SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR AT THIS SEASON AND ALWAYS!



Carol Horowitz

Special Service November 13th Honoring Veterans!

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

SLJC November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 **2:30 pm:** SLJC Choir Practice	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 **9:30 am:** Sisterhood General Meeting **2:30 pm:** SLJC Choir Practice	11 **1:30 pm:** Devorah Hadassah Literary Ladies *(Zoom)*	12 **4 pm:** SLJC Board Meeting	13 **7-9 pm:** SLJC Erev Shabbat Service	14
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RABBI IRWIN WIENER, D.D.



Thanksgiving Message

If our lives have been blessed, the way to say "thank you" is with responsible conduct. Additionally, Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to display the goodness that can be found in each of us. All too often we see only the dark side of people and neglect to remember the nobleness of a single human being. We get lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday living and never stop to smell the roses.

There is such a mess in the world. There is poverty on a scale unimagined. There is disease and with all our expertise and previous accomplishments we can't seem to find enough vaccines to inoculate us from certain disasters. There is war – an on-going conflict between good and evil that leaves us wondering if politically correct is a substitute for awareness and prevention. There are hunger and homelessness in a country that feeds the world and provides shelter to millions in different areas of the globe, but somehow we can't find enough shelters or time to create those needed shelters for our people right here in America. There are homeless veterans – people we sent off to war to protect our lives and values – and yet when they return, we seem to forget our obligations.

All of this sounds like a formula for despair. We listen and read and watch these and other horrors and wonder whether there exist redemption and salvation. But then we remember the blessings we have been given and realize that "thank you" is not enough. We must be willing to conduct ourselves in such a way as to not only develop cures but also to encourage each other to act in accordance with our understanding of responsibility in lifting someone from the depths of despondency to a brighter tomorrow.

That is Thanksgiving in the true sense of its intention: the feeling of Grace – compassion.

God does not ask "Do you believe in me?" but "How have you dealt with those around you?" To truly be thankful requires not only taking responsibility for our actions and deeds, but also to treat each other responsibly. We don't expect to eliminate the wrongs that permeate our world, but we are not excused from trying. That is what faith demands of us; that is what society requires of us.

Thanksgiving is not only taking responsibility with good intentions. We need to follow through in helping those in need. When we feast to the fullest, try to leave a little on our plates to remind us that we MUST care for one another, not just in words but also in deeds.

Thanks, and Giving – those are the two words that make up the reason for this holiday. Say thanks not only for what we have been given but also for the gift of giving. And in the words of Anne Frank: "How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Perhaps we should also be reminded of what George Washington wrote in his proclamation recommending the formation of this national holiday:

"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, of that will be.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and 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; to render our National Government a blessing to all people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws..."

Have a great and blessed holiday.



In Grateful Appreciation?

By Rabbi Irwin Wiener, D.D.

Each year at this time we pause for two major events in our lives as Americans: Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. These two holidays, each in their own way, offer the same expressions of gratefulness and appreciation. However, there is one aspect of these occasions that is connected in more ways than just the month of the year: our allegiance and devotion to God.

Our service men and women, who wear the uniform of this great country, are the reason we are free and can, for example, go to the polls and vote our conscience to ensure that the liberties we fought so hard for are still there for those who follow.

Our history as a nation is replete with stories of valor and fortitude. Blood has been shed, not only here, but also on foreign soil because we know that liberty and freedom know no boundaries. Fences and walls may be built, but all they do is concentrate the efforts into a small area waiting to destroy these barriers and join all the rest who have tasted this emancipation.

On November 13, at our Shabbat Service, we will once again pay homage to the members of our armed forces, both past and present. Join us as we welcome Copper Post #619, its members, relatives, and friends. Copper Post #619 truly represents the best in us as they continue to help our veterans as well as participate in the charitable efforts that are appreciated by the wider community.

We may have failings, but that comes with experiences that sometimes challenge us. Our congregation will join with our fellow veterans as we wish for a better tomorrow filled with all the celebrations of life. Through it, all we will remember how fortunate we are to live in a land so abundant and diverse, enjoying the rewards of our labors. Together we will continue to witness the magic of all the days and nights filled with dreams and the hope for tomorrow's celebrations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLY HENDEN



Be Sure to Mark Your Calendar!

I know that I sound like a broken record, but it is so very important to mark your calendars for the happenings that are going on within the congregation. **Please keep your Shpiel each month for reference purposes!**

At our November Erev Shabbat service on **November 13 at 7 pm**, we will be honoring our own JWV Post 619. They do outstanding things for military veterans, so let's show them how grateful we are for what they do and say thanks for their service to our country.

If you know of any neighbors or friends who are not affiliated with a congregation, please let them know about our Open House taking place on **Sunday, November 15 from 1-3 pm** at the Poolside Building in Oakwood. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Rabbi, Hazzan Ronda, the Board of Directors, representatives from Sisterhood, Men's Club, and the other committee chairs.

On **Wednesday, November 17 at 7 pm**, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting to meet and elect the individuals who are running for the Board of Directors. Other business will also be conducted.

Another important date to note is **Sunday, December 12** when we will gather to celebrate the end of Hanukkah. The reservation form can be found in this issue on page 13.

Some special thank you messages go to:

- Our very own handyman, Marty Levine, who refurbished our Ark.
- The Men's Club, for organizing the collection of food and money (we collected $1000) for Jewish Family and Children's Services.
- Shirley Shalett, who organized our fundraising dine out at Legends Showcase Bar & Grill.
- All who participated in our High Holiday services.
- Those of you who don't say no to me when I call you to do any honor at our monthly services.

Please consider a donation to the JCC when you do your State of Arizona income taxes. Both the JCC and our Temple benefit when you participate. For those of you that did so last year, a BIG thank you. We received more than $2,800 for our efforts. Please refer to page 16 of this issue for more information.

Arnie and I wish each and everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving. May you have a safe holiday wherever it takes you.







GAMES GALORE

Formerly known as Card Party

Monday, February 22, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes

Charity event sponsored by Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation Sisterhood

$40 entry fee includes a delicious buffet lunch with a new menu.

We will have our signature gift baskets, cash raffle and tantalizing treats at our bake sale!

For reservations or questions email Doris: rondor55@gmail.com

Please make your check for $40.00 per player payable to: SLJC SISTERHOOD and mail to: Doris Codkind, 100 W Queen Creek Rd., Apt. 311, Chandler AZ 85248. Please limit lunch seating to groups of 5.

Names of players: (Please include a contact phone # or email for one member of the group.) Reservation deadline is February 10. Contact #/email: _____

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_____ **Game:** _____

You must provide your own game. No card shufflers please.

___ Single registration. Please add me to a group. Preferred game _____.

SLJC SISTERHOOD

Next Event: Tuesday, November 10, 9:30 am, Chapel Center



What an exciting season of programs we have planned for Sisterhood this season! **Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 10, not on our usual Thursday date or time.** We will meet at 9:30 am in the Chapel House. Our wonderful Hazzan Ronda Polesky will be our guest speaker.

In December we will celebrate Hanukkah at our regular meeting on Thursday, December 17.

On Monday, February 22, 2027, Games Galore will be held at the Oakwood clubhouse. This is our annual fundraiser where we have fabulous gift baskets, a cash raffle, a delicious lunch, and a bake sale of home-baked goodies. See the flyer in The Shpiel for information and registration. Proceeds are donated to local nonprofit organizations.

Because of the huge response last year, the Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on April 3, 2027, at the Poolside Café at Oakwood. More information will be provided in future editions of *The Shpiel*. If you haven't joined Sisterhood yet, be sure to fill out the Membership Form (below) and mail it in soon so that you may attend these extraordinary events.

SLJC Sisterhood Membership Dues Form (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)
Note: WE DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE; FOR SISTERHOOD USE ONLY.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____ Check one: ❑ cell ❑ home

Birthday (month/day only): _____

Anniversary (month/day/**year**): _____
Anniversary year is being requested to acknowledge **milestone** anniversaries.

Please SEND THIS FORM and a CHECK FOR $30, PAYABLE TO "SLJC SISTERHOOD," to:
MARILYN KOSS, 6400 S. Granite Drive, Chandler AZ 85249 | CHK #: _____

❑ Mark here if you are a new member or if any of your previous information has changed.

SLJC SISTERHOOD RAFFLE



$10 GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A **CASH** PRIZE

FIRST PRIZE = $200

SECOND PRIZE = $100

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE GAMES GALORE EVENT ON FEBRUARY 22, 2027. THE WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. YOU MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE ENTRIES AT $10 PER ENTRY.

Please make check ($10 per entry) payable to **SLJC SISTERHOOD**. Mail to:

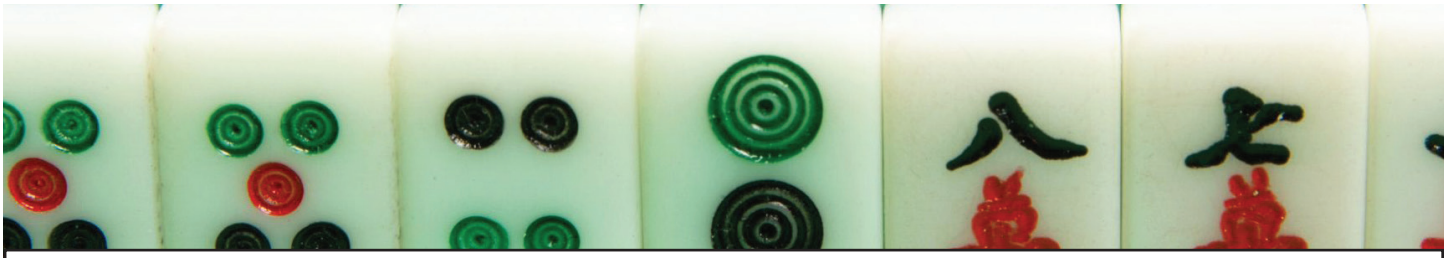
Diane Silverman, 9437 E Rocky Lake Drive, Sun Lakes AZ 85248

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SLJC SISTERHOOD

AND THE LOCAL CHARITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROCEEDS.



2027 MAH JONGG CARDS

NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE HAS INCREASED PRICES. SEE BELOW.
PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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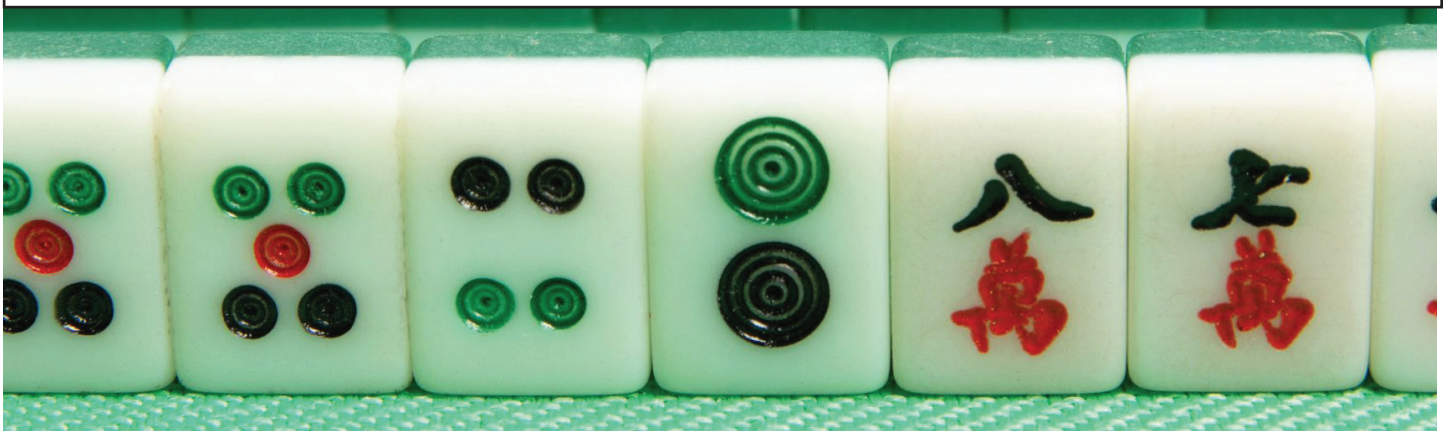
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Make checks payable to: SLJC Sisterhood and SEND WITH FORM to:
Rita Tanen, 23905 South Sunland Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.
DEADLINE – JANUARY 27, 2027. Form and Checks must be received by this date. NO CASH ACCEPTED.



LONE SOLDIER PROJECT

THE HUMAN COST OF WAR *By Michael Cohen*



Photo credit: "Stay Healthy Magazine"

Lone Soldiers are suffering. After three years of war on eight fronts to secure Israel's future, the IDF recently released the human cost of this painful period since October 7, 2023. 30,000 have been wounded and 63% suffer from psychological trauma. The IDF's Rehabilitation Department now treats 91,200 people wounded across Israel's wars and military operations, including 42,500 dealing with mental health conditions and post-traumatic stress, projected to increase to 100,000 by 2028.

Lone Soldiers, whether they are Israeli or from the 82 countries of origin, are included in these numbers. They are suffering! Now is the time to let them know you appreciate their sacrifices and stress for defending and securing the Jewish homeland for all of us, in Arizona and North America.

Simply write a letter, wishing them a happy Hanukkah and messages of appreciation.Take three minutes. Use your home stationary or a Hanukkah card. Drop it off at the November 13 Erev Shabbat service. Please recognize their courage and commitment to the Jewish homeland. For more information, please email Michael Cohen at lonesoldiers@evjcc.org.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Annual SLJC congregational meeting will take place Tuesday, November 17 at 7 pm at the Chapel Center. Elections for BOD members will take place as well as financial reports for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Mazel tov to our favorite centenarian who recently turned 103!



On Sunday, November 15 from 1-3 at Poolside (in Oakwood), SLJC will hold an Open House for all new members from last year and this year, and any prospective members thinking of joining our congregation.

SLJC sends condolences to Judi Josephson on the passing of her husband, Alan, on October 11. Cards can be sent to Judi at:

6 Sierra Ct.
Methuen, MA 01844

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

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

PETER MAX *By Murray Siegel*

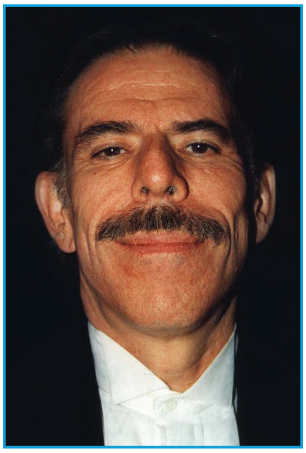


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On September 14, 2026, Peter Max, the world-famous visual artist, succumbed to dementia in a New York City hospital. He was born Peter Max Finkelstein in Berlin, Germany in 1937. His family had enough resources to escape the Holocaust by relocating to Shanghai, China, where the Japanese, who controlled that part of China, allowed Jews to survive. The family lived across the street from a Buddhist temple that displayed art in brilliant colors. Max became fascinated by the bright colors, and his future as an artist was established.

Once Israel achieved independence, the family moved to Haifa, then to Paris, and finally settled in the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY, where Peter attended Lafayette High School. At Lafayette, he was classmates with future actor Paul Sorvino. The school had a number of Jewish students who became celebrities, including Sandy Koufax and Larry King, as well as a heinous criminal, Jeffrey Epstein, and even somebody you know, Murray Siegel!

In 1956, Peter began his formal art training at the Art Students' League of New York in the borough of Manhattan. In 1962, he opened a small art studio which featured psychedelic designs. His works were favored by hippies, and Peter Max became a cultural icon.

In August 1968, he appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson, and was featured on the cover of the September 15, 1969 issue of *Life Magazine*, in which he was identified as an exceptionally successful artist.

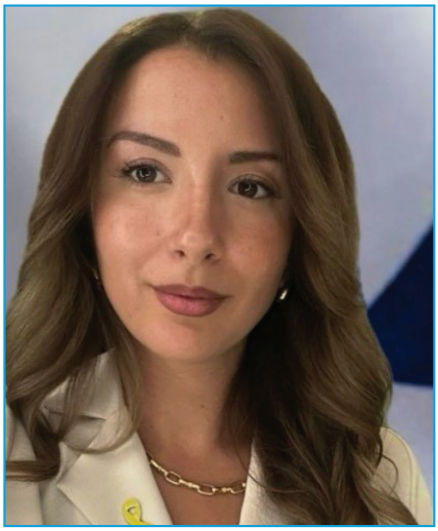
He was the featured artist for the Soccer World Cup, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the Grammy Awards in the 1990s. Peter was the official artist of the 2000 World Series between the Yankees and Mets.

He was married twice: one marriage ended in divorce, the second ended with his wife's suicide. He had two children. In 2021, it was reported that he was suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's disease, which took his life in September.

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

ISRAEL BRINGS LIGHT TO THE WORLD: A HANUKKAH HAPPENING

Save the Date: Sunday, December 6, 1 PM, RSVP for specific location information



Sapir Tiram will speak about Israel's contribution to the world in the areas of medical research and medical care, and scientific and technology advances that have improved life for millions. Sapir is an Israeli educator and Jewish community professional. She began her career as a teacher in Israel, where she developed a strong passion for education, Jewish identity, and connecting people to Israel.

She currently serves as an Israeli emissary (shlicha) in Arizona through the Jewish Agency for Israel, working in partnership with CJP and Pardes Jewish Day School. Through her work, Sapir brings Israeli culture, stories, and perspectives to the local Jewish community and helps strengthen the connection between Israel and Jewish communities in the United States.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required at israelsunlakes@gmail.com. The exact location will be sent to registrants a few days prior to the event. Security will be present.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

8 Jeff & Janey Burnce

25 Michael & Susan Cohen

25 Marc & Suzanne Machbitz

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

1 Shelly Henden
4 Wende Levy
4 Joyce Spartonos
4 Sheldon Wilshinsky
5 Janey Burnce
5 Robert Dickman
6 Gail Dante
7 Barbara Ganz
11 Mary (Peggy) Alexander
11 Judith Roth
14 Karen Hasenfus
14 Diane Silverman
14 Jerry Bernstein
23 Bobby Sachs
23 Richard Tauber
29 Kim Kaplan
29 Paula Lewis
27 Marcie Franklin-Gascoyne
30 Linda Brooks

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Zichronam livrachah — may their memories be a blessing.

Morton Alexander
David Ament
Hannah Ament
Benjamin Backer
Rose Backer
Inge Bailin
Annie G. Becker
Anna Biales
Silvia Binder
Samantha Byrne
Sandra Cervera
Edith Cooper
Marilyn Fein
Cyril Freed
Ann Frindell
Rose Gabster
Shirley Gerson
Celia Ginsberg
Rebecca Lubisch Goldberg
Francine Goldner
Joseph Gurievsky
Beryl Gurievsky
Goldie Henden
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Ida Raisin
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Louis Rubinstein
Yetta Schwartz
Estelle Shalita
Jenny Sharff
Alfred Sheppard
Richard Schmalzbach
Harvey Schwartz
Rose Siegel
Sidney Silverman
Phil Sontag
Ruth Spear
Harry Spiegel
Sol N. Steinberg
Julius Steinhauer
Ruth Sternhill
William Strauss
David Sussman
Sidney Tanen
Sandi Wiener
Sofia Zwierankin

Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation
Hanukkah Brunch



Saturday, December 12; Doors open at 11 am
Oakwood Country Club, Ballroom B

Menu:

- Lox and bagels, cream cheese, tomatoes, onions and cucumbers
- White albacore tuna salad
- Egg salad
- Potato latkes, sour cream, applesauce and jelly
- Beverages: coffee, tea, water, and iced tea

Cost: $35 per person; children under age 3 are free of charge. To make your reservation by Saturday, December 5, please make check payable to SLJC and mail with the completed form below.

For more information, please call Wendy at (480) 584-5909.

Hanukkah Brunch Reservation Form

Name(s) of attendee(s) for whom you are registering:

_____

_____

Number of children under 3 years of age (no charge): _____

If you have a seating preference, please list the name(s) of the individual(s) with whom you would like to be seated (8-10 max):

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cost: $35 per person; children under age 3 are free of charge.

Total payment amount: _____

Please send this form with your check made payable to SLJC:

Wendy Goldstein
24031 S Lakeway Circle NW
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

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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 at the bottom of this page.

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In memory of Esther Z. Kovac
by Susan Kovac

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by Sheryl Rockwell

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SLJC Donation Form (please print clearly)

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Fund: ❑ Chapel ❑ Family Fund ❑ Music ❑ Oneg ❑ Silverman ❑ General

Yahrzeit Honoree: _____ Month _____

Please send card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Donor: _____Amt. of Check $ _____

Address _____

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.

A KEY TO A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

by Carol Horowitz

If you loved LAFF's first play, "A Deli Line," you'll love our next musical comedy, "The Key to a Good Night's Sleep!" even more. Similar in concept to "A Deli Line," this hysterically funny original musical comedy was written by Carol and Steve Horowitz and first performed 15 years ago to rave reviews. "The Key to a Good Night's Sleep!" will keep you LAFFing nonstop until your cheeks hurt with a solid 45 minutes of up-roaring hilarity.



But that's not all. It's true that good things come in threes. The very talented singer, songwriter, and amazingly gifted guitar player, Bruce McCorkle, will be back by popular demand as our opening act. Be sure to arrive early to hear his outstanding playlist, including his original song, "Arizona Drip System Blues."

Wait! There's still more. Following the musical comedy, audiences will be treated to truly funny vignettes (five-to-ten-minute comedy sketches), written by Howard Hummel. With titles such as "Getting Lost in Sun Lakes," "Continually Being on Hold when Calling Your Doctor," and "Ordering a Baby from Amazon," it is the perfect trifecta with attempting to find the answer to what's the real "Key to a Good Night's Sleep!" and offering your own take on solving this universal dilemma.

Mark your calendars. Save the dates of January 23 and 24 for the 2 pm matinee performances of "The Key to A Good Night's Sleep!" LAFF with and at your talented friends, neighbors, and possibly even family. Tickets go on sale in December for only $20.

LAFF proudly announces the cast of "The Key to A Good Night's Sleep!" Introducing our ensemble cast in alphabetical order: **Judy Elias, Geoffrey Garber, Wendy Goldstein, Shelly Henden, Rodney Hobgood, Carol Horowitz, Steve Horowitz, Greg Posniack, Linda Reecer, John Seigal, Larry Shapiro, Susie Shapiro, Kathy Tomasewski, Lily Whitson, and Judy Wolin.**

Add your name to our cast and crew. We always encourage all who are interested in LAFFing with us to join in our fun, whether as performing actors, singers, dancers, or musicians, helping as tech crew or backstage crew, or helping with costumes and scenery. You'll develop new and lasting friendships in the process. The bottom line is that whatever actually is the REAL key to a good night's sleep, the truth is that you'll want to stay awake to not miss a moment of these gut-busting, hilarious performances.

If you are interested in LAFFing with us, please contact Carol Horowitz at horowitz@windstream.net.

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SPECIAL OFFER FOR MEMBERS OF SUN LAKES JEWISH CONGREGATION*

For every tax credit donation to the East Valley JCC Qualified Charitable Organization,

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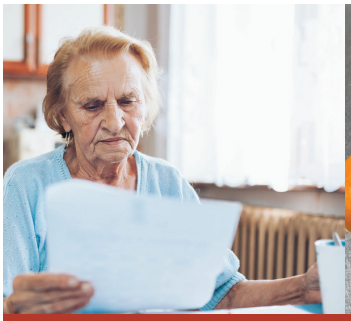
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LEARN MORE: EVJCC.ORG/SLJC

HOW TO DONATE

- **Online: evjcc.org/sljc** (Select "Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation" from the menu)
- **By phone:** 480-897-0588
- **By mail:** Write "Tax Credit Code SLJC" on the memo line of your check and mail to: East Valley JCC, 908 N. Alma School Road, Chandler AZ 85224

Thank you for your support!






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NOTE: Per AZ law on tax credits for qualified charitable organizations, individuals can donate up to $506 and couples $1,009 per tax year. Deadline to donate for tax year 2026 is April 15, 2027.

East Valley JCC

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS COPPER STATE POST 619

GOLD STAR MOTHERS TO ADDRESS JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Sunday, November 22, 9:30 am, Oakwood Clubhouse Ballroom, Oakwood Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes



Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 is honored to welcome Patricia Hinds, President of the Arizona Department of Gold Star Mothers, as its speaker Sunday, November 22. The 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.

Finding strength in fellowship, Gold Star Mothers keep the memory of their United States Armed Forces fallen sons and daughters alive by serving veterans, active-duty service members, their families, and communities. Locally, members coordinate veteran assistance, hospital volunteering and community remembrance events around the Phoenix area. Members offer each other mutual support and friendship while supporting military and veteran groups across the country.

Patricia Hinds leads the AZ Dept of Gold Star Mothers with compassion, patriotism and a commitment of honoring the legacy of fallen heroes. Patricia is the proud mother of Lance Corporal Justin Hinds, a United States Marine who was actively serving at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, when he passed away on May 4, 2019. His memory lives on in his three sons—Jace, Emmitt, and Micah—and in the hearts of all who knew him.

After Justin's passing, Patricia found strength and community in American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., a nonprofit organization of mothers who have lost children who were serving in U.S. military service. Before that, she was a member of Blue Star Mothers of America, supporting families of active-duty service members. Patricia shares her journey to help others find healing through service and remembrance. She continues to support veterans, military families, and fellow mothers through advocacy, outreach, and love.

The Arizona Chapter celebrates their former president, Tammy Pulaski, who was installed as the National Service Officer, serving on the National Executive Board for the first time.

Gold Star Mothers was founded by Grace Darling Seibold. Realizing that self-contained grief can be destructive, Grace devoted her energy to hospital work and reaching out to other mothers who had lost children in military service. Her efforts led to the formation of the American Gold Star Mothers in 1918.

Wearing white is a time-honored tradition for Gold Star Mothers. It honors their children's sacrifices while symbolizing hope and light ahead.

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 about JWV Post 619 and membership opportunities, please visit the JWV Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CopperStatePost619 and contact Arthur Uram at (702) 884-4175 or via email at uramarthur@gmail.com.

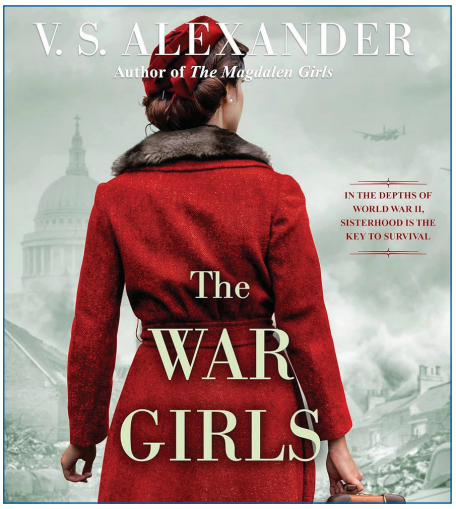


△ The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame class of 2026 ceremony took place on October 23. Photographed are veterans Gabe and Julian with Art Scharf when he previously received the award.

DEVORAH HADASSAH

Devorah has an exciting schedule for this Fall. Many of our events are on Zoom, and we have our meetings every other month in person. Out to Lunch is a popular event. We pick a different restaurant each month to eat and enjoy the company of our friends.

Below are some of the events we have scheduled. For further information on our chapter, please contact Marcia Garnice, President Devorah Chapter Hadassah, at (602) 752-0379.



Out to Lunch

Gather with other women after the 10:30 am general monthly meetings to socialize and enjoy lunch together. Our upcoming lunch date is November 18 which will include our book discussion and installation of new officers for 2027. We will be discussing *The War Girls* by V.S. Alexander followed by Out to Lunch. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Barbara Ganz at barbara374@cox.net.





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Nov. 3
Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Nov. 10
Phoenix Art Museum
Female Couturiers of the Twentieth Century

Nov. 17
Chandler Art Museum
Eddie Basha in 1968: Leadership in a Fractured America

Coming in December: Jewish Film Lover's Club

The EVJCC is excited to partner with the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival to launch the Jewish Film Lover's Club. Watch 3 films at home then join a facilitated discussion at the EVJCC. Watch a fourth film at the 2027 film festival.



Nov. 1: Israeli Film Series

'Eid'
The first feature film by a Bedouin filmmaker.



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