

# Kehillah Connections

MARCH 2010 / ADAR – NISAN 5770  
VOLUME 2, ISSUE 7

"Kehillah" means community



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SHERRY SIEGEL

Here's the latest sign of Kehillah's growth: We now have our first-ever former President of the Board!

At the March board meeting last week, Bob Liebman stepped down after two years of establishing and leading Kehillah. The amount of work Bob did for Kehillah was extraordinary, and we cannot thank him enough. Please join me in offering Bob our appreciation and our best wishes as he takes on his new position with Kehillah: Immediate Past President.

The new Kehillah President is me. I'm honored, humbled, excited, and most of all determined to make it common knowledge that Kehillah is creating one of the warmest, friendliest and caring Jewish communities in the Valley, and that its spiritual leader, Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman, is one of the most gifted rabbis to be found anywhere.

You'll hear more from me in the weeks and months ahead, but I want to hear more from you, too, so e-mail or call me anytime with your thoughts, ideas, concerns – whatever's on your mind ([essayes@cox.net](mailto:essayes@cox.net); 602-999-2586). This Friday is *Shabbat Across America* – a great opportunity to bring a friend or acquaintance to services. If your friend or acquaintance says "No thanks, I don't enjoy services," that's your cue to say: "Maybe you haven't found the right congregation yet. Come check out Kehillah."

Thanks for reading, and see you this Shabbat.

## MARCH CALENDAR

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, March 12, 7:30 pm**

With Kehillah musical favorites Alan, Becky, Erica & Ian

Please bring non-perishable food donations plus a can of dog or cat food.

Find out why under SOCIAL ACTION.

### TORAH STUDY

**Saturday, March 20, 10:30 am**, at the home of Sherry Siegel, 1033 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix 85020.

Your advance RSVP is appreciated but not required; last minute drop-ins are welcome!

RSVP: Sherry at 602-999-2586.

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, March 26, 7:30 pm**

Even more participatory than usual with "Gert and Sid's Seder."  
(Think Tony & Tina's Wedding, but Passover!)

## APRIL CALENDAR

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, April 9, 7:30 pm**

Introducing our High Holy Days Guest Cantor, Cantor Seth Ettinger

### TORAH STUDY

**Saturday, April 17, 10:30 am**, location to be announced.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, April 23, 7:30 pm**

**DINNER, KABBALAT SHABBAT and SHABBATON**

Watch for more information on our first-ever intergenerational Shabbaton.

**Sunday, April 25**, Israel Independence Day at JCC, noon-4pm

Help staff Kehillah's table; call Sherry at 602-999-2586 to name your time slot.

## **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>.)

At Kehillah's first intergenerational Shabbaton, the creative and talented Lesley Hafalia and Alan Hirsh, along with Rabbi Sharfman, will lead us in programs and activities 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 issue of Connections.

## **OUR PURIM "VAUDEVILLE, VARIETY & TALENT SHOW – SILENT AUCTION, TOO!"**

We enjoyed a fabulous evening – see the photos for proof! So many people helped create our Purim – including audience participants and silent auction donors & bidders – that we are still working on our thank-you list! Look for an update at Kabbalat Shabbat this Friday.



Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman, Whitney Sobel, Kaden D'Ambrozio, Hannah Hafalia, Spencer Eisner, Bradley Hafalia, Andrew Cohen



Rebekah McCarthy with her beautiful daughter, Capitola Seeliger



Sherry Siegel



Marilyn Morris and Rebecca Morris

## SEND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO KEHILLAH!

Amazing! We're really 2 years old! Kehillah is celebrating its second birthday in March.

### *Adopt a prayerbook*

**This is our annual reminder that we welcome your donations for prayerbook bookplates.** For just \$36.00, you can purchase a special bookplate for our Gates of Prayer siddurim that will commemorate Kehillah's third year and will honor you or whomever you choose. Each \$36.00 donation will purchase one bookplate. Please provide the information needed for the form on the next page and send it with your check to the Kehillah office. Your contribution will be remembered every time "your" prayerbook is used.

Presented to **Kehillah of Arizona** by (your name here)

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Founded March 2008 / Adar 5768**

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up & Shabbat Across America

This month Kehillah of Arizona will participate in the American Jewish World Service's campaign to fight global hunger. **Please bring your non-perishable food donations to Shabbat Services on Friday, March 12.** Add one can of cat or dog food, as we will also be making a donation to a local pet shelter to feed our little friends. Find out more about this AJWS campaign at <http://ajws.org/hunger/>.

This week is *Shabbat Across America* and we invite you to participate with us by inviting your friends, family members and neighbors to Kehillah's Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, March 12. We look forward to seeing you and your guests.

As always, if you have any questions, contact Amina D'Ambrozio at [adambrozio@gmail.com](mailto:adambrozio@gmail.com).

## EDUCATION

Our Youth Education Program (YEP) and Adult Education Program (AEP) offer ongoing opportunities for you and your children. Get a taste of Kehillah's creative approach to education at Kabbalat Shabbat on March 26, where you'll learn about Passover at "Gert and Sid's Seder." It's never too early or too late to expand your Jewish horizons. We'd love to hear about any topics that you would like to study. Please call or e-mail the Kehillah office and let us know!

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

*Refuah Shleyimah* to: Ilene Malka

**\*\*\*If you have any change in your email or mailing address or phone number, PLEASE call the office and let us know! 602-369-7667\*\*\***

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

### **For the Tu B'shevat Walk:**

To our walkers: Alan Hirsh, the entire Hafalia Family, Sharon Wechsler, Marci Sheer, Spencer Eisner, Amina & Kaden D'Ambrozio

### To those who donated:

Ilene Malka, Lois Kotin, Ellen & Elliott Lerman, Warren and Reisa Miller, Evelyn & Danny Simon, Amina D'Ambrozio.

## 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, 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>.

Sunday, April 25, Israel Independence Day at JCC, noon-4pm

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, March 20

Saturday, April 17

---

\*\*\*\*\*April Kehillah Connections Deadline: Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at noon\*\*\*\*\*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bonnie Sharfman, Rabbi

Sherry Siegel, President

Ceil Siegel, VP for Programming

Evelyn Simon, VP for Hospitality

Alan Hirsh, VP for Education

Lindsay Gilbert, Secretary

Dan Simon, Treasurer

Warren Miller

Jonathan Seeliger

Bob Liebman, Immediate Past President

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gil Blumenthal

Lynne Blumenthal

Amina D'Ambrozio

Linda Feldman

Lesley Hafalia

Rebekah McCarthy

Alan Michels  
Cathy Michels  
Reisa Miller  
Joan Sirotkin  
Debbie Sobel  
Amy Wasserman

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Vicki Bates  
Lindsay Gilbert  
Lesley Hafalia  
Rebekah McCarthy  
Debbie Sobel  
Amy Wasserman

Ellen Lerman, Office Manager

Kehillah Connections is published monthly except for July. Please send notices, photos, event or calendar information, volunteer opportunities, etc. to Ellen at [kehillahofarizona@gmail.com](mailto:kehillahofarizona@gmail.com) 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. Checks may be made out to Kehillah of Arizona and mailed to the address below.

To receive Kehillah Connections monthly and other Kehillah news, please send us your e-mail address. We promise not to sell or give out that address.

Kehillah of Arizona

Mailing Address: 10810 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 102-308, Phoenix, AZ 85028

Meeting Address: 18010 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85032 (map: <http://tinyurl.com/yl4amtj>)

Phone: 602-369-7667

E-mail: [kehillahofarizona@gmail.com](mailto:kehillahofarizona@gmail.com)

Website: [www.kehillahofarizona.com](http://www.kehillahofarizona.com)



Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail