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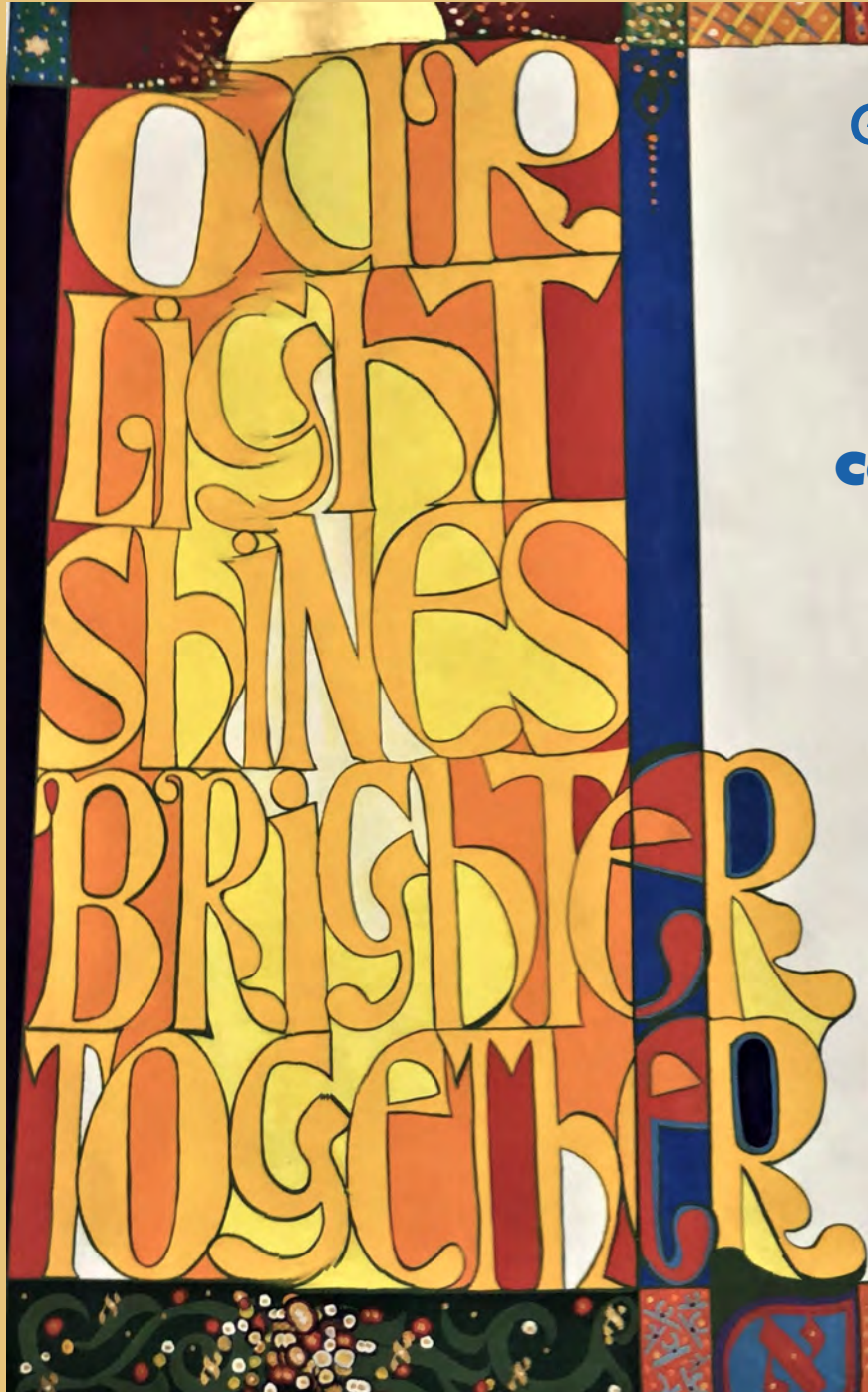
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**JULY/AUGUST Friday Shabbat Services**

<b>Friday, July 2</b> Shabbat Shira Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, July 9</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, July 16</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, July 23</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, July 30</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 6</b> Shabbat at the Shore	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 13</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 20</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 27</b> Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>

*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,

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, of blessed memory, once shared that it is a losing proposition for a parents to ask children, “What did you learn in Sunday School today?” Why losing? Because no matter what actually happened, chances are the child will respond with “nothing.”

Rabbi Sacks therefore taught that we should shift the dialogue, and we should inquire of our children, “Did you ask a good question today?”

When I first heard this, it sparked my soul. I made it a point to incorporate this into my meetings with Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, and I therefore require them to come to our first lesson prepared with three questions they have about Judaism. There are no boundaries to what they can ask, so long as they think about them. And each child has my sacred oath that I will respond to each question.

I want to share here examples of what has been asked over my 15 years at Temple Akiba:

Do you believe in the story of biblical creation, or in the Big Bang?

What does it mean to be a Chosen People?

Do I have to say something nice about my sibling in my speech?

What does Judaism require of me?

Are Rabbis and Cantors chosen by God?

Do Jews believe in Heaven and Hell?

Why did God plant a tree with fruit we weren't allowed to eat?

Can my pet see God?

What would happen to Judaism if Israel fell?

How many Jews would there be if there weren't a Holocaust?

If I don't believe in God, am I as Jewish as those who do?

What does Judaism say about legalized marijuana?

Did Noah miss any animals when he put them on the Ark?

Why is Jewish status traditionally about matrilineal descent?

Can a righteous person who is not Jewish be part of a minyan?

Should a Jewish person who is not a nice person be part of a minyan?

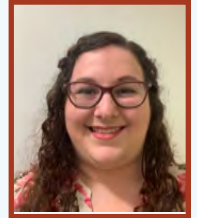
Indeed, lots and lots of incredible questions. Each one reveals a light of curiosity. And the ability to ask is so much more important than a black and white answer.

What good question will you ask today?

With love and shalom,

**Rabbi Zachary Shapiro**

## Cantor's Corner



Hello everyone!

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

It was Rashi, one of the most influential commentators on the Torah and Talmud, who said “Kol hatchilot kashot” – “all beginnings are difficult”. Starting my Cantorial Internship in the middle of a global pandemic was definitely not easy. Not only was I trying to find a place within a community that was new to me, I also was teaching new classes, leading Torah study and adult education programs, singing with the ECC children, and starting to tutor B'nai Mitzvah students, all for the first time. And, to add to that feeling of newness, it was all on Zoom! I was unsure how I was going to find a place for myself at Temple Akiba. How would I connect with my students, their families, and all the people of the community when I couldn't even be in the same room as anyone? I have learned over these past few months that I didn't need to be worried. The Akiba community rallied around me, and I felt myself then, and now, surrounded by love and support. This really is a special place.

I want to share my gratitude for everything I've learned and experienced this year. First and foremost, thank you to Cantor Lonee Frailich, under whose wings I am sheltered and allowed to soar. Thank you to Rabbi Zach Shapiro and Executive Director Jeffrey Rips, whose encouragement helped me to grow. Many thanks to Carol and Ira Diamond and to the Temple Akiba Board for their guidance and community leadership, and to the Temple Akiba staff for all of their support. I also want to thank this holy community for welcoming me into your midst. I did not just “find a place” at Temple Akiba, I found a home. I am grateful and excited to share that I will continue to serve Temple Akiba for a second year. I look forward to seeing you in person, and finally experiencing those Akiba hugs I've heard about all year! See you soon!

Cantorial Intern Liz Baseman

## President's Message

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected President, to lead a Temple that is devoted to bringing goodness into the world. That has been my goal throughout my more than 30 years of involvement at Temple Akiba, from IMA, to Sisterhood, to various Board positions to starting our annual Mitzvah Days and, most recently, as VP Affiliations and Tikkun Olam Committee Chair.

To those of you don't know me I have been married to Bruce for 39 years. His family joined Temple Akiba in 1968. His mother, June, is still a member, and my daughter, Leah, is the Resident Camp & Youth Programs Director. She and her husband, Jon Abaud, made Bruce and me very proud and happy grandparents when Sebastian was born in February 2020. Our two other children are Daniel, known for his computer skills, and Rebecca, who married Alex Birnbaum, last October. Both of our daughters met their husbands at Resident Camp!

I am humbled to follow the leadership and incredible accomplishments of Ira Diamond, who has led us through this pandemic and spearheaded other major changes that have vastly improved our Temple's operations. I appreciate all you have done and your support of me.

I want to acknowledge the dedication, hard work and years of service of outgoing Board members: Michael Hudson, Jeff Reynolds, Elizabeth Zlotowitz, Johanna Besterman, Michael Bauer, Helene Jaffa, Myrna Kayton, Sharlene London, Josh Kamali, Jerry Wiener, Sonni Helmer, Rob Sondik, Lauren Varsano and Paula Josephson Shulman.

I have been so touched this year by the feeling of community in every facet of Temple Akiba life. Even though we have been physically apart we have been able to stay connected. I want to deepen those connections and reach more people, to build on that community.

I look forward to working with our newly structured Board of Directors and welcome our new Directors: Sara Fields, Aaron Leshtz, John Magoulas, Craig Newman and Lisa Tsimanis. Together, with our Executive Director, dedicated staff, inspirational clergy and you, we will build on our strengths, bring back programs, such as Havurot and Mitzvah Day, and develop new ones so that we can engage you. My hope is to especially reach those who haven't felt as connected and make everyone's membership in Temple Akiba more meaningful. Thanks to your input on the Congregational Survey, we have established goals to work on this year and they will guide us in developing long-term goals, as well. We will be establishing a leadership development program and more committees to involve you in Temple life.

I know we face challenges as we navigate our way to being back in our physical sacred space, but it is also very exciting. I can't wait to personally welcome you back.

I want you to keep coming back, just as I kept coming back because I always felt welcomed by Rabbi Maller, when I joined temple Akiba almost 40 years ago. That feeling of warmth, acceptance and inclusion continues with Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Lonee and all of us at Temple Akiba. Our light shines brighter together because of each of you.

Cathy Penso



## Executive Director's Message

Summer time has always been my favorite time of the year. School was fine, but for me, summer always brought going to camp. Just the thought of going to camp helped me get through the long months of school. I was fortunate that I was able to attend day camp and resident camp. Later in life, I worked at many camps, going from counselor to specialist, from program director, all on following my dream to become a camp director. Finally I became the assistant director of the URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Mississippi (yes, you read that correctly), and then the camp director for the Orange County JCC. Through all those years, different camps, and many positions, there were many constants, like making new friends, experiencing new things, and every summer growing as a person – all wrapped up in a wonderful Jewish environment. Camp for me was the foundation of who I am today, instrumental in the love of Judaism I have, and played an essential role in me choosing the career path I have.

Temple Akiba having both a day camp and a resident camp shows a deep commitment to the youth of our community. In addition, it also shows an understanding of the importance that camp has on the current development, and future connection to the Jewish community, the camps have on both the campers and staff at our camps.

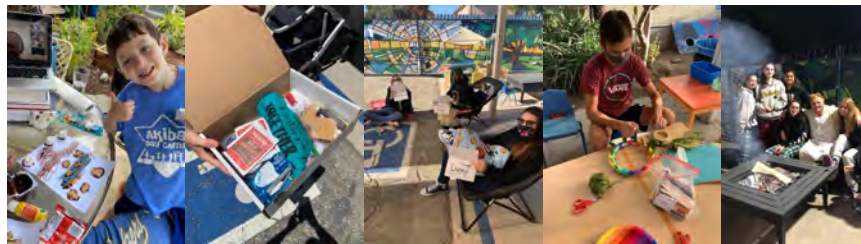
By the time you are reading this, our day camp will have already started, and resident camp will be just a few short weeks away. What has been exciting for me to see is the true joy and passion that Randee Bishoff, our Director of Education, who this summer is our day camp director, and Leah Penso our Youth and Camp Director, who will be returning as our resident camp director, have for our camp programs. After missing a year of camps due to COVID, the planning taking place, the counselors back learning and planning together, and the excitement truly building as each day passes has been special for me to see.

The resident camp where I grew up modified the song “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” to become our camp song. That concept – “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” is truly the benchmark and foundation here at Temple Akiba. Campers who are now counselors, counselors who are now unit heads, and unit heads who are now directors. Will the Circle Be Unbroken? Absolutely not with the vision of Temple Akiba, and the leadership and passion of our camp directors Randee and Leah.



L'Shalom,  
Jeffrey Rips, Executive Director

## Temple Akiba Summer Camps!



### REGISTRATION OPEN!

#### Resident Camp 2021:

July 19 – July 26 (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

July 27 – August 1 (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### Akiba Day Camp 2021:

June 21 – July 30 (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)

Contact Camp Director Leah Penso for Resident Camp at [YouthGroup@templeakiba.net](mailto:YouthGroup@templeakiba.net)

Contact Randee Bishoff for Day Camp at [AkibaDayCamp@templeakiba.net](mailto:AkibaDayCamp@templeakiba.net)

Register for both camps at <https://www.templeakiba.net/day-camp>

# ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## From Hebrew School to Summer Camp

### What our children can learn from Jewish Summer Camp

Hebrew School has ended, but Jewish learning does not have end for the summer. Jewish summer camps fuse the activities, friendships, and communal life of traditional camps with the Jewish values, role models and culture our shared heritage. This uniquely immersive experience provides a confidence-building opportunity in which campers experience joy and discovery in a communal Jewish setting.

Why send your child to Jewish summer camp?

1. Experiences first, explanations later. Kids are able to ultimately and immediately contribute to their Jewish community at camp. In other realms of Jewish life, they are taught about Jewish communal life and then experience it. At camp, they experience it and the explanations come later. This is a uniquely powerful experience they find nowhere else.
2. Camp friendships last beyond the summer. Camp is one easy entry point into a lifelong Jewish community. Many alumni of Jewish camp have found that the friends they make during the summer stick with them through college, young adulthood, and beyond.
3. Immersive Jewish community, 24/7. Campers are exposed to adult Jewish role models, Jewish peers, and Jewish friends from different places. These Jewish connections in every direction are extremely powerful. Campers experience joy in a Jewish community, develop self-confidence as Jews, and forge Jewish connections that stay with them into their lives beyond camp. Nowhere else do campers have the opportunity to experience Judaism infused into daily life and reinforced by a community of exclusively Reform Jewish peers.
4. Camp ends, but the Jewish community continues. Extensive research in recent years has proven that children who attend Jewish summer camp are more likely to identify as Jewish adults and actively engage in the Jewish community.
5. Jewish camp addresses the whole camper. Children learn confidence, skill-building and socialization by living in a community. They learn how to manage in a diverse group of peers, and they face new situations and overcome challenges on a daily basis. At Jewish camp, adult role models and mentors create safe spaces for campers to grapple with complex ideas based in Jewish values, texts, and traditions - topics that secular schools and camps might not be able to address. Jewish camp is thus able to provide balance by creating space for spiritual, emotional and physical growth for campers.
6. Camp helps kids succeed beyond childhood. Camp is all about fun and can be an environment for "real-world" learning. Campers who return to camp as staff members can create opportunities to advance themselves professionally.

We look forward to seeing your children at Camp this summer.

**Randee Bishoff**

**Director of Education**



## *Slichot*

*Saturday, August 28*

*A Service of Introspection*

Study: 8:00 pm

Meditative Slichot &

Havdalah Service: 9:00 pm

## *Tashlich*

*Saturday, September 11*

*Havdalah service 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*

Join us for a fun filled family day  
decorating the Temple Sukkah as we  
prepare for the festival of SUKKOT!

## *Simchat Torah*

*Monday, September 27*

Yizkor Service 5:00 pm

Picnic 5:30 pm

Simchat Torah Service 6:00 pm



 Temple Akiba's   
**High Holy Day Services**  
**2021/5782**



**Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 6-7**

**Yom Kippur: Sept. 15-16**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service at 5:00 pm**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Full Service at 7:00 pm**

**Kol Nidre service at 7:00 pm**

**Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Service at 10:00 am**

**Rosh Hashanah Day Children's Service at 3 pm**

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

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

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



Questions?

Contact Jeffrey Rips at [director@templeakiba.net](mailto:director@templeakiba.net)

*Our Light Shines Brighter - Together*

# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Arianna Goldfarb  
daughter of  
Ellen & Gregg Goldfarb  
Saturday, August 7



Lauren Goldfarb  
daughter of  
Ellen & Gregg Godfarb  
Saturday, August 7



Nathaniel Josephson  
son of  
Paula & Matthew Josephson  
Saturday, August 14



Maia Goldman  
daughter of  
Sarah & Jeff Goldman  
Saturday, August 21



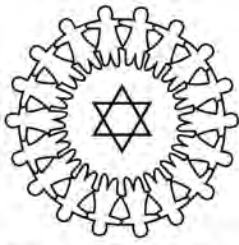
Riley Taylor  
daughter of  
Ailleen & Russell Taylor  
Saturday, August 21



Natalie Cayetano  
daughter of  
Robin & Bernard Cayetano  
Saturday, August 28

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING ECC CLASS OF 2021!





**TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD**



*Brighter and Stronger...Together!*

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our members and volunteers for making 2020 – 2021 an amazing and memorable year. Although we did not have an opportunity to be together in body, we were able to connect and maintain our continuity as part of the extra ordinary community of Temple Akiba. We are so very blessed to have this sense of family and engagement that is an intricate part of who and what Temple Akiba Sisterhood is about.

As we navigate our way through the coming months, returning hopefully to embracing all of our traditional roles and services, we will continue doing old things the old way, doing old things a new way, and embracing new plans. We are confident that will continue to enhance and support our Temple community.

All of us are looking forward to making the coming year memorable, safe, and happy. We hope for your continuing support. Look for our membership mailing which you should be receiving in early August. We look forward to hearing from you and “seeing” you all again. Until then - many virtual hugs!

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 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  
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[nurseryschool@templeakiba.net](mailto:nurseryschool@templeakiba.net)

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# July 2021 21 Tammuz 5781 - 22 Av 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <small>21 Tammuz</small>	2 <small>22 Tammuz</small>  6:30 PM Shabbat Service	3 <small>23 Tammuz</small>
4 <small>24 Tammuz</small>  Independence Day	5 <small>25 Tammuz</small>  Temple Closed for Independence Day	6 <small>26 Tammuz</small>	7 <small>27 Tammuz</small>	8 <small>28 Tammuz</small>	9 <small>29 Tammuz</small>  6:30 PM Shabbat Service	10 <small>1 Av</small>
11 <small>2 Av</small>  Sisterhood Planning Meeting	12 <small>3 Av</small>	13 <small>4 Av</small>	14 <small>5 Av</small>  7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	15 <small>6 Av</small>	16 <small>7 Av</small>  5:30 PM Kehillah Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	17 <small>8 Av</small>
18 <small>9 Av</small>	19 <small>10 Av</small>  Resident Camp Begins	20 <small>11 Av</small>	21 <small>12 Av</small>  7:00 PM General Board Meeting via zoom	22 <small>13 Av</small>	23 <small>14 Av</small>  6:30 PM Shabbat Service	24 <small>15 Av</small>
25 <small>16 Av</small>  1:00 PM Board and Staff Retreat	26 <small>17 Av</small>	27 <small>18 Av</small>  7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting via zoom	28 <small>19 Av</small>  7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	29 <small>20 Av</small>	30 <small>21 Av</small>  Last Day of Day Camp Last Day of ECC Summer Session 5:00 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	31 <small>22 Av</small>

# August 2021 23 Av 5781 - 23 Elul 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <small>23 Av</small>  <b>Resident Camp Ends</b>	2 <small>24 Av</small>	3 <small>25 Av</small>	4 <small>26 Av</small>	5 <small>27 Av</small>	6 <small>28 Av</small>  6:00 PM Beach Shabbat Service	7 <small>29 Av</small>  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with B'not Mitzvah of Arianna & Lauren Goldfarb
8 <small>30 Av</small>	9 <small>1 Elul</small>	10 <small>2 Elul</small>	11 <small>3 Elul</small>  7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	12 <small>4 Elul</small>	13 <small>5 Elul</small>  5:00 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Or Zohar	14 <small>6 Elul</small>  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Josephson 3:30 PM 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat
15 <small>7 Elul</small>	16 <small>8 Elul</small>	17 <small>9 Elul</small>	18 <small>10 Elul</small>  7:00 PM General Board Meeting via zoom	19 <small>11 Elul</small>	20 <small>12 Elul</small>  6:30 PM Shabbat Service	21 <small>13 Elul</small>  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Maia Goldman 4:30 PM Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah of Riley Taylor
22 <small>14 Elul</small>  12:00 PM Kehillah - A Gathering of Change	23 <small>15 Elul</small>	24 <small>16 Elul</small>	25 <small>17 Elul</small>  7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	26 <small>18 Elul</small>	27 <small>19 Elul</small>  5:00 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	28 <small>20 Elul</small>  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Cayetano 8:00 PM Slichot Service
29 <small>21 Elul</small>  8:30 AM Blood Drive ECC New Families Welcome Picnic Men's Group BBQ	30 <small>22 Elul</small>  <b>First Day of ECC</b>	31 <small>23 Elul</small>  6:00 PM Religious School Back-to-School Night				

## 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

**Carolyn Zebrack Brophy**  
**Sandra Casillas**  
**Sandra & Michael Newman**

*In honor of:*

**Marv Frankel** in hopes for a speedy recovery, from Leanna & Ron Watts

*In memory of:*

**Jack Hirschberg**, from Mahari Tilahun  
**Erica Marcus**, from the Jaffa Family  
**Rich Polep**, from Leanna & Ron Watts

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Marla & Robb Rothfarb**

*In honor of:*

**Laura Phillips**, for a speedy recovery, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

**Rabbi Shapiro's** excellence in leading Coffee with the Clergy, from Roz and Michael Savitt

**Rabbi Shapiro**, from Coffee With the Clergy: Carol Anderson, Judy Freedman, Barry Haworth, Sonni Helmer, Helene Jaffa, Norma Moreno & Robert Turner, Linda Park, Ellie & Steve Quinn, Roz & Mike Savitt, Terry Shenkman, Lee Weitz, and Temple Akiba Sisterhood

*In memory of:*

**Dennis Shapiro**, from Francine & Jonathan Graff, and from Sue Urfrig

## CHOIR FUND

*In memory of:*

**Gary Miller**, from Joanne Wolf & Michael Poizner  
**Carole Silverman**, from Carole Seedman

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

*In honor of:*

Max, Mara, Lacey, and Marc Bauer, from Myrna Kayton

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*In honor of:*

**Carol Diamond**, in hopes that things get better, from Leanna and Ron Watts

*In memory of:*

**Barry Moskowitz**, from Wendy & Saul Miller

## RESIDENT CAMP FUND

*In honor of:*

The Confirmation of **Benjamin Bishoff**, our grandson, from Lori and Bruce Rudich

*In memory of:*

**Lee Wolkowitz**, from Leanna and Ron Watts

## Yahrzeit Fund

**Edith Bandel**, from Arleen & Lewis Forsheit

**Jozsa Benedikt**, from John Brasch

**Sara Bloch**, from Joel & Paulette Gessin

**Martin Bordo**, my brother-in-law, from Sue Polep

**Rhoda Brandes**, my mother, from Leslie Ostrin

**Sol Comp**, from Bradley & Christine Comp

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*In honor of:*

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*In memory of:*

**Fay Fox**, Wendy Shabsis' sister-in-law, from The Akiba Amoeba Havurah and Sue Polep

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*In honor of:*

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*In memory of:*

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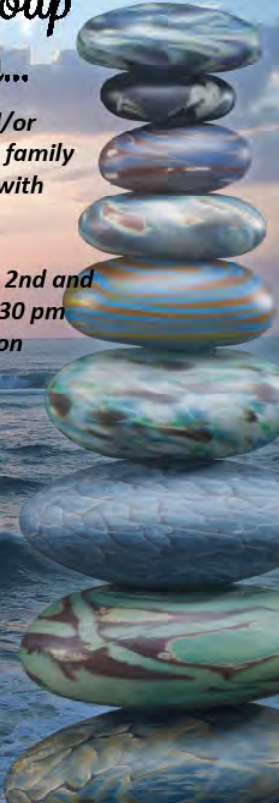

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**Build Emotional Strength...**


*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**  
*Social Worker & Life Style Counselor*

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# Welcome New Members

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For those looking for a new spiritual home

**July 30**  
**August 13, 27**

Come meet our clergy, tour our facility  
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**5:00 pm Wine & Cheese**  
**6:30 pm Shabbat Services**

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**We look forward to meeting you!**



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## Notes from the Tikkun Olam Committee

*Sara Fields, Chair*

As the new Director of Engagement, I am now chairing the Tikkun Olam Committee. I thank Cathy Penso for her outstanding leadership, and look forward to working with her in her new role as President of our congregation.

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.

Prior to the pandemic, we hosted two well-attended forums to educate our congregation on the issues of homelessness and housing. We now attend meetings of the Westside Coalition on Homelessness and its Faith Committee. Through these groups, we have connected with a variety of nonprofit organizations working in this area. We have hosted monthly donation drives collecting food, toiletries and other items requested by the nonprofits working directly with people experiencing homelessness. Please see the box below for information on our July 2021 donation drive.

We support HIAS, which helps refugees resettling in the United States, and we recently collected art supplies for a center for unaccompanied minors. We have a refugee Shabbat service each year.

The Religious Action Center (RAC) is the social action arm of the URJ. We work with them and with the California affiliate, RAC-CA on legislation at the local, state and federal levels. We have developed a process and guidelines for the Temple to take positions on public policy issues and legislation, and this is currently being presented to the Temple Board for approval.

If you are interested in joining the committee, or helping with any of our activities, please let me know.

### **July Donation Drive**

ImagineLA is a nonprofit organization that works to prevent family homelessness and equips families to maintain housing stability. They provide case management, economic mobility pathways, and whole-family mentorship.

In August 2021, 44 families emerging from homelessness and 29 low-income families will move into the Missouri Place Affordable and Supportive Housing Community in West LA. ImagineLA will be the service provider.

To welcome the families, ImagineLA is requesting donations of new, unopened board games, playing cards, puzzles, bubbles, crafting materials, coloring books and art supplies. You can also write a personal note from your family. Look for the drop off dates and instructions in the weekly Temple e-news.

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Rabbi Or Zohar is the Reform rabbi of the Misgav Region in the Galilee, founder of Hibura School for Kabbalah and Jewish Spirituality, and co C.E.O of the Spirit of the Galilee Association.

Feliza Bascara-Zohar is a singer-songwriter, song leader, artist and choreographer. She teaches a mindful holistic approach to worship, which she calls Embodied Prayer and practices Voice Movement Therapy.

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# TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2021-2022

Please consider deepening your commitment to Temple Akiba by pledging at one of our Tzedakah levels. Your generous donation over your regular membership commitment empowers us to bring an even brighter "Light" to our Temple Community and enables our children to learn, our adults to dream, and our souls to realize goodness.

**President's Circle**

**Tzadik**                      **\$10,800**

Trailblazers

**Herschel\***                      **\$7,200**

**Priesand\***                      **\$5,400**

Scholars

**Hillel**                              **\$3,600**

**Maimonides**                      **\$2,500**

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**All Tzedakah Society donors** are acknowledged in the Temple Bulletin and will receive 20 tickets for the Purim Carnival and one raffle ticket for the annual fundraiser event (or equivalent).

**Scholars, Trailblazers and Tzadik** receive the above plus are honored with a plaque on our President's Circle Tzedakah Society Board.

**Trailblazers and Tzadik** receive ALL of the above, as well as two complimentary registrations for our High Holy Day Services in addition to the member registration.

**Tzadik level** receives ALL of the above, as well as two tickets to our annual fundraiser event.

Please check this box if you wish for your donation to remain anonymous.

*\*Rabbi Abraham Heschel – marched for social justice in the 1960's*

*\*Rabbi Sally Priesand – first female rabbi ordained by an institution*

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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*

### **Tzadik**

Barbara Axelband   Joy & Paul Jacobs   Letty & Jerry Mendel  
Sara & Peter Rutenberg   Marla & Ed Wolkowitz

### **Priesand**

Susan & Paul Balter   Judy & Mike Bauer   Linda & Robert Fleischman  
Myrna Kayton   Cathy & Bruce Penso   Sue Urfrig   Leanna & Ron Watts

### **Hillel**

Lacey & Marc Bauer   Helene & David Jaffa

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### **Deborah**

Nancy Balter & Blake Mellor   Alan Kahan   Nadine & Ira Shulman



# Summer FULL OF LIFE



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## Temple Akiba Blood Drive!

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30AM-2:30PM

Temple Akiba Social Hall

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## KEHILAH VIRTUAL EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**APRIL 16, 2021 | TEEN SHABBAT | 5PM PT**

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

**MAY 15, 2021 | TOT SHABBAT | 1PM PT**

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

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

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

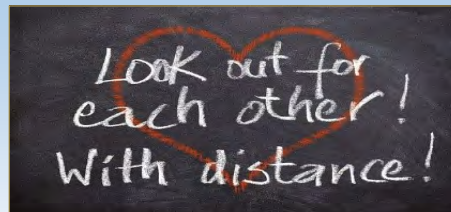
**JULY 16, 2021 | KABBALAT SHABBAT | 5:30PM PT**

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

**AUGUST 22, 2021 | A GATHERING FOR CHANGE | 12PM PT**

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

## Caring Communities Outreach



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

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

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

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

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## Adult Education Programs

We are on summer hiatus  
Programming will resume in the fall

### Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am

### Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm

### Coffee with the Clergy

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

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

Is a friend of yours at Temple Akiba going through a stressful time - illness or death in the family? OR maybe they're celebrating a special Simcha?

Please tell the front office - so our Community can reach out to them.

Send an email to:  
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## Gifts & Memorials

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual 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:  
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# Shabbat at the Shore

## Friday, August 6

**GATHER AT 5:30 PM**

**SERVICE BEGINS AT 6 PM**

**TOES BEACH, END OF CULVER BLVD.**

**Bring your own beach chairs and blankets.**

**Directions:** Take Culver Blvd. west and continue on it after the Jefferson signal and Nicholson signal, and past Vista Del Mar.

**Group will gather to the left of the Lifeguard Operating Station.**

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