



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI BARRY M. LUTZ, R.J.E.

I used to have an Oscar the Grouch alarm clock. My sister gave it to me. It's probably not necessary to explain why. Okay, so I'm not always in the best mood before my morning Coffee Bean cup.

All of which got me to thinking about being thankful. I mean, we have a national holiday celebrating "thanks." As Jews we are told to begin each morning with, "*Modim anachnu lach*" - "We are so grateful." In America, November is a month for giving thanks for the many people that bless our lives. Gratitude is such an important part of living a Jewish life. We are to say, *modehl/modah ani* - "I am so grateful" when we wake up in the morning. We are asked to say one hundred blessings a day. This is not to fulfill some scorecard. Rather, if you felt obligated to say thank you one hundred times a day, think of all the things that you currently take for granted for which you would have to say, "thank you." In our prayers we say, "thank you" for creation, "thank you" for Torah, "thank you" for Freedom.



Imagine how things would change you if you said, "thank you," all the time! Imagine waking up and saying, "I am so grateful" as the very first thing you say in the morning. Imagine how it would change you if you said, "thank you" for my body, "thank you" for this rain, "thank you" for this food...Imagine consciously taking on an "attitude of gratitude." Imagine waking up as Elmo rather than Oscar. (Okay, maybe Elmo is a tad annoying, but you get the idea.)

I was recently reading an article about The Tonight Show's host, Jimmy Fallon, and his amazing charisma. They spoke about his positive attitude and joyful spirit. How his "attitude of gratitude" makes others gravitate to him. You want to watch him because he makes you feel better. His laughter and joy put you at ease.

You know, it is a conscious choice. You don't have to save it all up for one day a year. Try it. Slowly. One step at a time. Repeat after me: "*modim anachnu lach*" - "I am grateful." See that wasn't so hard. You'll find yourself becoming happier and your life feeling just a little lighter. You can always sound your Oscar the Grouch alarm clock when you need a good laugh.

Happy Thanksgiving! And don't forget to say thank you!

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MAZEL TOV TO OUR NOVEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Michael and Laura Rabin and Family
on the Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Rabin



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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Shanah Tova!

Each Friday morning, Frieda filled two shopping bags. Inside were the results of her pre-dawn preparations—containers of rich chicken soup with matzo balls that floated; warm, artfully-braided challahs; kugels studded with raisins; and her famous strudel, a true labor of love.

All of these she generously distributed to the sick and poor Jews of our small Indiana town, adding a few dollars at every stop. It was usually mid-afternoon by the time my exhausted grandmother walked to our house to say, “Kinderlach, please call me a cab, and you need to pay the driver because I gave away all my money.”



My grandparents were not rich, but grandma gave all she had. There was a family joke about grandma’s selflessness. Each Yom Tov she wore the same sensible navy straw hat with a tiny veil to services. Every year Grandpa Jake would say, “Nu, Frieda, I gave you extra money for a new hat. Where is it?” And every year the reply was something like, “Izzy Bernath needed dentures” or “Harry Kramer’s car broke down,” or....well, you get the picture.

Frieda Lieber remains my quintessential role model. She was her own caring community.

When funds were needed for my childhood Sinai Temple, Frieda and Jake stepped up. They knew it was incumbent upon them to ensure the Temple would be there for generations to come. If not them, who? And if not now, when?

Growing up in Michigan City, Indiana, I learned early on about the value of community. Our small, but dedicated congregation of 200 families—every single Jew in town belonged—was the center of our lives. It might not surprise you to know that I served as president of the Temple’s BBYO chapter and the student council.

My parents, Vi and David Lieber of blessed memory, spent countless hours there—not just praying, but doing everything in their power to make sure the community would survive.

My mom was a tireless worker for our Temple’s Sisterhood where there was never a bakery made cake or cookie. She served as president of the Temple’s Hadassah chapter where she was passionately dedicated to Youth Aliyah, the project that brought the orphaned children, remnants of the holocaust, to Israel.

Many a night, the phone would ring just as we sat down to dinner, and my father was called to a Minyan on the anniversary of someone’s death. He never said no. He and my mother taught me that when the chips are down, your synagogue community will be there to lift you up.

When Monte and I left the Midwest and bought a home in Granada Hills, I found my Sinai Temple on Chimineas Street. It has been my family’s spiritual and communal home for 45 years.

This is where our children attended Sunday and Hebrew school, celebrated Bar Mitzvah, Confirmations and where Joan and David chose to have their wedding. All three of their boys have had their Bar Mitzvah services on this bema. Josh and Celine chose a Reform Synagogue near their San Diego home for their family’s Jewish connection.

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When my folks moved from the Midwest to be close to their grandchildren, they joined TAS. It brings me great joy to see the beautifully restored chuppah on which Vi Lieber embroidered some of the pomegranates and flourishes.

It was here, tucked into this corner of Northridge where I found lifelong friends, a loving havurah, a place to continue to learn and grow spiritually and strengthen my ties to the Jewish community; where my children participated in the youth group and, through membership in a URJ Synagogue, had the opportunity and privilege to attend Camp Swig for many years; where lifelong friendships were forged and Jewish identity was enriched.

When Monte became ill with cancer six years ago, this congregation supported us in a myriad of ways.

Monte was a skillful scrabble and boggle player. During his final months while I was at work, many of you came to bring lunch and play word games with him. It was incredibly thoughtful and added immeasurably to the quality of his remaining days.

Our house was filled with many of you for our Shiva Minyanim, bringing comfort and caring to our family.

Rabbi Lutz and Rabbi Kleinman provided the warm and personal remembrances that touched our hearts and only come from real connections to a Rabbi and a synagogue like ours.

In case you can't tell, I love this place. I treasure this community. I want to see it continue for generations to come.

It pains me deeply when I hear people say they left the Temple because they no longer "use" it. This is not a filling station where you drop off your kids for Jewish education, then leave when they are filled up. If we do not ensure the future, what will be left for the generations that follow?

As you have heard, a significant percentage of our congregants need financial support. Each year we must count on you for extra funding to provide all children with a rich Jewish education, to continue our adult education programming, and to be a sanctuary to celebrate, mourn and grow with one another.

So, now I ask you to join me in ensuring that future by getting involved, recommitting yourself to social justice, becoming part of the community and joining me by being part of the Count Me In campaign. We are so grateful to those of you who have already stepped up.

I pray that the spirit of the eternal is in our hearts as we rededicate ourselves to this community. And may it be so—*Keyn ye hi ratzon.*

***B'shalom,
Fran Krimston
President***



TAS President Fran Krimston, A volunteer at the Skirball Cultural Center, in front of museums' current exhibit of work by Roy Lichtenstein exhibit.

ADULT EDUCATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
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NOVEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT : SHAYNA RABIN



This is the first in a series of articles featuring interviews with the B'nai Mitzvah class of 2016-2017. We hope that you will get to know about our wonderful new Jewish adults, and welcome them into your own family, as part of the extended TAS family we all belong to.

“Always question. Always wonder.” These words, written by Lois Lowry, one of Shayna’s favorite authors, sums up her way of looking at the world. Her father describes her as tenacious, motivated, and driven. When she takes on a project, there is no doubt that it will be completed, successfully, and earlier than “on time.” Reminding her to do something is not part of the family vocabulary.

Shayna is the daughter of Laura and Michael Rabin. She has an older brother, Stephen, and a younger “sibling,” 5-year-old Riley, a yellow Labrador Retriever. She attends Nobel Charter Middle School, where she is involved in leadership, an elective which helps plan, organize and carry out activities to enhance and support student life. This gives her great satisfaction, knowing she is helping others. She says she is very “hands on.” Her favorite subjects are Math and English.

When not in school, she has played AYSO and club soccer. She also enjoys reading and singing. Shayna sang in the Children’s Choir for several years here at TAS. She is driven to learn more about her career choice. When asked the typical question of “what do you want to be when you grow up,” she said her Plan B is to be an Interior Designer, so she reads everything she can on the field, and watches television stations which feature shows about it. Her philosophy is the more I can know about it, the better. What is her Plan A? She would really love to become a professional soccer player, either as a goalie or a striker. Watch out, US National Team....here comes Shayna.

The Rabin family has been at TAS for twelve years, with Shayna starting at the ECEC. After her Bat Mitzvah, Shayna will continue her formal Jewish education at least through Confirmation.

Inspired by her love for Riley, and appalled at the misery imposed on some animals, Shayna has decided to support the ASPCA for her Mitzvah Project. In addition to a bake sale to raise funds, she is also asking friends, family, and others to participate in a walk or run drive, in which you walk however far or long you want, which is recorded by a computer application, and for which a corporate sponsor will contribute money based on your effort. For more details, contact the Rabin family. It sounds like an easy way to assist Shayna in her project.

For which high school she will attend, Shayna is on the fence. There are things about Granada she loves, and there are things about Cleveland she loves, and both offer programs the other one doesn’t. She welcomes suggestions to assist her in her choice. This thoughtfulness makes Shayna the bright, inquisitive, optimistic person she is.

Her advice to her fellow B’nai Mitzvah class: Don’t give up when it gets hard (and it will get hard), keep practicing (even if learning the trope drives your family crazy), and start early.



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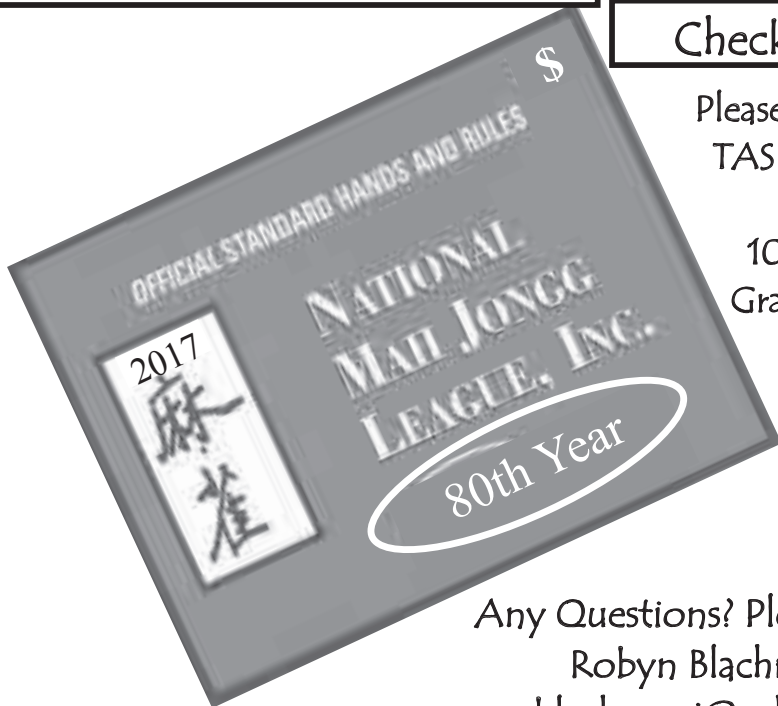
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Paid up Membership Event

November 13, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Temple Ahavat Shalom

18200 Rinaldi Place

Northridge, CA 91326



Join us for Brunch & Entertainment



Reconnect with Old Friends and Meet New



Please R.S.V.P to Cheryl Frumes at tas.cherylf@gmail.com

By November 8, 2016

Your Friends of Sisterhood or Membership dues payment is your ticket

SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 13	Paid-up Membership Luncheon
Sunday, November 20	Holiday Boutique and Goodwill Truck Drive
Sunday, December 4	Mah Jongg Tournament
Thursday, December 15	Sisterhood Hanukkah Party and Gift Exchange
Sunday, January 22	Pala Casino Trip (Pala Casino)

HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Our honey fundraiser sent 168 honey wishes to the clergy and staff and shipped 143 jars of honey to friends and family. The picture is of the boxes of honey jars for the clergy and

staff, each with a letter saying who had sent them honey wishes. What a sweet way to start off the year! Special thanks go to Fran Krimston, Phyllis Bigelson, Mel Birken and Anita Hoch, our top honey senders. All our participants are very much appreciated!

Six kids earned campership hours assembling the honey sticks and apples that Sisterhood provided to the Religious School students for the High Holidays. If your child would like to receive a Sisterhood/MoTAS campership, there are still opportunities available to earn hours. See the information on Camperships in this *Menorah*.



a packet, *even if they have already paid their dues*, because it contains lots of good information, like the Sisterhood calendar and an explanation of what it means to be a “Donor.” The picture shows the team of Sisterhood members and students working on campership hours that assembled the packets.



If you have not yet paid your dues, we encourage you to send them in right away. Even if you never come to a meeting, joining Sisterhood makes the statement that what Sisterhood does makes a difference. And Sisterhood does make a huge difference! Between our numerous programs supporting our Temple youth, our support of the Temple (both through Onegs and financially) our leadership training and our participation in nationwide programs supporting Rabbinic programs and youth (not to mention the great friendships that arise) Sisterhood is a significant influence both in our Temple community and in the greater Jewish community.

And don't forget that husbands (or sons or fathers) can support Sisterhood by becoming Friends of Sisterhood. Your friends that are not Temple members can become Friends of Sisterhood too!

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Member \$45

Sponsor \$72

Patron \$118

Checks can be left in the Sisterhood box at the Temple or mailed to 18200 Rinaldi Place, Northridge, CA 91326

MEMBERSHIP

By now you should have received your Sisterhood membership packet. Every eligible Temple member gets

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SISTERHOOD SUKKOT MEETING



Sisterhood's October Sukkot meeting was just lovely. Cantor Ken started us singing and encouraged Sisterhood members to lead their favorite

songs. Several members stepped up and led us in song and dance and stories. Kudos to them all for being willing to make our evening extra special by lending a personal flavor to the celebrations. And a big shout-out to our hostess Jo Schwartz for opening up her awesome sukkah and home to us. It



was a warm and friendly evening with lots of yummy food and good Sisterhood camaraderie.

BALLOT PROPOSITION MEETING

Sisterhood's Ballot Proposition meeting was a raging success with over 110 people attending. We were a bit unprepared for how many people showed up, and for that we apologize, but we were so glad that everyone came. Our own Fran Lapidés from the League of Women Voters was excellent, and gave us lots of good information about the propositions. It was so exciting to see all the interest in learning about the propositions. A special thanks to Programming VPs Kathy Barker and Alyce Schultz-Rosza for making this event happen.



PAID UP LUNCHEON

The paid up luncheon is **Sunday, November 13**. It starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Temple. All paid Sisterhood members and Friends of Sisterhood can attend for free, but reservations are a must. RSVP by Saturday, November 5 to Cheryl Frumes tas.cherylf@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the luncheon!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Reserve the morning or early afternoon on **Sunday, November 20** to shop for gifts or something for yourself at the annual **Holiday Boutique**. With tons of vendors in the Social Hall, you are sure to be able to find something for everyone on your list. What was your favorite vendor from last year? Was it the Sheet Guy? The Time Out Collection? Pegboard Highway? Sandy Stern's Clothing? Come get your holiday shopping done early this year. What could be easier?



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 items accepted ahead of time.

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.

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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](tel:8183600160).



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](tel:8188951789) 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 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

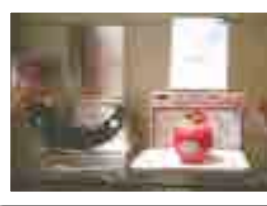
sponsorship and help you make the occasion a bit more special. In addition, your sponsorship will go a long way to support the work of the Sisterhood for our Temple, our youth and the Jewish community.

If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the Temple Office at: [\(818\) 360-2258](tel:8183602258).

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](tel:8188861295) 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



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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 because prices can be 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.

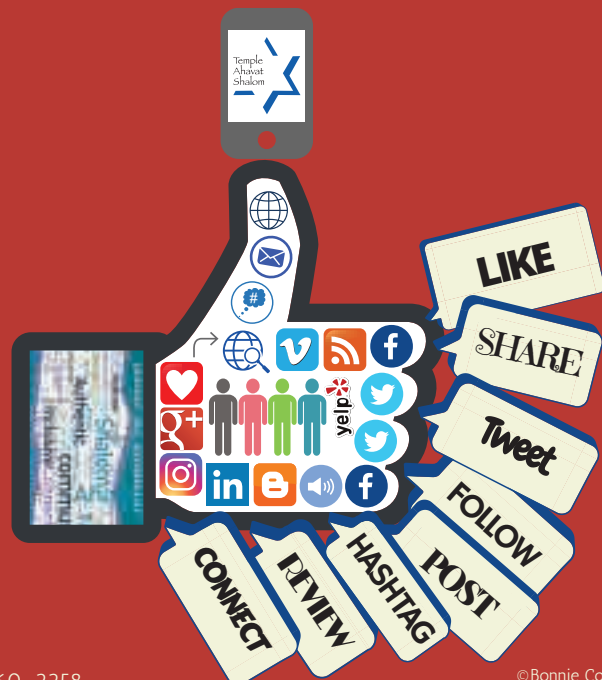
Sisterhood is looking for someone to take over the job of boxing up the coupons and shipping the box. This is an easy way to make a difference without a big investment of time! If you would be willing to take this on, please contact Mel at (818) 366-2397 and she will give you all the details you need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

Jackie Zev
Temple Ahavat Shalom
Sisterhood President



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST MONTH

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

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Jonathan & Carly Schwartz
Justin & Krissy Winters

** Names listed as of posting date*



Lovin' Leveler's is an active Jewish RV Club Originating out of the North Valley Jewish Community Center in the early 1970's. Our membership ranges from Santa Barbara to Palm desert including Los Angeles, and the San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valleys. The group is welcoming new members aged 55+. We are a "Traveling Havurah" in RV's of various sorts, enjoying the company of other Jewish people.

We plan group outings one weekend a month within 2-3 hours of LA. Our weekends include places of interest in each area, gathering around campfire, playing games, doing crafts and just having fun being together.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT:

Freya or Allan Teplinsky, (818) 368-3471 or (818) 264-6188, freyat@gmail.com or allant100@gmail.com. To talk with a TAS member and Lovin' Leveler's member contact Susan Cohen at (818) 341-1531.



MEN OF TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM (MoTAS)

It was seven something on a cloudy Sunday morning when I pulled into the TAS parking lot. I wondered if tables were set up, coffee brewed and food cooked. I held tight to my coffee mug and headed to the Social Hall. Aaron, Jose and staff were moving chairs and tables, and vacuuming. In the kitchen men were talking loud and laughing. We promised a pancake breakfast for over two hundred kids, parents and teachers, but nothing was ready.

Bill navigated an electric hand mixer through lumpy batter. Scott flipped flap jacks on the griddle. He diligently checked temperatures with an infrared thermometer. "Using twenty-first century micro-electronics to monitor a 1950's gas grill?" I asked. Before he could answer another voice shouted "all the percolators are cold!" We had tripped a circuit breaker and did not know where it was.

"Are there anymore?" I'd seen these kids' faces before. How much could they eat? We'd cooked over six hundred fluffy flap jacks, spread ten pounds of real whipped butter and poured a gallon of no high fructose corn syrup Log Cabin maple. He and his friends could see the answer in my face, they smiled at me. "That's okay mister, the ones we had were good."

We heard the chime of Rabbi Lutz's twelve string and went outside. Cantor Ken added a rocking rhythm and we all started singing. The kids smiled, parents smiled and everyone smiled. Those magical happy feelings that come from music and worship flowed through all of us. Another generation is filled with magical happy memories of worship and learning.

It was my first Men's Club meeting as President. While Roger was giving the treasurer's report, I was trying to get my new sound system to work. Barry started talking about highlights of the fun time folks had at our golf tournament. I was stressed and starting to sweat. I had promised to present videos of an Oxford Union Society Debate. The topic: *Who is the greater obstacle to peace in the Middle East, Israel or Hamas?* The left speaker was dead. Daniel talked about The Music of Allan Sherman and upcoming events. The right speaker came to life! We watched and listened to Dennis Prager, "Hamas is a greater obstacle to peace than Israel." Then the opposing side, Mishana Hosseinioun, "Hamas is Not a Greater Obstacle to Peace Than Israel."

If you liked tinker toys, you'll love our Sukkah. Just imaging those green sticks and wooden circles. Now replace them with seven foot long by one inch diameter steel pipes and steel couplers. We each stood holding a steel pole with Bob Levin directing us on how to assemble them. We joked around. The sense of respect and brotherhood was immediate. We're all Jewish men experiencing tradition, making tradition, and teaching by example. A few guys start doing things their own way, but that's not important now, because I smelled bagels. Bob Levine, yes a different Bob, went to the Western Bagel main bakery on Sepulveda and brought them back still hot! They were high gluten heaven.

Lezlie Kussin, artist and teacher, brought out panels decorated with ribbons and art by the kids. Regarding kids, we had a crowd of them. Our kids were participating, decorating, and learning in our Sukkah.

This is TAS Northridge, L'dor V'dor, participating in Jewish life and being happy.

*Frank Soronow,
MoTAS President*

Donation Drive Guidelines



All Donation Drive Fundraiser donated items must be in good, clean, sellable condition. We do not repair, refinish or reupholster.

Goodwill has developed the following ●GREENLIGHT ●REDLIGHT guidelines to help increase the amount of "sellable" donations received and credited toward your fundraiser.

Bring your "GreenLight" items to the Temple on October 20.
You will receive a receipt from Goodwill for items donated.
Call Jennifer Kosoy, 818-217-4191 if you have questions.

●GREENLIGHT

Acceptable:

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Bedspreads and Blankets
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CDs, Blu-rays, DVDs
Clothing and Accessories (Infants to Adult)
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Curtains (No Rods or Hardware)
Frames (Art and Picture)
Giftware
Glassware
Hand Tools and Small Power Tools*
(In Working Condition)
Jewelry
Knick Knacks
Lamps* (With or Without Shades, In Working Condition)
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Purses
Radios* (In Working Condition)
Records
Shoes
Sleeping Bags
Small Appliances* (In Working Condition)
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Computers, Printers, Computer Accessories**
(Working or Not)
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Exercise Equipment
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Gas Powered Tools, Landscape Equipment
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Hazardous Products/Waste (Paint, Oil, etc.)
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Metal Desks, Metal Filing Cabinets
Personal Care Items
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Recyclables (Paper, Glass, Plastic, Aluminum)
School Team Uniforms and Sports Gear
Skis, Ski Boots
Toys
Water Heaters
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CONSECRATION AND SIMCHAT TORAH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016



OUR SIMCHA TORAH CELEBRATION WAS VERY *FREILICH*. IT INCLUDED THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW STUDENTS AND A CHANCE TO SEE THE ENTIRE TORAH. MOST FUN WAS RABBI LUTZ FINDING HIGHLIGHTS, SUCH AS THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, AS HE CIRCLED THE OPENED TORAH.





FRAN ROSENFELD'S GIFTS FROM THE HEART PROGRAM

THE TAS TRADITION OF GIVING CONTINUES

Give a Holiday Gift to a Child in Need: Victims of Abuse, Poverty, Illness & Disability.

Help make this program a success by just bringing an unwrapped gift and placing it in the box located in the Temple main hallway between Monday, November 28 and Sunday, December 11, 2016.

Help us make this a joyous and wonderful holiday season for families in need! Fulfill a mitzvah by adopting a family for the holidays. Please contact Sarah Londer at sarublon@aol.com to learn more about adopting a family, the gift program, and other ways to get involved. We need help on Monday, December 12th at 5:00pm to wrap the gifts, bring your Scotch tape and scissor and contact Sarah to volunteer to wrap gifts and get the directions for the gift wrap location. A second opportunity to wrap will take place on Friday, December 16, 2016.

ALSO, we are collecting unused holiday cards, wrapping paper, and 2017 calendars. If you receive complimentary cards, calendars and or gift wrap and do not know what to do with it, donate it! Drop it off in the same box as the toy collection.

HAVURAH HAPPENINGS

Enjoying a day at the Skirball viewing Chasing Dreams and Roy Lichtenstein exhibits, Havurah Yonaton joined Havurah Nagila for an interesting docent tour and a delicious lunch.

What's your havurah up to?

CELEBRATE A SIMCHA AND SPONSOR AN ONEG

For just \$125 you can sponsor an Oneg in honor of a birthday, anniversary, new baby, new job, you name it.

A special cake is included along with mention of your Simcha from the bema and a sign indicating your sponsorship on the Oneg table. For more information, call Jackie at (818) 832-9099 or email at tas.jackiez@gmail.com.



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. As the TAS Volunteer Coordinator, my tasks are to track who is volunteering for what, where 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. 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 and 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 helping 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)

You do! Everyone reading this! You inspire me to cook and deliver a meal, to organize turkey baskets and holiday presents for under privileged children and their families, to help out at the Red Cross Blood Drive, and support our country's safe gun laws.

I have been inspired by many leaders at TAS over the many years we have been members. I am just following in their footsteps. TAS is my community, and the success of all the activities depends on everyone. Actually it's contagious! Your love for your community helps build my passion for a Jewish life and love for my community. And you know...it fills my heart with love to help someone else feel good.

Sarah Londer

*We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give!*
Winston Churchill

My mother volunteered for the Sisterhood, the City of Hope, the Girl Scouts, the Red Cross. In the 1930s she volunteered at the Jewish Community Center (in Albany, NY) and worked with children who had escaped from Germany. In the 1970s she baked chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoons for the Oneg Shabbat.

When I volunteer (especially for the Sisterhood) I usually wear some of her jewelry. I feel like I'm "channeling" her spirit.

Diane Levine

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

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hobbies with the children. Need help with building items, painting rooms, doors and equipment. Contact Tessa Cramer, ECEC Director.

SOCIAL ACTION: Contact Judy Stehr, jesterjudy@gmail.com or Jill Cullen, soccermomjill@gmail.com, to learn about the many community outreach efforts.

LIFELONG LEARNING: Please contact Diane Levine, levinedp@gmail.com, to help with TAS Tuesday Adult Education Nights, setting up the wine & cheese table.

MEMBERSHIP: Help us with ideas to bring in more members to our community, and keep the ones we have! Contact Pam Kramer, shortshaq@socal.rr.com

WELCOMING: A new committee is forming to enhance our programs for introducing our new members into our temple family. Please contact Ava Silver, silver@socal.rr.com

KESHER (FORMERLY SYNAPLEX): Help brainstorm ideas to increase connections between our members. Contact Sue Issler, sissler@socal.rr.com

MARKETING: Contact Steve Schacter, steven@socal.rr.com, to help with publicizing our community, special events and ongoing services and activities.

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



TAS SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE IS LOOKING FOR YOUR IDEAS – PLEASE JOIN OUR GROUP HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE – IT STARTS WITH US

Please email JUDY STEHR
jesterjudy@gmail.com

PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE NEEDS

It is not something that we like to talk about. Still it is important to plan for the unexpected.

Temple Ahavat Shalom has partnered with Mount Sinai Simi Valley to provide our congregants with comprehensive pre-need arrangements and services. Mount Sinai will donate \$5,000 to TAS if 5 pre-need properties are sold to our members this year. If your family would like additional information about this program, please contact Doreen Kayne at (866) 813-8100 ext. 413 or at dkayne@mountsinainaparks.org

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ECEC



October was a very busy month in the ECEC. It started with preparing for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, all the way through Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We explored apples in so many different ways; we sang songs saying we were sorry; we ate, made and decorated fruit; we made flags and paraded around the building. This has truly been an exciting month at school.

We are excited to watch our Infant Toddler Center (ITC) grow. We now have six children enrolled, ranging in age from four to twenty months old and anticipate more joining us by the beginning of the calendar year. Our first “graduate” has moved from the ITC into the preschool! Our children sing, dance, paint, glue, nap, eat and all love being here. Thanks to our three wonderful and caring ITC teachers Annie Rivera, Vena Sopher and Rebecca Solomon. Their hard work and dedication has made our ITC a state of the art facility, truly a home away from home. We are so proud of it.

The children are enjoying our monthly Tuesday Spirit Days. October was Sports Day. Everyone wore a t-shirt

or hat with their favorite team logo on it, or a picture of some sporting event. We baked a football cake, made sports picture frames, played t-ball and soccer and had a great sporty day. November is Cowboy/girl Day. I wonder if anyone will bring in a horse or lasso?



November is also Thanksgiving time. The school is starting to smell like pumpkin and cinnamon. Preparations are underway for our big Thanksgiving Feast with over one hundred guests. Our children will once again cook and bake and we will practice for a charming Thanksgiving performance and sing-a-long. Before we know it, Hanukkah will be here.

Wishing you all a warm and loving Thanksgiving, with friends and family close by.

*L'Shalom,
Tessa*





MOTAS SUKKAH BUILDING





SHABBAT SERVICE WITH RICK RECHT OCTOBER 21, 2016



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ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND

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Anita Hoch, "Happy Birthday to Gloria and Allan Katcher."

BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Jody Arensberg in memory of Blossom Negrie, beloved mother of Pam Kramer
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CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pearlman Family, "Thank you Cantor Cohen for our wonderful Holiday Services."
Sisterhood of TAS in honor of Cantor Ken leading the Sisterhood Sukkot Celebration

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Esther Firestone, mother of Lynn Miles
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Lynn and Ken Miles in memory of Esther Firestone

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in memory of Mildred Sherman, Aunt of Anita Hoch
Fran and Al Lapides to Hildie Gold and Sherman Gratch, "Congratulations on the marriage of Scott and Tanya."

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Sheila Reback in memory of Esther Firestone, beloved mother of Lynn Miles
Mindy and David Free in memory of Fannie Plutsky

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Andrea and Richard Meyer in honor of Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik
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~Cantor Emerita Patti Linsky

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Michael Thornhill and Family on the death of his father, Harold Bruffey Thornhill

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - TAS Tuesdays Adult Learning 7:00pm - ECEC Rosh Chodesh	2 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class	3 10:00am - Adult Ed: Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class	4 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	5
6 Daylight Savings - Change Clocks 10:00am - Adult Ed: Basic Judaism	7 10:00am - Adult Judaica Art Class	8 9:30am - Torah Study	9 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class 6:30pm - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm - Rosh Chodesh Group - Away	10 10:00am - Adult Ed: Melton Class 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting 7:00pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting - Away	11 Veterans Day - Temple Offices and School Closed 5:45pm - Pre-Oneg 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service 7:45pm - Neighborhood Shabbat Dinners Sponsored by Keshar	12 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga
13 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 10:00am - Adult Ed: Basic Judaism 10:00am - Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon	14	15 10:00am - Torah Study 7:15pm - Cantor's Concert Committee Meeting	16 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	17 10:00am - Adult Ed: Melton Class 11:00am - ECEC Thanksgiving Feast 7:00pm - Fund Development Committee Meeting	18 5:30pm - Bim Bam Bimah 6:00pm - Community Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Service	19 9:30am - Torah on the Trail 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Rabin
20 8:00am - TAS Blood Drive 10:00am - Holiday Boutique	21	22 No Dalet/TAS High	23 12:30pm - ECEC Closes Early 3:00pm - Temple Office Closes 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg - Away 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	24 Thanksgiving - Temple Offices and School Closed	25 Temple Offices and School Closed 5:00pm - Pre-Oneg 5:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	26
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