

February 2016



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### JUST SHOW UP

### FROM THE DESK OF BARB GELB, DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING

As many of you know, I exercise every weekday morning at 5:30 a.m. at a boot camp for women. Recently, our coach asked us to figure out our goals before coming in each day so we could focus on them and get real results. Later, a few of us were discussing the question and admitted that we weren't really sure about our specific goals. Obviously, we want to work out and stay in shape. It makes us feel better, look better, gives us more energy and improves our mood and brain function. But what draws us to a workout at 5:30 a.m. in the morning is each other. It's the friendships, support, camaraderie, shared interests and genuine caring that nudges us to set our alarms for 4:45 a.m., get out of bed and show up, no matter how busy life is. We have made it a priority, and the rewards are deep, far deeper than the health benefits.

I resisted the group workout world for years – decades even. I have been a fitness enthusiast my entire life. I love exercise and rarely miss a day of it. But I thought I preferred to work out alone. I wanted time to clear my head or get lost in my own thoughts, and my goals were solely health related. I also felt that being with other people would be added pressure or a burden. Turns out, I found the opposite to be true. Socializing and meeting people from all walks of life with whom I would never otherwise interact has increased my happiness in ways I never imagined. I have learned so much from these amazing women, and my life has truly been changed and blessed by my workout community.

I feel similarly about the community of people I have gotten to know at TAS. Most of us have our friendship circles – friends from high school, college, childhood, relatives, our kids' friends' parents, colleagues, etc. We get comfortable with those circles and rarely explore anything outside of them. We barely have enough time for the people in our lives and are not interested in adding more social connections or responsibilities. We can pray alone if we need to, and can

learn almost anything without leaving our homes, so there is little attraction to dragging ourselves out to an event at the Temple unless we have a specific interest in it.

I would argue that, as in the situation with my morning workout, the opposite is true. There is so much to be gained just by showing up for your community. For example, by being there for services on a Friday night, you are supporting a member of our community who is saying kaddish. By wishing a Mazel Tov to a parent of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, you are adding more joy to their simcha by letting them know the community is happy for them. By partaking of a Kiddush in honor of a 50th wedding anniversary, you are helping your fellow member celebrate. When you sit and study Hebrew or Torah, and are encouraged by your fellow learners of all ages, your accomplishments feel sweeter. And when you are sitting in a pew, praying for the recovery of someone you love, hearing the voices of your community members alongside you gives you strength and courage. Participating in a community and making connections with people of all ages, occupations and backgrounds truly enhances your life, and the more you show up, the more you'll want to show up.

This month there are so many ways you can show up at TAS. On February 6, we have a fabulous adult evening planned. On February 16, you can join us for TAS Tuesdays Adult Learning. There are services, community Shabbat dinners, Torah study, Shabbat walks and yoga, adult art classes and much more. Your presence will make that experience better for everyone there, and could change your life. I hope to see you here.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING WITH ELAYNE BOOSLER

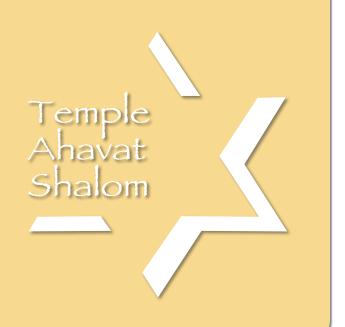
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### MAZEL TOV TO OUR FEBRUARY B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

### Saturday, February 13

Brian and Julie Whiteman and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Noah Whiteman







## MoTAS Kitchen Challenge



At the June Shabbabaque, MoTAS uncovered refrigeration and cooling concerns in the Social Hall Kitchen. We're working to get them fixed, and challenge YOU to help us raise the necessary funds. MoTAS will match the first \$1,500 raised towards the kitchen challenge. Together, let's make our kitchen as great as our new Social Hall!

MORE INFORMATION AND FORMS AT http://tinyurl.com/motas-kitchen-challenge





# SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING WITH ELAYNE BOOSLER

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016 8:00PM

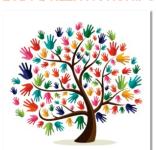
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### SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

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

Feb. 21 (Sun)	9:00 a.m.	General Meeting – LGBTQ and inclusion
Feb. 24 (Wed)	6:15 p.m.	Monthly Mah Jongg
Mar. 13 (Sun)		Campership Application deadline
Mar. 17 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	General Meeting

### FEBRUARY MEETING: OUR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY LGBTQ RELATIONSHIPS



On Sunday, February 21, 10:00 a.m., Rabbi Rachel Bat-Or will speak to us on inclusion and LGBTQ relationships, especially how to deal with questions and concerns that you, your family and your friends might have. Rabbi Rachel Bat-Or is the Director of the JQ Warmline, a resource and

social service referral line for LGBTQ Jews, their families, and allies. In 2014, she was recognized for her accomplishments by being named a PresentTenseLA fellow.

Everyone is welcome to attend. \$5 admission, which is waived for Sisterhood members. Light refreshments will be served.

#### **CAMPERSHIPS**

Is your child attending a Jewish Camp this summer? Sisterhood/ MoTAS have camperships for children of TAS members. 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 MoTAS (also before March 13, 2016).

Anyone who wishes to receive a campership should have arranged to put in service hours already – there are not many service opportunities remaining. Service must be to

Sisterhood or MoTAS, not to the Temple. If your child would like to receive a campership, contact Laura Silverman at laurasilver818@aol.com or (818) 207-6886.

Applications are available on the Temple website and in the religious school office. Turn them in now so you don't miss the deadline!

### 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.

#### ONFG 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.

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### **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.

### 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 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



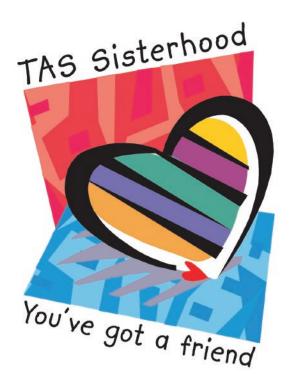
TAS Sisterhood sends boxes of coupons to overseas bases. The coupons went to Japan, to the Air Force/Marine Unit and to the Navy. The families appreciate the coupons, as prices are very high overseas.

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.

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



# Our Inclusive Community – LGBTQ Relationships

Sunday, February 21, 9am

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\$5 Admission (free to Sisterhood members)

Light refreshments will be served



## MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MOTAS)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### "Demonstrating Leadership"



In my D'var Torah at the MoTAS Shabbat, I talked about leadership, and encouraged the men in our congregation to be leaders. You have that opportunity right now.

Be a leader for MoTAS by supporting our Annual Appeal. MoTAS has done away with formal dues and membership; instead, we depend on the men of the congregation to support MoTAS with a contribution that reflects the value of the relationship that MoTAS brings to them, the congregation, and the community at large. Together in Brotherhood, we can do remarkable things with your support. You can find both online and printable donation forms at http://support.tasnorthridge-motas.org/.

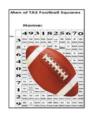
While you're there, please consider showing leadership again by donating to our Kitchen Challenge. At the June

Shabbabaque, MoTAS uncovered problems with the refrigeration and cooling in the kitchen. Our social hall has become a gem and an asset; let's keep it that way with a working kitchen. MoTAS challenges you to contribute to repairing our kitchen with a matching grant of \$1,500 — we will match the first \$1,500 raised in the kitchen challenge. Additionally, an anonymous MoTAS member has set up a matching match, and the Temple itself has set up another matching match — meaning, the first \$1,500 raised brings in 3 additional matches! The cost is high: estimates of \$4,500 for the cooling, \$3,200 for the refrigerators, and \$4,100 for the freezer. Anything you donate will help us help TAS improve the kitchen. As with the Annual Appeal, online and printable donation forms are at http://support.tasnorthridge-motas.org/.

For either the Annual Appeal or the Kitchen Challenge, donations of \$100 or more will be acknowledged on our Wall of Honor. We thank you in advance for your support.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2016/01/23/demonstrating-leadership/

### FOOTBALL SQUARES GRANTS / SUPERBOWL SQUARES



The Fall Football Squares program finished in December with the last Monday Night Football game. MoTAS is pleased to announce the following grants from the proceeds of the 2015 Football Squares:

TAS Avodah Program \$25	50
Camperships:	0(
L'Taken-ships:	0(
High Holy Day Machzors	20
MRJ Reform on Campus	)()
TAS Kitchen Repairs	50

The Superbowl will be played on Sunday, February 7; sales close on Tuesday, February 2. This is a program similar to the existing football squares, only focusing on the Superbowl. Printable registration forms and a link to on-line registration may be found at http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/.

Note: Shortly after the Superbowl concludes, sales will start for the NCAA March Madness Squares. Watch <a href="http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/">http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/</a>, the MoTAS Weekly, and the TAS eBlast for the "on-sale" notification.

With your help, both Superbowl Squares and March Madness Squares can be fully subscribed. Anticipated grants from these programs, if fully subscribed, may include the Alumni Committee, Camperships, Emergency Backpacks for the Religious School, the Avodah Program, the Caring Community, and some surprise ideas.

### 2016 MAN OF THE YEAR

At the MoTAS Shabbat on January 29, the leadership of MoTAS announced the 2016 MoTAS Man of the Year: Barry Mann. Barry Mann has served as the chair of the Golf Tournament for the last two years – a task involving lots of time and work. Barry has also served as Treasurer of MoTAS and as a MoTAS Vice President.

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Barry will be honored at the MRJ Regional Man of the Year Dinner on Saturday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, 2625 N. Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92705. Let's show Barry how TAS supports our man of the year by filling up the room. Dinner is \$36

per person, with an entrée choice of Chicken, Salmon, or Vegetarian. Reservations are due to MoTAS by Tuesday, February 23. You may email your reservation to president@tasnorthridge-motas.org or reserve online at http://tinyurl.com/motas-2016-moy. We will contact you to coordinate payment and your meal choice.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### KITCHEN CHALLENGE

As you read in the President's message above, MoTAS is funding a matching challenge to repair the Social Hall kitchen – cooling systems, refrigerators, and freezers. We now have an additional matching match from an anonymous MoTAS member and another matching match from the Temple. This program needs your support! More information may be found at http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/ (just click "Support Us").

### SPEAKERS PROGRAM



Our speaker on **Sunday morning, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.** will be TAS Member Aaron Weissman, who will discuss the differences between the courts, and present information on how to use the court system effectively and

efficiently. Aaron J. Weissman has practiced in civil and business litigation for over 33 years, emphasizing civil law and motion and appellate practice. Mr. Weissman has been a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and American Bar Association since 1983, a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association since 2008 and has served as a Volunteer Grader of Moot Court Appellate Briefs for the American Bar Association since 2008. Mr. Weissman is also a candidate for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge in the 2016 elections.

As always, before the speaker, we will have our scrumptious MoTAS breakfast and our review of upcoming activities.

Join us at 8:45 a.m. for Breakfast, with the event review starting at 9:00 a.m.. The speaker starts at 10:00 a.m.

Due to the Purim Carnival, we have moved the March meeting up one week to March 6. Our speaker in March will be Rosalyn Kahn on "Reducing Stress". Rosalyn writes: "What if there is way that you could turn stress into your friend vs your enemy. This is not a fantasy ....this



is reality. Come out and listen to Rosalyn Kahn sharing the research from Shawn Anchor a leading researcher on Happiness and Kelly McGonigal's talk Stress is Your Friend as well as her own experience from her book on Random Acts of Kindness are Changing the World."

### MEN'S HANG OUT WITH THE RABBI



On Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. we're going to be having a very special Mens Only Hang Out and Discussion Group — we'll be hanging out and talking with Rabbi Lutz. We thank Rabbi Lutz for providing this opportunity, and encourage the men in the congregation

to come and discuss issues that are unique to men. Dave Friedman, our event coordinator, is working up some special discussion topics for the evening — and remember, everything said during the meeting stays in the meeting. Additionally, we're going to be joining the Rabbi for dinner before the meeting with a Barbeque dinner from Stonefire Grill. Space is limited, so RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/motas-2016-rabbi-hangout or directly Friedman (818)(at 970-7701 vp2@tasnorthridge-motas.org) and mail your check for \$15 (made payable to Dave Friedman) to Dave Friedman at 19707 Buckeye Meadow Lane, Porter Ranch CA 91326. Dave will provide you the location of the hang out once your reservation is confirmed. This is a Mens Only event.

### **PURIM CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS**



Sunday, March 13 is also the TAS Purim Carnival. MoTAS will be assisting with food and may be coordinating some gaming events. If you are

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available and willing to volunteer to help, please sign up at http://tinyurl.com/motas-purim16

RECENT ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING



At the MoTAS January meeting, MoTAS had speakers from the CHP 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-theroad knowledge, learn about normal age-related physical changes and how they affect driving ability. It was a very interesting meeting, and those who attended learned tips that will make us safer on the road.

### MOTAS SHABBAT - FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016

On Friday, January 29, Temple Ahavat Shalom celebrated our annual Men of TAS Shabbat. We thank all of the participants in the Shabbat – Daniel Faigin, Mel Janis, Barry Krowne, Barry Mann, Joel Lowell, Ben Tenn, Mike Thornhill, Chuck Mondrus, Joe Blachman, Mike Rayfield, Fabian Malinovitz, Brian Hatkoff, Roger Lowe, Bob Levine, Howard Miller, and Les Birken. Special thanks go to Bob

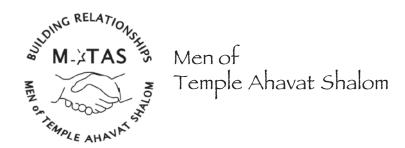
Levine for coordinating the service, and Rabbi Lutz and Cantor Roher for their leadership. The D'var Torah and Reflections presented at the service will be posted on the MoTAS Website.

### **ACTION ALERT LIST**

MoTAS has established 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.

### 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.



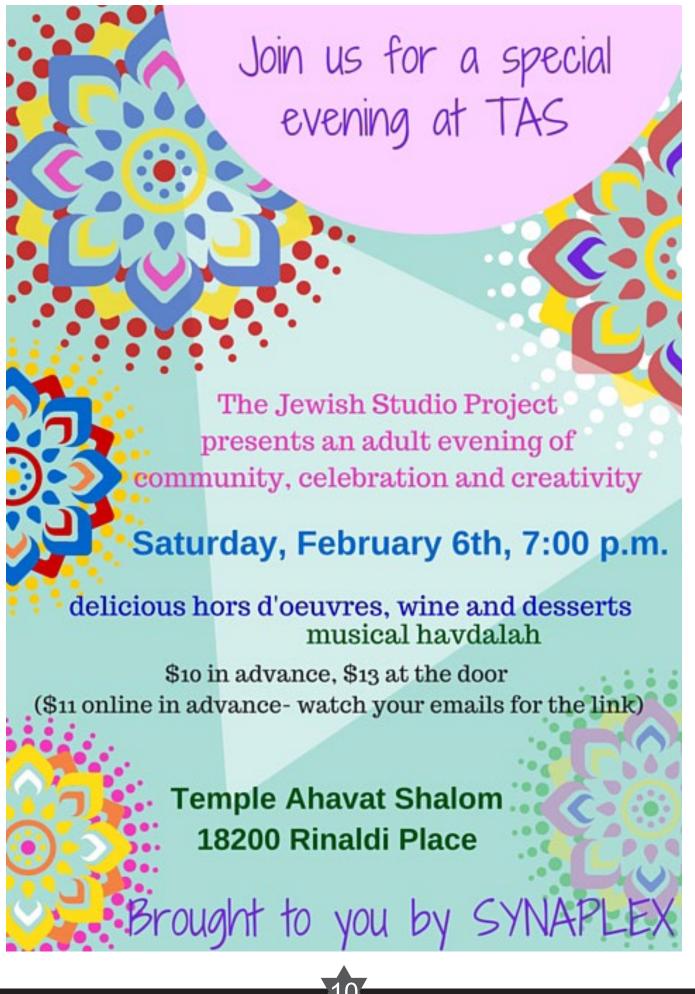
The ECEC is selling **Barton's Passover Candy** this year.
All proceeds go to ECEC playground improvements.

Please pick up a sales kit and brochure in the ECEC office. Orders are due by February 28th.



"You Don't Have To Be Jewish To Love Bartons!"





# ECEC



We started the year off with real winter and our children were so excited to experience rain! They loved it. They jumped collected puddles, use rainwater to for experiments, science listened to the rain's music and learned about the weather. Hopefully we all get to enjoy more rain this

Our January Bim Bam Bimah was a wonderful success. Rabbi Lutz told a wonderful story that enthralled both parents and children and our Oneg was so much fun that no one wanted to leave. Our February Bim Bam Bimah is going to be the first Annual ECEC Family Shabbat Dinner.



We are really busy preparing for this event. The children are all learning about Shabbat traditions and prayers and are making their own ritual objects to take home and use on Friday nights. This will be a catered dinner where our preschoolers will be able to show off what they have learned about Shabbat.

Our Tu B'Shevat celebration was great fun. We read a story about trees while sitting under the great big tree on our new ECEC yard. We ate birthday cake to celebrate the birthday of the trees and each child got to plant parsley and radishes. These should be ready for harvesting in time for Passover.

Please Save the Date for our annual ECEC Luncheon which will be held on April 10th, here in our beautiful Social Hall. We are collecting items for the silent auction and raffle; if you have any items to donate, we would be greatly appreciative. We are also excited to be honoring Sheila Reback, a truly wonderful woman and educator. She is always available to help us at the ECEC and is much loved.



This year we are selling Barton's Passover Candy. If you would like to preorder any candies for Pesach, or are able to take our order form and brochure to sell

to friends, family, co workers and neighbors, please pick up the papers from either the school or Temple office. All orders are due on February 28. We would greatly appreciate any help in sales that you could give us.

L'Shalom,

Tessa Cramer, ECEC Director





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# DATE



# 26TH ANNUAL ECEC LUNCHOON & BOUHIQUE

Honoring Sheila reback

Sunday, April 10, 2016

BOUTIQUE OPENS AT 10 AM LUNCH STARTS AT 11:30 AM JOIN US FOR FOOD, SHOPPING, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLEIIII

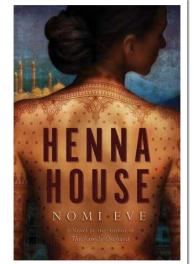
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



# THE FEBRUARY BOOK GROUP FEATURES A COMPELLING STORY OF HISTORY, FAMILY AND TRADITION. HENNA HOUSE BY NOMI EVE

This vivid saga begins in Yemen in 1920, when Adela Damari's parents desperately seek a future husband for their young daughter. After passage of the Orphan's Decree, any unbetrothed Jewish child left orphaned will be instantly adopted by the local Muslim community. With her parents' health failing, and no spousal prospects in sight, Adela's situation looks dire until her uncle arrives from a faraway city, bringing with him a cousin and aunt who introduce Adela to the powerful rituals of henna tattooing. Suddenly, Adela's eyes are opened to the world, and she begins to understand what it means to love another and one's heritage. She is imperiled, however,

when her parents die and a prolonged drought threatens their long-established way of life. She and her extended family flee to the city of Aden where Adela encounters old loves,



discovers her true calling, and is ultimately betrayed by the people and customs she once held dear.

The book includes traditions of the Yemenite Jews, their connection to the Holocaust, and the 1949 Operation on Wings of Eagles which airlifted the Yemenite Jews to Israel.

Phyllis Bass and Diane Levine will co-facilitate and Diane will provide an anthropologist's view of the henna ritual and gender roles.

The Book Group will meet in the Library/ Chapel on Thursday, February 11. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and

the discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested. If you do not have a chance to read the book you are welcome to attend and listen to the discussion.

### TASTY NFWS

TAS's senior youth group, TASTY, has had a productive and FUN start to the 2015-2016 year. Students in 8th-12th grades had the opportunity in September to attend the 7th Annual TASTY Beach Bonfire! This event was a great way to kick off the year. This year, we welcomed over 100 participants to Dockweiler Beach for an evening of fun, food, and friends as we celebrated Havdalah against the beautiful backdrop of the ocean and the sunset.

In October, the youth group hosted an outdoor scary movie night, which provided a great way for teens to bond with their friends as they played games and enjoyed a movie under the stars. November was a time for the teens to give back to the community by participating and helping with Mitzvah Day events around TAS.

TASTY's board members decided to try something new in December. President Myahn Haroush, Programming Vice President Grace Vogel, and Social Action Vice Presidents Rebecca Denny and Cassandra Cohen led the board in creating a social action awareness program for TAS High students. Students in 7th grade-Confirmation participated in a round robin of three activities and discussions dealing with teen suicide and overcoming insecurities. Many students have come forward to say they were impacted by the thoughtful and meaningful activities. Regarding the evening's events, 9th grader Daniel Chroman said, "The program made me realize that a lot of people don't think

they have a way out, and they need to realize that there are people there for them. [Suicide] is a permanent solution, and they need a way to realize how it will affect the people around them." Congratulations to TASTY on a successful event.

The youth group also hosted its 2nd Annual Laser Tag Fundraiser during the winter vacation. With the help and support of the TAS community, TASTY was able to raise over \$1,200. This will be combined with money the group is raising by selling snack during break on Tuesday nights to TAS High students. TASTY's goal is to be able to start a scholarship fund to help send our teens to Jewish camps and to NFTY events throughout the year, and to keep updating the youth lounge for TAS teens to enjoy!

January concluded with the teens taking advantage of the winter weather during an ice skating event at LA Kings Valley Ice Center. There is much more to come during the second half of the year, so be on the lookout for more events, including lounge nights, a hike, and the yearly TAS High retreat, which will be held from April 1-3 at Camp Alonim. The TASTY board is working hard to help teens in the community feel connected with other Jewish youth, and we appreciate the support we receive from our TAS community. For more information on TASTY and TASTY events, please email Kim Udelf at youthgroups@tasnorthridge.org.



\$8 TAS members, \$10 non-members
RSVP to Robert at JRTASTY@YAHOO.COM

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Parents, attend the adult event at TAS at the same time!

### **GENEROUS GIFTS**

### **ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND**

Wendy and Barry Krowne in memory of Harriet Siegel Mel and Les Birken in memory of Sally Jonisch Debra and Scott Weiss in memory of Sonny Siegel Debra and Scott Weiss in memory of Helen Saltsman Pam and David Kramer

### ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Steven and Janice Berlin Robert and Enza Cohn in memory of Veronica Cohn Larry and Dorothy Hoffman in memory of Arnold Hoffman Terry and Bruce Hatkoff in memory of Laraine Miller's father, Charles "Bud" Nafie

### **BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

Laraine Miller in memory of my father Charles "Bud" Nafie and to my TAS family, "Thank you for your words and deeds of comfort. You all have helped to ease the sorrow of mourning the passing of my father."

### **CARING COMMUNITY FUND**

Laura Ebersold to The Caring Community, "Thank you for your thoughtfulness during my recent injury." Abbey Klein in honor of the birth of Becky and David Breuer's new grandson Samuel Francis Breuer. Love and Mazel Tov! Melissa and Alan Kassan in memory of Helen Saltsman Melissa and Alan Kassan in memory of Sally Jonisch Phyllis and Hal Bass in honor of the birth of Becky and Dave Breuer's grandson, Samuel Francis Breuer The Pearlman Family to Dave and Becky Breuer in honor of the birth of your new grandson Samuel Francis Breuer The Pearlman Family in memory of Sally Jonisch Fran and Al Lapides in memory of Sally Jonisch Phyllis and Hal Bass in memory of Jack Freedman, beloved son of Mary Freedman and Linda Drew Michael and Jan Saltsman in memory of Helen Saltsman, "Thank you to The Caring Community- Rabbi Shawna, Sheila Reback, Jo Schwartz, Becky Breuer and Joni Hoffman for all that you have done to help our family during this time." Fran and Al Lapides in memory of Charles "Bud" Nafie Phyllis and Hal Bass in memory of Bud Nafie, father of Laraine Miller The Pearlman Family in memory of Charles "Bud" Nafie

Jan and Michael Saltsman in memory of Sally Jonisch

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### EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Mel and Les Birken in memory of Sarah Shapiro Mel and Les Birken in honor of the birth of Samuel Francis Breuer, grandson of David and Becky Breuer

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The family of Jackie Morse Richard Seligman in memory of Judith R. Seligman Robert and Enza Cohn in memory of Veronica Cohn

### **RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND**

Mel and Les Birken in memory of David Hirsch Robert and Enza Cohn in memory of Veronica Cohn Marilyn and Anastasia Burman in memory of Charles Nafie

### RONNA AND LEW EDGERS MEMORIAL ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Judy and Arnold Alban and Family in memory of Sally Jonisch Judy and Arnold Alban and Family in memory of Ethel Edgers

### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

Sue and Paul Issler in memory of Sally Jonisch Rhonda Mayer in honor of Becky and David Breuer's grandchild, Samuel Francis Breuer Rhonda Mayer to the Shearer Family in honor of Stacy and Roy's marriage Rhonda Mayer in honor of Lynn Doner's birthday Rhonda Mayer in memory of Sally Jonisch

Thank you all for your generous donations!

### **YAHRZEITS**

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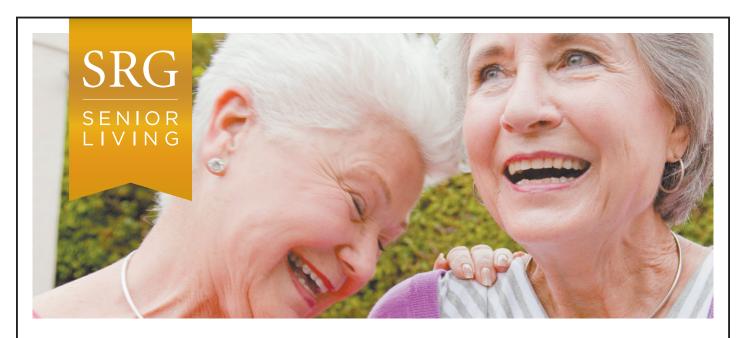
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May their memory be a blessing



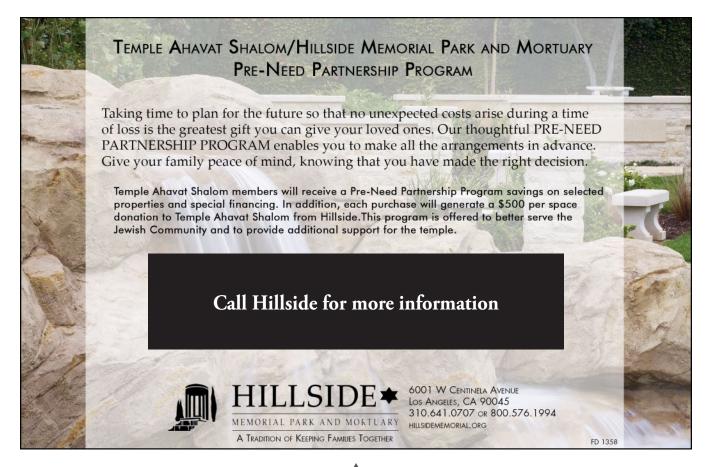
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### FEBRUARY 2016 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	<b>2</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>3</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class	4 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	5 10:00am - ECEC Grandparents/Special Friends Day 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service - Simcha Shabbat	6 7:00pm - Synaplex Havdalah and Jewish Studio Project Adult Evening 7:00pm - Club 67 Lounge Night
<b>7</b> 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	9 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Post-Confirmation 6:00pm - ECEC Rosh Chodesh-Mom's Night Out	4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	11 10:00am - Melton Class 10:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	12 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:15pm - ECEC Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	13 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Noah Whiteman
<b>14</b> No Religious School	15 Temple Offices and School Closed	<b>16</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Adult TAS Tuesdays	17 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 6:00pm - ECEC Dad's Night Out 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	18 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading	19 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm - Community Shabbat Dinner	<b>20</b> 9:30am - Torah on the Trail
21 9:00am - Sisterhood Board Meeting and LGBTQ Panel Discussion 11:00am - Facts of Life	<b>22</b> 10:00am - Judaica Art Class	<b>23</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	25 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Social Action Committee Meeting - Away	26 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	979.00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 6:00pm - TASTY Event 6:00pm - Club 45 Event
<b>28</b> 9:15am - New Member	29 10:00am - Judaica Art Class					

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