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JAN/FEB Friday Shabbat Services

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| Friday, January 1 Shabbat Shira Service | 6:30pm |
| Friday, January 8 Shabbat Service with Choir | 7pm |
| Friday, January 15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 7pm |
| Friday, January 22 Shabbat Service | 7pm |
| Friday, January 29 Tu B'Shevat Seder | 6:30pm |
| Friday, February 5 Shabbat Shira Service | 6:30pm |
| Friday, February 12 Shabbat Service with Choir | 7pm |
| Friday, February 19 Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 7pm |
| Friday, February 26 ShabbRock! Service | 7pm |

Shalom, Rav



Dear Friends,

This past December, as we lit the candles for Hanukkah, I looked at Ron. He had a melancholy look on his face, and I didn't have to ask why. Ron's mother would have celebrated her birthday during Hanukkah. With both of his parents gone, there was an emptiness. There were missing harmonies replaced by a jarring dissonance.

Many of us are familiar with this emotion. Our personal, difficult life moments are woven into the communal religious and cultural observances. Sometimes, like the example with Ron, the community demands celebration that collide with our own sadness. And sometimes it's the opposite, like when our birthday falls on Yom Kippur.

I think of that familiar lyric from Fiddler on the Roof: "One season following another, laden with happiness and tears" (Sunrise, Sunset - Richard Bock and Sheldon Harnick). We are constantly at a crossroads of emotions. It's not easy. But it's also brilliantly grounding. We aren't alone. The trajectory of our personal life-cycle overlaps with the soul-map of the Jewish Holy Days and Festivals.

And so.... In January, when we celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees, let's plant a tree in memory of a loved one who cultivated goodness in our hearts.

When our joy overflows during Purim in February, we can remember those in generations before us who stood up to antisemitism and taught us to believe in who we are.

And when we feast at our Passover Seder this March, we can set aside a moment to reflect on our own freedoms and struggles that come to mind as we read from the Haggadah.

Yes, our emotions collide. There is no avoiding it. Sometimes they will overwhelm us. So we take a deep breath and remind ourselves, "This is normal. This is life. This just is." And we continue the journey.

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter  Together

Cantor's Corner



As we begin a new secular year, we reflect back on what has probably been the most difficult year for many of us. We hope and pray that 2021 will bring relief from the suffering the world has been through. We pray this new year will bring hope and light. We pray this year will allow us to come together once again to socialize, hug, pray, eat and enjoy life together. We pray this year we will be able to send our kids back to school, to enjoy our lives without fear and to sing together once more.

When I feel at my weakest and feel powerless against the turmoil in the world, music always has a way of uplifting me. I wanted to share with you three uplifting musical experiences coming up in 2021 as well as a few song suggestions to help lift your spirits.

- On Saturday, February 20, the hilarious and engaging musical artist Jason Mesches will lead a Family Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30am on Zoom.

- On Friday, February 26, join us for a Groovy ShabbRock Service. Our congregation will be singing and dancing to the music of the 70's set to our liturgy.

- On Sunday, February 28 our Religious School kids are proud to present the Zombies 2 Purim Shpiel written by myself and my daughter Indee Gantman.

On Friday, March 26 the incredible Jewish Bluegrass husband and wife team, Nefesh Mountain will join us again to lead us in a spiritual Shabbat service.

These events will hopefully uplift your spirits and bring light in this period of darkness. I wanted to share some secular song suggestions that also help lift me up when life gets difficult.

Bill Withers: "Lean on Me"

Four Tops: "Reach Out I'll Be There"

Nat King Cole: "Smile"

Matisyahu: "One Day"

Cast of Rent: "Seasons of Love"

Whitney Houston & Mariah Carey: "When You Believe"

What songs help uplift your spirits? I'd love to know. Feel free to send an email with the songs that bring you hope to: cantorlonee@templeakiba.net

Wishing you a year of health and healing!

Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, news of the pandemic was just getting started. Temple Akiba had to react quickly and make difficult decisions to protect the health of our staff and congregant members. The challenge was to figure out how to maintain our mission, vision, purpose, schools, Religious services and operations with our physical doors closed. Also, we had to figure out how to stay connected and maintain our warm, welcoming Hamish nature. These and many other difficult questions were asked.

The answers came through very hard work, innovation, technology, teamwork and a very committed congregation. My compliments first go out to our incredible staff, clergy and Board of Directors who work so closely together.

For me, this has been an emotionally challenging year. Seeing lots of our members having many pandemic-caused challenges has been very hard. Also, losing the ability to see all of you and my family in person has been difficult. I am a hugger and love to see people smile. I have sent out lots of virtual hugs and smiles.

This has been a time of emotional highs for me as well. Seeing many of our congregant members, who initially felt isolated, learn to connect to our Temple events via Zoom and then feel completely connected was the best feeling. It is gratifying to see our Tikkun Olam Committee continue to help people in need receive much needed food, tents and sleeping bags. Also, receiving notes of appreciation from congregant members who received calls from our Caring Community team was heartwarming.

One of the silver linings of the pandemic was a personal one for me. We usually have a large gathering for Passover. What were we going to do? With the technology that was now available, it became a time of joy as twenty-five of my family and friends Zoomed in from all over the country to experience Passover together!

As we enter this new year my hope is that it will be a year of coming together again in person. Although we faced many challenges last year, we are now stronger than ever. I truly know that our light shines brighter, together!



Ira Diamond, President

Executive Director's Message

At the end of December, we experienced the days with the least amount of daylight. During those darkest days of the year, we reflected upon all the challenges that came with 2020. We could focus on trying to forget the year of the pandemic, the year of isolation, the year of masks, but instead we chose to focus on the light. December showed me how much light shines from Temple Akiba and how bright the future is for the entire Jewish community.

The brilliant lights of Hanukkah were a beacon this December, but for me, the light of Temple Akiba burned even brighter than the Hanukkah. It started with seeing our ECC children laughing, playing, and learning while coming to the temple every day. The light grew when watching Sadie Belle Newman help lead our community in a virtual Latke Fry. The light shone even brighter with Shayna Graff and Camille Joffe, our 2019/2020 Confirmation students, who lead us in a beautiful Shabbat service – our future is truly bright.

During the short time that I have had the privilege of being a part of Temple Akiba, I have seen the incredible value the Temple places on creating a nurturing, loving, and caring environment for our entire community, especially for our youth. This can be seen through the incredible ECC teachers who come to the Temple every day to teach and guide our children. It is also shown through our wonderful group of Religious School teachers who are bringing Jewish education to life in a patient and creative way via Zoom every week. This can also be seen in all those who participate in our TASTY, TASTY Treats, and TASTY Bites youth programs.

For every challenge 2020 gave us, our staff gave us so much more, and for that, I want to say thank you. I want to thank our teachers and staff for giving so much of themselves, and for being such great role models for our children. Without all of you, our light and the light of the Jewish people would not be as bright.

Because of our staff and the leadership of our temple, I am so excited for 2021 and beyond. We are continually looking for ways to reach out and engage our youth and our entire community. What we had a taste of in December, we will see so much more of in the months and years ahead.

For those of you who are not yet participating or have chosen to take time off, I encourage you to reach out to any of us here at the Temple. We are happy to share with you all the growing, learning, and fun that is happening every day in Temple Akiba's youth and education programs.

With all the children and teens in our ECC, Religious School, youth group, and camp programs such as Sadie, Shayna, and Camille leading the way, the future is incredibly bright for Temple Akiba and the entire Jewish community!



**Jeffrey Rips
Executive Director**

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Lessons learned and possibilities moving forward

Almost ten months into this pandemic, we live a dual existence. Cognizant of surges in COVID cases, we are hypervigilant about social distancing and facing thwarted plans. We are simultaneously sustained by the hope of an imminent vaccine. As educators, we are almost by definition an optimistic segment of the population. Our life goals include improving the lives of our learners and equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary for them to build a better world. It is within this context that as a Jewish educators we are not just looking to life beyond the day after COVID, but are continuing to do what good educators do: reflect on our practice and learn from prior experiences.

What have I learned in the last ten months?

Community and Connections Matter: Whether supporting someone during a crisis or helping to foster connection between two people community and connections can play a vital role in people's lives.

A Little Creativity Can Remove Obstacles: We learned over the last ten months that we have more tools to deliver experiences than we ever realized. And we all have capabilities to design and to execute in truly creative ways. Think how much *more* creative we can be once the "normal" in-person option returns. We can combine that with all of the new boundary breakers we developed during the pandemic.

Everyone has a story and listening is important: Jewish engagement and learning experiences must *always* reflect and take care to address that people are multi-layered with all kinds of lived experiences and complexities. Even when a global pandemic subsides, anyone at any time can experience their own personal version of a pandemic – where they feel lonely, scared, or unsure.

I don't see online services or events going anywhere anytime soon. The imperative to create content that sparks human connection and fosters community will remain more relevant than ever.

Randee Bishoff
Director of Education



Welcome Back Member

Melissa York





Join us for our Kehilah virtual events:

January 9 at 12 pm

Lunch & Learn: Judaism & Disability

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

February 23 at 5 pm

Purim, Ester & Women's Voices

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

Access information will be in our weekly ENews



JOIN US FOR **TEMPLE AKIBA'S**
SHABBROCK SERVICE ON ZOOM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 PM

OUR LITURGY WILL SING TO TUNES FROM THE '70s



BORN IN NEW JERSEY AND RAISED AT SUMMER CAMP, JASON HAS DRAWN ON HIS OWN EXPERIENCES AS A CHILD TO BRING A NEW SOUND AND STYLE TO THE WORLD OF ACCESSIBLE FAMILY MUSIC.

Join us for a
**Family Shabbat
Morning Service**
with special guest
Jason Mesches
on Saturday, February 20
at 10:30 am via Zoom

TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

Virtual 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.

Virtually meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!



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

Join us for Virtual Tiny Tot Shabbat at 9am!

Jan. 8

Apr. 9

Feb. 5

May 7

Mar. 5

June 4

RSVP to Diane to receive a Zoom link to nurseryschool@templeakiba.net

If possible please have a Kiddish cup, candles and candlestick holders, a piece of challah or bread, and some sort of noise maker for music.



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JOIN US FOR THE TEMPLE AKIBA PURIM SHPIEL

SCRIPT AND PARODY LYRICS BY
CANTOR LONEE FRAILICH AND INDEE GANTMAN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

AT 9:00 AM VIA ZOOM

**STARRING THE TEMPLE AKIBA
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHILDREN!**

B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Maya Peled
daughter of Rachel & Ron Peled
Saturday, January 16



Jacquelyn Liber
daughter of Daniella &
Reuben Liber
Saturday, January 23



Diego Horowitz
son of Karon & Daniel Horowitz
Saturday, January 30



Jay Grant
child of Amy & Robert Grant
Saturday, February 6



Jacob Sondik
son of Joanna & Robert Sondik
Saturday, February 13

News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

Thank you for your continued support of and generosity toward those in need:

- We donated two SUVs full of food items and winter clothing to Grace Diner
- We donated 31 sleeping bags & 9 tents to Food on Foot for people who are homeless
- We donated more than \$3300 to JWW Walk to End Genocide Team Temple Akiba

Please continue your generosity by donating to Culver City's Emergency Food Relief Drive:

Culver City Emergency Relief Food Drive

Neighbors Caring For Neighbors

There are many neighbors in Culver City over the age of 65 and/or with underlying medical conditions that don't have the means to purchase and pickup groceries during the pandemic. Let's bridge that gap by being a neighbor that helps neighbors and donate non-perishable food items to those in need.



The Requested Non-perishable Food Items are:
Rice, dried beans (pinto, black, lentil), canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, nuts, nut butters, jellies and jams, pancake mix, rolled oats, canned goods, low-sodium soup, dried eggs, freeze dried fruit and vegetables, freeze dried meats, granola and power bars, vegetable oil, flour, barley, quinoa, cornmeal, dried peas, split peas, salsa, popcorn, honey, canned fruit juice, water.

Please check expiration dates.

No Glass Please!

Drop Off locations • Please drop off your non-perishable food items to:

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| Culver City Presbyterian Church 11269 Washington Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 Hours: Monday • Wednesday • Friday 1:00pm to 3:00pm (enter through the courtyard) | Larsen Automotive 10707 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 4:00pm | Petco 5347 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 Hours: 10:00am to 6:00pm Every day | Sorrento Italian Market 5518 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230 Hours: Monday - Saturday 7:00am to 7:00pm (Closed Tuesday) Sunday - 7:00am to 4:00pm |
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If you or one of your neighbors are in need of food
Please call the Culver City CERT Assistance Call Center at: **310-253-5545**.

For more information call:
Ira Diamond, Organizer: 213-309-4084
or **Christine Parra, Culver City Emergency Coordinator: 310-253-5909**

Thank you to the following organizations for your support in this effort:
Culver City Presbyterian Church • Fox Hills Neighborhood Association • Grace Lutheran Church • Heritage Park Neighborhood Association
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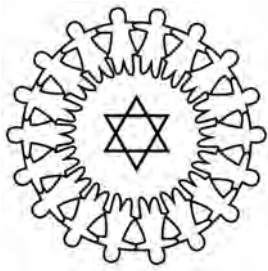
Mark your calendars and Save the Date for these upcoming Tikkun Olam Events:

Red Cross Blood Drive: Sunday, January 24, Temple Akiba's Social Hall (see flyer in bulletin)

Refugee Shabbat: Friday, March 12: Stay tuned for details

For more info or to get involved contact: Cathy Penso at

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TEMPLE AKIBA
SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger...Together!

With the beginning of the new year we are hopeful that the darkest days are behind us and our light will continue to expand as the days ahead lengthen. We hope your holiday celebrations were filled with love and wish good health for all of us.

We will miss our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament this January but are tentatively planning for the summer and next January. We also are looking forward to being able to resume our volunteer Cooking With the Kids at the Lou Colon Children's Center and other volunteer projects.

Our annual Sisterhood Havdalah Service celebrating Sisterhood and women takes place on March 20th. This is an inspirational evening filled with music and joy. Though we will not be able to host a dinner this year, we are planning a surprise for those who register early for the service. We welcome all Temple members to join our celebration. Registration is required and detailed information will be forthcoming.

We thank each and every one who supported our Gift Shop by making appointments and purchases of all things Judaic this holiday season. While you cannot keep an eye on our display cases, please know that we continue to stock many ritual and gift items year round. Contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com for an appointment to see what is hidden away in our Gift Shop closets.



January 2021 *17 Tevet 5781 - 18 Shevat 5781*

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| | | | | | 1 ^{17 Tevet} 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira with Aliya via zoom | 2 ^{18 Tevet} |
| 3 ^{19 Tevet} | 4 ^{20 Tevet} 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 5 ^{21 Tevet} 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom | 6 ^{22 Tevet} | 7 ^{23 Tevet} | 8 ^{24 Tevet} 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat via zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Choir via zoom | 9 ^{25 Tevet} 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 12:00 PM Kehilah Lunch and Learn: Judaism and Disability |
| 10 ^{26 Tevet} 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | 11 ^{27 Tevet} 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 12 ^{28 Tevet} 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting via zoom | 13 ^{29 Tevet} 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom | 14 ^{1 Shevat} | 15 ^{2 Shevat} 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service via zoom | 16 ^{3 Shevat} 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Maya Peled Bat Mitzvah via zoom |
| 17 ^{4 Shevat} 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | 18 ^{5 Shevat} | 19 ^{6 Shevat} 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting via zoom | 20 ^{7 Shevat} 7:00 PM General Board Meeting via zoom | 21 ^{8 Shevat} | 22 ^{9 Shevat} 7:00 PM Shabbat Service via zoom | 23 ^{10 Shevat} 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Jaqueline Liber Bat Mitzvah via zoom |
| 24 ^{11 Shevat} 9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive | 25 ^{12 Shevat} 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 26 ^{13 Shevat} | 27 ^{14 Shevat} 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom | 28 ^{15 Shevat} <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> | 29 ^{16 Shevat} 6:30 PM Tu B'Shevat Seder & Shabbat Service via zoom | 30 ^{17 Shevat} 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Diego Horowitz Bar Mitzvah via zoom |
| 31 ^{18 Shevat} 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | | | | | | |

February 2021 *19 Shevat 5781 - 16 Adar 5781*

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| | 1 <i>19 Shevat</i> 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 2 <i>20 Shevat</i> 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom | 3 <i>21 Shevat</i> | 4 <i>22 Shevat</i> | 5 <i>23 Shevat</i> 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat via zoom 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira with Aliya and 3rd Grade Family Shabbat via zoom | 6 <i>24 Shevat</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Jay Grant B'nai Mitzvah via zoom |
| 7 <i>25 Shevat</i> 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | 8 <i>26 Shevat</i> 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 9 <i>27 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting via zoom | 10 <i>28 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom | 11 <i>29 Shevat</i> | 12 <i>30 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Choir via zoom | 13 <i>1 Adar</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Jacob Sondik Bar Mitzvah via zoom |
| 14 <i>2 Adar</i> | 15 <i>3 Adar</i> | 16 <i>4 Adar</i> 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy via zoom 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting via zoom | 17 <i>5 Adar</i> 7:00 PM General Board Meeting via zoom | 18 <i>6 Adar</i> | 19 <i>7 Adar</i> 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service via zoom | 20 <i>8 Adar</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom 10:30 AM Family Shabbat Morning Service with Jason Mesches via zoom |
| 21 <i>9 Adar</i> 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | 22 <i>10 Adar</i> 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn via zoom | 23 <i>11 Adar</i> 5:00 PM Kehilah Purim, Esther, and Women's Voices | 24 <i>12 Adar</i> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom | 25 <i>13 Adar</i> 6:00 PM Purim Celebration | 26 <i>14 Adar</i> 7:00 PM Rock Shabbat Service via zoom <i>Purim</i> | 27 <i>15 Adar</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study via zoom |
| 28 <i>16 Adar</i> 9:00 AM Purim Shpiel 10:00 AM Introduction to Judaism via zoom | | | | | | |

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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John and Midori Brasch

In honor of:

Rabbi Shapiro for hanging my Mezuzah, from Donna Kronson

Rabbi Shapiro, from Edana Miller and Michael Vesely

Ilbert Phillips, get well wishes from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

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Yahrzeit Fund cont.

Aaron Daniel Urfrig, from Donald Urfrig, and from Wendy Temple

Sarah Devorah Vodovoz, from Adelle and Jack Wexler

Gloria Zaff, my sister, from Louise Feinberg

Rabbi's 50th Birthday Donations

Donations in honor of Rabbi's 50th birthday were made to various funds by the following people:

Lillian Jenkins

Donna Kronson

Sue Polep


Stan and Sheila Weinberg



Bereavement & Life Transitions Group
Build Emotional Strength...


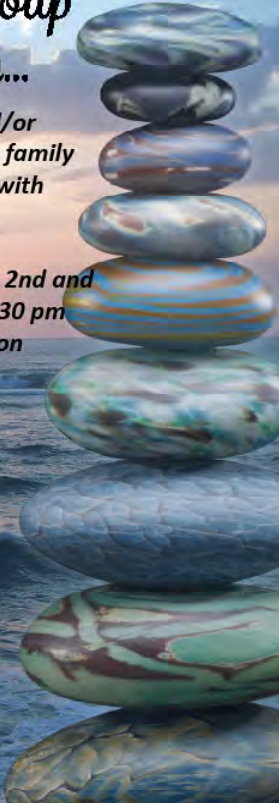
A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere.

Non-Members are welcome. Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 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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The Men's Group of Temple Akiba



will be holding its meetings on Zoom until we can meet together again in person

Tuesday, 12 January 2021 @ 7:00
 Tuesday, 9 February 2021 @ 7:00

We are working on our calendar of event for 2021. Drop us a line to be included in our notices.

Please contact Victor Nahmias @ Vnahmias@aol.com.

These events are open to all Temple members and their guests at no charge

WE'RE ALL IN THIS *Together*



**American
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TEMPLE AKIBA Community Blood Drive

**Sunday, January 24th, 2020
Temple Akiba Social Hall
5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, Ca 90230
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Healthy donors needed! Please join us by appt so we can ensure safe social distancing.

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Save The Date
March 13th, 2021



Temple Akiba's
Virtual Wine Tasting
Fundraiser



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 Tuesdays of the month
from 11 am—12 noon

All programs conducted via Zoom—connect at templeakiba.net
Additional adult programming may be found at urj.org and jewitathome.com

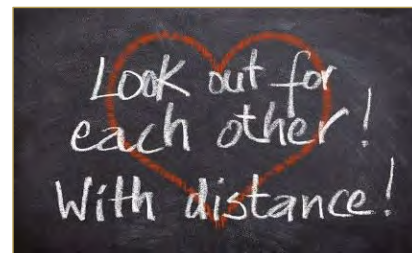
SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

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:
admin@templeakiba.net
or call 310-398-5783

Caring Communities Outreach



Homebound Seniors

- o *Are you without immediate family close to home? (15 miles)
- o *Do you need someone to deliver groceries?

CONTACT BELOW**

- You will be matched with a Mensch in our Temple Akiba community to do your grocery shopping.
- You will be responsible for reimbursing Mensch/Menschette for food costs.



Healthy Congregants

- o Do you want to do some volunteering to help others in your area?
- o Would you be able to provide grocery market runs for homebound seniors near you?

CONTACT BELOW**

- You will be matched with a senior that lives near where you live.
- All food costs will be reimbursed by the recipients/seniors.



CONTACT:

Lauren Varsano
Caring Communities Trustee
caringcom@templeakiba.net
(310) 398-5783

Temple Akiba Youth & Camps!

2021 programming in progress



Save the Dates

Details to follow

Family Camp 2021: Saturday May 1



Resident Camp 2021: July 19 – August 1

Akiba Day Camp/Youth Programming 2021: Dates TBA

Contact Youth Director Leah Penso

youthgroup@templeakiba.net

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2020 - 2021

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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*Sue Polep, Helene & David Jaffa, Tricia & Bill Flumenbaum,
Verna Erez, Renee Meshul & Tom Klitzner, and Carol & Ira Diamond*

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.

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

What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual 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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Friday, January 29
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