

## WELCOME TESSA!



**Tessa Cramer, TAS ECEC Director**

where she was the Coordinator of their Infant Toddler Center and the Assistant Director of the Early Childhood Center.

Tessa is a recipient of the prestigious Lainer Education Award, which recognizes outstanding Jewish educators, and she was also honored with the Heroes Award at University Synagogue. She has a warm and confident presence that

We are so excited to welcome Tessa Cramer as our new TAS ECEC Director. Tessa, who hails originally from Johannesburg, South Africa, has over 30 years of experience in the field of early childhood education. For the past 17 years Tessa has served the community of University Synagogue in West Los Angeles

makes everyone feel comfortable. Tessa believes that the early years are the most important in a child's development, and that every child deserves a childhood experience in which play is an integral part of learning. She is very excited about working to establish an Infant Toddler Center at TAS.

Tessa is the mother of three grown children; a son and three daughters. She is also a proud new grandmother. Tessa enjoys reading and gardening and is a serious chocoholic.

We had a wonderful meet and greet on June 24th where families came to welcome Tessa and begin a fantastic new chapter for the ECEC at TAS. We are thrilled to have Tessa join our TAS family, and we hope you will stop by to meet her and learn more about her and the exciting plans for the ECEC's future.

*Barb Gelb*



# WELCOME TO MoTAS

Greetings, men of Temple Ahavat Shalom. Yes, I'm talking to you. If you're a man and a member of TAS, even if you've never shown up at one of our meetings or one of our events, you are part of MoTAS, and we want to get to know you better. I'm Daniel Faigin, the President of MoTAS as of July 1, and our goal for the year is Building Relationships. It is reflected in our new logo, and it will be reflected in all that we do. We want to be the role model in building relationships right. Through MoTAS, we want you to join with us in forging a strong relationship between the men of the congregation, and between the men AND the congregation.

We build these relationships in many ways: through meetings, through activities, and through the work we do for the congregation. We encourage you to learn about all that we do. To that end, we've created a new website that describes our activities, presents an up-to-date calendar of events and will soon contain stories of how involvement in MoTAS has strengthened the relationship between men of the congregation and TAS. We encourage you to visit it at <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/> (just take the temple's website, and add "-motas"). Follow the website so that you can receive information when we do a new post. For those of you on Facebook, join our MoTAS Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/tas.motas>. Additionally, feel free to reach out to me with any question by dropping an email to [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org).

Lastly, you'll find on our website a link to the MoTAS store. We've partnered with Café Press to provide a line of MoTAS logo items that are printed on demand. We're selling these at the Café Press cost; we encourage you to get MoTAS logowear and show that you are a part of MoTAS.

## JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

Hopefully, you were able to join us for our monthly June meeting, where our members shared their favorite Jewish-themed jokes. At our monthly meetings, we enjoy a wonderful breakfast of lox, bagels, cream cheese, cookies, fruit, eggs, coffee and tea. We share stories about what is going on in our lives, learn about upcoming events and opportunities, and hear an interesting speaker. Typically, our meetings are the second Sunday of every month. Our next speaker meeting will be in September, when we learn about the Jewish relationship to the Sepulveda Pass.

## SHABBABEQUE

At the end of June, we held our first Shabbabeque of the summer. Shabbabeque is an opportunity to worship under the canopy of nature in the early evening, preceded or followed by a delicious barbeque dinner prepared by the Men of TAS. At the first Shabbabeque of the summer, over 140 people joined

in worship to celebrate Shabbat and say farewell to one of our Religious School teachers, Sonia Liberman. If you didn't make it in June, we encourage you to join us on August 15 for our August Shabbabeque. Keep an eye on the TAS or MoTAS website for more information.

## JULY POT LUCK

For July, MoTAS is doing something a little different. On Sunday, July 13, beginning at 2pm, I will be hosting a pot-luck party and board gaming afternoon at my home. Space is limited, so please RSVP to me at [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or [Faigin@cahighways.org](mailto:Faigin@cahighways.org). This is an opportunity to get to know one another better, relax, play some old and new games, and just have fun.

## AUGUST AFTERNOON IN THE PARK

The Shabbabeque isn't the only thing happening in August. On Sunday, August 10, we're planning a MoTAS Family Evening in the park. We're going to take advantage of one of the free Sunday evening concerts at Warner Park and get together for a MoTAS and family picnic. Bring your picnic basket, some food to share, perhaps some park appropriate games, and come and listen to a Queen knock-off band. The music isn't the important part – seeing your friends is what will make your day. More details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now.

## THE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS COMING

We've moved the MoTAS Annual Charity Golf Tournament to October, and this year it will be on Monday, October 27, at the beautiful Calabaras Country Club. This is MoTAS' main fundraiser – the funds we raise through this activity allow MoTAS to support the congregation as well as supporting local charities. This year, we're combining the Golf Tournament with a calendar and ad book that will describe all that MoTAS does over the year.

For the Golf Tournament to be a success, we need you. We need you to come and play, we need you to encourage businesses in the community to buy golf sponsorships, and we need you to encourage local businesses to buy ads in the ad book. Through this activity, we can show the community the impact of TAS and strengthen the relationship between local businesses and our congregation.

How do you learn more? How do you sign up? We've made it really easy. Just go to <http://golf2014.tasnorthridge-motas.org/> for more information, or email Barry Mann at [golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org).

# GALA 2014



Gala 2014 honoring Mindy and Dave Free and Debbie and Scott Weiss was a successful, fun-filled and wacky evening at the Universal Hilton. Our theme was “A Journey of Friendship and Giving,” which captures the long friendship of our honorees and the many places around the U.S. and the globe to which they have traveled together. Gratefully, their journeys have always led them back to TAS. On Sunday, May 31st, we honored them for their years of volunteerism, leadership and financial support.



Planning Gala events takes a team and this was THE TEAM! Our creative, dedicated, hard-working, funny gang: Lynne Brener and Susie Levine who took charge of our Silent Auction; Melissa and Alan Kassin who headed up our Tribute Journal; Jerry Hilecher led our Amazing Race sub-committee of Terri Jonisch, Joel Lowell (best costume designer), Cathy Pearlman, Lyndsey Weiss, Lynne Brener and Marcy Hilecher; Lynn Miles, Amanda Weiss and Lyndsey Weiss created our beautiful centerpieces; Jason Weiss contributed ideas, managed fund raising and assisted Barry Krowne, our V.P. and “supervisor” extraordinaire; Lynn Doner and



Marcy Hilecher tied up all the loose ends; Aaron Solomon brought his knowledge, dedication, expertise and willingness to do everything and anything that needed to be done; Sophia Redondo kept track of everything, maintained all the spreadsheets and kept us up-to-date; Paul Silver, his Quicksilver crew and editing assistance from Terry Hatkoff, produced our tribute journal, posters, signs and even costumes. The night of the event we had the added support of Barry Pearlman, Cindy Leshtz, Leanne Lansang, Lisa Nelson, Katie Wilson, Staci Brener, Skyler Steinberg, and JJ Mathis.



The Gala’s financial success is made up of several components, among them are our Underwriters and/or those who purchased/sponsored our Amazing Racers (\* designates underwriter and racer) to whom we owe much gratitude:

Artisan Precast, Sandy and Ron Friedman\*, Earl T. Greinetz, Fran and Ed Handler, Terry and Bruce Hatkoff, Marcy and Jerry Hilecher, Sue and Paul Issler, Jocott Brands, Lisa and Glenn Kantor\*, Gail Karlin, Wendy and Barry Krowne\*, Irv, Sherry and Ed Lucks\*, Ruth and Max Lupul, Lynn and Ken Miles\*,



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We are grateful to all of those who purchased tributes for the beautiful tribute book and those who solicited items for the silent auction. Truly, this was a group effort by so many dedicated people.



Have you heard about the “Amazing Race – TAS Style”? It was amazing and we do have our champions – Rabbi Shawna

and Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik! Shawna and Isaac “rowed” their way to victory before some of us even read the first clue. They competed against Mindy and Dave Free, Sandy and Ron Friedman, Marcy and Jerry Hilecher, Lisa and Glenn Kantor, Gail Karlin and TAS Sisterhood, Wendy and Barry Krowne,



Ed Lucks, Sherry and Irv Lucks, Rabbi Barry and Debbie Lutz, Lynn and Ken Miles, Cantor Jen Roher and Ryan Smith, Sheri and Larry Tromboli, Debbie and Scott Weiss.

We are grateful to everyone who planned and worked to create this very successful and fun-filled gala.

***Kay Silverman and Wendy Krowne  
Gala Co-chairs***

## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR THE JUNE 20, 2014 SHABBABAQUE DINNER:

***Bob Brostoff  
Daniel Faigin  
Bob Hyam  
Teri Jonisch  
Bob Levine  
Joel Lowell  
Fabian Malinovitz  
Barry Mann***

***Howard Miller  
Rick Mervis  
Kathy Pullman  
Jay Sculler  
Bill Shapiro  
Frank and Alec Soronow  
Scott, Coby and Alia Yollis  
Steve and Jacob Zonis***

# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD



I am delighted to be serving as Sisterhood President for 2014 – 2015. First, let me share a bit about me. My husband Jay and I, married for 21 years have two children; Abraham, 16, and Rebecca, 13. I work fulltime as a data analyst for Blue Shield of California. For the last year I have had the opportunity to serve as Co-President with Erika Barnathan.

I would like to meet your Sisterhood Board for 2014/2015:

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Erika Barnathan

The position(s) of Co-Programming Vice Presidents is still open. Please let us know if you are interested in the position or would like to work on the Programming committee.

## MOTHER'S DAY AT THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING

Thank you all for a wonderful day at the Jewish Home. It was a terrific example of what we can do together. Seventeen members of the TAS Sisterhood and Social Action Committee had their first appearance at the Largest Mother's Day Celebration in the World on May 11th. We served boxed lunches, distributed ice cream, listened to great music from several bands playing oldies but goodies, and provided many helping hands where needed. A special thanks to our primary Sisterhood sisters: Sheila Reback, Cheryl Frumes, Alyce Schultz-Rozsa, Jennifer Kosoy,



Kathy Barker, Janet Rosen, Barbara Seltzer and their family members who participated. Hope to see you there next year.

## DONOR LUNCH

The Donor lunch was a fabulous event with 107 attendees. We were thrilled to see the marvelous papercut that artist Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik created just for us and donated to our silent auction. We did a good job of keeping secret that we were honoring Laraine Miller as Woman of the Year, and she was totally surprised. Next year's board was sweetly installed by Freddie Goldberg, our WRJ Pacific District Area Director. The auctions and raffles were a huge success.

## FANTASY CRUISE

Our Fantasy cruise had a great turnout with almost 30 people participating. Participants should have all received their packets by now.

## HONEY TIME!



It is time to order honey to be delivered to your friends and family for Rosh Hashanah. Do you have someone in your life that has done something nice to whom you want to say thank you? Why not send them a jar of honey for a sweet New Year? If you order by July 18, you get free shipping! Order forms for honey are outside the Temple office and on the Temple website. Contact Jackie Zev at (818) 832-9099 or [tas.jackiez@gmail.com](mailto:tas.jackiez@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## 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. in the Social Hall. We always have a teacher present to give lessons, but you can't learn if you don't show up. Every level of play is accommodated. There is a \$5 donation to play. Contact Anita Hoch for more information at [anitapearl47@gmail.com](mailto:anitapearl47@gmail.com).



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA DAY

Southern California Area Day will be held at Temple Judea on July 13th. Join our Sisterhood as we attend a complete day

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of learning and spirituality. There will be singing, laughing, candle making and much more. If you are interested, please contact me.

## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM PACIFIC DISTRICT INFORMATION



Please mark your calendar for our upcoming district convention. Registration information will be out shortly. Meet with Sisterhoods from all over our district. Share ideas, learn, sing and make new friends. It is an event you do not want to miss. Our own Phyllis Bigelson will be installed as President of the Pacific District, and Erika Barnathan is slated to become an Area Director.

## MEMBERSHIP



Thank you to everyone who already paid their membership fees for next year at the donor luncheon. We would love to have every woman at Temple Ahavat Shalom join and support

Sisterhood for our next year. Your membership and support mean so very much. It allows us to help the temple community in so many ways. Please join us today. Membership dues are: Member \$45.00 Sponsor \$72.00 Patron \$118.00. Please send your checks in and show your support.

*Cheryl Frumes and Margaret Chroman*  
*Membership Co-Vice Presidents*

## CELEBRATE A SIMCHA

Do you want to honor a special birthday, anniversary, baby naming or an auf ruf? How about honoring a special someone or accomplishment? We invite you to sponsor a Friday night Oneg. For a \$125 donation to TAS Sisterhood, your name and the reason for the simcha will be included in the Shabbat Shalom pamphlet. Contact Cindy Spoon in the Temple office at (818) 360-2258 if you have any questions.



*Sue Sculler*  
*President*  
*Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood*



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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE GO

### TURNING OUT IN FORCE TO COMBAT GENOCIDE



TAS Social Action Partner Jewish World Watch held its 8th Annual Walk to End Genocide on Sunday, April 27th at Pan Pacific Park – and our congregation turned out in large numbers for this 5K Walk. This year, 68 TAS participants signed up, raising \$2,100 for Jewish World Watch, placing TAS in the top five of all congregations participating citywide.

As part of the event, JWW commemorated the 99th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, in addition to the



Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust's Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) program following the walk. Each year's event underscores that we will not stand idly by while human rights violations continue to impact the lives of innocent men, women and children.

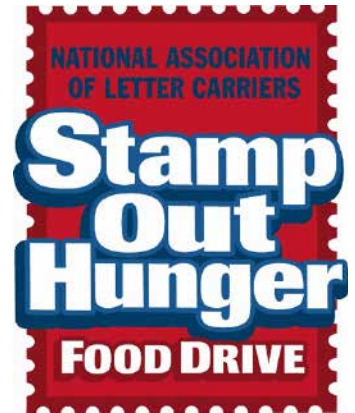
Many thanks to Jill Cullen, our TAS liaison to JWW, for spearheading "Team TAS," to Rabbi Lutz and Rabbi Shawna for their participation and support, and to Barb Gelb and Ilysa Cooperman for their assistance in coordinating participation from TAS High and youth.

### TAS HELPS STAMP OUT HUNGER



It was a busy night on May 10th at MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), a TAS Social Action Partner. TAS Members Judy Stehr, Rick Mervis, Randy and Laura Wasoff, Ken Bernstein, Emily Bernstein and Efrat Yakobi participated in the annual largest one day national food drive -- "Stamp Out Hunger."

This effort is led by the U.S. Postal Service, whose postal carriers collect canned food donations as part of their daily route. Volunteers then worked either at the local Post Offices or at MEND in Pacoima to sort and separate foods for later distribution to needy families and individuals. The huge truckloads of donations, later transferred to pallets for storage, are truly a sight to behold. This one-day drive helps support one of the San Fernando Valley's largest food pantries all the way through summer and most of the fall months.



Thank you for all who participated to make this year's Stamp Out Hunger a success. Please mark your calendars for May 9, 2015 to volunteer for next year's event.

*Thank you!*



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## Condolences

Mark Lieber and Family on the death of his father, Harold Alfred Lieber.

Wil Simpson and Family on the death of his mother, Kathryn Simpson.

Arlene Stone and Family on the death of her brother, Morris Michiel.

*May their memory be a blessing*

## Congratulations to:

Tammy and Bernie Singer are the proud grandparents of their new granddaughter, Emiko Toyozumi.

Rik and Wendy Vig are the proud grandparents of their new grandson, Gavin Seth Jizmagian.

Michael Lowenstein is the proud grandfather of his new grandson, Jacob Conner Schusterman.

Sandy and Ron Friedman are the proud grandparents of their new granddaughter, Ciana Friedman. Jaime and Darren Friedman are the proud parents.



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# JULY 2014 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

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		<b>1</b> 7:00pm - Adult Choir Boot Camp	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew	<b>4</b> Temple Offices and School Closed 5:00pm - Erev Shabbat Outdoor Service	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:15pm - JNET	<b>10</b> 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew	<b>11</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Outdoor Service	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30am - Lifeline Screening 7:00pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting - Away	<b>25</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Outdoor Service	<b>26</b>
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