



October 2014



7 Tishri – 7 Heshvan, 5775

TAS Presents
Sukkot with Dan Nichols
October 8, 2014
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sukkot celebration, concert and film screening
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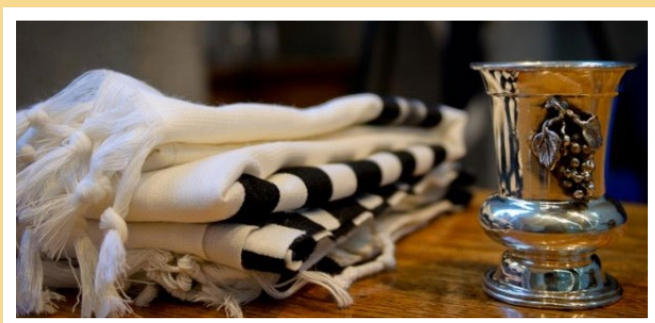


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MAZEL TOV TO OUR OCTOBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

October 11, 2014

Gregg Garfinkel and Julie Garfinkel (z'l)
and Family in honor of the Bar Mitzvah
of Ben Garfinkel



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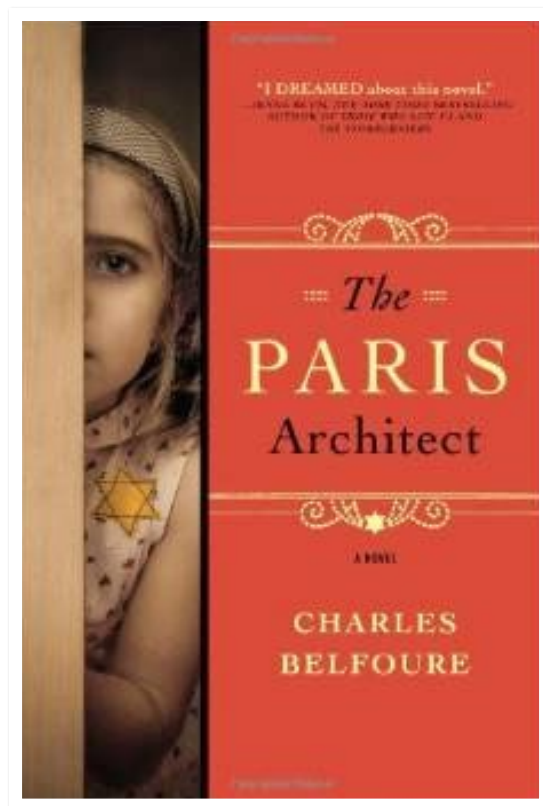


BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS "THE PARIS ARCHITECT" OCTOBER 7

Due to Sukkot, this month's Book Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 7, in lieu of our normal slot on the second Thursday of the month. Please join us as Phyllis Bass facilitates the discussion of *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure, an intriguing and suspenseful novel that takes place in Nazi-occupied France during World War II. The protagonist is a non-Jewish French architect, Lucien Bernard, who designs hiding places for Parisian Jews.

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

Phyllis & Hal Bass



SUKKOT WITH DAN NICHOLS EVENING SCHEDULE



5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Sukkot Celebration Ceremony with the clergy and Dan Nichols
Shake your Lulav and wave your Etrog in this uplifting musical Sukkot Celebration.
(In the amphitheater)

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Sukkot Dinner
Adults, pre-order your StoneFire Grill Dinner. **All kids served pizza for free!!!**
(Inside/outside the Social Hall. Check out the TAS website to make your dinner orders.)

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.: Song Session with Dan Nichols
Come sing along with one of the most popular and influential Jewish musicians in North America. (In the Sanctuary)

6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Dan Nichols' "Road to Eden: Rock and Roll Sukkot"
Movie Documentary. "Experience an entertaining, exhilarating, funny, sweet, and emotional cinematic experience as Dan Nichols takes you on a journey across North America and beyond with a vital message of hope and a call to action, not just for Jews on Sukkot, but for all humanity." Director Doug Passon. (In the Social Hall)

8:00 p.m.: Q/A with Dan Nichols in the Social Hall (Social Hall)

MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“What’s in a Name?”

At a recent MoTAS event, a participant indicated to me that we’ll always be the Men’s Club to him. It’s a name that even I slip back to when describing our organization to others: We’re the Men’s Club at TAS. I joke that we balance out Temple Beth Hillel: They have a Brotherhood and the Women of TBH, and we have the Men of TAS and a Sisterhood. But there’s a reason why we’re the Men of TAS, so let’s explore what the potential names convey:



- **Brotherhood.** This is the traditional name for men’s organizations in congregations. In many ways, it is a great name, for it builds on the notion that all men are brothers. Recall the song in *How to Succeed in Business*: “There is a brotherhood of man”. But the name is a little old-fashioned and traditional. It is also just a little exclusionary, for the tradition has always been that you JOINED the Brotherhood and paid dues.
- **Men’s Club.** This is the other common name for men’s organizations. It goes back to the 1960s, when there were Couple’s Clubs, Women’s Clubs, and Men’s Clubs everywhere. There is one major problem. Any notion of a club means that there are members, and some are in and some are out. That is clearly exclusionary, and conveys the message of “no pay, no play.” Although dues are nice (and sometimes necessary), the intent of Reform Judaism is to be a welcoming tent, and membership organizations work against that.
- **Men of** At the National level, both the National Sisterhood organization and the National Brotherhood organizations have renamed themselves to Women of/Men of Reform Judaism. This is because they want to show they want all of their constituencies to participate. MRJ has gone far to eliminate dues; participating groups simply contribute what they feel is appropriate for support. MoTAS was the exemplar here: we consider all the men in our congregation as

members, and although we encourage all of the men of the congregation to support MoTAS, we do not require dues. We want participation—be it financially, through active participation, or both.

When all is said and done, we don’t care what you call us (as long as you don’t call us late to dinner): MoTAS, the Men’s Club, or even the Brotherhood. We’re a group of men who, through active participation and financial support, want to do good for Temple Ahavat Shalom and the Jewish community. I encourage you to become active (I was about to say “join us”) and help in this endeavor. No membership form or dues required. All you need do is come to an event and participate.

Note: These commentaries are first posted as a featured entry on the MoTAS Website, www.tasnorthridge-motas.org; they are then shared in the Menorah the month after they are posted. You’re invited to discuss this article at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2014/08/30/whats-in-a-name/>.

Lastly, as we enter this new year of 5775, the Men of TAS wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet new year. *L’Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.*

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUKKAH BUILDING

What do Shirley, Telephones, and Voting have in common? The answer is that they are all famous booths, and on Sunday, October 5th at 8:45 AM, we’ll be adding another famous booth: The 5775 Sukkah built by the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom. Come join us for a little nosh, followed by our annual construction effort led by Robert Levin. Tools aren’t required, but gloves are. If you have Allen wrenches and wire cutters, they will come in handy.



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OCTOBER SPEAKER

On Sunday, October 12th at 8:45 AM, join the Men of TAS in the Activity Center Rooms 3/4 for a scrumptious breakfast typically consisting of bagels, lox, eggs, cookies, fruit, juice, and coffee/tea (donations appreciated). Our normal monthly meeting (d'var torah, introductions, and a review of upcoming activities), starts at 9:00 AM, followed by our speaker at 10:00 AM. This month, Aaron Solomon, our Executive Director, will be speaking on "How Temple Ahavat Shalom Works."



You probably understand how our synagogue is structured, clergy-wise. You may even understand the volunteer structure of the Temple. What you probably don't know is how Temple Ahavat Shalom operates as a day-to-day business entity. In this presentation, Aaron Solomon, Executive Director of TAS, will describe the business organization of TAS. He will cover each department including lay leadership and auxiliaries. He will provide a summary of the staff within each department including their titles and primary roles and responsibilities. He will also talk about how funds received are handled and processed to ensure funds are correctly allocated to operational budget lines or restricted funds. Lastly, Aaron will discuss how each department works together to serve the larger Temple Mission: to provide a caring and joyful community, with diverse opportunities to discover personal meaning through enriching and sanctifying our relationships (k'hillah kedosha), exploring our connections with the Divine (brit), celebrating Jewish Life and Torah (talmud Torah), and being a force for healing and justice in our world (tikkun olam). Aaron will leave time at the end for your questions on Temple operations.



Aaron P. Solomon, M.P.A. is the Executive Director of Temple Ahavat Shalom. He came to TAS in 2011 with nearly 15 years of experience in non-profit management, strategic planning and fundraising. He has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology

and Philosophy from the University of Missouri- Rolla and received his Master's in Public Administration from California State University Northridge. Aaron's Jewish communal service began in 2007 as the Administrator for Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood. Aaron served

as the Executive Director for Temple Sinai of Glendale. At both congregations Aaron was responsible for overseeing the finances, facilities, staff supervision, programming, coordination with clergy and lay leadership, membership and fundraising. Aaron was successful at both congregations in implementing processes to increase membership, integrate new members while developing customized fundraising strategies to support and enhance the overall operations. Aaron is one of less than one hundred members within the Reform Movement to have participated in the Schindler's Fellows Program for Interfaith Families.

OCTOBER MEN'S HANG-OUT

On Sunday, October 19th at 7:00 PM, the bi-monthly Men-Only Men's Hang-Out and Discussion Groups resume. These meetings provide an opportunity for the Men of TAS to socialize, eat good food and discuss topics openly and confidentially from a men's perspective. They provide a time for us to get to know each other more in depth and enjoy a few laughs. They take place at a host member's home where we enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere. We hang out for the first hour swapping life's stories while enjoying a meal or dessert together. Some men have a lot to say and others just enjoy listening to the banter back and forth. During the second half of the evening we bring up an interesting question about how we think or feel about certain aspects of life from a Jewish perspective. Other evenings the members bring up a controversial subject to hear multiple perspectives. Our group has dynamic opinions, which make for lively conversation. At the end of the evening we all respect each other's right to an opinion and have a deeper appreciation for where our values came from.

For the 2014-2015 programming year Men's Hang-Out/ Discussion Groups have been scheduled for even months: Sunday, October 19, 2014, 7:00 PM; Sunday, December 21, 2014, 6:00 PM (Chanukah Food Extravaganza); Sunday, February 22, 2015, 6:00 PM (Hang Out With The Rabbi); Sunday, April 12, 2015, 7:00 PM, and Sunday, June 14, 2015, 7:00 PM. To sign up for the October 19th hang-out, visit <http://motascybermaven.eventbee.com/event?eid=153626165>, call Dave Friedman, (818) 360-2323, or email vp2@tasnorthridge-motas.org.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

We're coming down to the wire for the biggest MoTAS fundraiser of the year: Monday, October 27, 2014 is the 26th Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament. There are many ways for you to participate and support MoTAS at all financial levels:



- **Play.** Come out and play at the tournament, and get your friends and business associates to play. Entries are \$215 per player.
- **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 ad book entries.

Advertise. This year we are introducing the TAS Calendar/Ad Book. This 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, and build their relationship 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 will be available.

To entice you even more, silent auction prizes committed as of press time include: gift certificates from Roger's Rib Shack (2 x \$25), Weilers Deli (\$25), Brents Deli (\$50), Stonefire Grill (\$25), Sagebrush Cantina (\$50), Emles Restaurant (\$25), California Pizza Kitchen (4 x \$10, 2 x Entree/Drink), Chi's Chinese Restaurant (3 x \$25), Marmalade Cafe (\$50), Lazy Dog (4 x \$10), Maggiano's Restaurant (2 x \$25), PF Changs (2 x \$25), Kings Fish House (\$50), Laemmle Theatres (6 passes), and Dream Dinners (\$18); certificates for 2 hours of free bowling (including shoes and a pitcher of soda) at Matador Bowl; a Badminton / volleyball set; a Men's high quality wristwatch; a USA swim team framed cap signed by members of the team; a USA swim team pennant signed

by members of the team; a CBS-logo jacket; a CBS-logo baseball cap; a round of golf for 3 at Bel Aire Country Club, a round of golf for 4 at Hillcrest Country Club, a special package consisting of a pass for 8 to the Magic Castle where a magician will meet you and show you around; and a divot tool with MoTAS logo.

In conjunction with the Golf Tournament, Sisterhood will be running Mah Jongg. For more information, contact Anita Hoch, the Sisterhood Mah Jongg chair, at (818) 360-0160 or email anitapearl47@gmail.com. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase.

More information, including online and printable signup forms and donation forms, is available at <http://golf2014.tasnorthridge-motas.org> or call Barry Mann at (818) 360-8881.

MITZVAH DAY

Set aside Sunday, November 2nd for the Temple Ahavat Shalom Mitzvah Day. MoTAS will be participating in the Social Action event, using as our theme "Jews with Tools for the Schools." More information will be forthcoming in the MoTAS Weekly as the logistics are worked out, but the initial plan is for members of MoTAS to help do whatever repairs we can do around the TAS School Facilities, which are used by both the religious school and the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC).

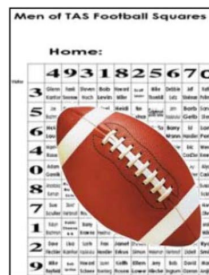


ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SPORTS SQUARES

At the September Pancake Breakfast, the Football Squares board was filled. This means that at the end of the

Monday Night Football season, there will be \$3,000 available for grants for projects around Temple Ahavat Shalom. Thank you to everyone who purchased a square; if you didn't get a square, you'll have another chance when we run Sports Squares again at the Super Bowl. You can learn more about the program, as well as seeing



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the list of current winners, at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/sports-squares/>.



As an example of where the Sports Squares money goes: After the spring NCAA Squares, a grant was made to the Caring Community to purchase a display rack and a collection of brochures from Jewish Lights Publishing on a wide variety of subjects. At the September

MoTAS meeting, the assembled rack and brochures were presented to Rabbi Shawna. You can find the rack in the Temple Office, and both MoTAS and the Caring Community hope the brochures will prove useful in times of need.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, September 7th, the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom sponsored our traditional Pancake Breakfast for the first day of religious school.

This event was a spectacular success, with an overflowing social hall filled with parents and students and teachers all interacting and making friends. The breakfast was followed by a session in the sanctuary where all the committees and auxiliaries were able to introduce themselves to the parents. We thank everyone for coming and we hope that all the dads who attended will join us at future MoTAS events.



A special thank you to all the men of TAS who volunteered that morning and helped with the shopping, schlepping, setup, cleanup, and most importantly, flapping the jacks: Scott and Alia Yollis, Joel Lowell, Joe Blachman, Les Birken, Daniel Faigin, Barry Mann, Mike Thornhill, Bob Levine, Dave Friedman, Steve Rosen, Bill Shapiro, Fabian Malinovitz, Peter Coopersmith, Frank Soronow, Roger Lowe, Mike Rayfield, Steve Zonis, Howard Miller, Rick Mervis, and Kathy Pullman.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS MEETING



On Sunday, September 15th, MoTAS held our first Speaker's Meeting of the year. Our speaker was Erik Greenberg, Director of Education at the Autry, speaking on "Jewish Institutions of the Sepulveda Pass." Erik spoke to us about how the institutions in

the pass represent the spectrum of contemporary Jewish practice, and told us the stories behind the people who the institutions were named after or inspired by: Rabbi Leo Baeck, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Mordechi Kaplan, and Jack Skirball. From the social action and social justice belief of the progressive rabbis, the emphasis on studying Judaism to shape secular life, or strong notions of ethnic pluralism – the Sepulveda Pass really does represent modern Judaism today.

SHOW MOTAS PRIDE

- Every man in TAS should be receiving the MoTAS Weekly in their e-mailbox on Wednesdays. If you are not receiving this email, please contact president@tasnorthridge-motas.org and we will make sure you are on the mailing list. We also post the MoTAS Weekly on our MoTAS Website, www.tasnorthridge-motas.org, and on our Facebook group, www.facebook.com/groups/tas.motas. If you're not a member of the Facebook group, we encourage you to join.



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- MoTAS Logowear is available for purchase in our online MoTAS store. Just visit www.tasnorthridge-motas.org and click on “MoTAS Store” in the right-side column. The store has a wide variety of shirts and other clothing, as well as beverage containers, aprons, mugs, and other items.

MoTAS Website at www.tasnorthridge-motas.org. On the website you can find information on all our activities, sign up forms, biographies of MoTAS members, and records from MoTAS executive board meetings. We also have a Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/tas.motas that you can join. The best way to learn about us, however, is to come to a MoTAS event or a TAS Shabbat, introduce yourself to anyone with a MoTAS nametag, and participate. We want to build a relationship with you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Menorah can't contain all that MoTAS is doing! The easiest way to keep up to date with MoTAS is to read our weekly email newsletter, which is also posted on the



TAS Sisterhood Invites You!

**Come to a Sukkot Celebration at the home of Jo and Jim Schwartz
(address will be provided upon RSVP confirmation)**

Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM

Featuring Cantorial Artist Jen Roher

Free to Members, \$5 to Non-members

Your membership is encouraged!

You can become a Sisterhood member at this event!

A-L please bring an appetizer M-Z please bring a dessert

RSVP by October 5th to Mel Birken at momel1@aol.com or Gina Ryskind at gina4gila@aol.com or call Gina at (818) 439-4439



ECEC

On the second Friday of every month, we are having our Bim Bam Bimah, which is an extremely child friendly service and is open to all. Our first service was on Friday September 12th and what a wonderful turn out we had! We gathered in the Chapel with Rabbi Lutz and Cantor Roher. We prayed together, sang, danced with our musical instruments and welcomed Shabbat.

The Lions class provided us with sandwiches, fruits, vegetables and cookies for our oneg, which we had picnic style on the small courtyard.

Join us for our next Bim Bam Bimah on November 14th at 5:30p.m.

We are also excited to be starting our new Parent and Me classes beginning on October 3rd. These classes will be held on Friday mornings and afterwards, everyone will be invited to join us in the Chapel as we celebrate Shabbat with the preschool. Our wonderful clergy join our ECEC community every Friday at 11:00 a.m. to sing, pray and of course have grape juice and challah with our littlest learners.

The Parent and Me class will include painting, gluing, music and movement. Our emphasis is on process not product, as we hope to introduce your child to the enjoyment of different media, texture and creative experiences while not worrying about a final project looking perfect. We will practice Shabbat in the room as we have our own snack time and learn how to make this a joyful occasion. Parent discussion will take place each week. We invite you to join us to meet new friends and connect with others who are dealing with similar issues.

Call Tessa at (818)360-2258 x303 to schedule a visit or with any questions that you might have.

Tessa Cramer,
ECEC Director



SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

I hope you have
an easy
Yom Kippur.



PROGRAMS

Our October event will be a celebration in Jo and Jim Schwartz's sukkah on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. We ask that each attendee bring either an appetizer (last name A-L) or a dessert (last name M-Z) to share. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Mel Birken at momel1@aol.com or Gina Ryskind at gina4gila@aol.com or call Gina at (818) 439-4439. This event is free to Sisterhood members. Non-members and guests are welcome at \$5 per person. Not a member? You are welcome to join at the meeting, or contact Cheryl Frumes at tas.cherylf@gmail.com or Margaret Chroman at Margaret@chroman.com

MEMBERSHIP

Please join Sisterhood and help support TAS. Dues are \$45 for members, \$72 for sponsors and \$118 for patrons. If you would like more information, please contact Cheryl Frumes at tas.cherylf@gmail.com or Margaret Chroman at Margaret@chroman.com

EDUCATION

Did your child attend a Jewish camp or go on a trip to Israel this past year? Did you know that every year our Sisterhood and the Men of TAS give camperships to help support these activities? If you have any questions, contact Roseanna Sculler at rsculler@aol.com, (818) 886-7320 or Eileen Roseman at scoobydoodle1@mac.com, (818) 807-3917 Education 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? Why not co-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.

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 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.



COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Many thanks to the TAS members who have been contributing cut and sorted coupons to our ongoing Military Coupon project. This week we sent a large box to Guam! We have sent parcels to Italy, Germany, Japan and England as well. The process is easy. All you need to do is cut out the coupons you get in newspapers, magazines or in the mail. Once cut, coupons must be sorted into only two groups: Food and Not Food. This makes using the coupons easier for our recipients.

Coupons can be left in the Sisterhood mailbox at TAS. That's in the little room on the left as you enter the Chapel. I pick up the coupons every week. Once a box is filled, it will be sent to a military base where it is readied for the families to use. Base living can be costly, and the coupons are a big help. Military families may often be able to use the coupons at the PX past the expiration date.

This is a simple, yet very effective project. We have had Sisterhood members work on this, and Hebrew School classes as well. If you have any questions, please call Mel Birken at (818) 366-2397.

SAVE THE DATE:

WRJ Pacific District Convention - October 23 - October 26
Paid Up Membership Event - November 16, 2014
Holiday Boutique - November 23, 2014

Sue Sculler
President
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For more information about Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood:

<http://www.tasnorthridge.org/sisterhood>



SOCIAL ACTION HAPPENINGS

SWEETEN THE LIVES OF OTHERS



As we celebrate the New Year, let's join together once again to sweeten the lives of the residents of our local Jewish Home (for the Aging). Join TAS' SOS (Sundays of Service) group this month for a very sweet 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 October 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 12 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, October 12th, 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 by October 8th with Shellie Turer at: (818) 993-2255 or by e-mail at: PetsRPeopleToo@att.net

*A Sweet and
Happy New Year
to Everyone!*

SAVE THE DATE: MITZVAH DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2!

Come be part of our congregation-wide celebration of *Tikkun Olam* (Repair of the World) – participate in Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 2nd, 9:00 a.m. to noon.



What is Mitzvah Day?

Mitzvah Day is a joint effort of all the synagogues in the San Fernando and Conejo Valleys to focus our efforts to help the needy in our communities. Mitzvah Day at TAS is a Temple-wide event for congregants of all ages and backgrounds -- it's an opportunity for adult congregants and religious school students to make a meaningful difference through a variety of projects that support many of our community partners.

How You Can Help – Before Mitzvah Day

Much of the day's success is dependent on congregants donating items that will be packaged and delivered to our community partner organizations.

To prepare for Mitzvah Day, we are collecting many items, including:

- Nonperishable Thanksgiving food items (stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables)
- Halloween Candies (non-chocolate), chewing gum
- Unused travel size toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- School and office supplies (writing paper, pencils, pens, glue, etc.)
- New/gently used clothing

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On Mitzvah Day

Then, please join us at the Temple at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 4th to be part of the celebration – and pitch in with a number of hands-on activities to assist many of our community partners.

This year, we are also offering several engaging speakers and discussions of current issues, here in Los Angeles and around the globe. Sisterhood, the Men of TAS (MoTAS), and the Adult Choir are all taking on special activities for Mitzvah Day.

There will also be opportunities to participate in activities at other sites in the community, including the CROP Hunger Walk, a 5K walk starting at Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Blvd., beginning at 1:30 p.m., with additional volunteers needed for set-up during the morning hours

Visit the Temple web site during October for the most up-to-date information on Mitzvah Day and to sign up for activities!



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Gail Karlin to the ECEC Infant Toddler Center

Karen Shearer to the ECEC Infant Toddler Center

Laurie Patterson to the ECEC Infant Toddler Center

The TAS Executive Committee to the ECEC Infant Toddler Center in memory of Ted James Pyle, the husband of Cynthia Spoon Pyle

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FUND

Cathy Meyers in appreciation of Brian Hatkoff

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Judy and Dick Seligman in memory of Jay Segal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew 6:30pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	3 6:00pm - Kol Nidre Family Service 7:45pm - Kol Nidre Main Service	4 8:30am - Yom Kippur Family Service 10:30am - Yom Kippur Main Service 10:30am - Yom Kippur Youth Service 1:15pm - Yom Kippur Study Sessions 3:45pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 5:15pm - Yom Kippur Yizkor Service 6:15pm - Neilah
5 No Religious School 8:30am - Men of TAS Sukkah Building	6 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	7 No Torah Study 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	8 Erev Sukkot 5:00pm - Dan Nichols Sukkot Event	9 Temple Offices and School Closed 7:00pm - Sisterhood Meeting Sukkot - Away	10 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	11 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Ben Garfinkel
12 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 9:00am - Adult Hebrew	13 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	14 9:30am - Torah Study	15 4:00pm - Hebrew School/Simchat Torah 6:30pm - Consecration/Simchat Torah Service	16 Temple Offices and School Closed 6:00pm - Yizkor	17 7:00pm - Erev Early Shabbat Service	18 10:30am - Chapel Minyan
19 9:00am - Adult Hebrew 7:00pm - Men of TAS Men's Hang Out - Discussion and Dessert - Away	20 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	21 9:30am - Torah Study	22 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	23 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew 6:00pm - ECEC Rosh Hodesh - Mom's Night Out 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting	24 6:00pm - Synaplex Cocktail Shabbat 6:45pm - Erev Shabbat Service	25 5:00pm - Club 45 Havdalah Movie Night
26 9:00am - Adult Hebrew 9:00am - iEngage Israel Seminar	27 8:00am - Men of TAS Golf Tournament - Away 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	28 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Social Action Committee Meeting	29	30 10:00am - Melton Class	31 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	

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