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# FROM THE DESK OF RABBI BARRY M. LUTZ, R.J.E.

#### DEAR FRIENDS.

This morning as I reflect back on the High Holy Days, I am filled with awe and wonder and a great deal of gratitude. (Which, by the way, is exactly where I think you are supposed to be at the end of Yom Kippur.) I reflect back on preparations that began for us soon after Passover when Rabbi Shawna, Cantor Roher and I reviewed our notes from the previous

year and began thinking, planning, tinkering, visioning for this High Holy Days. Of course this year, our Golden Anniversary, was a huge focus - and discussions began last spring as well with our spectacular 50th anniversary committee under the incredible leadership of Bonnie Covelli. Later as our vision began to come into focus, our Fund Development committee, under the able leadership of Ken Miles also became intimately involved. By June, sermon

themes had been identified and the reading, researching, collecting of resources had begun. Soon **Debbie Weiss** and **Sheila Reback** were also beginning their monumental task of collecting names of our huge cadre of volunteers to begin to assign honors and send out letters inviting the participation of those we wished to honor.

Before the end of June Cantor Roher was holding "boot camp" for new choir members, in order to catch them up on the music for the HHDays -- and had already begun to work with the choir on the exceptional and moving Halleluyah that they sang on Rosh Hashanah morning. The Cantor's work with the choir, of course, continued throughout the summer. The care and concern and consideration that goes into the musical selections of the High Holy Days should not be underestimated. You may have noticed a few new musical pieces this year - or slight variations on traditional pieces of liturgy. It all takes great thought and care, consideration of

the choir and of the community. And I would be remiss if I did not thank the Cantor for the exceptional work she does, and has done, in developing a sophisticated and multi-dimensional musical program - that is moving and inspiring and truly adds beauty and meaning to our High Holy Day worship.



As all of that is happening, our incredible support staff under the able leadership of our Executive Director, Aaron Solomon, made sure every detail was taken care of - and the amount of items to see to is truly monumental and unending. Beginning with seeing to the renewal of our members, every small detail regarding services from tickets to seating to usher training. Fielding many, many questions. Interfacing with multiple committees. Coordinating

our Count Me In campaign. I could go on and on, but that every detail was seen to and that every aspect of our services, from getting everyone to their seats to seamless transitions to this year's amazing sound system is due to the incredible dedication and hard work of Aaron and our "front line staff:" Cynthia Spoon, Leanne Lansang, Sophia Redondo and Cindy Leshtz. I hope you will take a moment to express your gratitude next time you are at the offices.

By August we had moved into Elul -- I hope that you had the opportunity to join us for one of our reflective Elul services of preparation punctuated each week by the blast of the shofar, reminding us that the new year was quickly approaching. A special thank you to our shofar blowers: Ron Saritzky, Janice Berlin, Don Weissman, Jen Spier and Jordan Friedman. We are blessed by your talents!

On the Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah, as our

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

#### Saturday, October 3

Geoff and Leslie Fischer and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Fischer

#### Saturday, October 10

Scott and Teri Yollis and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Alia Yollis

#### Saturday, October 17

Scott and Gaynor Rabin and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Rabin

Frank and Lisa Soronow and Family on the B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca and Sydney Soronow

#### Saturday, October 24

Stuart and Nora Frolick and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Frolick

Dan and Teri Rubanowitz and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Renee Rubanowitz





**Photo from TAS Archives** 

During the Vietnam War, when thousands and thousands of Vietnamese families were trying to flee their homeland, TAS agreed to sponsor one such family. We had to guarantee them an apartment with furnishings, medical and dental care and help with finding employment. We were thrilled when the Lamm family arrived in relatively good health. They have since gone on to build a thriving chain of nail salons, as well as educating their children. Marian Millman (left) and Barbara Wolpow(right) pictured with the Lamm Family.

preparations intensified, we observed Selichot. It is a beautiful and reflective evening, made even more so by the always gracious and thoughtful preparation of **Sheila Reback** and her "crew." The social hall was beautiful and added to the meaning and spirit of this moving evening of preparation.

And then there were "the days" themselves. As always, our High Holy Day committee, led by **Anita Hoch** did a fabulous job coordinating efforts on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Our speakers added such beautiful and personal touches to each of our services. As we reflected on our 50 years, **Marian Milman, Sheri Eels, Heidi Lauer, Debby Lieber, Fran Krimston, Joan Krimston, Isy Wiefel, Victoria Solkovits, <b>Doug Gee, Vivian Gee and Rori Albert** truly expressed the sacred purpose and meaning of this community.

Our amazingly talented and creative Director of Life Long Learning **Barb Gelb** with the support of our Adult Education committee, led by **Diane Levine** put together thought provoking study sessions that punctuated Yom Kippur afternoon. Additionally, Barb and Rabbi Shawna worked with our **TASTY** members to put together a meaningful and beautiful children's service and activities.

I am sure I am forgetting some whose help and support was invaluable. For that I offer my apologies. But, as you

can see, The High Holy Days take months of thought and preparation. And they truly take a village. I am blessed to be surrounded by an incredible professional team who, with dedication, careful thought and planning and a great deal of care make every aspect of our High Holy Day season beautiful and meaningful. And, of course, none of that would be possible without the help and support of many, many, many volunteers - from our parking attendants in their sparkly new vests (and did anyone notice their equally beautiful and sparkly new socks?), to our ushers and board members and so many others who went out of their way to make the High Holy Days truly special.

And so, I am so grateful...so blessed to be surrounded by so many who work so hard on behalf of our sacred Tent of Meeting, to truly make this a place where God's presence was felt and encountered during these High Holy Days. I hope that they were meaningful for you and that you found beauty and purpose during the truly awe filled days.

And now Cheshvan. A month with, remarkably no special days! A moment to catch our collective breaths, simply enjoy each other company before we move on to...Hanukkah!

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#### SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! (DEADLINES IN BOLD)

Oct 10 (Sat)		Last day to RSVP for the paid-up luncheon	
Oct. 18 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Paid Up Membership Event	
Oct. 25 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Holiday Boutique	
Oct. 28 (Wed)	6:15 p.m.	Mah Jongg night	
Nov. 4 – Nov 8		WRJ Biennial – Orlando, Florida	
Nov. 8 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Pala Casino Trip	
Nov. 19 (Thurs)	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting: Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/ Palestinian Conflict	
Nov. 21 (Sat)	7:30 p.m.	60's Dance	
Nov. 25 (Wed)	6:15 p.m.	Mah Jongg night	
Mar. 13 (Sun)		Campership Application deadline	

an explanation of donor. The picture shows the team of Sisterhood members and their daughters that assembled the packet. Our thanks to Arleigh, Roseanna, Jackie M., Mikayla, Jennifer, Sue, Elise, Samantha, Rebecca, Cheryl and Jackie Z. (taking the picture) for pitching in – having so many people made the job easy.

If you have not yet paid your dues, we encourage you to send them in right away. Even if you never come to a meeting, joining Sisterhood makes the statement that what Sisterhood does makes a difference. And Sisterhood does make a huge difference. Between our numerous programs supporting our Temple youth, our support of the Temple (both through onegs and financially) our leadership training and our participation in nationwide programs supporting Rabbinic programs and youth (not to mention the great friendships that arise) Sisterhood is a significant influence both in our Temple community and in the greater Jewish community.

#### Sisterhood Membership dues:

Member \$45 Sponsor \$72 Patron \$118

Checks can be left in the Sisterhood box at the Temple or mailed to 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge, CA 91326

#### SEPTEMBER SUCCESSES!



Our honey fundraiser closed out with 187 honey wishes for the clergy and staff (35% more than last year) and 154 jars shipped to friends and family. The picture is of the box of honey jars for the clergy and staff, each with a letter

saying who had sent them honey wishes. What a sweet way to start off the year! Special thanks go to Gail Karlin, Phyllis Bigelson and Mel Birken, our top three honey senders. All our participants are very much appreciated.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

By now you should have received your Sisterhood membership packet. Every eligible Temple member gets a packet, even if they have already paid their dues, because it contains



lots of good information, like the Sisterhood calendar and

#### PAID UP LUNCHFON



The paid up luncheon is Sunday, October 18. It starts at 10 a.m. at the Temple. All paid Sisterhood members can attend for free, but reservations are a must. Entertainment will be a fabulous

Women's chorus. RSVP by Saturday, October 10 to Cheryl Frumes at tas.cherylf@gmail.com, or Jackie Malinowitz (818) 709-5062. We hope to see you at the luncheon!

#### Cheryl Frumes and Jackie Malinovitz Membership Co-Vice Presidents

#### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Reserve the morning or early afternoon on Sunday, October 25 to shop for gifts or 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



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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? Come get your holiday shopping done early this year. What could be easier?

**NOVEMBER MEETING** 

#### Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict



The topic of our November meeting will be Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict. Put Thursday November 19 (7:30 p.m) on your calendar now, because you don't want to miss this timely and informative meeting.

#### 60'S DANCE

On Saturday, November 21, we will have a 60's dance to commemorate the Temple's beginning in 1965. Come to the Temple in your favorite 60's garb and we will have a fabulous time!

#### **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 (also before March 13, 2016). 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

Stop by the temple Judaica shop, brought to you by Sisterhood, and view our latest treasures! See our wonderful selection of holiday items to enhance your celebrations. Throughout the



year we carry a versatile collection of Judaica – jewelry, tallits, kippahs, mezuzahs, yads,candleholders, yahrzeit memorials,

cards for every occasion and more!



We are open during Shabbat evening onegs, on Sundays

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from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - Noon.

Special appointments? With pleasure! Call Laraine Miller at (818) 993-0796 or Linda Sculler at (818)701-7117.



Credit cards, checks and cash accepted. Shop proceeds help fund the many Sisterhood projects and services provided to the temple.

#### **COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES**



TAS Sisterhood sends boxes of coupons to overseas bases. The coupons went to Japan, to the Air Force/Marine Unit and to the Navy. The families appreciate the coupons, as prices are very high overseas.

Thank you for cutting and sorting your coupons. They should be

sorted into envelopes and labeled "FOOD" and "NOT FOOD" This makes it more convenient for the recipients to find what they need.

The boxes sent are the very largest Flat Rate. These go to an APO, therefore we pay domestic postage. The boxes are stuffed as full as possible, and several pounds of coupons make their way to those who need them.

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

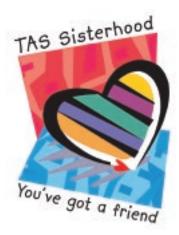
#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG



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





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# REMEMBERING BESS & GARY HIMLER AND HOW OUR SYNAGOGUE WAS BUILT

HAL AND PHYLLIS BASS

Among the many outstanding people whom we have known since joining TAS in 1974, Bess and Gary Himler stand out as truly special "menschen." At the time, Gary was the president and he was on the bima virtually every Friday night to extend words of welcome and to make the announcements. As a public presence, he projected enormous warmth, great self-confidence, and genuine congeniality. The man we soon got to know on a personal level in every way lived up to these traits.

Bess and Gary's personal family story is noteworthy, reflecting aspects of the American Jewish experience during the first half of the 20th century. Bess's family was fortunate to leave Odessa, Russia in 1917, before the outbreak of the revolution. They settled in Milwaukee, where Bess was born November 8, 1924. Gary was born in Vienna on June 6, 1925. On Kristallnacht in November 1938, Gary and his



father were arrested. While Gary was released later that night, his father was taken to Dachau, where he spent three months before they were able to secure his release. In 1939, Gary was among the 10,000 children who were sent on one of the Kinder Transports to England, where he lived for a year with a Quaker family in Sussex. With an affidavit from a relative in the U.S. who would take responsibility for them as needed, his parents were able to leave Vienna on one of the last trains by which Jews were permitted to exit Austria. Gary and his parents were reunited in the United States in 1940.

Bess and Gary met in high school in Milwaukee, and both started college together at age 16. With one trimester to go before his degree, Gary entered the Navy. Returning home from the war, he completed his studies in electrical engineering at Marquette University, from where Bess graduated with a degree in chemistry. Gary went on to earn a master's degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. The Himlers were married in 1946.

Bess and Gary were founding members of TAS. They generously underwrote the cost of building the second multi-purpose structure at the south end of our property, completed in 1973. However, they had no desire to have their names on the building. It is called the Martyrs Building, on which there is a plaque memorializing the 11 Israeli athletes murdered by Palestinian terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Having just received from the Himlers' daughter Janet some old Menorah clippings, we were moved by Gary's reflections on assuming the presidency in 1972, an office which he held for four years. His Menorah column tells us of his "great reluctance" to become president. He goes on to express the following: "Today, only 90 days later, I am actually grateful to the nominating committee for not allowing me to say, 'No.' The excitement and fulfillment which comes from one's own involvement in a project cannot be described; it is a feeling which has to be experienced." Gary continued with praise for his fellow officers and trustees whom he believed to be similarly engaged in the same "spirit of involvement."

Gary's presidency included the challenge of finding a rabbi who would ensure the stability of the young congregation, which had experienced far too many rabbinic changes. Gary's leadership in bringing Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman to the pulpit in 1973 accomplished that goal.

Within a year or two after our affiliation, the havurah concept was introduced at TAS, and we were part of the



Himlers' newly formed havurah, which was later named Havurah Yonatan, in memory of Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu, who commanded and was killed in the Entebbe raid on July 4, 1976. Our group included other founders, Sylvia and Sam Alster, Esther and Harvey Saritzky, and Ruth and Max Lupul. So it is not surprising that a number of us newer and younger members were mentored and inspired to take on leadership roles in the years ahead.

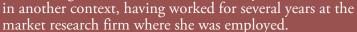
Bess and Gary were unstintingly hospitable to the havurah, and many of our events were held in their home on Zelzah Avenue in Granada Hills. In addition, Bess was a wonderful cook, and often included us in family holiday celebrations. We particularly remember Bess's matzah balls, challah, apple walnut cake, and German potato salad. She baked large quantities of challah, and for several years baked the challahs for the Oneg Shabbats following Friday night services. In those days, the Sisterhood preferred to serve homemade baked products, and whenever we failed to have enough, Bess would run home at the last minute and bring over a bundt cake or cookies that she had in reserve.

For his part, Gary, along with Dr. Max Lupul, became the temple's Mr. Fix-Its. Gary and Max's ability to repair almost anything brought them into members' homes to fix appliances or do plumbing – with the fees generated by their expertise donated entirely to TAS.

When Rabbi Kleinman set forth a vision to build a permanent sanctuary-social hall complex, Gary was the man who came on board as the central figure overseeing the various committees which soon formed. He recognized leadership qualities in Jerry Pfefferman and appointed him to spearhead the fundraising effort. Gary worked tirelessly with the subcommittees, which included a needs assessment and selection of the architect. Gary drove Phyllis and the other Building Committee members around the city on interviews. One such interview was with an up-and-coming architect, Frank Gehry, who invited us into his studio and showed us a retrospective of his work. The committee ultimately felt he was too avant garde and chose the safer path of the architectural firm of Brent, Robbins & Brown that had designed Temples Steven S. Wise and Ramat Zion. An exciting ground breaking ceremony took place in 1977, and members watched with anticipation during the year of construction. Our synagogue-social hall complex was not quite complete; but with a special permit from the city, the entire congregation, and especially Bess and Gary and those of us close to the project, were thrilled to celebrate the High Holy Days of 1978 in our spacious new facilities.

Bess and Gary gave most generously of their means to the fundraising campaign. Being extremely modest, they initially did not wish to have a plaque of recognition. However, they were ultimately persuaded that their efforts needed to be permanently etched into the history of the building effort. So it happens that Bess and Gary are honored on a plaque for sponsoring the ark, but they also chose to pay tribute to the memory of Rabbi Kleinman's father, Rabbi Philip Kleinman, on the plaque, which is affixed to right of the ark.

Our daughter Laura was a friend of Janet's, and both of our daughters, Laura and Alana, fondly remember Bess





We have enjoyed the renewal of our friendship with the Himlers' daughters, Judi and Janet, who have in recent years both returned to Los Angeles. The Himlers' son, David, lives in Lake Havasu, AZ. We are delighted that Judi and Janet from time to time have joined us for worship, including the August Shabbabaque in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

Bess died on October 4, 1992, and Gary on November 10, 2008. We will always remember Bess and Gary Himler for their warmth, kindness, vision, and largesse of spirit.

### MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

#### Motas as role models

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### "Why Get Involved with MoTAS?"



At our September meeting, I asked the members present why they got involved with the Men of TAS. A fair number got involved for the service component — being in MoTAS provides and easy and fun way to do service and support the TAS Community. We cook, we build,

we clean, we provide support (both physical and financial). Contributions of both time and funds come back to the congregation, and a lesser extent, the membership.

However, service wasn't the primary reason that most people got involved and stay involved. It was the people — the men — of MoTAS. MoTAS provides a group of reasonable size that permits you to get to know others in the congregation. Unlike the cohort of parents in the Religious School who are bound together by their children, the Men of TAS come together because we like each other. Yes, we have a speaker at our meeting. The bulk of the meeting, however, is seeing our friends.

If you are a man in the congregation — whatever age — we invite you to come to a meeting. Get to know the men who are active in the congregation, across all age ranges. We count on you for the continuity of MoTAS.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit http://wp.me/p4Dmcs-dd

#### 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.

The success of the Golf Tournament depends on you.



In particular, with the tournament only three weeks away, now is the time to push for player signups. We need players. This is a wonderful opportunity for you, for your coworkers, for your clients, for your potential clients – spend a day in the sun on the links, and enjoy quality time with your friends.

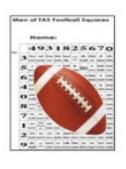
Did we mention there will be contests and prizes and goodie bags? Our silent auction table is filling up - we

already have donations of golf weekends, theater outings, dining opportunities, and other services (and we welcome more donations at any time). There will be a raffle where you can win the best gift of all: cash. We're also going to have excellent food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

All and all, it will be a wonderful day – all it needs is you and your friends. You'll find our price to play is much less than many other tournaments – especially charity tournaments. You can find more information – including both online and printable signup forms – at <a href="http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org/">http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org/</a>.

#### **SPORTS SQUARES**

We're pleased to report that our Fall Football Squares board is 100% full. This is great news for the players, and even better news for Temple Ahavat Shalom. The sports squares funds support activities at (and needs of) the congregation that often wouldn't get support otherwise. Funds from Sports Squares paid for the TAS



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Booth at the Granada Hills Street Fair this month. Funds support camperships and needs of the Junior Choir. Funds support the pamphlets available for Jewish Lights for the Caring Community. Funds from Squares are supporting maintaining the refrigerators in the TAS kitchen in top condition. Your support is vital for all of this, and we thank those of you who play. We also thank those of you who opt to donate your winnings back to the sports squares fund.

Feeling left out? You'll get another chance in January/ February with our Superbowl Squares. Just keep watching http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/.

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

#### SPEAKERS PROGRAM

On Sunday, October 11th, 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 "Alphonse Capone: Public Enemy No. 1." Here's the description from our speaker, Hal Bass:

Prohibition went into effect on January 17, 1920, Al Capone's 21st birthday. By then, the Brooklyn-born son of respectable, hard-working Neapolitan immigrants had moved to Chicago, a city whose mayor and police department he would eventually own. "Scarface," from a deep gash he suffered on the left side of his face during a barroom fight, consolidated his takeover of illegal liquor distribution, prostitution, loan-



sharking and other rackets through the infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre on February 14, 1929.

Capone was ultimately convicted of income tax evasion and sent to federal prison in 1932. There, he was diagnosed with

neurosyphilis, which he had acquired years earlier while "sampling the merchandise" at a Chicago brothel where he had worked as a bouncer. Paroled in 1939 after prison psychologists determined he now had the mind of a child, Capone retired to his estate on Palm Island, Florida, and died there in 1947, just shy of his 48th birthday.

To learn more about Capone, his associates and successors, and the activities which earned him the moniker, "Public Enemy No. 1," you are cordially invited to attend the MoTAS meeting on Sunday morning, October 11, where Dr. Hal Bass will tell us about mobdom's most notorious figure. The title of Hal's informative PowerPoint presentation is "Al 'Scarface' Capone: The Rise and Fall of Public Enemy No. 1."

We are in the process of establishing this year's speakers program. Anticipated futures peakers include the first student Rabbi of North Valley Reform (one of the predecessors of TAS) and a speaker on Yiddishkayt, a program the explores Yiddish communities of Eastern Europe. Full information on the emerging speakers program may be found at <a href="http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/monthly-meetings/speakers-program/">http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/monthly-meetings/speakers-program/</a>.

Those who attended our September meeting were treated to a wonderful informal discussion of Men's Health issues, including a far ranging question and answer session, covering topics such as immunizations, colonoscopies, asprin therapy, statin therapy, and all the other things you need to know to live a long and healthy life. We thank our speaker, Dr. Joshua Rokaw, for his time.

#### OCTOBER MEN'S HANG-OUT

On Sunday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m., 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 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. This month's question is: "What Jewish Values do we want to see in the ideal Presidential Candidate?" Our group

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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.

This hang-out will be a dinner meeting with pizza, desserts, and refreshments. If you will be able to attend, please RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/motas-1510-hangout or call Dave Friedman, (818) 360-2323, or email vp-dave@tasnorthridge-motas.org.

#### **NOVEMBER LOOK-AHEAD**

Looking ahead to our November events, please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

- Mitzvah Day on November 1st. We're not sure what we're doing yet, but you can be sure it will be something to help rebuild our community.
- Our monthly Speaker's Meeting on Sunday, November 8th



#### RECENT ACTIVITIES

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, August 30th**, the Men of Temple
Ahavat Shalom hosted
our traditional Pancake
Breakfast for the first day
of religious school. From all
reports, the event was very



successful. Thank you to all our volunteers: Les Berkin, Joe Blachman, Larry Hoffman, Bob Levine, Roger Lowe, Joel Lowell, Howard Miller, Kathy Pullman, Bill Shapiro, Jeff Shulman, Frank Soronow, Mike Thornhill, Scott Yollis, and Alia Yollis.

#### 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.



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# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Men of TAS (MoTAS) Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, October 19, 2015

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# Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom

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#### BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR OCTOBER 6 IS "ALL I LOVE AND KNOW" BY JUDITH FRANK

This is an intense drama of a modern American family that explores adoption and gay marriage. For years, Matthew Greene and Daniel Rosen have enjoyed a quiet domestic life together in Northampton, Massachusetts. Opposites in many ways, they have grown together and made their relationship work. But when they learn that Daniel's twin brother and sister-in-law have been killed in a bombing in Jerusalem, their lives are suddenly, utterly transformed.

In dealing with their families and the need to make a decision about who will raise the deceased couple's two children, both Matthew and Daniel are confronted with

challenges that strike at the very heart of their relationship. What is Matthew's place in an extended family that does not completely accept him or the commitment he and Daniel have made? How do Daniel's questions about his



identity as a Jewish man affect his life as a gay American? Tensions only intensify when they learn that the deceased parents wanted Matthew and Daniel to adopt the children a baby and a six year old. What kind of parents can these two men really be? How does a family become strong enough to stay together and endure? And are there limits to honesty or commitment—or love?

The Book Group meets in the Library/ 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. You may join us even if you have not read the book. A \$5 contribution per person is

requested. (Note: Nov. book is "Rag Race", by Adam Mendelsohn, Barbara Vosen, facilitator.)

Tyree Wieder, Ed.D.

# ECEC



The last month has been filled with apples, bees, shofars and fruit to hang in the Sukkah. Our classrooms also have their own individual Sukkahs, each one different from the rest and all made and decorated beautifully by our ECEC children. Take a look through

the windows as you walk by and see how lovely it all looks. We are eating, reading, playing and learning in these temporary shelters, and the children love being in them.

We had a very meaningful Tashlich service with the school. Our children thought about inappropriate choices they had made, put these thoughts in bubbles that the teachers blew and watched them drift upwards until they popped. Then there was nothing left and the action was erased.



Simchat Torah will be here soon. You will see the school children parading through the buildings and possibly even circling the buildings waving flags. Our first Bim Bam Bimah of the new school year is on Friday, October 9th. Please join us once again as we welcome Shabbat with the youngest members of our community. We will sing, dance and join together in prayer, and conclude with a delicious oneg catered by our Lion class. The Lions class

are very excited to sing many of the Shabbat songs they have learned.

This is the time of year when we have our first Parent / Teacher Conferences. The teachers look forward to this opportunity to both share information about the children with their parents and to learn more about the children from their parents.

We are thrilled to announce that our ECEC library is up and running, thanks to Jennifer Glasser, who spent a great deal of the summer and the beginning of the school year, sorting, categorizing, and shelving all our books. Of course this project would never have even been started without Rachel Schachter, who so kindly collected about \$1,000 for her Bat Mitzvah project to develop the library. A huge Todah Rabah to both of you. This project will have a huge, long lasting effect on so many children.

We are also very thankful to Jennifer and Craig Rodman-Plost who donated a water filter for the kitchen sink in the ECEC. We are all are now drinking filtered water throughout the day and truly appreciate the generous gift.

Please look for invitations in your mail for our first annual Casino Night to be held on Saturday, November 7th from 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Our committee has been working extremely hard on this event, and it promises to be a wonderful night. We are still collecting donations for our Silent Raffle and would really like some big items to help us raise money for the ECEC. If anyone can donate electronic items, hotel or vacation stays, airline miles, or anything that might be a great draw, please contact me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, dressed up in your roaring 20s outfits and I thank you in advance for your support of our school.

L'Shalom,

Tessa Cramer, ECEC Director



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The Pearlman Family wishing Enid "Bubbles" Rubin a smooth and speedy recovery

The Pearlman Family, "Thank you to the TAS Staff, TAS High Holiday Committee and Choir, for all your hard work. The High Holidays were wonderful."

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Jill Barbee and Family on the death of her maternal grandmother, Ruth Engel

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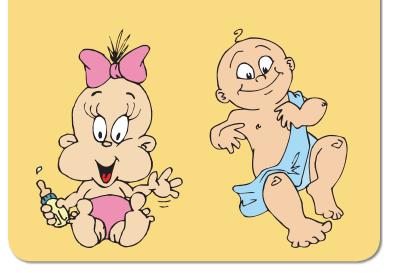
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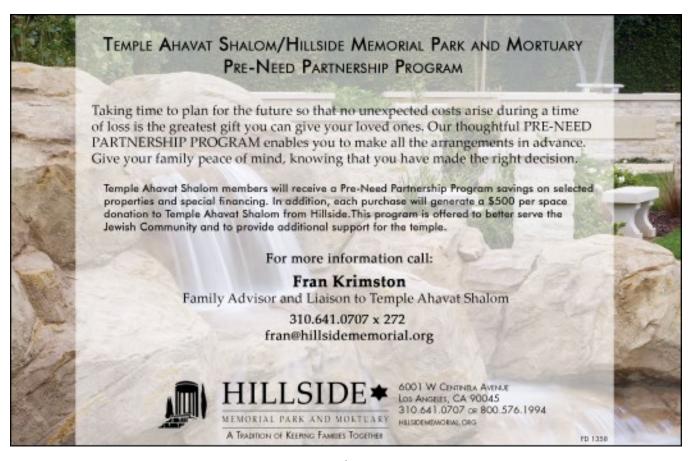


#### Congratulations to:

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#### OCTOBER 2015 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Sisterhood Sukkot - Away	2 9:00am - Parent and Me Class 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>3</b> 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Emily Fischer
4 8:00am - Social Action Event - Away 4:00pm - Simchat Torah Service/Consecration 6:30pm - Simchat Torah and Sukkot	<b>5</b> Temple Offices and School Closed 6:00pm - Sukkot Yizkor Service	<b>6</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	7 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	8 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Book Group 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation	9:00am - Parent and Me Class 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah Service 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	10 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Alia Yollis
11 8:45am - Men of TAS 11:30am - ROBBO Concert	<b>12</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - ECEC Rosh Hodesh Mom's Night Out 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	14 7:15pm - JNET Meeting	15 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation	16 9:00am - Parent and Me Class 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm - Community Shabbat Dinner – Aleph Third Grade	9:30am - Torah on the Trail 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Rabin 4:45pm - B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca and Sydney Soronow
18 9:15am - New Member Orientation 9:30am - PJ Library Event 10:00am - Sisterhood Paid Up Luncheon 6:00pm - Men's Hang Out - Away	8:00am - Annual Men of TAS Charity Golf Tournament 8:00am - Lifeline Screening 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Wine and Cheese Meeting for Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens 6:00pm - TAS Tuesdays	<b>21</b> 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Social Action Committee Meeting - Away 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation	9:00am - Parent and Me Class 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Frolick 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Renee Rubanowitz
25 8:00am - Sisterhood Holiday Boutique 9:30am - Adult Ed: Hartman Lecture Series - Away	<b>26</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	<b>27</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	28 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	29 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation	9:00am - Parent and Me Class 6:00pm - Cocktail Shabbat and Family Focus Picnic 6:45pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>31</b> 10:15am - Shabbat Service

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