Temple Ahavat Shalom



Northridge, CA

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June 2017

TAS SALUTES THE 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

CEREMONY DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017 AT 4:15 P.M.

"It is a Tree of
Life to those who
hold fast to it. Its
ways are ways of
pleasantness and
all its paths are
peace."

(Proverbs 3:17-18)

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNE B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Saturday, June 10

Dan and Arcy Gesshel and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Riyanah Gesshel

Saturday, June 17

Shellie Turer and Family on the Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Turer





JESSICA SCHACHTER'S MITZVAH PROJECT

My Mitzvah project is one of the most meaningful aspects of my Bat Mitzvah. It is about charity and giving back. "Tikkun Olam," or "healing the world" is a central pillar of Judaism, and one way in which we demonstrate our appreciation is by giving back to our community.

About five years ago my family rescued our precious dog, Bailey. She has been such a loving pet and has become part of our family. We adopted Bailey from the West Valley Animal Shelter in Chatsworth.

I feel very bad for all of the animals that are suffering in the animal shelter. They have been through rain and wind and they could get cold. For that reason, for my mitzvah project I am collecting new or gently used blankets to give to all of the animals in my local animal shelter.

If you would like to contribute a blanket please do so by dropping it off to the religious school office prior to September 2, 2017.

The Animals And I Thank You Very Much For Your Thoughtful Blanket Donations!









MEET SHARON FURMAN-LEE AND HER FAMILY



"He gave me wings," said Sharon Furman-Lee, our new Religious School Director, speaking about her father. As a child of Holocaust survivors, Mr. Furman pushed his daughter to travel, see the world and enjoy life. His hopes for his two daughters and son were that they only had to worry about the weather...a sentiment to which we can all relate. Inspired by her father's dreams, and after receiving her MBA in Israel, Sharon traveled the world, living in London and New Zealand. Her travels eventually took her to New York where she found employment teaching Hebrew at Larchmont Temple and at Abraham Joshuah Heschel High School.

A chance meeting in the lobby of their apartment building developed into a marriage proposal from Alex Lee, a Hawaiian born man of Korean and Japanese descent. There was a requirement, however, before Sharon would say, "yes." Although she fell in love with Alex, she was not in love with New York. After visiting an aunt in LA, she discovered the place where she wanted to spend her life. Fortunately for us, Alex, an educator, agreed, and they relocated to Los Angeles more than a decade ago.

The Furman-Lees settled in Woodland Hills. Sharon has been a teacher at Milken High School for 10 years, and Alex is the Director of Admissions at The Village School in Pacific Palisades. They are the proud parents of two young sons—Kai, 7, and Lanai, 5 ½, who will become students in our Religious and Hebrew schools.

Sharon describes her home as a glorified farm. She loves to garden and grows peppers and tomatoes as well as dries seeds to plant. She said, "I am a pet person." The family has three dogs, two bunnies and will soon add chickens to their menagerie.

Her boundless energy is evident when you meet her. That energy has inspired her to enroll in a doctoral program at Cal Lutheran, where she will earn an EDD. She loves to learn and do research and enjoys historical movies, museums and the Metropolitan Museum in New York. Sharon loves music, studied keyboard as a child and performed in high school. She is currently studying violin with Lanai, while Alex is learning guitar with Kai. Both boys also take piano lessons. In her "spare" time Sharon loves to hike and travel to the desert or mountains. She is a contributing writer for a blog called *Shavuah Israeli*, which focuses on parenting and education.

"I hope to continue the great work that has been done in the TAS school," she said.

"I have so many ideas about creating strong family ties, enriching the community and inspiring our students. I bring a strong sense of purpose to help this community succeed," added Sharon.

We are delighted to welcome Sharon and her family. Please take the time to stop by the school office and meet Sharon toward the end of June.

Fran Krimston









If it's June, that means it is time for..



Shabbabeque

Join Temple Ahavat Shalom in celebrating Shabbat under beautiful trees at our *Shabbabeque*, the outdoor summer Shabbat service with a barbeque dinner cooked by the Men of Temple Ahavat Shalom.

Shabbabeque starts with an outdoor service in the TAS amphitheatre at 6:15pm, featuring music from the rockin' TAS House Band. This is followed at 7:15pm by a delicious barbeque dinner. Meat items will include turkey burgers, sirloin burgers, and Hebrew National hot dogs. Vegetarian items will include veggie patties, broccoli roasted with garlic, and baked potatoes. Please contact MoTAS at the email below with any questions, requests or suggestions. We want to have something for everyone.

Friday, June 16, 2017

6:15 PM Outdoor Service with the TAS Band 7:15 PM Shabbabeque Dinner

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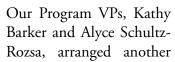
SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, June 4 Donor Luncheon
Sunday, July 9 Southern California
Area Day

BOARD APPRECIATION

A huge thank you to this year's Sisterhood Board for an awesome year of service to Sisterhood! This was a very successful year, and it is all due to the efforts of the women on the Board and their committees.





amazing year of programs, with two more programs this year than last year! Kudos to Cheryl Frumes, Membership VP, for our increase in membership this year. We also provided more camp scholarships this year due to the hard work of Laura Silverman and Fran Handler, co-Education VPs. We continued to provide excellent onegs due to the efforts of Cindy Tenn, Religious Observance VP. And the backbone of the board was strong due to the excellence of Roseanna Sculler, Treasurer, Bobbi Ross, Financial Secretary, and Kathy Pullman, Secretary.

The Fundraising team, led by Ways and Means VP, Jennifer Kosoy, did and awesome job this year. We really appreciate all those who stepped up and chaired our fabulous fundraisers: Dina Garcia chaired our Honey fundraiser. Jennifer Kosoy chaired the Alan Sherman event with MoTAS and the Goodwill Truck fundraiser. Anita Hoch runs our monthly Mah Jongg nights and chaired another amazing Pala casino trip, Robyn Blachman chaired our Holiday Boutique and also Mah Jongg cards, Sue Cohen and Carol Bizar-Morton chaired Bingotini, and Phyllis Biegelson and Sue Cohen chaired our Mah Jong Tournament. Every one of the yearly

fundraisers was more successful this year than last year! A big round of applause to our event chairs! Without you ladies, Sisterhood would not have the funds to do the things we do.

Thanks also to our other committee chairs: Mel Birken, Tribute chair; Dina Garcia, donor books chair; Jo Schwartz, Oneg Shabbat Chair; Laraine Miller, Judaica shop chair; Sheila Reback, ECEC Liason; Robyn Blachman, Donor Luncheon chair; Ellen Lowe, Sisterhood Shabbat chair; and Andy Mann, Rosh Chodesh chair. These ladies are not in the spotlight like board members, but do so much to make Sisterhood a success.

The Sisterhood Board is a great team. I cannot thank you enough for making this year a tremendous success!

MAY SISTERHOOD MEETING

Our May meeting was a lovely and moving experience. Efrat Yakobi led us in story telling using the Council method. First we did a fun exercise called "Where the Wind Blows," which was similar to musical chairs, but without the competitiveness. We dedicated objects, and we responded to prompts, like "give an example of a stereotype about women that is true" and "give an example of a situation where you lived up to someone's expectation." We spoke, we listened, and we learned about each other. If you couldn't make it, don't worry, we are sure to do it again in the future.

We also elected our officers for next year. We have another excellent board to guide us in the coming year!

DONOR I UNCHFON

Sisterhood's annual Donor luncheon will be on Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Orange Grove on the CSUN campus. Entertainment will be Marilyn Lazik, comedienne and entertainer extraordinaire, performing a Sholem Aleichem tale.

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We will be honoring our volunteers and installing our officers for next year. We will have our popular dollar pulls, plus Silent and Chinese auctions packed with fantastic items and numerous gift cards. The entertainment will be awesome, the food will be fantastic, and you can pick up some great items, with the money you spend supporting our awesome Sisterhood programs.

If you have earned Sisterhood donor, the luncheon is free, otherwise the cost is \$45. RSVP to Robyn Blachman at (818) 832-7874 or blachmanj@yahoo.com by Sunday, May 28 if you want to attend.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA DAY



This year, Southern California Area Day will be in our backyard at Temple Judea in Tarzana. It will be on Sunday, July 9, and the theme is Women Reaching Out, Reaching In, Reaching Up.

Area Day includes lively discussions of interesting and relevant topics, valuable leadership training, social action, advocacy, visiting with friends and lots more. The night before, there is the opportunity to visit the new URJ Six Points Sports Camp in Eagle Rock if you like, where there will be a Social Action Project, dinner and Havdalah with the campers. Best of all, Sisterhood will cover the cost for you to attend.

MAH JONGG

We had another awesome Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament in May. Almost 100 women attended and had a great time. Our



next tournament will be Sunday, October 15, so mark your calendar and tell your competitive Mah Jongg friends. For more information, contact Phyllis Bigelson at Phyllis@bigelsoncpa.com.

If you know how to play, but want a less competitive

game, or if you 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.

FXTFNDFD 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 schlabang 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.

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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!

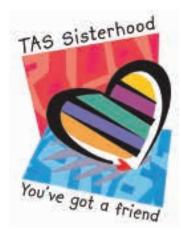
We are open during Shabbat evening onegs, on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (when Sunday School is in session) and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

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.

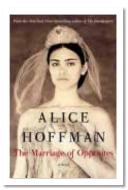
Best wishes to all!

Jackie Zev

Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood President



JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR THIS YEAR ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8 IN THE CHAPEL/LIBRARY. DISCUSSION OF *THE MARRIAGE OF OPPOSITES* BY ALICE HOFFMAN



WILL BE FACILITATED BY KAREN AND HOWARD SCHNEE

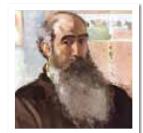
Growing up on idyllic St. Thomas in the early 1800s, Rachel dreams of life in faraway Paris. Rachel's mother, a pillar of their small refugee community of Jews who escaped the Inquisition, has never forgiven her daughter for being a difficult girl who

refuses to live by the rules. Growing up, Rachel's salvation is their maid Adelle's belief in her strengths, and her deep, lifelong friendship with Jestine, Adelle's daughter. But Rachel's life is not her own. She is married off to a widower with three children to save her father's business. When her husband dies suddenly and his handsome, much younger nephew, Fréderick, arrives from France to settle the estate, Rachel seizes her own life story, beginning a defiant, passionate love affair that sparks a scandal that affects all of her family, a marriage forbidden by the synagogue of St. Thomas on grounds that a Jewish man could not marry his aunt, even an aunt by marriage. But the couple stayed together. The public debate over Rachel and Frédérick's marriage continued for eight years; the synagogue of St. Thomas finally granted

formal acknowledgement of the marriage in 1833.

During that time the Pissarros had four sons: Felix, Moses

Alfred, Jacob Camille (known as Camille) and Aaron Gustave who grew up along with Rachael's three step children from her marriage to Isaac. Camille, her favorite son, became one of the greatest artists of France.



"The Marriage of Opposites" showcases the beloved, bestselling Alice Hoffman at the height of her considerable powers. Once forgotten to history, the marriage of Rachel and Fréderick is a story that is as unforgettable as it is remarkable.

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

Tyree Wieder, Ed.D.





With increasing presence on social media, weekly TAS emails, website accessibility, auxiliary communication and other regular Temple-wide announcements, readership of the monthly Menorah continues to decline.

In an effort to maintain this mainstay in our community but prevent its content from being redundant with our other published materials, the Menorah will be revised with the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

In the spirit of the newsletter's original intention, the updated Menorah will provide briefings on Temple news, updates from clergy/senior staff and auxiliaries, photographs from recent and past events and relevant calendar dates for that period. Important dates to note regarding the 2017-2018 quarterly Menorah and deadline submissions are as follows:

QUARTER	SUBMISSION DATE	PUBLICATION DATE
	08/01/17	08/15/17
2	11/01/17	11/17/17
3	02/01/18	02/18/18
4	05/01/18	05/15/18



GENEROUS GIFTS

ALUMNI OUTREACH FUND

Men of TAS TAS Sisterhood Robyn and Joe Blachman in honor of Rebeccah Birken Yussman

ANNUAL GIVING/ GENERAL FUND

Stanley Korenman and Ann Pollack in honor of the birthday of Richard Seligman Diane Levine in honor of Stan Levine

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Irv and Sherry Lucks to Helene and Fred Kimmel, "Mazel Tov on your granddaughter Hannah's Bat Mitzvah." Irv and Sherry Lucks to Sharon Weiss, "In memory of your sister Nancy. May her memory always be a blessing to you." Irv and Sherry Lucks to Tessa Cramer, "Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter." Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in memory of Dr. Michael L. Ponaman

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in honor of Scott Ellias, sending wishes for a speedy recovery

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in honor of Mel Janis, sending wishes for a speedy recovery

Shelly, Phil and Jonathan Trop in honor of Leah Ellias, sending wishes for a Happy Birthday

wishes for a Happy Birthday
Becky and David Breuer in memory of Blanche Gelman
Fran and Al Lapides in memory of Blanche Gelman
Arlene and Ronald Stone in honor of Rabbi Rebeccah Birken
Yussman

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

TAS Sisterhood Lew and Sonia Smith in honor of the Ordination of Rebeccah Birken Yussman

MARISA INGRUM FUND-RESILENCE OF THE SOUL

Pamela and David Kramer in memory of Blossom Negrie

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pearlman Family in honor of The Membership Committee, Rabbi Lutz and Cantor Cohen, "Thank you for your Blessing and Honor for our Temple members of over eighteen years."

The Wiefel and Karp families to Rabbi Lutz, "Thank you for the beautiful naming ceremony for our granddaughter Eva Jolene. We appreciate all that you do for our community."

RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Men of TAS TAS Sisterhood Carol Bizar-Morton and Thomas Morton in honor of the Ordination of Rebeccah Birken Yussman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Men of TAS

YAHRZEITS

Ruth Lupul in memory of Dr. Max Fokschaner Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk in memory of Betty Rubin David and Becky Breuer in memory of Dora Mastera Nancy and Richard Horn in memory of Gerda Zipser Nancy and Richard Horn in memory of Bess Gurwin Zipser Nancy and Richard Horn in memory of Albert Horn Linda and Joe Sculler in memory of Pauline Eisenman Anita Hoch in memory of Yola Yoss Sandra and Richard Erkus in memory of Rose Miller Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miller in memory of Leon Miller Marilyn and Anastasia Burman in memory of Irwin Burman Cathy Meyers in memory of John Francis Arlene and Neal Hoffer in memory of Mary Rosen Lawrence and Rosalind Porton in memory of Samuel Porton Lawrence and Rosalind Porton in memory of Helene Ross Gordon and Karen Silverstein in memory of Rosalie Silverstein Ira and Sherry Kaplan in memory of Harry Kaplan Ira and Sherry Kaplan in memory of Helen Kaplan Ira and Sherry Kaplan in memory of Irv Bronson Fran and Ed Handler in memory of Joan Sanzone Leonard and Judy Soloff in memory of Betty Leventhal Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk in memory of Eva Postal Sue Miller and Daryn Pakcyk in memory of Harry Root Melissa and Alan Kassan in memory of Daniel Seidman Mark and Shelly Schwartz in memory of Sidney Schwartz The Pearlman Family in memory of Marvin Pearlman Rick and Alaine Seidman in memory of Daniel Seidman Neal and Arlene Hoffer in memory of Gussie Hoffer Howard and Laraine Miller in memory of Gordon Miller Anita Hoch in memory of Martha Chaifetz Fredric and Helene Kimmel in memory of Bruce Kimmel Stephen Wolff in memory of Judy Wolff Bryan and Myrna Davis in memory of Colin Davis Cherrill Mann in memory of Peter Mann Howard and Laraine Miller in memory of Gordon Tilsen Steven and Elaine Rosenfield in memory of Sydney Rosenfield Sandy Tilsen in memory of Gordon Tilsen Karen Jaye and Sandra Robinson in memory of Francine Jaye Sandra and Richard Erkus in memory of Bernard Miller David and Mindy Free in memory of Hyman Plutsky Lynda and Herb Folkman in memory of Dorothy Washer Lynn and Ken Miles in memory of Sydell Michael

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~Cantor Emerita Patti Linsky

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Michael Rabin and Family on the death of his grandfather, Irwin Rabinowitz

Iris Brynjegard, Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik , Sue Miller and families on the death of their cousin, Paul Postal

Susan Halpern and Family on the death of her father, Seymour Sacks

Marc Zev and Family on the death of his mother, Blanche Gelman

Dina Garcia and Family on the death of her grandfather, Jerry Levitz

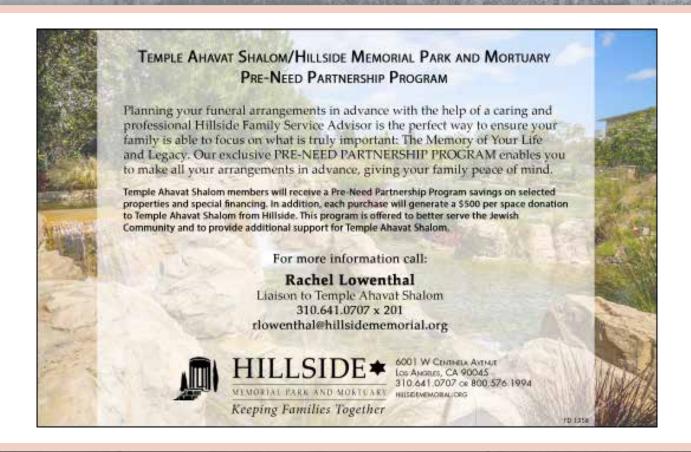
Patrice Beck and Family on the death of her husband and our Temple member, Raymond Beck

May their memory be a blessing

Congratulations

Rik and Wendy Vig are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, Connor Max Jizmagian. The proud parents are Amy and Greg Jizmagian and the big brother is Gavin.







JUNE 2017 AT TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM

4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat 4:15pm - Confirmation Service 7:00pm - Confirmation Dinner Service 5 9 10 6:30pm - Gala Committee 9:30am - Torah Study 4:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) ECEC Last Day 10:00am - ECEC Graduation 10:15am - Bat Mitzvah of Meeting - Away 5:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 7:00pm - Social Action 4:00pm - Adult Hebrew Class and Brunch Riyanah Gesshel 6:45pm - Lay-led Torah Study 7:00pm - TAS Annual Gala 7:00pm - Shiva Minyan Meeting 7:00pm - Book Group Meeting Leading Workshop 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Service 11 12 13 14 15 16 9:30am - Torah Study 8:45am - Men of TAS Meeting 7:00pm - Budget and Finance 4:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 7:00pm - Adult Ed Movie Night 6:15pm - Erev Shabbat 4:45pm - Bat Mitzvah of Committee Meeting 5:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) Service Nicole Turer 7:00pm - Marketing 7:45pm - Shabbabaque Committee Meeting - Away 18 19 20 23 24 9:30am - Torah Study 4:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 7:00pm - Social Justice 6:15pm - Lav-led Torah Study 5:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 7:15pm - TAS Board Meeting Community of Practice 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat 6:00pm - TAS Tuesdays Service Quiltmaking 25 26 27 29 30 28 10:00am - Special 5:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 4:00pm - Drop in Hebrew (RS) 7:00pm - Erev Shabbat Congregational Meeting 6:15pm - Sisterhood Monthly Service Mah Jongg

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