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Temple Akiba of Culver City









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JULY/AUGUST Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, July 1 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 8 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 15 6:00pm

Shabbat at the Shore

Friday, July 22 6:00pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 29 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 5 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 12 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 19 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 26 6:00pm

Shabbat at the Shore

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,



What does it mean to live a Jewish life?

Living a Jewish life means connecting to a people that has existed 3500 years.

Living a Jewish life means being a mensch.

Living a Jewish life means welcoming the stranger.

Living a Jewish life means having an eye toward Zion/Israel.

Living a Jewish like means inheriting a great lexicon of Jewish texts.

Living a Jewish life means studying those texts (rather than allowing others to study them for us).

Living a Jewish life means lighting Shabbat candles.

Living a Jewish life means making Tzeddakah a priority.

Living a Jewish life means joining our congregation in prayer.

Living a Jewish life means exploring a dialogue with

Living a Jewish life means a desire to pass the torch to the next generation.

Living a Jewish life means asking lots of questions.

Living a Jewish life means that the Holocaust happened to me.

Living a Jewish life means supporting our Jewish institutions.

Living a Jewish life means we want to leave the world better than we found it.

Living a Jewish life means pursuing peace.

With love and Shalom,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

What an amazing year this was. Despite the challenges and set backs do to Covid, Temple Akiba continued to thrive. We learned how to adapt to this new world and pivot our services



and programs when needed. But despite the ongoing Pandemic, we kept going. We gathered together, sang together, ate together, celebrated together, prayed together and mourned together. It was so meaningful to see life once again in our building, to see the smiling faces of our ECC children and to hear the laughter of our Religious School children and young adults.

We had an incredible lineup of special Shabbat services this year, many of which we were able to have in person. Our Sock Hop Shabbat was a blast with people dancing in the aisles to our prayers set to the tunes of music from the 50's and 60's. Our Broadway Shabbat brought beautiful new music to the bimah while our Social Justice and Refugee Shabbat services were so moving and meaningful. Our Disney Shabbat and carnival brought back 100's of families with their toddlers and young children to celebrate an evening of Shabbat and entertainment. The Sisterhood Havdalah and our first ever Men's Group L'dor Vador Shabbat were so special. Our guest artist Charlie Kramer led an incredible weekend of music and discussion about disability awareness. And the next generation of leaders, our TASTY members and Junior Cantors led a set of wonderful services.

We are looking forward to a new year of music, spirituality, laughter and love. Highlights for next year include a Shabbat of music of the 80's &90's, Broadway & Disney Shabbats, as well as guest artists such as Jacob Spike Kraus & Cantor Natalie Young.

I wanted to give a huge Kol Hakavod and thank you to our Cantorial Intern, Liz Baseman. Liz has helped enrich our congregation with her beautiful voice, wonderful teaching and tech skills, warm manner, and her deep knowledge. We are so lucky to have had such a dedicated, diligent and talented intern for the last 2 years. Although she will not continue as our intern, Liz will remain on staff at Temple Akiba as a B'nai Mitzvah tutor.

Sending all of you love and prayers for safety and

Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

There's a certain magic in the air when summer begins, a certain feeling that can't be found any other time of year. It's not just because of the heat or vacation from school. The Jewish People and our sacred texts have referred to this time of year as "kayitz". "Kayitz", the Hebrew word for summer, shares a root with the word for "end", "ketz"

Projects, marathons, books--when you complete these things, you feel a sense of accomplishment, and you grow from the experience. This is what summer is all about, and specifically what a "Jewish Summer" is all about: putting the finishing touch on all that we've done throughout the rest of the year, and coming one step closer to completion, peace, and fulfillment - all of which, by the way, share the same Hebrew root, "shalom".

This is where Jewish summer camp comes in. Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Spirited and dynamic staff members use experiential learning to reveal what makes Jewish religion and culture so unique in today's world. At camp, Jewish culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance. Aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball and soccer, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking, and much more! Campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had. Campers explore what Judaism means to them in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment. The impact of Jewish camp is immediate—campers return home connected to a community and friends that will last them a lifetime. And it doesn't stop there. Children with pivotal Jewish camp experiences are more likely to become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles in their communities.

Randee Bishoff, **Director of Education**

President's Message

As I write this article to kick off my second year as Temple President, I am filled with joy with what I love about Temple Akiba. This past weekend I attended ECC Graduation, the Shabbat Service honoring our High School Graduates, our B'nai Mitzvah during Covid, and Young Adult Alumni, a New Member Dinner and Confirmation. Each event reminded me of the loving, accepting community we have built here for various groups and for our entire congregation. We are also a beacon of light beyond our walls. More than 300 people coming together for Mitzvah Day is testament to that.

I want to continue to build on our amazing community and make it more welcoming and inviting. Some of you may be searching for the right connection or want to deepen your connections 10. Our incredible Rabbi and Cantor, our Board, our Executive Director and the rest of our very professional staff will be working together with you to achieve these goals.

I welcome our new Board members and thank them for stepping up as Leaders of our Congregation: Helene Jaffa, Religious Practices Trustee; Benjamin Rapoport, Facilities Trustee; Caroline Schwartz, ECC Trustee and Tracey Wise-Finkelstein, Religious School Trustee.

To our outgoing Board members, I extend my deepest appreciation. Carol Diamond, outgoing Director of Religious Practices, has served on the Board for more than 20 years in many roles, including President. Scott Markowitz has represented the ECC and Religious School during the past 6 years and began as the Young Adult Trustee. Caitlin has been our ECC representative the last two years and was also our Gala Chair. Aaron Leshtz, Director of Facilities, has been overseeing the completion of our HVAC system, the shade sails and many other projects to maintain our facility.

Now is the time to renew your membership and recommit yourself to Temple Akiba. May you rest and reset this summer and enjoy our summer offerings like Pub Akiba & Shabbat at the Beach. I look forward to the Season of Renewal when we will be able to gather once again at Veterans Auditorium for High Holy Day Services.

Cathy Penso, President

Excutive Director's Message

This year Shavuot and my father's unveiling were only days apart. I bring this up as the two are closely related to me. On Shavuot we hear the 10 commandments read. And for me, Commandment #5 – Honoring thy Mother and Father has always been very important to me.

Last year, at my father's funeral, I spoke about his life-long commitment to performing Mitzvot. Being the go-to person at his Shul, helping others build their Sukkot, volunteering pretty much everywhere I worked, and really being the BBQer, Rummage Saler, Schmooze Club organizer for the community where he lived are just the tip of the iceberg for him. There really was no volunteer opportunity or Mitzvah that he wouldn't do. At his funeral, I committed to do mitzvot in his honor.

Throughout the course of the year, I had a hard time finding the mitzvah the really felt right – until Temple Akiba sponsored our Blood Drive. Giving blood was perhaps the mitzvah my father felt the proudest of, and instantaneously it felt like the right Mitzvah for me. Unfortunately, at our Blood Drive I was turned away as my blood pressure was too high.

I walked out of the blood mobile disappointed, but committed to make this happen. Since then, I have walked over 250 miles, and lost about 50 lbs., and on Mitzvah Day, I was finally able to make my commitment come to reality. I donated blood in my father's honor. It was a special moment for me, and one that continued the love and connection I have with my father. Giving blood is so needed, and literally saves lives. In the Talmud it is written that If you save one life, you save the world. I can think of no better way to honor my father and to make an impact than giving blood.

I feel honored and humbled to continue his legacy of giving blood, and I Invite you to join me in helping to save lives at Temple Akiba's next Blood Drive on August 28th. Now more than ever blood is desperately needed. I will once again be honoring my father on the 28th, and encourage you to make an impact, and quite literally save someone's life.

L'Shalom,

Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

Trustee of Engagement

Sara Fields

Tikkun Olam Committee Donation Drives

In June, we partnered with the Volunteer Collective on a project to collect kitchen items for unhoused people moving into housing. This included items such as plates, mugs, silverware, pots and pans, dish towels, etc.

Blood Drives

The Mitzvah Day blood drive was very successful with 24 units of blood collected. There are two more drives scheduled for this year:

Sunday August 28th, 2022 - 8:30am to 2:30pm - Social hall - Goal: 30 units of blood

Sunday October 23rd, 2022 - 8:30am to 2:30pm - Social Hall - Goal: 30 units of blood

Climate Change

We will be learning more about RAC's initiatives on climate change and considering our participation.

Caring Communities

Terry Coty and Meg Clements continue their outreach to congregants who are ill, bereaved or otherwise in need of support. This consists of phone calls, cards and visits as appropriate.

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

AKIBA SUMMER OF FUN 2022

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Friday, July 1		Intergenerational Game Night
Friday, July 15	*	Intergenerational Game NightShabbat at the Shore
		Meditation & Sound Healing in the Sanctuary
Sunday, July 24		Pub Akiba
		Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women
Friday, July 29		
		UP (stand-up paddleboard) with Rabbi Shapiro
		(call for reservations)

AUGUST

Friday, August 5	Intergenerational Game Night
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6	"THE LAST HURRAH" SUMMER PARTY FOR PARENTS
Thursday, August 11	Challah Bake
Friday, August 12	Open House
Saturday, August 13	Meditation & Sound Healing in the Sanctuary
Saturday, August 20 Su	inset SUP (stand-up paddleboard) with Rabbi Shapiro
	(call for reservations)
AUGUST 26-28	FIESTA LA BALLONA
Friday, August 26	Shabbat at the Shore
Sunday, August 28	Blood Drive
Sunday, August 28	Pub Akiba
Sunday, August 28	Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

CAMPS

June 20 – August 12	Akiba Day Camp
July 24 – August 7	Akiba Resident Camp



How Does Being a Synagogue Member Make My Life Better?

By Rabbi Paul Kipnes Published on ReformJudaism.org, 8/20/2018

I invited a former synagogue member – a wonderful and very pleasant person – to rejoin the synagogue after a few years away. She said she had thought about it and wondered, "How would being a member make my life better or different?"

I thought about her question a lot, and even as a congregational rabbi, I admit that I struggled. Eventually, my answer was along these lines: It depends on what you mean by "better."

If you mean physically healthier, it won't. Join a gym.

If you mean more physically beautiful, it won't. Go to Nordstrom's or a make-up artist.

If you mean richer, it won't. Get a higher-paying job.

If you mean more mentally stable, it won't. Go to a therapist.

If you mean more knowledgeable, it won't. Take a class at your local community college.

The list goes on: if you mean _____, then go _____.

But here's what joining a synagogue will do.

Being part of a synagogue allows you to be part of a larger community – of *your* people.

Being part of a synagogue means promulgating values that you and your tradition hold dear.

Being part of a community is like ensuring that your room is still there even after you go away to college. You can always come home. And even if you don't show up, we are still here.

Being part of a community teaches future generations that being a Jew matters, even if you aren't a power user of the synagogue at the moment.

Being part of a community means that there will always be High Holidays services for you and the community.

It means that you always have a place to turn when you are in need.

It means that there is always Torah in your community.

It means that you have a spiritual home.

It means that your values are played out through social justice.

It means that you have a place to go to sing Mi Shebeirach when you or someone you know is in pain.

It means that Israel has an advocate in the community.

It means that you take responsibility for the next generation, like the previous one did for yours.

It's not about money, because everyone can join regardless of wealth or lack thereof. It's about demonstrating a commitment to community.

We live in a world that speaks of consumer values: "What do I get if I pay?" Judaism is a

people/religion/nation/culture/ethnicity/more that transcends that question, asking instead, "What will being part of a community do for *our* world, for *all* people, for *our* people, for *our* community?" That's how I think, and it's how I want my children to think.

If this is how you want to think, come home – and if not, well, home will still be here for you if you ever decide you do want to come home.

(Oh, and one last thing: Judaism, synagogue, and community can make you feel more beautiful because you feel better about yourself when you are spiritually centered. You will feel richer because you will have enriched your life and those of others. You will feel smarter because you will be able to partake in 5,000 years of Jewish knowledge. You will be more mentally stable because you will have adjusted the balance of the mind, body, and spirit. Of course, all this presupposes that not only do you join, but you also come and connect.)

So that's my answer. The shofar's in your court.

Welcome Back to Enrichment.... Involvement.... And Engagement It's Membership Renewal Time!

- Be a part of a supportive and vibrant temple community
- Receive tickets for High Holy Day services
- Personally engage with our Clergy, who are available for your life cycle events
- Be eligible to enroll your children in our Religious School
- Enjoy Adult Education classes
- Receive our bi-monthly newsletter
- Be eligible to join a Havurah (social friendship group)
- Receive reminders of your family Yahrzeits/inclusion on the Shabbat Yahrzeit list
- Have the privilege of voting at Congregational Meetings
- Have the opportunity to serve on a committee or become a member of the Board of Directors
- Know that you are supporting your Jewish community

We are delighted that you are part of the Temple Akiba community. By completing and returning your Membership Covenant now, you will continue to enjoy all these benefits and more.



Questions?

Contact Jeffrey Rips at director@templeakiba.net

Our Light Shines Brighter - Together



Meditation in the Sanctuary

Saturday, July 16 & August 13
From 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us as we explore and enjoy alternate avenues for spirituality in our beautiful sanctuary. Please bring your own yoga mat to lay on, as well as a pillow and blanket for your comfort. Our facilitators will guide us through a meditation practice and sound healing to enhance our wellbeing and connection to ourselves, to others and to our very own sacred space.

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$18

Questions? Please contact Kathryn:

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Please join Temple Akiba at our

OPENHOUSE

July 29, August 12, September 9

Loving & Nurturing Pre-School

Come meet our clergy, tour our facility and connect with our wonderful community!

Innovative & engaging K - 12 Religious School

Creative and Warm **Services**

5:30 PM

Wine & Cheese for the adults Yummy snacks for the children

Terrific Day Camp, Resident Camp, & Youth **Programs**

6:30 PM **Shabbat Services**





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B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Naomi Ostrick daughter of Karen Bernstein & Gary Ostrick Saturday, August 13



Zoey Jaffa daughter of Mike & Wendy Jaffa Saturday, August 20



Yuval Ram son of Adi Rom & Dror Ram Saturday, August 27

Wish your family and friends a "Sweet and Healthy New Year" with a jar of honey



& support Temple Akiba Sisterhood at the same time!



This distinctive 8 oz. jar of kosher honey arrives in time for Rosh Hashanah, decorated with a festive label, and includes a personalized card reading "Shana Tova –Wishing you a Healthy New Year." The card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made to Temple Akiba Sisterhood.

Only \$13 each if ordered by August 1st, and includes the beautiful bottle of honey, a personalized card, and shipping within the



To order honey go to www.honeyfromtheheart.org/AKI and follow the step-by-step instructions



For more information or help with ordering, please contact: Valerie Meyer (310) 391-3729

Vimeverqt314@gmail.com







Our heartfelt thanks to our 172 Members and 40 Associate Members for making 2021 – 2022 an amazing and memorable year. With your membership dues and donations, Sisterhood was able to provide: 45 combined Oneg Shabbats and Onegs-to-Go; 125 challahs during the Yom Kippur service break; holiday gifts celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, and Tu B'Shvat to all 300 Religious School and ECC students; individual copies of Mishkon T'Filah to 37 new 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students; Kiddush Cups and Candle Holders to 30 Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth; a WRJ Women's Torah Commentary to 10 Confirmands along with a \$500 donation to WUPJ/Ukraine Crises Fund donation on their behalf; and 27 ECC graduates with a Thank You God book. And so much more!

Our incoming Executive Board as of July 1, 2022 is comprised as follows:

President: Linda Park

Co-Vice Presidents Membership: Wendy Senelick and Nancy Trachtenberg

Vice President Programs: Kate Cregor

Co-Vice Presidents Ways & Means: Valerie Meyer and Rose Ross

Co-Vice Presidents Communications: Lacey Bauer and Melissa Grinberg

Co-Vice Presidents Extensions: Cindy Knopf and Melissa York

Corresponding Secretary: Toni Glick

Co-Treasurers: Kristine Capell and Karen Marcus

We are looking forward to making the coming year memorable, safe, and happy for the entire Temple Akiba community. Please join us for another great year by becoming a Sisterhood member or renewing your Sisterhood membership. Our membership drive starts in early August and paper forms will be mailed, or electronic forms and payments can be accessed through the Sisterhood page on the Temple Akiba website.

All of us are looking forward to making the coming year memorable, safe, and happy. We hope for your continuing support and wish you a summer of fun.



July 2022 2 Tammuz 5782 - 3 Av 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					2 Tammuz 1 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	3 Tammuz
4 Tammuz	5 Tammuz 4 Temple Closed	6 Tammuz	7 Tammuz	8 Tammuz	9 Tammuz	10 Tammuz 9
	Independence				6:30 PM Shabbat Service	
11 Tammuz	Day 12 Tammuz 11	13 Tammuz 12	14 Tammuz	15 Tammuz 14	16 Tammuz	17 Tammuz 16
Sisterhood Retreat			7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		5:30 PM Shabbat at the Shore Service	7:00 PM Meditation in the Sanctuary
18 Tammuz	19 Tammuz	20 Tammuz	21 Tammuz 20	21 Tammuz	23 Tammuz 22 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	24 Tammuz 23
25 Tammuz 24 Resident Camp Departs 3:30 PM Pub Akiba 3 Av 31	26 Tammuz	27 Tammuz 26	28 Tammuz 27 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	29 Tammuz 28 8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event	5:30 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Men's Group BBQ after Services	30 6:00 PM Stand up Paddleboarding with Rabbi Shapiro

August 2022 4 Av 5782 - 4 Elul 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4 Av	5 Av	3	7 Av	5 8 Av	9 Av
					6:30 PM Shabbat Service	"Last Hurrah" Summer Party for Camp Parents
10 Av	11 Av	12 Av	13 Av	14 Av	15Av	16 Av
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Resident Camp Returns			7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	Last Day of Day Camp 5:30 PM Open House 6:30 PM Tu B'Av & Camp Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Ostrick
17 Av	18 Av	19 Av	20 An	21 A.,		7:00 PM Meditation in the Sanctuary
14	15	16	17	18	19	23 Av
					5:30 PM Donor Recognition Wine & Cheese Event	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Zoey Jaffa 2:00 PM Sisterhood
					6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Skirball Tour 6:00 PM Stand up Paddleboarding with Rabbi Shapiro
21 21	25 Av	26 Av	27 Av	25 28 Av	29 Av	30 Av
		7:00 PM Men's Group Candidates Forum	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		9:00 AM ECC Visitation Day 5:30 PM Beach Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Yuval Ram
1 Elul	2 Elul	3 Elul	4 Elul		Fiesta La Ballona	Fiesta La Ballona
28	29	30	31			
8:30 AM Blood Drive 3:30 PM Pub Akiba	First Day of ECC					
8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event						
Fiesta La Ballona						

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

Dorothy Frankel

John Magoulas

In honor of:

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Gantman**, from John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Gantman**, from Joanne & Lawrence Kahn **Scott Markowitz**, for your steadfast leadership on our amazing 007

Casino Night. I am grateful to you, John Magoulas

The special birthday **Sue Polep**, from Sue Urfrig **Sue Polep**, from Sue's loving Family

Rabbi Shapiro, for his 25 years in the Rabbinate, from Kat Connolly

Rabbi Shapiro, for his help and his love, from Donna Flier

Rabbi Shapiro, for receiving his Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew

Union College. Mazal Tov! From John Magoulas

In memory of:

Judy Jamner Freedman, from Sherri & David Cadmus

Judy Freedman, my dear friend, from Toni Glick

Judy L. Jamner Freedman, from Margareta Jamner

Judy Freedman, from Joan & Marty Ortman

Barbara Smith, my mother, from Leanna & Ron Watts

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Larky Family

In Gratitude to:

Cantor Lonee for officiating Rebecca & Jason's wedding, from Julia & Roy Weinstein

Cantor Lonee, for helping to make your birthday memorable, from Sue Polep

In honor of:

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Gantman**, from Linda & Robert Fleischman

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Rose Gantman**, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz

The Bat Mitzvah of Indee Gantman, from Sonni Helmer

The Bat Mitzvah of Indee Gantman, from Myrna Kayton

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Rose Gantman**, from Letty & Jerry Mendel

The Bat Mitzvah of **Indee Gantman**, from Nancy & Herb Trachtenberg

The Bat Mitzvah of Indee Gantman, from Sharlene & Tony London

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Men's Group of Temple Akiba



The Men's Group had a very successful year culminating in the our Musical Event in April starring Cantor Lonee and Craig Newman and then the first annual Men's Group Shabbat Service in June. We are well along in our plans for the new year with a barbecue and candidates night planned for this summer, which we are hosting along with Sisterhood.

This fall we will have Eric Nussbaum speaking on the Los Angeles Dodgers, what brought them to California, and the impact the move to Chavez Ravine had on our local community, especially to the people living there at the time. In November we will have the opportunity to get an insiders tour of the Reagan Library. The number of attendees will be strictly limited, and first preference will go to Men's Group members. So why not join? Membership dues start at a very affordable \$36 with a number of levels of support above that.

Our dues go to support a variety of programs at the Temple. Best known is the gifting of Tanakh's to all Bnei Mitzvah. Your support will help us continue this program and to expand new programs to support our confirmands and others. So please, join us with your presence at our meetings and with your contribution.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 29 - First Annual Men's Group/Sisterhood BBQ - following New Member **Shabbat Service** Come meet old friends and make new ones.

August 23 - Meet the Candidates

A joint event with Sisterhood. We are lining up candidates who survived the primaries and are headed into the November elections. This will feature candidates for both city and state offices.











Mitzvah Day highlights

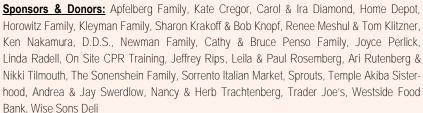
291 volunteers and 23 staff participated in 23 projects benefiting hundreds of people!! What we accomplished: 350 pairs of shoes to Shoes for the Homeless, 143 hygiene kits to SPY & PATH, 450 lunches to SPY, St. Joseph's Center, Grace Diner & Upward Bound House, dozens of hats to children at Mattel UCLA Hospital and for the homeless plus 40 scarves, 30 placemats to Upward Bound House, 50 Comfort Bears & Bunnies to the CC Police Dept, 20 treasure boxes to Richstone Family Center, 36 book bags with books and school supplies for teens at the County Library, 63 decorated, potted plants for residents of West Hollywood Community Housing Corps, 30 Shabbat Kits containing Kindness Rocks, 20 Dog Toys and Pet Supplies to Operation Blankets of Love, 24 blood donors, 21 challahs sold to benefit MAZON, singing at PDR Care Center, volunteering at Annenberg Pet Space, relocating the ECC Library, polishing our ritual objects, learning CPR and about Composting





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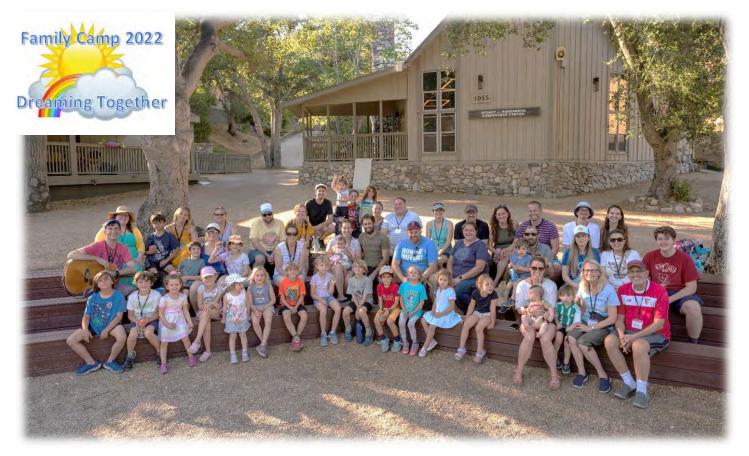
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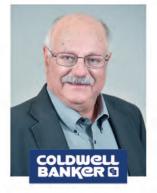
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