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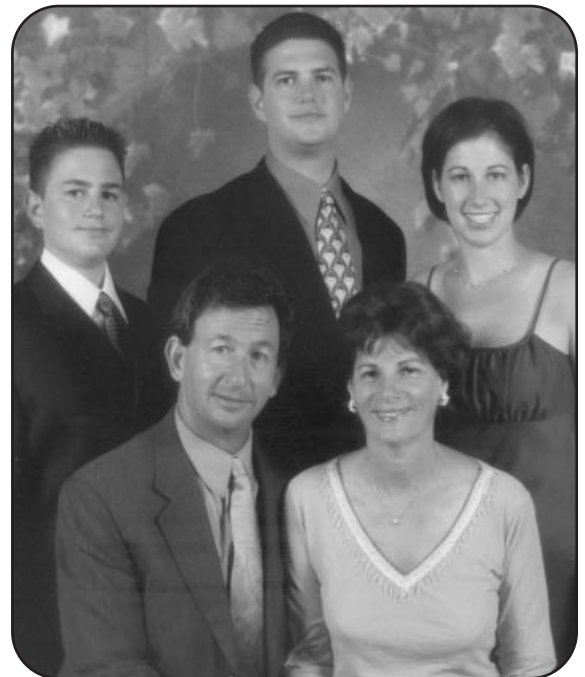
Ron & Sandy Friedman to be honored at June 8 Gala

### THEIR STORY

After completing training to become a dental assistant, Sandy Schwartz went to work for a dentist and became involved in a professional women's group that raised money to assist the Pediatric Department of Cedars-Sinai Hospital. She saved her pennies and took a trip to Israel with a friend. While visiting the wall she wrote a blessing for health for her family and included her wish to meet a nice Jewish boy. She then carefully placed it in a chink in the wall.

Shortly after returning from Israel, Sandy attended a fund-raising event for her professional group, expecting to run into the same people she always saw. As these things often happen, there was a new, young man who caught her interest named Ron Friedman, a hard-working accountant who had graduated from CSUN.

Sandy and Ron were married in 1973 and began their family, which includes Stephanie, 24, a graduate of UC San Diego who lives in San Diego, Darren, 22, a student at CSUN, and Jared, 16, a student at the Milken High School. The Friedmans grew up in Jewish homes, but there was little formal Jewish education. They decided they wanted their children to attend Jewish pre- and day



Ron and Sandy Friedman are flanked by children, Jared, Darren and Stephanie.

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### LAST CALL FOR TICKETS

Celebrating the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Rodgers and Hart in a "Grand Night for Singing," Cantor Patti Linsky will join friends Cantor Evan Kent of Temple Isaiah and Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom of Temple Israel of Hollywood in a musical tribute slated for Saturday, April 6, at the TAS Sanctuary. For reservations or additional information, call Howard or Laraine Miller at 993-0796.

### GET OUT THE VOTE

We are encouraged by the Supreme Court victory recognizing Reform and Conservative conversions in Israel. Finally, some tangible benefits reaped from years of hard work by the ARZA/WORLD UNION-sponsored Israel Religious Action Center and many others! We must keep the momentum going by coming out with a 51 percent majority in the upcoming World Zionist Congress in June in Israel. To that end, we need your help to get out the vote. Ballots were mailed out to all who registered. Vote SLATE 8 for ARZA/WORLD UNION, representing the Reform and Reconstructionist Movements – and return them postmarked by April 5.

## PULPIT CALENDAR

### Wednesday, April 3

12 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service (Chapel)

### Friday, April 5

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lutz;  
TASTY Youth Group Shabbat

### Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat

10:30 a.m.

JEREMY LUTZ, Bar Mitzvah  
Son of Rabbi Barry & Debbie Lutz

### Friday, April 12

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat and Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial) Services with Rabbi Lutz

### Saturday, April 13

10:30 a.m.

RACHEL LEVINE, Bat Mitzvah  
Daughter of Lester & Meryl Levine

5 p.m.

COREY CASTELLAW, Bar Mitzvah  
Son of Gerald & Nancy Castellaw

### Friday, April 19

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Family Services with Rabbi Brown

### Saturday, April 20

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Minyan

10:30 a.m.

GEOFFREY ABRAM, Bar Mitzvah  
Son of Harvey & Boni Abram

5 p.m.

AMANDA BENDER, Bat Mitzvah  
Daughter of Howard & Elissa Bender

### Friday, April 26

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services: Rabbi Brown will speak on "None: The Real Tragedy of American Jewry"

### Saturday, April 27

5 p.m.

MICHAEL AVISHAY, Bar Mitzvah  
Son of Lior & Cynthia Avishay

### Friday, May 3

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lutz

### Saturday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat

10:30 a.m.

JOELLE KATZ, Bat Mitzvah  
Daughter of Daniel & Michelle Katz

5 p.m.

STEPHANIE KINZLER, Bat Mitzvah  
Daughter of David & Nancy Kinzler

## Board to defer search

The Board of Trustees has reached a difficult decision to defer the search for an assistant rabbi. The dilemma of balancing the budget for next year without significantly raising dues to our members has led us to the inescapable conclusion that we simply cannot fill this position at this time.

As many of us have experienced within our own family budgets, when income will not cover expenses, then adjustments in spending must be made and some expenses eliminated.

The most practical change in our budget is the postponement of filling this position.

We all hope that by working toward our goal of increasing membership and by taking a hard look at new ways to augment our fund-raising, this situation will change. Not having an assistant rabbi will undoubtedly put an additional burden on our senior staff, who already has a heavy workload. Please be assured that no Temple Ahavat Shalom family will be without rabbinic support.

The senior staff and I have every confidence that we can weather this situation, just as we have done over the past years.

We are a strong congregation, and by all working together we will remain so.

—Shalom,

Lynn Doner, President

## Tell a friend...and a friend...and a friend...

### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW TAS FAMILIES:

Phyllis & Bill Bigelson

Lezlie Kussin & Edward Gika

– Spenser 3 years old

– Ian 6 years old

Marshall Goldberg & Susan Leung

Marilyn Matty

Roy & Dana Moraly

– Eric 2 1/2 years old

Ian & Myra Paige

– Meredith 17 years old

– Zachary 15 years old

– Andrew 12 years old

Robin Picard

– Bradley 8 years old

Alyce Schultz-Rozsa

Ellen & Jeff Yuen

– Jonathan 5 years old

"Tell a Friend" is continuing to work its magic. Many of you are telling your friends, neighbors and colleagues about the wonderful family we call Temple Ahavat Shalom. A number of new families tried us out at the Purim Carnival, with many actually signing up as TAS members. Who could resist when membership is free between March and June for new members? This free membership period gives families the opportunity to have all the benefits of full membership without any cost or obligation.

So let's keep up the good work. Please continue telling your friends about all the great things that are happening at our Temple and how the community will benefit from their involvement.

As always, we invite your participation on the Membership Committee.

Please contact the Temple office for information on the committee or for details on the free membership period for new members.

—Robert Cohn

Membership Committee Member

A WORD FROM RABBI BROWN

## If not now, when?

Community. Tradition. Values. Celebration. Learning. Sharing. These are just a few of the words that come to mind when I think of what the synagogue is all about. In a world in which we too often search for them in vain, the synagogue brings together those precious elements that give human life real meaning, direction and value.

Sadly, far too many Jews in our community are cut off from the joys of synagogue life. They identify as Jews, but stand outside the synagogue community that continues to be the indispensable source of commitment and continuity in Jewish lives, and in the life of the Jewish people. They are denied the wonderful strength and gifts that the community can bring them, and they deny the Jewish community their own strength and talents as well. All sorts of strategies have been advanced to encourage unaffiliated Jews to join the circle of synagogue life. But for all the programs, the articles, the sermons aimed at attracting the unaffiliated, study after study has shown that there's just one thing that really works: a personal invitation. When asked, "What moved you to join a synagogue?", again and again the answer is simply: "Someone asked me to come with them."

By simply extending the invitation – "I'd love to have you come with me to Temple" – you can be that "someone"

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## Cantor's Concert 2002

### "A Grand Night for Singing"

Last call for tickets.

Saturday, April 6, is the date the TAS Sanctuary will become Carnegie Hall in celebration of the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Rodgers and Hart. This "Grand Night for Singing" stars our own Cantor Patti Linsky, with her good friends Cantor Evan Kent of Temple Isaiah and Cantor Aviva Rosenbloom of Temple Israel of Hollywood. Enjoy the songs you shared in the theater, playhouse and in front of the television with your parents, dates and children. In fact, wouldn't your parents, family members, friends and children appreciate your invitation to accompany you to this presentation of classic Americana?

More than that, your attendance will support our Temple's wide scope of activities and the Jewish education of children whose families have been hit hard by Sept. 11 and the Dot-Com disaster. What better way is there to support your temple than by enjoying this first-class evening of music from two of America's pre-eminent song writing teams? Help us reach our goal of 500 attendees. You "Cain't Say No" when asked like that, can you?

So look for that invitation you set on the counter and call Howard or Laraine Miller today at 993-0796.

## Earth-shaking information

Nobody likes to think about it, but somebody must.

So the Safety Committee has purchased and replenished earthquake supplies for our Religious School students.

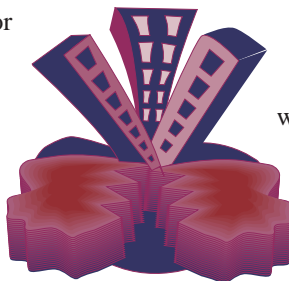
We have a two-day supply of water and food for each child, plus full-size space blankets (the metallic ones that fold up into tiny packets) and other essential items to keep them safe and warm.

A very minimal \$5 per child is being requested to cover the cost of these supplies.

If you have not yet turned in your money, please place it in a sealed envelope marked "earthquake supplies" and return it to the Religious School Office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe and comfortable.

—Melinda Kough, Religious School Board member



## Security update

The Security committee continues to meet monthly. John Nagy Protection Agency provided all Temple employees, including teachers and office personnel, with a training seminar on lockdown and evacuation.

In order to enhance communication among teaching and administrative staff, the Religious School Office and the Temple Office now each have six walkie-talkies. The new locks are in place in the Religious School building and Activity Center.

Each teacher has his or her own key to wear at all times when they are with the children, enabling a quick lockdown of his/her room if necessary. The Security Committee continues to study and evaluate our new policy and procedure manual with the goal of continued safety and security to all who spend time at TAS.

—Lynn Miles  
Security Committee Chairperson

# TAS alumnioutreach

The Passover packages went out in mid-March and we hope that you have all been enjoying them throughout the holiday. We put these packages together with a sense of humor and best wishes for the Passover holiday.

During Passover we are asked to remember the oppressive days of our slavery in ancient Egypt. On April 9, Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remember a modern-day Jewish oppression. Included in your Passover package was a "Way To Remember"...a candle-lighting ceremony and a poem based on Deuteronomy Chapter 30, Verse 19, "Choose Life." This is a meaningful way to pause briefly and remember the six million who died, those who survived, the righteous, the brave, and the continuing chain of generations.

Each month we honor our next generation by sharing where they are studying, working or traveling, and other good news. One such piece of news involves two of our TAS Alumni: Matthew Rubin and Brenda Wolf. Matthew is teaching sixth- and seventh-grade science in San Diego and Brenda is an Executive Administrative Assistant for the Head Start program there. They recently became engaged and will be married at TAS in the summer of 2003. Mazel tov from your TAS family!

Many of our alumni are in and around the Bay Area. Jeremy Arnold, Daniel Breuer, Suzanne Eastman, Mike Edelson, Ashley Feinstein, Adam Fleisher, Melissa Herman, Jennier Newman, Aaron Pollack, Amy Vig, and Michael Wasserman are at UC Berkeley. Sari Gelzer, Ben Graff, Seth Handler, Shana Kale,

Breanna Kulwin and Zena Namson are at UC Santa Cruz. Adam Brodsky is attending the University of San Francisco. Daniel Miller is at San Francisco State. Fiona McAvoy attends CSU San Jose. Jennifer Arnold, Jackie Epner, Jared Levin, Alex Mandel and Michael Rofe are students at UC Davis. Devan Gillick and Jason Gribin are at CSU Chico. Jessica Ryskind is studying at CSU Monterey.

Locally, our alumni at UCLA include Randi Elkins, Aaron Levy, Jason Miller, Michael Mintz, Jessica Moss, Darren Paletz, Amanda Pearlman, Jenny Rood and Michael Schneider. Attending CSUN are Anne Berman, Summer Bloom, Shira Brown, Jonathan Cooperman, Rachael Feigelson, Darren Friedman, Jeremiah Goldberg, Stephanie Lachman, Micheline Lettich, Laura Lichter, Kristi Pinsker, Rich Pollack, Zak Rapoport, Debby Schneider, Annalee Schwartz, Daniel Seidman, Marc Weinstock, Pamela Weissar, Kimberleh Weissman and Russell Weissman.

Rebecca Green is studying at the Glasgow School of Art in Glasgow, Scotland. Rachel Krauss is taking a semester abroad in Sevilla, Spain. Deborah Doberne has spent a semester in Ecuador.

—B'shalom,

Wendy Krowne

TAS Sisterhood Alumni Outreach Chair

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## Celebrate Israel's Independence Day at Bernard Milken Jewish Community Campus

A free community celebration in honor of Israel's Independence Day is being hosted on the eve of April 16 at the Bernard Milken Jewish Community Campus at 22622 Vanowen St., West Hills. "Celebration 54" promises to be a fun-filled family festivity highlighting Israeli music and dance performances, a children's choir and a video show.

The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m., preceded by an outdoor picnic on the grounds starting at 5:30 p.m. Guests can bring their own picnic dinners or purchase kosher food from on-site vendors. Everyone is encouraged to show their spirit by wearing blue and white for the occasion. Optional Israeli dancing will follow at 8:15 p.m.

Sponsored by a team of Valley Alliance synagogues, schools and other Jewish organizations, the event will kickoff with a tribute to Israel's Memorial Day.

Participants are guaranteed a dynamic evening celebrating Israel's 54th birthday. For more information, call (818) 530-4000, ext. 1.

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Please save the date for our "Almost Annual" Hollywood Bowl Night on Sunday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day weekend). It will be a fun-filled evening celebrating New York City and featuring a fireworks display. Look for more information soon.



## 'Marching into Sisterhood' – there's always room for more

This 2001-2002 Sisterhood year has been incredibly rewarding so far. We would like to thank all of our members for their "hand-in-hand" involvement, enthusiasm and support. All of you working together have made this year successful and enjoyable for everyone, especially for us as your Co-Presidents. We all work for our Temple and Sisterhood, but we receive so much from our accomplishments.

We are extremely proud of our new and returning members. Sisterhood has surpassed our goal of 200-plus members, and we are still growing. Thank you Arlene Stone, Mel Birken and committee for your outstanding job. Remember that when you "March into Membership," you may also "March into Sisterhood." There is always room for more.

We recently sponsored some incredible events, including our Sisterhood Shabbat, Journeys in Courage, where we stood united holding the unrolled Torah Scroll, and our heartwarming, spiritual celebration of Passover from a Woman's Perspective. If you were lucky enough to participate in

either of these, you know the feeling of pride we have for our Sisterhood. If you did not have such an opportunity, there is always next year.

We are now gearing up for our end-of-the-year Donor Luncheon. This luncheon is designated especially to honor all the women who have worked so lovingly and

or people organizing individual donors. Donor refers to the donor credits you have earned during our donor year, which ends on April 15. Credits one accumulates after this date become part of your donor for the 2002-3 year. On June 2 we are celebrating our members at a luncheon at the Marriott Hotel. Those who have earned donor attend

with the gratitude and compliments of the Sisterhood. Those who also would like to attend may do so for the fee of the luncheon. Invitations will be out soon. Come and support your Sisterhood.

Our year is not yet complete. We have more activities awaiting you. "Song of Songs" will be our program on Thursday evening, April 18. And our Tour of Jewish Los Angeles is on May 5. You will need to get

your reservations in early for this one. There are only 40 seats available on the bus. And for those of you who plan ahead, we will be sponsoring an "Almost Annual" Hollywood Bowl Night with fireworks on Sept. 1. Circle the dates and join us.

—Carol Bizar-Morton and Susan Press,  
Co-Presidents of Sisterhood

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diligently for our Sisterhood as volunteers in our Gift Shop, hostesses at onegs, hostesses or food preparers at Extended Kiddishes, sellers of Entertainment Books or See's Candies, chairs of fund-raisers and committee members working on days of fund-raisers, bakers or workers at the dessert booth for Sisterhood fund-raisers,



## Cantor Marcelo Gindlin to perform at Sisterhood's annual donor luncheon

Cantor Marcelo Gindlin will entertain Sisterhood members and their guests at our annual donor luncheon on Sunday, June 2, at the Marriott Hotel in Woodland Hills. Singing beautiful melodies and popular lyrics from around the world, Cantor Gindlin will perform songs in Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Spanish. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he was the cantor at the Comunidad Israelita de Santa Fe in Argentina before coming to the United States. He is presently the full-time cantor of the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue.

We hope you join us for this exciting and memorable affair. Sisterhood member family and friends are also warmly welcome. For members (and guests) who have not earned donor credit, the price for this lovely event is only \$45 per person. See you at the luncheon!

*Cantor Marcelo Gindlin*

# ececNEWS

As I write this article, we are just getting under way with our Passover preparations. Our children will be learning about the plight of Jewish slaves in Egypt and their escape into the desert led by Moses.

Our children will be enjoying a lovely Model Seder with their parents. We hope that this is a learning experience for both parents and children. We want the parents to take from our seder some ideas on how to incorporate the children into their home celebration. Our goal is always to have the children feel like they are a part of things and to experience the fun side of each holiday.

Many thanks to all the parents for their contributions of food and their help with the set-up and preparation. Without you we would not have the quality program that we have!

Our school is growing by the day. We welcome our new families who have recently enrolled in our program.

Summer and fall registration is under way. If you know anyone looking for a quality early childhood program, tell them to hurry on in while there is still space left!

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday!

—*B'shalom,*  
*Debi Chesler, ECEC Director*

# TASTY TIDBITS

What's up all? Here's a little info for Senior TASTY. Our first trip to the Groundlings Comedy Club in February was a huge success; Karen Maruyama from "Whose Line is It Anyway," "Suddenly Susan," and the "Jamie Fox Show" graced us with her comedic presence, along with many other up-and-coming comedians.

The warm weather coming up will allow us to do outdoor events, like going to the beach.

Also, save April 6 for a possible paintballing trip. E-mail me with any questions at [tastysenior@yahoo.com](mailto:tastysenior@yahoo.com), or feel free to leave a message on the hotline.

—*Always TASTY and delicious,*  
*Rob*

## we're kvelling

We are very proud to announce that one of our ECEC teachers, Susan Kamin, has been chosen as one of the top winners of the Bureau of Jewish Education Poster Contest. The winners were chosen based on the originality and creativity of the teaching unit that the poster is representing. The subject of Susan's poster is The Watts Towers. She does a teaching unit based on it incorporating art, music, stories and cooking. Mazel tov Susan!

## TAS students honored at A Night of JCC Maccabi Champions

TAS' own Jason Brown, boys baseball; Brent Josephson, golf; and Michael Berlin, table tennis; were honored as the Outstanding Athletes of Team Los Angeles at the 2001 Jewish Community Centers Maccabi Games in Miami, Philadelphia and the Jersey Shore.

## The Bureau of Jewish Education – a Partner in educating our children

The Jewish Federation – through the campaign of the United Jewish Fund – has allocated more than \$2 million this year in student scholarship assistance and financial aid to schools. These funds, as the scholarship programs funded by the Milken Family Foundation, Candiotti Scholarship Endowment, and Lainer Family, are administered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, which in 2001/2002 has reserved \$14,296 for Temple Ahavat Shalom. Additional funds are available to qualifying families. The BJE works with more than 150 day schools, religious schools and early childhood education centers, collectively educating 31,000 students.

The Bureau of Jewish Education, with the support of The Jewish Federation, has served as a central hub of Jewish educational activities in Los Angeles for 65 years. Its core mission is to ensure the future of the Jewish community by helping schools educate children. It does this in a variety of ways, including the provision of student scholarships, financial aid to schools, teacher licensing and referral, continuing education of educators, school accreditation, resources through the Jewish Community Library, outreach programs, and such networking opportunities as Principals Councils and a Jewish Day School PTA Council.

The BJE runs programs for teens, such as L'Atid, a summer program in Israel, March of the Living, youth retreats, and school-based Jewish culture clubs in the L.A. area. The BJE also provides educational opportunities for the community through its public lecture series on helping children with life issues and special needs, and Jewish Community Library's Literacy Program.

The Bureau of Jewish Education, an agency of The Jewish Federation and a beneficiary of the United Jewish Fund, is an important partner in the vital task of educating our children.

## Dalet class: We commend you!

The Dalet class raised almost 500 paper clips for The Holocaust Paper Clip Project. This project was begun by a small group of Whitwell Junior High School, Whitwell, Tenn., students and teachers who wanted to collect six million paper clips to commemorate the six million lives lost in the Holocaust

As of Jan. 9, collected and counted paper clips totaled 29,472,132! Paper clips were sent to Whitwell from all over the world by people who were touched by and wanted to contribute to this unique project. The Dalet class should be praised for their efforts and feel proud that they, too, were part of such a worthy endeavor.

Whitwell Junior High has created The Whitwell Middle School Children's Holocaust Memorial, located on the Whitwell campus inside an actual German rail car that was once used to transport Jews to concentration camps. The paper clips have been placed inside the rail car.

To get the car ready for display has been expensive. Future maintenance and upkeep of the car also will be a financial burden. They are looking for donations. Those of you interested, please contact me.

Thank you so much!

—Sue Issler, (818) 882-9608

Once again, TAS teamed up with the American Red Cross to save lives. The blood drive during our Purim Carnival was very successful. TAS members and friends donated a record 58 units of whole blood. Each unit has the potential of saving three lives. Very special thanks to all donors and many thanks to recruiters Sally Lax, Steve Gore, and co-chair Debi Biederman. Thanks also to those who assisted with registration and the canteen. Please consider donating at future lifesaving drives at TAS. What a mitzvah!

—Susan Pollack  
Blood Drive Chairman

Months have passed since you purchased, wrapped and presented gifts to children who are victims of abuse or illness. We received so many letters of thanks, but these two really affected me, as I know they will affect you. You are the ones they are addressed to – you and your children brought light into the lives of these two children, as well as countless others.

• *To all the children at Temple Ahavat,  
Thank you for your kindness, all of the gifts. Thank you for being a part of my life, you are very special and to me you are all angels watching over me. My mother is in heaven and she sent beautiful people like you to care about me. You all made my Christmas special and you all think of me on my birthday.*

*With love, Vanessa R.*

• *To all the children and parents at Temple Ahavat,  
I want to say thanks to you because you sent me Christmas gifts and you did not have to but you did. You really make me feel so, so happy and special and cared about. I live in a foster home and the people who take care of me are very nice and caring. And I don't know you but I feel in my heart that you also care about me. I am very lucky because a lot of people care about me.*

*Love, Sergio M.*

When you give from the heart you touch so many hearts, and now they reach out and touch ours.

—Thank you,  
Fran Rosenfield, Social Action Chair

these words are for you

### TAS SENIORS NEWS

Yes! TAS sponsors a Seniors Club. It meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy lunch, outings, entertainment, fun and games, and meet new friends. Call President Jackie Morse at (818) 897-1804 for beau coup pep talks!



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## Mark your calendar for the annual FRJ EVENT

"Ashirah Af Kevodi –  
I Will Sing With All My Soul"

honoring the Cantors  
and Soloists of our Region

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# PURIM CARNIVAL REVISITED

We hope you enjoyed a beautiful day, won another goldfish, ate that extra hot dog or hamburger served by our very own Men's Club volunteers, slurped snow cone, ate a bag of fresh popcorn and gobbled down a delicious hamantaschen. Won a fabulous prize, stopped to dance and sing with the DJ or talk to a volunteer policeman, fireman or EMT. Took another turn on the bumper cars, bungee run or the giant obstacle course or played one of a dozen games. Had a dessert from the fabulous Sisterhood Dessert Bar or played basketball with Rabbi Brown and Rabbi Lutz.

There was so much going on. If any of this brings back memories of the Purim Carnival, you weren't alone. More than 1,100 people had a fabulous day celebrating the victory of good over evil as told in the story of Esther.

A lot of people put their time and effort into planning this wonderful day, and I would like to list as many of them as I can and say a heartfelt thank you and mazel tov for another successful and pretty amazing day. Please join me for a very special thank you to Ben and Cindy Tenn, Sandy Friedman, my husband, Sandy Stern, and the rest of these dedicated committee members.

—Carol Stern, Purim Carnival Chair



Photos by Robert Cohn

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## RAMBLINGS OF THE Men's Club President

It is 4:20 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25. The Purim Carnival was yesterday, and it was a tremendous success. Once again the Men's Club did an excellent job with the food booth. I went to bed absolutely exhausted and woke up this morning thinking about the Men's Club and what it has meant to me over the last 13 years.

My main reason for joining the Men's Club was to meet other men, since I was new at the Temple, and, in fact, was new to Judaism. It was several years before my conversion. I remember my first Men's Club meeting. There were four to six guys who met to discuss upcoming Men's Club events. The club was an events-driven club and a small group of men kept the club together and planned the events.

I don't remember everyone from the first meeting, but I think Gordon Lester was the President and Bob Levin was reporting on a white-water rafting trip being planned for the summer. The Men's Club was already active with the Purim Carnival and it must have been about the time of our first golf tournament. Gordon and Bob are still very active. Gordon feeds us at every meeting. Bob directs us in raising the Sukkah, and he has the running of the Purim food booth down to a science.

I am indebted to the past presidents who have led the Men's Club over the years. I don't know all of them. Irv Reizes is the oldest past Men's Club President and may be the oldest member of the Temple. He was president of the TAS Men's Club in 1963-1965. They had 95 paid members, which is still substantially more than we have had in recent times. Gordon and Bob are both past presidents. Ben Tenn, our 2002-2003 Man of the Year, started the Sunday speaker program format when he was president. He recruited Mike Doner to find the speakers. When Mike was president, he recruited me to find the speakers. Ben and Mike fundamentally changed the Men's Club and took it to new levels. Chuck Mondrus has gotten the club involved in NFTB

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## RABBI BROWN

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who opens the door to the blessings of Jewish communal life for a family member or friend. Be it Friday night services, an adult study group, a Sisterhood, Men's Club or Seniors Group meeting, the Cantor's Concert (April 6), now is the time to extend that invitation. We are justifiably proud of the caring, vibrant community that is Temple Ahavat Shalom. Our synagogue has won regional and national honors and recognition for our outstanding religious and Hebrew schools and Confirmation program, for the innovative work of our Geshet (Outreach) program, for the impact of our multi-faceted Social Action efforts in healing broken lives.

Our Sisterhood, Men's Club, Youth Groups and Seniors Group offer outstanding programs, and make their own special contributions to our Ahavat Shalom community. Now is the time to share the blessings of synagogue life.

Bring a "long-lost cousin" back into the family fold. And strengthen your own connection to your congregational community in the process. "If not now, when?"

*B'shalom, Rabbi Jerry Brown*

Visit the TAS website at [www.tasnorthridge.org](http://www.tasnorthridge.org)

## 14th Annual TAS Men's Golf Tourney Wood Ranch Country Club, May 13

Your TAS Men's Club is pleased to announce our 14th Annual Golf Tournament to be held Monday, May 13, at the beautiful Wood Ranch Country Club in Simi Valley. The Senior Circuit and the LPGA have played this course. This is your opportunity to be a Wood Ranch CC "Member for a Day." Your participation will entitle you to full clubhouse privileges, including use of the locker room, unlimited range balls, and complimentary water and soda on the course. The range is open at 11 and lunch will be available starting at noon.

The \$175 fee (\$75 less than the normal fee for such events at this course) will include a goodie bag, hot lunch, an exquisite dinner buffet rivaling the best Las Vegas has to offer, 18 holes on a championship course, cart and a full day of fun. We will be holding a live auction, prize raffle and chances to participate in special course contests.

You will find an application in your mid-month mailer, but feel free to call Jerry Hilecher (775-1117) or Howard Miller (993-0796) if you have questions. We welcome your friends, customers, co-workers, wives, husbands, and anyone else who plays golf. We can also find you a friendly partner, maybe even a ringer. Don't worry if your handicap is greater than your score, come and enjoy the day! So set aside May 13 as a vacation day that supports your enjoyment and your temple. Please sign up by May 1.

## Yom HaShoah – light a candle to remember those who perished

It's been more than 50 years since the Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end.

To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, Temple Ahavat Shalom will join Jews throughout North America by participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, a program sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the North American Federation of Temple



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# Commit to the survival of FSU Jewry

The ARZA/WUNA National Assembly and fundraiser at the Le Meridien Hotel in February was inspiring. Honoring Evely Laser Shlensky of Santa Barbara and Rabbi John L. Rosove of Temple Israel of Hollywood with the World Union for Progressive Judaism's International Humanitarian Award is one aspect of the necessary work done by our movement. Evely Shlensky is a wonderful example of a righteous person, devoting her life to Reform movement activism. She is a passionate proponent of tikkun olam and has participated in numerous missions to El Salvador, Cuba, the Soviet Union and Israel. Her current list of Board affiliations reflects the depth of her commitment: MAZON: a Jewish Response to Hunger, the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, and the National Jewish Partnership for Social Justice among others.

Rabbi Rosove, the other honoree, is also an example of a Tzadik, devoting his life to good deeds. Ordained in 1979, Rabbi Rosove has an impressive list of achievements, such as a Covenant Relationship between Temple Israel's Day School and the Messiah Baptist Church in South Central Los Angeles. He has worked for interfaith tolerance and pluralism among Jews here in Israel and the Diaspora.

The Jewish Journal of Feb. 23 had a heart-wrenching article by the mother of Koby Mandel, who was murdered by Palestinian terrorists. Unlike Palestinian mothers who have lost children during the intifada, she does not seek revenge. She and her husband created the Koby Mandell Foundation dedicated to programs to heal the emotional wounds of families struck by tragedy. At the ARZA/WUNA National Assembly, Rabbi Maya Liebovitz of Kehillat Mevasseret Zion in Jerusalem, told us that when she leads the Kaddish prayer on Shabbat, she reads the names of both Israeli and Palestinian children killed the prior week. She spoke eloquently of what it means to be an Israeli mother. Her parents came from Czechoslovakia to provide a haven for their children. Shortly after the intifada started she looked up from the bimah as she was conducting shabbat service and noticed Rabbi Eric Yoffie seated in the congregation. Later he told her, "I've come to be with you. We're one family. I will help you!" We all need to reach out to Israel and help in this time of need.

The report on the Former Soviet Union stressed the need for us to support the projects which are essential to the survival of the Reform congregations in the FSU. Rabbi Stanley Davids, one of our great leaders, spoke of his Temple's twinning with a Reform Temple in Minsk. His is one of 14 of UAHC temples participating in the twinning project. Davids emphasized that a financial commitment is vital. Judaism in the FSU went underground in 1917. Efforts to revive these communities will succeed only if we get involved.

Dr. Chaim Seidler-Feller, Conservative rabbi serving Hillel at UCLA, gave a primer on Islam at the National Assembly. He said all monotheistic religions are convinced they are the authentic version. Islam, especially so, believes that if you have the power to

kill you exercise that power. Ninth century Islam was more tolerant than today. Muslims study the life of Mohammed and memorize the Koran. They practice the essentials of their faith, which Seidler-Feller believes is patterned after Jewish practice. Islam emphasizes submission, obedience and humility. The choreography of Judaism is different. Islam tends toward fundamentalism. It is scripture-oriented and focused on the original text. Early Islam had Jewish ministers, but the Koran considered the Jews inferior. Israel, by its very existence, is an insult to Islam. According to Seidler-Feller the inability of Muslims to accept blame is grounded in the Koran. The worst culprits are rabbis who argue the word of God and are responsible for disorder and violence.

Seidler-Feller's analysis of Islam is not shared by other experts. Islam is not monolithic and its many divisions, countries and traditions make it pluralistic, as are Christianity and Judaism. The speaker following Seidler-Feller was HUC's Professor Adam Rubin who told the demographic story of the great Jewish

Community in Poland. Today the 20,000 Jews in Poland represent a hope for a revival, having grown from 7,000 in 1994. Prior to 1937 over three million Jews comprised 10 percent of the Polish population. Jews had their own school system consisting of Hebrew, secular and Yiddish schools. There were 30 daily newspapers and 130 Jewish periodicals. At the close of the war in 1946 approximately 215,000 Jews returned to Poland to reclaim their lives. Pogroms in 1946, and Communist hostility in 1956, 1958 and 1988, drove Jews to emigrate.

ARZA/WUNA is working with the remnant of Jews in Poland and with 110 progressive congregations in the FSU. The Machon program in Moscow trains parashabbat leaders to serve these congregations. Thus far 26 congregations have been served, and 13 students are completing their second year and will be available soon. Seventeen are in their first year of training. Although largely successful, the program has had some major setbacks. In Omsk a synagogue returned to the Progressive congregation was diverted to the Orthodox community when Chabad agreed to assume the financial responsibility. This is not the only occurrence in which Chabad has undermined a Progressive community in the FSU.

Fourteen North American congregations have established twinning relationships with congregations in the FSU. This includes financial support and people-to-people contacts. Five congregations have visited their sister congregations, delivering a donated Torah scroll. ARZA/WUNA is committed to furthering our support. Two missions have been scheduled: May 9-19 to Odessa, Kiev and Moscow, and Aug. 22-Sept. 1 to Kiev, St. Petersburg and Moscow. For information and reservations phone toll free (888) 811-2812.

Your vote is vital. See page 1 for details.

—Marvin Gottlieb, ARZA Chair, (818)363-6924



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## Santa Clarita Connection hosts Shabbat services

Thanks to all congregants from “that other Valley” for joining us at the Valencia Ice Station last month. It was a fun and revealing event as we shared some hidden talents (and sore tushies) on the ice. Keep in mind that all SCV Connection events are open to the entire TAS congregation, and we’d love to have you join us again some time very soon.

### NEXT UP

Friday night Shabbat with Rabbi Brown on April 5. This will be a 7:30 p.m. family service at the Valencia North Park Clubhouse. The location provides us with a warm, intimate environment for services and is very “kid friendly.” We’ll have an Oneg Shabbat following (of course) – lots of good desserts and lively conversation guaranteed!

Please help us publicize this event with Jewish families in the Santa Clarita area who are not affiliated with other synagogues. It’s a marvelous opportunity for them to meet Rabbi Brown, get a

“taste” of TAS secular life, and connect with their Jewish neighbors. We’re forging new friendships (and creating new religious school carpools) with each SCV event.

If you can’t come Friday, how ‘bout Saturday? Those of us with tickets to the hottest entertainment in TWO Valleys – a.k.a. The Cantors’ Concert – plan to gather pre-curtain on April 6.

Bring your own wine, cheese and assorted noshes (you might want to include enough to share, knowing this crowd) to the TAS amphitheater immediately before the Cantors’ Concert for a very informal gathering.

### IN THE WORKS

An SCV Havdalah with our very busy Cantor Linsky; more Shabbat services; and (hopefully) transportation services for weekday Hebrew school sessions beginning next fall.

Call the Temple Office if you or someone you know would like to be on the mailing list for future events.

## PARTNERS IN COMMITMENT

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schools. During the children’s years at Heschel, Ron served on the board. Soon, the kids were surpassing the parents in Jewish education.

Sandy and Ron joined TAS in 1981. Sandy took the Holiday Workshop series to brush upon on her Jewish parenting skills. Before they knew it they were swept up into the life of Temple Ahavat Shalom. Ron says, “The temple is like my second home. It is a part of my family and a place where I have made good friends. It is good to be around people who feel as I do about Judaism.” The Friedmans attend services regularly, where Ron can be spotted in his colorful Moroccan kippah. “The children’s Jewish education and our involvement in the Temple have been meaningful to our kids. They see how important it is to us, and we think it will affect their futures,” said Ron.

Ron, who was born in Rockford, IL, but grew up in Beverly Hills, has been on the Executive Committee for 12 years. He is the Treasurer and chairs the Budget and Finance Committee. Sandy, a Westsider, has quietly served on the Cantors Concert Committee, Membership, Purim Carnival

and more.

Sandy says that because of Ron’s involvement, she, too, became involved on many committees. Ron notes that he never volunteered Sandy, but did suggest that someone call and ask her. Her answer was always affirmative. Together they chaired several New Year’s Eve Monte Carlo nights and co-chaired the Gala. They are both graduates of the adult confirmation class and are members of Sisterhood and the Men’s Club. Despite their busy lives, the Friedmans continue their devotion to TAS.

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—Ron Friedman

Ron just stepped down after serving a 12-year term as president of his accounting firm, Stonefield Josephson. He’s not retiring, however, just going back to being a partner so he has more time for some of his other loves. He is a national soccer referee and instructor, recently took up golf, grows and maintains over 150 rose bushes, and does all of his own gardening. And let’s not forget his devotion to the Lakers, the Dodgers, the Galaxy, etc.

Sandy continues to be head of entertainment for the family and all of Ron’s meetings. Ron noted that he could not do what he does without Sandy. She has gone back to school to become proficient on the computer and is taking an oil painting class.

Ron and Sandy are strongly committed to family – their children – and their TAS family, as well as to the community. Ron says, “If I had my wish, more people would become more active, more caring and stay involved after the children’s bar mitzvahs. The Temple should be the place to come together to grow as a family.”

We wish the Friedman family mazel tov and look forward to celebrating with them at the Gala on Saturday, June 8, at the El Caballero Country Club.

—Fran Krimston

## RAMBLINGS

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(North American Federation of Temple Brotherhood) and has driven membership to the highest levels since Irv was president.

My biggest regret is the number of years I spent as a “checkbook member” of the club. I joined the Men’s Club to meet people, but it is hard to meet people if you don’t go to the meetings or the events. We need our “checkbook members,” but I am proof that the “checkbook members” need the Men’s Club. As I slowly became active, I met some very interesting people. As a “New Jew,” I had no personal Holocaust experience. During my first golf tournament, I found that two of the members of my foursome had very personal and similar Holocaust stories as they told about their fathers’ escapes from the Nazis. I recently met three guys who have known each other since middle school. Today, their high school-aged kids are friends. We have a member who is an “early icon” (described by a racquetball pro) of professional racquetball. He was a top-ranked racquetball player on the pro tour for 17 years and is the only person I have ever known who had a Nike shoe contract!

We are accountants, lawyers, teachers, salesmen and businessmen. Some of us are young and starting our families. Some of us are pretty gray and are talking about our kid’s college lives or their first jobs. Some of us sit in Temple with our grandkids. Some are religious and attend services on a regular basis. Some find their Judaism in family, culture and the Men’s Club. Some of us are active in sports – softball, tennis, golf, racquetball, basketball, running and cycling. Some of us are more active in sedentary sports like watching TV or reading. Some are new to Temple and some are new to

Judaism. Some have been here “forever.”

I certainly have attained my reason for joining the Men’s Club. I have met a lot of Jewish men and made many friends. The interesting thing, however, is that the more I meet, the more I want to meet. We have a great group of guys and it just gets better with every new member. As we have grown, we have been able to do more for the Temple. We are more involved, we donate more money, and we provide more manpower. As we have grown, however, I find that we have received even more than we are giving.

The TAS Men’s Club today truly is a club for every man of Temple Ahavat Shalom. Do you enjoy hearing speakers on a variety of topics and sharing lox and bagels with 35-45 of your Temple friends? Join us for a Sunday morning meeting. Do you have a regular Sunday golf or basketball date, but would still like to be a part of the Men’s Club? Join us for one of our quarterly evening meetings for dinner and a speaker. Are you interested in softball, fishing or golf? We have two softball teams, an annual fishing trip and an outstanding golf tournament. Do you prefer to help with Temple events? The Men’s Club provides the food for the Congregational Picnic and Purim Carnival. We provide the pancake breakfast for the first day of religious school. We build the Sukkah for Sukkot, participate in Mitzvah Day and stand ready to help the Temple in any way we can. There is a place for you in the Men’s Club. Do you prefer to just send in your check? We appreciate our “checkbook members,” but I can tell you from wonderful experience, you are shortchanging yourself.

Join us as the Temple Ahavat Shalom Men’s Club continues to grow and meet more needs of the Temple and our members.

—Bob Ingram, President

## YOM HASHOAH

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Brotherhoods.

As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish.

That’s why we are encouraging your family and every family in Temple Ahavat Shalom to light just one Yellow Candle on the night of April 8, the 27th day of Nisan.

When each family lights a Yellow Candle, it will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate our commitment to our people.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

Temple Ahavat Shalom Men’s Club will mail to each Temple family a Yellow Candle the first week of April. Show your support.

Remember this important holiday with your family. We hope that you and your family will participate on Monday evening, April 8, in this small but meaningful project.

Also, please be sure to join us Friday, April 12, for the special Yom HaShoah Shabbat Service beginning at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For additional information, please contact Brian Hatkoff at (818)701-7789.



### letters, we get letters

Dear Mitzvah Committee:

Thank you so much for your care, concern and help during our illnesses. The delicious food delivery lifted our spirits as well as our appetites.

*Very much appreciation,  
—Lila & Sherm Klein*

### LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING AND TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Are you interested in learning how to:

- ◆ Provide for your family’s needs.
- ◆ Make gifts to charities and others.
- ◆ Lower your taxes.
- ◆ Review your property arrangements (and its passage to future heirs).

REMEMBER TAS IN YOUR WILL.

Contact the Temple Office for details.

# GENEROUS GIFTS

## Alumni Outreach Fund

Susan and Ira Halpern, in memory of Muriel Wasserman, mother of Bob Wasserman.  
Susan and Ira Halpern, in memory of Gladys Linder, mother of Lori Openden.  
Mel and Les Birken, in honor of Ellen Pollack, Laraine Miller and the committee for a phenomenal Women's Spirituality Day.  
Sandy Barsky, "Remembering Ricky Jacobson with love and a smile."

## Avodah Fund

Mel and Les Birken, in honor of the Men's Club for a fantastic Men's Club Shabbat.  
Ed and Joyce Edelson, in honor of Ben Tenn's selection as TAS Men's Club Man of the Year.

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Mel and Les Birken, with thanks to Marsha Scheff, Ellen Lowe and Cantor Linsky for a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat.  
Sue Press and Carol Bizar-Morton, in honor of Cantor Linsky's outstanding guidance and moving service at our Sisterhood Shabbat and Day of Spirituality services. She was an inspiration to us all.  
Dean, Judy, Kim and Darrin Schneider, in memory of Micki Wasserman, mother of Bob Wasserman.  
Susie and Irwin Zigmund, "in honor of Cantor Linsky - our deepest thanks to you for all you did to make Zachary's Bar Mitzvah a treasured event we will always remember."  
Amy and Dennis Schneider, "in honor of Carrie's Bat Mitzvah. Thank you, Cantor Linsky for your lovely words."

## Director of Education Discretionary Fund

Laurie and Chuck Mondrus, "Thank you Rabbi Lutz, for the Israel lecture you gave at the Men's Club/Sisterhood dinner meeting."  
K.D. and Eddie Zager, in memory of Saul Meyers with thanks to Rabbi Lutz for a beautiful service.  
Amy and Dennis Schneider, "in honor of Carrie's Bat Mitzvah. Thank you, Rabbi Lutz, for a beautiful service."

## Education Opportunity Fund

Mel and Les Birken, in memory of Judi Birken Miller.  
Laurie and Chuck Mondrus.  
Andrea Hecht.  
The Arthur J. Gallagher Foundation.

## General Fund

Steven and Rosanne Gore, in honor of Sue Miller's award from the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation.  
Donald Doner, Purim donation in honor of the Doner family.  
Ben Tenn, Purim donation.  
The Pearlman family, in memory of Lillian Mont.

## Library Fund

James and Lynnette Rahm.

## Mitzvah Network Fund

Laurie and Chuck Mondrus, "in honor of all the special work your committee does."  
Michele, Melissa and Mike Cherney, in memory of Henrietta Ehrlich.

## Rabbis' Discretionary Fund

Dorothy and Yale Doberne, in memory of Goldie Brody.  
The Miller and Tilsen families, "Many thanks to Rabbi Brown for the heartfelt memorial unweaving services for Ernestine Miller and Gordon Tilsen."  
Susie and Irwin Zigmund, "in honor of Rabbi Brown - our deepest thanks to you for all you did to make Zachary's Bar Mitzvah a treasured event we will always remember."  
Carrie and Steve Copeland.

## Religious & Hebrew School Fund

Mel and Les Birken, in honor of Ellen Pollack for a wonderful Long-timers' dinner.  
The Udelf family, in honor of Sue Green's Distinguished Educator Award.  
Laurie and Chuck Mondrus, in honor of Carol Stern for giving us a wonderful Purim Carnival."

## Santa Clarita Valley Connection

Rodger and Stephanie Howard, "thank you Rabbi Brown for a lovely Havdalah in Santa Clarita."

## Vi & David Lieber Memorial Music Fund

Fran and Monte Krimston, Joan, David, Zach and Ben, Celine, Josh and Jordan, in memory of Marcia, Tom, Laura and Scott Swingle's dear father and grandfather.  
Fran and Monte Krimston, wishing Loretta Bloomfield a speedy and complete recovery.  
Fran (Lieber) Krimston, in honor of Cantor Patti Linsky. "For the joy of singing with you at Shabbat Shira and for the beautiful service you led for the Day of Spirituality... You are a blessing."

## Youth Programs Fund

Sue and Daryn Miller, in honor of Lynn and Geoff Doner, "Thanks for everything!"  
Fern, Ross, Neal and Philip Bloom, in loving memory of Lillian Mont, mother of Randi Weiner, grandmother of Matthew and Haley Weiner.  
Mindy and Bob Rose, in memory of Lillian Mont.

## Yahrzeits

Max and Ruth Lupul, in memory of Rosa Lupul.  
Max and Ruth Lupul, in memory of Dr. Erich Lupul.  
Andrew and Arlene Lynn, in memory of Matilda Brager.  
Fran Lehner, in memory of Sheldon Williger.  
Tobi, Aaron and Josh Pratt, in loving memory of Paul Yaeger.  
Gary Herman, in memory of Alfred Herman.  
Barry Feinstein, in memory of Shirley Feinstein.  
Sandy Tilsen, in memory of Mildred Zimmerman.  
Barry and Sarah Londer and Rachel, Nesa and

Jonathan Londer, in memory of Raul Rubel.  
Harvey and Boni Abram and family, in memory of Muriel Bernstein.

Paul Christian, in memory of Gilbert Paul Christian.  
Noah and Nancy Saxe, in memory of Jacob M. Saxe.  
Martin and Linda Klopert, in memory of Robert Klopert.  
Mrs. Gayle Jacobson, in memory of Rick Jacobson.  
Bill and Joyce Knell, in memory of Sam Mos.  
Bill and Joyce Knell, in memory of Marc Knell.  
Alan and Melissa Kassan, in memory of Lee Kassan.  
Bruce and Terry Hatkoff, in memory of David Alan Hatkoff.  
The Scherr family, in memory of Edward Hernandez.  
Abbey Schwartzter, in memory of Jacob Diamond.  
William and Phyllis Bigelson, in memory of David Bigelson.

Estelle Lit, in memory of Jeanette Lesinger Marks.  
Estelle Lit, in memory of Mark David Lit.  
Shirlee Kline, in memory of Bert Kline.  
Shirlee Kline, in memory of Leah Kline.  
Paul D. Christian, in memory of Rose Christian.  
Beatrice Mannheim, in memory of Joseph Samuel Mannheim.  
Beatrice Mannheim, in memory of Norman Burton.  
Sherry and Ira Kaplan, in memory of Geraldine Pleshette.  
Eleanor Hershman, in memory of Sam Hershman.  
Laurie Mondrus and Casey Kendall, "in memory of Morris Aronson, our Grandpa and Great-Grandpa."  
Brian and Cheryl Hatkoff and family, in memory of David Alan Hatkoff.  
Gordon, Marcia and Rebecca Lester, in memory of Gerda Lester.  
Fran and Lenn Rosenfield, in memory of Dan Ziskin.  
Daniel Nathan, in memory of Esther Nathan.

## CONDOLENCES

The rabbis, cantor and congregation wish to express their heartfelt condolences to:

- Glen Schecter and family, on the death of his mother, Freida Schecter.
- Rhona Steinfeld and family, on the death of her grandmother, Helen Smulyan.
- Michael Gore and family, on the death of his great-uncle, Bill Diamond.
- Randi Weiner and family, on the death of her mother, Ruth Lillian Mont.
- Ron and Sandy Friedman, and Sandy and Grace Ettinger and families, on the death of their aunt, Shirley Ettinger Musoff.
- Eddie Zager and family, on the death of his uncle, Saul Meyers.

# APRIL 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 12:15 p.m. Toddler Mommy & Me	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir	<b>3</b> LAST DAY OF PESACH – NO SCHOOL 12 p.m.: Yizkor Memorial Service (Chapel)	<b>4</b> END OF PESACH – NO SCHOOL 12:30 p.m. Infant Mommy & Me	<b>5</b> 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service; Sr. TASTY Shabbat	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Lutz 8 p.m. Cantor's Concert
<b>7</b> 10:30 a.m. ECEC Fashion Show/Luncheon 8:30 a.m. Yom HaShoah 9 a.m. Adult Ed: "Ragin Cajun" 11 a.m. Adult Ed: "Hebrew II"	<b>8</b> 12:15 p.m. Toddler Mommy & Me 7 p.m. Adult Ed: The Jewish Experience, "Kibud Av V'em – To Honor Your Parents"	<b>9</b> Yom HaShoah 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir	<b>10</b> 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:30 p.m. Infant Mommy & Me 7 p.m. Adult Ed: Intro to Judaism	<b>12</b> Yom HaShoah Observed (Dalet) 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Levine 5 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Corey Castellaw
<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Club 11 a.m. Adult Ed: "Hebrew II"	<b>15</b> 12:15 p.m. Toddler Mommy & Me	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir	<b>17</b> Yom Haatzmaut 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting	<b>18</b> 12:30 p.m. Infant Mommy & Me 7 p.m. Adult Ed: Intro to Judaism 7 p.m. Sisterhood Program: "Song of Solomon"	<b>19</b> 7th Annual Family Camp Weekend Shabbat House 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Family Service	<b>20</b> 7th Annual Family Camp Weekend 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Minyan 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Geoffrey Abram 5 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Bender
<b>21</b> 7th Annual Family Camp Weekend Sisterhood: Mother-Daughter Tea Sr. TASTY Social Event 11 a.m. Adult Ed: "Hebrew II"	<b>22</b> 7 p.m. Adult Ed: The Jewish Experience; "I Believe With Perfect Faith"	<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Men's Club – Health Seminar	<b>24</b> 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting	<b>25</b> 7 p.m. Adult Ed: Intro to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Workshop: Advanced Directives & Power of Attorney	<b>26</b> 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service: Rabbi Brown will speak on "None: The Real Tragedy of American Jewry"	<b>27</b> 9 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton 5 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Michael Avishay
<b>28</b> 11 a.m. Adult Ed: "Hebrew II"	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. Adult Ed: The Jewish Experience; "I Believe With Perfect Faith"	<b>30</b> Lag B'Omer 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir				

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** May 1 – 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting; May 2 – 7 p.m. Adult Ed: Intro to Judaism; May 3 – 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lutz; May 4 – 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat, 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Katz, 5 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Kinzler

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