

# Kehillah Connections

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*"Kehillah" means community*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **SHERRY SIEGEL**

We have many reasons to celebrate this month; I'll share just three.

First, Rabbi Sharfman has been named President of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix. I know you join me in feeling great pride, and in wishing the Rabbi great success and a productive term. In fact, why not congratulate the Rabbi in person tomorrow:

Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18th, is our 7:30pm service in celebration of the Festival of Shavuot (the giving and receiving of the Ten Commandments). We'll also honor our teachers, students, Board and Advisory Committee for their participation and service, and especially honor and publicly thank our founding president, Bob Liebman.

The third reason to celebrate? We have arranged for Cantor Seth Ettinger to join us for High Holy Days and for Kabbalat Shabbat

services once each month. If you met Cantor Ettinger in April, you know he's fabulously talented, personable, and soulful. This is an exciting step forward for Kehillah.

These three reasons to celebrate are each "firsts" for Kehillah. To me, one of the most exciting and fun things about Kehillah is that we are creating it together, right now. Our celebrations, our rituals, our entire future can be whatever we want it to be. I'm so glad we're having this experience together.

Thanks for reading, and see you tomorrow at 7:30pm.

## ON THE CALENDAR

### EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE (TEN COMMANDMENTS)

**Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 pm**

Celebrate Torah and Kehillah, including honoring our teachers and students and installation of the new Board of Directors

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, June 11, 7:30 pm**

Join us for our last service for the summer! Kabbalat Shabbat services will resume on August 13.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### *Kehillah offers a Mazel Tov to:*

Annie Braslawsce, on the graduation of her son, Adam, from Barry Goldwater High School. Adam plans to go into the medical field.

Irma Gottlieb and Clara Stander on their special birthdays

The Hafalia family on their adoption of Bosley, their first-ever dog, from Second Chance Rescue.

(They are setting an example of living a mitzvah...that of 'tzar ba'alei chayim', the mitzvah of caring for animals through their adoption of a rescue animal.)

Erica Morris on the release of her debut CD, *For a Moment*. You can hear it at [cdbaby.com/cd/EricaAlanaMorris](http://cdbaby.com/cd/EricaAlanaMorris).

Rebecca Morris on her election to the regional board of NFTY-Southwest as Religious and Cultural VP, her election as Secretary of the National Honor Society, Horizon High School chapter and Treasurer of the Horizon High School Choirs

Joan Sirotkin, on the graduation of her grandson, Zachary Sirotkin, who is graduating high school in Vail, CO and has plans to study music.

*Kehillah extends a Refua Shleyma to:*

Stephen Gerst, Maxie Lechter, Reisa Miller, Jerry Siegel, Pam Siegel, Danny Simon, and Peggy Wilson

*Kehillah mourns the loss of:*

Howard Gabriel, z"l, husband of Millie, father of Leslie and Donna, father in law of Rich and Walter, grandfather of Eric and Jessica

Jerry Braslawsce, z"l, brother of Annie, uncle of Adam

## HIGH HOLIDAY DAY CHOIR

We are looking for more singers for our High Holiday Choir. Please contact the office and let us know of your interest (and talent!) We'll pass your information on to Jill Higgins, our Choir Director. 602-369-7667

## SOCIAL ACTION

From *Amina D'ambrozio*, Social Action Chairperson:

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make 5770 a successful year for Kehillah of Arizona. We raised food for the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank, packed food boxes for the needy at the St. Mary's Food Bank "Rock & Box" event, and served food at the UMOM New Day Center. Next year we'll begin collecting non-perishable food at each Kehillah Shabbat Service.

Over the summer I'll be planning our social action direction and activities for next year – with *your* participation and ideas. What do you care about? What problems and challenges are on your mind? Contact me with your suggestions and concerns at [adambrozio@gmail.com](mailto:adambrozio@gmail.com).

## EDUCATION

Our Youth Education Program (YEP), which includes a Bar/Bat Mitzvah track, is now registering students for its second year. Kehillah's innovative YEP program offers a unique family-friendly schedule. We can't say that too many times: **Unique family-friendly schedule!** If you're the parent of a school-age child (or know any), you're well aware of the exhausting challenge of after-school driving, drop-offs and pick-ups... Our unique family friendly schedule puts an end to all that – so help us get the word out! Unique family-friendly schedule!

Think you're too old for the YEP? Well, we have an "EP" for you, too. Our Adult Education Program (AEP) is ready to offer you a variety of classes and seminar topics, because it's always the right time to expand your Jewish horizons. Tell us what topics you'd like to explore in an e-mail or phone call to the Kehillah office.

## LOCAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

## ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS JEWISH HERITAGE DAY

**Sunday August 22, 1:10 pm**

Colorado Rockies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks at Chase Field

Let's go together! Contact the Kehillah office so we can all connect.

See the attached flyer for details.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

### **To the Rabbi's Discretionary fund**

from Rich and Leslie Goldman, in appreciation

from Reisa & Warren Miller in memory of Reisa Miller's parents, Abe & Fannie Sterling

from Earl & Barbara Sharfman, for wishes for re'fuah Shlayma to Dan Simon, Stephen Gerst & Jerry Siegel

### **To the Kehillah Fund**

from Penny Celmins, in memory of Howard Gabriel, father of Leslie Goldman

from Penny Celmins, in memory of her parents, Al and Audrey Wallack

from Sherry Siegel, for birthday wishes to Clara Stander & Irma Gottlieb

from Sherry Siegel, for wishes for *refua shleyma* to Dan Simon, Stephen Gerst, Peggy Simon & Maxie Lechter

from Sherry Siegel, in memory of Howard Gabriel, father of Leslie Goldman

### **To the Education Fund**

from Sherry Siegel, with appreciation to Alan Hirsh & Lesley Hafalia

## 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*

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\*\*\*\*\***June Kehillah Connections Deadline: Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at  
noon\*\*\*\*\***

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