



January 2020

Terrific Tuesdays presentations

10 a.m.: Coffee, cake & conversation | 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Presentations

Suggested donation: \$4

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Terrific Tuesdays Coordinator: Adrian Bendick, adrian@evjcc.org

Jan. 7: Authors @ the EVJCC

Presenter: Ettie Zilber, author of “A Holocaust Memoir of Love & Resilience: Mama’s Survival from Lithuania to America”

Ettie Zilber’s birth in a displaced persons camp in Germany marked her with a special responsibility. Retirement from a career as an educational leader in international schools in six countries has given her the opportunity to fulfill that responsibility -- to research, document and publish her family’s Holocaust experiences, reflect on their impact on the next generation and share the stories and lessons with youth worldwide. She continues to present at schools, universities, conferences in the U.S. and in various other countries – including, most recently, in Germany.



About the book: In her own words, Zlata Sidrer tells the story of how her life in Kaunas, Lithuania, changed forever with the Nazi occupation in 1941. Gone was her dream of becoming a doctor—instead she found herself trapped in the Ghetto along with the rest of the town’s surviving Jewish population, before being transported to Stutthof Concentration Camp and eventually taken on the infamous death march through the freezing Polish winter.

Jan. 14: Museum @ the EVJCC

The Magic Muse: Art and Architecture Inspired by Grand Canyon

Presenter: Patrick Ventura

The “star” of the show is Mary Coulter who was the Chief Architect for the Santa Fe Railroad. This unique Architect created memorable buildings, which have enchanted tourists to the Grand Canyon for over one hundred years. We also look at some memorable works from four artists who conveyed their own unique and deep understanding of the great work of nature.



Patrick is a recently retired architect. He's had a lifelong interest in Art and Architectural History so volunteering as a docent for Phoenix Art Museum is a satisfying way to continue learning about art and passing something along to others. This talk is special to him because as an architect he has admired Mary Coulter's architecture for many years; and as a frequent visitor and hiker at Grand Canyon he can never see too many beautiful images of the great gorge.

Jan. 21: Arts & Culture @ the EVJCC

A musical performance by Odessa Jazz and Klezmer, made up of local musicians Stu Siefer and Ted Zislis

Stu Siefer's musical career began in Detroit in the 1960s where he played saxophone and clarinet with the Starlighters, the Classics and the Siefer-Wells Orchestra at parties, weddings and resorts. He also recorded with a rock band called the Sabers. After a 35-year break to raise a family and pursue a career in architecture in Arizona, he had his 70 year-old vintage Selmer tenor sax tuned up and he returned to his passion of playing jazz. He presently plays in the Scottsdale Ranch Jazz Ensemble, The Rural Street Klezmer Band and formed the Stu Siefer Combo 10 years ago, playing jazz at local clubs, concerts and parties performing with many of the Valley's top jazz musicians. He is a current board member of The Nash Jazz Center and the Arizona Jewish Historical Society.

Ted Zislis started his musical career, studying the accordion in elementary school. He transitioned to the piano in middle school and started playing drums in high school during which time he also taught himself to play sax and guitar. He really began his professional music career while preparing to be a dentist at Temple University, while playing drums with a 16-piece swing band in Philadelphia. After graduating from dental school, he joined the U.S. Army and has played piano, drums and guitar with professional musicians throughout his 33 year military career, performing all genres of music from symphonic classics to professional musical theater to big band swing and small combo jazz, performing in Korea, Germany and Africa, as well as throughout the US. Ted is retired now from both the military and from his health care specialty as a pathologist, but he continues to play music whenever and wherever he is able. He recently returned to Phoenix from Aspen, Colo. where he mentored young high school jazz students for the Jazz Aspen Snowmass summer jazz institute program and where he performed regularly.

Jan. 28: Spirituality @ the EVJCC

What's Wrong with me? All about shame and shame reduction

Presenter: Phyllis Avalon Rosh, Ph.D.

Phyllis Avalon Rosh, Ph.D., has served as a teacher, principal and counselor. She is the author of five books, speaks eight languages and has traveled extensively around the world. She and her husband, David, love to travel, study, lecture and have adventures.