

Kehillah Connections

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"Kehillah" means community



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM BOB LIEBMAN

Exciting changes are ahead for Kehillah! In January Kehillah is moving, along with New Vision Center, to its new home on Tatum Blvd, north of Bell, south of Union Hills/Desert Ridge, just off the 101. It's a sign of Kehillah's growth and the success of our unique partnership with New Vision Center. You'll be hearing more about the move as we get closer to Move Day. Our last Kabbalat Shabbat in our current location is December 11, the first night of Chanukah – join us to light the first candle and say “so long” to a location that has served us well. And don't forget to RSVP for our Chanukah Party coming up on December 13. (But first join us for Torah Study at the home of Earl and Barbara Sharfman on Dec. 5 – there's no shortage of ways to make Kehillah your Jewish home!)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

TORAH STUDY

This Saturday, December 5, 10:30 am, at the home of Barbara and Earl Sharfman
4925 E. Le Marche Avenue, Scottsdale, 85254

We really hope you'll join us. Because Torah study is held in member homes, your RSVP to the Kehillah office in advance greatly helps the host with his/her set-up. 602-369-7667

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, December 11, 7:30 pm

This is the first night of Chanukah and we'll be lighting the Chanukah candles prior to the Shabbat candles.

Please note – this is our last Kabbalat Shabbat at the current location.

Kabbalat Shabbat is held at the New Vision Center (Hayden & Mountain View)
9659 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale.



Please note there is only one Kabbalat Shabbat in December (the fourth weekend is Christmas). We will offer birthday and anniversary blessings at that time.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 13, 4:00-6:00 pm

at the Villa Serena Clubhouse, 7155 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale.

RSVP to the Kehillah office, 602-369-7667

Bring your own *chanukkiyah* and candles, plus an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, and join us for a special afternoon of lights, music and treats. Kehillah member Linda Feldman will demonstrate how to make genuine lamp oil for your *chanukkiyah* out of olives, and we'll receive a visitor from the Scottsdale Fire Department, representing Toys for Tots.

APPRECIATION PARTY

Saturday, January 30, 6:30-9:00 pm

At this first-ever Kehillah Appreciation

Party for new members, we'll enjoy a special evening with wonderful company and special Tu B'Shevat 'Seven Species' Israeli wines and hors d'oeuvres at the gracious home of Kehillah members Cathy and Alan Michels. If you're already a Kehillah member, watch for your invitation, arriving soon by mail. If you're not yet a member, please join today so we may send you an invitation to what promises to be a most memorable event. Call for a membership application or download it from our website.

***** See *SAVE THESE DATES near the end of this newsletter* for a more extensive Kehillah schedule. *****

SOCIAL ACTION

Our Social Action Chair, Amina D'Ambrozio, has uncovered three important ways you can take action this fall:

Story Time!

Remember how much you loved story time? UMOM New Day Center needs volunteer readers to read to children ages 4 and up on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Bring story time to a child who will love it as much as you did! UMOM New Day Center provides homeless and low-income families with food, shelter, and tools to build a bridge to self-sufficiency; it is located at 3320 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix.

E-mail Amina at adambrozio@gmail.com, and visit <http://www.umom.org> to learn more.

Eat Well, Do Good

Enjoy locally grown fruits and vegetables while creating a more sustainable world. *Tuv Ha'Aretz* is the community-supported agriculture program of *Hazon*, an organization whose mission is "to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community – as a step towards a healthier and more sustainable world for all". It is through the partnership of Jess Schwartz Jewish Community Day School, *Tuv Ha'Aretz* and Desert Roots Farm, a local farm, that we are able to bring the CSA to our community. *Tuv Ha'Artez* welcomes Jewish and non-Jewish members. A member registration form is on our website. For more information, please contact Lisa Pinkus, Site Coordinator, at LPinkus@mac.com or 480-659-5598.

Tu B'Shevat Walk – Sunday, January 31, 2010 – Save the Date

Get your walking shoes ready and start gathering sponsors to support you in the Jewish National Fund's Tu B'Shevat Walk. This three-mile walk takes place on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at Tempe

Beach Park from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. If three miles is too much, do the shorter one-mile walk! If you are not able to walk, please support a Kehillah member who is walking. This walk has a two-fold benefit; it raises money for a school for special needs in Israel and it raises money for Kehillah of Arizona.

You will be able to visit www.jnf.org/azwalk and register to walk for Kehillah of Arizona. **It is important that you indicate you are registering to walk for Kehillah of Arizona to ensure Kehillah is designated to receive funds.** After you register online at www.jnf.org/azwalk send Amina a quick email at adambrozio@gmail.com to let her know your registration is complete. An information flyer and a pledge form are available on our website.

From Amina: *"Keep your suggestions and ideas for future Social Action activities coming! You can reach me through the Kehillah office or by e-mail."*

Amina D'Ambrozio, Chair, Social Action

(Assistant to the Chair Kaden D'Ambrozio has signed up his first sponsor – his doctor!)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Whitney Sobel, Bradley Hafalia, Kaden D'Ambrozio, Hannah Hafalia and Kenna Gardner are shown studying with Rabbi Sharfman.

Thanks to teachers Vicki Bates, Lindsay Gilbert and Amy Wasserman, along with Debbie Sobel, Lesley Hafalia and Alan Hirsh for their support of the school!

New students are still welcome to join this year's class. Late registration is available for K-8th grade and Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. High school students may enroll in the madrichim/teaching assistant program. Applications can be downloaded or mailed directly from our website. Scholarships are available.



ADULT EDUCATION

Classes will be held in December on the 8th and 15th. You can still sign up for these classes: Navigating the Siddur/Prayerbook (beginning Hebrew), Foundations of Judaism, and Adult B'nai Mitzvah. Call the Kehillah office for more details.

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF KEHILLAH!

Are you interested in celebrating and learning about Rosh Chodesh each month with Rabbi Sharfman and other women of Kehillah? If you are, please let the Kehillah office know. If there is enough interest, we will start our Rosh Chodesh celebrations in January.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mazal Tov

to Gil & Lynn Blumenthal on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Cherrington Blumenthal.

Refuah Shleymah

to Ilene Malka and Sue Herstein

SAVE THIS DATE!

GALA 2010, an evening of Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auctions Honoring Rabbi Maynard Bell, Area Director of the Arizona Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.
Saturday, March 6, 2010, at PARDES Jewish Day School, 3916 E. Paradise Lane, Phoenix, 85032
For more information go to pardesschool.org/gala2010 or call 480-991-9141

Pardes Jewish Day School was founded by our own Rabbi Sharfman; Kehillah of Arizona is a proud 'partner congregation'.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Have you returned your Kehillah Membership Form? As we begin our second year, Kehillah launched its religious school, increased its Shabbat service schedule, and more. We cannot do it without you! During our entire first year we ran purely on volunteer power and donations. To continue to thrive, we need your financial support. Please fill out and return the Membership Form you received by mail. If you need another form, or didn't receive one, please call the office at 602-369-7667 and we will mail one to you; or you can print the application from our website, www.kehillahofarizona.com. Join in time to attend our first Appreciation Party on January 30th! Thank you!

FOR FACEBOOK FANS

If you're into FB, join our group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=62401064843&ref=ts>
Amy Wasserman hosts our group page and posts all services, events and opportunities. So friend us, if you haven't already, and give Amy and all the rest of the Kehillah FB gang a shout-out.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Gil and Lynn Blumenthal
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Betsy and Rick Herman

In memory of Martin Weinberg, grandfather of Lindsay Gilbert, by Warren and Reisa Miller

Tallitot for Tallinn

Marilyn Morris

Year-end reminder: Your donations to Kehillah of Arizona, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Please remember us in your year-end financial planning.

FOR THE LOVED ONES IN YOUR THOUGHTS

The Kehillah Memorial Board is available to you to honor loved ones who have passed away. Our beautiful, lasting remembrance is on display at every service, just inside the sanctuary doorway. Engraved brass plaques are \$180 each. Please contact the office to discuss your needs.

A REMINDER FROM OUR RABBI

I am available to you in times of joy and sadness.

Please let me know when I can extend timely support and comfort to you and your family.

– *Rabbi Sharfman*

SAVE THESE DATES – KEHILLAH 5770 CALENDAR

Kabbalat Shabbat/Holidays/Events

All at 7:30 pm unless otherwise indicated

Friday, December 11 Kabbalat Shabbat and First night of Chanukah

Sunday, December 13th Chanukah Celebration! 4:00-6:00 pm, at the Villa Serena Clubhouse. RSVP to the Kehillah office 602-369-7667

Friday, January 8 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, January 22 Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 30, Appreciation Party for new and prospective members, 6:30-9:00 pm at a private home. RSVP required. Call the Kehillah office, 602-369-7667

Sunday, January 31st Walk for Israel! Join Kehillah and the JNF as we Walk for Israel! Registration information is attached to this email

Friday, February 12 Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday evening, February 27 Purim Celebration

Friday, March 12 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, March 26 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, April 9 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, April 23 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm

Friday, May 14 Kabbalat Shabbat

Tuesday, May 18 Erev Shavuot service (Ten Commandments) and Yizkor

Torah Study

Saturday/Shabbat mornings at 10:30 am at host homes

Saturday, December 5

Saturday, January 16

Saturday, February 20

Saturday, March 20

Saturday, April 17

***** **January Kehillah Connections Deadline: Friday, December 18th at noon*******

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