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JAN/FEB Friday Shabbat Services

6:30pm

6:30pm

Friday, January 7

Shabbat Shira Service Online Only

Friday, January 14 6:30pm

Tu B'Shevat Seder with Choir Online Only

Friday, January 21 6:30pm

Social Justice Themed Shabbat Service Online Only

Friday, January 28

Online Only Shabbat Service

Friday, February 4 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, February 11 6:30pm

Torah Service with Choir

Friday, February 18 6:30pm

Broadway Shabbat

Friday, February 25 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

For about ten years, I have regularly sent out my weekly "Moment in Time." Just about every Thursday morning, at 10am (Pacific), it appears in your inbox. (If you don't receive it, please let our office know). You can also find it each Thursday at the Jewish Iournal online edition.

Ron guided me early on in how to offer my message. "K.I.S.S." he said. (And no, he was not being romantic. "Keep It Short and Simple." Or perhaps, "Keep It Simple, Stupid.") He basically shared that we all are inundated with so much. If we want people to read our message, make sure it only takes a "moment in time" to read. Thus, with rare exception, my "moments" are short.

But what goes in to the message itself? I tend not to report on the current events (though at times I do). I tend not to use it to respond to a social issue (though at times, again, I do.)

And it's not about pretending that everything in the world is lovely (because it's not always so lovely out there).

Rather, it's a reminder that every day we have opportunities to notice something awesome.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel was once teaching a lesson to his students when he stopped and began to gaze out the window. "What's wrong?" asked a student.

"The snow," replied Rabbi Herschel. "It's just so beautiful."

THAT is a moment in time. And they are in front of us, calling our names. Sometimes we are listening, sometimes we are not. The purpose of my "Moment in Time" is to remind MYSELF each week before Shabbat to stop and appreciate the world. And hopefully these moments inspire you to do the same!

With love and Shalom,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

What a year it has been. We were filled with hope that 2021 would be a year free of Covid, a year that we could get back to the normal of our



previous lives. We realize now that we have to live with the next normal. We don't know if we can get back to the same way of life that existed before Covid. But we have been able to find ways to continue living our lives with purpose and meaning. We have found ways to continue connecting and celebrating with one another. We have found ways to safely worship and sing with each other. We will continue to live our lives to the fullest in a safe manner.

We are thrilled that we can finally pray together inside our Sanctuary once again. There is no comparison to hearing the congregation pray together, to hearing the harmonies of our choir singing together and hearing the rich sounds of our instruments playing together. We will continue to offer engaging, spiritual and meaningful services this year. And we have an incredible line-up of special services.

Please mark your calendars for the following special services:

January 14 Tu B'shvat Seder

January 28 Men's Group Intergenerational L'Dor Vador Shabbat Service

February 18 **Broadway Shabbat**

Service with Artist in Residence March 11 Charlie Kramer

March 18 ShabbRock Service - Music of the 80's May 27 Disney Shabbat

Pride Shabbat Service with Choir June 17

Junior Cantor Shabbat with Liz

I hope this year will be a year filled with health, meaning, laughter and love.

Happy New Year!

June 10

Cantor Lonee Frailich

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Recently at a staff meeting we had a discussion regarding the Temple's Mission, Vision, and Purposes. It was a great discussion and reminded all of us of the importance of what we all do at the Temple. We also took that conversation as an important reminder that our Purposes are not just what's on a piece of paper in our Bylaws, but are things the Temple stands for.

I want to take some time to share with you the six purposes of Temple Akiba. They are the cornerstones, or pillars, of what we stand for, and are here to support and promote the following for its Members:

- The conduct of Jewish religious services;
- The provision of Jewish religious education;
- The enhancement and fostering of cultural and spiritual welfare;
- The advancement of a liberal interpretation of Iewish traditions;
- The service as a Jewish voice in the local community; and
- A vehicle for bringing justice into the world through Tikkun Olam.

January is the time of year when many of us set our goals for the coming year. I like many others seem to have the same new year's resolutions year after year. Perhaps you are successful at your goals, but I am usually very successful up until lunch-time on January 1st.

For this year, I invite you to join me, and look closely at Temple Akiba's Purposes, and make a goal for yourself that aligns with each of the Purposes. The goal might be to attend one religious service each month, or attend a Jewish education class, or participate in one of our many Tikun Olam drives or events. Even though these Purposes are for all of us, our goals for the year, and for each Purpose, can be very different. I invite you to share those goals with someone close, as when you do, you will have someone who can share the journey of attaining your goals.

It is with our Members, Board, Clergy, and Staff coming together to embrace our Mission, Vision, and Purposes that enables Our Light to Shine Brighter Together.

L'Shalom, Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

President's Message

Welcome to 2022! We made it through 2021 stronger and brighter than ever thanks to the partnership between our committed and dedicated Staff, Board and Committees, and the support and participation of our members. Despite the ongoing challenges of Covid-19 we are now holding our services indoors and we offered new programs at Temple - Challah Baking, Candle Making and Homebrew 101, brought to you by our new Program Director, Kathyrn Vischjager. We have many exciting events planned in January and in the months ahead! I invite you to join in and participate.

Highlighting the launch of our first ever Misloach Manot, this activity epitomizes Temple Akiba. In the words of Cantor Lonee, "Mishloach Manot is a wonderful way to build community and celebrate the holiday of Purim. It is considered a mitzvah to send Mishloach Manot because this shows that we are a united and strong community that cares about each other. We also send Mishloach Manot to those that are in need in our community." Please read all the details in the flyer on page 10.

Come to our always engaging Tu B'Shevat Seder-Friday, January 14.

Play in Sisterhood's Very Popular Mah Jongg Tournament-Sunday, January 16.

Meet Torah Scribe Linda Coppelson. Learn about the Restoration of one of our Torahs-Jan. 22 - 24.

Perform a Mitzvah-Donate Blood January 23!

Have fun, play games, eat, drink and win prizes at Casino Night-our major fundraiser of the year Saturday, January 29.

Purim Carnival & Silent Auction-March 20!

Our Caring Community has two outstanding Co-Chairs, Terry Coty & Meg Clements! Let them know if you have a need or want to help those in need.

Lastly, I am so proud to announce that our 15th Mitzvah Day will take place on Sunday, May 22! Plans are underway. Mark your calendars.

On a personal note, we just became grandparents for the second time! Leah gave birth to Julian on December 8! We couldn't be happier.

Cathy Penso, President



ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Tu B'shevat

Planting for the Future

The month of January brings Tu'Bshvat, which is traditionally celebrated as the 'new year of the trees'. In the past century, a custom has emerged that on this day trees are planted, and the Talmud (Taanit 23b) relates a famous story. Choni Ha-Maagal, an early rabbi of the Mishna was journeying on the road and he saw a man planting a carob tree; he asked him, "How long does it take for this tree to bear fruit?" The man replied, "Seventy years." He then further asked him. "Are you certain that you will live another seventy years?" The man responded, "I have found carob trees in the world; as my forefathers planted these for me so I too plant these for my children." Soon after, Choni ate a meal, and fell into a deep sleep. Like Rip Van Winkle, the Talmud relates that he magically slept for seventy years! He returned to the tree to see a young boy harvesting the Carob. He asked the boy, "Did you plant this tree." The boy responded that it was his grandfather that did so. In our fast-paced world, do we tend to look only at immediate goals, and not think about our long terms visions? Are we asking questions about what we, our families, and our society should look like seventy years from now?

Tu B'shvat in recent years has been associated with the environmental movement. We now realize what we do now (and what we did in the previous decades) will have an impact on our grandchildren. As a society, are we thinking like the farmer, realizing that the year 2092 is just around the corner? What will the world look like then, and what will we leave our grandchildren? Tu B'shvat challenges us to think big about ourselves and our community. May we all be blessed with long life to see the fruits from the seeds we plant.

Randee Bishoff **Director of Education**

Notes from the Tikkun Olam Committee

Sara Fields, Chair

November donation drive for Grace Diner

Grace Lutheran Church in Culver City operates Grace Diner, a program which provides meals to go and other necessities five nights a week. We had a very successful collection of items they requested – bottled water, tuna, crackers, peanut butter and warm clothing.

December donation drives

We disseminated information about the Jewish Federation's virtual book and toy drive. They have a list of organizations with Amazon wish lists. No way to track participation by our congregants.

We were also invited to participate in a project with the Volunteer Collective. They are collecting warm clothing and toys for kids and adults in the Boyle Heights neighborhood.

For more information, contact Sara Fields at direngagement@templeakiba.net

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

To the Temple Akiba Community,

First, a word of gratitude. I want to thank you for welcoming me into your community as your new Program Director, and friend. You've entrusted me with this very special Akiba ruach (spirit, energy) and I am delighted to work together to amplify it, revel in it, and grow from it.

We've begun to do this through our now-monthly **Challah bake**. We're generating even more groups to gather over common interests, including food, fitness, spirituality...with even more to come! In addition, please read below about opportunities that are coming at the start of the new year that benefit from your presence and participation!

Intergenerational Game Night

Akiba is a family, and once a month we'll celebrate the diversity of our community by opening up our social hall after Friday night services for a Game Night. Whether it is through Scrabble, Jenga, Mah Jongg or Shoots & Ladders, all are welcome and encouraged to play!

Havdallah & Kehillah

Havdallah is the beautiful closing ritual of Shabbat, and kehillah means community. Once per month, we'll gather to honor both! We'll gather for a brief and beautiful Havdallah followed by a selection of (optional) activities based on holidays or relevant thematic content. Our kickoff gathering in January will feature Havdallah & activities to celebrate a Tu B'Shevat and nature theme.

To speak personally for a moment, I am a product of the vibrancy of Jewish community, religious school, camp, youth group, and synagogue life. My professional life has continued in all of these areas for nearly two decades. I am profoundly aware of the impact that a strong community can have on individuals, as well as the world at large. If you have not yet hopped into an activity or special interest group, I welcome you to reach out to me and I can help you find your niche at Akiba! Consider it a gift to yourself and to the world. Our Light does indeed Shine Brighter Together!

B'Shalom

Kathryn Vischjager, Program Director



Let's make 2022 the healthiest year yet!

Sign up for a weekly farm box to raise money for Temple Akiba while eating yummy produce!

Sign up today: GLObox.org

New Year's Coupon NY2022 for 22% off Ist box



Monday Afternoons Pick up from the Lobby Begins Jan 24th

Different box sizes and delivery options are available! Questions? Email goodlifeorganics@gmail.com









Sponsorship Opportunities for CASINO NIGHT 2022



High Roller Sponsorship: \$7,200

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Recognition on cocktail napkins
- Choose the casino night special cocktail
- Sponsorship of two tables
- Admission for 12 quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Poker Room Sponsorship: \$5,400

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Exclusive Recognition and naming of the Poker Room
- Admission for 8 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

VIP Sponsorship: \$3,600

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Registration Table throughout night
- Sponsorship of two casino tables of your choice
- Admission for six quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Bar Sponsorship: \$1800

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Bar throughout the night
- Sponsorship of the bar
- Choose two of your favorite beers to include in the bar
- Admission for four quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Bond Sponsor: \$1007

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of Casino Table
- Two front of the bar passes at any time during the evening
- Admission for 4 quests

Weekend Gambler: \$720

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of Casino Table
- Admission for 2 guests

Sponsor: \$540

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Name Listing on the scroll
- Admission for 2 guests

Sponsor: \$360

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Name Listing on the scroll
- Admission for 1 guest

To register or pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/casino night_sponsorship

Contributions are tax deductible as provided by law. The Fair Market Value for the event has been established to be \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit Temple Akiba. Federal Tax I.D. #95-1932032

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JEFFREY RIPS AT (310) 398-5783 / director@templeakiba.net

















Early Childhood Center Now Enrolling For Fall 2022-2023



TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

Tiny Tot Shabbat Experience

It's never too early to start celebrating Shabbat with your little one

Join us for PJ library storytime, music, singing, and fun with Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee.

Come meet other families with tiny tots.







a program of the Jewish Federation of Angeles, with support from generous local donors

Join us in person for the 2022 Tiny Tot Shabbat At 9:00am

Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Ap. 1, May 13

Please bring a towel or yoga mat for you and your child to sit on.

All adults must show proof of Covid vaccine to enter.

For more information please contact Diane, Assistant Director of Education 310.398.9781 ext. 227 or nurseryschool@templeakiba.net



B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Gaby Tsimanis daughter of Lisa & Alex Tsimanis Saturday, January 15



Olive Rosemberg daughter of Jessica & Daniel Rosemberg Saturday, January 22



Alexa Weinzimer daughter of Mariana & David Weinzimer Saturday, February 2



Julia Brown daughter of Lauren Brock & David Brown Saturday, February 26

Celebrating the Zeturn of Our Restored Torah

Postponed until Further Notice

Soferet Linda Coppleson, who has restored one of our Torahs, is one of the first female Jewish Torah scribes in the world. She will be in residence at Temple Akiba to provide insight into the creation and history of Torah making and restoration. Each presentation will be geared towards the age of the audience. While sharing the in's and out's of this holy art form, she will answer questions like: How is a Torah made? Who makes it? What are the materials used and why?

Schedule of Events:

Saturday

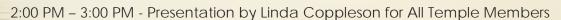
4:00 PM - Presentation by Linda Coppleson for All Temple Members

4:30 PM - Havdalah Service for All Temple Members

6:30 – 8:00 PM – Inscribing Opportunities for Sisterhood, Board Members and Temple Members

Sunday

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Presentation by Linda Coppleson for Religious School students, Campers, Youth Group Members and their families



3:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Inscribing Opportunities for All Temple Members

Monday

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Presentation by Linda Coppleson for ECC students and their families

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Presentation by Linda Coppleson for Lunch and Learn, Coffee with the Clergy, Men's Group and Torah Study Participants

Group Inscribing Opportunities will be by reservation only; a signup sheet will be forthcoming. Because inscribing is a mitzvah, a suggested donation of \$18 is requested



Specific information will be forthcoming







With the lights of Chanukkiah in our memories, we look towards brightening days ahead when we will be able to once again be together as a community. We hope your holiday celebrations were filled with love and joy and wish good health to everyone as our days ahead lengthen.

We are so happy to once again be able to host our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament this January 16th. We are limiting capacity so if you have not yet registered, please do so quickly.

Coffee With the Clergy continues via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM. We are very excited to share a special session on January 19th, Tu B'Shvat, featuring Chanel Kinkaid, a representative from Culver City's Environmental Programs and Operations Division. She will enlighten us with information so we will know the "hows" and "whys" of recycling and each of us can contribute to saving and celebrating our planet.

One of our Torahs, which has been in the skilled hands of Soferot Linda Coppleson, is being returned on Saturday, January 22nd. There will be a special Havdalah service and many programs from Saturday evening through Monday morning learning about the repair process as well as opportunities to "scribe" with Linda. Please look for further details in flyers and email updates that will be forthcoming.

We thank each and every one who supported our Gift Shop by participating in our annual Chanukah Boutique or making appointments and purchases of all things Judaic this holiday season. Purim and Passover are right around the corner so start thinking about those celebrations. Contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com for an appointment to see what is in our display cases or hidden away in our Gift Shop closets.



Coffee with the Clergy

SPECIAL TU B'SHVAT EDITION:

"Unlocking the Mysteries of Recycling:

Learning the Do's and Don'ts"



SISTERHOOD



All are invited to join in celebrating Tu B'Shvat— a holiday focused on taking care of our earth. Our guest speaker is Chanel Kincaid with Culver City's Environmental

Programs & Operations Division

Contact Verna Erez at 310-733-7268 with any questions.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

January 2022 28 Tevet 5782 - 29 Shevat 5782

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Sunday School Resumes	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Akiba High Resumes	7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Tu B'Shevat Seder with Choir Online Only	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Gabriela Tsimanis
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February 2022 30 Shevat 5782 - 27 Adar I 5782

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	President's Day				Religious School Retreat	Religious School Retreat
26 Ader I	27 Adar I					
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn					
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TZEDAKAH

Members and friends of Temple Akiba have chosen to honor the memories of loved ones and to express their condolences to bereaved families by making contributions to the Yahrzeit and other Temple funds. In addition, one can make donations to the Temple to honor birthdays, a marriage, a baby naming, a conversion, the privilege of sitting on the bima, for having an aliya, or for any other blessed occasion.

TEMPLE FUND

Marilyn Behrendt Adsm & Yana Moser

Sandra & Michael Newman

In honor of:

The birth of **Julian Abaud**, the son of Leah Penso & Jonathan Abaud, from Yvette Joffe

Sara Fields becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Mazal Tov. Warmly, John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

The Bat Mitzvah of **Sara Fields**, from Raechel Moskowitz

Dorothy Marks, from Ron Marks

Temple Akiba, in gratitude to your inclusive and welcoming congregation. Thank you for having classes and Shabbat services on line and thank you for the hospitality when we visited in July, from Carol Anderson

The Temple Board and Professional Staff in support of Giving Tuesday, from John Magoulas

In memory of:

Sylvia Anderson, my mother, and Dr. Gary Gitnick, from Robert Steinberg

Joe Diamond, from Diana & David Hauptman

Joe Diamond, from Ilene & Howard Lichtman

Joe Diamond, father of Ira (Carol) Diamond. May his memory be for a blessing. Warmly, John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

Joseph Diamond, from Cheryl & Mark Diamond

Joseph Diamond, from Janice & Neil Schwartz

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Deb Falcon, from John Magoulas

Deb Falcon, from Janice & Neil Schwartz

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Efrain Gramajo, who worked for Temple Akiba for many years, from John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

Arlene Leshtz, grandmother of Aaron Leshtz, May her memory be a blessing. From John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

Denis Shapiro, from Sara Golub

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In memory of:

Deb Falcon, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Robert Heyman, my Brother-in-law, from Leanna & Ron Watts

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Debbie Botticelli, our daughter, from Max & Marsha Ludvigson

Rae Braunstein, my mother, from Eileen Snidman

Harold (Hal) Clements, my husband, from Meg Clements

Irene Crane, my aunt, from Susan Polep

Mara Forsythe-Crane, my cousin, from Susan Polep

Harry Danhi, my father, from Sharon Aigner

Abraham Dershewitz, my father, from Shelley Garrido

Joseph Diamond, from Michael & June Hudson

Joseph Diamond, from Carole Seedman

Deb Falcon, from Carole Seedman

Deb Falcon, the leader of our Temple Akiba Book Club, from Estelle Tuvman

Robert Feinerman, my father, from Carol Diamond

Sidney Feldmar, my father, from Toni Goldstein

Morris Fisher & Arnold Fisher, my father & brother, from Verna Erez

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Frances Goldstein, my mother, from Don Goldstein

Donald Gottlieb, my father, from Joan & Steven Sussman

Marilyn Gotz, my mother, from Michael & Rosalie Gotz

Earl Gross, my father, from Hugh Gross

Charles Harris, my father, from Louise Feinberg

Nancy Hindin, my sister, from Jane Stark

Josie Hudis, my friend, from Judy Freedman

Karen Kahan, my wife, from Alan Kahan

Maurice Kahn, my father, from Lawrence aand Joanne Kahn & Family

Alexander Kanner, my father, from Ethel & Jack Berger

Celia Katz, my grandmother, from Alexis Conerty

Norma Kornfeld, my mother, from Marla Rothfarb

Harry Lee, my father, from Elaine Sylvester

Harry Levy, my father, from Marlene Abrams

Irving Lewin, my father, from Joanne Wolf

Molly Lillian, my mother, from Harold Cooper & Beth Fraum

Nate Lobozer, my father, from Elaine Kaufman

Alfred Mandel, my father, from Jerry & Letty Mendel

Alfred Mandel, my father, from Elaine & Bruce Holiday

Ruben Marmalefsky, my husband, from Annette Marmalefsky

Ruben Marmalefsky, my father, from Ronald & Jeanne Marmalefsky

Rose Meyers, my mother, from Rhoda Glauberg

Hilda Michaels, my mother, from Barbara & Marv Brown

Ruth Miller, my mother, from Eileen Miller Krause

Jeanette Penner, from Michael & Benita Spector

Bess Poizner, my mother, from Michael Poizner

Mollie Polep, my mother-in-law, from Sue Polep

Joseph Poliner, from Myrna & Ed Ross

David Price, my son, from Morris Price

Frederic Raichlen, my husband, from Judith Raichlen

Sidney Rothfarb, my father, from Robert Rothfarb

Ed Rubin, my friend, from Judith Freedman

Hyman Sederoff, my father, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz

Frances Senit, my mother, from Sylvan Senit

Tom Shapiro, my husband, from Mary Shapiro

Ben Smolensky, beloved father of David Smolensky, from Sue

Amalia Sojit, from Steven & Jodi Zimelman

Rose Starr, my mother, from Mark Starr

Abraham & Reva Stein, my parents, from Sharon Krakoff

Lois Stone, my mother, from Laurie Hurl

Lillian Ullman, my mother, from Andrew Swerdlow

Sarah Moscovichi Vodovoz, my wonderful loving mother,

from Adelle & Jack Wexler, grandmother of Jeff & Art Wexler

Gloria Zaff, my sister, from Louise Feinberg

Louise Zakheim, my mother, from Rosalyn Zakheim

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Andrew Berman & Sara Rutenberg **Deborah Koniak-Griffin**

In honor of:

Temple Akiba, in gratitude to your inclusive and welcoming congregation. Thank you for having classes and Shabbat services on line and thank you for the hospitality when we visited in July, from Carol Anderson

Rabbi Shapiro, in gratitude for officiating the funeral of Joseph Diamond, my father, from Ira & Carol Diamond

Rabbi Shapiro, with gratitude for officiating the beautiful Simchat Bat for Maya James Holtzman, from Jordyn Trockman & Brad Holtzman

Rabbi Shapiro, in gratitude for the beautiful naming ceremony for Maya James Holtzman, from Adrienne & Ira Holtzman

Rabbi Shapiro, in gratitude, from the family of Irma Silverstein

Rabbi Shapiro, for all his love and support, from Berta, Michael, & Diane Zwang

The bris of Ezra Nathaniel Witlen – Thank you Rabbi! From Ben Markowitz

In memory of:

Joe Diamond, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Joseph Diamond, from Sonya Helmer

Joseph Diamond, from Rosalyn Zakheim & Gayle Dukelow

Deborah Falcon, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz

Deb Falcon. from Aimee Grunseich

Deb Falcon, from David & Diana Hauptman

Deb Falcon, from Lisabeth Lobenthal

Nathan Ostrin and Samuel Brandes, our fathers from Leslie and Ron Ostin

CANTOR'S FUND

In honor of:

Cantor Lonee, in gratitude for officiating the funeral of Joseph Diamond, my father, from Ira & Carol Diamond *In memory of:*

Max Jacobson, my beloved grandfather, from Mitzi Schwarz

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

Anne Coscarelli

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In memory of:

Irma Silverstein, from the Weitz / Fortel Family

LEE WOLKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of:

The Baby Naming of the Wolkowitz Grandsons, from Bob Knopf In memory of:

Joseph Diamond, from Bob Knopf

Deb Falcon, from Bob Knopf

Sheldon Stein, from Bob Knopf

RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In honor of:

The birth of Julian Abaud, the son of Leah & Jonathan Abaud, grandson of Cathy & Bruce Penso. Mazal Tov! A future Camp Akiba Camper! From John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

The wedding of Rebecca Penso & Alex Birnbaum, from Karen Polan

In memory of:

Carl Fine, my father, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Bernice Rosenfeld, my mother, from Leanna & Ron Watts

DAY CAMP FUND

Terry Coty

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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In honor of:

The Bat Mitzvah of **Sara Fields**, from Carole Lazarus

Avi Lux Bender and Andie Kantor, from Jerold & Judith Kantor In memory of:

Richard & Ann Alexander, from Deborah Alexander

Deb Falcon, from Sue Polep

David Rosenfeld, my stepfather, from Ron & Leanna Watts Sue Schulman, dear friend of Ellen August, from John Magoulas

KAVOD EMERGENCY FUND

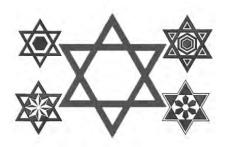
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MEN'S GROUP

Ira Waldman





Welcome New Members

Aaron Aber & Mengyao Chen and Family

Oleg & Rinat Subbotovsky and Family

Talia & Michael Joseph and Family

Ava Lekander

Tiffany & Ben Patterson and Family

MITZVAH DAY IS BACK!!! SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 MARK YOUR CALENDARS



TEMPLE AKIBA'S 15TH ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY

A magical day of Tikkun Olam and community building devoted to a variety of on-site and offsite projects for the benefit of those in need in our community and beyond. Stay tuned for details!

Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, January 9 at Temple. To join the Mitzvah Day Committee Contact Cathy Penso, president@templeakiba.net



Purim Carnival Sponsorship Levels

Land of PersOZ Event Sponsorship - \$1,800

- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 4 event wristbands
- 36 tickets

Talent Competitions Sponsorship - \$540

- "Ruby Red Slippers"
- Naming of the Talent Competitions
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Costume Contest Sponsorship - \$540

- "Popular"
- Naming of the Costume Contest
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Beer Garden Sponsorship - \$540

- "Over The Rainbow"
- Naming of the Beer Garden
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

Name a Booth Sponsor - \$360

- "Yellow Brick Road"
- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- 2 event wristbands

Co-sponsor a Booth - \$180

- "No Place Like Home"
- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- Event wristband

Recognition at the Carnival - \$90

"Off To See The Wizard"

- Recognition at the event (signage at event)
- 18 event food tickets

Recognition at the Carnival - \$54

"Defv Gravitv"

- Recognition at the event (signage at event)

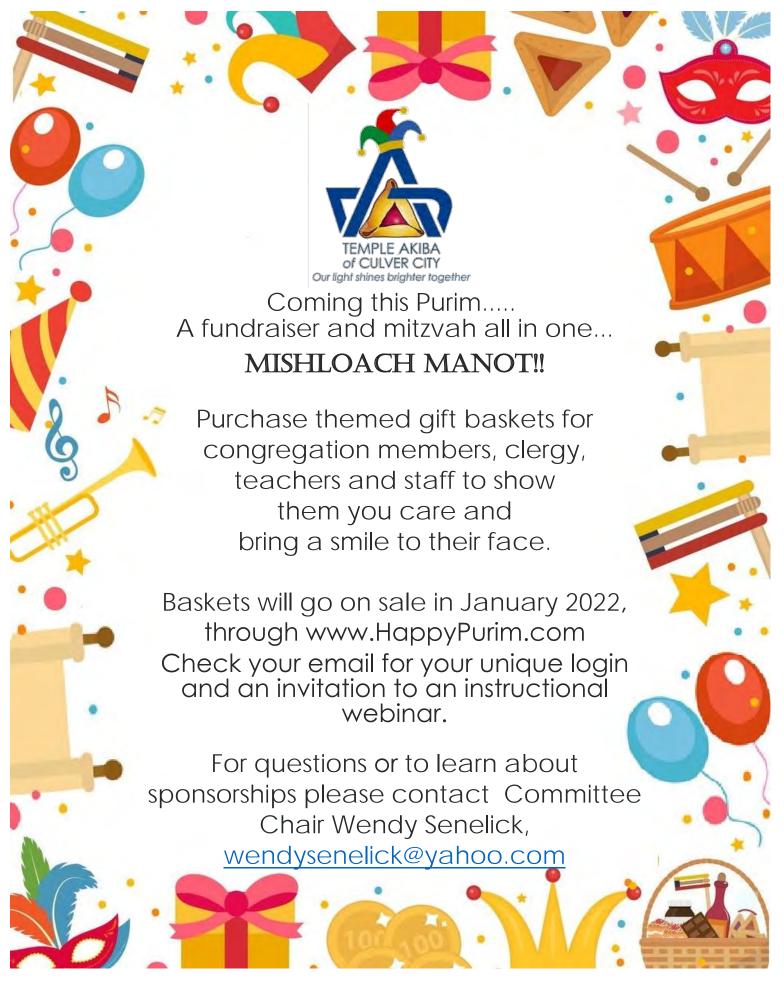
PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check payable to Temple Akiba in the amount of \$______.

To pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/purim_carnival_2022

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ NAME ON CARD_______BILLING ADDRESS_ CARD NUMBER_____ EXP. DATE__ __SECURITY CODE_____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JEFFREY RIPS AT (310) 398-5783 / director@templeakiba.net



Men's Group of Temple Akiba





I had a call from the ex-wife of a friend last night. Simon had passed earlier in the day from a heart attack. Our families had been friends since our daughters, both wearing eye patches, had glommed on to each other 38 years ago at Gan Bracha preschool. Over the years we had celebrated each others victories and shared our setbacks. A little over 10 years ago he had relocated to the Bay Area and slowly our contact had lessened to practically nothing.

His passing made me stop and think - how many friends do I have? I still keep in touch with Ralph and Paul from PS20, Dave from Science, Warren from Penn, and Wolf from UBC. Pretty slim. I realized that I have been pretty bad about maintaining friendships. My guess is that most men are the same. We see the parents of our kids friends when they are in school, the husbands of our spouses friends, maybe a neighbor or coworker. Not much more than that.

This is the gift that membership in the Men's Group offers. The chance to meet with other men from our Temple family, and to develop shared connections based on our own interests. As our Men's Group has developed I have made a number of new friends, people I enjoy seeing, sharing experiences with, arguing or agreeing on what is going on in the world, on a regular basis.

If your experience is similar to mine, I invite you to join us. Women, if your men are as lazy or stubborn as I am, please help get them here. Drop an email to Victor Nahmias @ Vnahmias@aol.com and we will get you on our mailing list today! Ready to get started? Minimum dues of \$36 for men, \$18 for associates.

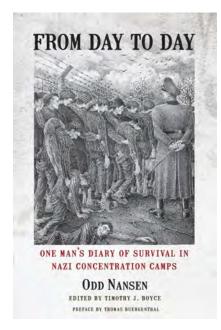




Men's Group of Temple Akiba



The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for an exciting variety of events in January and February!



Odd Nansen, a Norwegian, was arrested in 1942 by the Nazis, and spent the remainder of World War II in concentration camps--Grini in Oslo, Veidal above the Arctic Circle, and Sachsenhausen in Germany. For three and a half years, Nansen kept a secret diary on tissue-paper-thin pages later smuggled out by various means, including inside the prisoners' hollowed-out breadboards. Unlike writers of retrospective Holocaust memoirs, Nansen recorded the mundane and horrific details of camp life as they happened. With an unsparing eye, Nansen described the casual brutality and random terror that was the fate of a camp prisoner. His entries reveal his horror at the especially barbaric treatment reserved for Jews, and his disgust at the anti-Semitism of some of his fellow Norwegians. Tim Boyce, our guest speaker, found this story and brought it back from obscurity, allowing it to live among us again.

Time: Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3680685668 Meeting ID: 368 068 5668



The biggest Israeli blockbuster since 1986. Steve and Chuma, two criminals are the sole survivors of a terrorist attack at a restaurant in Jerusalem. They decide to change their ways and become flesh and blood angels. They go on a journey of wish fulfillment for people who write requests on paper and put between them between the sacred stones of the Western Wall.

Time: Tuesday, Feb 22,2022 @ 7:00 Pacific Time

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3680685668

Meeting ID: 368 068 5668

Join the Akiba Camp Family!

Akiba Resident Camp 2022: July 24 to August 7 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Register at templeakiba.net/akiba-resident-camp



Family Camp 2022: May 13 to May 15 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Register at templeakiba.net/family-retreat



Please contact Leah Penso, Youth & Resident Camp Director at youthgroup@templeakiba.net

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY

2021 - 2022

Temple Akiba thanks members who have made generous donations over their full membership commitment to bring an even brighter "Light" to our Temple Community.

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JOIN TEMPLE AKIBA ON A ADVENTURE IN

ISRAEL

Led by Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich

June 29 - July 11, 2022

Traveling in Israel is an opportunity to encounter the wonders of this ancient land. We'll grow through our shared experiences, from the fun and adventurous, to the historical and spiritual, as we explore Israel together!

OUR 10 NIGHT JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Discover the charm, delight and complexity of Jerusalem's Old City, including the Western Wall, the Jewish Quarter and a spectacular rooftop vista.
- Celebrate our B'nai Mitzvah at Hebrew Union College.
- Descend below ground and back in time at the Dig for a Day - a real, live archaeological expedition! Discover the ancient past, transforming their trash into modern treasure.
- Discover the richness of the Jewish Diaspora at ANU, the Museum of the Jewish People, that traces the journey of Jewish communities worldwide from the destruction of the Temple through today.
- Repair the world with tikkun olam and give back to the community at Pantry Packers, packing food supplies and serving the needy in Israel.

PRICING CHART (based on double occupancy)	CHECK/CASH PRICE	CREDIT CARD PRICE
LAND TOUR	\$4,860	\$5,000
Single Supplement additional cost	\$2,420	\$2,510
Child Reduction As third in room under the age of 12	-\$1,150	-\$1,150

and so much more!!!



Learn more about this amazing trip at secure.ayelet.com/Akiba2022.aspx

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Save \$500 for children celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvah!



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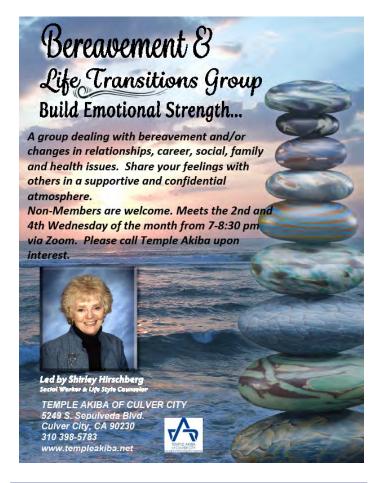
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Gifts & Memorials

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." -H. Jackson Brown Jr.

What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual plagues for Temple members is \$750 and for those not affiliated it is \$1,000. How about participating in what may be the most exciting opportunity - the Sue and Jerry Urfrig Family Memorial Room. With your contribution of \$10,000 to the Campaign of Light, your name will be included on the Donor Board in the Memorial Room. The purchaser will have two complimentary plaques reserved for them to be designated with names they choose.

For more information please contact: Temple Office at admin@templeakiba.net or 310-398-5783



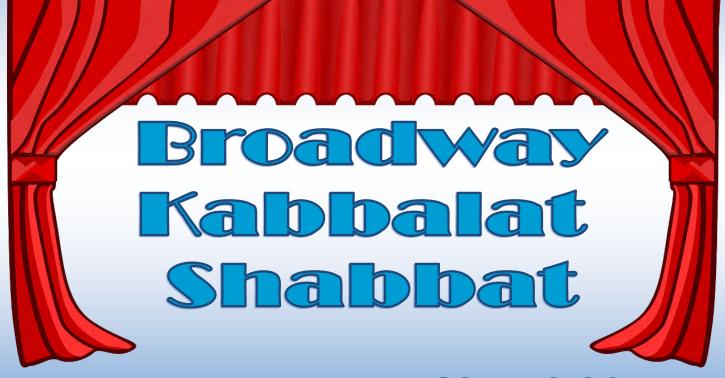






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Join us on February 18 at 6:30 PM