank you to Mike Milgroom for his beautiful cover art for The Shpiel since 2020. Mike and Reggie are now moving on, but he has graciously given us permission to continue to recycle his work on future issues. So even though he won't be providing us with his original work on a monthly basis, we will still be fortunate enough to enjoy his talent. Good luck, Milgrooms!

SLJC extends its condolences to the family of Alan Rubinstein, who died on September 20. May his memory be for a blessing. If you have skills in graphic arts and would like to volunteer to provide art for the Shpiel covers, please call Geri at (480)305-0123.

SAVE THE DATE: SLJC Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel Center. Among other issues, the financial health of our congregation and the election of new Board of Directors will take place.

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

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#### Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Non-Member Memorial Plaques Order Form

A loved one has passed away who was not a member of SLJC, and you desire to create a permanent remembrance of this person. Can this be done? This is a question that is often asked, and the answer is definitely "Yes." We understand the importance of paying tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us. A permanent non-member plaque can be purchased for \$36, and there are three options for the wording of the plaque.

Simply complete the form below and mail it along with a check payable to SLJC for \$36 per plaque to: Wendy Goldstein, 24031 S Lakeway Circle NW, Sun Lakes 85248. Any questions, call (480) 584-5909.

#### SLJC NON-MEMBER REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE

Please compete a separate form for each plaque, indicating the desired choice of wording.

#### Choice1

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Purchased by	(name)				
Choice 2					
Always in Our Heart	(name & date)				
Purchased by	(name)				
Choice 3					
In Remembrance of	(name & date)				
Purchased by	(name)				
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***Please see the opposite page for sample photos of the SLJC Memorial Wall.***					



Photos of the SLJC Memorial Wall

# SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

ANNA ROSENBERG By Murray Siegel

Who was Anna Rosenberg? Most Americans, even Jewish Americans, might not know that Anna was the second most powerful American woman during the mid-20th century. Only Eleanor Roosevelt had more influence on the country.

Anna was born in Budapest, in the Austrian Empire at the turn of the century. She moved with her family to New York City prior to World War I. As a young woman, she became involved with local Democratic politics and discovered that she had a facility for labor negotiations.

She became an adviser to Franklin Roosevelt and often found herself as the only woman in the room. She was tasked with ensuring that manufacturing positions were filled at defense plants. She solved this by seeing that positions were filled by women and minorities. In 1944, FDR sent her to Europe to interview American soldiers to find out what they wished for once the war was over.

Her conversations with wounded soldiers in hospitals and soldiers at the front caused her to see that the GI Bill was created. Harry Truman respected her work and he had her nominated to be Assistant Secretary of Defense. After a contentious Senate consideration of her appointment, she was confirmed. Anna was sent to Korea to find out what was on the minds of Americans in combat.

During her time in Europe, she became close to General Eisenhower, and when he became President, he called upon her for advice. She was responsible for organizing



Jack Kennedy's birthday party in 1962 — the one where Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday." She had known Lyndon Johnson since he came to Congress, so she contributed to his administration.

So, given her importance, why is she so unknown? Most women who had important government positions back then either came from wealthy families and/or were graduates of elite colleges. This was not Anna; her education was derived from the streets of NYC. To learn more about this amazing woman, read *The Confidante*, by Christopher Gorham, published earlier this year.

# **OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

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

- 9 Ronald & Doris Codkind
- 9 Kevin Murphy & Barbara Sommers
- 10 Stan & Helene Zimmerman 17 Arthur & Linda Mundis

18 Geoffery & Lois Garber

- 19 Stephen & Susan Kubrin
- 22 Noel & Arlean Levine
- 26 Lloyd & Susan Schaeffer

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

- 1 Elaine Dover
- 1 Lori Mangel
- 1 Eunice Goldberg
- 4 Doris Codkind
- 5 Richard Lapkin
- 7 Diane Posniack

- 9 Anita Frindell
- 12 Elynn Rubinstein
- 13 Karen Kleiman
- 16 Carol Horowitz
- 17 Susie Shapiro
- 18 Jerri Siegel

- 19 Michael Abrams
- 22 Sandi Wiener
- 23 Marc Machbitz
- 28 Barry Memberg
- 31 Joyce Dickman

- 31 Rochelle Schwartz
- 31 Howard Shapiro
- 22 Karen S. Perna
- 23 Ruth Muenzer

# **OCTOBER YAHRZEITS**

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

Pearl Arnow Rebecca Aronowitz Sam Asbell Rose Rokeach Baumrind **Ruth Bazerman** Jerome Bender **Betty Bendick** Abraham Bennett **Donald Backer** Jennie Brajtberg Bright Charles Cohen Leon Cooperman Samuel Eisenman Joel Evans Marion Feinberg Fran Fink

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Meyer Plotkin Harry Plotkin Bernard Polesky Hyman Pollock Selma Posniack Richard Rabstein Louis Shienfield Ralph Siegel Manuel Smigel Eleanor Strauss J. Harold Taitsman Joan Warnecke Rachel Wiener Sydney Wolin



Thank you for ushering the New Year with us! Shanah Tovah from Sun Lakes Jewish Community Center.

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619 JEWISH WAR VETERANS PRESENTS RABBI MENDY DEITSCH

Sunday, October 15, 9:30 am, Poolside Building, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes

This month, the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) meeting takes place Sunday, October 15. 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.

SAG CLASS

Rabbi Deitsch will delve into the origins, mission, and accomplishments of the Jewish War Veterans organization, highlighting its role in supporting Jewish veterans, advocating for their rights, and preserving their historical contributions.

The discussion includes JWV's notable achievements, such as initiatives to honor fallen Jewish service members, efforts to combat anti-Semitism within the military, and involvement in community service and social justice causes. Rabbi Deitsch further explains, "This talk offers an opportunity to recognize the invaluable work of the Jewish War Veterans and to inspire continued dedication to their mission."

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.





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# Coming up at the JEast Valley JCC

### 'Save the Stories'

Workshop by Daughters of Jacob Genealogy Mondays, Oct. 16-30 | 10-11 a.m. *evjcc.org/genealogy* 

### **Generations After** Wednesday, Oct. 18 | 10-11:30 a.m.

Adena Bernstein Author of "Living Among the Dead: My Grandmother's Holocaust Survival Story of Love and Strength'



evjcc.org/generations-after

### Tuesdays at the J 10-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 10: Phoenix Art Musuem Oct. 17: Travel journalist Dan Fellner Oct. 24: Author Tara Ison Oct. 31: Rabbi Mendy Deitsch

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### Israeli Film Series 'Barren'

Sign up to receive the link and watch from home on Oct. 8. *evjcc.org/film* 

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