



Happy Chanukah

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LIGHTS TRULY
SHINE BRIGHTER
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NOV/DEC Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, November 4 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, November 11 6:30pm
Healing Service with Choir

Friday, November 18 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 25 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, December 2 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, December 9 6:30pm
Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, December 16 6:30pm
Millennial Shabb-Rock Service

Friday, December 23 6:30pm
Chanukah Family Service with guest
artist Justin Stein

Friday, December 30 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

on service,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

As Chanukkah approaches, we recall the stories of the great miracles our ancestors encountered in ancient times. Every once in a while, people ask, “Why can’t we witness such miracles today?” “Does God enter our lives at all?”

This resonates. Yes, I, too, often look to the Heavens and ask for God to pay attention and even intervene in our complex world.

But I’m learning (with time), that in those occasions when I call out for a Divine response - the miracle is not that God might connect with me. Rather, the miracle is that the encounter motivates me to act differently moving forward.

Let me put this in concrete terms:

If I see a beautiful sunset as a manifestation of God’s love - will that encounter move me to treat others with kindness?

If I get stuck in a rainstorm, will I have a greater appreciation for our precious natural resources?

If a loved one is suffering, will I partner with God to become a healer?

If God answered a prayer in a way that opens a personal door, will I take the opportunity to open doors for others?

You see - miracles aren’t what we witness. Miracles happen when we change our habits, alter our direction, and make life better for others.

And so, as we enter this season of miracles, let’s become the beacon of light our world needs!

With love and shalom,
Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



I am still on a high from our incredible High Holy Day season! What a joy to be able to celebrate in person for the first time in 3 years. I missed seeing all of you and hearing you join in song and prayer with us. I missed hearing the beautiful voices of our choir live in person. I missed being able to blend my voice with the choir. And I really missed leading the service from the bimah with Rabbi Shapiro.

This year was special for so many reasons. We began our High Holy Day season with services in our building for the first time. It was important for us to gather together as a community in our own Sanctuary. Our Rosh Hashana Family evening and afternoon services were held at Temple Akiba. It felt so good to be home, to share in this meaningful time of year together in our own sacred space. The sweet voices of our children’s choir put a smile on everyone’s faces. It was so exciting to once again see our littlest children and their parents helping to hold up the Torah as it was open and scrolled out through the Sanctuary.

Being able to greet the congregation as they exited the building was so wonderful. And being able to embrace everyone with a hug of comfort during our Yizkor Rock Ceremony was such a blessing. All of these moments were treasured, all of these moments brought a true sense of holiness to our Yamim Noraim.

I look forward to this upcoming year with hope for the continued programs and opportunities that will bring our community together. We were able to find beauty and meaning even in the midst of the most difficult times during the Pandemic. However, being together, praying together, singing together and smiling together is magical.

Wishing you a year filled with love, community, big smiles, happiness and light.

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!!

Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Teaching Gratitude

Last year I began my own professional journey into the world of positive education through generous funding from the Builders of Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Foundation working with the Center for Positive Education. This year we are beginning to weave the themes of positive education into our schools and curriculums. As Thanksgiving approaches we have begun talking about gratitude.

“It’s not happy people who are thankful. It’s thankful people who are happy.” Martin Seligman, psychologist, and educator.

The benefits of gratitude have been shown to include:

- Gratitude increases happiness. Thankfulness leads to heightened well-being and especially positive moods.
- Gratitude creates lasting happiness. An attitude of gratitude helps you not only increase positive emotion but can also sustain it.
- Gratitude protects you from both stress and negativity. Gratitude is associated with decreased anxiety and depression and increased social support.
- Gratitude leads to stronger relationships. Gratitude strengthens your relationships and helps you create and maintain good relationships and feel more connected.

Instilling gratitude in your children at a young age could help them grow up to be happier people.

How do we teach children gratitude? Teaching our children about being grateful is not easy. It’s a difficult concept for younger children to understand.

Model gratitude. Say thank you when you mean it and make sure your child knows when you are grateful for something they do too. Children always look to adults to model their own behavior so make sure you practice what you preach.

Perform Acts of Kindness. There are many things your child can do to show appreciation for other people and things. This might involve returning a favor, like loaning a toy to a friend who is kind or making a gift for someone. Make it clear that there are many ways to show people that you’re grateful for all they do.

Create a ritual. A simple way to include gratitude in your family’s daily life is to talk about it at the dinner table. At dinner each night, have everyone list one thing they loved about their day. This helps children to see that there is always something we can be grateful for.

Encouraging your child to express their gratitude can help build their resilience and create skills for life. When done together as a family it can also strengthen relationships and build some mindfulness into your day.

Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education



President's Message

As we move from the Season of Renewal toward Thanksgiving and Chanukah let us hold onto the incredible words and music of Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, Cantor Lonee Frailich, our Rabbinical Intern Hannah Bloomberg and our Choirs. May they move us to action and gratitude, particularly for miracles.

Miracles like us being able to be in person for the High Holy Days. One of the most powerful moments was gathering in a circle after services on Rosh Hashanah singing Hashkivenu. I felt sheltered by all of you. To be with our community, after 3 years, and to feel that bond, was very uplifting. I hope it inspired you as it did me to strive to improve ourselves, our Temple and our world.

There are so many opportunities.

First, for me, to be more patient, to not take out my stress on others and to be aware of how my actions or words may affect others.

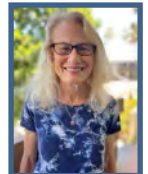
Second, for the Temple, to bring in new members, welcome and engage them and encourage all of our members to get connected and build community. During the High Holy Days, you heard from several of our Trustees, inviting you to join a committee, come to an event or volunteer for one task. It takes just one step to make a difference and you will feel different, too. 69 Temple members volunteered to make our High Holy Days the incredible experience it was! Join our plans to commemorate our 70th year! We will be reaching out to you, too!

Third, for the world, there are so many opportunities. Our Tikkun Olam Committee holds collections on a regular basis for those in need. Join our Mitzvah Day Committee. Consider becoming a part of our efforts to sponsor a Ukrainian family. Our own Lana Rapoport, who is from Ukraine, spoke about her very personal experience. She and her husband, Benjamin, have enabled her sister to resettle here.

I am moved to gratitude for the honor of serving this congregation, for the partnership with our Clergy, Board, staff and you, and for my loving and supportive family. They are my miracles.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Chanukah full of joyful miracles.

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

Growing up I was fortunate that my parents provided me with a very diverse Jewish background. I don't know if they did this intentionally, but I feel blessed to have had so many diverse Jewish experience. I attended an orthodox day school, we were members of a conservative Shul, and I spent many summers going to a reform resident camp. I participated in BBYO, USY, NFTY, and NCSY, and I spent many days runner the halls of our local JCC (much to the chagrin of the staff 12). All of these collective experiences created a spark that turned into a flame that paved the way for my life-long Jewish involvement, and has led me to being part of the special team and community here at Temple Akiba.

As we draw closer to the end of the year, two special holidays are approaching – Thanksgiving and Chanukah. Both holidays are different, yet they share a common theme of thankfulness, and for me, include miracles.

Chanukah has the miracle of the oil lasting for 8 days when it should have only lasted for one day, and the miracle of a small band of Maccabees coming out victorious in a battle of a much larger and more well supplied army – ensuring our religious freedom.

The holiday of Thanksgiving is a special time to appreciate all that I, and my family, have – friends, family, and our good fortune to live in a country where we are able to participate in Jewish life freely, openly, and proudly – which, I believe is also a miracle.

From the spark my parents instilled in me as a child – perhaps lasting longer than they imagined (much like the oil) – to taking a step back to be thankful on Thanksgiving. These two holiday's meanings, like the flame of a Havdalah candle, are miraculous intertwined. They give the ending of the secular year special meaning for me, and brings so much light unto my family.

There are so many miracles that happen every day at Temple Akiba, and so much to be thankful for. Much like the oil during Chanukah, our collective spark lasts longer and has a greater impact than we can all imagine. Personally, I will take time during these holidays to be thankful for the miracles of my parents providing me such a rich and robust background that led me here; for being part of such a wonderful, warm, embracing community; and for being able to call Temple Akiba my home! I hope you too take the time to appreciate and give thanks to the miracles that are in your life, and for all you give and get from Temple Akiba and our community! Thank you for being part of Temple Akiba - Our Light absolutely Shines Brighter Together.



L'Shalom, **Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director**

Temple Akiba Goes Green - Achieves Sustainability Certification

On June 1, Temple Akiba, along with 12 other newly certified members of the Culver City business community, was recognized at a ceremony held at the Temple as part of the City's Sustainable Business Certification Program. To be certified, Akiba was guided through a comprehensive on-site sustainability assessment of our building and operations and, with a City sustainability consultant's help, developed measures to increase energy and water efficiencies, establish green purchasing and create a better environment for our community. To quote the Culver City's mayor, Dr. Daniel Lee, "The Sustainable Business Certification Program is helping Culver City reduce its carbon footprint and improve the wellbeing of workers, customers and the entire community" which, in our case, translates as clergy, staff, congregants, and children. Since the inception of this program, 58 certified businesses reduced their annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 246 metric tons, decreased their water use by 4.6 million gallons, and saved 343,00 kWh of electricity.

Thanks to the Temple Green Team, Rebecca Holzberg and importantly to Jeffrey Rips and his unflagging leadership, Akiba has achieved Sustainability Certification and received two grants, one for installation of a water bottle station and one for installation of LED lighting in the annex.

Celebrating the Return of Our Restored Torah

Saturday, November 5 – Monday, November 7, 2022

Soferet Linda Coppleson, who has restored our most often used Torah, is one of the first female Jewish Torah scribes in the world. She will be in residence at Temple Akiba to provide insight into the creation and history of Torah making and restoration. Each presentation will be geared towards the age of the audience. While sharing the in's and out's of this holy art form, she will answer questions like: How is a Torah made? Who makes it? What are the materials used and why? And the questions that you bring to this event.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday

6:00 – 6:45 PM – Congregation is invited for an Introduction of Linda Coppleson and her presentation on "The Restoration Journey of Temple Akiba's Torah."

6:45 – 7:15 PM – Havdalah Service

Sunday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Presentation for Religious School Parents

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Presentation for Religious School Students

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM - Presentation by Linda Coppleson for All Temple Members regarding the repair of our Torah with before and after pictures.

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Group inscribing opportunities for Temple members by reservation only. Individual letters left to be inked with the Soferet will be available for this writing opportunity. To sign up for a time, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CA5A729A1FB6-torah> Because inscribing is a mitzvah, a suggested donation of \$18 is requested.

Monday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Presentation for ECC Parents

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Presentation for ECC Students

12:00 AM – 1:30 PM – Conversation between the Rabbi and the Soferet for participants from Lunch and Learn, Torah Study, Coffee with the Clergy, Men's Group, Sisterhood and any interested congregants. The Torah will be sewn onto the Eitz Chayim and returned to the Ark.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Presentation to Akiba High School students and families.





Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.



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SPONSOR A UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

We are anxious to sponsor a Ukrainian refugee family. Following HIAS's model of Sponsor Circles, we are looking for six to eight congregants who are willing to help the family for six months. This includes helping adults find work, finding housing, registering children in school, and taking care of other needs. We also need to raise about \$20,000 to support the family financially for six months. HIAS will provide mentoring and links to resources. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please email Engagement Trustee, Sara Fields at sarafields044@gmail.com.

HIAS works around the world to protect refugees who have been forced to flee their homelands because of who they are, including ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities. For more than 130 years, HIAS has been helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. HIAS' long-time partner on the ground in Ukraine, Right to Protection (R2P), continues to aid refugees and displaced persons. Right now, there are more than 6.3 million Ukrainian refugees across Europe and more than 6.6 million internally displaced people in Ukraine. Millions more have been affected in the areas hardest hit by the war within Ukraine and are in need of humanitarian and protection assistance.



Tikkun Olam Committee

November Donation New Socks and Shoes Drive for The Volunteer Collective



The Volunteer Collective is excited to announce Walking Together, a Shoe Donation Drive focused on helping our unhoused neighbors get back on their feet. As part of our partner Shoes for the Homeless, Inc.'s program, *Project: 65,000* they aim to collect 65,000 pairs of shoes & socks. Yes, you heard that right: 65,000. Donations will be distributed to dozens of service agencies like, Union Rescue Mission, Los Angeles Mission, St. Joseph Center, Upward Bound House, A Place Called Home and many others.

Donations of new and lightly used shoes and new packaged socks. Every variety of men's, women's and kid's footwear is needed — from athletic to dress shoes.



There will be a collection box in the Temple foyer from Tuesday, November 1 - Monday, November 14.

This project is sponsored by Temple Akiba's Tikkun Olam Committee.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions: Sara Fields, Director of Engagement,
engagementtrstee@templeakiba.net



"Our Light Shines Brighter Together"



As we prepare to kindle the lights of the Menorah in celebration of Chanukah, Let us remember those who bring light to our lives the whole year through!



Send a "Chanukah Greeting" to the Staff of Temple Akiba from your family.

Let them know that you are thinking of them and all that they do!

Donate \$5/Staff member (\$150 for all 41), and your family's name will be included with a "Chanukah Greetings" gift. Gift includes: candles, a dreidel, gelt, & a special gift and Chanukah message.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood wishes you and your family a very Happy Chanukah!

For more information contact: Valerie Meyer: vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com or Rose Ross: rtahini2@gmail.com

Please check the staff members to whom you would like to send a "Chanukah Greeting":

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Zachary Shapiro | <input type="checkbox"/> Amber Aguilar-Cuevas | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Azizian |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leo Flores | <input type="checkbox"/> Veronica Wehle | |

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B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Carmel Meraro
daughter of
Sharon & Aviv Meraro
Saturday, November 5



Benjamin Hoggatt
son of
Emily Parkhurst
& Gary Hoggatt
Saturday, December 3



Erin Kingsbury
daughter of
Le Li & Nathaniel Kingsbury
Saturday, December 10

TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

Tiny Tot Shabbat Experience

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.

Come meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!

Join us in person for the
2022-2023 Tiny Tot Shabbat
At 9:00am

Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6,
Feb 3, Mar 3, May 5

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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celebration and gift
giving needs!**

Temple Akiba Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Boutique

**Sunday, December 4, 2022
9 am to 1 pm—in the Temple Social Hall**

We have traditional, unique, and new items
For every day and all holidays, as well as weddings,
bar/bat mitzvot, and other occasions.

Stock up on Gelt, Dreidels, and Candles
See our complete selection of Menorahs, Ritual Items,
Jewelry, Toys and more*

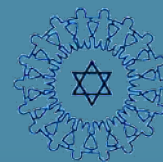
**We can also special order almost anything*

10 % discount off any purchase of \$100 or more

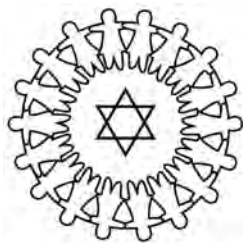
*To attend, proof of vaccination or a negative
PCR test within 72 hours will be required,
masks are optional but encouraged.*



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Brighter and Stronger...Together!

Thank you to all those who have joined or renewed their membership in Temple Akiba Sisterhood – and to our Associate Members as well. You can still become a member even if you have missed the directory deadline. The Membership brochure is available on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website, or you can access via the barcode on our Brochure on your cell phone, or contact Sisterhood Co-VP of Membership Wendy Senelick at membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com.

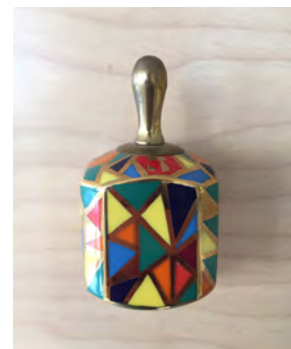
Coffee With the Clergy continues in the Board Room and on Zoom the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 11:00 AM. Look for the link provided in the weekly email from the Temple.

The long awaiting Return of Our Restored Torah will be celebration November 5th – November 7th. Please see the flyer in this bulletin outlining all the many opportunities to engage in this highly anticipated once in a lifetime occurrence.

Our Annual Chanukah Greetings is underway. Want to show your appreciation to our staff? Sisterhood creates a Chanukah Goody bag for every staff member and you can be a part of spreading the joy by filling out the form in this Bulletin or the weekly Temple Newsletter and sending it to the Temple.

Our Annual Chanukkah Boutique will be happening this year on Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We will have gelt, dreidels and candles as well as Menorahs and games and other ritual and gift items for any all off rituals and celebrations. Can't make it to the Boutique – contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com to shop by appointment.

We hope everyone has a bountiful Thanksgiving filled with love and a joyful Chanukah filled with light.



November 2022 7 Cheshvan 5783 - 6 Kislev 5783

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6 12 Cheshvan 6th Grade Bnei Mitzvah Retreat Torah Restoration Project	7 13 Cheshvan 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Restoration Project	8 14 Cheshvan	9 15 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	10 16 Cheshvan 3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	11 17 Cheshvan Temple Closed 6:30 PM Healing Shabbat Service	12 18 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Torah Study
13 19 Cheshvan	14 20 Cheshvan 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 7:00 PM Men's Group Discussion on Dodger Stadium with Author Eric Nusbaum	15 21 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	16 22 Cheshvan 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	17 23 Cheshvan	18 24 Cheshvan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	19 25 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Torah Study
20 26 Cheshvan Men's Group Tour of the Reagan Library No Sunday School	21 27 Cheshvan 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn No Akiba High	22 28 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting No Hebrew School	23 29 Cheshvan 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom 8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spiritual Connection for Women	24 30 Cheshvan Temple Closed Thanksgiving	25 1 Kislev Temple Closed 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	26 2 Kislev
27 3 Kislev No Sunday School	28 4 Kislev 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	29 5 Kislev	30 6 Kislev 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy			

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4 10 Kislev Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique	5 11 Kislev ECC Closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	6 12 Kislev	7 13 Kislev 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	8 14 Kislev 3:30 PM – Challah Braid & Bake	9 15 Kislev 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	10 16 Kislev 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Erin Kingsbury
11 17 Kislev 9:00 AM Religious School Chanukah Celebration	12 18 Kislev 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	13 19 Kislev 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	14 20 Kislev 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	15 21 Kislev	16 22 Kislev 10:00 AM ECC Chanukah Celebration 6:30 PM Millennial Shabb-Rock Service	17 23 Kislev 9:00 AM Torah Study TASTY Jew Years Eve
18 24 Kislev First Night of Chanukah Religious School & ECC Winter Break	19 25 Kislev 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Religious School & ECC Winter Break	20 26 Kislev Religious School & ECC Winter Break	21 27 Kislev 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy Religious School & ECC Winter Break	22 28 Kislev 8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event Religious School & ECC Winter Break	23 29 Kislev 6:30 PM Chanukah Shabbat Service Religious School & ECC Winter Break	24 30 Kislev Religious School & ECC Winter Break
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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

Lillian Jenkins

Sam Karp

In honor of:

Matthew & Louba Aaronson's 17th Wedding anniversary, from Cathie A. Posin

Cathy Penso, with heartfelt appreciation for your caring and leadership, from Janet Nathanson

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Zoey Jaffa, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Dale Stern

Eric Potruch's 60th Birthday, from Randee & Scott Bishoff

Eric Potruch's 60th Birthday, from Girolamo Seli

Eric Potruch's 60th Birthday, from Diane & Allan Wertheim

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In memory of:

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Mary Rapoport, from John Magoulas

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In Gratitude to:

Cantor Lonee, for being there and for all your help, care and guidance along the way for Naomi Ostrick's Bat Mitzvah, from Karen Bernstein & Gary Ostrick

Cantor Lonee, for the privilege of chanting Torah on Yom Kippur, from Linda Park

Cantor Lonee, for all that you have done for our family in honor of Lillian Coopersmith, from the Rubenstein Family

In honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of **Yuval Ram**, from the Ram & Rom Families

In memory of:

Aaron Nathanson, from the Nathanson Family with deep appreciation to Cantors Jay Frailich and Lonee Frailich

CHOIR FUND

In honor of:

Linda Winters, may you enjoy a full recovery, from Janet Nathanson

In memory of:

Letty Mendel, beloved wife of Prof. Jerry Mendel, from Diane Demetras

Letty Mendel, from Hongwei Wu

Yahrzeit Fund

Edward Balaban, my father, from Jocelyn Balaban-Lutzky

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Anne Marie Tassone, my sister, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Isyadore Wexler, my father, and **Ruben Vodovoz**, my brother-in-law, from Jack Wexler

ECC FUND

In honor of:

Rabbi Shapiro, for taking the time to be part of my Beit Din & Bat Mitzvah, I feel so lucky to have had you help me begin my Jewish journey, from Haleigh (Tikvah) Resnik

Maya & Eli Shapiro-Galperin's birthday, from Rebeccah, Arik, & Eitan Burgin

Maya & Eli Shapiro-Galperin's birthday, from Rachelle & David Fleischman

JUSTIN SHABSIS FUND

In honor of:

Leanna Watt's birthday & Leanna and Ron Watt's anniversary, from Susan Polep

Leanna Watts, a great lady and wonderful friend, from Wendy Shabsis

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro, in honor of the Daniel and Eva's Wedding, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Rabbi Shapiro, for making Naomi Ostrick's Bat Mitzvah so special, from Karen Bernstein & Gary Ostrick

Rabbi Shapiro, for the honor of lighting the Kol Nidre candles, from Linda Park

Rabbi Shapiro, for all that you have done for our family in honor of Lillian Coopersmith, from the Rubenstein Family

Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Frailich, for a beautiful naming ceremony for William, from Jennifer & Alexander Safyan

Rabbi Shapiro, wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year to You and Ron and Family and Temple Akiba Family, from Jill Will and Justin Ottinger

In honor of:

Children's Rosh Hashanah Service, we enjoyed your children's service with our grandchildren when we visited Culver City, from Bonnie Hammerschlag

Hurricane Ian relief, from The Akiba Amoeba Havurah, Josette Benassaya, Susan & Scott Corwin, Verna Erez, Linda & Robert Fleischman, Adriane Fleming & Steve Kaufman, Joel & Linda Forman, Carol Fortel, Arleen & Lewis Forsheit, Rosalie & Michael Gotz, Helene & David Jaffa, Lillian Jenkins, Lisa Concoff Kronbeck, Amy Levit, Daniella & Ruben Liber, Judy & William Marotti, Sandra & Michael Newman, Cathy & Bruce Penso, Irene Reingold, Jenna & Adam Sonenshein, Sheila & Stan Weinberg

The anniversary of **Dr. Michael and Sandy Newman**, from Craig & Monique Newman

Eric Potruch's 60th Birthday, from Andrea Wertheim
The Bar Mitzvah of **Yuval Ram**, from the Ram & Rom Families

In memory of:

Fred & Trudi Bender, my parents, from Debbie Richards
Joel T. Glassman, our beloved husband and father, from Susan Glassman

Letty Mendel, our dear neighbor, from Bryan Sanders
Celia Moreno, my mother-in-law, from Norma Moreno

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In memory of:

Edna Ostrin, my beloved mother, from Ron & Leslie Ostrin

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In memory of:

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In honor of:

Leanna Watt's 75th birthday, from Bob Knopf

In memory of:

Jerry Wolkowitz, my father, from Ed & Marla Wolkowitz

Bereavement & Life Transitions Group Build Emotional Strength...

A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere.

Non-Members are welcome. Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm via Zoom. Please call Temple Akiba upon interest.



Led by Shirley Hirschberg
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Challah Braid & Bake

November 13 & December 8

3:30 PM—5:30 PM

On Thursday, November 10th, we will be making Cranberry challah inspired by Thanksgiving! RSVP by Monday, November 7th.

On Thursday, December 8th, we will be making challah inspired by Surprise Chanukah Presents! RSVP by Monday, December 5th

*You are free to bring your own mix-ins or make a plain challah

Cost: \$8 per challah for members, \$10 for non-members

If you have any questions, please contact
Kathryn Vischjager: programdirector@templeakiba.net

Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

New and past participants are equally welcome

November 23 & December 22 at 8:30 PM

Zoom link provided upon registration



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Introduction to Judaism is an engaging multi-session course for anyone interested in exploring Jewish life through a Reform lens

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ReformJudaism.org

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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 Wednesdays of the month
from 11 am—12 noon

Adult Hebrew / B'nei Mitzvah Class



Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm
beginning November 2 on Zoom

Cost: \$50 for members and \$180 for non-members
Open to all adults wishing to learn beginning Hebrew.

The first half of the class concentrates on learning Hebrew letters, vowels and blending the sounds together to read Hebrew.

The second half of the class concentrates on learning prayers and learning to chant from the Torah.

For those who are Temple Akiba members, the class culminates in an Adult B'nei Mitzvah ceremony.

RSVP to cantorlonee@templeakiba.net



Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Sunday, January 15, 2023



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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
9:00 - 12:00 Session 1 (3 rounds)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 Session 2 (3 rounds)
4:15 Awards

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 recommended

-----tear off-----

Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/15/2023

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply:

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



Coming this Purim.....A fundraiser and mitzvah all in one...

MISHLOACH MANOT!!

Purchase themed gift baskets for congregation members, clergy, teachers and staff to show them you care and bring a smile to their face.

Baskets will go on sale in January 2023. Sponsorship opportunities are now available.

For questions, please contact Committee Chair Wendy Senelick, wendysenelick@yahoo.com



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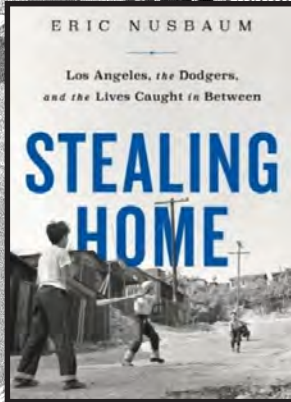


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Men's Group Event:

A Discussion with Author,
Eric Nusbaum on his book, *Stealing Home*

Monday, November 14th at 7 PM



When we think about Dodger Stadium, we think about the many baseball greats who passed through that hallowed place. But what did it take for the development of Dodger Stadium? As Eric Nusbaum describes it in his best seller *Stealing Home*, it took corruption, racism, Communism, misguided idealism, displacement, evil schemes, & the mystical power of baseball.

The Temple Akiba Men's Group invites you to come enjoy Dodgers Dogs and to a discussion with Eric Nusbaum, interviewed by Temple member, Ira Waldman.

For questions, please contact Victor Nahmias at vnahmias@aol.com

Please RSVP at admin@templeakiba.net



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The Men's Group will be hosting a behind the scenes tour of the Reagan Library on **Sunday, November 20th**. Attendance is limited to 20 people. Registration is limited to registered members of Temple Akiba Men's Group. If you are interested in joining Men's Group & the tour, please email Victor Nahmias at VNahmias@aol.com.

Thank you to all who have donated & who have pledged to donate in honor of the High Holy Day Appeal. Your gift makes our light shine brighter together!

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\$1- \$99

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TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2022 - 2023

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CALLING ALL RV'ERS/CAMPERS

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

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

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

For more information contact

Linda Fleischman, Temple Member, 310-487-8910

or

Allan Teplinsky, Club President, Home (818) 368-3471; Cell (818) 264-6199

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 they choose.

**For more information please contact:
Temple Office at admin@templeakiba.net**

Trustee of Engagement

Sara Fields

We will be applying to sponsor a Ukrainian refugee family. Following HIAS's model of Sponsor Circles, we are looking for six to eight congregants who are willing to help the family for about six months. This includes helping adults find work, finding housing, registering children in school, and taking care of other needs. We also need to raise about \$20,000 to support the family financially for six months. HIAS will provide mentoring and links to resources. At this point we have a few volunteers and about \$2,500 in pledges. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, as an area lead, a committee member, or a donor, please email sarafields044@gmail.com.

From November 1 through November 14 we will be collecting gently used shoes and new socks (for men, women and kids) as part of "Barefoot Shabbat", a drive sponsored by Shoes for the Homeless and the Volunteer Collective. There will be a bin at the Temple.

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



**NEW
DATES
FOR
2023**



JOIN TEMPLE AKIBA ON A ADVENTURE IN **ISRAEL**

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.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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