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NOV/DEC Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, November 5 6:30pm Shabbat Shira Service Friday, November 12 6:30pm Shabbat Healing Service with Choir Friday, November 19 6:30pm Sock Hop Shabbat Friday, November 26 6:30pm Shabbat Service Friday, December 3 6:30pm Chanukah Family Service Friday, December 10 6:30pm Shabbat Service with Choir Friday, December 17 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, December 24 5:30pm Shabbat Service Friday, December 31 5:30pm Shabbat Service

On three things the world is sustained:

on Torah,

and on deeds of loving kindness.

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav

Dear friends.



This is one of those years when

Chanukah begins early, very early. The first night will be Sunday, November 28. That's right - the Sunday at the end of Thanksgiving weekend. The Sunday when many will be returning from family gatherings after a tiring day of travel.

Yes, when we are tired, worn out, and perhaps just not feeling it, that's when we are to light the first candles.

People have been asking, "Can't we just light them at Thanksgiving meal - when we are all together?

Well, of course you can light candles. And you can share the blessings. And it will be meaningful. But don't let it replace lighting the candles on Chanukah itself! There is something so magical and miraculous about being in sync with lews throughout time and space at this season.

I am reminded of a story during the Holocaust, when inmates at the Bergen-Belsen death camp pulled threads from their tattered clothes for candles, stole a match from a kitchen, used potato skins as a Chanukkiah, and carved dreidels from wooden shoes. These inmates were beyond heroic, and their story reminds me each year to honor the season in it's proper time.

It's so always easy. But neither is life.

So, if you are traveling. And if you are arriving home Sunday at midnight. And if you have already lit candles when you family was together Do it again, before you go to bed. Because keeping the light alive in the face of all odds ... well, that is the miracle of Chanukah!

Ron, Maya, and Eli join me in wishing you and all you love a season of joy, light, and goodness!

Chag Samech!

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

Did you know that the beloved song, "Oh Chanukah Oh Chanukah" has been around for over a hundred years? This has



been a staple of Chanukah celebrations at home and lewish institutions for many generations. It was originally written in Yiddish by Mordkhe (Mark) Rivesman, and first published in Susman Kiselgof's 1912 Lider-Zamlbukh. The song most likely was being performed as early as 1909 and published later in 1912.

I remember singing this song as a child at all of our Chanukah celebrations at home, dancing and singing around the house. We sang this every year in my dad's children's choir - Hasharim as well. My sister and I along with a few other members of Hasharim even recorded this song when we were little for a record of Chanukah songs.

א חנכה־ליער. 24. (ווערטער פון מ. ריוועססאן) אָי, חָנָכָה, אִי חָנָכָה – אַ יום טוב אַ שׁעהנער א לוסטיגער, א פרעהליכער – ניטא נאך אוויגער אלע נאכט אין דריידלאך שפיעלען מיר, וודינ־הַייסע לַאטְקַעס עָסְט אָהָן אַ שִׁיער: ציגרם, קינרער, די דינינקע ליכטעלאך אַן! זאנם "עליהנסים" לויכם נאם פאר די נסים און קומָם ניכֶער מאנְצָען אִין קאן יָתוּרָת הָאֹם פַערטָרִיבַען רַעם שונא, דַעם רוצַת און האם אין בית־הפוקדש נעזונגען "למנצח" די שפארט ירושלים האט ווידער אייפגעלעבט און צו א נייעם לעבען האט יעדערער נעשטרעבט דעריבער רעם גבור היתפכבי לויבט הוידו ואל יעדער בעוונדער בעוינגען דעם וואונדער און ליעבען דאם פאלק ואלט איהר אייה.

After my family and I light our Chanukah

candles each night, this is the first song that we sing. It's been such a joy seeing my children light up and sing and dance around the house in the same way I did as a child. I make sure this is a part of our Chanukah Service line-up each year as well. I love incorporating the original Yiddish words as well as the English words we have all come to love.

We will be singing this melody once again at our Chanukah Shabbat Shira service on Friday, December 3. Now more than ever we need light in our lives, we need light to guide us through the difficult times we're living in. We hope you can join us for this special service.

Shana Tova.

Cantor Lonee Frailich

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As November approaches, my thoughts turn towards Thanksgiving and Chanukah. Thanksgiving always reminds me to take a step back to remember and appreciate all that I am thankful for. While Chanukah brings to mind the great miracles of the holiday. That these two holidays fall very closely together this year, and how their meanings are intertwined is very impactful for me. On the dreidel are the letters Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin – standing for Nes Gadol Hayah Sham: A Great Miracle Happened THERE. The miracle most commonly thought of are the miracle of the oil lasting eight days and the miracle of the band of Maccabis victory over a much larger army. For both of those miracles, and for so much more, we are thankful that they occurred. Fortunately for us, we have many miracles that happen every day in our lives, and at Temple Akiba, and for those miracles I am thankful.

- I am thankful for the miracle of our ECC children learning, playing, and laughing every day!
- I am thankful for the miracle of the almost 230 participants in our religious school programs!
- I am thankful for the miracle of an exceptionally talented, creative, and caring Rabbi, Cantor, and Cantorial Intern who bring music, prayer, teachings to all of us!
- I am thankful for the miracle of a talented, dedicated, and compassionate group of ECC and Religious School teachers who take the message "and thou shalt teach our children" to extraordinary levels!
- I am thankful for the miracle of working every day with a supportive, creative, committed group of professionals!
- I am thankful for the miracle of our Sisterhood and Men's Group for all they do to enrich the lives of all us at here at Temple Akiba!
- I am thankful for the miracle of an incredibly passionate and dedicated Board of Directors who work hard to lead Temple Akiba!
- I am thankful for the miracle of all our generous donors without whom Temple Akiba's light would not be able to shine as brightly throughout our entire community!
- I am also thankful for the miracle of my wonderful loving family, who I am so appreciative and love so much. To all of our Temple Akiba community. I hope that you too, as Thanksgiving and Hanukkah approach, are able to take some time to appreciate all that you are thankful for and all the miracles that happen in your lives!

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Chanukah, one filled with your own special miracles.



Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

President's Message

Thanksgiving is almost here! I am so happy that families will be able to gather together this year!

As we express gratitude for our families and the bounty in our lives, I extend that same gratitude to all of you.

For joining in community at our Shabbat Services, during the High Holy Days and our other events. Whether in person or on zoom we connected, thanks to our dedicated clergy, Rabbi Zach Shapiro, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Liz Baseman and all the work that happens behind the scenes. Hats off to Jeffrey Rips, Robyn Altman, B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator, the office staff, custodians, tech support and security.

For your commitment to Temple Akiba in your generosity through your dues, and donations, especially to our Tzedakah Society, President's Circle and the High Holy Day Appeal.

For educating your children in our ECC and Religious School. Under Randee's leadership, our Religious School has more students than ever, 224 and counting! Thanks also to Diane Germansky and staff.

For having your kids join our engaging TASTY events, led by Leah Penso, Youth Group Director.

For our Board of Directors and their committees working to make Temple Akiba a better place, from Sisterhood's Onegs-to-go, challahs at Yom Kippur, the Chanukah Boutique and the Torah Restoration, Men's Group programs, recruiting and welcoming our new members, keeping track of our finances, improving our facilities, taking notes at our meetings, conferring with our Covid-19 Advisory Task Force, planning events like Moms Mimosa Meet-Up, Casino Night & Misloach Manot, reaching out to those in need, and, of course, making the world beyond us a better place through the work of our Tikkun Olam Committee.

As the season of light approaches, we look forward to having events inside at Temple Akiba and our light shining even brighter together! Stay tuned for a very exciting 2022!

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving and a Chanukah full of the miracles of life!

Cathy Penso, President

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sustaining the Light:

Social Justice for Chanukah

In the middle of winter, we gather together around the Chanukah lights, spin the dreidle, eat latkes and jelly donuts, celebrating the festival of Chanukah. Chanukah takes its name of 'dedication' from the Maccabees' rededication of the Temple after their battle against King Antiochus. By returning to and reclaiming the Temple, the Maccabees recommitted themselves to a Jewish way of life, to all that they held dear. Thus, Chanukah asks us to rededicate ourselves not only to our Judaism, but to the values we place at the center of our faith. In particular, Chanukah can be a time when we rededicate ourselves to the work of tikkun olam, repair of the world.

As the Maccabees had the courage to stand up for their beliefs, Chanukah encourages us to speak out about our values. The rabbis teach us to not only kindle the holiday lights in the privacy of our homes, but also to make known the miracles of Chanukah by placing our hanukiyot in the window. In turn, not only do we rekindle our personal commitments to social justice, but we also teach others, take action and advocate for the repair of the world.

As our ancestors worked to keep the light in the Temple burning from generation to generation, we work towards creating a just society that will endure from generation to generation – a society in which all of its members live in a dignified way, which preserves the environment and our natural resources, which protects and nurtures our children, and which continues to be a beacon of religious freedom.

As we increase the lights of Chanukah, adding a candle each night, so too might we, by our actions, bring new light to the world: light to those living in poverty, light for our fragile ecosystems, light for all of our children and the light of religious liberty.

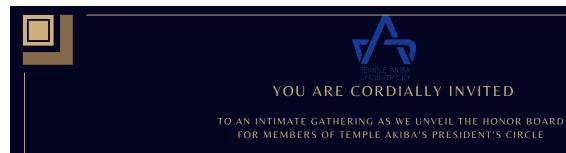
Randee Bishoff
Director of Education

Welcome New Members

Tamar & Fren Asken & Family
David & Michele Feigenblatt & Family
Lars Horno Escuchas
Laura & William Kunin & Family
Bryan Louff & Yael Shina
Ira & Maria Pemstein
Ryan Raskin & Family
Lauren & Brad Saunders & Family
Rinat & Oleg Subbotovsky & Family

Susan & Scott Corwin

Andrew Gumbel & Naomi Seligman & Family
Nicole & Steve Lange & Family
Louise Lerner McLeod
Jackie Motobo
Karen & Robert Plush & Family
Jessica Rodriguez
Jill & Brian Sowell & Family
Jeanne Young & John Russum



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 4:00 - 6:00 PM

LATKES, HORS D'OEUVRES, AND COCKTAILS

AT TEMPLE AKIBA IN THE COURTYARD 5249 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD. CULVER CITY, CA 90230

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS GIVE A MINIMUM OF \$2,500 TO TEMPLE AKIBA TZEDAKAH SOCIETY OVER THEIR FULL MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT TO TEMPLE AKIBA.

RSVP BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD: ADMIN@TEMPLEAKIBA.NET OR 310-398-5783

YOU CAN MAKE OR INCREASE YOUR 2021-2022 PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE COMMITMENT AT HTTPS://TEMPLEAKIBA.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/PRESIDENTS_CIRCLE

MIKE BAUER, CAROL DIAMOND, IRA DIAMOND, BOB KNOPF AND CATHY PENSO

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE CHAIRS

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JEFFREY RIPS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TOR OF DEVELOPMENT

CATHY PENSO

CATHY PENSO PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS RABBI ZACHARY SHAPIRO SENIOR RABBI

CANTOR LONEE FRAILICH





Notes from the Tikkun Olam Committee

Sara Fields, Chair

October donation drive for Safe ParkingLA

This organization operates ten sites where people living in their cars can sleep safely, with a security guard on site and also sanitation. Committee members visited the lot in Culver City and spoke with the coordinators and one client. They are funded by LAHSA (joint powers authority of the City and County of LA). They have case workers who work with clients to connect them with resources and move them toward housing. We collected items from their wish list – gloves, wipes, dry shampoo, deodorant, snack items and gift cards.

November donation drive for Grace Diner

Grace Lutheran Church in Culver City operates Grace Diner, a program which provides meals to go and other necessities five nights a week. See elsewhere in the bulletin for specific items requested.

December donation drive – look for information in the weekly Temple eNews.

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





Sponsorship Opportunities for CASINO NIGHT 2022



High Roller Sponsorship: \$7,200

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Recognition on cocktail napkins
- Choose the casino night special cocktail
- Sponsorship of two tables
- Admission for 12 quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Poker Room Sponsorship: \$5,400

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Exclusive Recognition and naming of the Poker Room
- Admission for 8 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

VIP Sponsorship: \$3,600

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Registration Table throughout night
- Sponsorship of two casino tables of your choice
- Admission for six quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Bar Sponsorship: \$1800

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Bar throughout the night
- Sponsorship of the bar
- Choose two of your favorite beers to include in the bar
- Admission for four quests
- Extra Gaming Chips

Bond Sponsor: \$1007

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of Casino Table
- Two front of the bar passes at any time during the evening
- Admission for 4 quests

Weekend Gambler: \$720

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of Casino Table
- Admission for 2 guests

Sponsor: \$540

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Name Listing on the scroll
- Admission for 2 guests

Sponsor: \$360

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Name Listing on the scroll
- Admission for 1 guest

To register or pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/casino night_sponsorship

Contributions are tax deductible as provided by law. The Fair Market Value for the event has been established to be \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit Temple Akiba. Federal Tax I.D. #95-1932032

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JEFFREY RIPS AT (310) 398-5783 / director@templeakiba.net

















Early Childhood Center Now Enrolling for January 2022 and Fall 2022-2023



TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT◀

Tiny Tot Shabbat Experience

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

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







of Los Angeles is a program of the Jewish Federation of er Los Angeles, with support from generous local donors

Join us in person for the 2021-2022 Tiny Tot Shabbat At 9:00am

Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Ap. 1, May 13 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



B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!







Nina Schwartz daughter of Dayna Greenspan & **Robbie Schwartz** Saturday, November 20



Eric Mellor son of Nancy Balter & Blake Mellor Saturday, December 11

announcing a brand new

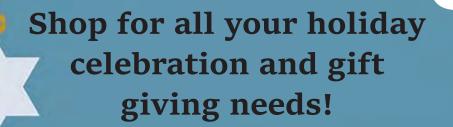
SOCIAL COMMITTEE **FOR RELIGIOUS** SCHOOL FAMILIES!

A new social committee has been formed to plan events for religious school families (K-8) in efforts to build community, to strengthen friendships & to just have some fun and make memories together!

> The committee was formed by (L-R) Wendy Senelick, Dayna Greenspan & Pámela Hakakian.

Keep your eyes open for email invitations. Hope you'll join us!

If you are interested in forming a social committee for the ECC, email pamela.hakakian@compass.com



Temple Akiba Sisterhood's **Annual Chanukah Boutique**

Sunday, November 7, 2021 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

Cash and Checks only, NO CREDIT CARDS

To attend, proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test within 72 hours will be required, as well as masks to be worn at all times.









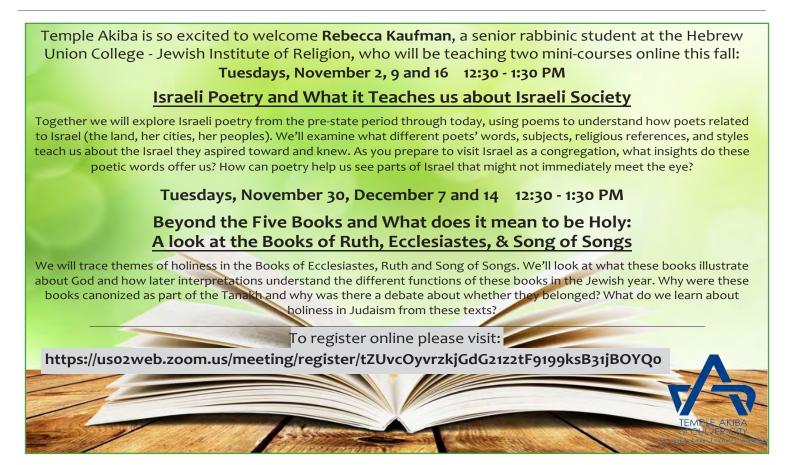
Thank you to all those who have joined or renewed their membership in Temple Akiba Sisterhood – and to our Associate Members as well. You can still become a member even if you have missed the directory deadline. The Membership brochure is available on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website or contact Sisterhood Co-VP of Membership Cathy Penso at prisca56@sbcglobal..net

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

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 Chanukah Boutique will be happening this year on Sunday, November 7th, 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. All those attending will have to follow current safety and health protocols are met. Can't make it to the Boutique - contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com to shop by appointment.

We wish you have a bountiful Thanksgiving filled with love and a Chanukah filled with light.



November 2021 26 Cheshvan 5782 - 26 Kislev 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 Cheshvan	27 Cheshvan	28 Cheshvan	29 Cheshvan	1 Kislev	2 Kislev
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
		HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman	7:00 PM Sisterhood Membership Event - An Evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein		6:30 PM Shabbat Shira & 5th Grade Family Service	
3 Kislev	4 Kislev	5 Kislev	6 Kislev	7 Kislev 11 Temple Closed	8 Kislev	9 Kislev
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:00 PM Lunch &	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with		11 Temple Closed	6:30 PM Healing	9:00 AM Torah Study
Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique	Learn	HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		Shabbat Service with Choir	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Lerner
				Veterans Day		
10 Kislev	11 Kislev	12 Kislev	13 Kislev	14 Kislev	15 Kislev	16 Kislev
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		6:30 PM ShabbRock 50's Sockhop Service	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Nina Schwartz
17 Kislev	18 Kislev	19 Kislev	20 Kislev	21 Kislev	22 Kislev	23 Kislev
21	22	23	24	25 Temple Closed	26 Temple Closed	27
	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	7:00 PM Men's Group Culver City Planning Presentation	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Shabbat Service	
				Thanksgiving		
24 Kislev	25 Kislev 29	26 Kislev				
No Religious School	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman				
1st Night of Chanukah	2nd Night of Chanukah	3rd Night of Chanukah				

$December\ 2021\ {\scriptstyle \textit{27\,Kislev}\ 5782\ -\ \textit{27\,Tevet}\ 5782}$

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			27 Kislev	28 Kislev	29 Kislev	30 Kislev
			11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:00 AM Torah Study
			5:30 PM ECC Family Chanukah Party		10:00 AM ECC Chanukah Celebration 6:30 PM Chanukah Family Service	
			4th Night of Chanukah	5th Night of Chanukah	6th Night of Chanukah	7th Night of Chanukah
5 1 Tevet	6 Tevet	7	8 4 Tevet	5 Tevet	10	7 Tevet
Religious School Chanukah Celebration	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn ECC Parent/Teacher Conferences – ECC Closed	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		6:30 PM Shabbat Torah Service with Choir	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Eric Mellor TASTY – Jews Year's
8th Night of Chanukah	Ciosca					Eve Overnight
8 Tevet	9 Tevet	10 Tevet	11 Tevet	12 Tevet	13 Tevet	14 Tevet
TASTY – Jews Year's Eve Overnight	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	12:30 – 1:30 PM Adult Education with HUC Student Rabbi, Rebecca Kaufman	11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy		6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	
15 Tevet	16 Tevet	17 Tevet 21	18 Tevet 22	19 Tevet	20 Tevet 24 Temple Closed	21 Tevet 25 9:00 AM Torah Study
			7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		5:30 PM Shabbat Service	
Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break	Religious School & ECC Winter Break
22 Tevet	23 Tevet	24 Tevet	25 Tevet 29	30 26 Tevet	31 Temple Closed	
		7:00 PM Men's Group Israeli Politics Night			5:30 PM Shabbat Service	
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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

In honor of:

Maia Goldman's Bat Mitzvah, from Marlene Nett

Roz Brody Lebowitz, from Robyn Brody

Wishing **Leila Rosemberg** a speedy recovery, from The Akiba Amoeba Havurah

Liz & Morris Zlotowitz, from Ann Dorzback

Sandra & Michael Newman

Joel Steiner

In memory of:

Arnold Fisher, from John Magoulas

Marv Frankel, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Grandmother Leshtz, may her memory be for a blessing, from

John Magoulas and Stella & Matt August

Robert Rips, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Germano Rosemberg, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Sheldon Stein, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

Lee Weitz, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

The 6 Million Jews that Perished, from Joel Shevick

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

Rabbi Shapiro, for having the right words and being there for me and my family through such tough times, from Wendy Shabsis The birthdays of **Marshall Naiman** and **Danelle Fisher**, from Lisa & Eric Potruch

Wishing **Leila Rosemberg** healing and to get well soon, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz

In memory of:

Jack Gold, from Ron & Janet Nathanson

Jack Gold, from Roberta Cohen

Dr. Howard Kass, my brother, from Micky & Don Mann and Family

Norma Sharpe, my beautiful cousin and friend, with love and gratitude, Bonnie Weiss

Shelley Surpin, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz

Shelley Surpin, my sister, from Andie & Jay Swerdlow

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

In honor of:

Reena Ramanuj, in celebration of the marriage of my daughter, a graduate of ECC, the Religious School, Hebrew High, and a camper and camp counselor, to Kevin Cheney, from Susan Abraham

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In memory of:

Trudy and Harold Cherness, my parents, from Darryl Cherness

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In memory of:

Dr. Howard Kass, from Virginia & Lester Wagner **Babette Peyser**, my wife, from Arthur Peyser

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Sol Meshul, my father, from Renee Meshul

George Miller, my father, from Eileen Miller Krause

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Ernest Nathan, my brother, from Viviane Nathan

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Nancy Nathanson, my sister, from Ron Nathanson

Leon Opperman, my brother-in-law, from Morris Price

Edna Ostrin, my mother, from Ronald Ostrin

Karen Pelletier, our daughter, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Max J. Penner, my father from Benita & Michael Spector

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Sylvia Stock, my mother, from June Penso

Ken Stone, from Laurie Hurl

Shelley Surpin, from Sue Polep

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Aaron Urfrig, my father, from Wendy Temple

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Lee Weitz, from Janet & Ron Nathanson

Lee Weitz, from the Movie Havurah

Lee Weitz, our friend, from Marian & Peter Schwartz

Isyadore Wexler, my father, from Jack Wexler

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SHINE BRIGHTER FUND

Rosie LaBriola

JUSTIN SHABSIS MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of:

Wishing Leila Rosemberg a speedy recovery, from Leanna & Ron Watts

LEE WOLKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of:

Jerry Wolkowitz, from the Wolkowitz Family

RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In honor of:

The marriage of Rebecca Penso to Alex Birnbaum. Mazal Tov! From John Magoulas

Rebecca Penso's wedding and Daniel Penso's engagement, from Leanna & Ron Watts

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Wishing Ed Wolkowitz a speedy recovery, from Sue Polep In memory of:

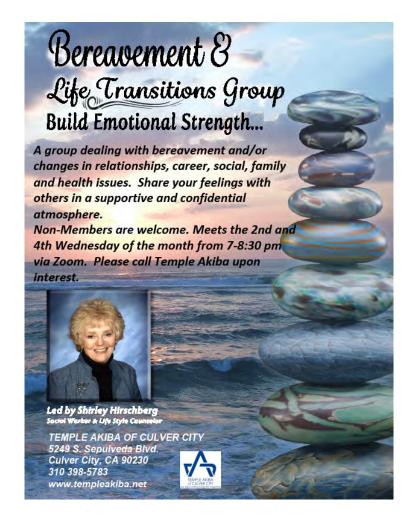
Arnold Fisher, from Sue Polep Marv Frankel, from Sue Polep Robert Rips, from Sue Polep Lee Weitz, from Sue Polep

Sheldon Weinstein, beloved husband of Cathy Weinstein,

from Sue Polep

MEN'S GROUP

Ira Waldman











Help Keep our Neighbors in Need Fed and Clothed

Please Donate to Grace Diner, which has been

providing **MEALS TO-GO** Monday through Friday since April, 2020



ONLY these items are needed:

- Bottled Water
- Peanut Butter in plastic jars
- Pop-top cans of tuna
- Crackers

- Warm Jackets & Coats for Men sizes L and XL (Washed if Pre-owned)
- Knit Hats & Gloves
- NEW Dark Colored Socks

Drop off your donations from Sunday, November 14th from 9 AM- 12 PM & November 15th-19th from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Grace Diner is a project of Grace Lutheran Church of Culver City

Questions: Sara Fields, Director of Engagement, direngagement@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 (\$125 for all 35), 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@qmail.com or Rose Ross: rtahini2@qmail.com

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM with a check to Temple Akiba Sisterhood NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD -5249 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA. 90230















Temple Akiba Youth Programming aka TASTY IS BACK!

All Akiba Members in 4th - 12th grade are welcome and encouraged to participate in monthly events always focused on FUN ADVENTURES WITH AKIBA PEERS!



TASTY Bites 4th-5th arade





Senior TASTY 8th-12th grade

Fall 2021 Events will include movie nights under the stars, bonfires, hikes, outdoor Shabbat & Havdallah, beach/water sports, and more!

STAY CONNECTED to TASTY!

Follow LeahAtAkiba on Facebook or contact the Director of Akiba Youth & Resident Camp Programs at youthgroup@templeakiba.net

TASTY Events will always follow Covid-19 safety guidelines/requirements

Men's Group of Temple Akiba





Four Reasons to Join With the Men of Temple Akiba:

Education - Over the course of the year we offer talks and conversations on many different issues, ranging from the Israeli Elections to presentations by the Culver City Planning Department on where Culver City is goinng to book presentations on topics of interest to the Jewish community

Fellowship - This is a perfect opportunity to gather with other members of our community to meet, discuss areas of mutual concern and interest, and to schmooze with one another. Join us in arranging and participating in the Men's Group Shabbat Service on January 28, 2022. Plus, we have now joined with our national organization, Men of Reform Judaism, opening the door to opportunities to meet and work with our cohorts at other congregations,

Fun - We hold movie nights several times a year showing some of the latest and greatest of Israeli films and other films with Jewish content, we've had poker nights, regularly tell jokes and stories to each other, and look for ways to enjoy life and each others company.

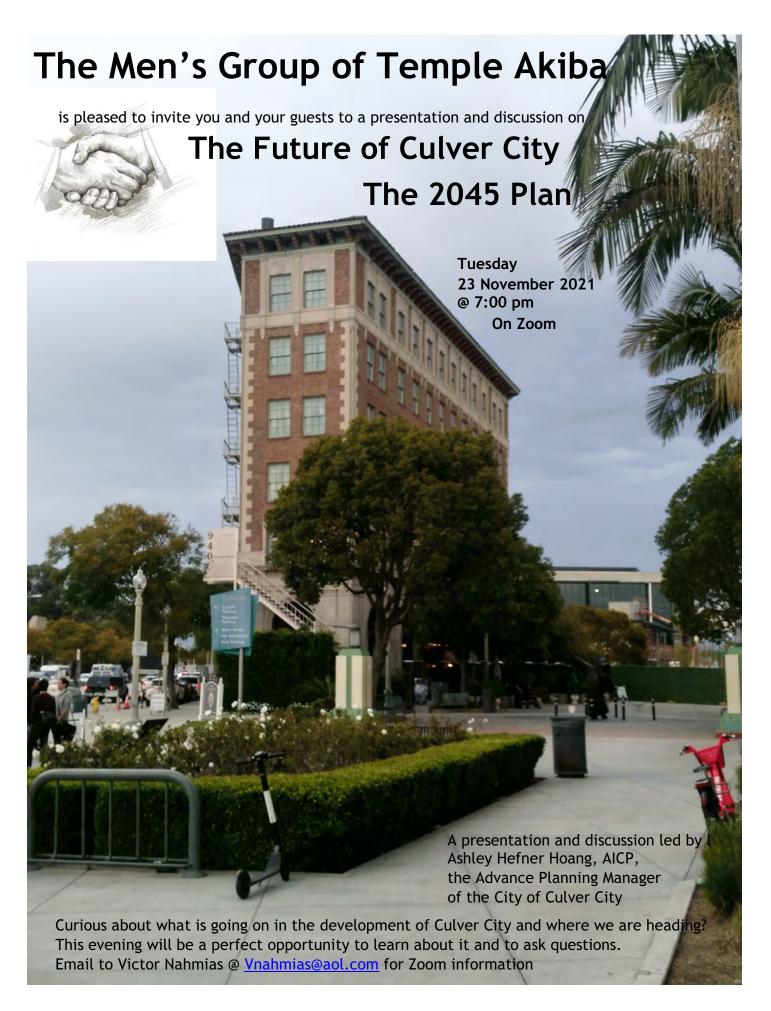
Support the Temple - The Men's Group underwrites the cost of Tanakh's, presented to all our B'nai Mitzvah students. We provide manpower for the Purim Carnival and for Mitzvah day. And, as a fundraiser for the Temple, we organize musical events (join us this coming April for a concert featuring our own Cantor Lonee and Craig Newman).

So why not join us? 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.



Join us for our December meeting on December 21 at 7 pm!

Topic: A Review and Discussion on the Israeli Government -How Are They Doing?





Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood Sunday, January 16, 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:

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

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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

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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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JOIN TEMPLE AKIBA ON A ADVENTURE IN

ISRAEL

Led by Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich

June 29 - July 11, 2022

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.

PRICING CHART (based on double occupancy)	CHECK/CASH PRICE	CREDIT CARD PRICE
LAND TOUR	\$4,860	\$5,000
Single Supplement additional cost	\$2,420	\$2,510
Child Reduction As third in room under the age of 12	-\$1,150	-\$1,150

and so much more!!!



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"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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