



March 2016



24 Adar I – 21 Adar II, 5776

# PURIM CARNIVAL!!!

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13<sup>TH</sup>**

**COME ONE, COME ALL**  
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*to the*  
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**2016**  
**PURIM CARNIVAL**  
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*at* **TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM**

**10:30  
UNTIL  
3:00**

**FUN RIDES FOR ALL, PONY RIDES, PETTING ZOO, GAMES,  
FACE PAINTING, PHOTO BOOTH,  
TALENT SHOW & GREAT FOOD INCLUDING HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, PIZZA AND MORE & SNACKS!!**

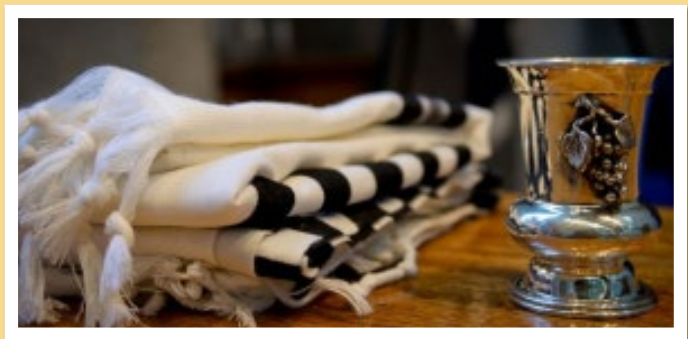
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**SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENING WITH ELAYNE BOOSLER**

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*Saturday, March 12, 2016*

Eric and Angelica Valansi and Family  
on the Bat Mitzvah of Maria Valansi



Temple  
Ahavat  
Shalom



## **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>

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# 2016

TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

# PURIM CARNIVAL



## PRE-SALE TICKET & DONATION FORM

Please return this form to the temple or go to [tasnorthridge.org](http://tasnorthridge.org) by MARCH 9th to get these deals



plus a FREE pair of Sunstaches!!

*Tickets can be used for all games, rides, attractions and All FOOD!  
(see the back for food options with ticket amounts)*

*Prices will go up on the day of the carnival.*

### TICKETS & WRISTBANDS

\*\*\*The wristbands include all the games & Rides. They do not include food, photo booth & wax hands. You will need to purchase tickets for those.

	NUMBER OF EACH	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>30 TICKETS - \$10</b>		\$
<b>60 TICKETS - \$20</b>		\$
<b>125 TICKETS - \$40</b>		\$
<b>WRISTBANDS - \$35</b>		\$

After March 9th: 25 Tickets-\$10, 50 Tickets-\$20, 110 Tickets-\$40, Wristbands-\$40

### DONATIONS

\*\*All donations will be acknowledged at the Purim Carnival

**DONOR (\$5-\$49), SPONSOR (\$50-\$249), BOOTH SPONSOR (\$250 PLUS), UNDERWRITER (\$500 PLUS)**

TOTAL AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) you wanted displayed \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

If you are using a credit card please go to [TASNorthridge.org](http://TASNorthridge.org) and click on the Purim Carnival Ticket Purchase link.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR TICKETS, WRISTBANDS & DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_

# PURIM CARNIVAL FOOD MENU

<b>HAMBURGER</b>	<b>13 TICKETS</b>
<b>CHEESEBURGER</b>	<b>16 TICKETS</b>
<b>VEGGIE BURGERS</b>	<b>16 TICKETS</b>
<b>HOT DOG</b>	<b>10 TICKETS</b>
<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>10 TICKETS</b>
<b>HOMENTASHEN -SMALL</b>	<b>3 TICKETS</b>
<b>LARGE</b>	<b>5 TICKETS</b>
<b>CANDY</b>	<b>3 TICKETS</b>
<b>CHIPS</b>	<b>3 TICKETS</b>
<b>SODA/WATER</b>	<b>5 TICKETS</b>
<b>COMBO MEALS</b>	Includes a Pickle, Chips, Soda & Small Homentashen
<b>HAMBURGER</b>	<b>18 TICKETS</b>
<b>CHEESEBURGER</b>	<b>21 TICKETS</b>
<b>VEGGIE BURGER</b>	<b>21 TICKETS</b>
<b>HOT DOG</b>	<b>15 TICKETS</b>
<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>15 TICKETS</b>
<b>SNACK BOOTHS</b>	
<b>POPCORN</b>	<b>5 TICKETS</b>
<b>COTTON CANDY</b>	<b>5 TICKETS</b>
<b>SNOW CONES</b>	<b>7 TICKETS</b>

All tickets include an  
after show dessert nosh!



## TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM PROUDLY PRESENTS



# *An Evening With* **ELAYNE BOOSLER**

Comedian, writer and animal activist as seen on Showtime, Hollywood Squares, The Daily Show, Night Court and The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon... just to name a few. Elayne's humor will double you over with laughter!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
go to [www.TASnorthridge.org](http://www.TASnorthridge.org)  
or call Temple office (818) 360-2258

For a full catching up with Elayne's career, schedule, press and pictures of 40 years of bad hair please visit [www.elayneboosler.com](http://www.elayneboosler.com)

**Saturday, April 2, 2016**  
**8:00pm**  
**(Doors open at 7:30pm)**

Temple Ahavat Shalom  
18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge, CA 91326  
[www.TASnorthridge.org](http://www.TASnorthridge.org)

# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! (DEADLINES IN BOLD)

<b>Mar. 13 (Sun)</b>		<b>Campership Application deadline</b>
Mar. 17 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	General Meeting
April 14 (Thurs)	6:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Seder
April 16 (Sat)	7:30 p.m.	Bunco and Booze

## PROGRAM - MARCH 17, 7:00 P.M.



Join us on **Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.** to hear Vicki León, World Traveler and Author of the Popular 7-Book Uppity Women Series. Vicki León is addicted to finding the missing pieces of our past. She has unearthed over 1,000 largely unsung uppity women and profiled them in her books, which have been published in 15 languages and have won rave reviews from many quarters, including the Los Angeles Times, Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, People magazine, Wall Street Journal online, Huffington Post, and national NPR programs, including the Bob Edwards show. Her presentation is sure to delight you with unusual and interesting facts about women – both heroes and villains – that, for the most part, won't be found in your standard history books. You will be amazed at the accomplishments of women from history.

## SISTERHOOD SEDER - APRIL 14, 6:00 P.M.

This year's Sisterhood Seder, on **Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.** will be another amazing seder! This year the theme is "A Journey From Ancient Greece To Hollywood -- Weaving the Story of Jews in Entertainment within our Passover Celebration." Information about making reservations will be out soon.



## BUNCO AND BOOZE - APRIL 17, 7:30 P.M.



Join us for some fabulous fun, With food and drink and prizes to be won. Gather your friends for a fun night out. "Bunco!" will be the word to shout. You say you don't know how to play? It's easy! Show up anyway. We'll show you exactly what to do. You'll be a pro! Yes, it's true. Our winning prizes are oh-so-nice, Come take a chance and roll those dice!

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE SISTERHOOD BOARD



It is Nomination Time and I am honored to be chairing the Nominating Committee for the Sisterhood Board this year. Thanks to Sharon Janis, Ellen Pollack, Eileen Roseman, and Robyn Blachman who are serving with me on this year's Nominating Committee. We could use one more person on the committee, so feel free to volunteer. Or even better, make the committee's job easy by calling one of them and saying you would be willing a part of the team that makes the Sisterhood's many programs happen. They will find a position that suits your abilities and amount of time you are willing to commit.

The Sisterhood board is a dynamic group of women and we would love to have you as part of the board. There are also many opportunities for chairing programs, fundraisers, spiritual days and more. Please contact me if you have questions about the various board positions and job descriptions. Remember, you are never alone in our Sisterhood. We are a team and we help one another. We are stronger together. Thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood.

**Erika Barnathan**  
[taserika@gmail.com](mailto:taserika@gmail.com)

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## MAH JONGG CARD NEWS

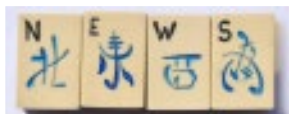
Thank you to all Temple members who purchased Mah Jongg cards and also got their friends and family to purchase from our Sisterhood. We sold a record number of cards this year. Thank you once again for participating. Have fun with the new cards!



## CAMPERSHIPS - MARCH 13 DEADLINE

All you campers who have put in your hours for Sisterhood and the Men of TAS, don't forget that the deadline for turning in your application is **Sunday, March 13**. Late applications are not accepted, so get those applications in on time! Applications can be turned into the Religious School office or to the Sisterhood box in the chapel.

## 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).

## ONEG SPONSORSHIP

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

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



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

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

## EXTENDED KIDDUSH

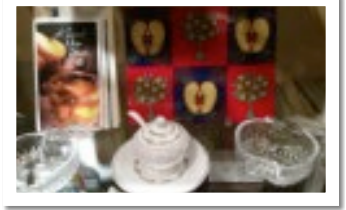
Has the cost of Bar/Bat Mitzvah receptions got you down? Sisterhood can provide a low cost luncheon after your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your family and friends. This is not the big shebang with a DJ and dancing – it's a low key way to provide a nice meal after the service for your guests. Contact 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 am to 11:45 am (when Sunday School is in session) and Wednesdays 10 am - 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.

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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***



## THE MARCH BOOK GROUP FEATURES *BOYS IN THE BOAT: NINE AMERICANS AND THEIR EPIC QUEST FOR GOLD AT THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS* BY DANIEL JAMES BROWN

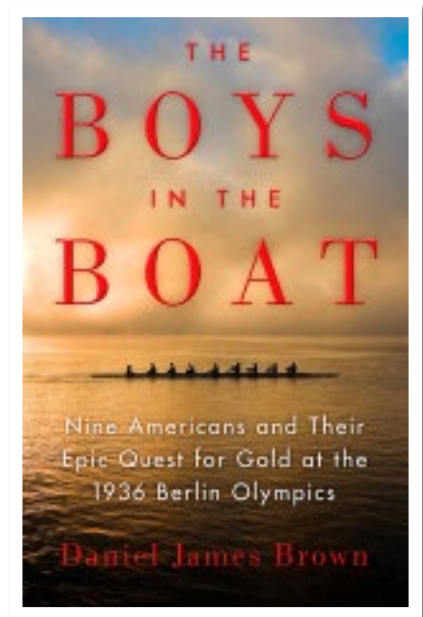
The #1 *New York Times*-bestselling story about American Olympic triumph in Nazi Germany.

How did nine working-class boys from the American West make it to the 1936 Olympics in Berlin? This amazing story tells how they came to represent the best America has to offer in strength and determination against impossible odds. It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain. Yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler.

The book outlines the tale of the men and the wonderful boats that carried them through all of the trials and tribulations on their journey to the Olympics. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-esteem but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest. In addition to Joe, you will meet some other interesting young men. You will also learn about the sport and how all the pieces come together to make the men and their boat one.

A fascinating story you will thoroughly enjoy.

Sherry Lucks will facilitate our discussion on Thursday, March 10. Refreshments are available in the Rothenberg Library/Chapel at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 per person donation is requested. Join us even if you have not read the book, this should be a very interesting and informative discussion about an important time in American history.





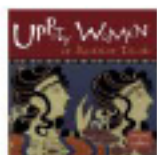
Everyone Welcome!

## Come meet Vicki León, World Traveler Author of the Popular 7-Book Uppity Women Series

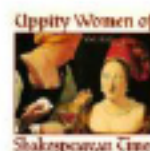


**Thursday, March 17, 2016**  
**7pm TAS Social Hall**

**\$5 Admission (free to Sisterhood members)**  
Light refreshments will be served



León is best known for her two women's history series, including 3 Outrageous Women books for younger readers. Her fascination with unsung women of long ago continues to win a growing audience for her 7-book Uppity Women series, which has sold over 400,000 copies in hardcover and paperback.



Come hear Ms León speak to us about women from the past. Her presentation is sure to delight with unusual and interesting facts about women - both heroes and villains - that, for the most part, won't be found in standard history books. You will be amazed at the accomplishments of women throughout the ages.



***SAVE THE DATE***

***APRIL 16, 2016***

*7:30 to 10:00 pm*

***BUNCO BREW HA-HA***

***LIGHT SNACKS***

***BEER AND WINE***

***PRIZES***



# MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *“You Make It Happen”*



Have you ever wondered how MoTAS does everything that it does? How we can take the initiative and repair and upgrade the Social Hall kitchen? How we can fund scholarships for your children to go to camp and on L'Taken? How we can support

the Caring Community, outreach to Alumni, and support special activities of the Religious School? How we can acquire, serve, and cook food at the Purim Carnival and Shabbabaques? How we can support TAS Social Action partners and MRJ outreach to Jews on college campuses? How we can, every year, make a significant contribution to the TAS General Operating fund? The answer is simple. **You make it happen.**

**You make it happen** every time you volunteer at a MoTAS event. **You make it happen** every time you bring

a foursome to the MoTAS Golf Tournament or bid in our silent auction. You make it happen every time you sponsor or underwrite a MoTAS activity. **You make it happen** every time you donate to MoTAS and support our annual appeal. **You make it happen** when you buy sports squares or contribute to the Kitchen Challenge. **You make it happen** by participating.

Right now, you have the opportunity to continue to make it happen. MoTAS has no dues — we depend on those who see value in MoTAS to contribute to our **Annual Appeal**, which is running from the MoTAS Shabbat in January until the end of April. Also during this time, MoTAS is running the **Kitchen Challenge**, where you can help MoTAS bring to Social Hall kitchen to the same level of excellence as the Social Hall. Contribute to both at <http://support.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. March also brings the NCAA Championships, and with that, **Basketball Squares**. Get your square today at <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. Remember that we depend on you to make it happen.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2016/02/20/you-make-it-happen/>

## NCAA BASKETBALL SQUARES



You know MoTAS by many names: the Men of TAS, the TAS Men's Club, or the Brotherhood. They all represent the same thing: the group of men who provide service to TAS. MoTAS Spring Sports Squares program has a similarly shifting name. Whether we call it Basketball Squares, March Madness Squares, or NCAA Championship Squares – it all represents the same thing: the Spring installment of our Sports Squares program that helps numerous temple programs.

The procedure is very similar to the Superbowl Squares. Basketball Squares cover the last four games in the NCAA championship: the semifinal and final games on April 2-4, 2016. Squares are \$18, and adults may purchase up to 3 squares for themselves, and 3 squares for their partner. Payouts are \$150 for both the halftime and final scores of each game. You can win once or twice in a game. If the board is not fully subscribed, the payout is proportional

based on the number of subscribed squares. 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 will be (i.e., you add the final scores of both teams). 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.

Squares must be purchased by March 30, 2016. Forms should be available in the Temple Foyer. You can also print the registration form -- or register online -- at the usual online home of the Squares program: <http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. Remember that the real winner is Temple Ahavat Shalom. With a fully subscribed board, \$900 will be available to support specific temple activities, organizations, and projects.

**Superbowl Squares Grants.** The grants from the 2016 Super

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Bowl Squares program will be announced after the press deadline for the *Menorah*. Look for the announcement in the MoTAS weekly, which is emailed to all men in the congregation and posted at <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. Anticipated grants from the Super Bowl and Basketball Squares, 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 MRJ Regional Man of the Year Dinner on Saturday, March 5, 2016, TAS's Man of the Year, Barry Mann, is being honored. Barry 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. If you did not sign up for the dinner, we encourage you to congratulate Barry the next time you see him. Even better: Show how much you appreciate his hard work on behalf of MoTAS by saying “yes” when he asks you to sponsor or bring a foursome to the 2016 Golf Tournament.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### KITCHEN CHALLENGE



MoTAS is challenging you to help improve the Social Hall kitchen. Depending on how much we raise, we'll be replacing failing refrigerators and freezers, improving the airflow in the kitchen, improving kitchen fire protection, repairing appliances, improving the floor in the kitchen, and establishing a fund for future maintenance. We have matching grants from the MoTAS reserves, the TAS board, and MoTAS members. As of mid-February, we've raised over \$10,000 (including grants). That's not enough to do what needs to be done. A quality kitchen will be the jewel in the crown of our Social Hall. This program needs your support. More information may be found at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/about/support-motas/2016-kitchen-challenge/>.

## MOTAS ANNUAL APPEAL

At the end of January, MoTAS started its Annual Appeal effort. This appeal is very important, for MoTAS has no membership dues. Being a man, and being a member of TAS



automatically make you a member of MoTAS. Further, TAS does not financially support MoTAS, so the dues you pay to TAS are not indirect dues to MoTAS. MoTAS survives on your contributions — they provide the funds that permit MoTAS to do many of our activities over the year. We urge you to participate in the MoTAS Annual Appeal at a level that is comfortable to you. Numbers are suggested on forms, but what is truly important is to demonstrate that MoTAS and TAS are important through your participation. To support MoTAS, visit <http://support.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. We thank you in advance for your contributions; contributions \$100 or over will be acknowledged on our Wall of Honor.

## SPEAKERS PROGRAM



Due to the Purim Carnival, we have moved the March meeting up one week to March 6, 2016. 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.”

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.

## MEN'S HANG OUT WITH THE RABBI

On Sunday, March 13, 2016 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

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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 to Dave Friedman at (818) 970-7701 or [vp2@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto: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.



gefilte fish) -- as well as barbeque chicken and tri-tip from one of our favorite BBQs in Northridge (for what man doesn't love barbeque). The cost for the meal and the service is \$20. The schedule is as follows: 5:30 p.m. - sign-in and snacks; 6:00 p.m. - service and dinner. Visit <http://seder.tasnorthridge-motas.org> to reserve in advance and pay by check or at the door, or to pay online. Reservations are necessary and are due by noon on Monday, April 11. Please invite your brothers, fathers, uncles and friends to join you. TAS affiliation is NOT required for this event.

## PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 13, 2016, is the TAS Purim Carnival. Who needs food trucks when you have the Men of TAS! MoTAS will be back at the grill, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers in addition to our usual options. We need volunteers to help with shopping, to help with setup, and to help with cleanup afterwards. If you are available and willing to volunteer to help, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-purim16>. This event is the last opportunity to earn **volunteer Mitzvah hours**. Students should sign up at the same URL.

## MOTAS MEN'S SEDER



On Sunday, April 17, 2016, join the Men of TAS at our annual Mens Seder. This special service and dinner, modeled after the traditional Passover Seder, provides a comfortable and 'safe' space for the men of TAS to explore and celebrate what it means to be a contemporary Jewish man. The text of our special haggadah, developed by MRJ and available at <http://www.menrj.org/mrj-mens-seder>, explores issues that pertain specifically to men; the service and dinner provides a place to take those issues, share them, discuss them, and wrestle with them.

Our Dinner will consist of traditional Passover foods -- water, wine, homemade charoset, and more (maybe even

## APRIL MEETING - YOM HASHOAH CANDLE PACKING

Join us at our April Membership meeting on Sunday, April 10, 2016, where we will assemble the Yom HaShoah candle package mailed to every household in the congregation. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was started by the Federation of Jewish Mens Club (FJMC) in remembrance of Yom HaShoah. We mail candles to permit you to remember the Shoah and visibly demonstrate that we will never forget what unbridled antisemitism can bring. This is especially important now, as we are seeing an increase in antisemitic violence both in Europe and in the US, and as we are losing the generation of Holocaust survivors. As always, we'll start with our MoTAS breakfast at 8:45 a.m., followed by an activity review at 9:00 a.m. and candle assembly around 9:30 a.m. For more information on the program, visit <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/yom-hashoah-candles/>. When you receive your Yellow Candle, we encourage you to contribute to MoTAS to support this program, and to light your candle on Yom HaShoah, which starts the evening of Tuesday, May 3, 2016.



Note: As of press time, we were exploring an early box folding activity (i.e., packing candles into boxes) for students looking for volunteer Mitzvah hours towards camperships. If it occurs, this activity will likely be the weekend of March 5, 2016. Watch the MoTAS Weekly for further information.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

On on Sunday morning, February 7, 2016, MoTAS had a

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# Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom



## 2016 BASKETBALL SQUARES


The Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom (MoTAS) announce the 2016 edition of "Basketball Squares," the NCAA Final Four version of our popular "Football Squares" game for the semifinal and final games in the NCAA Basketball Championships, April 2-4, 2016. 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 "home" team (the school located closer to TAS) and the "away" team, 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 \$150 for both the halftime and final scores of each game. You can win once or twice in a game. If the board is not fully subscribed, the payout is proportional based on the number of subscribed squares.
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4. Any adult is eligible to play. A player can reserve up to 3 squares and up to 3 more for their partner/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 Wednesday, March 30, 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.

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# ECEC

## **From the Desk of Barb Gelb, Director of Lifelong Learning**

If you have spent any time looking around the TAS Education building this year, you have probably noticed some changes. As we prepare to transform from a preschool for ages 2 and up to a full service infant and toddler center for babies as young as six weeks, we have spent the year adding to and upgrading our facility to make it a safe, upbeat, a comfortable home for our littlest members. Our wonderful ECEC Director, Tessa Cramer, has worked diligently for many long hours, and the dream of opening an Infant Toddler Center (ITC) at TAS is about to become a reality.

One of the goals in creating the ITC is to give young families a Jewish daycare option that connects them to our wonderful synagogue community. The community that TAS offers is one that serves not only the children, but their parents as well. As young families join together for holiday celebrations or learning experiences, they find support and friendship. The isolation that some new parents feel can be avoided when they become part of a Temple community. Through the Temple community, you find that friends are looking out for you, offering help when needed, and celebrating in times of joy.

While the physical structure of the building has been upgraded, so have our opportunities for creating a stronger community. Throughout the year the ECEC has offered several events which have been well attended and have planted the seeds for lifelong relationships between the parents as well as the children. We have had several Bim Bam Bimah Shabbat Services and Nosh events with great participation. After a long week, we come together to sing and welcome Shabbat, and enjoy a light dinner while catching up with friends. We had a beautiful Shabbat dinner last week where over 125 friends enjoyed a sit down meal and learned a little more about Shabbat through our "Shabbat Boxes". We have had Mom's Rosh Chodesh events and Dad's Hang Out events. All of these activities build and strengthen the relationships between young families,

and connect them more deeply to our TAS community. We believe that these families represent the future of TAS, as well as that of the Jewish people.

As we build physically and spiritually, we are still in need of support from the rest of the TAS community. We are hopeful that you will take a look at our wish list and consider purchasing some of the items we still need in order to open our beautiful facility within the next two months. If you can help, please give Tessa a call at [\(818\) 360-2258](tel:8183602258).

Whether you can donate or not, please come take a look at what we've done so far, please let your friends and colleagues know about us, and above all, please do your best to make sure that every young family feels welcome at TAS!





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toddler book display \$100

cozy cube \$300

evacuation crib \$300

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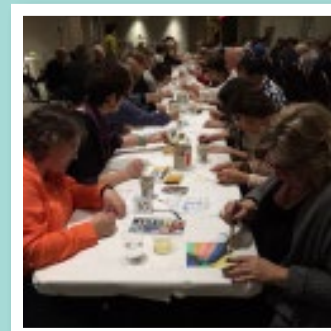
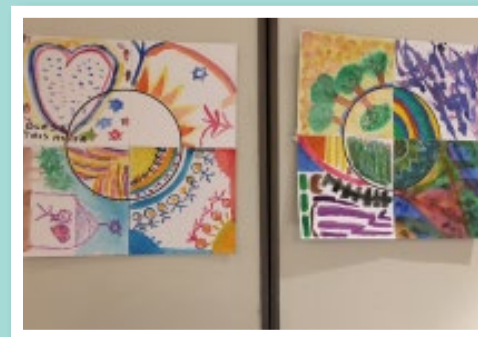
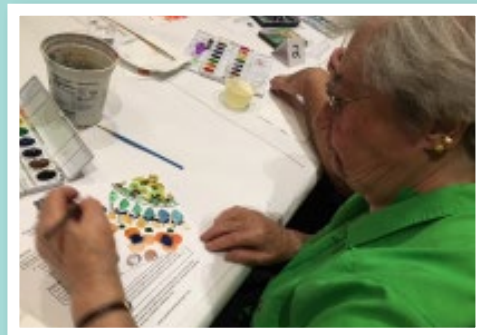
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Andy and Barry Mann to the Synaplex Committee, "Kudos to the Synaplex Committee on a wonderful event on February 6, 2016, it was a fun evening and great to see so many people in attendance."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Purim Carnival Talent Show Auditions 7:00pm - 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew 7:00pm - Synplex Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away 7:00pm - Gala Committee Meeting - Away	<b>4</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent & Me 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat - L'Taken Service	<b>5</b> 6:00pm - Club 67 - Away 6:30pm - MRJ Man of the Year Dinner - Away
<b>6</b> 8:00am - Social Action Event - Away 4:00pm - ECEC Movie / PJ Night Fundraiser	<b>7</b> 8:00am - Lifeline Screening 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>8</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Post Confirmation	<b>9</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class	<b>10</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent & Me 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>12</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Maria Valansi
<b>13</b> Clocks Changed To Daylight Savings Time 10:00am - Purim Carnival	<b>14</b> ECEC Closed 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>15</b> 10:00am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting - Away	<b>16</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	<b>17</b> 10:00am - Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood General Meeting and Author Discussion 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent and Me 6:00pm - Community Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Purim Service and Shpiel	<b>19</b> 9:30am - Torah on the Trail
<b>20</b> No Religious School	<b>21</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>22</b> No Dalet/TAS High 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>23</b> No Hebrew School 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 6:00pm - Adult Learning with Rabbi Shawna - Purim 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	<b>24</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading	<b>25</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent and Me 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga
<b>27</b> No Religious School	<b>28</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>29</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>30</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:00pm - Fund Development Committee Meeting	<b>31</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading		

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