

# Kehillah Connections

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*"Kehillah" means community*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM BOB LIEBMAN

With 2010 just hours away, think "new" – new year, new "leg" on your Jewish journey and new location for Kehillah.

**New year:** I wish you and your family health and happiness in 2010; may your deepening connection with Kehillah contribute to both.

**New leg of your Jewish journey:** In 2010, why not take your Jewish journey one step further? Attend a Torah Study if you've never tried one, or join Kehillah's Tu B'Shevat Walk (see below), for example. Let Kehillah be your Jewish home and partner in growth.

**New location:** Kehillah has moved to 18010 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, 85032. This easy-to-find, stand-alone building (marked "New Vision Center") is across from Moon Valley Nursery, on the west side of Tatum between Bell and Union Hills/101. Have a look at the Google map here: <http://tinyurl.com/yl4amtj>

**Be careful!** Our new address is very similar to our mailing address. Be sure to come to the right one for Shabbat – if you go to the mailing address you won't fit through the mail slot!

Mailing Address: 10810 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 102-308, Phoenix, AZ 85028 Meeting Address: 18010 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85032
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We welcome your ideas for how to remember the difference. Send them to [KehillahofArizona@gmail.com](mailto:KehillahofArizona@gmail.com).

Here's one to start: One-Oh-Eight is just for freight; One-Eight-Oh is where you go.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, January 8, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 22, 7:30 pm

Services are at our new location, 18010 North Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, 85032 (across from Moon Valley Nursery; click here for map: <http://tinyurl.com/yl4amtj>)

### TORAH STUDY

Saturday, January 16, 10:30 am, at the home of Sherry Siegel, 1033 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix 85020. Please RSVP in advance to Sherry at 602-999-2586.

## [NEW MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY](#)

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

Our first-ever Kehillah Appreciation Party for new members will be held at the gracious home of Kehillah members Cathy and Alan Michels. Invitations have been mailed to all Kehillah members. **Please RSVP asap – let us know if you will or will not attend.** If you're not a Kehillah member, join now so we may send you an invitation to what promises to be a memorable evening. Membership information and forms are at [kehillahofarizona.com](http://kehillahofarizona.com), or call us at 602-369-7667.

## [TU B'SHEVAT WALK](#)

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Raise money for a special needs school in Israel and for Kehillah at this year's Jewish National Fund Tu B'Shevat Walk. The walk will be held at Tempe Beach Park from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, with choices of three miles or one mile. You can walk or sponsor a walker from Kehillah. To walk, register at [www.jnf.org/azwalk](http://www.jnf.org/azwalk) (make sure you indicate Kehillah to ensure that Kehillah is designated to receive funds). To sponsor a Kehillah walker, e-mail Amina D'Ambrozio, Kehillah Social Action Chair, at [adambrozio@gmail.com](mailto:adambrozio@gmail.com) or call the Kehillah office.

## **INTERGENERATIONAL SHABBATON**

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

Friday, April 23 – Saturday, April 24, 2010

(Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, April 23 at 6:30 pm - Shabbaton continues through Havdalah, Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.)

Kehillah of Arizona will be having its first intergenerational Shabbaton. We will be celebrating all of Shabbat from Friday night dinner to Havdalah and everything in between. In addition to eating and prayer, we will participate in a variety of programs designed to enhance our Shabbat experience.

This event is multigenerational, but you don't need to have someone from every generation to sign up. Watch for more details and sign up opportunities in a future Connection.



Carrie & Marley Ragsdale at our  
Chanukah Celebration –  
Thanks to all of you who joined us.

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

In addition to the Tu B'Shevat Walk, Kehillah is currently focusing on two local organizations: UMOM New Day Center ([umom.org](http://umom.org)), which provides homeless and low-income families with food, shelter, and tools to build a bridge to self-sufficiency; and Hazon, which promotes community-supported agriculture and lets you enjoy locally grown fruits and vegetables while helping create a more sustainable world. To learn more about participating in either program, e-mail Amina at [adambrozio@gmail.com](mailto:adambrozio@gmail.com).

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2010 ANNE FRANK "TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE" COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix announces its 8th annual Anne Frank "Teens Make a Difference" Community Service Award for young men and women. The purpose of the award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer achievements of Jewish youth and enhance community awareness of their contributions.

The award recipient will receive a gift of \$613, corresponding to the 613 *Mitzvot*. In addition, the recipient will receive an award certificate, letter of recognition, and acknowledgement by the Jewish Federation. Applicants must be enrolled in high school. Previous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must provide reference information for all listed volunteer activities. Activities may be for any type of volunteer organization within the Jewish or non-Jewish communities. Applicants selected as semifinalists will be interviewed as part of the award process. Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by February 12, 2010. For more information or to obtain an application, please call 480-634-4900, x1119 or visit [www.jewishphoenix.org](http://www.jewishphoenix.org).

## ADULT EDUCATION

Our next class meetings are January 12, January 19, January 26; and February 9 and February 16. Additional information and materials will be provided separately to current Adult Ed students. If you are not currently a Kehillah Adult Ed student but would like to explore attending (see President's Message, above!), please call us at 602-369-7667 and ask to speak with Rabbi Sharfman.

## 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.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

*Condolences*  
to Penny Celmins on the death of her mother-in-law, Edith Baril.

*Mishebeirach – our thoughts and prayers go to*  
Richard Mills, brother of Cathy Michels  
Annie Brawslawsce  
Robert Hirsh, father of Alan Hirsh  
Khyllie Gardner

### 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](http://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'.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

## **Kehillah Fund**

*From Gil & Lynn Blumenthal*

in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Cherrington Blumenthal, daughter of their son Stuart and his wife Kirsten, and in honor of the birth of their grandson, Grant Cole Blumenthal, son of their son Larry and his wife, Jennifer.

*From Lat and Penny Celmins*

in memory of Edith Baril and in memory of Audrey Gruber Wallack.

**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, January 8 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, January 22 Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 30, New Member Appreciation Party. RSVP required. Call the Kehillah office, 602-369-7667

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Walk for Israel! Join Kehillah and the JNF as we Walk for Israel!

Registration information is available on our website.

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, Shabbaton continues through Havdalah, Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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, January 16  
Saturday, February 20  
Saturday, March 20  
Saturday, April 17

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\*\*\*\*\*February Kehillah Connections Deadline: Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at noon\*\*\*\*\*

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