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MAY/JUNE Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, May 3 Torah Service with Choir	**7pm**
Friday, May 10 Shabbat Shira Service	**6:30pm**
Friday, May 17 Disney Kabbalat Shabbat Service	**6:30pm**
Friday, May 24 Shabbat Service	**7pm**
Friday, May 31 Shabbat at Home!	
Friday, June 7 Shabbat Shira Service	**6:30pm**
Friday, June 14 Inclusion Shabbat Service with Choir	**7pm**
Friday, June 21 Greatest Hits Kabbalat Shabbat Service	**7pm**
Friday, June 28 Shabbat Service	**7pm**

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

On June 8th, the Confirmation Class of Temple Akiba will lead us in our Shavuot Evening Service. Why have we chosen Shavuot for their Confirmation service? This Festival (one of the three major Festivals in Judaism, the others are Sukkot and Passover) recalls the receiving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. We also read about Ruth, the first person who converted to Judaism. Both stories, Torah at Sinai and the narrative of Ruth, explore the depth of what Judaism can mean to us.

Our Confirmands will share their perspectives of how Judaism has informed and enriched their lives. It is one of the most meaningful services of the year, because our community celebrates the torch of Judaism passing into the hands of our 16 year-olds.

But the celebration is not one only to be witnessed. Shavuot provides an opportunity for each of us to (re) discover the light of Judaism, the family of Judaism, and the mission of Judaism.

What is the light of Judaism? This is based on the first words God shares, "Let there be light" (Gen 1:3). This is the light of the Burning Bush and the Eternal Light. This is the light of learning. This is the light of Shabbat. This is the light of kindling a yahrzeit candle.

What is the family of Judaism? This is based on Ruth's coming into the people of Judaism, saying to her mother-in-law, Naomi: "Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God" (Ruth 1:16). Our family is our people. We have a responsibility toward our people in all parts of the world. We are connected to the Jews in India and South Africa, West Virginia and Morocco. We are part of the conversation regarding Israel. Families don't always get along …. But we are a family.

What is the mission of Judaism? This is found over thirty six times in the Torah: "Don't treat others like strangers, because you know what it feels like to be a stranger." Our mission, therefore, is to include, engage, and embrace those who are so often marginalized. It means standing up for the immigrant, welcoming LGBTQ, and speaking up for those pushed aside.

As a people who nurture light, honor family, and encourage our mission, our hope through Shavuot is to tap into our souls so we can go out and transform the world.

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter ✡ Together

Cantor's Corner

"When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, anything your heart desires will come to you."

This iconic song was written for the movie Pinocchio and then became the representative song of the Disney company.

The beautiful music and lyrics have continued to resonate with people generation after generation.

On Friday, May 17th multiple generations will sing this song at our Disney Shabbat. Our Kabbalat Shabbat band, Junior Choir, Cantor's Chanters, Religious School and even ECC children will be singing this song of hope together.

This Shabbat will be the first of its kind. It is a celebration of Shabbat, a celebration of all things Disney, and a chance for our youngest members of Temple Akiba to engage in a creative, fun and engaging Shabbat experience.

All are welcome and all are encouraged to wear their favorite Disney themed costumes.

Prior to services we welcome all to join in the Social Hall for a free pizza dinner, a meet and greet/photo opportunity with Mickey and Minnie, face painting, cookie decorating and other fun activities.

Our Disney Shabbat service will feature most of our liturgy set to popular Disney tunes. Following the service we invite everyone to enjoy Disney themed desserts and a chance to participate in Disney karaoke.

We hope you can join us for this exciting event and may all your dreams come true!

Cantor Lonee Frailich

When you wish upon a star...

Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, in the past month I lost my mother at the young age of 93. She was stricken with dementia at the age of 72. Dementia is a disease that progressively keeps getting worse and unfortunately my mother did not recognize me from the very onset of her illness. You may be wondering why am I telling you this in an article in a Temple Bulletin.

The point I want to make is that you should tell your loved ones how much you love them and hug them as often as you can. It's never too many times. Because you just never know what tomorrow will bring.

But now, let's turn to what's going on at Temple Akiba. The first weekend in May is Family Camp (which is sold out) and is also the Marriage Encounter Retreat. In June, ECC Summer Camp and Day Camp begin. These are just a few of the upcoming programs/events and all of them require a lot of man/womanpower. In addition to our excellent staff who constantly work hard, we are fortunate to have an army of volunteers who also work hard planning and organizing so many of our programs. If no one has approached you to volunteer for a program/event, please give me a call at the Temple or email me. I'm sure we will find something for you to do. We believe no one should feel left out. At the end of the event/program, you will feel proud of what you have contributed.

I know that security is on everyone's mind. We have upgraded the Temple's security this fiscal year and it is amazing. As you may know, we have added more fencing around some of the perimeter of the Temple where it was lacking or too low. We have added more lighting so that when you arrive or leave at night, the parking lot is brighter and therefore safer for all. For most of the gates that have a fob mechanism, we have changed the locking mechanism to an alarmed mechanism. We have not only replaced our cameras but we have also added new cameras where there were none previously. It is a much safer place for everyone. We have also installed panic buttons in various locations throughout the facility. When activated, police respond. So when we enter Temple Akiba, we can be assured that we are keeping on top of security with the latest available technology.

I wish you and your family a great beginning of summer.

Shalom,

Amram Hassan, Executive Director

ECC & Religious School

Measuring Success in Education

As we head into the summer months, we take a break from some of our regular education programming to assess, reflect, and plan for the future. At the end of each school year, I always take time to look back at how the year went. What went well? What was challenging? How might we try to do better in the year to come? As part of our ongoing Religious School innovation project this year, we conducted focus groups and surveys to gauge the goals of our community for Jewish Education. We have narrowed the field to several core areas of importance to our stakeholders. These areas include; Basic Knowledge Base, Jewish identity, the school home connection, Jewish experiences, building community and examining ethics and Jewish values. These central values allow us to begin asking questions which shape the goals of our program. Questions such as;

How does a child's Religious Education contribute to his/her Jewish identity?

How can the Religious School help enhance your Jewish experience at home?

What kinds of Jewish experiences could help contribute to your child's Jewish identity?

How can the Religious School help build your Jewish community?

How values are important for your child to have? And how can Religious School help your child to take the values learned beyond the synagogue walls?

And finally, what is your vision for your child's Jewish future after they have completed their Temple Akiba Religious Education?

As we delve into these questions and beyond over the course of the upcoming year, we are excited to continue our exploration of how we can continue to innovate Religious Education at Temple Akiba.

We wish all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Randee Bishoff
Director of Education

President's Message

This article marks my last entry into the Bulletin as Temple Akiba's President. The past two years have been a wonderful and meaningful experience for me, and one that I hope has a lasting positive impact on the future of our congregation.

Coming in, I set goals for each area of the Temple and shared my vision with the leadership, staff and members. My vision was clear. Create the opportunity for the Temple to thrive while remaining financially responsible for this and future generations.

I feel privileged and honored to have served in this capacity at Temple Akiba and have so many people to thank in helping me see this vision through. I've had the outstanding support of the Board of Trustees and staff leadership. They have worked tirelessly to ensure all aspects of Temple business were meticulously thought through and acted upon – all within the best interest of the members. The work we've accomplished together has been extraordinary.

I'm proud of our clergy and our many collaborations and meaningful discussions on hundreds of issues. Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Lonee, and our interns have all kept me engaged, spirited and hopeful that with the community we have at Temple Akiba, anything is possible. It's been a pleasure getting to know them more deeply and I look forward to our continued friendship.

One thing I've really recognized over the past two years is how much Temple Akiba means to so many people. It's a school for your kids, a social space for you and your friends, a spiritual place for your family. Temple Akiba is so important to so many, and it's critical that we continue to work to keep it flourishing.

I'm encouraged for the future of Temple Akiba. We have the best members, staff, leadership and clergy. Our programming, schools, camps, Sisterhood, Men's Group and so much more are all doing outstandingly well. Our board is filled with members who have innovative thoughts and practical measures for building and sustaining success. The future looks great.

And while this is goodbye to serving as President, I look forward to remaining on the executive committee and the board as the Immediate Past President to help continue to see our Temple succeed.

Lastly, it wouldn't be a Mike Bauer send-off if there wasn't at least one donation appeal. Our Temple runs because of the generosity of our members. We need you. Please continue to give, and give until it feels good. I can tell you first-hand, it's making a difference.

Thank you all for your support, collaboration, and participation over these past two years. And a special thank you to my wife, Judy, and my children, Mollie, Marc and Lacey. I'll see you around!

L'Shalom,

Mike Bauer

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CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING & DINNER

Wednesday, May 29

6 pm – Dinner

7 pm – Meeting in Social Hall

(Supervised Activities for Children)

Please RSVP for the dinner by Friday, May 24.

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Shabbat At Home……RSVP!

On Friday, May 31, 2019 the lights at Temple Akiba will be off so that members can gather together at homes across the city!

Temple Akiba members…..families, singles, couples, all ages. Please join us for Shabbat dinner at a fellow congregant's home on May 31! We have lots of excited hosts and invite you to sign up as a guest!

We will have multiple Akiba dinners happening that evening. You will be assigned a home and more information will follow. There is no cost but many of the dinners will be pot-luck style.

P.S. On the next morning, June 1 at 10am, we will have a special program to reflect on the Shabbat At Home Experience through prayer, song, text and meditation followed by a Shabbat lunch picnic. More details coming soon!

Please RSVP at www.templeakiba.net/shabbat-at-home
Questions?
Contact event chair Yvette Joffe at 323.931.9145 or yvettejoffe@gmail.com

TEMPLE AKIBA & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

tiny tot shabbat

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

For kids 0-2 years.

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

Meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

PJ Library in Los Angeles

Temple Akiba Early Childhood Center

PJ Library® of Los Angeles is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, with support from generous local donors, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Join us for the 1st Friday of every month at 9am!

May 3rd
July 5th
August 2nd
Sept. 6th
Oct. 4th

RSVP to nurseryschool@templeakiba.net or 310-398-5783

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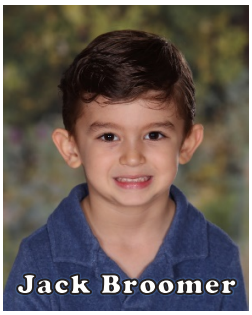

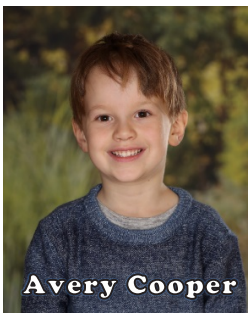

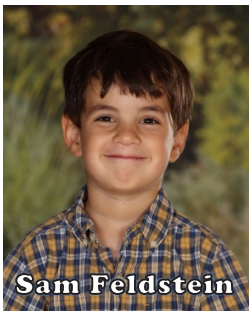

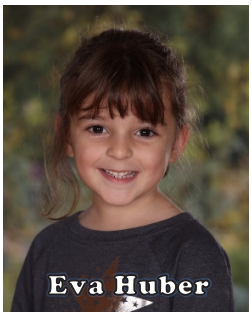

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Mazel Tov to the Temple Akiba ECC Graduating Class of 2019!

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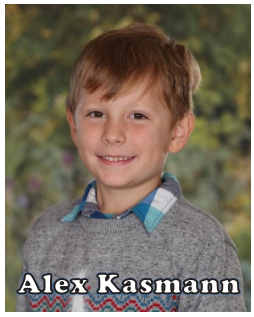
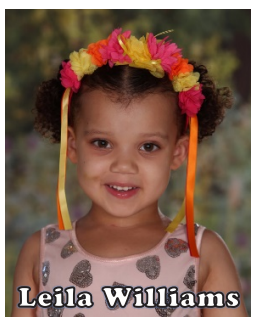
Early Childhood Center





B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazel Tov!

Zachary Swerdlow
son of Robert Swerdlow
& Jennifer Brockett
Saturday, May 4

Morgan Vermette
daughter of Thomas &
Jessica Vermette
Saturday, May 11

Hana Varsano
daughter of Jonathan &
Lauren Varsano
Saturday, June 15

Summer Lucas
daughter of Joyce Lucas
Saturday, June 22

EREV SHAVUOT & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Please join us as seven extraordinary young people become confirmands.

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Eli FIGHTER

Alex FUHRMAN

Cayla GERMAIN

Ryan LUCAS

Jonathan MIRVISH

Ezra RICHARDS

Layla STARR

Dinner at 6 pm in Social Hall
Service at 7 pm in Sanctuary

The 6 pm Dinner is by RSVP to Temple office by Monday, June 3.

Make your $20/person payment for the dinner by credit card at www.templeakiba.net/erev-shavuot-confirmation-service or mail in/drop off a check at the Temple office.

AKIBA DAY CAMP

Shalom Temple Akiba family,

Summer is here and we couldn't be happier!

Put away those rain boots and umbrellas and pull out the bathing suits and towels: summer is here! In Los Angeles, there are countless options of summer camp. We are so grateful to those of you who choose to send your children to Akiba Day Camp with us!

At Akiba Day Camp, we not only pass the time with fun activities, we also plant very strong seeds of Jewish identity that will bloom when needed. Jewish Summer camp has proven time and time again that it is critical in strengthening young Jewish Identities while creating long lasting Jewish bonds of friendship. Also, our campers get to learn Israeli dances, try new foods, try new activities, learn Hebrew songs and have FUN the whole time!!

AND let's not forget awesome field trips!! Our kids develop such a sense of independence that helps them thrive throughout the entire year.

Come join us this summer and tell all of your friends that we have the best camp in town! Email akibadaycamp@templeakiba.net for more information. Don't miss out on the fun!
B'shalom,

Robyn Altman

Day Camp Director

CAMP AKIBA &YOUTH

Shalom Temple Akiba Members, Friends & Family,

As we move into the last stretch of this school year, I am reminded of how many wonderful events our Temple Akiba Youth have enjoyed and about the fabulous summer programs ahead of us.

TASTY has been led by our teen board who include, Caitlin Finberg as President, Lexie Korkis as Programming VP, Matthew Martin as Membership VP, Ian Joffe as Social Action VP, Marcus Block as Religious and Cultural VP, Camille Joffe as Communications VP and Max Potruch as Financial VP. Together, this group helped plan and implement a welcome back to TASTY bake sale & kick off in the fall, a Social Action Shabbat, an Islands & movie night, our annual Jew Year's Eve SoCal wide event, a sunny day at Mulligans and many Monday night activities for all Akiba High participants!

Junior TASTY also enjoyed a trip to the Mulligan, the movies, bowling, a Channukah party and gift-exchange, ice-skating, a virtual reality adventure, and a day "at the circus" through Kinetic Theory Circus.

TASTY members from 6-12th grade also participated in events planned by NFTY, the North American Federation for Temple Youth. We love any opportunity to connect to other Jewish youth in Southern California!

We are also incredibly proud and excited for Lexie Korkis, who has been elected to the 2019-2020 SoCal NFTY Board as their new Financial VP!

Don't skip a Temple Akiba Youth beat by signing up for Akiba Day and Resident Camp to stay connected all summer long!

Leah Penso Abaud
Youth &
Resident Camp Director

TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD

Brighter and Stronger...Together!

Many thanks to all who supported our Purim Carnival Bake Sale Booth. We earned over $500 which we were pleased to donate to the Temple.

Our Passover Outreach at Pavilions, organized by Lil Jenkins, featured tasting opportunities to our community as well as a chance to interact with Rabbi Shapiro.

Our annual BingoRita was shared by 60 participants who enjoyed snacks and margaritas. There were many prize winners during the evening!

Our volunteer Cooking with the Kids continues on May 9th and 23rd, and June 13th and 27th. This is a truly rewarding experience involving youth and their parents at the Children's Wellness Center in Venice. See the flyer below for additional information.

Only 3 more sessions of Coffee With the Clergy are scheduled before our summer hiatus. We hope you can participate at 10:45 am on May 7th and 21st and celebrate the last session on June 4th. Contact Helene Jaffa at helenerj@aol.com or Sonni Helmer at sonnihelmer@sbcglobal.net for more information.

We close our year with our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament on June 2nd. A flyer with reservation information is included in this Bulletin. Be aware there is new information regarding cancellations.

As always, Sisterhood encourages you to take advantage of the ability to Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat to celebrate or memorialize a significant event. Contact Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for information about this opportunity.

Please keep our Gift Shop in mind for anything you may want or need for holiday celebrations or items you might choose as gifts for upcoming weddings, anniversaries and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. If you don't see what you want in our display cases, please get in touch with Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for an appointment to see our full inventory.

IT'S FUN TO COOK WITH KIDS!

NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Kids love to eat the (healthy) food they cook

Sisterhood members will provide recipes and guidance. Come help kids read recipes, measure ingredients, sift and stir.

Join us Thursday afternoons – May 9 and 23, Jun 3, 11 and 24
3:00-4:30 pm - CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
4700 Inglewood Boulevard (corner of Braddock Avenue, not far from Temple)

If you are interested or have questions please call or email:
FARLA BINDER: farlab@aol.com or 310-822-1359
ARLEEN FORSHEIT: aforsheit@earthlink.net or 310-410-9827

Temple Akiba presents

Disney Shabbat and Celebration

Friday, May 17th

(come in costume)

5:30-6:30

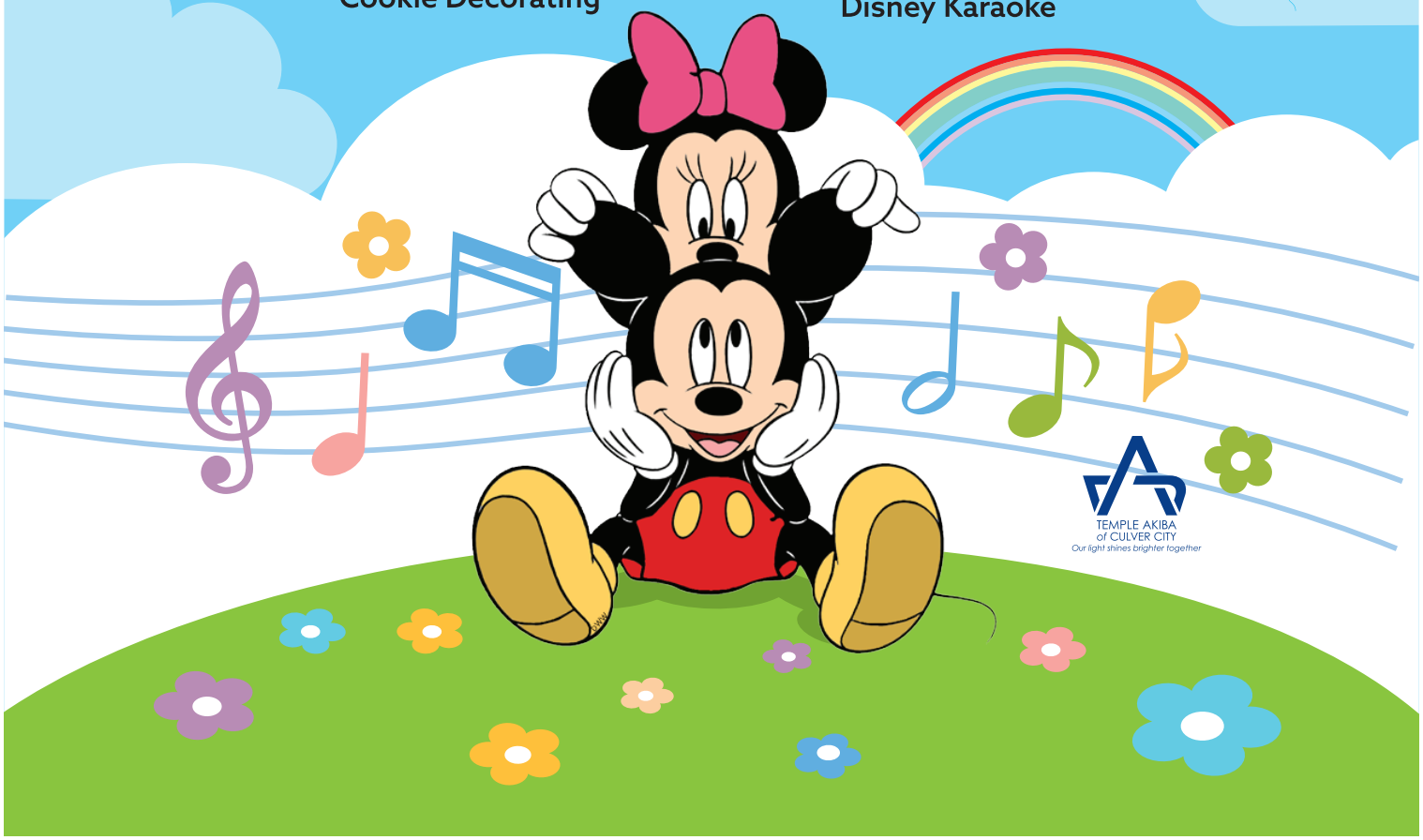
Dinner and Celebration
Free Pizza Dinner
Bounce House
Face Painting
Temporary Tattoos
Meet and Greet with Mickey and Minnie
Cookie Decorating

6:30-7:30

Disney Shabbat
Shabbat prayers set to Disney tunes

7:30-8:30

Disney Themed Oneg
Disney themed treats
Disney Karaoke



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Please join us on June 14 for our

Inclusion Shabbat

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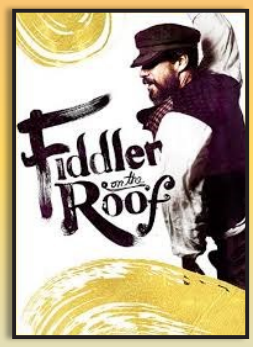
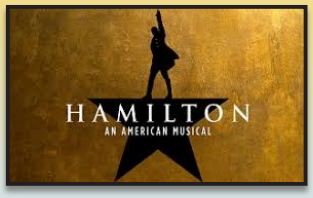
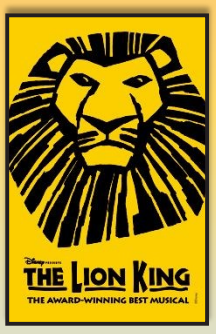
Presents

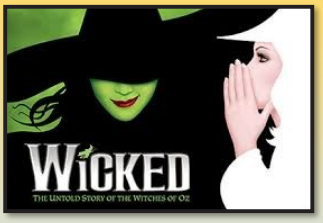
The Greatest Hits Kabbalat Shabbat

June 21 at 7 pm









May 2019 26 Nisan 5779 - 26 Iyar 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 (26 NISAN) 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	2 (27 NISAN) Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Day	3 (28 NISAN) Family Camp 9:00am Tiny Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Torah with Choir Service	4 (29 NISAN) Family Camp Marriage Encounter Retreat 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Swerdlow
5 (30 NISAN) Family Camp Marriage Encounter Retreat	6 (1 IYAR) 12:00pm Lunch and Learn	7 (2 IYAR) 10:45 Sisterhood Coffee with the Clergy 6:00pm Adult Ed. Class	8 (3 IYAR) Israel Yom Hazikaron/Memorial Day 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm Life Transition Group	9 (4 IYAR) Israel's Yom HaAtzma'ut/ Independance Day	10 (5 IYAR) 9:30pm ECC - Parent's Day 6:30pm Shabbat Shira Service	11 (6 IYAR) 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service With Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Vermette
12 (7 IYAR) Mother's Day No Religious School HUC-JIR Ordination	13 (8 IYAR) 12:00pm Lunch and Learn Last Day of Monday Religious School	14 (9 IYAR) 6:00pm Adult Ed. Class 7:15pm Sisterhood Board Meeting Last Day of Tuesday Religious School	15 (10 IYAR) 5:30pm Tot Shabbat - Rabbi Story Night 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	16 (11 IYAR)	17 (12 IYAR) 6:30pm Disney Kabbalat Shabbat, the Celebration begins at 5:30pm	18 (13 IYAR) 9:00am Torah Study 5:00pm Havurah Havdalah and Social Event
19 (14 IYAR) Last Day of Sunday Religious School ***Mitzvah Day*** ***8:30am Blood Drive***	20 (15 IYAR) 12:00pm Lunch and Learn	21 (16 IYAR) ECC Closed 10:45am Sisterhood Coffee with the Clergy 6:00pm Adult Ed. Class 7:00pm Men's Group: A Celebration of Jewish Songwriters (doors open at 6:30 pm)	22 (17 IYAR) 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm Life Transition Group	23 (18 IYAR)	24 (19 IYAR) 7:00pm Shabbat Service	25 (20 IYAR) no Torah Study Class
26 (21 IYAR)	27 (22 IYAR) ***Memorial Day*** Temple Closed	28 (23 IYAR)	29 (24 IYAR) ***7:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting 6:00PM Dinner (with RSVP only)***	30 (25 IYAR)	31 (26 IYAR) Shabbat at Home	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						27 IYAR 1 9:00am Torah Study (last one before Summer Break) 10:00am ECC Shabbat at Home Morning Event
28 IYAR 2 Sisterhood Ma-Jong Tournament	29 IYAR 3 12:00pm Lunch and Learn (last one before Summer Break)	1 SIVAN 4 10:45am Sisterhood Coffee with the Clergy (last one before Summer Break) 6:00pm Back to Camp Night	2 SIVAN 5 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm Life Transition Group	3 SIVAN 6	4 SIVAN 7 ECC Graduation ECC Last Day of School 6:30pm Shabbat Shira Service	5 SIVAN 8 Erev Shavuot 6:00pm Confirmation Dinner 7:00pm Shavuot Service
6 SIVAN 9	7 SIVAN 10	8 SIVAN 11	9 SIVAN 12 6:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	10 SIVAN 13	11 SIVAN 14 7:00pm Inclusion (Pride) Shabbat Service	12 SIVAN 15 5:00pm Shabbat Afternoon Service with Bat Mitzvah of Hana Varsano
13 SIVAN 16 Father's Day	14 SIVAN 17 1st Day of Day Camp 1st Day of ECC Day Camp	15 SIVAN 18 7 pm Men's Group Meeting	16 SIVAN 19 6:30pm Life Transition Group 7:00pm General Board Meeting	17 SIVAN 20	18 SIVAN 21 7:00pm Greatest Hits Shabbat Service and Volunteer Recognition	19 SIVAN 22 10:30pm Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Summer Lucas
20 SIVAN 23	21 SIVAN 24	22 SIVAN 25	23 SIVAN 26 5:00pm Day Camp Twilight	24 SIVAN 27	25 SIVAN 28 7:00pm Shabbat Service	26 SIVAN 29
27 SIVAN 30						

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

In honor of:
Cantor Lonee, from Marlene Weiss
Elsa Liber being named a Mensch of the Month, from Reuben & Daniella Liber
Jenna Saltzman's performance in Purim Shpiel, from Susan Markowitz
Ed Wolkowitz' birthday, from Britta Eriksson, from Diana & David Hauptman
In memory of:
Stacey Feige, from Ron & Leanna Watts
Sol Hassan, Amram Hassan's mother, from Diana & David Hauptman, from Cindy & Mike Smith
Jack Hirschberg, from Sue Polep
James Hoffheimer, from Sue Polep
Mitzi Kaufman, from Sue Polep
Ben, Susan, Steven & Gertrude Locker, my father, sister, brother & mother, from Rise Taylor
Victor Penso, my father, from Sally Penso
Rich Polep, our wonderful friend, from Ron & Leanna Watts
Lew Winters, from Sue Polep

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donations from:
Helene & David Jaffa
Debbie Richards, "Thanking Rabbi Shapiro for the wonderful L'Taken trip"
In honor of:
Rabbi Shapiro receiving the JQ International Visibility award, from Letty & Jerry Mendel
In memory of:
Barbara Heller, with love from Ilene Raker
Claire Reisman, my sister-in-law, from Diane Wertheim

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:
Cantor Lonee Frailich, from Beverly Eshed-Magaril
Cantor Lonee's Friday night Broadway service, from Marion & Larry Phillips

LEE WOLKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of:
Ed Wolkowitz' birthday, from Philip and Mindy Gasteier, from Bob Knopf & Sharon Krakoff, from Jozelle & Ken Smith
In memory of:
Lee Wolkowitz, from Philip and Mindy Gasteier
Our friend **Lee Wolkowitz**, done too soon, from Ron & Leanna Watts

YAHRZEIT FUND

Irene Axel, my mother, from Myra LeBending
Marion Chelnek, my grandmother, from Roberta Slavitt
Sidney Lewis Gordon, my father-in-law, from Sheila Gordon and Family
Andrew Glauberg, my son, from Rhoda Glauberg
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Isidore (Isi) Jamner, my former brother-in-law, from Judy Jamner Freedman
Bess Kanner, my mother, from Ethel Berger
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Emma Lachman, my mother, from Mary Lachman
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Thelma Lander, Nadine's mother, from Dr. & Mrs. Ira Shulman
Joseph Lafferman, my husband, from Frances Lafferman
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Esther Meshul, my mother, from Renee Meshul
Erwin & Eve Meyer, our parents, from Suzan Meyer, from Andrew Meyer & Family
Eleanor Naar Barron, Lorriane's sister, from Lorriane & Louise Lipman and Jody Stritzel
Joseph Poizner, my father, from Michael Poizner
William Polep, my father-in-law, from Sue Polep
Harry Pollack, my father, from Lila Sherman
Barney Rothman, my father-in-law, from Penny Choy
Mary Schulman, my former mother-in-law, from Beverly Eshed-Magaril
Ruth Shappell, my mother, from Emily Edelman
Arthur & Betty Silverman, my parents, from Donna Flier
Barbara Smith, from Ron & Leanna Watts
Nathan Spector, Michael's mother, from Michael & Benita Spector
Ethel Spizer, my aunt, from Rosalie Gotz
Barry Stark, my husband, from Jane Stark
Jerry Urfrig, my dear husband, from Sue Urfrig
Stanley Yudell, my husband, from Sheila Yudell
Louis Vodovoz, my father, from Adelle Wexler
Frances Wilchins, my grandmother, from Lauren Varsano
Benjamin Zakheim, my father, from Rosalyn Zakheim
Henrietta & Salem Zurich, my parents, from Joan Kassan

CAMP AKIBA RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In honor of:
Michael Wolkowitz & Ashwini Mate's marriage, celebrating their joy from Leanna & Ron Watts

CAMPAIGN OF LIGHT FUND

In honor of:
Cindy & Mike's granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah, from Nancy & Herb Trachtenberg

CORRECTION

In the last Bulletin, Under the Special Thank You for Gala donations, the names Stephanie & Michael Cutler should have been: Stefanie & Daniel Cutler

Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am

Please call for location

Final date before summer break: June 1

Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm

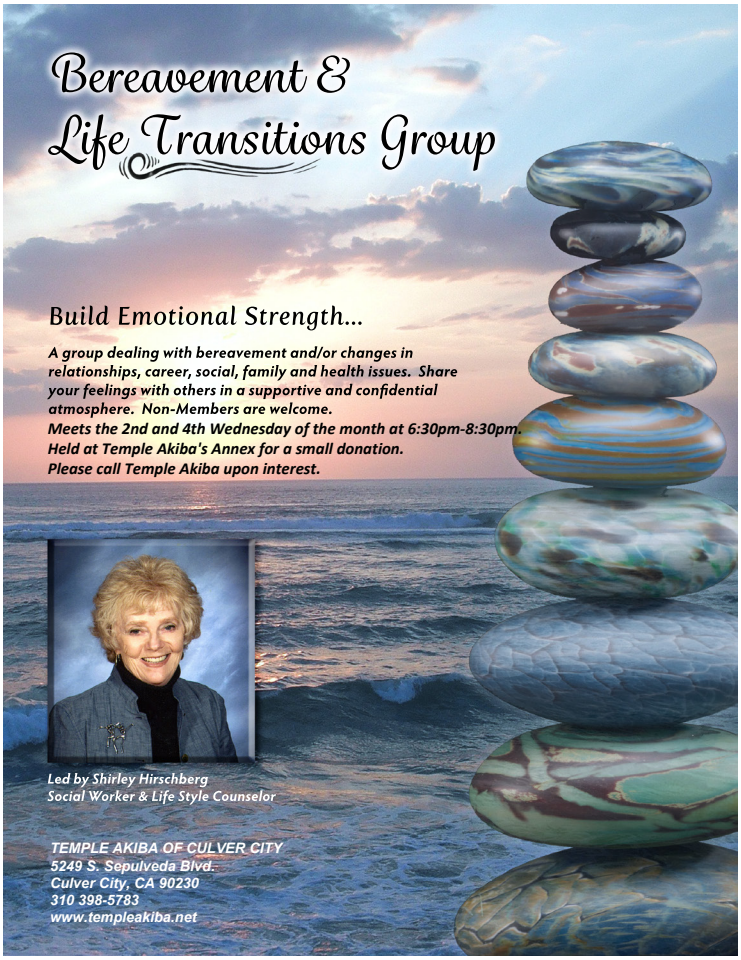
Final date before summer break: June 3

Coffee with the Clergy

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

from 10:45 am—Noon

Final date before summer break: June 4



The Purim Carnival was a HUGE success!

The clouds and rain cleared and it was not only a beautiful day, it was a bright day for our community! The carnival would not have been a success without all of you!

A BIG thank you to Johana Besterman her tireless work on all things Purim! Thank you to Lisa Tsimanis for putting together such a wonderful silent auction. Thank you to Josh Weissman, Bob Knopf, Karen Eichenberger and Howard and Wendy Shabsis for cooking all of the delicious nosh! A very special thank you goes out to Peter Strauss and Prime Time Sports Camp for loaning us all of their carnival games. Thank you to Carol Diamond for manning the ticket booth! Thank you to Mike Bauer, Cathy Penso, Jennifer Fogel, David Weiselman, Greg Goldfarb, Paulene Reed, Aillene Taylor, Denise Sample, Marcus Block and the Sisterhood for all that you did to help. Thank you to Randee Bishoff and Carly Rosenstein for all of the hours you put in to help with the baskets among EVERYTHING else you did! Thank you to all of the Religious School teachers and ECC teachers who helped out on the day of! A big thank you to George and the custodial staff! Another big thank you to Amram, Ilona and Dina for handling everything in the front office!!

A big thank you to Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee for all of your support.

Last but not least, a big thank you to ALL OF YOU! We couldn't have done it without you!!

Tikkun Olam Committee Activities

Refugee Catered Dinner with Mirys List

What a great turnout we had for our first event on immigration! The immigrant story is our story. Almost eighty people came together April 7 to share in a delicious authentic Afghan meal and to learn first hand the experience of resettling in America. With the help of Miry's List, the Kashefi family and hundreds of others have been given the resources and support they need to transition to life in America. To learn more about this incredible organization and to help welcome these new families go to https://miryslist.org/

Pictured below: The Tikkun Olam Committee: Rabbi Shapiro, Rabbinic Intern Daniel Freedman, Cathy Penso, Marc Bauer, Helene Jaffa, Renee Meshul, Doug Routh, Nancy Trachtenberg, Sharlene London, and Arleen Forsheit with the Kasefi Family and Miry.

Team Temple Akiba raised more than $2500 for the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide

The Walk has raised more than $120,000 as of April 8 to help end the atrocities in the South Sudan. Thank you to the 10 team members and to all who donated. Pictured above from left to right: Cathy Penso, Verna Erez, Tricia Flumenbaum, Jim Krause, Sharlene London, Chair, & Eileen Miller Krause. Not pictured: The Aigner Family.

The RAC-CA's #1 Legislative Agenda Item-Gun Violence Prevention

The California Religious Action Center of the URJ works to advance social justice efforts through its members, representing more than 100 congregations and 150,000 reform Jews. The Temple Akiba Tikkun Olam Committee is part of this effort. RAC-CA works to support bills and budget items that advance Jewish values that support vulnerable populations. "**RAC-CA's number one priority through June is winning at least $39 million for CalVIP local gun violence prevention programs.** Nearly 9,000 Californians suffer injury or death from gun violence every year, and city and state taxpayers pay an estimated $1.4 billion annually in direct costs responding to shootings. Research shows that local programs are a highly effective way to reduce gun violence, but so far, the state has provided only minimal funding for these programs. Working together with Reform congregations across the state, we can build the California of our dreams."

Stay tuned as the Tikkun Olam Committee reaches out to inform our congregants how we can advocate for passage of this very important budget item.

DON'T MISS TEMPLE AKIBA'S 14TH ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

Tzedakah outweighs all other commandments-Talmud Bava Batra

Register by May 5 to be guaranteed a Mitzvah Day t-shirt.
Complete the Mitzvah Day brochure or go to TempleAkiba.net: Events: Mitzvah Day 2019.
Projects filled first come, first served. Please sign up before Mitzvah Day!

Please donate the following items to make our projects successful:

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BOARD BOOKS, TOYS & CRAFTS for Children

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Andie Kantor and family

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba
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A Celebration of Jewish Songwriters

Tuesday, 21 May 2019

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All temple members and friends invited
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Sunday, June 2, 2019

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4:15	Awards

For more information, please contact
Judi Nachenberg (818) 764-6240 email:judi@mahjonggfunla.com
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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 6/2/2019

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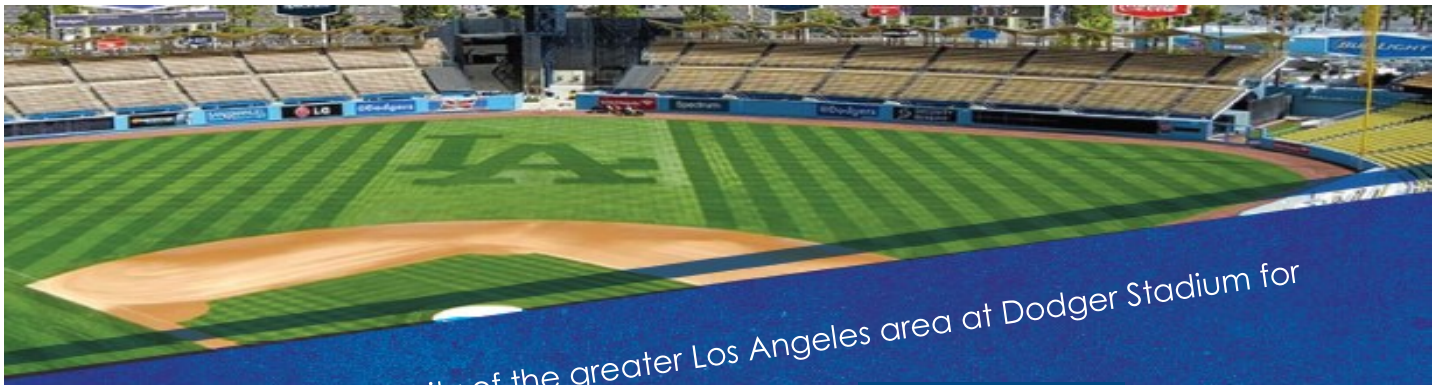
Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am willing to be East and keep score
- ☐ I will bring my Mah Jongg set and dice



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The tickets will be sent electronically about two weeks before the game.

Rabbi Shapiro is honored with the JQ Visibility Award!

On Sunday, April 14, Rabbi Shapiro was honored by JQ International with its Visibility Award. JQ is the premiere LGBTQ+ Jewish organization in Los Angeles. JQ's mission is to celebrate the lives of LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies by transforming Jewish communities and ensuring inclusion through education, support, and identity enrichment. Programs provided by JQ include the Teen JQSA, Persian Pride programming, a helpline for those in need, a speakers bureau and inclusion training.

Pictured above: Rabbi Shapiro with his husband, LA Controller Ron Galperin

Rabbi Shapiro and Rabbi Jason Rodich (one of our former interns!)

Rabbi Shapiro and other honorees and presenters

Congratulations Rabbi Shapiro!

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CAMP AKIBA

For more information follow link above or email Leah, Camp Director at youthgroup@templeakiba.net

Temple Akiba
Mitzvah Day Blood Drive!

Sunday, May 19th, 2019
8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Location: Bloodmobile parked on Sepulveda
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Please join us for our Mitzvah day blood drive! You're just our type!

To make your lifesaving appointment, please visit Redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code TempleAkiba, or contact Ron Watts at 323-630-0125

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Caring Community

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OR

Can you provide these services?

Please tell us: Cathy Penso, VP Extensions, 310-670-6394 or prisca56@sbcglobal.net

THANKS FOR CARING!

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

Is a friend of yours at Temple Akiba going through a stressful time - illness or death in the family? OR maybe they're celebrating a special Simcha?

Please tell the front office - so our Community can reach out to them.

Send an email to:
admin@templeakiba.net
or call 310-398-5783

Gifts & Memorials

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

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

For more information please contact:
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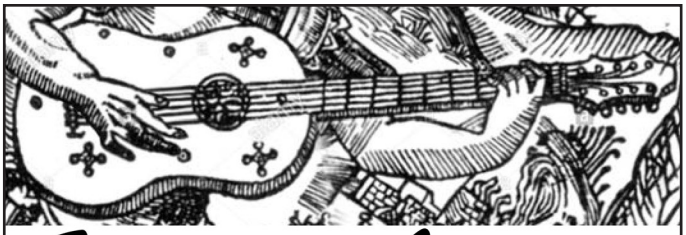

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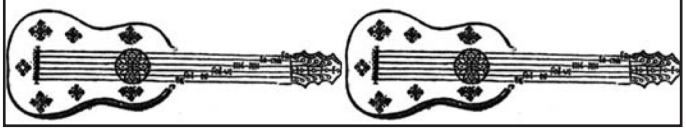

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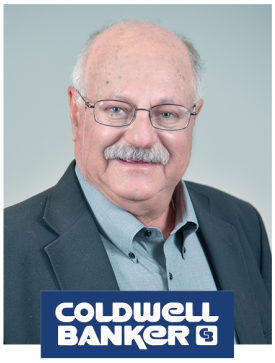

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