



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



Our January meeting will be **Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 January will be financial advisor, Brandon Valentine. Hope you can attend.**

Our January Social will on the 28th of January at 1 PM at The Tavern Inn, 8787 N Scottsdale Rd, Please call Steven Troy 623-594-5022 or [steventroyjwv@gmail.com](mailto:steventroyjwv@gmail.com) for reservations  
Please Attend

COMMANDERS  
REPORT



Post 210 did an excellent job of mixing business with pleasure at December's combination meeting & Chanukah party. It was extremely nice to have an overflow crowd in the Liberty Hall! It makes me wonder if planning a party every month would be a good idea! We do plan on continuing with excellent guest speakers and want to hear about who you'd like to hear from too. As we're heading into the new secular year, it's giving us another reminder we can always be looking for new opportunities. See you soon!

Rochel

Commander Hayman began the meeting with Officer of the Day David Woodland preparing the alter and Chaplain Jonathan Sorrel giving the opening prayer. She welcomed all of our past commanders that were in attendance, Michael Chambers, Mel Brody, David Woodland, Julie Altman, Jonathan Sorrel and our members that have not attended meetings for a while, Lorraine Ball-Schwarzwald and Bernie Brownstein and to some of our guests, Lou Kelter and Jay Lowenthal. We would also like to welcome our guests from the community.

Rochel then told a story about Chanukah. The two iconic miracles couldn't be more different. An inexperienced band of Jewish priests defeated the

Syrian/Greek juggernauts and then, in the Temple, a small jar of sacred oil that burned for 8 days. How can we compare it to today? It would be like having the battery on your cell phone at 10% and last for 8 days without recharging. It doesn't happen. It was truly a miracle. One of these iconic events was an unlikely display of military might and the other a show of spiritual endurance. Chanukah has only one purpose, the triumph of quality over quantity. It shows that we are not really defined by what we have but by who we are. Every year Chanukah reminds us of that.

I would like to have Jonathan Sorrell introduce our first guest speakers, who are from the "Quilts of Valor Foundation." Cheryl Voirin spoke about the organization being a non-profit and not a charitable organization. In 2003 a woman named Catherine Roberts, of Seaford, Delaware, a blue star mom, whose child was serving in Iraq, wanted to protect the Veteran not only from the cool of the night but also from their demons. "Suffering comes in many different ways," she said, "and the quilt is something tangible that says thank you and for the sacrificing of valor."



The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. This movement has now spread across the United States and even has an international presence. Volunteers are recruited from across the country to make the "Quilts," which are made specifically for the Veterans who will receive it. Each quilt costs an average of about \$300.00 to make.

We acknowledge that Freedom is not Free. There is a cost for our freedom that is paid for by the dedication of our



Bob Bernal presenting a medal to Rochel



Rochel being presented with a Quilt of Valor by Bob Bernal, Rebecca Bernal and Cheryl Voirin



men and women. The quilt is meant to comfort the Veteran and to remind them that we are grateful.

In addition to a Quilt of Valor our group also awards the recipient with a medal to show that we as Americans support our

military, past and present for their sacrifice. And to say welcome home soldier for your service. At the end of her talk Cheryl asked Rochel to stand and Bob Bernal presented her with a medal and then presented her with a Quilts of Valor Quilt for her service in the Air Force,

Rochel thanked them for coming and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Rochel decided to skip through most of our regular meeting but wanted to talk about how we represented the Jewish War Veterans on Pearl Harbor Day, Michael Chambers presented a wreath from the Department of the Southwest and I presented one from Post 210. My daughter Esterrita, one of the few children there, was chosen to release the doves at the end of the program.

Coming events, we have the Arizona StandDown that is coming up in February. We are still looking for volunteers for different programs and for new members of the post.

January 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Department of the Southwest meeting and the next Post meeting will be January the 21<sup>st</sup>.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM we have the **Superbowl Party at the Veterans Home** for which we need volunteers.

We did have another very important guest speaker Tina Sheinbine who is the immediate past president of the International Association of the Jewish Free Loans and the Executive Director of the Phoenix Jewish Free Loans. Professionally Tina worked with the Phoenix Jewish Community Center, AIPAC, State of Israel Bonds and The Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School. Tina's volunteer activities include President of the Hillel Advisory Council, Women's Division Campaign Chair and President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix.

Tina said that the Jewish Free loan movement is really a Biblical injunction. The Book of Ezekiel classifies the charging of interest among the worst sins. That we as Jews are not allowed to charge interest to widows and to orphans.

From that Biblical injunction a full conglomerate of modern day international organization exists where there are free loans in as many cities and countries that we can find. The one here in Phoenix officially started in 1950 but we know that it had had its start in Phoenix after WWII. Since then we now have a million dollars plus in loans to Arizona area residents. We have given out over 4 million dollars in loans since 1996 We cover the entire state except Tucson which has its own free loan office.

Each loan we make will impact many people by helping to provide food to feed their families or jobs to put people to work.

The only loans that we cannot make is for the down payment on a new home. We can make loans for almost anything else. Car repairs, home repairs, medical expenses and any kind of school loans. We can also provide loans to pay off school debt from tuition loans, and to send children to summer camp. If needed we have supplies of things that have been donated, like toilet paper, paper towels and razor blades, food cards that cannot be used for alcohol or cigarettes but only for food.

We have loans for medical and dental coverage that go up to \$30,000. We provide loans for seniors that help the fix up their home and provide the funds to put in a ramp, widen doorways or other improvements. Depending on how long a small business has been open we can provide up to \$100,000 for that business. We do have a program for any Jewish Veteran that wants to borrow up to \$20,000 interest free.

You must pay back all of our loans and we do that by requiring a guarantor of your loans. Someone who will stand behind your borrowing the funds and they will promise to pay it back if the original borrower cannot. That's how we secure our loans and how we have a 98% rate on repayment of our loans. A \$3600 loan requires a single guarantor, a 7500 loan requires 2 guarantor.

Another thing that we are just getting into is a financial literacy program. Where we believe that when we lend you the money, we have to be proactive and help you learn how to properly manage your money.

There is also a charitable based tax program where you can donate the amount you owe to the State of Arizona to a charitable organization, like Jewish Free Loans, and be able to take that deduction from your taxes.

Rochel then thanked Tina for her very informative talk. Rochel then called the chaplain to give the closing prayer and the officer of the day to close the alter. Meeting adjourned



We had our Chanukah party that started with the choir from Torah Day School led by Rabbi Gedalia Goldstein.



Rabbi Gedalia Goldstein and the Choir of Torah Day School of Phoenix

After the marvelous performance by the Torah Day School Choir latke's and donuts were served.

**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/>

*Some Words of Wisdom*

*By David Woodland*

**INTELLIGENCE**

The sign of intelligence is imagination and the knowledge to accept change. Be intelligent enough to understand the stupidity differ in that genius has limits. If you make a mistake, learn from it, and don't do it again. Even more intelligent is to find a smart person and learn how to avoid mistakes. Know that you are not the smartest person around, but look well and find that person who is.

If intelligence sometimes lets you down, let emotion take over. Even the best and brightest can realize emotion conveys actionable truth as a guide. Be confident about your intelligence.

It is more than booksmart. Trust your instincts, be intuitive, recognize the need for change, and so go ahead and do it.

Better to be wise than smart, but be smart enough to understand that stupidity and genius have perseverance. Hence the oft quoted "that doing the same over again will not change the result". Also said before "Common Sense is genius dressed in working clothes".

**FAILURE**

Success is not final, failure is not fatal. Courage to continue is what counts. How do you achieve success? It results from preparation, hard work, and lessons learned from failure. You will not succumb to failure if you have the determination to succeed. So your success may come from some failures, but also from a well nourished enthusiasm.

One can try to find the great secret of how to be a success, but some failures are the detours down that road. There is no secret to persistence. Talent, whatever it might be, is no guarantee. Try counting all the talented people way short of success. Genius and education also offer no guarantees in a world with substantial numbers of the well educated lost on the way.

How would you measure success without comparison? There could be no upward unless there was downward.

Failure is not a pit, it is a foundation to build upon. The past is a memory not to dwell upon, but to build upon. Remember the errors and learn. Renew your energy, and face into the winds of opportunity.

**TEACHER**

We all have had teachers, people who defy definition. To try to define teachers and teaching, it is a noble profession shaping the character, caliber, and future of those that teachers face. The good teacher inspires hope, and imagination to a love of learning. A bit of caution tells us to beware of success, which can teach us that success can be a reason to stop learning.

Some teachers tell us what they know, a better one explains, a really good one demonstrates, the best inspires. The key people who educate are the mother, father, and the teacher. These are the ones who can make a nation of beautiful minds.

Philosophically, author C.S. Lewis defines the job of the modern educator "is not to clear jungles, but to irrigate deserts". Put into a realistic context, teachers affect eternity, and are unable to tell where their influence stops.

**A LITTLE HUMOR**

Personal Ads from Israeli newspapers  
These are actual Personal Ads from Israeli newspapers:  
I take out the Torah Saturday morning. Would like to take you out Saturday nite

Couch potato latke in search of the right applesauce.  
Let's try it for 8 days. Who knows?

Female graduate student, studying kaballah, Zohar, exorcism of dybbuks, seeks mensch. No weirdos, please.

Orthodox woman with get, seeks man who got get or can get get. Get it? I'll show you mine if you show me yours.

Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul light shabbos candles, celebrate holidays, build Sukkah together, attend brisses, bar mitzvahs - Religion not important.

### **True to this day: Fishing Story**

The King wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain.

So the King and the Queen went fishing. On the way he met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rain storm."

The King replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him."

So the King continued on his way. However, in a short time a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked.

Furious, the King returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain."

So the King hired the donkey.

And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government. The practice is unbroken to this date.

### **More Jokes**

My goal for 2017 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.

How to prepare Tofu- throw it in the trash and grill some meat

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me either.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

I love being over 65. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

### **Traffic Camera**

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding... Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace... Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt. You can't fix stupid

### **BIRTHDAYS**

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31 - Millie Rogowin

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