



JEWISH WAR VETERANS
of the United States of America
Scottsdale, AZ Post 210
November 2017 Newsletter



The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 19, 2017** 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 November will be Naval Captain Philip Roos, Commanding Officer,
Professor of Naval Science NROTC Unit Arizona State University

**Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday will not be
having a SOCIAL in November**

COMMANDERS
MESSAGE



The High Holydays are completed and now we are able to sit down and figure out the plan how to accomplish our New Year's resolutions. As a post, we've been discussing goals and ideas, which include supporting our membership as well as increasing it. What that means is we both need, and want, YOU! There are some adjustments to the calendar you need to be aware of, but I'll speak to that in a moment. We're off to a very nice start to the year and the pace is only increasing. The Succah party was a success but participation has been low at some other events, so I'm definitely interested to find out from you why that is and what suggestions you may have.

November is now right around the corner, so we are looking for all our loyal volunteers to poppy outside our Fry's stores during Veterans Day weekend. Please be in touch with Quartermaster Michael Chambers for which stores are being manned & when. I'm positive you know how much every cent counts, so any amount of time you can give even if it's a two hour shift, you're going to be making a big difference. We are also so looking forward to seeing Captain Roos at the November 19th meeting, and are very honored he's giving us some time, as he is on the cusp of retirement.

Please know that in November, we will not be having a social due to Thanksgiving.

December however is chocked full of events, from the Post laying a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Day remembrance event on the 8th, to us doing the honor guard at the Phoenix Suns game December 13, which is Jewish Heritage Night during Hanukkah. The best news of all is that we are combining the annual Hanukkah party with the Post meeting on Sunday, December 17. Arrangements are being made for a children's choir and other entertainment, together with yummy latkes and donuts. Please mark that date on your calendar now! For all the December events, we are looking for volunteers to help.

Have a wonderful month!

Rochel Hayman, Commander

Our meeting on October 15th, began with Officer of the Day David Woodland opening the altar; Chaplain Jonathan Sorrell giving the opening prayer. Commander Rochel Hayman welcomed all who came, including past commanders Michael Chambers, Juli Altman, Mel Brody, and David Woodland and guest Michael Bolje. As a Dvar Torah, Commander Hayman brought up that we expended a lot of energy over the past month, connecting and experiencing all the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and culminating in Simchat Torah last week. We collected all kinds of energy and goals along the way and now that the holidays are completed, we have the opportunity to go back and examine those experiences and resolutions to make a plan on how we are going to use them this year

to make a difference. When we saw how a small group of people on 9-11 did an evil act which affected so many, it's important to realize that we, with one of our own acts for good, can affect just as many. Look at this week's Torah portion of Noah, where one man doing one single act, making a boat, affected all of humanity. So when someone comes out of a store and says they just have a little change, and it can't make much of a difference,' tell them yes, it can. A little change the last time Post 210 popped during Memorial Day weekend, added up to over \$12,000 to assist so many Veterans in need. A little change really CAN affect a world, ours or that of others.

Our guest Speaker Moshe Apelas is a Software and UPS (Uninterruptible Power Systems) Engineer. He was in the USAF from 1970-1974. Originally as a weather observer, then developing flight planning and aircraft route forecast software.

He was born in Israel and immigrated to the US (Phoenix) with his family when he was 10 years old. He was in college during Vietnam and when deferments were canceled he decided to join the Air Force. He did not qualify to be a pilot and instead went into weather observation and was attached to MAC, (Military Airlift Command) at Offut Air Force Base.

His job was to collect and analyze data from US military weather collecting locations throughout the world. Military pilots worldwide would submit all their flight information in (including distance, weight, etc.) by teletype and they'd receive all their flight planning information back within minutes. Moshe Apelas gave a very interesting account of his military contributions in the Air Force. His actions directly helped Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He designed flight plans from the United States to Israel. This helped with the United States resupplying Israel during and after the war.

Commander Hayman thanked Moshe for his information and presented him with a plaque of appreciation together with an honorary membership to our Post.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Michael stated we have over \$10,000 in our checking account. We have Poppy Supplies. Michael will deliver any supplies where they are needed. You can call him at 623-256-0658, to arrange drop-off. He will have the Veteran's Day poppying letter from Fry's available soon. Rochel Hayman also has Post 210 t-shirts for all those who need.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still counting volunteer hours. Bernie and Michael visit the veterans home weekly. Michael and Ahuva have volunteered at the State Fair to help defray the cost of

renting the site for the Stand Down. If anyone else has volunteer hours, please tell Michael so we can report our volunteerism to National JWV.

Our Post **will not** provide bus passes for the Veterans home because the AZDVS gives them to veterans in need. Jeanine Korner 480-314-9184 is still collecting toiletries for veterans. She accepts all non-alcoholic donations.

We discussed the successful Sukkah party at the Hayman's over the holiday and how well attended it was.

We may have future VA Hospital visitation opportunities coming available soon and we'll have more info when it's confirmed.

Jonathan Sorrell discussed a wonderful program called Quilts of Valor, where stunning individualized quilts are made for Veterans and it could very well be a good program for our members individually as well as perhaps something for our post to support. Jonathan himself was gifted with a beautiful quilt and said it was an amazing and touching experience.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Rochel talked about International Shabbat Project. There will be a women's challah bake at the Scottsdale JCC on Thursday October 26. Please contact Rochel, (602-218-0353) as she would like to get a special table for veterans. The cost is \$10.00 per person in advance.

December is very busy. The big news is that we're merging our monthly meeting with the annual Chanukah party on Sunday morning December 17th and plans for a children's choir to be there should be a very nice highlight. Invite your friends and make it a very nice event.

December, we will be laying both Post 210 and Department wreaths at the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance on the 7th at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza.

There's an additional Chanukah treat on December 13th: Post 210 is providing the Honor Guard during the National Anthem at the Phoenix Suns Game on Jewish Heritage Night. A menorah lighting ceremony will also proceed the beginning of the game. Ticket information is available.

We are looking for volunteers for all kinds activities. Our guest speaker and new member Moshe Apelas was one of the volunteers to be in contact with Jewish and Veteran organizations at ASU. We need additional help as well. Please be in touch with Rochel Hayman (602-218-0353) or Steven Troy (623-594-5022) to help on this project.

Next meeting is November 19th, regular time/place.

NOTE: There will be NO social during November.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 26th 6 - 8 PM
Challah Bake Scottsdale JCC
Wednesday, November 8th, 4:30 - 6 PM
Woman Veterans Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, November 9th, 11:00 AM
Gilbert Veterans Day Ceremony
Saturday, November 11th evening
242nd Marine Corps Birthday
Thursday-Sunday November 11-12
Veterans Day Poppying
Thursday, December 7th 10:55 AM
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
(Wreath laying)
Wednesday, December 13th 6:30 PM
Phoenix Suns Annual Jewish Heritage Night
(Honor Guard)
Sunday, December 17th 9:30 AM
Chanukah Party at the Veterans Home
in place of regular meeting.
The next **StandDown** will be Thursday and a Friday,
January 25 & 26 2018.

SOME WORDS OF WISDOM

By David Woodland

SIGNS

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines. Quite true, but let's consider other types of signs in general. Life shows us all kinds of signs, far beyond the clear and flashy obvious. The street sign that orders us to halt means only briefly. It teaches us something at that moment; observation, and the ability to proceed. Signs do that for different reasons, mostly to convey information. Probably the more subtle signs, human reactions and behavior, are most informative if interpreted correctly. There are countless numbers of them, some overt, more hidden. Depending upon circumstance, moods, reactions, tone, and a host of factors. We can discern surprise, happiness or not, shame, honesty, truth, and an endless list of more. Signs vary widely with individuals, environment, geography, and mores for example. The observer's alertness, behavior and willingness, and reactionary behavior all play into the encounter.

We have gone on considering reactions to the unwritten signs we encounter many times each day. Obvious signs of maturity are learning the behavioral

signs. This is not taught, it is learned. Even infants react to smiles and laughter. Broaden that year by year, and signs gain visibility.

HAPPINESS

It has been said that you will never find enough to make you really happy, and surely never enough to make everybody happy. At least that shows us that there is enough doubt for everybody. That's where reality shows up where, how, and when. If you go by the numbers, school levels may be an indication. First grade could be the first step for examples giving a bit of realism to fairy tales, and recognizing differences among classmates. Further doses of realism come with advancing grade numbers, learning that two and two always equal four, then up the ladder until reality is difficult. At that point, the true reality of life's choices hits us square in the face. It seldom gets easier.

So the chances of total personal happiness rest on the many life choices that must be made. The ability to make everybody happy gets the reality decision to do the best you can. Happiness has been defined by degrees of satisfaction. 100% is a good start.

A LITTLE HUMOR

HIGH HOLIDAY

Two little old ladies were attending a rather long Shul service. One leaned over and whispered, "My tuchas is going to sleep. " I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times

Doctor Bloom, who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis, had a waiting-room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and emerged within half an hour walking completely erect, with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?" She answered, "Miracle, shmira. . . he gave me a longer cane."

ROWING TEAM

Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Even though they practice and practice for hours every day, they never manage to come in any better than dead last.

Finally, the team decides to send Morris Fishbein, its captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team. So Morris schlepps off to Cambridge, Mass. , and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watches the Harvard team at its daily practice.

After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva. "Well, I figured out their secret," he announces.

"What? Tell us! Tell us!" his teammates shout.

"We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row."

THE DIFFERENCES

The Italian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have wine."

The Frenchman says, "I'm thirsty. I must have cognac."

The Russian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have vodka."

The German says, "I'm thirsty. I must have beer."

The Mexican says, "I'm thirsty. I must have tequila."

The Jewish man says, "I'm thirsty. I must have diabetes."

MOISHE

Moishe Goldberg was heading out of the Synagogue one day, and as always Rabbi Mendel was standing at the door, shaking hands as the Congregation departed. The rabbi grabbed Moishe by the hand, pulled him aside and whispered these words at him: "You need to join the Army of God!"

Moishe replied: "I'm already in the Army of God, Rabbi."

The rabbi questioned: "Then how come I don't see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?"

Moishe whispered back: "I'm in the Secret Service."

PHILANTHROPY

A visitor to Israel attended a recital and concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. He was quite impressed with the architecture and the acoustics. He inquired of the tour guide, "Is this magnificent auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous Talmudic scholar?"

"No," replied the guide. "It is named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer." Never heard of him," said the visitor. "What did he write?"

"A check," replied the guide.

IT HAPPENED IN SHUL

Rabbi approaches a guest in Shul and says, "I'd like to give you an Aliyah.(blessing). What is your name?" The man answers, "Esther ben Moshe." The Rabbi says, "No, I need YOUR name."

It's Esther ben Moshe," the man says. "How can that be your name?" asks the Rabbi.

The man answers, "I've been having financial problems, so everything now is in my wife's name."

Two Texans are sitting on a plane from Dallas and an old Jewish man is sitting between them. The first Texan says, "My name is Roger. I own 250,000 acres. I have 1,000 head of cattle and they call my place The Jolly Roger." The second Texan says, "My name is John. I own 350,000 acres. I have 5,000 head of cattle and they call my place Big John's."

They both look down at the little old Jewish man who says, "My name is Irving and I own only 300 acres."

Roger looks down at him and says, "300 Acres? What do you raise?"

"Nothing," says Irving .

"Well then, what do you call it?" asked John.

"Downtown Dallas ".

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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.

Sukkot with Rochel

JWV Scottsdale Post 210 celebrated their 2nd annual Sukkah party on Sunday, October 8th, hosted by Commander Rochel Hayman and her family. This year the invitation was extended to the members of the Department of the Southwest. The Department of Southwest is composed of 5 Posts covering Arizona and New Mexico. The three Phoenix Posts were represented, They are Scottsdale Post 210, Valley of the Sun Post 194 and Copper State Post 201. Upon arrival, guests were given a tour and explanation of the Sukkot holiday, also known as the Feast of the Tabernacles, and of the spacious Sukkah itself by Rabbi Dan Hayman. Almost everyone took the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog; a few members very excitedly mentioned it was the first time in their life to have ever done so. A little history lesson, Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection G-d provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. On this holiday, Jews are commanded to bind together a palm frond, or “lulav” with two other branches called “haddasim” and “arovot”, and holding them together with an “etrog” these “four species” are used in the holiday rituals. (An etrog is a yellow citron, according to the Torah it is a beautiful fruit).

Members, family members and guests enjoyed a beautiful buffet complete with eggplant parmesan, baked ziti, garlic bread, pumpkin cranberry muffins, a refreshing fruit relish and apple-cranberry-plum cake. While Commander Hayman and Rabbi Hayman both gave Dvar Torah on Sukkot and especially it's holistic inclusiveness, Department JVC Lenore "Lee" Katz, guest and new member active duty LTC Moshe Bennett, and other JWV members spoke and shared interesting anecdotes of their holiday experiences on active duty and beyond. Frequent L'Chaims were shared as well.

Attending from Post 619 were the Commander Mort Huskey and his family, Evan, Steven, Brigid, Sophie and Lenore.

From Post 194, Lou & Ruth Kelter and Lenore (Lee) Katz. From Post 210 Commander Rochel Hayman & Rabbi Dan Hayman, Jonathan Sorrell, Rhonna Bolton, Moshe Bennett, Susan Conwisar & Mel Brody, Steven Troy, Michael & Ahuva Chambers. And guest Nathan Brownstein. The weather and temperature was perfect for enjoying the Sukkah.



Rabbi Dan Hayman listening to Lee Katz tell a story.



Most of the group listed above.



Lee Katz, Ruth Kelter, Lou Kelter, Rochel & Rabbi Dan Hayman



Susan Conweisar, Mel Brody, Steven Troy, Michael & Ahuva Chambers