

TAS SALUTES THE 2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS

*“It is a Tree of
Life to those who
hold fast to it. Its
ways are ways of
pleasantness and
all its paths are
peace.”*

(Proverbs 3:17-18)

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Join us for Confirmation Services

Saturday, May 23

at 10:15am & 4:45pm

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MAY B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

May 2, 2015

Brian and Serena Katz and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Katz



May 16, 2015

Michelle Halpern and Craig Halpern and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Halpern

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TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM 2015 ANNUAL GALA



Honoring **Fran & Ed Handler**
Rabbi Shawna &
Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik

May 30, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Cocktails, Silent Auction, Dinner and Dancing
Calamigos Equestrian Center - Burbank



To order tribute ads, tickets or combination packages, please visit TASnorthridge.org/gala-2015

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 17, 2015
8:45am Light Breakfast • 9:00am - 11:00am Meeting
Activity Center

All members are requested to attend. Great way to learn about what is happening at the Temple and participate in decisions about next year's budget and slate of officers.

"HELP ME RAISE MONEY FOR PANCREATIC CANCER".

My name is Emily Fischer, and my mom has pancreatic cancer. I feel that I need to make a difference for people who have pancreatic cancer because it doesn't get noticed as much as other cancers, and it is still a problem. Can you please help me raise money for other people who have this disease? It would help save so many lives.

My mom was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer in July 2013. She has been on chemotherapy and radiation ever since. Most people with this disease don't live more than one year. Please help my mom continue to beat the odds!

All funds raised will go directly to **HIRSHBERG FOUNDATION FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH**. Use the web site to make a contribution <https://www.booster.com> and search on "**Emily Fischer**".

Thanks and love,

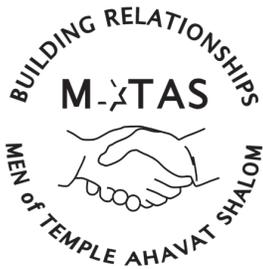
Emily

MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

MoTAS AS ROLE MODELS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Finding the Will”



Back in March, I got to do the D'var Torah for the TAS Board. My parasha was Exodus 35:21 where the congregation built the tabernacle, that is, “every one whose heart stirred them up, and everyone who their spirit made willing.” The congregation of the willing brought the offerings needed to do this; they did the service and were (in turn) filled with wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary.

Those in leadership — both congregational and MoTAS — tend to surround ourselves with the willing. However, the people we need to reach are the unwilling. We need to

learn why they are unwilling, and what we can do as leaders to help them find the will. Specifically, for MoTAS, what can we do to make you willing to be involved? Different activities? Different times?

Unfortunately, it is unlikely the unwilling are reading this. But you, as part of the willing, are. Please talk to those you know who are unwilling, and let us know how we can listen to them and find more people willing to become active in MoTAS. And, by the way, we're not asking the unwilling to be board members. Start small: attend a single meeting or activity. We would like to get to know you better.

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/2015/04/08/finding-the-will/>.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MAY MEETING - REVIVAL OF JUDAISM IN POLAND

Mark your calendar now for Sunday May 3. On the special date (the meeting was moved up one week due to Mother's Day), our speaker will be Jerry Fanning on The Renewal of Judaism in Poland. This talk will present the work being done to foster a vibrant renewal



of Judaism in Poland. Working together, the Friends of Jewish Renewal in Poland along with the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the European Union for Progressive Judaism are opening the doors of Judaism to many of Poland's estimated 200,000 potential Jews and building the framework for renewed religious life. Their outreach programs focus on educating individuals and helping them build Progressive religious communities, or havurot, which are incipient congregations. So far they have

established havurot in numerous Polish cities. Some are on their way to becoming congregations. Jewish Renewal in Poland embraces continuity with the Jewish past in Poland, but it is not a memorial project.

Our speaker, Jerry Fanning, has been involved in assisting with the restoration of Jewish life in Poland during the past several years. His activities have ranged from sending Jewish-themed books to Polish universities and synagogues to organizing the first ongoing Twinning Declaration between two Progressive Jewish congregations in Poland and America. He serves as a board member of Friends of Jewish Renewal in Poland as well as a board member of Temple Beth Israel in Pomona.

As usual, we start with breakfast at 8:45 a.m., followed by our activity review at 9:00 a.m. and our speaker at 10:00 a.m.

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MOTAS NOMINATIONS FOR 2015-2016 BOARD

At the April MoTAS meeting, Bob Levine, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the proposed slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year:



- President: Daniel Faigin
- Vice Presidents: Dave Friedman and Frank Soronow
- Treasurer: Roger Lowe
- Secretary: Bill Shapiro

The election will take place during the May meeting. If you would like to run for MoTAS office, we welcome a contested election. Please contact Bob Levine at pastpresident@tasnorthridge-motas.org for more information.

FAMILY EVENT: JETHAWKS BASEBALL



On Sunday afternoon, June 7th, MoTAS will be hosting a **Jethawks Baseball Family Event**. This will be an outing to “The Hanger” in Lancaster (about a hour drive from TAS) on a Sunday afternoon

to see the Jethawks play. The cost will be \$9 per person (with a slight convenience charge for online credit-card registrations). If you haven’t been to a minor-league baseball game, they are an order of magnitude more fun than an outing to the Dodgers. The stadium is small, the food is inexpensive, and the goal is just to have a great time. The Jethawks (<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t491>) are the minor-league team for the Houston Astros. The game is an afternoon game, allowing us to have a wonderful day at the baseball park, not pay a lot, and not be out until the wee hours of the morning. It is also after religious school is over for the year; we encourage you to bring your kids and grandkids. The more the merrier.

To register, see the flyer elsewhere in this issue or visit <http://jethawks.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

SHABBABEQUE IS COMING

It’s May, which means the June Shabbabeque is coming soon. Shabbabeque is the outdoor summer TAS Shabbat

service with a barbeque dinner cooked by the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom. This is the perfect way to enjoy a summer night with worship, great food, and incredible music.



Shabbabeque starts with an outdoor service in the TAS amphitheatre at 6:15 p.m., featuring music from the TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15 p.m. by a delicious barbeque dinner. The menu typically includes chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with Caesar salad (no chicken in the salad), plus all the sides.

The first Shabbabeque of 2015 will be Friday, June 19th. Registration is now open. For more information, see the flyer in this issue, or visit <http://shab-bbq.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2015 Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, October 19, 2015. Planning meetings have started; if you are interested in helping, please contact Barry Mann at golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org. More information, including registration details, will be in the June Menorah.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

APRIL SPEAKER



On Sunday, April 12, MoTAS learned all about Food Forward (<http://foodforward.org/>) and the work they do to help feed the community. Our speaker, Samantha Hill, Backyard Harvest Coordinator, spoke about the work that Food Forward does to rescue

fresh local produce that would otherwise go to waste, connecting this food with people in need, and inspiring others to do the same.

MEN OF TAS SEDER

On Sunday March 29th, MoTAS held its annual seder. This is a special seder developed by the Men of Reform Judaism

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that highlights men's issues and men's concerns. Eighteen men attended the evening, and we all found it very moving. Thank you to Mike Thornhill, Steve Zonis, and everyone else who helped organize and run the event.

SPORTS SQUARES

The Sports Squares activity has completed for the 2014-2015 programming year. Recent grants have provided additional support to the MoTAS/Sisterhood campership program. As always, if you are aware of a Temple program with a specific unfunded need, please contact MoTAS so we can put it in our grants spreadsheet ([or visit http://grants.tasnorthridge-motas.org](http://grants.tasnorthridge-motas.org)). Fall Football Squares will go on sale at the June Shabbabeque.



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



EVENTS COMING SOON!



The Men of TAS
invite
You and Your Family
to join us for



JETHAWKS BASEBALL
Sunday, June 7 2PM-5PM

If you only know baseball from Little League or the Dodgers/Angels, you don't know what you're missing. Minor League Baseball is professional baseball without the stuffiness or cost; it is focused on fun and family.

See what we mean by bringing your family to a minor-league game, together with the Men of TAS



- What: Minor League Baseball
Lancaster Jethawks vs. Rancho Cucamonga Quakes
 - Where: The Jethawks Hangar
Route 14 at Avenue I
(Lancaster Municipal Stadium, 93536)
~ 1 hour drive from TAS
 - When: Sunday, June 7
Game starts at 2PM, arrive by 1: 30PM
Ends ~ 5 PM
 - Cost: \$9 per person
 - Other:
 - Concessions available at park, or join us for lunch before the game (not included in ticket price)
 - Let us know if you want to rideshare
 - No outside food or drink permitted in the stadium
- More Info: Contact jethawks@tasnorthridge-motas.org

Reservations Due by Thursday, May 21, 2015

Return this form with your check payable to MoTAS to MoTAS, c/o TAS, 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge CA 91326 or reserve online with your credit card (\$1.50 convenience fee/ticket) at <http://jethawks.tasnorthridge-motas.org>

Yes! I'll join MoTAS at the Hangar:

Name: _____ # of Tickets _____ X \$9 = _____ \$0.00

Address: _____

City, ST Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Interested in Ridesharing
⇒ Rider Driver Either

Interested in lunch before the game
(not included in ticket price)





Temple
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If it's June,
that means it is
time for..



Shabbabeque

Join Temple Ahavat Shalom in celebrating Shabbat under beautiful trees at our *Shabbabeque*, the outdoor summer Shabbat service with a barbeque dinner cooked by the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

Shabbabeque starts with an outdoor service in the TAS amphitheatre at 6:15 p.m., featuring music from the TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15 p.m. by a delicious barbeque dinner. The menu typically includes chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with Caesar salad (no chicken in the salad), plus all the sides.

Friday, June 19, 2015

6:15 PM Outdoor Service with the TAS Band
7:15 PM Shabbabeque Dinner

Adults	\$11.00
Children (11 and under)	\$7.00



Online: shab-bbq.tasnorthridge-motas.org
Phone: (818) 360-2258
Email: shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org

RESERVATIONS DUE: WEDS., JUNE 17 @ 12:00 P.M.

Limited Walkups/Late Registrations Available for \$5 Extra

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ECEC



Spring has finally sprung. Our wonderful school seder is over. The clergy led nearly ninety school children and parents in Passover songs while we told the story of Passover. Aaron Solomon was Pharaoh and our ECEC children enjoyed running after him to “inflict” him with their puppet plagues.

For this month’s Rosh Chodesh, our moms got creative and went to Color Me Mine. Not only did they make some beautiful items, but with each event, friendships become solidified and our community bonds are strengthened.

On Yom Ha’Atzmaut, all the children boarded an El Al airplane, made out of tape and paper, and travelled to Israel. School made passports were stamped on arrival, and it was time to take our wishes to the Western Wall. Each class made Israeli salad to accompany the falafel that the Bass family so graciously donated and then it was time for snacks. We learned Israeli dancing, made blue and white decorations, went on an archeological dig and of course, met a live camel in the ECEC desert! Sheba the camel, from Ricochets Ranch, came to TAS. We learned how camels manage to survive without water and how they are used for transport.



We also are planning a fabulous “Bring Mom to School Day.” The children will be creating Mother’s Day gifts and cards to give to their moms, and are baking goodies for snack. We are all looking forward to having the dads join us to see children at work, next month. This is the first time we

are doing this during the day, instead of bringing everyone back to school at night, so our parents will genuinely see how the school day runs.

The last Bim Bam Bimah of the year will be hosted by the entire school and we will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new playground. **Please join us on May 8th at 5:30 p.m. to participate in this long awaited event.** We hope you will enjoy our service. We will follow this with a lovely oneg put together by the preschool parents and children. So far, a favorite activity on this yard has been to roll down the “hill.” We have also had picnics and stories in the shade of the tree. This will be a much used and explored yard and will bring hours of enjoyment to our children.

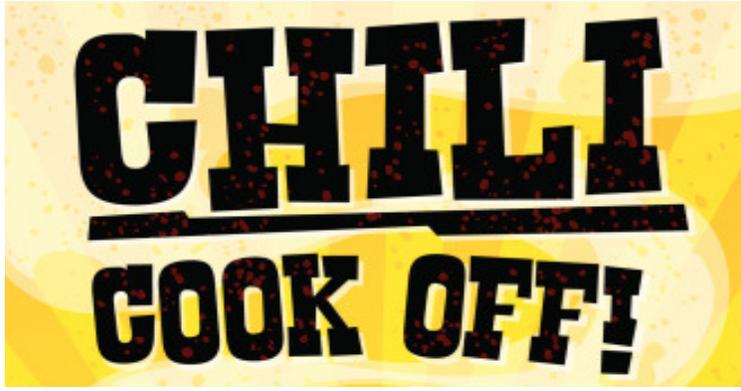


I hope you have all noticed our ECEC banner up on the corner of Chimineas and Rinaldi Place. Thanks to Paul and Ava Silver from Quicksilver for their help in getting this made. Also, our new TAS website is complete. Thanks to Alex and Laurie Cherney for all their hard work in getting this up and running.

L'Shalom,

Tessa Cramer,
ECEC Director

SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD



“April’s chili cookoff was blessed with awesome cooks, wonderful weather and a great turnout. It was tough choosing which of the fine chilis was the best. In a close battle, the “beefy, hearty, savory” chili just edged out the “vegetarian” chili - and the others were not far behind. The winner, Sue Sculler, took home the prize, which comprised a variety of kitchen utensils in a pitcher. If you would like to be a cook in next year’s cookoff (or should we have a bake-off instead?) send an email to tas.jackiez@gmail.com and we’ll contact you a month or so before the event to see if you are available.”
(See below for recipes)

VEGETARIAN CHILI

One bag of Morningstar Veggie crumbles,
One can Black Beans (drained)
One can Chili Beans (I used “hot” for the cookoff)- do not drain
One packet Lawry’s or any favorite chili seasoning powder mix
One cup chopped onion
A couple cloves of chopped garlic
One can tomato sauce
One small can of tomato paste

In a large pot- sauté onions and garlic until onions are clear. Add veggie crumbles, chili seasoning and tomato sauce and mix well.
Add black beans and chili beans
Mix well
Add tomato paste (helps to thicken the chili)
Cook until heated.
Taste great right away, taste even better the next day when all the flavors have really come together.

Sisterhood’s annual Donor luncheon will be on Sunday, May 31 at 10 a.m. at the Porter Valley Country Club. Entertainment will be “History through the Eyes of Women,” featuring a visit from Mrs. Maggie Brown - “The Unsinkable Molly Brown.” From her humble beginnings in Hannibal, Missouri, Maggie became a nouveau riche, philanthropic socialite in Leadville and Denver, Colorado, whose heart was as big as the Rocky Mountains. Maggie spent a lifetime of adventure, hard work, and unbridled enthusiasm for any new experience. She showed her mettle as she kept Lifeboat #6 afloat and its occupants alive on that fateful morning of April 15, 1912, as the RMS Titanic sank to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. You either loved or hated her, but once you met her, you never forgot her.

If you have earned Sisterhood donor, the luncheon is free, otherwise the cost is \$45. There will be silent and Chinese auctions packed with fantastic items and numerous gift cards. The entertainment will be awesome, the food will be fantastic, and you can probably pick up some great items at a discount. RSVP to Sharon Janis at mjanis@social.rr.com or (818) 886-1295 by Sunday, May 24 if you want to attend.

DIANE LEVINE’S CHILI

(a combination of Bob’s Red Mill’s Country Chili and the Obama family recipe from Good Morning America)

2 cups Water (hot)
2 cups Bob’s Red Mill TVP® (Textured Vegetable Protein)
2 Tbsp Ketchup
1 Onion large-sized, chopped
1 Green Bell Pepper chopped
2 Garlic cloves, chopped
1 Jalapeño Pepper chopped
2 Tbsp Oil
2 Tbsp Chili Powder (more or less to taste)
2 tsp ground Cumin
2 tsp ground Oregano
2 tsp ground Turmeric
2 tsp ground Basil
1-1/2 tsp Cayenne Pepper (more or less to taste)
3 tablespoons Red Wine Vinegar
2 cans Tomatoes (28oz cans, chopped or crushed)
2 cans Red Kidney Beans with liquid (16oz cans) or 3 cups of beans that have been previously soaked and cooked.
Additional liquid as needed

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Directions

In a large bowl, pour 2 cups of boiling water over 2 cups of Bob's Red Mill TVP flakes (or chunks) and ketchup. Set aside.

Heat a large Dutch oven, add 2 Tbsp oil. Sauté the onions, peppers, jalapeno and garlic for a few minutes.

Into the TVP mixture, sprinkle seasonings and stir with fork. Add TVP to the vegetable mixture, cook for a few minutes. Stir in tomatoes, kidney beans and 2 cups hot water or other liquid (such as stock, tomato sauce, tomato juice) as needed to get the texture you like.

Cover and simmer for 30 minutes to one hour. Taste and add salt if needed. (I did mine in the a crock pot so I cooked it for 2 hours on high and 2 hours on low and I didn't add any salt..)Makes 10 Servings.

Bob's Red Mill TVP is available at Whole Foods and Sprouts.

TOMMY'S ORIGINAL WORLD FAMOUS CHILI!

		1 Batch	
Amt	Units	Ingredients	
1	lb	ground beef.*	
0.25	C	lard or shortening	
0.25	C	flour	
1.25	C	flour	
0.25	C	corn flour (masa)	
1.33	C	beef broth	
4	C	water	
4	tbs	chili powder (Gebhardts Brand)	
0.25	Cups		
2	tbs	finely grated and then chopped carrot	0.125
	Cups		
1	tbs	white vinegar	
0.0625	Cups		
2	tsp	dried minced onion	
0.67	Tbs		
2	tsp	salt	
0.67	Tbs		
1	tsp	granulated sugar	
0.33	Tbs		
1	tsp	paprika	
0.33	Tbs		
0.5	tsp	ground cumin	
0.17	Tbs		
0.25	tsp	garlic powder	
0.08	Tbs		

Directions

1. Prepare the chili by first browning the meat in a large saucepan over medium heat. Crumble the meat as it browns. When the meat has been entirely cooked, pour the meat into a strainer over a large cup or saucepan. Let the fat drip out of the meat for about 5 minutes, and then return the meat back to the first saucepan. Cover and set aside.
2. With the fat from the meat, we will now make a roux--a French contribution to thicker sauces and gravies usually made with fat and flour. When cooking the meat, the drippings will have liquid and fat content.

You should have drained off around 0.5 cup(s) of the stuff. The liquid is not used, so you'll need to separate the beef fat from the liquid and use 0.25 cup(s) of the clear beef fat or 0.25 cup(s) of the lard.

Heat the fat in a saucepan over medium heat. When the fat is hot, add 0.25 cup flour to the pan and stir well. Reduce heat to medium/low, and continue to heat the roux, stirring often until it is a light brown caramel color. This should take from 10 to 15 minutes. Add the beef broth to the pan and stir. Remove from heat.

3. Meanwhile back at the other pan, add the water to the beef and then whisk in the remaining 1.25 cups flour and the 0.25 cup(s) corn masa. Add the roux/broth mixture and the other chili ingredients and whisk until blended. Make sure your grated carrot is chopped up to the size of tiny grated rice before you add it.
4. Crank the heat up to medium/high. Stir often until you see bubbles forming on the surface of the chili. Turn the heat down to medium/low, and continue to simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, or until thick. The chili should be calmly bubbling like lava as it simmers. When it's done cooking, take the chili off the heat, cover it, and let it sit for 30 minutes to an hour before using it on the burgers. It should thicken to a tasty brown paste as it sits.**
5. To make your hamburgers, use 1/4 pound, 100% pure beef, flash frozen patties. If using fresh beef, you'll first divide 1 1/2 pounds of hamburger into 8 portions of 4 ounces each. Grill the burgers on in a hot skillet or on an indoor griddle for 4 to 5 minutes per side or until done. Use some salt and pepper on each patty.

Tidbits

* 100% pure beef, flash frozen patties work best! (Thanks Liv! Great idea!) Make sure the ground beef you use has a fat content of at least 20 percent. This way you'll be sure to get enough fat to make the roux.

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** For best results, cook this recipe beforehand and refrigerate it overnight. Something magical happens to the flavors while resting in the 'fridge. Reheat when you're ready to serve.

*** Tommy's uses XLNT Brand Tamales in their tamale boat. You can do the same! Serve a hot XLNT Tamale in a bowl, top with mustard, onion, pickle and tomato, cover with hot chili and a slice of cheese on top.

**** This chili is also excellent for chili dogs. Don't waste your money on cheap hot dogs. Buy a premium brand... I use Nathan's brand when making chili dogs.

TURKEY WHITE CHILI WITH BEANS

By Judy Stehr

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 PACKAGE (LOW FAT - 93%) GROUND TURKEY (ABOUT 1 & 1/3 POUND)
- 1 TBS. CHILI POWDER – PREFERRABLY GREEN CHILI POWDER
- 1 TBS. GROUND CUMIN
- 2 TSP. DRIED OREGANO LEAVES
- 1 TSP. GROUND BLACK PEPPER
- 1 TSP. CINNAMON
- 1 LARGE YELLOW OR BROWN ONION DICED
- 3 MEDIUM TOMATILLOS (GREEN MEXICAN TOMATOES) WASHED AND DICED
- 2 – 4 OZ. CANS OF DICED GREEN CHILES
- 1 BAY LEAF
- 1 – 15 OZ CAN OF WHITE BEANS – NAVY OR CANALLINI - DRAINED
- 4 – 8 OZ. CHICKEN BROTH
- ¼ TO ½ JAR OF LA VICTORIA MILD GREEN CHILI SAUCE
- 2 CORN TORTILLAS, TORN INTO SMALL PIECES (TO THICKEN AND ADD FLAVOR)
- SALT TO TASTE
- OLIVE OIL OR MILD FLAVORED VEGETABLE OIL LIKE SAFFLOWER OR CANOLA

ASSEMBLY:

In a large pot, heat olive oil and brown ½ the ground turkey, breaking up pieces into sizes you want. Place the turkey into a large bowl and repeat with the other half of the turkey. Again heat olive oil (about 2 teaspoons) and toast chili powder, cumin, oregano pepper and cinnamon. Add the onion and some salt and slowly cook the onions with the spices until soft, but still keeping the onion's shape.

To the onion/spice mixture add the rest of the ingredients including the browned turkey and stir and taste. Adjust seasonings and add more chicken soup or chili sauce if mixture is too thick.

Simmer on low for 30 to 45 minutes. Taste again and adjust liquid and spices if necessary. Remove bay leaf and serve with the chili with green onions, tortilla chips or strips, cheese and sour cream. Tastes better the next day, freezes very well. Can double the recipe for a large crowd.

SCULLER CHILI

- 1 1/2 lb ground beef
- 1 diced onion
- 1/2 diced red bell pepper
- 1 can diced tomatoes with Italian seasoning
- 1 can tomato sauce plus 1 can water
- 3 ½ Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 1/3 Tbsp. or more paprika
- 1 ½ Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 can kidney beans - rinsed

Sauté onion in skillet until translucent. Add ground beef and sauté until no longer pink. Add bell pepper.

Put all ingredients into large pot and simmer for at least 1 hour stirring occasionally.

THE 2015-2016 TAS SISTERHOOD SLATE

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2015-2016 Sisterhood Slate

- PRESIDENT Sue Sculler and Jackie Zev
- VP WAYS AND MEANS . . Margaret Chroman and Jennifer Kosoy
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- VP MEMBERSHIP Cheryl Frumes and Jackie Malinovitz
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- VP EDUCATION Laura Silverman and Michelle Assor
- TREASURER Roseanna Sculler
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY Bobbie Ross
- RECORDING SECRETARY Kathy Pullman

Please come and vote for our new slate at 7:15 p.m. on May 8th before the Sisterhood Shabbat.

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Please join us for the Community Shabbat Dinner, Friday, May 8, 2015 Presented by TAS Sisterhood at 6:15 p.m.

MENU INCLUDES:

Edamame Hummus with Lavosh Chips

Spring California Citrus Salad: Mixed Lettuces, Curly Kale, Bok Choy, Oranges, Avocado, Jicama, Citrus Orange Dressing

White Wine Poached Salmon on a Bed of Spinach with Lemon Cream, or Citrus Hollandaise

Roast Spring Chicken Boneless Breast with Apricot Orange Glaze and Fresh Orange Slices

Spring Herb and Garlic Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Spring Ancient Grains with Sweet Peas and Asparagus, Avocado and Lemon Basil Dressing

Spring Green Medley Sautéed Green Beans and Sugar Snap Peas with Lemon and Fresh Mint

Farro, Black Quinoa and Basmati Rice

Lemonade and Ice Tea with Fresh Lemons

10 and Older - \$11.50 per person cash or check paid in the Temple office. \$11.75 per person online payment.

5 to 9 Years - \$10.00 per person cash or check paid in the Temple office. \$10.25 per person online payment.

Children 4 and Under eat Free (still need to sign them up).

Please sign up by May 7, 2015. A very limited number of walk-ins will be available for \$12 per person at the door. Cash/Check only.

SISTERHOOD AND SOCIAL ACTION AT TAS JOIN TO PRESENT: MOTHER'S DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT ON SUNDAY MAY 10, 2014



Billed as the "Largest Mother's Day Celebration in the World," the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging needs TAS sisterhood to make it happen.

Please put the morning of Mother's Day aside from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and join us at the home to assist residents in getting to and from activities, serving food and refreshments, and performing mitzvot at the same time. Children ages 10 to 16 with parent(s), and 17 to 70+ are all welcome to take part. There are some seated positions available, too!

Make your Mother's Day extra special this year and put a smile on residents' faces. Join us in this meaningful event.

Check out this video:

<http://www.jha.org/calendar/mothers-day-special.asp>

For details about the event and to RSVP, please call Judy Stehr at (818) 744-6227 or email: jesterjudy@gmail.com

Thank you,

Sisterhood and Social Action

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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.

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

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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.

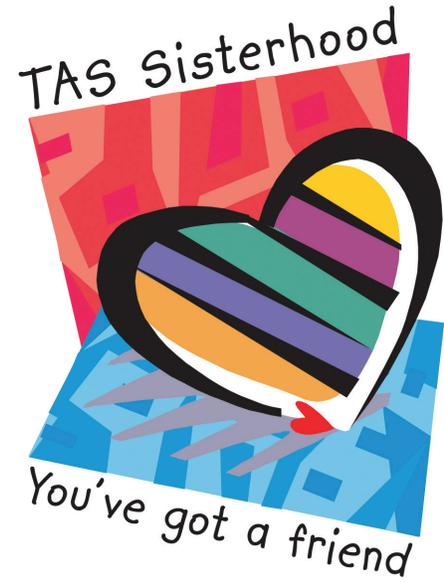
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Please support us on every 20th of the month till June by stopping in any time all day for some Frozen Yogurt at Menchie's by the Winnetka Theaters ONLY



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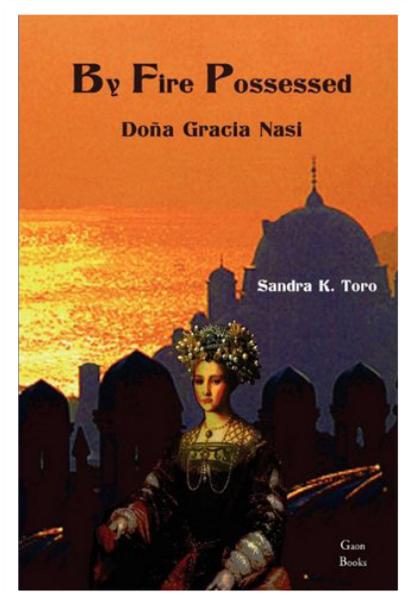


BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS HISTORICAL NOVEL ON MAY 14

Doña Gracia Nasi was one of the most influential women of her time. She was born into a wealthy Jewish family, which was expelled from Spain during the Inquisition. Controlling a vast financial empire, Doña Gracia aided in the evacuation of thousands of Jews fleeing Spain and Portugal, bringing them to the Ottoman Empire.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Book Group discussion of Sandra K. Toro's acclaimed historical novel, *By Fire Possessed: Doña Gracia Nasi*. Dr. Tyree Wieder will facilitate. The meeting will take place in the Library/Rothenberg Chapel on Thursday, May 14. Refreshments are served at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 donation per person is requested.

Phyllis & Hal Bass





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TAS SUNDAYS OF SERVICE

BUILDING BRIDGES GLOBALLY

A little outreach can go a very long way...

The most incredible thing happened in March, my fourth year leading the Sundays of Service (SOS) event series for TAS' Social Action Committee. I made a double-take when reading the signature line of the e-mail...all the way from **Canada!** The **Principal and Vice-Principal of TanenbaumCHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto)** were visiting L.A. and wanted to help us volunteer at **JFS' 36th annual Community Passover Seder** on March 22nd.



It was truly an honor to have **Jonathan Levy** and **Renee Cohen** join our group of volunteers during their visit. Most importantly, there was a beautiful bridge – of global proportions – that was formed. We all shared a special connection that day: an enthusiasm and dedication to Tikkun Olam—repairing our world...together. We thank them for their help and friendship, and for creating that bridge by reaching out to the Social Action Committee of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

In addition, we thank the following **TAS SOS Seder Volunteers**, for making a real difference in the lives of over 150 Russian Jewish seniors in Los Angeles:

Sam Kazimirowicz
Ethan Turer
Shane Turer
Nicole Turer
Sharon Janis
Shelly Trop

Everyone's attentiveness to the guests, and tireless energy with serving the Passover meal, made the seder run very smoothly. Their help and their willingness to travel to Congregation Mogen David in West L.A. was very much appreciated.

All my best,

Shellie Turer
TAS Social Action Committee
Sundays of Service (SOS) Coordinator

We were thrilled to be part of your community and look forward to being in touch in the future.

We would also like to extend an invitation to all you to come and visit us at TanenbaumCHAT when you come to Toronto. You are always welcome.

It is very powerful to build connections and bridges with different Jewish communities and institutions all over the world. Thank you for allowing this to happen in LA.

Looking forward to seeing the great pictures you took.

Wishing you all a Chag Sameach and a happy Passover.

All the best,

Renee and Jonathan

HI SHELLIE,

Jonathan [TanenbaumCHAT's Principal] and I would like to thank you and the whole Temple Ahavat Shalom community for so warmly welcoming us on Sunday at your Tikkun Olam program.

It was an inspiring experience to work together with you and your members to help provide a Passover experience to seniors who might otherwise not have one.

A FRUITFUL SUNDAY IN APRIL



As a Harvest Team Leader for Food Forward, we have held private fruit picks for TAS to support this wonderful philanthropy. And we are proud to be a part of Food Forward's ongoing effort to combat hunger in Southern California.

On April 12th, we joined Food Forward's Community Harvest in Canoga Park and gleaned 450 pounds of grapefruit for Family Rescue Center. We had one new volunteer from TAS who joined my kids, along with a community helper. All five of us worked productively to harvest a total of ten boxes of citrus on that sunny spring afternoon.

A "fruitastic" thanks to the following volunteers for their time and energy, as well as their dedication to Food Forward's community service efforts:



Greg Konick
Shane Turer
Nicole Turer
Michael Machuca

With gratitude,

Shellie Turer
Food Forward Pick Leader
TAS Sundays of Service

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS SPECIAL SOS EVENT!!

For our fourth consecutive year, TAS will be teaming up with the **Special Olympics Summer Games**—the largest Southern California competition of the year! Come join our very own reserved **group of 10 volunteers** to assist in this most **special event**. More than 1,100 **athletes** with intellectual disabilities will showcase their determination, courage, and skills at Summer Games held at Cal State Long Beach.



Come watch the athletes compete as they pour their hearts out to win gold, silver, and bronze medals. Get inspired like you never have before and be a special part of this event, where everyone's a winner!

WHO: **Athletics Venue Volunteers**
– [Ages 14 years to Adult]

WHAT: **Special Olympics Summer Games:**
Track and Field volunteers needed for staging the athletes, timekeeping, and finish line assistance.

WHERE: **Cal State Long Beach Stadium**
1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach

WHY: Helping others feel special!!

WHEN: Saturday, June 13th, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

HOW: Registration deadline of May 11th
Please notify TAS SOS Coordinator
Shellie Turer at:
(818) 993-2255 or PetsRPeopleToo@att.net

MAY 17TH - CITRUS SUNDAY AT TAS

What is Citrus Sunday?

Citrus Sunday is an annual fruit-picking drive that brings tens of thousands of pounds of fresh oranges and grapefruit to Valley families served by food banks. This wonderful event is co-sponsored by Councilmember Englander of Council District 12, its Neighborhood Councils, and Valley Interfaith Council, in a community-wide effort to provide more than 100,000 struggling San Fernando Valley residents with this nutritious food supplement.



For the fifth consecutive year, our Social Action Committee is again partnering with Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) to offer Citrus Sunday. As a temple community and first-time co-sponsor of Citrus Sunday in May 2011, we had a tremendous outpouring of support from our members. We picked citrus fruit by the bushel, collectively donating nearly a ton of fresh fruit – filling 35 boxes – to nourish our neighbors in need.

We need you! Let's pick more than a ton this year!

WHAT: **Citrus Sunday**
A fresh fruit drive co-sponsored by Council District 12 to benefit struggling San Fernando Valley families

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WHERE: TAS Parking Lot -- A designated drop-off location (for PRNC)

WHY: To help our community neighbors by providing families served at food banks with fresh fruit

WHEN: Sunday, May 17th
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

HOW:

- ~ Pick your citrus fruit
- ~ Recruit your friends and neighbors, too
- ~ Bring it all to TAS

CONTACT: TAS SOS Coordinator Shellie Turer at (818) 993-2255, or by e-mail at petsrpeopletoo@att.net with any questions.

Remember: It takes a village to feed a village.

BIG SUNDAY - PITCH IN! HELP OUT! GIVE BACK!

What is Big Sunday?



Big Sunday is a nonprofit organization that works to build community through community service with the belief that everyone has some way they can help someone else. Last year on Big Sunday weekend, thousands of volunteers turned out to lend

a hand at hundreds of different projects from San Diego to San Francisco, making it one of the largest regional community service events in America.

Big Sunday Weekend is a three-day festival of service, bringing together tens of thousands of people, of all ages and all backgrounds, to work together at hundreds of nonprofits, schools and other agencies that need their help. Projects are scheduled throughout the weekend, and can last anywhere from one hour to two days.

If you'd like to volunteer for a **Big Sunday Weekend** project on **May 1, 2 & 3**, you can join their e-mail list. Reminders, news and updates will be sent out starting on May 1, when the projects are posted on their website.

Here's the **Big Sunday** website link:
<http://bigsunday.org/get-involved/project-signup/>

Please contact TAS' SOS Coordinator Shellie Turer at PetsRPeopleToo@att.net or at (818) 993-2255 with any questions.

“EVERYONE has some way that they can help somebody else.”

HELP "STAMP OUT HUNGER" IN THE VALLEY!

You and your family can make a real difference in our community, combating hunger by participating in the largest two-day food drive in the world, **“Stamp Out Hunger,”** on **Saturday, May 9 and 16.**



MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), our TAS Social Action Partner, needs dozens of volunteers at the food pantry located in its headquarters, 10641 San Fernando Road in Pacoima (less than 10 minutes from TAS) during the late afternoon and evening.

TAS members have participated in Stamp Out Hunger during the last several years and joined spirited community volunteers from synagogues, churches and service organizations from across the Valley. Watch the TAS weekly emails for exact shift times and additional information. MEND will serve a dinner for volunteers. Kids/youth ages 10 and up are welcome to participate.

Food donations are picked up by postal carriers as part of their regular routes on that Saturday, making it easy for local residents to donate canned goods. But this huge, important event can only be a success with your involvement – by helping to sort and organize the donated food. This one day typically stocks MEND's food pantry through the summer and fall, providing months of hunger relief to the Valley's neediest families.

To sign up to help with Stamp Out Hunger on May 9, contact Richard Weinroth at richard@mendpoverty.org and contact Social Action Committee co-chair Ken Bernstein at kbernstein3@gmail.com for May 16.

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MITZVAH FOR MOTHER'S DAY?

Glad you asked. Please Join TAS Social Action and Sisterhood at the Jewish Home for the Aging, for the LARGEST MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION IN THE WORLD!

Last year TAS had 14 volunteers: let's see if we can top that (they need about 80 volunteers to make this event go smoothly). Volunteers are needed to serve lunch and refreshments, chat with residents, assist seniors and direct visitors to get to where they need to go. Musical acts, balloons, good food, ice cream, Yiddish, nostalgia and family abound!

Please try your hardest to bring your family to the JHA family for a well-spent morning then the afternoon is yours!

Check out this article from last year's Celebration:
<http://www.dailynews.com/lifestyle/20140511/los-angeles-jewish-home-holds-worlds-largest-mothers-day-celebration>

Mother's Day: Sunday May 10th from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
At the Jewish Home for the Aging: Grancell Village (7150 Tampa Ave.) and Eisenberg Village (18855 Victory Blvd.)
Ages 6 to 16 with adult, 17 to 80+ with a wonderful smile!

To sign up, contact Judy Stehr at jesterjudy@gmail.com

ASSIST HOMELESS MEN WITH YOUR CLOTHING DONATIONS

The Social Action Committee is extending through May 15 a special collection drive to assist the homeless. We are collecting new and gently used underwear and towels to benefit homeless men through our TAS Social Action Partner, MEND.

MEND Pacoima specially assists the homeless each Tuesday. They have recently expanded their homeless services, giving showers to 20 of the Valley's neediest people. We are collecting clean men's underwear (t-shirts and loose boxer shorts; no socks) to aid in their campaign, as well as towels, which are provided to those who are taking showers at MEND.

Please leave donations in the blue marked barrels. If you would like a receipt, leave your name, address and list of what you are donating.

Questions? Contact Judy Stehr at jesterjudy@gmail.com or (818) 744-6227.

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To Cantor Roher from Sisterhood in honor of the Women's Seder
In memory of Marilyn Beasley, "Thank you to all of the wonderful people who offered their condolences to us. We are so grateful to be a part of this community." Jeff and Rivi Shulman

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Thank you to Tyree Wieder and Diane Levine from Abbey Klein
To Jill Lucks McAnear, "In honor of a woman who carries on a tradition of leadership with grace and commitment", With Affection, Fran
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Phyllis and Hal Bass in memory of Isaac Levin, grandson of Dr. Sherwin and Myrna Levin. With deepest sympathy.
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