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JULY / AUGUST Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, July 7 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, July 14 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, July 21 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, July 28 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, August 4 6:30pm
Shabbat at the Beach

Friday, August 11 6:30pm
Camp Shabbat Service

Friday, August 18 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, August 25 6:30pm
Shabbat Service with Donor Recognition

*On three things
the world is sustained:
on Torah, on service, and
on deeds of loving kindness.*

Pirkei Avot 1:2

Shalom, Rav



For the past few years, there's been a dialogue (dare I say "struggle") between the Culver City School district and the Jewish community. Each year, the leaders of the School district decide which days the district will be closed. There are days that are, simply put, a given. There will never be classes on Christmas or New Year's. Schools are closed in observation of secular Federal Holidays (President's Day, Memorial Day, etc.)

But what should the district do with regard to the vast expressions of Religious observances among the many cultures represented in the student, faculty, and administrative body of the City? If there are 4 additional days available for closure, and 10 groups vocalizing their needs, how does the School Board decide? It's been a difficult process, with many heated conversations.

For the Jewish community, we have been focused specifically on Yom Kippur. When I spoke with the School Board leadership, I explained that we would never lobby for Chanukah or Passover (even though those festivals may be more familiar outside of Judaism.) "Chanukah and Passover," I said, "are celebrations. Yom Kippur," I continued, "is about the communal process of introspection, prayer, and forgiveness. It's not a holiday. It's a Holy Day. We aren't honoring a person or a time or a revolution or independence or a loss. We are remembering what it means to be part a religious and cultural people."

Despite the efforts of my words & the hard work of many individuals in our congregation, we have made little headway in effectuating change. Yes, the Culver Schools will still hold classes on Yom Kippur this year. (In 2024, Yom Kippur is on Shabbat/Saturday). And although the administration has agreed in past years not to have exams or paper/ projects due on Yom Kippur, the policy was NOT universally followed. And so, we will continue the efforts.

To the School Board, I ask that you take our voices to heart. I am here to help navigate forward. And I know how much you care about the best opportunities for all our students! And to members of Temple Akiba....When the School Board eventually makes the right decision, please ensure that your family makes the opportunity to observe Yom Kippur. Otherwise, our mission will mean very little!

In the meantime, please write to members of the School Board and share your thoughts! Our voices, together, can make a difference! You can contact them here: Boardmembers@ccusd.org

With love and shalom,
Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



Every day feels special working at Temple Akiba. Every day brings opportunities to engage with this wonderful community and to help people connect to their Jewish identities. I have been blessed to serve this Synagogue since 2006. I cherish seeing the passage of time and love seeing the growth of our students throughout the years.

On June 2 we celebrated two special occasions at the Temple. In the morning, we cheered on 33 of our ECC children as they graduated from our Preschool. That evening, we held a Shabbat service honoring our graduating High School seniors. This is what Temple Akiba is all about – community coming together in meaningful ways.

It was emotional watching our Seniors talking about their love and appreciation for Temple Akiba at the service. That was a true "L'dor Vador" moment. I have known many of our seniors since they were toddlers in our ECC program. I have watched them grow from little children to accomplished young adults.

I hope that in 13 years, I will be able to write a similar article talking about watching this next group of children grow from toddlers to amazing young adults!

L'Shalom,
Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & Religious School

6 Reasons to Send Your Child to Jewish Summer Camp

Jewish summer camps fuse the activities, friendships, and communal life of traditional camps with Jewish values, role models, and culture. This uniquely immersive experience provides a confidence-building opportunity in which campers experience joy and discovery in a communal Jewish setting.

1. EXPERIENCES FIRST, EXPLANATIONS LATER.

In other areas, kids are taught about Jewish communal life before experiencing it. At camp, they experience it first. The explanations come later.

2. CAMP FRIENDSHIPS LAST BEYOND THE

SUMMER. As kids grow, opportunities arise to increase their connections with Jewish peers. Many alumni of Jewish camp have found that the friends they make during the summer stick with them through college, young adulthood, and beyond.

3. IMMERSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Campers are exposed to adult Jewish role models, Jewish peers, and Jewish friends from different places. These Jewish connections in every direction are extremely powerful. Campers experience joy in a Jewish community, develop self-confidence as Jews, and forge long-lasting connections.

4. CAMP ENDS, BUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

CONTINUES. Children who attend Jewish summer camp are more likely to identify as Jewish adults and actively engage with their Jewish community. The experience of living in an immersive Jewish community has a deep and profound impact, making them more likely to practice Jewish behaviors as adults.

5. JEWISH CAMP ADDRESSES THE WHOLE

CAMPER. At camp, adult role models and mentors create safe spaces for campers to grapple with complex ideas based in Jewish values, texts, and traditions. Camp is thus able to provide balance by creating space for spiritual, emotional, and physical growth for campers.

6. CAMP HELPS KIDS SUCCEED.

Campers who return to camp as staff members can create opportunities to advance themselves professionally. Many staff from Reform Jewish summer camps have found that their experiences as camp counselors have helped them jumpstart their careers, establish their college campus networks, and meet new people.



L'Shalom,

Rande Bishoff, Dir. of Education

President's Message

Thank you for electing me to serve another 2 years as President of this amazing Congregation. This past weekend was a testament to everything about Temple Akiba that makes it the shining beacon of light it is to those in our community and beyond and why I am honored to continue in this role.

Friday, June 2 started with 33 youngsters graduating from the ECC and ended with 14 High School Seniors and their families at Shabbat Services. Each student shared the impact Akiba has had on them, many since pre-school. We also celebrated a Bar Mitzvah, one of 27 this year! Then on Sunday we held our President's Circle Brunch where we thanked our top donors for their ongoing commitment which enables us to provide our exceptional schools, camps, programs and services. Lastly, our Resident Camp staff had their first training day. We all know that Camp is one of the best ways to build and sustain Jewish identity.

What stands out is that all these events and programs thrive because of the relationships that have been built over the years between Staff, Board, students, teachers, parents, & members. We will continue to build on those relationships, making the connections deeper and more meaningful & bringing in new members along the way.

Joining us in these efforts are new Board members Leah Potok, ECC Trustee; Wendy Senelick, Recording Secretary; Jamie Schwartz, Youth and Camp Trustee. Welcome and thank you for saying "YES."

To our outgoing Board members, I extend my deepest appreciation for your service: Scott Bishoff for serving as Camp and Youth Trustee the last 6 months, Verna Erez as our Recording Secretary for 9 years and Caroline Schwartz as our ECC Trustee this last year. Your leadership and contributions were invaluable.

Each of your contributions of both time and donations are also invaluable. We are thriving financially because of your incredible support. Come to Temple, to Shabbat Services and see all the improvements to our ECC, kitchen and security.

Temple Akiba is soaring to new heights! Thank you for being a part of this journey, a warm and welcoming place of inclusion making our light shine brighter together.

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

July starts the beginning of Temple Akiba's new Fiscal year. For me the new year, whether it be Rosh Hashanah, January 1st, or our fiscal year is a time of reflection on all that has occurred during the year. When I look back on Temple Akiba's 2022/2023 what stands out amongst all the incredible Shabbat & Holiday services, programs, events, celebrations, donations, and milestones are the many facilities projects that will help Temple Akiba continue to grow. Here are the most impactful:

With the incredible gift from the Lucy Shine Foundation our ECC now has brand new furniture in all the classrooms & yards. In addition, painting of the walls in the Wolkowitz Field, Annex Courtyard, as well as the ECC doors, ground, and walls in all the yards have all been completed. Perhaps the most impactful are the beautiful new window treatments with Jewish scenes from the Torah or holidays. All of these changes have truly transformed our ECC.

Continuing our Green Initiative, we have installed four new water bottle filling stations throughout our campus. In addition, several new three-bin recycling stations have been ordered for the campus. These two additions, along with using more compostable products helps Temple Akiba on our journey to reduce our carbon footprint.

Our Kitchen is also getting a much-needed refurbishment. The transformation began with new painting and lights, followed by the installation of a new commercial dishwasher and garbage disposal. Next will be the replacement of the kitchen hood to ensure it is up to code and then new cooking appliances. These new additions will truly transform our kitchen and I can't wait to see what yummy delicacies are created in the months and years to come.

Lastly, we have several new security projects aimed to create a safe & secure environment for all of the Temple Akiba Community. These projects include the Annex Parking Lot motorized vehicle and pedestrian gates and new cinder block wall on the north property. In addition to these two major projects, we are also installing three new gates on the alley side of our property. Lastly, we are also moving forward on a state-of-the-art security camera and alarm system. All of these projects will help to take our security to another level.

These projects are wonderful additions on their own, but collectively will make the 2023/2024 year truly exciting. These projects don't just happen, they take countless hours of Temple Akiba's Board of Trustees and committee members to create the vision, do the research, and make each of the dreams become a reality. Their efforts, and these projects, are just another example of how our Light Truly Shines Brighter Together!



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

QUIZ FROM THE GREEN TEAM

What do you know about composting?

Why should we care?



1. What is compost?

A soil like mixture of decayed and decaying organic matter and microbes that help the decomposition process.

2. What is compost made of?

Compost is made of organic material – leaves, twigs, food scraps – which is converted into organic materials such as nutrient rich soil or mulch through natural decomposition.

3. What can you put in a compost bin?

Green and brown: Food and vegetable scraps, grass clipping and yard trim; coffee grounds and paper filters; paper tea bags (no staples), black & white newspaper, printer paper, cardboard, vegetarian animal manure, egg shells.

4. Why compost?

Composting reduces food waste and greenhouse gases, especially methane; fertilizes the soil; protects against plant disease and treats nutrient-deficiencies; compost adds nutrients & helps balance the PH levels, holds 20 times its weight in water.

5. What would happen if everyone composted?

Composting by everyone would be equivalent to removing 7.8 million cars from the road; Soil with compost also retains more water than traditional soil, reduces amount of water needed to be applied.

6. What are the economic benefits of composting?

Farmers and gardeners would need to spend less money on expensive fertilizers, pesticides, water, and irrigation. Money saved could be used for expanding production capacities. Fields with compost have been found to have higher yields than those that don't.

Please join Temple Akiba at our

OPEN HOUSE

**August 18,
September 8**

**Loving &
Nurturing
Pre-School**

**Come meet our clergy,
tour our facility
and connect with our
wonderful community!**

**Innovative
& engaging
K - 12
Religious
School**

**Creative
and Warm
Services**

**5:30 PM
Wine & Cheese for the adults
Yummy snacks for the children**

**Terrific
Day Camp,
Resident Camp,
& Youth
Programs**

**6:30 PM
Shabbat Services**



Shabbat at the Shore

Friday, August 4

GATHER AT 5:30 PM

SERVICE BEGINS AT 6 PM

TOES BEACH, END OF CULVER BLVD.

Find your spot in the sand and join us for our Kabbalat Shabbat at the Shore, where we will center our souls with the music of the earth, sky, and sea—intertwined with the music of Cantor Loe & Rabbi Shapiro!

Bring your own beach chairs and blankets.

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

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



ALL SUMMER LONG WE'RE ENCOURAGING OUR CAMPERS & MEMBERS TO SAVE ALL THEIR LOOSE CHANGE. WHEN YOU COME TO TEMPLE, BRING IN ALL THOSE COINS SO WE CAN COLLECTIVELY GROW OUR "FROM THE HEART" CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND THROUGH THESE TINY ACTS OF KINDNESS AND TZEDAKAH!

CHANGE FOR CAMP



B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Tess Goldman
daughter of Sarah
& Jeff Goldman
Saturday, August 19



2015 YEARS 2023
TEMPLE AKIBA
of CULVER CITY
Our light shines brighter together

**Early Childhood Center
Now Enrolling
For Fall 2023-2024**



Mitzvah Day Highlights

265 volunteers and 21 staff participated in 25 projects benefiting hundreds of people!! What we accomplished: 300 pairs of shoes to Shoes for the Homeless, 151 hygiene kits to SPY & PATH, 585 lunches to SPY, St. Joseph's Center, Grace Diner, Abundant Blessings & Upward Bound House, knitted hats, toys, books and stuffed animals to children at Santa Monica/UCLA Hospital, 52 scarves to PATH, 30 placemats to Upward Bound House, 50 Comfort Bears & Bunnies to the CC Police Dept & 23 messages of gratitude, 20 treasure boxes to Richstone Family Center, 30 book bags with books and school supplies for teens at the County Library, 60 decorated, potted plants for residents of West Hollywood Community Housing Corps, 25 Shabbat Kits to seniors at Jewish Family Center, 20 Dog Toys and Pet Supplies to Operation Blankets of Love, 28 blood donors, 28 challahs sold to benefit MAZON, 75 Kindness Rocks spreading encouragement, singing at PDR Care Center, volunteering at Annenberg Pet Space, reorganizing the Religious School supply closet, polishing our ritual objects, learning CPR, calling our members in need, tzedakah boxes made from recycled material, household cleaning supplies to Abundant Blessings.

Special Thanks: Randee Bishoff, Cindy Cohen, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Elliot Heffler, Eagle Sports & Awards, Dina Hempling, Rebecca Holzberg, Valerie Meyer, Jeffrey Rips, Ron Watts, Bob's Cleaning Company, and Legionary Eagle Security

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Photos: Cantor Lonee Frailich, Rebecca Holzberg, Leah Penso, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, Jenna Sonenshein, Jon Varsano,



Thank you to all of our Temple Akiba 2022-2023 volunteers! Your gift of time makes our light shine brighter together!

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**Annual membership begins at \$45.
Associate (Men's) membership begins at \$18.**



To register & learn more, please scan this code or visit the Sisterhood page on the Temple website. For questions, please contact membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com



Israeli Dancing Classes sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Wednesdays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**October 4, November 1, January 3,
February 7, March 6, April 3, & May 1**



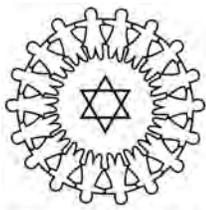
Dust off your dancing shoes & join the Sisterhood in the Social Hall for Introductory Israeli Dance Classes! For Beginner & Intermediate Adults Only.

Cost: \$56 Early Registration for all classes (Register by October 1st) or \$10 per class



To register, please scan this code
For questions, email Kate Cregor at kcregor@hotmail.com





TEMPLE AKIBA
SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger... Together!

Our heartfelt thanks to our 182 Members and 41 Associate Members for making 2022 – 2023 an amazing and memorable year. With your membership dues and donations, Sisterhood was able to provide: 52 combined Oneg Shabbats and Onegs-to-Go; 400 challahs at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur service ; holiday gifts celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, and Tu B'Shvat to all Religious School and ECC students; individual copies of Mishkon T'Filah to 25 new 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students; Kiddush Cups and Candle Holders to 29 Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth; a WRJ Women's Torah Commentary to 5 Confirmands along with a \$500 donation to Women of the Wall on their behalf which will be presented in person by Rabbi Shapiro during our Akiba trip to Israel this summer; presenting 33 ECC graduates with a Thank You God book; & assisting Resident Camp with the purchase of this summer's camp t-shirts. And so much more!

We are looking forward to making the coming year memorable, safe, and happy for the entire Temple Akiba community. Please join us for another great year by becoming a Sisterhood member or renewing your Sisterhood membership. Our membership drive starts July 1st and paper forms will be mailed shortly after, or electronic forms and payments can be accessed through the Sisterhood page on the Temple Akiba website. We hope for your continuing support and wish you a healthy summer of fun.

Men's Group Message

It has been a wonderful year for the Men's Group. We have grown tremendously in membership, and this has allowed us to offer a great variety of events for Temple members, and to underwrite a number of Temple programs & activities.



Temple Akiba Men's Group

Our leadership is hard at work developing a full slate of interesting programs for the year to come. Your membership will help us underwrite more of the many activities that our Temple offers. Your active participation will allow you to take part of some of the exciting programs this coming year, The Men's Group will be offering musical events, summer barbecues, interesting speakers and a return visit to the Reagan Library over the coming months. So many things to do and people to meet. If you have not joined us already, why not join us for the year to come? Participate in our wide variety of activities. Help us plan new things to do. Ready to get started? A very reasonable minimum dues of \$36 for men, \$18 for associates. See the form in the Temple registration packet coming in the mail.

Klezmer Music Under the Stars on Saturday, July 22nd- Wolkowitz Field

The Men's Group will host an evening of Klezmer music. The Men's Group is hosting a wonderful evening filled with the sounds of Klezmer music. We will have a 7-person band playing songs both familiar and new. The concert will begin at 7:30. There will be wine, coffee and dessert. All for a nominal cost of \$20 a ticket.

Barbecue!! Join us on Friday, August 11th for a Community BBQ

Our August BBQ co-sponsored by Men's Group and Sisterhood, will celebrate the end of our Summer camps. Dinner will start at 5:30 PM, followed by Shabbat Services. Coffee and dessert to follow services. Come see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a beautiful summers evening.

July 2023 12 Tammuz 5783 - 13 Av 5783

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Share a Temple Akiba Memory
 In honor of our 70th Anniversary, we would love for you to send us your favorite Temple Akiba memory that we can share throughout the year. Please send your memory to Kathryn Vischjager at Programdirector@templeakiba.net

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August 2023 14 Av 5783 - 14 Elul 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ^{14 Av}	2 ^{15 Av}	3 ^{16 Av}	4 ^{17 Av}	5 ^{18 Av}
					6:00 PM Beach Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bnei Mitzvah of A.G. & J.G. 7:00 PM End of Summer Parents Party
6 ^{19 Av}	7 ^{20 Av}	8 ^{21 Av}	9 ^{22 Av}	10 ^{23 Av}	11 ^{24 Av}	12 ^{25 Av}
		7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		5:30 PM Community BBQ 6:30 PM Shabbat Service Last Day of ECC & Day Camp	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Stelman
13 ^{26 Av}	14 ^{27 Av}	15 ^{28 Av}	16 ^{29 Av}	17 ^{30 Av}	18 ^{1 Elul}	19 ^{2 Elul}
8:30 PM Blood Drive				7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh Online Class	5:30 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Tess Goldman
20 ^{3 Elul}	21 ^{4 Elul}	22 ^{5 Elul}	23 ^{6 Elul}	24 ^{7 Elul}	25 ^{8 Elul}	26 ^{9 Elul}
		7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom		9:00 AM ECC Visitation Day 5:30 PM Donor Recognition Gathering 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Torah Study Begins Fiesta La Ballona
27 ^{10 Elul}	28 ^{11 Elul}	29 ^{12 Elul}	30 ^{13 Elul}	31 ^{14 Elul}		
10:00 AM ECC Picnic in the Park Fiesta La Ballona	ECC Begins					

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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Duane Schuster, a generous man who gave his time to serve others. With love & hugs, Bonnie & Dave Dukes

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In honor of:

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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.



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THANKS FOR CARING!

BOOK Club

July 20 & August 10, 2023

It's a great time to jump into our book club havurah! Books are selected by the group. Meeting dates are July 20 & August 10. For more information, contact Helene Jaffa at hjaffa9@gmail.com

June: The Thread Collectors by Shaunna Jones & Alyson Richman

July: The Impossible Takes Longer by Rabbi Daniel Gordis

August: American Bride in Kabul a memoir by Phyllis Chesler.



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.

Klezmer Concert

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS



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Saturday, July 22 at 7:30 PM

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba is pleased to present a night of Klezmer music that will sing to our hearts and souls. Join us and welcome the Goldene Medina Klezmer septet to our stage. They will dazzle us with a blend of Klezmer, Yiddish, and Hebrew songs of yesterday and today.

Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 per child (12 & under)



HAVURAH HAPPENINGS

A havurah is a group of people with a common thread. From there, the fabric of friendship and support is woven - and it will absolutely enrich your life. Here are a few havurah groups that meet regularly and are open to new members. One of these groups may be right for you...



"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them and it will change your life."
-Amy Poehler

Movie Havurah

Perfect for those who love to discuss films, members gather to discuss predetermined films and will sometimes go out to see films and Laemmle or other theaters. Contact Victor Nahmias at vnamias@aol.com

Adults 40+ to Explore the City

Perfect for those 40+, singles or couples, interested in visiting museums, restaurants, or other experiences our city offers. Contact Kate Cregor at kcregor@hotmail.com

New Havurah Alert

Our graduating class of 2023 High School Seniors have a group of families that have been attending Akiba since preschool. Now that these amazing young adult children are heading into new chapters, so are their families as they organize into a havurah that will keep these bonds strong into the exciting years ahead. Much success & many joyous gatherings to this new havurah!

Want to start a havurah? Contact Kathryn at programdirector@templeakiba.net



Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

New & past participants are equally welcome

July 20 at 7:30 PM

August 17 at 7:30 PM

Zoom link provided upon registration

For Questions, contact Kathryn Vischjager
at programdirector@templeakiba.net

Camp Community Dinner

Friday, July 14

Let's keep the camp fun rolling into shabbat.
Join us for a lovely community evening
with your camp friends.

4:30 PM Camp Schmooze
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Services





END OF SUMMER PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
7:00 PM-10:00 PM

SUMMER CAMP
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 PM

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RSVP by Monday, August 21, 2023 to
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 PM DINNER, 6:30 PM SERVICES

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Sunday, August 13, 2023
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

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- ◆ Have the opportunity to serve on a committee or become a member of the Board of Trustees
- ◆ Know that you are supporting your Jewish community

**We are delighted that you are part of the Temple Akiba community.
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Questions?

Contact Jeffrey Rips at director@templeakiba.net

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

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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

Temple Akiba Welcomes the Bogancha Family

On June 1, the Bogancha family arrived at LAX!! It was an exciting and emotional moment for everyone involved. Andrei, his wife Marina and daughter Milana were greeted by Temple Akiba and Adat Shalom members, and by their 18 year old son Alex, a student here at Santa Monica City College. With donations received, we are leasing a two bedroom apartment in Culver City that is close to shopping, school and the bus lines. Their 15 year old daughter, Milana, will be able to walk to Culver HS. We have also had bikes donated for the family. The Boganchas are very grateful and express their thanks to us and to our communities for all of our efforts.



Andrei is an attorney but understands that he will need different work in the US. He has enrolled in an ESL class in the summer. Marina currently works for a music school. We are looking for job opportunities for both Andrei and Marina and would appreciate any ideas, tips, or help. Please let Michele Paley know of any opportunities at michelepaley.mp@gmail.com. For other questions, please contact Sara Fields at sarafields044@gmail.com

Led by a committee from both synagogues, congregants have donated almost everything needed to furnish their apartment as well as donations of gift cards. We particularly would like **Amazon & Trader Joe's gift cards** at this time as well as an **electric mixer, a queen blanket, 4 sets of bath towels (hand/washcloth), bucket, 2 waste baskets, & a kitchen trash can**. For questions regarding donations, please contact Leila Rosemberg at leilarosemberg@gmail.com.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Financial contributions may be made to the Temple; indicate that it is for Ukrainian refugee support.
- Sign up to donate new or gently used household items, to donate items please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ca5a729a1fb6-ukraine#/>

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