AKIBA BULLETIN

Temple Akiba of Culver City





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MAY/JUNE Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, May 7 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, May 14 7pm

Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, May 21 6pm

Disney Shabbat Service

Friday, May 28 7pm

Shabbat Service with Cantorial Intern

Liz Baseman

Friday, June 4 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service honoring our

High School Seniors

Friday, June 11 7pm

Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, June 18 6:30pm

Broadway Shabbat Service

Friday, June 25 7pm

Shabbat Service

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

There is a passage from Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of our Sages, that teaches the following. While the wisdom is 2000 years old, there are parallels that connect to many of the important life moments we celebrate with our children.

Rabbi Judah Ben Tema used to say:

At five years of age the study of Scripture (when children are "Consecrated" during Sunday School Kindergarten)

At ten the study of Mishnah (the beginning of Hebrew School)

At thirteen subject to the commandments (Bar/ Bat Mitzvah)

At fifteen the study of Talmud (Deeper Jewish connection/ Confirmation)

At eighteen the bridal canopy (Wedding: ok, perhaps 2000 years ago!)

I'll be honest. I think Judaism as a whole does a pretty good job harnessing those special moments. But the passage continues:

At twenty for pursuit [of livelihood]; At thirty the peak of strength; At forty wisdom; At fifty able to give counsel; At sixty old age; At seventy fullness of years; At eighty the age of "strength"; At ninety a bent body; At one hundred, as good as dead and gone completely out of the world.

Now, you may not agree with all of the associated ages. But the passage serves as a reminder that at EVERY age and life milestone, we have the opportunity to honor the moment in a Jewish context.

This means that when you get a new job, you can offer a blessing.

When you turn forty, you make a monetary gift to a place of learning.

When you move, you put up a mezuzah.

When you retire ...

When you go through menopause...

When you become a grandparent ...

When you journey through an illness With all of these, we can create a ceremony!

And here's Temple Akiba's commitment.... Sure, you can Zoom into a service or study anywhere in the world. But Temple Akiba will embrace you in these personal life moments - because you are part of our family.

Friends, let's honor life together. At every age. At every opportunity. At every life-moment!

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

In last year's bulletin article, I wrote about a Sonny and Cher song that was stuck in my head, "The Beat Goes On." This



song is flooding through me once again as I write this article. The beat of Temple Akiba has continued to go on. Even in the midst of this Pandemic, our light continues to shine. This statement from last year remains true, "although our doors have physically closed, our hearts remain open, filled with love, hope, and the promise that life will get better. The beat of our liturgy, of our music also continues its steady rhythm."

Temple Akiba didn't just survive this year, it thrived. We didn't miss a beat. Our Shabbat services were filled with ruach and beautiful music. We welcomed incredible guest artists such as Elana Arian, Jason Mesches, Charlie Kramer and Nefesh Mountain. We were enriched by the music and programming of the Kehilah program. We rocked to the music at our first ShabbRock service featuring our liturgy set to music of the 70's. We experienced a night of meaningful music with our HIAS Refugee, Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut themed services. We were moved by the delightful singing of my daughter and Craig Newman's daughter at our Generation of Singers Shabbat. Our Junior Cantors amazed us with their musicianship and singing at our **Junior Cantors Shabbat.**

And the fun doesn't end. We are so excited to bring back our famous Disney and Broadway Shabbats. Our Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman will also be leading the congregation in a special Shabbat service filled with inspirational music.

We look forward to the day that we can pray together in person. And that day will be coming sooner than later. We can't wait till the day we can hear all of your voices lifted in song, to see your smiling faces and to give you all a warm embrace.

Soon that day will arrive!

L'Shalom,

Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

"What we instill in our children will be the foundation upon which they build their future."

Thank you to our teachers!!!

Thank you for being exemplary role models this year.

Thank you for caring about your students.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and your lives with us.

Thank you for showing patience, understanding, and flexibility.

Thank you for creating a climate of calm for students to study, learn, and grow in an otherwise crazy year.

Thank you for encouraging your students to be always be their best.

Thank you for supporting our families as partners in learning.

Thank you for giving of your time to learn the new, the different and the scary.

Thank you for being YOU!!!

We appreciate the work you have done this year and the invaluable wisdom and learning moments you have created with our students. You have made a lasting impression in the lives you have touched this year.

Our community needs people like YOU. Your contributions are immeasurable Your lessons are permanent You improve our world. YOU are important. THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER AND A PART OF OUR TEMPLE AKIBA COMMUNITY.

Randee Bishoff

Director of Education



Executive Director's Message

As April draws to a close, and we move into May, we draw closer to lune 15th, the date that California has set as a goal to fully reopen. With that news, the top questions I receive are "what does this mean for the Temple?" and "when can we start coming back?" Both of these are great questions, and we are working hard to prepare for the days when we can come back.

As I have shared, the health and safety of our Clergy, staff, and all of our congregants is of the utmost importance to us, and we will continue to do what we can to ensure the health and safety of everyone who comes into the Temple. What will that look like as we move forward? What I can tell you, is that when we do come back, things are going to look a little different. We will still be following many of the protocols that are currently in place like social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing and sanitizing.

One thing that will be different is the implementation of a reservation system. As there will still be limitations to the amount of people who attend each time, having a reservation system will be a crucial part of our process. In addition to ensuring we know how many people will be attending, this will also help us know who is attending if we need to do any contact tracing. We will send out information on how to utilize the reservation system once it is operational.

Another component that is being discussed is having all those who are 16 and over, who are attending events at the Temple, to have proof of being double vaccinated. I am sharing this in advance so that if you have been vaccinated, please keep your vaccination card, as proof of vaccination is part of the process, we (and probably other places) will want to see card. If you have not yet been vaccinated, I also wanted to give you advance notice that his could be part of our process once we are back.

One other area that I wanted you to be aware of is that we understand that even when we are able to come back, that there will be people who are not comfortable to come back. We will be implementing a hybrid process where there will be people here at the Temple, and we will continue utilizing Zoom to ensure all those who are not able to join in person can still join from where they feel comfortable.

As we continue to work to implement all of these and other components, our excitement continues to grow. I know that everyone is looking forward to having you all back, and I am definitely looking forward to meeting all of you. Thank you for your patience as we work through all of this. We will keep you up to date with all of our planning. Until the time we are together,

please know that we are all thinking of you, and continue to know that because of all of you, our Light definitely Shines Brighter!

Jeffrey Rips Execútivė Director

President's Message

I am reflecting on the past two years as I write this final bulletin article as president. Serving as the president of Temple Akiba has been a great honor and a wonderful experience. I appreciate the support of the Board, staff, and clergy and hope that my efforts will have a lasting positive affect on Temple Akiba moving forward.

When I began my presidency, my vision included upgrading our facility, advancing Board structure and adding key staffing. Once the pandemic began, my focus expanded in response to the many challenges. Though our physical doors were closed due to regulations, we needed to insure that our community connections, schools, religious services and camps remained strong, welcoming and vibrant. We wanted our Congregants to have opportunities for engagement and to make sure our wonderful staff were supported. We needed to continue focusing on our facility and operations. The results have been extraordinary. Our ECC, Religious School, and youth programs have flourished. Shabbat services have been incredible with a record number of Congregants attending. Our HVAC project is nearly complete. Operationally, we have a new executive director, Jeffrey Rips, and new janitorial staff. We have also improved our security, risk management, and human resources. Sisterhood and the Men's Group have flourished. Torah Study, Lunch and Learn and Coffee with the Clergy have continued to engage our Congregants. Seeing these many collaborative successes has been very gratifying.

Many of our members have experienced financial hardships, as well as feelings of isolation and loneliness. I have been told over and over that being part of the Temple Akiba community has been a big support. This community unity is wonderful to see.

Our community has also been pivotal for those outside our walls as our Tikkun Olam efforts have thrived. Collecting food, tents, shoes for the homeless, advocating for those in need and holding forums to promote education were just some of our projects.

During the pandemic we have also not lost sight of the future. Truly listening to our Congregants is very important to me. The Temple participated in the URJ Benchmarking project which included a Congregational survey. The results are very positive and will be presented at the first Congregational Meeting on May 6 along with action items (initiatives).

To those members who will be leaving our Board at the end of June, I send my upmost gratitude. We have accomplished so much together during these past two years. The new Board slate will be presented for approval at the second Congregational meeting on May 26.

A special thank you to Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee for their friendship and incredible work during these challenging times, to all our staff for working so hard, to our amazing executive director, Jeffrey Rips, and to our incredible Board for their leadership and support. The teamwork between staff, Board and clergy was tremendous. I have loved our can-do and positive attitude!

Finally, a very big special thank you to my wife Carol for her love and support!

L' Shalom.

Ira Diamond

Spring into Summer with your Temple Akiba community



Saturday June 19, 2021

Virtual Wine Tasting, Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction

To register go to: Http://temple akiba.Givesmart.com

TEMS NEED

FOR TEMPLE AKIBA'S UPCOMING Silent Auction

- Tickets to Experiences such as sports, theatres, escape rooms & amusement parks
- Electronics such as Airpods, Ipads, watches & game consoles
- Vacation packages such as Airbnbs, hotels & airfare
- Kids activities such as games, zoo passes & bikes
- Beauty, health and wellness such as skin care, exercise equipment, massage & yoga
- Fine gifts such as jewelry, art, wine, clothing & purses
- Gift certificates such as restaurants, salons & stores

Donation forms

https://www.templeakiba.net/silentauction-2021

Questions?

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Erev Shavaot & Confirmation Service

Join us as twelve extraordinary young people become confirmands.

Sunday, May 16 at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Joshua August Benjamin Bishoff

Aaron Cayetano Camille Cosato

Jonah Graff Bryce Grey

Jaeden Knopf Ilana Reyes

Esperanza Reynolds Zachary Rosenberg

Sloane Savitt Adam Sondik

Sophia Sokoloff Rafael Starr-Wiener

Mazel Tov to the Temple Akiba Confirmation Class of 2021

Congratulations to our High School seniors?

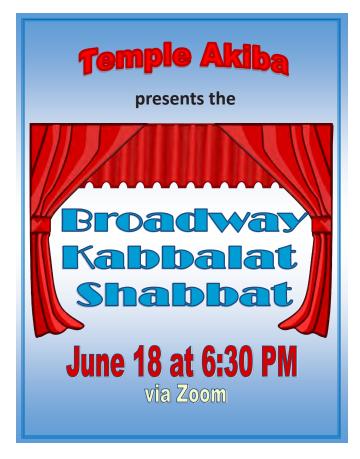
Jake Aigner Josh Germain Alexis Korkis Jonathan Mirvish Ezra Richards Travers Tobis

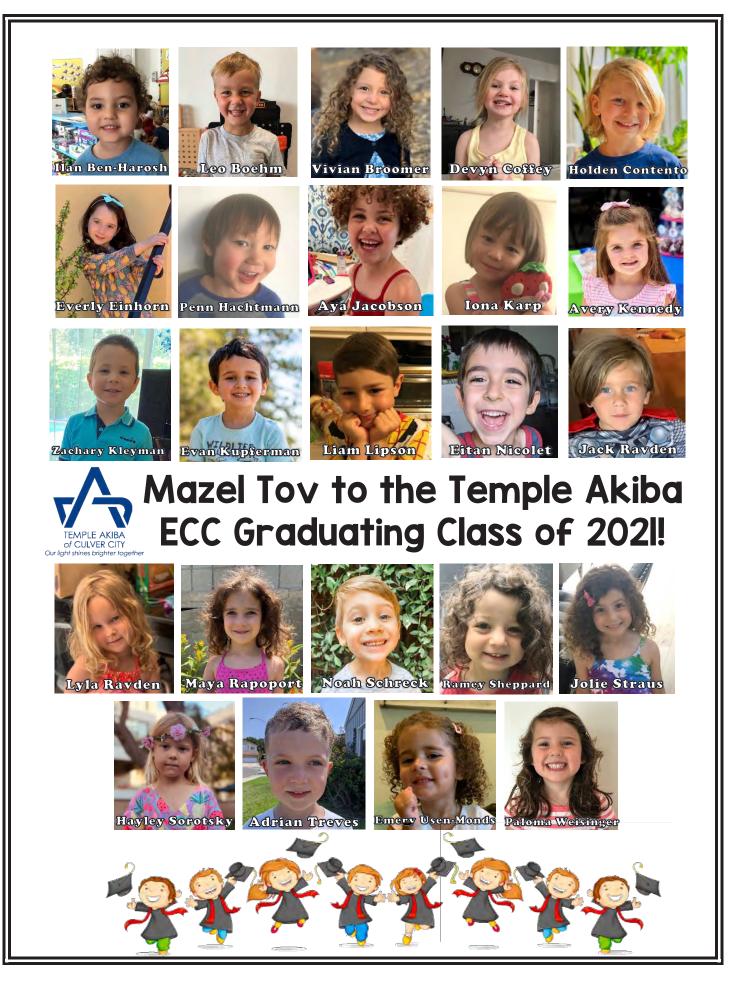


Eli Fighter Cayla Germain Ryan Lucas Emily Olshan Layla Starr-Wiener Max Varsano

Join us as we honor our seniors at our Shabbat Shira Service on June 4!







B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Lucas Besterman son of Johanna Besterman Saturday, May 1



Sisi Elkinson daughter of Edie & Ken Elkinson Saturday, May 8



Gabe Elkinson son of Edie & Ken Elkinson Saturday, May 8



Ella Senelick daughter of Wendy & Devin Senelick Saturday, May 15



Jaden Abrams daughter of Courtney Edson & Craig Abrams Saturday, May 22



Evan Daurio son of Anna & Damien Daurio Saturday, June 12



Jocelynn Savitt daughter of Christie & Joel Savitt Saturday, June 12



Ari Cosato son of **Amy Philpott** Saturday, June 21



Sarah Bishoff daughter of Randee & Scott Bishoff Saturday, June 26

Why is this year different from all other years?

This year we have so much to share that we will not only have one

Congregational Meeting,

we will have two

Congregational Meetings!



MAY 6 7:00 pm

via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent via email

Bylaws URJ Benchmark



MAY 26 7:00 pm

via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent via email

Board Slate Budget Board Reports





This very challenging year is drawing to a close and we are looking forward to safely returning to many of our traditional activities and roles in the coming year.

A great time was had by all who attended our Trivia Night. The consensus was that it was a fun and engaging session with lots of laughter and many surprises. Congratulations to our winners: the Bornstein family in Redmond, Washington, Morris & Elizabeth Zlotowitz, and Cathy Penso.

We will be honoring our upcoming Confirmands at their celebration on May 16th and making donations on their behalf to programs/organizations of their choosing.

We will also be celebrating our ECC graduates on June 10th and presenting them with a book in honor of this milestone event.

Our final event of the year is a Comedy and Deli event: A Culinary History of Jews in America based on the astrological signs of the deli presented by comedian Seth Front. A flyer for this event, scheduled for May 23 at 1:30 PM is in this bulletin which includes the Zoom link to participate. This promises to be a very entertaining program and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget that our Gift Shop is open by appointment: contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com. We continue to replenish our inventory with new tallit, mezzuzahs, candlesticks and many other ritual items. Keep us in mind for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings as well as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.

What's Behind Door Number I at Temple Akiba!

This Shavuot, come and learn something new about something very old - The Torah Scrolls of Temple Akiba!



Shavuot afternoon, May 17 at 5 pm Presented by Rabbi Shapiro and Rabbi Maller via Zoom

> Our program is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Akiba as part of our Torah Restoration Project.

May 2021 19 Iyar 5781 - Sivan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						19 Iyar
						9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom
						10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah Lucas Besterman via zoom
20 Iyar	21 Iyar	22 Iyar	5 23 Iyar	6 24 Iyar	25 Iyar	8 26 Iyar
10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom	12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom	6:00 PM Adult Hebrew Class via zoom	7:00 PM Congregational Meeting via zoom	9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat via zoom 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira with Aliya and 6th Grade Family Shabbat via zoom	9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with B'nai Mitzvah Sisi & Gabe Elkinson via
27 Iyar	28 Iyar	29 Iyar	1 Sivan	2 Sivan	3 Sivan	zoom 4 Sivan
9	12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom	11 10:00 AM Personal Care Items Drop-Off 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting via zoom Last day of Tuesday School	12 10:00 AM Personal Care Items Drop-Off 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew Class via zoom 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	13	7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Choir via zoom	9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah Ella Senelick via zoom 1:00 PM Kehilah Tot Shabbat
5 Sivan	6 Sivan	7 Sivan	8 Sivan	9 Sivan	10 Sivan	11 Sivan
5:30 PM Shavuot Service and Confirmation Class Graduation	5:00 PM What's Behind Door Number 1 at Temple Akiba Temple Closed - Shavuot	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom	6:00 PM Adult Hebrew Class via zoom		6:00 PM Disney Shabbat via zoom	9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah Jaden Abrams via zoom
12 Sivan 23	13 Sivan 24	14 Sivan 25	15 Sivan 26	16 Sivan	17 Sivan	18 Sivan
1:30 PM Sisterhood's Comedy & Deli: A Culinary History of Jews in America Last day of Religious School	12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom	7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting via zoom	6:00 PM Adult Hebrew Class via zoom 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting via zoom 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		7:00 PM Shabbat Service via zoom	9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom
19 Sivan	20 Sivan 31					
	Temple Closed - Memorial Day					

June 2021 21 Sivan 5781 - 20 Tammuz 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		21 Sivan	22 Sivan	3 Sivan	4	5
		11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom			9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat via zoom 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira with Aliya honoring graduating seniors via zoom	10:00 AM Torah Study & Service in person and via zoom
26 Sivan	27 Sivan	28 Sivan	29 Sivan	30 Sivan	1 Tammuz	2 Tammuz
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Blood Drive 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Collection for Grace Diner	12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom	5:30 PM Kehilah: Gather Round the Campfire 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting via zoom	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	10:00 AM ECC Graduation 11:00 AM ECC Graduation	7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Choir via zoom	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah Jocelyn Savitt via zoom 5:00 PM Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah Evan Daurio via zoom
3 Tammuz	4 Tammuz	5 Tammuz	Last day of ECC 6 Tammuz	7 Tammuz	8 Tammuz	9 Tammuz
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting via zoom	7:00 PM General Board Meeting via zoom		6:30 PM Broadway Shabbat via zoom	6:30 PM Spring into Summer Social
10 Tammuz 20	11 Tammuz 21	12 Tammuz 22	13 Tammuz 23	14 Tammuz 24	15 Tammuz 25	16 Tammuz 26
	Day Camp Begins ECC Summer Session Begins 5:00 PM Bar Mitzvah Ari Cosato via zoom		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman via zoom	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah Sarah Bishoff via zoom
17 Tammuz	18 Tammuz	19 Tammuz	30 Tammuz			

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

David and Sherri Cadmus

In honor of:

The marriage of **Abby & Jerry Kudan**, from Sharlene and Tony London

In memory of:

Eugene Hall from Louise Feinberg, Rhoda Glauberg, Stan & Dorothy Rainier, Mary Shapiro, and Rosalyn Zakheim & Gayle Dukelow

Erica Marcus, beloved mother of Karen Marcus, from Lillian Jenkins, Wendy & Saul Miller, Sue Polep, Carole Seedman, and Cindy & Mike Smith

Barry Moskowitz, from Deborah Koniak-Griffin & Art Griffin, Cindy & Mike Smith, Stan & Sheila Weinberg

Saul Zitlin, Sonni Helmer's uncle, from Carole Seedman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IIn honor of:

The bar mitzvah of Jacob Sondik, from his grandparents, Ellie & Edward Sondik

The bat mitzvah of **Josephine Kent**, and her guidance, teaching and blessings, from the Kent and George Families

The beautiful gravesite service officiated by **Rabbi Shapiro** for my mother Louise Zakheim, from Roz Zakheim

Carol Diamond, wishing her a speedy recovery, from her DSL Sisters: Deborah, Diana, Ellen, Myrna, Leila, Rosalie, Sonni, and Terry

The kindness for the yahrzeit of Maureen Bellettini, Gloria's sister, from Gloria and Joseph Garcia

Our **5th wedding anniversary**, from Steve Ross and Mary Wujek **Rabbi Shapiro** for making our Jewish lives in Los Angeles so special, from Jacob & Haleigh Resnik

In memory of:

Nicky Gold, Janet & Ron Nathanson

Eugene Hall, from Diana and David Hauptman

Barry Josephson, Janet & Ron Nathanson

Barry Moskowitz, from Shirley Hirschberg, and Ellie

Sherman-Quinn & Steve Quinn

Vicki Sriro, from the Sriro family

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

The bat mitzvah of **Josephine Kent**, and her guidance, teaching and blessings, from the Kent and George Families

In memory of:

John Basaraba, my father, from Mary Lou Basaraba

CHOIR FUND

In memory of:

Gary Miller, husband of Barbara Miller, from Carole Seedman

YAHRZEIT FUND

Harvey Abraham, my father, from Susan Abraham

Irene Bailey, from Linda and Joel Forman

Abe Bandel, from Arleen and Lewis Forsheit

Eleanor Naar Barron, my sister, from Fay Lipman

John Basaraba, my father, from Mary Lou Basaraba

Darlene Bilkiss, my friend, from Beverly Eshed-Magaril

Mel Bloch, from Paulette and Joel Gessin

Judy Broutt, my mother, from Elaine Metzinger

Ida Brown, from Marvin & Barbara Brown

Marion Chelnek, from Sue Urfrig, and from David & Roberta Slavitt

Philip Edelman, from Emily and Fred Edelman

Ephraim Eshed-Magaril, my husband, from Beverly Eshed-Magaril

Lawrence Frazin, my father, from Susan Frazin

Marvin Gelb, my father, from Steven Gelb

Jeanne Gillette, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Andrew Glauberg, my son, from Rhoda Glauberg

David Goldstein, from Don Goldstein

Beverly Diane Heller, from Karen and David Klemes

Walter Horn, my father, from Jeffrey Horn

Fred Jamner, former husband, from Judy Freedman

Isi Jamner, former brother-in-law, from Judy Freedman

Betty Karel, from Linda and Joel Forman

Harry & Sandra Kleinberg, from Joyce and Michael Simmons

Rita B. Klemes, from Karen and David Klemes

Rose Kolb, my aunt, from Donald Urfrig

Marvin Kornfeld, from Marla and Robert Rothfarb

Emma Lachman and **Robert Lachman**, my mother & my brother, from Mary Lachman

Thelma Lander, from Diney & Ira Shulman

Herbert Leimseider, from Janice and Neil Schwartz

Phillip Levine, my father, from Shirley Price

Rose Levy, my mother, from Marlene Abrams

Shirley Lichtman, my mother, from Howard Lichtman

Sadie Lipman, my mother-in-law from Fay Lipman

Joshua Lobenthal, my brother, from Lisabeth Lobenthal

Esther Ludvigson, from Max and Marsha Ludvigson

Eve Meyer, our mother, from Andy Meyer and Suzan Meyer

Florence & Jack Morgan, from Sara & Ethan Greenspan

Charles Naar and Rose Ruth Naar, my parents, from Fay Lipman

Herman Nathanson, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Arnie Needleman, from Matthew Needleman & Susan Obuchi

Elliott Parham, my brother-in-law, from Meg Clements

Victor Penso, from June Penso, and from Bruce & Cathy Penso

Linda Peterson, our daughter-in-law, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Joseph Poizner, my father, from Michael Poizner

Harry Pollack, my father, from Lila Sherman

Dan Rudman, my cousin, from Sue Polep

Gertrude, James, & Louis Samuelson, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Mary Schulman, from Beverly Eshed-Magaril

Arthur and Betty Silverman, my parents, from Donna Flier

Nathan Spector, from Michael & Benita Spector

Ethel Spizer, my aunt, from Rosalie Gotz

Barry Stark, my husband, from Jane Stark

Sherri Lee Stone, my wife, from Michael Stone

James and Mildred Trepeck, my parents, from Toni Glick

Anne Urfrig, our mother, from Donald Urfrig and Sue Urfrig

Jerome Urfrig, my husband, from Sue Urfrig

YAHRZEIT FUND

Louis Harry Vodovoz, the grandfather of Jeff & Art Wexler, from Adelle Wexler

Irwin Weinberg, my father, from Francine Graff Benjamin Zakheim, my father, from Roz Zakheim Henrietta & Salem Zurich, my parents, from Joan Kassan

RESIDENT CAMP FUND

Dan & Dione Shugar

In memory of:

Celia Isakovitz, Scott Markowitz's grandmother, from Stella, Matt, Maya & Josh August

AKIBA DAY CAMP FUND

Dan & Dione Shugar

In honor of:

Ethan Knopf's Bar Mitzvah, from Bob Knopf and Sharon Krakoff

Sadie Newman's birthday, from Beth and Jen Keany Morris Price's 94h birthday, from Bob Knopf and Sharon Krakoff

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Rabbi Allen Maller, from Nancy & Neal Federman, and Barbara & Denny Federman

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In memory of:

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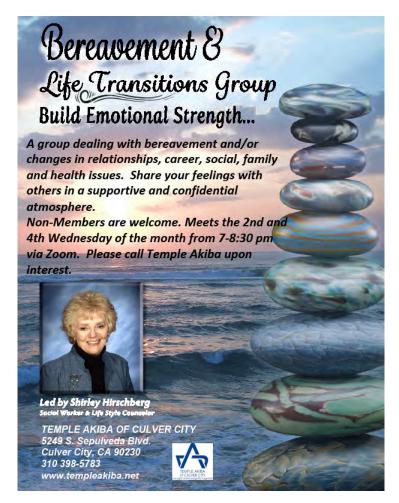
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elcome New Wembers

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood invites

you to an afternoon of cultural entertainment. Please join us on



Sunday, May 23 at 1:30pm

for a

COMEDY & DELI EVENT

A CULINARY HISTORY OF JEWS IN AMERICA

based on the Astrological Signs of the Delicatessen



What's your Jewish Zodiac sign?

Whether you're a Bagel or Blintz, join us for a humorous & inspirational multimedia history of the delicatessen generations of across four Jews in America. by comedian Seth Front, creator of the Jewish Zodiac, deli parody the Chinese zodiac. Discover behind your favorite deli foods and how intertwine with the American journey of our people. Find out what Jewish Zodiac sign you are and join us for a fun platter of cultural history with a side order of nostalgia.



Please consider making a \$10 donation to Temple Akiba Sisterhood to help with the cost of this event. Please register using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kd--tpzgoG9T-gPIEbOUyBzUQqfPt4fjN We look forward to seeing you!

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

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

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



Questions? Contact Jeffrey Rips at director@templeakiba.net or Elizabeth Zlotowitz (V.P. Membership) at membership@templeakiba.net

Our Light Shines Brighter - Together



TEMPLE AKIBA Community Blood Drive

Where: Social Hall - Enter Through Front Gate5249 Sepulveda Blvd Culver City, CA 90230

> Sunday, June 6, 2021 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To make your lifesaving appointment: Log onto www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor name TempleAkiba or contactRon Watts at 323-933-4252 or email ronkwatts@yahoo.com



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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NEWS FROM THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

The need is constant. We appreciate your continued generosity and support!

Thank you for the generous donations of art supplies for the San Fernando Valley Refugee Children's Center which serves unaccompanied minors who have come here from Central America and are resettling with families here. We also appreciate your donations for SOVA. We filled four large bins with food!

Please donate personal care items for teens at SPY (A Safe Place for Youth) and for people served at Grace Diner





For SPY: travel size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, tissue packs, hair ties, feminine hygiene products, masks, personal notes also appreciated

> SPY provides temporary housing and supportive services to youth aged 12-25 in the Venice area



For Grace Diner: travel size deodorant, shampoo, lotions, disposable razors, individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper (\$1 at the Dollar Tree)

> Grace Diner is a project of Grace Lutheran Church, Culver City, and has been providing meals-to-go since March 2020.

Travel size items available at Target, Walgreens, CVS, Rite-aid & Bed Bath & Beyond

Please drop off your donations at Temple Akiba's Front Entrance on Sepulveda Blvd.

Tuesday, May 11 or Wednesday, May 12 10am-12noon

Please do not bring your items to the Temple at any other time!

Committee Members, wearing masks, will be present to accept your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions or to get involved: Cathy Penso, VP Affiliations, <u>VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net</u> or 310-670-6394

Food Collection for Grace Diner-Sunday, June 6, collection hours to be announced

small cans of tuna with pop top lids Progresso soup with pop-top lid (very popular)

oatmeal packs

sardines or herring in small tins

packets of peanut butter or cheese crackers

small or large boxes of cereal (very popular)

shelf stable Dole fruit cups

soft granola bars

small packs of nuta



Caring Communities Outreach



Phone Connections for Homebound Seniors and Young Active Adults/ Families to connect during these unprecedented Covid-19 times.

Seniors, you will be matched with a Mensch/Menschette in our community.

Active Congregants (Mensch/Menschette!) We will connect you with Senior/in need Congregants who need someone to check in on them.

- Do you love to schmooze?
- Do you want to do some volunteering to help others (food shopping or errands) in your area?
- Would you be able to provide grocery market runs for homebound seniors near you as the need arises?
- You will be matched with a senior that lives near where you live.
- All food costs will be reimbursed by the recipients/seniors.

CONTACT:

Lauren Varsano
Caring Communities Trustee
caringcom@templeakiba.net
Temple office: 310-398-5783

Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am-10 am

Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm

Coffee with the Clergy

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11 am—12 noon

All programs conducted via Zoom—connect at templeakiba.net

Additional adult programming may be found at urj.org and
jewitathome.com

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

Temple Akiba Youth & Camps!

Summer 2021 Programming in Progress





REGISTRATION OPEN!

Resident Camp 2021:

July 19 – July 26 (3rd-6th grade)

July 27 – August 1 (7th-9th grade)

Akiba Day Camp 2021:

June 21 – July 30 (1st-5th grade)

For additional information

Contact Camp Director Leah Penso for Resident Camp youthgroup@templeakiba.net Contact Randee Bishoff for Day Camp <u>akibadaycamp@templeakiba.net</u> Register for both camps at https://www.templeakiba.net/day-camp

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY

2020 - 2021

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

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KEHILAH VIRTUAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 | OVERCOMING OUR BLIND SPOTS | 5:30PM PT

A one hour presentation and conversation on our perceived limits and how we can overcome them. Charlie will share his story, answer questions and teach songs that have guided his path to healing.

OCTOBER 6, 2020 | FINDING SHELTER: JEWISH MINDFULNESS | 5:30PM PT

Find shelter this Sukkot with an intro to Jewish mindful meditation practice.

NOVEMBER 7, 2020 | HAVDALAH & FRIENDSGIVING CONCERT | 5:30PM PT

Join Charlie and friends for Havdalah and an evening featuring some of the top voices in Jewish music.

DECEMBER 13, 2020 | CHANUKAH FAMILY CONCERT | 3PM PT

Grab your dreidel, jump into your dancing shoes, turn up the volume and get ready to rock to some of your favorite Chanukah jams.

JANUARY 9, 2021 | LUNCH & LEARN: JUDAISM & DISABILITY | 12PM PT

Grab your bagels, and join Charlie for a lunchtime conversation on Judaism and disability.

FEBRUARY 23, 2021 | PURIM, ESTER & WOMEN'S VOICES | 5PM PT

An Evening of song and Torah led by some of the most impactful women in the Jewish world and beyond.

MARCH 28, 2021 | SECOND NIGHT FAMILY SEDER | 4:30PM PT

Get your seder plate ready and join us for a musical seder for the whole family. (You better believe we'll be dancing too!)

APRIL 16, 2021 | TEEN SHABBAT | 5PM PT

Kabbalat Shabbat services led by some of the most impactful Jewish teens across the country.

MAY 15, 2021 | TOT SHABBAT | 1PM PT

Grab your shakers and get ready to rock! The littlest friends of your community will love dancing, singing and praying with parents and grandparents at this lively, soul-filled virtual service.

JUNE 8, 2021 | GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE | 5:30PM PT

A concert featuring your favorite Jewish camping and campfire classics with some of the nation's best Songleaders.

JULY 16, 2021 | KABBALAT SHABBAT | 5:30PM PT

A service featuring Charlie's music, classic melodies and moments of mindful prayer.

AUGUST 22, 2021 | A GATHERING FOR CHANGE |

Our culminating gathering is a dynamic social action program & concert with opportunities to contribute Tzedakah to support important Jewish initiatives across the globe.

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

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

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