



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



Our February meeting will be **Sunday, the 18th** at 10 AM, at the State Veterans Home, 4141 N. S. Herrera Way, just North of Indian School Road, Phoenix. PH: 602-248-1550. Refreshments at 9:30 AM, free to all members and guests.

Our Speaker for February will be one of our members **Stuart Turgel**. He will speak on how a nonprofit executive transitions to becoming a meaningful contributor to the community as a retiree. He is also the Producer & Host of The Phoenix File a weekly newsmagazine on www.radiophoenix.org.
Hope you can attend.

Our February Social will on the 25th of February at 1 PM at New York Bagels N Bialys
6990 East Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale.
Please call Steven Troy 623-594-5022 or steventroyjvw@gmail.com for reservations
PLEASE JOIN US.

**COMMANDERS
REPORT**



Happy New Year...Again!

We have lots of opportunities to 'start fresh' every year, not only on January 1st, or even Rosh Hashana. Actually, every day we're given that 'gift.' The additional good news is that resolutions we commit to, even if we don't succeed once, we can (and should) try, try again. Your board members have had many conversations on where we are now as well as where the future of our Post 210 can go, and while sometimes it looks challenging, it's also very encouraging. We had a beautiful December meeting and Chanukah party where we welcomed members who we've not seen in a while and in order to keep the momentum going, we need - and want - YOU! While we are looking at outreach for new members, the understanding is there of the extreme importance of inreach. I need some volunteers to give a couple of hours a week for a couple of projects. Please be in touch with me for details.

Looking forward to seeing you and your guests at the upcoming Post meeting on February 18th!

Fondly,
Rochel

Commander Hayman began the meeting with Officer of the Day, David Woodland opening the alter and Chaplain Julie Altman giving the opening prayer. She then recognized our past commanders, Michael Chambers, Bernie Kaplan, David Woodland, Mel Brody and Julie Altman.

Rochel talked about the Torah portion for this week when the Jewish People had begun their journey out of Egypt and already crossed the Red Sea, they were learning that they were no longer slaves but a free people. We all have had miracles in our life and when we do we should remember to say thank you as the Jewish People did those many years ago.

Rochel then called upon David Woodland who introduced Brandon Valentine as a longtime friend. The presentation that Brandon gave today was called investing 101 prepared by Franklin Templeton Investments. It is basically about why people invest, to buy a house, take a vacation or most people want to be independently wealthy. An example is in the S & P, if you would have invested \$10,000 in 1966 you would have had, in 2016, over a million dollars. The way that you beat inflation is to invest to own things.

There are 3 main asset branches, stocks, bonds and cash alternatives. Over the last 20 years stocks have grown by 8%, and bonds by 5%. Mutual funds are an actively managed investment company. They pool money from individuals and institutions sharing a common goal. Professional money managers build a portfolio of many securities.

You need to be diversified in different funds in case something happens to one of the assets the others may keep the fund going. Stock funds - a growth stock is a younger company, like Apple & Netflix reinvests into itself so that it grows and may pay a small dividend. A value stock would be like Johnson & Johnson & AT&T where they see their investment earnings the give the shareholders a larger dividend. Sector funds are like bio technology, technology, gold, agriculture and energy funds. Global fund investing has higher costs but foreign stocks have shown their worth over the years.

Invest your funds in different asset categories, stocks, bonds and cash equivalents, so you are diversified. Three popular strategies for investing. 1. Chasing the winners; investing in last years best performing asset class. 2. Investing with the loser; investing in last year's worst performing asset class. 3. Asset allocation; investing consistently across several asset classes.

Put risk and reward in perspective. An asset allocated portfolio

would have provided returns with less risk than several other asset classes.

A quote from Sir John Templeton, former chairman and founder of Templeton Funds; "History shows that time-not-timing is the key to investment success"

Commander Hayman and David Woodland then thanked Brandon for his informative talk and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.



QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Michael Chambers reported that we are in a good financial position and that he spoke with Natalie Bedwell about poppy collecting. The FRY's stores that we will be collecting at for Memorial Day and Veterans Day will be the 5 stores we had requested; Pima & Shea, Thompson Peak & Hayden, Via Linda & Pima, Tatum & Shea and the Anthem store. We will be giving up the store at 77th & McDowell which is the store that Jonathan collected but we will find a closer store for him. We will be able to collect on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, not Thursday. At the Pima & Shea and Via Linda & Shea stores we are not allowed to collect at those stores on Monday.

We will be having the SuperBowl Party on February 4th at 4PM. Everything has been purchased. This year we will be handing out cash prizes for bingo this year because the store in the building no longer takes tickets. Michael was able to get the pizza's for \$3.00 each from Pizza Hut. He does have 40 footballs to give out. We need volunteers to help. Everything is pretty well organized.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Rochel complimented the Adjutant, Steven Troy for getting us good publicity and getting our name in many publications and in the news.

Rochel stated that we still had volunteering going on, Michael & Bernie visit the Veterans Home every Monday, Jeanine is still collecting toiletries. She did an after action report as a result of the last meeting and Chanukah party and we gained new members.

JWV is starting a Post 4 for 55 and younger, but that is still in the planning stage.

The StandDown is the 25th & 26th of January and is now funded by United Way.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday the 6th of February so that a speaker from the Boy Scouts can attend to present us with information about chartering a Pack/Troop. We will also be discussing what organizations we will be donating to this year. Anyone wanting to come to the meeting is invited.

Also is the Friendship Circle that promotes an inclusive community that nurtures all children regardless of their abilities. This is all part of Jonathan's Walk held on Sunday January 28th at Chaparral Park.

Our new member Moshe Apelas will be speaking at the Limmud AZ, a one day celebration of Jewish Life and learning at an educational forum on Sunday, February 11th. The subject will be the October 1973 war in Israel where the United States went to DEFCON 3. This will be held at the ASU Conference Center at Memorial Union, 301 E Orange Mall, Arizona State University, Tempe.

We still need help putting together lists of congregations with newsletters and groups where we might be able to get our name out to prospective new members.

Next meeting is Sunday February 18th.

Rochel then closed the meeting with the Chaplain giving the closing prayer and the officer of the day closing the alter.

On Sunday we had our monthly social at the Village Tavern in Scottsdale. The food and service was outstanding and we were given a 10% military discount. They have a great happy hour menu, good on Sundays. Definitely a restaurant to come back to, however **we need better participation. What do we need to do differently? I am open to all suggestions. Transportation ??? Name your restaurant.** We need to have better participation to continue. Next month will be at New York Bagels N Bialys. Hopefully I will see more of you there but I do need you to call me Steven Troy for reservations at 623-594-5022 or email steventroyjwv@gmail.com.



Mel Brody, Michael Chambers, Bernie Kaplan, Terry Lipovitch, Marshall Racowsky, Steven Troy & Fred Lipovitch

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 Korner, puts together gift bags for the residents at the Veterans Home. These are composed of small items 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 forget 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 <http://www.vettix.org/>

OPPORTUNITY

Thomas Edison said it;"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls, and looks like work". Opportunities do not show up announced. They present themselves subtly, require recognition, and may disappear if not greeted, and taken to be appreciated. They definitely are not for tomorrow's attention, but demand immediate actions and development to mean something more.

There are usually obstacles to overcome, but often they are seen

only when your eyes stray from the goal. Sometimes you conquer uphill climbs, and find that the trip downhill is when you pick up speed. The road to success is certainly not a freeway, and you may not have gone where you intended to go, but you end up where you intended to be.

TRUTH

"Truth is like the sun. It goes away by night, but still there in the morning". Who said that? Elvis Presley. It appears to go away at times, but is still just around the corner of enlightenment. Truth? The Golden Rule is truth exemplified. Simple truth, one to another, is human society's regulator.

Truth is more than honest communication. It covers all motivations, situations, and relations. Proof?...Eliminate the impossible. What's left must be the truth. At first, truth may be mocked, then opposed, but finally regarded as self evident.

Truth can always be shown by honesty and integrity, about not taking shortcuts, or using your own version of the truth, and that honesty is the first step toward wisdom. Thus truth is self evident; If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

A LITTLE HUMOR

60 YEARS TOGETHER...

Their three kids, all successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son number one. "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient ... you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift."

"Not to worry," said the father. "The important thing is we're all together today."

Son number two arrived. "You and Mom look great. Dad, I just flew in from Montreal between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you." "It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and happy anniversary! Sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's some-thing your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were really poor, but we managed to send each of you to college. Through the years your mother and I knew

we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and said, "WHAT? You mean we're bastards?"

"Yep," said the father. "Cheap ones, too..."

The Hotel Bill

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel.

When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00. She demanded to know why the charge was so high.

"I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', and breakfast had been included had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced:

"This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous.

"We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes' discussion, and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for \$50.00."

"That's correct I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with Senior Citizens

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6 - Jeanine Korer

12 - Jay Simons

14 - Ron Burksbaum

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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.