



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



Our October meeting will be **Sunday, the 21th** 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 October will be Barbara Hatch Veterans Heritage Project founder and program director. Hope you can attend.

COMMANDERS
MESSAGE



Welcome to a fresh new year! I trust you had a summer which was good for you ~ As a post, we have gained and lost this summer. We have gained in insight, but lost members Jerry Gersten and Izzy Lichter. We miss them but are that much more valuable from their contributions to us and the Post.

With this new year we have a new influx of energy we hope to put to good use, including you as much as possible. We're not only concerned about outreach into the community, but inreach, making sure our members know they're valued. I look forward to speaking with you soon, either in person or by phone, to get and pass along good news!

With blessings for a wonderful sweet year for you and yours,
Commander Rochel

Commander Hayman began the September 16th meeting by having Officer of the Day, David Woodland open the altar and Chaplain Jonathan Sorrell gave the opening prayer. A moment of silence followed to honor our 3 members lost, Izzy Lichter, Art Sloan and Jesse Gertsten.

She talked about how the JWV is evolving and building on its rock solid foundation. She then introduced a DVD that she & Michael watched at the National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

The DVD is called "Spirit, Courage and Convictions: A tour of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, in Washington, D.C..

The video, narrated by Colonel Jack Jacobs, he is a recipient of the Medal of Honor, speaks about the stories of the Jews in the military, which is a story of America itself. The movie talked about how Jews would not stand by and not let others be

in military positions during the beginning of the colonization of America. The Video speaks of the founding of the Jewish War Veterans in 1896 by a group of 63 Jewish Veterans from the Civil War after a series of anti-Semitic comments about the lack of Jewish service in the Civil War. The video dealt with how the Jews, by being in the military and the founding and defense of the United States since its inception to the present day. It presented stories of Jewish military personnel on the battlefield and their contribution to our great country. Beginning with the American Revolution War, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, The Korean War and the present day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The movie showed the many Jewish recipients of our countries highest military award "The Congressional Medal of Honor"

In World War I, the Jewish War Veterans were essential to establishing the Jewish chaplaincy within the military. We also fought to include other grave markers in Veterans' cemeteries, such as the Star of David.

There is much more involved in the video but the record of Jewish service in the military is a proud one and the National Museum of Jewish Military History records it all.

The video is available if anyone has an organization that would like to see it. Contact Michael Chambers.

She then recognizing Past Commanders, Juli Altman, Bernie Kaplan and David Woodland and life member Steve Glantz. She also welcomed Lenore Katz from Post 194 and Rochel's daughter Ester Eta. .

Rochel talked about the National Convention and was put on several committees; one is where we see the JWV in the next 5 years and the other is women in the military. She is also the chairperson of three committees dealing with the Gulf War, the Iraq War and the war in Afghanistan.

She stated that the JWV has a lot of political clout in Washington and is very instrumental in Veterans causes. We need to continue that.

She discussed that the Jewish War Veterans as being of the best kept secrets and that our humility has made us practically invisible. We need to see and be seen. We want to put JWV into American consciousness so everyone knows who we are.

To continue with the meeting since, Michael Chambers was not there Rochel gave the Quartermasters Report by saying that we have money in the bank. We will continue to support the organizations that we do but we are considering increasing the amount we give them.



This picture of Rochel Hayman & Michael Chambers at the 123rd JWV National Convention in Tampa Florida was published in the August 17th, 2018 copy of the Jewish News showing their copy of the paper.

We are also planning on giving an award to a Jewish member of the ROTC Program at ASU and we would be discussing this

with Captain Roos or his Replacement Captain Bergmann. The award needs to be called an award not a scholarship because a scholarship amount would then be deducted from other scholarships that the recipient could receive.

Rochel brought up more publicity saying that as most of you know I am a Rebbetzin of Chabad and one of the things that we want to take advantage is that there is a division of Chabad in New York that can get in touch with TV news outlets here in Phoenix to do speciality cooking spots during the Holidays. They do all of the work and all I have to do is show up and do the cooking on the TV show. Besides being a Rebbetzin I will wear my Garrison Cap and represent JWV. The reason I am bringing it up during the **Quartermasters Report** is because there is a financial outlay of \$175.00 per show, only if we are on the TV. Chabad will pick up the balance. Nothing was able to be done for Rosh Hashana. The board agreed to pay \$400.00, but we wanted to put it to the membership and the dollar amount would only be \$300.00 for the three holidays, Chanukah, Tu Bishvat and Passover. There is only an expense if the if the booking are able to be made.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

At the convention, because of Steven's work on the post newsletter we received the *Brenner-Jaffee Memorial Award for the best monthly Newsletter.*

In his **Adjutant's report** Steven began by stating that Captain Roos had finally retired and Captain Bergmann will be his replacement. Rochel also talked about putting together a database with everyone on it and fill it in with the personal histories that Steven has collected. We need everyone's work history and whether some of the members would be available to speak to people and events or mentor others about the JWV.

In Old Business: Volunteering; Michael & Bernie still go to the Veterans Home every Monday with donuts and talk to the Veterans. Jeannie Korner is collecting toiletries for the Veterans, *no mouthwash because it could contain alcohol.*

Exciting news -- CUB SCOUT CHARTERING -- it has happened as of last week. We have confirmation that we are the first Shommer Shabbat Cub Scout Family Pack in the nation. We need adults to work with the pack. The Pack is open to any child from kindergarden to fifth grade, whether they are boys or girls. The girls and boys will be in separate dens. Rochel's position will be executive officer, Michael will be the committee chairman and Steven will be the representative to the Grand Canyon Council and the Jewish Committee on Scouting.

What will this do for the Jewish War Veterans ?

- a. It will get us out in the community as sponsoring

a. CUB SCOUT PACK.

b. The kids will have to do a certain amount of service hours per month, because we are the Chartering Organization, we can ask them to make visits to our homebound post members. It is important for us to reach out to our homebound members and make them feel that they are still a member of the post.

Veterans Day 2018 we will still be doing our regular popping but we may want be able to be in the Veterans Day Parade riding in a 2 1/2 ton uncovered truck with our name on the side. A great way to get name recognition.

Everyone has been given a copy of the 2018/19 calendar with the dates of meetings and other events. The meeting schedule so far will remain the same.

Some of the upcoming speakers are Barbara Hatch, with the Jewish Heritage Project, another Quilts of Valor presentation for an additional 4 members, possibly our friend Carlos Rausch, Jose Reyes, Rodney Glassmen, (if anyone has contact information), and the new national Commander. If anyone has additional ideas please let Rochel know.

 Everone is invited to a Sukkah Party a Rochel's house on September 30th. An invitation is forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

We need everyone to get out into the community and spread the word about JWV.

Rochel talked to both the Jewish News and Jewish Life Magazine about doing a Jewish Veterans column. We are working on the details and trying to find someone to write it. Maybe have someone write a column about what JWV does and have a feature article on one of our members and about another Jewish military member in the community.

Anytime you see an event that might have vendor tables, let the board know.

There will be a huge Kosher barbeque competition, like in Kansas City, at the beginning of March, 2019. Either we will compete in it or just have a table there.

The Challa Bake, both Lenore and I have gone to them for the past couple of years representing JWV. In October there will be 3 separate Challa Bakes going on, I think its on October 26. We need support these things, by being there and wearing at least our hats to get our name out there and we want to help out.

Also don't forget that there is a Kosher Food Bank, it is open Monday through Friday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Located at 6516 N 7th Street Suite #100 Phoenix, phone 602-492-4989.

If you have burial arrangements through a funeral home make sure that your DD 214 is correct and has all of the boxes correctly filled out.

David Woodland brought up that an old friend of his had died. He was only one of a few, actual buglers that played Taps at funerals. David thanked Michael and Steven for sending a condolence card from the Post.

Our next get together is the Sukkah Party on the 30th and the next meeting will be on October 21st. The next Department Meeting will be October 14th at 9:30 for refreshments, meeting at 10 AM.

Rochel then closed the meeting with Jonathan giving the

closing prayer and David closing the Alter.

Besides being a member of our Post and putting together gift bags for the Veterans, Jeanine Korner is an accomplished Artist. In an article in the Jewish News on August 24, 2018, by Nick Enquist, Jeanine was preparing for the opening of her art exhibit at Temple Solel on September 1.

"I paint happy" states Korner. "If you want bad news, you can turn on the TV or the radio. When I paint, I don't feel unhappy. That's probably what comes out in my paintings. Even if it is just a flower."

She believes that her art is designed to make her audience smile; to find a little more levity against what is going on in the world.

"Somebody pointed out to me," she said, "I never noticed it before. I paint happy. I don't paint dark, psychological paintings. You really don't have to think about my paintings, they'll make you smile"

Her exhibit will run from September to November at Temple Solel, 6805 E McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 (480) 991-7414.

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.

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 www.vettix.org

SOME INTERESTING FACT

Dr. Barry J. Schneider was elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans at its 123rd Annual National Convention in Tampa, Florida. He is a retired Air Force Major with 20 years of active military service. In 1994, Barry joined Jewish War Veterans Post 755 in Fort Worth, TX, and became a life member. Barry served as Post Commander from 2005-2007 and went on to serve as commander of the Department of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma (TALO) from 2012-2014. At the national level, he has served as Chairman of JWV's Vietnam Veterans Committee and Scouting Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Youth Achievement Committee. Dr. Schneider earned a BA in History from California State College in 1967, MEd in Guidance and Counseling from South Dakota State University in 1976, MA in Management from Webster University in 1986, and Ed.D in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 1996. Barry was born and raised in St. Louis, MO, and has two children.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY METRICS

- 0.5 Percent of the U. S. population serving on active duty (1.29 million).
- 84 Percent of Marine recruits age 20 or younger.
- 64 Percent of enlisted recruits who come from middle-class neighborhoods.
- 19 Percent of enlisted recruits who come from impoverished neighborhoods.
- 17 Percent of enlisted recruits who come from high-affluence neighborhoods.
- 16 Percent of enlisted forces who are women.

Sources: Council on Foreign Relations, CNA (2016 data)
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Some Words of Wisdom

By
David Woodland

FAILURE

What does that word mean to you? Typically it implies that some effort had been spent to accomplish something to a successful end without the planned result. So, that is the meaning we asked for, a lack of success we sought. Somehow, we usually look for the reasons the effort failed, blaming lack of funding, effort, conditions, someone else, and of course, luck. Sure, we can say it lacks success, but wait, there's more.

Any of the reasons cited for failure can be used to explain the negative results, but actually there are positives, especially the learning experience. Failure is a teacher. Study what was missing; was it knowledge, effort, conditions, or do you just blame bad luck?

Consider what you may call a failure. Be it not an end, not a defeat, but the start of new ideas, new strength to carry on, and a vision of new ideas for the future. We do not quote Aristotle, Confucius, or Lincoln. Listen to every parent who must have said, Learn from your mistakes".

OXYMORONS

by David Woodland

1. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
2. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
3. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
4. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
5. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
6. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
7. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
8. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
9. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
10. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
11. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
- 12 .. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

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A LITTLE HUMOR

Chupzah
from Susan Conwisar

The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, was wondering who to invade when his telephone rang.

"This is Mendes Schlepper in Tel Aviv. We're officially declaring war on you!"

"How big is your army?" the Iranian president asked.

"There's me, my cousin Moishe, Avi Goldberg and our pinochle group, Moe, Larry, Joe, Shemp and Curly!"

"I have a million in my army," said the president.

"I'll call back!" said Mendes. The next day, he called. "The war's still on!" We have now a bulldozer, and Simcha Goldberg's tractor."

"We have 16,000 tanks, and the Iranian army is now two million men."

"Oy gevalt!" (OH GOODNESS!), said Mendes. "I'll call back."

He phoned the next day. "We're calling off the war."

"Why?", asked the president.

"Well," said Mendes, "we've had a little chat, and there's no way we can feed two million prisoners."

Drafting Guys Over 60.

from Susan Conwisar

I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists.

You can't be older than 42 to join the military.

They've got the whole thing ass-backwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get

up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50... in menopause!!! You think MEN have attitudes?? Ohhhhhhhhhhh my God!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!

DEATHS

Homer Chernin 8-9-2018
Izzy Lichter 8-12-2018

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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14 - Paul Agranoff

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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.



Opening Event of the 2018-2019 Season!

Valley Beit Midrash
Presents

RABBI LAURA GELLER

Wise Aging: Getting Good at Getting Older!

SUNDAY, OCT 7, 2018

7PM | TEMPLE CHAI

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About This Lecture:

Occasionally, we meet an older person we admire and think, "I want to be like her when I grow up. I want to be wise, joyful, grateful, compassionate, patient, funny, curious, optimistic!" As Estelle Reiner said in the classic deli scene from *When Harry Met Sally*: "I'll have what she's having." The question for us as we get older is: what do I need to do now to become the eighty-five-year-old I someday hope to be? What work do I have to do now to acquire a heart of wisdom?

Rabbi Laura Geller, Rabbi Emerita of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, was the first woman to lead a major metropolitan synagogue as Senior Rabbi. Twice named one of *Newsweek's* 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America, Rabbi Geller was featured in the PBS documentary *Jewish Americans* and was on the editorial board of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*. In 1976, Rabbi Geller was ordained by Hebrew Union College, only the third woman in the Reform Movement given the title. She is a Fellow of the Corporation of Brown University from where she graduated in 1971. As Rabbi Emerita, she is one of the founders of the first synagogue-based village, ChaiVillageLA, which is part of the national Village Movement. Currently, Rabbi Geller is working with her husband, Richard Siegel, on a book entitled *Getting Good at Getting Older: A Practical Guide Grounded in Jewish Wisdom* to be published by Behrman House in later this year.

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