From our President

Dear Friends,

When our beloved Rabbi Pressman wrote anything he began with the salutation "dear friends." It can be said of him that Temple Beth Am and our school that bears his name has had no better friend. His decades of spiritual leadership of Temple Beth Am, his founding of so many Jewish institutions that we hold dear, and his thousands of insightful words are his legacy for us. Our community, and the entire Los Angeles Jewish Community mourns the loss of our Rabbi Jack and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Margie, Danny, Judy and the entire Pressman Family. In this issue of Kol Ha'am there is much to be said in tribute to Rabbi Pressman.

Just as we have been honoring the life of Rabbi Pressman and his many contributions to our community, I am very pleased to announce that we have reinstituted our Hall of Honor recognizing members of our community that have shown outstanding and ongoing commitment to Temple Beth Am for many years. Please join me in wishing a mazal tov to Vivian Alberts, Bob Braun and Janet Metson Urman who have been selected as our newest inductees to the Hall of Honor. Their leadership, commitment and time that they have given to Temple Beth Am is an inspiration. There will be a community Shabbat Dinner followed by a Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony on Friday, December 18th. Please see the back cover for further details and I do hope that you will join together as we celebrate and honor Vivian, Bob and Janet.

The months of November and December are full of activity at Temple Beth Am. Please read your e-mail weekly announcements, Shabbat bulletins and this double issue of Kol Ha’am for all the great things happening. I look forward to seeing you in shul!

Mike Cohn
President
May the soul of Rabbi Jacob Pressman, z”l, be bound up in the bonds of life. ויהי זכרו אדом. May his memory be a blessing.

Excerpts from Rabbi Kligfeld’s Eulogy Rabbi Jack Pressman z”l

Kol HaRav

A human being ought to be aware of the shoulders of the forbears upon which one walks the earth. In a family, they are one’s parents and grandparents. In a nation, they are one’s founding fathers and leading visionaries. In a community of faith, they are Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and Leah. As the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Am, those shoulders belong to Rabbi Jacob Pressman. His presence, impact and influence upon our shul community, and the wider Los Angeles Jewish community, are pervasive and ubiquitous. His prose was poetry. His eloquence was legendary. His mark and his contributions to all of us will be eternal.

I have been, since my youth, a lover of words. Their meaning. Their use. Their mellifluous dance within a well-crafted sentence. Their alliteration. No one I know could match Rabbi Pressman, even into his 90s, with the simple artistry of wielding words well. When I saw him in shul, he would often greet me not with Shabbat Shalom, but with “salutary sabbatical salutations.” I once lunched with him, a few years ago. He looked me in the eye and said, “93 is hard.” I asked him, “Do you wish it had been different? Do you wish to not have lived this long?” And he responded with a comment as profound as it was lyrical. He paused and said, “Well…I enjoyed the concert I heard yesterday. I enjoy the salubrious weather today. I enjoy this delectable soup. But maybe I would have chosen to go out at 85, if I knew then what I know now.”

Memories of my encounters with Rabbi Jack over these six years flood my mind. The sweet moments of pure Pressman. I was once helping him into the car after a lunch at Milky Way. “Watch your head,” I said. Without missing a beat he offered “How do I do that if my eyes are on my head?” Or when I called him to wish him happy 94th birthday, and I asked him how he got to this age. He responded, “I owe my longevity to a life of tension, no exercise and constant aggravation.”

And also the moments of pathos, but which deserve to be shared because they, too, are part of this epic. I called him the night before Joel’s funeral. He said, “Adam. You are speaking to a shadow of a man.” The image of his staring at Joel’s coffin, quoting King David’s grief over his own son Absalom, and saying to Joel, “My son, my son…it should have been me.” That image broke my heart, at Joel’s coffin, quoting King David’s grief over his own son Absalom, and saying to Joel, “My son, my son…It should have been me.” That image broke my heart, as no person should live through that pain. This giant of mind, and spirit and vision. Life was long for him. But at the end, it was not kind.

Mere hours away from Shmini Atzeret, [the rabbis] ask us to imagine a king who has hosted an extraordinary party, that lasted for weeks. When the final ritual toast is over, and the guests are ready to leave, he goes to them, anticipating the sadness of their imminent departure and says, “Tarry a little longer. One more day.” That is Shmini Atzeret. We have been here, in this mode, for weeks. The Holy One says to us, and to the pilgrims who used to flock to Jerusalem. Don’t go yet. One more day. One more kiss. Tarry a little longer.

We all want one more day with someone we love. And we also know that when each day is such a struggle, it is time to leave. Rabbi Jack did not want even one more day. He had no need to tarry. Even if we begged, he was ready to depart. But instead of our saying those words to him, I hear his voice to all of us. Tarry a little longer, dear friends. There is more work to be done. Stay in this room. To talk. To pray. To be together. I am gone. But you are here. Make your time meaningful. Make your lives matter.

Ultimately that is the most exquisite way we can honor Rabbi Jacob Pressman. Not just to cry for him. And eulogize him. But to emulate him. In that way, he will live life eternal.

For the complete text of Rabbi Kligfeld’s eulogy, visit www.tbala.org
My favorite memory of Rabbi Pressman is:

...learning from Rabbi Pressman when preparing to lead Yom Kippur services, at Shema Koleinu one should have a “tear in your voice”. And being on the planning committee for “From Yankel to Yankee”, sitting with him as he kept me in stitches with his hilarious jokes and comments. – Norm Green

...coming to Rabbi Jack’s home and interviewing him about his time marching in Selma with MLK Jr. When I told Rabbi Jack he was an inspiration to me, he replied, “Why? I’m just me! MLK Jr. was in inspiration!” – Deb Engel Kollin

...he was a part of our family. He married my sister in 1954, myself in 1957, another sister in 1975; re-married our parents on their 50th anniversary, re-married my sister on her 50th anniversary and married 3 of her children. Rabbi Pressman also buried my husband, father and grandmother. He was an integral part of our lives in so many ways. He was always there, for us, to celebrate the simchas and to comfort us in our losses. – Sherry Steinberg, daughter of Cel and Maurice Miller, sister of Marilyn & Irv Laxineta

...so many! But my 2 favorites – sitting in the old “Mirror Room” and Rabbi Jack singing “Sitting like birds in the wilderness, waiting for dessert to begin”. And when Beth and I co-chaired his 90th birthday event. While frail, when he got on stage his voice and charm came to life and lit up the room. – Rodney Freeman

...going to Beth Am for one of the first times, probably High Holidays around 1999. Hearing his sermon, I wasn’t expecting the elderly, learned man at the Bimah to be so utterly hilarious – yet also to have a message that was full of warmth and an understanding for what it took to live a good life and serve the mission of Tikkan Olam. I was happy to become a member the following year. – Fred Raskin

...when he would officiate over our Hebrew School services. It always felt like a special and profound occasion when he would teach our classes. – Susie Romano

...being tremendously grateful when Rabbi visited me at Cedars when I was on bedrest with our first child. He came to comfort me and stay at my bedside to bring me love, laughter and healing. Our 2 lb 9oz preemie is now an amazing 13 year old health girl who just had a Bat Mitzvah! I remember saying through the door “I am sorry, Rabbi, I am coming to open the door but I am slow...he said “so am I!” – Elizabeth Cohn

...standing on the bimah during birkat hacohenim. We would sway together and he would always joke about how everyone else was swaying in the wrong direction. – Renne Dvorak Bairnoll

...our conversations when he let me use the TBA library to prepare for my UI classes; his sermons which were always on point, thoughtful and often clever; his performances at TBA events. He supported the establishment of the Library Minyan and in making egalitarianism the mode of Beth Am. – Rabbi Elliot Dorf

...his ability to connect with children. As he visited with my 4th grade classes on multiple occasions, he would instantly earn the admiration of each student. – Tamar Rosenfeld

...when our father Stanley Balik passed away on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah at home. We called Rabbi and he came right over to our mother’s house and stayed with us until the mortuary took our dad, he showed true love and respect for our family. – Nancy & Steve Kipper

...Rabbi’s sermon after the ’67 war when he got tears while saying the words of “Jerusalem of Gold”. – Phyllis and Sandy Beim

...in 1965, because I refused to take a final exam at UCLA on Shabbat, the draft board took away my student deferment. Rabbi Jack successfully appealed to the board to reinstate my deferment – twice! – Rabbi Mark Hyman

...when Rabbi Jack blessed my father, Charlie Brucker, at his 2nd Bar Mitzvah. Charlie was 83 and Rabbi Jack was 85! – Barry Brucker

...when he analyzed my prepared Bar Mitzvah speech line by line and marking each with notes about whether and where I should raise or lower my voice, how long to pause, etc. He was a master orator and I owe much of my own current ability in the area to his tutelage. – Raphael B. Leib

...I’ll never forget what he said when he blessed us under the chuppah: “If you treat him like a king then he’ll treat you like a queen.” 25 years later, it has been wonderful advice that we will take to heart forever. – Heidi Monkarsh

...he was always the “smartest man in the room” but wore his brilliance with remarkable humility. – Clif, Candace and Kathryn Smith

...being under our chuppah when Rabbi pronounced Mark to be “remarkable”. Rabbi was an important pillar and leader officiating at every life cycle event in the Pilch family. Our seders will never be the same without him. Chason said he is “so sad that his Great Grandpa died” and we had to explain that we were not actually family, but very much feel that we are family. – Jessica & Mark Samuel

...lunch with Rabbi Jack at the Milky Way when the owner, Leah Adler, came over to our table and told Rabbi that Kirk Douglas was there celebrating his birthday and would the Rabbi join her in singing Happy Birthday to him. Rabbi Jack told Kirk he had only heard him sing in a movie once, then he began to sing the song and Kirk sang along, even though he had a speech impediment from a recent stroke. When we left the restaurant everyone stood up and gave Rabbi a standing ovation. – Larry Schwimmer
This summer began the process of transforming the Youth Lounge to a new space devoted to collaboration, cooperation and creativity. Our new space allowed us to bring together our Youth Learning and Engagement team of Lisa Clumeck, Natasha Newman and Reut Sklar. Since the space has been developed, these amazing staff serving the JLC, Youth, Teens, Shabbat Yeladim and Camp programs have begun to work in a shared environment that fosters sharing ideas, resources and support.

Beyond defined work spaces, the YLE Suite offers space for part-time staff, teachers and teens to utilize work stations while working with our staff and each other. Additionally, meeting spaces will be utilized by staff, teen and lay leaders to creatively plan and design programs. We are thrilled by the many possible synergies, creative opportunities and new collaborations that will unfold in the new space. We are currently designing these spaces and plan to involve our creative teens in this process, as space continues to transform into one that will inspire creativity and collaboration.

TBA Teens attend Leadership Training Institute
TBA teens have many opportunities to attend Regional USY weekends throughout the year. This year’s kick-off event was the Leadership Training Institute (LTI). Our USY Teen Leadership Council gained valuable skills designing and promoting events for our USY chapter learning how to generate excitement within the TBA community. The teens who enthusiastically attended the weekend brought back to TBA great inspiration, ideas and plans to impact their community. Here is one teen’s account of the importance of this experience:

Joey Abeles, TBALA USY chapter Co-President
Over one hundred of your future Jewish leaders: yelling, dancing, learning, discussing—all while improving. That’s what LTI is all about. The Leadership Training Institute was a weekend designed to help the teen leaders of USY improve their abilities to lead in their respective communities. I appreciated the opportunity to see perspectives of board members from other chapters. A major part of the weekend was the “cohort meetings”, during which we assembled in groups based on our leadership positions in our chapters and/or the region. These meetings focused on honing our skills pertaining to our specific positions. I led Ruach, singing and dancing to exciting songs with as much ruach, spirit, as possible. This was also my first opportunity to lead a “Heschel session”, an open discussion of a general topic in intimate groups. I walked away from LTI feeling closer to my new friends, and more prepared to lead my chapter this year.

Camp Keshet All Year Round
This year we are bringing summer year-round. Keshet Days offer Elementary school age children the experience of what a day is like at Camp Keshet. Children will participate in specialized Keshet Labs, have lunch at the park and go on a fun field trip. Some of our wonderful Camp Counselors may make an appearance too! Join us for the upcoming Keshet Days this November 10th and 11th. Registration will be available online at www.tbala.org/camp

Mazal Tov to our B’nei Mitzvah!

Temple Beth Am celebrates as 21 of its members become Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah on December 19, 2015. For over a year, these adult learners have studied in preparation for this day. They will lead the service and demonstrate their skills as leaders in the community. All are invited to celebrate. Shir Hadash and BAIT Tefillah will combine for this special Service, beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and led by members of the class. Festive Community Kiddush to follow.
Noah Dov Unikel  
Son of Ronit and Fred Unikel  
Grandson of Dalia and Daniel Farkas  
Born on September 7, 2015  
Given the name Noah Dov

Miri (Miriam) Julia Reich  
Daughter of Melissa and Adam Reich  
Sister of Shira  
Born on September 29, 2015  
Given the name Miriam

Aviva Isabelle Schlossberg  
Daughter of Kerry and Nathaniel Schlossberg  
Granddaughter of Darlene and Abraham Schlossberg  
Born on October 8, 2015  
Given the name Aviva Elisheva

Rose Gwin Stoff  
Daughter of Vanessa and Kenneth Stoff  
Sister of Johnathan and Eli  
Born on October 11, 2015  
Given the name Ruth

Prior to scheduling a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date for your child at Temple Beth Am, and whether your youngster is attending Pressman Religious School or Pressman Day School, it is MANDATORY for parents to attend a special Orientation Session with our Staff. Therefore, if your child will be celebrating his/her 10th birthday this year (July 2005-March 2006), please plan to join us for the upcoming Orientation that will be held on WEDNESDAY evening, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Temple. We will be happy to answer any initial questions you may have about the TBA Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. Please note that if your family intends to mark this occasion at another congregation, we would appreciate it if you could let us know that as well so that there are no conflicting dates scheduled for students in the same class.

And for those families with Bar/Bat Mitzvah’s this upcoming year, we remind you about the One-Year-Out Orientation, that you should have already received notice about. It will be held on November 12 at 7:00 PM. at Temple Beth Am. This meeting is intended only for the parents with upcoming B’nei Mitzvah dates, December 2015-December 2016. This will be an important meeting to outline the following 12 months and information that you will need as you journey towards the actual day of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

Please RSVP to Judy Alban for both these meetings at jalban@tbala.org or call at (310)652-7354 x207.
CLASSES OF THE REMBAUM INSTITUTE OF ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING

For information and class sign-ups, visit www.tbala.org/classes, or contact Rabbi Ari Lucas at alucas@tbala.org or 310-652-7354 x210.

HUMASH WITH RASHI WITH RABBI ADAM KLIGFELD

Wednesdays, November 4, 18, 25 at 8:30 a.m.
Study Rashi’s original Hebrew commentary on the text of the Torah.

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH WITH RABBI ARI LUCAS

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 at 8:30 a.m.
Jeremiah lived through the destruction of the first temple and the beginning of the exile. He contends with theological issues that emerge from destruction – outrage at God, hope in return and rebuilding, criticism of the people of Israel. Join Rabbi Lucas as we study this Biblical text together in Hebrew and English. No prior knowledge necessary.

MINI SIDDUR CLASS WITH RABBI AVI HAVIVI

Tuesdays after morning minyan, 8:10 – 8:25 a.m.

BELIEVING THAT OR BELIEVING IN? FAITH AS A MOTHER’S LOVE WITH RABBI ADAM KLIGFELD

Wednesday evenings, Nov 25, Dec 2 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.
We are religious people. Shouldn’t faith be at the core of what we do and who we are? And yet many of us struggle with what we believe regarding God. Come study some texts, share some of your own questions, doubts, and convictions, and together we’ll explore wonderful pathways to a life of belief.

Sunday - 4:00 p.m.
MAH RABU ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT
Join Josh Warshawsky and the Mah Rabu Band for the world premiere of Josh’s new album. This will be a rare opportunity to hear the new album played with a full band, open to families and friends of all ages. $10 per ticket, $18 for a family. Tickets available at www.tbala.org/mahrabu

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!
Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour!

Monday
LAINER LIBRARY BOOK FAIR (through November 6)

Friday - 5:30 p.m.
SHIR KABBALAT SHABBAT MUSICAL SERVICE for young families, with Cantor Hillary Chorny, Pressman’s Morah Francine, Musician Michael Farkas, Cantorial Intern Michelle Stone, followed by Dinner. RSVP for Dinner at www.tbala.org/shir

Sunday - 4:00 p.m.
SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT: Imaginary Feasts, a film by Ann Georget. Screening and Q&A with Michael Berenbaum. See Page 10 for details

Monday
VETERANS’ DAY OBSERVED – No School

Tuesday
ECC/DS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – No Classes

Wednesday
ECC/DS STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES – No Classes

Friday
4:30 p.m. NESHAMA MINYAN KABBALAT SHABBAT followed at 6:00 p.m. COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER
RSVP at www.tbala.org/communityshabbat

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
B’NEI MITZVAH FAMILY ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN TURNING 10. Come to this meeting if you have not yet set a date for your son/daughter’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah! More details on page 5. RSVP to Judy at jalban@tbala.org.

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
PRESSMAN ACADEMY HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE
See page 8 for more details.

Friday - 7:00 p.m.
YABA CORNING DINNER
Join other 20-somethings for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner, hosted by our musical artist-in-residence Josh Warshawsky. RSVP to jwarshawsky@tbala.org

THANKSGIVING – SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED (also Nov. 27)
Thanksgiving Luncheon for Seniors
Volunteers are needed (2 shifts, starting at 9am) to set up and serve a special meal to those in need. Join this long-standing TBA tradition! Sign up at www.tbala.org/thanksgiving
**DECEMBER**

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**Torah Portion**

- Nov. 7 Hayei Sarah  Dec. 12 Miketz, Rosh Hodesh, 6th Day of Hanukkah  
- Nov. 14 Toldot  Dec. 19 Vayigash  
- Nov. 21 Vayetze  Dec. 26 Vayehi  
- Nov. 28 Vayishlah  
- Dec. 5 Vayeshev  

**Candle Lighting**

- Nov. 6 4:37 p.m.  Dec. 4 4:25 p.m.  
- Nov. 13 4:32 p.m.  Dec. 11 4:26 p.m.  
- Nov. 20 4:29 p.m.  Dec. 18 4:29 p.m.  
- Nov. 27 4:26 p.m.  Dec. 25 4:32 p.m.  

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**MORNING MINYAN:**  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday & Federal Holidays: 8:00 a.m.  
Rosh Hodesh & Hol Ha-Moed: 7:15 a.m.

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**FRIDAY NIGHT NESHAMA MINYAN**

November at 4:45 p.m.  December at 4:35 p.m.

**SATURDAY:** 90 minutes before the end of Shabbat

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**Temple & School Offices will be closed on December 25th and January 1st**
On the second floor of the Ganzberg Building, on the northeast corner, magic happens. Students study Kandinsky and Monet; sculpt, paint and draw; and express their own thoughts and feelings creatively. On the second floor of the Ganzberg building, on the northeast corner, a teacher awakens joy in creative expression and knowledge on a daily basis. And on September 21st, we were thrilled to witness Hanna Keynan - the teacher in the second floor of the Ganzberg Building, on the northeast corner – receive the Jewish Educator Award.

Established in 1987 as an initiative of the Milken Family Foundation, the Milken Educator Award rewards and inspires excellence in the world of education by honoring top educators from around the world. Since 1990, the Milken Family Foundation has annually sponsored Jewish Educator Awards, spotlighting outstanding day school educators at BJE-accredited schools. We are delighted and honored that they were able to recognize Morah Hanna.

Hanna joined the Pressman Academy faculty 13 years ago and has created a top-level and cutting edge art program in the school since that time. It is not only her talent, dedication to process and commitment to children which are whole-hearted, and it is not just the work she inspires from our students, which is unmatched; because of her neshama (her soul), her love of Judaism and her integration of Hebrew and English, our school is a different place.

Morah Hanna will be honored at a luncheon on December 15th, sponsored by the Milken Family Foundation. Please join us in wishing Hanna a yishar koach and a mazal tov!
8 Reasons to Give During the Final Eight Weeks of the Year

In the next few weeks you may receive a few or a few hundred letters or emails with the subject line, “Time Is Running Out,” or something similar from a nonprofit agency asking you to consider making a generous gift to their agency before the end of the current year. Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy is not exempt from this. As you are looking for that last minute tax deduction or you are feeling inspired, we ask that you consider TBA/JPA as a beneficiary of your generosity. DONATE ONLINE by December 31, 2015: www.tbala.org/giving

There are a myriad of reasons to support our community but below we will provide you with the top 8!

8) Our President, Mike Cohn has some of the best sweaters! – Mike is not just a great guy; he is a snazzy dresser. All joking aside he is doing a great job as President, bringing together our community to achieve new levels of collaboration and success.

7) Kiddush – Temple Beth Am is known for doing food right. So join us on a Shabbat morning and enjoy a wonderful Kiddush that is provided to the community.

6) Josh Warshawsky – Have you seen how talented he is? Just check out his YouTube Channel.

5) Teachers, Staff and Faculty – We have some of the most qualified and creative teachers, faculty and staff who are dedicated to creating strong Jewish community today and fostering the growth of the Jewish Leaders of tomorrow.

4) Senior Staff – In Rabbi Adam Kligfeld, Rabbi Ari Lucas, Rabbi Hillary Chorny, Dr. Erica Rothblum, Sheryl Goldman and Rabbi Yechiel Hoffman, we have visionary leaders that are honoring the past, celebrating the present and guiding us towards a strong future.

3) Hama’alot – A creative, musical, ruah-filled, harmonious and intimate prayer experience. This has been so successful that other communities are engaging our clergy and leadership to teach them about Hama’alot and what prayer may look like in the 21st Century.

2) The Children – We are building the future leaders of Judaism at Pressman Academy and through our Jewish Learning Community. As we continue to implement our vision, we are well positioned to go from strength to strength and ensure our Jewish Future.

1) You – You have the ability to help make this community what you want it to be and you can make an impact whether it is giving of yourself or financially, you can make a difference.

There are many other reasons and ways to support Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy. Whether through gifts of cash, stock, real estate, a bequest in your will, life insurance or by donating your car, your philanthropy can and does provide the resources necessary to make a meaningful difference in the life of our community both now and for the future. For more information on these opportunities, please contact Seth Rosenzweig, Director of Development at 310-652-7354 x 205 or srosenzweig@tbala.org
Dear Sisters,

October brought all of us together under the Sukkah as we gathered as a community, shared meals, we hosted and were served as guests, celebrated and were joyous.

With great sadness, we were also together on October 4 as we said goodbye to the longtime leader of our community, our beloved Rabbi Jack Pressman, z’l. He touched many lives as he brought people into relationship with Judaism and with God. He inspired many of us over the years with his guidance, humor and leadership. Our dear Margie is a legend to all of us in the Sisterhood as well as being a founder of the Torah Fund. May God give her and the Pressman family comfort and strength. Rabbi Jack always joined Margie at Sisterhood Torah Fund events, singing and entertaining and offering his words of wisdom on the great value of the Torah Fund and a sacred work that needs to be done constantly in support of the seminaries of the Conservative/Masorti movement. His memory and teachings are a constant blessing.

TBA Sisterhood is expanding, trying to create a community of all the women of our shul. We are putting relationships first. It is people that care about YOU and will be there for you in good times and difficult times, a sense of belonging that you are embraced and engaged in the life of this community. That is a core of what TBA Sisterhood is about.

Do you have any skills or talent? Got ideas to help us grow? We invite you to share with us.

As we celebrated the New Moon of Heshvan on October 13 we gathered at the house of Rosana and Edward Chermisqui. Yasher Koach for opening your home to us! We were honored to have Rabbi Kligfeld as our teacher on Women and Community, theme of the year. Time is now to rededicate ourselves to strengthening our roles in the community.

Rosh Hodesh Kislev: Please, do not miss our special program: Imaginary Feasts, a film by Ann Georget that premiered at the 2015 Berlin Film Festival. Screening and Q&A with Michael Berenbaum Sunday, November 8, 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Temple Beth Am. Proceeds from this event will go to support Camp Ramah Scholarships.

Also coming in November and December:

November 11 and December 16
TBA Mahjong, beginners are welcome!
7:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Istrin.
Please, RSVP to Ann at amsi79@aol.com.

November 19 - TBA Novel Book Group
Will be discussing Euphoria by Lily King.
7:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Istrin. $35 charge.
Please, RSVP to Ann at amsi79@aol.com.

November 24
Mystery Book Club
Will be discussing Mercy by David Kessler.
Host is Gabriela Litov (location upon RSVP).
Contact Marlene Braer at mbraer2@gmail.com for info.

December 22
Mystery Book Club
Will be discussing Enemy in the Garden by Harriet Pike at the home of Helen Wachs.
Contact Marlene Braer at mbraer2@gmail.com for info.

The flavors and aromas of food are really powerful! Check your Bulletin for upcoming cooking classes. Get ready for “delicious experience” of different cuisines!

Thanksgiving is around the corner! Let’s be grateful for our families, people that we hold dear, our friends, neighbors and our extraordinary community. Let’s be thankful for each moment for what it brings! Dearest sisters, your work and input is an inspiration to others. I am filled with gratitude for all of you! May all of us be blessed with many miracles and joyous moments to be thankful for. If you are not receiving our newsletter, please, contact dkollin@pressmanacademy.org and ask to have your email added to the list.

B’Shalom,
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Thursday, November 19, 2015
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