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**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

*Catered dinner followed by Shabbat Service  
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**Dinner 6:00pm  
Shabbat Service 7:30pm**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**  
*at 1pm*

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(reserved seating / includes 4 tickets)	

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[TASnorthridge.org](http://TASnorthridge.org)

TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM 2014 ANNUAL GALA

**A Journey of  
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Please join us in honoring  
**Mindy & Dave Free  
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6:30pm: Pre-boarding for Cocktails and Silent Auction  
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contact the main office at 818-360-2258 or visit our website  
<http://www.tasnorthridge.org/gala-2014/>

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Confirmation Services**  
**June 7 & 8**  
**both at 4:45pm**

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

*May 3, 2014*

Gene and Anna Kocis and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Kocis

Ron Mann and Ginger Mann and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Sean Mann

*May 10, 2014*

Michael Soleimani and Karolin Youdim and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Soleimani

*May 17, 2014*

Mikolaj and Marcie Kazimirowicz and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Kazimirowicz

Stephen and Angela Hyam and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Hyam



### **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.**

## A VERY HEALTHY HARVEST

**Food Forward** was formed in 2009 and has blossomed into Southern California's premier gleaning organization and largest backyard harvesting-for-the-hungry agency. This wonderful philanthropy rescues fresh local produce – that would otherwise go to waste – and **donates 100%** of it to the people who need it most through local food pantries.

This spring, Food Forward will be reaching an awesome and historic milestone, with **2 million pounds of food recovered**, thanks to its amazing volunteers! We, at TAS, should be proud to have contributed **over two (2) tons of citrus fruit** to that **total** in the last year alone! Through our very own fruit-gleaning enthusiasts and Sundays of Service (SOS) volunteers, our temple family has formed a “healthy” partnership with this incredible nonprofit organization.

Thank you one and all...for your support of Food Forward, SOS, and over 40,000 clients a month who receive food from local food pantries across Southern California!

All our best,

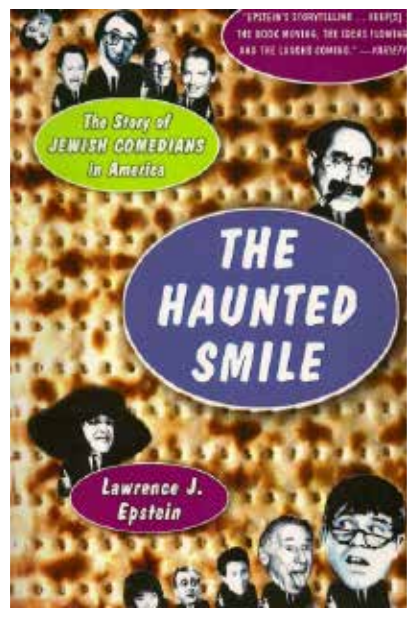
*Shellie and Ethan Turer*  
*Your Food Forward Pick Leader Team,*  
*and TAS SOS Coordinators*

**DONATE YOUR FRUIT ON  
CITRUS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH!!**



## BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "THE HAUNTED SMILE: THE STORY OF JEWISH COMEDIANS IN AMERICA" ON MAY 8

Lawrence J. Epstein's *The Haunted Smile: The Story of Jewish Comedians in America* chronicles the contribution of Jewish comedians from vaudeville, silent films and the Borscht Belt to the present day. Epstein presents readers with a humorous, thoughtful and at times painful narrative about the men and women who defined American humor. Please join the Book Group on Thursday, May 8, as Dr. Allan Katcher facilitates the discussion. Dr. Katcher's background as an academic psychologist makes him uniquely qualified to serve as this month's moderator and to offer some insights of his own into the world of comedy.



The Book Group meets in the Library/Chapel. Refreshments will be available at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested.

*Phyllis & Hal Bass*



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# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

Our year is very quickly coming to an end. Time has been flying by. Please join us for our end of the year event on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00pm in the social hall. Look for the flier on the TAS website and in your emails.

Happy Mother's Day



We wish all the mothers, aunts, grandmothers and caregivers a very happy Mother's Day.

## SAIL AWAY WITH SISTERHOOD



We encourage everyone to participate in our Fantasy "Cruise". Join the fun, choose some bunkmates, send in your check, and get the pleasure of knowing you have made a difference in Sisterhood's many projects. Sisterhood works to develop the

Jewish leaders of tomorrow through our support of the ECEC program, the Religious school, the camperships that are so successful in developing Jewish identity in kids, the YES fund support of rabbinic students and leadership training for Sisterhood members. The more people who "cruise" with us the more we can make a difference in our community. Thank you for joining us and being part of the crew.

**Jackie Zev**  
*VP Ways and Means*

## INTRODUCING OUR SLATE OF OFFICERS

It is our pleasure to present to you the 2014-2015 Sisterhood Slate.

Join us at our May 15th meeting when we will confirm our new Sisterhood Board.

Sue Sculler-President  
Jackie Zev and Pam Eisenberg, Co-Vice Presidents, Ways and Means  
Cheryl Frumes and Margaret Chroman, Co-Vice Presidents, Membership  
Kathy Barker and Judy Stehr, Co-Vice Presidents, Religious Observances  
Roseanna Sculler and Eileen Roseman, Co-Vice Presidents, Education  
Marian Rosen, Treasurer  
Financial Secretary, Lauren Rosenberg  
Immediate Past President, Erika Barnathan

We have two positions left to fill. Vice President of Programming (be the lead in what Sisterhood experiences this upcoming year) and Secretary (come to one meeting a month and fulfill a very important role.) Which one will you fill?

Thank you to a great committee.

**Robyn Blachman**  
*Nominating Committee Chair*

## SEPHARDIC SEDER SETS NEW TRADITION

Thank you to our committee, Sue Issler, Judy Stehr, Karen Schnee, Fran Handler, Sonia Smith, Rhonda Mayer, Dana Zindermann, Laraine Miller, Lauren Rosenberg, and Sheila Reback for diligently working on decorations to fit the theme, invitations and RSVPS, researching a number of traditional Sephardic menu items and conveying that information to our caterer, Cornucopia Caterers, shopping (and more shopping), and preparing the Seder plates and desserts. Thank you to Sandra Mast for singlehandedly making a prodigious amount of tishpishti, a traditional Sephardic dessert. Very special thanks to Laraine Miller for her research and creation of our Haggadah and to Judy Stehr for providing recipe books so that we might recreate our menu in our own homes. Our Seder was magnificent, and many women are already asking about next year. Who knows where we will go for Seder 2015?

**Mel Birken and Arlene Stone**  
*Programming Co-Vice Presidents*

## SISTERHOOD AND SOCIAL ACTION AT TAS JOIN TO PRESENT: 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 reserve the morning of Mother's Day from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and join us at the home to assist residents in getting



**Fran Krimston and Esther Saritzky with guest**



**Rabbi Shawna and Laraine Miller with the Sisterhood Haggadah**



**Rabbi Shawna splitting the Afikoman**

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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.

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](mailto:jesterjudy@gmail.com).

Thank you,

*Sisterhood and Social Action*

### WEDNESDAY 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](mailto:anitapearl47@gmail.com).



### SISTERHOOD AND MEN OF TAS AWARD \$4,400 IN JEWISH CAMPERSHIPS

Thank you to all who support Sisterhood and Men of TAS throughout the year. Your contributions to raffles, football and basketball squares, coins in a pushke and many other projects make these scholarships possible. Each child had to work five hours for the Sisterhood and/or Men of TAS and write a letter explaining why they wanted to go to camp. It was such a joy reading those letters. The entire Scholarship committee just wanted to jump up and go straight to camp! Both auxiliaries look forward to receiving the required thank you notes or personal visits. Thank you to the committee for your commitment and care in doling out the money.



**Robyn Blachman**  
*Scholarship Committee Chair*

### BECOME AN ONEG SPONSOR

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.

### UPDATE FROM WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM DISTRICT

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 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*

### CLIP COUPONS AND HELP 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.

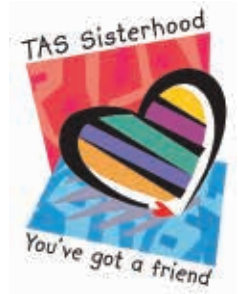
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While they do accept expired coupons, all coupons must be cut. Sheets of uncut coupons cannot be sent out and will be recycled. Volunteers who can cut coupons are welcome. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to cut coupons, please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

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 15- Sisterhood Potluck

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



### Temple Ahavat Shalom Shabbat at Camp Newman

Members and staff are warmly invited to share a Shabbat at Camp Newman!

Reception with our Camp Directors, Shabbat dinner, singing and dancing

For details visit:  
[www.newman.urjcamps.org/alumni/reunions/synagogue](http://www.newman.urjcamps.org/alumni/reunions/synagogue)



Friday, June 27th

With Rabbi  
 Shawna

#### Important Notes for Visitors:

- We are asking **all visitors** to make a minimum contribution of \$36 per adult (at the time of registration you will be directed to our donor webpage)
- Online registration is required
- We discourage parents from visiting their child in session, for this may make other children feel sad and cause problems in the cabins
- Anyone under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by their own parent at all times



For questions, please call or email:

Tracey Klapow, [tklapow@urj.org](mailto:tklapow@urj.org)  
 (415) 392-7080x13 until June 1st  
 (707) 571-8641 after June 1st



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



# Citrus Sunday

**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  
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# MEN OF TAS SEDER MARCH 30, 2014



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Debbie and Scott Weiss in honor of Susie and Ron Levine's granddaughter Skyler Levine

Debbie and Scott Weiss in memory of Barry Pearlman's Mom

Debbie and Scott Weiss in memory of Lynn Doner's Mom

Loren Lieb in memory of Phyllis Lieb

### AVODAH FUND

Barb Gelb in honor of Sonia Liberman, "Wishing her a speedy recovery"

### BEAUTIFICATION FUND

The Gee Family in honor of Island Galambos

### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Lynn Pearlman, mother of Barry Pearlman, from Becky and David Breuer

In honor of Ellen Lowe's very special March Birthday, from Becky and David Breuer

### CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Rivi and Jeff Shulman in honor of their birthdays from Shelly and Phil Trop

Ellen Lowe in honor of her birthday from Shelly and Phil Trop

Sue Unterman in honor of her new grandson from Shelly and Phil Trop

To The Caring Community "Thank you for the Gift of Caring Bag" from the Pearlman Family

Tina and Gary Orkin in memory of Herbert Weissman

Shelly and Phil Trop in honor of Rivi Shulman, the new president of Pomegranate Guild

### EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Cantor Jen Roher and Ryan Smith for the Infant Toddler Center

Barry and Wendy Krowne for the Infant Toddler Center

Paul and Ava Silver for the Infant Toddler Center

Michael and Jan Saltsman for the Infant Toddler Center

Mel and Les Birken in honor of Fran and Ed Handler for their "Renewal of Vows"

Cathy Meyers in honor of Brian Hatkoff

### MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILIENCE OF THE SOUL

Marvin and Karen Shearer in memory of Harry Drenfeld

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

David and Rebecca Breuer

Rabbi Barry and Debbie Lutz and Family "Mazel Tov on Adam's engagement" from the Pearlman Family

Fanny Arana and Family in memory of Alberto Arana from Rick, Alaine and Karen Seidman

### SARITZKY FAMILY ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Rhonda Mayer in honor of Esther Saritzky's Birthday

Rhonda Mayer in memory of Barry Pearlman's mother

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Simone Friedman in honor of Harold Hatkoff's 90th Birthday

## YAHARZEITS

Joseph and Bobbie Manheim in memory of Ryan Michael Manheim

Rebecca and David Breuer in memory of Ben Young

Sanford Ettinger in memory of Vera Weber and Isidore Weber

Joyce and Elliott Edelson in memory of Helen Milicov

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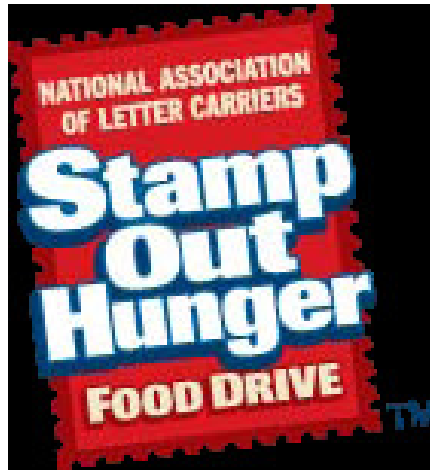
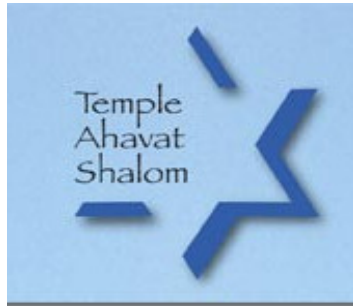
Allen and Adele Gottfried in memory of Clara Eskeles

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Allen and Adele Gottfried in memory of Lorraine Eskeles

Allen and Adele Gottfried in memory of Aaron Gottfried

*Thank you all for your  
generous donations!*



## JOIN TAS and Hundreds of Other Volunteers - Sat. - MAY 10, 2014

<b>What you can do</b>	Do mitzvot and help sort and distribute food for the National Stamp Out Hunger drive at MEND food pantry or local post offices. Maybe work next to someone famous!
<b>Who</b>	Anyone over age 10. Bring your friends, classmates, and family. Earn community service credit.
<b>Where &amp; When</b>	<b>MEND Food Pantry 4 – 10 PM</b> Or Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Slymar and Van Nuys <b>Post Offices 12 – 7PM</b>
<b>Extras</b>	<b>MEND Food Pantry</b> (just 10 min. from temple) – 10641 San Fernando Rd., Pacoima <b>B.B.Q. DINNER SERVED 7PM FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS</b>
<b>More Info RSVP to:</b>	<a href="http://mendpoverty.org/2013/stamp-out-hunger-2013/">http://mendpoverty.org/2013/stamp-out-hunger-2013/</a> <a href="mailto:richard@mendpoverty.org">richard@mendpoverty.org</a> , 818-686-7334 or <a href="mailto:luke@mendpoverty.org">luke@mendpoverty.org</a> , 818-686-7302
<b>Questions? And please copy on RSVP:</b>	TAS' Judy Stehr : <a href="mailto:jesterjudy@gmail.com">jesterjudy@gmail.com</a> , 818-744-6227

## Condolences

Esther Weissman, Don Weissman, Marcy Eisenman and Families on the death of their Husband, Father and our Temple member, Herbert Weissman.

Fanny Arana and Family on the death of her father, Alberto Arana.

Anita Hoch and Family on the death of her uncle, Alfred Sherman

Dorothy Hoffman and Family on the death of her mother, Diana Baum.

Cathy Pearlman and Family on the death of her mother, Barbara Furgatch.

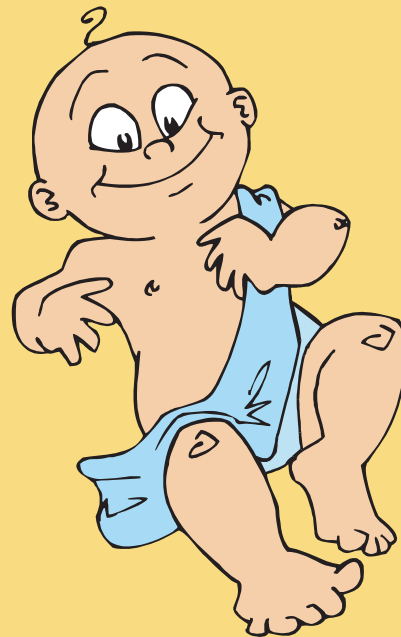
Andy and Barry Mann on the death of their long time friend, Joseph Witzman.

Philip Trop and David Brand and families on the death of their first cousin and brother-in-law, Mark Trop.

*May their memory be a blessing*

## Congratulations to:

Corey and Jill McAnear on the birth of their baby boy, Caleb Reed McAnear.



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# MAY 2014 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:30pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	<b>2</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service - featuring Beth Schafer	<b>3</b> 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Emily Kocis 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Sean Mann
<b>4</b> 8:45pm - Men of TAS Meeting 9:00am - Adult Ed: Engaging Israel Seminar 9:00am - Adult Ed: Adult Hebrew 1:00pm - Musical Artist in Residence Beth Schafer	<b>5</b> 6:00pm - ECEC Bring Your Moms To School Pre-K	<b>6</b> Yom Ha'atzmaut 9:30am - Torah Study 10:30am - ECEC Yom Ha'atzmaut Fair	<b>7</b> 6:00pm - ECEC Bring Your Moms To School Night	<b>8</b> 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>10</b> 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Soleimani 4:00pm - Social Action - Stamp Out Hunger - MEND
<b>11</b> No Religious School	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>14</b> 7:15pm - JNET Meeting 6:30pm - TAS Board Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00pm - Sisterhood Potluck	<b>16</b> 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>17</b> 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Sam Kazimirowicz 10:30am - Chapel Minyan 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Hyam
<b>18</b> Last Day of Religious School - Closing Ceremonies and Lag B'omer Celebration 8:45am - Congregational Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting - Away	<b>23</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Jr. TASTY Pool Party	<b>26</b> Temple Offices and School Closed	<b>27</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>28</b> 6:00pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg	<b>29</b> 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>31</b>

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