



KOL ISHA

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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, July 15th
to discuss "Nonnas," starring Vince Vaughn,
Susan Sarandon, Lorraine Bracco & Talia Shire

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

CALENDAR

July

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am–12 pm)
- 14 Board Meeting
- 15 Movie Group

August

- 5 Gals Bunco Night (see p. 4)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am–12 pm)
- 11 Board Meeting
- 12 Movie Group
- 25 Membership Summer Get-Together (see p. 5)

For more information, contact Patti Zeman at
rpzeman@gmail.com / (805) 298-2027.

IT'S TIME TO JOIN!!

2025–2026 TAE SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Hello current and future sisters—We are so excited for you to join us! Your membership in Sisterhood lasts from July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026. All members **MUST** fill out a form every year to ensure we have your most updated interests and information.

We will not be having the temple bill you, so please make payment via check (made out to TAE Sisterhood) or Zelle milavetzcpa@gmail.com.

Please go to <https://forms.gle/ETVum58o9wtWMsfH7> to fill out your form online or use this QR code.

If you have any questions or if you need help completing the form, please contact our Co-VPs of Membership, Penny Greenblatt at penny935@aol.com or Deb Satz at debsatz@aol.com.



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

Save the Date!
Holiday Boutique
Sunday, December 7th



President's Message &

Dear Sisters,

Hello Summer!

After an exciting year of Sisterhood events, we are looking forward to what the future will hold.

Last year we met new friends and connected with our "Sisters" over pizza and wine. We built friendships while dancing to Broadway hits, learning how to carve fruits and veggies into art, and painting poppies on canvas totes. We shook the dice and made new friends playing Bunco. We learned about our traditions at Dinner in the Sukkah, at our joyous Chanukah Party, and while breaking matzoh at the Sisterhood Seder. We sold Mah Jongg cards and emergency kits, held a Chanukah Gift Shop 'Pop-Up Boutique', and sent tributes to acknowledge our joys and sorrows. We raised money at our annual Mah Jongg Tournament, while having fun! We named the new "Sisterhood Woman of the Year" and surprised her at the Sisterhood Shabbat. We gathered to honor her and our members at the "Year-End "ParTEA". What a great year we had! Now it is time to do it all over again.

Come learn with us, come laugh with us, and YOU just might enjoy being a part of US!

I hope to see you on Monday, August 25th, from 6:30-8:30pm, at The Stonehaus in Westlake Village. Grab a glass of wine and a slice of pizza and relax with us!

Until then

Elaine Bercy

Check out our Sisterhood Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TAESisterhood>) and, of course, take a look at our page on the TAE website.



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.

Articles for Kol Isha may be sent to the editor, Patti Zeman, by email (rpszeman@gmail.com) or call 805.298.2027 for questions. The next Kol Isha will be the September/October 2025 issue. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be August 20, 2025. *



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.

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.



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 \$7.

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.

—Mary Forman & Diana Kealer



E-Mail List Updates &

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

Temple Adat Elohim Sisterhood Woman of the Year 2024

On a very special Shabbat held on Friday, June 13, 2025—was the announcement of the woman selected as our Woman of the Year. This year's recipient is TAE Sisterhood's 48th woman to receive this distinction. For a woman to be considered for this honor, she must:

- Be a member in good standing and currently active in Sisterhood
- Have a history with Sisterhood
- Have served above and beyond in the positions she has held
- Have participated regularly in Sisterhood activities
- Be respected in the temple community as well as in Sisterhood
- Be a good representative of Sisterhood to the community at large

This special woman we have selected as our 2024 Woman of the Year possesses all of these qualities. The selection committee is comprised of all past Women of the Year, of which 47 preceded our current recipient. The announcement of the identity of this deserving Woman has always been much anticipated.

We honor an incredible woman—a beloved mother, grandmother, friend, and devoted volunteer. Her life is a testament to the power of kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to making the world a better place.

As a mother, she has nurtured and supported her children through every challenge, always putting the needs of her family before her own. Her wisdom and gentle encouragement have shaped them into the individuals they are today, instilling in them the values of compassion, integrity, and perseverance.

As a grandmother she has created cherished memories for her grandchildren, filling their lives with

laughter, stories, and the reassurance that they are deeply loved. Her ability to make each grandchild feel special and understood is a gift that will be treasured for generations.

As a friend, she is a pillar of strength and unwavering support. She listens with an open heart, offers words of wisdom, and extends her kindness to anyone in need. Her friendships are built on trust, loyalty, and a genuine desire to see others thrive.

As a volunteer, her passion for giving back to the community is truly inspiring. She has dedicated countless hours to helping those less fortunate, always seeking ways to uplift and empower others. Whether through organizing community events, lending a helping hand to those in need, or simply offering a kind word, she has touched countless lives with her generosity and selflessness.

Within our Sisterhood community she has served on our Board of Directors as Financial Secretary. She spearheaded our initial Rosh Hashanah Honey Sales fund raiser. She took over sales of Mah Jongg cards, raising more than \$1,000 last year and \$1,500 this year. She has promoted and managed sales of Emergency Kits and is currently working on Bunco Nights to bring TAE and other community members together for fun and friendship.

Her heart is vast, her spirit is radiant, and her impact is immeasurable. She teaches us that true fulfillment comes from giving, that love is boundless, and that even the smallest acts of kindness can create ripples of change. Her unwavering commitment to making a difference is a legacy.



Congratulations, Marilyn, on achieving the TAE Sisterhood "Woman of the Year" honor bestowed upon you!



Marilyn Lippel



We Love It! Gals Bunco Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
TAE Social Hall

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

RSVP by Thursday, July 31st 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

Chat
Laugh
Roll

Friendship

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!



Thank you Beverly
Shapiro, Melanie
Weisenfeld &
Marilyn Lippel for
a fun night out!



Fun



TAE Sisterhood **MEET-ZA & GREET-ZA** **with WINE & PIZZA !!**

Membership Summer Get-Together
Come join us for complimentary pizza & wine!

Monday, August 25th—6:30 to 8:30 PM

The Stonehaus

32039 Agoura Road, Westlake Village
(Look for us in outside seating!)



Meet new Sisterhood friends,
and introduce them to your old Sisterhood friends!
Let's make our new members feel welcome!!

This event is for current Sisterhood Members and for New or Prospective Members. We'd love a good turn out to make our new members and guests see the warm Sisterhood that we are at TAE! There is no cost for this event, so everyone is a Sisterhood Guest!

Thank you for your RSVP to Deb Satz at
(818) 219-0889 / debsatz@aol.com
by Monday, August 18th

We hope to see you there!
Penny Greenblatt & Deb Satz
Sisterhood Membership Co-Vice Presidents

It's easy to join Sisterhood with this QR code.
Fill out the form & indicate your method of payment.
That's it—you're done! We'll also have paper forms.





TAE Sisterhood's See's Candies Sales

See's CANDIES

Our Fundraiser
Starts NOW



Mother's Day: May 11th

Father's Day: June 15th

**You Can Now
Order All Your
See's Candies
Online!**

**Free shipping on orders of
\$75 or more (candy only).**

Go to https://www.yumraising.com/secure/templeaes_tae_sisterhood23/Patrpz5921/candy



**\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES
ALSO AVAILABLE**

From now until September 1st
you can shop for candy, gifts, and
treats. Your items are shipped
directly to you or any lucky
person you choose!

I can still shop for those of you
who need help or have less than
a \$75 candy order. If you need
assistance, please call Myra Lee
at (805) 496-5234.



All sales will support our temple.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY



Emergency Kits Everybody Needs One!



Supports 1 person for 3 days with
food, water, and space blanket



5-year shelf life – U.S. Coast Guard approved

Only \$25! Packaged in a sturdy box and can easily be stored in
classrooms/dorms, homes, cars, and offices.

1–Person Survival Kit includes:

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1– 2,400 calorie food bar (5-year shelf life) | 2–antibiotic ointments |
| 6–water pouches: 4.227 oz. each (5-year shelf life) | 4–non-aspirin |
| 1– emergency blanket | 1–tongue depressor |
| 1–alcohol wipe | 1–gauze pad |
| 2–antiseptic towelettes | 5–adhesive bandages |



Name:

Phone: E-mail

No. of kits @ \$25 Amount enclosed \$.....

Ways to Pay:

☐ **Check:** Send in this form with your checks payable to **TAE Sisterhood** to
Myra Lee • 820 North Valley Drive • Westlake Village 91362

☐ **Zelle** to milavetzcpa@gmail.com

☐ **PayPal, please pay \$27 per kit (\$2 service charge).** Logon to PayPal. Click on “Send”; “Send money to”: enter email TAESisterhood@gmail.com; enter \$ amount. It’s also very important to “Add a message” to let us know what you are paying for—Emergency Kit(s). Then select how you want to pay. You’re done—easy!

Questions? Contact Myra Lee at (805) 496-5234 /
myra820valley@gmail.com.



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Elaine Bercy,
Sisterhood
President



Marilyn Lippel,
Sisterhood
2024 Woman
of the Year



*What a
Lovely Tea!*

Rabbi looked
particularly
handsome with
his pink hat!

Thank you
Judith Shapiro,
Judy Grossmann,
Joni Berger and
their committee
for organizing
this event!