



September 2015



17 Elul, 5775 – 17 Tishrei, 5776

Renew Your Spirit

High Holy Days Offerings

The High Holy Days offer us the opportunity to reflect upon and renew the journey of our lives. We are delighted to offer worship and study opportunities designed to meet the needs of the many members of our community. Our worship schedule and study opportunities will, I hope, bring added meaning and significance to your High Holy Days experience. May you be written and inscribed for a year of blessing and peace.

Rabbi Barry M. Lutz, R.J.E.

S'lichot - Prepare to Renew

Saturday, September 5, 2015

S'lichot continues our transformative journey. Individuals and families are invited to join us for this powerful evening of reflection.

Dessert Reception	Havdalah
7:45 pm	8:30 pm

Adult Study Sessions	S'lichot Service
8:45 pm	9:45 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Family Service	Main Service
6:00 pm	7:45 pm
Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 14, 2015

Family Service	Main Service	Youth Service
8:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
Sanctuary	Sanctuary	School Building

Adult Learning and Tashlich

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

6:00 pm Wine and Cheese
6:30 pm Tashlich Program

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 18, 2015, 6:15 pm

The Shabbat of Return offers the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat while continuing along the path of reflection and repentance that we travel during the Ten Days of Repentance.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Family Service	Main Service
6:00 pm	7:45 pm
Sanctuary	Sanctuary

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Family Service	Main Service	Youth Service
8:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
Sanctuary	Sanctuary	School Building

Adult Study Sessions: 1:15-3:30 pm

Come learn from and with members of the TAS community between morning and afternoon services at sessions designed to inform, challenge and inspire.

Yom Kippur - Afternoon (all ticket holders)

Afternoon	Yizkor	Neilah
3:45 pm	5:15 pm	6:15 pm
Sanctuary	Sanctuary	Sanctuary

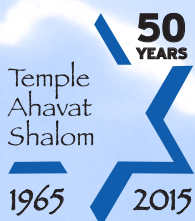
The Celebration Continues

Shabbat of Sukkot
Friday, October 2, 2015

Yizkor
Monday, October 5, 2015
6:00 pm Yizkor Service

Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebration
Sunday, October 4, 2015

Join us as we renew our cycle of Torah learning
4:00 pm Consecration and Simchat Torah Service followed by a Sukkot and Simchat Torah
Adult Celebration at 6:30 pm.



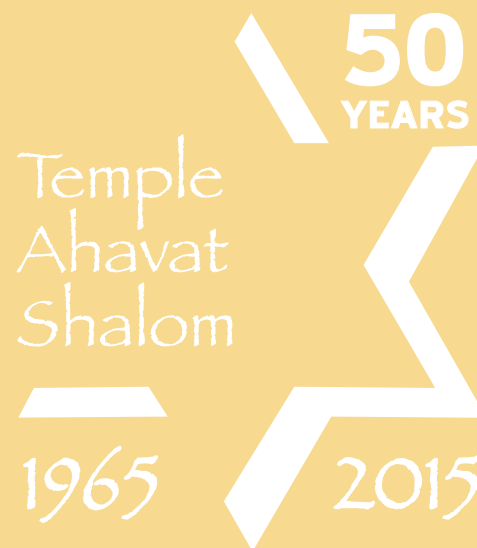
See www.TASnorthridge.org for more information.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR SEPTEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

September 26, 2015

Allan and Pam Evenas and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Evenas

Rob and Michelle Baron and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Baron



"50 MITZVOT FOR 50 YEARS"

As we kick off TAS' 50th Anniversary year, the Social Action Committee is launching a special challenge – "50 Mitzvot for 50 Years," offering every TAS member 50 specific ways to make a difference. With the Torah commanding us to perform 613 Mitzvot, 50 Mitzvot for TAS' 50th Anniversary should be easy!

During this very special year, we are striving to have each and every TAS member or family get involved to make our world a better place. It all starts with us. Our mitzvot will help the people who protect us; assist those who are poor, oppressed, alone or lonely; help clean up our rivers, oceans, and air, make change through the political process; and support Israel and the people who protect our right to have a Jewish homeland.

Starting in September and running through December, watch for our "50 Mitzvot for 50 Years" materials and take up the challenge. We know you'll find that performing mitzvot, both large and small, not only brings about change in our community and the larger world, but just may change you.

In this 50th Anniversary year, let's take pride in building upon the legacy of those in our TAS community who performed good deeds over the past half-century. Let us continue pursuing Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World): it's who we are at TAS, and who we hope to be over the next 50 years.





REMEMBERING MINNA AND IRV REIZES

BY PHYLLIS BASS

When Hal and I joined TAS in 1974, the congregation was nine years old with a membership of about 250 families. We were a close-knit community, and we soon got to know many of the founders. They were a distinguished group, and among them were Minna and Irv Reizes. A high-profile couple, Minna and Irv were always there and commanded great respect. In their early 60s, the Reizes were parent figures to the newer, younger members like us. In appearance, they were imposing: Minna, with her already graying hair, dark eyes, and erect posture, was regal; and Irv, with his rich deep baritone and perfect diction, looked and sounded like a direct descendant of the prophets.

We soon learned that Irv was the artist who crafted the copper doors to the Ark. This Ark had been like the tabernacle in the wilderness traveling with the congregation to the many venues where we worshipped. First, Irv had created the Ark for Temple Beth Torah of Arleta, one of the two parent congregations of TAS. But before our newly organized congregation put up the first modular multi-purpose building on our current property in 1968, the Ark had traveled to several churches on Friday nights, and to the nearby Mormon Church in Granada Hills for the High Holy Days. We are fortunate that the Ark has resided since 1983 in the Rothenberg Library/Chapel. In the old days, the Ark provided the best and only beautiful photo back-drop, and many of us have treasured pictures of ourselves and our B'nai Mitzvah kids in front of that Ark.

When the Martyrs Building was constructed in 1973, Irv crafted the wrought-iron gates with our name, Ahavat Shalom in Hebrew. The gates provided architectural interest and the entry through the wrought-iron fencing connecting both buildings. Now the congregation had a defined courtyard, where outdoor services could be held, the sukkah could be constructed, and preschool kids could ride their tricycles.

During our first year of membership, Hal and I became regulars on Friday nights. Services were held in the first multi-purpose building. The Oneg Shabbat was held across the way in the Martyrs Building. Minna at that time ran the Sisterhood gift shop. She operated out of the storage closet, and on Friday nights Minna selected various items which she attractively arranged on tables.

Over time I got to know bits and pieces about Minna and Irv's history. Minna told me how they met while riding the New York City transit system. These were Depression years, and Irv was a struggling artist, who looked quite bohemian. When Minna brought Irv home to meet her parents, her father wanted her to have nothing to do with him, proclaiming that "he looks like a bum." Irv, wishing to be a serious suitor, went back to college and became an engineer. During those early years, Minna and Irv were involved in Marionette Theater. Minna showed me some of the marionettes which they had crafted and for which Minna had designed beautiful wardrobes, demonstrating her considerable artistry with the needle.

At some point, Irv and Minna moved to Santa Maria, California, where Irv worked in the aerospace industry as an engineer. There they began to raise a son and a daughter, while helping to establish a

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congregation. Since the Santa Maria congregation did not have a full-time rabbi, Irv conducted services. Subsequently, they moved to Arleta and were instrumental in establishing Temple Beth Torah. Once again, Irv was the lay-rabbi for several years. Minna told me how she engaged in “missionary” activity, walking the neighborhood and knocking on doors wherever she saw Mezuzahs to encourage affiliation. That’s how she helped grow that congregation, to which she and Irv donated the sterling silver candlesticks that we continue to use. During the many years ahead, Irv embraced the responsibility of polishing all of the silver ritual objects and kept them in good repair.

Over the years Irv was regularly assigned a Haftarah portion at High Holy Days, usually the Book of Jonah. His tone just got richer, deeper and more resonating, and for everyone-young and old-it was as if they were hearing the voice of God. At the last temple-sponsored Seder 15 years ago, there was the dramatic entrance of Moses into our midst leaning on his staff. Of course, it was Irv, authentically costumed. This was one of those special moments at TAS that Hal and I will always remember.

Minna and Irv created a number of other objects of inestimable value for our TAS community. Shortly after the completion in 1978 of the sanctuary-social hall complex, Irv designed a sculpture, his interpretation of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments. Those who study Torah can recognize the exact verses that inspired this piece, which is affixed to the wall facing the amphitheater. Less conspicuous, but of great ritual importance, is the Torah mantle stand fashioned out of walnut and used at all Torah services. Over several years, Minna created the white beaded High Holy Day Torah mantles. The most intricate of these, originally designed for the Holocaust Torah, depicts flames with the Hebrew words, Am Yisrael Chai, arising from the smoke.

Irv was a brilliant Torah scholar and an avid participant in the weekly Torah study sessions held on Tuesday mornings. He lived as a widower for a number of years following Minna’s passing on September 30, 1995, at 84. Eventually, age began to take its toll, and Irv moved to Northern California to live with his son. He was well past 90, and those of us in the Torah study group and many others at TAS knew that we had lost a friend and a luminary. Irv passed away at age 95 on March 25, 2006. His funeral was held at TAS and he was buried next to Minna at Eden Memorial Park.

Minna and Irv were amazing role models, ardent in their Judaism and dedication to this synagogue. Hal and I feel privileged to have known them, and our congregation has been enriched by their enduring legacy.



MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

MoTAS AS ROLE MODELS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Building on the Support of the Men of TAS”



Support. The dictionary definition is the supports bear the weight of something or keep it upright. For MoTAS, it is the support of the men of Temple Ahavat Shalom and the larger community that enables us to do what we do. This support comes in many forms:

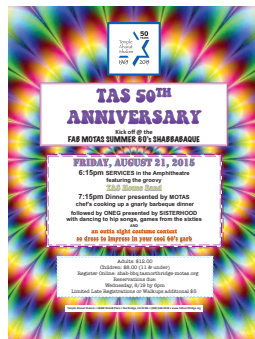
- **Our Annual Appeal.** This occurs in January, and we're very pleased by those of you who responded. Even without formal dues, the men of TAS show they value what we do. Information at <http://donate.tasnorthridge-motas.org>
- **The Golf Tournament.** The bulk of our support comes from the Golf Tournament. There are many ways for

you to support the Golf Tournament, from playing or recruiting players, sponsoring or recruiting sponsors, buying or soliciting ads for the TAS calendar/golf program or getting donations. The Golf Tournament is a wonderful way to bring in support from friends, colleagues, co-workers and the community. Information at <http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>

- **Sports Squares.** This program is an easy way to fund specific activities of the congregation that might not normally get funded. Information at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>
- **Underwriting Events.** Something we haven't done before — but are seriously considering — is soliciting event sponsors for our “breakeven” activities. Underwriting an event — be it a monthly breakfast, the Pancake Breakfast, a special activity — relieves the cost of that activity and permits any income raised to support MoTAS. Contact the MoTAS President if you would be interested in sponsoring an activity.

TAS 50TH CELEBRATION / AUGUST SHABBABAQUE

Wow! What a Shabbabaque! On **Friday, August 21st**, MoTAS (in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Committee) hosted our 50th Anniversary Shabbabaque. It was a wonderful event, with admittedly some problems. You can find the MoTAS response at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2015/08/24/overwhelmed-by-shabbabaque-we-want-to-make-it-right/>.



Our goal is to constantly improve our Shabbabaques -- we can always make them better. Also, we can always use more volunteers. If you're a man at TAS and would like to be part of the Shabbabaque team, contact president@tasnorthridge-motas.org.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible: Lee Baum, Bob Brostoff, Nate Brickman, Mahdel Estrada,

Jade Evans, Daniel Faigin, Mel Janis, Bob Levine, Roger Lowe, Joel Lowell, Fabian Malinovitz, Barry Mann, Rick Mervis, Howard Miller, Kathy Pullman, Bill Shapiro, Bernie Singer, Alec Soronow, Sydney Soronow, Rebecca Soronow, Frank Soronow, Ben Tenn, Alia Yollis, Scott Yollis, Steven Zidell, Jacob Zonis, Steven Zonis. In particular, we would like to highlight Frank Soronow's hard work for coordinating this event and Scott Yollis and Steve Zonis for all their cooking.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, August 30th**, the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom hosted our traditional Pancake Breakfast for the first day of religious school. The event was after press time, so a full list of volunteers will be in the next menorah.



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2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT



The main fundraiser for MoTAS is the Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament. **This tournament provides the funds that MoTAS uses to support TAS and TAS Social Action Partners.** The 2015 Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament will be **Monday, October 19, 2015**, at **Calabasas Country Club**.

There are many ways for you

to participate and support MoTAS at all financial levels – **you do not need to attend to support the tournament:**

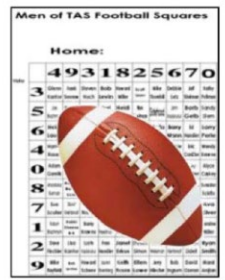
- **Sponsor.** Companies and individuals can sponsor the tournament, starting at \$180 for a Tee sign and going up. This is a great way for a corporation or local business to show their support. Sponsorships at the Corporate level and above include player spots, and all include advertising in the TAS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

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

SPORTS SQUARES

Summer is Football Squares season!

It's an easy way to support TAS and possibly win a little back. \$50 gets you a random square on the board, where randomized rows and columns have the digits 0 through 9. During Monday Night Football season, match the last digit of the home and away team scores in a quarter and win! More information, complete rules, online signup, and signup forms are available at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org>, or contact Bob Levine ((818) 271-1282, tasboblevine@gmail.com) or Kathy Pullman (gridmaven@tasnorthridge-motas.org). Forms are also available in the Temple Foyer. Funds raised by the Sports Squares programs are used to fund specific needs that are often unfunded, and expenditures are distinct from MoTAS' general fund contributions. **Registration closes at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11.**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SPEAKERS PROGRAM



Sunday, September 20th marks the start of our monthly speaker's program. Join the Men of TAS at 8:45 a.m. in Activity Center 5/6 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 a.m., followed by our speaker at 10:00 a.m.. This month, our topic is "*Mens Health Issues*" with Dr. Joshua Rokaw.

Anticipated future speakers include the first student Rabbi of North Valley Reform (one of the predecessors of TAS), a speaker on Al Capone, and a speaker on Yiddishkayt, a program that explores Yiddish communities of Eastern Europe. Full information on the emerging speakers program may be found at <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/monthly-meetings/speakers-program/>.

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SUKKAH BUILDING



MoTAS continues its service to the congregation when it builds the congregational sukkah. Mark your calendar now for **Sunday, September 27th** at the special **early time of 8:00 a.m.** That is

when we will gather to construct the Sukkah so that the Religious School can start decorating it in the late morning. Tools aren't required, but gloves are. If you have Allen wrenches and wire cutters, they will come in handy.

OCTOBER LOOK-AHEAD

- The **Granada Hills Street Faire** on Saturday, October 10th, where MoTAS is sponsoring the TAS Booth. Come out, say "hi", and spread the word about TAS in our community.
- Our monthly **Speaker's Meeting** on Sunday, October 11th
- Our first **Men's Hangout** of the year on Sunday, October 18th (where the discussion topic will be "What Jewish

Values do we want to see in the ideal Presidential Candidate?")

- The **Annual Charity Golf Tournament** on Monday, October 19th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Keep up to date with MoTAS with our weekly newsletter, which is also posted on the MoTAS Website at www.tasnorthridge-motas.org. Contact Aaron if you are not receiving the email. The best way to learn about us 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.



Men of
Temple Ahavat Shalom

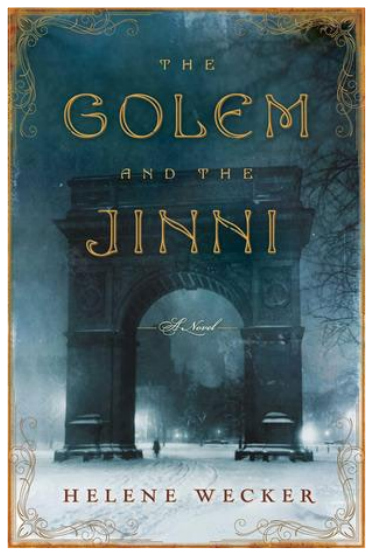
BOOK GROUP BEGINS THE YEAR WITH "THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI"

BY HELEN WECKER, FACILITATED BY JOYCE AND ED EDELSON, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Book Group begins the year with "The Golem and the Jinni" by Helen Wecker, facilitated by Joyce and Ed Edelson, on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Chava is a golem, a creature made of clay, brought to life by a disgraced rabbi who dabbles in dark Kabbalistic magic. When her master, the husband who commissioned her, dies at sea on the voyage from Poland, she is left to her own devices as the ship arrives in New York in 1899. Elderly Rabbi Avram Meyer sees her supernatural character and comes to her aid.

Ahmad is a jinni, a being of fire, born in the ancient Syrian desert. Trapped in a copper flask by a Bedouin wizard centuries ago, he is released accidentally by a tinsmith in a lower Manhattan shop. A powerful threat brings Chava and Ahmad together, challenging their existence and forcing them to make a fateful choice.



The book is a serious literary work, raising meaningful philosophical questions, while using the folklore of two different cultures to inform the immigrant experience. The two characters storylines intertwine beautifully, with themes of identity, religion and friendship weaving in and out of a wonderfully detailed look at the city.

The Book Group meets in the Rothenberg Chapel on the second Thursday of the month. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested. Feel free to join the group even if you have not read the book. (Note: October 2015

book is "All I Love and Know" by Judith Frank – Howard Schnee facilitator.)

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50TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF SERVICE AND SHABBABAQUE



SAVE THE DATE

TASTY'S BEACH BONFIRE

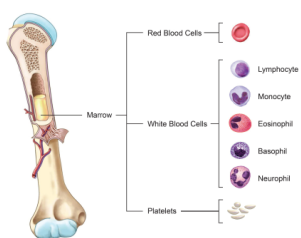
September 19th

4PM - 11 PM

**Registration
coming soon!**

ROBERT BLACHMAN OUR BONE MARROW DONOR

What's marrow?



Marrow and stem cell transplants are a lifesaving treatment option for more than 30,000 patients each year who are diagnosed with diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma and certain genetic disorders.

Before 2015, many of us had heard of bone marrow transplant as a treatment for cancer, but few of us really understood what was involved. We generally knew very little about the types of cancer that could be treated, how donors and recipients are matched, and how the donation process can span the globe to bring bone marrow material to the recipient. Having a prominent congregant and close friend battling the kind of cancer that a bone marrow transplant is used to treat, we have learned about the miracle of the international bone marrow registry and how a generous donation by a complete stranger can give a beloved member of our community a new chance for living a long, normal life.

While we thank and praise that donor for his generosity, what do we know about the process from the donor's perspective? How does someone join the registry to become a potential donor? What happens once the registry identifies a person as a prospective donor? How is the match narrowed down and confirmed? At what point does the potential donor have to commit? What tests are needed to confirm the match and the health of the donor? What is the donation process? What does being a donor mean?

A number of months ago, my son Robert received a phone call asking if he remembered signing up with the "Be the Match" bone marrow donor registry. He did, having signed up at Camp Newman when a member of that community was in need of a bone marrow transplant. Years had gone by, and suddenly a call out of the blue. He was told that he was a preliminary match and was asked if he was still interested in being a donor. He said "yes" and was told that they would be in contact again if he proved to be a close enough match to go forward. Indeed, that next call came asking him to take a set of blood tests that would contribute to the matching process. Those results were processed and it was determined that he is the best match for the patient in need.

Robert was again asked to confirm his willingness to be a donor and the process was reviewed with him. He would have to have a complete physical to determine if he had any health issues that could disqualify him. In order to be a donor, you must be in good health with no issues of your own that could be harmful to the recipient. Part of the physical was another 15 vials of blood drawn for testing. (Good thing Robert isn't shy around needles; he is also a regular blood donor.) The bone marrow harvesting procedure involves general anesthesia and a large needle being stuck into two places in the pelvis, one on each side. The pelvis is used as it is the largest bone in the body. He should be able to go home the same day as the procedure. He will be sore for a few days after the harvesting and need pain meds, having been advised already to take them on a regular schedule before he feels pain. He will feel soreness for a week or so and the bone marrow will replenish itself in a few weeks.

Robert is scheduled for his donation on Thursday, September 3 at City of Hope in Duarte. The recipient is a teenager who is on the east coast. Both donor and recipient know minimal information about one another as this is truly an anonymous process. Only after a period of time can either consent to letting the other know their identity.

Lovingly submitted,

Robyn and Joe Blachman



GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS IN WORLD OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR AUGUST. HERE'S JUST A SAMPLING OF THE BAD NEWS:

AUGUST 18:

KALAMAZOO, MI. – A 12-year-old Western Michigan boy has been charged with careless discharge of a firearm causing death in the accidental shooting of a 28-year-old family friend.

AUGUST 18:

HOOVER, AL - Hoover Police confirm they are investigating the shooting death of a 31-year-old man at the Cliffs at Rocky Ridge Apartments Tuesday evening. Police say a woman came home to find a male family member dead in a bedroom. The woman told police she thinks a toddler at the apartment found a gun, started playing with it and possibly shot his father.

AUGUST 18:

DOUGLAS, GA - Georgia mom Dorothy Leighann Reardean died Monday after being shot in the head by her 4-year-old child, who found the gun in her car, and thought it was a toy.

ONE really bad day in August.

THE GOOD NEWS:

The Los Angeles City Council voted on August 4 to require handgun owners to keep their weapons securely stored or fitted with a trigger lock when they aren't being carried, steps that should help reduce accidental shootings – particularly by children. The vote follows adoption of local gun-control measures in Sunnyvale and San Francisco, and the language reflects the California Child Access Prevention law, which holds adults responsible if they leave a loaded, unattended handgun where minors can reach it.

The council also voted last week to ban possession of ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds which was signed into law by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on August 7.



SO, HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Check out the Brady Campaign on Facebook where you can keep up with the issue.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-Brady-Campaign-to-Prevent-Gun-Violence/114683418612313?fref=ts>

Check out the Brady Campaign website at <http://www.bradycampaign.org/>.

Let your Councilperson and the Mayor know that you support the weapon storage bill. We hope that new local laws will build momentum for tougher gun regulation across the country

ECEC



Our summer “roadtrip” through America was wonderful. We went from California to Hawaii and back and forth through deserts, dude ranches and more. We visited with horses, parakeets, silky chickens, rabbits, a tortoise, a baby chick and Penelope the pig. We also cooked and ate food from all over town. A special thank you goes to Jill Cullen, who so graciously brought Penelope to play with us and taught us so much about pigs that we never knew.



Sad to say, summer is over. Happy to say, we are now back at school!

Enrollment has increased and we now have four classes in the ECEC. We are still accepting students, so spread the word that we have a few spaces left in each class.

We are also starting a Parent/Grandparent and Me class on Friday, September 11. This class will be taught by Cheryl Carpet and we are thrilled to welcome her to our TAS family. Cheryl is from the Parenting Place and has taught the Toddler Class at the Jewish Home for the Aging and a multitude of other places for many years. She brings wonderful ideas, much energy and many years of experience to add to our program. Call the ECEC to enroll in this Friday morning class and for more information.

Thank you so much to Rachel Schachter for helping us build a beautiful school library. She collected books for

her Bat Mitzvah project and also raised over \$600 to put towards our library. Reading and learning to love reading start at an early age. Competent readers usually are more successful with later learning. Rachel has helped provide this opportunity for all our children. Todah Rabah and Mazel Tov to you and your family on your becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Congratulations and a big Thank You to Barb Gelb for participating in a mini triathlon and raising money to help develop our new Infant Toddler Daycare. Thanks too, to all of you who pledged donations for this great cause.

The ECEC Open House and Temple Shabbabaque was a wonderful success. During the Open House, parents visited classrooms, ate dinner and then followed the musical procession into the Sanctuary, to participate in a nostalgic musical service. Dinner and more music followed and the entire evening was enjoyed by all of us!

Please remember to watch for information about the ECEC’s Casino Night on November 7th. We hope you will join us at this fun event.

I would like to wish you all a Shanah Tovah, a sweet, happy and healthy New Year and a meaningful fast.

L’Shalom,

*Tessa Cramer,
ECEC Director*



SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Thursday, October 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** - Sukkot at Jo Schwartz's home
Sunday, October 18, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - Paid Up Membership Event
Sunday, October 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - Holiday Boutique
Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 6:15 p.m. - Mah Jongg night
November 4 – November 8 - WRJ Biennial – Orlando, Florida
Sunday, November 8, 2015, 8:00 a.m. - Pala Casino Trip

DEADLINES

- Monday, September 7, 2015** - Last day to order honey wishes
Sunday, September 20, 2015 - Last day to order Lulav & Etrog
Sunday, September 27, 2015 - Last day to RSVP for the Sukkot meeting
Saturday, October 10, 2015 - Last day to RSVP for the paid-up luncheon
Sunday, March 13, 2016 - Campership Application deadline

HONEY WISHES



Monday, September 7 is the deadline for sending honey wishes to the clergy and staff. The price is a low \$5 a wish. Order forms for honey are in this Menorah, outside the Temple office and on the Temple website. Contact Dina Garcia at smilindina@gmail.com or Jackie Zev at (818) 832-9099 if you have questions.

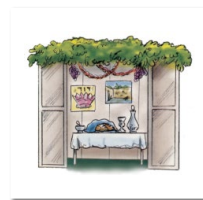
LULAV & ETROG NEEDED?

Need a Lulav & Etrog for Sukkot? You can order through Sisterhood. Order forms are on the Temple website and in this Menorah. Deadline is 11 a.m., Sunday, September 20. Contact Jennifer Kosoy (818) 217-4191 or jmkosoy@gmail.com if you have questions.



FIRST SISTERHOOD MEETING OF THE YEAR - SUKKOT

Celebrate Sukkot with us on Thursday, October 1 at 7 p.m. at Jo Schwartz's home. It will be a relaxed and festive event featuring Cantor Jen Roher. RSVP by September 7 to Barbara Seltzer at barbandkenseltzer@gmail.com or Kathy Barker at kathy@chipsandbits.com. A-L please bring a dessert, and M-Z please bring an appetizer. This event is free to members and \$5 for non-members.



MEMBERSHIP



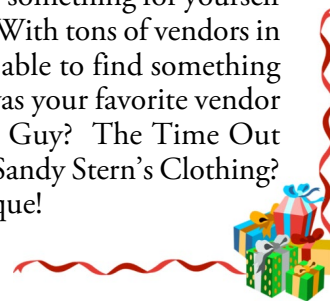
The paid up luncheon is Sunday, October 18. It is free to all Sisterhood members. Entertainment will be a fabulous Women's chorus. RSVP by Saturday, October 10 to Cheryl

Frumes tas.cherylf@gmail.com or Jackie Malinowitz (818) 709-5062. If you have not paid your Sisterhood dues yet, you can leave a check in the Sisterhood box at the Temple or mail a check to Jackie Malinowitz, 18756 Stare Street, Northridge, CA 91324. Membership dues are: Member \$45.00; Sponsor \$72.00; Patron \$118.00. We hope to see you at the luncheon.

Cheryl Frumes and Jackie Malinowitz
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Reserve the morning or early afternoon on Sunday, October 25 to shop for gifts or for something for yourself at the annual Holiday Boutique. With tons of vendors in the social hall, you are sure to be able to find something for everyone on your list. Who was your favorite vendor from last year? Was it the Sheet Guy? The Time Out Collection? Pegboard Highway? Sandy Stern's Clothing? We hope to see you at the Boutique!



PALA CASINO DAY

If you are feeling lucky or if you just want a fun getaway day, come to our Pala Casino day on Sunday, November 8. We will meet at the Temple at 8 a.m. for breakfast and to sign up for the bus-trip games. A bus will then take us to San Diego's great casino. The ride is two hours, but with Bingo and dollar

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pulls on the bus, the time goes so fast that, before you know it, we arrive.

Pala has lots of slots, table games and poker rooms. The buffet is excellent, and there are many other eateries also. There is a great walking tour of the

Indian reservation, if gambling is not your thing. Pala gives you a small stake of \$5 and we have had one person build that into almost \$500 without adding a penny. This is a coed trip – everyone who loves fun is welcome. Bring your friends or meet your San Diego family and friends at the casino. Download the flyer and get on board. Cost is \$18 (cash or check) and \$20 (credit card) to pay for breakfast and the bus. Contact Anita Hoch at anitapearl47@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the bus or ask any questions.

GETTING INVOLVED IN SISTERHOOD

Would you be willing to help our Sisterhood but you don't really want a board position? Well we have a variety of small jobs that need doing. We would love it if you would take on just one of them. Possible low key and short-term positions include: 1) keeping the Sisterhood closet stocked with paper goods, 2) posting items of interest on our Facebook page, 3) organizing our Sisterhood Shabbat, and 4) organizing the Chili Cookoff. The first two are for the entire year, but don't involve much time each month. The latter two are a short term investments of time, but at a higher level. If none of these are to your taste, then just let us know you would like to help, and we will find something that is perfect for you!

CAMPERSHIPS

Sisterhood and the Men of TAS are pleased to be able to



offer camperships/scholarships again this year. Applications are available on the Temple website and in the religious school office. Requirements for receiving a campership include: 1) submitting the application before the deadline (March 13, 2016) 2) being a member of Temple Ahavat Shalom and 3) completing five (5) hours of service for Sisterhood or the Men of TAS. If your child would like to receive a campership, contact Laura Silverman at laurasilver818@aol.com or (818) 207-6886 or the Men of TAS at president@tasnorthridge-motas.org let them know your child is interested in service opportunities.

WRJ ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 4-8



Doesn't Florida in November sound lovely? Join us for the 50th WRJ Assembly, to be held in conjunction with the URJ Biennial in Orlando, FL, November 4-8. It is a one-of-a-kind, amazing experience for Reform/Progressive Jewish women. Talk to one of the women who went to San Diego in 2014 if you have doubts. Put it on your calendar, and let us know you will be joining us! If enough Temple Ahavat Shalom members attend, we will each get a discount on registration.

ONEG SPONSORSHIP

Is there an event, a person or a memory you would like to honor in a special way?

Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary? Have you experienced a career change, a graduation or a new home? Are there people in your life you want to pay special tribute to, or would you like to honor the memory of loved ones?



If you want to celebrate, to honor or to remember, please consider marking the occasion by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. We would like to share the time with you, hear the story behind the sponsorship and help you make the occasion a bit more special. In addition, your sponsorship will go a long way to support the work of the Sisterhood for our Temple, our youth and the Jewish community.

If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the Temple Office at: (818) 360-2258.

EXTENDED KIDDUSH

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

JUDAICA SHOP

Need a last minute gift for the Bar or Bat Mitzvah you are

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attending? Never fear, our Judaica shop is open every Friday after services and it has great gifts. Candlesticks, wine cups, Mezzuzahs, Havdalah sets, we have it all. And if you just need a card to hold the check, we have that too. Come by and check out our supply of Gary Rosenthal items. They make lovely wedding gifts too!

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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.

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.



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



A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE TAS CARING COMMUNITY

For the past two years I have been battling an illness that is still undiagnosed. Neurologists just cannot agree. I went from being a teacher, an active mom and wife to be unable to teach or do the things I used to do. I spent most days crying and not knowing what to do. We shared our story with Rabbi Lutz and Cantor Rohr and they have been a wonderful support. Rabbi gave our name to the Caring Community and they began to bring us dinners. These women not only bring us dinner during the week, they listen when I cry, give me hugs, and sit and talk with my whole family. These women have become family to me. They are the most caring, loving and special people I know. I wish I could really express how much the Caring Community has come to mean to me. These women bring me hope! I know I will be OK. I love them all so dearly.

Rori Albert

Thanks!



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Wendy Krowne in memory of Rose Orenstein

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Ruth and Max Lupul in memory of Rivie Kirk, the mother of Andy Mann

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Marilyn and Anastasia Burman in memory of Donald Bernstein

Mindy and David Free in memory of Marvin Pearlman

Ken and Kathy Bernstein "in memory of Donald Bernstein, with great appreciation to the TAS Caring Community, including Sheila Reback, Rhonda Mayer, Diane Levine, Cantor Roher and Rabbi Shawna, for your compassionate support to our family"

Rochelle and Marvin Skolnick in memory of our nephew Stephen Miles Skolnick

Rochelle and Marvin Skolnick in memory of Andy Mann's mother, Rivie Kirk

BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Susan Cohen in memory of Rivie Kirk

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Phyllis and Hal Bass with heartfelt sympathy in memory of Rivie Kirk, mother of Andy Mann

Abbey Klein in memory of Rivie Kirk, sending condolences to Andy Mann and family

Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Rivie Kirk

Barry and Cathy Pearlman in honor of Debbie Weiss, Sheila Reback, Aaron Solomon and Cielo Catering, "Thank you for the beautiful appreciation dinner planned for the Capital Campaign donors"

Pamela and David Kramer in honor of Paul Silver's birthday

Shelly and Phil Trop in memory of Rivie Kirk

Always in our hearts, Monte Krimston-The Krimston and Korduner Family

Brian and Cheryl Hatkoff in memory of Leon Kreida, the father of Karen Shearer

Rhonda Mayer in memory of Donald Bernstein

Rhonda Mayer in memory of Rivie Kirk

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Rhonda Mayer in memory of Rochelle Goldman

Rhonda Mayer in memory of Marcia Goldberg

To Paul Silver sending wishes for a speedy recovery, with love, the Pearlman Family

To the Bierman Family in memory of Jerry Goldman from the Pearlman Family

Melissa and Alan Kassan in memory of Jerry Goldman

Andy Mann and Family to The Caring Community, "Thank you for all the help and kindness shown during our time of loss"

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop to Elaine and Max Gottesman in honor of their 65th Anniversary

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop to Sharon and Mel Janis in memory of Rochelle Goldman

Lynn and Michael Doner in memory of Leon Kreida

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Mel and Les Birken to Laraine and Howard Miller in honor of Lara and Ty's wedding

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Rochelle and Marvin Skolnick in appreciation of the support and caring shown following the loss of our nephew, Stephen Miles Skolnick

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Mel and Les Birken to Terry and Bruce Hatkoff in honor of David and Jess' wedding

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Fran and Al Lapidés in memory of Rivie Kirk, beloved mother and grandmother

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Abbey Klein in memory of Donald Bernstein, sending condolences to Ken Bernstein and family

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VI AND DAVID LIEBER MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

To Celine Faccini Krimston in loving memory of Roni, your precious mom, Jordan and Jacob's adored grandma and a woman of valor, with love, Fran Krimston

To Andy Mann, in memory of an exemplary woman, an adored mother and a precious grand and great grandmother, Rivie Kirk, with love, Fran Krimston

In loving memory of my dear friend and mentor, Esther Saritzky, from Fran Krimston

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YAHREZITS

David and Laurie Scher in memory of Marti Daniels
Cynthia Spoon Pyle in memory of Ted James Pyle
Toni Victor and Barry Kaiman in memory of Rosalie Victor
Rosalind and Lawrence Porton in memory of Louis Ross
Eunice Horwitz in memory of Dora Prinz Horwitz
Lynda and Herb Folkman in memory of Rabbi Washer
Gail and Fred Pell in memory of Arthur Kayne
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Phyllis Bigelson and Family on the death of her sister, Marcia Goldberg

Mark Wasserman and Family on the death of his cousin, Rod Oka

Bonnie Weissman and Richard and Bernice Burns and Families on the death of their aunt and sister-in-law, Florence Burns

Danielle Wank and Family on the death of her aunt, Joanne Laddin

Laurie Mondrus and Family on the death of her father, Bernard Aronson

Joe Blachman and Family on the death of his uncle, Albert Goldschmidt

Allan Evenas and Family on the death of his mother, Zofia Evenas

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Adult Volunteer Choir 7:00pm - Committee on Lifelong Learning Meeting	2	3 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting	4 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	5 7:45pm - S'lichot Dessert Reception and Havdalah 8:45pm - S'lichot Study Session 9:45pm - S'lichot Service
6	7 Temple Offices and School Closed	8 5:30pm - First night of Dalet 6:00pm - First night of TAS High 7:00pm - 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Adult Volunteer Choir	9 4:00pm - First night of Hebrew School 7:15pm - JNET Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	10 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	11 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	12 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga
13 No Religious School 6:00pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service 7:45pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Main Service	14 Temple Offices and ECEC Closed 8:30am - Rosh Hashanah Family Service 10:30am - Rosh Hashanah Main Service 10:30am - Rosh Hashanah Youth Service	15 6:00pm - Adult Learning - Tashlich	16 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	17 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew	18 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service	19 4:00pm - TASTY Beach Bonfire-Away
20 8:45am - Men of TAS Monthly Meeting 9:00am - First Day of Religious School	21	22 12:30pm - ECEC Closes 3:00pm - Temple Office Closes 6:00pm - Kol Nidre Family Service 7:45pm - Kol Nidre Main Service	23 Temple Offices and School Closed 8:30am - Yom Kippur Family Service 10:30am - Yom Kippur Main Service 1:15pm - Yom Kippur Study Sessions 3:45pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 5:15pm - Yom Kippur Yizkor Service 6:15pm - Neilah Service	24 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting	25 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	26 NFTY Weekend 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Evenas 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Baron
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