



SEPTEMBER

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, September 9**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.**

### High Holy Days 5772

#### Selichot

Saturday evening, September 24 7:30 p.m.

#### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday evening, September 28 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 10:00 a.m.

#### Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur

Friday evening, October 8

Saturday, October 9

for more information [www.kehillahofarizona.org](http://www.kehillahofarizona.org)

### Condolences

Our congregation's condolences to Sherry, Ceil and Hal and Pam Siegel on the passing of our beloved founding member 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**

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### President's Message

What does baking a cake from scratch have in common with the High Holy Days?

If you ask me, the answer is "They're both something I do once a year." But if you ask me to get this answer: They both need preparation for success, no matter how good the ingredients.

Think about it: You can use the best eggs, flour, butter, and whatever else goes into a cake. But if you would I know? – but if you don't prepare by preheating the oven, your cake will fail, be on the outside but remaining undercooked on the inside.

For the High Holy Days, Kehillah has the best "ingredients" around – a gifted rabbi, faithful inspiring prayer books (custom-made by Rabbi Sharfman), and the friendliest congregation. To prepare, the High Holy Days are likely to miss their mark. Instead of feeling uplifted, reinvigorated, you might just feel confused, bored or frustrated. Or like a cake made without preheating (heat) hitting you on your surface, with too little of it making its way inside, into your mind.

Judaism, in its wisdom, has a built-in "preheating" period for the High Holy Days: The period which began at sundown on August 31, is meant to filled with self-reflection. So "preheating" attending Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, September 9th, and Selichot on Saturday, September 10th. Do not attempt another cake anytime, but the High Holy Days only come once a year. Why not use this time for teshuvah and renewal – including preheating – your best try?

*Thank you for reading,*

*Sherry*



Dear Congregants,

Kehillah is a proud Partner with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix and local Jewish communal organizations, agencies and synagogues in presenting **The Jewish Conversation** on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 1-5pm at Arizona State University's 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 share and heard about our hopes, dreams and aspirations for the Jewish community we would like to build.

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](http://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>.

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](mailto: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 allyah/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](mailto:rabbibonnie@rabbisharfman.org) just as soon as you can.  
(Or e-mail me without using the form.)  
- Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman

## Bureau of Jewish Education, Kehillah of Arizona & Hadassah Valley of the Sun

### PRESENT

**In the Spirit of Rosh Chodesh**  
**A Program for Jewish Women -a multi-generational  
program for women of all ages. A Special Time for Re-  
flection, Discussion, Singing, Candlelighting & Crea-  
tive Ritual.**

**Faculty: Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman.**

The first of every Hebrew month always falls on the new  
moon. In recent years, modern women have reclaimed Rosh  
Chodesh as a time for women's celebrations & a source of  
women's spiritual creativity & fellowship.

**Four evenings at the Bureau of Jewish Education:**

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. • Tues. Aug 30 • Thurs. Oct. 27  
• Tues. Nov. 29 • Tues. Jan. 24.

Fee: \$40 per family. To Register, please call the BJE  
480.634.8050 or send in your check to:  
Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85254



## KEHILLAH OF ARIZONA

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman, Cantor Seth Ettinger

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I hope to see you on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Jewis

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 pleas  
contact me.

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman  
Congregation Kehillah of Arizona  
[www.kehillahofarizona.org](http://www.kehillahofarizona.org)

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

## Donations

Kehillah of Arizona gratefully acknowledges the following donations :

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

Lois Kotin  
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**To the Mitzvah Committee Fund by:**

Reisa and Warren Miller In Memory of Jerry Siegel and  
In Honor of Rebecca Morris's matriculation at Emory University

**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 ir  
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 alway  
To reach the committee chairs listed below, call the Kehillah office at 602-369-7667 – ;  
Kehillah experience!

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

High Holy Days - Toby Gerst  
Membership – Elyse Birnbaum, Arlene Maletta  
Mitzvah (Caring) - Reisa Miller  
Hospitality - Evelyn Simon  
Education - Lesley Hafalia, Alan Hirsh  
Social Action - Amina D'Ambrozio

### ***Kehillah Youth Education Program***

Kehillah's family friendly Youth Education program starts Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. C

Warren Miller, Jonathan Seeltger,  
Bob Liebman, Immediate Past President

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Amina D'Ambrozio, Gil Blumenthal, Lynne Blumenthal, Lesley  
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Sally Oscherwitz, Administrator

Please send notices, photos, event or calendar information, volunteer  
opportunities, etc. to Sally Oscherwitz at  
[administrator@kehillahofarizona.org](mailto:administrator@kehillahofarizona.org) or mail them to the address below.  
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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  
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Website: [www.kehillahofarizona.org](http://www.kehillahofarizona.org)

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office (602-369-7667) to register your child/grandchild today!

## ***Torah Talk***

As Jews, we read the whole Torah every year, or at least we read a part of the *parashah* (torah  
that week, based on the calendar that our rabbis designed eons ago.

Let's face it - very few of us can find the time to do all that reading. So Kehillah offers us an op  
hour and a half, once a month, to discuss that week's portion with Rabbi Sharfman.  
Torah Talk is open to everyone.

You do not have to be able to read Hebrew. You do not have to study the subject in advance.  
is show up with an open and inquiring mind. It's impossible to leave the discussion without one  
interpretation, or thoughtful question still reverberating in your brain.

We meet on Saturday mornings, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, and we rotate our locations so p  
opportunity to host a session. Since there are only nine dates this year, and since I'm hosting 1  
need 8 people to host one session each. Please join us!

As we begin to mark our calendars for the upcoming year, please remember to add the followin  
2011

October 22, November 19, December 17,

2012

January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19

For more information, or to sign up, please call Ellen Lerman, Torah Talk Coordinator, 480-502-4

## ***Hospitality***

Dear Kehillah Family,

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

*With pleasure,*

*Evelyn Simon, VP for Hospitality*

