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MAR/APR Friday Shabbat Services				
Friday, March 3 Shabbat Shira Service with 3rd Grade Families	6:30pm			
Friday, March 10 Shabbat Service with Choir	6:30pm			
Friday, March 17 Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30pm			
Friday, March 24 TASTY Youth Group Shabbat Service	6:30pm			
Friday, March 31 Shabbat Service with guest artist Noah Aronson	6:30pm			
Friday, April 7 Men's Group Shabbat Service	6:30pm			
Friday, April 14 Yom Ha'Shoah Service with Choir	6:30pm			
Friday, April 21 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30pm			
Friday, April 28 Shabbat Service with guest	6:30pm			

On three things the world is sustained:

artist Justin Stein

on Torah,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav



Dear all.

As we approach the Festival of Passover, I am struck at how passages that have always been in the Haggadah reach out and spark an emotion - as though the passage were written specifically for right here and right now.

I think this year about the following:

"In every generation, each of us must look upon ourselves as though we, personally, came out of Egypt."

Yes - the Haggadah is about the cultural and Biblical experience of our people. And it's also about how we must recognize that we might be free - but others are still in a metaphorical Egypt.

There are so many people who are struggling to come out of their own places of enslavement and oppression, collective realities of being homeless or unsheltered, and lives burdened by bigotry and abuse, illness and hunger.

So this year, as we support Ukrainian refugees, as we continue to give assistance to those affected in Turkey and Syria by the earthquake, and as we donate locally for those without homes, we not only enable people to find the Promised Land, but we become the hands of Elijah the Prophet, opening the door to a beautiful World to Come.

Ron, Maya, Eli, and I wish you, and all you love, a meaningful Passover.

With love and shalom. Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



I shared this story with the congregation many years ago and I wanted to bring it back to life while we are about to celebrate Purim....

Purim and Halloween are vastly different holidays but the one thing they have in common is the propensity of celebrants to dress up in costume. The practice of dressing up on Purim reflects the theme of hiddenness found in the Megillah, the story of Purim. The practice of dressing up on Halloween stems from the old Celtic holiday, Samhain, when the veil between the "real" world and the spirit world was considered to be very thin and from the Catholic Church's celebration of their saints.

Growing up as the daughter of a Cantor, Purim was always proudly celebrated in our house, but my dad very begrudgingly allowed us to trick or treat. His distaste for the values of Halloween were very clear. He allowed us to trick or treat but refused to buy us costumes for Halloween.

So, for many years, I was Queen Esther or a Hamentaschen for Halloween. In 5th grade, at the age of 9, I was tired of being Queen Esther for many years in a row and I asked my dad if I could buy a new costume for Halloween. At first he said no, but then I found a very innocent, cute pumpkin outfit. I begged and pleaded with him and he kept saying no. I didn't blame him, the costume was \$35, a hefty price for 1985. But I finally convinced him with one promise. I told him that I would promise to wear the same costume every year until it didn't fit or fell apart. He finally agreed and I have stayed true to my promise and worn the same pumpkin costume every Halloween for the last 38 years. I make small changes each year to keep it fresh but it's still the same costume!

My dad loves to tell this story to his friends and our family. He is so impressed that I have kept that promise for so long. In fact, he jokingly says that he is more proud of my integrity in this matter than he is of me becoming a Cantor!

May you have a joyous Purim, one that is filled with integrity and love!

Cantor Lonee Frailich









ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Learning What it Means to Be Brave

Bravery is central to the Purim story, as Queen Esther exhibited immense courage by standing up for what she believed in. While she initially concealed her Jewish identity, when she discovered that the survival of her community, the Jewish people, was at stake, she chose to speak up and reveal her identity to her husband, King Ahasuerus. Queen Esther drew on the strength of her heart (ometz lev) in this heroic act. At times throughout history in different places around the world, it has been hard to be openly Jewish. The story of Purim reminds Jewish people to always be proud of their identity. While Purim is a fun holiday, the important moral remains – when a moment of truth arrives, we may have to summon our strength of heart and act in the right way, the humane way.

Ideas for how to explore the deeper themes of Purim with your children.

- We can talk with children about how it can be difficult to be brave and the different ways we can show courage. We can consider times when we have felt scared, lonely, or worried, or when we believed we needed to keep a secret.
- Making Purim masks is fun and a playful way to explore the theme of uncovering one's true identity.
- Children can explore how everyone has superpowers waiting to be uncovered. They can express appreciation for heroes in their lives, such as front-line workers, community helpers, and members of their families. They can write letters, send drawings, or say thank you at any time!

This Purim, like each year before, families can combine traditional ways of celebrating with their own rituals and practices. May your family find ways to remember the heroes of the past and celebrate the triumphs of heroes in our communities today. Chag sameach, and wishing you a Purim of joy and generosity!

Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education

President's Message

As Spring and Passover approach, we think of New Life and Freedom. If you haven't heard the news, we will be giving the Bogancha Family a New Life here in the United States and Freedom from the terrible war in Ukraine. See the exciting announcement in this Bulletin for more details.

On a more mundane level, but also very impactful, our Temple facilities will soon be infused with New Life in many forms. Due to the generosity of a former member, Lucy Shine, of blessed memory, her foundation has enabled us to the upgrade the ECC in substantial ways, with new furniture, outdoor equipment and special window treatments. Our kitchen is getting a faceliftnew paint, new cabinet doors and new appliances. Many of the security upgrades that have been on our "Wish List" for several years will soon become a reality, thanks in no small part to the hard work of our Facilities Trustee, Benjamin Rapoport, Committee and our Executive Director, Jeffrey Rips. We were also awarded two security grants, totaling \$220,000.

Because of the incredible partnerships between our dedicated Board, our committees, our Staff and all of you we are constantly creating New Life at Temple Akiba. You can see it everywhere: in our Shabbat Services when our young students express what Shabbat means to them, in our adult members engaging in Adult Ed Programs, Cantor Lonee leading us in our Tu B'Shevat Seder, our Green Team teaching us small steps to save our planet, Sisterhood lovingly preparing Onegs and providing support at Meals of Condolence, Men's Group being part of a Shiva Minyan, our Mishloach Manot Committee giving us the opportunity to participate in this special Mitzvah, Purim Carnival, Mitzvah Day, 70th Celebration Committees and Purim Spiel folks hard at work, Rabbi Shapiro taking our teenagers to L'Taken in DC, Youth and Camp Activities, Membership Committee connecting with and engaging our members, launching our Leadership Development Program, Board members providing Bima Service. And behind the scenes, our Finance Trustee and Committee. Recording and Financial Secretaries are also working to ensure our success.

Let us continue to create New Life and opportunities for Freedom every day. What a privilege to lead this wonderful community.

Cathy Penso, President

Executive Director's Message

Over the next two months we will be celebrating two of my favorite Jewish holidays: Purim and Passover. Although these are very different holidays, with different customs and traditions, I find there are two similar mitzvot found in both of these holidays.

First is the Seudah (festive meal) of Purim and the Passover Seder with all the traditional foods throughout the Seder and then the Shulchan Orech (the main meal). Although both of these mitzvot are about "meals", to me they symbolize much more than just the delicious food. They speak of community, the value of being together with others, and the importance of enjoying each other's company (as well as the food). When I look back at both of these holidays, yes, the food was delicious, but celebrating with others is what really made these holidays festive and meaningful for me.

The other mitzvah is connected to the importance of teaching our children. In the V'ahavta prayer it says "V'Shenantam L'vanecha – Teach Your Children". These Purim and Passover's mitzvot of "Reading the Megillah" (Book of Esther) and to "Tell the Story of Pesach (the Haggadah) to our children" are two great examples these holidays show us of the importance of teaching our children.

At Temple Akiba teaching our children is not just a passage in a prayer, or an example from these two great holidays. Teaching our children is part of the fabric of what makes our community special. From our more formal educational opportunities starting with our outstanding Early Childhood Center programs, to the robust educational opportunities in our Religious School and Confirmation programs, Temple has created the foundation for a journey of life-long lewish learning. In addition, with our fun and vibrant Day & Resident camps, family camp and TASTY Youth Group experiences, Temple Akiba also provides many informal lewish educational opportunities.

A big Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah to Randee, Leah, Robyn, and their incredible teams of teachers, counselors, specialists, and leaders for making places for all of our children to learn and grow. And thank you to all of our families who have continue to make Temple Akiba the place where "V'Shenantam L'vanecha – Teaching Your Children" is more than part of a prayer, it is a way of life!



L'Shalom, Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director



QUIZ FROM THE GREEN TEAM Test Your Knowledge about Waste

(answers below)

- 1. Where would you put plastic silverware?
 - a. Recycle
- b. Trash
- c. Organics for composting
- 2. Where would you put a dirty pizza box?
 - a. Recycle
- b. Trash
- c. Organics for composting
- 3. Where would you place a dirty paper plate?
 - a. Recycle
- b. Trash
- c. Organics for composting
- 4. Where would you place a soup can?
 - a. Recycle
- b. Trash
- c. Organics for composting
- 5. How long does it take for a plastic bottle to decompose in the landfill?
 - a. 50 years
- b. 150 years c. 450 years



THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS NOW COMPOSTING! If you live in the City of LA, start putting your food and organic waste in the green bin. You can get a free kitchen counter compost pail by appointment - use this link: https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=27531110&

The next Green Team meeting is in person and zoom on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. If interested, please email Renee Meshul, rmeshul@gmail.com or Tricia Flumenbaum, (pflumenbaum@gmail.com)

if there is no plastic coating; certified compostable otherwise may have contaminants; 4. Recycle – Empty, clean and dry; 5. 450 T. Irash – made ot ditterent types ot plastic, too small for recycling; 2. Compost – grease & cheese and box compost; 3. Compost –

In Loving Memory of Carol Diamond

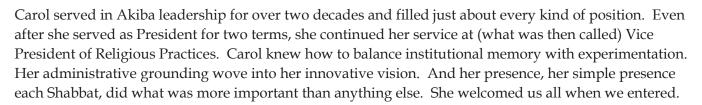
Whenever Cantor or I would thank Carol Diamond for being our "right" hand, she would smile at us with that combination of wink and smirk that only Carol knew how to do. Yes, Carol was left-handed. But in truth, she was so capable at just about everything that she may as well have been ambidextrous.

Carol was our compass. Carol was our guide. Carol was our partner.

Carol navigated. Carol collaborated. Carol dreamed.

She was dedicated, nurturing, and grounding. She was curious, adventurous, and spiritual.

Most of all, Carol was our friend.



To Ira, Jonathan, and Michael - thank you for sharing Carol with Temple Akiba. We are holding you in our hearts.

And God - you have the most incredible partner in Carol. We will look to heaven to see her smile each day.

With Love, Rabbi Shapiro





GUEST ARTIST SHABBAT SERIES



Temple Akiba welcomes guest artists that will inspire us and elevate our souls with their dynamic and engaging music. We are excited to welcome two incredible Guest Artists to our Synagogue this year to lead us in our Shabbat services and other programs.

NOAH ARONSON

Friday, March 31, 2023



Noah Aronson has been creating and inspiring audiences with his heartfelt and soulful music for the last 20 years. His music is sung in communities and summer camps around the world and he tours year-round giving concerts and leading music-driven prayer experiences.

JUSTIN STEIN

Friday, April 28, 2023

Justin Stein has been the Music Director for the Jewish community Nashuva for 18 years and has been a songleader at Temple Beth Hillel for the past decade. Justin's primary focus is always on music's ability to foster human connection - connection to others, connection to nature, and connection to our inner selves.





Thank you to our Generous Mishloach Manot Sponsors

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Thank you for the generous donations of Mishloach Manot items.

Akiba's Angels Softball Team, Temple Akiba Men's

Group & Temple Akiba Sisterhood.

If you would like to be involved with Mishloach Manot 2024, please contact wendysenelick@yahoo.com



B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Harper Klauzar daughter of Nicole & Steve Lange Joseph Klauzar Thursday, March 2



Lena Asken daughter of Tamar & Fren Asken Saturday, March 18



Frankie Horowitz daughter of Karon **Pettus-Horowitz** & Daniel Horowitz Saturday, April 15



Gabriella Feigenblatt daughter of Michele Lecastre Feigenblatt & David Feigenblatt Saturday, April 22

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Sisterhood Needs Your Help



We need volunteers to bake and help sell for the Temple Akiba Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 5th, 10 am - 1 pm

What an easy way to support the Carnival and satisfy your sweet tooth!



To pre-register your donations, contact Cindy Smith at cynmike1@gmail.com Donations must be pre-packaged in individual portions and delivered at 9:00 AM on the day of the Carnival.



(Please note if your baked goods contain nuts, are sugar or gluten free or are vegan.)

What Do We Need? Hamantaschen, cookies, hamantaschen, brownies, hamantaschen, lemon squares, hamentaschen, rice crispy squares - please avoid anything super gooey or heavily frosted.



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Enjoy Fun Games, Good Food, Wine Garden, Silent Auction, Crafts, Purim Shpiel & More!

URIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Scan code for tickets & sponsorships, for more information: robyn.kupferman@gmail.com or jenfogel@gmail.com



'S THE WORD, e Purim Shpio

Sunday, March 5 at 9:00 AM

(Before the Purim Carnival)

& Monday, March 6 at 6:00 PM



Temple Akiba Purim Carnival Sponsors

Event Sponsor Susan & Paul Balter

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Basiri Family, Bishoff Family, Fogel/Mathews Family, Goldenberg Family, Kupferman Family, John Magoulas, Parkhurst/Hoggatt Family, Potok/Silberstein Family, Prime Time Sports

Temple Akiba Sisterhood Easy Hamantaschen Recipe

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350, Beat eggs, sugar, oil & vanilla, add baking powder; add flour 1 cup at a time. Before adding last ½ cup make sure the consistency is pliable. Use remainder of flour to roll our dough to 1/8" thickness. Cut into 2 - 3 inch rounds. Spoon jam in middle. Fold into triangle.

Bake for 20 minutes.

Ingredients: 3 eggs

1 cup sugar 1 cup canola oil

1½ tsp vanilla

 $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 cups flour

1 tsp baking powder Apricot jam



Sisterhood Invites You to **Count for the Climate: Omer 5783**



It is a tradition that the Jewish people count the 49 days between the second night of Pesach and Shavuot, which is the period between liberation from Egypt and receipt of the Torah at Sinai. Join our Temple Akiba Sisterhood as we use this period to acknowledge our damaged climate and take part in the work to help heal the world. We will provide suggested activities for a theme in each of the seven weeks of Counting Omer. We hope you find that many of the actitivites have already become a part of your family's routine!

Week 1 April 7 - April 13: **Be Waterwise**

Week 2 April 14 - April 20: Reduce Plastic Use

Week 3 April 21 - April 27: Think Recycle

Week 4 April 28 - May 4: Reuse Rather Than Discard

Week 5 May 5 - May 11: Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Week 6 May 12 - May 18: Save Energy

Week 7 May 19 - May 25: Choose Foods that Sustain the Planet

Watch for details and reminders in our Sisterhood emails and the Temple Akiba Weekly e-news.



A NEW WAY to WALK IN SUPPORT!

Join the Temple Akiba Sisterhood team as we walk starting from Temple, to support The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). Saturday, April 29, 2023

Meet in the Temple Courtyard at 10:30 a.m. (after Torah Study) and stroll together in the neighborhood on April 29, 2023. This walk will be an easy loop, approximately 1.5 miles long.

NAMI provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- * Raise awareness of mental illness and donate to help individuals with mental illness and their families.
- * Register and/or donate: www.namiwalks.org/losangelescounty Team Name: Temple Akiba Sisterhood
- * Let us know that you will be joining us so that you are expected, and we can all walk together.

SISTERHOOD CONTACTS: Sue Polep at s.polep@gte.net, 310-476-4632; and Tricia Flumenbaum at pflumenbaum@gmail.com, 310-991-0704.







As the days start to lengthen, we look forward to many holidays and annual celebrations the Sisterhood observes with our community. Flyers providing information are included in this Bulletin.

Sisterhood will again be sponsoring our Annual Bake Sale at the Temple Akiba Purim Carnival on March 5th. Donations of baked goods, especially hamantaschen, pre-packaged, are needed and most welcome. Last year we sold out – and hope to have more goods for this year. Proceeds from our Bake sale are donated directly back to the Temple. For more information see our flyer in this Bulletin.

Our Annual Sisterhood Havdalah Service will be held on March 11th. This is an evening celebrating Sisterhood and women, filled with inspiration and music for everyone - women and men - to enjoy, and includes an allinclusive Havdalah celebration. We are anticipating a very special evening together in our Sanctuary followed by dinner in the Social Hall. Reservations for the dinner are required.

Embark again with Sisterhood on an adventure: Counting the Omer for the Climate. From Purim to Passover, fulfill the mitzvah of conscientiously taking care of our planet as well as developing ongoing habits that will be responsible and green. In Addition, join with us in our own NAMI Walk on April 29th. Mental health is an issue that impacts so many of us on a daily basis and we want to be conscientious and offer support.

Please remember that our Gift Shop stocks a full range of items for Purim and Passover – Groggers, Sedar Plates, Matzah Trays, Masks and Puppets. If you want to make a purchase for any occasion contact Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for an appointment and to see our full inventory.



Temple Akiba Sisterhood Women of Reform Judaism



Dinner by Reservation Only at 6:30 P.M.

Join us for a memorable and musical evening as we conduct our Torah Service followed by an inclusive Havdalah with dinner following the Service.

Dinner Reservations with payment required by March 6th

Make check payable to: Temple Akiba Sisterhood For more info contact Linda Park: mommylinda50@hotmail.com

\$18 Members & Associate Members

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March 2023 8 Adar 5783 - 9 Nissan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8 Adar	9 Adar	10 Adar	11 Adar
			11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
					6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service Service	
5	13 Adar	7	15 Adar	9 16 Adar	17 Adar 10	18 Adar 11
9:00 AM Purim Shpiel 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	9:00 AM Torah Study
Purim Carnival	6:00 PM Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel					5:00 PM Sisterhood Havdalah & Dinner
19 Adar	20 Adar 13	21 Adar 14	22 Adar 15	23 Adar	24 Adar 17	25 Adar 18
	ECC Closed – Staff Development Day	7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn					10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Lena Asken
26 Adar	27 Adar 20	28 Adar 21	29 Adar 22	1 Nissan	2 Nissan	3 Nissan
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event	6:30 PM TASTY Youth Group Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study
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4 Nissan	5 Nissan	6 Nissan	7 Nissan	8 Nissan	9 Nissan	
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting			10:00 AM ECC Passover Celebration	
		7:30 PM Havurah Kickoff Meeting			6:30 PM Shabbat Service with guest artist Noah Aronson	

April 2023 10 Nissan 5783 - 9 Iyar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Share a Temple Akiba Memory						
In honor of our 70th Anniversary, we would love for you to send us your favorite Temple Akiba memory that we can share throughout the year. Please send your memory to Kathryn Vischjager at Programdirector@templeakiba.net						
11 Nissan	12 Nissan	13 Nissan	14 Nissan	6 Temple Closed	16 Nissan	17 Nissan
2	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	'	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	Passover Seder Experience	6:30 PM Men's Group Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study
			1st Night of Passover			
Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break
9 18 Nissan	19 Nissan	20 Nissan	12 Temple Closed	13	14 23 Nissan	15
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom Last Day of Passover		6:30 PM Yom Ha'Shoah Shabbat Service with Choir	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Frankie Horowitz
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Sunday School Resumes	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake 8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for	6:30 PM Yom Ha'Atzmaut Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Feigenblatt
		Yom Ha'Shoah		Women Online Event	Family Camp	Family Camp
23 2 Iyar	3 <i>Iyar</i>	25	5 Iyar 26	27	7 <i>Iyar</i> 28	8 lyar 29
Family Camp 9 lyar	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Shabbat Service with guest artist Justin Stein	9:00 AM Torah Study
		Yom Ha'Zikaron	Yom Ha'Atzmaut			

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

Milton & Ruth Berman Family Foundation, Katie & Brian Berman, Verna Erez, Julie Glen, & Bruce Maxwell In honor of:

Frankie Horowitz, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Sharlene & Tony London

JWW Walk to End Genocide, from Sharlene & Tony London The Wedding of Mollie Bauer and Mike Rofe!! – "Mazal Tow to all Bauers, we are so happy for the gorgeous couple and the whole family!" Love from Dana, Joel, Jojo, & Sammy Rosner Cantor Frailich, for providing beautiful music and to Rabbi Shapiro, for a meaningful service in memory of my husband, Sumner Feldman, from Sheri Feldman In memory of:

Carol Diamond, from Susan Abraham, Terry Coty, Arleen & Lewis Forsheit, Diane Germansky, Rosalie & Michael Gotz, Steven Hassan, Diana & David Hauptman, Shirley Hirschberg, Joy & Paul Jacobs, Joanne & Larry Kahn, Myrna Kayton, Sharon Krakoff & Bob Knopf, Cheryl & Stewart Levine & Family, Ilene & Howard Lichtman, Sharlene & Tony London, John Magoulas, Karen Marcus & Daphne Boutilier, Ron & Jeanne Marmalefsky, Janet Nathanson, Maria & Ira Pemstein, Cathy & Bruce Penso, Carole Seedman, Terry Shenkman, Cynthia & Michael Smith, Nancy & Herb Trachtenberg, Sue Urfrig, Leanna & Ron Watts, Sheila & Stan Weinberg

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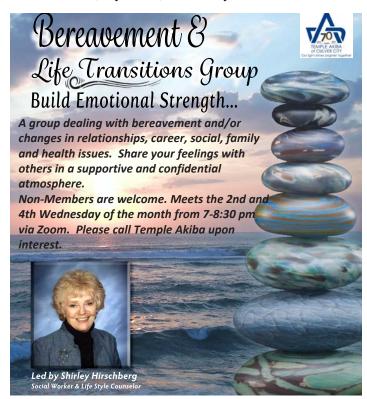
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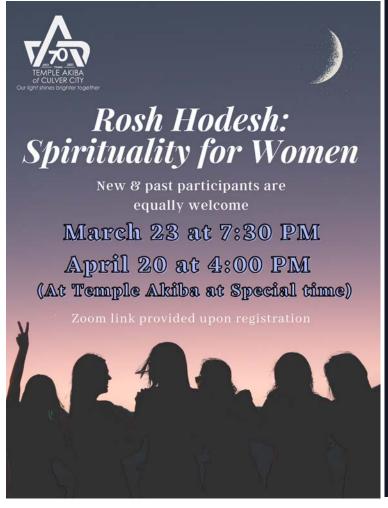
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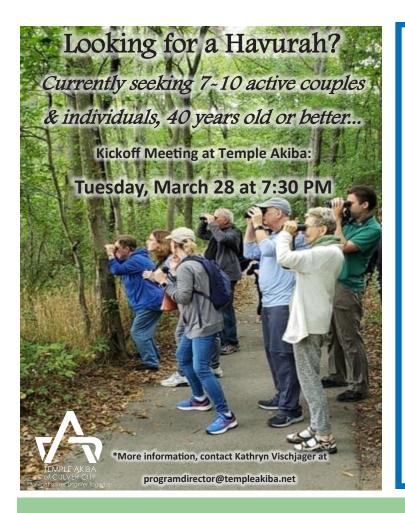














Temple Akiba's swag store is now open - just in time for our 70th anniversary year! We know that our community is full of spirit, so we have created a place to get Akiba gear that you are sure to love. We have lots of styles and color variations for infants through adults, so be sure to look around. 20% of your order

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TEMPLE AKIBA'S 16th ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY **SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

A magical day of Tikkun Olam and community building devoted to a variety of on-site and off-site projects for the benefit of those in need in our community and beyond. Look for Brochures early April: Choose from one of these projects and more:

Plant flowers in painted pots

Make Tzedakah Boxes from recycled containers

Make Shabbat kits for seniors at Jewish Family Service

Sing to the Elderly

Embroider Comfort Bears & Bunnies

Write Messages of Gratitude to First Responders

Decorate Book Bags for Teens

Create Kindness Rocks

Paint treasure boxes

Clean up our Neighborhood

Make our Ritual Objects Shine

Projects for our Furry Friends

Help people experiencing homelessness:

Make lunches

Assemble Care kits

Donate and Sort Shoes

Knit a hat or make a scarf

Make Challah to fight hunger

Donate Blood

Learn CPR

Start Collecting: gently used shoes & new socks, travel size hygiene items, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, books for teens, school supplies, pet supplies:

Dog & cat food, treats, toys, blankets, towels, stainless steel bowls, vitamins leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates, cat litter, Medicines (not expired), needles, wee wee pads & shampoos.

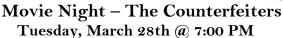
Items can be dropped in the Collection Boxes at Temple.

Contact Cathy Penso, president@templeakiba.net



Men's Group of Temple Akiba







The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for a movie night! We will be watching The Counterfeiters. In this incredible true story, master counterfeiter Salomon Sorowitsch, arrested in Berlin, he's sent to a concentration camp and put in charge of a team of inmates assigned to do just that: make a lot of money. Friedrich Herzog, the very man who apprehended Sorowitsch in 1936, becomes his Nazi overseer in Operation

Bernhard, a scheme to print millions of British pounds and U.S. dollars to fund the Nazi war effort and undermine Allied economies.

For the concentration camp prisoners at Sachsenhausen, this assignment offers an opportunity to survive, perhaps for more than one day at a time. The men are given real beds, food, showers and something else of no-less-precious intangible value: a glimmer of humanity. One man breaks down and weeps when he sees a printing press

again. Another says he had the same reaction when he was first chosen for this work detail: "It reminds you that you're human."



It's cold and breezy outside today, but the sky is bright blue and the trees are starting to blossom. I just got my notices for my college reunion as well. 50 years! 50 years? What the...? It got me thinking of spring at Penn, seeing everyone out again on Locust Walk. The world was new and full of promise. So many things to do and people to meet.

And so it is with us. The Men's Group will be offering musical events, summer barbecues, and a return visit to the Reagan Library over the coming months. So many things to do and people to meet. Gather with old friends, make new ones. If you have not joined us already, why not join us now? Participate in our wide variety of activities. Help us plan new things to do. Email to Victor Nahmias at 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.

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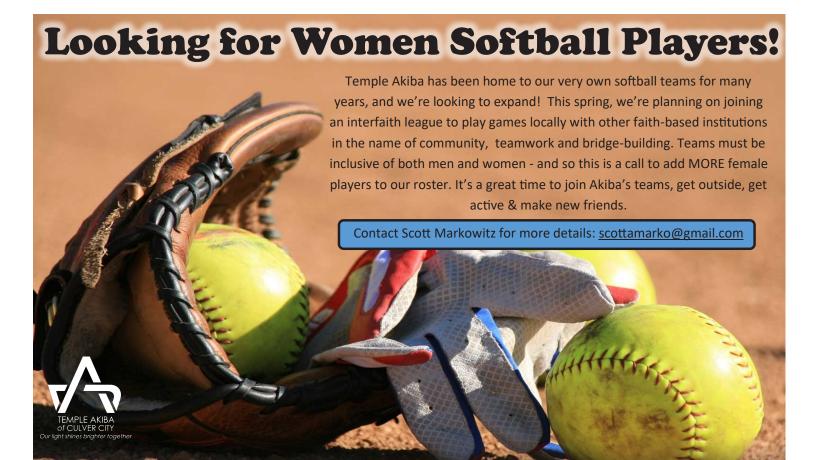
Do you have a seat or two at your seder table and are you willing to host another Akiba member who needs a loving home for the evening?

Contact Kathryn: programdirector@templeakiba.net

Need a Seder?

If you're an Akiba member finding yourself alone on the first night of Passover, please reach out and we can help you find placement at the table of another Akiba household. Contact Kathryn:

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camped for 40 years in the desert after leaving Egypt!

Our membership is quite wide ranging from Santa Barbara to Oceanside, including Los Angeles, the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys, Thousand Oaks to Ventura and Seal Beach to Brea. Our group is looking to expand with new members aged 50+. We are a "Traveling Havurah" in RV's of various sorts, enjoying the company of other Jewish people.

We plan group outings on one long weekend a month within 2-3 hours of Los Angeles. Our weekend outings include visiting places of interest in each area, gathering around a campfire, playing games, doing crafts and just having fun being together. Furthermore, we include brief but meaningful services and celebrations for Shabbat and Havdalah.

For more information contact

Linda Fleischman, Temple Member, 310-487-8910 or Allan Teplinsky, Club President, Home (818) 368-3471; Cell (818) 264-6199

Temple Akiba Welcomes the Bogancha Family

Temple Akiba is working cooperatively with Adat Shalom to welcome the Bogancha family, a Ukrainian refugee family. The family lived in Kharkov, Ukraine (in Eastern Ukraine) when Russia attacked in February of 2022. They then fled by car to Austria leaving behind their home and most possessions.

The family consists of father Andrei, who has worked as an attorney in Ukraine; mother Marina, a pianist and music teacher; and daughter Milana, a high school freshman. The Bogancha family has an excellent reputation in their hometown for being kind and generous. In fact, Andrey's grandparents were honored by Israel as "Righteous of the Nations" for hiding two Jewish girls during the Nazi occupation of Ukraine.

We have formed our Welcome Circle of 5-8 people and other committee members and have been raising funds to cover the family's expenses until they can become self-supporting. Leila Rosemberg has agreed to coordinate the collection of basic necessities. Engagement Trustee, Sara Fields and Michele Paley have been in communication with Adat Shalom who are also raising funds. So far Temple Akiba congregants have donated \$15,832.

At this point, we are looking for a two bedroom apartment in Culver City, Palms or West Los Angeles, at market rate or preferably discounted. If you know of something suitable, please contact Michele Paley at <u>michelepaley.mp@gmail.com</u>

How you can Help

Financial contributions may be made to the Temple; indicate that it is for Ukrainian refugee support. Thank you very much for your continuous generous support. We look forward to welcoming the Bogancha family very soon.









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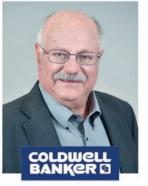
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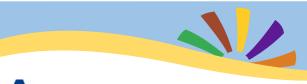
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