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Six members of the Valley's Jewish community will be honored at the Phoenix Community Kollel's Jewish Unity Live on March 28.

- Mitzi Friedman will receive the National Medal of Jewish Unity from the Phoenix Community Kollel for her work in founding the Young Israel of Phoenix Preschool in August 1999 and the Phoenix Community Kollel in May 2000.

She also started the Abraham Samuel Friedman Distinguished Speaker Series in 2003, in memory of her late husband, and the Abraham Samuel Friedman Jewish Unity Siyum in 2005.

Five others will receive Am Echad awards from the kollel.

- Since moving to the Valley with his family in 2001, Daniel Fuzaylov has been a unifying leader in the Bucharian Jewish community in Phoenix. He is widely respected for breaking the standard of his industry: Danny's New York Barber Shop on 23rd Street and Indian School Road is closed for Shabbat. His dedication has inspired many others' emulation over the last five years.
- Becca Hornstein, founding director of the Council for Jews with Special Needs, created the first Jewish group home in Arizona for Jewish adults who have developmental disabilities.
- Robin Davina Meyerson serves as marketing chairwoman of the Jewish Community Day School Scholarship Fund. She has donated countless hours sharing her marketing skills for kollel programs. She is also the founding publisher of Jewish Spirit magazines.
- Irving Shuman has been an active community leader in the Valley for 46 years. He is the Arizona state chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He has also served as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix and general chairman of the United Jewish Campaign.
- Michael Veitsman was born in Ukraine and survived the Holocaust, immigrating to the United States with his wife and son in 1975. After 11 years living in New York, the Veitsmans moved to Prescott. While in the Soviet Union, Michael made his living as a pilot for Aeroflot. He set a flying record for his former nation by traveling 153.5 kilometers in five hours in an A-2 light training glider, drawing no energy from a power source.

The featured speaker at the March 28 event will be Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. The featured performer will be singer-songwriter Peter Himmelman.

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- When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28
- Where: Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E. Second St.
- Cost: \$25, \$54, \$100
- Contact: 602-433-0300 or kollel@aztorah.com

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