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Friday Shabbat Services MARCH/APRIL

Friday, March 1 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service with 2nd Grade

Friday, March 8 6:30pm

Shabbat Choir Service with Women Theme

Friday, March 15 6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, March 22 6:30pm

Camp Reunion & TASTY Youth Group Service

Friday, March 29 6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, April 5 6:30pm

Shabbat Service with Adult Bat Mitzvah

Friday, April 12 6:30pm

Shabbat Choir Service with Guest

Cantor Rebekah Mirsky

Friday, April 19 6:30pm

Disney Shabbat

Friday, April 26 6:30pm

Passover Shabbat Service

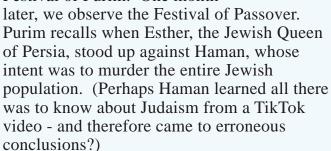
On three things the world is sustained: on Torah, on service, and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

In March we celebrate the Festival of Purim. One month



Passover recalls our escape from Egypt and the formation of our people as a nation with a story, a theology, and a land.

While Purim teaches that one voice can alter the future of our people, Passover teaches that being part of one people can transform how we use our voice.

Both Festivals resonate deeply in our day. Haman still exists. But so does Esther. And we, more than ever, must stand up against the vast ignorance that is spreading about Judaism and Israel.

Similarly, our escape from Egypt is something we do in every generation. We have all experienced hardship. Passover brings us together with a shared hope and destiny, with an understanding that strength can emerge from the journeys we endure. Further, Passover reminds us that the promise of Israel goes back over 2000 years, and that we should not allow contemporary voices to deny that Israel has historic significance to Jews.

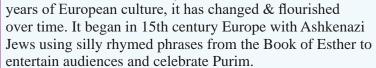
Most important, in addition to navigating the layers of meaning - make sure you dive deeply into the joy, the pure joy, each Festival offers. It's those moments of joy which become the hallmarks of our experience!

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

As Purim approaches, I wanted to explore the history of our beloved Purim Shpiel ("play" in Yiddish). Purim Shpiels are the only genuine folk theater that has not only survived a thousand



In the 1500 – 1600s, Shpiels took place at private homes. Yeshiva students were recruited as actors. As the entertainment became more competitive, amateur & professional entertainers were recruited for the Purim Shpiels, with groups of touring players known as "Shpielers" performing in costume in people's homes. The humor in the shpiel often derived from erotic profanity & obscenity.

In the 1700 – 1800s the Shpiels began to incorporate biblical themes. Profanity and obscenity, like other traditional Purim Shpiel elements such as prologue, narration, epilogue, parodies, & current events, remained a part of these biblicalthemed Purim shpiels. By the 18th century Purim Shpiels evolved into longer dramas with musical accompaniment & large casts. These shpiels were performed in public places for a fixed admission price.

Today, the Purim Shpiel is still performed in many communities & synagogues. Some are brief, rhyming, humorous monologues, while others include puppet shows performed for small children. In other cases, the Purim spiel is an elaborate parody of a Broadway play, with scenery, costumes, singing, dancing, and more. Whatever their format, today's Purim shpiel is an example of Jewish continuity through a tradition begun hundreds of years ago, and because of their fun nature, are likely to help this Jewish holiday tradition persevere in the future.

We are so excited to celebrate Purim at Temple Akiba with our amazing annual Purim Shpiel, Estie! The story & music are taken from the classic musical Annie and re-adapted by Tracey Wise Finkelstein. We are so proud that we have the biggest cast we've ever had participating this year. We have 30 participants ranging from 3rd – 8th grade. They have been practicing for hours over the past few months under the leadership of Tracey. The Shpiels continue to get better and better every year under her direction!

We hope you can join us this year to watch this talented group of kids on Sunday, March 17 at 9am and Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm in Temple Akiba's Social Hall. It is guaranteed to be a morning and evening of entertainment, music and fun!

L'Shalom, Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & Religious School

A few short weeks ago, Rabbi Shapiro & I returned with the confirmation class from a seminar called L'taken, run by the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform

Judaism in Washington D.C.

There, we gathered with 200 other teens from reform congregations across the country to study social justice



issues that are of importance to both the students as teenagers & the Reform Jewish movement as a whole. There were issues like, Gun Violence Prevention, climate change, LBGTQ rights, reproductive rights, Mental health in schools, & antisemitism. What made me proud of the Temple Akiba students was how they tackled these issues. They approached them with intellect, a good conscience, & most importantly Judaism. Throughout the 4-day seminar, the students discovered that Judaism & the Talmud were the first major advocates for social change and that these are not new ideas or concepts, but rather ancient ideas being revisited. The amazing thing about all of this is that this was not news to the students of Temple Akiba. Our students strive to live by Jewish values each day, and from a young age have integrated these concepts and ideas into their everyday lives. When they speak about social justice issues, they speak as individuals, as Americans, & as Reform Jews. They are proud to be Jewish and to associate Jewish text and knowledge with their world of thinking.

They are the future generation of Jewish Leaders who live by Jewish values, integrate them into their everyday lives, & advocate for others to do the same. They have taken Judaism beyond the synagogue walls. I hope that I will continue to see that inner light that shines so bright in each of the students here at Temple Akiba.

Temple Aktoa.

L'Shalom,
Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education

President's Message

In my last message I talked about our vision of making Temple Akiba your center for Jewish Life. Our Shabbat Services bring us together to pray, sing, celebrate, honor and inspire us. It is so heartwarming to see our prayer spaces full, in the Social Hall for Kabbalat Shabbat and, especially, in our newly dedicated Mendel Family Sanctuary. A special thanks to Jerry Mendel for his generous donation which will provide ongoing support to Temple Akiba's programs and services and inspire us to greater achievements.

Welcoming everyone to our Shabbat Services is a key piece of our warm embrace. We are looking for additional greeters, "Akiba Ambassadors" to be a part of our team. Contact Helene Jaffa, our Religious Practices Trustee, for more information.

Our Religious School is also a shining light that Temple Akiba is the center of Jewish Life for so many families. We continue to grow despite it being midyear. Our goal is to have our students and families stay engaged and committee to Temple Akiba for many years and to building lasting Jewish identities. Attesting to that, last summer we had no students enrolled in our Confirmation class. After Rabbi Shapiro visited Resident Camp, 11 students enrolled! Those students recently returned from lobbying their elected officials about issues of concern to them and the Reform Movement. Camp also builds strong Jewish identities. Send your kids or grandkids to camp. Support the From the Heart Campaign to provide camp scholarships.

As Purim, Spring and Passover approach, we are offering many events to make Temple Akiba your center for Jewish Life, creating New Life and opportunities in the connections we make and the sense of belonging we foster.

Enjoy the Purim Shpiel March 17 & 19. Volunteer at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 17. Check out the Chai-Brow Comedy on Saturday, March 23, including the Megillah Reading. Celebrate Disney Shabbat on April 19. Come to our Second Night Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 23. Participate in Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 19. Sponsor & attend "A Night Out in Tel Aviv" on Saturday, June 1.

Looking forward to seeing you at all these wonderful events.

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

I have been doing a lot of thinking about the symbolism and importance of the number 4 in Jewish life – and this is especially evident during Passover where we have the Four Questions, the Four Children, and the Four cups of Wine (or in my case – grape juice).

The number four is not limited to just Passover. In Sukkot, we bring together the Four Species when we shake the Lulav and Etrog (Lulav (palm branch), hadas (myrtle), arava (willow) and etrog (citron). On Chanukah we spin the Dreidel with its four sides (Nes (Nun) Gadol (Gimel) Haya (Hey) Sham (Shin) – A Great Miracle Happened There. Or if you are playing in Israel, the Dreidel looks a little different - (Nes (Nun) Gadol (Gimel) Haya (Hey) Po (Pey) – A Great Miracle Happened There.

According to Jewish tradition, there are four Matriarchs, or mothers of the tribes of Israel. These are Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, and another four has to do with the Talit with the four corners tassels are attached sometimes referred to as Tzitzit.

Most people don't know why there are so many fours in Jewish Life, while some say that the number four symbolizes stability, like in a table. Why do you think the number four comes up so often in Judaism? Is there a hidden meaning behind the number four? Are there other "fours" in Judaism that I have not included above? I'm interested to hear your thoughts. Please email me at director@templeakiba.net to let me know of any fours you can think of or reasons why four is so common in Judaism.

Better yet, join Rabbi Shapiro in his wonderful weekly Adult Education opportunities: Monday Morning Minyan from 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM on Zoom; Talmud Tuesdays, 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM on Zoom where you can discuss how Jewish values deepen the way we live; Wednesday's World, also from 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM on Zoom where you will look at our world through a Jewish lens; and Torah Study, Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM in-person and on zoom where you can participate in an ongoing dialogue between the text of the Torah and our community. Interestingly to me that there are four different weekly Adult Education opportunities for our community to come together and learn from, and with, Rabbi Shapiro. Are the four offerings a coincidence? I think not.

Wishing you all a very happy and meaningful Passover!

L'Shalom, Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM IN SUPPORTING AN EARTH DAY ACTIVITY

BALLONA CREEK RENAISSANCE EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 AT 8:30 AM

Monday, April 22, is Earth Day. In celebration, Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR), will be hosting its annual Earth Day clean up at the Ballona Creek on Saturday, April 20 from 9am-12pm. Temple Akiba joins BCR in its goal to green, clean, educate, beautify & revitalize the Ballona Creek. Rabbi Shapiro will provide spiritual music & words of renewal as we approach Passover. Bring water, sunscreen & hats.

We encourage walking, biking or carpooling. Clean up equipment provided.

For Questions contact Kate Cregor - kcregor@hotmail.com



8:30 am- Meet with Rabbi Shapiro in the Temple Annex. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Join the clean up at anytime!

> Location: Ballona Creek at Centinela, 4995 S. Centinela Ave, LA 90066



'- Brow Comedy Nigh

Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 PM



Scan code to RSVP

Haman's least favorite people are STILL HERE and ready to bring you an evening of Jewish joy & laughter... Temple Akiba presents a showcase of Jewish comedy talent from all over Los Angeles & ending with an interactive & boisterous megillah reading with Rabbi Zach Shapiro & Cantor Lonee Frailich of Temple Akiba. Ticket includes 2 drink vouchers (soft drinks, beer & wine) & a hamantaschen! For questions, contact Kathryn Vischjager: programdirector@templeakiba.net

Our host for the evening, Sam Sweets is an LA based comedian/musician/ dancer/performer/very tired Jewish woman. She has appeared on MTV, Funny or Die, College Humor and Cracked.com and various other corners of the internet. She currently produces and hosts Comedy GoGo!, a comedy variety show.





Adam Newman is a very funny Los Angeles-based comedian & musician with stand-up specials on Comedy Central and Amazon. He has also appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman and The Late Show with James Corden. His podcast about men who love cats called Puzzy Boyz is very good, and he has a new special in the can called Jew Versus the Volcano set to release in March.

Josh Edelman has been performing stand up since 2008. His stand up show "Undiscovered Genius" currently has a monthly residency at the World Famous Hollywood Improv & has sold out every performance. He recently launched another show, "Well Dressed at The Hollywood Roosevelt", which was selected by The LA Times as "one of the best places to watch stand up comedy in LA."





Jason Kaye is a Comic from Santa Monica California. He is the winner of Dana Carvey's First Impressions on USA, he voices multiple recurring villains on The Powerpuff Girls, he's appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Gong Show, & he is a Groundlings Sunday Company Alumni and a UCB Characters Welcome Alumni. He also plays guitar for the Comedy Rock band, American Galactic.



Members: \$20 per person until 3/15 \$25 per person after 3/ 15

Non-Members: \$25 per person



B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Gavin Abrams son of Craig Abrams & Courtney Edson Saturday, March 2



Miles Aaronson son of Louba & **Matt Aaronson** Saturday, March 9



Josh Pruetz son of Gena & Jay Pruetz Saturday, March 16









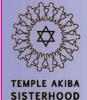
Lucy Pristave daughter of Elena & Matthew Pristave Saturday, March 30



Melania Sowell daughter of Jill & Brian Sowell Saturday, April 6



Madison Vermette daughter of Jessica & Thomas Vermette Saturday, April 20



Donations for Purim Bake Sale Needed



Sisterhood needs volunteers to bake & help sell for the Temple Akiba Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 17th, 10 am - 1 pm

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

To pre-register your donations, contact

Kristine Capell: Kristine.capell@gmail.com / Valerie Meyer: vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com

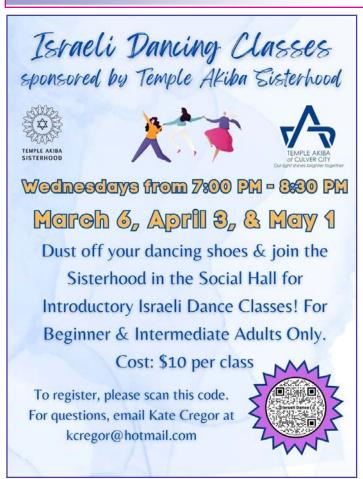


Donations must be pre-packaged in individual portions and delivered at 9:00 AM on the day of the Carnival.



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

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









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 17th. 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.

Join with us in our own NAMI Walk on May 4th. Mental health is an issue that impacts so many of us on a daily basis and we want to be conscientious and offer support. For further information, and to join our Team, see our Save the Date flyer below.

This past month, so many of you joined us for our BingoRita event – we hope you enjoyed the evening. Lots of winners and prizes were toasted with liquid refreshments provided as well as chips & dips. If you missed it be sure to look for it next year as a great time was had by all who attended.

We are also so excited that our Mah Jongg classes are totally sold out. We are trying to look for a way to continue to offer it going forward. Hope to see you all at the Mah-jongg tournament in the summer!

Please remember that our Gift Shop stocks a full range of items for Purim and Passover – Groggers, Seder 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 & to see our full inventory.



SAVE THE DATE!

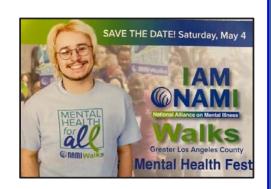




NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness, provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

- Raise awareness of mental illness by donating to: www.namiwalks.org/losangelescounty and/or registering to our team: Temple Akiba Sisterhood.
- Walk an approximate 1.5 mile loop from Temple Akiba to El Marino Park and back or make the round trip twice. Refreshments will be available at the end of the walk.

For more information, contact Sue Polep s.polep@gte.net; 310-476-4632; Tricia Flumenbaum pflumenbaum@gmail.com; 310-991-0704





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SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 9:00 AM (BEFORE THE CARNIVAL) & **TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 6:00 PM**



Sponsored by the Cutler Family



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

March 2024 21 Adar I 5784 - 21 Adar II 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					21 Adar I 1 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira with 2nd Grade Family Service	22 Adar 1 2 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Abrams
3 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class 1:00 PM Mah-Jongg Class	24 Adar I	25 Adar I	6 26 Adar I	27 Adar I 7	8 6:30 PM Shabbat Choir Service with Women Theme	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Miles Aaronson
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7 Adar II 17 9:00 AM Purim Shpiel 10:00 AM Purim Carnival	8 Adar II	9 Adar II 19 6:00 PM Purim Shpiel	10 Adar II	21	12 Adar II 22 5:30 Camp Reunion Dinner 6:30 PM Camp Reunion / TASTY Youth Group Service	13 Adar II 23 9:00 AM Torah Study 8:00 PM Comedy Night & Megillah Reading
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April 2024 22 Adar II 5784 - 22 Nissan 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	23 Adar II	3 24 Adar II	4	5 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Adult Bat Mitzvah with Guest scholar, Dr. Steven Windmueller	6 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Melania Sowell
7 9:15 AM Hats for Good Class 7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Online Discussion	8 29 Adar II	9 1 Nissan 9 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	2 Nissan 10 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3 Nissan	4 Nissan 12 4:00 PM Challah Bake 6:30 PM Choir Service with Guest Artist Cantor Rebekah Mirsky	13 9:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Jewish Trauma Workshop
6 Nissan 14 1:00 PM Mah-jongg Class	7 Nissan	8 Nissan	9 Nissan	10 Nissan	11 Nissan 19 4:30 PM Tot Disney Shabbat 5:00 PM Disney Carnival & Dinner 6:30 PM Disney Shabbat Service	12 Nissan 20 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Ballona Creek Clean Up 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Madison Vermette
21 9:00 AM Religious School Passover Celebration	14 Nissan 22	15 Nissan 23 Temple Closed	24 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	25	26 6:30 PM Passover Performance & Service	19 Nissan 27
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1:00 PM Mah-jongg Class RS/ECC Spring Break	RS/ECC Spring Break	7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting RS/ECC Spring Break				

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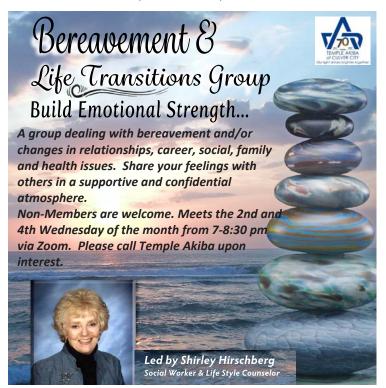
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Terry Coty: trcoty@hotmail.com

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THANKS FOR CARING!

つれてestor Voices Examining Generational Jewish Trauma

Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Join this workshop by the Donna Sternberg Dance Company by exploring inherited ancestral trauma through guided movement, writing, drawing, & sharing. Learn about intergenerational trauma's impact on mental, emotional, & physical well-being, while discovering how historical survival tactics may affect self-worth, connection, and mental health today.

During this workshop, we will engage in body-centered exercises facilitating emotional & psychological healing, starting with simple practices like deep, slow breathing, adaptable for daily life. This inclusive workshop aims for healing, community connection, & envisioning a more hopeful future. No prior movement experience needed. For more information, please contact Kathryn at programdirector@templeakiba.net

To RSVP, please visit:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ancestors-voices-workshop-tickets-850595813977?aff=DSDWebsite

Men's Group Message

We have a busy spring and summer ahead of us! Please join the Men's Group of Temple Akiba in these wonderful, interesting and fun upcoming events:



Tuesday, 26 March, at 7:00, Rabbi Shapiro will be speaking with us. Details of the subject matter are still being worked out and will be shared as it is finalized. It will be an interesting and thought provoking conversation.

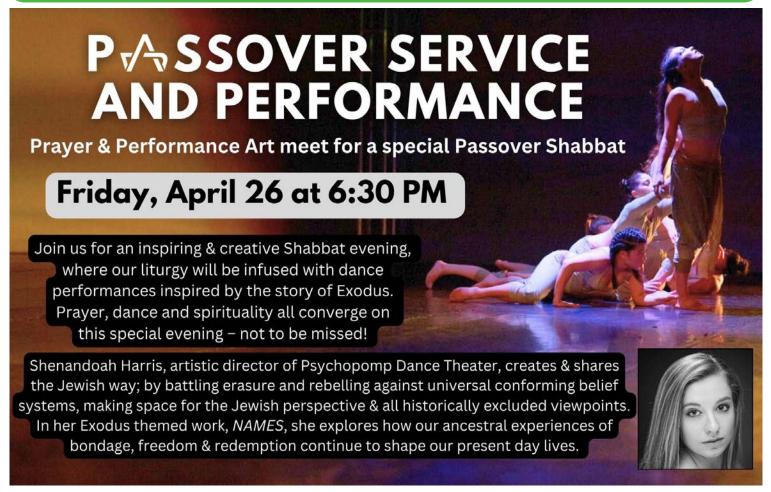
Sunday, 17 March at 10:00 AM - Purim Carnival. The Men's Group is sponsoring the Wine Bar. We need volunteers to help at the carnival. Please let Victor (Vnahmias@aol.com) know if you can participate.

Friday, 24 May at 6:30 PM - Men's Group Shabbat Service. Our annual shabbat where we lead the congregation in prayer. Want to participate? Let Victor know.

Friday nights, June/July/August - We will be hosting 3 barbecues this summer. Grillemasters, get your mitts and equipment ready.

July - our second annual night of Music Under the Stars. Once again, Klezmer will reign supreme in Wolkowitz Field. Dancing is encouraged.

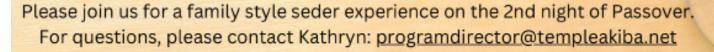
Join us, get involved. Have an idea for a program? Have a connection to someone really interesting? (Don't forget, we are men interested in the world around us, so don't be afraid to share your ideas). For more information and/or membership info, please contact Victor Nahmias at VNahmias@aol.com.



PASSOVER SEDER

Tuesday, April 23, 2023

Seder: 5:00-6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM



Sponsor Levels

"The Child That (got a little tipsy at the seder &) Doesn't Know How To Ask" Sponsor - \$1,000 Includes 4 seats Recognition at seder

"The Wise Child" Sponsor - \$540 Includes 2 seats Recognition at seder

"The Wicked Child" Sponsor - \$720 Includes 4 seats Recognition at seder

"The Simple Child" Sponsor - \$360 Includes 2 seats Recognition at seder

"Let My People Go" buy an angel ticket anonymously for another person at \$75

COST:

\$75 for adult members Free for child members (12yrs & younger)

\$90 for non-member adult \$72 for non-member child

Menu includes:

Chicken soup with matzah balls Spring salad with mixed greens & lemon-rosemary vinaigrette

Grilled chicken (dark & white meat) with cauliflower rice, roasted bell peppers, corn & chimmichuri

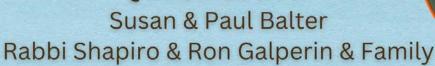
> Asparagus with dates & rhubarb Matzah & leek kugel with mushroom

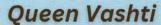
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Thank you for the generous donations from the Akiba's Angels Softball Team, Temple Akiba Men's Group & Temple Akiba Sisterhood. If you would like to be involved with Mishloach Manot 2025, please contact Wendy Senelick at wendysenelick@yahoo.com

Mazel tov to Michael Rothbart, our Song Leader for winning the 2024 Ben Steinberg Young Composers Award for his winning composition, Yih'yu L'ratzon!



This competition, founded by Ben Steinberg, is held annually to promote young Jewish composers' works. The award provides the winner with a cash award, a first performance, & the possibility of being published by Transcontinental Music Publications.

The work will have its world premiere on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 6:15 PM at Leo Baeck Temple, 1300 N. Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA.

About the Composition

Rothbart says, "One of things I strive to do in my writing is to expand my harmonic palette, and keep the listener engaged through unexpected notes and chords. I took the GTM's direction to heart, with their request for 'new music that is suitable in today's synagogue...' and 'combining accessibility and sophistication.' With the intertwining of musical theater and pop into today's Jewish musical idiom, this requirement allowed me to combine my musical theater and jazz influences with my foundation & formal training in classical music."

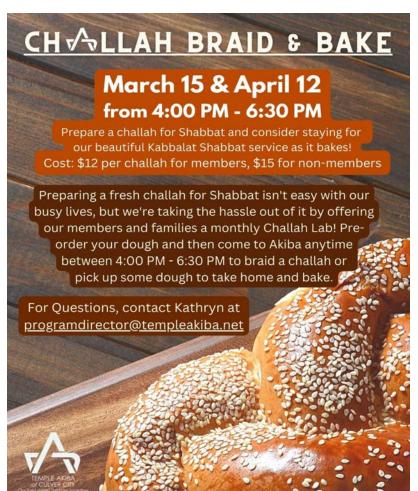
GUEST ARTIST SHABBAT SERIES

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

Cantor Rebekah Mirsky Friday, April 12, 2024

Cantor Rebekah Mirsky is a 2010 ordinee of the Academy of Jewish Religion. She is the founding Cantor of Beit T'shuvah, a residential treatment facility & synagogue. She has served for 8 years, where she helped to create a Music In Recovery program. She is an interpreter of Jewish Liturgy, an active composer & a fellow of the Helfman Institute for New Jewish Music. Her compositions are beautiful, contemporary commentaries that enliven the ancient beauty of the liturgy.





















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Akiba Camp's Reunion Dinner & Shabbat

Join us Friday, March 22 from 5:30-8:30pm

for a special evening of memories, food,

Shabbat led by TASTY & your Camp song

leaders & Israeli Dancing!



Dinner is reserved for Akiba Resident and Day Camp 2023 participants and REQUIRES registration at the link below. Please note the suggested donation of \$18.

https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/form/2023 camp reunion

Questions? Contact Leah at youthgroup@templeakiba.net





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> Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Apr. 5

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

> For more information please contact schooloffice@templeakiba.net

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TEMPLE AKIBA'S 17th ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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 mid-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 & Caring to Israeli Soldiers & First Responders

Assemble Craft Kits for Hospitalized Children

Decorate Book Bags for Teens

Create Kindness Rocks

Paint treasure boxes

Make our Ritual Objects Shine

Projects for our Furry Friends

Assemble New Member Gifts

Put the Leaves on our Tree of Life

Help people experiencing homelessness:

Make lunches

Donate Blood

Assemble Care kits

Learn CPR

Donate and Sort Shoes

Knit a hat or make a scarf

Make Challah to fight hunger



Start Collecting: gently used shoes & new socks, travel size hygiene items, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, flip-flops, new board books & toys, books for teens, school supplies, & household cleaning supplies

Pet Supplies: Dog & cat food, treats, toys, blankets, towels, stainless steel bowls, leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates, cat litter, wee wee pads & shampoos

Items can be dropped in the Collection Boxes at Temple.

Contact Cathy Penso, president@templeakiba.net



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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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> Please scan this code to visit our store.



CALLING ALL RV'ERS/CAMPERS

The Lovin' Levelers is an active Jewish RV Camping Club which originated out of the North Valley Jewish Community Center in the early 1970's. Many people question the idea yet alone the reality of JEWISH CAMPING versus exquisite hotels. While both are good, remember that in our early Jewish history we camped for 40 years in the desert after leaving Egypt!

Our membership is quite wide ranging from Santa Barbara to Oceanside, including the LA, San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valleys, Thousand Oaks to Ventura & 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

Adult Education

Learning doesn't end with our youth. Adult education programs teach, inspire and uplift. Temple Akiba has been an innovative and intellectual center, with long standing groups and activities, this year we are creating new opportunities to learn, think, and grow. Join our variety of weekly meetings.



MORNING MINYAN

Every Monday 9:30 AM - 10:00AM On Zoom

Start your day and week with a spiritual breath of fresh air, offering prayers and selections. We will include Kaddish in each service to remember those who have died.



TALMUD TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday 11:00 AM - 11:20AM On Zoom

How can Jewish values deepen the way we live? Each week we will look at a different lesson from Jewish teachings.



WHAT'S Going ON IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Every Wednesday 11:00 AM - 11:20AM On Zoom

Let's look at a world timely topic though a Jewish lens.



Torah Study

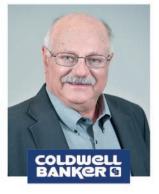
Every Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM In Person & On Zoom

Torah is an ongoing dialogue between the text and its readers, aka YOU. It is real in our daily lives and goes with us wherever we are. We meet to develop the skills to study Torah which is essential to integrating Torah into our lives.



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Tuesday, April 23, 2023

Seder: 5:00-6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Please join us for a family style seder experience on the 2nd night of Passover. For questions, please contact Kathryn: programdirector@templeakiba.net

Menu includes:

Chicken soup with matzah balls, dill & parsnips
Spring salad with mixed greens, carrot ribbons, cucumber, cherry
tomatoes, walnuts, dried cranberries & lemon-rosemary vinaigrette
Grilled chicken (dark & white meat) with cauliflower rice, roasted bell
peppers, corn & chimmichuri

Asparagus with dates & rhubarb Matzah & leek kugel with mushroom

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