

Good and Welfare

September - October, 2011

Contact: Freda Heller (858) 592-4759

In Memoriam

Rena Wilinsky, Aunt of Cantor Lori Wilinsky Frank
Anne Pores, Sister-in-Law of Edna and Wolfie Pores

Mazel Tov

Phyllis & Howard Levin on the marriage of their son, David, to Roxy Bahar

Special Birthday

Barbara Birenbaum
Michelle Dannecker
Jeanne Dillon
Carol Gendel
Florence Krantz
Marilyn Marder
Alice Spier

Special Anniversary

Barbara & Martin Granowitz
Matt & Judy Pollack

WRJ/Sisterhood Temple Beautification Endowment Fund

(Minimum donation \$10.00 per Tribute)

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$_____. Donation to be applied to the WRJ/Sisterhood Endowment Fund. Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Message: _____

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Attn: Endowment Funds
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Join us to Celebrate Sisterhood's
Woman of the Year

Lorraine Thall

Thursday, December 8, 2011 - 6:30 PM

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Chanukah Dinner-Dance

Saturday
December 17, 2011
6:00 PM

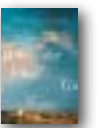










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Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| NOV | | 1 | 2 6:15 pm Sisterhood Board Mtg. | 3 | 4 6:30 pm 7 pm Pathways to Shabbat Family Shabbat Srvc | 5 10 am Shabbat Service (Change clocks at midnight--"Fall back") |
| 6 9 am Shred-a-Thon 4 pm Interfaith Youth Choir Festival 1st United Methodist | 7 7 pm Intro to Judaism | 8 10 am Book Group  | 9 | 10 | 11 6 pm Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Erev Shabbat Svc Honoring Veterans  | 12 10 am Shabbat Service Sasha Fredrick Bat Mitzvah 7 pm TAS Singles Event |
| 13 12 noon - 6 pm Global Day of Jewish Learning | 14 7 pm Intro to Judaism | 15 | 16 Happy Hour  5:30 pm - Brigantine | 17 10 am Torah Study I  12 noon Rap w/ Rabbi 7 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Svc @ LDS | 18 5:30 pm Outreach & Membership Dinner 7 pm Erev Shabbat Srvc | 19 10 am Shabbat Service Jessica Shanes Bat Mitzvah |
| 20 7 am Blood Drive | 21 | 22 10 am Torah Study II  | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving  | 25 (Temple Office Closed) 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Svc. | 26 10 am Shabbat Service |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | DEC | 2 5:45 pm 6th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7 pm Erev Shabbat Family Service | 3 10 am Shabbat Service Alaina Dannecker Bat Mitzvah |
| 4 | 5 7 pm Intro to Judaism | 6 | 7 6:15 pm Sisterhood Board Mtg. | 8 Woman of the Year 6:30 pm  | 9 6 pm Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7 pm Potluck Dinner Erev Shabbat Service | 10 10 am Shabbat Service |
| 11 11:15 am Menorah Madness 11:45 am Schlock Rock & Lunch 7 pm Oren Myers Lecture | 12 7 pm Intro to Judaism | 13 10 am Book Group  | 14 | 15 | 16 7 pm Erev Shabbat Neginah Svc. | 17 10 am Shabbat Service Chanukah Dinner-Dance 6:00 pm  |
| 18 4 pm Outreach Chanukah Party | 19 7 pm Intro to Judaism | 20 Chanukah (first light)  | 21 | 22 10 am Torah Study I  12 noon Rap w/ Rabbi | 23 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Svc. | 24 10 am Shabbat Service |
| 25 | 26 (Temple Office Closed) | 27 10 am Torah Study II  | 28 | 29 | 30 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Svc. | 31 10 am Shabbat Service |

Presidents' Message

L'SHANA TOVA! Welcome to the New Year. May your year be filled with sweetness and joy.

We have already kicked off our first events with great success. We held our New Member's Brunch at Lisa Avent's house, followed up by the Paid-Up Membership Wine and Cheese Party at my home. As usual, our Board members rose to the occasion with excellent planning and also put together wonderful food and drink.

Upcoming is our Women of the Year dinner, honoring Lorraine Thall. Please plan on attending to show your support for an amazing women who tirelessly works on behalf of the Sisterhood and TAS.

In conjunction with Temple Ways and Means and the Men's Club, please save the date for the best Chanukah Dinner-Dance ever! Invitations will be out shortly, but for a peek under the tent, we have booked Doug Simon's Night Owls Band who will perform a variety of 60's and 70's dance music. A catered dinner is set to go and a no-host bar will be available. Our chairs, Dianne Lapidot and Cindy Schwedock are having a blast planning this amazing event. Put it on your calendar, it's an event not to be missed.

New members, we warmly welcome you and hope that you will enjoy this year's programming, and, even more, we invite you to get involved in planning and assisting at events. New leadership is the lifeblood of Sisterhood. We need your new ideas and suggestions, your perspective and your input. We look forward to getting to know you.

Lastly, as we pass our days of reflection, Lisa and I have reflected on this past year as Sisterhood's Co-Presidents. Being in charge of this

wonderful group of women has been enormously rewarding and it has given us so much joy to know that we have made some great strides in programming and involvement for our membership. But, we also know that sometimes we haven't communicated well, or that not everyone received an email, or maybe we didn't get all the info we needed before we made a decision. Please forgive us for our errors and accept our apologies. As we begin this New Year, we hope to do better. Please feel free to touch base with either one of us, personally, to let us know how we are doing. We do want and need your feedback.

Our thanks again to our tireless, wonderful Board members and volunteers that make TAS Sisterhood run so successfully.

B'Shalom,
Diane and Lisa



From the Board

September Board Meeting Summary

Efforts were coordinated to make the New Member Brunch and Wine-and-Cheese events successful. A motion was passed that all regular event chair(s) generate a report about their respective event(s) that shall include a description of said event, suggestions for future event-planners of what to do (and not to do), a budget

and end results as well as any other information vital to planning similar future events. This report shall then be submitted to the Board and archived in a handbook.

Discussion took place on the handling of checks that get thrown into the Sisterhood mailbox. This, in turn, led to further speculation on how best to handle Lee Turner donations. Mona Younes will contact Lee Turner's family to see if they are still willing to donate to the Fund (created in Lee's memory) on a yearly basis. Mona shall also move these funds to an account that doesn't accrue service charges.

The Sisterhood Board will be conducting a "Just Ask" renewal campaign for membership over the ensuing weeks. Names of nonrenewed members needing to be contacted were distributed among those willing to make calls. As of September 1, we are at 129 members.

Currently we have \$7,500 in the bank and \$1,400 in the Beautification Fund. A fair amount is owed by the Gift Shop.

Heidi Strudler discussed some exciting ideas for engaging Ganon Gil moms such as "Thank G*d It's Shabbat," a Pilates workshop, High Tea Charity Event as well as putting together a babysitter list for them.

The Flower Fund continues to be a challenge. We talked about purchasing very high-end silk arrangements to use in lieu of fresh flowers (or, at least using fresh flowers for special occasions only).

The March 4 Fashion Show proceeds will go to the YES Fund.

A motion was passed to eliminate the Stationery fundraiser but it has since been rescinded (at October meeting) after it was learned that it is still profitable.

—Beth Feldman, Recording Secretary

Thank you to the following members who contributed to Sisterhood's

Flower Fund



IN MEMORY OF

Stewart Sagar, brother of Nikki Berman

BIRTHDAYS

May

05/30 Natalie Schaeffer

September

9/1 Jeanne Dillon
 9/15 Carol Gendel
 9/19 Sharon Stanford
 9/20 Lorraine Thall
 9/22 Jan Liebman
 9/26 Gerry Voit
 9/28 Ruth Gach

October

10/2 Helen Sabo
 10/6 Linda Figler
 10/7 Karin Robertson

10/11 Lisa Altman
 10/11 Phyllis Levin
 10/17 Geraldine Brech
 10/21 Marilyn Marder
 10/21 Barbara Birenbaum
 10/22 Florence Krantz
 10/25 Sandra Chazen

ANNIVERSARIES

July

07/02 Natalie and Stan Schaeffer

September

9/6 Maud & Howard Pincus
 9/6 Sue & Bob Gilson
 9/13 Eileen and Stanley Kaufman
 9/23 Debra and David Savitzky

October

10/2 Sandra and Avery Chazen
 10/19 Phyllis and Howard Levin
 10/21 Audrey and Howard Koble
 10/27 Robin Daus and Keith Liker

To donate to the Flower Fund and keep our bimah looking beautiful, drop off a check, made out to Sisterhood, in any amount, to the TAS office—make sure you have your name, spouse's name (if applicable), birthdate and anniversary date on the check or attached. THANK YOU!

entertainment 2011

The 2011 Entertainment Books will be available for purchase mid-August. Sale price of the book is only \$40. Plan on buying yours early before supplies run out! (And remember, they make excellent gifts anyone can enjoy.)

For information, or to have a book held for you, please contact Debbie Savitzky at the Temple office, or email her at: dsavitzky@adatshalom.com.

- 698 Restaurant Coupons
- 125 Attraction Discounts
- 173 Shopping Coupons
- Over \$15,000 in Travel Deals
- Movie Ticket Discounts
- And Much More...



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for **all of your Chanukah** and Judaica gift needs. Come see our fabulous selection of:

- ☆ Chanukkiot (Menorahs)
- ☆ Ceramic and Glassware
- ☆ Hostess Gifts
- ☆ Wedding Gifts
- ☆ Beautiful Jewelry & Tallitot
- ☆ Children's Books
- ☆ Greeting Cards

Don't forget...
**BAR/BAT MITZVAH
 GIFT REGISTRY**



Welcoming Members

Can't remember if you paid already or not?
 Please contact Rosemarie Litoff at 858-673-0288 or RosemarieLitoff@gmail.com

TAS 2011 - 2012 Sisterhood Enrollment Form

Name: _____
 Spouse's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip _____
 E-mail: _____ Phone _____
 Birthday: _____ Anniversary: _____
 Level of Dues:

- \$48 *Sarah* \$75 *Rebecca* \$100 *Leah* \$150 *Rachel*

Flower Fund Contribution:

Enclosed you will find my yearly donation of \$_____ to the Sisterhood Flower Fund.

I understand that by paying now, I will not be contacted again during the year.

Please place this completed form, with your check made payable to TAS Sisterhood, into the the Sisterhood Dues Basket in the Temple office. You may also mail it to the office. Attn: Sisterhood, 15905 Pomerado Road, Poway, CA 92064.



Renew your membership online! www.adatshalom.com:444/pages/sisterhoodDues.php

TAS Sisterhood welcomes the following new, returning and renewed members

Jenna Barocas
 Joyce Bennin
 Anita Charney
 Gale Cohn
 Michelle Dannecker
 Robin Doucette
 Marlene Garstang
 Gayne Genya

Stefanie Goldstein
 Tess Hildeshein
 Shirley Kallet
 Bela Pinchman
 Maud Pincus
 Natalie Schaeffer
 Katie Seidenwurm

From Our Chaplain, Mona Angel-Ross:

"Yesterday is but a vision, and tomorrow is only a dream. But today, well-lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a dream of hope."
 —Anonymous



Come and Celebrate Our TAS Sisterhood Woman-of-the-Year

Lorraine Thall

Thursday, December 8, 2011 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road, Poway

When one encounters Lorraine, one finds oneself soothed by an amazing presence: unassuming and confident, quiet and considerate, capable and reliable, caring and kind.

It was that way when we really met, introduced practically as we were to be joined in the Sisterhood presidency. We had made acquaintances previously as our children are in the same grade at Mosad Shalom since Kindergarten consecration—now about to be confirmed—as well as sitting on the Sisterhood Board but we hadn't noticed each other, really. As we began to work side by side as partners in leading the TAS Sisterhood, we realized we would become very good friends. It was easy to get comfortable quickly with Lorraine as she simply slips into whatever groove is going on, and gets it going on the keyboard, keeping time and making magic with her music. Lorraine just jives with the best, wherever

she goes, whatever she does, she writes a success story and plays it like a pro.

Lorraine Judith Nantais arrived in the world on September 20, 1959, in Chula Vista, CA (was almost born in Tijuana). Mom, who was Jewish, and Dad, who was Catholic, were young and in love and grew their family to include two more girls and a boy. Lorraine grew up in Lakewood, CA, attended Long Beach schools and studied piano starting at the age of 9. She graduated high school there in 1977 with a rack of recital appearances. Sadly, her youngest sister passed away tragically the next year. She took some time at full-time work and then decided to study piano at Long Beach State, which wasn't hot enough for her so she finished at Arizona State, graduating in 1982 with a B.A. in Music.

Back home again, her first job was, not surpris-

ingly, with the Long Beach Symphony but working in administration and box office. Eventually, she moved to Northern California where she met Aron in 1988. Though she was raised Catholic and in her teenage years found her longing for some spirituality, she was inspired by Aron and his family and decided to discover her Jewish roots. Officially converting upon getting engaged, they were married in 1990. Olivia was born the next year and Joey four years later.

Becoming a stay-at-home mom, life was good as they moved following Aron's career from Michigan to Massachusetts. She got involved with Sisterhood while Olivia was a baby and received two Woman-of-the-Year awards in Ann Arbor. When Joey was a toddler, Lorraine became active in Hadassah after her mother-in-law made her a Life Member. While in Massachusetts, she

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Please join us for a special dinner and musical celebration in honor of our amazing Sisterhood member, Lorraine Thall. Come commend her in person for her years of service and enjoy a delicious Mediterranean feast. With fabulous entertainment to be provided by our talented TAS musicians and George Schwartz as our charming emcee, it's sure to be a memorable evening for one and all!

Send in your reservation early and save!

\$18 with paid reservation received by Nov. 29

\$25 November 29 - December 7

\$36 at the door (December 8)

WRITTEN TRIBUTES

If you would like to submit some written thoughts about Lorraine to include in the evening's program, please do so **no later than November 29** by attaching it to your reservation form or sending an email to Randy Rose Weinberg at Randymbt@yahoo.com.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR RESERVATION FORM (See RSVP deadlines, above)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of attendees _____ @ \$18/ea = _____ = \$ _____ Check # _____

_____ @ \$25/ea (after Nov. 29) = \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail to: Merle Hildebrand, P. O. Box 460811, Escondido, CA, 92046 or drop off in the Reservation Box at the Temple office.

I/we can't attend, however, enclosed is the following in Lorraine's honor (select one or both):

- Written tribute (please attach your text) Donation: \$ _____

Sisterhood, Men's Club and TAS invite you to our 4th Annual

Chanukah Dinner-Dance

Saturday, December 17

6 PM - Cocktail Hour

7 PM - Dinner

Delicious Food

No-host bar

60's/70's Rock & Soul Dance Music performed by

Doug Simon and the Night Owls

Auction/Raffles

Invitations Forthcoming



Chanukah Party!

Sunday, December 18, 2011 • 4 PM

Join Rabbi David Castiglione and Cantor Lori Frank at this family-friendly celebration that is open to the community.

Together, we shall light the menorah, recall our Jewish history and sing songs of the festive season!

Please call Sherry Wilkins at (858) 748-9267 if you have any questions.

Come prepared to have fun!



CHANUKAH PARTY RESERVATION FORM - PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 15, 2011

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number attending: _____ Adults (12 & up) - \$8/adult

_____ Children (under 2 free) - \$4/child

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed (checks payable to TAS)

Please return/mail to: Outreach, 15905 Pomerado Road, Poway, CA 92064



Sisterhood Book Group

Meets Once a Month from October to June
Second Tuesday of the Month

Freda Heller, Chair
One-time fee: \$10

November 8th's selection (discussion facilitated
by Freda Heller):

Wherever You Go by Joan Leegan



December 12th's selection (discussion facilitated by Barbara Marcus):
Room by Emma Donoghue

Spring Fashion Show

Sunday
March 4, 2012 • 9:00 AM
Nordstrom, Escondido

\$18 includes light breakfast, style seminar
and free bra-fitting (optional, of course)

Details to follow in January-February
Happenings. Save the date!



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was selected to go on a Young Women's Mission to Israel in 2000 and was honored as Woman-of-the-Year prior to that by the Lynn-Swampscott-Marblehead Hadassah Chapter. This wonderful woman has shown she is something special and we are only the latest in a long line to honor her.

Upon moving to Rancho Peñasquitos in 2001, she continued to volunteer because she's so good at it. And she spreads herself out: first PTA, and still Hadassah and Temple Adat Shalom. In 2007, she earned a graphic design certificate from San Diego Continuing Education and manages a part-time career in graphic de-

sign. She has worked as the Executive Assistant at Congregation Beth El in La Jolla for the last year-and-a-half. Last year, she became an adult bat mitzvah, which was a centerpiece of a lifetime's journey to her Jewish beginnings. She served on the TAS Board of Trustees for four and a half years, continues to contribute to a number of committees including Music, Mosad Shalom Bagel Sales, Marketing & Publicity and Adult Ed. She wonderfully accompanies Cantor Lori, Elliot Wulff, Adult Choir, Simchat Shabbat Band and a number of students in the community. She masterfully coordinates the music each year for our Purimshpiel and numerous Sisterhood musical presentations over the years.

Sweet, warm, happy-go-lucky Lorraine appreciates the greatest joys in her life with her family. Together they celebrate lifecycle simchas—their wedding, the birth of their children, their becoming b'nai mitzvah as well as supporting each other with Olivia attending college and Joey at the Jewish Academy. And there's nachas in everything she does with her TAS family. We are beyond lucky that she wound up where she did. It was b'shert, for sure. Here's to you, my friend for life, in your honor.

Written by Barbara Birenbaum

TAS Sisterhood is proud to sponsor its...

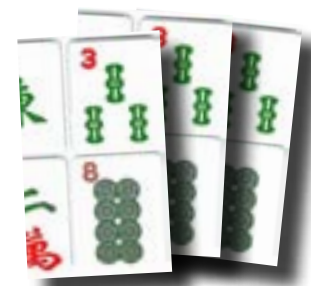
2nd Annual

Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday
January 15, 2012



8:45 AM Check-In
Continental Breakfast
Review Tournament Rules
9:30 AM - Noon Play 2 1/2 Rounds
12:15 - 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 - 3:30 PM Play 2 1/2 Rounds
4:00 PM Prizes Awarded



\$36 if registration is received *on or before* January 6, 2012
\$40 if registration is received January 7 through 13, 2012
No Walk-Ins Day of Event
Includes: 5 Rounds of Play, Continental Breakfast, Lunch,
Favors & Prizes

No Refunds 48 Hours Prior to Tournament

Questions? Please email Debbie Savitzky at rbmaven@gmail.com or call her at 858-451-1200 (daytime) or 858-451-2228 (evenings/weekends)

Please detach the bottom part of this form and send with your check (payable to Temple Adat Shalom Sisterhood) to: Debbie Savitzky, 17754 Aguamiel Rd., San Diego, CA 92127 or bring to Debbie at the Temple office!

Mah Jongg Tournament Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E mail: _____

YES, I would be happy to bring my mah jongg set to use for the tournament