

Shalom History

A sense of community has always been at the center of the Shalom Social Group.

In approximately 2000, the organization of a Jewish group in Sun City Lincoln Hills began by residents Steve and Janice Hoffman, Al and Sandy Klein, Bill and Bee Gold, and Les and Ethel Henry.

Originally, the organization was called, "The Shalom Jewish Fellowship." The name, "Shalom Social Group of Sun City Lincoln Hills," was eventually chosen to reflect a Jewish flavor and the membership's openness to people of all faiths.

As stated in its bylaws, "The purpose of the Shalom Social Group is to cultivate social, educational, and cultural relationships among the residents of Sun City Lincoln Hills, who have an interest in its values, traditions, and customs of the Jewish experience and heritage."

In the beginning, members met at people's homes and then moved to other locations like the lobby of a local bank and at the Orchard Creek Fine Arts Room in Sun City Lincoln Hills and at the Salt Mine Church. It later incorporated as a mutual benefit corporation under California law and then became a nonprofit corporation under IRS regulations.

Several social and sports committees were also established during that time. In subsequent years, more activities/ dinners were added including a Passover seder, Hanukkah dinner, bagel talk, current events, a golf tournament bocce, hikes, picnics, support for the bereaved, a men and women's group and more. In 2004, High Holiday services were attended by members and ended several years later.

Numerous charities have benefited from the Shalom Social Group's generosity including the Salt Mine and organizations/people referred by Jewish Family Service.