

GALA TO HONOR FREE AND WEISS FAMILIES ON MAY 31, 2014

MEET DEBBIE AND SCOTT WEISS

We've all heard the corny jokes based on real issues about the in-laws; Scott and Debbie Weiss have a great in-law story. Debbie's Mom loved Scott, and Scott's Mom adores Debbie. Their parents were so fond of one another that they traveled the world together for years! By coincidence, their burial plots are steps away from each other. Trudi and Mark Weiss, and Shirley and Max Srery were pivotal in the kind of family life and the dedication to Temple and community that both Debbie and Scott carry on. Trudi will be the proud representative at the Gala of the generation that inspired their children.



Debbie and Scott

CSUN, with a Bachelors degree in Accounting. He completed his Masters in Taxation at Golden Gate University in Los Angeles. Today he is the President of Weiss Accountancy Corporation with a number of other entrepreneurial ventures. Weiss Accountancy is celebrating its sixtieth year and is very proud of its third generation of Weiss family CPAs. Scott has two brothers, Mitch and Glenn, who live in the Valley with their families.

Debbie attended three schools-- Prairie Street Elementary, Granada Hills High School and CSUN--all on Zelzah Avenue. She graduated from CSUN with a business degree in Management. Debbie started as an accounting major where she met Scott. Scott helped tutor her in her accounting

Scott graduated from Grant High School and then

... CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



LET'S CELEBRATE!

BETH SCHAFFER, *Musical Artist in Residence* IN CONCERT!

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Catered dinner followed by Shabbat Service featuring Beth Schafer

SUNDAY, MAY 4

at 1pm

FOR MORE INFO SEE PAGE 10

WALK TO END GENOCIDE APRIL 27



Join the TAS team! Do your part to help innocent victims of human rights abuses around the world by participating in the **Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide**.

JWW's 8th Annual Los Angeles Walk will be held **Sunday, April 27, 2014** at **Pan Pacific Park**, 7600 Beverly Blvd. from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The Walk is a 5K around the Park and is on paved surfaces. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the Walk program starts at 10:00 a.m. JWW has arranged for parking at Pan Pacific Park and at the CBS Parking lot accessible off of North Genesee Ave. Carpooling is encouraged.

Visit the Global Village Festival, before and after the Walk, for information and advocacy booths on Darfur, Sudan, Congo and other human rights abuses, conflict minerals campaign and other advocacy opportunities, solar cooker demonstrations, crafts, merchandise, food, music and more.

For more details and to sign up for the walk, visit walktoendgenocide.org. TAS' Jewish World Watch liaison Jill Cullen has created a team for our walkers under "**Team TAS**" on the web site. If you are unable to walk yourself, you may also participate and support the event from this web site as a "virtual walker".

If you are unable to participate on April 27, you and your family may also choose to walk in the Conejo Valley event the following Sunday, May 4, at **Temple Etz Chaim/United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks, 1080 E. Janss Road**, from **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** (again, sign up under "Team TAS" on the web site).

April is Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month. Join JWW as we commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. Stay after the Walk for the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust's Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) program beginning at 2PM.

We will walk to let our local community and the world know that we will not stand idly by while human rights violations continue to impact the lives of innocent men, women and children. Come make a difference as part of our TAS team!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 18, 2014
8:45am Light Breakfast • 9:00am - 11:00am 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.

CONTINUED FROM COVER...

classes, and they became best friends. They were both presidents of their sorority/fraternity. They started dating once they both graduated from CSUN. Debbie has a twin sister Donna, a younger sister Julie and a brother Dan. They all live locally and are extremely close, with Debbie serving as the hub and surrogate therapist for the family that numbers over 30. Most holiday dinners are celebrated together at Debbie and Scott's home with both families.

Scott and Debbie married in August 1981. They are the parents of Jason and his wife Amanda, who were married May 26, 2013 and Lyndsey. Debbie and Scott joined Temple Ahavat Shalom in 1994 when Jason was 9 and started Hebrew school. Both kids celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah and were confirmed at TAS.

When Jason was in high school, he became friends with Gina Miller Devine, which led to Debbie meeting Laraine Miller who was anxious for her to get involved at TAS. The timing was perfect, and Wendy Krowne turned over the Alumni Outreach Program to Debbie, who put her heart and soul into it for the next 9 years and also created a lasting friendship with Barry and Wendy.

Debbie was on the Long Range Planning Committee and is now serving as a Trustee on the Temple Board. She chairs the Social Committee, which tries to reach the "Empty Nesters". Her committee sponsored the successful Gary Rosenthal event in February. Scott and Debbie both believe that if we want a future for Judaism and for our children to

live a Jewish life that it is their responsibility to lead a Jewish life. Both feel that it is very important to be connected to a Jewish community. "Our lives have blossomed because we joined TAS, volunteered and became connected to so many new, wonderful friends," said Debbie.

Debbie became co-president of Castlebay Lane Elementary School PTSA with Mindy Free in 1992. Mindy and Debbie forged a very close bond that spread to their husbands and families. They were tennis partners for years and even played doubles with their Dads every Monday, times neither woman will ever forget. "They used to tell us to stop talking and start playing. We always felt we could do both," Debbie commented.

Debbie has volunteered in the Admissions Department of the Jewish Home every Monday for the last 13 years, and Scott served on the Board of Directors of the Home, a cause that is so dear to their hearts.

When Lyndsey graduated high school, the Weiss and Free foursome started traveling internationally and throughout the United States. They are so happy to share the Gala with their dear friends and traveling companions.

We are delighted to honor both couples for their continuing support of their TAS community. Mazel Tov!

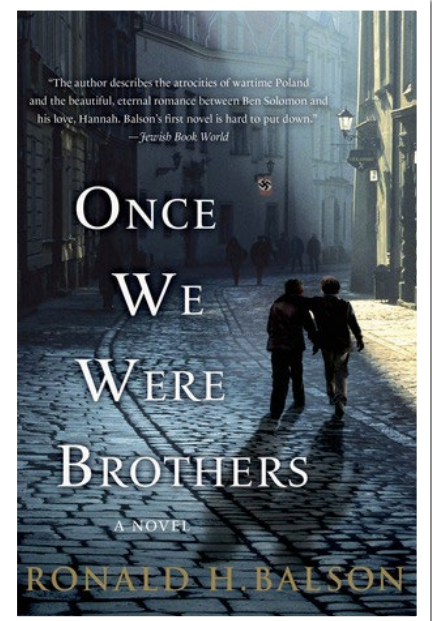
Fran Kimston

BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS "ONCE WE WERE BROTHERS" ON APRIL 3

Please join the TAS Book Group in the Library/Chapel on Thursday evening, April 3, as Howard Schnee facilitates the discussion of Ronald H. Balson's gripping legal thriller, *Once We Were Brothers*. The novel takes the reader from pre-war Poland and the Holocaust to modern-day Chicago, where decades later a prominent civic leader and philanthropist, Elliot Rosenzweig, is confronted at the opera by 83-year-old Ben Solomon, who accuses Rosenzweig of being former SS officer Otto Piatek, the "butcher of Zamosc." Even more surprising, Solomon claims that as a child Rosenzweig was abandoned by his parents and went to live with Ben's family in Zamosc. Although the charges are widely denounced as preposterous, Solomon is convinced he is right and engages attorney Catherine Lockhart to bring Rosenzweig to justice. But has Solomon accused the right man?

Even if you haven't read the book, come to the meeting and find out. Socializing and refreshments will be available at 7:00 p.m. followed by the discussion at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 donation per person is requested.

Phyllis & Hal Bass



TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM 2014 ANNUAL GALA

A Journey of Friendship and Giving



Please join us in honoring
Mindy & Dave Free
and **Debbie & Scott Weiss**

GALA TRAVEL ITINERARY
Saturday, May 31, 2014

6:30pm: Pre-boarding for Cocktails and Silent Auction
Boarding for Dinner, Dancing and Sightseeing to follow

DESTINATION

Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City
55 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, CA 91608

Resort Attire

To purchase tickets, submit a tribute or find out how to earn free tickets,
contact the main office at 818-360-2258 or visit our website
<http://www.tasnorthridge.org/gala-2014/>



THE TRADITION OF GIVING

Each Thursday, after she made her chicken soup and sponge cake, Frieda Lieber removed her apron and donned her sensible black straw hat. Shopping bags in hand, she climbed aboard a bus and headed for her deliveries. There was soup and cake for the sick members of our Jewish community, and cash for our beloved Sinai Temple. At the end of her deliveries, she would show up at my childhood home asking us to call a cab and pay the driver because as usual she gave away every penny she had. My grandmother of blessed memory, Frieda Lieber, taught me early on about repairing the world, one bowl of chicken soup at a time, and supporting the synagogue with whatever you can spare.

One of the ways to support the synagogue that became tradition in the Reform movement for so many years was to mark a special occasion, the recovery from an illness, celebrate a milestone or remember someone who has died by making a donation to a temple fund. There is no requirement for the amount donated, and it is a lovely way to let someone know you are thinking about them.

TAS has many funds that help in a myriad of ways. My two favorite funds are the Vi and David Lieber Memorial Music Fund, which I established years ago after the death of my

dear parents. My Mom, Vi Lieber, sang in the choir at Sinai Temple in Michigan City, IN for years. My dad, David Lieber, loved temple music. It was fitting, and it benefits our musical programs. My other favorite fund is Caring Community. These funds help pay for the dinners prepared by a crew of dedicated women for those who are sick or in need of sustenance; for the sheloshim bags that are delivered at the end of the 30 day mourning period to those who have suffered a loss; for the cards and postage for the notes this committee sends to grieving congregants, sick congregants, and those celebrating the birth of a new baby and for a variety of other things this committee provides for which there is virtually no budget.

Please, consider making this part of your family's tradition. Remember, honor, and mark an occasion with a donation that will benefit your temple. Teach your children that this is what Jews do, especially those Jews who make up the remarkable TAS community.

Fran Krimston



SISTERHOOD AND SOCIAL ACTION AT TAS JOIN TO PRESENT:

FIRST ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT ON SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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 on your calendar. From 9:30am to 1:00pm you can join us at the Jewish 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 plus are all welcome to take part. There are some seated positions available too.

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

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>

Thank you,

Sisterhood and Social Action



FREE LARGE PRINT HAGGADAHS

FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND READING DISABLED



THE JBI LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU OR A LOVED ONE FULLY ENJOY
THE PASSOVER SEDER!

YOU MUST CALL THE JBI LIBRARY BEFORE

April 7, 2014

1-800-999-6476

OR ORDER ONLINE AT

www.jbilibrary.org

JBI International

Established as The Jewish Braille Institute in 1931
110 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016

MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL PARKS AND MORTUARIES

YOUR FAMILY, YOUR MEMORIES,
YOUR TREASURES.

*Keep them together with our complimentary
Family Planner and Guide. Contact me for your Guide to help you
plan ahead, a gift of love for your family.*

Doreen Kayne

Temple Ahavat Shalom's
Personal Advance Planning Representative
(866) 813-8100, Ext. 413

dkayne@moundsinai.org



Hollywood Hills FD-1010 ♦ Simi Valley FD-1745

(800) 600-0076 ♦ **www.moundsinai.org**

Dedicated to the entire Jewish community as a service of Sinai Temple of Los Angeles

SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD



Happy Passover. We hope that you will join us for our first Sephardic Seder on April 10th. Also, save the date: April 25 for the Sisterhood Shabbat.

MEET YOUR SISTERHOOD BOARD: INTRODUCING MEL BIRKEN-CO-VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

As a 25-year member of Temple Ahavat Shalom, I am proud to be on the Sisterhood board. I have served many positions on the Sisterhood board, as well as the Temple board. Within Sisterhood, I am lucky to be the Tribute chairperson.

This bears a bit of explaining. TAS has tributes that one can send to congratulate or remember a person. There are several funds and one can designate the fund, the person being honored, congratulated or remembered. These are then written up in the Menorah if so requested.

Sisterhood also has tributes. These are cards that we purchase from WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) to fund the YES program nationwide. These are cards that are used for any purpose requested.

When I receive a request, I fill out and mail the card. The cost for this is \$3, which to me is quite a bargain. These are sent for condolence, Mazel Toy, get well and many other occasions. Although it can be difficult to be creative when one person is sent 10 or 20 cards, I enjoy the challenge.

Aside from working on the cards, I enjoy time with my husband Les and being Savta to Jane, Henry, Matan and Miriam.

PROGRAMMING

Please save the date Friday, April 25 for the Sisterhood Dinner and Shabbat Services. Look in the wwkly for more information.

WOMEN'S SEDER

Please be sure to join us for our Passover Seder on Thursday, April 10th. We will be celebrating the tastes, customs, traditions and rituals of Sephardic Jews. Our own Rabbi Bryngegard-Bialik and Cantor Roher will lead the service, and the meal will be catered by Cornucopia from authentic Sephardic



recipes. It's not too late to buy tickets. Deadline is Wed., April 3rd. The cost is \$36 for Sisterhood members, \$42 for guests. Please call Rhonda Mayer at (818) 448-1040 for information and to buy tickets. It promises to be a very different Seder!

Mel Birken and Arlene Stone Programming Co-Vice Presidents

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 at anitapearl47@gmail.com.



CAMPERSHIP AWARDS

Our application process has come to an end for this school year. Sisterhood and Men of TAS would like to thank all of the students who participated in this process. All applicants were responsible for donating five hours of their time to help either group. They completed their hours by setting up at Onegs, working the Hannukah Boutique, helping with the poker tournament, packing Yom Hashoah candles, and much more. They also had to complete an application. Sisterhood and Men of TAS take great pride in being able to award these camperships and look forward to hearing how the campers enjoyed their experiences.

If you have any question contact Jennifer Kosoy, VP of Education at jmkosoy@gmail.com, or call (818) 427-2720.

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

... CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

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.

Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District Information WRJ Pacific District Southern California Area Day will be Sunday, July 13. This is an educational and fun day to meet and share with Sisterhood members from all over Southern California. We will provide more information in the next couple of months.

Please save the date for the WRJ Pacific District Convention, Oct. 23-26. Come meet women from all over our district for a weekend of excitement, learning, sharing and music with our special guest, Julie Silver. Make sure to put these dates on your calendar so you won't miss out.

Phyllis Bigelson
WRJ Pacific District 1st Vice President

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 the Air Force/Marine Unit and to the Navy stationed in Japan. 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 is needed.

The boxes sent are the very largest Flat Rate. These go to an APO, so we pay domestic postage. The boxes are stuffed as full as possible, and several pounds of coupons reach 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, April 10 -- Women's Seder
Friday, April 25 -- Sisterhood Shabbat

Erika Barnathan and Sue Sculler
*Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood
Co-Presidents*



MARCH 13, 2014 TAS SISTERHOOD WELCOMED DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER GABRIELA BOHM.



Ms. Bohm presented her latest film "Raquel," followed by questions and answers. Over 45 members and guests enjoyed the presentation.

"Raquel" is the engrossing story of Raquel Liberman, a young Polish immigrant to Argentina in the early 20th century. Due to the death of her husband, Raquel found herself a virtual prisoner in a brothel run by the Jewish Mafia in Buenos Aires. How Raquel survived, escaped, and ultimately helped bring down the mafia was an amazing and true story.

Ms. Bohm has produced other films, including "The Longing," the true story of Conversos, the Jews forced during the Inquisition to become Catholic and their attempts to reclaim their Judaism. She also produced "Passages," the story of one woman's search for her family history and roots from Argentina through Hungary, Romania, and Israel.

Bohm will be one of the filmmakers at the Jewish Film Festival later this year.

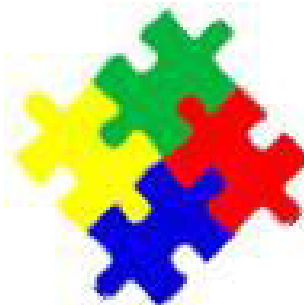
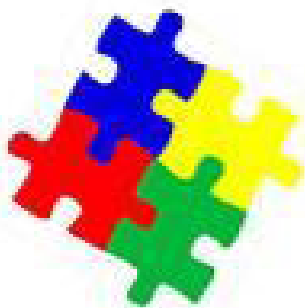




Megan's Bat Mitzvah Project for Temple Ahavat Shalom is donating and raising funds for

My Brother Rocks the Spectrum Foundation!

Please join us the ENTIRE month of April for Autism Awareness Month by stopping in for some Frozen Yogurt at Menchie's of Chatsworth by the Winnetka Theaters ONLY. Menchie's will donate 10% ALL month all to our Foundation!!



9201 Winnetka Ave, Unit E Chatsworth 818.717.8128

For more information please e-mail pameisenberg@gmail.com

Show this Menchie's flyer on your Smart Phone or just say "Megan's Mitzvah Fundraiser" so we get the donation

ALL MONTH LONG!! Please Share, Share, Share!

To learn more or to make a tax deductible donation go to <http://mybrotherrocksthespectrumfoundation.org/>





LET'S CELEBRATE!

BETH SCHAFER

Musical Artist in Residence

IN CONCERT!

FRIDAY, MAY 2

*Catered dinner followed by Shabbat
Service featuring Beth Schafer*

SUNDAY, MAY 4

at 1pm

Please join our Temple Ahavat Shalom family for a wonderful Cantor's Concert on Sunday, May 4, 2014. This concert will be presented at 1 pm so everyone can come for a concert not to be missed!

Beth Schafer, our Musical Artist in Residence, will be blending old melodies and new, contemporary and world music influenced with a Jewish theme. Beth has joined with many congregations throughout North America for meaningful weekends of prayer and song.

Women of Reform Judaism asked Beth to write and produce the WRJ Centennial Anthem for their 100 years of commitment to Reform Judaism. Beth's work "Limdu Heiteiv" is a powerful message that resonated with Women of Reform Judaism and the Union for Reform Judaism at the recent 2013 shared Biennial in San Diego. URJ named Beth one of the "Top 10 of 2013" performing at the Biennial.

Additional information will be sent in the near future.

B'Shalom,

Ellen A. Pollack
Musical Artist in Residence Chair



TAS SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S SEDER
THURSDAY, April 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM
TAS Social Hall

Please join Sisterhood, Cantor Jen Roher and
 Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik
 for our Annual Women's Seder!

We will celebrate the flavors, music,
 rituals and customs of Sephardic Jews.
 Catering by Cornucopia from authentic Sephardic recipes.
 Moms, sisters, daughters, friends all welcome.

PAID reservations are required. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.
 Please fill out form below and send with your check, made out to :
 TAS Sisterhood, to Rhonda Mayer; 10350 Larwin Ave; Chatsworth, CA
 91311 by Wednesday, April 3. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Plan ahead so you can
 be a part of our tradition. For more information please call Rhonda Mayer
 at 818.448.1040.

----- cut here -----

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

	# attending	Cost per person	Total cost
Sisterhood Member		\$36	\$
Guests		\$42	\$
TOTAL			\$

Please write the name of each guest:



SOCIAL ACTION HAPPENINGS

SPRING IS IN THE AIR - TAS SOS FOR APRIL

April symbolizes the season of spring. Let's celebrate the cycle of life by giving and sharing our time with the residents of our local Jewish Home (for the Aging).



Join TAS' SOS (Sundays of Service) group next month for a very special program: accompanying the elderly residents to their weekly Sunday afternoon concert. Help escort those in need of our assistance to the concert, keep them company during the hour-long performance, and then return them to their rooms afterward.

The intrinsic reward of giving of your time is immeasurable. Come be a part of the SOS volunteer group in April to enrich the lives of others as we fulfill Tikkun Olam and Repair the World right here in the San Fernando Valley.

WHO: All TAS members aged 13 years and above

WHAT: Sunday Concert Companions

WHERE: Jewish Home – Grancell Village Campus
7150 Tampa Avenue, Reseda
(x street: Sherman Way)
[free street parking on Tampa]

WHY: To help those in need, and
Because we all get old someday...

WHEN: Sunday, April 6th, 2014
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

HOW: Meet directly at the Jewish Home volunteer office at 1:45 pm (with closed-toe shoes) for an orientation before the concert begins.

RSVP: Register in advance with Shellie Turer at:
(818) 993-2255 or by e-mail at:
PetsRPeopleToo@att.net

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.



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 more than 500 different projects from San Diego to San Francisco, making it one of the largest regional community service events in America.

Remember: It takes a village to feed a village.

For the fourth consecutive year, our Social Action Committee is again partnering with Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) to offer Citrus Sunday, TAS' only on-site event for Big 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

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 18th
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

... CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

- 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 petspeopletoo@att.net with any questions.

Here's the great news: 16 volunteers gleaned nearly 700 pounds of oranges during our two-hour fruit pick. And with our "preferred status" at Food Forward, we were able to select TAS' Social Action Partner SOVA as the benefiting food pantry for 100% of our haul.



WHAT A HAUL--660 POUNDS OF ORANGES FOR SOVA!

A "tree-mendous" THANKS goes out to our wonderful fruit-pickin' crew for another productive afternoon of harvesting oranges for Food Forward, to nourish the needy in our community. The tireless energy and enthusiasm with January's fruit pick, our first TAS SOS event of 2014, was very much appreciated.

Thanks a "bunch" to all of these "fruitastic" volunteers:

Vivian and Ashlan Gee
Arcy and Rihanah Gesshel
Shawn, Katie, Matthew, and Daniel Herman;
and friend, Timothy Reynolds
Shane and Nicole Turer
Efrat, Meir, and Karen Yakobi

2014 TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM GALA HONORING MINDY & DAVID FREE AND DEBBIE & SCOTT WEISS



A common thread linking this year's honorees is worldwide travel, and what better way to have some fun honoring their many escapades together than with our Temple's rendition of "The Amazing Race."

Last year's Gala introduced a galloping field of horses, but this year's Race will feature skilled drivers racing to foreign lands, driving finely tuned engines, watercrafts or even a souped up Walker.

The end result will be a lot of laughs, good natured fun and the winner having the right to tell their victory story for at least a year.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

As a Race Sponsor, which will entitle the sponsor to pick your form of transportation. Cost \$500 (at the time of this article, the dog sled was still available)

or

Purchase Tickets and bet on the winner. Cost \$10 per ticket. Winners will place their winning tickets in the drawing for the Grand Prize Payout.

See you at the finish line.....

For more information or to become a Race Sponsor contact:

Jerry Hilecher at (818) 775-1117 or jhilecher@gatewaytelnet.com • Aaron Solomon at (818) 360-2258 or asolomon@tasnorthridge.org



Councilmember Mitchell Englander
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
Temple Ahavat Shalom
& Valley Interfaith Council invite you to join




**A fresh fruit drive to benefit struggling
 San Fernando Valley families served at food banks.**

Sunday, May 18, 2014

It's easy to participate!

- 1. Pick oranges, grapefruits or other citrus fruit from your trees.**
- 2. Drop off between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM at:**

**Temple Ahavat Shalom
 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge
 (Drop off in parking lot)**

**For more information call Shellie Turer at (818) 993-2255
 or email at: PetsRPeopleToo@att.net.**





What inspires a life well lived?

Isn't it all the special moments? Like waking up in your spacious new residence. Being greeted by name, with a warm smile. A great meal in stylish surroundings with good friends. An invigorating workout or swim in the pool. And the assurance that tomorrow's care needs can be managed for you, right here at home. This is life, your life, at The Village at NorthRidge.

The
VILLAGE
AT NORTHRIDGE

Independent & Assisted Living Senior Residences

9222 Corbin Avenue, Northridge

TheVillageAtNorthRidge.com

818.732.6974



AN **SRG** SENIOR
LIVING COMMUNITY



RCFE #197607888



PURIM CARNIVAL MARCH 16, 2014



Photos courtesy of Robert Cohn

GENEROUS GIFTS

ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND

Sisterhood of Temple Ahavat Shalom
To Terry and Bruce Hatkoff - "Mazel Tov on the joyous occasion of David and Jess' Engagement", Much Love, Susan and Ira

ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Deborah S. Weissman
Bryan and Myrna Davis
Barb Gelb in memory of Barry Pearlman's mother, Lynn Pearlman
Rodger and Stephanie Howard in memory of Lynn Pearlman

AVODAH FUND

Sisterhood of Temple Ahavat Shalom

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Phil and Shelly Trop
In honor of Esther Saritzky's birthday, with love Abbey Klein Shelly and Phil Trop in memory of Phyllis Wilburn
The Helds - May you have smooth sailing ahead. Love, Fran
Esther Saritzky - Celebrating you on your birthday. Love Always, Fran
Howard Schnee and Family - In memory of your dear Mom. Love, Fran
Peachy Levy - Mark's star will light the way as we remember him always. Thinking of you and sending you love, Fran
Thanks to Sue Issler and the Synaplex Committee for the honor of delivering a d'var Torah, Fran

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Barry and Cathy Pearlman
Fred and Gail Pell
Men of TAS
Sisterhood of Temple Ahavat Shalom

MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILIENCE OF THE SOUL

Robin Gore, "In honor of Cheryl Hatkoff's big 60!"

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Lutz Family in honor of Liora Alban
Irvin and Sherry Lucks
Barry and Wendy Krowne
Michael and Jan Saltsman
To Barry Pearlman and Family in memory of Lynn Pearlman from Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk

RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Barry and Cathy Pearlman in honor of Barb Gelb, "Mazel Tov on the Gary Rosenthal Event"
Sisterhood of Temple Ahavat Shalom

RONNA AND LEW EDGERS MEMORIAL ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Lila and Sheldon Snow in honor of Liora Alban's acceptance to HUC

SARITZKY FAMILY ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Max and Ruth Lupul in honor of Esther Saritzky's Birthday

YAHARZEITS

Laura Weissnar in loving memory of Augusta Green
Bruce and Terry Hatkoff in memory of Leon Hatkoff
Bruce and Terry Hatkoff in memory of Lorraine Smith
Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of Arthur Werner
Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of David Werner
Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of Jake Abramovitch
Shellie Robin in memory of Charles Ishihara
Regina Ryskind in memory of Helen Ryskind
Debra Hirsch and Herbert and Barbara Wolpow in memory of Florence Resnick
Ira and Sherry Kaplan in memory of Geraldine Pleshette
Rhonda, Michael and Carly Mayer in memory of Betty Krantz
Jerry and Marcy Hilecher in memory of Daniel Hilecher
Anita and Steven Hoch in memory of Cynthia Purdy
Elliott Edelson, Joyce Edelson and family in memory of Jean Edelson
Harriet and Keith Rosen in memory of Leonard Sway
Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk in memory of Phyllis Goldenberg
Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk in memory of Marvin Yellin
Michael and Jan Saltsman in memory of Joseph Saltsman
Michael and Jan Saltsman in memory of Rose Cohen
Anita and Steven Hoch in memory of Robert Heller
Robin and Michael Simon in memory of Mayer Greenberg
Roger Chlowitz and Bonnie Chlowitz in memory of Dorothy Chlowitz
Eunice Horwitz in memory of Ralph Horwitz
Mel and Les Birken in memory of Sophie Brown
Mel and Les Birken in memory of Schautzie Birken
Barry and Cathy Pearlman in memory of Ruben Pearlman
Barry and Cathy Pearlman in memory of Abraham Brod
Leonard and Judy Soloff in memory of Joseph Soloff
Laura Weissnar in memory of Ida Green
Heddy Mondheim in memory of Milton Mondheim
Fredric and Helene Kimmel in memory of Jean Boskin
Jim and Jo Schwartz in memory of William Schwartz
Jim and Jo Schwartz in memory of Anna Epstein
Patrice Beck in memory of Samuel Longwill
Paul and Sue Issler in memory of Alfred Issler
Dede and Jack Lester in memory of Mildred Roodman
Shelly, Lori, Jamie and Adam Garelik in memory of Adele Brook

*Thank you all for your
generous donations!*



Rabbi Lutz joined by the Confirmation Class at the L'Taken Social Justice seminar in Washington D.C.

TAS JUDAICA SHOP



Passover begins April 14th. Stop by the Temple Judaica Shop, brought to you by the TAS Sisterhood, and view our latest treasures.

Keep an eye out for our beautiful selection of holiday items to enhance your celebrations, as well as gifts for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and "just because". Throughout the year we carry a versatile collection of Judaica -- jewelry, tallitot, kippot, mezzuzot, yads, candleholders, yahrzeit memorials, cards for every occasion and more.



FOR SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS PLEASE CONTACT:

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.

THE SHOP IS OPEN:
Shabbat evening Onegs
Sunday 9 am – 11:45 pm
Wednesday 10 am – noon

Condolences

Eileen Moore and Deanne Avner and Families on the death of their father, Robert Avner.

Stacey Siegel and Family on the death of her aunt, Ceilia Horowitz.

Barry Pearlman and Family on the death of his mother, Bevelyn (Lynn) Pearlman.

Sandy and Carol Stern on the death of their dear friend, Charles Lipton.

Steven Brener and Family on the death of his mother, Minda Brener.

May their memory be a blessing

TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM/HILLSIDE MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY PRE-NEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Taking time to plan for the future so that no unexpected costs arise during a time of loss is the greatest gift you can give your loved ones. Our thoughtful PRE-NEED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM enables you to make all the arrangements in advance. Give your family peace of mind, knowing that you have made the right decision.

Temple Ahavat Shalom members will receive a Pre-Need Partnership Program savings on selected properties and special financing. In addition, each purchase will generate a \$500 per space donation to Temple Ahavat Shalom from Hillside. This program is offered to better serve the Jewish Community and to provide additional support for the temple.

For more information call:

Fran Krimston

Family Advisor and Liaison to Temple Ahavat Shalom

310.641.0707 x 272

fran@hillside memorial.org



HILLSIDE ★

MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARY

A TRADITION OF KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

6001 W CENTINELA AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
310.641.0707 OR 800.576.1994
HILLSIDEMEMORIAL.ORG

FD 1358

APRIL 2014 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am - Torah Study	2	3 10:00am - Adult Ed: Judaica Art Class 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	4 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	5
6 9:00am - Adult Ed: Adult Hebrew 9:00am - Adult Ed: Engaging Israel Seminar 11:00am - ECEC Annual Luncheon 1:45pm - TAS (SOS) Sunday Concert Companions	7	8 7:00pm - TAS Tuesdays Adult Learning	9 11:30am - ECEC Model Seder 7:15pm - JNET Meeting	10 10:00am - Adult Ed: Judaica Art Class 6:00pm - Sisterhood Seder	11 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah Service 6:00pm - Community Shabbat Dinner presented by K-3 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Chapel Minyan	12
13 Spring Break - No Religious School 12:00pm - Club 45 Event-Mall Scavenger Hunt-Away	14 No ECEC thru 4/21	15 Temple Offices & School Closed	16 7:30pm - TAS Board Meeting	17 10:00am - Adult Ed: Judaica Art Class	18 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Service + April Birthday Blessing	19 10:30am - Chapel Minyan
20	21 Temple Offices & School Closed 6:00pm - Yizkor Service	22 ECEC Classes Resume	23 6:00pm - Sisterhood Mah Jongg	24 10:00am - Adult Ed: Judaica Art Class 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting - Away 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	25 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	26 9:00am - Shabbaton
27 Yom HaShoah 9:00am - JWW Walk to End Genocide- Pan Pacific Park 9:00am - Adult Ed: Adult Hebrew 4:00pm - Dalet Yom HaShoah Program	28	29 9:30am - Torah Study	30 6:00pm - ECEC Pajama Party- Pizza & Movie Night			

The Menorah is . . .

Published monthly by Temple Ahavat Shalom,

18200 Rinaldi Place
Northridge, CA 91326

Editor - Fran Krimston
818-363-1969-eve / 310-641-0707-day
fran@hillside Memorial.org

Proofreader - Helene Kimmel
Photos - Al Lapides

Deadlines are the 15th of the preceding month.

MENORAH REACHES MORE THAN
1,500 ADULTS EVERY MONTH.

PLACE YOUR AD
IN THE NEXT MENORAH!

Rates are: \$200 for a full page
\$100 for a half page
\$50 for a quarter page

Pay for a full year and get one month free.

Distribution is: 1,500 email, full color

Email Aaron Solomon for information
at: asolomon@TASnorthridge.org