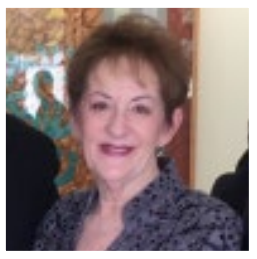


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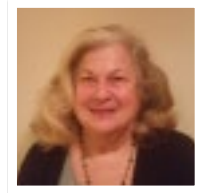


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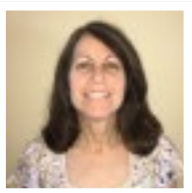
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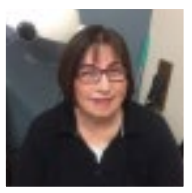
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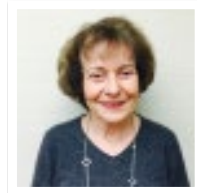
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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

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## MAZEL TOV TO OUR MAY B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

*May 7, 2016*

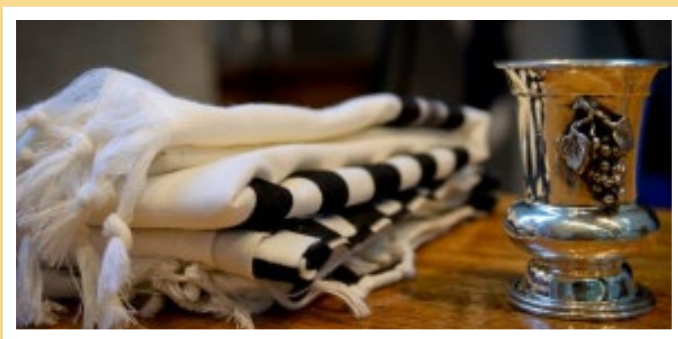
Allan and Tammy Goldenberg  
and Family on the Bat Mitzvah  
of Ella Goldenberg

*May 21, 2016*

David and Laura Silverman  
and Family on the Bar Mitzvah  
of Jake Silverman

*May 14, 2016*

Jason and Christine Horowitz  
and Family on the Bar Mitzvah  
of Jonathan Horowitz



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### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 2016  
8:45 a.m. Light Breakfast • 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting  
Social Hall

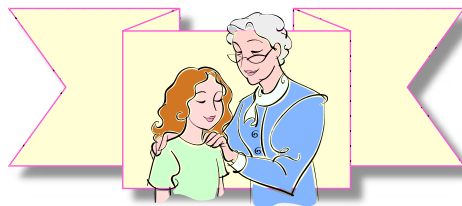
All members are requested to attend. Great way to learn about  
what is happening at the Temple and participate in decisions  
about next year's budget and slate of officers.



**LARGEST MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION  
IN THE WORLD  
MAY 8, 2016 – 10:00am to 1pm**



**Plan  
Early**



**Sign Up  
Now**

**What:** TAS Sisterhood and Social Action are partnering with the Los Angeles Jewish Home. Many volunteers are needed to serve lunch, refreshments, chat for awhile with residents, and assist seniors and direct visitors to get to where they need to go. Ages 6 to 16 with a parent, and 17 to 80+ are welcome to participate.

**Where:** The Jewish Home, Grancell Village (7150 Tampa Ave.) and Eisenberg Village (18855 Victory Blvd.)

**When:** Mother's Day Morning, Sunday May 8, 2016 – 10:00am to 1pm

**How to participate:** Call Judy Stehr – 818-744-6227 or email at: [jesterjudy@gmail.com](mailto:jesterjudy@gmail.com) and get your name on the list. You will be given your assignment at check-in. RSVP Friday, 4/29/16. Questions welcome.

Jewish  
Geography

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Talmud

Jews in  
Sports

# Jewish Trivia Game Night!



May 19, 7:00pm

**Fun! Food! Prizes!**



**Are you a master of Jewish trivia?  
Come strut your stuff!**

**Trivia not your strong point?  
Team up at the event with someone else!**

**We will be voting on the incoming Sisterhood Board  
Come cast your vote!**

**Free to Sisterhood members; \$5 for non-members**

# GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPLAUD TAS' 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

And they say “good deeds go unnoticed.” Well, that is not the case with our work at Temple Ahavat Shalom. Over the years, the successful food drives, support to the MEND organization, toy and clothing collections for needy and foster children, blood drives and many other community endeavors by the TAS Social Action Committee, Sisterhood, Men of TAS and other Temple groups have been observed by local government officials.

The result is, upon hearing that TAS is celebrating our 50th Anniversary, a number of government officials have sent declarations of congratulations to the Temple. Congratulatory messages have been received from:

- **Brad Sherman**, United States Congress Representative
- **Eric Garcetti**, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- **Mitchell Englander**, Los Angeles City Councilman District 12

- **Fran Pavley**, 27th District State Senator
- **Matt Dababneh**, 45th District State Assemblyman

The certificates applaud our Temple community. Congressman Sherman states that the certificate was sent in “recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community.” Similarly, Mayor Garcetti states, “This house of worship is known for contributions to our community and for welcoming Angelinos with open arms.”

The beautiful certificates decorate our foyer wall to the left of the sanctuary doors. Funds for the handsome frames protecting the certificates were donated by members of the TAS 50th Anniversary Planning Committee chaired by Bonnie Covelli. So, next time you walk into the Temple, be sure to check out these beautiful accolades. They will make you proud!







# Help Deliver Hope to Families in Need!

**It's the biggest food drive in the world  
...and WE NEED YOUR HELP to SORT  
and PACKAGE COLLECTED DONATIONS!**

**Saturday, May 14  
1 pm to 6 pm  
at Local Post Offices**

For more info and to sign up, contact:  
**richard@mendpoverty.org**  
**818-686-7334**

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**Saturday, May 21**  
**1 pm to 5 pm**

**at MEND**

**10641 N. San Fernando Road**  
**Pacoima, CA 91331**

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 13 (Fri)	7:00 p.m.	Sisterhood Shabbat
May 19 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	Game night (Jewish Trivia)
June 5 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Donor Brunch

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



The nominating committee has met and solicited qualified individuals to serve on the 2016-2017 TAS Sisterhood board.

Here are the candidates which will be voted on at the May 19, 2016 Sisterhood General Meeting.

- President: Jackie Zev  
VP Ways and Means: Jennifer Kosoy  
VP Programming: Kathy Barker and Barbara Seltzer  
VP Membership: Cheryl Frumes  
VP Religious Observances: Cindy Tenn  
VP Education: Laura Silverman and Fran Handler  
Treasurer: Roseanna Sculler  
Financial Secretary: Bobbie Ross  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Pullman

Although it appears that the slate is full, we are still seeking a co-chair for the VP of Religious Observances. The main responsibilities of the VP of Religious Observances are to order the baked goods for Onegs each week, to purchase bulk supplies such as water, ice, coffee, wine, juice, etc., to contact the B'nai Mitzvah families, and to be a single point of contact for the Oneg Hostesses. We usually have one person doing the weekly ordering of baked goods, and a second person to purchase the bulk supplies. The two VPs also provide back-up for each other in the case that one is on vacation.

Would you be willing to help out Sisterhood by being this second person? If you are willing to get involved, but the Religious Observance job doesn't sound like your thing, how about helping on the Membership or on the Ways & Means committees? Either of these committees would be a great way to put in as much or as little time as you have available.

Please contact Erika Barnathan at (818) 701-5677 or [taserika@gmail.com](mailto:taserika@gmail.com) to be a part of making our Temple Onegs happen, or to volunteer for a committee.

## SISTERHOOD SEDER

Our Sisterhood Seder can be summed up in a single word - WOW! It was truly incredible. After recent amazing Sisterhood Seders, we expected a great experience, and the close to 120 women who attended were not disappointed. The Seder was titled "A Journey from Ancient Greece to Hollywood - Telling the Passover Exodus through the Story of Jews in Entertainment."



It was filled with songs from musicals, with words modified to fit the Passover story. We started with "Tonight, Tonight / We'll tell a tale tonight / Of Pharaoh, Slaves, and God's awesome might" and ended with "Everything Started with Moses" (from Gypsy's "Everything Started with Roses"). In between, we sang tunes from *West Side Story*, the *Wizard of Oz*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Chorus Line*, *Oliver*, and other favorites.

Between the singing, we did all the traditional prayers. Woven through the prayers, we told the story of theater through the ages and the role of Jews on the stage, starting in Ancient Greece in the second century BCE. We explored theater under Roman rule and the Middle Ages, covered the last few centuries and finished in modern times. The four questions were modified to have a focus on theater, and instead of reading the 15 miracles of Adonai, we honored eight Jews who made a memorable impact with their creativity. All in under 3 hours!

Not only was the service fascinating, but the meal was delicious and the "extras" were well thought out. Kudos to the Seder committee for a job VERY well done!

## BUNCO BREWHAHA

We raised about \$500 at our Bunco fundraiser, but even more importantly, we had a \*lot\* of fun. Some of us knew how to play Bunco beforehand, and some did not, but by the end of the first round, everyone was playing like an expert. We gave cash prizes for the most Buncos (five



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people split the prize), the most wins (three people split the prize), the most losses (two people split the prize) and the first Bunco. Plus there was the raffle! One in three people won prizes. Nice odds!

The food committee outdid themselves and put out a terrific spread. And the decorations were fun, particularly the dice doughnut tower and the Chinese bell that started and ended the rounds. Three Temple Solomon members came and enjoyed themselves a lot – they were disappointed that we only put on events like this once a year, and said they would like to attend our next one. A special shout-out to chair Iris Brynjegard for making it happen!

## SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Being that this is the Temple's 50th Anniversary, the theme will be "Five Decades of Devotion and Dedication to TAS." This service will be a historical overview of Sisterhood throughout the years. We hope you can attend and celebrate 50 years of Sisterhood success with us.



## MAY GENERAL MEETING



On Saturday, May 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. come to the Temple for a fun night of Jewish Trivia. You can play by yourself or on a team, so you can do well even if trivia is not your thing. We will also be voting on the incoming board, so come cast your vote! As usual, this event is free for Sisterhood members and \$5 for non-members.

## DONOR LUNCHEON



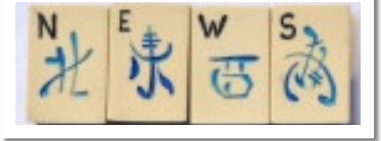
Sisterhood's annual Donor luncheon will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Temple. Entertainment will be "The Joy of Politics" featuring the Honorable, Joy Picus. Many of you will remember Ms. Picus as she was the

Los Angeles City Council 3rd District representative for 16 years (from 1977 to 1993). She has an enormous repertoire of humorous insider stories about the City council which will delight and amuse you.

If you have earned Sisterhood donor, the luncheon is free, otherwise the cost is \$45. There will be Silent and Chinese auctions packed with fantastic items and numerous gift cards. The entertainment will be awesome, the food will be fantastic, and you can probably pick up some great items at a discount. RSVP to Ellen Pollock at (818) 700-8640 or [chbybubbe@aol.com](mailto:chbybubbe@aol.com) by Sunday, May 22, 2016 if you want to attend.

## 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.

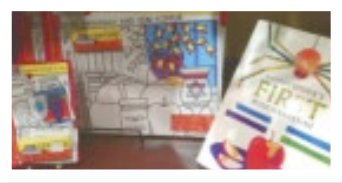
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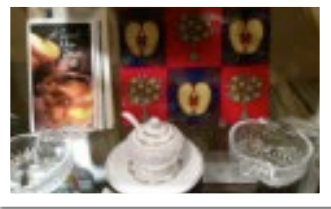
Has the cost of Bar/Bat Mitzvah receptions got you down? Sisterhood can provide a low cost luncheon after your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your family and friends. This is not the big shebang with a DJ and dancing – it's a low key way to provide a nice meal after the service for your guests. Contact 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 Religious 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*



# MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### *“Passing On the Tradition”*



As I write this post, Passover has just started. As you read it, we're in the May graduation season. There's an interesting connection. When I was young, I attended Wilshire Blvd Temple, and they had a tradition in those days of giving a seder plate to graduates

of their high school program. I received one from them, and it prompted me to do my own seder throughout my college years and to this very day (including developing my own haggadah). Last year, MoTAS brought this tradition to TAS, using a portion of the NCAA Squares Grants to provide seder plates to the graduates of TAS High. We continue that tradition this year, in hopes that they will inspire our TAS young adults to invite their friends and hold seders at college (if they don't come home). It's a powerful tradition.

Providing a seder plate is just one way that MoTAS provides fatherly leadership to members of our congregation. We also participate in the FJMC Yellow Candles program, providing yellow Yom HaShoah candles to any congregant. The goal is to encourage remembrance of the Holocaust at home; through remembering, we hope to remind and sensitize people to the anti-Semitism that remains today.

We encourage all of the fathers out there — and those who serve as father-figures, whatever your gender — to keep the remembrances alive. Tell the stories. Explain the meanings. Show these stories we tell have messages for today, and aren't just dusty rituals. By doing so, we can do our small part to make this world better.

We invite you to comment on this message. Just visit <https://wp.tasnorthridge-motas.org/2016/04/23/passing-tradition/>.

## NCAA BASKETBALL SQUARES



The NCAA Final Four for 2016 is history, and so is the 2016 installment of Basketball Squares. Here are the preliminary grant allocations from the 2016 Basketball Squares:

- TAS High Gifts – \$350
- Alumni Committee – \$165
- Caring Community – \$100

A small amount has not yet been granted pending end of the year requests and needs identification. The squares website ([squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org](http://squares.tasnorthridge-motas.org)) will have the final results of the grants. Our gridmasters are currently devising a squares approach for Baseball Season.

## KITCHEN CHALLENGE

By the time you read this, the Kitchen Challenge will be over. Due to press deadlines, we'll have a final report in the June Menorah. We're in the process of obtaining final bids for the make-up air and vent-hood cleaning, and determining what

is required to ensure the kitchen is fire safe. Even though the challenge is over, we welcome contributions to help support kitchen repairs. There is much more we would like to do if we have the funds. Just indicate your donation is for the kitchen fund, and mail it to MoTAS at the Temple.

Additional funds will cover ongoing maintenance, future replacement of the remaining refrigerators and freezers, repair to the ranges and ovens, and refurbishment of the floor.



## MEN'S CLUB/MOTAS LOGOWEAR

While cleaning the Men's Club closet, we discovered quite a stash of Men's Club and MoTAS items. Yes, I said Men's Club — because whatever the term, we're a group of brothers working together for our Temple family. These items will be available for purchase at MoTAS events; or you can contact an officer and we'll arrange to get you what you want: Light Blue Men's Club T-Shirts (L, XL) – \$10; Medium Blue Men's Club T-Shirt (1, L) – \$10; Dark Blue Men's Club T-Shirts

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(L, XL) – \$10; Cobalt Blue Polo-Shirt (no pocket) with MoTAS on sleeve (L, XL) – \$10; MoTAS Aluminum Water Bottles – \$10; Knit African kippot (no logo) – \$18; Embroidered turquoise and gold kippot – \$5.



The knit African kippot are very nice — they stretch to be able to fit your head without having to use clips. They came to MoTAS via Barry Krowne's daughter who was in Africa near the tribe that made them. Barry brought them back with him from one of his trips there. Sometime later, Steven Zonis noticed that the Rabbi of that congregation (who just got elected as the first Jewish member of the Ugandan Parliament) was going to do a tour of the US, and suggested we invite him here. After a very long to-do regarding pricing, arrangements were made, and he visited us for weekend-in-residence.

Lastly, if you want items with the new logo, you can order them from our Cafe Press store at <http://www.cafepress.com/motashop>.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### YOM HASHOAH "YELLOW CANDLE" PROGRAM



At our April meeting, MoTAS boxed our traditional Yom HaShoah Candle mailing. However, we're not mailing them this year. The TAS Religious School will be distributing 260 of the candles to the religious school students together with an explanation of what they are for. The remainder are available for pickup from

the TAS front office, at TAS events, at the MoTAS Seder, and from MoTAS members near you. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was started by the Federation of Jewish Men's 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 antisemitism can bring. This is especially important now, as we are seeing an increasing in antisemitic violence both in Europe and in the US, and as we are losing the generation of Holocaust survivors. We encourage you to pick up a candle, and remember to light it on Yom HaShoah, which starts the evening of Wednesday,

May 4. 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.

### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SUNDAY, MAY 1 - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PANAMA

Join us at our May Membership meeting on Sunday, May 1, where we will hear Dave Friedman talking about his recent visit to Panama. The topic will be how individuals and the US can make a big difference. Dave describes it as follows:

Panama is the South American financial capital and also has villages in financial need. I had the pleasure of traveling to Panama City and surrounding villages through Rotary. I look forward to discussing the differences from big banking to kids in need of school repairs. Rotary has contributed to remodeling a school south of Panama City



including bringing the kids into the internet age. I also viewed the massive expansion project in the Panama Canal. The U.S had a very big history going back many years as the canal is a vital transportation route to the other side of South America. I look forward to sharing this background and pictures Sunday, May 1 at the MOTAS meeting.

As always, before the speaker, we will have our scrumptious MoTAS breakfast and a 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.

Looking ahead to June: Our speaker on June 5 will be Erin Faigin, talking about the Yiddish Literary Culture of Los Angeles, and its expression through the Yiddish Culture Club. This club pioneered Western Yiddish literature, informed by European and Jewish literary traditions, expressing both anxieties about being a Jew in the twentieth century, and the particularities of Jewish identity in the American West.

### MOTAS 2016-2017 BOARD ELECTIONS

The MoTAS Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of proposed officers for 2016-2017:

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- President: Frank Soronow
- Vice Presidents: Bill Shapiro and Larry Hoffman
- Secretary: Hal Bass
- Treasurer: Roger Lowe
- Past President: Daniel Faigin



We will be voting on this slate at the May meeting. If you would be interested in running for MoTAS office and challenging someone on the slate, please contact one of the members of the MoTAS Nominating Committee: Daniel Faigin at [Faigin@cahighways.org](mailto:Faigin@cahighways.org) [Outgoing President], Bob Levine at [tasboblevine@gmail.com](mailto:tasboblevine@gmail.com) [Past President], or Joel Lowell at [joel.lowell@gmail.com](mailto:joel.lowell@gmail.com) [Past President].

## FAMILY EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 28TH - 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 (about a 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 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 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!



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

## JUNE 17 SHABBABAQUE

It’s May, which means the June Shabbabaque is coming soon. Shabbabaque is the outdoor summer TAS Shabbat service with a barbeque dinner cooked by the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom. This is the perfect way to enjoy a summer night



with worship, great food, and incredible music.

Shabbabaque starts with an outdoor service in the TAS amphitheatre at 6:15 p.m., featuring music from the TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15 p.m. by a delicious barbeque dinner. The menu typically includes chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with Caesar salad (no chicken in the salad), plus all the sides. Pricing is \$11 for adults, \$7 for children for registration before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. Late registrations are subject to a \$5 surcharge.

The first Shabbabaque of 2016 will be Friday, June 17. Registration is now open. For more information, see the flyer in this issue, or visit <http://shab-bbq.tasnorthridge-motas.org/>. You can reserve online, by leaving a message on the MoTAS Voicemail at (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235#, by emailing [shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:shab-bbq@tasnorthridge-motas.org), or by calling the Temple office. Payment may be made at the time of reservation or on-site at the event.

## MRJ/FJMC MEETINGS



## MRJ BIENNIAL

Don’t miss out on your opportunity to represent your brotherhood or men’s club at the MRJ convention in New Orleans at the end of June. Each club has a vote on our direction. Get the opportunity to interact with men from around the country. Exchange ideas and get suggestions to help your club be better than ever. Go to [www.menrj.org](http://www.menrj.org) for all the details, including the agenda, registration information for both the hotel and the event. If you have questions, please contact Brian Hatkoff.

## FJMC RETREAT

The Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs, our Conservative, brothers are having a retreat next month. We have been invited to participate with them. It is local and an excellent opportunity to meet other Jewish men who share our values. They are ready to accept reservations for the Western Region FJMC 2016 Retreat at Shalom Institute Camp and Conference Center in Malibu, CA on the weekend of May 20-22, 2016.

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Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wrfjmc/resources-for-clubs/retreat-information> for specific information on the 2016 retreat. This page also provides links to the 2016 Retreat Flier and the 2016 Retreat Registration Form. The web page will be updated as more information is available, such as special guests and a list of what to bring to the retreat.

## 2016 GOLF TOURNAMENT - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

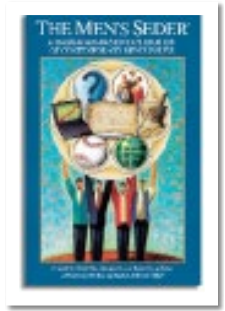
The date has been set, the flyers are printed, and the website is up. MoTAS is pleased to announce that the 2016 Annual MoTAS Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 19, 2016. Planning meetings will be starting soon; if you are interested in helping, please contact Barry Mann at [golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:golf@tasnorthridge-motas.org).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



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### MOTAS MEN'S SEDER

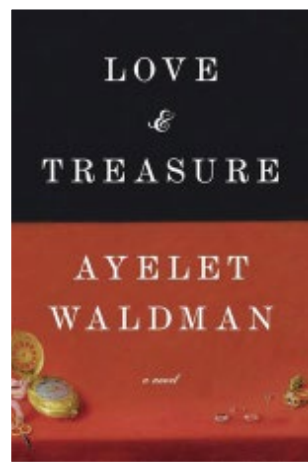
On Sunday, April 17, the Men of TAS came together for our annual Men's Seder. This special service and dinner, modeled after the traditional Passover Seder, was an exploration and celebration of what it means to be a contemporary Jewish man. The text of our special haggadah, developed by MRJ and available at <http://www.menrj.org/mrj-mens-seder>, explored issues that pertained specifically to men. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner from Stonefire Grill, with ice cream and charoset for dessert. Thank you to Mike Thornhill for coordinating the event. Al Lapides took photos during the event; they will be available on the TAS website.



Men of  
Temple Ahavat Shalom

## JOIN THE BOOK GROUP ON THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR LOVE AND TREASURE BY AYELET WALDMAN. CATHY MEYERS WILL FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION.

The book centers on the true story of the Hungarian Gold train found after World War II. In 1945, on the outskirts of Salzburg, American soldiers discover a train filled with unspeakable riches: gold watches and wedding rings, picture frames and Shabbat candlesticks. Jack Wiseman is the lieutenant tasked with guarding this treasure in the chaotic aftermath of war—a responsibility that grows more complicated when he meets Ilona, a fierce, beautiful Hungarian woman who has lost everything in the ravages of the Holocaust. Seventy years later, amid the shadowy world of art dealers who profit off the sins of previous generations, Jack gives a necklace to his granddaughter, Natalie, and charges her with returning it to its owner. And as Natalie searches for the woman whose portrait and unknown fate have come to haunt her, she will come to understand the secret her grandfather took to his grave.



The author provides richly drawn characters throughout the telling of this drama. It is a sad, funny, richly detailed work that poses hard questions about the value of precious things in a time when life itself has no value, and about the slenderest of chains that can bind us to the grief and passions of the past.

The Book Group meets in the Rothenberg Chapel/Library on the second Thursday of the month. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested.

*Tyree Wieder, Ed.D.*  
[towieder@yahoo.com](mailto:towieder@yahoo.com)

# Yom HaShoah Candle Distribution



MoTAS will not be mailing out the Yom HaShoah Candles this year. Instead, here's how to get yours:

- Candles will be sent home with religious school students
- Candles will be available from the TAS Front Office after April 10.
- Candles will be available at Temple events after April 10
- If you are unable to get to TAS for your candle, email [president@tasnorthridge-motas.org](mailto:president@tasnorthridge-motas.org) or call (818) 438-5781, and we will make sure a candle gets to you.



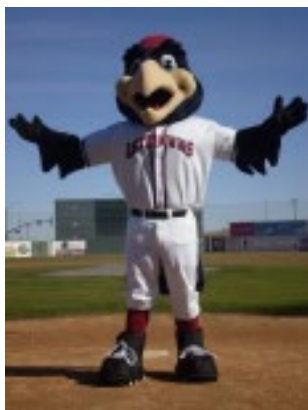
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~ 1 hour drive from TAS
- When: Saturday, May 28  
Game starts at 6PM, arrive by 5:30PM  
Ends ~ 9 PM
- Cost: \$9 per person
- Other:
  - Concessions available at park, or join us for lunch before the game (not included in ticket price)
  - Let us know if you want to rideshare
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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>

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Shabbabeque starts with an outdoor service in the TAS amphitheatre at 6:15pm, featuring music from the TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15pm by a delicious barbeque dinner. The menu typically includes chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with Caesar salad (no chicken in the salad), plus all the sides.

## Friday, June 17, 2016

**6:15 PM Outdoor Service with the TAS Band**  
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Adults	\$11.00
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# ECEC



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our ECEC Spring Luncheon. This was such a wonderful event, and I have to thank our Luncheon Committee, Brooke Lieberman, Jennifer Rodman-Plost and Danielle Wank for their tireless and dedicated hard work.

We had two hundred people, the most attendees since we started keeping computer records! Amer's Falafel provided a delicious lunch, and Nothing Bundt Cakes in Woodland Hills donated mini cakes for dessert. The Social Hall looked gorgeous, vendors provided a nice variety for shopping and everyone tried to win the Grand prize of a weekend at the Beverly Hills Montage.

We also had our own ECEC Family Seder, which was a great success. Once again, we had well over one hundred people, and our children sang Passover songs and helped with the Four Questions.



This month we are having both "Bring Mom to School" and "Bring Dad to School." This is such a wonderful time for a parent to bond with their child and see what "work" we do here at the ECEC. The children are so proud to show off their classrooms, teachers, friends and activities and the teachers, in turn, are so proud to show the parents how much our children have learned and grown this year. These days are really special.

We will also spend a week during May, showing the ECEC faculty how much they are appreciated. On each day of the week, we will do something different, like bringing flowers or notes for the teachers, having a lunch one day, and supplying special treats. The teachers deserve this, and it is a pleasure to be able to show them how loved they are.

We are very excited to be celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a special friend of the preschool. Robbo, the children's musician/entertainer, will be putting on a concert in the late afternoon of May 12. This will be open to all our member's children and grandchildren, so if you are interested, please call the ECEC for further information.

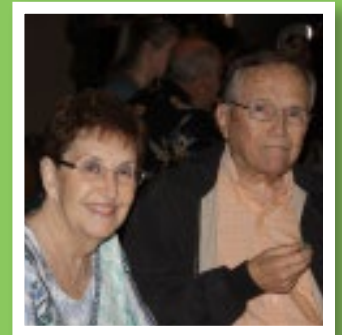
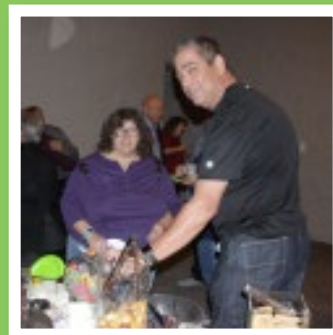
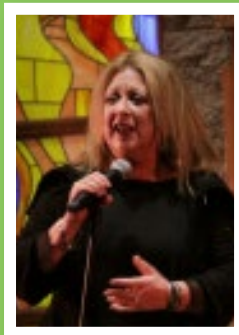
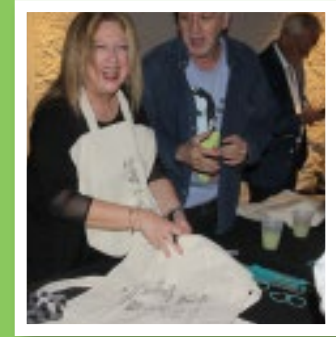
We hope to spend the morning at school, going on an imaginary flight to Israel, putting messages in to the Western Wall, having an archeological dig, snacking on falafel and dancing the Hora.

We are commanded at this time of Passover, to retell the story of the Exodus and to teach it to our children. Let us all remember those who are still downtrodden in our country and in the world and to make sure they remain in our hearts and are not forgotten.

*Chag Pesach Sameach,  
Tessa Cramer*



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### CARING COMMUNITY FUND

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Rhonda Mayer in memory of Milton Cohen  
Melissa and Alan Kassan in memory of Murray Brener  
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Fran Krimston to Gordon Recht in memory of your beloved father David Recht  
Fran Krimston to Mike Doner in memory of your dear father Donald Doner  
Fran Krimston to The Levy Family, "Wishing you all strength and hope as Eilyne recovers"  
Fran and Al Lapides in memory of David Recht  
Gordon and Bice Recht in honor of the passing of David Recht

### MARISA INGRUM FUND

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Cheryl and Brian Hatkoff in memory of Milton Cohen

Robert and Janice Ingram in honor of Fran Krimston Gala Jubilee Honoree and The Legacy Award Recipients  
Robert and Janice Ingram in memory of Donald Doner

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Gordon and Bice Recht for "continued success and a lifetime of support"  
Marty and Natasha Recht in honor of the passing of David Recht  
The Huppert Family in honor of the passing of David Recht

### RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

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### VI AND DAVID LIEBER MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

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Fran Krimston to Susan Lieber and Thom McDannel in celebration of your grandparenthood and on the birth of your grandson Joseph Mac

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Gordon Recht and Family on the death of his father, David Recht

Diane Levine and Family on the death of her mother-in-law, Janette Levine

*May their memory be a blessing*



## Congratulations to:

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# MAY 2016 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am - Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting	<b>2</b> ECEC Resumes 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>3</b> No TAS High 9:30am - Torah Study 5:30pm - Dalet 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting - Away 7:00pm - Synplex/Ed. Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00am - ECEC Bring Mom to School 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 6:00pm - Yom HaShoah Service by Dalet	<b>5</b> Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	<b>6</b> 5:45pm - Pre-Service Nosh 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service- Simcha Shabbat	<b>7</b> 11:00am - TASTY Hike - Away 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Ella Goldenberg
<b>8</b> No Religious School	<b>9</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>10</b> No TAS High 9:30am - Torah Study 5:30pm - Dalet 6:30pm - Caring Community Committee Meeting 7:00pm - Gala Committee Meeting - Away	<b>11</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class	<b>12</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel Independence Day 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 5:45pm - ECEC Yom Ha'Atzmaut Robbo Concert 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting	<b>13</b> 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service - Sisterhood	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Horowitz 6:00pm - TAS Jubilee Gala
<b>15</b> No Religious School 9:00am - PJ Library	<b>16</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>17</b> Last Day of TAS High and Dalet No Torah Study 6:00pm - Post Confirmation	<b>18</b> 4:00pm - Adult Beginners Hebrew Class 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Sisterhood Jewish Trivia Game Night	<b>20</b> 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm - Community Shabbat Dinner	<b>21</b> 9:00am - Torah on the Trail 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Jake Silverman
<b>22</b> Last Day of Religious School 9:00am - Congregational Meeting	<b>23</b> 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	<b>24</b> 9:00am - ECEC Bring Your Dad to School 9:30am - Torah Study 4:00pm - Confirmation Rehearsal/Photos/Dinner	<b>25</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>26</b> 4:00pm - Adult Intermediate Hebrew Reading 7:00pm - Social Action Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service- Celebration of TAS Adult Education	<b>28</b> 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 5:00pm - Men of TAS Family Night at the Jethawks Game - Away
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Temple Offices and School Closed	<b>31</b> 9:30am - Torah Study				

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