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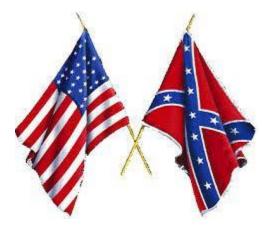
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 2023

Happy New Year to all our members and best wishes for a healthy one. We are looking forward to a great year going forward. We celebrated Dorothy Brown's 100 year birthday. Besides this being a milestone for her, let it be a reminder that we all need to cherish every day as a blessing.

We had a great Hannukah party at the Bootzins residence and everyone had a lot of fun as well as great food. We have a lot of ideas for the new year and hope you will participate in many of the activities that the social committee is planning for us.

The board is in the process of identifying the various veterans' charities that we will be donating funds which were raised at the poppy sales. Although the poppy sales for this year will not be until May and November, we will need volunteers, so please consider helping and put the dates on your calendar.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting,

Marvin Botwinik, Commander JWV Post 64

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended our gala 100th Birthday Party for our beloved and valued member Dorothy Brown.

Thanks also to those members who attended our Social Lunch at SAGOS Sports Bar in Summerlin.

Sheila Epstein Social Committee Chairperson

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

I want to wish you and yours a very happy healthy 2023 with nothing but the best of everything. Here's my blurb—-

As your quartermaster, I would like to wish a Very Happy New Year to all of our members, families and friends.

Just a quick note regarding the annual dues for the Murray L. Rosen, Post 64 of the JVW of the USA.

Dues are \$45.00 per calendar year. National starts to send dues renewal notices in July for the following year.

Dues are the same for veterans and patrons.

Veterans are any person with an honorable discharge, usually a DD214.

Active duty personnel are given free membership until they retire, leave or are discharged from the military.

Patrons are spouses, relatives, friends or any person who would like to join and help us.

Thank you all for all you do.

Ricki Greenspon Quartermaster, Post 64 of the JWV

JANUARY 1

"At the rising of the sun and at its going down, We remember them. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, We remember them. At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, We remember them.

At the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, We remember them. In the beginning of the year and when it ends, We remember them. So long as we live, they too shall live for they are now a part of us as

We remember them."

-Excerpt, by Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

At this transition from the old year to the new, we think about those we love who have died. A year they will not enjoy. A year they will not be here for us. A year at once so swift and so excruciatingly slow.

> But in this new year, we will remember them, and we will love them. And those are the two most powerful forces in the universe.

This year, I will remember, and I will love.

JWV Post 64 Life Member Ken Hill died at night on January 7, at age 98.



ROLLING CALENDAR■ Mark your Calendars in 2023:

Monday, February 13 (2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at 12 noon at Janet Snyder's condo
5160 Indian River Dr. #341
Bldg. 232, unit 341
R.S.V.P. Janet at 702-227-6566

 Sunday, February 26 (4th Sunday) Post Meeting at Humana 10:00 a.m.

 Monday, March 13 (2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Sheila Epstein's home 12 noon

 Sunday, March 26 (4th Sunday) Post Meeting at Humana 10:00 a.m.

 Monday, April 10 (2nd Monday)
Board Meeting at Mort Friedlander's home 12 noon The Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce (SNVCC) will be hosting our first quarterly business mixer at AREA15 in The Sanctuary on Thursday January 26, 5:30-7:30pm!

We have partnered with our GOLD community partner, USMC <u>#veteranownedbusiness</u>, and premier event sponsor <u>Veteran Benefits Guide</u> to present this exciting event to

our community, where we will be sharing important resources and information with our veteran and families that live in the local area... VBG are experts at guiding our

veterans to maximize their VA disability ratings that they've earned and deserve.

We'll also be raffling off an amazing VGK veteran in-game experience, compliments of Veteran Benefits Guide (VBG)!!!

Also for our veteran entrepreneurs, come learn about partnership opportunities with veteran-owned VC firm, VetX Ventures!

Some of our newest veteran resource partners in our community ecosystem (The Mission Continues, Irreverent Warriors, and VFW Post 12198) will also be introduced, and our community can learn about ways to help get involved!

It will be an awesome time, don't miss out!

Complimentary appetizers will be served, and your first drink is on us!!

Register here 💎 👌

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/snvccarea-15-january-2023-business-mixer-tickets-496210678497

SNVCC Happy Hour at the Leatherneck Club

4360 W. Spring Mountain Rd, Las Vegas 89102

Monday, February 6, 2023 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Showcasing and featuring veterans and veteran-history right out of our southern Nevada community!

Come check out an exquisite portraiture gallery of some of our community's best, from the era of the Vietnam War and even earlier.

This Important gallery graciously offered to our event and curated by a great veteran-supporter and SNVCC member, Mikel Conrad of Mikel's Photography & Design in Water St. you won't want to miss seeing this.

Also learn about more awesome available resources from **Portraits For Patriots** and Josh Line Photography, collecting more amazing photos of our local heroes.

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March 15

Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL) Opening Ceremony

Join us for the opening ceremony of Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature as we kicked off a day of veteran and military awareness!

By Nevada Department of Veterans Services

When and where

Date and time Wed, March 15, 2023, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM PDT

Location Governor's Office 101 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

It is important to have "hats in the room" to show that Veterans are interested in these legislative issues and that we support our brother and sister Veterans in the state of Nevada.

Let's plan to carpool and go to this Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature Opening Ceremony in Carson City!!

The opening ceremony kicks off Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature which provides a day-long event that raises awareness to Nevada lawmakers and the public regarding veterans and the military. The Nevada National Guard will have static displays outside the Legislative Building. There will be vendors, along with a free lunch provided to celebrate the day.

The opening ceremony will take place behind the Governor's Office, near the Veteran's Memorial Wall and the Battle Born Memorial. Coffee and mingling begin at 8:00 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Shortly after the Six Day War in June 1967, this Letter written by Eliezer Whartman was published in the Wall Street Journal.

A Letter to the World from Jerusalem By Eliezer ben Israel

I am not a creature from another planet, as you seem to believe. I am a Jerusalemite- like yourselves, a man of flesh and blood. I am a citizen of my city and an integral part of my people.

I have a few things to get off my chest. Because I am not a diplomat, I do not have to mince words. I do not have to please you, or even persuade you. I owe you nothing. You did not build this city; you do not live in it; you did not defend it when they came to destroy it. And we will be damned if we will let you take it away.

There was a Jerusalem before there was a New York. When Berlin, Moscow, London and Paris were a miasmal forest and swamp, there was a thriving Jewish community here. It gave something to the world which you nations have rejected ever since you established yourselves – a human moral code.

Here the prophets walked, their words flashing like forked lightning. Here a people who wanted nothing more than to be left alone, fought off waves of heathen would-be conquerors, bled and died on the battlements, hurled themselves into the flames of their burning temple rather than surrender; and when finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and led away into captivity, swore that before they forgot Jerusalem they would see their tongues cleave to their palates, their right arm wither. For two pain-filled millennia, while we were your unwelcome guests, we prayed daily to return to this city. Three times a day we petitioned the almighty: "Gather us from the four corners of the world, bring us upright to our land; return in mercy to Jerusalem, Thy city and dwell in it as Thou promised."

On every Yom Kippur and Passover we fervently voiced the hope that next year would find us in Jerusalem. Your inquisitions, pogroms, expulsions, the ghettos into which you jammed us, your forced baptisms, your quota systems, your genteel anti-Semitism, and the final unspeakable horror, the holocaust (and worse, your terrifying disinterest in it) all these have not broken us. They may have sapped what little moral strength you still possessed but they forged us into steel. Do you think that you can break us now, after all we have been through? Do you really believe that after Dachau and Auschwitz we are frightened by your threats of blockades and sanctions?

We have been to hell and back – a hell of your making. What more could you possibly have in your arsenal that could scare us?

I have watched the city bombarded twice. By nations calling themselves civilized. In 1948, while you looked on apathetically, I saw women and children blown to smithereens, this after we had agreed to request to internationalize the city. It was a deadly combination that did the job: British officers, Arab gunners and American made cannons.

And then the savage sacking of the old city: The willful slaughter, the wanton destruction of every synagogue and religious school; the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the sale by a ghoulish government of tombstones for building materials, for poultry runs, army camps – even latrines.

And you never said a word.

You never breathed the slightest protest when the Jordanians shut off the holiest of our holy places, the western wall in violation of the pledges they had made after the war – a war they waged, incidentally against the decision of the UN. Not a murmur came from you whenever the legionnaires, in their spiked helmets casually opened fire upon our citizens from behind the walls.

Your hearts bled when Berlin came under siege. You rushed your airlift "to save the gallant Berliners." But you did not send one ounce of food when Jews starved in besieged Jerusalem. You thundered against the wall which the east Germans ran through the middle of the German capital - but not one peep out of you about the other wall, the one that tore through the heart of Jerusalem.

And when the same thing happened twenty years later, and the Arabs unleashed a savage unprovoked bombardment of the holy city again, did any of you do anything? The only time you came to life was when the city was at last reunited. Then you wring your hands and spoke loftily of "justice" and the need for the "Christian" quality of turning the other cheek.

The truth is – and you know it deep inside your gut – you would prefer the city to be destroyed rather than have it governed by Jews. No matter how diplomatically you phrase it, the age old prejudices seep out of every word.

If our return to the city has tied you theology in knots, perhaps you would better reexamine your catechisms. After what we have been through, we are not passively going to accommodate ourselves to the twisted idea that we are to suffer eternal homelessness until we accept your Savior.

For the first time since the year seventy there is now complete religious freedom for all in Jerusalem. For the first time since the Romans put the torch to the temple everyone has equal rights. (you preferred to have some more equal than others) We loathe the sword – but it was you who forced us to take it up. We crave peace – but we are not going back to the peace of 1948 as you would like us to.

We are home. It has a lovely sound for a nation you have willed to wander over the face of the globe. We are not leaving. We have redeemed the pledge made by our forefathers – Jerusalem is being rebuilt. "Next year" – and the year after, and after, and after until the end of time "in Jerusalem!"





70,000 people from 95 countries made aliyah in 2022.

"I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again." (Ezekiel 11:17) Jerusalem Day, also known as Yom Yerushalayim, is an Israeli national holiday celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar, which is the eighth month according to the Hebrew calendar. This year, it falls on June 5. It commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City after the six-day war against the Jordanian forces in 1967. The day is marked with different events such as recitations of the Hallel prayer in Synagogues, lectures on the history of Jerusalem, street parades, parties, state ceremonies, and memorial services for those that died in the six-day war.

HISTORY OF JERUSALEM DAY

Israel declared its independence in 1948 and shortly after that, it was attacked by Arab countries, resulting in the Arab-Israeli War which lasted from May 15, 1948, to March 10, 1949. The war ended with an Israeli victory, Jordanian partial victory, and Palestinian and Egyptian defeats. In the aftermath of the war, Jerusalem was divided as Israeli forces controlled most of the city while East Jerusalem and the Old City were controlled by Jordanian forces.

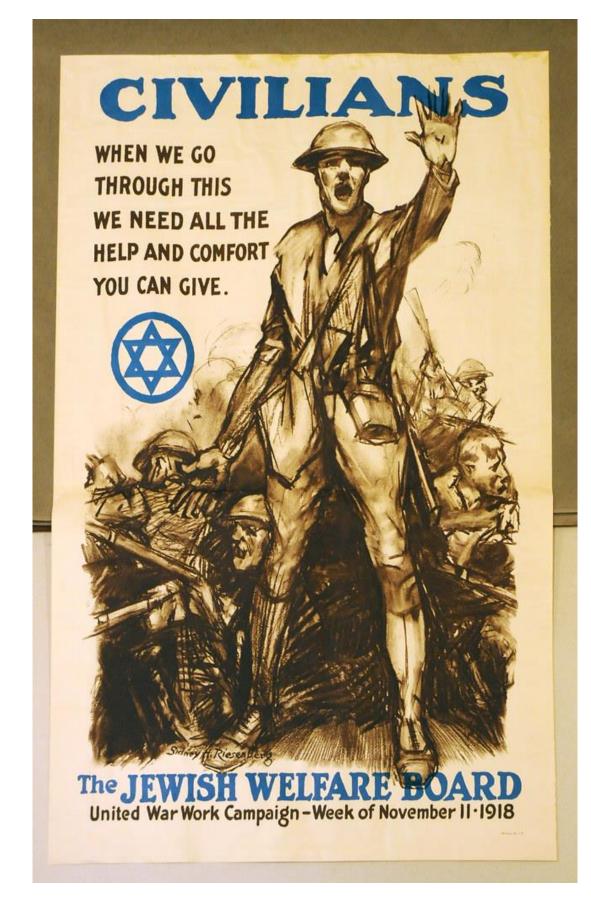
The Old City housed a lot of religious monuments and was a very good location strategically. Places such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Christian), the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque (Muslim), the Temple Mount and the Western Wall or Kotel (Jewish) amongst others were within the Old City and so Israeli forces sought to regain the place.

The six-day war between Israel and Jordan started on June 6, 1967, and the Old City was captured the next day. The end of the War on June 11 due to a cease-fire resulted in the reunification of Jerusalem as part of Isreal. On the Hebrew calendar, this day fell on the 28th day of the month of Iyar and is now used to commemorate Jerusalem day. The next year in May 1968, the 28th of Iyar was set as a holiday to mark the unification of Jerusalem, and then years down the line in 1998, the Israeli government passed the Jerusalem Day Law to officially make the day a national holiday. The day continues to be celebrated by the Jewish community in and outside Israel. The day is not a public holiday, however, as businesses have normal opening hours.

JERUSALEM DAY TIMELINE

1948
Israeli Independence
Israel declares its independence and the Arab-Israeli war begins.
1949
The Arab-Israeli War Ends
The Arab-Israeli war ends with an Israeli victory and a part Jordanian victory.
1967
The Six-Day War
The six-day war between Israel and Jordan begins with Israel gaining control over the Old City.
1968
An Unofficial Holiday
The 28th day of Iyar is set as a holiday to mark the unification of Jerusalem
1998
The Government Sets Jerusalem Day
The Israeli government passes the Jerusalem Day Law to officially make the day a national holiday





NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

The **National Jewish Welfare Board** (JWB) was formed on April 9, 1917, three days after the <u>United States</u> declared war on <u>Germany</u>, in order to support Jewish soldiers in the U.S. military during <u>World War I</u>.^[1] The impetus for creating the organization stemmed from <u>Secretary of War</u>, <u>Newton Baker</u> and <u>Secretary of Navy</u>, <u>Josephus</u> <u>Daniels</u>.^[1] The organization was also charged with recruiting and training <u>rabbis</u> for <u>military service</u>, as well as providing support materials to these newly commissioned <u>chaplains</u>. The JWB also maintained oversight of <u>Jewish</u> chapel facilities at military installations.^[2]



Postcard, 1919

In 1921, several organizations merged with the JWB to become a national association of Jewish community centers around the country in order to integrate social activities, education, and active recreation. These merged organizations included the YWHA, YMHA, and the National Council of Young Men's Hebrew and Kindred Association.

In 1941, the <u>United Service Organizations</u> for National Defense was brought into existence through Presidential order February 4. The USO was incorporated in New York state as a private, nonprofit organization, supported by private citizens and corporations. President <u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> wanted the <u>morale</u> of military personnel to remain high and believed that current <u>service organizations</u> would be better suited for the job than the <u>Department of Defense</u>. The six private organizations were - the National Catholic Community Service (NCCS), Young Men's Christian Association <u>YMCA</u>, Young Women's Christian Association <u>YWCA</u>, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the <u>Traveler's Aid Association</u> and the <u>Salvation Army</u>. These organizations were challenged to handle the on-leave morale and recreational needs for members of the <u>Armed Forces</u>. The six organizations pooled their resources and the <u>United Service Organizations</u>, which quickly became known as the USO, was incorporated in <u>New York</u> on February 4, 1941.

The organization is now the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, part of <u>JCC of North</u> <u>America</u>.- The Council sends religious artifacts and supplies for Jewish holidays, including <u>Passover Seder</u> kits, <u>Hanukkah</u> candles, four species for <u>Tabernacles</u>, and more.

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How many things are we missing as we rush through life?

" In Washington DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After about four minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About four minutes later, the violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk. At six minutes, a young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then

looked at his watch and started to walk again. At ten minutes, a three-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him

along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly. At forty-five minutes: The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About twenty gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32. After one hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this:

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made...

How many other things are we missing as we rush through life?"

~ The Love Rabbi-Yisroel Bernath



On January 11 we had a Social Event at SAGOS Sports Bar in Summerlin. On the left (front to back): Jerry Bootzin, Jack Weingarten, Sheila Epstein, Bea Siefman, Mort Friedlander and Mary Zone; On the right (front to back): Janet Snyder, David Lifschultz, Herb Cohen, Mickey Durkin

"There is unspoken power in a hug. It is the best answer to so many situations. A hug can say to many of our guests, 'I can't fix it but we are here, we understand and we care.' This act of pure love says from one human heart to another 'you are not alone.'" ~ Vanniecia Brown, Manager at the Fisher House St. Louis, MO

Our Fisher House, across from the VA Hospital in North Las Vegas, is a wonderful place where hugs and helpfulness are always present. **Many thanks** to our Patrons **Mickey Durkin** and **Sheila Epstein** who have prepared food and served to the Veteran Families who have stayed at our Fisher House.



At JWV Post 64 Meeting on January 22: Guest Steve Lederer, Commander, Sienna Veterans Group

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved." —A.A.Milne (Winnie the Pooh) *****



Guest, Ralph Likeness, Sienna Veterans Group

We are like books. Most people only see our cover., the minority only read the introduction, many people believe the critics. Few will know our content. ~ Emile Zola



Guest, Rose Cirac, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within. - Elisabeth Ross



Ricki Greenspon, Quartermaster; Jerry Bootzin, Junior Vice Commander; Marvin Botwinik, Commander; Jack Weingarten, Senior Vice Commander; Bea Siefman, Adjutant

Together, we WELCOME Everyone You don't need to be Jewish to be a Patron of Jewish War Veterans Join JWV Post 64 in Las Vegas



Mary Zone, Mort Friedlander, Howard Greenspon

Bruce Lee said, "Don't speak negatively about yourself, even as a joke. Your body doesn't know the difference."

Words are energy and cast spells, that's why it's called spelling. Change the way you speak about yourself and you can change your life. What you're not changing, you're also choosing.



Sythe and Deanne, Entertainers

It was great to see our members, patrons and guests having so much fun! We were clapping, singing with Sythe and Deanne, and some were dancing. The songs were oldies, encouraging sing-along and we could relate to them. Bravo! Bravo! It was a wonderful show!



Sythe and Deanne, Entertainers

"Only those who attempt the absurd will achieve the impossible." \sim M. C. Escher



Birthday cake for Dorothy Brown's 100th Birthday

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you. ~ Anne Lamott



Ricki Greenspon, Sheila Epstein, Dorothy Brown, Bea Siefman

"First, we become aware of that which is Divine around us. Then we become aware of that which is Divine within us. Finally, we become aware that all is Divine, and that there is nothing else. This is the moment of our awakening."

~ Neale Donald Walsch



Sythe singing "Happy Birthday" to Dorothy; Mickey Durkin; Mort Friedlander; Mary Zone; Ricki Greenspon; Sheila Epstein

To have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever. ~ J.K. Rowling



Herb Cohen, age 98; Dorothy Brown, age 100; Abe Efros, Age 99

"Be a giver, not a getter. Seek for the good in everyone, and everything. Do at least one good deed every day, one that you don't have to do." ~ Mary Kay Ash



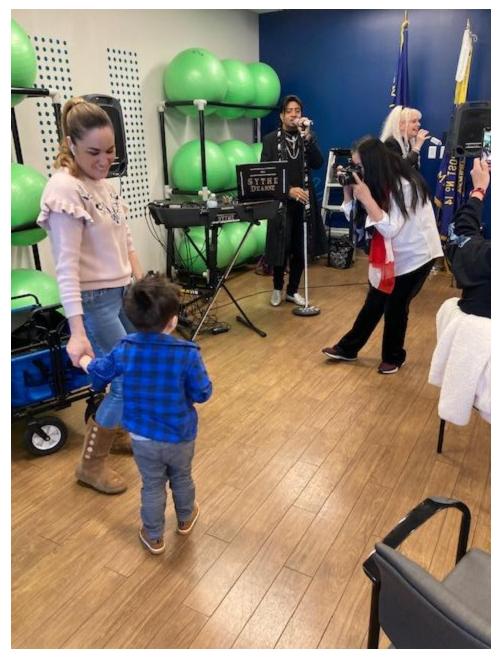
Sythe Cameron

Happy Chinese New Year! This lunar year is the year of the Rabbit! If you were born in 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999 or 2011-you are a Rabbit. Rabbits are intelligent, cautious and compassionate. This year should be gentler compared to last year's aggressive tiger energy! This is a Water Rabbit year-so we should learn to go with the flow-not against it! We should take time this year for self-analysis and focus on how we can help others in our community.



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Maria Camposano and son, Su Phelps, Sythe & Deanne Cameron

If we couldn't laugh we'd all go insane...

Wishing you a day filled with laughter. Laughter is the best medicine.