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## **MAY/JUNE Friday Shabbat Services**

Friday, May 6 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, May 13 6:30pm

Shabbat Service with Choir celebrating Rabbi Shapiro's 25th year in the rabbinate

Friday, May 20 6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 27 6:00pm

Disney Shabbat Service

Friday, June 3 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service honoring our High School Seniors and B"Nai Mitzvot of 2020-2021

Friday, June 10 6:30pm

Jr. Cantor Service honoring Akiba Volunteers

Friday, June 17 6:30pm

Inclusion Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, June 24 6:30pm

Men's Group Shabbat Service with Farewell to Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

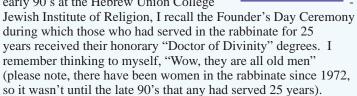
and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

## Shalom, Rav

Dear all.

When I was in rabbinical school in the early 90's at the Hebrew Union College



I was ordained in 1997. This year is 2022. If we do the math, we now realize that I am one of those "old men" who will be received his honorary doctorate!

This milestone gives me an opportunity to reflect. I've known since I was young that my mission in life is to help bring goodness into the world. This mission has been at the cornerstone of my rabbinate. But as I look back on these 25 years, additional thoughts surface that define what this sacred calling has taught me.

To be a rabbi is:

To teach and to reach.

To listen.

To be there.

To serve and to lead.

To disturb the status quo.

To ensure that the world is unbalanced - in favor of righteousness.

To make people uncomfortable (carefully!)

To enable others to love Judaism.

To wrestle with Torah.

To think outside of the box.

To fail - but not to quit.

To share a vision.

To nurture leadership.

To create souls.

I am truly the luckiest Rabbi. With Cantor Frailich, my clergy partner, as well as Randee Bishoff and Jeffrey Rips, we are a leadership team who love one another as much as we love what we do. Our Board President, Cathy Penso, and all of our lay leadership (past and present) have collaborated to create a vibrant congregation with a heartbeat of gold.

And my family, including my sisters, my mom, and of course Ron, Maya, and Eli.... Without them, my journey to this point would have been without an anchor. I love you. You are and always will be my number one priority.

Now I look forward to my 50th year in the rabbinate! Fasten your seatbelts, because we are all going on an amazing journey together!

With love and shalom,

## Rabbi Zachary Shapiro





Rabbi has done an amazing job of keeping track of the exact number of B'nai Mitzvahs he has officiated.

I do not know the exact number of B'nai Mitzvahs that I have helped lead, but I know that I have been lucky enough to officiate at least a few hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Every service is so special and the process of working with the young adults is so special. The transformation that happens throughout the year leading up to their ceremonies is remarkable. I have had students begin the process that had extreme stage fright and didn't think they would be able to get up on the Bimah. No matter how bad their anxiety or fears were, each and every one of them were able to conquer those uncertainties and fears, ascend to the Bimah and lead the service with pride and confidence.

I have been there for hundreds of families over the years as they have navigated the joys and the struggles that accompany this process. And now, it is my turn. My daughter Indee Rose will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 28 of this year. This year has been surreal and emotional to go through as a parent as well as a Cantor. I now intimately feel the joys and the frustrations that so many parents before me have felt. I feel the joy of seeing my daughter master her prayers and Torah and also the frustration as a mom and Cantor/tutor when she isn't practicing as much as she should be! I see the transformation that has taken place over the year in my daughter in the same way it has happened for so many other 7th graders. Indee's confidence has grown by leaps and bounds this year and I am so excited to be with her as her mom and her Cantor as she ascends the bimah to become a Bat Mitzvah in May.

I just hope I'll be able to sing through the service without crying too much!!

I would like to invite all of you, the entire congregation to join us online for her Bat Mitzvah on May 28, 2022 at 10:30am either through the Temple Akiba Zoom page or through the Temple Akiba YouTube page.

L'Shalom,

**Cantor Lonee Frailich** 

## **ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

As an educator, my own professional development is of great importance to me. I am committed to providing our schools and our students with the most up-to-date, evidence-based instruction on student wellbeing, social and emotional learning. and character development available. In support of this goal since January I have been spent 60+ hours to become certified in Positive Education through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation and the Center for Positive Education.

What is positive education? It doesn't just mean walking in to a classroom with a smile. The practice of positive education combines the science of well-being and principles of Positive Psychology to enhance wellbeing among educators and students, building grit, resiliency, growth mindset and positive emotions.

The primary outcome of the program is to create learning environments that foster belonging, engagement, kindness, and vitality with the goals to

- 1. Address the increase in depression/anxiety/stress we see in the students in our school
- 2. Create strategies to increase student motivation, energy, and curiosity
- 3. Build resiliency in our students to increase optimism and hopefulness, and decrease anxiety
- 4. Increase student engagement to improve academic outcomes
- 5. Share practical skills with staff and students that promote flourishing and thriving

In last several months, I have explored thriving through the lenses of Jewish thought. It turns out that scientific research and experimentation now confirm much of what Judaism has been doing and saying all along. Consider the Jewish value and spiritual practice of gratitude. Judaism places considerable importance upon regularly giving thanks and expressing appreciation. Judaism advises us to say 100 blessings a day. The vast array of brachot are meant to cultivate our gratitude to God, deepening our awareness and appreciation of the many blessings that life offers us. In turn, scientific studies show that a daily practice of gratitude can increase happiness and decrease depression for up to six months.

I can foresee many applications of positive psychology's teachings and practices within Jewish settings, such as in adult education programs, religious school classes, and camp settings Positive psychology has tremendous potential to complement and support the work that we are already doing at Temple Akiba... I look forward to integrating what I have learned into our programs as we grow.

Randee Bishoff, **Director of Education** 

## President's Message

We have crossed the desert, escaped from the grips of Omicron and arrived at the other side! March and April were glorious with the first day of Spring and our Purim Carnival occurring on the same day. We celebrated Passover, tasting a new kind of freedom after two very long years.

We have so much to celebrate these next two months, leading into a Summer of Fun!

Our beloved Rabbi Zachary Shapiro is celebrating 25 years as a Rabbi! What a simcha to honor!

Bring your family to our One Day Family Camp May 14, led by Leah, Youth and Resident Camp Director. Only an hour away at beautiful and tranquil Camp Waldorf, Bruce and I will be there with Leah, Jon and our grandsons, Sebastian and Julian.

Join us for dinner before our Congregational Meeting Wednesday, May 18 as we elect new Board Members, vote on the budget for next year and hear all our accomplishments this year from Board and Staff members.

I am so excited that Mitzvah Day is back! Be a part of the Magic on Sunday, May 22. Register using the brochure or online. Make the world a better place alongside 300 of your fellow congregants!

Mark your calendars for our Volunteer Recognition Shabbat on June 10. We want to express our deep appreciation to the many, many volunteers who have given their time, talent, and energy serving on committees, creating programs, events and more.

Not to be missed: Casino Night June 11-live music by Craig Newman and his band, fun games, food, drink and prizes. Let's end the year in a big way!

We invite you to give a warm embrace to our new members who joined our Akiba community in the last two years at a special Havdalah on June 18.

As my first year as President draws to a close, I am deeply pleased by the level of involvement of so many of you. Numerous committees were formed or regrouped this past year. Your engagement and commitment to Akiba is a testament to our community. I look forward to building on these connections and making our light shine brighter than ever together.

Cathy Penso, President

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

"Our Light Shines Brighter Together." When I first heard about Temple Akiba I visited our website and the very first thing I saw, in very big bold letters was "OUR LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTER TOGETHER." It was a nice statement; it definitely felt good, warm, and inclusive. It spoke to me about the importance of every member, and every program or experience that Temple Akiba has to offer. Now joining the Temple in the middle of COVID was a bit daunting, and to be honest really prevented me from experiencing first-hand the true magic of the phrase that we make come to life.

To be fair, I quickly learned about our incredible ECC and Religious School programs thriving under the guidance of our incredible Education Director, Randee Bishoff. I was also grateful and excited that we had two extraordinary summer camp programs, both growing and adding a great deal to our Temple community, through the leadership of both Leah Penso, our Youth and Camp Director with our resident camp program, as well day camp with Robyn Altman, our Day Camp Director. I also heard about, and then experienced, the truly special Shabbat services for the B'nai Mitzvah the Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee have created.

I sit here reminiscing about the amazing Purim Carnival we had with so many people here at the Temple celebrating and having a great experience. I also think about all the incredible upcoming events that are happening in the May or June: Annual Congregational Meeting (May 18), Mitzvah Day (May 22), Confirmation (June 5), Casino Night (June 11), Mah Jongg Tournament (June 12), Havdalah (June 18), and more – that I start to get a glimpse how truly bright our light is.

When I look a little deeper at what else is happening at the Temple, I realize that Shabbat over the next two months really embodies the "Our Light Shines Brighter Together" concept. Over the next two months we will be honoring our Religious School Teachers (May 6), enjoying our Choir (May 13), seeing a full band and group of singers at our Disney Shabbat (May 27), honoring our High School Seniors and B'nai Mitzvah celebrants that occurred during COVID (June 3), enjoying our Jr. Cantors and honoring our Volunteers (June 10), and having a special Men's Group Shabbat (June 24).

It is through the lens of all those special Shabbat services, including and honoring so many important people to our community, that I have come to better understand the concept of "Our Light Shines Brighter Together."

Thank you to everyone who is part of our Temple Akiba Community. It is with all of you, that Temple Akiba's Light does Shine Brighter, and who have made our community very special!

L'Shalom.

Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

## **Director of Engagement**

Sara Fields

#### **Tikkun Olam Committee Donation Drives**

We are working on a project to collect kitchen items for unhoused people moving into housing. This would include items such as plates, mugs, silverware, pots and pans, dish towels, etc. Please look for details in the weekly Enews.

## **Blood Drives**

The Red Cross reports a critical need for blood. The bloodmobile will be at the Temple on Mitzvah Day, May 22. We also scheduled the following drives:

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

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

Sunday May 21, 2023 - 8:30am to 2:30pm - Blood Mobile - Mitzvah day - Goal: 22 units of blood

## Refugees

We are trying to schedule an educational event for the congregation, and some possible donation opportunities. Please look for details in the weekly Enews.

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



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & DINNER

Wednesday, May 18

6 PM - Dinner

## 7 PM – Meeting in Social Hall

(Supervised Activities for Children)

Please RSVP for the dinner and/or childcare by Friday, May 13. Walk-ins will not be accepted for childcare.

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## COVER STORY (Photos taken Emily Hagopian)

It started as a dream, and it is now the winner of a very prestigious award. Our architects, Herman Coliver Locus Architects of San Francisco recently won the International AIA Faith and Form Design Award for the renovation of Temple Akiba.

We want to thank our architects, and particularly Steve Rajninger who headed the project, the volunteer members who worked on the project, Mike Bauer, Carol Diamond, Ira Diamond, Todd Eichenberger, Howard Lichtman, Bob Knopf, Cathy Penso, Steve Quinn, Hal Rice, Ed Wolkowitz, and our

clergy, Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich for making this dream come true.



The following is a beautiful description of the renovation by the architects to the award committee.



"As the synagogue is located on a boulevard roaring with passing cars and trucks, it was important to shield outdoor circulation and gathering spaces from traffic noise and the view of vehicles. A series of walls, vertical fountain, and layered entry sequence provide the space and time to shift one's thoughts away from the quotidian transactions of daily life.

In Temple Akiba's renovated sanctuary, the congregation is surrounded by a translucent veil, intimating a sacred community. The space between the translucent surround, evocative of a prayer shawl, and the hexagonal perimeter, with its new, projecting, colored windows, is a liminal space glowing with ever-changing light."

Have you noticed the handles of the entry doors? The top of the handle is in the shape of a shin. Have you looked closely at the doors of the ark? The etching throughout is made up of all different sizes of alephs, except

for the four quotes from the Torah. What do they say? Have you ever counted the number of windows in the sanctuary? Did you know that the Ner Tamid from our old sanctuary is in the garden? These are just a few of the special characteristics of the renovation.

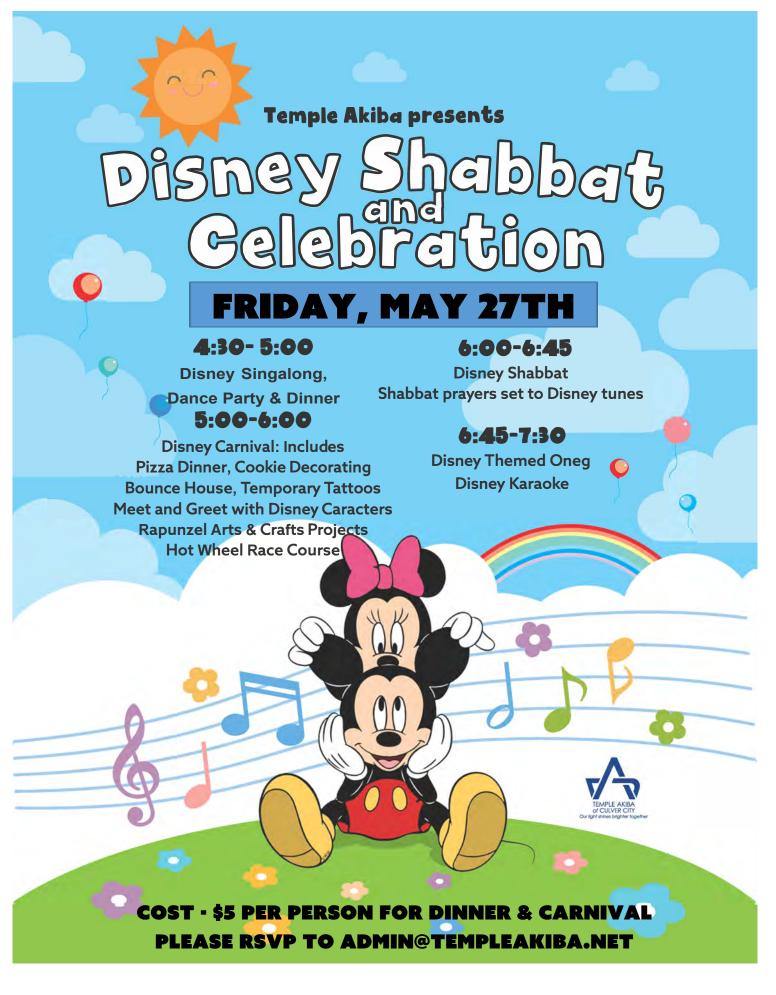
Look closely the next time you are at the Temple!















# Yom Ha' tzmaut Israeli Dancing Friday, May 6th at 7:30 PM

Celebrate Israel's **Independence Day with** music, Israeli dancing and fun! Join us for Shabbat Shira Services honoring the **Religious School Teachers** as well as celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut at 6:30 PM with Israeli dancing following the service.





## Temple Akiba's 15th Annual Mitzvah Day



**Sunday May 22, 2022** 

Register by May 1 to be guaranteed a Mitzvah Day t-shirt. Please donate the following items to make our projects successful:

SHOES: gently used, all kinds, including dress shoes & NEW SOCKS

HYGIENE ITEMS: travel size: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, band aids, tissues, brushes, combs, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products

**BOOKS** for Teens, new and gently used, and **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**, No Adult Books please PET SUPPLIES: blankets, towels, dog & cat food, treats, toys, stainless steel bowls, leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates and cat litter

Projects filled first come, first served. Please sign up before Mitzvah Day!

Complete the Mitzvah Day brochure or register at: https://www.templeakiba.net/mitzvah-day

Questions? Call 310-398-5783 or email admin@templeakiba.net

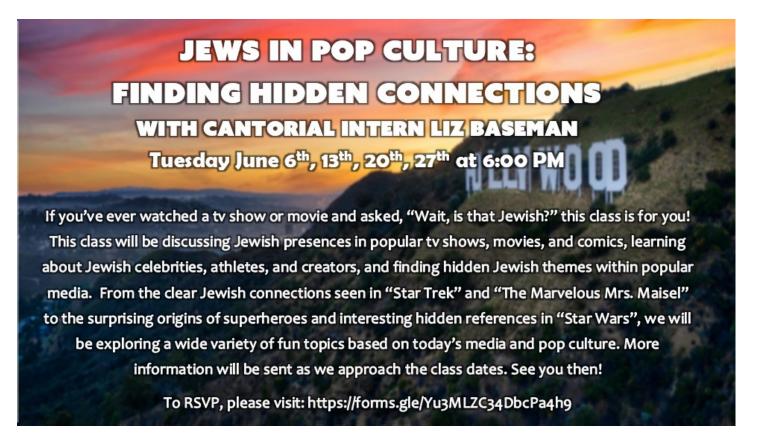
I am honored to be sharing my thoughts with you in this edition of the Akiba Bulletin, and to look back at these past two years I've spent serving this holy community.

As I was struggling to find my words, I came across this statement from the text of Genesis Rabbah 79:6, saying, "A person must be grateful to a place where he derived some benefit". While I was pleasantly surprised that this quote acknowledges the institution where one received help or learning, and not just the individuals. I was shocked that the need for gratitude had to be expressed as a command. This need to be reminded to be grateful is so contrary to everything I have felt and experienced here at Temple Akiba. I am grateful for all of the amazing experiences I have been part of, and the many lessons I have learned. I am so grateful to have found a home here at Temple Akiba, and I hope these short paragraphs can express that. I will miss you all.

Internships are about learning new things, and my Cantorial Internship has been no exception. I have learned how to teach in new ways, how to create new teaching experiences, and am figuring out - with the help of wonderful role models - who I want to be in my future role as a Cantor. Now that I've recognized and shared my gratitude with the institution of Temple Akiba, I want to acknowledge special individuals who really helped shape my time these past two years. To all my students and their families, thank you for letting me experience your B'nai Mitzvah joy with you. To Carol Diamond and the Temple Akiba Board, thank you for everything you do behind the scenes. To the ECC teachers, thank you for creating learning spaces full of wonder. To the Sisterhood and the Men's Group, thank you for your support. To the Temple Akiba staff, thank you for all of your help and for the fun activities, with special gratitude to Randee, Diane, Kathryn, and Rebecca. Thank you, Executive Director Jeffrey Rips, for all your jokes and encouragement. Thank you, Rabbi Zach Shapiro, for all the wisdom and inspiration, and all your stories that guide me. Cantor Lonee Frailich, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am so grateful for your mentorship, support, guidance, and wisdom. Thank you to everyone in this special Temple Akiba community for all the love I have experienced here. I am so very grateful.

L'shalom,

Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman







We are so excited and busy with all the events and activities still to be celebrated as this year draws to a close.

We were thrilled to be able to raise almost \$500 during our Purim Carnival Bake Sale. A huge thank you to all our volunteer bakes, as well as to all who purchased our treats. It was a sell-out!

Our annual Havdalah Service was filled with beautiful thoughts and music and love. It was so very special to hold this service once again in the Sanctuary with the benefit of Cantor Lonee's inspirational voice. Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Intern Liz added their own special clerical embellishments. Following the service most of the attendees remained to continue the celebration together over dinner in the Annex Courtyard.

We will be celebrating our ECC graduates on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and presenting them with a book in honor of this milestone event.

We will be honoring our upcoming Confirmands at their celebration on June 5<sup>th</sup> and making donations on their behalf to programs/organizations of their choosing.

Our final event of the year is a our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament. A flyer for this event, scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> is in this bulletin.

Our Gift Shop continues to be 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 healthy, happy and safe summer.





# May 2022 30 Nissan 5782 - 1 Sivan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Nissan	1 Iyar	2 Iyar	3 Iyar	4 Iyar	5 Iyar	6 Iyar
1 4:00 PM President's	2 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	3	4 11:00 AM Coffee with	5	9:30 AM ECC Teacher & Parents Day Celebration	9:00 AM Torah Study
Circle Spring Event	8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event		the Clergy  Yom Hazikaron	Yom Ha'Atzmaut	6:30 PM Shabbat Shira & Honoring Religious School Teachers followed by Israeli Dancing	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Seth Kolb
	ECC Teacher Appreciation Week	ECC Teacher Appreciation Week	ECC Teacher Appreciation Week	ECC Teacher Appreciation Week	ECC Teacher Appreciation Week	
7 Iyar	8 Iyar	9 Iyar	10 Iyar	11 lyar	12 Iyar	13 lyar
8	9	10	11	12	9:00 AM Tiny Tot	9:00 AM Torah Study
No Religious School	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	Shabbat  6:30 PM Shabbat	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat
Mother's Day				7:00 PM – Men's Group Discussion on Antisemitism with Matt Friedman of the ADL	Service with Choir	Mitzvah of Samantha Sonenshein Family Camp Day
14 Iyar	15 Iyar	16 Iyar	17 Iyar	18 Iyar	19 Iyar	20 Iyar
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn ECC Closed – Parent/ Teacher Conferences	Last Day of Hebrew School	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 7:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting	Lag Ba'Omer	6:30 PM Out of the Box Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Perrin Tanimoto  7:00 PM Meditation in the Sanctuary
21 Iyar	22 Iyar	23 Iyar	24 Iyar	25 Iyar	26 Iyar	27 Iyar
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 AM Mitzvah Day	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM — Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Disney Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Indee Rose Gantman
Last Day of Sunday School	Last Day of Akiba High					indee Rose Gandhari
29 28 Iyar	30 Temple Closed	31				
	8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event					
Yom Yerushalyim	Memorial Day					

## June 2022 2 Sivan 5782 - 1 Tammuz 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 Sivan	3 Sivan	4 Sivan	5 Sivan
				2	3	4
			11:00 AM Final Coffee with the Clergy	Last Day of ECC School	ECC Graduation	9:00 AM Final Torah Study
					6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service Honoring High School Senior Class and 2020- 2021 B'nai Mitzvot	6:00 PM New Akiba Member Dinner
						Erev Shavuot
6 Sivan	7 Sivan	8 Sivan	9 Sivan	10 Sivan	11 Sivan	12 Sivan
		,				9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shavuot Morning & Confirmation Service & Brunch	12:00 PM Final Lunch & Learn		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	6:30 PM Jr. Cantor & Volunteer Recognition Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Schapiro
Shavuot						7:00 PM Casino Night
13 Sivan	14 Sivan	15 Sivan	16 Sivan	17 Sivan	18 Sivan	19 Sivan
Mahjong Tournament		7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting			6:30 PM Inclusion Shabbat Service with Choir	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Riley Cutler
						7:30 PM Temple-wide Havdalah Honoring New Members
20 Sivan	21 Sivan	22 Sivan	23 Sivan <b>22</b>	24 Sivan	25 Sivan	26 Sivan
	20	21		23	21	25
	ECC Camp Begins		7:00 PM Life Transitions Group		6:30 PM Men's Group Shabbat Service	7:00 PM Meditation in the Sanctuary
	Day Camp Begins		via zoom			
Father's Day						
Juneteenth						
27 Sivan	28 Sivan	29 Sivan	30 Sivan	1 Tammuz		
26	27	20	29	30		
		7:00 PM – Men's Group Meeting				
		8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event				

#### **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 Cadmus** 

Sandra & Michael Newman

*In honor of:* 

Refuah Shleimah to Carol Diamond, from John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

Jenny Fogel and Robyn Kupferman - Thank you for your leadership on our Purim 2022 Carnival, from John Magoulas

Aaron Leshtz, from Carol & Ira Diamond

Cody Raichlen, our grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Our deepest thanks to Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Frailich for all the caring, encouraging and supportive ways used to inspire Cody as he prepared for this day. From Sheri & Sumner Feldman

The birthdays of Wendy Shabsis & Sue Polep, from Bob Knopf & Sharon Krakoff

The birthday of Sue Polep, from Susan Kussin

Wendy Senelick, for her outstanding leadership as our Mishloach Manot Chair. "Wendy - Thank you for all your hard work. Looking forward to continuing our partnership." From John Magoulas *In memory of:* 

Deb Falcon, from Constance Robin

Roslyn Lubow, Dina's grandmother, May her memory be for a blessing, from John Magoulas

Adelle Wexler, from Michelle Bloom

Adelle Wexler, from Bob Knopf & Sharon Krakoff

Adelle Wexler, may her memory be a blessing, from John Magoulas

and Stella & Matt August Adelle Wexler, from John Malcolm

Adelle Wexler, from Mari Scott

Emily Kaiser Winfield, from Adrian Batti

#### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of:* 

The Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Aaronson, from the Aaronson Family Cantor Lonee, for your dedication and hard work in guiding our Religious School children in their fantastic performance of the Wizard of PerOz, from Ellie Sherman-Quinn & Steve Quinn The Disney Shabbat, from Yvonne and Alan Frailich

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND**

*In honor of:* 

Maya and Eli Shapiro-Galperin, with love from Aunt Ruth Rootberg

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In memory of:* 

Adelle Wexler, from Mark Abramovitz Adelle Wexler, from Sue Polep

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In Gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro, for the service honoring my father, Sam Pfeffer, and to the Temple Akiba Sisterhood for the meal of condolence, from Diana & Carlos Martin & Family

All those who called or sent cards, with appreciation, Janet & Aaron Nathanson

In honor of:

The Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Aaronson, from Josette & Raoul Benas-

The naming of **Emilia Angrisani**, with love from Bruce Levenson and Dana Merfeld

The naming of our granddaughter, Rya Schwartz Martkovsky, with love from Janice and Neil Schwartz

The Purim Mishloach Manot baskets we received, from Michael Poizner

In memory of:

Dr. Herman Eisen, with love from Gail Eisen

**Dennis Shapiro**, with love from Loretta Richard

Adelle Wexler, my beloved wife, and in gratitude to Rabbi for the loving service for her, from Jack Wexler

Adelle Wexler, love Rikki, Debra, Jared, Joanne, and Art Wexler Emily Kaiser Winfield and in thanks to Rabbi Zach for a wonderful memorial service. The Rabbi so "got" our daughter and captured her huge spirit. We are forever grateful, from Richard & Linda Kaiser

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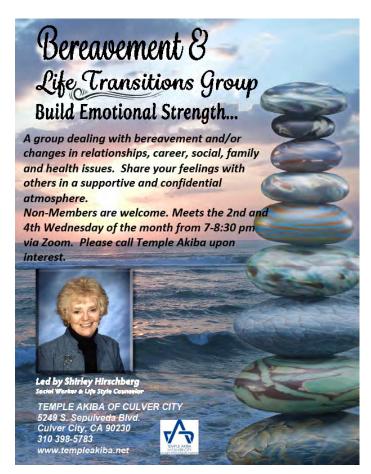
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The Purim Mishloach Manot, from Micky & Don Mann

#### **CAMPAIGN OF LIGHT FUND**

Joel & Linda Forman









## Men's Group of Temple Akiba



## Friends and Family

Tonight I learned that a friend and member of our Temple Movie Havurah has cancer and is now in hospice care. I was shocked to hear this, as she has always been a vital person involved in the world around her.

Over the decade plus of our Havurah she became a good friend and really more like family, as have all the members of our havurah. I realize that the personal connection we developed with each other has made the members of our havurah closer together than I would've imagined as we have shared the ups and downs of life and family with each other.

And so it is with the Men's Group as well. We are more than a group of people who meet periodically. We have become a brotherhood. We take an interest in each others lives, enjoy each others victories and share each others sorrows. We argue over stuff, serious and silly, and laugh at each others jokes and stories.

Don't just be a Temple member. Build on it for a richer experience. Join the Men's Group. **Drop** an email to Victor Nahmias @ Vnahmias@aol.com and we will get you on our mailing list today! Ready to get started? Minimum dues of \$36 for men, \$18 for associates.

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for an exciting variety of events in May and June!

The Rise in Overt Anti-Semitism - What It Means and How to Deal May Meeting: With It

As exemplified by the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas and the various loud and active movements unabashedly showing their antisemitism, these are interesting time for Jews. How to deal with it? How to respond? Matt Friedman, Senior Associate Regional Director of the ADL will be our guest speaker

Time: Tuesday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM Pacific Time (note the special date!) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3680685668 Meeting ID: 368 068 5668

June Meeting: Men's Group Shabbat Service

The Men's Group will be offering a special shabbat service and oneg: Friday night, June 24, 2022 @ The Temple



## Mah Jongg Tournament

## Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood **Sunday, June 12, 2022**





Temple Akiba 5249 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 398-5783 www.templeakiba.net

## Come join the fun!

Tournament fee is \$45 per person which includes a continental breakfast, a delicious buffet lunch, and snacks.

#### **Schedule:**

8:30 - 9:00 Check-in, coffee and bagels

Session 1 (3 rounds) 9:00 - 12:00

Lunch 12:00 - 1:00

1:00 - 4:00 Session 2 (3 rounds)

Awards 4:15

For more information, please contact Judi Nachenberg (818) 764-6240 email: judi@mahjonggfunla.com or Rose Ross rtahini2@gmail.com

A \$10.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY CANCELLATION NO REFUNDS 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT

To register, fill out the form below and enclose it with a check & copy of your Vaccination Card to:

Mail to: Judi Nachenberg 7037 Park Manor Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91605

Please include a copy of your Covid Vaccination Card with your registration — Masks required indoor		
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# Early Childhood Center Now Enrolling For Fall 2022-2023



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@ 9:00am

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

All adults must show proof of Covid vaccine to enter.

For more information please contact Diane, Assistant Director of Education 310.398.9781 ext. 227 or nurseryschool@templeakiba.net

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## B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!







Samantha Sonenshein daughter of Jenna & Adam Sonenshein Saturday, May 14



Perrin Tanimoto daughter of Beth Serlin & Craig Tanimoto Saturday, May 21



Indee Rose Gantman daughter of Lonee Frailich & Michael Gantman Saturday, May 28



Daniel Schapiro son of Marni & Matthew Schapiro Saturday, June 11



Riley Cutler daughter of Stefanie & Daniel Cutler Saturday, June 18

## Join the Akiba Camp Family!

## Akiba Resident Camp 2022: July 24 to August 7 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Register at templeakiba.net/akiba-resident-camp



## Family Camp 2022: May 14 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

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Please contact Leah Penso, Youth & Resident Camp Director at youthgroup@templeakiba.net



# BE A PART OF THE FUN!!!



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**AKIBA DAY CAMP 2022!!** 





# AKIBA SUMMER OF FUN

2022

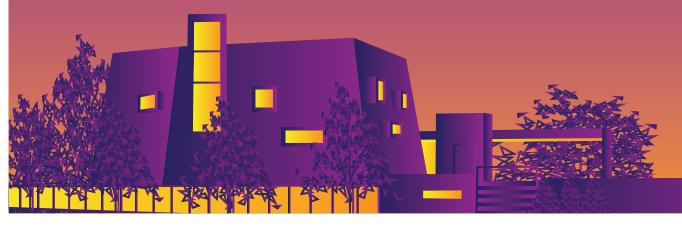


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	(ECC, Young Families and the young at heart)			
Thursday, June 9*				
SATURDAY, JUNE 11	CASINO NIGHT			
Friday, June 24	Men's Group Shabbat			
Saturday, June 25	Meditation & Sound Healing in the Sanctuary			
Sunday, June 26	Pub Akiba			
Tuesday, June 28				
Friday, July 1				
Friday, July 1	Intergenerational Game Night			
Thursday, July 14	Challah Bake			
Saturday, July 16	Meditation & Sound Healing in the Sanctuary			
Sunday, July 24	Pub Akiba			
Thursday, July 28	Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women			
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 ....." "THE LAST HURRAH" SUMMER PARTY FOR PARENTS Saturday, August 13 ...... Meditation & Sound Healing in the Sanctuary Saturday, August 20 ...... Sunset SUP (stand-up paddleboard) with Rabbi Shapiro ......(call for reservations) Friday, August 26 ...... Shabbat at the Beach Sunday, August 28......Pub Akiba Sunday, August 28......Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

July 24 - August 7...... Akiba Resident Camp







Thank You! With your help, our Purim Carnival was a success!
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See you next year – March 5, 2023 Jenny Fogel & Robyn Kupferman



## TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY

2021 - 2022

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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## **Tzadik**

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NEW DATES FOR 2023



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Led by Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich

June 28 - July 10, 2023

Traveling in Israel is an opportunity to encounter the wonders of this ancient land. We'll grow through our shared experiences, from the fun and adventurous, to the historical and spiritual, as we explore Israel together!

## **OUR 10 NIGHT JOURNEY INCLUDES:**

- Discover the charm, delight and complexity of Jerusalem's Old City, including the Western Wall, the Jewish Quarter and a spectacular rooftop vista.
- Celebrate our B'nai Mitzvah at Hebrew Union College.
- Descend below ground and back in time at the Dig for a Day - a real, live archaeological expedition! Discover the ancient past, transforming their trash into modern treasure.
- Discover the richness of the Jewish Diaspora at ANU, the Museum of the Jewish People, that traces the journey of Jewish communities worldwide from the destruction of the Temple through today.
- Repair the world with tikkun olam and give back to the community at **Pantry Packers**, packing food supplies and serving the needy in Israel.

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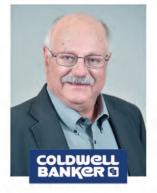
# Gifts & Memorials

"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 plagues 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 they choose.

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

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Please donate the following items to make our projects successful:

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HYGIENE ITEMS: travel size: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, band aids, tissues, brushes, combs, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products

BOOKS for Teens, new and gently used, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES, No Adult Books please

<u>PET SUPPLIES:</u> blankets, towels, dog & cat food, treats, toys, stainless steel bowls, leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates and cat litter

Projects filled first come, first served. Please sign up before Mitzvah Day!

Complete the Mitzvah Day brochure or register at: https://www.templeakiba.net/mitzvah-day

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