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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BOOK GROUP?

Our group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

If you are interested, please contact Barbara Peifer at barbsgr88@aol.com / (805) 375-2436.



Sisterhood Movie Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the chosen movie(s) of the month.

Join us on Tuesday, March 10th to discuss "Bad Shabbos," starring Milana Vayntrub, Kyra Sedgwick & Catherine Curtin

Questions? Please contact: Barbara Peifer at barbsgr88@aol.com / (805) 375-2436

Women's Torah Study

Thursday mornings ~ 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
If you are interested, please contact Sharalynn Schulner at sharalynns@aol.com / (805) 231-2338

Sisterhood Is Here For You

If you or someone you know in Sisterhood are healing from surgery or dealing with an illness—or would simply like to receive a caring call now-and-again—please contact:

Nickie Dwork at
(805) 551-0629 OR
nickie1970@aol.com.



CALENDAR

March

- 5, 12, 19, 26 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am-12 pm)
- 9 Board Meeting
- 10 Movie Group
- 15 Self-Defense Seminar for Adults (see p. 3)

April

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am-12 pm)
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- 13 Board Meeting
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For more information, contact Patti Zeman at rpzeman@gmail.com / (805) 298-2027.



President's Message §

Dear Sisters,

Fabulous news!!! Our Sisterhood will be receiving the Eleanor Kretzer Award from Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District, commending creative and innovative programs. This annual award is presented to one Sisterhood in the entire Pacific District of WRJ, recognizing creativity, dedication and hard work. We are being honored at the WRJ Convention this March 12th-15th, where we will receive the 2026 Gold Kavod Award for Programs in the Sisterhood category. Our Religion and Education team, headed by Jane Parnes and Deb Satz, created "Chanukah Fun-ukah! Getting Ready for Chanukah Bash" for our 2024 Chanukah party. It was a wonderful program with crafts, games and treats that could be used to liven up your family Chanukah party. There were three activity centers, with demonstrations by Deb Satz, Bonnie Ray and Penny Greenblatt. All this was compiled into a booklet that went home with the party attendees, to be recreated again and again.

Thank you to Jane Parnes, Deb Satz, Bonnie Ray and Penny Greenblatt for executing this wonderful, award-winning event!

Our hard-working Sisterhood continues to create fun activities to enjoy together and to raise money for TAE. I hope you will join us at our future events. We have a Self-Defense class for all adults scheduled for Sunday, March 15th. Come and learn some techniques that could help you get out of some tricky situations. April 8th is the meaningful annual Sisterhood Seder, a seder with a woman's perspective. Come and participate in a delightful evening with your "sisters"! One week later, on April 15th, you'll have a chance to roll those dice again at Bunco. Just ask any of our past winners—it's lots of fun!

We have book groups and movie groups which meet monthly, and Women's Torah Study which meets weekly. We would love to have you join us for one or more of these groups!

Don't forget to purchase See's Candies or See's gift cards from Myra Lee. It costs you the same as in the store, but when you buy through Myra, it raises money for Sisterhood.

I hope to meet you all at a future event! As Sisterhood members, we are all bursting with pride for our active TAE Sisterhood!

Chag Purim Sameach and Chag Pesach Sameach!

Elaine Bercy

Yom HaShoah ~
Tuesday, April 14th
Holocaust Remembrance Day

Please take a moment to
light a Yahrzeit candle on the evening of
Monday, April 13th.

Candles will be available in the foyer.



Sisterhood's
See's Candies
Order All Year 'Round!

Let me be your personal shopper for all of
 your See's Candies gift-giving needs.
 To place your order, call Myra Lee at
 (805) 496-5234.

Directory Update §

Please note: The following changes should be made to your Sisterhood directory:

- Iris Bragar:** (818) 943-9445
- Estelle Kates:** (805) 795-4502
- Marilynn Roth:** marilynnmusiker@aol.com (first name has 2 n's)



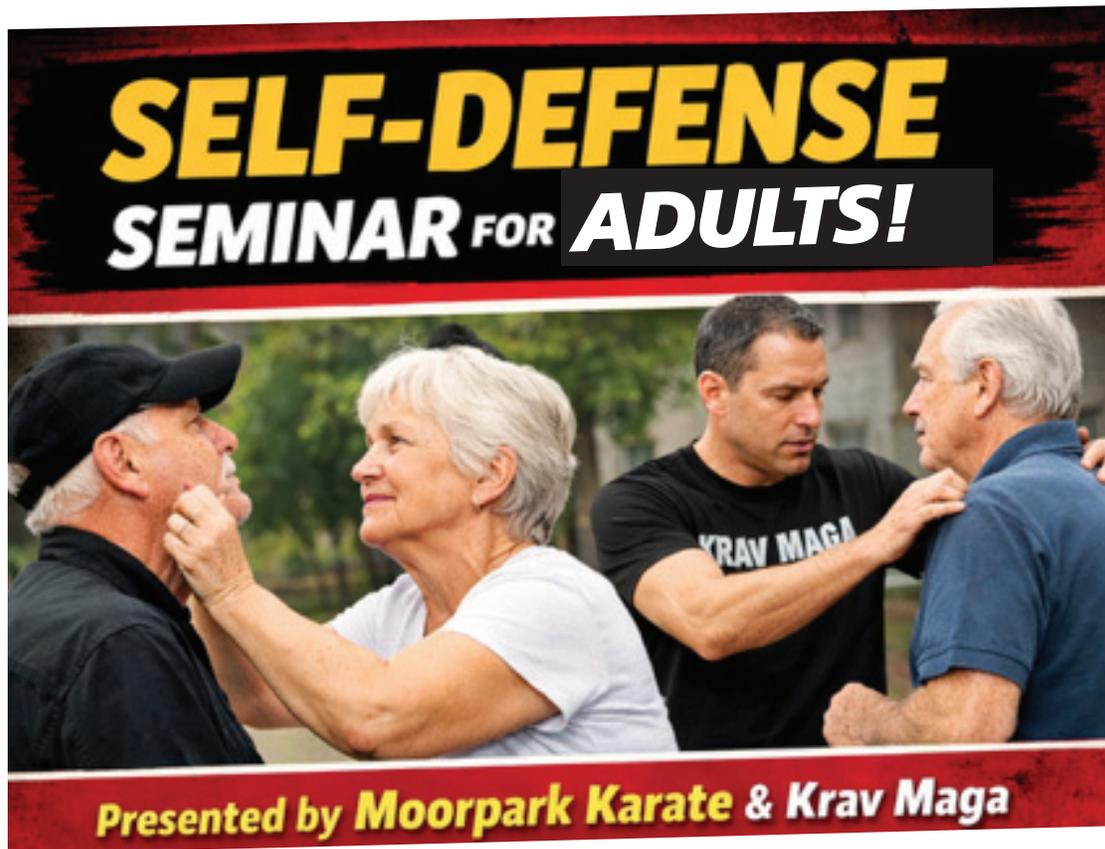
E-Mail List Updates §

Please send all e-mail address changes and additions to **Patti Zeman** at rpzeman@gmail.com or 805.298.2027. ✨

Let the joyous news be spread—we are on Instagram!
<https://www.instagram.com/taesisterhood/>
IG @taesisterhood

**So excited to be able to reach
 people on a new platform.
 Please follow us!**

Articles for Kol Isha may be sent to the editor, Patti Zeman, by email (rpzeman@gmail.com) or call 805.298.2027 for questions. The next Kol Isha will be the May/June 2026 issue. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be April 20, 2026. ✨



SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 11 A.M.
in the TAE Social Hall

All adults are welcome—\$10 per person
Make your payment and indicate what it's for.

— Make check payable to TAE Sisterhood (please indicate “self-defense class” in the memo) and send to:
Bonnie Solomon • 30106 Rhona Court • Agoura Hills 91301

OR

— Zelle: milavetzcpa@gmail.com (please indicate “self-defense class” in the memo)



Questions? Please contact:
Bonnie Solomon at (949) 310-6815

All TAE Women and Guests are invited to participate.

Women's Seder

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

6:00 p.m. ~ TAE Social Hall



We will celebrate Passover, highlighting the role women played in our Jewish history.

Our Seder will be led by Shoshana Lewin Fischer and Nancy Federman

Cost: \$45 **NO WALK-INS**

Dinner catered by Karan Balkin



2 ways to make your payment:

- Write a check payable to TAE Sisterhood and mail **WITH THIS FORM** to:
Carol Weiss • 1265 Ramona Drive • Newbury Park 91320
- or Zelle: milavetzcpa@gmail.com and (IMPORTANT) email your information, dinner choice, and who you'd like to be seated with to Carol at carol3491@mac.com.

All reservations, including payment, must be received by **Monday, March 30th**.

Please choose your main dish:

Walnut-Crusted Salmon _____ Chicken Piccata _____

Vegetarian Matzo Lasagna (vegetarian) _____

Name(s) _____ Phone# _____

No. of guests _____ @ \$45 Amount enclosed \$ _____

I would like to be seated with: _____

Questions? Contact Carol Weiss at (805) 630-2060 / carol3491@mac.com



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!



We Love It! Gals Bunco Night Out



Wednesday, April 15, 2026
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TAE Social Hall

Ages 16+ • No experience necessary
\$10 cash at the door • Light refreshments

Please RSVP by Friday, April 10th to www.adatelohim.org/Bunco

Questions? Please contact:

Marilyn Lippel at (818) 621-3055 / momlipps@gmail.com

Beverly Shapiro at (310) 486-7604 / bevstylist@yahoo.com

Melanie Weisenfeld at (818) 618-6242 / melnuss2002@yahoo.com

Temple Adat Elohim presents
DENIM & Diamonds
TAE After Dark: The Ultimate TAE Adult Night Out
Saturday, April 25, 2026 • 6:00 PM
Live Music • Dancing • Casino • BBQ • Drinks
Auction • Community

SAVE THE DATE

Temple Adat Elohim
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Show Your Heart & Save Lives



DONATE BLOOD

Temple Adat Elohim and Temple Etz Chaim
are teaming up to save lives!



Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:45 AM to 1:00 PM

at Temple Adat Elohim

2420 E. Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED



Please help us spread
the word about the constant
need for life-saving blood
donations to friends
and family!

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To schedule an appointment, please
contact Joyce Bloom, Temple Adat Elohim
jbloom1967@gmail.com or
(818) 326-0122 (text or call).



TAE Sisterhood

We have beautiful Tallitot for purchase as you prepare to celebrate your child's or grandchild's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Call Paula Kraft for an appointment at (805) 341-7665.

Tribute Cards

It is so nice to receive a card on your birthday or a thoughtful note on your anniversary. Sisterhood can make it easy for you to recognize your friends in that special way.

For \$4, a card will be sent for you to whomever you wish. A Goldengram costs \$8.

We do all the work and you get all the credit.
What a deal!

A list of monthly birthdays and anniversaries are e-mailed to you each month. Just send us your requests. Our Tributes e-mail is taetributes@gmail.com.

By sending a Tribute Uniongram, you are making a contribution to the Youth, Education and Special Projects (Y.E.S.) Fund of Women of Reform Judaism.

—Gertie Sanders & Bonnie Solomon

Tribute Cards Payment

Payments for Tribute Cards have changed. Please send your check to:

Joni Berger • 3648 Castano • Camarillo, CA 93010
(please indicate what your check is for)

OR

Zelle: milavetzcpa@gmail.com and please make sure you put in the memo "For Tributes"

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of our board members.

2025-2026 TAE Sisterhood Board

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Mah Jongg Tournament



We had 76 women participate and raised over \$3,400 for our Sisterhood and temple. Thank you to our volunteers who made the day possible: Joni Berger, Susan Rosenberg, Deb Satz, Judith Shapiro, Bonnie Solomon, and Carol Weiss.

—Patti Zeman

GAentine Charcuterie Workshop



Thank you, Bonnie Ray & Bonnie Solomon, for a fun evening!