

FREE  PARKING		Food Trucks: Greasy Weiner, Deli Doctor and more!	Rides and Attractions		Fun for all ages!
Music and DJ	Temple Ahavat Shalom Presents... 				Silent Auction
					
<h2>Purim Carnival 2015</h2> <p>Sunday, March 8, 2015 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Rain date: March 15th at the same time)</p>					
	Mah Jongg and Poker	18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge, CA 91326 (818) 360-2258 www.TASnorthridge.org		Young Child Area	

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE CARNIVAL 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MARCH B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

March 7, 2015

Joel and Jill Silver and Family on the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter
Kaitlyn Silver

March 14, 2015

Steven and Debilyn Kinzler and Family
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Zachary Kinzler

March 21, 2015

Damon and Beth Rivetti and Family
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter
Courtney Curran

Marc and Sheila Salzman and Family
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Shane Salzman

March 28, 2015

Justin and Rori Albert and Family on the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter
Sadie Albert

Yevgeny and Angela Smolyar and Family
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter
Idella Smolyar



TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM 2015 ANNUAL GALA

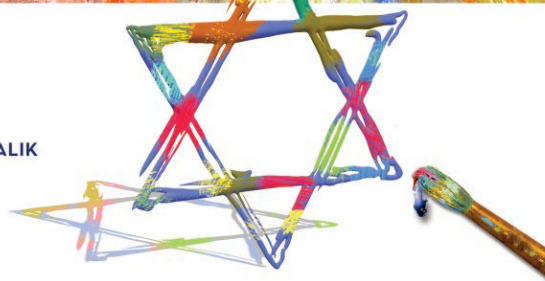


Honoring

FRAN & ED HANDLER

RABBI SHAWNA & ISAAC BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK

Saturday, May 30, 2015
at
Calamigos Equestrian



Watch for your invitation in the mail!

TAS REMODEL UPDATE



We are excited to share with you that, thanks to funding being provided by Wendy and Barry Krowne along with the Marcia Israel Foundation, we have begun a remodel of our Social Hall.

We all know how important the Social Hall is and we feel that it is time to upgrade the appearance and feel of the space.

Thanks to funding specifically for this project we plan to accomplish the following:

- Remove the Stage (completed a few weeks ago).
- Purchase a storage shed to house those items previously stored under the stage (done).
- Remove the current dance floor.
- Purchase a portable dance floor allowing us to place the floor where and when needed.
- Paint the Social Hall.
- Install new carpet in the Social Hall.
- Purchase stylish new chairs to be used for B'nai Mitzvahs, etc. eliminating the need to cover the current chairs.
- Refinish the doors and replace the hardware on the doors.
- Replace the chandeliers with new, exciting LED fixtures.
- Outfit the existing ceiling mounted can lighting with LED bulbs for better efficiency and control.
- Install a large projection screen above where the stage previously stood.
- Install flat panel TVs on either side of the projection screen for video display.

We are hopeful that with this remodel more of our congregation will be both proud and happy to use the

Social Hall for all of their simchas.

We hope to have the project complete as soon as possible and will provide updates as the work progresses.

The remodel of the Social Hall is the first phase of a project that will eventually include a remodel of the sanctuary as well. Like the Social Hall, this project will consist of the

installation of new carpet and the replacement of existing lighting with environmentally friendly LED bulbs. In addition, the remodeling of the sanctuary will include the replacement of our fixed pews with individual, non-fixed seats. Such seating will allow us to be much more flexible in the configuration of the sanctuary for a variety of worship experiences, creating a more intimate and personal feel. (As well as allowing for the creation of a middle aisle when requested for events such as weddings.)

The commencement of the second phase of the remodel will depend upon the receipt of additional donations. We eagerly anticipate the conclusion of the sanctuary as well, in order to create a warm, welcoming and beautiful worship space that is reflective of our community and that will complement our beautiful new Social Hall.

Rabbi Barry M. Lutz, R.J.E.
Senior Rabbi

Ken Miles
TAS Vice President



MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

MoTAS AS ROLE MODELS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Demonstrating You’re There”



I go to a lot of live theatre. Actors love to have a full house — even if some seats are discounted — because the energy of everyone participating makes the entire production better. I saw this effect recently from the TAS Board in relation to the end of year Tzedakah campaign: it was

stressed how important it was for everyone on the Board to participate, at whatever level they could afford, because of the message it sent. This notion stuck with me, and builds upon the theme of our recent MoTAS Shabbat: The men of TAS being role models.

When you participate in an event as a man of TAS, you send a message through your participation. You demonstrate how the Men of TAS are there for the congregation in all

its activities and endeavors. Time and financial constraints may limit our abilities to participate as fully as we might like, but doing whatever we can, whenever we can, says a lot to our leadership. This is true for congregational activities, and it is equally true for MoTAS activities.

When you receive a mailing, email, or call asking you to participate, think about what your participation — or non-participation — says. More importantly, think about what your participation does: it allows you create relationships with other participants, and strengthen your bond to the congregation. Ultimately, it is that bond that keeps MoTAS and TAS strong: people caring about other people, and being there — participating — for them.

Note: These commentaries are first posted as a featured entry on the MoTAS Website, www.tasnorthridge-motas.org; they are then shared in the Menorah the month after they are posted. You're invited to discuss this article at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2015/01/31/demonstrating-youre-there/>.

MOTAS ANNUAL APPEAL

Right after the MoTAS Shabbat on January 23rd, we mailed our annual appeal letters. This appeal is very important, for MoTAS has no membership dues.



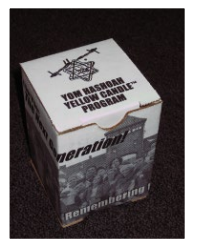
Being a man, and being a member of TAS automatically make you a member of MoTAS. Further, TAS does not financially support MoTAS, so the dues you pay to TAS are not indirect dues to MoTAS. MoTAS survives on your contributions — they provide the funds that permit MoTAS to do many of our activities over the year. I urge you to participate in the MoTAS Annual Appeal — and other TAS fundraisers such as the Gala — at a level that is comfortable to you. Numbers are suggested on forms, but what is truly important is to demonstrate that MoTAS and TAS are important through your participation. To support

MoTAS, visit <http://support.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. We thank you in advance for your contributions; contributions \$100 or over will be acknowledged on our Wall of Honor. Information on supporting TAS through the Gala is elsewhere in this issue.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MARCH MEETING - YOM HASHOAH CANDLE PACKING

Join us at our March Membership meeting on Sunday, March 1, where we will assemble the Yom HaShoah candle package mailed to every household in the congregation. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was started by the Federation of Jewish Mens Club



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(FJMC) in remembrance of Yom HaShoah. We mail candles to permit you to remember the Shoah and visibly demonstrate that we will never forget what unbridled antisemitism can bring. This is especially important now, as we are seeing an increasing in antisemitic violence both in Europe and in the US (witness the recent incidents up at UC Davis and in Copenhagen), and as we are losing the generation of Holocaust survivors. As always, we'll start with our MoTAS breakfast at 8:45 a.m., followed by an activity review at 9:00 a.m. and candle assembly around 9:30 a.m.. For more information on the program, visit <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/yom-hashoah-candles/>. When you receive your Yellow Candle, we encourage you to contribute to MoTAS to support this program, and to light your candle on Yom HaShoah, which starts the evening of Wednesday, April 15.

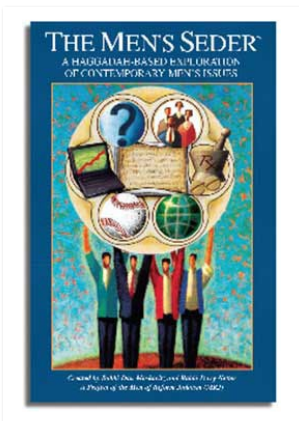
A SHABBAT OF MUSIC

Perhaps you've enjoyed the recent series of Shabbats at TAS that have featured a professional music combo. We invite you to join TAS in worship on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m., when the professional music combo is sponsored by MoTAS. This is made possible through your support of the Sports Squares program.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Join the Men of TAS as we help with the food service during the TAS Purim Carnival on Sunday March 8. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Bob Levin at robertwlevin11@gmail.com. MoTAS will also be running open boardgaming. More information may be found in the MoTAS Weekly, posted on the MoTAS website at www.tasnorthridge-motas.org.

MOTAS MEN'S SEDER



On Sunday, March 29, join the Men of TAS at our annual Mens Seder. This special service and dinner, modeled after the traditional Passover Seder, provides a comfortable and 'safe' space for the men of TAS to explore and celebrate what it means to be a contemporary Jewish man. The text of our special haggadah, developed by MRJ and available

at <http://www.menrj.org/mrj-mens-seder>, explores issues that pertain specifically to men; the service and dinner provides a place to take those issues, share them, discuss them, and wrestle with them.

Our Dinner will consist of traditional Passover foods - water, wine, homemade charoset, and more (maybe even gefilte fish) - as well as barbeque chicken and tri-tip from Outdoor Grill in Northridge (for what man doesn't love barbeque). The cost for the meal and the service is \$20. The schedule is as follows: 5:30 p.m.: Sign in and snacks / 6:00 p.m.: Service and dinner. Visit <http://seder.tasnorthridge-motas.org> to reserve in advance and pay by check or at the door, or to pay online. Reservations are necessary and are due by noon on Monday, March 23. Please invite your brothers, fathers, uncles and friends to join you. TAS affiliation is NOT required for this event.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendar for a full day of MoTAS on April 12th:

- **Sunday, April 12th at 8:45 a.m.** Our **April membership meeting** will be focused on social action, as we have a speaker from Food Forward. Afterwards, we'll be coordinating with Food Forward to harvest excess citrus from local trees to be donated.
- **Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.** Join us Sunday evening for our bi-monthly Mens-Only Hang Out and Discussion. We will have an evening of fellowship, dessert, discussion, and perhaps a little wine while we discuss issues of interest in a safe atmosphere.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

MOTAS SHABBAT

MoTAS held its annual MoTAS Shabbat on Friday January 23rd, just after the last Menorah went to press. The creative components of the service have been posted on the MoTAS website under the category MoTAS-Shabbat; we encourage you to read them. Pictures from the event are available on the TAS website.



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FEBRUARY SPEAKERS MEETING

Due to an illness, we had to arrange a substitute speaker for our February meeting. Building on the recent holiday of Tu B'Shevat, our speaker was Randall Thomson, Master Gardener, on home composting. We had a very interesting discussion on how we can redirect our green waste into our gardens as opposed to the landfill.

SPORTS SQUARES

It's March – and that means it is time for March Madness... and Basketball Squares. The procedure is very similar to the Superbowl Squares. Basketball Squares cover the last four games in the NCAA championship: the semifinal and final games on April 4-6, 2015. Squares are \$18, and adults may purchase up to 3 squares for themselves, and 3 squares for their partner. Payouts are \$150 for both the halftime and final scores of each game. You can win once or twice in a game. If the board is not fully subscribed, the payout is proportional based on the number of subscribed squares. To address the possibility that all 100 squares might not be subscribed, the following is the procedure for empty squares that win: each player will make a guess as to what the total number of points will be (i.e., you add the final scores of both teams). This number will be used to settle all cases, for all games. If you purchase more than one square your “number” will apply for all your squares. Closest to actual score wins (payouts divided with ties). If there is no halftime winner, the final score prediction will still be used.



Squares must be purchased by March 25, 2015. Forms should be available in the Temple Foyer. You can also print the registration form - or register online - at the usual online home of the Squares program: <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. Remember that the real winner is Temple Ahavat Shalom. With a fully subscribed board, \$900 will be available to support specific temple activities, organizations, and projects.

CONGRATUATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to Steve Zonis on the birth of his grandson, Riley Logan Zonis. Riley timed it right – he was born during the MoTAS Shabbat just before Steve and Scott introduced our Man of the Year. Congratulations also to Barry Mann, whose grandson Benjamin was on a robotics team that won the state middle-school robotics championship.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Keep up to date with MoTAS with our weekly newsletter, which is also posted on the MoTAS Website at www.tasnorthridge-motas.org. Contact Aaron if you are not receiving the email. The best way to learn about us is to come to a MoTAS event or a TAS Shabbat, introduce yourself to anyone with a MoTAS nametag, and participate. We want to build a relationship with you.



Men of
Temple Ahavat Shalom



URJ CAMP NEWMAN WANTS YOU!

At our overnight summer camp and teen travel programs in Santa Rosa, 3rd-12th graders form lifelong friends, develop new skills, discover the joy of Judaism, try new things, explore their passions, and have a ton of fun with activities like hiking, swimming, art and playing sports. Our aim is to provide every camper with a meaningful and memorable experience. Watch our video and learn more at www.CampNewman.org/summer-camp.

ECEC



On Friday, February 13, 2015, the TAS ECEC hosted our first annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day. What a wonderful time was had by all! The children prepared for days and were so excited to welcome their guests. Students baked special treats for everyone and counted down until the event. Some visitors joined us outside on the playground for some sand and cycle time and then all the classes moved into their classrooms to bake challahs, decorate picture frames for the pictures everyone had taken and then played. Most agreed that it had been many years since last playing with grape flavored play dough. Who knew that our guests like chocolate chips as well as raisins in their challahs?



We all met again in the Chapel to practice welcoming Shabbat. Rabbi Lutz led us all in song and prayer. Our regular Dinosaur friend came “knocking at the door” and joined us to sing his song, Rabbi Lutz also read us a story about bubbes and zaides. This truly was a most delightful day, watching the different generations join together for such fun. Our special friends are welcome back as often as they can; you have so much to share with us. Thanks too to Sharon Janis and Shelly Trop for being substitute grandparents. We hope you enjoyed your morning and we look forward to seeing you back in the preschool again.

This month brings Purim celebrations. The ECEC will have fun activities for little ones at the Purim Carnival and we hope to see everyone there. We will also have our own ECEC Purim parade. Our children will make their own costumes at school, keeping with the Carnival theme of *Fun and Games*. Be sure to look out for game pieces from Candyland and some dice so that the games can be played.



A big Todah Rabah to Kevin Luboff for his generous and delicious donation of pasta for the ECEC hot lunch program. Our children will thoroughly enjoy it.

Please stop by the school to see our new side yard. Work has finally started and should be complete soon. The children are eagerly watching the progress and we are looking forward to playing on our new grassy area.

L'Shalom,

***Tessa Cramer,
ECEC Director***



TOYS...TOYS...TOYS



Please Donate New Unwrapped Toys

Matthew Halpern's Mitzvah Project

**I Am Teaming Up With The Concern Foundation To Bring
Toys To Children With Cancer!!!**

(Toys for 10-15 year olds is preferred)



**There is a big box labeled "Toys" in the religious school
office.**

Thank You For Your Support!!!!

Ready to experience Passover like never
before?

Then come to Club 45 AND Jr.
TASTY's Chocolate Seder!



When-Sunday, March 15th,
11:30-1:00

Where-TAS Social Hall

Who-Students in 4th-8th grade

Fee-\$10 (Includes lunch)

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 12th!

RSVP or Questions- Please contact
Rachel at
youthgroups@tasnorthridge.org.

CANTOR'S CONCERT



Can you relate to this? You see or hear something that was beautiful, inspiring, or special that you want to tell others about, but realize that you just can't find words that will adequately and effectively convey what you experienced and how you felt. Frustrating, right?

If you were at the January 31, 2015 Cantor's Concert, you know just what I mean. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great night!

Our Gen X, Baby Boomer and Millennial performers, Cantor Roher, Cantor Linsky and Cantorial Intern Lily Tash, put together an hour-and-a-half concert of "Songs of Life, Love and Other Necessities"...from Broadway and Beyond. The musical selections were varied, fun, energetic and touching. From the opener, "Magic To Do" from Pippin, to Fiddler's "Far from Home," to "Defying Gravity" from Wicked, to a Gershwin medley (Rabbi Shawna played percussion egg), to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" (aka Rabbi Lutz), to "Seasons of Love" from Rent, and so much more. In fact, the next time you see Ryan Smith, ask him about his alter ego, "Taylor, the Latte Boy." And then there was "Music And The Mirror" from Chorus Line featuring Cantor Roher dancing!

Our three stars exuded talent, professionalism, love for each other and blessed the almost 300 of us in the audience. As the last song was sung, "Seasons of Love," the audience was on its feet to sing along.

The joy did not end there. Everyone went into the social hall for a beautiful and delicious dessert reception. Marcy of Cielo Catering provided a great selection of tasty desserts and there were plenty of them, even molten chocolate soufflés and crème brûlées that were brûléed on the spot by Chef Scott Gordon. Shindigs by Stacy decorated the tables and buffet, and Randy Lehrman of Real Genius DJs provided the uplighting to give the room a cabaret ambiance.

Thanks to our stellar committee. We called them the A-Team. We were so fortunate to have volunteers who are excellent in specialized areas of events such as this: Sheila Reback took charge of the dessert reception; Laraine and Howard Miller handled the registration, seating, ushering and so much more; Rhonda Mayer created the program. Our other committee members participated in the planning and the execution of all other elements of the event and we thank Cindy Cutler, Robin Mandel, Ellen Pollack, Arlene Stone and Sharon Weinberg. Ava Silver, our Executive Committee Liaison, gave us the freedom to take the ball and run with it.

Aaron Solomon, Sophia Redondo, Leanne Lansang, Cynthia Spoon, Cindy Leshtz and Teri Horn provided the excellent administrative support we needed.

This was the most financially successful Cantor's Concert ever and that is because of everyone who attended, led by our 17 Underwriters, 4 Benefactors, 2 Patrons and 18 Sponsors.

Musicians extraordinaire: Chris Hardin, Kirk Smith and Dan Schnelle.

Other acknowledgements: Paul Silver of Quicksilver Printing; Drew Dalzell and Diablo Sound; Maury Gomberg and Video Services Unlimited; Jose, Jose, Matt, Tony and Carlos our maintenance staff.

This is just one example of the kind of events at TAS that you just don't want to miss!

*Co-Chairs
Wendy Krowne and Jan Saltsman*



SONGS ABOUT LIFE, LOVE AND OTHER NECESSITIES



SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

PROGRAMMING



On Thursday, February 19th, we welcomed John Paul Thornton who spoke to us about 20th century artists whose works depicted Jewish life. He started by telling us about Jacob Abraham Camille Pissarro and impressionism. He talked

about Maurycy Gottlieb and his many accomplishments during his young life. Mr. Thornton continued with how art has changed and how Jewish artists continue to evolve. His lecture was well received.

Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m., please join us for our Sisterhood Seder in the TAS Social Hall. We will celebrate the story of Jews in the Far East, taking the word of the Haggadah to heart, as if we ourselves were in Jerusalem, Egypt or Persia, traveling on the Silk Road and settling on the banks of the Yellow River and the China Sea. Moms, sisters, daughters, friends are all invited. Paid reservations are required. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information please call Rhonda Mayer at (818) 448-1040. Sisterhood Members - \$36, Guests - \$42.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Making Prayer Work with Rabbi Lutz

Friday, May 8th, Sisterhood Dinner and Shabbat (more info to come)

Sunday, April 26th, Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

In April, Sisterhood is planning events for three different segments of our temple and community. Right after religious school on April 12th, we are sponsoring a Chili Cookoff. All ages are invited to sample competing chilis and vote for your favorite. Then, on Saturday, April 25th, we are hosting Bingotini, an adults-only event. Last year's event received rave reviews, so mark your calendar. Finally, for you Mah Jongg enthusiasts, we have our annual Mah Jongg tournament on Sunday, April 26th. We have been told we put on the best Mah Jongg Tournament in the Valley. And be sure to pass the word along to Mah Jongg-playing friends, particularly for those who are not temple members and would not hear otherwise.



LEADERSHIP UPDATE:

Five women from TAS Sisterhood made the trip to Austin, Texas for the WRJ Fried Leadership Conference January 30th to February 1st. Phyllis Bigelson (our WRJ Pacific District President), Sue Sculler, Jackie Zev, Robyn Blachman and me. We learned together, we prayed together and we danced (country line dancing, of course) together.



We all brought home ideas for what we can be doing in our Sisterhood. As a new Area Director for WRJ Pacific District, I was able to participate in trainings to help me with my new position. I am always inspired by the strong, confident and intelligent women of the Women of Reform Judaism, and it is my goal to bring that inspiration back to our Sisterhood. Ask us about our experience at the next Sisterhood event (The Seder); we will be happy to share with you.

Thank you,

Erika Barnathan
Immediate Past President, TAS Sisterhood
Area Director, WRJ Pacific District

IT IS NOMINATION TIME

I am honored to be chairing the Nominating Committee this year. Robyn Blachman, Mel Birken, Arlene Stone and Sheila Reback will be part of the Nominating Committee. Please be on the lookout for a nomination form that will be in your email inbox soon. The Sisterhood board is a dynamic group of women and we would love to have you as part of the board. There are also many opportunities for chairing programs, fundraisers, spiritual days and more. Please contact me if you have questions about the various board positions and job descriptions. Remember, you are never alone in our Sisterhood. We are a team and we help one another. We are stronger together.

Thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood.

Erika

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EDUCATION

Campership applications are due on March 15, 2015 by noon. Please make sure to complete the application with your family. The camper and parent/guardian letters may be completed on separate pieces of paper and attached to the application. Giving your child the experience of Jewish camp has been proven one of the best ways to ensure that they continue to live a Jewish life into adulthood, and we are here to support your efforts. If you have any question contact Roseanna Sculler at rsculler@aol.com, (818) 886-7320 or Eileen Roseman at scoobydoodle1@mac.com, (818) 807-3917, Education Co-Vice Presidents.



ONEG SPONSORSHIP

Is there an event, a person or a memory you would like to honor in a special way?

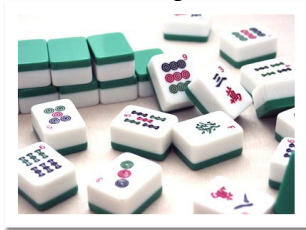
Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary? Have you experienced a career change, a graduation or a new home? Are there people in your life you want to pay special tribute to, or would you like to honor the memory of loved ones?

If you want to celebrate, to honor or to remember, please consider marking the occasion by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. We would like to share the time with you, hear the story behind the sponsorship and help you make the occasion a bit more special. In addition, your sponsorship will go a long way to support the work of the Sisterhood for our Temple, our youth and the Jewish community.

If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the Temple Office at: (818) 360-2258.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

Don't miss out on our monthly Mah Jongg games. We play on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at the Temple. We always have a teacher there to give lessons, but you can't learn if you don't show up! Every level of play is accommodated. Don't miss out. There is a \$5 donation to play. Contact Anita Hoch for more information anitapearl47@gmail.com.



COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

TAS Sisterhood is pleased to announce that this month we were able to send two boxes of coupons to overseas bases. The coupons went to Japan, to the Air Force/Marine Unit and to the Navy. The families appreciate the coupons, as prices are very high overseas.



Thank you for cutting and sorting your coupons. They should be sorted into envelopes and labeled "FOOD" and "NOT FOOD." This makes it more convenient for the recipients to find what they need.

The boxes sent are the very largest Flat Rate. These go to an APO, therefore we pay domestic postage. The boxes are stuffed as full as possible, and several pounds of coupons make their way to those who need them.

While they do accept expired coupons, all coupons must be cut. Sheets of uncut coupons cannot be sent out and will be recycled. Volunteers who can cut coupons are welcome. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to cut coupons, please call Mel Birken at (818) 366-2397.

MENCHIE'S FUNDRAISER

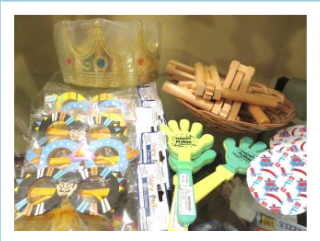
Please support us on the 20th of every month until June by stopping in any time all day for some Frozen Yogurt at Menchie's next to the Winnetka Theaters ONLY. Just say "TAS Sisterhood Fundraiser," and we will get a percentage of your purchase.

Sue Sculler

Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood President



YOUR TEMPLE JUDAICA SHOP



Please pass the matzah!

Stop by the TAS Judaica shop and view our latest treasures for Purim, Passover and year-round.

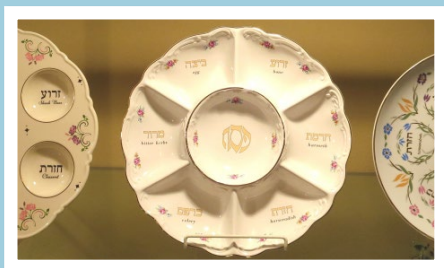


We feature a selection of toys and games, seder plates, matzah holders and hostess gifts. Discover beautiful new jewelry, traditional, contemporary and whimsical mezzuzot, kippot and tallitot, money clips, CDs, greeting cards and more.

All proceeds benefit the projects and services provided by Sisterhood to TAS and Women of Reform Judaism.

We are open during Shabbat evening onegs,

Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (when school is in session) and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon.



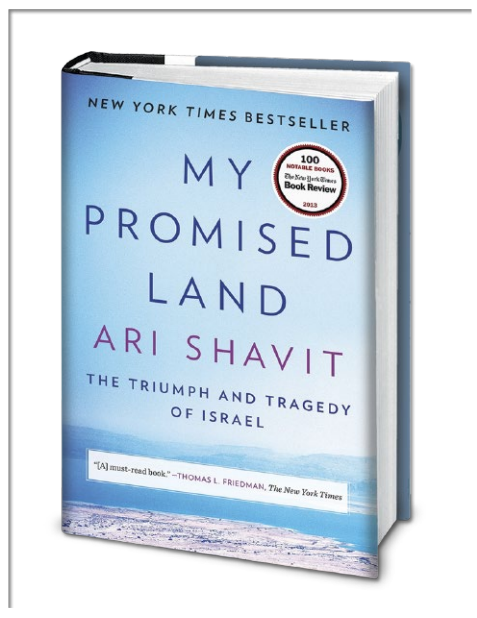
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS?

With pleasure, by calling Laraine Miller at (818) 993-0796 or Linda Sculler at (818) 701-7117. Credit cards, checks and cash accepted.

"MY PROMISED LAND" IS THE BOOK GROUP'S MARCH SELECTION

Ari Shavit has long been recognized as one of Israel's most brilliant and penetrating journalists. In this thought-provoking book, the full title of which is *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, Shavit, a columnist for Haaretz and a commentator on Israeli television, compellingly examines the complexities of modern Israeli society. No stone is left unturned, from the challenges faced by the early pioneers to issues of war and peace, relations between Arabs and Jews, and the moral dilemmas posed by the settlements.

Even if you haven't read the book, please join us on Thursday evening,



March 12, as Hal Bass facilitates the discussion of *My Promised Land*.

Book Group meetings are held in the Rothenberg Library/Chapel. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m., and the discussion begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 donation per person is requested. All are welcome.

Phyllis & Hal Bass

DONATE TO MEND'S "PROJECT GLAMOUR"



Do you have gently used dress-up clothing for teenage girls sitting in your closet at home? If so, you can help TAS Social Action Partner MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) brighten the lives of some of the neediest teenagers in the San

Fernando Valley.

MEND's annual "Project Glamour" makes it possible for local teens to attend their Prom or other spring events, by providing a dress, accessories, and even makeup and a hairdo.

To make this special event possible, collection boxes for prom or cocktail dresses, jewelry, dressy shoes, and

accessories (such as small handbags) will be located outside the synagogue and school offices through March 15th. For more information on how to donate, or to volunteer at MEND to assist with Project Glamour (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 21), please contact Judy Stehr at jesterjudy@gmail.com or (818) 744-6227.



PASSOVER - SHARE THIS SPRING FESTIVAL WITH SENIORS IN L.A.

For over 30 years, **Jewish Family Service (JFS)** has sponsored community Seders which offer seniors, who are alone and do not have family or friends with whom to celebrate the holiday, a place to gather for a traditional Seder and holiday meal. This month, we are once again supporting JFS with this special "Sundays of Service" (SOS) event: its **36th Community Passover Seder**.

Let's join together to provide this valuable service to those in our community who would not otherwise have the opportunity to celebrate Passover.

WHO: 250 socially isolated seniors at a Los Angeles location

WHAT: JFS Los Angeles' 36th Community Passover Seder
Join 75 volunteers – of ages 10 years to adult – to assist with: Seating guests, serving the Seder meal and clean up

WHEN: Sunday, March 22, 2015
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Catered kosher lunch included for volunteers!!]

WHY: To share this festive Jewish holiday with others

WHERE: New location:
Congregation Mogen David
9717 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles

[Carpools will be arranged from TAS]

RSVP: Limit of 15 volunteers;
registration deadline date: March 10th
Please call SOS Coordinator Shellie Turer at (818) 993-2255, or register by e-mail at: PetsRPeopleToo@att.net

Don't "Pass Over" this one!



SOS AND FRONTLINE FOUNDATION - A SWEET AFTERNOON



In January 2015, a group of nine volunteers dedicated Sundays of Service (SOS) by joining together to support our friend and community leader Ray Castellani, founder of the philanthropy Frontline Foundation. We gathered at Ray's home in Northridge to assemble several hundred bags of chocolate candy – filling a total a six (6) boxes – to bring some “sweet”ness to the residents of Skid Row.

A BIG **"THANKS"** goes to these continuing volunteers for helping out with such a worthwhile cause:

Efrat and Meir Yakobi
Rhonda and Steven Schachter
Rachel and Jessica Schachter
Shane and Nicole Turer

Your energy and enthusiasm is really appreciated!

See you at our next event,

Shellie Turer
SOS Coordinator

TAS SUNDAYS OF SERVICE AND MEN OF TAS JOIN FOOD FORWARD TO:

HARVEST FOOD - FIGHT HUNGER - BUILD COMMUNITY

Next month, TAS Sundays of Service (SOS) will be teaming up with our very own Men of TAS (MoTAS) to join this incredible organization, Food Forward, to nourish the needy in our community. And it's wonderful to volunteer with Food Forward since 100% of the harvested fruit and vegetables is donated to local food pantries across Southern California, including our social action partners SOVA and MEND.

Since forming in 2009, Food Forward has harvested almost 1.3 million pounds of fruit from its Backyard Harvest Program, all of which has fed the hungry. That impressive quantity has increased nearly six-fold – to over 7.4 million pounds of food recovered, altogether – through the successful launch of its Wholesale Market Recovery Program last year. Let's celebrate the spring season by picking fruit for others in need. You'll be so glad you did!

WHO: Everyone of all ages can join in the harvesting fun!

WHAT: A local backyard fruit pick

WHERE: Designated residence in the Northridge

WHY: To supply our local food pantries with fresh fruit to nourish others in need in our community

WHEN: Sunday, April 12, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

HOW: Roll up your sleeves, grab your gloves, and start pickin'!!

RSVP: To TAS SOS Coordinator, Shellie Turer at (818) 993-2255, or via e-mail at: PetsRPeopleToo@att.net

Space is limited to 15-20 volunteers, so sign up now!!



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FEMINIST INTERPRETATION OF PSALM 23

By Phyllis Bass | Prayer

Psalm 23 may hold the distinction of being the most well-known example of a literary genre that few people ever think about. Though many are familiar with the opening lines, "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want," the participants in Temple Ahavat Shalom's winter Torah study class took a much closer look at the words of David devoted to "the healing wisdom of the twenty-third psalm."

The class used as its foundation the Harold Kushner book, *The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty Third Psalm*, but the words of the psalm became more of a jumping off point to talk about God, suffering, evil, hope, soul, comfort, fear and want. It is ultimately a psalm of hope.

More than just an example of feminine-gender language, this psalm emphasizes the nurturing and compassionate aspects of God and focuses less on punishing elements.

Phyllis Bass's interpretation of Psalm 23 will be printed in the new Central Conference of American Rabbis machzor!

Psalm 23: A Feminist Version

The Schechinah, a sheltering presence, makes me whole as a woman:

Causing me to rest in green fields, Leading me to calming waters, Replenishing my soul,
And empowering me to make life affirming choices In celebration of God's name.

Even though I have walked in darkness and known loss, I have not despaired for you are with me.

Your guidance and your nurturing spirit have sustained me.

You have set a full table for me when I have been hurt and alienated.

You have conferred upon me unique potential, which I strive to realize.

From the deep core of my being I am overflowing with gratitude.

I know that your goodness and loving kindness will continue to abide within me,

And I will live out my days in God's house.

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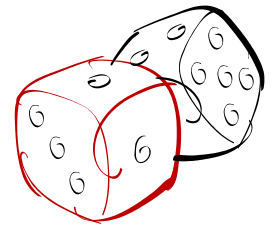


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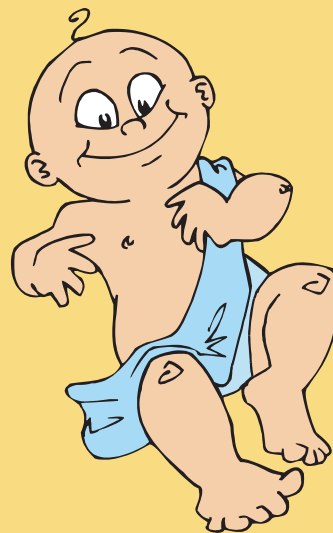


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8 8:00am - Blood Drive 9:00am - Adult Hebrew 11:00am - Purim Carnival	9 Temple Offices and School Closed	10 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	11 7:15pm - JNET Meeting	12 10:00am - Melton Classes 4:00pm - Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting 7:30pm - Religious School Parent Board Meeting	13 5:30pm - ECEC Bim Bam Bimah 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	14 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Kinzler Son of Steven and Debilyn Kinzler
15 9:00am - Adult Hebrew 9:30am - PJ Library Event 11:30am - Club 45 and Jr. Tasty Chocolate Seder	16 10:00am - Judaica Art Class 7:00pm - Gala Committee Meeting	17 9:30am - Torah Study	18 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	19 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Intermediate Hebrew Reading 6:00pm - Sisterhood Meeting and Seder	20 6:00pm - Community Shabbat Dinner - Bet 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Early Service 8:30pm - Lay-led Torah Study	21 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Courtney Curran 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Shane Salzman
22 9:00am - Adult Hebrew	23 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	24 9:30am - Torah Study 7:15pm - Parent of Teens Discussion Group 6:00pm - Adult Ed: TAS Tuesdays	25 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg	26 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Social Action Committee Meeting - Away	27 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	28 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Albert 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Idella Smolyar
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