

Temple Ahavat Shalom

Northridge, CA



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October 2016

RICK RECHT

Temple Ahavat Shalom presents:
Erev Shabbat Sukkot Services/Concert

10.21.16
7:00PM

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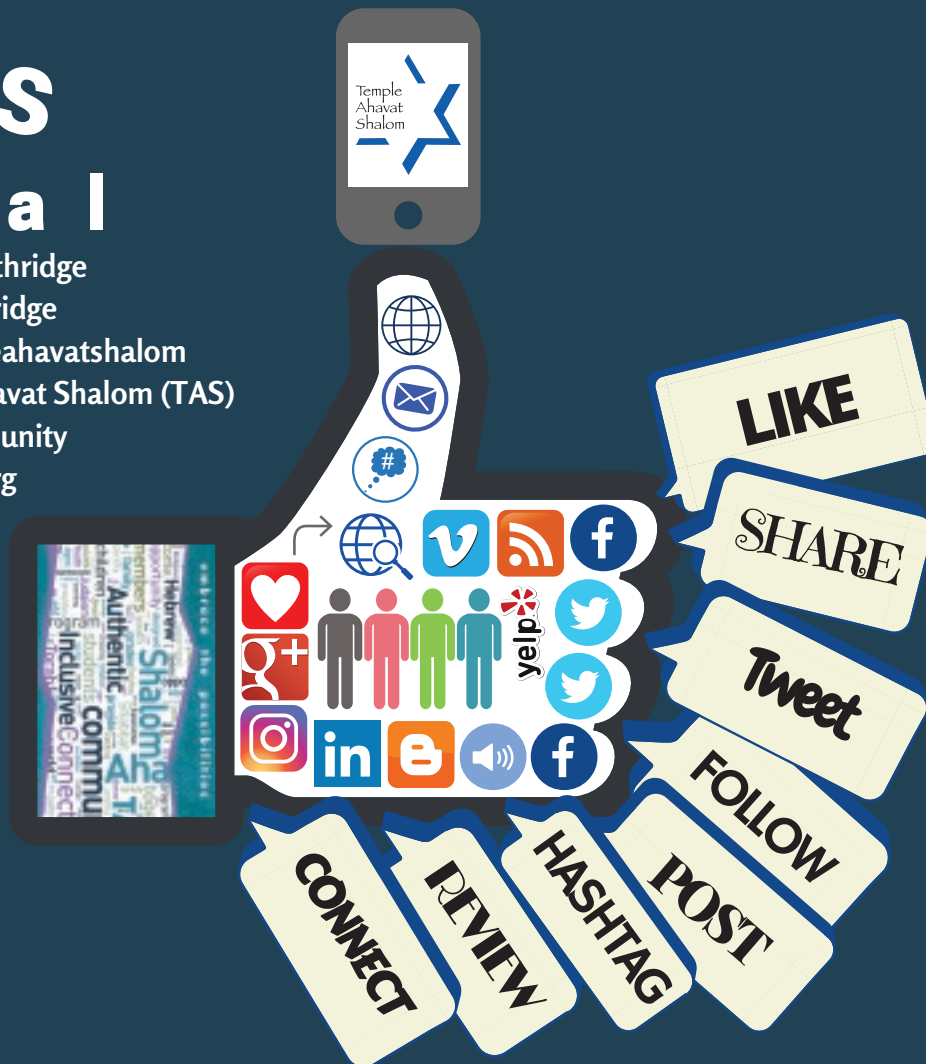
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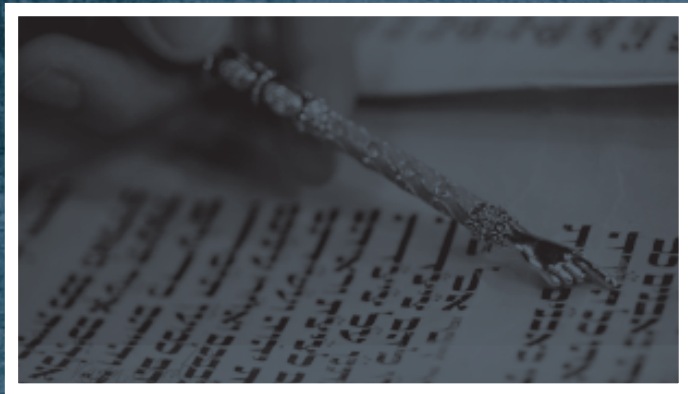


Interviewer to talk with our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and provide a brief article about who they are and what their Mitzvah project means to them. These brief bios with photos will run in the Menorah the month of their calling to the Torah. Please contact Aaron Solomon at (818) 360-2258 x202 or asolomon@TASnorthridge.org if you are interested or know someone who might be.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR OCTOBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Greg and Wendy Konick and Family
on the Bat Mitzvah of Shawna Konick



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following new and returning families to TAS:

Daniel and Heihe Bernstein
Bernard and Elinor Bregman
Brent and Rachel Brehm
Ted and Pamela Brodsky
Larry Clark and Siobhan Gartenbach-Clark
Eric and Jennifer Dollins
Caron Eisenberg
David and Donna Finkelstein
Rachel Feinstein
Dan and Debra Feldman
Zev and Betty Gobst
Kenneth Gross and Kate Pollack-Gross
Ira and Susan Halpern
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Ryan and Stephanie Moorman
Nathan and Amber Ortiz
Lawrence and Nancy Pfefer
Adam and Stephanie Pilder
Lawrence and Rosalind Porton
Octavio and Amy Ramirez
Jeff and Sheliya Rosenbaum
Douglas Rukavina and Diana Neskovska
William and Heather Salazar
Gary and Nicole Schiff

Gerard and Sandy Schipper
Howard and Michelle Schwab
Greg and Victoria Siegel
Yale and Lindsey Silverman
Federico Triebel and Valeriya Lazdan
Jonathan Trop
An Vo & Oanh Tran
Randy and Laura Wasoff
Robert and Sandy Wasserman
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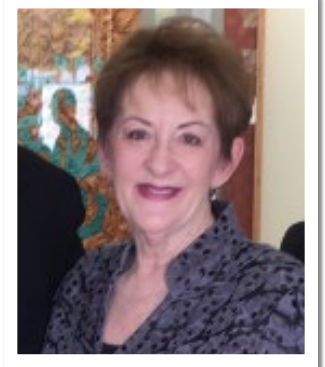
** Names listed
as of posting date*

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dear Friends,

As I write this column, I am contemplating the High Holy Days and what they mean to me and to the life of our congregation. After all of the communal praying and the long day of fasting and wrestling over the themes of the sermons and the stirring music and the inspiration to be better and promises to be kinder, gentler, more loving and so on, there is still this big piece for me.

That piece is, all of you. Each year I so look forward to seeing my congregational family. Some of you I see on a regular basis. Many others I know I can count on to join us for these special Days of Awe. Whatever your practice, we welcome you each year with open arms and open hearts. For me, personally, it is the highlight of the holidays, remembering our history and embracing those who have stayed connected with this special place year after year.



The TAS Board has informally adopted the theme of “**connections.**” Our goal is to connect each member, via new friendships, group study, attending worship services, through havurah participation, by joining a committee, as a volunteer for Caring Community and so on. There are myriad pathways to **connection.**

All of our committee work is geared toward this theme, by welcoming new committee members who will help create programs and opportunities to not only connect, but stay connected as the years go by.

Laraine Miller, our new Volunteer Coordinator, has taken on the task of ensuring that we are doing everything possible to make these connections possible. This is a new position, and we are so grateful that Laraine has accepted the challenge.

Our Membership, Marketing, Havurah and Communal Connections (formerly Synaplex) have **connections** at their core. We speak of it when we sit down and when we rise up! So, please, let us know how you would like to connect. Feel free to contact any of the following:

Laraine Miller, Volunteer Coordinator tzlady@socal.rr.com
Pam Kramer, Membership Chair shortshaq@socal.rr.com
Steve Schachter, Marketing Chair steven@socal.rr.com
Sue Issler, Communal Connections chair sissler@socal.rr.com
Carol Bizar Morton, Havurah Co-Chair carolthebizar@yahoo.com
Carol Stern, Havurah Co-Chair gusstern47@msn.com
Fran Krimston, President frankrimston@gmail.com

Observing Yom Kippur cleanses our souls from the spiritual dirt that accumulates and prevents us from enjoying each moment of life. The holiday literally renews our lives and gives us a clean slate for the coming year. May the lessons of Yom Kippur inspire us to show compassion, forgiveness and love to ourselves and to each other and to renew our souls.

*B'shalom,
Fran Krimston
President*



ARE YOU CONFUSED??

There are 17 Propositions on November's ballot

WAJT...to cast your mail in ballot until you hear ...

We have engaged our own **FRAN LAPIDES**, a member of the **League of Women Voters**, to come speak to us and help clarify these many and confusing ballot measures.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd at 9 am for this very
informative presentation



Light breakfast will be served

Free to Sisterhood members and Friends of Sisterhood

\$5 for guests



CARING COMMUNITY

One of the busiest but least seen committees at TAS is the Caring Community. Because they are making phone calls, writing cards, visiting the bereaved and sick, setting up shiva minyanim and cooking, they have become this mighty band of hard workers who we seldom see. We applaud them and send them our sincerest appreciation for the work they do to heal our community.

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE CARING COMMUNITY HAS:

Made over 180 phone calls to sick and bereaved congregants.

Delivered more than 40 meals.

Brought 8 Caring Bags to members who have suffered the loss of close family members.

Assisted with 5 meals of condolence.

Coordinated and led 4 minyanim.

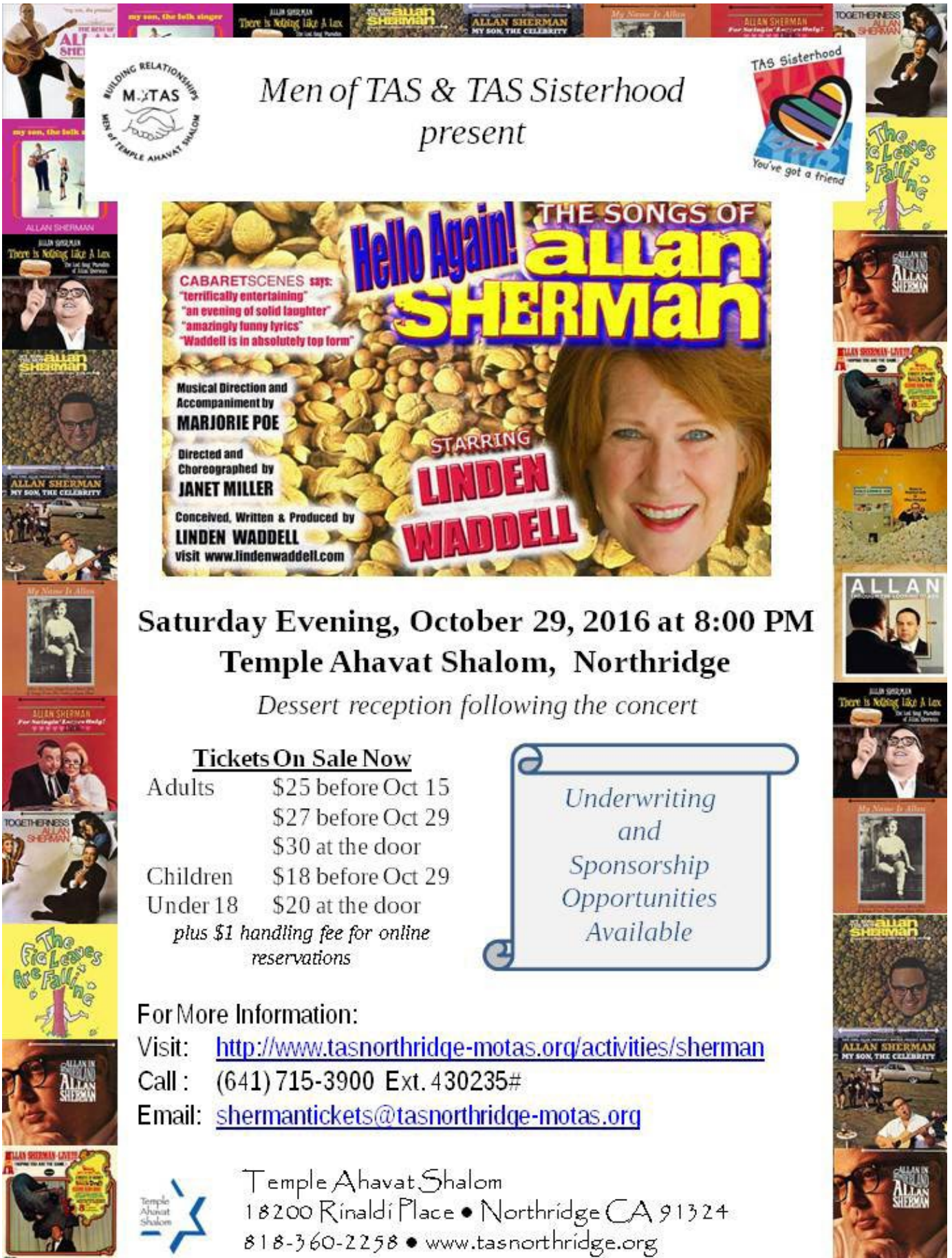
Written and mailed more than 30 cards to those who have lost a family member, are ill, have had a new baby or grandchild.

Visited congregants in their homes or hospitals and brought a goodie bag to half a dozen folks.

Will deliver more than 20 gift bags to Temple members who need some Caring Community Care during the High Holy Days.

You are all a blessing!





Men of TAS & TAS Sisterhood
present



THE SONGS OF
Hello Again! allan SHERMAN

CABARETSCENES says:
"terrifically entertaining"
"an evening of solid laughter"
"amazingly funny lyrics"
"Waddell is in absolutely top form"

Musical Direction and Accompaniment by
MARJORIE POE

Directed and Choreographed by
JANET MILLER

Conceived, Written & Produced by
LINDEN WADDELL
visit www.lindenwaddell.com

STARRING
LINDEN WADDELL

Saturday Evening, October 29, 2016 at 8:00 PM
Temple Ahavat Shalom, Northridge
Dessert reception following the concert

Tickets On Sale Now

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| Adults | \$25 before Oct 15 |
| | \$27 before Oct 29 |
| | \$30 at the door |
| Children | \$18 before Oct 29 |
| Under 18 | \$20 at the door |
| | <i>plus \$1 handling fee for online reservations</i> |

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For More Information:

Visit: <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/sherman>
Call: (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235#
Email: shermantickets@tasnorthridge-motas.org



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**TAS SISTERHOOD
INVITES YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL**



SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 20th @ 7 pm

**At the home of Jim and Jo Schwartz
(address will be provided upon RSVP confirmation)**

Featuring Cantor Ken Cohen

Free for members and Friends of TAS Sisterhood

\$5 for Non-members

A-L please bring dessert

M-Z please bring an appetizer

RSVP by October 13th to

Kathy Barker at Kathy@chipsandbits.com



SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, October 9	Last day to purchase Lulav and Etrog
Thursday, October 13	RSVP for Sukkot meeting deadline
Friday, October 15	Last day for \$25 tickets to Allan Sherman concert
Thursday, October 20	Sukkot meeting (away)
Sunday, October 23	Ballot Proposition presentation
Saturday, October 29	Allan Sherman Performance
Thursday, November 3 – Sunday, November 6	WRJ-PD Convention (Las Vegas, CA)
Sunday, November 13	Paid-up Luncheon
Sunday, November 20	Holiday Boutique and Goodwill Truck drive
Sunday, December 4	Mah Jongg tournament
Sunday, January 22	Pala Casino trip (Pala Casino)

SEPTEMBER MEETING (MUSLIM WOMEN SPEAK!)

Our September meeting featured four women who gave us some perspective on what it is like to be Muslim in America. Soraya Deen told us of when her six-year-old son came home from school and asked her if he was a terrorist. Edina Lekovic gave us some perspective on the range of Muslim practices, using her own upbringing to illustrate that, just as not all Jews attend services every week, not all Muslims pray five times a day. Ferial Masry spoke of her passion for America and her commitment to public service. Philippa Sklaar grew up in South Africa during apartheid, and spoke of her experience with hatred and bigotry.

The women were **very** interesting, so it was extremely disappointing that there were significant problems with the sound system. Sisterhood apologizes to everyone who attended for our failure to ascertain how to provide good quality sound. That deficiency has been addressed and sound will not be an issue at our upcoming ballot

proposition meeting on October 23.

Our speakers wanted to show two videos, and there too, we ran into technological problems and were not able to show the videos. That turned out to be caused by changes in the procedure used to stream videos from the internet of which not even Aaron was aware. In the event you would like to watch the videos, here are links to the videos. On your computer, you should not have any difficulty getting them to run.

The Colbert Report video:

<http://www.cc.com/video-clips/fbd6kf/the-colbert-report-norwegian-muslim-gunman-s-islam-esque-atrocity>

The George Takei video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXf5S35hyGQ>

The Colbert report video is humorous while the Takei video is more serious; both are excellent! Take the time to watch them. You will not regret it.

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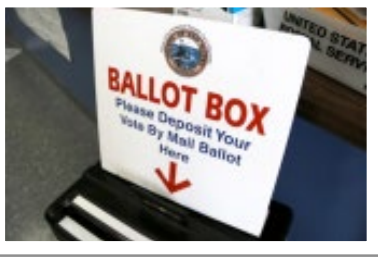
Join us on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m., at the lovely home of Jo Schwartz to celebrate Sukkot. It will be a relaxed and festive event featuring Cantor Ken

Cohen. This is a great opportunity to get to know our new cantor. RSVP by October 13 to Kathy Barker at kathy@chipsandbits.com or (818) 974-1070. Directions to Jo's home will be provided when you RSVP. A-L please bring a dessert, and M-Z please bring an appetizer. "Wait!" You say, "First name or last name?" First name, last name, middle name - take your pick! This event is free to members and \$5 for non-members.

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BALLOT PROPOSITION PRESENTATION

Intimidated by the long list of propositions that will be on the November ballot? The 17 state propositions is not a record, but with several local measures as well, becoming informed on all the measures will take some effort.



Sisterhood has made that effort a little easier by inviting our own Fran Lapidés, a member of the League of Women Voters, to speak to us on **Sunday, October 23** and help clarify these many and confusing ballot measures. **Everyone is welcome – you do not have to be a Sisterhood member to attend!**

Six of the state propositions seek to amend the state constitution. They include Brown's effort to revamp the rules on parole from state prison, and a requirement that neither house of the Legislature pass any bill that hasn't been available for public review for at least three days.

Nine measures will ask voters to enact new state laws, with proposals on everything from new background checks for buying ammunition to a \$9-billion bond for school construction and modernization projects. Voters will consider, too, the merits of an effort to impose a cap on prescription drug prices paid by state healthcare officials that will be fought with an expensive opposition campaign by the pharmaceutical industry.

The ballot also includes a referendum - voters will choose to accept or reject a law that bans single-use plastic bags statewide. That law was signed by Brown in 2014 and will take effect only if voters cast a "yes" vote on the referendum.

Please join us in the social hall on **Sunday, October 23** at 9:00 a.m. for this very informative presentation. A light breakfast will be served. The meeting is free for Sisterhood members and Friends of Sisterhood, and is \$5 for guests.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP/FRIENDS OF SISTERHOOD

Thanks to all who already joined Sisterhood or become Friends of Sisterhood. Even if you never come to meetings, as long as you support what Sisterhood does for the Temple, such as providing onegs, camperships, apples & honey and dreidles & gelt for our kids, financial support for the Temple, Religious School, ECEC and much more, it makes sense to become a member or a Friend of Sisterhood. Your support helps us to supply the services and financial aid we love to provide to the Temple.

Membership dues are: Member \$45.00; Sponsor \$72.00; Patron \$118.00.

Our bylaws state that all Sisterhood members must be Temple members in good standing and that only women are eligible to join. Sisterhood has a brand-new program called Friends of Sisterhood. Anyone who is not eligible for Membership, i.e., men and non-Temple members, who contributes to Sisterhood an amount equal to the Sisterhood dues is designated a "Friend of Sisterhood" and will be able to attend Sisterhood events (including the paid-up lunch) at the same price as a Sisterhood member. For monthly meetings and the paid-up lunch, that "price" is FREE!

Someone who is a "Friend of Sisterhood" is not a member of Sisterhood, and consequently would not be able to vote in Sisterhood elections, hold an elected office or chair a committee.

Our "Friends of Sisterhood" program allows male Temple members and others in the community who support Sisterhood to show their support by becoming our Friend. It means husbands of Sisterhood members can become our Friends and can join their wives at our programs without paying the \$5 fee. It means we are a more inclusive and welcoming organization.

We encourage all Temple members to show their support of everything Sisterhood does by becoming either members or Friends of Sisterhood. And encourage your family and friends, who might be members of other Temples, or unaffiliated, to show their support of

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Sisterhood by becoming our Friend as well.

LULAV AND ETROG



If you are quick, you can also still order Lulav and Etrog for Sukkot through Sisterhood. Last day to order is **Sunday, October 9**. Lulav and Etrog sets range from \$45 for a children's set to \$80 for a Superior set.

Contact Jennifer Kosoy at (818) 831-8781 or jmkosoy@gmail.com for more information. Forms are available in the Menorah or on the Temple website.

THE SONGS OF ALLAN SHERMAN

Before "Weird Al" Yankovic there was another "Al" - Allan Sherman - who became an instant celebrity in 1962 when he sang and recorded his devilishly clever parody lyrics on the album "My Son, The Folk Singer."



His zany songs hit just the right nerve with the American public and his first three Warner Bros. albums shot to Number One.

Sherman won a Grammy Award for "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" - a song blaring from record players in every household in the early 1960's. In "Hello Again! The Songs of Allan Sherman," singer/comedienne Linden Waddell performs a compilation of his wittiest ditties, highlighting Sherman's talent and taking us back to a simpler time. It's a performance of laughs and nostalgia for Baby Boomers and new 'yuks' for a younger generation.

This fabulous event, on **Saturday, October 29**, will be fun for the whole family.

Tickets are \$25 for adults (until October 15) \$18 for children under 18 (until October 29). Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more

information, including online ticketing, visit <http://www.tasnorthridge-motas.org/activities/sherman/>.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Of course, we will have our ever popular **Holiday Boutique**, which this year is on **Sunday, November 20**. Need gifts for family and friends?

Your hair stylist? Manicurist? Housekeeper? Avoid the mall traffic by bringing your list of needed gifts to the Boutique. With over 40 vendors, you are sure to find something for everyone. The Boutique is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Make a date with a friend to come shopping together at our Temple. Suggest to your kids that this is an easy way for them to shop for mom and dad.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET TIME!

Fall is a great time to clean out your closets. Although it's hard to find the time, decluttering feels great! Get rid of all those old clothes and bedding that you haven't



used in years. On **Sunday, November 20**, (same day as the Holiday Boutique) we will have a Goodwill Truck Drive. So clean out your closets, bring the donations to the Temple, and shop for gifts (or to fill your empty space!) all on the same day. You will get a receipt from Goodwill for your donation. See the GreenLight/RedLight flyer in the menorah for a list of acceptable donations.

If you can't wait until November 20 to get that stuff out of your house, contact Jennifer Kosoy at (818) 831-8781 or jmkosoy@gmail.com and make arrangements for us to obtain your donation. Please, only clothing, bedding, stuffed animals and shoes for

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items accepted ahead of time.

SAVE THE DATE - PAID-UP LUNCHEON



All Sisterhood members who have paid their dues and all Friends of Sisterhood should put **Sunday, November 13** on their calendar. Attending our paid up luncheon is always a popular perk of

joining Sisterhood, and this year all of our Friends who have donated to support Sisterhood are invited to dine with us as well.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY FUNDRAISERS

Do you MAJ? Our first **Mah Jongg tournament** of the year will be on **Sunday, December 4**. Contact Phyllis Bigelson at (818) 341-2449 for details.



Also, we have our ever-popular **Pala Casino trip** planned for **Sunday, January 22**. It's not too early to RSVP for Pala – don't delay, because once the bus is full, that's it! RSVP to Anita Hoch at (818) 360-0160.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR - CONVENTIONS



The Women of Reform Judaism - Pacific District convention in Las Vegas November 3-6. The convention will be fabulous, with WRJ President Blair Marks as our special guest and Rabbi Joe Black as Scholar-in-residence & musician. We will be driving up to save the cost of flying. If you've never been to a WRJ convention, this would be a great time to start, because, well, LAS VEGAS! Call or email Jackie Zev, Sisterhood President, at (818) 832-9099 or tas.jackiez@gmail.com if you are considering attending.

The Fried Leadership conference will be March 3-5, 2017 in Charleston, SC, so if you can't make Las Vegas and you want to deepen connections with other sisterhoods, leaders, and WRJ, then consider this conference.

CAMPERSHIPS



Did you have a child who attended a Jewish camp, or went on a trip to Israel this past year? Did you know that every year our Sisterhood and the Men of TAS provide camperships to help support these activities? In order to receive a campership, your child must submit an application and volunteer five hours for Sisterhood or the Men of TAS prior to the March deadline. Giving your child the experience of Jewish camp has been proven one of the best ways to ensure that they continue to live a Jewish life into adulthood, and we are here to support your efforts. Contact Laura Silverman at laurasilver818@aol.com or (818) 895-1789 for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAH JONGG

Don't know how to play? Want to learn? Come to our monthly Mah Jongg game. We play on the fourth



Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at the Temple. We always have a teacher there to give lessons, but you can't learn if you don't show up! Every level of play is accommodated. Don't miss out. There is a \$5 donation to play. Contact Anita Hoch for more information at anitapearl47@gmail.com.

ONEG SPONSORSHIP

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

Are you celebrating a birthday or



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

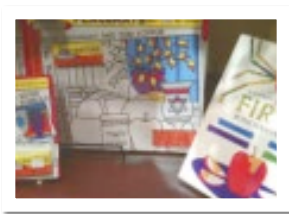
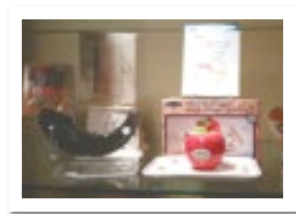
If you want to celebrate, to honor or to remember, please consider marking the occasion by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. We would like to share the time with you, hear the story behind the sponsorship and help you make the occasion a bit more special. In addition, your sponsorship will go a long way to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

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

EXTENDED KIDDUSH

Has the cost of Bar/Bat Mitzvah receptions got you down? Sisterhood can provide a low cost luncheon after your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your family and friends. This is not the big shebang with a DJ and dancing – it's a low key way to provide a nice meal after the service for your guests. Contact Sharon Janis at (818) 886-1295 if you are interested.

JUDAICA SHOP



Stop by the temple Judaica shop, brought to you by Sisterhood, and view our latest treasures! See our wonderful selection of holiday items to enhance your celebrations. Throughout the year we carry a versatile collection of Judaica – jewelry, tallits, kippahs, mezuzahs, yads, candleholders, yahrzeit memorials, cards for every occasion and more!

We are open during Shabbat evening Onegs, on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (when Sunday School is in session) and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

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

COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES



For years, Sisterhood has been sending 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.

Mel Birken has been taking care of shipping out the coupons and Sisterhood covers the cost. We very much appreciate all the time Mel has put in over the years to help out military families stretch their dollars just a little further.

Sisterhood is looking for someone to take over the job of boxing up the coupons and shipping the box. This is an easy way to make a difference without a big investment of time! If you would be willing to take this on, please contact Mel at (818) 366-2397 and she will give you all the details you need and support you as you ease into this role.

Jackie Zev
Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood President



TAS SISTERHOOD **HOLIDAY** **BOUTIQUE**

EVERYONE WELCOME
BRING YOUR FRIENDS
AND FAMILY ALONG!

SUNDAY, NOV. 20TH
10AM-3PM

AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM
18200 Rinaldi Place,
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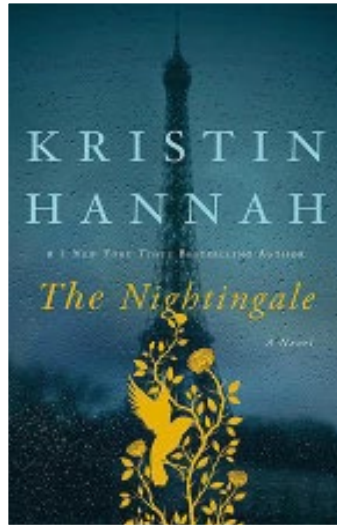
With over 40 vendors selling unique
and distinct merchandise, gift buying
was never this easy!



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THE NIGHTINGALE BY KRISTIN HANNAH IS THE BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 10

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. This is the story of two sisters, Viann and Isabelle. Younger, bolder Isabelle lives in Paris while Viann is content with life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. But when the Second World War strikes, Antoine is sent off to fight and Viann finds herself isolated so Isabelle is sent by their father to help her.



betrayal changes Isabelle's life in ways she never imagined.

Separated by years, ideals, passion and circumstance, the sisters experience survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France. This is a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

The Book Group meets in the Library/ Rothenberg Chapel on the second Thursday of the month. Refreshments are available at 7:00 p.m. and the discussion

Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets Gætan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can, completely. Gætan's

begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 contribution per person is requested. Feel free to join the group even if you have not read the book. Note: *The Last Flight of Poxl West* by Daniel Torday is scheduled for October 20.



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MITZVAH DAY

Please mark your calendars for 2016 Mitzvah Day—Making a Difference weekend, beginning Friday, October 28 with a special Shabbat service, continuing with a fundraiser on Saturday night sponsored by Sisterhood and MoTAS and ending on Sunday.

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PLANS:

COLLECTIONS:

Food for Thanksgiving baskets to go to Lantern Center and clients of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Travel size toiletries for MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity) and L.A. Family Housing for those in transitional living situation.

New and gently used bras for Project Bract through Jewish World Watch. (Many young Congolese Girls drop out of school at puberty because they do not have bras to wear under their white school uniform blouses.)

ARTISTIC AND CRAFTING PROJECTS:

Fleece blankets for homeless pets before they are adopted from Pet Orphans.

Paracord bracelets for our troops through Operation Gratitude. This is a multipurpose tool that can help save lives. Go to <https://www.operationgratitude.com/wpcontent/uploads/2012/04/Paracord-Survival-Bracelets-5.pdf>.

Pieces for Peace. Draw a square for Peace which will be placed into a quilt to support Women Wage Peace where Palestinian and Israeli women show that world that women can make a difference.

LEARNING AND POLITICAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES:

Help continue our efforts to have METRO reinstate a bust at Rinaldi and Reseda and to permanently contract with ACCESS to give them a ride from the bus. Many students would be helped by being able to take a bus to their TAS programs. It would also service congregants who cannot drive and need transportation to services and programs.

Year of the Elections —Get your questions answered if you are trying to decipher the complicated ballot.

Check out opportunities that are available, and participate in our Social Justice program.

Be part of Mitzvah Day weekend. Volunteer to help with projects. Please contact Judy Stehr at (818) 744-6227 or email jestjudy@gmail.com.

MitzvahDay
make your mark



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Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom

Dining Does Good



Rosie's BBQ & Grillery

<http://www.rosiesbbq.com/>

- When: Monday, October 17, 2016
11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Where: Rosie's BBQ & Grillery
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(818) 349-3055
- Benefitting: Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom *and*
TAS Caring Community

- **Dine at Rosie's anytime on our selected day, present this flyer when you pay, and Weiler's will donate back to MoTAS, which will be split with our selected organization.**

- ✓ **20% if you eat in at Rosie's**
- ✓ **15% if you take out to eat in your Sukkah (or at home)**



Dining Does Good is a program of MoTAS where we partner with a local restaurant to raise money for both MoTAS and a selected temple organization. When you dine out at our partner restaurant on the event day, the restaurant donates a percentage back to MoTAS, and MoTAS splits that donation 50/50 with our selected TAS organization.



The Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom (MoTAS) is an auxiliary of Temple Ahavat Shalom, 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge, CA 91326
MoTAS Website: www.tasnorthridge-motas.org TAS Website: www.tasnorthridge.org





Special MoTAS Monthly Meeting



MoTAS Goes to the Movies.... Sunday, October 9, 2016

Instead of our normal monthly meeting, in October MoTAS is facilitating an outing to see the new movie *Denial*, followed by a facilitated discussion...

- **The Movie:** "Denial"

Based on the acclaimed book "*Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*", DENIAL recounts Dr. Deborah Lipstadt's (Academy Award® winner **Rachel Weisz**) legal battle for historical truth against David Irving (BAFTA nominee **Timothy Spall**), who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust denier. In the English legal system, in cases of libel, the burden of proof is on the defendant, therefore it was up to Lipstadt and her legal team, led by Richard Rampton (Academy Award® nominee **Tom Wilkinson**), to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred.

- **The Plan:**

- 12:30pm Meet at TAS for Announcements and background
- 2:00 pm Movie at AMC Promenade (1h50m +)
- 4:30 pm Reconvene at TAS for snacks and facilitated discussion

- **The Cost:**

- Group Tix+Discussion/Refreshments: \$14.50 Adults, \$11.00 Children
- Discussion/Refreshments Only: \$5
- Plus \$1 for Eventbee Registrations
- **Open to All TAS Members**

- **How to RSVP:**

- Eventbee: <http://tinyurl.com/motas-denial>
- Email: denial-rsvp@tasnorthridge-motas.org
- Phone: (641) 715-3900 Ext. 430235#
- **RSVPs Due by Friday, October 7 for Group Tix**



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

TAS thrives with the dedicated efforts of many congregants who volunteer countless hours planning and executing a multitude of activities, projects and services. I was recently asked to volunteer as the TAS Volunteer Coordinator. My tasks involve assessing who is volunteering for what, where do we need volunteers and linking congregants to volunteer opportunities based on their interests, talents and skills.

We have numerous activities, programs, services and areas of interest for you to explore, while helping our community and making friends. My job is to help acquaint you with how you might like to explore our offerings to our congregants. Would you like to know about our *Adult Learning Programs*, perhaps join a *Havurah*, help with *Social Action* and our *Caring Community*, assist with our *Preschool* and *Religious School Programs*, enhance our *Holiday Celebrations*, join the *Adult Choir* or participate in *Musical Programs* with Cantor Ken? We welcome you to our auxiliaries – *Sisterhood* or *Men of TAS*. Both have extensive calendars and opportunities to be involved more in temple life.

My phone number is (818) 993-0796 and you are welcome to call or email me about activities, projects and services you may wish to participate. Our calendar is chockfull with many opportunities to enhance your Judaism. I look forward to help you make TAS your second home.

Sincerely,
Laraine Miller, TAS Volunteer Coordinator
tzlady@socal.rr.com

WHAT MOTIVATES ME TO VOLUNTEER AT TAS

(responses from a sampling of current volunteers when asked why they choose to volunteer at Temple Ahavat Shalom)

It may be genetic. My mother belonged to several Jewish organizations and volunteered for all of them. For as long as we have been members of TAS, I have volunteered for

one area or another and I love it. It seems to have passed on to our children and grandchildren. I enjoy being part of something, contributing where I can. It is a great feeling to be asked if I can/would fulfill a task.

Linda Sculler

I guess one of my reasons for saying yes is that for so long in my life, when I saw something that needed to be done, I looked away hoping that someone else would do it. Then something changed. Maybe it was getting married and building a family, but I realized that how can I teach my children to make a difference in the world if I am not willing to show them the way.

Jerry Hilecher

Having been a member of this congregation for most of my life, I cannot imagine being a person who simply comes and goes to Temple events or Shabbat services, without being a part of it all. Volunteering gives me a deeper connection to our community, has been the impetus behind all of the beautiful relationships I've grown here over the years, and provides me with a sense of accomplishment. I like to see things get done, and as a volunteer, it's gratifying being part of the solution rather than someone who wastes time and energy merely complaining about the problem. Nothing is perfect, and there's still plenty of work to do at TAS, but volunteering has given me priceless insight as to why certain things are the way they are. I'm also so inspired to do more when I see how hard others work to make the Temple a better place for everyone. I wouldn't trade my volunteer experiences here for the world. It's what makes the Temple a part of who I am.

Debby Lieber

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Volunteering for something that you feel is meaningful provides two significant benefits. First, you are helping others by applying your life experiences and expertise in a meaningful manner. And second, you derive a sense of personal satisfaction. In the case of our Temple, the rich and broad experiences it can provide are based on the work of others preceding us and without volunteers, such opportunities cannot survive and grow.

Dave Breuer

The genesis of my drive to volunteer, especially at the Temple, is the example my parents set for me. My Dad's work schedule did not allow for a lot of hands on work, but if needed, he never said no. My Mom volunteered all the time and in multiple capacities, as a leader and as support for others. Together, they gave generously of their financial resources. So, being a part of a community and doing my part began as a child, developed through my teen years in BBG and led to our membership and commitment at TAS. Without intending to sound trite, I have met some of my closest friends through Co-Chairing a Cantor's Concert, passing the baton to my successor Alumni Outreach Chair, being a member of the Marketing Committee, the Board and the Executive Committee. The cliché, "I get so much more than I give" rings quite true for me, as we feel blessed to be a part of this community of caring, hard-working, and fun-loving people.

Wendy Krowne

My name is Jeff Shulman. I have been a member of TAS for over 25 years. In the early years I was working six days a week. Sunday was our family day. Once I started working five days and the kids were grown, I found more time for the temple activities.

I have belonged to the choir for many years. I have led Minyon services at people's homes. I have been involved with the men's club. I am in the temple band. My wife Rivi and I are regulars on Friday night. Years ago my friend Mel and I wrote a monthly column for the Menorah.

Why do I volunteer? I think the reason is that I care. I care about the people in our temple. Sometimes when I am at a service or activity I am struck with how many good, caring, quality individuals are in one room. The people of this temple have made my life better.

Jeff Shulman

HELP WANTED - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OFFICE: Reception Desk most weekdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.; On Mondays any time need light clerical work; Any weekday help with shopping needs for school. Contact Barb Gelb, Director Life Long Learning.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER (ECEC): Any weekday reading, baking or sharing your skills and hobbies with the children. Need help with building items, painting rooms, doors and equipment. Contact Tessa Cramer, ECEC Director.

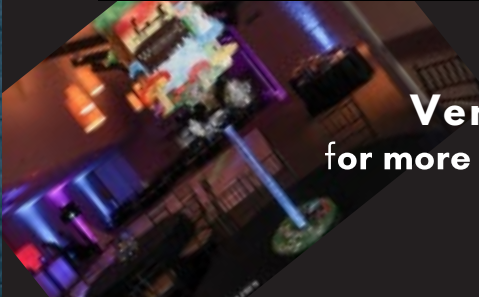
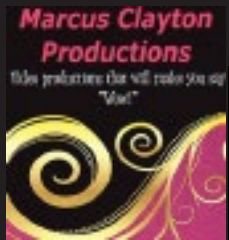
SOCIAL ACTION & MITZVAH DAY: Contact Judy Stehr, jesterjudy@gmail.com or Jill Cullen, soccermomjill@gmail.com, to learn about the many community outreach efforts you can help with on an ongoing basis or at this year's Mitzvah Day, Sunday, October 30.

There are many more opportunities! Check out future Menorah issues and the Thursday Email Blasts!





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Laura Hazzard
Venue: the Social Hall @ TAS
 for more information or to book an event contact:
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ECEC



It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for over a month already. This month has been an incredibly busy one. We all enjoyed our Welcome Back to School Havdalah and dinner, and Back to School Night for parents both very well attended. We have had school Picture Day and our first Parent Board meeting where we came up with many exciting new fundraising ideas.

All the children have settled in to our school routine and are starting to learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This means we have lots and lots of apples around for counting, measuring, comparing, baking and, of course, eating. Yom Kippur is much more difficult to learn about. Teaching young children to say, "I am sorry," with true meaning and understanding, is not easy. Empathy develops slowly.



Once again this year, *Animaly* will be bringing bees to TAS for our children to see. We will learn about the Queen bee, honey and honeycombs. Then we will have taste tests with different kinds of honey and bake some more.

This year we have introduced a few new ideas into the school. On the second Tuesday of every month, we have Wacky Tuesdays. The entire school (including our senior staff) dresses up in a particular wacky way. Come by on

any of those days to see us in crazy patterns, mustaches or dressed backwards.

We are also selling TASECEC t-shirts and sweatshirts. We hope all our children will wear their t-shirts on Fridays for Shabbat.

Every class has started a personal Wish List which will be hanging at the entrance door of the classroom. This way whenever anyone would like to make a donation to the school, our "needs" are always available.



You may have noticed the small storage shed we have on the south west corner of the parking lot. This will be for our earthquake and emergency supplies. We have consulted with various experts in the field and will be putting together everything necessary to sustain us for three days. We are looking for a tent and any other camping supplies that might be useful. If you have these available and are not using them, the ECEC would put them to good use.

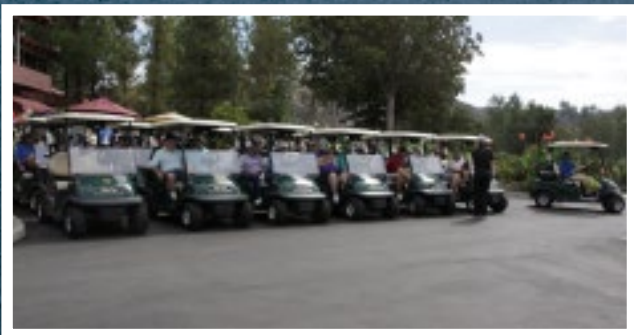
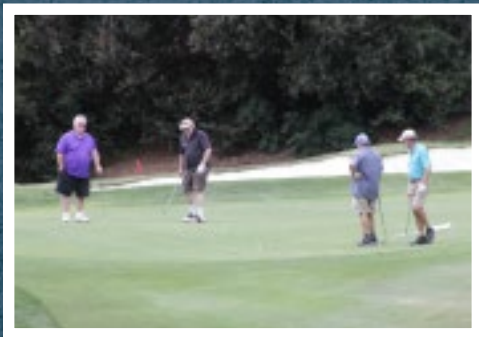
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*L'Shalom,
Tessa*





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Becky and David Breuer in memory of Donald Alpert, cousin of Philip Trop

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1
10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of
Shawna Konick

2
Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:00pm - Erev Rosh
Hashanah Family Service
7:45pm - Erev Rosh
Hashanah Main Service

3
Rosh Hashanah
Temple Offices and School Closed
8:30am - Rosh Hashanah Family
Service
10:30am - Rosh Hashanah Main
Service
10:30am - Rosh Hashanah Youth
Service

4
6:00pm - Adult Learning and
Tashlich

5
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class

6
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class
7:00pm - Adult Volunteer Choir
Rehearsal
7:00pm - Sisterhood Board
Meeting - Away
7:00pm - Committee on
Relational Judaism Meeting

7
7:30pm - Shabbat Shuvah
Service

8

9
9:30am - Adult Volunteer Choir
Rehearsal
12:30pm - Men of TAS Meeting
2:00pm - MoTAS Goes to the
Movies
4:30pm - MoTAS Discussion
Group

10
10:00am - Adult Judaica
Art Class

11
Kol Nidre
12:30pm - ECEC Closes Early
3:00pm - Temple Offices Close
6:00pm - Kol Nidre Family
Service
7:45pm - Kol Nidre Main Service

12
Yom Kippur
Temple Offices and School Closed
8:30am - Yom Kippur Family Service
10:30am - Yom Kippur Main Service
10:30am - Yom Kippur Youth Service
1:15pm - Yom Kippur Study Sessions
3:45pm - Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
5:15pm - Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
6:15pm - Neilah

13
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class

14
6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study
7:30pm - Erev Shabbat
Service

15

16
8:00am - Men of TAS Sukkah
Building
10:00am - Adult Ed: Basic
Judaism

17
Temple Offices and School
Closed

18
9:30am - Torah Study in the
Sukkah

19
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class
7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting

20
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class
7:00pm - Sisterhood Sukkot
Meeting - Away
7:00pm - Book Group Meeting
7:00pm - Marketing
Committee Meeting - Away

21
6:00pm - Community Shabbat
Sukkot Dinner
7:00pm - Erev Shabbat
Service with Rick Recht

22
1:00pm - Rick Recht
Songleader Workshop

23
Erev Simchat Torah
9:00am - Sisterhood Ballot
Proposition Event
4:00pm - Religious School and
Adult Learning
5:00pm - Consecration and
Simchat Torah Service
6:30pm - Dessert Reception

24
Temple Offices and School
Closed
6:00pm - Sukkot Yizkor
Service

25
9:30am - Torah Study

26
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class
6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly
Mah Jongg
7:00pm - Budget and Finance
Committee Meeting
7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board
Meeting

27
8:00am - Lifeline Screening
4:00pm - Adult Hebrew
7:00pm - Social Action
Committee Meeting

28
6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study
7:30pm - Erev Shabbat
Service

29
8:00pm - Men of TAS and
Sisterhood Event-Allan
Sherman Music Tribute

30
Mitzvah Day

31
10:00am - Adult Judaica
Art Class

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