

Gathering for Good

Caring for the vulnerable - Strengthening Community -Supporting Jews in Israel and around the world



{While we are putting together our email blast we learned about the tragic shooting and killing of seven people, outside of a synagogue in Neve Yaakov, suburb of Jerusalem, I will provide more of an update after Shabbat.}

I would like to start this week's update by highlighting several upcoming Federation events.

Sunday, January 29th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at UCR Palm Desert, our Holocaust Commemoration Observance. Check out the posting below for details.

Monday, February 13th, 3:00 pm, at the Federation Building, a conversation about current issues in Israel with Hebrew University Political Science Professor Reuven Hazan.

Wednesday, February 15th, our Major Gifts dinner with author Ira Rosen sharing insights and behind the scenes of 60 minutes. We will also be honoring Ellen and Phil Glass for their years of leadership for the Jewish Federation of the Desert.

On another issue, there was a report released the other day listing top Jewish philanthropists. The tone of the report was that these philanthropists are very generous except towards Jewish causes. I wonder why people with significant financial means to support organizations do not support Jewish causes. I hope this isn't the case in the Coachella Valley.

The Jewish holiday of Tu'bishvat is coming up—it is called, Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot, the New Year for Trees. For some reason dried fruits and nuts are the culinary specialties. Enjoy!

Shabbat Shalom, Alan

COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

3pm - 5pm

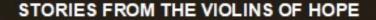
(Film Theatrical Performance with

Music by The Braid)

UC Riverside Palm Desert Auditorium 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive

> "The Holocaust is very much alive. The wounds are still there. The scars are still there. The influence is still there".

> > Avner Shalev



The Holocaust had silenced them...until an extraordinary violin-maker brought their voices back to life – and to the world.

The stringed survivors were brought back to life – and to the world – by a family of violin restorers spanning three generations. This is the true story of luthier Amnon Weinstein who took what might have become an exhibit of ruined instruments, restored them, and put them into the hands of musicians all over the world so that a new generation can hear them. The survivors of the Holocaust will not be here forever, but these violins will continue to tell their stories for generations to come. Produced by The Braid in their signature style of Salon Theatre and performed by seven professional actors, with live music from the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony





Reserve Your Space Now....
JFED's Upcoming Events

Call Now to RSVP: 760-324-4737



GETTING TO KNOW YOU "PODCAST"

Our guest this week with Alan Potash and Jeff Hocker is Julie Montante

CLICK HERE FOR PODCAST!



Without the generosity of people like you, the support we've been able to provide and continue to provide would not be possible.

Jewish Federations have raised \$73 million and allocated nearly \$61 million to NGO's Ukraine and neighboring countries to support refugees and Jewish communities in their time of need. And as the needs change, we continue allocation funds to meet them.

Because of JFNA's partner agencies, the Jewish Agency for Israel, JDC and World ORT, have been working steadily in Ukraine for generations - we've been able to be on the ground responding to emergency needs from day one of the conflict. **CLICK FOR UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND!**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH - 3:00 PM AT THE FEDERATION BUILDING



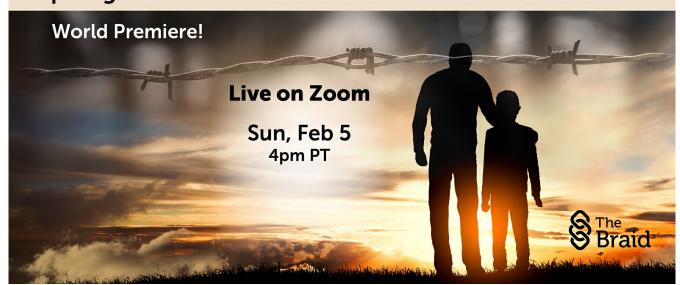
PROFESSOR REUVEN HAZAN, CHAIR IN ISRAELI DEMOCRACY AND POLITICS PROFESSOR OF

POLITICAL SCIENCE. Professor Reuven Hazan holds the Chair in Israeli Democracy and Politics in the Department of Political Science. His expertise centers on the historical and current analysis of democratic institutions, specifically placing

Israeli democracy in perspective. Professor Hazan is a frequent commentator on CNN, FOX, BBC, NPR, and other networks, providing insight into the latest developments in Israeli politics. He has been quoted in magazines such as Time and Newsweek and in newspapers across North America from the Los Angeles Times to the Wall Street Journal.

A Powerful New Work of Theatre Remembrance of Things Present

Inspiring stories from descendants of Holocaust survivors



REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PRESENT Jewish Federation of the Desert

Inspiring and unexpected stories from the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. See **Remembrance of Things Present**, a new work of theatre from The Braid, live on Zoom Sunday, February 5 at 4:00pm PT. Real experiences, brought to life by professional actors.

Go to <u>the-braid.org/remembrance</u>, use the code (desertjf1) on the Checkout Page and be sure to hit the APPLY button. The Zoom link will be sent a few days prior AND the day of the performance. For any questions,

email: leslie.pepper@jfedps.org or 760-324-4737



MAJOR GIFTS:

February 15, 2023 - 5:30PM Reception Followed by Dinner and Speaker Presentation

Author Ira Rosen

<u>Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes at 60 Minutes</u>

Co-Hosts: Ron Langus and Barry Kaiman Morningside Country Club, Rancho Mirage



About the Author: For nearly 25 years, Ira Rosen has produced some of the most memorable, important, and groundbreaking stories for 60 Minutes. A former Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, Rosen was a senior producer of Primetime Live with Diane Sawyer. Rose has won 24 Emmy® awards, 4 DuPont Awards, 2 RFK awards and 2 Peabody® awards for his

incredible writing and body of work. He is the co-author of <u>The Warning:</u> <u>Accident at Three Mile Island</u>.





Jewish Federation of the Desert Welcomes you

APRIL 30, 2023 10am — 2pm AT PALM VALLEY SCHOOL CAMPUS





Har-El, Member URJ, Offers Memberships to Out-of-State Internet Attendees, Part- and Full-Time Residents.

MONDAYS ON ZOOM

Rabbi Richard Zionts is Conducting Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes for Youth and Adults and Conversion to Judaism.

To Register, Contact Har-El at (760) 668-9943 or email: harelurjpd@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, February 5 - 11 AM- TU B'SHVAT PROGRAM. Brunch follows program. Attendees will order and pay for their choice of food at the brunch. This observance will highlight Judaism's concerns over the natural environment. Reservations required. Contact harelurjpd@gmail.com.



WEDNESDAY, February 8 - 3:30 PM. Har-El Galen BOOK COURSE, Fran Kaufman, Chair. Presenter: Anthropologist Rosa Weinstein - The Last Kings of Shanghai by Jonathan Kaufman. The saga of the Sassoon and Kadoorie Families of Baghdad in the development of the British Empire in India and the Far East For Zoom invite, contact harelurjpd@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY, February 22 - 3:30 PM - Har-El Galen Course: Chair, Steve Moyer, Attorney-at-Law and Professor leads a discussion with a panel of attorneys: Barry Messinger and Prof. Samuel Russell, Attorneys-at-Law, on chapters from The January 6 Report - Not to be missed. This report is available, in its entirety, on Amazon-Those registering will receive the titles and numbers of the chapters to be reviewed and discussed.

> 3-Part Series "G'milut Hasadim" Sponsored by USCJ

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE!





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"Acts of Loving Kindness"

A SERIES IN THREE ACTS

FUNDED IN PART THANKS TO A GRANT FROM USCJ'S PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

SERIES SPONSOR: STEVEN KARASH — Windermere



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EVENT SECURITY SPONSORS:

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JANUARY 27 AND 29
EVENT SECURITY SPONSORS:
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ACT 3: CHILDHELP

Childhelp Merv Griffin Village provides residential treatment in the form of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual rehabilitation to severely abused, neglected and at-risk children, ages 6 to 14.

SCENE 1:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023 ♥ 7:45 PM

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

ONEG SHABBAT DESSERT RECEPTION

GUEST SPEAKER:

SHERI BOGH, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CHILDHELP MERV GRIFFIN VILLAGE IN BEAUMONT

SCENE 2:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 ¥ 11:00 AM

COMPLIMENTARY BRUNCH

PRESENTER:

RABBI J.B. SACKS — THE JEWISH CONNECTION

SCENE 3: THE FINALE G'MILUT ḤASADIM

Scrapbooks and scrapbooking materials are a vital part of the children's therapy.

Our "ACT OF LOVING KINDNESS" WILL PROVIDE CHILDHELP WITH 40 SCRAPBOOKING KITS FOR THE CHILDREN AT NO CHARGE.

ON SUNDAY YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE

SCRAPBOOKS AND SCRAPBOOKING MATERIALS FOR THE CHILDREN BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A KIT AND WILL NOT BE AT THE SUNDAY BRUNCH, CONTACT THE OFFICE.

RSVP FOR FRIDAY EVENING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED
SUNDAY BRUNCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 23

PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED ON FIRST VISIT

CLICK HERE to RSVP for FRIDAY AND/OR SUNDAY

PROJECT CHAIRPERSON: RONI SPETALNICK





42600 Cook Street – Second Floor



Palm Desert, CA 92211



StandWith**Us**

A special program exclusively at TEMPLE ISAIAH!

Shabbat Services Friday Night January 27, 2023 - 7:30 pm

AN EVENING OF CARLY GAMMILL & GARY RATNER IN CONVERSATION WITH RABBI STEVEN ROSENBERG

CARLY GAMMILL is the founding Director of the StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism and simultaneously serves as Counsel for Litigation Strategy in the StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department. Carly is active in fighting antisemitism, including the anti-Israel, antisemitic BDS campaign, on campuses, in local communities, in court, and at the United Nations.



GARY P. RATNER, the Senior Executive for StandWithUs, has been with the organization since 2010, involved with development, strategic planning and outreach to ethnic and religious groups.



Founded in 2001, today StandWithUs has 18 offices across the United States, Canada, the U.K, Brazil, the Netherlands, Australia, South Africa and Israel. This is an exciting opportunity to hear one of our most articulate speakers on behalf of Israel and World Jewry.

Join us for this special evening.

Mark your calendars now!



TO RESERVE A SEAT (S) RESPOND ASAP TO harelurjpd@gmail.com

THIS HOLIDAY IS KNOWN IN OUR TRADITION AS "THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES"

A REMINDER THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL BEING OF OUR ENVIORMENT

COME AND ENJOY FRIENDSHIP AND BREAK BREAD

At this event, on arrival, everyone will order their choice of food and beverage from the regular menu. each person will be responsible for payment.

A SHORT PROGRAM AND SOCIALIZING WILL BE ENJOYED

LOCATION: JAY'S DELI, HYWAY 111, PALM DESERT

We thank Molly Thorp for hosting this Holiday





קהילת בית שלום Sunday, February 5 — 4:00 PM
The Coachella Valley's
Conservative Synagogue

\$22 MEMBERS
\$27 NON-MEMBERS



NEW YEAR OF TREES

CONCERNS AND OUR
ATTACHMENT TO THE
LAND OF ISRAEL

SECURITY SPONSORS:

JOSEPH & JOHANNA AMPLO

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 30!

PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED ON FIRST RETURN VISIT

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

42600 COOK ST - 2ND FLOOR, PALM DESERT, CA 92211
CALL OR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION
PHONE (760) 200-3636

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קהילת בית שלום The Coachella Valley's Conservative Synagogue An extended Jewish family, caring for all its members



קהילת בית שלום

12TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE DESERT

FRIDAY — SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 — 19, 2023

DR. TAMMI J. SCHNEIDER

PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

- **₽** PROFESSOR
 - **AUTHOR**
 - **ARCHAEOLOGIST**



EISHET HAYIL: WOMEN OF STRENGTH

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME WITH PROOF OF VACCINATION

FRIDAY SERVICES - 7:45 PM

"ESTHER: A WOMAN OF COURAGE"

FOLLOWED BY ONEG SHABBAT DESSERT RECEPTION
GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY BENJAMIN & HEATHER ALTMAN

SATURDAY SERVICES - 9:30 AM

"RUTH: A WOMAN OF FAITH"

FOLLOWED BY FESTIVE KIDDUSH LUNCH GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY DR. ROBERT & MAXINE GREENSTEIN AND JOEL & MARLENE WOLF

SUNDAY BRUNCH - 11:00 AM

"SHIR HASHIRIM: A WOMAN OF LOVE"

BRUNCH AND SESSION

GENEROUSLY UNDERWRITTEN BY GENE STILLMAN

PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Members: \$18

Non-members: \$23

FOR INFORMATION CALL THE BETH SHALOM OFFICE 760-200-3636

OR EMAIL US AT INFO@CONGREGATIONBETHSHALOM.NET

42600 COOK ST − STE 205, PALM DESERT, CA 92211

WWW.CONGREGATIONBETHSHALOM.NET

CLICK HERE TO RSVP for Friday / Saturday and to REGISTER for the Sunday Brunch



Platinum Pass \$150 (Includes concert)
Individual movies \$12 ● Concert only \$35
Check out our new website coming soon
(PSJFF.com) or call 760-325-2281 for info.

Sponsorships welcomed. Call for information.

2023 is our 10th Anniversary This year's film festival will be **OVER THE TOP!**

Outstanding Movies & Documentaries



- Opening afternoon concert with world renowned singer **Svetlana Portnyansky** at the Camelot Theatres
- Red carpet events will include Celebrities, Producers, Directors and Writers in person!
 - Q & A Discussions following screenings

Feature Films

- I Mordecai
 My Neighbor Adolph
- Tiger Within Our Almost Completely True Story
- Karaoke
- Simchas and Sorrows
- America
- Where Life Begins
- Exodus 91
- Farewell Mr. Haffmann

Documentaries

- Space TorahJews of the Wild West
- Baltic TruthThe Last Laugh
 - Three Minutes A Lengthening

Subject to change



contact Marcia

Marcia Tatz Wollner Marcia@motlthewest.org (858) 395-3590

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!

For More Information and Application for the Western Region March of the Living

CLICK HERE TO APPLY!

The cost is \$6,995. The fee does not cover domestic travel nor your additional travel insurance. At the moment, we will be flying out of LAX and returning through EWR (Newark), but it is not guaranteed. Scholarships are available in many of our communities. Thank you so much for any support you can give to our local teens.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE COMMUNITY & HOLIDAY EVENTS

2023 EVENTS

January 27

"Stand With Us"
Fashion Show and Luncheon, Temple Isaiah

January 27 & 29

G'milut Ḥasadim "Acts of Loving Kindness" - ACT 3: CHILDHELP Friday, January 27 @ 7:45pm & Sunday, January 29 @ 11:00am Erev Shabbat Services with guest speaker, Sheri Bogh, Program Director, Community Relations, Childhelp Merv Griffin Village in Beaumont Complimentary Sunday Brunch and learning with Rabbi J.B. Sacks - Registration REQUIRED Registration: www.CongregationBethShalom.net

January 29

Holocaust Remembrance Commemoration featuring "The Braid"

February 3 & 4

Or Hamidbar presents a
Shabbat Experience with Rabbi Sam Feldman
Free admission to all events. Limited seating
RSVP at: https://orhamidbar.org/shabbat-experience-with-rabbisam-feldman/

February 5

Hadassah's Mahj Day
Palm Desert Sun City (8:30 AM - 4:15 PM)
For more information contact: Shelley Miller Mantell
760-327-4188 or e-mail: Shelleyps@aol.com

February 5

Tu B'Shvat Brunch at 10:30AM Congregation Har El

February 5

"Cantors on Broadway" Temple Isaiah

February 5

Tu B'Shevat Seder with lite Israeli-style meal @ 4:00pm Reservations REQUIRED: \$22 members / \$27 non-members Registration: www.CongregationBethShalom.net

February 5

"How to be Jewish, Queer and Sane in 2023" 4:00-6:00PM at Temple Sinai RSVP to: LGBTQ@templesinaipd.org

February 15

Major Gifts featuring JBC Author Ira Rosen

February 17 & 19

12th Annual Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, made possible by a grant from Jewish Federation of the Desert Eishet Ḥayil: Women of Strength Friday, February 17 — Sunday, February 19 featuring Dr. Tammi J. Schneider, Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University Registration: <u>www.CongregationBethShalom.net</u>

February 17

13th Annual Israel Guide Dog Center Luncheon at Wally's 10:30 Shopping begins; 12:00 Luncheon For more information contact:

Helen Varon at 760-324-6448 or piscala@aol.com

March 6-7 Purim

March 21

Jewish Federation Golf Tournament Tamarisk Country Club

March 26-29

10th Annual Jewish Film Festival

March 27

"An Affair to Remember"
Pomegranate at Le Vallauris

April 5

First Seder Pesach April 5-13

April 30

Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration

May 9

JMOGD Golf Tournament Eagles Falls Course, Indio

May 25-27

Shavuot

JBC = Jewish Book Council





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In-Person and Online Religious Services Throughout the Coachella Valley and Beyond

Chabad of Sun City Palm Desert:

Rabbi Yonason Denebeim.
Call <u>760-848-8250</u> or e-mail: <u>info@chabadsuncity.com</u> for schedule.

Chabad of Palm Springs & Desert Communities:

Rabbi Yonason Denebeim & Rabbi Arik Denebeim Pre-Shabbat program at 5:30p.m. outside shul and services held via Zoom. <u>760-325-0774</u> Visit www.ChabadPS.com for contact and service

Visit <u>www.ChabadPS.com</u> for contact and service information.

Chabad of Rancho Mirage:

Rabbi Shimon Posner www.chabadrm.com

760-770-7785 "Taste of Shul" available Fridays on Zoom and Facebook live. Send an e-mail: info@chabadrm.com to be added to mailing list or for specific virtual programs online.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Ken Hailpern, Spiritual Leader

Shabbat morning services at our new location: 42600
Cook St., Upper Level, Palm Desert at 9:45 AM
Proof of vaccination required on first in-person return visit.
Visitors welcome with proof of vaccination. www.congregationbethshalom.net

Congregation Har El - Fridays 5:00 PM and Torah study Saturdays at 11:00 AM

Rabbi Richard Zionts, PH.D, Cantor Joseph Gole E-mail: hareluripd@gmail.com for Zoom invitation and link.

Congregation Shalom Bayit

Rabbi Kenneth Milhander 1320 West Williams AVe., Banning, CA 92220 Contact: <u>951-392-5380</u>

Desert Outreach Synagogue

Rabbi Dr. Jules King, Rabbi Rachel Axelrad, Rabbi Andrew Bentley and Cantor Lori Reisman

2nd Friday - 7:00 PM - Shabbat Services both In-person and also on Zoom.

2nd Saturday morning - 10:30-11:30 AM - An hour of Torah study on Zoom with Rabbi Rachel Axelrad. Proof of vaccination required. Masks optional. Check calendar for updates.

Beit Sefer: Religious School is held on Saturday mornings (Shabbat school), beginning October 8th, from 9:45 AM to noon. B'nei Mitzvah classes for children with Arava Talve and adults will start in the fall. Call 760-449-0111 for information and to sign up.

www.Desert-Outreach-Synagogue.com

Or Hamidbar - Fridays 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturdays 10:30 AM

Shabbat prayer and study - Click Here

Sun City Jewish Services

Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Emert, Cantorial Soloist Alan Scott and Accompanist Brent Reynolds
38180 Del Webb Blvd.
Meeting in Sunset View Clubhouse (2nd Club House)
1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7:15 PM
Call Nadine Brinhendler at 707-332-3947, for more information

Temple Har Shalom, Idyllwild

Erev Shabbat Services the 4th Friday of each month with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow. Shabbat teaching with Rabbi Ilana the next morning at 9:30 with bagels and coffee. On all other Fridays of the month Shabbat Candle Lighting at 6:00 on Zoom.

1st Friday with Rabbi Malka Drucker 2nd Friday with Rabbi Ilana Grinblat 3rd Friday with Board host

Phone: 951-468-0004

For More Information and for Zoom Link: www.templeharshalomidyllwild.org

Temple Isaiah

Friday evening Shabbat Services in-person (must provide proof of vaccination) at 7:30 PM, preceded by wine and cheese 'nosh and sip' socializing from 7:00-7:30 PM.

Oneg follows service. Services also streamed online on our Facebook page at Temple Isaiah Palm Springs.

Saturday morning 'nosh and drash' at 10:00 AM, followed by Shabbat morning services at 10:30

AM. Service also broadcast on Zoom & Facebook. www.templeisaiahps.com

Temple Sinai

Rabbi David Novak <u>rabbi@templesinai.org</u>
Temple Sinai requires all people on the campus to be fully vaccinated.

Friday Shabbat Services at 5:30 PM
Shabbat morning Torah study at 8:45 AM
Shabbat morning worship at 10:00 AM

All worship is held in-person and available online at www.templesinaipd.org

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