

## **2017 FEBRUARY TERRIFIC TUESDAYS**

**Coffee and conversation from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM.**

**Presenters speak from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Suggested Donation: \$4.00**

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th: Rabbi Mendy Deitsch**

**TOPIC: Heaven, Hell, Afterlife**

Is there Heaven and Hell, or do we believe in the afterlife?

Rabbi Deitsch is a co-founder of Chabad of the East Valley established in 1997. Due to his dedication and strong belief, Chabad saw a new building constructed giving a permanent home to its members.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>: ART MUSEUM: Diane Jessen**

**TOPIC: Mexican Halloween**

Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is both a somber, and festive holiday with roots in Oaxaca, Mexico. Beginning as an ancient Aztec harvest festival, this pre-Columbian seasonal ritual merged with the Catholic feast holiday, All Saints' Day soon after Cortez led colonizers and missionaries into the region. The holiday evolved again, after the muralist and painter Diego Rivera popularized the political cartoons of Mexican Revolutionary illustrator Jose Posada.

Explore the beliefs, rituals, food, altars, and imagery associated with Dia de los Muertos and understand why UNESCO has recognized the holiday as significant to humankind. Even though our topic is "Mexican Halloween" on Valentine's Day, there will still be lots of talk about flowers, sweets and love!

Diane Jessen has been a docent at Phoenix Art Museum for 5 years, and she has loved every minute of the experience! Prior to being a docent, she was an art and play therapist for terminally and chronically ill pediatric patients in a variety of children's hospital settings — in Minneapolis, Boston, Providence and Las Vegas. Over the years, she has served on a variety of state and city boards advocating for children and adolescents. Very early on in her career, she was the owner of an architectural space planning and interior design business. Her appreciation of museums and love of art grew from her work in both design and art therapy. Today, she enjoys speaking to all audiences about art — and the history behind it.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st: jerry Millman—WE'LL BEGIN AT 10:15 AM**  
**TOPIC: Uriah & Chaim**

On April 22, 1792, Rachel (Phillips) Levy gives birth to Uriah in Philadelphia. On January 27, 1900, Rachel (Unger) Ryki gives birth to Chaim Gadalia (God is Great) in Makew Mazowiecki, Poland.

Uriah rises to the rank of Commodore, serving 54 years.

Chaim appears on the cover of "Time Magazine" in 1954 and on November 16, 1973 was promoted to Four Star Admiral. He became the longest surviving naval officer in U.S. history with 63 years of active duty.

Both were men of integrity, perseverance, and resilience displaying concern for the common man. They fought and overcame anti-Semitism while devoted to duty and country.

A short presentation will be followed by a PBS Documentary.

A real winner!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th: TBA**