

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:30pm
Temple Sinai Synagogue
6227 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118



Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America

Ben Katz Post 580

THE HONORABLE JUDGE SOL AND JACQUELINE GOTHARD

JWV WOMEN'S SPEAKERS SERIES

"60 Years of Love. A Lifetime of Social Justice"

Featuring Marlene Trestman

Service, Sacrifice, and the Star of David: Southern Jewish Orphans in the US Military

Native New Orleanian Marlene Trestman is an award-winning author, attorney, and celebrated researcher. She will speak on the service and sacrifice of Southern Jewish Orphans in the United States military. Specifically, her talk focuses on those who joined during the WWII era. She will also delve into the struggles and triumph experienced by these Americans and how they moved forward under the most challenging circumstances.



Marlene Trestman is the author of *Fair Labor Lawyer: The Remarkable Life of New Deal Attorney and Supreme Court Advocate Bessie Margolin* (2016). Her second book, *Most Fortunate Unfortunates: The Jewish Orphans' Home of New Orleans*, will be published by LSU Press in October 2023. Both books draw on Trestman's personal experiences and relationships as a client of the Jewish Children's Regional Service, when she became

orphaned at 11 years old. To learn more, please go to:
www.marlenetrestman.com

JWV Ben Katz P580 Honors the Contributions of Jewish ServiceMembers, Women and Family

This Speakers' Series is a celebration of the lives of the Gothards, two of Post 580's most cherished members, and a way to recognize the roles and contributions of Jewish Women in preserving the legacy of Jewish American military service. It is Post 580's intent to host annually a Jewish Woman Veteran or Civilian to discuss the service and sacrifices of American Jews during a period in our country's history in memory of the Gothards.

Refreshments provided. Please utilize the email addresses below for RSVPs no later than 31 October 2023 to assist with logistical allocations.

For LiveStream: <https://www.templestinainola.com/temple-sinai-tv.html>



Photo by Alexander Barkoff

- was married for over 60 years and grew their family of five children within the parameters of Judaism, public service, and social justice
- Jackie, along with her son, Eddie, led the efforts to restore the historic Congregation Beth Israel to its rightful place in the community when its building was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina (2005), as well as supporting and upholding the faith of New Orleans Jews
- following his wife to New Orleans in the 1950s, Sol engaged in Social Work, but eventually pursued a career in law. As an attorney, he ran and was elected to Louisiana judgeships in both parish and state courts. Judge Sol also catered to one of his deepest passions of leading discussions of how American law was founded in Torah after his retirement from the bench
- Judge Sol served in the United States Army during the Korean War era. Having older brothers who served during World War II and as a United States Army Veteran, he never forgot those who sacrificed
- Ben Katz Post 580's (P580) stride towards equality for all who served is due to Judge Sol and Jackie's efforts. Judge Sol's recruitment tactics were acknowledged nationally by JWV. He exceeded his peers' numbers and increased his post diversity by soliciting non-Jews, which surprisingly included a Kurdish-American's allegiance to JWV
- Judge Sol also led the charge to place Women Veterans in P580's leadership ranks by supporting the election of Women to the Senior Vice-Commander and Chief-of-Staff positions in 2018. P580 now has its first Woman commander, and JWV has its second African-American Jewish Woman elected as Post Commander in its history
- mandated P580's participation in Civil Rights events, such as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade held every January, being the only Military Service Organization in New Orleans to do so
- are beloved members of the greater New Orleans area who shared their faith, love, family, and vision for the future throughout the entire community

Benjamin Gothard
Family Speaker, Judge Sol and Jackie's Beloved Grandson

Veterans Day 2023 Week of Activities

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – Armistice 1918 (WWI)

Friday, 10 November 2023

Saluting all that Served: Memorial Service for Jewish Veterans

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Hebrew Rest #3 Cemetery, 2101 Pelopidas Street, New Orleans, LA 70122

Remember Jews who served and sacrificed for our country this Veterans Day at Temple Sinai and Touro Synagogue's Hebrew Rest #3 Cemetery. Dr. Hilton Title, Post Color Sergeant, will play TAPS. The names of the Post 9/11 Fallen will be read. Post 580 will be placing flags at the Veterans' final resting places. A Minyan is needed for the Mourners' Kaddish. Please attend.

Welcome Veterans Day and Shabbat with Ben Katz Post 580

6:15 pm – 9:00 pm

Congregation Gates of Prayer, 4000 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002

Welcome a very special Shabbat at Congregation Gates of Prayer. Service begins at 6:15 pm. Oneg with the Missing Man Table event remembering MIA/KIA will follow. The names of the Post 9/11 Fallen will be read.

Saturday, 11 November 2023

Remember a Veteran on the National Day of Service

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Congregation Shir Chadash, 3737 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002

Celebrate Shabbat and Veterans at Congregation Shir Chadash! As a National Day of Service, do your part by acknowledging NOLA Veterans with your presence and remembering those who gave it all for our freedom. The names of the Post 9/11 Fallen will be read during services.

Join Your G.I. Jews by viewing PBS's *G.I. Jews*

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Congregation Gates of Prayer, 4000 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002

Sponsored by Congregation Gates of Prayer Brotherhood, join Post 580 in a viewing of PBS's *G.I. Jews*. Jack Gross, Post Patriotic Instructor and WWII Museum volunteer, will speak on Jewish WWII service prior to the film. Thank Veterans for their service in person by meeting members of Post 580. Popcorn and other refreshments will be served.

Sunday, 12 November 2023

Congregation Shir Chadash's Sunday Morning Minyan

9:15 am – 11:00 am

Congregation Shir Chadash, 3737 West Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002

Please help us continue prayer and the honoring of all Veterans by joining Congregation Shir Chadash's Sunday Morning Minyan. Breakfast sponsored by Shir Chadash's Men's Club and prepared by Nathan and Robin Lew. The names of the Post 9/11 Fallen will be read during services with the Missing Man Table event remembering MIA/KIA to follow.

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**Please contact Post Commander if interested in
sponsoring these or other events.**



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