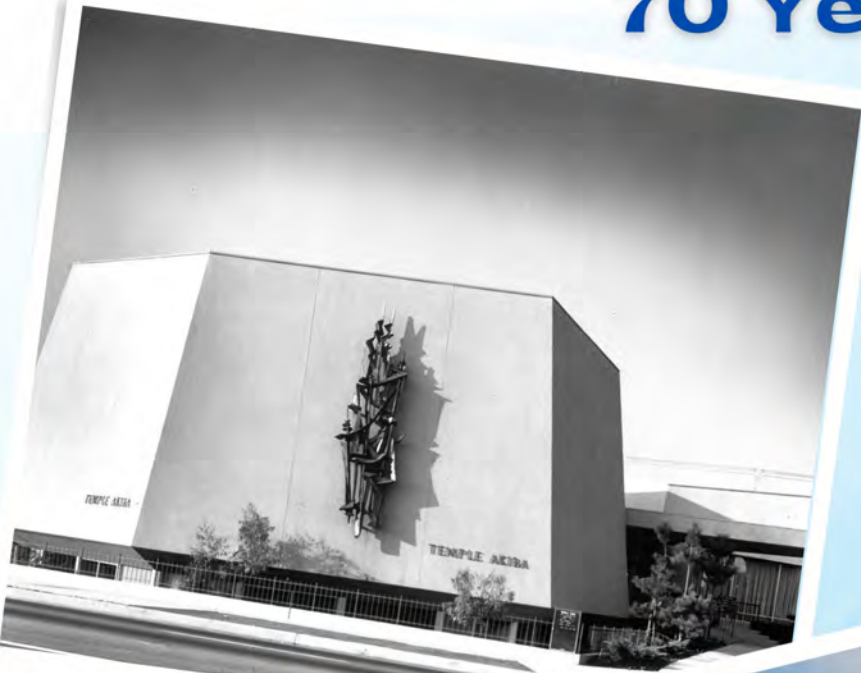
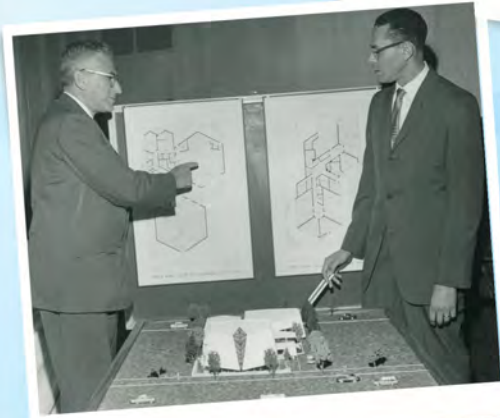


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JAN/FEB Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, January 6 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, January 13 6:30pm
Interfaith Service with Choir

Friday, January 20 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat with
Social Justice Theme

Friday, January 27 6:30pm
Men's Group Shabbat Service

Friday, February 3 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira & Refugee Service

Friday, February 10 6:30pm
Tu B'Shvat Seder & Dinner

Friday, February 17 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, February 24 6:30pm
Shabbat Service with guest
artist Natalie Young

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,

Every night, Ron and I sing to Maya and Eli (who are three) as we tuck them in. Our family repertoire for bed-time ranges from classic American folk to Israeli to Sesame Street to Reform Jewish to Yiddish. There are certain songs they ask for on a regular basis. One of their favorites is “Tumba La Laila,” which Ron usually sings in Yiddish. Typically, our kids would sing along only for the chorus.

A few nights ago, we noticed that they sang just about every word of every verse in Yiddish. Tears flowed from our hearts, as it really touched us.

Ron turned to me and said, “Who else is able to still sing in Yiddish today?” It was a triumphant moment - but one tinged with melancholy, as we mourn a memory.

And yet And yet their little voices give us hope. No, we don’t want to return to a past era. But we are heartened that we have planted a seed that will forever be in their souls. The seed of music, of language, and of love. The seed of hope, of dreams, and of perseverance.

I share this family story because we are celebrating Tu B’shvat (Jewish Arbor Day) in February. We learn about our commitment to land and nature and ecology by physically (or financially) planting seeds in Israel. But on a spiritual level, we learn about planting seeds of inspiration in our lives.

What seeds are we committed to nurturing this year? How will we ensure that which is central today to become eternal? So long as we continue to plant seeds, our dreams will never die!

With love and shalom,
Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



Spotify recently came out with the Wrapped playlist, a list of each person’s most listened artists & songs. The playlist reminded me of the incredible and interesting programs that we’ve had at Temple Akiba this year. I decided I wanted to create my own Wrapped playlist of Temple Akiba’s greatest hits of 2022.

Temple Akiba’s Wrapped Greatest Hits of 2022

- 1) **Broadway Shabbat** - We began the year with our dynamic annual Broadway Shabbat. We had a beautiful line-up of the songs of contemporary & Broadway classics set to our Shabbat liturgy.
- 2) **Charlie Kramer** – In March, Charlie Kramer, a legally blind Jewish singer/songwriter led a beautiful Shabbat service of his music. He also led us in a program called Havdalah in the dark and conducted a Disability Awareness training with our Religious School teachers. It was such a meaningful weekend.
- 3) **The Wizard of PersOz** - We had our Purim Shpiel, “The Wizard of PersOz” acted by the children of our Religious School. They were truly phenomenal in their performances. We are looking forward to this year’s show – Purim’s the Word – a Grease Purim Shpiel!
- 4) **Men’s Group Concert** – In April the Men’s Group held a concert featuring myself, the Newman Family, Liz Baseman & our Kabbalat Shabbat Band. It was a rocking evening filled with contemporary music of Jewish musicians. We sang songs from Simon & Garfunkel, Billy Joel, Carol King, Maroon 5 & more.
- 5) **Disney Shabbat** – In May we held our 4th annual Disney Shabbat service. We were so excited to finally be able to hold this service in person once again. The Temple was filled with Ruach as our ECC & Religious School families had a blast at our Disney Carnival followed by a charming service of Shabbat liturgy set to Disney favorite melodies.

We can’t wait for the dynamic programs that will be showcased at Temple Akiba in 2023! **Here are 5 programs to look for in the coming year...**

- 1) **Natalie Young** – An accomplished Jewish singer/songwriter, Natlie will be leading us in a Shabbat service of her incredible music on February 24th.
- 2) **Noah Aronson** – Famous for his “Am I Awake/Bar’chu”, Noah will be our Guest artist at our Shabbat service on March 31st.
- 3) **Justin Stein** – Justin is an engaging song-leader with a talent for putting themed Shabbat services together. He did a beautiful job of leading our Chanukah services & will be leading us in Shabbat services on April 28th.
- 4) **Reggae Passover** – Justin Stein will lead us in a brand new Passover experience, a Seder with Reggae music infused throughout the experience.
- 5) **Disney Shabbat** – Our 5th Annual Disney Shabbat and Carnival will take place this year on May 19th.

Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Talking to Your Children about Anti-Semitism

Let's face it, no one wants to have to tell their child that there are bad people in the world who will try to hurt them just for being themselves. Discussing antisemitism with young children can be challenging. If your kids hear about events on the news, they may have big questions and need extra emotional support.

Research shows that one of the best ways that we can help prepare our children to cope with discrimination and intolerance is by being open about it. When we show our children that these topics, though tough, are not taboo, we let them know that they can always come to us with questions or thoughts about life's scary situations. As parents, we instinctively want to protect our kids from the darker sides of humanity—like antisemitism. But if we don't have these clarifying conversations with our kids, particularly around challenging topics in the news, they will fill in the gaps from their peers and with their own imagination. Our job is to provide accurate, age-appropriate information in a calm way—while reassuring them that they are safe and loved.

Give kids space to share and express their feelings without judgment. Ask them what they heard, how they feel about a headline, and what they think it means. If you notice them relaying misinformation, remain factual and correct the information presented.

Not talking about discrimination is a privilege we want our kids to live in their happy little bubbles where they think unicorns are real. Parents often struggle with issues like racism and antisemitism because they are complex and uncomfortable to talk about. None of us want to tell a child that some people are attacked or hurt simply for who they are or what they believe. Parents may want to preserve a child's innocence and protect them from the knowledge that very bad things can happen in this world. It is important that all children be taught about racism and discrimination so they feel empowered to make a change.

Children and teens feel safer and better able to manage difficult situations when they have a clear plan in place such as what to say and whom to tell. When discussing antisemitism it is important to tell your child that if someone ever tries to be hurtful to them because they are Jewish, it is very important that they tell you or tell an adult they trust we will do all that we can to be sure they feel safe. The most important thing we as parents can do is raise our kids to be good people, and mensches, to help and accept others, and to do the best they can to treat those around them fairly and with respect.

Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education



President's Message

A New Year usually begins with making New Year's Resolutions. As Jews, we do that during the Season of Renewal, as well. In my last message I spoke of bringing in new members and engaging them, connecting with each other, and building community. I am proud to say that ECC and Religious School families have been connecting over coffee & bagel schmoozes, Chanukah celebrations and other events led by our incredible ECC and RS Trustees, Caroline Schwartz and Tracey Wise-Finkelstein, respectively, and Room Parents, with support from our amazing staff, Randee Bishoff and Kathryn Vischjager and Membership Trustee, Jenna Sonenshein. We will build on that model with other groups at the Temple.

I am especially proud that our goal of sponsoring a Ukrainian family is well on its way to becoming a reality. With HIAS as our guide, Michele Paley as our Welcome Circle Coordinator, Sara Fields leading the Education Team and, in partnership with Adat Shalom, we are filling out the rest of our Welcome Circle Team. We have raised close to \$14,000! Special thanks to Lana & Benjamin Rapoport for being the official sponsors. It takes a village...

2023 marks Temple Akiba's 70th year! There will be many opportunities to commemorate this milestone year: Buy Temple Akiba swag. Both our Purim Shpiel and Carnival have a 50's theme-Grease. Save the Date for our major celebration Saturday, May 6- a 70's Disco Gala, chaired by Samantha Barshay, Pamela Hakakian and Jessica Haselton. A historical video is coming your way. Stay tuned for more.

We invite you to get involved in any of these endeavors. Please contact the office. Thank you!

We are excited that the ECC will be welcoming a new class in January, the L'Taken trip to DC will finally take place after a 2-year hiatus, Resident Camp has found a new site and Temple Akiba is going to Israel in June during its 75th year!

Finally, we appreciate the input that we received at the Town Halls regarding your concerns and questions about safety and security. We will be following up early in the New Year.

May our lights shine brighter together than ever in 2023!

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

Last year, I, like many others set goals for the year. One of my goals was to overcome my fears and to give blood in honor of my father. I am happy to say that I was able to give blood three times, all at Temple Akiba Blood Drives, with the first time at our Mitzvah Day. Another goal was to walk 613 miles. Usually my exercise or weight loss goals last until noon on January 1st, so I am happy that I was able to accomplish these two year-long goals.

Temple Akiba also had goals for the year. Continue to offer rich, vibrant, and loving community gathering opportunities while navigating the challenges of COVID. As I look back on 2022, it feels good to know that Temple Akiba was also able to accomplish our goal. As I look back, there were so many ways our community came together from ECC and Religious School to Shabbat Services and over 300 B'nai Mitzvah – our Temple was full of life on a daily and weekly basis.

We also saw the creation or return of many Temple Akiba Special programs and events from the return of our treasured Mitzvah Day and Purim Carnival to the meaningful and spiritual Sisterhood Havdalah and Men's Group Shabbat services. We shared the love with each other with our new Mishloach Manot for Purim and the love for our Torah at our Torah Restoration weekend. We enjoyed fun evenings at Casino Night and our end of summer party, and celebrated at our famous musical Shabbat services like Disney, Broadway, and Millennial Shabb-Rock Shabbat! Many continued to participate in our ongoing Torah Study, Lunch and Lean, and Coffee with the Clergy, and others joined in our now regular Rosh Chodesh and Challah Braid & Bake events as well.

2022 was an incredible year for Temple Akiba, and 2023 – our **70th Anniversary Year** is shaping up to be even better. I invite you to join me in making Temple Akiba, and all we have to offer in this special year a big part of your 2023.

I am fortunate to work with passionate, dedicated, creative, and inspiring clergy, staff, and Board of Trustees. It is with all of them, and all of you, that our Light truly does Shine Brighter. I wish you a 2023 filled with joy, happiness, success, peace, love, and health, and look forward to seeing you at Temple.

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



The Greening of Temple Akiba

The Temple Akiba Green Team used its first meeting for introductions of committee members who are connected through the Board, volunteers, and staff. Environmental issues of concern were identified. Sustainability efforts and accomplishments to date were reviewed.

Priorities going forward were the purchase of bigger bins for composting, recycling, and landfill (trash) with appropriate signage, education of the community, and the development of best practices for the Temple, religious school events and the ECC.

Look for these new signs and separate your waste into the appropriate compost, recycle and trash bins!



Our next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7:00 PM, both in the Board Room and on zoom.

Please let Renee or Tricia know of your interest in participating.

Renee Meshul
rmeshul@gmail.com

Tricia Flumenbaum
pflumenbaum@gmail.com



Thank you to Soferet Linda Coppleson, for her amazing work restoring our Torah. And special gratitude to those that performed a Mitzvah by helping the Soferet inscribe a letter in the Torah. The very last of the 613 Mitzvot is to write a Torah scroll.



"By endowing even a single letter, word, or sentence for yourself, it is as if you have written your own Torah Scroll."

- Maimonides





GUEST ARTIST SHABBAT SERIES



Temple Akiba welcomes guest artists that will inspire us and elevate our souls with their dynamic and engaging music. We are excited to welcome three incredible Guest Artists to our Synagogue this year to lead us in our Shabbat services and other programs.

NATALIE YOUNG

Friday, February 24, 2023

Natalie Young is an award-winning composer whose music is being used by communities all over the world. Her gift for writing beautiful and memorable melodies, infused with love, spirit, and emotion, has made prayer experiences accessible for worshippers young and old. She brings a powerful, new depth to Jewish music in her evocative compositional style, which is rooted in equally contemporary and traditional influences.



NOAH ARONSON

Friday, March 31, 2023



Noah Aronson has been creating and inspiring audiences with his heartfelt and soulful music for the last 20 years. His music is sung in communities and summer camps around the world and he tours year-round giving concerts and leading music-driven prayer experiences.

JUSTIN STEIN

Friday, April 28, 2023

Justin Stein has been the Music Director for the Jewish community Nashuva for 18 years and has been a songleader at Temple Beth Hillel for the past decade.

Justin's primary focus is always on music's ability to foster human connection - connection to others, connection to nature, and connection to our inner selves.





TEMPLE AKIBA BLOOD DRIVE

February 26, 2023
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Help save lives & help Temple Akiba continue to be an amazing supporter of the Red Cross Blood Program.

To make your life-saving appointment, please visit Redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: TempleAkiba, or call 1-800-Red Cross.



FROM THE HEART CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"IF WE WENT TO CAMP AKIBA TOGETHER, WE ARE FAMILY AND THAT IS ETCHED IN STONE."

Have you ever taken a moment and truly considered the deep and profound impact of Camp Akiba? For one past camper - it made all the difference. During the pandemic, a former camper (now an adult) reconnected with peers from camp and learned that...

"If we went to Camp Akiba together, we are family and that is etched in stone. I know that if I was in some random city anywhere in the world and needed help, if there was a Camp Akiba connection I could reach out and get the help I needed. Even if we hadn't spoken in decades." - Alan Valensky

It is with this in mind that Alan Valensky & Jessica Wilson have started the From the Heart Fund. They have pledged to send one child to camp and are committed to helping send more! to join them on their mission, visit www.templeakiba.net/donate.

THE FIRST \$3,600 DONATED WILL BE MATCHED - SO YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



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At 9:00am**

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

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For more information please contact
Diane, Assistant Director of Education
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B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Lila Reitmen
daughter of
Laura Podolsky
& Jonathan Reitman
Saturday, January 14



Cohen Huber
son of
Andie Black
& Blake Huber
Saturday, January 28



Nate Harawitz
son of
Lia Buman &
Mathew Harawitz
Saturday, February 4



Sophie Balter
daughter of
Sharon Balter
Saturday, February 18



Max Blackbird
son of
Andrea & Marc Blackbird
Saturday, February 25



Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Sunday, January 15, 2023



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Come join the fun!

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

Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 Check-in, coffee and bagels
9:00 - 12:00 Session 1 (3 rounds)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 Session 2 (3 rounds)
4:15 Awards

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

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

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

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

Please include a copy of your Covid Vaccination Card with your registration — Masks recommended

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/15/2023

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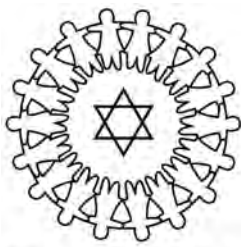
Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply:

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



TEMPLE AKIBA
SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger... Together!

We welcome the New Year as the lights of our Chanukah menorahs fade and the days start to grow a little bit longer. We hope everyone had joyous Chanukah celebrations filled with latkes and sufganyot and lots of love.

We are so happy to once again be able to host our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament this January 15th. If you have not already registered, please do as soon as possible.

Coffee With the Clergy continues both live and via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM. The discussion topics vary and are always lively and so very enjoyable with Rabbi leading us down various paths of learning.

We thank everyone who supported our Gift Shop by joining in our annual Chanukah Boutique. We are so very happy to have provided our community not only with candles, dreidels and gelt, but also games, toys, jewelry, and ritual items for all your holiday celebrations and gift giving. Our Gift Shop remains open by appointment and features so many items that are not on display. Please contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com to see what is hidden away in our closets that you might need or want.

Mark your calendars now for March 11, 2023, for our annual Sisterhood Havdalah Service and Dinner. We hope 2023 brings light, love, health and happiness to all.



TEMPLE AKIBA
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Tu Bishvat – Not Just for Planting CARE for YOUR TREES By WATERING YOUR TREES!



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TEMPLE AKIBA
of CULVER CITY
OUGHT UNITE TOGETHER

Even though we are in a drought, we need to **deep water** our trees to keep them healthy and able to resist diseases. Mature trees are important for:

- Cooling urban heat islands (asphalt is >40 hotter than the outside temperature)
- Providing shade
- Saving energy
- Cleaning the air (removing dust, absorbing pollutants) and releasing oxygen
- Absorbing and storing carbon dioxide
- Beautifying our neighborhoods

Remember: During the drought, you can forget about watering lawns and ornamentals but

BE WATER WISE: WATER TREES

January 2023 8 Tevet 5783 - 9 Shevat 5783

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1 ^{8 Tevet}</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2 ^{9 Tevet}</p> <p>Temple Closed</p> <p>No Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>3 ^{10 Tevet}</p> <p>ECC Resumes</p>	<p>4 ^{11 Tevet}</p> <p>11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy</p>	<p>5 ^{12 Tevet}</p>	<p>6 ^{13 Tevet}</p> <p>9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat</p> <p>6:30 PM Shabbat Shira & 3rd Grade Family Service</p>	<p>7 ^{14 Tevet}</p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p>
<p>8 ^{15 Tevet}</p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p> <p>Religious School Resumes</p>	<p>9 ^{16 Tevet}</p> <p>No Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>10 ^{17 Tevet}</p> <p>7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p>11 ^{18 Tevet}</p> <p>7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom</p>	<p>12 ^{19 Tevet}</p> <p>3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake</p>	<p>13 ^{20 Tevet}</p> <p>6:30 PM Interfaith Shabbat Service with Choir</p>	<p>14 ^{21 Tevet}</p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Lila Reitman</p>
<p>15 ^{22 Tevet}</p> <p>Mah-Jongg Tournament</p>	<p>16 ^{23 Tevet}</p> <p>Temple Closed</p> <p>No Lunch & Learn</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>17 ^{24 Tevet}</p>	<p>18 ^{25 Tevet}</p> <p>No Coffee with the Clergy</p>	<p>19 ^{26 Tevet}</p>	<p>20 ^{27 Tevet}</p> <p>6:30 PM Social Justice Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21 ^{28 Tevet}</p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p>
<p>22 ^{29 Tevet}</p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p>	<p>23 ^{1 Shevat}</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch & Learn</p> <p>8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event</p>	<p>24 ^{2 Shevat}</p> <p>7:00 PM—Men's Group Meeting</p>	<p>25 ^{3 Shevat}</p> <p>11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy</p> <p>7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom</p>	<p>26 ^{4 Shevat}</p>	<p>27 ^{5 Shevat}</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Group Shabbat Service</p>	<p>28 ^{6 Shevat}</p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Cohen Huber</p>
<p>29 ^{7 Shevat}</p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p>	<p>30 ^{8 Shevat}</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>31 ^{8 Shevat}</p>				

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19 <small>28 Shevat</small> No Sunday School	20 <small>29 Shevat</small> Temple Closed No Lunch & Learn Presidents Day	21 <small>30 Shevat</small> 8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event	22 <small>1 Adar</small> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	23 <small>2 Adar</small>	24 <small>3 Adar</small> 6:30 PM Shabbat Service Religious School Retreat	25 <small>4 Adar</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Max Blackbird Religious School Retreat
26 <small>5 Adar</small> 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blood Drive 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class Religious School Retreat	27 <small>6 Adar</small> No Lunch & Learn	28 <small>7 Adar</small> 7:00 PM – Men's Group Meeting				

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.

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In memory of:

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Yahrzeit Fund

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Rabbi Shapiro, for your meaning words in memory of Irma Silverstein, from Elliot Silverstein & Family
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Gena Pruetz, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Shirley Sher
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In memory of:

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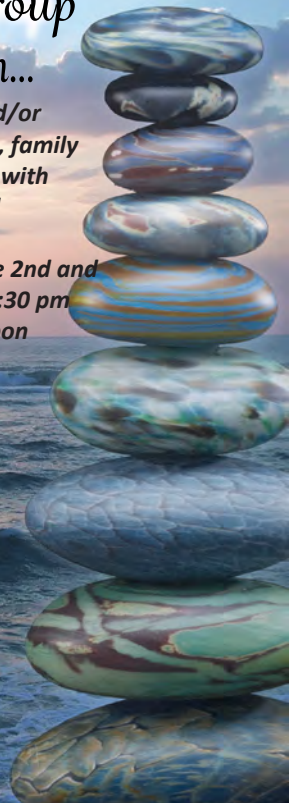
A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere.

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

Josette & Raoul Benassaya

Ellis & Cheryl Levinson

Laurette Robbins

Marissa & Gideon Segal





Challah Braid & Bake

January 12 & February 9

3:30 PM—5:30 PM

On Thursday, January 12th, we will be making challah with fresh herbs for a fresh new year, RSVP by Monday, January 7th.

On Thursday, February 9th, we will be making challah inspired by the flavors of the Tu B'Shvat Seder. RSVP by Monday, February 6th

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

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

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

Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

New and past participants are equally welcome

January 23 & February 23 at 8:30 PM

Zoom link provided upon registration





SAVE THE DATE FOR TEMPLE AKIBA'S

70'S DISCO GALA

Celebrating the Temple's 70th year!

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

JOIN OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE! SIGN UP & JOIN OUR VIRTUAL KICKOFF MEETING ON JAN 9TH AT 7:30PM.

CELEBRATION CHAIRS: SAMANTHA BARSHAY, PAMELA HAKAKIAN, JESSICA HASELTON

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Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am

Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm

Coffee with the Clergy

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

SWAG SHOP



Temple Akiba's swag store is now open - just in time for our 70th anniversary year! We know that our community is full of spirit, so we have created a place to get Akiba gear that you are sure to love. We have lots of styles and color variations for infants through adults, so be sure to look around. 20% of your order directly supports Temple Akiba. Let us show off our Akiba spirit in style!

Please scan this code to visit our store.





Purim Carnival Sponsorship Levels

Purim is the Word Event Sponsorship - \$3,600 (Event Sponsor)

- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 8 event wristbands
- 72 tickets

Greased Lightning Sponsorship - \$1,800 (Co-Event Sponsor)

- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 4 event wristbands
- 36 tickets



"Pink Ladies" Costume & Crafting Contest Sponsorship (Costume Contest Sponsor) - \$540

- Naming of the Costume Contest
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets

"T-Birds" Bar Sponsorship - \$540

- Naming of the Bar
- Recognition in all event publicity (Bulletin, website, Enews, Social media posts, signage at event)
- 2 event wristbands
- 18 tickets



"You're The One That I Want" Sponsorship (Name a Booth Sponsor) - \$360

- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- 2 event wristbands

We Go Together Sponsorship (Co-sponsor a Booth) - \$180

- Naming of a booth
- Recognition at the event (signage at booth)
- Event wristband



Summer Nights Sponsorship (Recognition at the Carnival) - \$72

- Recognition at the event (signage at event)
- 18 event food tickets

Sandy & Danny Sponsorship (Recognition at the Carnival) - \$54

- Recognition at the event (signage at event)



PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check payable to Temple Akiba in the amount of \$_____.

To pay online, please visit: https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/forms/purim_carnival_2023

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





PURIM'S THE WORD! Grease Purim Shpiel

2 Performances:

Sunday, March 5 at 9:00 AM (Before the Purim Carnival)
& Monday, March 6 at 6:00 PM

Hey there, fans and friends and odds and ends... It's DJ Vince Fontaine here, coming to you LIVE from Shushan High in Persia.

You're in for a wop-babba-loo-bop rockin' good time as we tell the story of Purim while singing and dancing our way through parodies of your favorite tunes from "Grease!"

Toss on your leather jacket or poodle skirt and come on down to join King A., Esther, Haman, Mordechai and the whole gang. So enjoy yourselves and have a ball. 'Cause if you're having fun, you're number one!



GREASE



Temple Akiba's Purim Carnival



Grab your poodle skirt and leather jacket and get ready for some Purim fun! Enjoy Fun Games, Good Food, Bar, Costume Contests, Crafting Competitions, Silent Auction, our Purim Shpiel & More!

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



PURIM



If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact

Robyn Kupferman, robyn.kupferman@gmail.com or Jennifer Fogel, jenfogel@gmail.com



Men's Group of Temple Akiba



Temple Akiba Men's Group

One of the great things about being a Jew in America is that we constantly get to celebrate a new year, a new beginning, with our friends. We have our own with Rosh Hashanah in the fall. Come the end of December we have New Years. January brings us Chinese New Years. With the spring equinox we have Nowruz to celebrate with our Persian friends. This year, on 18 July, we will celebrate the Muslim new year. Lots of opportunities to celebrate life, to mark the passage of time, and the chance to try all kinds of good food. And so, the Men's Group wishes everyone a great new year. Another opportunity to begin anew. If you have not joined us already, why not join us now? Join our brotherhood. Join with friends old and new. Participate in our wide variety of activities. Drop an email to Victor Nahmias at Vnahmias@aol.com and we will get you on our mailing list today! Ready to get started? A very reasonable minimum dues of \$36 for men, \$18 for associates.



Men's Group Shabbat Service



Temple Akiba Men's Group

Friday, January 27th
at 6:30 PM

Join us for our second
Shabbat Service

Oneq to follow in the
Social Hall



SAVE THE DATE



Temple Akiba Men's Group

TEMPLE AKIBA'S FIRST ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PARTY

SPONSORED BY MEN'S GROUP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 3:00 PM



TEMPLE AKIBA IS YOUR HOME AND THE COMMUNITY IS YOUR FAMILY,
SO JOIN THE MEN'S GROUP AS WE TURN THE SOCIAL HALL INTO A
GIANT LIVING ROOM AS WE WATCH THE SUPERBOWL TOGETHER!



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For questions or to learn about
sponsorships, please contact
Committee Chair Wendy Senelick,
wendysenelick@yahoo.com

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2022-2023

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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CALLING ALL RV'ERS/CAMPERS

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

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

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

For more information contact

Linda Fleischman, Temple Member, 310-487-8910 or Allan Teplinsky, Club President, Home (818) 368-3471; Cell (818) 264-6199

Gifts & Memorials

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual plaques for Temple members is \$750 and for those not affiliated it is \$1,000. How about participating in what may be the most exciting opportunity - the Sue and Jerry Urfrig Family Memorial Room. With your contribution of \$10,000 to the Campaign of Light, your name will be included on the Donor Board in the Memorial Room. The purchaser will have two complimentary plaques reserved for them to be designated with names they choose.

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

Trustee of Engagement

We will be applying to sponsor a Ukrainian refugee family. Following HIAS's model of Sponsor Circles, we are looking for six to eight congregants who are willing to help the family for about six months. This includes helping adults find work, finding housing, registering children in school, and taking care of other needs. We also need to raise at least \$20,000 to support the family financially for six months. HIAS will provide mentoring and links to resources.

As of mid-December we have several volunteers and close to **\$14,000** in pledges. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, as an area lead, a committee member, or a donor, or if you want more information, please email michelepaleymp@gmail.com.

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



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

Led by Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich

June 28 - July 10, 2023

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

OUR 10 NIGHT JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Discover the charm, delight and complexity of **Jerusalem's Old City**, including the **Western Wall**, the **Jewish Quarter** and a spectacular rooftop vista.
- Celebrate our **B'nai Mitzvah at Hebrew Union College**.
- Descend below ground and back in time at the **Dig for a Day** - a real, live archaeological expedition! Discover the ancient past, transforming their trash into modern treasure.
- Discover the richness of the **Jewish Diaspora at ANU**, the **Museum of the Jewish People**, that traces the journey of Jewish communities worldwide from the destruction of the Temple through today.
- 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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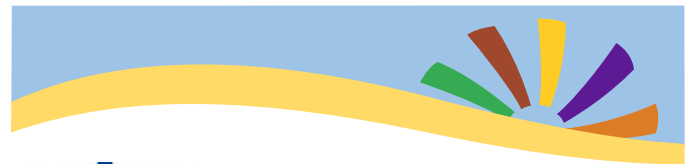
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Tu B'Shvat Seder

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
5:00 PM DINNER
6:00 PM SEDER & SERVICE

TU B'SHVAT IS THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES.
JOIN US AT OUR TU B'SHVAT SEDER WHERE WE
CELEBRATE NATURE BY EATING A VARIETY
OF FRUITS AND NUTS, DRINKING FOUR
CUPS OF COLORFUL JUICES AND
SINGING FUN SONGS.