

ANNOUNCING IMPORTANT CHANGES

A LETTER FROM GAIL KARLIN



It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your President for the past 2 ½ years. I have learned so much about myself and have personally grown through this process. It has been a very rewarding experience which has come with its challenges, accomplishments and its share of sleepless nights. I have developed some wonderful relationships, met people that I may not have had the pleasure to connect with and have

worked closely with an amazing and dedicated Board and Executive Committee.

It has been a very rewarding experience...

An email was sent out to the Congregation on November 19, 2015 regarding my resignation as President of Temple Ahavat Shalom effective November 11, 2015 for personal family reasons. I will remain on the Executive Committee through June 30, 2016 as Acting Vice-President overseeing various committees.

My family joined TAS a little more than 19 years ago when my eldest daughter was going into first grade. I didn't know anyone in the Congregation. Our first Rosh Hashanah, my girls were in child care and I attended adult services. I sat next to a couple I had never seen before and by the end of services they asked if our family wanted to join them for lunch. This was the beginning of many wonderful relationships that have had its roots in varying aspects of life at TAS.

I wanted to take this opportunity to focus on some of the accomplishments and changes that have occurred at Temple Ahavat Shalom since I took office in June 2013.

My first year as President the board read the new book by Ron Wolfson "Relational Judaism", each month at the board meeting we discussed a chapter. The focus of the book is on Jewish engagements and exploring 9 levels of relationships. What keeps a place like TAS thriving are the relationships & connections that are developed within this community. During my time as President, we started to reach out to various groups within this community. There were some events to connect with Congregants who are empty nesters, we held a few small dinner parties to hear what this group is looking for in a community. Also, the Gary Rosenthal event in February 2014 was amazing. The ECEC has doubled in size over the past 2 years. We hired a fabulous new ECEC Director the summer of 2014. The Infant Toddler Center that was a concept just a couple of years ago has become a reality. The Toddler program began this fall and the Infant program is scheduled to open February 2016. Our overall membership has remained constant.

This past High Holy Day season we launched a major fundraising campaign. Over the past year a Fund Development committee was formed. The goal was to explore annual giving and change the current culture. It has been a very successful program. We held a Parlor meeting over the summer and the major message was conveyed over High Holy Days resulting in raising funds over \$200,000.

During my Presidency, I have encouraged the board to be more proactive in their personal commitments. Each meeting Board members bring the Sova item of the month. Last year when the annual appeal was sent out, I asked each board member to do what they could to contribute and they responded. It was important for me to be able to say everyone participated. Board members are the leaders of TAS who need to lead by example.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President and I look forward to continuing on the Executive Committee in my new role as Acting Vice-President and have every confidence in Barry Krowne as he assumes the position of Acting President.

***B'Shalom,
Gail Karlin***

MAZEL TOV TO OUR DECEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

Saturday, December 19, 2015

Congratulations to:
Steven and Renee Rosen and Family
on the Bar Mitzvah of William Rosen



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HANUKKAH ACTIVITY

Tuesday, December 5

5:00 p.m. ECEC Food Truck Fundraiser and Candle Lighting

Friday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Bim Bam Bimah Service

6:15 p.m. Hanukkah Synaplex Light Latke Dinner

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Sunday, December 13

10:00 a.m. MickeyBees Hanukkah Play

SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! (DEADLINES IN BOLD)

Dec. 17 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	Hanukkah General Meeting
Dec. 23 (Wed)	6:15 p.m.	Mah Jongg Night
Jan. 20 (Wed)		Mah Jongg Card order deadline
Jan. 21 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	General Meeting
Mar. 13 (Sun)		Campership Application deadline

NOVEMBER EVENTS

WRJ ASSEMBLY



At the beginning of November, four Sisterhood women (Jackie Zev, Sue Sculler, Phyllis Bigelson and Diane Levine) attended the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Assembly in Orlando Florida. Held in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial conference (which Cantor Rohr and Bob Ingram attended), it was an excellent conference. The WRJ experience started with a bang – literally! – as the Director of Six Points SciTech Academy (the URJ’s Science and Technology summer camp) mixed hydrogen peroxide liquid, water, soap, food coloring and yeast, and the resulting foam shot up out of the beaker some five feet in the air. From there, the activities never slowed – we were moving from 7:00 a.m. each morning until midnight, when the last bus left for our hotel every single day. Highlights include:

- Incredible speakers, including Lilly Ledbetter (her

lawsuit against Goodyear lead to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a significant piece of legislation which restores the protection against pay discrimination that was stripped away by the Supreme Court’s decision in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.), Vice-President Joe Biden, Religious Action Center former director David Sapperstein, NY Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, Rabbi David Wolfman and many, many others.

- Passing resolutions on Pay Equity, Distracted Driving and Paid Family Leave, and making significant bylaws changes, all without running over WRJ’s allotted time for plenaries.
- Friday night and Saturday morning services with 5,000 committed Jews, including being able to follow the Torah reading because it was being projected, larger than life, on the screen in front of us.
- Informative and amazingly well-done workshops on topics such as Audacious Hospitality, Pay Equity for Women in the 21st Century, Jewish Women on the Chocolate Trail, Being a Chai Powered Activist and many more.
- Concerts every night with Jewish music superstars such as Julie Silver, Beth Shafer, Peri Smilov, Michelle Citron, Dan Nichols, Josh Nelson, Nechama Carlson and Alan Goodis and singing our voices hoarse in a song session Friday night.
- A marketplace with so much good stuff to buy that it was hard to know what to look at first.

We all came home energized, exhausted and satisfied with our wonderful experience. Wish you could have joined us! For a more in depth coverage of one person’s experience, check out Jackie Zev’s blog at www.ityfaq.com.

SISTERHOOD’S NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our November meeting was on the topic Islam, Jihad and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict. Our speaker, Dr. Saba Soomekh, was excellent and the meeting was very informative. We had a good turnout (not surprising, given the timeliness of the topic). If hearing Dr.



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Soomekh speak inspired you to buy her book (*From the Shabs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women between Religion and Culture*) you will find it on Amazon for \$27 for the paperback and slightly less for the Kindle version.

contact Laura Silverman at laurasilver818@aol.com or (818) 207-6886 to arrange for your child to participate in this activity.

OUR '60S DANCE



We celebrated TAS's 50th anniversary in style with a marvelous '60s dance. The classic cars in the parking lot got us in the mood and the Bushwackers band was fantastic at creating a real '60s atmosphere. The outfits that people wore ranged from authentic to eclectic – we were amazed at what people had hidden in their closets. Congratulations to Lou and Sonia Smith

for their First Place win with their outrageous hippie outfits, narrowly beating out Judy and David Friedman and Robyn and Joe Blachman. The hula hoop contest was a hoot, and Iris Brynjugard impressed us all with her ability to keep that hoop spinning! Much thanks to everyone who brought food and to the entire dance committee: Kathy Barker, Erica Barnathan, Phyllis Bass, Iris Brynjugard, Margaret Chroman, Bonnie Covelli, Fran Handler, Jennifer Kosoy, Marian Rosen, Karen Schnee, Sonia Smith, and, of course, our fabulous co-chairs Carol Bizar-Morton and Carol Stern for their hard work making this dance a great success!

DECEMBER HANUKKAH CELEBRATION MEETING

On Thursday December 17 at 7:00 p.m., we will have our traditional Hanukkah celebration and gift exchange. In addition to our annual gift exchange we will have latkas and Israeli Dancing. Bring a wrapped \$10-\$15 gift for the gift exchange and we will also be collecting TAS *Gifts for the Heart* and Target gift cards for MEND. If you are willing to make latkas, please let us know!



CAMPERSHIPS

Is your child attending a Jewish Camp this summer? Would he or she like to receive a Sisterhood/Men of TAS campership? 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).

We have a service opportunity coming up at the beginning of December. If your child would like to receive a campership,

Camp Applications are available on the Temple website and in the religious school office.

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 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.

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

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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](tel: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](tel: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 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (when Sunday School is in session) and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - Noon.



Special appointments? With pleasure! Call Laraine Miller at [\(818\) 993-0796](tel:818-993-0796) or Linda Sculler at [\(818\) 701-7117](tel:818-701-7117). Credit cards, checks and cash accepted. Shop proceeds help fund the many Sisterhood projects and services provided to the temple.



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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](tel:818-366-2397).

Sue Sculler and Jackie Zev

Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood Co-Presidents



MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

MoTAS AS ROLE MODELS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I'm Fried"



Whew. What a year it has been so far. We were overwhelmed at the August Shabbabaque, and found out where our fronds really were when we had to scramble to find them to build the Sukkah. We came together for a wonderful golf tournament, and have had great hangouts, breakfasts, and

speakers. It has been incredibly busy, and I'm just about fried. I'm sure you are as well.

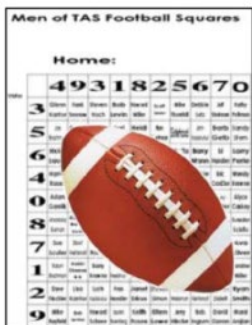
One of the metaphors of Hanukkah is oil, and we traditionally eat fried foods. I'm sure we're all familiar with why oil is a central theme of Hanukkah. I'd like to address being fried, and how to endure and stay strong even when you're getting dipped into that hot oil.

The answer is simple: Friends. Friends who recognize when you're overloaded and just step in to help out, and who pull you out of the fried before you're burnt to a crisp. Where do you find those friends? I'm sure you know my answer: in the Temple auxiliaries: Sisterhood and MoTAS. By being involved with MoTAS, you will make friends for life — friends who are there for you just as they are there for TAS. This friendship crosses political and spiritual divides. It also deepens your connection to TAS as a whole, for those friends bring you into larger and larger circles, until the whole congregation becomes a supporting insulating layer to keep your temperature from rising, resulting in a meltdown.

As we end the calendar year with all of the December craziness, remember that MoTAS is here for you. We hope to see you, and get to know you, at a future MoTAS event.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2015/11/22/im-fried/>

SPORTS SQUARES



Our sports squares program is continuing with new winners every week. You can find a list of the winners, and a description of the program, at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

Registration is now open for Superbowl Squares! This is a program similar to the existing

football squares, only focusing on the Superbowl, which will be played on February 7, 2016. Registration forms are available in the Temple Foyer. More information, including printable registration forms and link to on-line registration, may also be found at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

MOTAS WATER BOTTLES

MoTAS has aluminum water bottles, with a flip top and internal straw, with a carry handle, that are a lovely shade of blue, with the MoTAS logo in white. These can be yours for only \$10. If you would like a water bottle, please contact president@tasnorthridge-motas.org, and we will make arrangements to get you one. They will be available at all MoTAS events.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

During the summer of 2015, Yiddishkayt's Helix program brought a collection of artists and scholars to Belarus, Latvia, and Lithuania as part of a program of exploration of the world of Yiddish Communities. On December 13, starting around 10am, Artist Benny Fernman, artistic director at De Toledo High School (formerly "New Jew")

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in West Hills, will be sharing with us his experiences on the trip.

Benny Ferdman is a visual artist and educator whose work draws from diverse narratives of East European Jewish culture; a culture that once expressed itself in Yiddish—his first language. Born in Sweden after the war to Jewish refugees from Poland/Ukraine, Ferdman was raised in L.A. and has lived and worked in California, New York and Israel. Focusing on the nexus between nature and culture, Ferdman's journey has led him through broad explorations of diverse cultural realities, to a more intimate engagement with his own East European Jewish traditions and history. His work is animated by a mix of mythic, folkloric and natural forms, ancient text, the past, the present, language, renewal and contradiction. As an artist he is both rooted in, and bound by, these themes. Ferdman is Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Creative Ways, an L.A. based organization promoting dialogue across cultures, generations and communities. His adventurous pursuits have brought him arts residencies and commissions for large sculptures, museum exhibitions and installations, stage sets, the redesign of synagogues and cultural centers, and arts-based curricula throughout North America and Israel.



P.S.: If you want more information and resources on Yiddish, take a look at <http://cahighways.org/wordpress/?p=10859>.

We're working on figuring out how to make this a special Hanukkah breakfast, featuring latkes and sufganyot (jelly donuts). Breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m., followed by the review of upcoming activities at 9:00 a.m., and our speaker around 10:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL JEWISH "CHRISTMAS"



For many Jews, if you ask what they are doing on Christmas day, the answer is the same: They will be seeing a movie, and having Chinese food. Who knows where this tradition got started? Perhaps it is in the Talmud. But who is MoTAS to argue with tradition?

MoTAS is facilitating a TAS Jewish Christmas. MoTAS will be providing a list of recommended afternoon movie showtimes for members to pick their favorite movies and

meet other TAS folk (see "Movie Coordination" below). We will reconvene at TAS starting at 4:30 p.m. to discuss what we saw and have a "pre-neg" sponsored by Sisterhood. At 5:30 p.m. we will have early Shabbat services. At 6:30 p.m. we will go down as a group to Golden Hunan (10334 Reseda, 91326) for a fixed menu dinner. The pre-arranged menu consists of Egg Drop Soup and Egg Roll for appetizers; Steamed Chicken Fillet w/Chinese Greens in light white sauce (Gluten Free), Orange Chicken, Beef Broccoli, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Mixed Vegetable, and Mixed Vegetable Fried Soft Noodle for the entrees; Ice Cream for dessert; Tea and Steamed Rice.

The cost for the dinner is \$22 per person (adult or child); \$24.50 with soft drink. Reservations **must be made by Monday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m.**; there are **no exceptions and no walk-ups**. December 25 is an extremely busy night at the restaurant, and we must pre-reserve our space to avoid the wait. The price is based on the Golden Hunan charge plus tax, gratuity, and online processing fees; this is not a fund-raising event.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/motas-jxmas-2015>; an online signup form may be found at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-jxmas-2015-registration>. You can also reserve by calling (641) 715-3900 extension 403235#. Please provide the names of the movies of interest. If you are not paying on-line, your check must be received by the day of event; we will also be able to take "day-of" payments by credit card before the service using Square. Payment is due by December 25 at 5:00 p.m.

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 or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-action-alert>.

JANUARY LOOK-AHEAD

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

- Our monthly **Speaker's Meeting** on Sunday, January 10 will be the CHP "Age Well, Drive Smart" program. California's older driver population is numbering

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about 2.9 million today. It is estimated there will be over four million residents age 65 and older in California by the year 2020. Knowing that much of this community still relies on driving as their primary means of transportation, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) provides the Age Well, Drive Smart program. The Age Well, Drive Smart talk provides education specifically designed to help older drivers tune up their driving skills, refresh their rules-of-the-road knowledge, learn about normal age-related physical changes and how they affect driving ability. Even if you are under 65 you should attend; you can learn what to watch for when older parents and relatives drive.



- Our annual **Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom (MoTAS)** Shabbat on Friday, January 29. This service focuses on the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom, and will include MoTAS members leading the service and sharing some stories. This meeting is where we announce our Man of the Year, so it is not to be missed.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

On **Sunday, November 8**, MoTAS had a lively discussion with Hal Daum, who was the first student Rabbi of the newly formed North Valley Reform Temple of Granada Hills after it had spun off of Temple Beth Torah of Arleta. Hal shared a number of stories of NVR's early days, and was joined in the discussion by Max Gottesman and others who were around in the early days.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH FAREWELL CONCERT

As we learned at the November meeting, Temple Ahavat Shalom was created as the merger of North Valley Reform Temple of Granada Hills and Temple Beth Torah of Arleta. We learned that North Valley Reform was formed in 1962 as a splinter from TBT, which itself was formed in 1951. Due to some disagreements, a small cadre of Temple Beth Torah split back out 3 years after the merger, in 1969, and recreated Temple Beth Torah as a smaller close-knit congregation. Last month, Temple Beth Torah announced that after 65 years, Temple Beth Torah was closing its doors. Some members may continue on as a havurah, but

as a formal congregation TBT was ending. TBT's Cantor, Sharone Rosen, and the TBT choir, Kolyenu, are closing out TBT with a final concert, an opportunity to sing their favorites for you. There will be traditional and unusual music from all genres and all over the world, in Hebrew and English. This will also help TBT pay closing costs and final bills.

MoTAS has learned the history of the congregations. Our MoTAS logo states that our purpose is building relationships, and part of that building is repairing relationships. I believe it would be a wonderful gesture for those members of MoTAS who are able to show up for a former part of TAS. This does not conflict with any TAS event; the TAS calendar shows no events (other than a Shabbaton in the morning) for December 5.

If you are interested, the cost is \$18 per person. The event will be held at Temple Beth Torah, 16651 Rinaldi Blvd, Granada Hills, 91344 at 7:00 p.m. RSVP at [\(818\) 831-0835](tel:818-831-0835).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

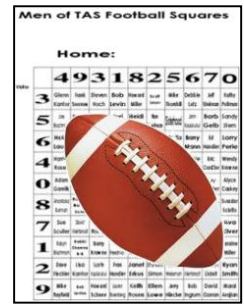
Keep up to date with MoTAS with our weekly newsletter, which is also posted on the MoTAS Website at www.tasnorthridge-motas.org. Contact Aaron if you are not receiving the email. The best way to learn about us is to come to a MoTAS event or a TAS Shabbat, introduce yourself to anyone with a MoTAS nametag, and participate. We want to build a relationship with you.



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2016 SUPERBOWL SQUARES

The Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom (MoTAS) announce the 2016 edition of “Super Bowl Squares,” the Super Bowl version of our popular “Football Squares” game for the February 7, 2016 Super Bowl. The earnings from this program (potentially as much as \$900) are used to supports special Temple programs and needs; funding that is above and beyond money available from normal TAS budget allowances.

A brief reminder of how the game works:

1. There is a chart set up, numbers 0-9 across the top for the NFC champion and 0-9 down the side, for the AFC champion and the numbers are randomly arranged. There are 100 total squares on the board. Your \$18 contribution gives you one square in the grid. As the grid numbers are randomly selected, it makes no difference where your square is.
2. Payouts are \$180 for a matching score for home and visitor (determined by the last digit of the score, so 17 is a 7) for each of the first, second, and third quarters. The final score earns \$360. You can win once, twice, or maybe all four times. If the board is not fully subscribed, the payout is proportional based on the number of subscribed squares.
3. To address the possibility that all 100 squares might not be subscribed, the following is the procedure for empty squares that win: each player will make a guess as to what the total number of points both teams will score. This number will be used to settle all cases, for all games. If you purchase more than one square your “number” will apply for all your squares. Closest to actual score wins (payouts divided with ties). If there is no halftime winner, the final score prediction will still be used. For example: Superbowl: 28-21 = “49”
4. Any adult is eligible to play. A player can reserve up to 3 squares and up to 3 more for their spouse.

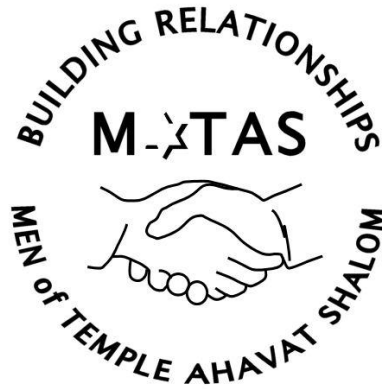
Official rules, an on-line signup form, and printable signup forms are on the MoTAS website at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org>. **Payment must be received by Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Unpaid squares will be cancelled and made available to other participants.**

Your support of this program is greatly appreciated. You might win some money, but the Temple is the big winner! A warm “Thank you” from the Men of TAS.

	Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom 2016 Super Bowl Squares Sign Up Form		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Number of Squares (Max 3 per person) </div>
Player Name: _____	Total Points: _____	_____ × \$18 = _____	
Player Name: _____	Total Points: _____	_____ × \$18 = _____	
Mailing Address: _____		TOTAL DUE: _____	
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	
Phone #: _____	Email: _____		
Payment Information: <input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to “TAS Mens Club MoTAS” Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: (below) Name on Card: _____ X			OFFICE USE ONLY Grid Square: _____ Check#: _____ Cash: _____ C/C: _____ IOU: _____ Amount: _____

Please fill in this form and drop off/mail to: Men of TAS Football Squares • Temple Ahavat Shalom
18200 Rinaldi Place • Northridge CA 91326





Jewish Christmas 2015

For many Jews, if you ask what they are doing on Christmas day, the answer is the same: They will be seeing a movie, and having Chinese food. Who knows where this tradition got started? Perhaps it is in the Talmud. But who is MoTAS to argue with tradition?

Schedule:

- Afternoon – See a movie (MoTAS coordinates showings)
- 4:30 PM Pre-Neg at TAS
- 5:30PM Early Shabbat Services
- 6:45 PM Reserved dinner at Golden Hunan

Movie Coordination:

- See <http://tinyurl.com/motas-jxmas-2015>

Cost:

- \$22 per person
- \$24.50 with soft drink
- Menu:
 - Appetizers: Egg Drop Soup, Egg Roll
 - Entrees: Steamed Chicken Fillet w/Chinese Greens in light white sauce (Gluten Free), Orange Chicken, Beef Broccoli, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Mixed Vegetable, Mixed Vegetable Fried Soft Noodle
 - Dessert: Ice Cream
 - Tea, Steamed Rice

- For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/motas-jxmas-2015>
- Online Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/motas-jxmas-2015-registration>
- Registration By Phone: (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235
- Registrations due by Monday, 12/21, 3pm. Payment due by 12/25 @ 5pm.
No exceptions. No late or walk-up registrations

MITZVAH DAY 2015 RECAP - TAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM WAS BUZZING WITH ACTIVITY. AS OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE MITZVAH DAY FOR THE TEMPLE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN DIVERSE WAYS.



Our goal was to include as many families, adults, school children, and volunteers as possible. We met and exceeded our expectations.

Thank you to all who helped to plan and create, work and lead, and to those who stayed to participate in our Biggest Mitzvah Day to date. Here is a summary of your accomplishments:

- 3t painted for Jewish World Watch which will make shelters for school children in Darfur.
- 50 eyeglass necklaces for our elder relatives and friends at The Jewish Home (25 by 2nd grade and 25 by other congregants).
- About 50 fleece blankets - 30 went to Pet Orphans, and some still under construction which will be donated to JFS's Domestic Violence Project.
- 48 bags of clothes delivered to MEND.
- 34 turkey boxes for families served by the Lanterman Developmental Center for the severely disabled in Pomona.
- 55 purim cards and letters for our American Jewish Soldiers abroad.
- 30 advocacy letters to our City, State and Federal representatives.
- 13 challah orders for CSUN's "Challah for Hunger,"

with proceeds supporting MAZON – a Jewish Response to Hunger, and Jewish World Watch.

- 12 vegetable signs made for our new MEND Garden. Vegetable garden started by our 3rd grade students.
- Large donations of eyeglasses, bras, and empty pill bottles all sent to their respective agencies to help those with vision challenges, medical care needs in Africa, and a new life surviving human trafficking.
- About 50 bags of travel and standard size toiletries delivered to MEND and L.A. Family Housing.
- Pounds and pounds of Halloween candy to be distributed through Frontline Foundation with meals for the homeless on skid row.
- Wonderful learning opportunity about the work of Maceva, translating tombstones to help preserve Lithuanian Jewish family histories.
- Wonderful resources and learning about "Music, Art and Memory," demonstrating the power of the arts to help seniors living with Alzheimer's.
- The main kitchen smiled with 2 shiny clean walls!

A few of us volunteered the following week at TreePeople. It was a great day to be outdoors and reforest, clean up and learn about the Santa Monica Mountains!

Please take a moment to view the wonderful gallery of Mitzvah Day Activity [photos](#).

We would love to add your photos to our gallery for a compilation of our community working together. Please forward your photos to jesterjudy@gmail.com.

Now it's time to reflect. As a community, we perform Mitzvot all year long, not just on Mitzvah Day, and we hope you've been reviewing the "50 Mitzvot for 50 Years" being sent out by email every week this fall. If you haven't printed your Passport for the "50 Mitzvot", please contact the Temple Main Office for a copy.

We would be happy to receive your completed or semi-completed lists, so we can share with each other as a

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community the varying ways we performed mitzvot for TAS's 50th Anniversary. Please forward your list to Judy Stehr at jesterjudy@gmail.com.

Finally, please join us for our next TAS Social Action Committee meeting (postponed a few days due to Thanksgiving), Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Temple, where we'll have a chance to de-brief this year's Mitzvah Day and begin planning our 2016 social action activities. We hope all who were part of Mitzvah Day this year and those who are interested will join us, even if you haven't attended committee meetings in the past.

Thank you for a great day, with long lasting results into the coming year!

MITZVAH DAY MEND DONATION RECEIPTS

If you donated clothes and would like a charitable donation receipt from MEND, please email Judy Stehr at jesterjudy@gmail.com. This includes all who provided a note with their donations, as well as anyone who may have forgotten to include a note. We will see that you get a receipt as soon as possible.



Thanks for your generosity, and making Mitzvah Day a day of giving back.

IPOD AND CELL PHONE DONATIONS EXTENDED

As a continuation of Mitzvah Day and the Temple's "50 Mitzvot for 50 Years," we have extended our collection for iPods and Cell phones to assist Alzheimer's patients and victims of Domestic Violence.



If you buy or receive a new iPod, MP3 player or cell phone during Hanukkah, please remember our collection and consider donating your old version.

Just place it and the charger cord, if possible, in a zip-lock bag with your name, address and phone number, and bring it to the Temple's main office. We will see that you get a tax donation receipt.

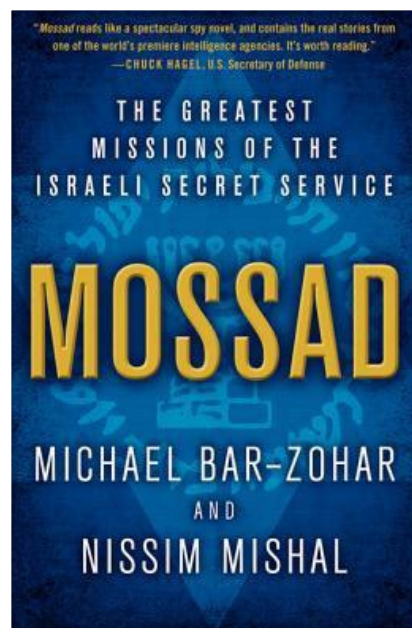
BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS MOSSAD: THE GREATEST MISSIONS OF THE ISRAELI SECRET SERVICE BY MICHAEL BAR-ZOHAR AND NISSIM MISHAL ON DECEMBER 10

This book is an absolute page-turner and keeps you on the edge of your seat, a nonfiction book written like a spy novel. The authors provide 21 chapters describing various Mossad missions. The operations range from the complex assassination of Syrian general Muhammad Suleiman, the kidnapping of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina, the Israel sponsored emigration of Ethiopian Jews and luring Mordechai Vanunu out of England into Rome as to not suffer the wrath of Thatcher. The book objectively analyzes Mossad's missions, at times bringing to light the criticism Mossad faced for its handling of the missions.

Some of the greatest missions of the Mossad are highlighted, as well as some of the most noteworthy failures that have

tarnished the agency's image. The reader learns how the Mossad undertook its missions - from identifying a mission, to selecting agents, to planning and rehearsing the actual undertakings, to their execution. A book to read if you are interested in the world of espionage, intelligence agencies and their missions; an important look into Israel's history. Tyree Wieder will facilitate the discussion.

The Book Group meets in the Chapel/Library 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.



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Nancy Rubin and Bob Johnson to Wendy and Barry Krowne, in memory of your beloved father, Sonny Siegel
Sheila Reback in memory of Sonny Siegel, beloved father and grandfather, with heartfelt sympathy

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SOCIAL ACTION FUND

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Abbey Klein sending condolences to the Krowne Family on the loss of their father and grandfather, Sonny Siegel
Rhonda Mayer in memory of Sonny Siegel
Sue and Paul Issler in memory of Sonny Siegel

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Wendy Krowne and Family on the death of her father and our Temple member, Sonny Siegel

Steve Tiber and Family on the death of his mother, Cynthia Tiber

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6 ECEC Scholastic Book Fair Ends 11:00am - Facts of Life Light 1st Hanukkah Candle at Sundown	7 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	8 9:30am - Torah Study 5:00pm - ECEC Food Truck Fundraiser and Candle Lighting 6:00pm - TAS Tuesdays Adult Learning	9 7:15pm - JNET Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	10 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	11 9:00am - Parent and Me Class 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:15pm - Synaplex Community Hanukkah Dinner 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	12 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga
13 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 9:30am - Adult Ed: Hartman Lecture Series - Tal Becker - Away 10:00am - The MickeyBees Hanukkah Play 11:00am - Facts of Life	14 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	15 No Dalet/TAS High 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting	16 No Hebrew School 12:30pm - ECEC Musical Theater 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	17 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood General Meeting	18 9:00am - Parent and Me 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service	19 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 4:15pm - Bar Mitzvah of William Rosen
20 No Religious School	21 ECEC Mini Camp Begins	22 No Torah Study No Dalet/TAS High	23 No Hebrew School 6:15pm - Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	24 12:30pm - ECEC Early Close 3:00pm - Temple Offices Close	25 Temple Offices and School Closed 4:30pm - Pre-Oneg 5:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service 6:30pm - Chinese Dinner - Away	26
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