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# 70'S DISCO GALA

*Celebrating Temple Akiba's  
70th anniversary!*

**SATURDAY, MAY 6TH**

**5:45 PM - 10:00 PM**



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MAY/JUNE Friday Shabbat Services

<b>Friday, May 5</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shabbat Shira Service led by Rabbinic Intern, Hannah Bloomberg	
<b>Friday, May 12</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shabbat Service with Choir	
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Disney Shabbat	
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shavuot & Confirmation Service	
<b>Friday, June 2</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
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<b>Friday, June 9</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shabbat Service with Jr. Cantors & Volunteer Recognition	
<b>Friday, June 16</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Kabbalat Shabbat Greatest Hits Service	
<b>Friday, June 23</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Inclusion Shabbat Service with Choir	
<b>Friday, June 30</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shabbat Service	

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

Pirkei Avot 1:2

## Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

One of my favorite prayers from liturgy is called “Yotzer Or.” It’s a morning prayer we offer in preparation for the Shema Yisrael. In the Yotzer Or, we learn: “God renews the works of creation, day by day.”

I am so very moved by the opportunity for daily renewal. It’s as though the entire world comes into being each day. I suppose I understand this best whenever I watch my 3.5 year-old toddler twins stare in wonderment at things I often take for granted, like a raindrop or a spider’s web or a teeny-tiny doggy walking down the street.

And this prayer speaks to me when I think about Temple Akiba over this past year of programs and activities. This, indeed, has been a year of incredible renewal.

Our first Holy Days back in person in three years.  
Our first Passover Seder in person in three years.  
Our first Gala in person in three years.  
Our first Confirmation trip to Washington DC in three years.

A Purim Spiel filled with joy.

Our camps, energized with spirit.

A transformed ECC, made possible by the Shine Foundation.

The spiritual soul-print of our Rabbinic Intern, Hannah Bloomberg.

The energy of an awesome senior staff: Cantor Lonee, Randee Bishoff, and Jeffrey Rips.

The partnership of incredible Lay-leadership, headed by Temple President, Cathy Penso.

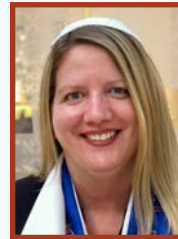
And the commitment of this Holy Congregation....

You all have continued bringing your lights to us ... your lights that renew, day by day, Akiba’s vision and mission. As we move into the next programatic year, we are reaffirm that Our Light (truly) Shines Brighter - Together!

With love and shalom,

**Rabbi Zachary Shapiro**

## Cantor's Corner



This year has been filled with vibrant, spiritual and meaningful opportunities for people of all ages.

Temple Akiba’s services were overflowing with even more dynamic and engaging music than ever before.

We were able to bring back our full choir this year, lending their beautiful voices to our congregation. This year brought a return of Kabbalat Shabbat to our social hall to experience our prayers completely in the round. Two of our incredible women became Adult B’nai Mitzvot at a special ceremony. We were able to celebrate Tu B’shvat and Passover once again as a community, praying and eating together for the first time in many years.

We had meaningful Shabbat experiences such as Refugee Shabbat, Social Justice, Interfaith Shabbat and our Healing service. Our guest artists Cantor Natalie Young, Noah Aronson and Justin Stein brought such ruach to Temple Akiba, inspiring us with their original music and spirit.

Our Millennial Shabbat rocked the house and we can’t wait for our annual Disney Shabbat and Carnival on May 19. The Men’s Group’s Shabbat service and the Sisterhood Havdalah service were inspiring and I’m looking forward to showcasing the voices of our Junior Cantors as they lead our congregation at their service on June 9. All are welcome to participate in our Inclusion Shabbat, a service of love and acceptance on June 23.

I’m looking forward to a new year with new music and more special Shabbat programs to come!

L'Shalom,

**Cantor Lonee Frailich**

## ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Each year the first full week of May officially brings a national focus of gratitude directed at educators across the country with an abundance of expressions of appreciation for teachers and what they do. I personally believe that every day of the year should be recognized as Teacher Appreciation Day. We here at Temple Akiba are filled with gratitude for the dedicated, creative, and responsive care that the educators in our classrooms give to our children each and every week. Our teachers in our schools are our honored partners who work on the ground daily and weekly to create inspiring and responsive environments that support the learning of our children. The National Education Association (NEA) describes National Teacher Day “as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives.”

There is something so Jewish about this idea. Two things that Judaism places the highest value upon are the expression of gratitude and the importance of teaching and learning. The Hebrew term for gratitude is hakarat ha'tov which translates to “recognizing the good.” It is a reminder to express our appreciation when and where it is felt. There is also no shortage of expressions of reverence for educators throughout Jewish teachings. In the Talmud, it is said that “the true guardians of a community are the teachers. The wise rabbi and philosopher, Abraham Jonathan Heschel captured the essence of the power and impact of teachers, especially those of young children, when he said, “What we need, more than anything else, isn't textbooks but rather text people. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that students read – the text that they'll never forget.” Teaching carries quite a weight of responsibility and it's right that we dedicate some energy to showing our appreciation to those who dedicate their lives to educating our children.

So, as we approach this formal week of expressing gratitude to teachers in our lives and in the lives of children, reflect on a teacher who has touched your life or someone in your life in a positive way and take a moment to reach out and express your gratitude to them – now and throughout the year. And, to all our teachers I personally thank you for the tiring, yet very meaningful, impactful work you do each and every day.

Todah rabah/thanks so much!

**Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education**



## President's Message

I attended Temple Akiba's Second Night Seder, our first one since 2019, which made it so meaningful. The Social Hall was completely full; 135 people came together in community to celebrate and retell the story of our freedom.

While we are thankful for our freedom, we are reminded that there are many people who are still not free. We are called, as Jews, to make the world a better place. At Temple Akiba, **Tikkun Olam** is one of our purposes. We have many opportunities to bring justice into the world.

**Welcoming the Stranger**-Your donations and support have enabled us to sponsor The Bogancha Family from Ukraine, along with Adat Shalom.

**Congregational Meeting -Wednesday, May 17** Voting is another freedom we have. Make your voice heard as we elect new Board members and vote on next year's Budget. Hear about all of our accomplishments from Board members and Staff. Join us for Dinner at 6pm.

**Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 21**- Come together with 300 of your fellow congregants to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of people. Be a Part of the Magic by signing up using the brochure or online.

**Green Team** - Be a part of this collective effort to repair the world through composting and recycling our trash. Do this at home, too! Count for the Climate with Sisterhood. Join RAC-CA's Climate Tzedek Campaign.

**Volunteer Recognition Shabbat - June 9** - Thank You to the many volunteers who gave of their time, talent, commitment, and energy, which made possible the incredible events, programs and improvements this year.

**70th Anniversary Celebration Disco Gala - May 6** Hope to see you there aboard the Hornblower Yacht for a very fun adventure recognizing this important milestone in our Temple's history. Help make this night our biggest fundraiser of the year!

As my second year as President draws to a close, I want to express my deep appreciation for the partnership between our Board, Staff, Committees and all of you that has enabled us to accomplish so much this this year. Our light will continue to shine brighter together.

**Cathy Penso, President**



## Executive Director's Message

For as long as I can remember I have loved Jewish music. I think my passion began with my many summers spent at camp, but it continues today. I previously shared that the messages from the songs *Im Tirtzu*, with words by Theodore Herzl and music by Debbie Friedman, and *Ani V'ata* by Erik Einstein have been true driving forces for me in my professional career. Their messages of "If you will it, it is no Dream" from *Im Tirtzu* and "You and I can Change the World" from *Ani V'ata* are at the same time inspirational, and also a reminder of the importance of creating a vision and the value of partnerships.

Lately, a theme from another Debbie Friedman song that has been resonating within me. The song, *And the Youth Shall See Visions* has the following passage: "We must live for today; we must build for tomorrow". This small, but very powerful line has really started to guide me in all of my thoughts and actions.

As we celebrate our 70th year, Temple Akiba has truly embraced the important messages of these three songs. In 1952, there were some incredible people who had a vision to create Temple here in Culver City. Without them embracing the concepts of "If you will it, it is no Dream", and then rolling up their sleeves and working together – "You and I can Change the World", Temple Akiba would not be here. And as our 70 years of history can attest, our community has constantly been "Living for Today" while "Building for Tomorrow."

Even now, as we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we are constantly looking to tomorrow. In our planning of programs and events, in our ECC and Religious Schools, in our Day and Resident Camp programs, and in our Board and Committee meetings – there is an ongoing conversation about how do we make the experience today great, while thinking about how to make it more meaningful and impactful in the future.

Our Vision of Providing a Center for Jewish Life looked differently 70 years ago than it does today, and it will look very different 70 years from now. One that that is for certain is that by embracing the messages from these songs "If you will it, it is no Dream", "You and I can Change the World", and "We Must Live for Today; We Must Build for Tomorrow", we will continue to thrive and grow, and make an impact on our members, on the community we live in, and beyond. And we will truly be a shining example of how our *Light truly does Shine Brighter Together!*



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

## QUIZ FROM THE GREEN TEAM Test Your Knowledge about Waste

(answers below)

1. What are the 4Rs that help us make less garbage?  
*Rescue, reduce, recess, reuse, revise, recycle, return, rot (compost)*
2. What are some of the common materials that we can recycle?  
a. Plastic and glass bottles    b. Aluminum & steel cans    c. Paper    d. All of the above
3. How much garbage does the average person in the U.S. make in one day?  
a. 1 pound    b. 2.5 pounds    c. 4.5 pounds    d. 8 pounds
4. Composting is a method for turning \_\_\_\_\_ into a rich, dark soil amendment called compost.  
a. Glass bottles    b. Car and truck tires    c. Food, soiled paper & yard waste    d. Yard waste only
5. Once we throw away something, it disappears in a few years in a landfill. **True or False**



The next Green Team meeting is in person and zoom on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Board Room. Please let Renee or Tricia know of your interest in participating.  
**Renee Meshul ([rmeshul@gmail.com](mailto:rmeshul@gmail.com)) & Tricia Flumenbaum ([pflumenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:pflumenbaum@gmail.com))**

Answers: 1. reduce, reuse, recycle, rot (compost); 2. D, #1 & #2 plastics, all materials must be clean; 3. C, about 30%=packaging!; 4. C. all food scraps & soiled paper can go into the green bin; 5. False. Out of sight and out of mind, but inorganic decomposition is slow and organic decomposition produces methane, a greenhouse gas.

## Message from Our Rabbinic Intern

Dear Temple Akiba family,

The days between Passover and Shavuot represent journeying, as we mark the time passing from the Exodus to our ancestors' arrival at Mount Sinai for the Revelation of our Torah. This season of transition has allowed me to reflect on the past year, my deep appreciation for this community, and my goals for the future. It is with deep gratitude and a love for Temple Akiba that I share that my role as rabbinic intern will come to a close over the summer.

While I will no longer be present in a formal capacity, I do not plan to disappear and hope to continue to be a part of this community moving forward. So instead of "goodbye," I share these words of Tefilat HaDerech/the Traveler's Prayer, which is traditionally said at the onset of a trip when one leaves city limits. At its core, however, Tefilat HaDerech is a prayer for liminal spaces, in-betweens, and moments of transition. I believe its messages can resonate for all the journeying in our lives –

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors, that we journey toward peace, that our footsteps be guided towards peace, that we are supported in peace, and that we reach our desired destinations for life and peace. May we be protected from harm along the way and may there be blessing in our handiwork. May we be granted peace, kindness, and compassion in your eyes and in the eyes of all who behold us. Blessed are You God, who hears prayer and process.

The Hebrew word shalom, translated repeatedly as "peace," can also mean "wholeness," "completeness," and "fulfillment." I love the repetition of "shalom" because it contains so much depth, and evokes the question: What might it look like for me to journey towards wholeness? What or who guides me in that?

In the realm of guidance, I share a tremendous thank you to the staff and clergy team, Cathy Penso, Helene Jaffa, and Carol Diamond (z"l) for their continuous support and mentorship. To the entire Akiba family, thank you for your commitment to journeying together, to growing, and to questioning, and most of all – for allowing me the privilege of walking alongside you. Thank you for welcoming me into the community and supporting me along my path to the rabbinate. From praying with you on Shabbat, to Bnai Mitzvah ceremonies and lifecycle events, to teaching the incredible students in the Religious School, to diving deep in Torah study – it has been a joy every step of the way. I appreciate all that I have learned with and from each of you, and will always hold this community in my heart.

L'shalom, **Hannah Bloomberg, Rabbinic Intern**



## 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 [vnahmias@aol.com](mailto:vnahmias@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](mailto:kcregor@hotmail.com)

### **Book Club**

Perfect for those who love to read and discuss fiction and non-fiction alike. The first book is Thread Pickers by Shaunna Jones and Alyson Richman. Contact Helene Jaffa at [hjaffa9@gmail.com](mailto:hjaffa9@gmail.com)

Want to start a havurah? Contact Kathryn at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)



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TEMPLE AKIBA  
of CULVER CITY  
Our light shines brighter together

# 16th Annual Mitzvah Day

## Sunday May 21, 2023

Register by May 2 to be guaranteed a Mitzvah Day t-shirt.

Please donate the following items to make our projects successful:

SHOES: gently used, all kinds, including dress shoes & NEW SOCKS

HYGIENE ITEMS: travel size: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, band aids, tissues, brushes, combs, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products

BOOKS for Teens, new and gently used, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES, No Adult Books please

PET SUPPLIES: blankets, towels, dog & cat food, treats, toys, stainless steel bowls, leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates and cat litter, medicines (not expired), needles, wee-wee pads, vitamins, & shampoos.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES, TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS, & CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Projects filled first come, first served. Please sign up before Mitzvah Day!

Questions? Call 310-398-5783 or email [admin@templeakiba.net](mailto:admin@templeakiba.net)

Temple Akiba Mitzvah Day 2023 Registration Form PLEASE PRINT  
OR Register online: <https://www.templeakiba.net/mitzvah-day>

**SIGN UP BY MAY 2**

Your donation of \$18 per individual or \$36 per family will help defray event costs. Breakfast & lunch included.

I am unable to participate in Mitzvah Day 2023 but would like to make a donation

I will sponsor a Mitzvah Day Project for \$180. My name/organization will be posted at an on-site project and printed on t-shirt.

Please make checks payable to Temple Akiba & return with form in enclosed envelope by May 1 to be guaranteed a Mitzvah Day t-shirt.

Mitzvah Day donation enclosed:

\$

Name	Age (if child)	T-Shirt Size
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_____	_____	CS/CM/CL/AS/AM/AL/AXL/AXXL
_____	_____	CS/CM/CL/AS/AM/AL/AXL/AXXL

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Choices: First-come first-served. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

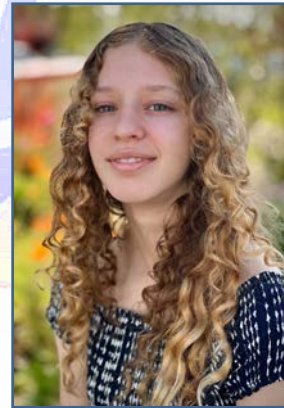
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# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Ethan Daniel  
son of Jennifer  
Portnoy &  
Nate Daniel  
Saturday, May 6

Noah Cook  
son of Gabrielle  
Heyman &  
David Cook  
Saturday, May 20

Zack Silverman  
son of Kaci &  
Scott Silverman  
Saturday, June 3

Alena Rapoport  
daughter of Svetlana  
& Benjamin Rapoport  
Saturday, June 10

Nathan Roseberg  
son of Stephanie  
& Andre Roseberg  
Saturday, June 17



## SHAVUOT & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Friday, May 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Please join us in celebrating these extraordinary  
young people becoming confirmands as we  
commemorate the receiving of the Torah on Shavuot.



Sarah Bishoff

Miriam Mirvish

Nathaniel Josephson

Ella Senelick

Nava Waisman



SET SAIL FOR TEMPLE AKIBA'S

# 70'S DISCO GALA

*Celebrating the Temple's 70th year!*

## SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

COME ABOARD FOR DINNER, DANCING,  
OPEN BAR & BEAUTIFUL BOAT CRUISE

5:45PM-10PM



BOARDING BEGINS AT 5:45PM + DEPARTS AT 6:15PM

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# Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

## Sunday, June 11, 2023



Temple Akiba  
5249 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90230  
(310) 398-5783  
www.templeakiba.net

**Come join the fun!**

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

**Schedule:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/15/2023

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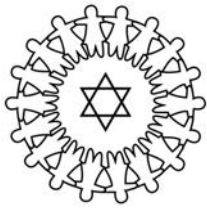
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

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



TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD



*Brighter and Stronger... Together!*

We are so excited and busy with all the events and activities still to be celebrated as this year draws to a close. We were thrilled to be able to raise almost \$900 during our Purim Carnival Bake Sale and contribute the proceeds to the Temple. A huge thank you to all our volunteer bakers, as well as to all who purchased our treats. It was a sell-out!

Our annual Havdalah Service was filled with beautiful thoughts and music and love. It was so very special to hold this service in our Sanctuary with the benefit of Cantor Lonee's inspirational voice, and beautiful accompaniment by Liz Baseman, as well as Rabbinical Intern Hannah Bloomberg's words of wisdom. Following the service most of the attendees remained to continue the celebration together at dinner.

We will be celebrating our ECC graduates on June 2nd and presenting them with a book in honor of this milestone event. We will be honoring our upcoming Confirmands at their celebration on May 26th and making donations on their behalf to programs/organizations of their choosing. Our final event of the year is our semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournament on June 11th.

For any Gift Shop appointments, please contact Linda Park at [mommylinda50@hotmail.com](mailto:mommylinda50@hotmail.com). We continue to replenish our inventory with new tallit, mezzuzot, candlesticks and many other ritual items. Keep us in mind for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings as well as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Looking forward to warmer weather and wishing everyone a healthy, happy and safe summer.

## Men's Group Message



Temple Akiba Men's Group

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for several great and fun events over the next few months!

### **Barbecue!! Join us on Friday, June 16th for a Community BBQ**

Our barbecue last summer was a great success for the Men's Group, Sisterhood and the Temple, so this summer we are going to do it three times! Our June BBQ will be followed by a Greatest Hits Kabbalat Shabbat. Our July BBQ will be in conjunction with Temple Akiba's Open House. Our August BBQ will mark the end of our Summer camps. Come join us for many evenings of welcome and brotherhood.

### **Klezmer Music Under the Stars - Wolkowitz Field**

The Men's Group will host an evening of Klezmer music. Date to be determined. Stay tuned!

### **Return Visit to the Reagan Library**

We are in the process of arranging a second behind the scenes tour of the Ronald Reagan Library this summer. See the Auschwitz exhibit while you are there. This will be a limited capacity tour. Date and time to follow. More activities to come this May and June. Be a part of the Men's Group summer fun. Join us.

# May 2023 10 Iyar 5783 - 11 Sivan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <sup>10 Iyar</sup> 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	2 <sup>11 Iyar</sup>	3 <sup>12 Iyar</sup> 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	4 <sup>13 Iyar</sup>	5 <sup>14 Iyar</sup> 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service	6 <sup>15 Iyar</sup> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Daniel <b>5:45 PM 70th Anniversary Gala</b>
7 <sup>16 Iyar</sup>	8 <sup>17 Iyar</sup> 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	9 <sup>18 Iyar</sup> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting  Lag BaOmer	10 <sup>19 Iyar</sup> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	11 <sup>20 Iyar</sup> 3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	12 <sup>21 Iyar</sup> 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	13 <sup>22 Iyar</sup> 9:00 AM Torah Study
14 <sup>23 Iyar</sup> No Religious School  Mother's Day	15 <sup>24 Iyar</sup> 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn  ECC Closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences	16 <sup>25 Iyar</sup>	17 <sup>26 Iyar</sup> 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy  7:00 PM Temple-wide Congregational Meeting	18 <sup>27 Iyar</sup>	19 <sup>28 Iyar</sup> 4:30 PM Dinner & Disney Carnival 6:30 PM Disney Shabbat Service	20 <sup>29 Iyar</sup> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Noah Cook
21 <sup>1 Sivan</sup> <b>Mitzvah Day</b> Last Day of Sunday School  7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Online Discussion	22 <sup>2 Sivan</sup> 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	23 <sup>3 Sivan</sup> 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	24 <sup>4 Sivan</sup> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	25 <sup>5 Sivan</sup>	26 <sup>6 Sivan</sup> Temple Closed  5:30 PM Confirmation Dinner 6:30 PM Shavuot & Confirmation Service  Shavuot	27 <sup>7 Sivan</sup> 9:00 AM Torah Study
28 <sup>8 Sivan</sup>	29 <sup>9 Sivan</sup> Temple Closed  Memorial Day	30 <sup>10 Sivan</sup>	31 <sup>11 Sivan</sup>			

# June 2023 12 Sivan 5783 - 11 Tammuz 5783

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

					12 Sivan	13 Sivan	14 Sivan
<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 15px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Share a Temple Akiba Memory</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.9em;">In honor of our 70<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:Programdirector@templeakiba.net">Programdirector@templeakiba.net</a></p> </div>					1 Final Day of ECC Class	2 10:00 AM ECC Graduation  6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service Honoring our Highschool Seniors	3 9:00 AM Final Torah Study  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Zack Silverman
4 11:00 AM President's Circle Brunch	5 12:00 PM Final Lunch & Learn	6	7 11:00 AM Final Coffee with the Clergy	8 3:30 PM – Challah Braid & Bake	9 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Jr. Cantors & Volunteer Recognition	10 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Alena Rapoport	
11 Mah-jongg Tournament	12	13 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	14 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	15	16 5:30 PM Community BBQ  6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Greatest Hits	17 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Rosemberg	
18 Father's Day	19 ECC & Day Camp Begins  7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Online Discussion  Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 6:30 PM Inclusion Shabbat Service with Choir	24	
25	26	27 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	28 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom  Temple Akiba Israel Trip Departs	29	30 6:30 PM Shabbat Service		

## 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.

## TEMPLE FUND

**David Cadmus, Roman Ward**

*In honor of:*

**Lena Asken**, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Ronald Hecker

**Jenny Fogel & Robyn Kupferman**, on their incredible partnership and leadership in chairing our SUCCESSFUL Purim Carnival. THANK YOU! From John Magoulas

**Jeffrey Rips**, Executive Director Extraordinaire, Yasher Koach and mazel tov on obtaining the largest security grant in the Temple's history. From Ira Diamond

**Wendy Senelick**, on her incredible leadership of Mishloach Manot Mitzvah and Fundraiser. From John Magoulas

**Those in Need**, from Elaine & Bruce Holiday

*In memory of:*

**Carol Diamond**, from Francine & Jon Graff

**David Jaffa**, from Nancy & Herb Trachtenberg

**David Jaffa**, from Sheila & Stan Weinberg

**Anita Pemstein**, may her memory be for a blessing, from John Magoulas

**Myron Schnurr**, from Phyllis Emert

**Myron Schnurr**, from Joanne & Duke Molner

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Gratitude to:*

**Rabbi Shapiro & Rabbinic Intern Hannah Bloomberg**, for officiating our wedding. "Thank you for your wonderful guidance and caring during the process and for a beautiful and moving ceremony. We are so grateful to you both for giving us this gift." From Susan Abraham & Joe Pollock

**Rabbi Shapiro**, for the baby naming of Landon Kase Segal.

From the Segals (Gideon, Marissa, Jasper, Maya, & Landon)

**Rabbi Shapiro**, for the naming of Elli & Jonathan Rubenstein, from Beth Rubenstein

**Rabbi Shapiro**, for leading our heartfelt and meaningful Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day Service. From Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary

*In memory of:*

**Ronald Dukes**, my father, from David & Bonnie Dukes

**Anita Pemstein**, my mother, from Ira & Maria Pemstein

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of:*

**Cantor Lonee**, for teaching and directing our Religious School students in another successful Purim Shpiel, from Ellie Sherman-Quinn & Steve Quinn

*In memory of:*

**Anita Pemstein**, my mother, from Ira & Maria Pemstein

## JUSTIN SHABSIS FUND

*In memory of:*

**Justin Shabsis**, from Leanna & Ron Watts

## ECC Shine Brighter Fund

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## Yahrzeit Fund

**Abe Bandel**, my father, from Arleen & Lewis Forsheit

**Marion Chelnek**, my mother, from Sue Urfrig

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**Andrew Glauberg**, my son, from Rhoda Glauberg

**David Goldstein**, my father, from Don & Toni Goldstein

**Sidney Gordon**, my father-in-law, from Sheila Gordon

**Frank Groussman**, my grandfather, from Deborah Kopit

**Eugene Hall**, from Mary & Jeremy Shapiro

**Fred Jamner & Isadore Jamner**, from Lisa Jamner

**Sandra & Harry Kleinberg**, my parents, from Joyce Simmons

**Emma Lachman**, my mother, & **Robert Lachman**, my brother, from Mary Lachman

**Thelma Lander**, my mother, from Nadine & Ira Shulman

**Phillip Levine**, my father, from Shirley & Morris Price

**Esther Ludvigson**, my mother, from Max Ludvigson

**Erica Marcus**, my mother, from Karen Marcus & Daphne Boutilier

**Esther Meshul**, my mother, from Renee Meshul and Thomas Klitzner

**Eve Meyer**, my mother, from Andrew & Valerie Meyer

**Freda Needleman**, my grandmother, from Mathew Needleman

**Ida Nowison**, my mother, from Sheila Berman

**Elliott Parham**, my brother-in-law, from Meg Clements

**Victor Penso**, my husband, from June Penso

**Victor Penso**, my father, from Sally Penso

**Joseph Poizner**, my father, from Michael Poizner

**Willie Polep**, my father-in-law, from Susan Polep

**Harold Rosen**, our father, from Michael Rosen & Steven Rosen

**Louis Rubin**, my father, from Jack Rubin

**Dan Rudman**, my cousin, from Sue Polep

**Gertrude Samuelson**, my mother, and **James Samuelson**, my brother, from Janet Nathanson

**Ruth Shappell**, my mother, from Emily & Fred Edelman

**Nathan Spector**, my father, from Michael & Benita Spector

**Barry Stark**, my loving husband, from Jane Stark

**Mildred & James Trepeck**, my parents, from Antoinette Glick

**Jerry Urfrig**, my husband, from Sue Urfrig

**Anne Urfrig**, my mother, and **Rose Kolb**, my aunt, from Donald Urfrig

**Anne Urfrig**, my mother, from Wendy Temple

**Myndel Waldman-Gross**, my mother, from Hugh Gross

**Adelle Vodovoz Wexler**, my wife, and Louis Vodovoz, my father-in-law, from Jack Wexler

**Adelle Vodovoz Wexler**, beloved mother of Jeff (Ann) and Baubie of Sarah (Jack) & Judd

**Irwin Weinberg**, my father, from Francine & Jon Graff

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**Henrietta & Salem Zurich**, my parents, from Joan & Arthur Kassan

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*In memory of:*

**David Jaffa**, from Beth & Jack Rosenthal



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*In honor of:*

**Madeline Leigh Fontes**, on her 7th Birthday, from Leanna & Ron Watts

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**David Jaffa**, from Deborah Koniak-Griffin

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**David Jaffa**, from Leanna & Ron Watts

**Rich Polep**, from Leanna & Ron Watts

**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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## CARING COMMUNITY

Do you or a loved one need:  
A ride to services or an appointment, a meal or an errand, a visit or phone call?

**OR** Can you provide these services?

Please tell us: Meg Clements:  
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THANKS FOR CARING!

**Welcome New Members**

Ravi Amarawansa  
Aya Burak Elkies & Yehonatan Elkies  
Amanda & Anthony Foner Dela Cruz  
Natalie & Brian Rutkin  
Karla Torres & David Sherman-Presser  
Christina & Eric Stern

# 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!

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 May 5, 2023**

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For more information please contact  
 Diane, Assistant Director of Education  
 310.398.9781 ext. 227 or  
[nurseryschool@templeakiba.net](mailto:nurseryschool@templeakiba.net)

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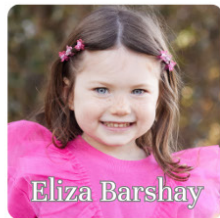
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# Mazel Tov to the Temple Akiba ECC Graduating class of 2023!



Zane Apfelberg



Eliza Barshay



Jackson Berry



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Sari Goldwasser



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Lily Grinberg



Raquel Gursky



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# CHALLAH BRAID & BAKE

We make it easy for your whole family to braid & bake your own fresh challah for Shabbat by providing everything you need!

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

**May 11th & June 8th  
from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Kathryn Vischjager:  
[programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)



## *Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women*

New & past participants are equally welcome

**May 21 at 7:30 PM**

**June 19 at 7:30 PM**

Zoom link provided upon registration

**For Questions, contact Kathryn Vischjager  
at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)**



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & DINNER

**Wednesday, May 17th**

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Meeting in the Social Hall  
(Childcare available by RSVP)

Please RSVP for the dinner and/or childcare by Monday,  
May 15. Walk-ins will not be accepted for childcare.





# TEMPLE AKIBA BLOOD DRIVE AT MITZVAH DAY

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

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

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



## Junior Cantors & Volunteer Recognition Shabbat Service

**Friday, June 9th at 6:30 PM**

Join us for a special Shabbat service led by our incredible High School Junior Cantors; Cayla Roper, Chloe Stevelman, & Sienna Burris. They will lead us through a journey of inspiring and beautiful music as we honor all the volunteers that help Temple Akiba thrive.



# COMMUNITY BBQ & GREATEST HITS KABBALAT SHABBAT

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

**5:30 PM DINNER, 6:30 PM SERVICES**

Join us for a community BBQ, sponsored by our Men's Group. Following dinner, we will enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat with the most popular hits our Clergy has created.



# INCLUSION SHABBAT

**Friday, June 23 at 6:30 PM**

Join us as we welcome YOU as a member or guest of Temple Akiba. While every Shabbat embraces our diverse community, this particular Shabbat will celebrate the many backgrounds of our congregation: Jews by birth and Jews by choice. Those in relationships with Jews. Those discovering Judaism. Jews of color. LGBTQIA Jews. Jews with addictions. Jews with disabilities, etc. Temple Akiba is proud to stand together with all who care about bringing goodness into the world!





# PURIM IS THE WORD!

Thank you to the Temple Akiba community for making Purim Carnival 2023 a success!

## Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

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See you next year - March 17, 2024  
Jenny Fogel & Robyn Kupferman  
Purim Carnival Co-Chairs







Temple Akiba presents

# Disney Shabbat and Celebration

**FRIDAY, MAY 19TH**

**4:30- 5:45**

Disney Carnival  
& Dinner

Disney Carnival: Includes  
Pizza Dinner, Cookie Decorating  
Bounce House, Temporary Tattoos  
Meet and Greet with Disney Characters  
Rapunzel Arts & Crafts Projects

**6:00-6:45**

Disney Shabbat  
Shabbat prayers set to Disney tunes

**6:45-7:30**

Disney Themed Oneg  
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# Akiba Resident Camp 2023! July 23 – August 6



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*You are Cordially Invited to*

TEMPLE AKIBA'S PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE BRUNCH

**Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us at Temple Akiba in the Courtyard as we learn about what we are able to achieve because of your support.

Mike Bauer, Ira Diamond, Yana & Adam Moser, Cathy Penso, & Sue Urfrig  
*President's Circle Chairs*

RSVP By Tuesday, May 23rd: [https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/form/presidents\\_circle\\_brunch](https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/form/presidents_circle_brunch)

*\*Childcare will be provided upon request*

For more information, please contact [Admin@templeakiba.net](mailto:Admin@templeakiba.net) or 310-398-5783

*President's Circle Members give a minimum of \$2,500 to the Temple Akiba Tzedakah Society over their full membership commitment to Temple Akiba. All Attendees are asked to make a commitment to the 2023-2024 President's Circle.*



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**AKIBA DAY CAMP 2023!!!**

# TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2022-2023

Temple Akiba thanks members who have made generous donations over their full membership commitment to bring an even brighter "Light" to our Temple Community.

## *President's Circle*

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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

We are excited to announce that the Bogancha family will be arriving in Los Angeles on June 1st! Temple Akiba has been working cooperatively with Adat Shalom to welcome them. The family lived in Kharkov, Ukraine (in Eastern Ukraine) when Russia attacked in February of 2022. They then fled by car to Austria leaving behind their home and most possessions.



The family consists of father Andrei, who has worked as an attorney in Ukraine; mother Marina, a pianist and music teacher; and daughter Milana, a high school freshman. The Bogancha family has an excellent reputation in their hometown for being kind and generous. In fact, Andrei's grandparents were honored by Israel as "Righteous of the Nations" for hiding two Jewish girls during the Nazi occupation of Ukraine.

At this point, we are looking for a two bedroom apartment in Culver City, Palms or West Los Angeles, at market rate or preferably discounted. If you know of something suitable, please contact Michele Paley at [michelepaley.mp@gmail.com](mailto:michelepaley.mp@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#/>



For more information, contact Sara Fields at [engagementtrustee@templeakiba.net](mailto:engagementtrustee@templeakiba.net)



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# JOIN TEMPLE AKIBA ON A ADVENTURE IN ISRAEL

Led by Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich

June 28 - July 10, 2023

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

<https://secure.ayelet.com/Akiba2023.aspx>

## OUR 10 NIGHT JOURNEY INCLUDES:

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- Descend below ground and back in time at the **Dig for a Day** - a real, live archaeological expedition! Discover the ancient past, transforming their trash into modern treasure.
- Discover the richness of the **Jewish Diaspora at ANU**, the **Museum of the Jewish People**, that traces the journey of Jewish communities worldwide from the destruction of the Temple through today.
- Repair the world with tikkun olam and give back to the community at **Pantry Packers**, packing food supplies and serving the needy in Israel.  
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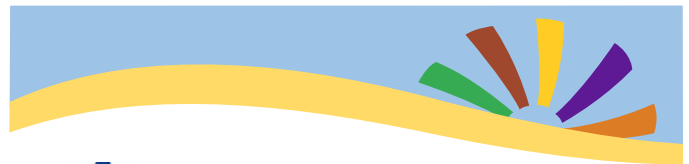
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