



June 2016



24 Iyar – 24 Sivan, 5776

## TAS SALUTES THE 2016 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)

MIRA NETANYA BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK      BRIA MICHELLE ROSENBERG  
CASSANDRA ELIANA COHEN      CAYLA ROSE RUBIN  
REBECCA ALEXANDRA SIEGEL DENNY      SARAH ASHLEY SCULLER  
KAITLIN EELLS      VANIA BRANDY SOLEIMANI  
JUSTY AARON GLUCK      BENJAMIN ABRAHAM TIBER  
SHELBY ROSE KAPLAN      MADISON TILNER  
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STEFANIE KRAUSZ      AMANDA WILHEIM  
MICHAEL JOSEPH LERTZMAN      JESSICA WILHEIM  
HEATHER NICOLE MALINOVITZ      TALI YOLLIS  
JENNIFER ROSE MALINOVITZ      JACOB ZELONKY  
ARIANA MICHNER  
ALIANA JADE PIPOLO

**JOIN US FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICES  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 AT 4:15 PM**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016**

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## MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNE B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

*June 4, 2016*

Rabbi Shawna and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Brynjegard-Bialik

*June 25, 2016*

Aaron and Diane Solomon and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of David Solomon

*June 18, 2016*

Joel and Claudine Horowitz and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Grant Horowitz



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Ahavat  
Shalom



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 12, 2016  
8:30 a.m. Light Breakfast • 8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting  
Social Hall

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.

# CHUPPAH TAPESTRY RETURNS TO OUR SANCTUARY

In the early 1980s, Sisterhood women created a lovely embroidered chuppah. A talented member of our Sisterhood, Eva-Lynn Diesenhaus (then Ratoff), drew her inspiration from the verse in the *Song of Songs*, “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine” / “Ani l’dodi v’dodi li,” which is often incorporated into the marriage ceremony. The chuppah features flowers, vines, doves and gazelles, based on poetic images also described in the *Song of Songs*. Several other Sisterhood women felt deeply privileged to share with Eva-Lynn in the task of doing the needlework. They were Phyllis Bass, Sharon Brooks Janis, Lila Klein and Vi Lieber (of blessed memory and the mother of Fran Krimston). The linen fabric was donated by Marian and Bob Milman.

For many years, when not being used at a wedding ceremony, the chuppah was displayed on the western wall of our Sanctuary. As we approached the Temple’s 50th Anniversary year, several long-time members wondered what had happened to this precious ritual object. Rabbi Lutz directed our custodian to search for it and much to our delight, the chuppah was found in one of the storage spaces. When Rabbi Lutz unfurled the chuppah at a meeting of the 50th Anniversary Committee, the reaction was, “Oh, how beautiful,” even though there was some obvious damage to the piece. It seemed fitting that during our Jubilee year we decided how best to preserve this valued work of art.

The chuppah was placed in the hands of a highly gifted needle-crafter of Jewish ritual objects, Linda Rourman. With the encouragement of our current Sisterhood presidents, Sue Sculler and Jackie Zev, and with the support of Rabbi Lutz, a decision was made to restore the piece, but to convert it into a

tapestry. Beautification Committee chairperson Joel Lowell presented a motion at the April 2016 Board meeting, and the vote was unanimous to return the chuppah to the Sanctuary.

Funding for this project was made possible by Sisterhood and the following women: Phyllis Bass, Robyn Blachman, Elaine Gottesman, Sharon Janis, Abbey Klein, Fran Krimston, Debby Lieber, Ruth Lupul, Laraine Miller, Carol Bizar-Morton, Carol Stern and Jackie Zev.

The unveiling of the restored chuppah, along with a commemorative plaque, will take place at the Sisterhood Donor Luncheon on June 5, 2016.

Special thanks to Joel Lowell and his MoTAS crew for the installation. Also, many thanks to Rivi Shulman and her friends in the Pomegranate Guild for their valuable input.

## *Phyllis Bass*

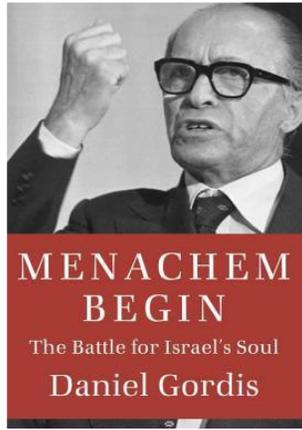


**View of chuppah while still undergoing restoration**

## BOOK GROUP TO MEET JUNE 9 AT 7 PM

### *MENACHEM BEGIN: THE BATTLE FOR ISRAEL'S SOUL* BY DANIEL GORDIS

This month's Book Group, facilitated by Hal Bass, will be discussing the fascinating life of Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel. The book covers his beginnings in the Zionist movement and his rise to become a powerful orator and mesmerizing public figure. The author reviews his imprisonment by the Soviets in 1940, his arrival in Palestine as a Polish soldier, and the notoriety he received for what some call the courageous bombings of British military installations. Unfortunately, he was left out of the new Israeli government, why? The Discussion will cover this and other aspects of his rise to fame and his political leanings and his eventual selection as Prime Minister in 1977. Welcoming Egyptian president Anwar Sadat to Israel and cosigning a peace treaty with him on the White House lawn in 1979, Begin accomplished what his predecessors could not. His outreach to Ethiopian Jews and Vietnamese "boat people" was universally admired, and his decision to bomb Iraq's nuclear reactor in



1981 is now regarded as an act of courageous foresight. Why did he decide to invade Lebanon to end the PLO's shelling of Israel's northern cities? What led to his resignation in 1983? The group will discuss Begin's contributions to Israel and his controversial leadership.

The Book Group will meet in the Rotheberg Chapel on Thursday, June 9. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested. Feel free to join the group even if you have not read the book.

*Tyree Wieder, Ed.D.*  
[towieder@yahoo.com](mailto:towieder@yahoo.com)

## MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to Gordon Recht who won a TELLY Award for his work on *Vitiligo: Truth Hope and Change*, a documentary on this serious skin disease that affects millions around the world.

Congratulations to Stephen Hyam who was made partner in his law firm.

Hooray for Andy Mann who retired from LAUSD in June.

Share your family's achievements from the past month by emailing them to [frankrimston@gmail.com](mailto:frankrimston@gmail.com).



## IMPROVING THE WORLD...ONE PERSON AT A TIME

This new monthly column will focus on the work of our members (young and old) who are doing things to make this world a better place. Please send a brief summary of the job, volunteer work or other contributions you or your children are making to Tikkun Olam to [frankrimston@gmail.com](mailto:frankrimston@gmail.com).

**Photos are most welcome.**



# TASTY Board 2016-2017

A huge congratulations goes out to the elected Board officials for our senior youth group!



**President:** Rebecca Denny

**Programming Vice President:** Cassandra Cohen

**Social Action Vice Presidents:** Bria Rosenberg & Michael Lertzman

**Religious and Cultural Vice President:** Spencer Hyam

**Financial Vice Presidents:** Jordan Friedman & Sally Vogel

**Membership Vice President:** Elise Barnathan

**Communications Vice President:** Rebecca Sculler

**Class Representatives:** Daniel Mervis, Mackenzie Graham, Sarah Banfalvi, Abby Fiss, & Jacob Zelonky

Stay tuned for information on the exciting TASTY events that will take place next year for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We look forward to seeing you!  
Stay TASTY!

# MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### *“Hidden Rewards”*



This is my last message to you as MoTAS President. Four years ago, I began the process that led me here by saying “yes” when I was asked to be a Vice-President of MoTAS. Since then, I’ve gotten to know the men of MoTAS very well, and have discovered their depth of devotion to MoTAS and the congregation as a whole. I’ve gotten to know our congregational leaders better, and have come to see how they devote a large amount of time to making Temple Ahavat Shalom the best family it can be. As with any family, mistakes will happen (I’ve made my share), but we work through them because we are a family and because we value that family.

So why did I volunteer? To put it another way, why should you volunteer? There are a number of reasons, beyond the trite but true “service is its own reward.” First, if I want to effect change,

I must be that agent of change. Second, becoming active is a wonderful way to get to know congregational members in a way that goes beyond religious school interactions. Lastly, it was a way to challenge myself. I’m a cybersecurity specialist, not comfortable around people. Being the MoTAS President forced me to learn new skills — marketing, selling, promotion. It also taught me that others may have more sage advice than I, and I can learn from everyone. I will treasure my years as MoTAS President for as long as I live.

It is now Frank Soronow’s turn to take the reins, and lead MoTAS to new heights. I have every confidence that he will do a great job; as I’ve gotten to know him, I’ve learned he is a real mensch — a good person with a good soul. It is also your turn to get involved. Start by coming to a meeting, participating in a single activity, saying “yes” when asked to get involved. You’ll find that it will cement your bond to the congregation in unimaginable and incredible ways. Thank you for letting me lead you.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit <https://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2016/05/22/hidden-rewards/>.

## ANNOUNCING THE 2016-2017 MOTAS LEADERSHIP

At the May MoTAS meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2016-2017 year:



- President: Frank Soronow
- Vice Presidents: Bill Shapiro and Larry Hoffman
- Secretary: Hal Bass
- Treasurer: Roger Lowe
- Past President: Daniel Faigin

Thank you to our officers that served this year, with special thanks to Dave Friedman for his service the past two years. Thank you also to all those who have coordinated activities during the year.

## SPORTS SQUARES



The Sports Squares activity has completed for the 2015-2016 programming year. 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.

Fall Football Squares will go on sale at the June Shabbabaque. Football Squares are an easy way to support TAS and possibly win a little back. \$50 gets you a random square on the board, where randomized rows and columns have the digits 0 through 9. During Monday Night Football season, match the last digit of the home and away team scores in a quarter and win! It is anticipated that the program will be similar to the 2015 Football Squares. The forms, as well as the Football Squares website ( [squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org](http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org) ) should be available/open for operation the day of the Shabbabaque.

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## KITCHEN CHALLENGE



By the time you read this, the Kitchen Challenge will be over. Overall, the program raised just over \$11,500, including all matching funds. We're in the process of getting final bids for the make-up air and vent-hood cleaning, and have obtained new fire extinguishers for the kitchen

and have replaced one refrigerator unit. Even though the challenge is over, we welcome contributions to help support kitchen repairs. There is much more we would like to do if we have the funds. Just indicate your donation is for the kitchen fund, and mail it to MoTAS at the Temple. Additional funds will cover ongoing maintenance, future replacement of the remaining refrigerators and freezers, repair to the ranges and ovens, and refurbishment of the floor.

## MENS CLUB/MOTAS LOGOWEAR

While cleaning the Mens Club closet, we discovered quite a stash of Mens Club and MoTAS items. Yes, I said Mens Club — because whatever the term, we're a group of brothers working together for our Temple family. These items will be available for purchase at MoTAS events; or you can contact an officer and we'll arrange to get you what you want:



- Light Blue Men's Club T-Shirts (L, XL) – \$10
- Medium Blue Men's Club T-Shirt (1, L) – \$10
- Dark Blue Men's Club T-Shirts (L, XL) – \$10
- Cobalt Blue Polo-Shirt (no pocket) with MoTAS on sleeve (L, XL) – \$10
- MoTAS Aluminum Water Bottles – \$10
- Knit African kippot (no logo) – \$18
- Embroidered turquoise and gold kippot – \$5

The knit African kippot are very nice — they stretch to be able to fit your head without having to use clips. They came to MoTAS via Barry Krowne's daughter who was in Africa near the tribe that made them. Barry brought them back with him from one of his trips there. Some time later, Steven Zonis noticed that the Rabbi of that congregation (who just got elected as the first Jewish member of the Ugandan Parliament) was going to do a tour of the US, and suggested we invite him here. After a very long to-do regarding pricing, arrangements were made, and he visited us for weekend-in-

residence.

Lastly, if you want items with the new logo, you can order them from our Cafe Press store at <http://www.cafepress.com/motasshop>.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SUNDAY, JUNE 5

#### “YIDDISH LITERARY CULTURE IN LOS ANGELES”

Join us at our June Membership meeting on Sunday, June 5. Erin Faigin will be presenting new research on the history of Yiddish literature in Los Angeles. Her thesis, *Kalifornyer Khaloymes: The Los Angeles Yiddish Culture Club and its Literary History*,



1946-1966, won the Matilda Morrison Miller award for the best annual study by an undergraduate in the field of Western history in the UC Berkeley History Department. She describes her work as follows:

The Los Angeles Yiddish Culture Club was founded in 1926, in an attempt to make a home for non-partisan Yiddish culture. In celebration of their twentieth anniversary in 1946, they published *Kheshbn* (Reckoning), the central expression of Yiddish literary culture in Los Angeles. *Kheshbn* continued to be published until 2007, becoming one of the longest running Yiddish periodicals of its kind. Within the archive of the LA Yiddish Culture Club, its back-issues and memorabilia, lies the story of a community of artists, many of them refugees, recording their past and trying to understand their present. *Kheshbn* evolved from a community register to a literary journal, one that was distinctly Californian and unforgettably Yiddish.

Erin will be sharing the stories of this community, and the vibrant Yiddish literary community that existed in Southern California.

As always, before the speaker, we will have our scrumptious MoTAS breakfast and our review of upcoming activities. Join us at 8:45 a.m. for Breakfast, with the event review starting at 9:00 a.m. The speaker starts at 10:00 a.m..

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Looking ahead to the Summer: Our current plans are to have our normal summer activities on the 2nd Sunday of each month. July will be a potluck celebrating the end of another MoTAS year, and August will be some form of picnic in the park.

## JUNE SHABBABAQUE - JUNE 17TH



Shabbabaque 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.

Shabbabaque 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. Pricing is \$11 for adults, \$7 for children for registration before 6:00 p.m. PDT on Wednesday, June 15. **Late registrations are subject to a \$5 surcharge.**

Registration is now open. For more information, see the flyer in this issue, or visit <http://shab-bbq.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. You can reserve online, by leaving a message on the MoTAS Voicemail at (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235#, by emailing [shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org), or by calling the temple office. Payment may be made at the time of reservation or on-site at the event.

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SHOP, SCHLEP, STAFF, AND SCRUB AFTERWARDS.

To volunteer to help at the event, visit <http://motascybermaven.eventbee.com/event?eid=123343142> (you'll also find the link in the MoTAS Weekly, and in the posted Weekly at <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>).

Frank Soronow is the event coordinator for the June 2016 Shabbabaque; you may also email Frank at [frank.soronow@nbcuni.com](mailto:frank.soronow@nbcuni.com). There will be a planning meeting in early June to coordinate volunteers.

## 2016 GOLF TOURNAMENT - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The main fundraiser for MoTAS is the Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament. **This tournament provides the funds that MoTAS uses to support TAS and TAS Social**

**Action Partners.** The 2015 Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament will be **Monday, September 19, 2016** at **Calabasas Country Club**. There are many ways for you to participate and support MoTAS at all financial levels – **you do not need to attend the tournament to support the tournament:**



- **Sponsor.** Companies and individuals can sponsor the tournament, starting at \$180 for a Tee sign and going up. This is a great way for a corporation or local business to show their support. Sponsorships at the Corporate level and above include player spots, and all include advertising in the TAS Calendar/Golf Program, available year-round in the Temple Foyer.
- **Advertise.** Our TAS Calendar/Golf Program is a printed calendar of Temple events throughout the year, surrounded by ads and messages from members and businesses. **Everyone can participate**—3 line messages are only \$18, and honorarium/memorial ads are \$36. Draw local businesses in to advertise (or advertise your own business), and build relationships with the TAS community—prices start at \$36 for a business card ad to \$250 for a full page ad.
- **Donate.** We need prize and silent auction items. Get a local restaurant or theatre to donate a dinner/show, and advertise in the ad book. Donate those sports tickets you aren't using. Donation letters are available from the Golf Tournament website.
- **Play.** Come out and play at the tournament. Entries are \$215 per player. Even if you don't play, find someone who does. Bring your friends, co-workers, clients, and colleagues.

More information, including online and printable signup forms and donation forms, is available at <http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org> or call Barry Mann at (818) 360-8881. You can also use the form found elsewhere in this issue of the Menorah.

We are also setting up a golf mailing list; please let Barry know if you want to be added to that list.

## ACTION ALERT LIST

MoTAS has established an Action Alert List for “short fuse” action requests – calls for volunteers, reminders for an event in the next week, etc. As “spam” is not kosher, this is an opt-

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in list. If you want to be added to the list, either email your request to [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-action-alert>.

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.

## 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](http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org). Contact Aaron if you are not receiving the email. The best way to learn about us is to come



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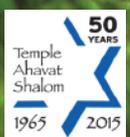
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Men of TAS (MoTAS)  
Charity Golf Tournament**

**Monday, September 19, 2016**  
**Calabasas Country Club • Calabasas CA**  
4515 Park Entrada, Calabasas CA 91302

**On-Course Sponsorships ♦ TAS Calendar & Program Ads  
Special Prizes ♦ Raffles ♦ Silent/Live Auction  
Goodie Bags ♦ Contests ♦ Games ♦ Meals Included**

**More Information ♦ Registration and Ad Forms**  
<http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org>

**Questions? Contact Barry Mann**  
*(818) 231-4856 or [golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org)*

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*On-Course Host*  






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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 6:15pm, featuring music from the TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15pm 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 17, 2016

**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](http://shab-bbq.tasnorthridge-motas.org)  
Phone: (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235# or (818) 360-2258  
Email: [shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org)

**RESERVATIONS DUE:**  
**WEDS., JUNE 15 @ 6:00 PM PDT**

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 5 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Donor Brunch (RSVP deadline was May 31)
July 10 (Sun)	9:30 a.m.	Southern California Area Day (Santa Ana, CA)

## BOARD APPRECIATION



A huge thank you to this year's Sisterhood Board for an awesome year of service to Sisterhood! Special mention goes to co-Program VPs Barbara Seltzer and Kathy Barker for the fabulous programs they arranged this year, especially the one on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and

the Interfaith panel. But a round of applause to all who made the Sisterhood run this year: Jennifer Kosoy and Margaret Chroman, co-Ways and Means VPs, Laura Silverman, Education VP, Cheryl Frumes and Jackie Malinovitz, co-Membership VPs, Judy Stehr and Cindy Tenn, Co-Religious Observance VPs, Roseanna Sculler, Treasurer, Bobbi Ross, Financial Secretary, and Kathy Pullman, Secretary.

We also very much appreciate all those who stepped up and chaired our fabulous fundraisers: Anita Hoch runs our monthly Mah Jongg nights and chaired the Pala casino trip, Robyn Blachman chaired our Holiday Boutique and also Mah Jongg cards, Carol Bizar-Morton and Carol Stern chaired our 50's dance, Iris Brynjegard chaired our Bunko night, Phyllis Bass raised funds to restore the chuppah, and Phyllis Biegelson and Sue Cohen chaired our Mah Jongg Tournament. Without you ladies, Sisterhood would not have the funds to do the things we do.

Thanks also to our other committee chairs: Mel Birken, Tribute chair; Dina Garcia, donor books chair; Jo Schwartz, Oneg Shabbat Chair; Laraine Miller, Judaica shop chair; Sharon Janis, Extended Kiddush chair; Sheila Reback, ECEC Liason; and Andy Mann, Rosh Chodesh chair. These ladies are not in the spotlight like board members, but do so much to make Sisterhood a success.

The Sisterhood Board is a great team and we, as Sisterhood co-Presidents, cannot thank you enough!

## METRO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE MEETING

In April, Sisterhood put out a call for people to come to the May Metro Board meeting to request that Metro provide bus service to Rinaldi and Reseda. Providing bus service to this intersection would give better access to our Temple to students, seniors and those who cannot drive. Around 20 Temple members came to the meeting and several of us spoke on the need for a bus stop at Rinaldi and Reseda. One reason we want a bus stop within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of the Temple is that Access services, which provides shuttle services to individuals with a disability, has a rule that destinations must be within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of an LA County bus route. Currently the Temple is more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from a bus route.



The Metro council seemed to be impressed by the level of support we brought to the meeting, and one council member even spoke saying that he supported the idea.

While we don't expect immediate changes to any bus lines, we did hear that the Temple is on Access' list of acceptable destination sites. So at least those who rely on Access are not excluded from membership. We are working on verifying that this is indeed the case. We plan to continue to press for a bus stop at Reseda and Rinaldi. If you were not able to make the May Metro meeting, you will undoubtedly have another chance to be a community activist!

## SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICE

Our Sisterhood Shabbat service last month was a wonderful tribute to all the support Sisterhood has given to the Temple, the Religious School and Temple kids and the community for the past 50 years. Past-presidents Phyllis Bass and Fran Krimston spoke movingly on accomplishments of years gone by and of past-presidents that have guided the Sisterhood. Current co-president Sue Sculler reminded us of what Sisterhood is doing currently. And co-president Jackie Zev talked of Sisterhood's future. We have accomplished a lot in the last 50 years and we have a bright future ahead of us!

## SISTERHOOD MAY MEETING

We had fun at the Sisterhood May meeting playing trivia. We displayed questions on the screen and used our phones to select the answers.



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Results were tallied automatically, and <fill in name> was the crowned Queen of Trivia. We also elected next year's board, who will be installed at the donor lunch on June 5.

Here is next year's board:

President: . . . . . Jackie Zev  
VP Ways and Means: . . . . . Jennifer Kosoy  
VP Programming: . . . . . Kathy Barker  
VP Membership: . . . . . Cheryl Frumes  
VP Religious Observances: . . . . . Cindy Tenn  
VP Education: . . . . . Laura Silverman and Fran Handler  
Treasurer: . . . . . Roseanna Sculler  
Financial Secretary: . . . . . Bobbie Ross  
Recording Secretary: . . . . . Kathy Pullman

Welcome to the new board! We know this coming year will be fantastic!

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA DAY

The theme of our 2016 Southern California Area Day will be When The Well Runs Dry: Renew, Refresh, Recharge. This day of leadership training workshops is being held on Sunday, July 10 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Sholom 2625 N. Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana. This is a bit of a schlep, but the day is worth the trip. The cost is \$36 which includes lunch and materials, but Sisterhood covers the cost for its members. We will be carpooling down. RSVP to Jackie Zev at [tas.jackiez@gmail.com](mailto:tas.jackiez@gmail.com) or (818) 832-9099 if you are attending.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

Don't know how to play? Want to learn? Come to our monthly Mah Jongg game. 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 at [anitapearl47@gmail.com](mailto:anitapearl47@gmail.com).



### 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.

### EXTENDED KIDDUSH

Has the cost of Bar/Bat Mitzvah receptions got you down? Sisterhood can provide a low cost luncheon after your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your family and friends. This is not the big schlabang with a DJ and dancing – it's a low key way to provide a nice meal after the service for your guests. Contact Sharon Janis at (818) 886-1295 if you are interested.

### JUDAICA SHOP



Stop by the Temple Judaica shop, brought to you by Sisterhood, and view our latest treasures! See our wonderful selection of holiday items to enhance your celebrations. Throughout the year we carry a versatile collection of Judaica – jewelry, tallits, kippahs, mezuzahs, yads, candleholders, yahrzeit memorials, cards for every occasion and more!

We are open during Shabbat evening onegs, on Sundays from 9 am to 11:45 am (when Sunday School is in session) and Wednesdays 10 am - Noon.



Special appointments? With pleasure! Call Laraine Miller at (818) 993-0796 or Linda Sculler at (818) 701-7117. Credit cards, checks and cash accepted. Shop proceeds help fund the many Sisterhood projects and services provided to the temple.

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## COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES



TAS Sisterhood sends 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.

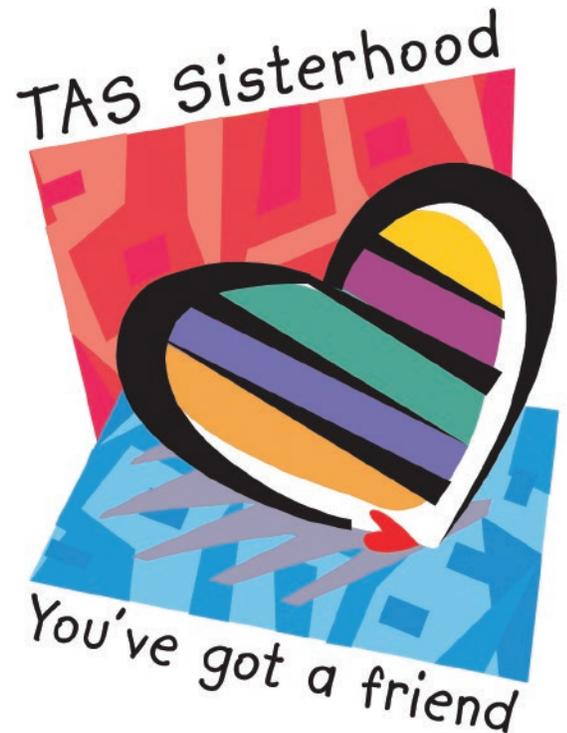
Thank you for cutting and sorting your coupons. They should be sorted into envelopes and labeled "FOOD" and "NOT FOOD" This makes it more convenient for the recipients to find what they need.

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.

*Sue Sculler and Jackie Zev*  
*Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood Co-Presidents*



## SO THANKFUL...



How does one begin to show gratitude for the privilege of becoming a Jubilee recipient? From the beautiful votives lighting our way to the cocktail hour, to the stunningly bedazzled social hall, the evening was magical.

I am still living in a bit of a celebratory fog as I write this, remembering the warmth and friendship of my TAS family, the beautiful evening, the charming tribute given by my daughter and the presence of so many of my dearest friends and family and my precious TAS community.

Thanks to everyone who made this evening happen. The Gala and Tribute Book committees: Marcy and Jerry Hilecher, Gail Karlin, Sherry and Irv Lucks, Jill McAnear, Ava and Paul Silver, Robyn and Joe Blachman, Lynn and Ken Miles, Cheryl and Brian Hatkoff, Wendy and Barry Krowne, Lynn

and Michael Doner, Terry and Bruce Hatkoff, Shelly Garelik, Pam Kramer and our own incredible Aaron Solomon worked their magic. (If I have left anyone out, please forgive me.)

I am so grateful to all of you who dressed up and showed up. The tribute book was filled with lovely sentiments from my family, dear friends and my TAS family. Wow! And, the best news is that we generated impressive funds for the Temple coffers.

I remain...totally ferklept!

With love,  
*Fran*

*Thank You!*



# THE CARING COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*The Caring Community has helped the TAS Congregation in so many ways.*

**THE MEAL OF CONDOLENCE TEAM** has assisted families with The Meal of Condolence. Team members arrive at homes to set up the meal, assist with whatever is needed, including setting out the Hand Wash Basin for guests when they arrive.

**THE MINYAN TEAM** and leaders have assisted our congregation with the Minyan Services and are prepared to officiate the service and bring the Minyan Bag with the service books and kippot.

**THE MEALS TEAM** has assisted two families in our congregation who have needed long term care with a delivery of a meal once a week for two years. They deliver meals to various congregants who are ill or in need of a meal. Meals are also delivered to our new parents who have just had a baby! The Meals Team schedules “Cooking Sessions” at our TAS Kitchen to cook, prepare and package meals that can be frozen and delivered to our congregants as needed.

**THE CARDS TEAM** has sent hundreds of cards to our families for births, illnesses, deaths and various mitzvot. We want our congregation to know that we are thinking of them and that The Caring Community is there for them.

**THE GIFT OF CARING TEAM** brings a “Caring Bag” and visits with our congregants who have lost family members. They have delivered “Caring Bags” throughout the year.

**THE VISIT TEAM** helps our congregants who need company and “TLC” Temple Loving Care, and deliver hand knitted blankets and Gift Bags.

**THE CALLS TEAM** makes hundreds of calls to our congregants to check in with them, offer congratulations or support and stay connected.

The Caring Community delivers Holiday Caring Bags to our Temple members who need some “TLC” at special times of the year. This past year 23 Hanukkah Gift Bags and 31 Purim Bags were delivered. We appreciate the efforts of those who offer to deliver the bags. This mitzvot makes someone’s day more special.

Many bags of Basil and Cheese Ravioli were donated to The Caring Community for cooking and delivery to those who were in need of delicious comfort food. Special Cooking Projects such as the Vegetable Lasagna Cooking Day created 17 large Lasagna’s that were delivered to those in need.

The Caring Community scheduled Challah deliveries with Challah For Hunger, a non-profit, several times this year to send cheer to TAS members who needed “TLC.”

The Caring Community is always here to serve our Congregation with dedication and love.

For more information or to volunteer with The Caring Community, contact [rabbishawna@tasnorthridge.org](mailto:rabbishawna@tasnorthridge.org).



**Over 75 of our Congregation’s families lost family members, friends and loved ones over the year. This is why The Caring Community is here for TAS.**

# ECEC

We are thrilled to tell you that we have finally received our Infant Toddler license. On July 1, we open our doors to the TAS ITC. This has been such a long awaited project and we are looking forward to having babies in our facility. We are accepting children from 6 weeks of age. Enrollment is taking place now. Please visit us and see our gorgeous Center. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the license application process. Thank you too, to those generous people who have made donations for the ITC. We still have many items on our wish list, with a large range of price options. If you would like to help us in any way, the list is available each week on the TAS Weekly e-news. There are items available on our Giving Tree which will be available at the Annual Congregational meeting later in June.



Last month we celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut. We "flew" on a pretend airplane to Israel, where our school made a replica of the Western Wall. Everyone drew a picture of a wish and each child put their wish into the crevices of the Wall. We had hummus; pita and children made Israeli salad for snack, and danced to Israeli music. We also went on an archeological dig to discover dinosaur bones and explored the "Dead Sea" which we made with lots of very salty water. Everyone had a wonderful time.



The third week of May was Teacher Appreciation Week. Every day for the entire week, the teachers were spoiled in

different ways. We had breakfast one day, lunch another. Teachers received jars of candy and buckets of teacher supplies. We even got lovely flower arrangements that the parents assembled. Thanks so much to all the parents that helped to coordinate!

Our fifteen Lions (4 year old class) will be graduating on Friday, June 10. We have enjoyed watching them develop and grow over the year and will miss them and their families. We hope they visit often and join us for all our Bim Bam Bimahs. Mazel Tov! to each and every one of you. Good luck as you go on to the next stage of your learning and growing.

It has been a full and sometimes hectic 2015/2016 school year. It will be over very soon. Summer camp begins on June 15. This year, our camp theme will be the Olympic Games. We will have our very own Games here at TAS. There will be an Opening and a Closing Ceremony, a torch lighting and many different types of summer games activities. We will even celebrate July 4 while at our Olympics.

My second year of working in this warm and caring community is nearly over. Thank you all for continually making me feel welcome and for all the help and support you give the ECEC.

Have a fun, family filled summer.

*L' Shalom,  
Tessa Cramer*





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## GENEROUS GIFTS

### ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Michael and Jan Saltsman in memory of Donald Doner  
Michael and Jan Saltsman in memory of Milton Cohen  
Loren Lieb and Alan Stepakoff in memory of Joel Lieb  
Marcia and Sheldon Strauss in honor of Fran Krimston

### CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Phyllis and Hal Bass, "Mazel Tov to Rabbi Barry and Debbie Lutz on Rabbi Adam Lutz's Ordination"  
The Pearlman Family in memory of David Recht  
The Caring Community to Rabbi Shawna and Joan Krimston, "Thank you for your wonderful leadership"  
The Caring Community to Cynthia Spoon, "Thank you for all of your help and caring for our Committee"  
Cynthia Spoon in memory of Bernie Ruta  
Proud Mom and Dad Sandy and Eric Lertzman, in honor of Rachel Lertzman's Graduation with Honors from Lake Forest College  
Elaine, Kenneth and Gregory Wolfe and The Davis Family in loving memory of Jonathan David Wolfe  
Shelly Trop  
Hal and Phyllis Bass to Abbey Klein, "Well wishes for a speedy recovery"

### EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Mindy and David Free in memory of Murray Brener  
Mel and Les Birken to Ana and Larry Rofe in honor of the birth of your granddaughter Jona Rofe Rawitch  
Mel and Les Birken to Jill and Alan Morgenstein in honor of the birth of your granddaughter Iris Lila

### MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILIENCE OF THE SOUL

Mindy and David Free in memory of Hyman Plutsky  
Lynn and Michael Doner in memory of Shirlee Haft  
Bob and Janice Ingrum in memory of Marisa Ingrum

### PRAYER BOOK FUND

Lynn and Michael Doner in memory of Milton Cohen

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ed and Nancy Kaplan in memory of Dr. Ruth Kaplan  
The Pearlman Family to Emma and Adam Lutz, "Mazel Tov on your Ordination"  
Jill and Alan Morgenstein in honor of their first grandchild, Iris Lila  
Lynn and Michael Doner in honor of Rabbi Shawna, "Thank you for a beautiful service for Grandpa Donald!"

### RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

The Thursday Adult Intermediate Hebrew Class in honor of Efrat Yakobi  
The Sunday Hebrew Class in honor of Efrat Yakobi

### VI AND DAVID LIEBER MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

Lynn and Michael Doner in honor of Cantor Roher, "Thank you for the meaningful Minyan for our father."

## Yahrzeits

Shelly, Lori, Jamie and Adam Garelik in memory of Irving Brook  
Sandra and Richard Erkus in memory of Rose Miller  
Sandy Tilsen in memory of Harry Zimmerman  
Sally Blitz-Weisz in memory of Isaac Blitz  
Sally Blitz-Weisz in memory of Louis Blitz  
Anita Hoch in memory of Leo Kleinbrodt  
Anita Hoch in memory of Louis Luckner  
Anita Hoch in memory of Yola Yoss  
Cathy Meyers in memory of John Francis  
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*Thank you all for your  
generous donations!*

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*~Cantor Emerita Patti Linsky*

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## Condolences

Barb Gelb and Family on the death of her uncle, Dr. Sanford Gelb

Bobbi Ross and Family on the death of her cousin, Richard Steinberg

*May their memory be a blessing*



## Congratulations to:

Jill and Alan Morgenstein on the birth of their granddaughter Iris Lila Crosson. The proud parents are Carli and Kyle Crosson.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginner Hebrew Class	<b>2</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	<b>3</b> 11:00 - ECEC Shabbat Service 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service - Simcha Shabbat	<b>4</b> 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Brynjegard-Bialik
<b>5</b> 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 10:00am - Sisterhood Donor Luncheon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Torah Study 5:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew	<b>8</b> 4:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew	<b>9</b> ECEC Last Day of School 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00am - ECEC Graduation 6:00pm - Cocktail Shabbat 6:45pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>11</b> 4:15pm - Confirmation Service
<b>12</b> 8:30am - Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00am - Shavuot Yizkor	<b>13</b> 8:00am - Lifeline Screening	<b>14</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 5:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> ECEC First Day of Sumer Camp 4:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew 6:15pm - Semi-Annual Calendar Meeting 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:15pm - Shabbabaque hosted by MoTAS	<b>18</b> 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Grant Horowitz
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 5:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew	<b>22</b> 4:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of David Solomon
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 5:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew	<b>29</b> 4:00pm - Summer Drop in Hebrew	<b>30</b>		

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