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Northridge, CA

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Please join us for an incredible evening of fun, joy and entertainment. Cantor Ken Cohen, with a little help from some gifted friends, promises to surprise you with a musical concert that will leave you smiling!

This annual fundraiser benefits the wonderful and enriching programs and services we offer at Temple Ahavat Shalom.

> DATE Saturday, February 4, 2017 TIME 7:30pm PLACE Temple Ahavat Shalom

> > Dessert Reception following the concert



To RSVP or for more information:

(818) 360-2258 www.TASnorthridge.org/concert





MAZEL TOV TO OUR JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

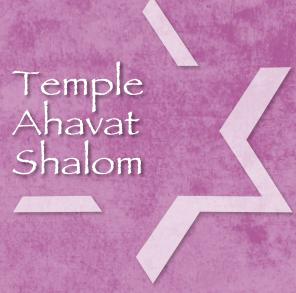
Saturday, January 7, 2017

Edward and Jennifer Colvin and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Colvin

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Aaron and Lisa Labowitz and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Labowitz Saturday, January 28, 2017

Nicole Minkow and Howard Minkow and Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Minkow





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JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT: BRANDON COLVIN



This is one 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.

Brandon Colvin, an extremely energetic 13-year-old, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah January 7th, and is looking forward to becoming part of the adult TAS community. He will continue his education through Confirmation and is already planning to go on the annual L'Takein trip to Washington, DC, as part of his preparation to become a lawyer. He says that he can be very persuasive.

His mother Jennifer describes him as being kind, sensitive, fearless and brave, and, she says, he will eat (or at least sample) anything. Brandon concurs and listed several broken bones in his history. He mentioned that all the scary theme park rides are not scary at all to him.

Brandon attends Frost Middle School. Next year he will go to the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences High School, where he will study and further develop his already accomplished skills in hip-hop and break dancing. His favorite school subject is history, particularly military history. He enjoys studying the battles of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, his favorite being the Battle of Yorktown. Brandon's least favorite subject is math, which to him is "beyond boring."

At TAS, Brandon is a TA with the music program in Sunday School, assisting Robbo to help keep the youngsters engaged, focused, interested and participating. Brandon is learning to play the guitar.

While Brandon doesn't have a formal Mitzvah project involved with raising money or collecting things for a cause, he volunteers his time with activities that are important to him. He participates in a program which assembles care packages for soldiers, and he gift-wraps stuffed animals for distribution to needy kids.

Brandon is the son of Jennifer and Edward Colvin, and he has a younger sister, Emily, who will be a Bat Mitzvah in 2018. The Colvin family has been part of the TAS community for two years. They are an interfaith couple who gave their children their own choices of religious education. Both chose Judaism. Brandon reported that he is very ready for his Bar Mitzvah, with only a few last-minute things to polish up. No down-to-the-wire cramming for him.

As a typical teenager, Brandon likes to hang out with his friends and spend time at theme parks, enjoying the scary rides. What most people don't know about him is that, even though he is still short, and wiry thin, he can throw a football at least 50 yards with a perfect spiral.

When you see the Colvin's at Temple, please share your best wishes for their joyous occasion.

Please note that due to submission timing, the highlight articles for Matthew Labowitz and Ethan Minkow will be in the February Menorah.





FRANKLY SPEAKING

As a former newspaper editor, I am aware that one should include the most important information in the first paragraph, and even better, the first sentence. So I will now share with you some good news and some not so good news. Which would you like first? OK, good news first.

GOOD: I am happy to announce that the TAS Board of Trustees has voted to offer Cantor Ken Cohen a contract for another year, and he has graciously accepted. His contract will be ratified by the congregation in May at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

NOT-SO-GOOD: The not-so-good news is that we will be losing our dear Barb Gelb, Director of Lifelong Learning, who will be joining her husband, Kenny of two years in

Virginia Beach. Barb has stayed in Los Angeles to shepherd her children through high school. Jacob, her youngest, will graduate in June 2017, and then she will be free to be with her husband. We will miss her greatly! Barb has been a tremendous asset to our entire education program and has enhanced and expanded our programs and learning opportunities for all ages. In tandem with Tessa Cramer, Barb has created our highly successful Infant Toddler Center and rebuilt our ECEC.

The congregation will have an opportunity to express their gratitude and affection for her later this spring. I am pleased to report that Danielle Newman will be chairing the Search Committee for Barb's replacement.

Have you sent in your reservations for the Cantor's Concert on Saturday, February fourth? This will be a fabulous evening with some of LA's most outstanding cantors, musicians and soloists joining Cantor Ken in an evening produced and directed by Les Wieder. This is one of our major fundraisers, so we hope you will attend and bring your friends.

May the New Year of 2017 bring peace, joy and good health to all of our community.

B'shalom,

Fran Krimston President



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





ECEC

FROM THE DESK OF:

Barb Gelb, Director of Lifelong Learning

One year ago our Infant Toddler Center was still a dream. We were in the midst of construction, waiting for our license, looking for great teachers to hire, purchasing furniture and waiting to see what would happen with the Porter Ranch gas leak. Most of all, we were anxious about who our babies would be, and we couldn't wait to meet them!

What a difference a year makes! If you stop by on any weekday, you'll see that things have really changed! We have 47 students in our ECEC, and 8 babies enrolled in our ITC. We have already graduated one into our ECEC, with more on the way. (We anticipate that we will soon have a waiting list for admission, so if you know a pregnant mom, tell her to give us a call.)

Our babies enjoy their day playing in our state of the art facility with our excellent caregivers. Anytime I need to smile I just have to peek in the window and see how happy they are. The credit for all this goes to our outstanding ECEC Director, Tessa Cramer.

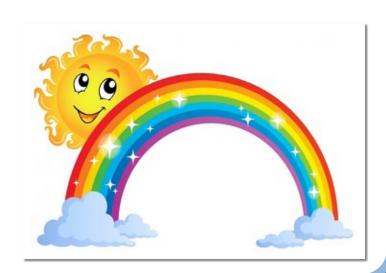
Starting an ITC is an expensive undertaking and we could not have done it without a generous grant from the Jewish Federation as well as incredible support from members of our congregation. We still need to purchase several items including an additional buggy (stroller for 6) which costs about \$1000 and more cribs which will cost around \$500. We are also starting a scholarship fund to help young families afford early childhood care and education in our warm Jewish setting.

As our ITC and ECEC grow, we have welcomed so many new families into the TAS community. These families enjoy Shabbat and holiday celebrations with us, participate in tzedakah and social action projects, and make Jewish friends. Then they graduate into our

Religious School, continuing to help us as we strive to be a caring community that improves the world each day.

You can help in two ways. One, with marketing, take a look at our facility and program, and then tell everyone you know about us. Like us on Facebook and give us a good review on Yelp. Second, make a donation to help us purchase the items we need, or for scholarships to help young families during the neediest time of their lives.

Finally, if you just want to brighten your day, visit us and we'll give you a quick tour that will do the trick. Best wishes for a year of happiness and smiles.





SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, January 19	Sisterhood Meeting - Climate change
Sunday, January 22	Pala Casino trip (Pala Casino)
Thursday, February 16	Sisterhood Meeting
Saturday February 25	Bingotini

DECEMBER'S LATKE PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE

We had a lovely latke party and gift exchange in December. Thanks to everyone who made the scrumptious latkes! Plus we had yummy sufganiyot. We ate until we were stuffed! The gift exchange was a blast with lots of stealing of gifts. Ellen had to pick a new gift at least half a dozen times, as one gift after another got stolen away. There was something for everyone – liquor, chocolate, scarves, kitchenware and lots more.

DECEMBER MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT



The Mah Jongg Tournament the first week in December was a raging success with 100 players attending! Thanks to Phyllis

Bigelson and Susan Cohen for making it happen and to Anita Hoch, Roseanna Sculler, Cheryl Frumes, Laraine Miller, Sarah Sculler and Morgan Roseman for helping out. Also to the women who staffed the Judaica shop (Erika Barnathan, Jill Morgenstein, and Eileen Roseman) which had a good day selling to the Mah Jongg women and Robyn Blachman who was there selling Mah Jongg cards.

JANUARY EVENTS

In January, we have another topic of interest to everyone – Climate Change. Is our climate changing? Is it due to human activity or would it have happened anyway? Is there something we can do about it? Steve Wicke of the

Sierra Club will come to Ahavat Shalom on **Thursday, January 19** (7:00 p.m.) and educate us on this important and timely topic. Put this date



on your calendar, because this meeting will definitely be worth attending. Everyone is invited to attend! Admission is free for Sisterhood members and Friends of Sisterhood, and we request a \$5 donation from guests. Please **RSVP** to Kathy Barker (kathy@chipsandbits.com) by January 17.

Our popular Pala Casino trip is **Sunday, January 22**, but the bus is full and there is a waiting list. You can contact Anita Hoch at (818) 360-0160 to see if there have been cancellations.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Phyllis Bass will be giving a presentation on Ellis Island on **Thursday**, **February 16** (7:00 p.m.). Mark your



calendar now, so you won't miss February's presentation!

As long as you are marking your calendar, reserve **Saturday, February 25** (7:30 p.m.) when we will bring back Bingotini! Always a fun evening, full of comedy, laughter, and (of course) BINGO! We will be serving martinis and smoothies. \$30 for RSVPs made by Feb. 18, \$36 at the door. RSVP by sending a check payable to TAS Sisterhood to: Sue Cohen, 22349 James Alan Circle, Chatsworth 91311. Questions? Contact Carol Bizar-Morton at (818) 894-6113 or carolthebizar@yahoo.com.

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CAMPERSHIPS



Would your child like to contribute to the cost of attending camp by receiving a Sisterhood/

MoTAS campership? Applications are in the Religious School Office. In order to receive a campership, your child must submit an application and volunteer five (5) hours for Sisterhood or the Men of TAS prior to the March deadline. Time is running out to put in the required volunteer hours! 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 right away for more information on volunteer opportunities and how to apply.

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.

MAH JONGG CARDS

If you are quick, there's still time to order 2017 Mah Jongg cards. The order deadline is January 15, so don't delay! Cards are \$8 for a standard card and \$9 for a large card. Make your check payable to TAS Sisterhood and send it to Robyn Blachman, 10431 Genesta Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344. If payment is for more than one person, please include ALL the names and addresses. Any questions? Contact Robyn Blachman at blachmanj@yahoo.com.

ONEG SPONSORSHIP

Is there an event, a person or a memory you would like

to honor in a special way?

Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary? Have you experienced a career change, a graduation or a new home? Are there



people in your life you want to pay special tribute to, or would you like to honor the memory of loved ones?

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

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

EXTENDED KIDDUSH

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

JUDAICA SHOP



Stop by the Temple Judaica Shop, brought to you by Sisterhood, and view our latest treasures! See our wonderful selection of holiday items to enhance your celebrations. Throughout the year we carry a versatile

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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.

If you would like to contribute coupons to be sent to overseas bases, here is what to do. All coupons must be cut. Cut coupons should be sorted into either "FOOD" or "NOT FOOD" envelopes. Mark the envelopes "FOOD" and "NOT FOOD" as appropriate and leave them in the lower right hand box in the chapel closet (the one marked "coupons").

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2017!

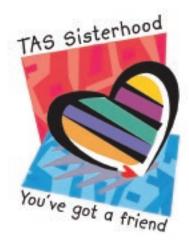
Jackie Zev Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood President

COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Sisterhood's coupon program is back! Thanks to Cindy Petrak for being willing to take over from Mel Birken. Sisterhood sends boxes of coupons to overseas bases. The coupons go to Japan, to the Air Force/Marine Unit and to the Navy. The families



appreciate the coupons, as prices are very high overseas.









TAS SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO OUR meeting and discussion of



CLIMATE CHANGE

a change in global or regional climate patterns, in particular a change apparent from the mid to late 20th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels.

Presented by Steve Wicke of the Sierra Club Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm







Every one is welcome!

Free to members and Friends of TAS Sisterhood

\$5 to Non-members

RSVP by January 17th to

Kathy Barker at Kathy@chipsandbits.com









Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom

Dining Does Good



Falafel Palace

https://www.facebook.com/falafelpalace/

When: Monday, January 16, 2017

10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Where: Falafel Palace

9255 Reseda Blvd

Northridge, CA 91324

(818) 993-0734

Benefitting: Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom and

TAS Religious School

Dine at Falafel Palace anytime on our selected day, present this flyer when you pay, and Falafel Palace will donate 15% back to MoTAS, which will be split with our selected organization.

Excludes purchases with coupons



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



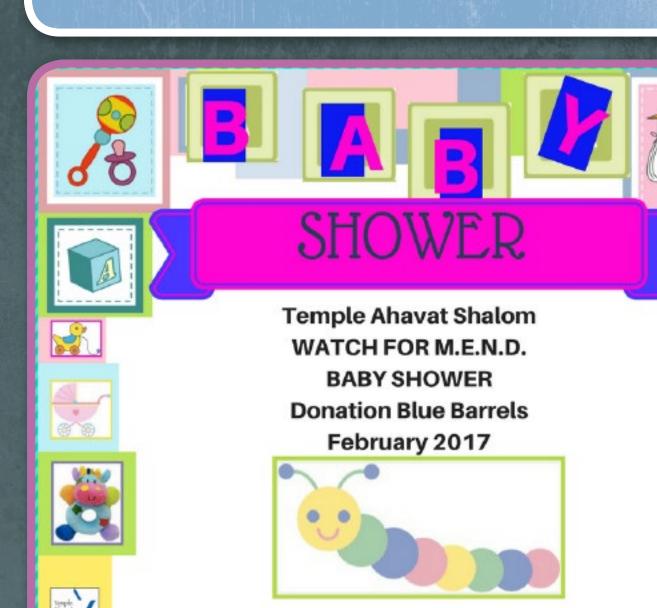




WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

Priyaanka & Tim Chatham Cindy & David Lutz Sevan Serapian & Mike Toroyan









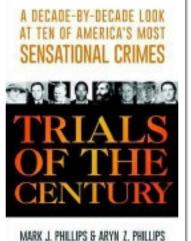


BOOK GROUP INVOLVED IN SENSATIONAL CRIMES

The Book Group selection for Thursday, January 12 is, *Trials of the Century: A Decade by Decade Look at Ten of America's Most Sensational Crimes*, by Mark J. Phillips and Aryn Z. Phillips.

We are very excited to have the coauthor of the book Mark J. Phillips joining us to discuss his book and answer questions. Attendees will hear a firsthand accounting of the work done by the author to develop this informative work of non-fiction.

In every decade of the twentieth century there was one sensational murder trial that riveted public attention and at the time was called "the trial of the century." This book tells the story of each murder case and the dramatic trial—and media coverage—that followed. The book begins with the 1906 Stanford White murder and ends with the 1994 trial of O.J. Simpson. In between are eight other compelling stories. Learn how the American justice system is challenged by these trials.



You will discover new details about the Sam Sheppard and Charles Manson murder trials. The author will discuss the media sensation created by yellow journalist William Randolph Hearst, surrounding the murder trial of 1920s movie star Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle; and the murder of the Scarsdale Diet guru. This is a fascinating history of true crime, justice gone awry and the media often at its worst. The book has received outstanding reviews by Alan Dershowitz and Joseph Wambaugh.

The meeting will take place in the Social Hall where refreshments will be available at 7:00 p.m., and the discussion will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. If you are planning to attend please contact Howard Schnee by email at hschnee 106@aol.com.

Note: Book Selection for February 9 is "Last of the President's Men" by Bob Woodward.

Tyree Wieder, Ed.D.

SAVE THE DATE-SISTERHOOD SEDER!

This year's Sisterhood Seder, on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. will be another special and unique experience! We will turn our attention to Jews in Africa - Past & Present, exploring the stories, legends and traditions of peoples and tribes living Jewishly in Africa, sampling foods and enjoying the music. Reservation information is forthcoming.









VOLUNTEER CORNER

TAS thrives with the dedicated efforts of congregants who volunteer to help with activities, projects and services. It's a great way to make friends and deepen your connection to TAS. Our calendar is full with many opportunities to enhance your life and support TAS. Please contact me. I look forward to helping you make TAS your second home.

Laraine Miller, TAS Volunteer Coordinator

tzlady@socal.rr.com (818) 993-0796

HELP WANTED - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Early Childhood Education 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 at tessa@tasnorthridge.org.

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 Tuesdays Adult Learning education nights, setting up refreshments.

MEMBERSHIP: Help us with ideas to bring in more members to our community, and keep the ones we have! Contact Pam Kramer at 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 Todd Reznik at todd@bsrgcta.com.

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

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

Want to join a Havurah? Contact Carol Bizar-Morton at carolthebizar@yahoo.com or Carol Stern at gusstern47@msn.com.

WHAT MOTIVATES ME TO VOLUNTEER AT TAS?

I love being a part of the TAS Caring Community. It has brought me closer to my community and I feel I am making a difference in people's lives. It is rewarding to bring a smile to people's faces and help them know they are valued.

Susie Bierman

I really never gave it a lot of thought. I always felt it was my responsibility to do whatever I could to help as part of the TAS community. There are so many opportunities to assist others in our congregation. The old cliche is true. You do receive more than you give when you volunteer.

Shelly Trop

I became a volunteer at TAS after my retirement as an LAUSD Administrator. I grew up in a home where volunteering was always modeled by my parents. Both were founding members of our synagogue in addition to working for B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, etc. I find giving back very important as a way of showing my appreciation for all I have been given in my life. Paying it forward is very important to me. I feel fortunate for all I have and want to share that with others. In addition to the Temple, I volunteer in an educational society, volunteer with SOVA, as well as Operation Gratitude. My first love is working as a member of the Caring Community.

Isy Weifel





BINGOTIN//
What could be better than...





Saturday, Feb. 25

7:30 pm,

Join us in the social hall for martinis and bingo Non-alcoholic smoothies available as well

\$30 for RSVPs before Feb. 22, \$36 at the door

RSVP by sending a check payable to TAS Sisterhood to: Sue Cohen, 22349 James Alan Circle, Chatsworth 91311 Questions? Contact Carol Bizar-Morton 818-894-6113 or carolthebizar@yahoo.com

Do More Fun Stuff!

COMMUNITY RETROSPECTIVE

MAZAL TOV!!

It is very meaningful and joyous that both shuls have decided once again to **join together** in making our greater Jewish community a better place to live and practice as Jews.

A little shared history:

During the 1980's (and I know that dear Fran Krimston remembers) **Jewish Women's World** (JWW) joined the communities together via adult education.

For years I chaired JWW (had a committee from each of the organizations) and held the many diverse classes in both shuls, **Temple Ramat Zion** and **Temple Ahavat Shalom** and at the **North Valley Jewish Community Center** (the administrating organization). I hired both shul's rabbis to be included in the large successful daytime education program. In addition, I included all other Jewish shuls and organization in the northern half of the San Fernando Valley. OUR JWW coalition also included **CSUN's Hillel, YION, Temple Beth Torah, and Heschel Day School**.

At night there was another program for both men and women.

Our Jewish Women's World daytime program was a model of excellence and awarded honors by other local groups.

We gave first time and senior teaching opportunities to women who needed to share their wisdom. We shared holiday workshops. A shul was even created from one of the classes. (Those leaders went onto national positions.) It was also the first time and with 'permission' that SF Valley Chabad rabbis taught outside their own Chabads.

May your new partnership be blessed, valued and successful.

Many Blessings, *Joy Krauthammer*









CLUB 45 LAZERTAG DECEMBER 3, 2016











HANUKKAH DINNER AND SERVICE DECEMBER 16, 2016















GENEROUS GIFTS

ACCESSIBILITY FUND

Ellen and Roger Lowe in honor of the birthdays of Allan and Gloria Katcher

ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Hildie Gold and Sherman Gratch in memory of Miriam Kolitz James and Judith Bennett in memory of Max Lupul Deborah S. Weissman Lynn and Michael Doner in memory of Max Lupul Lynn and Michael Doner in memory of Miriam Kolitz Andy Tenn in memory of Miriam Kolitz

Andy Tenn in memory of Miriam Kolitz Laura Greene in honor of Gloria and Allan Katcher Ruth Hildebrand-Lund in memory of Max Lupul Renee in honor of Aaron Weissman Jeffrey Goodman in honor of Aaron Weissman

BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Andy and Barry Mann in loving memory of Max Lupul, "We will miss Max's wit, intellect and friendship. May his name always be for blessing."

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Stanley and Esterly Blum in honor of Mi Shebeirach for Eva Rott

Fran and Al Lapides in memory of Miriam Kolitz Mel and Les Birken in memory of Miriam Kolitz Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Max Lupul Sheila Reback in loving memory of Miriam Kolitz

Abbey Klein to The Lupul Family in memory of Max Lupul Fran Krimston to Rabbi Shawna in honor of her graduation from The Edah Fellowship

Fran Krimston to Ruth Lupul, in memory of our dear friend Max The Pearlman Family in memory of Max Lupul

The Pearlman Family in honor of Rabbi Shawna's graduation from The Edah Fellowship

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop to Mel Janis, "Sending wishes for a speedy recovery"

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop to Scott Elias, "Sending wishes for a speedy recovery"

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop to Jeff Shulman, "Sending wishes for a speedy recovery"

Sherry and Irv Lucks to Shelly Spector, "Get Well"

Rochelle and Marvin Skolnick "In appreciation for the calls and visits from The Caring Community"

Ellen and Roger Lowe to Jeff Shulman, "Get better quickly and completely"

Dana Zinderman in honor of Rabbi Shawna for participating in LA Kitchen's Hanukkah Celebration, Many Thanks!

Jo Schwartz to The Caring Community, "Thanks for your love and warm thoughts"

Fran and Al Lapides to Mel Janis, "Sending wishes for a speedy recovery"

Fran and Al Lapides to Jeff Shulman, "Sending wishes for a quick recovery"

Fran and Al Lapides to Shelly Spector, "Sending wishes for a quick recovery"

Brian and Cheryl Hatkoff in memory of Edith Lowell, the mother of Joel Lowell

Abbey Klein in honor of David Breuer, "Thank You!" Melinda and Scott Kough in memory of Laurette Schway Ken and Annette Held in memory of Max Lupul

CULTURAL PROGRAMS FUND

Sherry and Irv Lucks to Jeff Shulman, "Get Well"

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Mel and Les Birken in honor of the birth of Jackson George Bash, the grandson of Bob Levine and Kathy Pullman Sherry and Irv Lucks to Esther Brombart, "Get Well"

MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILENCE OF THE SOUL

The Shearer Family in memory of Rose Direnfeld Esther Hatkoff in honor of Natalie Berkowitz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ruth Lupul

Laura and David Silverman in memory of Norma Fuller Rochelle and Marvin Skolnick "In appreciation for the Rabbis' calls and prayers for our improved health" Melinda and Scott Kough in memory of Laurette Schway

RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Scott and Sarah Yahraus

RONNA AND LEW EDGERS MEMORIAL ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Judy and Arnold Alban in memory of Alec Kiperstin, father of Jill Linder

The Alban Family in memory of Edith Lowell, mother and grandmother of Joel Lowell, Terri Jonisch and Evan Lowell The Alban Family in memory of Uncle Al

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Andy and Barry Mann to Ben and Cindy Tenn in memory of Miriam Kolitz, "May your sister's name always be for blessing."

Tyree and Les Wieder in memory of Miriam Kolitz Laraine and Howard Miller Dorri and Bernard Raskin

VI AND DAVID LIEBER MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

Fran Krimston to Michael and Rebecca Lieber in honor of your double mitzvah

Fran Krimston to Bob and Debi Kahn in honor of the birth of your first grandson, Beau

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YAHRZEITS

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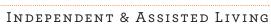
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Temple Offices and School Closed	3 ECEC Resumes 6:00pm - TASTY Fundraiser at Ultra Zone - Away 7:00pm - Marketing Committee Meeting - Away	4	5 7:00pm – Sisterhood Board Meeting – Away	6 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	7 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Colvin
8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 10:30am - Israel Trip Meeting with Rabbi Lutz	9	9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Adult Ed: Melton Class 7:00pm - Membership Committee Meeting	11	7:00pm – Book Group Meeting 7:00pm – Fund Development Committee Meeting	13 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	14 4:45pm - Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Labowitz
15 No Religious School	16 Temple Offices and School Closed	9:30am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Adult Ed: TAS Tuesdays 7:00pm - Adult Ed: Melton Class	18 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting	19 7:00pm - Sisterhood Meeting & Presentation on Climate Change	20 5:30pm - ECEC 2nd Annual Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Dinner	21
22 8:00am - Sisterhood PALA Casino Fundraiser - Away 10:00am - New Member Welcome	23	9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Adult Ed: Melton Class	25 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Mah Jongg 7:00pm - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm - ECEC Parent Board Meeting	26 7:00pm - Social Action Committee Meeting	27 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service	28 4th and 5th Grade Retreat 9:00am - Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:15am - Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Minkow
29 10:00am - Count Me In Too! Thank You Brunch	30 7:00pm - ECEC Rosh Chodesh	31 9:30am - Torah Study 7:00pm - Adult Ed: Melton Class				

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