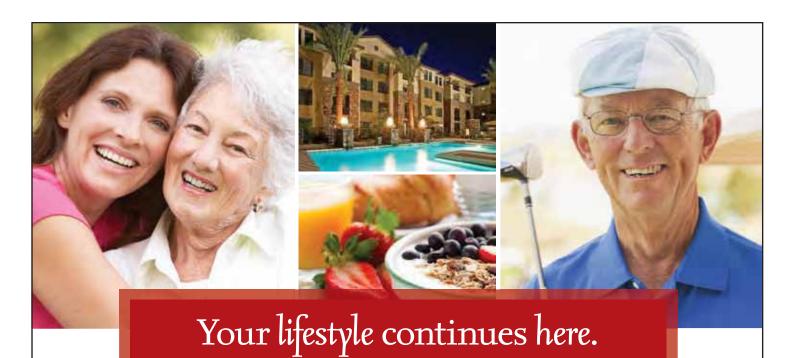




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publisher's letter



Think local — this newspaper does

From the Publisher Jaime Stern

n March 31, my husband, Jeff, and I took the helm of Jewish News. As you can imagine, a lot of the time since then has been spent in transition, taking care of the details of moving in and setting up.

As part of taking ownership, I have been making the rounds of the community, meeting with agency heads, clergy, staffers and lay volunteers. I am constantly humbled by the amazing work our communal agencies do, by the dedicated clergy available to everyone across the spectrum of Judaism and by the selfless volunteers who have made it their mission to make the Valley their Jewish home.

As I've listened to these community members speak about their challenges and opportunities and why they love living and working in the Valley, I have been asked frequently, "Why are you doing this?"

Why did we take on the challenge of publishing this community newspaper? The answer is simple: Jeff and I value our Jewish heritage and community, and we believe in mission-based work. Our mission is to serve this Jewish community with a newspaper that continues to tell the story of our community's "journey" in the desert.

We're proud of the Phoenix Jewish News story, and believe it should make our entire community proud. Although Arizona is the youngest of the lower 48 states,

the Jewish community here has had this strong, local, family-owned business serving its needs for 65 years. In today's transitory business world — full of mergers, acquisitions and outright failures — that stability is indeed something to be proud of.

Jewish News has been able to have that strength because of you, a Jewish community that believes in having a local community paper.

What does "local community paper" mean? To me, it means not just covering the news here, but serving the community and being part of it. Jewish News and its employees are woven into the fabric of this community. We worship with you, we support the Jewish agencies, we enjoy simchas here and we feel the painful events with you, too.

We are also big believers in local business. We believe that a community's strength rests on strong local businesses.

That's a major reason that Jewish News is a member of Local First Arizona. We like Local First's simple, but powerful analysis of how local business boosts our economy: For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$73 remains in the local community. Conversely, for every \$100 spent at a business that is not locally owned, \$57 leaves the community and a mere \$43 stays here.

A strong community newspaper provides gifts that transcend the generations, an unfolding tapestry into which all our stories are woven together. A strong, locally

owned newspaper exists in synergy with a strong, vibrant Jewish community.

So, why are we running the paper now? Well, because of all of the above.

Most of all, we believe in community, particularly our community. We believe that our community needs a central voice, one that can cover the entire Jewish spectrum from Orthodox to secular, and that providing that central voice deepens the connections we have to each other.

We believe that such grass-roots connections can integrate our community into a high-functioning Jewish community.

Like it or not, we are all family. Sometimes, families disagree, but at the end of the day we are all in this together and from strength to strength shall our community continue to prosper and grow.

Jewish News has kept a wonderfully faithful relationship with its readers for 65 years. We couldn't have done it without advertisers who were just as faithful. That's a powerful message. How many companies today can say the same thing?

I think that when you know who you are, when you know your "brand," you generate a sense of purpose, leadership and success that strengthens the fabric of the entire community. That's why we're here.

Contact Jaime Stern at jstern@jewishaz.com.

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September					
	Candlelighting	Shabbat ends	Parsha		
Rosh Ho Sept. 4 Sept. 5 Sept. 6	6:33 after 7:27 6:30	7:24	Ha'Azinu		
Yom Kip Sept. 13 Sept. 14	6:20	7:14			
Sept. 19 Sept. 20	after 7:07	7:04			
Shemini Atzeret Sept. 25 6:04					
Simcha Sept. 20 Sept. 27	6 after 6:57	6:54	Bereshit		
Octo	ber				
Oct. 4 Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 25	5:51 5:42 5:34 5:26	6:45 6:36 6:28 6:20	Noach Lech Lecha Vayeira Chayei Sarah		
Nov	ember				
Nov. 1 Nov. 8 Nov. 15 Nov. 22	5:19 5:13 5:08 5:04	6:14 6:08 6:04 6:02	Toldot Vayeitzei Vayishlach Vayeishev		
Hanukkah-first candle Nov. 27					
Nov. 29	5:02	6:00	Miketz		
December					
Dec. 6 Dec. 13 Dec. 20 Dec. 27	5:02 5:03 5:05 5:09	6:00 6:02 6:05 6:09	Vayigash Vayechi Shemot Va'eira		

2014

П	Janua	ry		
	Ca	ndlelighting	Shabbat ends	Parsha
	Jan. 3 Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24	5:14 p.m. 5:20 5:27 5:33	6:14 p.m. 6:19 6:25 6:31	Beshalach Yitro Mishpatim
	Jan. 31	5:40	6:38	Terumah
	Febru	ary		
	Feb. 7 Feb. 14 Feb. 21 Feb. 28	5:47 5:53 6:00 6:06	6:44 6:50 6:56 7:01	Tetzaveh Ki Tasa Vayak'hel Pekudei
	March)		
	March 7 March 14 March 21 March 28	6:11 6:17 6:22 6:27	7:07 7:12 7:18 7:23	Vayikra Tzav Shemini Tazria
	April			
	_	6.22	7.20	Matmana
	April 4 April 11	6:33 6:38	7:29 7:34	Metzora Acharei Mot
	Passover April 14 April 15 April 16 April 18 April 20	6:40 after 7:37 6:43 6:44	7:38 7:40	
	April 21 April 22 April 25	after 7:42 6:48	7:43 7:46	Kedoshim
	May			
	May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30	6:54 6:59 7:04 7:09 7:14	7:52 7:58 8:04 8:10 8:15	Emor Behar Bechukotai Bamidbar Naso

June					
	Candlelighting	Shabbat ends	Parsha		
<i>Shavuo</i> : June 3 June 4 June 5	7:16 p.m. after 8:17	8:18 p.m.			
June 6 June 13 June 20 June 27	7:18 7:21 7:23 7:24	8:19 8:23 8:25 8:26	Beha'alotcha Sh'lach Lecha Korach Chukat		
July					
July 4 July 11 July 18 July 25	7:24 7:23 7:20 7:16	8:25 8:23 8:20 8:15	Balak Pinchas Matot Masei		
Augu	ıst				
Aug. 1 Aug. 8 Aug. 15 Aug. 22 Aug. 29	7:11 7:04 6:57 6:49 6:40	8:08 8:01 7:53 7:44 7:35	Devarim Va'etchanan Eikev Re'eh Shoftim		
Sept	ember				
Sept. 5 Sept. 12 Sept. 19	6:31 6:22 6:12	7:25 7:15 7:06	Ki Tetze Ki Tavo Nitzavim- Vayelech		
<i>Rosh Ha</i> Sept. 24 Sept. 25	6:05				
Sept. 26	6 6:02	6:56	Ha'Azinu		

The following information was prepared by Rabbi Bonnie Koppell on behalf of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix.

The cycle of the Jewish holidays follows the Jewish calendar, which is lunisolar-based, with an extra month added every few years to accommodate the difference between the number of days in the lunar versus the solar year (354 vs. 365). The date of the Jewish holiday never changes, but it may vary as to when it falls on the Gregorian calendar by up to a month. Thus, we may speak of the holidays being "early" one year and "late" the next, though the reality is that the date does not change. In many instances, the holidays are connected with the cycle

of the seasons, so celebrations often take place at the new moon or the full moon. For an urban-dwelling community, the Jewish calendar is a constant reminder of our agricultural origins as a people.

In the book of Genesis, we read in the story of creation: "And there was evening and there was morning, the first day," etc. Since the Jewish day begins at sundown, many holidays, including the Sabbath, begin with candle-lighting on the night before the day on which the holiday appears on the calendar.

SHABBAT

Saturday

Ahad Ha-Am wrote that, "More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept Israel." Observance of Shabbat is the focal point of community and family life, a weekly opportunity for physical and spiritual nourishment.

The Torah offers two reasons for Shabbat. One is that we rest as a reminder that God rested on the seventh day of Creation. We who are formed in the image of God also step back from our frenetic pace of work. The second reason is to recall the Exodus from Egypt, the formative focal point of the biblical narrative. The essence of slavery is lack of control of one's own time. By celebrating Shabbat, we express our dominion over our own activities, and actively demonstrate that we are not slaves to our work. For one day a week, we consciously withdraw from the cycle of creation and destruction, allowing the natural world to be at rest.

Shabbat begins in the home with a special meal. This is the ideal time to invite family and friends and to disconnect from the media, which is so much a part of our lives. Many people have the custom of giving *tzedakah*, a donation for a just cause, just prior to the onset of the Sabbath. Candles are lit with a traditional blessing, and, if children are present, they are blessed with the words of the priestly blessing. Orthodox practice calls for the husband to read Proverbs 31 in praise of his wife; contemporary Jews may choose to offer thanks for loving partners and all that they do to enhance the quality of home life.

We continue with Kiddush (a prayer over wine), the ritual washing of hands and then blessing the bread (Hamotzi). Often a special loaf of egg bread, challah, is used for Shabbat. The table atmosphere should be relaxed, and might include singing of traditional songs, study of the weekly Torah portion or other texts, and the offering of thanks for the meal through the Birkat HaMazon, the blessing after the meal. We greet each other with the words, "Shabbat Shalom," expressing our hope for a day of peace.

Shabbat is concluded with the Havdalah

ceremony on Saturday evening, when there are three stars present in the sky. The word havdalah means "to make a distinction," and it is the moment of transition from the peaceful rest of Shabbat back into the hustle and bustle of weekday life. We light a candle with multiple wicks, smell fragrant spices and drink from the Kiddush cup. At the time of Havdalah, we invite the presence of the prophet Elijah, expressing our hope that the messianic age might be ushered in at that sacred moment.

Following are three prayers for Shabbat, in both Hebrew (transliterated) and English.

On lighting Shabbat candles:

Baruch aAtah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vetzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, you make us holy with your mitzvot (commandments) and have given us the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles.

Kiddush (blessing over the wine). The complete Shabbat Kiddush includes a paragraph describing both the completion of creation and a recounting of the Exodus:

Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam, boray p'ri haqafen.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Hamotzi (blessing over the challah):

Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

ROSH HASHANA

Sept. 5-6, 2013 Sept. 25-26, 2014

Rosh Hashana, literally "Head of the Year," is the Jewish New Year. It takes place in the fall, and is the time when we review the year that is drawing to a close and set our course for the year ahead. The Hebrew dates of Rosh Hashana are the 1 and 2 Tishrei, at the time of the new moon. Rosh Hashana ushers in the Yamim Noraim, the "Days of Awe," which comprise what is known as the High Holiday

season.

In the month prior to the new year, we seek reconciliation with others from whom we may be estranged, hoping to enter the new year with a clean slate. Our prayers at this season help us to focus on repentance, prayer and righteous giving as the means to seek reconciliation with the Holy One. We acknowledge that we cannot ask God to forgive us for pain we have caused to others until we have sought forgiveness from those we may have hurt. The holiday is known as *Yom HaDin*, the Day of Judgment. We judge ourselves, and God judges our actions.

Rosh Hashana, fundamentally, is a reminder that our actions have consequences. We imagine God opening the book of our lives and judging our behavior in the year that is drawing to a close. Rosh Hashana is also called *Yom HaZikaron*, the Day of Remembrance. It is a solemn time, and we spend many hours in prayer in the synagogue reflecting on our life and legacy. The shofar, ram's horn, is sounded throughout our services, arousing our souls to repentance.

Rosh Hashana begins, as do so many holidays, with a festive meal at home, including the lighting of candles and a special Kiddush. Traditional foods such as apples and honey are consumed, expressing our hope for a sweet year. The braided challah of Shabbat may be replaced with a round challah, as we pray for a year that is "well-rounded." On the first day of the holiday (or the second day if the first day is the Sabbath), we enjoy the *tashlich* service. The community gathers at a place of flowing water and casts breadcrumbs into the water, symbolizing the casting off of the sins that have accumulated during the year.

On Rosh Hashana we greet each other with the words, "Shana Tova," a good year, or, more expansively, "L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu," may you be inscribed for a good year," continuing the metaphor of the Book of Life.

Following Rosh Hashana, we enter the Aseret Y'mei Teshuva, the "Ten Days of Repentance." This is the time when we take the accumulated lessons of our reflections on Rosh Hashana and demonstrate our commitment to translate them into practice.

YOM KIPPUR

Sept. 14, 2013 Oct. 4, 2014



Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the culmination of the High Holiday season. It is the holiest day of the Jewish year. For those who are physically able to do so, it is customary to fast for the entire day, beginning before sundown and for the duration of the holiday. We refrain from food and drink and other physical luxuries, expressing our focus on spiritual values on this day. Together we chant the Viddui, the confession of sins, and we specify those sins in the Al Cheyt prayer. Much of Jewish prayer is in the plural, as we support each other in the acknowledgement of our many failings.

Yom Kippur takes place on the 10th day of the month of Tishrei. We light the holiday candles and share a final meal before the fast begins. Those who have lost a loved one-parent, child, spouse or sibling, light a memorial candle as well. The synagogue service on Yom Kippur will include special Yizkor, memorial, prayers.

Worship begins with the Kol Nidre service. The haunting melody of this prayer is one of the most recognizable in all of Jewish liturgy. The words kol nidrei are translated as "all vows." Through this prayer, we consider the slate wiped clean of any vows to God we may have made in the previous year. On Yom Kippur day, we read the story of Jonah, inspired by the people of Nineveh and their immediate responsiveness to the call to repentance.

As the sun sets, the pace of our prayers quickens with the Neilah service, as the Day of Atonement ends. With one final blast of the shofar, we return to our homes to break the fast, with hearts and spirits renewed and ready to enter the new year.

SUKKOT

Sept. 19-25, 2013 Oct. 9-15, 2014



Four days after Yom Kippur, a day focused essentially on the spiritual, we celebrate the fall harvest festival of Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, starting on 14 Tishrei, the full moon of the fall equinox. Sukkot is one of the three biblical pilgrimage festivals on which adult males were expected to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. Each of these holidays has both an agricultural as well as a historical reference. Sukkot reminds us of the temporary dwellings of our Israelite ancestors as they journeyed in the wilderness for 40 years from

Egypt to the Promised Land. Sukkot is said to be the foundation of the American celebration of Thanksgiving.

Traditional Jews construct a sukkah, a harvest booth, at their homes. Many will sleep in the sukkah throughout the eight days of the holiday; certainly we should strive to eat as many meals as we can in the sukkah. A temporary dwelling, the sukkah is decorated with fruits and vegetables, with posters and lights. Some people save their Rosh Hashana cards and use those to adorn the sukkah.

The fragility of the sukkah is a reminder of the fragility of our lives. We reflect on the transience of our possessions and renew our commitment to enduring values. As we live for a week in an insecure dwelling, we think of those who do not enjoy the substantial homes with which we are blessed, as we renew our commitment, as well, to work for a time when all will enjoy secure shelter.

As we sit in our sukkah, we invite Ushpizin, "mystical guests," each night to join the friends and family who share our harvest hut. It is fun to consider which historical Jewish personalities we would like to include if given the opportunity. In the synagogue, we read the book of Ecclesiastes at this holiday.

Sukkot is celebrated for eight days in traditional communities; for seven days by many in accordance with the practice in the land of Israel. The first two and last two days are considered full holidays, in which we abstain from work. These restrictions are relaxed on the middle days, known as Chol Hamoed. The Yizkor prayers are included on the final day of the holiday, and we recite Hallel, a special series of psalms of praise, on each day of Sukkot.

The Torah instructs us to shake the lulav and etrog as part of our Sukkot experience. Known as the four species, these elements include a palm branch, willow and myrtle fronds, and a citron or lemon-like fruit. There are many beautiful interpretations of the lulav and etrog, which are waved in six directions as part of our worship, symbolizing God's presence which surrounds us always. The lulav and etrog represent each person in our community: our community is incomplete without the participation of each Jew. They remind us to serve God with our entire being.

The following is a description of rules and regulations pertaining to the construction of a sukkah:

1) It must be less than 30 feet high. 2) The walls must be strong enough to withstand ordinary gusts of wind. 3) The shade offered by the roof covering of the sukkah must block the rays of sun, yet the stars must be visible through the roof. 4) There must be at least three walls, made of any material. 5) The sukkah must be a temporary structure, so a screened-in porch or a screened house cannot serve as a sukkah. 6) It is a mitzvah (a commandment) to eat meals in the sukkah during the holiday.

Sukkot is known as He-Chaq, The holiday, the time of greatest joy in our calendar.

HOSHANA RABBA

Sept. 25, 2013 Oct. 15, 2014

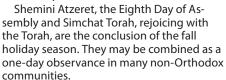
Hoshana Rabba takes place on the seventh day of Sukkot. Tradition suggests that it is on this date that the High Holiday season truly concludes, as God seals our Book of Life. We make seven circuits around the synagogue, each one characterized by a prayer asking for God to save us — hence the name "The Great Hoshanah." The *lulav* and *etrog* are carried in these processions. In some communities it is

customary to hold a tikkun, an all-night study

session, in anticipation of Hoshana Rabba.

SHEMINI ATZERET and SIMCHAT TORAH

Sept. 26-27, 2013 Oct. 16-17, 2014



Shemini Atzeret marks the eighth day of Sukkot. This season marks the beginning of the rainy season in the land of Israel, so, on Shemini Atzeret, we add prayers for rain to our daily liturgy. On Sukkot we offer prayers for each of the nations of the world. On Shemini Atzeret, God invites the Jewish people to linger in the holiday spirit, expressing the unique closeness between the Holy One and the people of Israel.

On Simchat Torah, we celebrate the completion of our cycle of Torah reading, from Genesis through Deuteronomy, and we begin our study for the year ahead. We demonstrate our devotion to learning as we immediately read the first words of Genesis upon completion of Deuteronomy. It is a special honor to be called to recite the blessings for either one of these readings. Simchat Torah is characterized by joyous singing and dancing. In many congregations, the entire Torah scroll will be unfurled.

HANUKKAH

Nov. 27, 2013 First candle



Hanukkah is one of the best known of the Jewish holidays, though it is, in reality, a minor festival. Hanukkah means dedication and we commemorate the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. In the year 168 B.C.E., Antiochus Epiphanes forbade the practice of the Jewish religion. Led by the Maccabees, the Jews fought for three years to reclaim the right of freedom of religious expression.

In the year 165 B.C.E., they rededicated the Temple. Legend suggests that they found enough oil to light the menorah, the candelabrum in the Temple for only one night, and that oil miraculously lasted for eight days. Thus, Hanukkah is celebrated with the kindling of a nine-branched menorah known as a hanukkiah. The shamash, or helper candle, is lit each night, and used to light the other candles. One candle is added each night from right to left; the menorah is lit from left to right, with the newest candle lit first.

As we recall the miracle of the oil, it is customary to eat foods cooked in oil — primarily latkes/fried potato pancakes and sufganiyot/jelly donuts. The themes of Hanukkah — the victory of the few against the many, light in the face of darkness, martyrdom and miracles, and religious freedom — have resonated with Jews throughout the centuries. Hanukkah is the only Jewish holiday that celebrates a military victory. The Rabbis tempered this emphasis by including as the reading from the prophets the text from Zechariah, "Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit, says God."

Two blessings are said each night. A third, the Shehecheyanu (a blessing recited at joyful occasions throughout the year), is said on the first night only. Following is the transliteration for the Hebrew, with English translation:

Shehecheyanu:

Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given us life, sustained us and brought us to this holy moment.

The following are said each night:

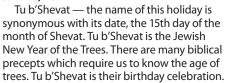
Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who makes us holy with your mitzvot and has given us the mitzvah of lighting the Hanukkah candles.

Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu melech ha'olam she'asah nissim la'avotenu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh. Blessed are you, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.

TU B'SHEVAT





With the renewed emphasis in the contemporary world on the importance of protecting the natural world has come a renewed emphasis on this holiday. Within the Jewish mystical tradition, a custom evolved of a Tub'Shevat seder, a ritual meal where 15 types of fruits and nuts are consumed, four cups of wine or juice are blessed, readings about trees are shared and prayers are said on behalf of our fragile ecology. Many people donate money to plant trees in Israel at the time of Tub'Shevat.

PURIM

March 16, 2014

The holiday of Purim, or "Lots," comes at the time of the last full moon of winter. Based on the biblical megillah, or scroll of Esther, we rejoice as, once again, the Jewish people were saved from the forces of destruction. We read the story of how the wicked Haman conspired with King Achashverosh to kill all of the Jews, and how the brave Esther, working with her relative Mordecai, saved the day. As the Megillah is read, graggers/noise-makers are used to drown out the name of the villain each time it is mentioned.

Purim begins with a festive meal at home and many people wear costumes to the reading of the Megillah in synagogue. It is a mitzvah to hear the Megillah and to give money to the poor to ensure that they have the means to celebrate (matanot l'evyonim). We are also to send gifts of food to at least two other individuals — mishloach manot or shalachmones. Among the traditional foods are hamantaschen, three-cornered cookies which are said to resemble Haman's hat.

PASSOVER

April 15-22, 2014 First seder April 14

The holiday of Pesach/Passover is one of the most beloved holidays of the Jewish calendar.

Passover is observed each year on the 14th of Nisan, the full moon of the spring equinox. It is the second of the three biblical pilgrimage festivals and commemorates the exodus from Egyptian slavery.

The Torah tells us that our ancestors fled from Egypt in haste, with no time for their dough to rise. Therefore, we are commanded to eat unleavened bread, matzah, throughout the seven or eight days of our observance. Traditional Jews will remove all *chametz*, leavened products, from their possession in the weeks prior to Passover. This culminates in the *bedikat chametz*, the search for *chametz*, on the night before the onset of the holiday. The next morning, any remaining *chametz* is ritually burned.

Services are held in the synagogue on each day of the holiday, with the first two and last two days having special religious emphasis. The Hallel service of praise is included each day, though the Hallel is abbreviated after the first two: Our rejoicing is diminished as we reflect on the suffering of the Egyptians through the 10 plagues which were a necessary part of the process of our liberation. Yizkor takes place on the final day and we read the biblical text, Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs.

The highlight of Pesach is the seder, a ritual meal in which symbolic foods are used to tell the story of the Exodus. There are hundreds of versions of the Haggadah, the text for the seder meal. Bitter herbs remind us of the bitterness of slavery, *charoset* suggests the bricks our ancestors built as slaves, parsley dipped in salt water recalls the springtime origin of the holiday and the tears of the captive Israelites. Four cups of wine are consumed and the youngest child present poses four questions. The seder is characterized by much singing and leisurely celebration. Seders are held on each of the first two nights of Pesach.

YOM HASHOAH



April 28, 2014

Yom Hashoah is the day established by the State of Israel in remembrance of the devastation of the Nazi era, the Holocaust. It is a somber reminder of this darkest moment in our history. Most communities will hold services and ceremonies to recall the 6 million Jews and 5 million other children of God killed during the Shoah. We give thanks for the righteous individuals who risked their lives to save our people, and we reflect on the human capacity for evil. We remind the world that "never again" can genocide be tolerated.

YOM HAZIKARON



May 5, 2014

In Israel, Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for the Fallen and Victims of Terror, takes place on the fourth day of Iyar, the day before Yom Ha'atzmaut. On Yom Hazikaron, a siren is sounded twice throughout the country (at 8 p.m. and 11 a.m.) and all traffic and daily activity stops as the entire nation observes two minutes of silence. Outside of Israel, Yom Hazikaron is often commemorated as part of the Yom Ha'atzmaut observance.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT



May 6, 2014

Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's independence day, is celebrated on the fifth day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, the date the nation was founded. While there is no particular liturgy for this day, it is an emerging practice to recite Hallel, psalms of praise, as we give thanks for the establishment of the Jewish state. The words of "HaTikvah" ("The Hope"), Israel's national anthem, remind us that contemporary Israel is the fulfillment of 2,000 years of the Jewish yearning to return to our homeland.

LAG B'OMER



Lag b'Omer is the 33rd day of the omer. Beginning on the second night of Passover, we count each night until the next major festival of Shavuot. The omer was a measure of grain, and the time of *sefirat ha-omer*, counting the omer, is a solemn period of seven weeks as we work for a successful harvest. This time period was also characterized by Roman oppression. Through this counting, we connect the season of our liberation with the giving of the Torah, which provides structure and meaning to that freedom.

The Jewish mystical tradition suggests that each day of the counting of the omer expresses a unique combination of *Sefirot*, aspects of the Divine. As we count each day, we focus on the attributes of God associated with that day.

On Lag b'Omer, we enjoy a one-day reprieve within this subdued time period. Lag b'Omer is celebrated with picnics and other outdoor activities. In Israel, picnickers light bonfires. Traditional Jews mark the holiday by giving the first haircut to 3-year-old boys. Lag b'Omer is sometimes is known as the "scholars' holiday" because of its association with Rabbi Akiva, who died a martyr to freedom, and Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai, who taught in a cave when the Romans forbade him to study

Torah. When Bar Yochai died, he asked his followers not to mourn but rather to celebrate his death.

In traditional communities, weddings are not held during *sefirat ha-Omer*. This prohibition is lifted on the 33rd day, so Lag b'Omer is often a day for weddings and other personal celebrations.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM



May 28, 2014

Yom Yerushalayim, a relatively new holiday, honors the city of Jerusalem. It celebrates the unification of the city after the Six-Day War in June 1967.

SHAVUOT



June 4-5, 2014

Shavuot, the feast of weeks, is the third of the three pilgrimage festivals. We celebrate God's giving the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai; the harvest in Israel; the end of the counting of the omer; and the beginning of a new agricultural season.

Reform Jews usually observe only the first day of the holiday. Traditions of Shavuot include decorating the home and synagogue with green plants and branches to celebrate the season, eating dairy foods because the Torah has been compared to "milk and honey," and reading the Book of Ruth. The story of Ruth is set at the time of the harvest, and her devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and dedication to the Jewish way of life inspire us a role model in our own religious lives.

Legend has it that the Israelites fell asleep while waiting for Moses to return from the mountain. We demonstrate our commitment to receiving the Torah through a *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*, an all-night study session in anticipation of the morning service. The synagogue services follow a regular festival liturgy, including Hallel and Yizkor.

TISHA B'AV



Aug. 5, 2014

Tisha b'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is the second most significant fast day in the Jewish calendar, second only to Yom Kippur. We fast from sundown to sundown as we recall the destruction of the First (586 B.C.E.) and Second (70 C.E.) Temples in Jerusalem. Tisha b'Av is also associated with many other tragedies in the Jewish calendar. We sit on the floor and chant in a mournful key the biblical text of Eicha/Lamentations, which describes the horrendous history of destruction.

Keeping Kosher

Kashrut, keeping kosher, is a system of laws and practices derived from several sources.

First, there is the biblical injunction to maintain holiness before God, which includes eating only those animals, birds and fish that are kosher or acceptable.

Second, there is the attitude that, through these laws, a person practices discipline over his or her behavior, in this case what he or she eats. Third, kashrut is intimately tied to the concept of reverence for life. Creatures used for food must be slaughtered in a prescribed ritual and humane way with the blood (life) carefully removed before the flesh is cooked and eaten. Further, the life-giving milk is kept separate from the meat to ensure that the two are never cooked or eaten together.

The following foods are kosher:

- Vegetables and fruits, which may be served with either meat or milk
- Fish that have both fins and scales
- Most domesticated fowl ritually slaughtered by a qualified shochet (ritual slaughterer)
- Eggs without blood spots from kosher birds
- Animals that both chew their cud and have a split hoof and that have been properly slaughtered, soaked and salted

During the eight days of Passover, all foods containing leavening are forbidden, including bread, grains, beans, peas and lentils, in Ashkenazic tradition.

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BIRTH

The birth of a child is a time for joyous celebration for the family and community. "A baby," wrote Carl Sandburg," is God's opinion that the world should go on." In contemporary American practice, children are often given a secular, English name, and, additionally, a Hebrew name. In Jewish families of European origin (Ashkenazic), a child usually is named after a deceased relative. Couples might choose the same name, a name with a similar meaning or a name that begins with the same initial letter as that of the deceased loved one. In families of Mediterranean origin (Sephardic), a child is usually named after a living relative the parents wish to honor.

BRIT MILAH

Circumcision

The circumcision ceremony, or *brit milah*, takes place on the eighth day following the birth of a male child. (The first day is included in the calculation.) Brit means covenant; milah is word. Circumcision is a symbol of the covenant established by God with Abraham and has been continuously performed as a sign of that covenant for many thousands of years. It is a mitzvah, a religious obligation, for the parent. Most parents choose to delegate that responsibility to a mohel, a professional who is trained in the medical and religious aspects of this ceremony. Brit milah is often referred to as "bris," reflecting the Yiddish pronunciation.

The bris consists of two parts: the circumcision itself and the announcement of the child's Hebrew name. The presence of the prophet Elijah is invoked, and prayers are said that the boy will grow to a life of "Torah, sacred relationship and mitzvot."

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SIMCHAT BAT

Ceremony on the birth of a girl

Traditionally, the name of a female child is announced in synagogue on the Sabbath following her birth, including prayers for the recovery of her mother. It has become the custom to hold an expanded ceremony to welcome the birth of a girl and to announce her Hebrew name. This ceremony might be part of the Torah service or it might be held in the home of the family. The timing of this event as well as the liturgy is more fluid than that of the bris for a boy. The rabbi will assist the family in creating a unique celebration to inspire the baby's family and welcome their daughter to the family and community.

PIDYON HA-BEN

Redemption of first-born

The pidyon ha-ben, redemption of the first born, takes place on the 30th day after the birth of a son who is the first-born child of his mother. According to the Torah, all first borns are dedicated to the service of God, and the son must be redeemed from this commitment. The parents exchange five shekels, or five silver coins, with a Kohen, a descendant of the priestly tribe, in a symbolic ceremony. This money will be donated to tzedakah. In some communities, it is the practice that first-born children, male or female, are redeemed.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Bar is the Aramaic word for son, bat is Hebrew for daughter. At the age of 12 for a girl, or 13 for a boy, the child assumes religious responsibility for their own actions. In the non-Orthodox world, the bar or bat mitzvah, son/daughter of the commandments, will be called to the Torah to recite blessings and will read from the sacred text, as s/he leads the congregation in worship. In the Orthodox community, the girl will give a learned discourse reflecting on themes of the weekly Torah portion. In many congregations, bar/bat mitzvah both take place at age 13.

Bar/bat mitzvah is a reminder to parents that their children are growing up and moving toward independence. The young person is reminded that they are becoming responsible to take the lessons they have learned from their family and from their religious education and use them to make good choices and to be positive influences in the world.

It is not required to have a ceremony in order to become a bar or bat mitzvah, and one assumes the same rights and responsibilities of Jewish adulthood regardless of whether or not an event is held. Typically, this is a meaningful time for family and friends to gather in the synagogue, usually on a Saturday but occasionally on another day when Torah is read. Often, the bar/bat mitzvah is accompanied by a celebratory meal.

Many adults who did not have the opportunity to celebrate bar/bat mitzvah in their youth choose to participate in the adult bnai mitzvah programs offered at synagogues throughout the Valley.

CONFIRMATION

Jewish education is a lifelong process; it does not end with bar/bat mitzvah. Young people are encouraged to continue their commitment to Jewish learning through a program culminating in a confirmation ceremony, typically held at the conclusion of 10th or 11th grade. This ceremony will often be structured by the students themselves and offers an opportunity to "confirm" their ongoing role in Jewish life. It may take place at the holiday of Shavuot and is most common in non-Orthodox congregations.

CONVERSION

Judaism accepts the validity of many spiritual paths and has typically not sought out converts from other religious traditions. It has been customary for many years to discourage conversion, in consonance with our belief that "the righteous of all faiths have a share in the world to come."



We are, however, open to those who join our people. The decision to become Jewish should not be undertaken likely. The process will begin by scheduling an appointment with a rabbi. The potential convert might wish to visit a number of synagogues to find one that feels comfortable. The rabbi will direct a program of study, often lasting a year or more. Depending on the community, an immersion in the mikvah, a ritual bath, and a meeting with a beit din, a Jewish religious court, will be the culmination of the conversion process.

MARRIAGE

The Hebrew word for marriage, *kiddushin*, expresses the essential nature of the holiness of the marriage relationship. (The root is the word *kadosh*-holy.) In describing the creation of the world and humanity, God is depicted as saying that it is not good for humans to be alone — we are designed to be in relationship.

Tradition recognizes three ways to sanctify a marriage — through a written contract, through the exchange of an object of value in front of witnesses, or through sexual intimacy for the purpose of marriage. Contemporary wedding ceremonies incorporate all three of these elements: the couple selects a *ketubah*, a written wedding contract; an exchange of rings takes place (in Orthodox practice only the bride will receive a ring); and the couple shares a few moments of *yichud* — alone time — following the ceremony.

The couple may choose to immerse themselves in a mikvah, a ritual bath, prior to the wedding ceremony. The ceremony will begin with the signing of the *ketubah* and the *bedeken*, or veiling, of the bride. Tradition suggests that the patriarch wished to marry his beloved Rachel and discovered after the ceremony that his heavily veiled bride was actually her sister Leah. Since that time, grooms are given the opportunity to "check out" and make sure they are marrying their intended.

A *chuppah*, marriage canopy, is erected and the couple proceeds towards the *chuppah*, often surrounded by family and friends. The *chuppah* symbolizes the home they are establishing together. It is open on all four sides, representing the sense of openness we hope will characterize their relationship.

It has been traditional for the bride to circle the groom seven times as the ceremony begins. Many couples do not include this ritual, though there is an emerging adaptation for the groom to circle the bride three times, the bride to circle the groom three times, and the couple to join hands for a final circuit together.

The rabbi will continue by welcoming the participants and chanting the *Erusin*, or engagement blessing, after which the couple will share a sip of wine or juice. This is followed by the exchange of rings and the reading of the *ketubah*. *Sheva brachot*, seven blessings, are chanted, expressing our hope that each day of the couple's life

together will be filled with blessing. Occasionally the couple may ask friends to read the translation of each of these blessings.

The rabbi will often share some words of wisdom about the nature of marriage and the unique attributes of the couple, and the ceremony concludes with the breaking of a glass. Laden with meaning, the breaking of the glass is a reminder of our connection to history and a warning to the couple of the fragility of the marriage relationship.

Following the ceremony, the couple should be allowed a few moments alone to share their first experience as husband and wife.

Many local rabbis will work with gay and lesbian couples to adapt these traditions and create new ceremonies to celebrate their love and commitment within the context of Jewish tradition.

MIKVAH

Many moments in Jewish life call for immersion in the mikvah, a ritual bath of "living waters." Immersion in the mikvah is a profound and moving way to experience transitions in our personal lives within a Jewish context. In traditional homes, a woman will go to the mikvah to mark the end of her menstrual cycle as she renews a sexual relationship with her husband. Brides and grooms sometimes go to the mikvah before the wedding, and mikvah is an important part of the experience of conversion. It is customary to bring new pots, pans and dishes to the mikvah before they are brought into our home.

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DIVORCE

Jewish tradition recognizes that sometimes divorce is the best option for a couple. A *get*, a Jewish certificate of divorce, is prepared for the couple and presented in front of a *bet din*, a Jewish religious court. The Reform movement does not require a *get* as a precondition for marriage by a rabbi, if there has been a civil divorce. Since the marital status of the parents may affect the status of future children, a rabbi should always be consulted with regard to issues of personal status in the community.

DEATH

The Jewish traditions related to death and mourning are intended to recognize death as a part of life. The traditions of preparing the body, sitting *Shiva* (a seven-day period of mourning immediately after a funeral), saying Kaddish (prayer for the dead) and observing Yahrzeit (anniversary of a death) provide a sense of structure at this difficult time of loss. Through the observance of Jewish rituals, the mourner remains connected to a caring community who can offer support and be part of the healing process.

From the time one learns of a loss until the burial, one is relieved of all religious responsibilities in order to focus on one's own grief and the practical arrangements, which must be made. Jewish practice mandates in-ground burial as soon as possible after a death. The realities of contemporary life often dictate a delay of a day or more as family members gather from many far-flung corners. Some non-Orthodox rabbis will provide services for families who choose cremation as well.

The body is treated with great respect, as befitting the image of God, lovingly washed and dressed in *tachritim*, shrouds. Members of the immediate family will tear their clothing, or, attach a ribbon to their clothing, which is rent. This is a way of expressing outwardly the sense of being torn up on the inside.

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The family will adjourn to their home for a meal of consolation and to begin the process of *shiva*, the first seven days of mourning. In some non-Orthodox communities, the period of mourning may be abbreviated to a shorter time period. During this time, friends will visit the home to support the family with food and prayer.

The next period of *Sheloshim*-30 days (incorporating the *shiva*), is the time when the mourner begins to reconnect with the world, still avoiding celebrations and reciting the mourner's kaddish prayer daily. Mourning continues for 11 months. We continue to honor our deceased loved ones at the Yizkor service four times a year, and on the yahrtzeit, the anniversary of the death according to the Hebrew calendar.

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brith@cableone.net
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President: Arlene Brown, 623-544-0180 dezinegp@cox.net Area: West Valley Meetings: second Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call for location.

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Commander: Kathryn C. Magedman 623-556-1217 Meetings: September-June, first Sunday AZ State Veterans Home 4141 N. Third St., Phoenix

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Commander: Robert Cantor, 480-895-1618 P.O. Box 13113, Chandler, AZ 85248-3113 Meetings: Monthly, third Sunday morning; brunch. Sept.-June. Meets at Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 N. Sun Lakes Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85248

Scottsdale Post 210

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Jewish Women's Circle, Scottsdale

Chabad of Scottsdale 10215 N. Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, AZ 85253 480-998-1410 jwcscottsdale@gmail.com

Director: Dina Levertov

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Greater Phoenix Chapter

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Hatikvah Chapter

hatikvahaz@gmail.com

President: Hope Weiss, 480-628-7710

National Board Member: Susan Rudolph

Meetings: first Tuesday of each month

Boomers age group

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Desert Chapter

azpizaz@aol.com

President: Joyce Dimond, 480-563-1797 Contact: Sharon Sak, 480-948-9242

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Phoenix Holocaust Survivors' **Association**

P.O. Box 30213 Phoenix, AZ 85046-0213

602-788-7003

phxhsa@gmail.com

www.phoenixphsa.org President: Joan Sitver

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Membership: Debbie Harris

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Mailing: 1900 W. Chandler Blvd., Suite 15355

Chandler, AZ 85224

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Chabad of the Northwest Valley 7942 W. Bell Road, C5 #101

Glendale, AZ 85308

602-375-2422

Director: Chana Lew

Project of Chabad of the Northwest Valley, to create an opportunity for Jewish women to meet, socialize

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602-539-2895

www.ajc.org/arizona

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www.adl.org

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Arizona Chapter

2401 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004

(800) 997-0099

paulr@ufcw99.com

Chairman: Paul Rubin

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(847) 433-5999, Fax: (847) 433-6194

info@jacpac.org

www.jacpac.org

Executive Director: Marcia Balonick

Bipartisan network dedicated to electing a Congress committed to a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and a social agenda including reproductive freedom, separation of religion and state.

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www.rjchq.org

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www.cjsn.org

Executive Director: Becca Hornstein Board President: Richard Lustiger

Disability resources for children and adults who have disabilities, to enable them to participate in activities in the Jewish community.

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JSupport Arizona

Phoenix, AZ 85023 602-748-4000 rcohen@jsupportaz.com www.jsupportaz.com

An independent nonprofit created to help those individuals within the community who have been affected by the downturn in the economy.

Temple Chai: Deutsch Family Shalom Center

4645 E. Marilyn Road Phoenix, AZ 85032 602-971-1234, Fax: 602-971-5909 ssilverman@templechai.com www.templechai.com Director: Sharona Silverman

Resource center providing education, support groups and spiritual development while utilizing Jewish wisdom, tradition and compassion. Support groups include bereavement, divorce and caregiving.



For information on congregation-affiliated singles programs, see "Valley Congregations" listings.

Active Jewish Singles 40s & 50s

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Jewish Association of Singles Services (J.A.S.S.)

Scottsdale, AZ 480-515-1935 barbaraallyn@gmail.com

Contact: Barbara Allyn

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Valley Jewish Singles

valleviewishsingles@cox.net

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Fax: 480-747-9679 lionel@arizonaadventurers.org

www.arizonaadventurers.org President: Lionel Hummel

An all-volunteer Jewish outdoor club. Memberplanned activities include hiking, team sports, small-group outings and larger social gatherings. Weekly e-mail lists upcoming events.

Jewish Sisterhood of Arizona

jewishsisterhood@gmail.com Contact: Holly Witzer For Jewish women in their 20s and 30s in the Greater Phoenix area

L'Chaim! Young Jewish Professionals

3960 W. Golden Keys Way Chandler, AZ 85226 602-618-5886 info@lchaimyp.com www.lchaimyp.com Yaakov Welner

A group dedicated to providing a wide variety of social events for Jews in their 20s and 30s.

Moishe House

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az@shabbatluck.com www.shabbatluck.com Contact: Frin Searle

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The Jewish Agency for Disability Resources

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- Religious School Inclusion Support • Simchat Shabbat Service
 - Teen and Adult Social Groups
- Information and Referral Disability Awareness Workshops
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info@youngjewishphoenix.org www.jewishphoenix.org Staff: Erin Searle, erins@vosjcc.org

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Camps

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Day Camps

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Chabad of the East Valley 875 N. McClintock Drive Chandler, AZ 85226 480-855-4333

info@chabadcenter.com www.chabadcenter.com

Camp Directors: Effy & Mushkie Zimmerman Ages 4-12. Five weeks packed with Jewish ideas and values. Games, sports, music, gymnastics, arts and crafts, field trips, overnights, challah baking, lessons in Jewish culture.

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Beth El Congregation 1118 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85021 602-374-3062 campseedphx@gmail.com www.campseedaz.org

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Chaverim Tovim

(Good Friends)

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5801 S. Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85283
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leslie@emanueloftempe.org
Director: Leslie Scheck
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East Valley JCC Day Camp

908 N. Alma School Road Chandler, AZ 85224 480-897-0588, Fax: 480-517-0124 info@evjcc.org www.evjcc.org Director: Josh Traulsen

Ages 2-ninth grade. Activities include swimming, sports, music, field trips, cooking, rock show, arts and crafts, Israeli culture, mitzvot projects, overnights and more.

JCC Day Camp Programs

Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 203 Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Kochavim Summer Camp

Ages: Six weeks-pre-K Directors: Deena Boone, deenab@vosjcc.org Dani Hibert, danih@vosjcc.org 480-659-7769

Shemesh Day Camp

Grades K-11

Directors: Mitch Cohen, mitchc@vosjcc.org Deborah Winegarden, deborahw@vosjcc.org 480-634-4949

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Youth Programs

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kids & teens

acohen@jcfphoenix.org www.jcfphoenix.org Director: Andrea Cohen Chair: Gail Baer

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2110 E. Lincoln Drive Phoenix, AZ 85016 602-944-2753 youth@chabadaz.com chabadaz.com/youth Director: Mussie Levertov

Provides holiday crafts and programs for children ages 5-12 and a Shabbat program during services. Teaches and instills the joy of Judaism in a hands-on fun fashion.

Girl Scout Troop #1674

gstroop1674@gmail.com www.girlscoutsaz.org Troop Co-Leaders: Halle Farber and Alison Feinberg Girl Scout programming conducted through a traditional Jewish lens. Brownie/Junior troop for girls entering grades 2-4. Monday afternoon meetings at rotating locations, NE Valley.

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Chairman, Central and Northern Arizona David Zinder, 602-358-7826 dj91040@cox.net

Chairman, Tucson and Southern Arizona David Weintraub, (520) 290-5033 davidb.weintraub@gmail.com

Member, National Jewish Committee on Scouting Lee F. Shedroff, 623-376-8737

Ishedroff@aol.com www.jewishscouting.org

Promotes and recognizes scouting's Jewish Religious Awards Program. Promotes scouting among Jewish youth, helps Jewish institutions provide scouting opportunities and service projects.

Jewish Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Board

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 202 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-699-1717, Fax: 480-699-1807 acohen@jcfphoenix.org www.jcfphoenix.org Director: Andrea Cohen Chair: Gail Baer Grades 9-12. Leadership, philanthropy and community service for outstanding high school students. Open to B'nai Tzedek teens only.

Teen Programs

BBYO

(B'nai B'rith Youth Organization)
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Scottsdale, AZ 85254
Mountain Region Program Director:
Rebekah Rubenstein
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rrubenstein@bbyo.org
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Bureau of Jewish Education/ Hebrew High Phoenix High School of Jewish Studies

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 206 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-634-8050, Fax 480-634-8051 jewished@bjephoenix.org Director: Aaron Scholar Hebrew High Principal: Myra Shindler Alexander Muss High School in Israel: Elaine Hirsch Family Education: Linda Feldman Three campuses: Scottsdale, Chandler and West Valley

Special programs include: Hebrew for high school language credit, AMHS Israel, Care-a-van Summer Experience Tour, Hebrew school *limuds*, *Bikur Cholim* hospital volunteers, Bronia and Sam Bronkesh Jewish Spirit Prize, retreats.

Camp Swift Youth Foundation

7950 E. Acoma Drive, Suite 106
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
480-443-5645
campswift@gmail.com
www.campswift.org
Executive Director: Whitney Jacobson
President: Bob Bessen
Helps Jewish teens fulfill Torah mitzvah of caring for
the poor and the stranger by reaching out to innercity children. Founded more than 30 years ago.

CTeens, Chabad Teen Network

2110 E. Lincoln Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-944-2753
cteen@chabadaz.com
www.chabadaz.com/teens
Director: Rabbi Dov Levertov
Twice monthly programs include inspirational
discussions and fun. Teen Shabbat meals and teen
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Keshet Social Group

Council For Jews With Special Needs
12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 205
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
480-629-5343, Fax: 480-629-5365
info@cjsn.org
www.cjsn.org
Executive Director: Becca Hornstein
Board President: Richard Lustiger
Social club for teens and adults with moderate to
severe disabilities. Twice monthly gatherings focus
on Jewish education and recreational activities.

NFTY

North American Federation of Temple Youth NFTY-Southwest is a Reform Jewish community for high school students that forges and builds friendships, community, lifelong Reform Jewish identities, and leadership skills.

Beth Israel Temple Youth (BITY) Director of Youth: Rabbi Rony Keller 480-951-0323

Gan Elohim Temple Youth (GETY) 602-502-9693 Youth Advisers: Jonathan and Kathie Dalton Contact: daltonsazhomes@gmail.com

Kol Ami Temple Youth (KATY) 480-951-9660 Youth Adviser: Carly Kastner carly@templekolami.org

Temple Chai Temple Youth (TCTY) 602-971-1234 Director of Youth & Family Programs: Erin Wynn ewynn@templechai.com

Temple Emanuel Temple Youth (TETY) 480-838-1414

Temple Solel Temple Youth (TSTY) 480-991-7414 Director of Youth Group Programming: Rabbi Ilana Mills rabbimills@templesolel.org



kids & teens

The Women's Jewish Learning Center

7825 E. Paradise Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85260 602-402-4173 elanakanter@womenlearning.org www.womenlearning.org Director: Rabbi Elana Kanter Pre-bat mitzvah workshops.

USY

United Synagogue Youth

Part of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Activities open to all Jewish teenagers. An informal educational program consisting of social, religious and educational activities.

Beth El Congregation, 602-944-3359 Youth Director: Janette Silverman, ext. 123 jsilverman@bethelphoenix.com

Har Zion Congregation, 480-991-0720

Temple Beth Sholom of the East Valley 480-897-3636 Youth commissioner: Regina Fischer youth@tbsev.org Adviser: Sarah Namm usyadviser@tbsev.org

Israel Programs

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Hillel Jewish Student Center at Arizona State University 1012 S. Mill Ave. Tempe, AZ 85281 480-967-7563, Fax: 480-966-5402 hillel@hillelasu.org www.hillelasu.org ASU Hillel Director: Debbie Yunker Kail Hillel and Birthright Israel offer free 10-day trips to Israel for Jewish college students ages 18-26 who have not been to Israel on an organized peer trip.

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Tempe, AZ 85281 602-565-4655 chana@jewishasu.com www.jewishasu.com www.mayanotisrael.com Executive Director: Rabbi Shmuel Tiechtel Associate Director: Chana Tiechtel Free 10-day trips to Israel for young Jewish adults ages 18-26.

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Saving account for future trips.

Provides assistance to children and teens who have disabling conditions to facilitate inclusion in regular Jewish preschools, congregational schools, day schools and Jewish camps.

Friendship Circle

Chabad of Arizona 2110 E. Lincoln Drive Phoenix, AZ 85016 602-861-1600 info@fcaz.org www.fcaz.org Director: Rabbi Mendy Levertov

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alliance4israel@gmail.com Co-directors: Steve Rosenbaum: 480-216-4280 Carol Talmon: 602-265-2251

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Regional Director: Ted Kort
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www.vfi-usa.org
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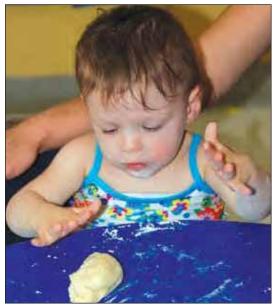
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Chloe kneads her challah dough at Beth El Center for Early Childhood Education's Camp Yad b'Yad. Photo by Sari Topper-Romberg



From left, Beny Karmoush, Shahar Edry, Jewish Courtney Klein Johnson of Seed Spot, left, Community Association's Israel Center director, and and Deborah Lavinsky, director of Cen-Ron Amir at ShabbatLuck's 200th event on July 19. tral Phoenix Women at a CPW breakfast. Photo courtesy of ShabbatLuck

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Abby and Maddie join in the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center's Shemesh Day Camp's Maccabiah Color Wars.

Photo courtesy of Shemesh Day Camp



Forty-one Taglit-Birthright Israel participants, including many from the Phoenix area, joined the 10-day trip to Israel in June. Photo courtesy of Jewish Community Association of Greater Phoenix

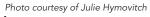


Bella gives her donation to the Yarnell Firefighter Relief Effort at Temple Solel's *Machaneh Solel*.

Photo by Brenden Ginis



David Hymovitch receives a semi-finalist trophy from Tampa Bay Lightning NHL hockey star Martin St. Louis at The Brick Hockey Invitational Tournament.





Zach, left, Jay, center, and Max visit San Francisco as part of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Hebrew High Care-a-van program.

Photo courtesy of Myra Shindler



Stacy Rosenthal, Congregation Beth Israel religious school director, left, and Erin Wynn, Temple Chai director of youth and family programs, visit Camp Daisy and Harry Stein.



Adult Education

In addition to the following educational resources, many local organizations and synagogues offer study groups and adult classes. See listings under Valley Congregations and Community.

Arizona Jewish Historical Society

122 E. Culver St. Phoenix, AZ 85004 602-241-7870 azjhs@aol.com www.azjhs.org

Executive Director: Lawrence Bell, Ph.D. Events Coordinator: Chelsey Keller

President: Mark Sendrow

Preserves the rich heritage of Arizona's Jewish communities and educates the public on the Jewish contribution to Arizona and American life. Sponsors regular educational programs.

Arizona State University

Jewish Studies Program 480-727-6906, Fax: 480-727-2023 jewish-studies@asu.edu jewishstudies.asu.edu Director: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson Offering a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies and enhancing knowledge of all facets of Jewish life through courses, conferences, scholar-in-residence programs and public lectures.

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Beth Emeth Congregation of the West Valley

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Bureau of Jewish Education

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 206 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-634-8050, Fax: 480-634-8051 jewished@bjephoenix.org Director: Aaron Scholar Program Director: Myra Shindler Jewish Studies Institute includes Lunch 'n Learn adult classes available in East and West Valley. Jewish educators' and public school educators' conferences on the Holocaust, Jewish Women's University and

Congregation Kehillah

women's symposium.

Program address:
Located on the campus of Har Zion Congregation
6140 E.Thunderbird Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
602-369-7667
Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman
administrator@congregationkehillah.org
www.congregationkehillah.org
Adult education program includes mini-courses,

Adult education program includes mini-courses, Torah study, Hebrew, adult b'nai mitzvah, spiritual practice, Rebbe's Tisch, member-suggested topics, and independent/chevruta study guided by the rabbi.

Congregation Or Chadash of the Northeast Valley

9096 E. Bahia Drive, Suite 106 Scottsdale, AZ 85260 480-342-8858, Fax: 480-342-8602 orchadashaz@aol.com www.congregationorchadash.org Education Director: Michelle Mandell Adult programs including Scholar-in-Residence, classes, special holiday celebrations, unique Shabbat formats.

Har Zion Congregation

6140 E. Thunderbird Road Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-991-0720, Fax: 480-443-3411 harzion@harzion.org www.harzion.org

Rabbi Judi Ahavah Del Bourgo

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JCC Adult Programs

Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 203 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-483-7121, Fax: 480-483-8441 Adult Services Director: Erin Searle erins@vosjcc.org

Provides a variety of active adult programs and activities: Jewish Book & Cultural Arts Fair, trips, classes, lectures, games, social groups, special events.

Jewish Learning Center

10213 N. Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, AZ 85253 480-443-5362 learnjewish@gmail.com Director: Rabbi Yossi Levertov Various instructors

Various programs from the aleph-bet to the Kaballah, the Talmud, Jewish ethics and everything in between. Open to all, regardless of affiliation or background.

Lev Chadash: Jewish Southwest Encounters

1327 Granite Creek Lane Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (928) 777-8172 levchadash@cableone.net Rabbi Nina Perlmutter Tom Brodersen

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Or Adam Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

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www.oradam.org
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Phoenix Community Kollel

6516 N. Seventh St., Suite 104 Phoenix, AZ 85014 602-433-0300, Fax: 602-285-3033 kollel@aztorah.com www.aztorah.com Director: Rabbi Dovid Gonsky Provides Torah education and outre

Provides Torah education and outreach to the Jewish community. Programs include communitywide events, adult-education classes, one-on-one study, women's division, advanced Talmud for men and Camp SEED day camps.



Ruach Salon

Ruach Hamidbar-Spirit of the Desert 602-420-1700 office@ruach.org www.ruach.org Rabbi Sarah Leah Grafstein Monthly Shabbat afternoon salons with cuttingedge guest teachers, artists and musicians. Closing with third meal and Havdallah. Everyone welcome. No background necessary.

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www.sticenter.org
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Temple Gan Elohim

Services and activities:
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Phoenix, AZ 85029
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 12097
Glendale, AZ 85318-2097
623-210-7435
www.templeganelohim.org
Adult Education Contact: Carol Berger
Adult education explores issues ranging from sacred to secular. Classes held monthly on Sunday afternoons.

The New Shul

7825 E. Paradise Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85260 480-515-2272, Fax: 480-922-7118 info@thenewshul.org www.thenewshul.org Rabbi Michael Wasserman Rabbi Elana Kanter Adult Jewish learning in a spirit of intellectual and spiritual openness, with reverence for classical texts. See website for learning opportunities.

The Women's Jewish Learning Center

7825 E. Paradise Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85260 602-402-4173 elanakanter@womenlearning.org http://womenlearning.org Director: Rabbi Elana Kanter

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Valley Beit Midrash

602-445-3112 rabbi@valleybeitmidrash.org www.valleybeitmidrash.org Director: Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz A collaborative organization that brings new, exciting and relevant Jewish programming to the Greater Phoenix Jewish community in a diverse, welcoming, engaging and pluralistic setting.

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Programs

The Learning Shuk

480-390-0424 virginie@thelearningshuk.org lisa@thelearningshuk.org www.thelearningshuk.org Director:Virginie Polster

A parent-educator-community collaboration that connects K-12 familes to each other and to innovative and creative pluralistic Jewish learning.

PJ Library

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 206 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-634-8050, Fax: 480-634-8051 pjlibrary@bjephoenix.org www.pjlibrary.org Director: Elaine Hirsch An award-winning family engagement program. Mails free, high-quality, Jewish children's literature and music to families each month.



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www.bethelpreschoolphx.com
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JCC Early Childhood Center

Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 203 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-659-7769, Fax: 480-659-7768 Co-Directors: Deena Boone and Dani Hibert deenab@vosjcc.org danih@vosjcc.org

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Jewish Community Center/ East Valley

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hadassah@evjcc.org
www.evjcc.org
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Temple Beth Sholom of the East Valley 3400 N. Dobson Road Chandler, AZ 85224 480-897-3636, Fax: 480-897-3633 preschool@tbsev.org www.sholompreschool.org Director: Michele Millman Developmentally-based curriculum for all learning styles. Promoting independence, social skills and love of learning. Camp available on many Jewish holidays.

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Temple Chai Early Childhood Center

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eccdirector@templekolami.org
www.templekolami.org
Director: Debbie Glassman
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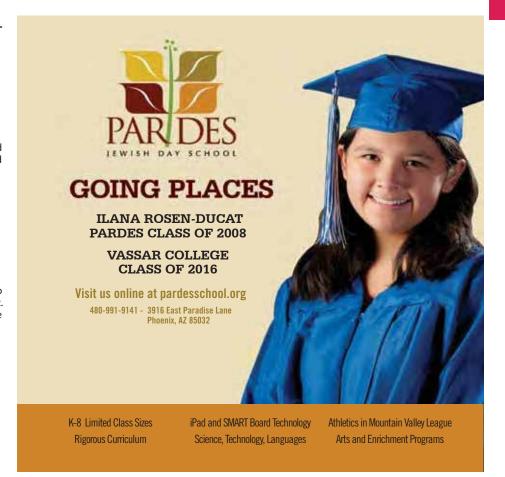
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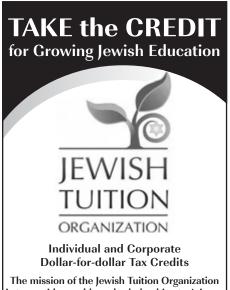
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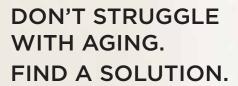


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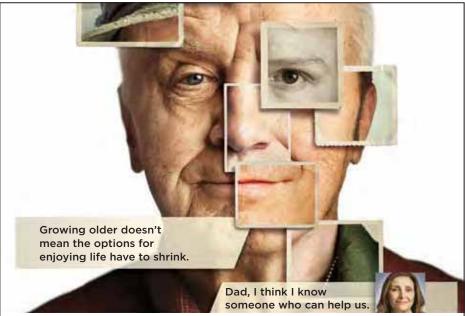




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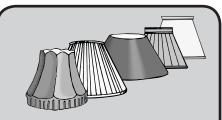
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