



JEWISH LEGACY SERIES

April 19th Tuesday - 7:30 pm

Congregation Beth El 1118 W. Glendale Avenue

NO CHARGE

Alex Kimmelman

"Jews of the American West"

Mr. Kimmelman is a well-respected
Tucson historian & author.

Exhibit: "Connected Arizona & Israel"



Celebrate 350
Jewish Life in America
1654 - 2004

A R I Z O N A



Irv Shuman



Pat Martin and Joe Segal



Myra Levy

IRV SHUMAN HONORED

The Annual Legacy Dinner was held on March 13th at the Chaparral Suites. Arizona Jewish Historical Society was honored to present the Dorothy Pickelner Enduring Legacy Award to **Irv Shuman**. The creative genius of **Joe Segal and Andrea Lewkowitz**, was seen in every special touch that made the evening very special. Guests were treated to the fabulous dance music of Sentimental Swing Orchestra.



Larry Cutler, Rabbi Albert Plotkin
and Randi Cutler



Adam, Herman and Jerry Lewkowitz

A FABULOUS FIRST

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cutler decided they wanted a special location for their special day. They chose the **Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center** for the location of their wedding on Sunday, March 20, 2005. It is a special place because the synagogue is named in memory of Larry's late parents, **Betty and Jim Cutler**. It is a special place because the synagogue is also named in honor of **Rabbi Albert Plotkin**, who performed the ceremony. It is a special place because it is the first wedding to take place in the sanctuary since the middle of the 1940s. May Larry and Randi be blessed with much happiness together and may the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center be the site of many other happy occasions for many years to come.

BLUE JEAN BRUNCH ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

COMMUNITY BUILDER RECIPIENTS

DR. JOEL GEREBOFF

EARL KATZ

LEATRICE J. NACH

BERYL MORTON AWARD

LEE SHEDROFF

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Chaparral Suites 9:30 am

\$36

Reservations needed

For information call

Arizona Jewish Historical Society

602-241-7870

or visit www.azjhs.org

SAVE THE DATE!

"Stamps With A Jewish Twist"

US Postage Stamp Exhibit

on display until **April 6th**

Scottsdale Civic Center Library

Sunday April 3rd at 2 pm

Lecture by **Dr. Michael Rubinoff**

Funding by **Celebrate 350, AZ**

Humanities Council, AZ Jewish

Historical Society, Jewish

Community Foundation, Jewish

Federation of Greater Phoenix

Stamp Exhibit will move to Temple

Emanuel on April 8th.

Thursday April 7

12 noon - 1 p.m.

"**Finding Your Jewish Ancestors**"

AZ State Library, Archives and Public

Records--Reservations required

602-542-3942

Sunday April 10th

Celebrate Israel 57

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus

12:30 - 4:30

Tuesday April 19th

Legacy Series

Alex Kimmelman

"**Jews of the American West**"

Beth El Congregation 7:30 pm

Saturday evening April 23rd

First Seder Pesach begins

Wednesday May 4 at 6 pm

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Har Zion

Sunday May 15th

Blue Jean Brunch

Annual Meeting and Community

Builders Brunch

Chaparral Suites 9:30 AM

Friday May 27th

Lag B'Omer

Monday and Tuesday

June 13 - 14th

Shavuot

Preserve the Scrapbook of Arizona's Jewish Community

WE CAN DO IT!



I recently visited Washington, DC on what was to become a "busman's holiday."

I toured the Nation Museum of the American Indian with its incredible architecture. I spent time at the Holocaust Memorial and know that we are on the right track having found a place for a Survivor's Memorial on our property. I even went to the Spy Museum, with hundreds of other visitors, and wondered how we could attract crowds like that. At that museum I noticed a variety of displays that we can easily copy. I visited the Nation Museum of American History. They have a lot of stuff on display with a huge staff. When I saw Julia Child's kitchen with her cooking utensils, her dishes and her appliances, I knew that we have a wonderful opportunity to show life in Arizona at a different time.

We have a huge but exciting job ahead of us in the restoration of the first synagogue in Phoenix. We have buildings and exhibits to design. We have a building to restore in a neighborhood that is bursting with urban redevelopment and cultural life. We will need millions of dollars for the restoration of this gem of a religious landmark. We have the strong support of the city Historic Preservation office. **And we can do it!**

You can help - share your memorabilia with the **Arizona Jewish Historic Society**; share your stories with **SHEMA**, our **Oral History Project**; share your expertise with the **Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center** Building Committee. Your enthusiasm, your participation and your financial support will keep us on track.

Risa Mallin
Executive Director

KNOW SOMEONE WHO ISN'T A MEMBER?

Ask friends and relatives to join the AJHS! Your enthusiasm will help spread the word about our organization and our mission to preserve the rich Jewish heritage of our community. As the scrapbook of the Jewish community, we play an important role in the community. A membership to the AJHS makes a great and unexpected GIFT!

AJHS SEEKS ARTIFACTS AND ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

The AJHS continues to build its collection of original photographs, documents, and artifacts relating to Jewish life in Arizona and the Southwest. In order to continue to document our community accurately, authentically, and powerfully, the Society seeks original material. We are looking for letters, diaries, original works of art and music. Clothing, home movies and other artifacts would be welcome additions to our archives. The AJHS assumes full responsibility for its long term care and storage and commits itself to making this material accessible to the community. Please call Jack 602-241-7870 if you have something that you think we might be interested in having for our collection.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

Rita Ben Shalom - piano for JHC

Mona Gower - Negatives from Beth El 60th Anniversary from photographer, **Joel Gower**

Joy Carter - Scrapbooks of her political career

Fran Frazin - Scrapbooks from B'nai B'rith Women

Ted Kort - Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Dinner Invitations (1981-2004)

Janice Dietz - JNF Tree Certificate (ca 1950) with names of 50 residents of Phoenix who bought trees in memory of **Sarah Saks**.

Are you on the list?



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

azjhs.org

LOG ON to register for upcoming events and pay your membership dues all on a secure connection. You will be able to send and pay for certificates in honor or in memory of a friend just by using our new website. You will also be able to view our oral history project on the Shema link on the website. See them for yourself.



STORIES

We asked for stories and received them from: **Ken Diamond, Sandy Ilsen, Wm Rein and Elaine R. Warick**. If you have a story that you always wanted to share, send it to us. We will keep it, use it (somewhere,) and maybe even publish the entire collection (someday.)



Jerry
Lewkowitz

President's Message...

Over a year ago, the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors' Association approached the Arizona Jewish Historical Society about the possibility of constructing a memorial to the Holocaust Survivors on the newly acquired campus of the **Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center**. The AJHS was honored to receive such a request and after several meetings, we agreed that such a memorial was not only appropriate, but that it would be a perfect complement to the Heritage Center Campus.

The AJHS remains committed to the Holocaust Survivors and the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors' Association. We support their decision to build a memorial, especially on our campus, and respect their choice of design and designers. We look forward to working with them toward the timely, successful completion of the Holocaust Memorial.

The Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center has been our dream for years. Its completion as a home to the Arizona Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish community remains our primary focus. We are actively completing our own plans for renovation of the campus, and with the support of our membership and the community, it will be a source of pride as a place to preserve and create our history.

Our personal wish to you and yours for a Happy Passover.

WILL YOUR WILL BE KNOWN?

It has been said that a person will work more than 40 years to accumulate assets, will spend 10 years conserving what has been accumulated, but will spend only a few hours planning how it will be distributed after their lifetime. Through your personal will you give final voice to your values and wishes. Be sure your will reflects your current wishes.

You can help to preserve the legacy of Jewish history by including the Arizona Jewish Historical Society in your will.

ORAL HISTORY

SERVICE to the JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Arizona Jewish Historical Society has interviewed the following people for the SHEMA project. Many of these interviews are already available for viewing and listening to on our website, www.azjhs.org.

The remaining interviews are being processed and will be found on SHEMA by the end of the summer.

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| Adler, Harry | Hill, Ethel | Plotkin, Rabbi Albert |
| Aycock, RoseAnn | Kaplan, Hirsh | Polson, Dorothy |
| Becker, Gerald | Katz, A. Alexander | Pransky, Janet Kotzen |
| Becker, Louis | Katz, Leanore | Ramenofsky, Elizabeth |
| Bell, Rabbi Maynard | Kiviat, Sam | Rebibo, Rabbi David |
| Bellman, Ben | Kogen, Alan | Richman, Sylvia |
| Bellman, Celia | Korrick, Ed | Ronay, Pearl |
| Bellman, Lamarr | Kroloff, Kirk | Rosen, Ruth |
| Bendalin, Howard | Kogen, Alan | Rosenberg, Allen |
| Bendheim, Otto | Korrick, Ed | Rosenberg, Rose |
| Bisman, Rabbi Mark | Kroloff, Kirk | Rosenbluth, Leah |
| Brohner, Shirley | Kruglick, Burton | Rosenthal, Michael |
| Brooks, Corrine | Kurn, Barbara (Bobbi) | Rosenzweig, Harry |
| Brown, Sarah | Kurn, Neal | Roth, Maurice |
| Cantor, Mathilda | Lange, Herman | Saperstein, Stella |
| Carter, Joy | Lantin, Jeanette | Schaffer, Shyrle |
| Citron, Toby | LeBeau, Saul | Schaeffer, Lenore |
| Cohen, Mary | Lee, Rabbi Barton | Schechtman, Rabbi Harry Z. |
| Cutler, Lawrence | Lehman, Marshall | Scholar, Aaron |
| Davis, Leah | Lehman, Sara | Schlomovitz, Fannie |
| Diamond, Sylvia | Leibsohn, Mark | Schubert, Anne |
| Eckstein, Albert | Leibsohn, Rebecca | Schurgin, Samuel B. |
| Eisenstein, Hy | Lewkowitz, H Jerome | Seigel, Bernice |
| Feffer, Frank | Liebhaber, Harry | Shindler, Anne |
| Feiler, Bertha | Liebhaber, Josephine | Silberman, Rabbi Herbert |
| Finkelstein, Dr. Emanuel | Lipow, Herman W. | Silverman, Nat |
| Fireman, Bert | Mallin, Sol | Silverman, Ray |
| Fireman, Esther | Mandell, Kay | Silverman, Saul |
| Fogelson, Bernard | Marks, Royal D. | Stein, Elayne |
| Frank, Florence | Marshall, Jonathan | Silverman, Sylvia |
| Frazin, Lawrence | Martin, Thelma | Simons, Yale |
| Frazin, Fran | Meckler, Brenda | Smith, Evelyn |
| Freed, Raye | Melczer, Joseph, Sr. | Smith, Herbert |
| Freedman, James | Meth, Abraham | Sobol, Paula |
| Gerst, Morris | Metz, Deborah | Spitalny (Gould), Betty |
| Gerstman, Mary | Midge, Malyjurek | Spitalny, Larry |
| Goldstein, Muriel | Moffitt, Nancy | Straus, Malcolm |
| Goldwater, Barry | Moreland Fanny | Tamaroff, Toddy |
| Gorodetzky, Eli | Morris, Abe & Mildred | Tutnauer, Rabbi Moshe |
| Grodzinsky, | Morton, Beryl | Waldman, Frances |
| Grouskay, Audrey | Myland, Mel | Weiss, Michael |
| Herring, Rabbi Charles | Pearlstein, Irv | Wughalter, Sol |
| Herzberg, Benjamin | Pickelner, Dorothy | Yablonsky, William |
| Herzberg, Edward | Pinkwasser, Rabbi David | |

Mark Sendrow and his committee have identified another 100 people in the community to interview. It is a wonderful opportunity to talk to some great people and hear some fabulous personal stories about Jewish life in Arizona.

If you are interested in helping the Oral History Committee, please call 602-241-7870.



*Little League
Champions
ca. 1940.*

"Arizona's Boys of Spring" Yesterday and Today Spring Is Here... and So Is Baseball!



*Sponsored the team - Solomonville, ca. 1898.
Isadore Solomon (standing right) was the patron
of the team. His son, Charles (standing second
from right,) played first base.*



*Played on the team - Coach Leo Berney with softball team. Games were at
Berney Park which was named after Leo. Berney was an advocate for
young people. AZA group was also named after him.*



Shawn Green,
*Diamondbacks' new right
fielder, arrived in the
Valley Spring, 2005.*

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The Memory of Yesterday...

Arizona Jewish Historical Society

is dedicated to the preservation
of the Jewish contributions
to Arizona history.



*We invite your
participation and
contribution of your family
memorabilia and artifacts.*

HISTORY MANNERS



Sara Fonstein Marcus
Gutwirth, mother of the
late Jane Podall
(March, 2005) ca 1906.
Sara (1901- 2003) was
honored by Phoenix
United Blood Services
for 15 years of service.

**AJHS is dedicated to the preservation,
collection and exhibition of materials
relevant to the Jewish community in
Arizona and the Southwest.**

- \$50 Supporting member
- \$100 Circle of Friends
- \$180 Chai Circle
- \$250 Research Circle
- \$500 Builders Circle
- \$1000 Curators Circle

Membership PLUS a donation to help
continue a special project

- \$ Education Fund
- \$ Endowment Fund
- \$ Jewish Heritage Center Restoration
- \$ Jewish Heritage Fair
- \$ Oral History Fund

Thank you for your tax deductible gift.
Checks should be made payable to AJHS.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

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*Your family most likely has a picture
equally wonderful for our archives.

Call 602-241-7870



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HISTORY MANNERS

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
to the 300 + individuals and families who have
become members of the AJHS for the
calendar year 2005.

Our fiscal year begins with the Jewish New Year.
We hope those who haven't paid their dues will
write a check now that it is 2005.

*Together we will preserve the past
for the next generation!*

NEW MEMBERS:

Ms. Leah Mintz-Appleman

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks

Mr. Michael Orlikoff

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Papoff

Mr. Bernard Tekofsky

Ms. Carole Duskin

Mr. Barry Leshowitz

Ms. Gloria Feld

Ms. Rita Fugate

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stahl

Mr. Gerald Blank

Ms. Lee Kazan

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Leibsohn

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Handler

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sandler

Mr. Eduard Zavurov

*If you are not a member today,
we encourage your membership
and participation in our
projects, activities and exciting vision of the
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