

SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

# The Shpiel



APRIL 2026 NISSAN - IYAR 5786

PASSOVER

*Yom HaShoah*



*Freedom*



*Carol Horowitz*

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

# SLJC April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 1ST NIGHT OF PASSOVER <b>1 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Game Day Fundraiser (EVJCC)	<b>2</b> 2ND NIGHT OF PASSOVER <b>5 pm:</b> Community Seder (United Methodist Church)	<b>3</b> PASSOVER - DAY 2	<b>4</b> PASSOVER - DAY 3
<b>5</b> PASSOVER - DAY 4	<b>6</b> PASSOVER - DAY 5	<b>7</b> PASSOVER - DAY 6 <b>2:30 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	<b>8</b> PASSOVER - DAY 7	<b>9</b> PASSOVER - DAY 8 <b>4 pm:</b> SLJC Board Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>7-9 pm:</b> SLJC Erev Shabbat Service	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:45 am:</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting <b>2:30 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	<b>15</b> <b>1:30 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies (Zoom)	<b>16</b> <b>12:45 pm:</b> Sisterhood Meeting and Film Screening of <i>iMordecai</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:30 am:</b> Adult Education Session: Where Is God? Who Is God?
<b>19</b> <b>9:30 am:</b> JWV Meeting (Oakwood Country Club)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>2:30 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	<b>22</b> <b>1 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Out to Lunch	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>2:30 pm:</b> SLJC Choir Practice	<b>29</b> <b>1:30 pm:</b> Devorah Hadassah Game Day	<b>30</b>		

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# RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



## Passover 5786 – A New Year and a New Adventure

A new month – a new year – that’s what Passover is: the beginning of our understanding of freedom and the value of life. Most of all, solidifying our identity.

And this is a time to remember the past as we commemorate Yom HaShoah, and rejoice in the return to the Land of Israel as dreamt by generations past and is remembered each Passover at the seder table.

Passover allows us to discern the value of diversity through our own reasoning capabilities so that we can comprehend what freedom is. We also understand freedom a little more each year because freedom is not just breaking the yoke of servitude. There is freedom of thought and expression enabling us to become intellectuals for a moral encounter with all that society considers ennobling. There is freedom of knowledge allowing us to create sparks which in turn create fires which in turn creates the warmth of that knowledge to be part of our growing experience.

Each year something New becomes part of my participation in the telling of the story that has held the imagination of all people through the centuries. Every time I read the Haggadah I learn something different because I feel as though I personally traveled that journey bringing us to this moment in time.

I watch families reunited. I watch children smile as they search for the Afikomen. I watch the faces of mothers and fathers glow as they sit together reliving the past year and the history of our beginnings. I watch grandparents and great-grandparents “kvell” because they see the generations continue because of their dedication and devotion.

This surely is a holiday for the family because the whole family of Israel started a pilgrimage that gave them purpose and meaning and fulfillment.

Our community too has its legacies of encouragement and fortitude and bravery. We face challenges every day whether it is illness or the loss of a loved one. We share a common bond of caring and sharing that makes the journey we are on more bearable and enjoyable.

We will all gather at some table and marvel at our ability to survive another year. We will remember those no longer able to join with us but with reverence and understanding that they are here in spirit because life continues, and we are the testament to the continuation.

This year we will be welcoming our neighbors and faith-based friends from the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church to participate and join in celebrating freedom. Freedom is the one constant that unites all people regardless of belief or areas of birth.

As Americans we share a common heritage of understanding. The gifts we have been given and gained through great sacrifices help us appreciate even more the value of religious liberty and freedom of thought.

Coming together at the seder table we will enhance our understanding of tolerance and respect knowing full well that we are all endowed by one Creator with the gift of life.

The annual ritual of retelling the story of the Exodus experience will take place at the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church. We will toast life and liberty and the happiness we encounter as children of the Divine Spirit and know that our efforts will be appreciated by all.

Then truly we will understand that together we will have accomplished what Psalm 133 emphasizes: “How good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.” And as we learn in Romans 12: “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

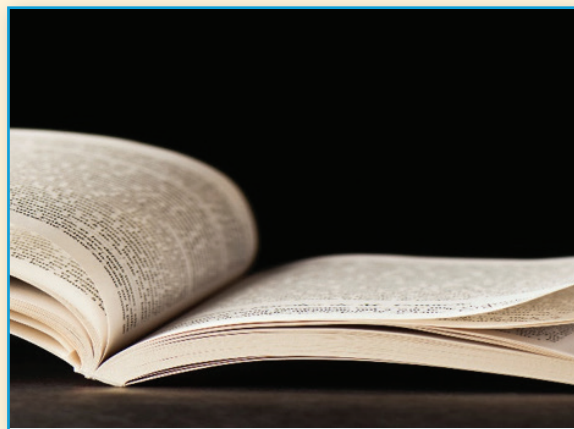
I wish everyone an amazing Passover experience. I look forward to being with our Christian neighbors as we join hands and receive the blessings of God. 🕯️

## ADULT EDUCATION

The adult education series led by Rabbi Wiener and entitled “Kabbalah — A Look at The Mysteries of Life” continues in April. The session will include a mini-Kiddush following each lecture. We look forward to the participation of all interested in understanding our faith and its mysteries.

**April 18 | 10:30-11:30 am**

**Where Is God? Who Is God?  
(The Understanding of Belief)**



## SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

### MICKEY MARCUS

By Murray Siegel

There is one person buried in the USMA West Point cemetery who died while fighting in the army of a foreign nation. Who is that man and what was that nation?

David Daniel Marcus was born on the Lower East Side to parents who had immigrated from Romania. Known as Mickey, he was in the West Point Class of 1924. After completing his active-duty commitment, Mickey remained in the Reserves and attended law school. He was an assistant U.S. attorney and served Mayor LaGuardia as Director of Corrections.

As World War II approached, his Reserve unit was activated and he commanded a Ranger training school. He yearned to command troops in combat but was assigned to plan for occupation of territories freed from Nazi control. He was in England before D-Day and, thanks to being a classmate of General Maxwell Taylor, Commander of the 101st Airborne, Mickey parachuted into France on June 6, 1944 and entered the European Theater of Operations (ETO).

Later, when he viewed the recently liberated Dachau Camp Mickey began to rethink his attitude about Zionism. When the war ended, he was on the teams that conducted the Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes trials, after which he returned to civilian life. He entered Israel using a false name and was made the first officer of general rank in the Israeli army, commanding the defense of Jerusalem.

Mickey Marcus Memorial near Abu Ghosh, Israel

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A few hours before a cease-fire took place, Mickey was shot and killed by a young Israeli sentry who mistook him for an Arab infiltrator. Mickey had not known the password. His body was flown to the U.S. accompanied by Moshe Dayan, and Mickey was buried at West Point. Mickey's wife, Emma, was a 5th grade teacher at P.S. 177 in Brooklyn, the elementary school I attended. (I never had Emma as a teacher, but she played the piano at school assemblies. We knew her husband was famous but did not know why.) Emma was later buried beside her husband.

In 1966, the film *Cast a Giant Shadow* was released with Kirk Douglas playing Mickey and Angie Dickinson playing Emma. In the film, Mickey had an Israeli girlfriend, which was purely fiction. Mickey Marcus was an American hero and a Jewish hero and now you know the answers to the questions asked above.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



## Contributing and Getting Involved

What a beautiful service we had this past month, honoring and celebrating the choir and our director Lana Oyer, who has steadily unselfishly volunteered her time for the last 35 years.

Thank you to those of you who joined us for

our dining out fundraiser at BJ's and to Shirley Shalett who made all of the arrangements and to our new member, Karyn King thank you for offering to match what we get from BJ's.

This month's service we will commemorate Yom HaShoah. We invite you to arrive earlier so you can light a candle before we begin.

Another way that we can socialize is at our onegs after the service across the street. It's a lovely way to kibbutz

and mix with each other. I know that we are all feeling the rising costs of everything and of course we are dealing with it at our onegs, so I am asking for some help to defray the cost to the congregation by sponsoring the oneg in honor of a special occasion like a milestone birthday, anniversary, or if a few of you want to jointly sponsor it for no reason at all. I know that many of you in your past affiliation with your hometown temples were assigned to bring something for your social after your service. We are unable to bring food in except for the cake so I am asking for \$300 to help defray the cost. Let me know if you would like to sponsor one so we can continue to be together socially after our wonderful services.

At the end of this year we will be losing three of our valuable Board members as they will have completed their term limits, so If you have an interest in becoming a board member, please contact either Marty Levine at (908) 216-0848 or Jeff Spear at (732) 682-8704. 🕯️

## SLJC MEN'S CLUB

Next Event: Thursday, April 16, 12:45 pm, Chapel Center

Men's Club will be collecting food and monetary donations before the Erev Shabbat service on Friday, April 10 at 7 pm. Collections will benefit Jewish Family and Children's Services. Please bring your donations to the Chapel Center next door to the shul.

The Sisterhood has invited the Men's Club to a screening of the movie, *iMordecai* on April 16, at 12:45 pm in the Chapel Center. It's a delightful comedy film featuring American stars of movies and television (Judd Hirsch, Carol Kane, and Sean Astin) about a Holocaust survivor whose life changes when his son buys him an iPhone. Will Mordechai be able to fit into a world that has changed so much around him?

On May 5, at 11:30 am, the Men's Club will have lunch at Chase's Diner, 2040 N Alma School Rd. RSVP to Edd Shalett, at (480) 329-9364, tieman11@mycti.net or Marty Levine at (908) 216-0848, marteleee@hotmail.com. The Men's Club is always welcoming new members for monthly lunches and other interesting events. To join, call Edd or Marty.



△ *iMordecai* is a delightful comedy film featuring American stars of movies and television.

# FRIDAY THE 13TH WAS NO LAFFING MATTER

By Carol Horowitz



**Due to medical emergencies, LAFF's musical comedy, "The Key to a Good Night's Sleep," has been postponed until early 2027.**

All tickets will be refunded. Please contact Wendy Goldstein if you purchased by check at (330) 348-7435 or Steve Horowitz at (678) 739-6038 if you paid using Zelle and have not yet received a refund.

Friday the 13th lived up to its reputation in February 2026. It began first thing in the morning when I raced outside to beat the approaching garbage truck in a futile effort to deposit the last remaining bags of leftovers into the can. That was the last time I will ever wear fluffy, flat bedroom slippers outside. As I raced down the front walk, my slippers caught on the uneven, rough brick driveway pavers. My feet left the slippers behind as I sailed parallel to the earth for about six feet, landing ungracefully on my hip and smashing my entire right side. I lay there motionless, unable to move, for what felt like eons of time, watching the hungry ants between the pavers start to excitedly approach. I feebly tried to holler for help as I waved at passing cars and golf carts. One lady on a golf cart even smiled and waved back, apparently not noticing the rather grotesque position of my body as it stretched unnaturally across the driveway.

Eventually, my husband, Steve, who had been watching TV while eating breakfast, realized that I had not returned inside and thought perhaps I stopped to talk with neighbors. Just as the forecasted light drizzles were starting to fall, Steve finally walked outside and found me. However, when my hero attempted to lift my dead weight up from behind, placing his arms beneath me, he severed all of the ligaments in his rotator cuff and damaged his sciatic nerve!

Our adventures didn't end there, however. Friday the 13th continued to wreak havoc. As he started to drive down our street to follow the ambulance carrying me to the hospital, his car got a flat tire. At the hospital, I learned that the head of my femur was fractured and severed and would require three pins to "put Humpty

Dumpty together again". My husband wasn't as lucky. He was eventually informed that at our age, surgery wasn't recommended for torn rotator cuffs. But Friday the 13th wasn't finished yet. Apparently, the medication that I have been taking for four years now for Long Covid was contraindicated for use when combined with the strong pain killers that I was given following surgery, resulting in both medications effectively cancelling the other out and leaving me without the benefits of either for the duration of my five-day hospital stay. There was no choice left but to LAFF!

I cannot rave enough about the wonderful, amazing cast of LAFF that was waiting to rehearse our musical comedy, "The Key to a Good Night's Sleep" when we hobbled into our next rehearsal. Although my husband and I wrote the play and I am a director, we had hoped that the old adage that "the play must go on" would hold true and that we would be able to keep our scheduled March performance dates. However, my husband and I were not the only ones to suffer unexpected mishaps. Since the start of rehearsals, many other cast members experienced misfortunes ranging from a myriad of new medical diagnoses to the passing of a cast member's spouse. Sadly, but wisely, the entire cast took a vote and decided it was best to postpone the play until early 2027.

LAFF is now planning for our performances to take place either at the end of January or the beginning of February 2027, with rehearsals resuming in the fall after vacationers and snowbirds return to Sun Lakes. LAFF regrets having to postpone our show which we were so excitedly working to bring to our Sun Lakes audiences, but we deeply appreciate your understanding and promise to make our performances worth your wait. It was our goal to make these performances a big fundraiser for SLJC, so please look for our return and LAFF again with us in early 2027.

LAFF (Laughter and Friendship Forever) is always looking for fun-loving people to join us. More than just to provide entertainment through the creative and performing arts, LAFF is an INTERFAITH group that is sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation that loves to share LAFFter and camaraderie, build new friendships, and promote cultural understanding. We welcome ALL who are interested, whether you would like to perform, help backstage, with tech, or costumes, or to just LAFF with us. We figure if we are LAFFing and having a great time, our audiences will do the same.

**Eventually, we will heal, ...the show will go on, ...and we'll all find "The Key to a Good Night's Sleep!"**

# SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Thursday, April 16, 12:45 pm, Sun Lakes Center

On February 23, 150 women gathered at the Oakwood Country Club to enjoy a fun-filled day at Games Galore. This annual charity event raised money for local non-profit organizations. Thank you to all of the donors of gift baskets, baked goods, and gift cards. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who made this such a successful and fun event. See below for photos from the event.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood will take place on Thursday, April 16 at 12:45 pm in the Chapel House. We will be showing the movie *iMordecai*, based on a true story. Judd Hirsch portrays Mordecai, a Holocaust survivor who is given a new iPhone. A series of unexpected events upends his world in this heartwarming Miami-set comedy. The movie runs for one and a half hours. Members of the SLJC Men's Club are also invited to attend.

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## SLJC Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

Note: WE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE; FOR SISTERHOOD USE ONLY.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (indicate cell or home): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (month, day and year\*): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your anniversary year is being requested in order for the SLJC Sisterhood to acknowledge milestone anniversaries. 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

# 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 honor of Diane &  
Greg Posniack's 60th  
anniversary  
*by Susan & Richard Tauber*  
In memory of Arleene  
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*by Susan & Richard Tauber*  
In memory of Harvey  
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*by Susan & Richard Tauber*  
In memory of Sander  
Frindell  
*by Stephen & Susan Kubrin*  
In memory of Eleanor  
Raffeld  
*by Diane Zelinger*

## GENERAL FUND

In honor of Helen Abrams  
*by Geri Gould*  
In honor of Rod Codkind's  
90th birthday  
*by Marjorie & David  
Levinson*  
In memory of Charles  
Wolin  
*by Diane & Greg Posniack*  
In memory of Stephen  
Fishman  
*by Judy & Jack Curran*

## ONEG FUND

In memory of Ruth  
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In memory of Sander  
Frindell  
*by Shelly & Arnie Henden*  
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In honor of Betsey  
Silverman's 90th birthday  
*by Shelly & Arnie Henden*

## SILVERMAN FUND

In memory of Ruth  
Friedman  
*by Cyril Goodman &  
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In honor of Rod Codkind's  
90th birthday  
*by Marcia & Harvey Weiner*  
In memory of Chuck Wolin  
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Wishing a speedy recovery  
for Arnie Henden  
*by Linda & Foster Goldman*  
For the repair or  
replacement of the Ark  
and Torah  
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In memory of Stephen  
Meltzer  
*by Elaine Meltzer*

In memory of Sylvia Kubrin  
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In memory of Cecil  
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Moses  
*by Elaine Meltzer*  
In memory of Irwin Kolikoff  
*by Anita Kolikoff*

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Thank you for all the contributions made in honor of my 90th birthday.

It was a great day!

— Ron Codkind

SLJC extends sincere condolences to Joy Fishman, on the passing of her beloved husband, Steve.

Please submit Bulletin Board posting requests to Geri Gould at [gerijim@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# APRIL CELEBRATIONS

## ANNIVERSARIES — *kol hakavod* — to another great year ahead together!

19 Elias & Sydney Kerr Slover  
21 Jackie Oliver

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

3 James Brener	11 Susan Plambeck	20 Heather Hage
4 Rita L. Tanen	12 Nina Richman	27 Alan Behr
6 Barbara Nussbaum	14 Esteban Morales	30 Gina Caplan
7 Anita Kolikoff		

# APRIL YAHRZEITS

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

Henrietta Behr	Rena Dolins	Clara Kaufman	Joseph Shagrin
Kate Bender	Edward Fabert	Harry Kimmelman	Joseph Shagrin Jr.
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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This is the time of year when we plan for our annual "Book of Remembrance" in which we honor and memorialize our departed family members. Since there are many congregants who leave for the summer months, and will want to have a listing in the book, we ask that you fill out the form below and send it in as soon as possible.

**A completed form, even if your information has not changed, must be included with your payment and be received no later than:**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

Return your check payable to Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation to:

Marty and Marsha Levine, 3805 E. County Down Dr. Chandler, AZ 85249

Questions call: 480-802-8911 or 908-216-0848

DO NOT INCLUDE WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONAL DUES

**NAMES WILL BE COUNTED, NOT LINES. EACH NAME ON A LINE WILL BE COUNTED INDIVIDUALLY. Prices are as follows:**

One quarter page	\$18.00	One to ten names
One half page	\$36.00	One to fifteen names
Full page	\$72.00	One to twenty names

### PLEASE CHECK BOTH THAT APPLIES TO YOUR MEMORIAL

- No changes at all in previous memorial
- Corrections, deletions or additions to a previous memorial. Make changes on separate paper and send with form. This is not considered a new memorial.
- Brand new memorial. Print names on separate paper and mail with form. Month and year of death is not included in the Book of Remembrance. This information is to be included with your membership form.

Amount Enclosed:

- \$18(1/4 page)     \$36 (1/2 page)     \$72 (full page)

PRINT YOUR NAME(S) EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN YOUR MEMORIAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Use your Arizona State income tax liability and payment to benefit East Valley JCC and Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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908 North Alma School Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

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## MANA HOUSE CATHOLIC CHARITIES COORDINATOR TO SPEAK

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 am, Oakwood Country Club Ballroom, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



◁ Rachel Masch-Perez strives daily to make a lasting impact helping homeless veterans at MANA House through her communication skills, trust, and support.

The community is invited to learn how to help veterans living at MANA House (Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force & Coast Guard) when MANA Community Engagement Coordinator

Rachel Masch-Perez addresses the Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 on Sunday, April 19.

JWV's meeting takes place in the Oakwood Country Club Ballroom, 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.

MANA House started in 2008 as Madison Street Veterans Association (MSVA), which began with 14 veterans who sought to manage their own space in the Men's Outreach Shelter in downtown Phoenix.

In 2015, Catholic Charities Community Services incorporated MSVA into their programs to oversee its development. The program is renamed to Catholic Charities MANA House, a transitional living facility at the YWCA building in Phoenix, which housed 49 homeless veterans.

Their current facility, which houses 78 veterans, offers residents the opportunity to enjoy meals together and build camaraderie. A computer room; a day room with books, games and a pool table; and laundry facilities are provided. Their objective is for all veterans, upon graduation, to move into stable permanent housing.

JWV has long supported MANA House, not only with financial donations, but also with volunteers providing

meal events and socializing with its residents. "The Veterans' reactions when JWV volunteers come to MANA House are always positive, filled with gratitude, and sincere appreciation that JWV volunteers spend quality time with them," says its Coordinator, Masch-Perez.

Those wanting to contribute directly to MANA House, may also go online to donate at: [amzn.to/3NzNpoW](https://amzn.to/3NzNpoW)

Their most common current need is for new men's socks, which will be accepted at the April meeting. Meetings are held the third Sunday morning of each month between Sept-June. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend. Come together to support veterans and celebrate the community that uplifts them.

This JWV meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn about JWV's philanthropic activities and how to get involved. Members of all faiths, with support from several non-Jewish organizations, join together with the purpose of helping veterans.

For more information about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please visit the JWV Facebook page at [facebook.com/CopperStatePost619](https://facebook.com/CopperStatePost619) and contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175, [uramarthur@gmail.com](mailto:uramarthur@gmail.com).

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*JWV Post 619, which meets the third Sunday of every month from September to June, 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, contact Arthur Uram, (702) 884-4175, [uramarthur@gmail.com](mailto:uramarthur@gmail.com).*

Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 members and ▷ representatives from its Partnering Organizations pose with coffee collected at its 2nd Annual Coffee Drive for U.S. Vets-Phoenix. The groups collected 390 cans of coffee, most of which were the double-sized containers from Costco and Walmart. Both organizations contributed to the campaign. U.S. Vets-Phoenix is a 42-bed facility at M.D. Hawkins Veterans Center in Phoenix providing transitional housing where veterans receive comprehensive services enabling them to regain and maintain independence.



# DEVORAH HADASSAH

## 2026 Game Day

Devorah's annual Game Day will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 1:30-4:30 pm at Sun Lakes. (Note: time and location change.) Proceeds will benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The cost will be \$25 per person which includes registration, great snacks, a gift bag of assorted items and tons of fun. Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase so you can bid on numerous varied gifts. You choose your game and players. However, we can help you fill your table or find you a table to join. Any table game is acceptable. In previous years we have had Mahjongg, Canasta, Mexican Train Dominoes, Rummikub, Scrabble, and Clue.

Additional information and registration forms will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Fox at [susaneshq1@gmail.com](mailto:susaneshq1@gmail.com), (520) 705-3226.



## Literary Ladies Book Group

Our book group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. On April 15 we will be discussing *The Spectacular*, by Fiona Davis (Zoom session link: [bit.ly/devbookapr26](https://bit.ly/devbookapr26)).

## Out to Lunch


Gather with other women after the general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together. Upcoming lunch dates are Wednesdays, April 22 and May 27, at 1 pm. Email [barbara374@cox.net](mailto:barbara374@cox.net) to RSVP.

## Other Meetings in March

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at 10:30 am at the EVJCC (followed by Out to Lunch).

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