

Out and About

Out and About features photos of community members around the Valley and the world. Submit photos and details each week to photos@jewishaz.com by 10 a.m. Monday.



Time to party

From left, Jonny Basha, Blaine Light and Leor Lapid were three of the many attendees at Mazelpalooza, which was held Dec. 24 at Maya Day + Nightclub in Scottsdale. More than 700 people attended the event for adults ages 21-40, which was hosted by Young Jewish Phoenix under the auspices of the Jewish Community Association of Greater Phoenix.

Photo courtesy of Lin Manos Photography

Rabbinic reflections

On Dec. 2, local rabbis participated in a Women's Jewish Learning Center panel discussion about the binding of Isaac titled "Rabbinic Takes on Tough Texts."

From left, Rabbi Mari Chernow of Temple Chai, Rabbi Michael Wasserman of The New Shul and Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz of Valley Beit Midrash discuss the issue.

Photo courtesy of Rabbi Elana Kanter



Holiday spirit

Matt Leshinskie and Deborah Muller show off their outfits during a Dec. 22 screening of "The Hebrew Hammer" at FilmBar in Phoenix. The screening was sponsored by the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival and included an Ugly Holiday Sweater contest.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Muller



Special Shabbat

On Dec. 20, groom Mark Hirsch, second from left, and bride K'tanaw Schiff, second from right, celebrated their *aufruf*, a custom observed on the Shabbat before the wedding, at Temple Beth Shalom in Sun City. Here, Hirsch reads the blessing before the Torah reading.

Photo courtesy of Marsha Gratz



Team effort

From left, Shira James, Ryan James and Deborah Lavinsky competed in the 10th Annual Shamrock Farms/Southwest Valley Regional YMCA Thanksgiving Day Sprint Triathlon and came in second place among relay teams.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Lavinsky



Sunny getaway

The Steiner family recently returned from a vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. From left, Rebecca Steiner, Ethan Steiner, Ronee Korbin Steiner and Tracy Steiner enjoy some time out on the water.

Photo courtesy of Ronee Korbin Steiner