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SEPT/OCT Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, September 3 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, September 10 Shabbat Service with Choir	6:30pm
Friday, September 17 Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Friday, September 24 Sukkot Family Service	6:30pm
Friday, October 1 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, October 8 Shabbat Service with Choir	6:30pm
Friday, October 15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Friday, October 22 Shabbat Service honoring new members	6:30pm
Friday, October 29 Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Shabbat Service	6:30pm

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,

I want to share a Holy Day story

from my days as a student rabbi. This was shared with me by a mentor, but I feel like it has become my own, so I will share it in the first person!

When I first served this pulpit in a small Midwest town, I reached out to the congregation to ask about specific traditions that were important to the community.

"Whatever you want" they said!

Well, I prepared meaningful services for both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. At the very end, I stood tall and proud on the Bimah to offer the final shofar blast, tekiya gedolah. (The person who usually sounded the shofar was ill that year).

The services were well received. (A few people noted that I chose melodies they were not familiar with). But nearly all members were disappointed in the final shofar blast.

"You are supposed to do it bowing into the Ark."

I had never heard of this before. But they insisted that this was the right "traditional" way of doing it.

So I visited the man who had been sounding shofar in prior years. When I explained the issue, his face turned bright red. He then spoke up: "Four years ago, I was sounding shofar at the end of Yom Kippur, tall and proud. Then, my dentures fell out and unto the Bima. I was so embarrassed that I have been bowing into the Ark ever since! The first year, people thought it was strange. The second year, it was familiar. Last year, it was as though this is how Moses did it on Sinai!"

I always laugh at this story. It shows how quickly something becomes sacred tradition. Friends, my hope and prayer is this.... As we gather online for a second year for the Holy Days, I DON'T want this to become our new norm. While we will strive to foster deep meaning and harness hope and spirit, we can't wait to be back, in person, with our community. And while we may present new opportunities that become traditions, we hope these years of exclusive online worships fade into distant memory as we emerge from the pandemic.

Ron, Maya, and Eli joins me in sending you an embrace filled with love,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner

In this season of reflection and renewal, we remember the meaningful moments and difficult times of the past and look



forward to the bright potential of the future. This was certainly a difficult year. The Pandemic brought the world we knew to a halt. We were homebound, unable to conduct life in the way we were used to. However, our connection to Temple Akiba remained. We were so fortunate to be able to transfer all of our programs online and ensure that our community continued to thrive. Our lights truly shined together even through the darkest hours of the Pandemic.

Our light will continue to shine at Temple Akiba and will look even brighter this year. Our Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman was an incredible addition to the Temple Akiba clergy team last year. I am so excited to announce that she will be continuing with us for one more year! Liz brought so many gifts to us last year with her beautiful voice, spiritual teachings and her kindness.

She was involved in almost every aspect of Temple life and will be increasing her portfolio even more this year. She will be working with our Junior High and High School students as well as shadowing and participating in life-cycle events. She will continue to share her beautiful voice with us at our Friday night Shabbat services, our B'nai Mitzvahs and our holiday celebrations. She will continue to engage our ECC children with her music classes, and she will continue to share her wisdom in our Torah study and adult education classes.

No matter what the world looks like, the clergy team at Temple Akiba will do everything in our power to continue to create holiness and connection in our community. We will continue to bring our community together to celebrate our culture, our heritage and our religion.

May this new-year be one of new beginnings, meaningful moments, health and happiness for all!

Shana Tova, Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

Our Board of Directors and staff have been hard at work, dedicated to fulfilling our mission of providing you with a center for Jewish life. As a progressive reform community, OUR MISSION is to embrace you and deepen your Jewish identity through Torah, justice and community. Together we are committed to bringing goodness into the world.At Temple Akiba, our light shines brighter together.

We held a retreat in July. With our vision and mission in mind we discussed in small groups-what is the essence of Temple Akiba? what is it that we want to keep no matter what? The answers included being hamish, inclusive, welcoming the stranger, maintaining a balance between growth and the Clergy knowing everyone's name, embracing diversity, having a strong, cohesive staff and active leadership with ownership, creating and engaging communities, keeping traditions yet be forward thinking, having an impact within and beyond our walls, being here for the youngest to the oldest.

These very important values informed our work for the rest of the afternoon as we brainstormed ways to bring more members to Temple Akiba and to keep them, to continually engage our members through programs that build community among school aged families, retain post B'nai Mitzvah families and keep our older members involved, too. We came up with many ideas and hope to implement some of them in the coming months. Stay tuned!

I am excited to announce that many of our traditional events are already on the calendar! Join us for Tashlich at the Beach Sept. II and for our Sukkot and Simchat Torah celebrations. Participate in the Walk to End Genocide October 24. Support Tour de Summer Camps October 31. Dr. Raphael Sonenshein will speak to Sisterhood November 3 via Zoom and their Mah Jongg Tournament is returning in January. The Men's Group offers very interesting programs every 4th Tuesday of the month via Zoom until further notice. Save these Dates: Casino Night, our major fundraiser- January 29th, Purim Carnival-March 20 and Mitzvah Day-May 22. Our Tikkun Olam Committee continues its monthly collections and our Caring Community will become more active. Youth Group, Religious School and ECC have programs planned, too. I invite you to join in and get engaged. Ask a Board member or me how to get involved.

Even though we cannot hold our High Holy Day services in person this year our dedicated clergy, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro and Cantor Lonee Frailich, Cantorial Intern, Liz Baseman, along with Mary Lou Basaraba, Craig Newman and the Temple Akiba Choirs will create inspiring and spiritually uplifting services that will bring us together and connect us in heart and soul.

I hope to see many of you during the break on Yom Kippur afternoon. Come to the Temple to place a rock for a loved one, write a note to place in our prayer wall, donate to SOVA or Shoes for the Homeless, look for materials to use during Sukkot, or pick up a Jewish calendar and a challah to break your fast.

Wishing you all a sweet, happy and, especially, healthy New Year!

Cathy Penso

President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

TEMPLE COVID POLICY

As we approach the High Holy Days, all of us had hoped that we would be looking at COVID-19 in our rear view mirrors. Instead, with the increased rates of the Delta Strain, we have had to once again look at our COVID-19 procedures. As always, the health and safety of our members, staff, clergy and guests are of the utmost important to all of us, and after careful review, and with the recommendation of our COVID-19 Task Force, the Board has instituted the following COVID-19 Temple policy:

All those who come on Temple Akiba property, participate in our youth or camp programs, or attend a Temple-sponsored event offsite, need to be fully masked at all times whether indoors or outdoors.

In addition, everyone who is vaccinated will need to show proof of vaccination.

For those who do not have proof of being fully vaccinated, they will need to do one of the following:

- For those who are coming to Temple on a regular basis (i.e. religious school participants), they will need to provide proof of a weekly negative PCR test result.
- For anyone coming to the Temple for a single event (i.e. B'nai Mitzvah) will need to provide proof of a Negative PCR test each time you come to the Temple or a Temple-sponsored event. The test would need to be administered within 72 hours of coming to the Temple or such event.

By following these steps, you will be playing a big part in helping to ensure the healthy and safety of the Temple Akiba Community, and beyond. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will communicate with you when there are changes to this policy.

COVID has been challenging to all of us, and it has made my transition to Temple Akiba interesting. Thank you for making me feel so welcome to our community. It is an honor to be with all of you as together we ensure our *Light Shines Brighter*! I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and sweet new year!

L'Shalom, Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director





Board of Directors 2021-22 and Staff

Back row, left to right: Executive Director Jeffrey Rips, John Magoulas, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Lisa Tsimanis, Morris Zlotowitz, Herman Barnathan, Craig Newman, Andrew Lachman, Marc Bauer, Aaron Leshtz, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro Front row, left to right: Carol Diamond, Ira Diamond, Randee Bishoff, Sara Fields, Linda Park, Cathy Penso, Caitlin DuBois Unavailable for photo: Stella August, Verna Erez, Scott Markowitz

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

School Decisions During Covid-19 Balancing Our Needs and Our Jewish Values

In normal times, we're approaching that time of the year when we're all becoming eager to send our kids back to school and resume a normal routine. But, these are not normal times, and back-to-school for the 2021-2022 school year will be anything but routine. As schools and parents across the country struggle with what the school year will look like — another round of distance learning? In-person classes with no social distancing measures in place?

The best-laid plans... Since the pandemic began, the word "unprecedented" has been in near-constant use. And with good reason: Part of what makes this time so challenging is living in a world of utter uncertainty. When it comes to the approaching school year, there are so, so many questions: What rules and precautions will be in place when our kids are go back to school? We can arm ourselves by creating and presenting multiple options to ourselves and our children. This is a way of assuring ourselves, and our kids, that we will figure something out.

Still, keep in mind that whatever is figured out, it will probably need to be refigured over and over again. While this lack of firm plans can be particularly challenging for some, try to present this new, flexible mode of decision making as your new structure.

Different parents have different needs and standards.

Some parents are struggling to parent while working long hours; some parents wish that they were gainfully employed. Even if we are "all in this together" when it comes to coronavirus, everyone is also struggling with certain specific, unique realities — including immunocompromised family members, unemployment, mental health emergencies, deaths of loved ones, and so on. This personal baggage is also coupled with our understanding and expectations of what we, as parents, should be doing when it comes to our kids' schooling. That's a lot of layers —the notion that there are "70 faces" of the Torah. In other words, there are 70 different perspectives on understanding, interpreting, and observing the Torah. According to this Jewish rule of thumb, we can all be right.

Take care of yourself.

There's no playbook here, and there are no wrong or right answers. We are all balancing so many factors, including our own needs, our loved ones' needs, and, yes, strangers' needs. Remember the last time you were on an airplane and were instructed to first put on your own mask before helping others? We are all in this together, but we need to find some balance and help ourselves, too. Be compassionate and kind to yourselves so that you can do the same for your children and others.

Randee Bishoff

Director of Education



Slíchot

Saturday, August 28 A Service of Introspection

> Study, Meditative Slichot & Havdalah Service: 5:00 pm Via Zoom

Tashlich

Saturday, September 11 Havdalah servíce at 6 pm at Toes Beach

Join us as we symbolically cast away our sins and regrets into the ocean and start the New Year refreshed!

SEASON OF RENEWAL

Sukkot Sunday, September 19 12 pm Símchat Torah Monday, September 27

Join us for a fun filled family day decorating the Temple Sukkah as we prepare for the festival of SUKKOT! Yizkor Service 5:30 pm Simchat Torah Service 6:00 pm

(Times and location subject to change due to changing regulations)





Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 6-7 Yom Kippur: Sept. 15-16

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service at 5:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 7:00 pm Kol Nidre service at 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Torah Study & Service at 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Service at 10:30 am Rosh Hashanah Day Children's Service at 3:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Shofar Service at 4:15 pm (in-person at Temple parking lot)

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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!





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

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

Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 13

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

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

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Welcome New Members

Andrew & Leah Adams & Family Lena & Michael Bareket Jesse Golden & Connie Chiu & Family David Halle & Michelle Lai Gabrielle Heyman & Family Nate Kingsbury & Le Li & Family Mandana Naghi & Bobby Rahmanian & Family Jay & Gena Pruetz & Family Jake & Sarah Satz Matthew & Sarah Shapiro & Family Michael Siporin & Stephanie Schreiber & Family Brian & Rebecca Swanner & Family Alicia Gordon Walker & Robert Walker & Family Romina Aghai & Family Devin & Samantha Barshay & Family Edward & Melinda Gross & Family Jessica & Ryan Haselton & Family Daniel Katz & Rebecca Unterman & Family Anna Kosoff & Michael Rochmes & Family Gabriela & Kamyar Penhasi & Family Alex & Jen Safyan & Family Reena & Seth Scoblionko & Family Max & Michal Simon & Family Caprice & Matthew Sullivan & Family Christopher & Courtney Weingarten White & Family Lauren & Ryan White & Family

B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!







Mimi Mirvish daughter of Rachel & Dan Mirvish Saturday, September 18 Casey Brennan son of Melissa Billet-Brennan & Thom Brennan Saturday, September 25

Sonja Bandy daughter of Bree & Alex Bandy Saturday, October 2





Sienna Burris daughter of Rachel & Brad Burris Saturday, October 9 Micah Shwartz son of Jamie & Shai Shwartz Saturday, October 16

Notes from the Tikkun Olam Committee Sara Fields, Chair

This committee was formed in 2018 to coordinate Temple-wide social action in accordance with our mission to repair the world. Our focus is on homelessness and hunger, immigration, and systemic policy change. We recently developed the following advocacy policy for the Temple:

Advocacy Policy for Temple Akiba Approved July 21, 2021

Source of issues

- Individual congregants
- Temple groups
- Clergy and staff
- Tikkun Olam committee members
- Affiliated, trusted organizations (URJ, RAC, RAC-CA, WRJ, NFTB, HIAS, Westside Coalition on Homelessness, etc.)

Criteria for consideration

- Aligns with Jewish values and Congregation's stated purpose
- Benefits individuals or groups of interest to Congregation
- Reflects a public policy issue (the Temple cannot support candidates or parties)

Process

- Consideration by the Tikkun Olam Committee
- Support or opposition determined by Committee vote
- Review by Rabbi, Executive Director and Temple Board if supported by the Committee
- Action taken with advice of the Rabbi and Executive Director and approval of Temple Board
- "Fast track" Approval by Rabbi, Executive Director and Board President if time sensitive. No Temple Board vote required.

Types of action to be considered

- Inform Congregation of issue and encourage individual action
- Educate Congregation on the issue (Bulletin articles, forums, etc.)
- Lobby by committee members and/or interested congregants at local, state or federal level
- Submit testimonies or letters on behalf of the Congregation to decision-making bodies
- Develop a statement, on behalf of the Congregation, for local or regional press release
- Encourage other organizations to join us in action
- Collaborate with affiliated organizations

September Donation Drive

Grocery items for SOVA

New or gently used shoes and new socks for Shoes for the Homeless

October Donation Drive

Toiletries for clients of SafeParkingLA, an organization that provides secure nighttime parking for individuals living in their cars, and case management to help people find interim and permanent housing. Please check the weekly e-news for specific dropoff instructions.

Please contact Sara Fields at (310) 384-6220 or <u>direngagement@templeakibal.net</u> if you are interested in joining the committee.





It is so reassuring that the calendar continues to move forward even as there are so many uncertainties in our lives. The High Holy Days approach and the season of renewal begins whether we have the opportunity or choose to observe in person or via alternate access. Shehechiyanu, we have reached this season and each of us can achieve the spiritual and ritual celebrations that will be meaningful to us.

September brings with it so many things to remember and accomplish: Labor Day which traditionally is the formal end of summer vacation; back to school and for many a return to working in offices; Temple membership renewal and High Holy Day prep; and Sisterhood membership. Our Membership materials have been sent in a bright blue envelope and we welcome your support, affiliation, and participation in our efforts to enhance the role of Temple Akiba of Culver City in your lives. Thank you so much to those who have already joined/renewed their Sisterhood Membership.

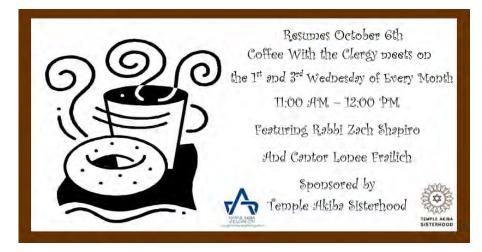
We are looking forward to distributing mini challahs on Yom Kippur day. Please refer to forthcoming information from the Temple which will explain when they will be available.

Coffee With the Clergy is scheduled to resume on October 6th. Please take note that these sessions will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month, instead of Tuesday. Look for forthcoming information about the Zoom link which will continue to be accessible at 10:45 AM, with the program beginning promptly at 11:00 AM.

We will again be hosting our annual Sisterhood Membership Event via Zoom with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein on November 3rd. The link for this event will only be sent to Sisterhood and Associate Sisterhood members. Please see the flyer regarding this event in this bulletin.

Our Gift Shop continues to be available by appointment. We have so much inventory that is only fractionally represented in the foyer display cases. Contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com with any questions you might have about what we have to offer.

Sisterhood extends to all a wish for a healthy, peaceful, safe, and happy New Year. Shana Tova u'Metukah.



September 2021 24 Elul 5781 - 24 Tishrei 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			24 Elul 1	25 Elul 2	26 Elul 3 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Services with Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	27 Elul
28 Elul	29 Elul 6 Temple Closed	^{1 Tishrei} 7 Temple Closed	2 Tishrei 8 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	3 Tishrei 9	4 Tishrei 10 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	5 Tishrei 11 9:00 AM First Torah Study 6:00 PM Tashlich Service at Toes Beach
6 Tishrei 12 9:00 AM First Day of Religious School Welcome Nosh Board, Sisterhood, & Men's Group	Labor Day Erev Rosh Hashanah ^{7 Tishrei} 13 12:00 PM First Lunch & Learn 6:00 PM First Night of Akiba High	Rosh Hashanah ^{8 Tishrei} 14 4:00 PM First Day of Hebrew School	9 Tishrei 15 1:00 PM ECC Early Dismissal	^{10 Tishrei} 16 Temple Closed	11 Tishrei 17 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	12 Tishrei 18 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Mimi Mirvish
13 Tishrei 19 10:00 AM First Intro to Judaism Class 12:00 PM Sukkot Decorating Party	14 Tishrei 20 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	15 Tishrei 21 Temple Closed 7:00 PM Men's Group Movie Night– Ushpizin	Kol Nidre 16 Tishrei 22 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	Yom Kippur 17 Tishrei 23	18 Tishrei 24 6:30 PM Sukkot Family Service	19 Tishrei 25 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Casey Brennan
20 Tishrei 26 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism Class Sukkot	Erev Sukkot 21 Tishrei 27 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 5:30 PM Yizkor Service 6:00 PM Simchat Torah Service	Sukkot 22 Tishrei 28 Shemini Atzeret	Sukkot 23 Tishrei 29 Simchat Torah	Sukkot 24 Tishrei 30	Sukkot	Sukkot

October 2021 25 Tishrei 5782 - 25 Cheshvan 5782						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					25 Tishrei 1 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service & Kindergarden Consecration	26 Tishrei 2 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Sonja Bandy
27 Tishrei 3 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism Class	28 Tishrei 4 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	29 Tishrei 5	30 Tishrei 6 11:00 AM First Coffee with the Clergy 5:30 PM ECC PJ Story Night	1 Cheshvan 7	2 Cheshvan 8 6:30 PM Shabbat Torah Service with Choir	3 Cheshvan 9 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Sienna Burris
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18 Cheshvan 24 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism Class 25 Cheshvan 31 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism Class Tour de Summer Camps	19 Cheshvan 25 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	20 Cheshvan 26	21 Cheshvan 27 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	22 Cheshvan 28	23 Cheshvan 29 6:30 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat Service	24 Cheshvan 30 9:00 AM Torah Study

<u>TZEDAKAH</u>

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:

Ira Diamond, for your incredible leadership as Board President, from the Temple Akiba Board

Michele Hindler, thank you for all of your help and support, from Farla Binder

Naiman Mental Health Services, from Freddy Weinberg *In memory of:*

Marv Frankel, Sending love and hugs to you and your family Dorothy. Love Jannie Magoulas

Marv Frankel, from Stan & Sheila Weinberg; Judy & Richard Agata

Robert Rips, from Ron & Leanna Watts; Stella & Matt August; Randee & Scott Bishoff

Esther Tabak, from Sue Polep; Lillian Jenkins

Lee Weitz, from Laura Strauss; Ron & Leanna Watts; Stacie Jablon

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

The marriage of our children **Jake and Sarah Satz**. Thank you Rabbi S. for officiating such a meaningful and beautiful service. *In memory of:*

Hershey Binder, dear husband of Farla Binder

Marv Frankel, from Deborah Discenza; Diana & David Hauptman; Ron & Leanna Watts

Germano Rosemberg, brother of Paul Rosemberg, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

Lee Weitz, from Carol Fortel

Trudy Wittenberg, from the Salkin Family

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

In honor of:

Temple Akiba ECC, for continuing to provide a wonderful experience for children and we understand all your efforts at keeping the community safe from Covid as well as your excellent vaccination record. So good to know about your diligence keeping children safe during the pandemic so parents can keep their jobs while also educating young children is notable, from Donald Coscarelli *In memory of:*

Mary Bauman, beloved friend of Ron & Leanna Watts

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of:

Germano Rosemberg, beloved brother of Paul Rosemberg, from Sue Polep

Sheldon Stein, beloved brother of Sharon Krakoff, from Sue Polep; Ron & Leanna Watts

CHOIR FUND

In memory of: Marv Frankel, from Don & Micky Mann

YAHRZEIT FUND

Richard Alexander, my father from Karen Alexander Aaron Berkson, my father from Lori Rudich Hilda Dershewitz, my mother from Shelly Garrido Nettie & Sam Forsheit, my parents from Lewis Forsheit Marv Frankel, may his memory be a blessing, from John Magoulas Marv Frankel, from Herb & Nancy Trachtenberg Sam & Vera Freeman, my parents from Kathy Ellis Sam & Vera Freeman, my grandparents from Belinda Braunstein Harold Gotz, my father from Michael and Rosalie Gotz James Gordon, my husband from Sheila Gordon & Family Abraham Grossman, my father from Letty Mendel Helene Herz, my mother from Joanne Molner Morris Kahn, my husband from Alice Kahn Lou Knell, my father, from Judy Freedman Jeanie Knell, my sister in law, from Judy Freedman Samuel & Jenny Kirshenblatt, my parents from Beverly Eshed-Magaril Charles Krause, my father from James Krause Ida Krause, my mother from James Krause Frances Lewin, my mother from Joanne Wolf Rifke Lewis, my mother from Arla Lewis Daniel Marcus, my father from Karen Marcus Eleanor Mendel, my mother from Jerry Mendel Robert Michaels, my father from Barbara Brown Marien Molner, my mother from Duke Molner Fred Nussbaum, my father from Howard Nussbaum Sabrina Opperman, my sister from Morris Price Joyce Rainier, my wife from Stan Rainier Adolpho Rosemberg, my father from Paul Rosemberg Joel Rothblatt, my husband from Julie Werner-Simon Saul Rudich, my father from Bruce Rudich Janet Sherman, my wife from Marvin Sherman Harry Silverman, my father from Phillip Silverman Lou Slutsky, my father from Sue Polep Melvyn Snidman, my husband from Eileen Snidman Rebecca Spector, our daughter from Michael & Benita Spector Blanche Sussman, my mother from Beth Rubenstein Abe Swerdlow, my father from Jay Swerdlow Catherine Tassone, my mother from Cathy Penso Harry Wagner, my father from Lester Wagner Harrison Weitz, our father, grandfather, & great-grandfather, from the Fortel-Weitz-Newman Families

RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In honor of: Sarah Bishoff becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov! From John Magoulas Best wishes to Carol Diamond, from Cathy Penso In memory of: Tanya Heyman, beloved niece, from Ron & Leanna Watts Robert Rips, Jeffrey Rips' Father, may his memory be a blessing, from John Magoulas Germano Rosemberg, our uncle, from Andre & Stephanie Rosemberg Germano Rosemberg, from Ron & Leanna Watts

JUSTIN SHABSIS MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of:

Akiba Amoeba Havurah, in thanks and friendship, from Wendy Shabsis

The Lech Lecha Havurah for their support, from Raechel Moskowitz

The Shabbat ShaBeach Service, from Wendy Shabsis *In memory of:*

Robert Rips, from Wendy Shabsis **Sheldon Stein**, from Wendy Shabsis

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

ls a friend of yours at Temple Akiba going through a stressful time -

illness or death in the family? OR maybe they're celebrating a special Simcha?

Please tell the Front Office - so our Community can reach out to them.

> Send an email to: admin@templeakiba.net

Bereavement 8 Life Transitions Group Build Emotional Strength...

group dealing with bereavement and/or nanges in relationships, career, social, family nd health issues. Share your feelings with thers in a supportive and confidential tmosphere.

on-Members are welcome. Meets the 2nd and th Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm a Zoom. Please call Temple Akiba upon terest.



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Temple Akiba will have a booth and VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED!

Come SCHMOOZE and represent Temple Akiba!

To sign up, contact Sara Fields at direngagement@templeakiba.net



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

Sept 19, 2021 — Feb 27, 2022

Sunday mornings 10-11:30 am

Let's ask Tough Questions, Nourish our Souls Spiritually, Learn about Peoplehood, Dialogue about God, Feel the Rhythm of Prayer, and Create Community

> Tuition: \$250, \$70 discount for members of URJ Congregations Register at rabbi@templeakiba.net

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Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Resumes Sept. 11

Saturdays from 9 am-10 am

Lunch and Learn

Resumes Sept. 13 Mondays from noon—1 pm

Coffee with the Clergy

Resumes Oct. 6 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 11 am—12 noon

Adult Hebrew / B'nei Mitzvah Class

אבגדהוזחטיכרלמ סנןסעפףציקרשת

Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm beginning October 13 on Zoom

Cost: \$36 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

Join us for an evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein at Temple Akiba Sisterhood's Membership Event Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 7 PM 2022: Another Fateful Year

TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



This program will only be on Zoom and only paid Members and Associates will be sent a link. Please print clearly when filling out the Sisterhood Membership brochure, especially your email address. A small token of our thanks will be sent to all members. The deadline to be included in the Sisterhood Membership Directory is Tuesday, October 12th.

> Questions: Cathy Penso, <u>prisca56@sbcglobal.net</u> or 310-670-6394 or Jeanne Young, <u>Dr.Jeanneyoung@gmail.com</u> or 310-780-1567.



Akiba Resident Camp 2021 was a success!

Thank you to everyone for making this special summer program possible & so memorable!



Two sessions but ONE BIG AKIBA HEART

KEEP SUPPORTING AKIBA RESIDENT CAMP

through Tour de Summer Camps

This Jewish Federation biking event on Sunday October 31, 2021 has provided over \$50,000 in need-based scholarships to Akiba Resident

Camp over the last 8 years.

Three ways you can help!

Follow this link to join our team or donate to our team:

https://www.tourdesummercamps.org/Team/View/150824/Camp-Akiba

Help on October 31 at our Akiba sponsored rest stop along the tour route by contacting Director of Youth & Resident

Camp, Leah Penso at <u>youthgroup@templeakiba.net</u>

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 grade





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 <u>youthgroup@templeakiba.net</u>

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



Join Jewish World Watch for a series of advocacy, conversation, and community events this Fall.

We are so excited to share an incredible slate of opportunities with you. These community programs will highlight our local education and advocacy efforts and our international empowerment projects.

FOOD JUSTICE INTERFAITH SHABBAT

Synagogues, mosques, churches and other community groups will host events to learn more about Seeds of Survival. This program empowers Darfuri survivors living in Chad with the skills and tools they need to grow sustainable food year-round.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

JWW and our allies will demonstrate at Chinese Embassies worldwide to protest the grave human rights abuses against the Uyghur people.



AMPLIFY

JWW will rally our community of activists to use their social media presence to call on Volkswagen to close their factory in Xinjiang. As long as VW continues to operate a facility utilizing Uyghur forced labor, they remain complicit in genocide.



COALITION CONVERSATIONS

This Fall, hear from our empowerment partners to learn about how to mitigate the consequences of genocide & mass atrocities.

Cultivating a Generation of Hope & Resilience

Experts on child trafficking, youth in gangs and negotiating the release of child soldiers explore the

- root causes of violence against children and resolutions to break the cycle and promote healing.
- N Innovative educators serving refugees and
- communities plagued by violence delve into challenges
- and necessities in creating safe spaces for teaching children impacted by severe trauma.

Food Security & Renewed Dignity

Sustainable food specialists detail the importance of the water-conscious perma-gardening technique taught to Darfuri survivors through Seeds of Survival.

Hear Her Voice

Women survivors of genocide and mass atrocities from different generations share their stories.

jww.org/impact

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.

President's Circle

<u>Tzadik</u>

Barbara Axelband Joy & Paul Jacobs Jerry & Letty Mendel

Sara & Peter Rutenberg Marla & Ed Wolkowitz

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HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

To benefit the JFS SOVA Community Food & Resource Program

The SOVA Community Food & Resource Program depends on your in-person and online donations to help ensure that the people of LA do not go hungry. This year, when our services are needed more than ever, we hope you will join us to make the High Holidays a time when we reach out to those who need a helping hand.

If you are donating items in person, we ask you to please focus on the specific items listed below. This will help us provide the most nutritious and useful items for our pantry clients.*

- Canned Tuna
- Nut Butter
- 100% Juice
- Low-sodium Canned Vegetables
- Cooking Oil
- Whole Grain Cereal (Hot or Cold)

- Shelf-stable Milk & Milk Alternatives
- Low-sodium Canned Tomato Products
- Low-sodium Canned Soup
- Personal hygiene items, toiletries (such as toilet paper) and other household items

*Please no glass products or opened products. Kosher products preferred.

You can also make a meaningful contribution by donating to the food drive online.

Monetary donations to the SOVA pantries help us provide fresh protein, produce, dairy, and eggs for our clients. We can only provide these fresh and nutritious items to families in LA through a virtual drive. This format also allows us to leverage our close relationships with food distributors to make the impact of your dollar go exponentially farther. That means more food for more families. You can make your donation at any time by going to:

support.jfsla.org/fooddrive

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PERPETUATING A 70-YEAR LEGACY OF ACHIEVEMENT



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.

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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



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 or 310-398-5783

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