

## GALA JUBILEE HONOREE FRAN KRIMSTON & THE LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

### FRAN KRIMSTON JUBILEE AWARD RECIPIENT



Early in Fran Krimston's career, when she was working as a promotions writer for POPULAR MECHANICS magazine, she published an article on how to build your own vacation home. "I couldn't even pound a nail in straight," she says. "But we don't need to know what we write, do we?"

Nothing could be further from the truth; however, when it comes to her work over the past 25 years as Editor of the TAS Menorah. Few could boast knowing more about a congregation and the issues it faces. Fran is a former two-term president—the first woman to serve in that capacity, a longtime board member, past president of Sisterhood, chair of the havurah and worship committees and a member of the long-range planning committee. She has worked on countless committees and projects, and writes the cards for the Caring Community in tandem with Susie Bierman.

Subsequent leadership opportunities have allowed her to learn about and influence Jewish life and the Reform Movement on both a regional and national scale.

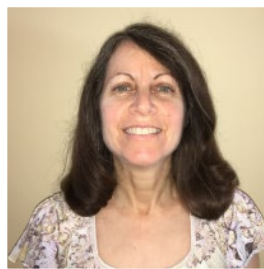
Raised in the small town of Michigan City, Indiana, Fran was editor of her high school newspaper and president of her temple youth group. She headed off to Indiana University at Bloomington to study journalism, moved to Chicago to work and met her husband Monte, of blessed memory. A honeymoon to the West Coast convinced the couple to relocate.

After serving as TAS president, Fran was invited to join both the regional and national boards of the URJ, and she became a leadership trainer for temple boards around the country. Fran also served on the Editorial Board of REFORM JUDAISM magazine for 20 years.

Fran recently left Hillside Memorial Park, where she worked for 19 years as a Family Sales Counselor. Prior to that she was an editor at the LA Daily News. Currently, she belongs to Brandeis and Hadassah and is a volunteer at the Skirball Museum. She is an enthusiastic Jazzercizer, theatre attendee, plays mah jongg and is looking for a bowling league.

She is the mother of member Joan Krimston, who teaches Israeli dancing during Religious School and is chair of the Caring Community. Joan is married to captain of the TAS Bagel Dawgs softball team, David Korduner. Fran's son Josh, a firefighter paramedic, lives and works in San Diego, where he, his wife Celine, and their sons belong to Temple Emanu-El. Joan and Josh grew up at TAS, where they were confirmed, and Josh celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. Both Krimston kids were campers and staffers at Camp Swig. Joan and David were married on our beautiful bima.

Fran is the grandmother of Zachary, Benjamin, Jordan, Jacob and Noah. "Having my kids and grandkids here is the whipped cream on my sundae", she says.



### SUE ISSLER LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT

In 1961, Sue Issler's parents, with the help of the Hebrew Immigration Aide Society (HIAS), immigrated to the United States to escape Castro's Communist Cuba. A few months later, Sue was born on what her mother said was one of the coldest days Baltimore, MD ever experienced. A few years of frigid East Coast weather sent the family fleeing to Southern California, where Sue's dad went to work as a Civil Engineer with CalTrans.

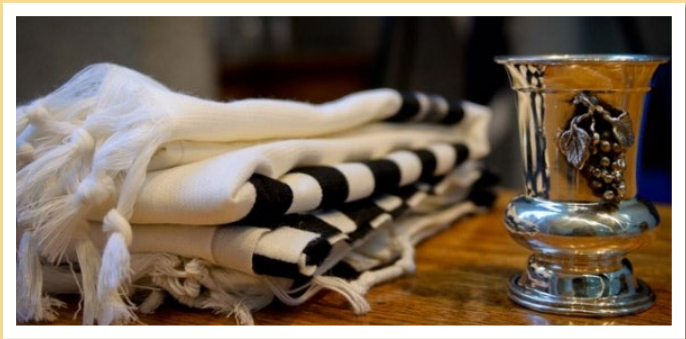
Sue grew up in the Valley, attending Millikan Junior High School and later graduated from Grant High School where she met the love her life Paul. They attended CSUN together, where Sue received a BA in Liberal Arts, and Paul

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

*Saturday, April 2, 2016*

Steven and Jennifer Kosoy and Family  
on the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kosoy



Temple  
Ahavat  
Shalom

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 2016

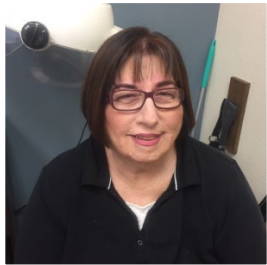
8:45 a.m. Light Breakfast • 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting  
Social Hall

All members are requested to attend. Great way to learn about  
what is happening at the Temple and participate in decisions  
about next year's budget and slate of officers.

received a BS in Business. Sue went to work as a teacher at Roscoe Elementary School, and Paul went on to the USC School of Law. They have two sons, Ben, 24, who works in the music industry and Joshua, 21, who is graduating from Northwestern University this spring with a degree in Film and Economics.

Although Sue grew up in the Sephardic tradition, she and Paul decided to give TAS a chance. Sue said, "A curious thing happened here. The more I volunteered and studied Jewish texts and traditions, the more I felt myself change inside." Fueled by incredible, dedicated and giving people, Sue has chaired the Synaplex committee for nine years and has been active in Social Action, the Temple blood drives and many other Temple activities. She added, "I have been enlightened by the wise women and men I have had the opportunity to learn from in Torah study. How could I not help but be inspired to change and grow. I owe so much to TAS and consider myself a very lucky person to be a part of this wonderful community of amazing people."

Sue has not stopped her quest for learning. After graduating from the Melton program, she is working on her Masters in Jewish Studies at the Academy for Jewish Religion (AJR) and is learning Hebrew online and by studying with Efrat Yakobi.



### SHARON JANIS LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT

Sharon and her family have been supporters of TAS for 43 years. Hailing from Detroit, Sharon's strong sense of giving back to the community was instilled in her early. "I grew up with a mother

who taught me, you give back when people are kind to you," said Sharon. Sharon's first husband Lee served as Temple photographer for many years. Their son Michael celebrated his Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation at TAS. After Lee's untimely death, Sharon fell in love with Mel Janis, and they share a productive life, continuing their dedication to the Temple community.

If you have attended a Sisterhood event, chances are you have been greeted by Sharon. From her time as Sisterhood President in the early eighties, she has served on just about every committee—both Sisterhood and temple. She was very involved in the Mitzvah Network, and almost any day, you will find Sharon taking people to the doctor, inviting them for Shabbat dinner and providing support to new members and old and those who need help. She directs and participates in the Sisterhood luncheons following some Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and for those families who choose to have the meal of condolence at temple. Her delicious tuna and egg salad recipes are replicated by a crew of hard working women.

One of her favorite memories happened during her Sisterhood presidency. She was called to light the candles at

High Holy Days. She was called to light the candles at High Holy Days. Sharon was extremely nervous; however, Rabbi Solomon Kleinman took her hand and told her she could do it because he'd seen her do it many times. She calmed down and completed her task.

Sharon will be unable to celebrate with her congregation at the Gala because she will be in Michigan celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of a family member.



### SARAH LONDER LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT

A TAS member for 28 years, Sarah Londer credits her devotion to social action to those who came before her. "These are the people who inspired me to do what I do," she commented. She named Bonnie

Weissman, Efrat Yakobi, Rhonda Mayer, Sue Issler, Susan Pollack (of blessed memory), Loren Lieb, Donna Finkelstein, Barry and Wendy Krowne and Becky Breuer. Her husband Barry also supported and encouraged her along the way.

As Fran Rosenfield lay dying, she called Sarah to come visit. "Fran made me promise I would continue to make sure that every unfortunate child had a present to open for the holidays."

Sarah has been involved with the Brady Campaign (Formerly Million Mom March) since its inception in 2000. She has campaigned for common sense gun laws and takes pride in California's gun laws, the strictest in the country.

Her temple activities also include the Board of Education, the Purim Carnival, Mitzvah Day, the blood drive and the Board of Trustees. Professionally, Sarah is a partner in a family real estate investment business.

One of six sisters, Sarah grew up at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, and Barry grew up at Temple Akiba in Culver City. They have always been involved in Reform synagogue life. Their three children grew up at TAS and celebrated B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmations. Sarah said, "Belonging to and supporting a synagogue is part of our DNA."



### MAX LUPUL LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT

Max's journey to the North Valley took him from Romania, where he was born, to Israel, where his family escaped the war in 1941. (Max spoke five languages, none of them Hebrew.) In 1951, he was accepted

at UC Berkeley where he studied business and marketing. It

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was at Berkeley Hillel over a meal of kosher hot dogs that he met Ruth Werner, born in Roundup, Montana, where there were a handful of Jews.

Max and Ruth married, moved to Los Angeles, and Max got a job teaching Marketing at UCLA. In 1964, he was asked to join the Marketing Department at CSUN as department chair. Max retired in 1992.

The Lupuls settled in Northridge and became part of the founding member group at TAS. It was discovered that Max had the skills to produce the weekly newsletter, even then called the MENORAH. He typed it, helped lay it out and stenciled it. It was mailed each Sunday to 170 households.

Max served on the Board of Directors many times, and he and Ruth have been active on countless committees. His favorite pastime was fixing things. "It gave me a chance to be creative," he said. Max and past president, Gary Himler, became the Fix-It Guys. Temple members called them for all kinds of home remedies—from computer fixes to appliance repairs. There was no charge, but the Fix-It Guys requested a donation be given to the Temple in the amount the homeowner felt the job was worth.

Max was a valued member of the Building and Grounds committee and was responsible for many major purchases and upgrades over the years.

"We have stayed involved all of these years, because this is our community. My Dad taught me that it is our tradition to support our shul. Also, the close relationship that we had with Bess and Gary Himler and so many others has kept us involved."

Early on, according to Max, Rabbi Alan Secher stopped by to drop off the Menorah and mentioned to Max that he did not see him at services often. Max told him he was not religious. Rabbi Secher said, "By the devotion you show to this congregation you are religious."



**SHEILA REBACK**  
**LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT**

A legend in North Valley preschool history, Sheila has served the community with dedication and verve for more than 30 years. As the creator /director of Adventures in Learning, she enjoyed preparing toddlers and young children for elementary school for 15 years. That was followed by another 15 years at the North Valley Jewish Community Center. She has touched the lives of hundreds of children, many of them who have also passed through the doors of TAS.

She served on the board for five years, was chair of Religious Practices and currently is Hospitality Chair. She has worked

with the Synaplex committee for nine years, as well as High Holy Days, 50th Anniversary, Purim carnival and the ECEC board, where she developed the "Let's Read Together" program. You will find her helping out in the preschool and attending Bim Bam Bima. Sheila says she has ordered hundreds of challahs and thousands of cookies for Onegs, and her talent shines when she sets up beautiful receptions for special events.

In her spare time (really!), Sheila worked at the Stein Mart boutique for 12 years, and currently she volunteers in the Admissions Department at the Jewish Home for the Aging. She created a program for residents of the Jewish Home, which includes van transportation to Stein Mart where they meet with their own personal shopper.

Sheila said, "My love of TAS and its members, my love of Judaism and the need to ensure its continuity, along with my passion for early childhood learning motivates me to continue the work that needs to be done."

Sheila is the loving mother of Leslie and Mark and the incredibly proud grandmother of eight, one of whom has made Aliyah.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 14 (Thurs)	6:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Seder
April 16 (Sat)	7:30 p.m.	Bunco and Booze
May 1 (Sun)	8:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg Tournament
May 13 (Fri)	7:00 p.m.	Game night (Trivial Pursuit)
May 19 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	Game night (Trivial Pursuit)
June 5 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Donor Event

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



This year's Sisterhood Seder, on **Thursday, April 14 (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." The Seder sells out every year so get your money in early! No walk-ins due to the tremendous popularity of this event. We have a fabulous trio of Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, Cantor Jen Roher and Cantor Emerita Patti Linsky leading the Seder. Moms, sisters, daughters and friends are all welcome.

Cost is \$38 for Sisterhood Members and \$45 for guests. To RSVP, complete the form in this Menorah (it can also be found on the Temple website.) Send your form and check to Rhonda Mayer; 10350 Larwin Ave; Chatsworth, CA 91311 by April 7, 2016. For more information, please call Rhonda Mayer at (818) 448-1040.

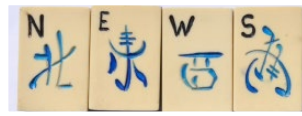
### BUNCO AND BOOZE - APRIL 16, 7:30 P.M.

Our bunco and booze fundraiser on Saturday, April 16 (7:30 p.m.) is going to be a lot of fun. Everyone is welcome – friends, spouses, neighbors. If you know how to play, you know how fun this game is, so come join us! If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You will not believe how quickly you become an expert. The game is super easy to learn and lots of

fun. There will be prizes for the winners and snacks and drinks for everyone. Cost is \$30, but there is a \$5 discount if paid by April 14. RSVP to Dina Garcia at [smilindina@gmail.com](mailto:smilindina@gmail.com). Send your check in now to the Temple to get your \$5 discount!



### 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).

### MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT - MAY 1, 8:30 A.M.

Are you already an expert Mah Jongg player? Then come to our Mah Jongg Tournament on May 1. We run the best tournament in town! Continental breakfast and registration starts at 8:30



a.m. and play starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$36. Make your check payable to TAS Sisterhood and mail check with the flyer in this Menorah to Judi Nachenberg, 7037 Park Manor Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91605. Tell your friends!

### 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

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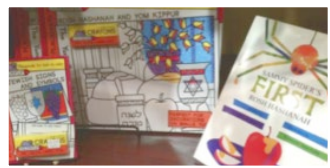
consider marking the occasion by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. We would like to share the time with you, hear the story behind the sponsorship and help you make the occasion a bit more special. In addition, your sponsorship will go a long way to support the work of the Sisterhood for our Temple, our youth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

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





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Cantor Emerita Patti Linsky for our  
Annual Women's Seder  
April 14, 2016  
6:00 PM



Moms, sisters, daughters, and friends are all welcome

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Please complete the form below and send with check, payable to TAS Sisterhood to  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	# attending	Cost per person	Total cost
Sisterhood Member		\$ 38	\$
Guests		\$ 45	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>



Please write the name of each guest:







**APRIL 16, 2016**

**7:30 to 10:00 pm**

**BUNCO BREW HA-HA**

**LIGHT SNACKS, BEER AND WINE**

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- ☐ I will bring my Mah Jongg Set and Dice  
☐ I am willing to be East & keep score



# JEWISH RAMBLINGS BY BRIAN HATKOFF

## ORIGINALLY POSTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2016

### I ASKED THE QUESTION OF MEN FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY:

***“What does Jewish Fatherhood mean to you?”*** It could be your relationship with your kids. It could be your relationship with your father. What have you done that makes it important to be a Jewish father? Does it mean something to you or does it even make a difference?

Some of the answers I received were very interesting.

One man answered: “Jewish fatherhood is setting a good example for your children. That they should see you treat others well. That you show them the importance of living a life that is informed by Jewish values. That you show by example the value of learning, living a life guided by a loving heart and the importance of tzedakah.”

Another man answered: “Jewish fatherhood means to me the transference & upholding of our Jewish roots and customs to our children and what it means.”

One man coined a phrase from the Jewish War Veterans: “Being a citizen is more than a birthright. It means to me, the love & defense of my country & the right & dignity of my spiritual & personal beliefs.”

A man from the east coast: “I am not a father. And my father was not very Jewish. I can tell you what it is like to be Jewish over the objections of your father and what I really missed.”

### THIS IS FROM A JEW BY CHOICE:

“Forty-six years ago I converted to Judaism: it was a conscious choice, not an obligation before marriage. Once our two boys were of the age to attend Hebrew School there was mutual agreement between Linda and me that each would attend, no questions asked. Our insistence that each would become a Bar Mitzvah, continue with Confirmation, and Youth Group was accepted as “normal,” rather than punitive. Our boys have had the advantage of enjoying their progress as young Jewish men, while I have delighted in their being comfortable in their Jewishness. The fact that now, at the age of 28 and 32, they have not yet reconnected with the “religious” aspects of their upbringing does not worry me: the foundation is there and, when they choose to, they will select what they need.

This is all by way of saying that, for me, my connections with what I have gotten from my identity as a Jew has been easily transferred to what I believe should be a given for any father whose life finds delight both in his heritage and in his sons.”

### ANOTHER JEW BY CHOICE:

“This is a very interesting question for me as I raised two children as a non-Jewish father and one child as a Jewish father. What were the differences? It is really hard to put my finger on major differences beyond taking my child to temple instead of church, celebrating Hanukkah instead of Christmas and talking about Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation instead of Baptism and Confirmation. I would say that the difference wasn't in what I did or taught my children, rather it was in me. As a Jew, I truly felt like the difference I made was in doing, rather than believing. My emphasis was on today, not eternal life.”

### A MAN FROM THE MIDWEST:

“The importance of our Jewish identity was always related to our children. Both our boys went through confirmation and then Hebrew High School. Both boys after the 10th grade went on the NFTY trips to Israel. We attended services most Friday nights. For thirty years we belonged to a Havurah to augment family Jewish holidays.

When our younger son went off to college, every Wednesday for three years we UPSed him a chalah; except for those Sunday mornings when Steven made Challah French Toast for his fraternity. On those occasions we would ship him 12 challahs.

Now both boys are married with families of their own and are establishing their own Jewish traditions.

To me, being a good Jewish father, as opposed to just being a good Jew is about being a role model for your children in a way which sets an example for them as eventual Jewish adults and practicing traditionally male rituals. Some things are obviously Jewish – blessing the children on Shabbat, building a sukkah, ushering at services. Others are not specifically male or Jewish, but are valuable to be seen by children – giving tzedakah, visiting the sick, and other mitzvot. Even everyday activities are important examples for children to see from their father – loving your spouse, working hard at your job every day, and being industrious. Actions speak louder than words, particularly with children; if you “act” Jewish, hopefully so will your children.”

### AND FINALLY FROM ME:

“Hopefully as a Jewish father, I have instilled a life of values, customs and traditions based in the Jewish tradition by example and that my kids as adults embrace their heritage.”





# MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### *"Fathers and Sons"*



As I write this post/article, I have just received word that Scott Yollis' father passed away. He's not alone: in March, other men in the congregation have lost fathers or fathers-in-law, including Mike Doner and Rabbi Lutz. It is also just after my father's birthday;

he passed away in 2004. Fathers play important roles in our lives: they pass down values, they serve as examples, they teach us how to lead. Our congregation is blessed with many active fathers, including the men of MoTAS and the fathers in our religious school.

One problem we have, however, is a generational gap between the fathers in the congregation. Although we all share the same goal — leadership in our family and leadership for

the congregation — there is a sense that we have little in common. The older dads form the core constituency of MoTAS. The younger dads are involved in the ECEC and activities like "Dad's Night Out." When we should be cross-pollinating our similar experiences, we separate and think we have little in common.

MoTAS would like to change that. First, we invite the younger dads to come to our Sunday morning meetings (timed to be during religious school), our MoTAS Seder, and our upcoming outing to see the Lancaster Jethawks — affordable, family-friendly baseball. We also want to work with the dad's group in the ECEC — providing umbrella publicity, and working together to promote fundraisers for our groups and the congregation. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact me at [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org).

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2016/03/21/fathers-and-sons/>.

## NCAA BASKETBALL SQUARES



MoTAS is pleased to announce that the Basketball Squares board filled up just as the NCAA Championship began. This means that we will be able to do a full slate of grants from this program in mid-April. Watch the MoTAS Weekly for the announcement of the grants. If you don't get the MoTAS Weekly, it is posted every week on the MoTAS Website, <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

Here are the grants from the Super Bowl squares announced late February:

- Avodah – \$250
- Camperships – \$350
- Alumni Committee – \$115
- Caring Community – \$100
- Emergency Backpacks – \$120

## 2016 MAN OF THE YEAR

In early March, the MoTAS Man of the Year, Barry Mann, was presented his award at the MRJ Regional Man of the

Year Dinner. Almost two tables of MoTAS members were there to support him and to cheer him on. Here is a picture of Barry receiving his award.



Do you want to let Barry know how much you appreciate his hard work? It's easy. Sign up to be on the Golf Committee by dropping a note to [golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org) (and you can work with the Mann himself). Bring a new foursome to play on September 19, or find us new sponsors or advertisers. Helping our Golf Committee is the best way to show Barry that he's the Mann (that never gets old).

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### KITCHEN CHALLENGE

**The Kitchen Challenge isn't over yet!** We're continuing the challenge until the end of April, so let's see how much we

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can raise. To date, we've raised over \$11,000 towards kitchen repairs from over 43 individuals and the matching funds and grants. These funds have already replaced one refrigerator, and will soon go to replacing the make-up air system unit, cleaning the vent hoods, and improving fire suppression

capabilities. More is needed to pay for ongoing maintenance, future replacement of the remaining refrigerators and freezers, repair to the ranges and ovens, and refurbishment of the floor. Thank you to all the following individuals for their contributions to the challenge: Lee Baum, William Bigelson, Les Birken, Joe Blachman, Dave Breuer, Bryan Davis, Richard Erkus, Allen Evenas, Daniel Faigin, Mark Friedman, Shelly Garelik, Brian Hatkoff, Ed Handler, Larry Hoffman, Robert Hyam, Ira Kaplan, Fred Kimmel, Barry Krowne, Aaron Labowitz, Al Lapidus, Bob Levin, Bob Levine, Roger Lowe, Max Lupul, Barry Mann, Howard Miller, Chuck Mondrus, Barry Pearlman, Kathy Pullman, Mike Rayfield, Stephen Rosenberg, Joseph Sculler, Jeff Shulman, Paul Silver, Bernard Singer, Leonard Soloff, Shelly Spector, Sandy Stern, Ben Tenn, Michael Thornhill, Les Weider, Scott Weiss, Ken Wolfe, and Steve Zidell. We would love to see your name added to this list. More information may be found at <http://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/about/support-motas/2016-kitchen-challenge/>.

## MOTAS ANNUAL APPEAL

Also continuing through the end of April is the MoTAS Annual Appeal. This appeal is very important, for MoTAS has no membership dues. Being a male member of TAS automatically makes



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 contributions — they provide the funds that permit MoTAS to do many of our activities over the year. So far, 53 individuals have donated to the appeal...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.

## YOM HASHOAH CANDLE PACKING MEETING - SUNDAY, APRIL 10

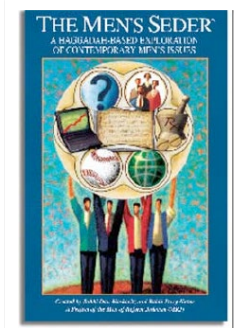
Join us at our April Membership meeting on Sunday, April 10, where we will assemble the Yom HaShoah candle packages. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was started by the Federation of Jewish Mens Club (FJMC) in remembrance of Yom HaShoah. We provide candles to the congregation to encourage congregants to remember the Shoah and visibly demonstrate that we will never forget what unbridled anti-Semitism can bring. This is especially important now, as we are seeing an increase in anti-Semitic violence both in Europe and in the US (witness the recent incidents up at UC Davis and in Copenhagen), 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 Wednesday, May 4.

**Please note: We will not be mailing the Yellow Candles this year.** Instead, candles will be delivered through the religious school, permitting them to incorporate the remembrance into the education program. Candles will also be available at all Temple events after April 10, as well as available at the TAS Front Office. If you are unable to get to TAS and you desire a candle, simply email [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or contact Daniel at (818) 438-5781, and we will arrange to get a candle delivered to you.

Looking ahead, our May meeting on May 1 will feature Dave Friedman talking about his recent visit to Panama. The topic will be how individuals and the US can make a big difference.

## MOTAS MEN'S SEDER

On Sunday, April 17, join the Men of TAS at our annual Men's 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



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<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 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.



## FAMILY EVENT: JETHAWKS BASEBALL



On Saturday evening, May 28, MoTAS will be hosting a **Jethawks Baseball Family Event**. This will be an outing to "The Hanger" in Lancaster (an hour drive from TAS) on a Saturday evening to see the Jethawks play. The cost is

\$9 per person (with a slight convenience charge for online credit-card registrations). If you haven't been to a minor-league baseball game, they are an order of magnitude more fun than an outing to the Dodgers. The stadium is small, the food is inexpensive, and the goal is just to have a great time. The Jethawks (<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t491>) are the minor-league team for the Houston Astros. The game is an afternoon game, allowing us to have a wonderful day at the baseball park, not pay a lot, and not be out until the wee hours of the morning. It is also after religious school is over for the year; we encourage you to bring your kids and grandkids. The more the merrier.

To register, see the flyer elsewhere in this issue or visit <http://jethawks.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

## NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE MOTAS 2016-2017 BOARD

At the April MoTAS meeting, the MoTAS Nominating Committee will announce the slate of officers for 2016-

2017. If you would be interested in running for MoTAS office, please contact one of the members of the MoTAS Nominating Committee: Daniel Faigin ([Faigin@cahighways.org](mailto:Faigin@cahighways.org)) [Outgoing President], Bob Levine ([tasboblevine@gmail.com](mailto:tasboblevine@gmail.com)) [Past President], or Joel Lowell ([joel.lowell@gmail.com](mailto:joel.lowell@gmail.com)) [Past President].



The election will take place during the May meeting. If you would like to run for MoTAS office, we welcome a contested election. Please contact Bob Levine at [pastpresident@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:pastpresident@tasnorthridge-motas.org) for more information.

## 2016 GOLF TOURNAMENT - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The date is set, the flyers are printed, and the website is up. MoTAS is pleased to announce that the 2016 Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 19. Planning meetings will be starting soon; if you are interested in helping, please contact Barry Mann at [golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org). We will also be setting up a mailing list for announcements. More information and forms are available at <http://golf.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### PURIM CARNIVAL

On Sunday, March 13, MoTAS provided food service for the Purim Carnival. The food trucks were gone, replaced by MoTAS hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as pizza and salads donated by local businesses. MoTAS thanks all the volunteers who helped that Sunday, including all the students who volunteered. MoTAS collected over 3,400 tickets and generated a nice surplus for the Carnival and the Temple. Thank you to Robert Levin for coordinating this event and to Scott and Bill for staffing the Barbeque. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped shop before the event and pick up all the donated items.

### 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-

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in list. If you want to be added to the list, either email your request to [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/motas-action-alert>.



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

	Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom
<b>2016 Support Appeal / 2016 Kitchen Challenge</b>	
Note: You may also contribute online at <a href="http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org">www.tasnorthridge-motas.org</a> . Click "Support Us" on the right hand column. You can then enter your credit card information through Paypal (which does accept American Express)	
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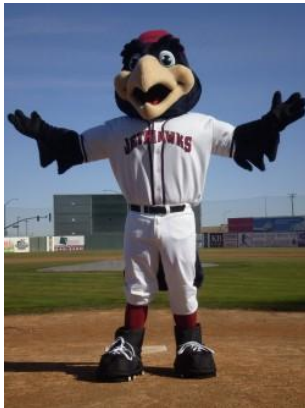
# The Men of TAS invite You and Your Family to join us for



## JETHAWKS BASEBALL Saturday, May 28 6PM-9PM

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- What: Minor League Baseball  
Lancaster Jethawks vs. Rancho Cucamonga Quakes
- Where: The Jethawks Hangar  
Route 14 at Avenue I  
(Lancaster Municipal Stadium, 93536)  
~ 1 hour drive from TAS
- When: Saturday, May 28  
Game starts at 6PM, arrive by 5:30PM  
Ends ~ 9 PM
- Cost: \$9 per person
- Other:
- Concessions available at park, or join us for lunch before the game (not included in ticket price)
  - Let us know if you want to rideshare
  - No outside food or drink permitted in the stadium

More Info: Contact [jethawks@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:jethawks@tasnorthridge-motas.org)

### RSVP by Thursday, May 12, 2016

Return this form with your check payable to MoTAS to MoTAS, c/o TAS, 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge CA 91326  
or reserve online with your credit card (\$1.50 convenience fee/ticket) at <http://jethawks.tasnorthridge-motas.org>

Yes! I'll join MoTAS at the Hangar:

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# ECEC

Last month our ECEC children invited Grandparents and Special Friends to spend some time with them at school and see how our “work day” goes. Everyone had a wonderful time. We shared snacks, made beautiful art projects together, played on the yards and in the classrooms, and welcomed Shabbat with the clergy. The children truly enjoyed this time together. Please know that we would love for



grandparents (and parents too!) to visit whenever they are available. Join us to read books, bake, tell stories or just help out in the classroom. Just let your teachers know when would be a good time to visit. We have already had visits from Andrew’s grandma, Reagan’s grandma, Ethan and Elan’s aunt and Mason’s grandma. Thanks so much for being with us. We hope you will return again soon.



We also celebrated our first Annual ECEC Family Shabbat Service and Dinner. With over 130 people attending, this was a fun and lively event. Most of our families were there as Rabbi Lutz, Cantor Roher and our preschool children led us in prayer and song. After a delicious dinner catered by Amer’s Falafel, we joined our music specialist, Halina, for more songs and dancing.

Purim was another fun ECEC event. The preschoolers each made their own costumes. Our littlest Owls were cotton candy, the three-year-old Giraffes were hamantaschen and the pre-K Owls were clowns. We marched around the offices, being silly, and ate delicious Hamantaschen, which every class baked. Everyone knew to shout “BOOOOO” every time wicked King Haman’s name was mentioned.

Passover is coming soon. You will see frogs all over the building, many desert scenes, and “lotsah” matzah. We will have our family Seder on Thursday, April 21. If anyone would

like to join us to participate in our special preschool Passover Seder, please call the school office and let us know how many people will be attending. We expect about 150 people.

The demand for a Spring Camp this year is high, so we will definitely be holding a camp over the week of Passover. This will be a week filled with games, mud, exploration, science, art and cooking. The teachers are looking forward to it! We only have a few weeks left after that before the school year comes to an end.



Summer camp fliers will be going out soon. This program will be open to the community, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please make them aware of our TAS ECEC camp.

Wishing you all a Chag Sameach! Enjoy your Seder with loved ones and remember that even today, not everyone is a free man.

*L'Shalom,  
Tessa Cramer*





# GENEROUS GIFTS

## ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND

Men of TAS

## ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

David and Beth Meltzer in memory of David Meltzer's father, Joseph Meltzer. "Thank you to Temple Ahavat Shalom for remembering and honoring the memory of Joseph Meltzer." The Pearlmans in honor of The Jubilee Award Recipient and The Legacy Awards Recipients  
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Susan Cohen in memory of Milton Cohen  
The Andersen Family in memory of Donald Doner  
Keith and Harriet Rosen in memory of Milton Cohen

## BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Susan Cohen to Sheila Zison in memory of your loving brother, Marshall

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Andy and Barry Mann in memory of George Yollis

## CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Sharon and Mel Janis to Phil and Shelly Trop in memory of Naomi Nagy  
Sharon and Mel Janis in memory of Milton Cohen  
Anita Hoch in memory of Milton Cohen  
Phyllis and Hal Bass in memory of Milton Cohen, father of Debbie Lutz  
Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in memory of Helen White  
Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in memory of Milton Cohen  
Becky and David Breuer in memory of Milton Cohen  
Becky and David Breuer in memory of Donald Doner  
Paul and Ava Silver in memory of Donald Doner  
Fran Krimston to The Liberman Family in memory of your brother  
Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Donald Doner  
Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Milton Cohen  
Karen and David Strauss in memory of Donald Doner  
Abbey Klein to Rabbi Barry and Debbie Lutz and Family with heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved Milt Cohen. May his memory comfort you all.  
The Pearlman Family in memory of Donald Doner  
Sharon and Mel Janis in memory of George Yollis  
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Cheri Haft in memory of Donald Doner  
Rhonda Mayer in memory of Donald Doner  
Rhonda, Michael and Carly Mayer in memory of Betty Krantz  
Amy Wong, Pierre and Yolanda Wong, Chris Wong and Jeffrey Light and Kathy Levaton in memory of Donald Doner, "Our condolences to the Doner Family. Your dad sounds like he was pretty amazing!"  
Paul and Sue Issler in memory of Milton Cohen  
Carol and Sandy Stern in memory of Donald Doner  
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## EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Barry and Wendy Krowne  
Mel and Les Birken to Michal, Scott and Elan Miller in honor of the arrival of Theo Judah Miller  
Susan Cohen in honor of Sheila Reback, Honoree of the 26th Annual ECEC Luncheon  
Laraine and Howard Miller in memory of Milton Cohen  
Paul and Ava Silver in memory of Milton Cohen  
Barry and Cathy Pearlman  
TAS Book Group  
Abbey Klein to Sheila Reback, "Celebrating you as the ECEC Luncheon Honoree. Mazel Tov! So richly deserved!"

## MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILENCE OF THE SOUL

Sandra Hatkoff in memory of Donald Doner

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gloria and Allan Katcher to Becky and David Breuer in honor of baby Samuel  
Fran and Al Lapides in memory of Milton Cohen  
Roger and Ellen Lowe in memory of Milton Cohen  
Andrea and Richard Meyer, "Thank you to Rabbi Shawna for a beautiful service for our father, Julian Diamond."  
The Pearlman Family in memory of Milton Cohen  
The Men of TAS expressing condolences in memory of Debbie Lutz's father, Milton Cohen  
Joel Lowell and Terri Jonisch in memory of Milton Cohen  
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## RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Diane Levine in honor of Efrat Yakobi

## RONNA AND LEW EDGERS MEMORIAL ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Arnold and Judy Alban in memory of Milton Cohen, beloved father and grandfather of the Lutz Family  
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Fran Krimston to Thom McDannel in memory of Judy  
Fran Krimston to Barry Mann, "You have always been my Man of the Year."  
Fran Krimston to Rabbi Devorah Marcus, "With gratitude and respect for your graciousness and warmth at Jacob's Bar Mitzvah."

*Thank you all for your generous donations!*

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## YAHREZITS

Allan and Linda Guttentag in memory of Mark Guttentag  
Fred and Gail Pell in memory of Allen Pell  
Fred and Gail Pell in memory of Bess Pell  
Anita Hoch in memory of Cynthia Purdy  
Barry and Cathy Pearlman in memory of Bevelyn Pearlman  
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Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of David Werner  
Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of Goldie Ann Werner  
Max and Ruth Lupul in memory of Arthur Werner  
William Guss in memory of Hilda Guss  
Dr. Harold and Phyllis Bass in memory of Louis A. Bass  
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Isy and James Wiefel in memory of Shirley Bernhardt  
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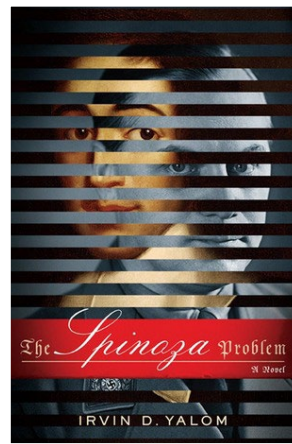
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## THE SPINOZA PROBLEM BY IRVIN YALOM: ED EDELSON, FACILITATOR

It has been written that of all the philosophers of the seventeenth-century, perhaps none have more relevance today than Spinoza. Join this month's book discussion and discover why.

"The more we acquire the more we crave, and the deeper our sadness when our yearning is not satisfied. Lads, listen to me: If you crave happiness, do not waste your life struggling for that which you really do not need." - Baruch Spinoza

This month, the Book Group will discuss the story of a connection between a 17C Dutch Jewish thinker and a World War II Nazi ideologue. In 1910 when 16-year-old Alan Rosenberg is called into his headmaster's office for anti-Semitic remarks, he is forced, as punishment, to memorize passages about Spinoza from the autobiography of the German poet Johann Goethe. As an adult, Rosenberg remains haunted by the thought that his idol, Goethe, would



have been inspired by a member of a race he considers so inferior to his own.

Irvin Yalom imagines the unexpected intersection of Spinoza's life with Rosenberg's as he explores the mindsets of two men separated by 300 years. Using his skills as a psychiatrist, he explores how the inner lives of Spinoza, the Jewish secular philosopher, and Rosenberg, the godless mass murderer, came to intersect based on Goethe's admiration of Spinoza. This is one of Yalom's best-reviewed novels.

This is a discussion you will not want to miss. Join us on Thursday, April 7 in the Rothenberg Chapel/Library. We begin at 7:00 p.m. for coffee and start the discussion at 7:30 p.m. Feel free to join us even if you have not read the book, the discussion may inspire you to do so!

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Debbie Lutz and Family on the death of her father, Milton Cohen

Michael Doner and Family on the death of his father and our Temple member, Donald Doner

Scott Yollis and Family on the death of his father, George Yollis

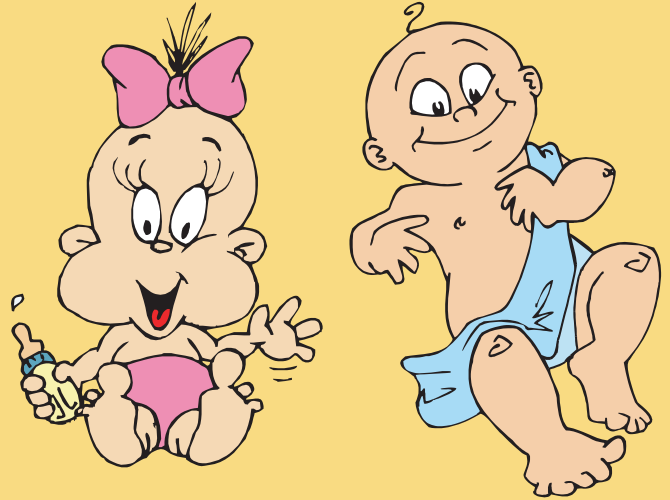
*May their memory be a blessing*



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# APRIL 2016 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent and Me 5:45pm - Pre-Service Nosh 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service - Simcha Shabbat	<b>2</b> 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kosoy Daughter of Steven and Jennifer Kosoy 8:00pm - An Evening with Elayne Boosler
<b>3</b> 9:30am - Adult Education: Hartman Lecture Series - Away	<b>4</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class 6:00pm - ECEC Fundraiser - Pieology (Granada Hills)	<b>5</b> No Torah Study	<b>6</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	<b>8</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent and Me 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:15pm - Community Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>9</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 6:00pm - ECEC Rosh Chodesh (Mom's Night Out)
<b>10</b> 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 10:00am - ECEC Luncheon and Boutique	<b>11</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>12</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Post-Confirmation 6:00pm - Adult Learning TAS Tuesdays	<b>13</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:00pm - Gala Committee Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	<b>14</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 6:00pm - Sisterhood Seder	<b>15</b> 9:00am - ECEC Parent and Me 6:00pm - Club 67 Kabbalat Shabbat - Away 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm - Community Shabbat Dinner	<b>16</b> 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 7:30pm - Sisterhood Bunco Night
<b>17</b> 9:00am - Jewish World Watch Walk 5:30pm - Men of TAS Seder	<b>18</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>19</b> 9:30am - Torah Study	<b>20</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 11:00am - ECEC Seder 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading	<b>22</b> ECEC Closed 3:00pm - Temple Offices Close No Erev Shabbat Service	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> No Religious School	<b>25</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>26</b> 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Gala Committee Meeting - Away	<b>27</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	<b>28</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting - Away	<b>29</b> Temple Offices and School Closed 6:45pm - Yizkor Service 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	<b>30</b> 9:00am - Spring Shabbaton

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