

## REMEMBERING OUR RABBI EMERITUS SOLOMON F. KLEINMAN

Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman passed away on October 9, 2015. He was 95 and in recent years had been a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aging in Reseda. Many at TAS will recall the joyous celebration of Rabbi Kleinman's life and career on the occasion of his 90th birthday in 2010. The celebration was a two-part event: a packed Friday night service on April 9 conducted by Rabbi Lutz and a Sunday evening cocktail party and dinner on April 11.

### FAMILY AND EARLY YEARS:

Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman was born in St. Paul, MN, on March 8, 1920. His parents were Rabbi Philip and Yetta Kleinman. Sol was the middle child, between brothers Matthew and Norman. At the time of his birth, Sol's father was the rabbi of the Congregation of Aaron, a Conservative synagogue in St. Paul. When Sol was 5, the family moved to Milwaukee, and from that age through high school he attended Jewish summer camp in upstate New York. The experiences at camp would inform Sol's approach to Jewish communal life when he ultimately entered the rabbinate.

After graduating from Milwaukee's Washington High School at age 17, Sol entered the University of Minnesota, where his older brother Matt was serving a dental internship. Sol majored in Philosophy. The following year, after his parents moved to Portland, where his dad had become the rabbi at Congregation Neveh Tzedek, Sol transferred to Reed College and later to the University of Washington in Seattle.

Sol met Shirley Rickles at a theatrical event at the University of Washington. Sol and Shirley were married in 1942. Sol's

father performed the ceremony at Congregation Neveh Tzedek. Sol interrupted his studies to enlist in the Army Air Corps, where he attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He became a navigator and instructor on B-24 bombers. Shirley, who passed away several years ago, would pursue a career as a publicist and journalist, writing extensively for the Jewish press.



Rabbi Solomon Kleinman (left) and Rabbi Alan Henkin (right) taken at Rabbi Kleinman's 90th birthday celebration in April 2010

Returning home, Sol completed his B.A. in Philosophy at the University of Washington under the G.I. Bill, and soon after announced his intention to study for the rabbinate. Unlike his father, Sol chose the Reform movement and entered Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1948 with his parents' full support. Ordained in 1952, he and many of his classmates, most notably Amos Schauss, Alexander Schindler and Balfour Brickner, would go on to

distinguished careers in the rabbinate. Rabbi Kleinman's diploma was signed by two luminaries of the Reform movement: Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath and the eminent archaeologist, Rabbi Nelson Glueck. Rabbi Kleinman's first congregation was Temple Beth El of Niagara Falls, which he served until 1956.

Sol and Shirley then moved to California and settled in North Hollywood, where their children Sandy and Joel grew up. Sandy is a retired federal administrative law judge married to Conrad Rogers. Joel is a theatrical talent agent. Joel and his wife Margit have two children: Sarah, a graduate of UC Berkeley, and Gideon, a UCLA graduate.

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR NOVEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

*Saturday, November 14*

Joel Miller and Curtis and Myrna Miller and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Odessa Miller



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## A CAREER RICH IN ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Having arrived in Los Angeles in 1956 to assume the position of Associate Regional Director for the Union for Reform Judaism, which at the time was known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Kleinman became the Regional Director two years later. Among the many achievements during his seven years in this position, Rabbi Kleinman brought a large number of new congregations into the URJ. He took special pride in the establishment of Camp Swig under URJ auspices. The site originally had been owned and operated by several prominent Jewish leaders in San Francisco, who invited the Reform movement to provide Jewish programming at their lush 210-acre facility in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Rabbi Kleinman used his considerable powers of persuasion to convince Ben Swig, owner of San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel, and the others to donate the entire property to the Reform movement. Through Rabbi Kleinman's efforts, Camp Swig became a creative and innovative prototype for other Jewish camps in the Reform movement. One model program within Camp Swig was the all-Hebrew-speaking Camp Solael.

Rabbi Kleinman dedicated himself to quality Jewish education for all ages. In his role as Regional Director, he established the Union Hebrew High School, and with enormous pleasure, saw his daughter Sandy complete her Hebrew studies there as a member of the first graduating class. He was the Dean of the Los Angeles College of Jewish Studies, which he had helped organize to train religious school teachers and administrators. Later, at Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Kleinman taught many future rabbis. In 1977, Hebrew Union College conferred upon him an honorary degree as Doctor of Divinity.

Rabbi Kleinman recalled with great satisfaction how as Regional Director, in response to Rose Zucker, the mother of a deaf child, he enthusiastically embraced the undertaking that would result in the creation of the world's first congregation to serve the Jewish hearing-impaired. In 1960, with seed money from the Sisterhood of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the new congregation was launched. In gratitude, its members named it Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf in Rabbi Kleinman's honor.

Throughout his long career, Rabbi Kleinman pursued a vigorous social action agenda. He advocated on behalf of farm workers, served on the Inter-Religious Commission on Race and Religion, and participated in the civil rights movement alongside the NAACP's Roy Wilkins.

Rabbi Kleinman returned to the pulpit in 1963 when a group of families came to him to establish Temple Kol Odom in Encino. During his years with Temple Kol Odom, Rabbi Kleinman developed many creative modes of worship. In

the late 1960s, with his wife Shirley writing an inspiring service, Selichot was celebrated under the stars at midnight. Heretofore, a service such as this had never taken place in a Reform synagogue.

Rabbi Kleinman came to Temple Ahavat Shalom in 1973 at a time of instability and rabbinic discontinuity, and continued as our senior rabbi until becoming Rabbi Emeritus Solomon F. Kleinman in 1986. A gifted speaker with an enormous sense of dignity and always impeccably dressed, Rabbi Kleinman delivered stirring sermons, often demonstrating a dramatic flair as well as his prodigious intellect. He worked closely with Cantors Ray Roberts, Gary Bachlund and Patti Linsky, along with the choir and organist Bob Mitchell, in providing the finest of Jewish liturgical music during Shabbat and holiday worship.

Bringing the spirit of camp life to the congregation, Rabbi Kleinman initiated a number of unforgettable weekend retreats: several for couples, one for parents and children, and one for the Men of TAS. These weekends of song, study and prayer at various camp sites bound the congregation together in friendship and shared purpose and inspired new leadership. In the mid-1970s, Rabbi Kleinman introduced the Havurah concept to our synagogue, which further strengthened the fabric of congregational life.

Continuing his deep commitment to social action, Rabbi Kleinman galvanized the congregation in several significant endeavors. Under TAS auspices, a Vietnamese "boat" family, the Lams, received financial support and assistance in their adjustment to a new life in the United States. Project Yachad assisted Soviet Jewish families in leaving the U.S.S.R. and emigrating to the U.S.

Rabbi Kleinman awakened TAS, then a small congregation of 250 families, to its potential and articulated a vision for the future, saying that if we did not fulfill our destiny within this community another congregation would come along and seize the moment. He impressed upon TAS the imperative that we look to the future and build a permanent sanctuary-social hall complex. Writing for the January 1976 issue of the Menorah and having termed the undertaking, "The Possible Dream," he expressed these words: *"I know how difficult such a task will surely be. To provide the space we need for worship and study, for communal gatherings and social events, for work and relaxation—for ourselves and our children—will demand a labor of love and sacrifice. To do these things will require dedication and determination, and most of all the confidence that the time is now."* Soon capital fundraising and architectural committees were formed to make it happen. The doors opened with a special permit for the still incomplete structure, thereby enabling the celebration of the 1978 High Holy Days in our own home. A beautiful service of thanksgiving marked the formal dedication of the sanctuary-

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social hall complex in November. Immediately, life at TAS was enormously enhanced as Rabbi Kleinman had foreseen.

Actively shaping adult education, Rabbi Kleinman implemented the first adult B'nai Mitzvah class. He brought many excellent guest speakers to the pulpit, including Rabbis Roland Gittelsohn and David Saperstein and the dynamic Rev. Malcolm Boyd. He inspired several young people in our congregation, including Jason Gwasdoff, Lisa Vernon, Jonathan Klein, and Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, to become rabbis. Additionally, Rabbi Kleinman mentored a number of student rabbis who served internships at TAS, and he affectionately recalled Stacy Offner and Denise Eger who went on to distinguished careers in the Reform rabbinate. Rabbi Eger is now president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

In the late 1970s, Rabbi Kleinman corresponded with his friend and colleague, Rabbi Albert H. Friedlander of the Westminster Synagogue in London. This congregation had established a repository of Torah scrolls rescued from the Holocaust. That correspondence resulted in our synagogue accepting with great reverence a Torah scroll from one of the decimated synagogues of Czechoslovakia.

Rabbi Kleinman took special pride in recognizing early on the great promise and multiple talents of Rabbi Barry M.

Lutz, who shortly after completing his Master's degree at HUC and prior to his ordination, became the director of our religious school.

For many years, Rabbi Kleinman was the only full-time professional at TAS. Yet he tirelessly maintained a high standard of excellence in all aspects of congregational life—education from preschool through confirmation, a rich tapestry of programs, and inspirational worship experiences. Several years before his retirement, Rabbi Kleinman encouraged TAS in a new fund-raiser, the 1983 Pillar of Light Campaign, to complete the sanctuary with the stained glass, eternal light and ark which grace the bimah to this day.

Those who go back to the Kleinman era cannot enter the synagogue without feeling a deep sense of gratitude and full recognition that TAS would not be the congregation it is today without Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman's inspiring leadership, enormous dedication and vision for the future.

*By Phyllis & Hal Bass*

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## RAG RACE BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR NOVEMBER FACILITATED BY BARBARA VOSEN

The majority of Jewish immigrants who made their way to the United States between 1820 and 1924 arrived nearly penniless; yet today, their descendants stand out as exceptionally successful. How can we explain their dramatic economic ascent? Have Jews been successful because of cultural factors distinct to them as a group, or because of the particular circumstances that they encountered in America? *The Rag Race* argues that the Jews who flocked to the United States during the age of mass migration were aided appreciably by their association with a particular corner of the American economy: the rag trade. From humble beginnings, Jews rode the coattails of the clothing trade from the margins of economic life to a position of unusual promise and prominence, shaping both their societal status and the clothing industry as a whole. Winner of the 2014 National Jewish Book Award

in American Jewish Studies presented by the Jewish Book Council.



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.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! (DEADLINES IN BOLD)

November 8 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Pala Casino Trip
November 19 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	General Meeting: Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict
November 21 (Sat)	7:30 p.m.	'60s Dance
December 19 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	Hanukkah general meeting
2016 January 20		<b>Mah Jongg Card Order Deadline</b>
March 13 (Sun)		<b>Campership Application Deadline</b>

## OCTOBER SISTERHOOD EVENTS RECAP



Our Sukkot meeting was just lovely with over 50 people present. We all squeezed into Jo's large Sukkah, and it was very intimate. Cantor Jen led us in a short, but moving, Sukkot service written by Laraine Miller, and then we enjoyed all the delicious appetizers and desserts that everyone brought. Being able to enjoy Jo's lovely house was a nice bonus on top of the rest of the enjoyable meeting. We are grateful to her for opening up her home to us.

The paid up luncheon was another marvelous Sisterhood affair. Over 60 members enjoyed the singing of the Chasonettes, who were superb, and the food, which was delicious. Thanks to Jackie Malinovitz, Cheryl Frumes, Barbara Seltzer, and Kathy Barker for organizing all the fun and to everyone who pitched in for setup and clean-up.

## APPLES AND HONEY FOR ROSH HASHANAH



A huge THANK YOU to our apples & honey bag crew that assembled the apples and honey bags that Sisterhood passed out the ECEC and Religious School kids for Rosh Hashanah. These kids were so efficient and organized that before we knew it, the task was done. Sisterhood really appreciates your help!

## NOVEMBER MEETING: ISLAM, JIHAD AND THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT



On **Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**, Dr. Saba Soomekh will speak to us in the Temple Social Hall on Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict. Dr. Saba

Soomekh is a highly rated professor in the Religious Studies Department at CSUN and the author of *From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women between Religion and Culture*. This informative meeting is free to Sisterhood members; \$5 to non-members. Bring your friends and family - this is one meeting you won't want to miss!

## CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' '60s DANCE

To celebrate our Groovy Temple's beginning back in 1965, Sisterhood is hosting a California Dreamin' '60s dance. All are invited, members, non-members, spouses, friends, relatives, co-workers. On **Saturday, November 21**, come to the Temple at **7:30 p.m.** in your favorite '60s garb.



We will have Outta Sight appetizers and Fab desserts, beer and drinks. The Bushwackers will provide live music from

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the '60s and you will have a chance to show off your hula-hooping skills.

Early RSVPs are appreciated. RSVP to Carol Stern at (818) 363-8017 or [gusstern47@msn.com](mailto:gusstern47@msn.com) or to Carol Bizar-Morton at (818) 894-6113 or [carolthebizar@yahoo.com](mailto:carolthebizar@yahoo.com). Payment in advance is required. Send check (payable to TAS Sisterhood, \$36 per person) to: Carol Bizar-Morton, 16809 Calahan Street, North Hills, CA 91343. *We Heard It Through the Grapevine* that you will be there or be square!

## MAH JONGG CARDS



Attention Mah Jongg players! 2016 Mah Jongg cards are now available to order through Sisterhood. If you would like to purchase one or more in either regular (\$8) or large size (\$9) Use the order form in the Menorah. You can also find

this form on the Temple website or in the Temple foyer. For every card sold through Sisterhood, we make a minimum of \$1.25 (and a bonus for selling over 200 cards.) The cards cost you no more than if you bought straight from The Mah Jongg League. Do your friends need cards too? Please ask them! The deadline for ordering 2016 Mah Jongg cards is January 20, 2016. Any questions, please email Robyn Blachman at [blachmanj@yahoo.com](mailto:blachmanj@yahoo.com) or call (818) 832-7874.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG



Don't know how to play? Want to learn? Come to our monthly Mah Jongg game. We play on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at the Temple. We always have a teacher there to give lessons,

but you can't learn if you don't show up! Every level of play is accommodated. Don't miss out. There is a \$5 donation to play. Contact Anita Hoch for more information at [anitapearl47@gmail.com](mailto:anitapearl47@gmail.com).

## 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 shebang 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.

## CAMPERSHIPS

Sisterhood and the Men of TAS are pleased to be able to offer camperships/scholarships to Jewish activities 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](mailto:laurasilver818@aol.com) or (818) 207-6886 or the Men of TAS at [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) and let them know your child is interested in service opportunities.

## ONEG SPONSORSHIP



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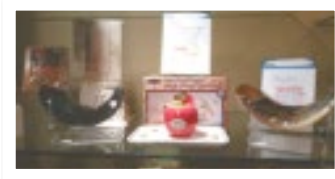
Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary? Have you experienced a career change, a graduation or a new home? Are there people in your life you want to pay special tribute to, or would you like to honor the memory of loved ones?

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.

## 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



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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!

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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.

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

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Our Holiday Boutique was a tremendous success this year thanks to all of you, our wonderfully supportive congregation, who came to “Shop the Possibilities.” Putting on an event of this magnitude can be daunting, but with my supportive committee, the Sisterhood Board and a large group of volunteers everything flowed smoothly.

The Bake Sale this year was phenomenal! The yummy display of our wide variety of delicious donated baked goods really paid off. Of course without our steady stream of bakers, bake sale volunteers, cashiering volunteers, and specialty job volunteers, an undertaking like this would not have been possible, and I am truly grateful for all of your help.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following business establishments for their baked goods donations: Delicious Bakery and Western Bagel.

I must single out those who kept me calm throughout the day and let me go worry free that things would run smoothly: Roseanna Sculler for running around all day attending to the needs of the vendors, Sue Sculler and Jackie Zev for heading up cashiering, Jay and Abe Sculler for keeping the technical stuff up and running, Mel Birken for heading up the bake sale, Joe and Robert Blachman for arriving at the Temple at the crack of dawn to assist with the room set-up, putting up with me during all the preparation, and helping with all the many details, and all the Temple kids who helped me with the set-up, schlepped for the vendors, took orders and delivered food to the vendors, and worked the bake sale and cashiering.

I also want to thank the custodians for all their amazing work setting up and taking down the rooms. Moving all those tables and chairs is no easy job.

Last, but certainly not least on my list of people to thank, is of course the Men of TAS for their continued support of the Sisterhood and for their efficient orchestration of food sales keeping both vendor and shopper happy.

Until next year when Hanukkah starts on Christmas Eve.

**Robyn Blachman**  
**Boutique Chairperson**



# Is this possible?



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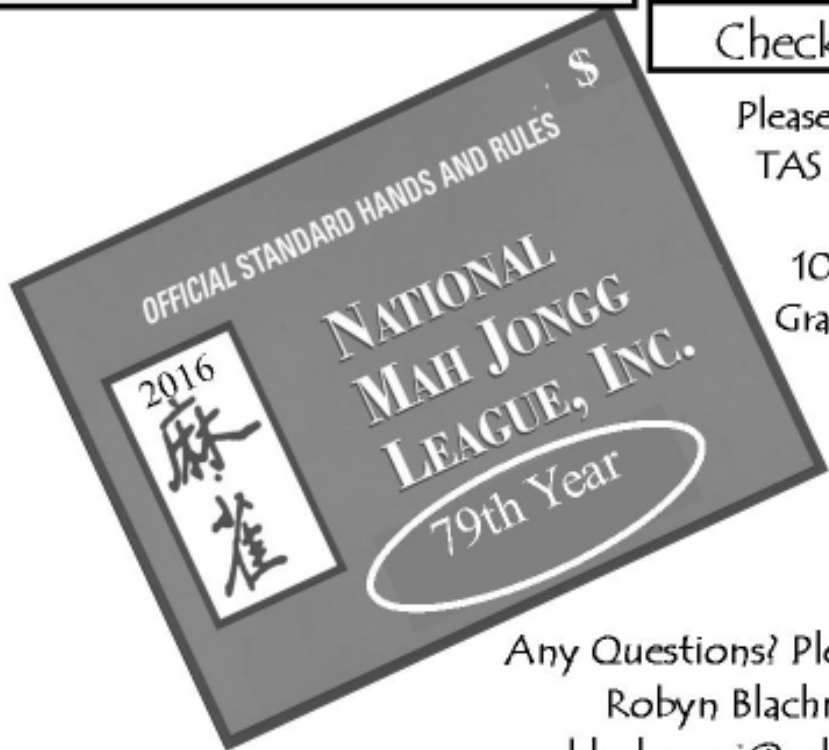
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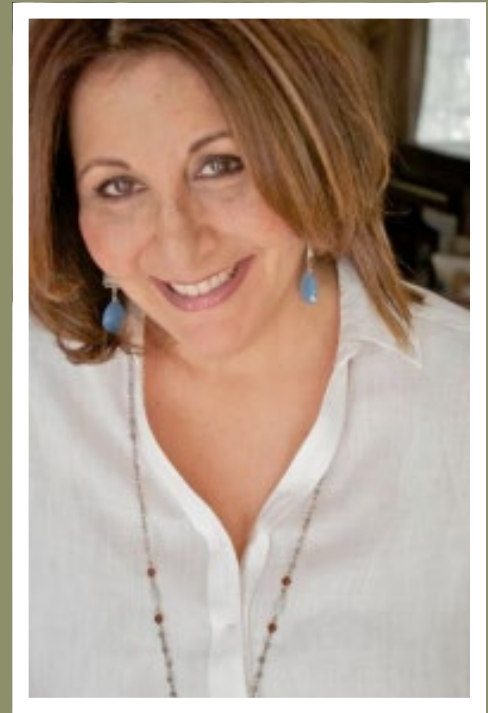


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## OUR CANTOR EMERITA IN THE COMMUNITY

We are so pleased to announce that Patti Linsky, our Cantor Emerita, is now a published author. Her essay, "God's Perfect Child" was accepted into a new book, entitled *SHADES OF BLUE*, published by Seal Press, and edited by Amy Ferris.

This anthology features writers who share their stories ranging from depression, mental illness, addiction, suicide and a variety of other topics which, until now, have been too difficult and filled with shame to discuss. Each story is filled with hope, resilience and the knowledge that WE ARE NOT ALONE IN OUR JOURNEY.



This Is My Brave, Inc. with Depressed Cake Shop are co-hosting the West Coast Launch Party for Amy Ferris' new book, *Shades Of Blue!* Come hear life-saving stories from authors Jennifer Pastiloff, Debra LoGuercio DeAngelo, David Lacy, Hollye Dexter Lira Maywood, Patti Linsky, Karen Lynch, Linda Joy Meyers, Betsy Graziani Fasbinder, Samantha White, and musical performances by Stephen Bishop, Jimmy Camp, Julie Silver, and Shannon Curtis!

Cantor Linsky would be honored if you would join her in a very special launch party on Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm, at the Harmony Gold Theater at 7655 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 90046.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

# A SUPER TERRIFIC COAT AND COSTUME DRIVE FOR MEND IN SEPTEMBER

## THANK YOU ALL

TAS members generously donated the following for our MEND Coat, Raingear and Halloween Costume Drive 2015:

- 21 Halloween Costumes
- 8 Extra warm coats
- 8 Rain coats
- 5 Leather jackets
- 8 Bulky sweaters
- 1 Vest
- 18 Jackets
- 1 Pair of rain boots
- 3 Windbreakers
- 2 Scarves
- 8 Sweatshirts
- 1 pair of gloves
- 7 Caps and hats
- 2 Wraps

Additional donations which arrived after September 29th will be placed in the Mitzvah Day general MEND clothing donation going on now through November 1st.

It's not too late to clean out and donate your gently used clothing items. The blue MEND barrels are in the Temple lobby and in front of the school office.

If you would like a receipt, please list your items and give your name, address and phone number on a slip of paper with your donations.

TAS members, you truly have a heart and always help those who are less fortunate. Thank you all for helping our families in need through MEND, Pacoima.

*Judy Stehr*  
*Social Action Committee Co-Chair*



## THE TRADITION OF GIVING CONTINUES



### MATANOT MILIBEINU (FRAN ROSENFELD'S GIFTS FROM THE HEART PROGRAM)

As the holiday season gets into full swing, it's time to open our hearts to local San Fernando Valley families in greatest need. Matanot MiLibeinu (Gifts from the Heart), our holiday toy drive created by longtime Social Action Committee chair Fran Rosenfield, of blessed memory, has become one of our congregation's signature community programs.

Sign up now to make this year's program a success. Here's how you can help:

1. You may choose a child's name from the Matanot MiLibeinu board in the temple main hallway, or **simply bring an unwrapped gift** and place it in the box hallway by **Monday, December 7. Really want to emphasize that we are collecting toys and children's books.**
2. You, your family or havurah can **Adopt a Family** for the Holidays: contact Sarah Londer at [sarublon@aol.com](mailto:sarublon@aol.com) for more information.
3. We are also collecting unused holiday cards, 2016 calendars, and wrapping supplies, including gift wrap and Scotch tape. Drop these off in the same box used for the toy collection.
4. Join us on the evening of **Monday, December 7th** when we'll host a special **"wrapping party" to wrap the donated presents** \*CONTACT Sarah Londer, [sarublon@aol.com](mailto:sarublon@aol.com), for more information on the time and location for the event.

# MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

## MoTAS AS ROLE MODELS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *“Preventive Maintenance”*



In October, it was my turn to present a D'var Torah at the TAS Board Meeting. The parashah was Noach, and as I wrote it during the Golf Tournament, I was struck by the preventive maintenance Noah did before loading the ark. MoTAS is intimately familiar with

preventative maintenance as we are often called upon to do it, both at the temple and at our homes.

Preventive maintenance can involve hand and power tools, but it can also involve tools as simple as a smile and a greeting. Everytime you greet and welcome someone to

a MoTAS meeting or at a TAS Shabbat or event, you are performing preventive maintenance. Everytime you say “thank you” to a volunteer, you are performing preventive maintenance. You are maintaining the relationship of that person with MoTAS and with TAS, and possibly bringing it to the point where they will become more involved and more active (or they will stay active). This is critical: for if you ignore the preventive maintenance, as with equipment, you pay for it later.

My goal, with MoTAS, is to create a culture of preventive maintenance. If you haven't participated in a MoTAS activity, we would love to have you join us. If you have volunteered to help us, we really appreciate your time and effort. Oh, and if you still want to do that physical preventive maintenance (this time, for the world), come and join MoTAS on Mitzvah Day, November 1, 2015.

*We invite you to comment on this message.  
Just visit <http://wp.me/p4Dmcs-dE>*

### 2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT

As alluded to above, MoTAS just concluded our Golf Tournament for 2015. This event would not be possible without the hard work of the Golf Tournament committee, chaired by Barry Mann, consisting of Daniel Faigin, Brian Hatkoff, Bob Levine, Roger Lowe, Joel Lowell, Howard Miller, Mike Saltsman, and Sheldon Spector.

The event also requires the support of a large number of volunteers to staff registration, the auctions, and the games at the various holes. Thank you to all our volunteers: Joe Alexander, Doris Baum, Lee Baum, Les Birkin, Mel Birkin, Joe Blachman, Ben Blechman, Dave Friedman, Brian Hatkoff, Al Lapides, Bob Levine, Roger Lowe, Laraine Miller, Kathy Pullman, Lynda Spector, and



Ben Tenn. Thank you to all our corporate, special, and tee sign sponsors; you can find them listed in the MoTAS Calendar/Golf Tournament program available in the Temple Foyer. Thank you also to the 60 golfers who joined us for a wonderful day on the course.

Congratulations to all of our winners: 1st Eagle Flight - Mike Bazger, Howard Miller, and Steve Sculler; 2nd Eagle Flight - Brian Anderson, Tim Egan, Greg Cherniet, and Keith Cherniet; Birdie Flight - Jerry Hilecher, Barry Mann, Stephen Rischall, and Matt Stadelman; Par Flight - Rabbi Barry Lutz, Alan Stepakoff, Chuck Mondrus, and Sandy Rosenholz; Gross Flight - Harold Barnes, Les Bittenson, Melvyn Nachman, and Shelly Spector, and our contest winners: Brian Anderson, Joe Blachman, Greg Cherniet, Mike Barger, Steve Sculler, and Steve Hepner.

Al Lapides took numerous pictures of the tournament; they should be up on the Temple website shortly. We hope that all TAS golfers, and their golfing friends and associates, join us at the next MoTAS Golf Tournament, tentatively scheduled for October 2016.

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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## SPEAKERS PROGRAM

On Sunday, November 8, 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, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of Temple Ahavat Shalom as the merger of North Valley Reform and Temple Beth Torah of San Fernando Valley, our speaker is Hal Daum. As a student rabbi, Hal was the first spiritual leader of North Valley Reform. Since then, Hal has had a long and varied career, including working in real estate, as a parole officer, and as the Executive Director for a number of congregations. Hal will be sharing stories about the earliest days of North Valley Reform.



Those who attended our October meeting were treated to a wonderful talk on the gangster Al Capone presented by Hal Bass. We thank Hal for a great presentation.

## MITZVAH DAY



On Sunday, November 1 join MoTAS (and the rest of the congregation) as we help rebuild the world on Mitzvah Day. There is loads of information on Mitzvah Day in the Social Action article, which I won't repeat here. MoTAS hasn't decided what we are doing yet, although I do hear rumors that there is some cleaning to be done in the school kitchen.

## ACTION ALERT LIST

MoTAS is establishing an Action Alert List for "short fuse" action requests – calls for volunteers, reminders for an event in the next week, etc. As "spam" is not kosher, this is an opt-in list. If you want to be added to the list, either email your request to [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-action-alert>.

## DECEMBER LOOK-AHEAD

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

- Our monthly **Speaker's Meeting** on Sunday, December 13th. Watch the MoTAS Weekly for information on the speaker. As the MoTAS meeting occurs during Chanukah, we'll see if we can get our cooks to prepare some latkes. The topic had not been finalized as of press time.
- Our MoTAS **Traditional Jewish Christmas**, where we get together on Christmas Day for fellowship, following that long established Jewish tradition of seeing a movie and having Chinese food.



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER MEN'S HANGOUT

On Sunday, October 18, MoTAS had its first Men Only Hangout of the year. What is discussed at the meeting stays at the meeting, but suffice it to say that it was an evening of good friends, good food, and good discussion. Watch for our next Men Only hangout in February with the Rabbi.

### 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](http://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



# MOTAS 2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT



# MITZVAH DAY - NOVEMBER 1: HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



REMEMBER, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 31, 2015 - TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS, GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP AND THEN JOIN US AT TAS ON SUNDAY MORNING!

Please join your TAS family on this special day to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others – throughout our community and the world!

On the morning of Sunday, November 1, 2015 TAS will again be a part of this congregation-wide event to help those in need by performing *Tikkun Olam* – Repairing our World.

## Here's how you can participate:

- **Donate Items** now until November 1, for our Collection Drives to support the needy (see below items needed)
- Participate in **on-site activities** offered to help others less fortunate
- Get connected as **special speakers** offer insight into social action issues
- Participate in **advocacy** to assist Syrian refugees and combat gun violence in our society
- Everyone of **all ages** is welcome to help out, plus it's fun for the whole family!

**\*\*Free bagels, cream cheese, juice, and coffee for all participants\*\***

## MORNING SCHEDULE

**Refreshments in the Social Hall 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**  
**Opening Assembly in the Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**  
**On-Site Activities in the Social Hall 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

## ADULT ACTIVITIES:

1. **“Caring Community”** card making and decorating for TAS members in need
2. **Turkey Boxes assembly and decoration** for families served by the L.A. Department of Child and Family Services
3. **Jewish World Watch** “Little Ripples” project decorating canvas refugee tents
4. **Sorting clothing** for families served by MEND
5. **Eyeglass necklace assembly** for residents of the Jewish Home
6. Advocacy for stronger laws to **combat gun violence** in our society
7. Advocacy for efforts to “Welcome the Stranger” by **assisting Syrian refugees**
8. **Preserving the legacy of European Jewry** by learning how to assist the [Maceva Project's](#) work in translating Jewish tombstones of Lithuanian cemeteries
9. **Supporting our troops and Jewish troops serving overseas** by making cards and sending uplifting wishes through Operation Gratitude and the Jewish Chaplains Council
10. **Video presentation** on the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence
11. **Live presentation on “Music and Art for Memory”** – personal experience working with Alzheimers patients

## GRADE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

	LOCATION	TIME
<i>Tikkun Olam</i> Lesson; plus:	Classrooms	9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
K) Card-making for TAS members from Caring Community		
1st) Cookie-making for LAFD/LAPD – a visit to the Fire Truck		
2nd) Creating a garden at TAS to support MEND's food pantry		
3rd) Toiletry bags for L.A. Family Housing residents		
4th) Beaded necklaces for residents of the Jewish Home		
5th) Turkey Box decorating and assembly for L.A. County Dept. of Child and Family Services		
6th) Halloween candy collection and sorting for Frontline Foundation's work on Skid Row		
7th) Jewish World Watch Little Ripples Tent Painting for Darfur, Africa		

## OFF-SITE ACTIVITY

(AFTER MITZVAH DAY, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7)

- 1) **TreePeople** – Tree planting for restoration of the Santa Monica Mountains in Calabasas

## LOCATION

Calabasas 8:15 a.m. – noon Saturday, November 7  
 For more information and to register with Tree People, [click here.](#)

## TIME

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## COLLECTION BIN ITEMS FOR DONATION

To make Mitzvah Day a success, we request you donate some of the following:

### TURKEY BOX ITEMS

#### Canned Goods

- Pumpkin Pie Mix – (30 Oz.), OR Canned Pumpkin (15 Oz.)
- Evaporated Milk – 5 Oz.
- Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Olives
- Vegetables – All Kinds

#### Boxed Goods

- Turkey Stuffing
- Cornbread Mix
- Gravy Mix
- Mashed Potatoes
- Pie Crust or Pie Crust Mix
- Aluminum Pie Tins

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**New and Clean Gently-Used Clothing, to support MEND\*\*** – Men, women, children and infant \*\* If you would like a charitable donation tax receipt, please bag your items with a note listing your donations, name, address and phone number

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**Empty Pill Bottles and Vials** (with lids on, and labels removed), to support The Malawi Project, assisting AIDS patients by giving them a safe container from which to take their required medications.

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**New Travel-Sized Toiletries**, to support victims of domestic violence served by Haven Hills and Tamar House

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#### Toiletry Kit Items, for L.A. Family Housing

- Full-sized shampoo and conditioner
  - Bar soap
  - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
  - Toilet paper
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**Halloween Candy (wrapped)**, to support the Frontline Foundation's assembly of meals for Los Angeles' Skid Row

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**Used Prescription Eyeglasses and Sunglasses**, to support the Lions Club's Recycle for Sight program, providing humanitarian assistance around the globe

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**New and Clean Gently-Used Bras**, to support "Free the Girls," to stop human trafficking in Mozambique, Uganda, and El Salvador. Survivors of prostitution are tutored to be entrepreneurs in second hand clothing with training, and initial inventory from your donations.

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**\*\*Electronics (donations accepted on Mitzvah Day morning only): Used iPods and MP3 players (with charger cords)** to bring music to Alzheimer's patients through the "Music and Memory" program. **Used Cell Phones** (with charger cord, if you have it and remove your personal data), for Haven Hills domestic violence shelter \*\* Please place the above items in a plastic bag with your name, address and phone number to receive a charitable tax receipt.

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October was another busy month in the ECEC. We participated in the Great American Shake Out for Earthquake Preparedness and our preschoolers were wonderful. They all tucked their heads in “like a turtle” and took cover under the tables. Once the “shaking” stopped, we evacuated to the parking lot.

through the school building. We are busy baking delicious treats and preparing food for the feast. The children will make all the desserts, the cranberry sauce and wonderful centerpieces to decorate our tables.



Of course there will also be entertainment...our very own ECEC Thanksgiving songfest. Everyone is so excited.

Before we know it, Hanukkah will be here. First night is

Currently we are learning how to upgrade our Emergency Procedures. Dan Sofher, one of our new dads, is a Coast Guard Reservist. He is involved in planning a multi agency earthquake exercise and he has very kindly offered to come in and advise us on how to be better prepared at school. Thank you so much Dan. We truly appreciate your help!

Author Adam T. Newman visited us and read his hilarious books, *How to Catch a Cold* and *How to Fight a Cold*. The children sat in awe, watching and listening, and loved both stories. He has offered to autograph the books. Stop by the school office to order your copy in time for Hanukkah.

Edible and usable Hanukkiyot are still available.

We have extended our deadline for a few more days so if you would still like to stock up on these innovative and fun gifts, please call the school office to place your order.

We are getting ready for our Thanksgiving Feast. The smells of fall and Thanksgiving have begun to waft



December 6th. If you are still looking for children’s gifts, please visit our first Scholastic Book Fair on December 2-4. We will be open during the school day. Books make wonderful gifts and the ECEC will benefit from all sales.

Wishing you a wonderfully warm and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.

L’Shalom,

***Tessa Cramer,***  
***ECEC Director***

## GENEROUS GIFTS

### ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND

Debbie and Scott Weiss in memory of H. Barbara Cutler  
Kevin and Rachel Segal in honor of Abby Segal  
Teri Horn  
Myrna and Gary Spiegel in honor of Jay Spiegel  
Laura and David Ebersold  
Mel and Les Birken in memory of Barbara Cutler

### ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Mel and Les Birken  
Larry and Dorothy Hoffman  
Dorie Melville in memory of her uncle, Arthur Gelernter  
Annette and Ken Held in honor of Phyllis Bass for the inclusion of her version of Psalm 23 in the new High Holiday Machzor

### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Roger and Ellen Lowe in honor of Jeff and Rivi Shulman's 36th anniversary  
Sisterhood in honor of Cantor Roher at the Sisterhood Sukkot  
Lloyd and Cindy Cutler

### CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Fran and Al Lapidés in honor of Sue Issler  
The Pearlman Family in memory of Barbara Cutler  
Abbey Klein in appreciation for High Holiday Honors  
Lynn and Michael Doner in honor of Rabbi Shawna  
Rosalind and Ronald Raby  
Lloyd and Cindy Cutler  
Annette and Ken Held in memory of Rabbi Solomon Kleinman  
The Root Family in honor of Bubbles Rubin's 85th Birthday, "Wishing you a wonderful year!"  
Phyllis and Hal Bass in loving memory of Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman

### EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Mel and Les Birken in honor of the Consecration of Wyatt Rodman-Plost  
Mel and Les Birken in honor of the Consecration of Emily Abramson  
Mel and Les Birken in honor of Rosie and Nick Mandel's grandson, Peretz Yehudah Mandel

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Michael and Deborah Thornhill to Rabbi Shawna in celebration of our daughter Sarah's wedding  
Lloyd and Cindy Cutler  
Susan and Martin Washton  
Alexander and Roberta Limor  
Andrew Schuman in honor of Rabbi Shawna

### SARITZKY FAMILY ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Mimi Rosenberg in memory of Rabbi Kleinman  
Richard and Sandra Erkus in memory of Rabbi Kleinman

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Sheila Reback in honor of Sue Issler  
Lynne and Steven Brener in memory of Barbara Cutler  
Rhonda Mayer in honor of the marriage of Jonathan Londer  
Rhonda Mayer in honor of the birth of grandchildren to Sarah and Barry Londer  
Rhonda Mayer in honor of the marriage of Robbie and Mandy Greenwald

## YAHARZEITS

Richard Seligman in memory of May Dinsfriend  
Linda and Joe Sculler in memory of Bob Eisenman  
Linda and Joe Sculler in memory of Simon Sculler  
Shelly and Phil Trop in memory of Harriet Pearlman  
Lawrence and Rosalind Porton in memory of Cora Porton  
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Anita Hoch in memory of Rose Yoss  
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Ofir Bass and Family on the death of his mother, Tzila Bass

The Family of Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman on the death of our Temple member and Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Solomon F. Kleinman

Daniel Faigin and Family on the death of his uncle, Tom Faigin

Mel Janis and Family on the death of his cousin, Lillian Goldman

*May their memory be a blessing*



## Mazel Tov:

Sarah and Barry Londer on the wedding of their son Jonathan Londer and Joanna Rose Younger

## Congratulations to:

Sarah and Barry Londer on their new grandson, Ari Ronen Bergman. The proud parents are Nesa and Albert Bergman

Sarah and Barry Londer on their new grandson, Eli Reuben Limor. The proud parents are Rachel and Yoni Limor

Rosie and Nick Mandel on their new grandson, Peretz Yehudah Mandel. The proud parents are Moshe and Diane Mandel

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# NOVEMBER 2015 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Daylight Savings Turn Clocks Back 9:00am - Mitzvah Day	<b>2</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>3</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:00pm - Synaplex Meeting	<b>5</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00am - Parent and Me Class 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service - Simcha Shabbat	<b>7</b> 6:30pm - Club 67 Youth Group Lounge Night
<b>8</b> 8:00am - Pala Casino Trip 8:45am - Men of TAS Monthly Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>10</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> Temple Offices and School Closed	<b>12</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:00pm - Mindfulness Meditation	<b>13</b> 9:00am - Parent and Me Class 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Shabbaton 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Odessa Miller
<b>15</b> 8:00am - Blood Drive 9:30am - Adult Education: Hartman Lecture Series with Ruth Calderon	<b>16</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>17</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Adult Education: TAS Tuesdays	<b>18</b> 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Sisterhood Speaker Event	<b>20</b> 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm - Community Shabbat Dinner	<b>21</b> 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 7:30pm - Sisterhood '60s Dance
<b>22</b> 9:30am - Count Me In! Recognition Event	<b>23</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>24</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>25</b> 11:00am - ECEC Thanksgiving 12:30pm - ECEC Closes 3:00pm - Temple Offices Close	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day - Temple Offices and School Closed	<b>27</b> Temple Offices and School Closed 5:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class					

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