

Temple Akiba of Culver City

# *Join us at our 2020 Gala*

*honoring Sue Urfrig  
and  
Jen and Danielle Sheppard*



*Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 6 pm  
at the Marina del Rey Marriott, Marina del Rey*

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**JAN/FEB Friday Shabbat Services**

<b>Friday, January 3</b> Shabbat Shira Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 10</b> Shabbat Service with guest artists Elana Jagoda & Saul Kaye	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 17</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 24</b> Shabbat Torah Service	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 31</b> Shabbat Service	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 7</b> Tu B'Shevat Seder Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 14</b> Torah Service with Choir	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 21</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 28</b> Shabbat Service with guest artist Ellen Allard	<b>7pm</b>

## Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

Tu B'Shevat (literally: the "15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat) is Jewish Arbor Day - the time we celebrate trees, nature, and environmental responsibility. We learn to plant seeds for future generations. And we remember that in generations past, incredible people dug deep so that we could enjoy the fruits of their dreams.

I think especially on Tu B'Shevat about my grandparents, may they all rest in peace. I think about their life journeys. I reflect on the sacrifices they made, the summits they reached, and the lessons they taught. I remember the stories they shared. And I wonder, "If I could have one more conversation with them, what would I ask?"

Unfortunately, I'm not able to have those conversations - at least in person (though their wisdom does continue to guide me). But the questions I would pose ... I encourage you to ask them of those you love. These questions can give us a window into their hearts and souls. Further, these questions can inspire us to live more deeply and more fully ourselves.

And just as there are Four Questions on Passover, there are Four Questions for Tu B'Shevat:

- 1) What are you most proud of?
- 2) Do you have any regrets?
- 3) What do you want your legacy to be?
- 4) Who do you wish you could ask one more question of?

In addition to these four questions, what else would you ask?

I only have one additional question, and this is for all those reading... You know the person you want to go talk with. So ....What are you waiting for? With love and shalom,

**Rabbi Zach Shapiro**

**Our Light Shines Brighter  Together**

## Cantor's Corner



*Bring in the Light, bring in the light,  
bring in the light of Shabbat, we light  
the lights of Shabbat.*

This simple and beautiful song, written by Elana Jagoda has become a beloved song at Temple Akiba. Though it's written with the younger generation in mind, its melodic tune and lyrics are accessible for all ages. In continuation of our Flumenbaum/Jaffa Musical Artist Series, we are so excited to welcome the writer of this song, Elana Jagoda and her husband Saul Kaye, as our guest artists for the weekend of January 10 – 12. They will help lead us in a meaningful Shabbat experience on Friday, January 10 at 7pm. Between Saul's soulful melodies and Elana's timeless tunes, it will be a Shabbat you will never forget! On Saturday, January 11, Saul and Elana will play a concert for all ages at 5pm. And to top off the weekend, they will lead our Religious School kids in T'filah and music workshops on Sunday, January 12. We are so excited about this extraordinary weekend of incredible music!

On February 28, Ellen Allard will join us for a special Super Hero Tot Shabbat program at 5:30, followed by her sensational, Wow Worship Musical Experience at 7pm the same night. Ellen is considered the "guru" of Early Childhood music. She is an award-winning Recording Artist, Performer, and Early Childhood Music Specialist. She truly knows how to engage every age in song and worship.

We have been blessed with the wonderful production of Fiddler on the Roof, the talents of our "Jewish cowboy" Joe Buchanan and the touching story and music of Cantor Rebekah Mirsky. We look forward to the incredible events coming up this year and hope you can join us for each one!

### **Bring in the Light by Elana Jagoda**

*Bring in the light, bring in the light  
Bring in the light of Shabbat  
We light the lights of Shabbat*

*Bring in the light, bring in the light  
Bring in the light of Shabbat  
L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat*

*Shabbat shalom May you have a peaceful day*

*Shabbat shalom May you have a restful day*

*Bring in the light...*

**Cantor Lonee Frailich**



## President's Message

### Miracles Do Happen at Temple Akiba

We all know that homelessness is at crisis levels throughout Culver City, Los Angeles County and across the United States. Many of us assume that homelessness only happens to those outside our community and not to us.

Our Tikkun Olam Committee, chaired by Cathy Penso, recently co-sponsored a Forum on Homelessness and Housing with the Culver City Area Interfaith Alliance. During the question and answer period, a longtime member of TA stood up and announced that he and his wife were on the verge of homelessness. This was a call to action to Cathy, our Committee and our Temple community to try to help solve this problem. With the help and hard work of the Culver City Housing office and the St. Joseph Center, the eviction process was stopped and our Temple Akiba members did not become homeless. The "rapid rehousing program," an intervention designed to help families that don't need intensive and ongoing supports to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing, was used.

To me, this is a true miracle at Temple Akiba. It shows that we are a community that cares for and helps each other. I am also very proud of our Caring Community Program and Good & Welfare Program where members of our community are reached out to in times of need.

Our caring also extends to outside our Temple walls with programs like our Forums on Homelessness, Mitzvah Day, Shoes for the Homeless collection, Sova collection and much more.

Getting to know each other, developing friendships and doing activities together is a way to strengthen our community and bring us closer to each other. Being a strong and connected community can help us to make more miracles happen at Temple Akiba every single day.

Thank you to our excellent Board leaders such as Cathy Penso for your vision and to our wonderful Rabbi Zach Shapiro and Cantor Lonee Frailich for teaching us wisdom from the Torah and the importance of community.

**Ira Diamond**  
President



## ECC & Religious School

I recently returned from the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) Biennial in Chicago. In attendance were over 6000 Reform Jews from the U.S. and Canada including clergy, educators, lay leaders, members of the Women of Reform Judaism and over 200 NFTY teenagers. Over the course of the week, I heard the leaders of our movement speak about what the Reform movement has done and is continuing to do for Jews around the world each and every day.

The Religious Action Center, a part of the URJ, renewed its commitment to Social Action and Tikkun Olam. It is a shining example of how Reform Judaism and Jews of the Reform Movement continually stand up for what is just and right, not just in terms of Jewish values but human values. The Brit Olam, covenant with our world, is the way that Reform Jewish communities are working together to make change.

I studied with educators and lay leaders from across the country discussing tools to engage families with young children and ways to integrate families into synagogue life. We focused on creating programming for a 21st century community that sparks lives of meaning and purpose. What is the purpose of engagement? How do all of us -- boards, clergy, staff, and congregants -- become better at building relationships that lead to meaningful lives and transformative communities? What do we need in our toolboxes to be successful?

I felt proud to be a part of a movement that not only affirms Jewish values but lives by them. And how do I know this? Because in between all the speakers of the conference, I had the chance to meet with other educators and youth workers from across the country who share my vision, our vision, one vision of the reform movement.

At Temple Akiba I am proud to say we have long understood the meaning of what it means to be committed to our youth and our congregation. I thank the Board of Directors for their continued support of our youth programs in the past, currently, and as we go forward together. I am proud to be a part of the Reform Movement campaign for Youth Engagement and to partner with a Temple that fully understands what the youth of our Temple can bring to the future of our movement.

I am looking forward to the next Biennial in San Diego in 2021. I hope many of you will consider joining me.

**Randee Bishoff, Director of Education**



# Long Time Members Honored

## At our first two Longevity Members' Dinners held on November 15 and December 13

November 15 and December 13 were our first two, out of three, Shabbat Dinners and services honoring our active members from 1953-1986. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening "schmoozing," dining and welcoming Shabbat with old friends and family. Our third dinner will be held on January 24, 2020 for our members who joined us between 1987-1999.



# Welcome New members

Deana & David Baron and family  
 Diana Tsudik & Lior Ben-Aharon and family  
 Andrea and Marc Blackbird and family  
 Michele Paley & Len Blonder  
 Rose & Shawn Fairbairn and family  
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 Ingrid Moran & Andrew Lachman and family  
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 Toby & Gur Milavski and family  
 Yana & Adam Moser and family  
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 Laura Podolsky and family  
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 Tami Prins & Aaron Simon and family  
 Heather Stillman and family



Save the Date

Temple Akiba of Culver City's

*Tenth Annual  
Gala*



Saturday, February 8, 2020

Marina del Rey Marriott

Honoring

**Sue Urfrig**

and

**Jen and Danielle Sheppard**



Commemorate Temple Akiba's Honorees  
By purchasing an ad in the Gala Tribute Book

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Attn: Gala Tribute Book

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**Gala Evening includes:**

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Sit-Down Dinner with Wine, and Complimentary Self Parking



TEMPLE AKIBA  
of CULVER CITY

The Flumenbaum / Jaffa

# Musical Artist Series

presents

## Elana Jagoda & Saul Kaye Folk-Rock and Jewish Blues

**Friday, January 10**

**7pm Shabbat Service**

Join us for a rousing musical Shabbat service with our artists in residence, Saul Kaye and Elana Jagoda.

**Saturday, January 11**

**5pm Havdalah Concert**

Usher in the new week with an intimate concert featuring Saul and Elana's beautiful music.

**No charge  
for admission  
Fun for the  
whole family!**



A married couple from San Francisco, both are prolific songwriters, and will bring their own distinctive musical styles to enrich our Shabbat experience. Saul infuses liturgy with the sounds of the Delta blues, and Elana will enrich our shabbat with her catchy, energetic folk-rock tunes. Both of these artists' music is sung around the world, and after this weekend, you will know why!

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The Flumenbaum / Jaffa  
**Musical Artist Series**

presents

**Ellen Allard**  
**Award winning Jewish  
Children's Music Artist**

**Friday, February 28**

**5:30pm Super Hero Tot Shabbat**

**Calling all little superheroes!**

Bring your superhero costumes for an up-on-your-feet, sing-along, dance-along Shabbat led by award-winning childrens music artist Ellen Allard

**7pm WOW Worship**

**Musical Experience Shabbat**

Join us for an inter-generational, dynamic service featuring Ellen Allard and her instantly singable and memorable melodies.



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# TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2019 - 2020

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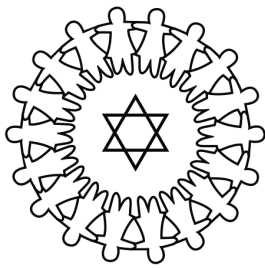
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## TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



*Brighter and Stronger...Together!*

We hope you all enjoyed your latkes and were inspired by the festive lights of Hanukkah. As we look forward to the days growing longer there are so many opportunities to participate in Sisterhood activities. Flyers for most are included in this bulletin:

**Volunteer cooking at the Children's Wellness Center** has been extended to 3 days during January and February: it is happening on January 9th, 16th and 23rd and February 13th, 20th and 27th.

Our next **Mah Jongg Tournament** is on January 19th and if you have not already registered, we urge you to do so quickly.

Join us for **A Taste of the Holidays** and share your favorite Holiday recipe on February 23rd.

Our annual Sisterhood **Havdalah Service and Dinner** celebrating Sisterhood and women is on March 7th. This is an inspirational evening filled with music and a wonderful dinner following the service. We welcome everyone to join our celebration whether or not you are a Sisterhood member - men are encouraged to celebrate as well. Reservations are required for the dinner so please plan ahead.

We welcome all contributions to our **Purim Carnival Bake Sale** scheduled for March 15th. Hamantaschen are crowd favorites but all donations are appreciated. And be sure to look for information on other upcoming activities: **Passover Outreach** and a rousing evening of **BingoRita**.

We thank each and everyone who supported our Hanukkah Boutique and ask you to remember that our Sisterhood Gift Shop is well stocked with items needed for Passover. We have many Sedar Plates, Matzah Trays, Matzah Covers, Salt Water and Horseradish dishes, Hagaddahs, as well as masks and puppets and toys and games for the young and young at heart. Keep an eye on our display cases. If you don't see something you want or need you can contact Linda Park at 310-216-9875 for an appointment to see what is hidden away in our Gift Shop closets.

Be sure to take advantage of recognizing a simcha or significant event by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. Contact Linda Park for details.



## A Taste of the Holidays

Join Sisterhood on February 23 from 10 am — 1 pm in the Social Hall  
and share your favorite Jewish Holiday dish!

Bring your favorite Holiday dish to be shared and 20 copies of your recipe.

This is a time to socialize, eat, and learn how to make something new for the Jewish Holidays. It is always fun to taste and make something new for your friends and family. Jewish Recipes for Every Season will be presented by members of Sisterhood and your participation is part of this event.

For more info contact: Valerie Meyer at [vjmeyerat314@gmail.com](mailto:vjmeyerat314@gmail.com) or  
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 12-24 MONTH OLDS



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# B'Nei Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



**Jenna Saltzman**  
Daughter of Jamie and Blake  
Saltzman  
Saturday, January 18



**Nathan Hoggatt**  
Son of Emily Parkhurst-Hoggatt  
and Gary Hoggatt  
Saturday, February 1



**Roz Larsen**  
Daughter of Tova and Kurt Larsen  
Saturday, February 8



**Alaina Gafni**  
Daughter of Corinne and  
Benjamin Gafni  
Saturday, February 22

# January 2020 4 Teves 5780 - 5 Shevat 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4 TEVES 🇺🇸 New Year's Day Temple Closed	2 5 TEVES ECC Winter Day Camp	3 6 TEVES ECC Winter Day Camp 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira	4 7 TEVES
5 8 TEVES Religious School Resumes	6 9 TEVES ECC Resumes 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy Akiba High Resumes	7 10 TEVES Hebrew School Resumes	8 11 TEVES 4:00 PM Life Transitions and Breavement Group	9 12 TEVES	10 13 TEVES 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Elana Jagoda and Saul Kaye	11 14 TEVES 9:00 AM Torah Study 5:00 PM Concert with Elana Jagoda and Saul Kaye
12 15 TEVES	13 16 TEVES 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	14 17 TEVES 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	15 18 TEVES 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	16 19 TEVES	17 20 TEVES 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	18 21 TEVES 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Saltzman
19 22 TEVES No Religious School Sisterhood Mah-Jong Tournament	20 23 TEVES 🇺🇸 Martin Luther King Day Temple Closed	21 24 TEVES 7:00 PM Men's Group Discussion with Culver City Planning Mgr, Michael Allen	22 25 TEVES 2:30 PM Book Club 4:00 PM Life Transitions and Breavement Group 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class	23 26 TEVES	24 27 TEVES 5:30 PM Longevity Membership Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat Torah and Choir Service	25 28 TEVES 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Pancake Tot Shabbat Breakfast
26 29 TEVES Blood Drive	27 1 SHEVAT 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	28 2 SHEVAT 6:30 PM Tikkun Olam Forum	29 3 SHEVAT 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class	30 4 SHEVAT	31 5 SHEVAT 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Mary Lou Basaraba and Josh Goldberg	

# February 2020 6 Shevat 5780 - 4 Adar 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <small>6 SHEVAT</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Hoggat
<b>2</b> <small>7 SHEVAT</small>	<b>3</b> <small>8 SHEVAT</small> 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	<b>4</b> <small>9 SHEVAT</small>	<b>5</b> <small>10 SHEVAT</small> 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Class	<b>6</b> <small>11 SHEVAT</small>	<b>7</b> <small>12 SHEVAT</small> 9:00 Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir and Tu B'Shevat Seder with 3rd Graders	<b>8</b> <small>13 SHEVAT</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Roz Larsen 5:00 PM Temple Akiba's 10th Annual GALA
<b>9</b> <small>14 SHEVAT</small>	<b>10</b> <small>15 SHEVAT</small> 10:00 AM Pre-K Tu B'Shevat Seder	<b>11</b> <small>16 SHEVAT</small> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	<b>12</b> <small>17 SHEVAT</small> 4:00 PM Life Transition and Bereavement Group 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>13</b> <small>18 SHEVAT</small>	<b>14</b> <small>19 SHEVAT</small> 7:00 PM Shabbat Torah Service with Choir	<b>15</b> <small>20 SHEVAT</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study
<b>16</b> <small>21 SHEVAT</small> No Religious School	<b>17</b> <small>22 SHEVAT</small>  Washington's Birthday (observed) Temple Closed	<b>18</b> <small>23 SHEVAT</small>	<b>19</b> <small>24 SHEVAT</small> 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Class 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	<b>20</b> <small>25 SHEVAT</small>	<b>21</b> <small>26 SHEVAT</small> 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>22</b> <small>27 SHEVAT</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Alaina Gafni
<b>23</b> <small>28 SHEVAT</small> 10:30 AM Taste and Share Foods Event	<b>24</b> <small>29 SHEVAT</small> 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	<b>25</b> <small>30 SHEVAT</small>	<b>26</b> <small>1 ADAR</small> 2:30 PM Book Club 4:00 PM Life Transition and Bereavement Group 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>27</b> <small>2 ADAR</small>	<b>28</b> <small>3 ADAR</small> 5:30 PM Superhero Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Ellen Allard	<b>29</b> <small>4 ADAR</small> 9:00 AM Torah Study



## **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.

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*Donations from:*

**Michael Poizner & Joanne Wolf**

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**Lunch and Learn**, with love from Marlene Weiss

The **Rabbi** at the High Holidays, from the Holzberg Family

**Rabbi Zach and Ron's twins**, from Ivan and Deborah Kallick

The **twin's Baby Naming**- Mazel Tov!! from Debbie Richards

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**Joanne Knopf**, my sister, with love from Bob Knopf

**Harrison Weitz**, from Dorothy Rose

### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In honor of:*

The **Cantor** at the High Holidays, from the Holzberg Family

**Cantor Lonee Frailich** for adding so MUCH to the High Holiday services, from Dave and Suzanne Larky

**Cantor Lonee** for the teaching and encouragement of B'nei Mitzvah participants, from Raechel Moskowitz

**Cantor Lonee's** inspiring duet with Camille Joffee on Erev Yom Kippur, from Ellie Sherman-Quinn & Steve Quinn

[in appreciation for] **the opportunity to sit on the Bimah** for the Kol Nidre service along with other Sisterhood members, from Toni Glick

*In memory of:*

**Stephen Abrams**, from Marc Abrams

**Joanne Landsberg**, beloved sister of Bob Knopf, from Barbara and Marv Brown

**Hilda Michaels**, my mother (of Barbara), from Barbara and Marv Brown

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND**

*In honor of:*

**Rebecca Holzberg's** great work, from the Holzberg Family

**The baby naming of Eli Noah and Maya Ruth**

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**Irene Crane**, my aunt, from Susan Polep

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*In honor of:*

**Raechel Moskowitz’s Bat Mitzvah**, from Cindy and Mike Smith

**Raechel Moskowitz – Congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah**,

from Stan and Sheila Weinberg

**Terry Rubin’s 70th birthday**, from Sadie Simms

**MEN’S GROUP FUND**

*In honor of:*

**Barry Haworth**, from Leona Weitz

**Bereavement & Life Transitions Group**  
**Build Emotional Strength...**

*A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Non-Members are welcome. Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 4 pm. Held at Temple Akiba’s Board Room for a small donation. Please call Temple Akiba upon interest.*

Led by Shirley Hirschberg  
 Social Worker & Life Style Counselor

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**Temple Akiba Book Club**

Join the new book club meeting  
 at Temple Akiba!

Free for members  
 \$10 per session for non-members

The book club regularly meets on the  
 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm  
 in the Annex.

The initial focus is 21st Century Israeli novels

January 22—“The Extra” by A.B. Yehoshua  
 February 26 — “All the Rivers” by Dorit Rabinyan  
 March 25 — “The Hilltop” by Assaf Gavron

For more information, contact Helene Jaffa  
 at helenerj@aol.com

## News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

### Support our efforts to combat homelessness: Join the Temple Akiba Homeless Count Team on Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 8pm

This helps us better understand homelessness in our region and direct resources where they're needed most. To sign up for the Culver City Homeless Count on Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 8pm go to [www.theycountwillyou.org](http://www.theycountwillyou.org). Enter zip code 90230 which will take you to the Culver City sign up section. Please email Cathy Penso [VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net](mailto:VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net) to let us know you have signed up to be part of our Temple Akiba Homeless Count team. We will contact you before January 22. Thank you for your commitment to reducing and ending homelessness in Los Angeles County.

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**You can also help** by participating in **Mitzvah Day projects on Sunday, May 31**, which support homelessness and hunger, such as St. Joseph's Center, Upward Bound House, West Hollywood Community Housing Corps. Additional information on Mitzvah Day will be mailed out soon!

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**Please donate travel size toiletry items and socks for CARE KITS for PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) and SPY (a Safe Place for Youth) and SHOES for Shoes for the Homeless, Inc.**

**Start Collecting for Mitzvah Day:** books for children & teens, toys & crafts, kosher food, pet supplies: pee pads, dog treats, pill pockets. **Drop off items in the Collection Box in the Temple Office**

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### **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 26 - Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide**

Thank you to all of you who made the 2019 Walks to End Genocide such successes. Because of your hard work and dedication, we blew past our goal and raised \$134,826 — funds that will help us in education, advocacy and programs to fight genocide and mass atrocities worldwide. Let's come together and make the 2020 Walks the biggest events to date. Go to <http://www.jww.org>. Sign-up information coming soon.

**Our Light Shines Brighter – Together!**



# A Compass for Compassion:

## An Initiative-Driven Forum on Housing and Homelessness

We've Explored the Crisis –  
Come learn how we can take **ACTION**  
in our community

*Forum Panelists will discuss current Initiatives  
and lead break-out group discussions*

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

### Forum Initiative Topics & Panelists Will Include:

**Incentivizing Landlord Participation to Increase Affordable Housing:**  
*Karlo Silbiger, Chair of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness*

**SHARED Collaborative Housing:**  
*Jason Robison, Director of SHARE*

**SAFE Parking:**  
*John Helyar, Outreach Teams Program Manager, HOPICS, Homeless  
Outreach Program Integrated Care System*

**Legislation:**  
*Lee Winkelman, Ca. Organizing Director, RAC-CA, Religious Action Center*



Please RSVP  
by January 21st at:  
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# Mah Jongg Tournament

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**Sunday, Jan 19, 2020**



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Come join the fun!  
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#### 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 Marla Rothfarb: marlawynne@yahoo.com

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To register, fill out the form below and enclose it with a check for:

**\$40 payable to Temple Akiba Sisterhood**

**Mail to: Judi Nachenberg by 1/12/20**

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/19/20

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check all that apply:

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



# The Men's Group of Temple Akiba



is pleased to invite you and your guests to a presentation and discussion on

## The Future of Culver City

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

@ 6:30

In the Social Hall

This meeting will be led by:

**Michael Allen, the Current Planning Manager of the City of Culver City**

**and**

**William Kavadas, Assistant Planner**

Curious about what is going on in the development of Culver City and where we are heading? This evening will be a perfect opportunity to learn about it and to ask questions.

This meeting is open to all Temple members and their guests at no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Save the  
date!

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**PURIM CARNIVAL**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10 AM - 1 PM**



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Join us Thursday afternoons - January 9, 16 & 23 and February 13, 20 & 27  
3:00-4:30 pm - CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER  
4700 Inglewood Boulevard (corner of Braddock Avenue, not far from Temple)

If you are interested or have questions please call or email:  
FARLA BINDER: [farlab@aol.com](mailto:farlab@aol.com) or 310-822-1359  
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*Temple Akiba Sisterhood*

*Women of Reform Judaism*

*Annual Havdalah Service and Dinner*

*Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 P.M.*

*Join us for a memorable and musical evening  
as we conduct our Torah Service  
followed by Havdalah  
and culminating in a delicious dinner*

*Reservations with payment required  
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*For more information contact Linda Park; [mommylinda50@hotmail.com](mailto:mommylinda50@hotmail.com)*

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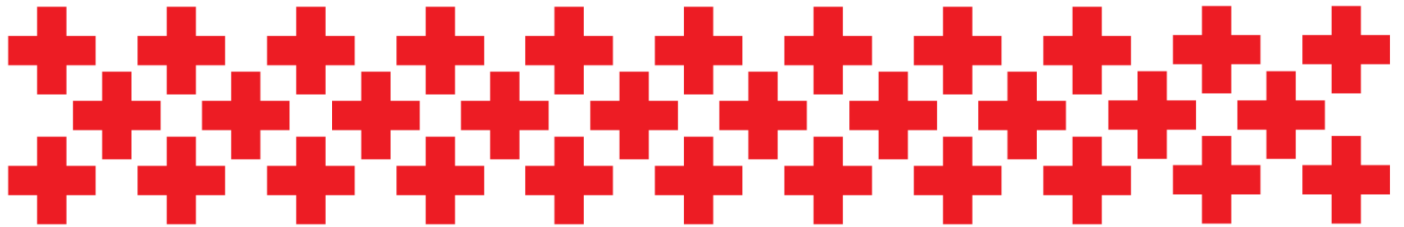
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**When: Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Where: Social Hall at**

**5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, Ca 90230**

**Enter Through Front Gate**

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# SAVE THESE 2020 AKIBA CAMP DATES

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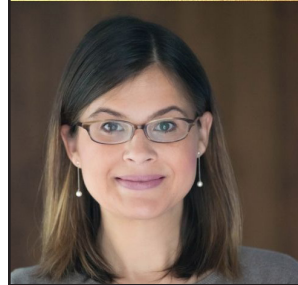
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**Friday, February 7  
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**We provide the fruit and  
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Families are all welcome!**