



AUGUST

Calendar of Events

Friday, August 12
Kabbalat Shabbat with
Wine & Cheese Welcome
7:00 p.m.

Services start at 7:30 p.m.
Welcome prospective members and reconnect with Kehillah friends. Meet Rabbi Sharfman, Cantor Ettinger and lay leaders; and learn more about Kehillah's upcoming program year. Bring your friends!

Friday, August 26
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
for more information www.kehillahofarizona.org

Condolences

Our congregation's condolences to Sherry, Ceil and Hal and Pam Siegel on the passing of Jerry Siegel.

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.

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

Rosh Chodesh Group

In the Spirit of Rosh Chodesh ~ For Women Only

Our own Rabbi Sharfman leads this community-wide program celebrating women's spiritual creativity and connection. Four evenings, 7:00-8:15 p.m: Tuesday, Aug. 30, Thursday, Oct. 27, Tuesday, Nov. 29, Tuesday, Jan. 24. Sponsored by Bureau of Jewish Education and Kehillah, in partnership with Hadassah Valley of the Sun. Fee: \$40/family. Register through BJE, **480-634-8050**.

High Holy Days 5772

Selichot

Saturday evening, September 24
Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday evening, September 28

President's Message

Time to renew your 2011-2012 Kehillah membership.

Yes, it's that time of year -- hot and lazy on the surface (dusty, too!) but bubbling with Updating membership, preparing for High Holy Days (including choir rehearsals), programs... it's all happening now. The way to make the most of your Kehillah experience is to call a committee chair, board member or the Kehillah office today and say "I'm in!" of creating Kehillah."

If you didn't get a Kehillah membership letter from us, it means our information is in error. Please call in your corrections to the office at 602-369-7667 or e-mail them to administrator@kehillahofarizona.org. Your update will help Kehillah save money on all things Kehillah.

Thank you for reading,

Sherry



Dear Congregants,

Kehillah is a proud Partner with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix local Jewish communal organizations, agencies and synagogues in presenting **The Jewish Conversation** on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 1-5pm at Arizona State University Conference Center on the 2nd floor.

I am very excited to tell you about this important event which will give us all a chance to be heard about our hopes, dreams and aspirations for the Jewish community we would like to see.

I encourage you to mark your calendar for this extraordinary event. Attendance is **FREE** and limited. Be sure to register today by going to www.jewishcommunityaz.org and learn more about the program. And please share this information with all of your friends and urge them to register to attend, too.

For more information call 480-699-1717 or register at <http://tinyurl.com/5rspwqf>.

Thursday, September 29
Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur
Friday evening, October 8
Saturday, October 9

Please join Kehillah for this most meaningful, joyful time as we usher in the Days of Awe with beautiful music and our unique liturgy. Kehillah members will receive additional information by mail shortly. Please call the office at 602-369-7667 if you have any questions.

We would be honored to have your participation in our upcoming High Holy Day Services...

Please complete and e-mail this form back to Rabbi Sharfman at:

rabbibonnie@rabbisharfman.org just as soon as you can.

See attached PDF version of this form (HH Participation.pdf).

If you are thinking about honoring us by chanting Torah or Haftarah, it will be my pleasure to help you prepare...and we can start very soon.... Don't worry if this is your first time or if you haven't done it in a while. We'll break it down into manageable parts! I would like to:

Read an English part__

Read a Hebrew part__

Chant Torah or Haftarah__

Have an aliyah/chant Torah blessings__

Chant the Haftarah blessings__

Participate in a Cantata/dramatic reading in English__

Serve as an usher__

Help set up refreshments (Kiddush/Oneg)__

Other_____ (please specify)

Special notes _____

Your name _____ telephone _____

e-mail _____

If you submit this form and don't hear back from me prior to August 15th, please resubmit

as it means that it is still out there in cyberspace.

Please complete and e-mail this form back to Rabbi Sharfman at:

rabbibonnie@rabbisharfman.org just as soon as you can.

(Or e-mail me without using the form.)

– Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman

KEHILLAH OF ARIZONA

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman, Cantor Seth Ettinger

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Please send notices, photos, event or calendar information, volunteer opportunities, etc. to Sally Oscherwitz at administrator@kehillahofarizona.org or mail them to the address below. Kehillah of Arizona, Inc. is a duly incorporated 501(c)(3) under IRS law.

Contributions are tax deductible. Please remember us for your charitable giving; every donation is greatly appreciated. To discuss major gifts, please contact the Kehillah office and ask for Sherry Siegel. Checks may be made out to Kehillah of Arizona and mailed to the address below. To receive Kehillah Connections and other Kehillah news, please send us your e-mail address. We promise not to sell or give out that address.

Mailing Address:

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I hope to see you on Sept. 11th at *The Jewish Community Conversation*.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman

ISRAEL

Message From Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman

Few things in the life of a congregation can bring its members together quite as much as under the guidance of its leaders

Experience a moment of prayer at the Western Wall, see Masada and reflect on the tra place there two thousand years ago, witness the vitality of modern Tel Aviv, and enjoy t of Kabbalah in the mystical City of Tzfat.

These are only some of the activities which we will experience together with your fellow and friends on a trip that will deepen your connection to Israel and your Jewi:

A trip to Israel is not just about seeing the sites.

It's about creating an experience that will be remembered and cherish

Please look at the attached flyer

Feel free to pass this information on to your family and friends and invite them to join in this trip

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me.

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman
Congregation Kehillah of Arizona
www.kehillahofarizona.org

*Don't just
imagine...
Join us*

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Kehillah of Arizona gratefully acknowledges the following donations :

In *Loving Memory* of our beloved congregant Jerry Siegel by:

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To celebrate, to honor, to remember, to give thanks, to assist, to do *tzedakah* ...

Kehillah has a way to help you express your core values

General Fund • High Holy Day Appeal • Torah Fund • Rabbi's Discretionary Fund • C Memorial Board • Mitzvah (Caring) Fund • Book Plates

Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated

Committees!!!!

The Door is Open

You belong on a committee

The way to get the most out of Kehillah is to put as much as you can in Committees are the "idea engines" that make Kehillah work. To find more meaning experience, join a committee that matches your interests – or join a group you've always To reach the committee chairs listed below, call the Kehillah office at 602-369-7667 – a Kehillah experience!

If you're interested, please contact any of the following people work with you!

High Holy Days - Toby Gerst
Programming - Jonathan Seeliger
Membership – Elyse Birnbaum, Arlene Maletta
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Hospitality - Evelyn Simon
Education - Lesley Hafalia, Alan Hirsh
Social Action - Amina D'Ambrozio

Social Action

Services held at:
New Vision Center 18010 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85032
New Kehillah of Arizona

Office Telephone: 602-369-7667
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administrator@kehillahofarizona.org (Sally Oscherwitz)
Website: www.kehillahofarizona.org

FOLLOW KEHILLAH ON FACEBOOK!!!

Welcome back! I hope you have had a very enjoyable summer thus far. As I continue in my role as Social Action Chair for Kehillah of Arizona, I plan to provide opportunities for members of our community to continue to cultivate our core values like, **Tikkun Olam** (*healing the world*), **Gemilut** (*performing acts of lovingkindness*), and **Hishtatfut** (*participating in the life and work of the community*).

This time last year the Kehillah of Arizona Community came together to support some of our homeless children by donating school supplies to Children First Academy of Phoenix. Children First Academy is a charter school for homeless children. We raised both cash and school supplies the same this year.

Friday, August 12 please bring your donated school supplies of pencils, erasers, dry erase marker, highlighter, paper, notebooks, binders, etc.

Additionally, if you are interested in working with me on Kehillah of Arizona's upcoming plans, please contact me at (602) 402-4606.

Amina, Social Action Chair
Amina D'Ambrozio

Hospitality

Dear Kehillah Family,

It's always a joy to see you at services and to share Shabbat with you. Thank you to those who offered to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat in honor of a special occasion or someone's gift to us all. We are looking forward to honoring your dear ones and our most important celebrations.

With pleasure,

Evelyn Simon, VP for Hospitality

