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MAR/APR Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, March 6 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, March 13 Torah Service with Choir	7pm
Friday, March 20 National Refugee Shabbat Service led by Rabbinic Intern Daniel Freedman	7pm
Friday, March 27 Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, April 3 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, April 10 Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, April 17 Shabbat Service with the 6 Cantors!	7pm
Friday, April 24 Shabbat Service	7pm

Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

On April 8, families all over the world will gather for our Passover Seder. It's our opportunity to read a time-honored text (the Haggadah), discuss contemporary issues, eat fabulous food (as well as some not-so-fabulous food - but food that would be missed if we omitted it) and connect with family and friends.

The seder grounds us with meaning and uplifts us with joy. The rhythms, the rituals, the readings, and the aromas crescendo with a symphony that embraces all our senses.

One of the most important traditions occurs toward the end of the seder when we open the door for Elijah the prophet. According to our sages, Elijah heralds the coming of the Messiah - the figurehead who will lead us all to a peaceful world to come.

But what if we don't believe in a Messiah?

Can the opening of the door for Elijah have meaning beyond the fact that it is a fun tradition?

Of course it can! Think of it this way....

Passover is our feast of freedom. But there are many in the world who are not free.

The Hagaddah is filled with opportunities to eat. But there are many in the world without food.

The traditions call upon us to link with family. But there are many in the world who are alone.

When we open the door for Elijah, we have to look beyond our table. We have to look into the eye of the homeless and the hungry, the lonely and the stranger.

I ask you now... Don't wait for Passover to open the door for Elijah. Open it now.

Open it by making donations to SOVA, MAZON, Shoes for the Homeless, or Miri's list.

Open it by inviting a new family to your Passover Seder.

Open it by participating in a homelessness count.

Open it by listening to someone's voice from another political perspective.

Open it Open it wide And next time you look in the mirror, you will see the face of Elijah.

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter  Together

Cantor's Corner

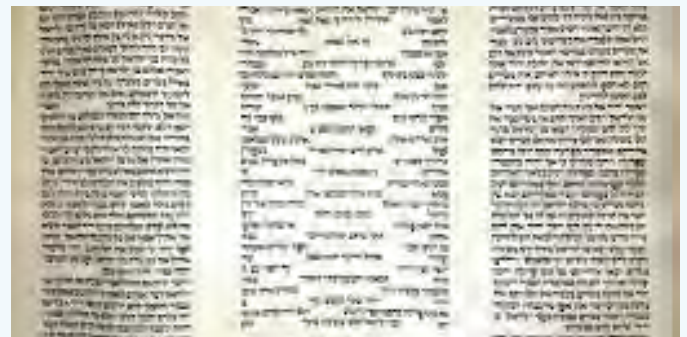


During Passover, we read a number of special Torah portions from the book of Exodus. One is an excerpt from the portion B'shalach, in which the Israelites have just been freed from Egypt and the miracle of the splitting of the Sea of Reeds occurs. Following this miracle, the first "song" in the Torah appears. It is called Shirat HaYam or the Song of the Sea. While most of the text in the Torah is written in long columns, this song is one of the few places in the Torah that looks different as you can see in the picture below.

Some commentators say that the text looks like the brick walls and pyramids the Israelites built while slaves in Egypt. Others say the text resembles waves, reminding us of the rolling waves of the sea. I see the text as a visualization of the Israelites crossing the Sea of Reeds. I see the center column as the Israelites passing through the parted waters which are exemplified by the right and left columns.

Not only does the text look different, it also sounds different from the typical Torah melodies that are usually chanted. It is a melodic, lyrical and joyful melody which helps to enhance the message of the text, one of celebration and triumph. This text is also one of the rare occasions that gives women a central role. It is Miriam that takes her instruments and leads the women in song and dance, leading the Israelites in the chanting of Mi Chamocha – Who is Like You God!

May this Passover be a meaningful time of joy and celebration.



Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

Our vision at Temple Akiba is to provide our congregants with a center for Jewish life.

To create the most meaningful and relevant experiences, programs and activities, good communication is crucial.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Temple Akiba is participating in the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) Project of Congregational Assessment and Benchmarking. Part of this project includes each member of Temple Akiba completing a survey.

With the results from the survey, Temple Akiba can take an inward look at itself and use the information to assess our strengths, congregants' needs and set priorities for our development in the coming years. It will help us with strategic planning and goal setting.

Since communication is key, everyone needs to be heard. We want to know what is important and meaningful to you so that we can better serve our congregation's needs. Please complete the survey when you receive it. Hearing from everyone is the goal!

For more information regarding the URJ project, please contact me or Amram Hassan, our Executive Director.

A special thank you to our Temple Akiba Board, clergy and staff for all you do to help us reach our vision. We could not have so many amazing events and programs without you!

Speaking of events... our 10th Annual Gala honoring Sue Urfrig and Jen and Danielle Sheppard was a great success! It was wonderful to celebrate with our community and guests. I look forward to seeing many of you at our future events at Temple Akiba, including our upcoming Purim Carnival and our Passover Shabbat Dinner on April 10th.

L'Shalom,

Ira Diamond
President



Happy Passover!

ECC & Religious School

HAVING A VOICE

I recently escorted the confirmation class to a seminar called L'taken led by the Religious Action Center (RAC) of the Union for Reform Judaism. It was held in Washington D.C.

For six decades, the RAC has been the hub of Jewish social justice work. It mobilizes around federal, state, and local legislation, supports and develops congregational leaders, and organizes communities to create a world overflowing with justice, compassion, and peace.

We gathered with 200 other teens from reform congregations across the country to study social justice issues that are of importance to both the students as teenagers and the entire Reform Jewish movement. The issues included Gun Violence Prevention, climate change and the environment, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender bullying, abortion rights, campaign finance reform, stem cell research and so much more.... What made me proud of the Temple Akiba students was the manner in which they tackled these issues. They approached them with intellect, good conscience, and most importantly with Judaism. Throughout the course of the four day seminar, the students discovered that Judaism and the Talmud were the first major advocates for social change and that they are not new ideas or concepts, but rather ancient ideas revisited. The amazing thing about all of this is that this was not news to the students of Temple Akiba. Our students strive to live by Jewish values each day and from a young age have integrated these concepts and ideas into their everyday lives. When they speak about social justice issues, they speak as individuals, as Reform Jews, and as Americans. They are proud to be Jewish and to associate Jewish text and knowledge into their world of thinking.

They are the future generation of Jewish Leaders who live by Jewish Values, integrate them into their everyday lives and advocate for others to do the same. They have taken Judaism beyond the synagogue walls. I hope I will continue to see the inner light that shines so brightly in each of the students here at Temple Akiba as we move forward in our journey together.

Randee Bishoff
Director of Education



Save the
date!

TEMPLE AKIBA'S
PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10 AM - 2 PM



**SILENT AUCTION, LASER TAG,
GAMES, YUMMY FOOD, JUMBO
SLIDES, BAKE SALE, CAKE WALK,
AWESOME PRIZES!!!**



Sisterhood Needs Bakers!



We need volunteers to bake for the....

**Purim Carnival on
Sunday, March 15, 10 am—2 pm**

We need volunteers to help bake, as well as sell, the sweets!!

What an easy way to support the Carnival and satisfy your sweet tooth!

Please bring your goodies at 9 am on the day of the Carnival.

Questions? Please contact Rose Ross or Cindy Smith, Sisterhood Bake Sale Co-chairs

Rose: 310-259-3135, rtahini2@gmail.com; Cindy: 424-279-9355, cynmike1@gmail.com

What Do We Need?

Hamantaschen, cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, cupcakes, rice crispy squares, donuts, lemon squares, etc.

(Please note if your baked goods contain nuts, are sugar or gluten free or are vegan.)



TEMPLE AKIBA
of CULVER CITY

Is proud to present you the

2020 Purim Shpiel

Starring

Religious School Students

Monday, March 9 at 6 pm
& Sunday, March 15 at 9 am

THE

MAMMA MIA

MEGILLAH

Gala 2020

Honoring Sue Urfrig and Jen & Danielle Sheppard



Our 10th Annual Gala on February 8, 2020 at the Marriott in Marina del Rey was an absolutely wonderful evening. The night paid tribute to our very own members Sue Urfrig & Jen and Danielle Sheppard. Our honorees received gifts and certificates from Temple Akiba and recognition from the Mayor of Culver City, Meghan Sahli-Wells, who was also in attendance. The evening also celebrated our Akiba community along with the honorees' family, friends and colleagues.

I want to personally thank all the people who worked so hard and volunteered many hours to make the Gala truly memorable: Our Vice President of Development, Johanna Besterman, along with committee members, Rande Bishoff, Carol Diamond, Rachael Kallick, Josh Kamali, Cathy Penso, Lisa Tsimanis, and Melissa York-Fiander. We also thank the wonderful Temple Akiba Staff who assisted in the event planning: Ilona Finta, Amram Hassan, Dina Hempling, Rebecca Holzberg, and Abby Reynolds.

Additional special thanks to: Tara Berger-certificates, Jon Berry-video, Craig Newman-Havdalah and Fund a Need, and Nicholas Sage-photography. In addition, I want to thank Columbia Crest Winery for the wine served during dinner.

The event was an extraordinary financial success, netting more than \$60,000 for the Temple including over \$40,000 from the dues assistance appeal. Thank you to all who supported this event by attending, buying ads or raffle tickets, making a donation or contributing raffle and silent auction items.

Caitlin Dubois, 10th Annual Gala Chair

Photos courtesy of Nicolas Sage who volunteered his services for the evening



Can You Hear My Voice?

**Making Prayer Work
a prayer writing workshop**

Led by Cantor Lonee Frailich,
Cantorial Intern Josh Goldberg
and Poet Rick Lupert

**We will study liturgy,
create our own prayers,
and compose our own liturgical music.**

**Tuesday, March 17, 24 and 31
6 pm - 7 pm**

For additional information, contact the Temple office at
310-398-5783 or Helene Jaffa at 310-305-4170
or helenerj@aol.com



**Join Rabbi Anthony Holz at
Lunch & Learn**

**Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23
12 - 1 PM**

for

**A Re-Introduction to the
Passover Haggadah**

It's the same story every year. Or is it?
Come and study our familiar text - and
let's explore how it speaks to us today.



Please take part in our Congregational Survey

Coming in April!

The survey will help us understand the priorities and needs of our community. It sheds light on our involvement in synagogue life and on the value and importance that we attribute to the congregation.

You will be receiving the survey by email. Please fill it out!

It will only take about 10 minutes of your time.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

TEMPLE AKIBA'S 15TH ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY

Choose from one of these projects and many more:

Visit Adopt & Shop

Plant Flowers in Painted Pots

Make Shabbat Kits

Sing to the Elderly

Donate Blood

Create Messages of Gratitude & Caring

Make Comfort Bears & Bunnies

Clean the Beach or Park

Paint Treasure Boxes

Make Challah to Fight Hunger

Learn CPR

Paint Kindness Rocks



Help the homeless by:

Making lunches

Assembling care kits

Shoe processing with Shoes for the Homeless

Knitting a hat or making a scarf

Collect and sort food for Grace Lutheran's Diner



Start collecting: gently used shoes & new socks, travel size hygiene items, books for children & teens, toys & crafts, and pet supplies



Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Women of Reform Judaism

Annual Havdalah Service and Dinner

Saturday, March 7th, 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
by March 2nd*

*Submit form below with check payable to
Temple Akiba Sisterhood*

For more information contact Linda Park; mommylinda50@hotmail.com

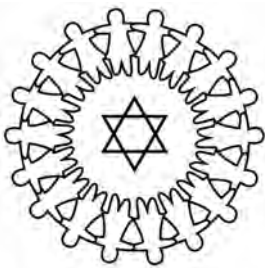
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TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger...Together!

As the days start to lengthen, we look forward to many holidays and annual celebrations Sisterhood commemorates. Flyers about these events are in this Bulletin.

Our Annual Sisterhood Havdalah Service and Dinner is on March 7th. This is an evening celebrating Sisterhood and women, filled with inspiration and music for women and men to enjoy. The Service is followed by a wonderful dinner. If you have not yet made your reservations please hurry.

Our volunteer Cooking with the Kids continues with three sessions in March and three sessions in April. This is a truly rewarding experience involving youth and their parents at the Children's Wellness Center in Venice.

Sisterhood is again sponsoring the Bake Sale Booth at the Purim Carnival on March 15th. We welcome donations of baked items, especially hamantaschen, and we look forward to satisfying your sweet tooth at the Carnival.

A really fun night takes place at our annual BingoRita event on March 21st. The price of admission buys you margaritas, dips and chips, and Bingo playing cards and there are great prizes for the winners. Get a group together and make a night of it – this is not your grandma's Bingo! See the flyer below!

Once again we are interacting with our community at our annual Passover Outreach. With Rabbi Shapiro joining us at Pavilions on March 25th, we share Passover desserts with interested shoppers. Stop by and say hello. If you want to contribute a dessert look for further information in the flyer in this Bulletin.

Save the Date on April 20th for an important forum on Anti-Semitism especially for those who are preparing their children to head off to college.

Check out our Gift Shop display cases featuring items for Purim and Passover. To make a purchase for any occasion, get in touch with Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for an appointment and to see our full inventory.

As always, Sisterhood encourages you to take advantage of the ability to Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat to celebrate or memorialize a significant event. Contact Linda Park, mommylinda50@hotmail.com, for information about this opportunity.



Temple Akiba Sisterhood Presents BINGO-RITA

Join us for a great evening on Saturday March 21, 2020 at 7PM. We will play BINGO while enjoying Frozen Margaritas!

Admission is \$18 and includes 2 Bingo Cards, 2 Drink Tickets, Chips, and Salsa

Non Alcoholic beverages will be available

Bring your friends and family (21 and over to drink) for this special evening with

Women of Reform Judaism/Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Prizes for Game Winners!

Send your check with the tear off below to:

Temple Akiba Sisterhood 5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attendees: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions? Call Marla Rothfarb at 213-509-1190 or Call Cindy Smith at 310-869-3493

Please make checks payable to Temple Akiba Sisterhood



Temple Akiba ECC Parent and Me Playgroups

Explore the Joys of Jewish Parenting



OUR CLASSES ARE THE PERFECT PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY AT TEMPLE AKIBA. THEY'RE DESIGNED TO MEET THE DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF EACH CHILD AND TO GIVE PARENTS AND CHILDREN A CHANCE TO PLAY TOGETHER AS THEY EXPLORE OUR ENVIRONMENTS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF HANDS-ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES.

ALL CLASSES INCLUDE FREE PLAY, SNACK, MUSIC, ART, JEWISH THEME ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.



9 WEEK SESSION ON MONDAYS
12-24 MONTH OLDS

12 WEEK SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS
6 WEEKS- 11 MONTHS

JANUARY 6, 2020 - MARCH 25, 2020



(12-24 MOS.) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

\$270 MEMBERS / \$315 NON-MEMBERS

(6 WEEKS- 11 MONTHS) 9:00 AM - 10:00AM

\$240 MEMBERS / \$300 NON-MEMBERS



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Meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!

Join us for the 1st Friday of every month at 9am!

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Jan. 10th	

RSVP to nurseryschool@templeakiba.net or 310-398-5783

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B'Nei Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Nava Waisman
Daughter of Shira Sergant and
Dov Waisman
Saturday, March 14



Jackson Hodge
Son of Amy Hodge
Saturday, March 28



Jaden Abrams
Daughter of Courtney Edson
and Craig Abrams
Saturday, April 18



Jacquelyn Liber
Daughter of Daniella and
Reuben Liber
Saturday, April 25

March 2020 5 Adar 5780 - 6 Nisan 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 ADAR Confirmation Trip to Washington DC	2 6 ADAR ECC Closed 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Tony Holz	3 7 ADAR	4 8 ADAR 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class	5 9 ADAR	6 10 ADAR 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM 1st and 2nd Grade Shabbat Service	7 11 ADAR 9:00 AM Torah Study 5:00 PM Sisterhood Havdalah Service
8 12 ADAR	9 13 ADAR 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Tony Holz 6:00 PM Purim Shpiel	10 14 ADAR Purim 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	11 15 ADAR 4:00 PM Life Transition and Bereavement Group 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class	12 16 ADAR	13 17 ADAR 10:00 AM ECC Purim Celebration 7:00 PM Shabbat Torah Service with Choir	14 18 ADAR 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Nava Waisman
15 19 ADAR Purim Carnival 8:30 AM Religious School Purim Shpiel	16 20 ADAR 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Tony Holz	17 21 ADAR 6-7:00 PM Making Prayer Work - a prayer writing workshop	18 22 ADAR 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	19 23 ADAR	20 24 ADAR 7:00 PM National Refugee Shabbat Service	21 25 ADAR 9:00 AM Torah Study 5:30 PM Sisterhood Bingo Rita
22 26 ADAR	23 27 ADAR 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Tony Holz	24 28 ADAR 6-7:00 PM Making Prayer Work - a prayer writing workshop	25 29 ADAR 9:45 AM Matzah Factory Visits the ECC 2:30 PM Book Club 4:00 PM Life Transition and Bereavement Group 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class	26 1 NISAN	27 2 NISAN 7:00 PM Junior Cantor Shabbat Service	28 3 NISAN 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Hodge
29 4 NISAN 2:00 PM Concert with Patti Linsky	30 5 NISAN 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	31 6 NISAN 6-7:00 PM Making Prayer Work - a prayer writing workshop				

April 2020

7 Nisan 5780 - 6 Iyar 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 NISAN 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class	2 8 NISAN	3 9 NISAN 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service	4 10 NISAN 9:00 AM Torah Study
5 11 NISAN Religious School Spring Break Begins	6 12 NISAN Akiba High Spring Break Begins 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 AM Lunch and Learn	7 13 NISAN Hebrew School Spring Break Begins 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	8 14 NISAN ✧Erev Passover ECC Spring Break Begins	9 15 NISAN ✧Passover - Day 1 Temple Administration Closed 10:30 AM Passover Morning Service	10 16 NISAN 5:30 PM Passover Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Passover Shabbat Service	11 17 NISAN
12 18 NISAN	13 19 NISAN 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	14 20 NISAN	15 21 NISAN ✧Passover - Day 7 Temple Administration Closed	16 22 NISAN 6:00 PM Yizkor Service	17 23 NISAN 7:00 PM Four Cantors Shabbat Service	18 24 NISAN 9:00 AM Torah Service 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Jaden Abrams
19 25 NISAN Religious School Resumes 9:15 AM Mock Mitzvah	20 26 NISAN ECC Resumes Akiba High Resumes 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 AM Lunch and Learn 6:00 PM Yom HaShoah Program	21 27 NISAN Hebrew School Resumes 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	22 28 NISAN 2:30 PM Book Club 4:00 PM Life Transition and Bereavement Group 5:30 PM PJ's Story Night 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	23 29 NISAN	24 30 NISAN 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	25 1 IYAR 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Jacquelin Liber
26 2 IYAR JWW Walk	27 3 IYAR 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	28 4 IYAR	29 5 IYAR ✧Yom HaAtzma'ut 6:00 PM Adult Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah Class	30 6 IYAR		

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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Ellie Bertwell

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In memory of:

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*Led by Shirley Hirschberg
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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

March 25 — "The Hilltop"
by Assaf Gavron
April 22—"The Worlds We Think We Know"
by Dalia Rosenfeld

For more information, contact Helene Jaffa
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The Six Cantors Shabbat

**Friday,
April 17**

7pm

Six Local Cantors

bring the Shabbat liturgy alive with the rich tradition of Chazanut, highlighting music from famous Jewish composers spanning the last Century, as well as some of their own original compositions.

Featuring:

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“Antisemitism on Campus: Preparing Our Students for Unique Challenges”



Facilitated by Zev Hurwitz, Director of Campus Affairs,
American Jewish Committee

Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Temple Akiba Social Hall



This program is geared to high school students, parents, and other interested individuals.
Sponsored by the Sisterhood Social Action Committee

Please contact Helene Jaffa at 310-305-4170 if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

The Men’s Group of Temple Akiba



is pleased to invite you to join us for the following event commemorating
Yom Ha Shoah

Tuesday, 21 April 2020 @ 6:30 PM - Louise Lerner
in the Social Hall



Louise Lerner is a holocaust survivor and will be sharing her remarkable experiences as part of our Yom Ha Shoah events. Louise was born in Paris and was a child when the Nazi’s took control of France in 1940. She was hidden away and was eventually moved to Switzerland.

She has shared her experiences at the Museum of Tolerance, the Holocaust Museum, UCLA and numerous high schools.

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

Please join the Temple community on Sunday 29 March 2020 @ 2:00 for Cantor Patti Linsky in Altar Ego.
The Men’s Group will be hosting the Oneg following her performance

Join Team Temple Akiba of Culver City Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide 2020

Sunday, April 26, 2020 at Pan Pacific Park
9:30am Registration, 10am Walk
Register or Donate Today at LA.walktoendgenocide.org



Come experience a brand new Walk & Fair
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Jewish World Watch is an expression of Judaism in action, bringing help and healing to survivors of mass atrocities around the globe and seeking to inspire people of all faiths and cultures to join the ongoing fight against genocide. Founder Rabbi Schulweis said, "Never Again. We must stand up to combat genocide."

For questions, contact the Temple at 310-398-5783 or Sharlene London, Team Captain at Sharlondon@yahoo.com

News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

Turning Compassion into Action to Address Homelessness

Temple Akiba's Tikkun Olam Committee was formed to fulfill Temple Akiba's mission to repair the world. Since its inception in 2018, our central focus has been homelessness. We advocated for passage of Proposition 1, the \$4B Housing Bond for Veterans and others. Our first Forum on Housing and Homelessness in October brought more than 160 people to Temple to learn more about this crisis in our community and beyond.

The Tikkun Olam Committee hosted its second successful Forum on Housing and Homelessness at the Temple on Tuesday, January 28. Four panelists presented initiatives to address this crisis, then attendees broke into groups to brainstorm ways the Temple and community can take effective action to support these initiatives. Over 50 people attended in addition to committee members and clergy.

Karlo Silbiger, Chair of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness, outlined incentives the City offers to landlords to increase affordable housing and make units available to people experiencing homelessness. Jason Robison, Director of SHARE, explained their private-public partnership providing affordable, permanent supportive housing to disabled people in single-family homes. John Helyar, Outreach Teams Manager of HOPICS (Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System), explained SAFE Parking, providing safe spaces and services to people living in their vehicles. Lee Winkelman, California Organizing Director of RAC-CA, spoke about how the Religious Action Center vets legislation related to alleviating homelessness.

Committee members who facilitated the four breakout groups reported that participants were supportive and eager to take action. The committee is currently studying the various options in order to create a coherent plan. All attendees who provided email will be included in future communications from the Committee. If you wish to be included, or have input for the Committee, please contact Cathy Penso, VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net or 310-670-6394.



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It's Pesach Preparation Time!

Join Rabbi Shapiro for Temple Akiba Sisterhood's

ANNUAL PESACH OUTREACH

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 12:30 pm

Meet us at:

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11030 Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City, CA 90230

We are going to have Passover Desserts!

Bring your favorite recipe to share.

Event includes matzah tasting, handouts and fun!



IT'S FUN TO COOK WITH KIDS!

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Kids love to eat the (healthy) food they cook

Sisterhood members will provide recipes and guidance. Come help kids read recipes, measure ingredients, sift and stir.

Join us Thursday afternoons - March 12, 19, and 26 and April 2, 23 and 30

3:00-4:30 pm - CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

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If you are interested or have questions please call or email:

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Mini Adult Retreat!!

SAVE THE DATE: May 2, 2020

Join us for a day of spirit, study, and shalom at Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale!

Interested? Contact the Temple Office: 310 398-5783 or Sonni Helmer at: sonnihelmer@sbcglobal.net



Please note that the Akiba Family Retreat is taking place over the same weekend, but we will have different programming for each retreat.

Further information will be forthcoming.



Welcome New members

David & Lindsay Tenenbaum and family

John & Midori Brasch



Akiba Family Camp 2020

Theme: Dreaming in 2020

May 1-3 at Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale

A multigenerational Akiba camping experience

A time to disconnect from our home comforts and be in nature

A time to have fun, connect with Akiba clergy and make new friends



Program Highlights & Information

All participants under age 6 are FREE

Program geared towards parents & grandparents with children ages 0-10

All family & age specific programming will occur

Program includes Friday night Shabbat, Saturday morning Shabbat electives, Havdalah, challah making, art, sports, swimming, discussion, music & more!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL MARCH 15

Register at templeakiba.net/family-retreat

Questions about Family Camp? Contact Leah at youthgroup@templeakiba.net

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@ Camp Whittier

July 22-August 2

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Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Followed by Shabbat Services at 7 PM

Cost: \$18 per person

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