

Kehillah Connections

"Kehillah" means community



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM BOB LIEBMAN

Many of you, reading this message, joined Kehillah for the first time during the 5770 High Holy Days and we are delighted that you did. We welcome you to Kehillah and strive to create a community in which gatherings are inspiring, people are welcoming and everyone is valued. If you enjoyed the music, the people, the Rabbi, the prayers, the poetry, the sermons, the quiet moments, the joyful moments ... please come again soon for services, study and other activities. Come help us *create* Kehillah, as we move into our second year. I would also like to add a gentle reminder to those of you considering Kehillah membership to support the community and our Rabbi's work through your dues. You may apply 100% of the money you paid for High Holy Day tickets toward full membership, which entitles you to participate fully in the life of the community as well as receive services from Kehillah. Rabbi Sharfman and I are happy to speak with you so that we can learn more about your needs as well as share how Kehillah might be a 'fit' for you and your family. Wishing you a happy Sukkot!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

KABBALAT SHABBAT and SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 9, 7:30 pm

(If you are a musician, of any kind or ability, please let Rabbi Sharfman know. We need your help to make our Simchat Torah festive.)

TORAH STUDY

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 am, at the home of Ceil and Jerry Siegel
7159 E. McDonald Drive, Scottsdale, 85253 (directions will be emailed)

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, October 23, 6:30 pm* (note earlier time)

Kabbalat Shabbat is held at the New Vision Center (Hayden & Mountainview)
9659 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

YIDDISH CHAVURAH

Earl Sharfman is available to lead a Yiddish chavurah for all levels of ability from beginning to experienced, with sufficient interest. Contact the Kehillah office at 602-369-7667 or kehillahofarizona@gmail.com with your phone number and email address to indicate your desire to participate.

The chavurah will focus on speaking *mama loshen* (mother tongue) through Yiddish songs and stories. The meeting time and place will be determined by the group.

FALL SOCIAL ACTION

Congratulations and thank you to all in our community for the outpouring of food during the High Holy Days to help the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank restock their shelves. Amina D'Ambrozio, our Social Action Chairperson, spearheaded this highly successful drive which netted the Food Bank nearly 1000 pounds of food for needy area residents. We thank Amina and her son Kaden for all their work.

Keep your suggestions and ideas for future Social Action activities coming! You can reach Amina through the Kehillah office.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

There is still time to register for our K-8th grade religious school and Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. High school students are welcome to enroll in our *madrichim*/teaching assistant program. Applications can be downloaded or mailed directly from our website. Scholarships are available.

ADULT EDUCATION

Navigating the Siddur/Prayerbook
(beginning to read and understand prayerbook Hebrew)

This class is designed for those who have wanted to learn to read and have some understanding of the siddur.

Foundations of Judaism

Wish you knew more about Jewish ideas about God, life, rituals and practice, history? What's the difference between Torah, Tanach, Talmud, Midrash, Mishnah...and, why does it all matter to my life?

We will be offering these two classes starting in mid-late October. The classes will run back to back and meet approximately two Tuesday nights per month. (A calendar will be distributed on the first night of class).

You are welcome to take either class or both.

Fee: \$108 for 1 or 2 classes. (6 x chai)

(We are committed to not turning anyone away because of inability to pay).

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

We offer an opportunity for Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah in a small, supportive group setting. We'll prepare you for this most meaningful event with foundational classes in Jewish learning and Hebrew. Next winter, you'll begin to read from the Torah!

--> **Sign up for both of the classes listed above by contacting the Kehillah office.** This program will have additional preparatory components with Rabbi Sharfman.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We thank each and every one of you who assisted us during the High Holy Days, whether you ushered, brought food for an oneg or break-fast, helped to hand out *machzorim*, or were simply available to handle any task that needed doing. There are too many people to list here (and if we did and left someone's name out we'd feel terrible). So please know that we are extremely grateful for all the help that was offered.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

We send condolences to Cliff Bengis on the passing of his beloved mother Bertha Bengis, in South Africa.

We note the passing of our founding member, Erich Gottlieb, beloved husband of Irma Gottlieb and father of Evelyn and Dan Simon on July 4th.

Mazal tov to new Kehillah member and 'truffle master' Ellie Joseph who was profiled in Friday's Arizona Republic in a very 'sweet' article in the dining section. Ellie paired chocolate medallions with wines at the Dine Out with the Chefs event this weekend. We are grateful to Ellie for generously sharing her apricot, raspberry and Dutch chocolate truffles with us at Selichot and Rosh Hashanah! Rabbi Sharfman, a self described 'chocolate connoisseur' who is very selective about her chocolates, is a huge fan.

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. Thank you!

OUT AND ABOUT

Kehillah is on Facebook! If you are too, join us

at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=62401064843&ref=ts>

Thanks to Amy Wasserman for launching our group page. Amy is also Kehillah's Volunteer Liaison, so if you want to experience Kehillah from the inside out, contact Amy through the Kehillah office to explore ways you can get more involved.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

TALLITOT FOR TALLINN:

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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

LOCAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

RABBI SHARFMAN IS TEACHING AT THE JCC

"Being a Mensch, Infusing our Contemporary Lives and our Family Life with Core Jewish Values and Ethics"

Using primary sources, classical and modern Jewish texts, this course will focus on key issues and challenges in family life and society. Beginning with ourselves, how does Judaism address today's choices and ethical behavior in our Jewish daily life and practice and in an increasingly complicated world?

12701 N. Scottsdale, Rd. Ste. 206, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Dates: October 14, 21, 28/ November 4, 18/ December 2, 9, 16

Time: 10:40 am to 11:40 am, Fee: \$105

Information: 480-634-8050 or info@bjephoenix.org

If you came to Selichot services, where we featured a program by Dr. Alan Morinis, you may be interested in taking your Mussar learning further with this program offered at the JCC:

THE 7TH ANNUAL MUSSAR KALLAH

Sunday, October 25, 9 am - 5:30 pm

Presented by Dr. Alan Morinis & The Mussar Institute

Valley of the Sun JCC, 480-483-4121

12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 203, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

RABBI SHARFMAN IS ALSO TEACHING HERE

"It isn't Always About Money, Ethical Wills, Your Values Live On"

Wednesday, December 2, 7pm

in the sanctuary of the Pardes Jewish Day School, 3916 E Paradise Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Information: Roberta Scharf, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix
480-699-1717 Ext. 1405, www.jcfphoenix.org

5770 CALENDAR

SHABBAT, HOLIDAYS AND TORAH STUDY

Kabbalat Shabbat/Holidays

All at 7:30 pm unless marked*

Friday, October 9 Kabbalat Shabbat and Simchat Torah

Friday, October 23 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm*

Friday, November 13 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 11 Kabbalat Shabbat and Chanukah celebration, 6:30 pm*

Friday, January 8 Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, January 22 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm*

Friday, February 12 Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 27 Purim Shpiel, Megillah Reading, Havdalah, 6:30 pm*

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, October 17

Saturday, November 21

Saturday, December 5

Saturday, January 16

Saturday, February 20

Saturday, March 20

Saturday, April 17

November Kehillah Connections Deadline

Tuesday, October 20th

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