



**JEWISH WAR VETERANS
of the United States of America
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210
April 2018 Newsletter**



**THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING.
WE WILL BE HAVE OUR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON ON APRIL 15.
Our May meeting will be May 6th The June meeting will be on June 3rd.**

IMPORTANT DATES

April 7th at 5 PM Passover Seder at the Veteran's Home
April 8th 1 PM Holocaust Remembrance Day at Beth El
April 15th Installation Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy.
This is by reservation only and we are no longer taking reservations.



**COMMANDERS
MESSAGE**

Shalom!
First off, I'd like to give a hearty thank you to David Woodland for providing our 'guest speaker' for this month's meeting: Edward R. Murrow. As you'll read in this newsletter, the original broadcast was stunning in nature, plus then

it's history of being lost to the public for so many years, yet was able to be brought to us through David's connections. David has brought us so many interesting guest speakers in the past, and we very much appreciate his efforts and contributions.

Unfortunately, there were only a few of us who enjoyed breakfast together, heard the special broadcast, and participated in the planning for our post. We missed the majority of you and it was unknown as to why (in most cases). Post 210 is here today because of ALL of us, and it's sad and disconcerting to not be able to meet regularly. While we are looking outwards to attract new members, we are constantly looking inwards to provide for our current members and programs. We need YOU to communicate with the board with what YOU would like to see and do with OUR Post 210. Is there a kind of guest speaker you'd like to see at meetings? Is there a social event you'd like to attend? An organization you feel we should look at supporting? A new/old Veteran program you heard about and think we should implement? Please be in touch, both with the positive as well as any concerns you have, and let's return to the growth Post 210 has experienced in the past.

With blessings, especially for a wonderful Passover with family and friends,
Rochel

Commander Hayman began the meeting with having David Woodland do double duty acting as both Chaplain and Officer of the Day. Rochel then thanked the Posts Past Commanders, David Woodland, Mel Brody, Bernie Kaplan and Michael Chambers for their service to the Post. She gave a short Dvar Torah about Passover by telling a couple of jokes: What military base is off limits on Passover... Fort Levenworth. What is the difference between matzvoth and cardboard? Cardboard doesn't leave crumbs on the carpet. The Hebrew word for Egypt is Mizraim meaning limitations. Meaning taken out and we were taken out of Egypt physically and mentally and wandered for 40 years so that we would leave that slave mentally. We are also told to keep a fire on the alter and never let it be extinguished to make sure things don't disappear. This is the time of year that we are clearing out the old, the chametz, the rising agent, that might be limiting us.

Our speaker David Woodland was asked to play a very special recording he has of Edward R. Murrow visiting BUCHENWALD. David first said he wanted to correct an item where the newsletter said that he got this recording while he was in Europe but he was never in Europe he was only in the Pacific. I was recording books for the blind and for ASU for about 20 years and I met Bill Shadel while listening to a tape that he had made for ABC News where he worked for 20 years. (During World War II, Shadel covered the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion for CBS Radio. During his years at CBS, Shadel worked alongside Murrow, Howard K. Smith, Walter Cronkite, and Eric Sevareid). This is a historic broadcast by Edward R. Murrow.



Per Shadel once they reached the the camp we determined that it was the notorious Buchenwald. In the alpine woods gunfire could be heard. Our forces were trying to round up some German troops and camp officials. Shadel and Murrow were the first reporters in the German concentration camp. They came by jeep and were swarmed by the starving and dying. Mr. Shadel said it was the memory of the living, not the multitudes of dead, that stayed with him most. This is a historic broadcast by Edward R. Murrow. Bill explains on the recording how he found it. This was recorded on shortwave in 1945 taking place on the 12th of April in 1945, the same day that President Franklin Roosevelt died. Mr. Murrow went on to describe what he saw. "But the manner of death seemed unimportant. Murder had been done at Buchenwald. God alone knows how many men and boys have died there during the last 12 years. I was told that there were more than 20,000 in the camp. In another part of the camp they showed me the children, hundreds of them. Some were only 6 years old. One rolled up his sleeves, showed me his number. It was tattooed on his arm. B-6030. The others showed me their numbers. They will carry them till they die. An elderly man standing beside me said: "The children — enemies of the state!" I could see their ribs through their thin shirts.... I pray you to believe what I have said about Buchenwald. I reported what I saw and heard, but only part of it. For most of it, I have no words. If I have offended you by this rather mild account of Buchenwald, I'm not in the least sorry...." The Germans in the surrounding countryside were well fed while the people in Buchenwald were emaciated and dying or were already dead. Hundreds died every day.

There was too much for me (the editor Steven) to put into this article. The entire transcript can be found on You Tube if you search Edward R. Murrow describes Buchenwald. Listening to Davids CD was just amazing even though I have listened to the transcript and other background on both Bill Sidel and Edward R. Murrow a dozen times and I know and have read and heard what happened it is still so sad and unbelievable. We have all heard & seen much about the horrors of Hitler's rath. To hear about it first hand (so to speak) was heartbreaking, This is the link to the article on You Tube -- <https://youtu.be/1o-CUOiKCCg>

An aside from Mel. General George S. Patton wrote in his autobiography "that the number of Weimar citizens brought to the camp was 1,500, although other accounts say it was 2,000. The German civilians had to march five miles up a steep hill, escorted by armed American soldiers. It took two days for the Weimar residents to file through Buchenwald. No precautions

were taken to protect them from the typhus epidemic in the camp.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

We have money in the bank and are looking forward to our Memorial Day popping. We had 2 large expenses. I sent \$250.00 to the WWI Memorial which put them a little over their goal and \$650.00 for the Patriotic Gala.

Also at our last board meeting we discussed our continuing support of Mana House, even though they are supported by Catholic Charities. We will provide some of the smaller items that are needed. Also we are adding Veterans First on the places that we will support. Joan Sisco and is heading that up, it includes Mary Ellen's Place. Joan serves as AZ State Coordinator for Homeless Veterans, and AZ State Coordinator for Women Veterans.

The rumor is that JWV National may be eliminating the requirement of providing matching funds. We will keep you updated.

Michael brought up from the UAV meeting that across the street from Mana House there is a place called Furniture for Veteran's. For \$900.00 per apartment they will furnish everything needed by the Veteran. Michael thinks that we should support this and will do more research and bring it to the board meeting.

ADJUTANTS REPORT

Everyone did receive their newsletter. The Passover Seder will be here at 5 PM on April 7th. No April Meeting but we will be having our installation luncheon on April 15th at 1 PM at Maggiano's Little Italy. We are full up at 30 people with reservations there is no more room.

On April 8th at 1 PM we have the Holocaust Remembrance Day at Beth El.

OLD BUSINESS

Rochel thanked Steven for getting us recognition in the magazines, Jewish News and Arizona Jewish Life and a photo on the JWV National website. The chartering the Boy Scout Troop is in process.

NEW BUSINESS

In May the holiday of Shavuot comes on our meeting date we are changing it to the first Sunday of the month May 6th same time / same place. Also on June 3rd we will have our meeting here. This meeting was an anomaly because we had so few people here. I hope we can have more participation at our May meeting. There is now a policy change at the National Cemetery. Families members can now go to the graveside to sprinkle dirt on their loved ones coffin. The rule was put in place to prevent people from falling into open graves.

Kosher food pantry opens



From left, Elchonon Gross, Yechezkel Friedman, Billy Flowers and Moshe Shipkin stand in front of the freshly restocked shelves of the recently opened Kosher Food Pantry in Phoenix. **Photo by Jeff Kronenfeld**

Now precautions have been made. Prior arrangements must be made and it only concerns Jewish burials.

Also in May we need people to go out and help poppy and participation at the National Cemetery for Memorial Day.

St Mary’s Food bank added Ezras Cholim as a partner agency (see article). They now have Kosher food and vegetables for people who need it. If you would like to schedule a private visit to the Kosher Food Pantry, 6516 N 7th Street #100, Phoenix, to pick up food, please contact Yechezkel at 602-348-1475. Your privacy will be maintained in strict confidence. The hours of operation areas follows:

- Monday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Tuesday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
- Wednesday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
- Thursday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
- Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

On April 18th @ 7:00PM Valley Beit Midrash in conjunction with Congregation Or Tzion 16415 N 90th St. Scottsdale, is having a film screening of the movie Above and Beyond about the beginnings of the State of Israel during the War of Independence a group of Jewish American pilots answered the call for help. Let Rochel know if you are coming to see if we can get a group rate otherwise the suggested donation is \$18. Another thing we talked about at the board meeting was setting up informational tables at events such as at Jonathan’s Walk. Please keep your eyes open where we might be able to put a table up. Let a board member know. Moshe Apelas will help Steven get contact information on colleges and anyone that has a publication, including Hillel and other student veteran organizations that we may be able to advertise in for the Jewish War Veterans. The next meeting our installation dinner on April 15th. The next Department meeting is on June 10th hosted Post 194.

The chaplain gave the closing prayer and closed the alter.

A LITTLE HUMOR

From Bernie Kaplan

JEWISH COMEDIANS

Some of us miss the old kind of Yiddish humor. Not a single swear word in their comic routines as shown below:

A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I've been in love with tile same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!

In Arizona, one in six people struggles with food insecurity, according to the Arizonans Preventing Hunger Action Plan 2017. Yechezkel Friedman, co-founder and president of Ezras Cholim of Phoenix (ECP), is quick to point out that this number includes many members of the Jewish community. This is one of the reasons ECP opened the Kosher Food Pantry last week, a kosher food bank available to the community five days a week.

Another reason for the pantry’s creation was a promise Friedman made to Baila Neuwirth, an ECP co-founder: “Baila was on her deathbed, laboring with her breathing, and I told her, ‘I’ll continue what you started, to my last breath,’ ” Friedman said.

As he recalled this story, Elchonon Gross, ECP’s executive officer, and Billy Flowers, ECP’s transportation coordinator, came into the room carrying boxes of groceries. They had just arrived from St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance network, which partners with ECP. Through St. Mary’s, the kosher pantry is a part of a national food-pantry called Feeding America.

Friedman explained that all those in need have to do is show up, fill out some basic paperwork and then start selecting their food items. He emphasized that Jewish people of all backgrounds and denominations are welcome in the judgment-free space.

“It’s mostly for the needy, but if anybody comes down, we don’t say no,” Friedman said. He went on to explain that people are then free to select whatever food they want, with some limits placed on high-demand items.

As he unloaded loafs of Dave’s Killer Bread, Gross said St. Mary’s Food Bank added ECP as a partner agency on Jan. 25. ECP was founded in 2015.

“They were extremely happy to have a kosher pantry because they feel that there’s food insecurity in our community and it might not be getting addressed,” Gross said. He added that the food comes from a number of different places, though most comes from direct donations and from St. Mary’s. They also work with a number of local restaurants, such as LaBella Pizzeria and Restaurant, Imperial Kosher Market & Deli, Kitchen 18 and 101 Kosher.

Friedman said he hates food waste almost as much as he hates hunger, and was happy to be able to pair up with local businesses to combat both.

Gross added that ECP runs additional programming to help “the sick and needy” throughout the community. Through the Tomchei Shabbos Zichron Baila, which was renamed in honor of Neuwirth, the group provides food to families for Shabbat. They also lend out crockpots and warming trays, so families can enjoy a warm meal while respecting the day of rest. ECP also brings professionally prepared kosher meals to hospitals and nursing homes through its Get Well Meals program.

Friedman said the food pantry and partnership with St. Mary’s is off to a strong start.

As a matter of fact, they’re very good at setting stuff aside for us,” Friedman said. “They put away so much, we can’t take it all. This morning, we got a lot of stuff and it’s going to all be gone by the end of the weekend. On Monday morning, we’ll be going back to get more.” ECP isn’t done expanding its services just yet, either. Gross said they are currently developing a program that would help house out-of-town medical patients and their families. They are also developing their website further with hopes of introducing a feature allowing volunteers to schedule their hours online.

Looking over the shelves and freezers stocked with food, Friedman choked up as he imagined what Neuwirth would think.

“If she walked in here now, the smile on her face would have gone from ear to ear,” Friedman said. “That’s the way she was and that’s the way we will remember her.”

For more information on Ezras Cholim of Phoenix, visit www.ezrascholim.com

Some Words of Wisdom

AGE
by David

Youth is the gift from nature, but aging is a work of art. A secret of aging well is to carry the spirit of the child, never losing your enthusiasm. Aging should

disclose the power of personal growth, and show your own achievements. You can replace the thinking of youth with the wisdom of aging, youthful innocence with understanding, and confusion with purpose and actualization.

Some people, as in wine, improve with age, but some make vinegar. You must not discard what your life so far has provided, so examine your vineyard, look for the grapes of ambition and progress, and make the wine of your years. Be aware of the life of today, suppress the thought of comparisons with previous times. Accomplish much of the modern way, but always harboring the moralities of where you have been, and leaning on the past when called for. Hold dear the remembering of happy moments which will soften some of the difficulties that arrive with the years.

Aging should not be characterized as losing youth, but finding opportunities. Keep the mind as young as you can, and exercise it in the gym of learning. Creativity is the fuel for updating the aging mind. Embrace and hold to the age you have become. Make it the best day so far. Quoting Mark Twain,

" Age is an issue of mind over matter...

If you don't mind, it doesn't matter".

TECHNOLOGY

by David Woodland

Technology is a useful servant, but a dangerous master.

Technology, simply put, is a process stimulating potential progress; what was, what is, what will be life in a society which is hugely dependent upon science and technology. Technical advances show no good or evil intentions...It's how you use it. One thing certain, the character of technology that will never change, is change.

Recognize personal want and need, weigh importance, and calculate potential. Science and technology have changed many things, but it is human memories and tradition that will constitute the response.

Technology spends much talent and time on accelerating communication. Verbal communication, the ability to listen and learn remains the X factor to mastering communication.

Use technology wisely to exercise verbal skills, or someday a blown fuse will end a technical operated conversation, published words, and vital activities.

A LITTLE MORE HUMOR

A cute Jewish story

Ira Kaplan, hadn't returned to the old neighborhood since he went off to fight in Vietnam.

During a business trip to New York he visits his old neighborhood on Kotler Avenue in the Bronx.

Everything has changed over the years. Where once there was Edelstein's Delicatessen, there is now a McDonald's; where Fleischman's Dry Cleaning (One-Hour Martinizing) used to be, a Korean nail salon and spa now is; where Ginsberg's Department Store was, there is now a Gap. Nothing is the same, except for the narrow storefront of Klonsky's Shoe Repair, which, dimly lit as ever, is still in business.

As Kaplan passes the shop, he recalls that just before he was drafted to go off to Vietnam, he had left a pair of shoes with Mr. Klonsky that he never bothered to pick up. Could they, he wonders, possibly still be there? A small bell tinkles as he enters the dark shop. Mr. Klonsky, who seemed old 40 years ago, shuffles out from the back. He is hunched over, wearing a leather apron, one eye all but closed. "Excuse me, Mr. Klonsky," Kaplan says, "but I used to live in this neighborhood, and 40 years ago I left a pair of shoes with you for repair that I never picked up. Is there any chance you might still have them?"

Klonsky stares at him and, in his strong Eastern European accent, asks, "Vas dey black vingtips?" "They were indeed," Kaplan only now recalls. "And you wanted a halv sole, mit rubber heels?" "And you wanted taps on the heels only?" "Yes," says Kaplan. "That's exactly what I wanted."

. "Amazing! Do you still have them?"

Mr. Klonsky looks up at him, his good eye asquint, and says, "Dey'll be ready Vendsday."

JUST PLAIN NEAT INFORMATION...

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

WELFARE

Please don't forget Millie Lichter, 480-661-1130 our Sunshine Lady. If someone knows anyone who is ill or in the hospital PLEASE notify her so that the Post can respond.

Our member Jeanine Koror, puts together gift bags for the residents at the Veterans Home. These are composed of small item that are free from hotel stays or anything you want to donate. They cannot contain mouthwash or razors. Contact her at 480-948-2171 or cell 602-376-2359

Don't forgot to take advantage of big savings. Register at VETTIX. It is a great inexpensive way to see sporting events, concerts and other venues that come to town. All you have to do is send in proof of military service ie: DD 214 and follow their registration process, Go to www.vettix.org

PASSINGS

Darlene Sutz

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7 - Gerald Luckman
10 - Harold Hoffman

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The Jewish War Veterans invites any qualified veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America to become a Member in the oldest veterans organization in the Nation!!! If you are not a qualified veteran, you can join as a Patron Donor and support the organization.

THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS:

As you open your pockets to do a good thing and make yourself feel good, please keep the following facts in mind.

<p><u>The American Red Cross</u> President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses. Lottsa money/donations unaccounted-for..</p>	<p><u>MARCH OF DIMES</u> It is called the March of Dimes because <u>only a dime for every 1 dollar is given to the needy.</u></p>	<p><u>The United Way</u> President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits. Boy Scouts, BSA, excluded.!!!</p>	<p><u>UNICEF</u> CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k permonth) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. <u>Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.</u></p>	<p><u>GOODWILL</u> CEO and owner Mark Curran profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. <u>\$0.00 goes to help anyone!</u> Stop giving to this man.</p>
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Instead, give it to ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GO "GREEN" AND PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD:

<p><u>The Salvation Army</u> Commissioner, Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. <u>96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.</u></p>	<p><u>The American Legion</u> National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p><u>The Veterans of Foreign Wars</u> National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p><u>The Disabled American Veterans</u> National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p><u>The Military Order of Purple Hearts</u> National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>
<p><u>The Vietnam Veterans Association</u> National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p><u>Make a Wish</u>: For children's last wishes. 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.</p>	<p><u>St. Jude Research Hospital</u> 100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and can not afford to pay.</p>	<p><u>Ronald McDonald Houses</u> All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.</p>	<p><u>Lions Club International</u> 100% OF DONATIONS GO TO HELP THE BLIND, BUY HEARING AIDES, SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. THEIR LATEST UNDERTAKING IS MEASLES VACCINATIONS (ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).</p>