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**Friday Shabbat Services**

**MAY/JUNE**

**Friday, May 3** 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service with  
Guest Artist, Jacob Spike Kraus

**Friday, May 10** 6:30pm

Shabbat Choir Service

**Friday, May 17** 6:30pm

Confirmation Shabbat Service

**Friday, May 24** 6:30pm

Men's Group Shabbat Service

**Friday, May 31** 6:30pm

Shabbat Service with Guest Artist, Justin Stein

**Friday, June 7** 6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service Honoring HS Seniors

**Friday, June 14** 6:30pm

Choir Service with Volunteer Recognition

**Friday, June 21** 6:30pm

Pride Kabbalat Shabbat

**Friday, June 28** 6:30pm

Beach 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,

We are Jews,  
We stand at the intersection of  
universal truths and the Torah of our people.

We are Jews.  
We pursue justice for all humanity while living the  
traditions of 1000 generations.

We are Jews.  
We balance free-will with the voice of  
commandedness.

We are Jews.  
We support and demand more of Israel at the same  
time.

We are Jews.  
We study Torah. We wrestle with Torah. We argue  
with Torah. We do not walk away from Torah.

We are Jews.  
We embrace those who are broken. We realize that  
each of us, in some way, is broken.

We are Jews.  
We talk with God. We listen to God. We partner  
with God. We try to figure out exactly what God is.

We are Jews.  
We resonate with the music and sounds of our  
culture.

We are Jews.  
We are one. We are many.

We are Jews.  
We are Reform. We are Orthodox. We are non-  
Denominational. We are secular. We are traditional.  
We are cultural. We feel it when Anti-Semitism  
occurs. We feel it when Hatikvah is sung.

We are Jews.  
We are proud. We are questioning. We are seeking.  
We are learning.

We are Jews.

With love and shalom,  
**Rabbi Zachary Shapiro**

## Cantor's Corner



A pedestrian on 57th Street sees a musician  
getting out of a cab and asks, “How do you get to  
Carnegie Hall?” Without pause, the artist replies  
wearily, “Practice, practice, practice.”

On Sunday, April 7, three of Temple Akiba’s High School  
students did just that. They practiced, practiced, practiced and  
made their singing debut at Carnegie Hall! My daughter Indee  
Gantman, a Freshman, Sienna Burris, a Sophomore and Cayla  
Roper, a Junior are members of the HaZamir International  
Jewish Teen Choir. HaZamir is a youth movement that  
welcomes Jewishly identified & musically talented teens from  
a broad range of cultural backgrounds and levels of religious  
observance. HaZamir offers high  
schoolers in 35 chapters across the  
United States & Israel the opportunity  
to learn and sing Jewish choral music  
at the highest musical standard & on  
the world’s greatest stages.



Temple Akiba, Wilshire Boulevard Temple & Temple Beth  
Am took turns hosting rehearsals for HaZamir’s city chapter.  
Los Angeles has the second largest participating group in  
the United States of 13 kids between the City & Valley  
chapters. Our students have been practicing every weekend  
for this concert since October. They joined together to sing at  
Carnegie Hall with over 250 other young adults from chapters  
across the United States and Israel.

The concert was an emotional and moving tribute to Israel and  
it was extraordinary. The blending of their voices, their poise  
and musicianship was phenomenal and professional. Seeing  
hundreds of Jewish high school students proudly sing Hebrew  
songs, proudly showcase their Jewish identities and proudly  
and publicly celebrate Israel during this contentious time in  
history was empowering and heart-warming.

One of the highlights of the concert was a two-minute standing  
ovation as the students from the Israeli chapters took to the  
stage for their performance. Many of these young adults were  
directly impacted by the events of October 7. They have  
friends & family who have perished, their homes destroyed  
and their lives in constant flux. Many will be graduating High  
School and moving directly into the IDF in the summer-time.  
Despite these hardships, they continued to meet and practice  
and were proudly debuted at Carnegie Hall.

The experiences these students had & the friendships made are  
ones that will last a lifetime. These are the future leaders of  
our community, leaders that are proud to be Jewish, proud to  
be connected to their community and proud to sing for Israel!

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, & responsive care that the educators in our classrooms give to our children each & every week. Our teachers in our schools are our honored partners who work on the ground daily & 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 & 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 on are the expression of gratitude and the importance of teaching & 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 & 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 & philosopher, Abraham Heschel, captured the essence of the power & 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 & 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 & 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 & express your gratitude to them – now & throughout the year. And to all our teachers, I personally thank you for the tiring, yet very meaningful, impactful work you do each & every day.



Toda rabah/thanks so much!  
**Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education**

## President's Message

**On Sunday, April 14**, I stood in solidarity with our congregation as we came together to pray for Israel and all Jewish people. Once again, I was reminded that belonging to our community is such a blessing, to have a shelter of peace that inspires us to come together to triumph over darkness and fear, enabling our light to shine brighter and brighter.

Our light shone very brightly as we came together for the special Congregational meeting to approve hiring **Rabbi Daniel Freedman as our Rabbi Educator**. This is a historic moment for Temple Akiba. The haimish welcome Rabbi Freedman received was truly heartwarming. I want to acknowledge again the commitment and effort of the Search Committee: Co-Chairs, Helene Jaffa and Tracey Wise-Finkelstein, with Scott Markowitz, Randy Murphy, Stella Setka, Jen Sheppard, Jenna Sonenshein and Summer Lucas, Youth Representative. Rabbi Shapiro, and Jeffrey Rips, our Executive Director, were invaluable in this process, as well.

Come together again for our annual **Congregational Meeting Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM** to vote on next year’s budget and to elect our Board Members. New Board members will be introduced and outgoing Board members will be recognized as well as special committees & staff. **Join us for dinner at 6:00 PM.**

**Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 17** -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.

Join us for **A Night out in Tel Aviv, Saturday, June 1** as Temple Akiba is transformed. Casino Games, Prizes, Drinks, Food, Live Music, Dancing and more!

**Volunteer Recognition Shabbat on June 14** - Join us as we thank all of you who gave your time, talent, commitment, and energy, to the incredible events, programs and improvements this year.

As my third year as President ends and I begin my last, I look forward to building on what we have accomplished through the great partnership we have with our Board, Staff, Committees and all of you.

Our light truly shines brighter together!  
**Cathy Penso, President**



## Executive Director's Message

When I was growing up, the month of May signified a crucial time for me. Sure, it meant we were one step closer to the end of the school year. More importantly, it meant that my yearly heaven was drawing closer. I was one of those kids who went through the motions during the school year to get to what I loved – going to summer camp! When we were not on a family camping trip, all my summers were spent going to day camp. Then, when I was old enough, I started going to sleep-away camp.

My time at day camp and sleep-away camp was transformative for me and led me on my professional trajectory that has fortunately brought me to Temple Akiba. The freedoms I felt, the friends I made, the ability to try new things, and the invaluable learning about Jewish life and culture in a fun way are still things I think about when I think about my time at camp. In addition to the experiences and amazing times I had, it is the ever-enduring relationships I made during my time attending and then working at camps that are still so important to me today. In the past few weeks, I connected with four former camp directors whom I am blessed to call my mentors, still have in my life, and all whom I consider to be my friends. More important than anything else, I met my wife Lauren when we were working at camp together.

As I think back, my parents sending me to camp was one of the biggest gifts they ever gave me. It was not an easy thing to do, but they always made it a priority for me and my sisters. If you have not given your child or grandchild the gift of camp, by signing them up for Temple Akiba's Day Camp or Camp Akiba's sleep-away camp – it is not too late. Space is filling up, but you can still register for our camp programs at [templeakiba.net/Akiba-camps](http://templeakiba.net/Akiba-camps). If you want to help other children attend camp, something that was given to me by so many people I did not know, you can make a difference in other children's lives, enabling them to attend our camp programs by donating to our camp scholarship funds at [www.templeakiba.net/donate](http://www.templeakiba.net/donate).

A huge thank you to our Youth & Resident Camp Director, Leah Penso, and Day Camp Director, Robyn Altman, for their dedication, care, creativity, passion, and hard work in creating our incredible camp programs. With their leadership, our camp programs help to make our Light Shine Brightly!



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

## PASSOVER SEDER



This Passover, our Akiba community joined together to enjoy a 2nd night seder filled with tradition & song led by our clergy, followed by a delicious catered meal. Special Thank you to our Passover Seder Sponsors, Helene Jaffa and Maria & Ira Pemstein.





# GUEST ARTIST SHABBAT SERIES



Temple Akiba welcomes guest artists that will inspire us and elevate our souls with their dynamic and engaging music. We are excited to welcome these incredible Guest Artists to our Synagogue this year to lead us in our Shabbat services & other programs.

## Jacob "Spike" Kraus

**Friday, May 3, 2024**

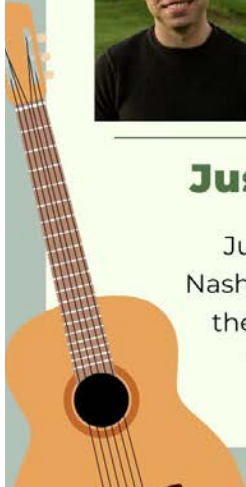


Boston based Jacob 'Spike' Kraus is a 32 year old singer-songwriter, educator, & innovator. His music has been included in the cantorial curriculum of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, and is featured by Jewish Rock Radio & PJ Library. Spike has been performing for 2 decades at synagogues, Jewish day schools, and summer camps. Having just finished a 3 year stint as the Artist-In-Residence at Temple Israel of West Bloomfield (the largest synagogue in North America), Spike now tours Jewish communities across the country as a performer, teacher, composer, and joyful individual.

## Justin Stein

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

Justin Stein has been the Music Director for the Jewish community Nashuva for 18 years and has been a songleader at Temple Beth Hillel for the past decade. Justin's primary focus is always on music's ability to foster human connection - connection to others, connection to nature, and connection to our inner selves.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & DINNER

**Wednesday, May 15th**

6:00 PM - Dinner in Annex Courtyard

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

Please RSVP for the dinner and/or childcare by Monday, May 13.

Walk-ins will not be accepted for childcare.





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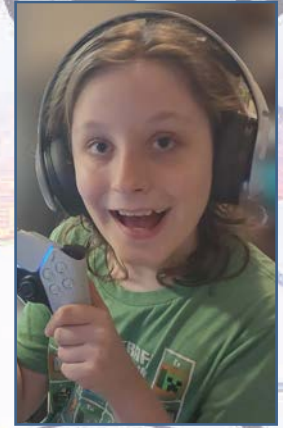
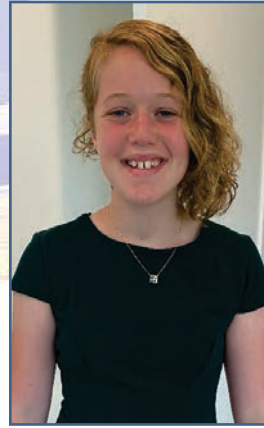


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# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



**Benjamin Sher**  
son of Kevin Sher  
& Shirley Sher  
Saturday, May 4

**Zachary Sayles**  
son of Dana Sayles  
& John Tyson Sayles  
Saturday, May 11

**Jonah Wild**  
son of Gabrielle  
Zadra & Henry Wild  
Saturday, May 18

**Hannah White**  
daughter of  
Lauren & Ryan  
White  
Saturday, June 1

**Nathan Dunn**  
son of  
Julie Alexander  
& Troy Dunn  
Saturday, June 15



## Confirmation Service Friday, May 17 at 6:30 PM

Please join us in celebrating  
these extraordinary young  
people becoming confirmands.

Sonja Bandy  
Casey Brennan  
Sienna Burriss  
Maia Goldman  
Ethan Knopf

Claire Ostrick  
Maya Peled  
Micah Shwartz  
Miles Silverman  
Mia Sokoloff  
Ryan Vermette





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# Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

## Sunday, June 9, 2024



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**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

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

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 6/3/2024

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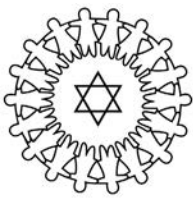
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check all that apply:

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



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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 \$411 during our Purim Carnival Bake Sale and contribute the proceeds to the Temple. It was once again a sell-out and a huge thank you to all our volunteer bakers, as well as to all who purchased our treats.

We will be celebrating our ECC graduates on May 31st and presenting each of them with a book in honor of this milestone event. We will also be honoring our upcoming Confirmands at their celebration on May 17th, presenting each of them with a WRJ Womens Torah Commentary 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 scheduled for June 9th.

Our Gift Shop continues to be open by appointment. Contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com. We continue to replenish our inventory with new tallit, mezuzahs, candlesticks and many other ritual items. Keep us in mind for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings as well as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Our new Sisterhood Executive Board and Sisterhood Board of Trustees will assume their responsibilities as of July 1st and continue to lead Sisterhood in our customary roles as well as seek new paths for Sisterhood to enhance and augment life at Temple Akiba. Please join me in wishing them a hearty Mazel Tov!

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and safe summer.



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## JOIN OUR SISTERHOOD!

Join the Temple Akiba Sisterhood team as we walk from Temple Akiba, to support The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM**



NAMI, the National Alliance for Mental Illness, provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

- Raise awareness of mental illness by donating to: [www.namiwalks.org/losangelescounty](http://www.namiwalks.org/losangelescounty) and/or registering to our team: Temple Akiba Sisterhood.
- Walk an approximate 1.5-mile loop from Temple Akiba to El Marino Park and back or make the round trip twice. Refreshments will be available at the end of the walk.

For more information, contact Sue Polep [s.polep@gte.net](mailto:s.polep@gte.net); 310-476-4632; Tricia Flumenbaum [pflumenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:pflumenbaum@gmail.com); 310-991- 0704



TEMPLE AKIBA PRESENTS

# NIGHT OUT IN TEL AVIV

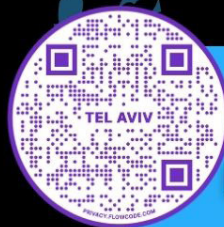


SATURDAY, JUNE 1  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Join us for a night of  
Casino Games, Drinks, Food,  
Live Music, Dancing & More!



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**Member Tickets: \$172**

**Non-Member Tickets: \$180**

Join Temple Akiba at A NIGHT OUT IN TEL AVIV. This event will have Las Vegas style gambling, dinner, open bar, music, dancing, prizes, and other surprises! Your participation makes a critical difference, not only showcasing your commitment to Temple Akiba, but also ensuring that Temple Akiba remains vibrant for generations to come.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Rothschild Blvd. Sponsor: \$7,200**

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Choose the casino night special cocktail name
- Sponsorship of 2 casino tables
- Admission for 12 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

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- Extra Gaming Chips

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- Admission for 4 guests
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- Admission for 4 guests

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- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of 1 casino table
- Admission for 2 guests

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- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Admission for 2 guests

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- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Admission for 1 guest



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# May 2024 23 Nissan 5784 - 23 Iyar 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 23 Nissan 7:00 PM Sisterhood Israeli Dancing	2 24 Nissan	3 25 Nissan 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 5:30 PM 6th Grade Dinner 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira & 6th Grade Family Service with Guest Artist Jacob Spike Kraus	4 26 Nissan 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Sher
5 27 Nissan Last Day of Sunday School Instruction 10:00 AM Holocaust Museum Tour 3:30 PM President's Circle Gathering 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Online Class	6 28 Nissan Yom Ha'Shoah	7 29 Nissan	8 30 Nissan 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	9 1 Iyar	10 2 Iyar 9:30 AM ECC Parents Celebration 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	11 3 Iyar 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Sayles
12 4 Iyar Mother's Day	13 5 Iyar ECC Closed – Parent/ Teacher Conferences Last Day of Akiba High Yom Ha'Zikaron	14 6 Iyar 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting Last Day of Hebrew School Yom Ha'Atzmaut	15 7 Iyar 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting	16 8 Iyar	17 9 Iyar 3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake 5:30 PM Confirmation Dinner 6:30 PM Confirmation Shabbat Service	18 10 Iyar 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Wild
19 11 Iyar 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mitzvah Day & Blood Drive	20 12 Iyar	21 13 Iyar	22 14 Iyar 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	23 15 Iyar 12:00 PM Luncheon 1:00 PM Cindy Paley Concert	24 16 Iyar 6:30 PM Men's Group Shabbat Service	25 17 Iyar 9:00 AM Torah Study
26 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer	27 19 Iyar Temple Closed Memorial Day	28 20 Iyar 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	29 21 Iyar	30 22 Iyar	31 23 Iyar 4:00 PM ECC Graduation 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Guest Artist, Justin Stein	

# June 2024 *24 Iyar 5784 - 24 Sivan 5784*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p style="text-align: right;"><i>24 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Final Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Hannah White</p> <p><b>7:00 PM A Night Out in Tel Aviv Event</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>25 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>26 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>27 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>28 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>29 Iyar</i></p> <p><b>6</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>1 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service Honoring HS Seniors</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>2 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>8</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>3 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sisterhood Mah-jongg Tournament</p> <p>5:00 PM Back to Camp Night</p> <p>7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Online Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>4 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>5 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Shavuot Study Session</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>6 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>12 Temple Closed</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shavuot</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>7 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>8 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p>4:30 PM Challah Braid &amp; Bake</p> <p>5:30 PM Volunteer Recognition Gathering</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir Service with Volunteer Recognition</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>9 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Dunn</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>10 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Father's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>11 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day Camp Begins</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ECC Camp Begins</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>12 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>13 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>19 Temple Closed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day Camp to still take place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juneteenth</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>14 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>15 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:30 PM Community BBQ</p> <p>6:30 PM Pride Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>16 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Adult Bar Mitzvah of Gary Leo</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;"><i>24 Sivan</i></p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Cindy Paley Reception &amp; Concert</p>						

## **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**

**Sherri & Davis Cadmus**

**David Wallace**

*In honor of:*

**Ellen August**, wishing her a speedy recovery, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

**Sonni Helmer's Birthday!** From Francine & Michael Fisher

**Sonni Helmer's Birthday!** From Diana & David Hauptman

**Sonni Helmer's 85th Birthday!** From Myrna Kayton

**Sonni Helmer's special birthday**, from Sheila & Stan Weinberg

**Hoppettes**, forever friends, from Leanna & Ron Watts

**Susan Fine**, my little big sister, from Leanna & Ron Watts

**Sharlene & Tony London's 54th Wedding Anniversary**, from Sharlene & Tony London

**Cathy Penso & Jeffrey Rips**, for their amazing leadership, from Renee Meshul & Tom Klitzner

**Leila Rosemberg**, for her continued good outcome after surgery, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

**Inez Sherman-Presser**, for her Hebrew Naming Ceremony, from Stanley, Yan Yu & Solomon Presser

*In memory of:*

**Donald Mann**, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah

**Donald Mann**, from Joy & Paul Jacobs

**Donald Mann**, from Myrna Kayton

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

*In gratitude to:*

**Rabbi Shapiro**, from amazing love & warmth you shared as you performed our Renewal of Vows and the blessing for Landon & Cora as well, you are such a blessing to the community, from Jenni & Nate Halperin

**Rabbi Shapiro's** wisdom and compassionate leadership, and his friendship, from Rabbi Amy & Gary Perlin

*In honor of:*

**Miles Aaronson**, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and gratitude to Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Frailich for teaching and inspiring Miles, from Josette & Raoul Benassaya

**Rabbi Freedman's arrival!** From Steve Ross & Mary Wujek

**Sonni Helmer**, for her birthday, from Terry Shenkman

**Leanna and Ron Watt's anniversary**, from Susan Polep

*In memory of:*

**Gloria Goldberger**, mother of Cindy Bambam & grandmother of Kathryn Vischjager

**Joshua Lobenthal**, my brother, from Lisabeth Lobenthal

**Donald Mann**, from the Zimelman family

**Shirley Waldman**, my mother, from Ira & Laurie Waldman

**Lee & Harrison Weitz**, my parents, from Carol Fortel

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

**Elizabeth & Morris Zlotowitz**

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In memory of:*

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

## **YAHREIT FUND**

**Ralph Fischer**, from Rosette Fischer

**Samuel Flumenbaum**, my father, from Bill & Tricia Flumenbaum

**Frank Groussman**, beloved husband of Dina Groussman, beloved father of Maxine Andron (and 6 other children), beloved grandfather of Deborah Kopit (and many others), & beloved great grandfather.

**Melvin Myron Jaffa**, my brother-in-law, from Helene Jaffa

**Fred Jamner**, my father, from Lisa Jamner

**Sarah Knopf**, from Joanne Herz Molner

**Harry Lachman**, my father, **Chaim Lachman**, my grandfather, and

**Robert & Ronald Lachman**, my brothers, from Mary Lachman

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

**Esther Meshul**, my mother, from Renee Meshul & Tom Klitzner

**Erwin & Eve Meyer**, my parents, from Andy & Valerie Meyer

**Barry Moskowitz**, my husband, from Raechel Moskowitz

**Herman Nathanson**, my father-in-law, & **Linda Peterson**, my daughter-in-law, from Janet Nathanson

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

**Victor Penso**, my father, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

**Boris Porter**, my grandfather, from Brooke Katz & my father, from Myra & Jack Porter

**Zena Rudich** my mother, from Bruce & Lori Rudich and Randee Bishoff

**Gertrude & Louis Samuelson**, my parents, & **James Samuelson**, my brother, from Janet Nathanson

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

**Nate Spielberg**, from Brooke Katz

**Barry Stark**, beloved husband, father, & grandfather, from Jane Stark & Family

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

**Jerome Urfrig**, my brother, from Donald Urfrig

**Anne Urfrig**, our mother, from Donald Urfrig & Wendy Temple

**Paula Weiss**, from Helene Jaffa

**Adelle Wexler**, my wife, from Jack Wexler

**Benjamin Zakheim**, my father, from Rosalyn Zakheim & Gayle Dukelow

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

*In gratitude to:*

**Cantor Lonee**, for Special Shabbat music programs, from Yvonne & Alan Frailich

**Cantor Frailich**, for her hard work & dedication in producing & directing "Estie" an inspiring and uplifting Purim Shpiel

## **FROM THE HEART RESIDENT CAMP FUND**

**Anonymous**

**Dyan Kolb**

*In honor of:*

**Leila Rosemberg**, to your health & happiness, from Leanna & Ron Watts

**Jill & Melania Sowell**, on their B'not Mitzvah, from Lora Byala

## **LEE WOLKOWITZ FUND**

*In honor of:*

**Bernita Payton**, for her faith & optimism, from Leanna & Ron Watts

## **JUSTIN SHABSIS FUND**

*In honor of:*

**Max Watts**, an older brother to be proud of, from Leanna & Ron Watts

## **2023 SECURITY CAMPAIGN**

Michele Hindler



# 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. Please call Temple Akiba upon interest.



Led by Shirley Hirschberg  
Social Worker & Life Style Counselor



## TO PAINT IS TO LIVE

Sunday, May 5  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Temple Akiba honors Yom Ha'Shoah with a guided tour of the new exhibit at Holocaust Museum LA featuring art & resistance in Thereseinstadt. Meet in front of the museum & enter together as an Akiba group. For more information, please contact Kathryn at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)

# ncestor Voices

## USC Shoah Foundation Recognizes Holocaust Survivors



Temple Akiba member, Morris Price, who recently turned 97, was among the Holocaust survivors honored by the Shoah Foundation. In April, Holocaust survivor, Celina Biniarz whose family was saved by Oskar Schindler accepts USC's highest honor, the University Medallion, on behalf of all the survivors whose testimonies have been preserved by USC Shoah Foundation — The Institute for Visual History and Education, which Spielberg established in 1994. This year marks the 30th year of the Shoah foundation. Morris has contributed to the over 56,000 testimonies the Foundation has archived.

## Men's Group Message



We have a busy spring and summer ahead of us! The Men's Group invites you to participate in these upcoming events:

**Friday, 24 May - Men's Group Shabbat Service.** Our annual shabbat where we lead the congregation in prayer. Want to participate? Let Ira Pemstein know at [elpem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elpem@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday nights, June 21/July 12/August 9** - We will be hosting 3 barbecues this summer! Grillmasters, get your mitts and equipment ready.

**July 27th - Our 2nd annual night of Music Under the Stars.** Once again, Klezmer will reign supreme in Wolkowitz Field. Dancing is encouraged. Join us, get involved!

On a more personal note, many of you know I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. I was fortunate enough to learn this from my PSA test during my annual physical. Fortunate because it was found early enough that it is treatable with a high survival rate. I want to take this opportunity to urge all the men out there to get your annual physical and make sure your PSA test is part of it. Especially if you are over 50. We guys tend to think we are invincible and will live for ever. But stuff starts to not work so well as we get older. It is my hope to have you all around the Temple for a long time to come.

Back to the Men's Group. Have an idea for a program? Have a connection to someone really interesting? Let us know. Help us arrange future programs and events. (Don't forget, we are men interested in the world around us, so don't be afraid to share your ideas). For more information and/or membership info, please contact Victor Nahmias @ [VNahmias@aol.com](mailto:VNahmias@aol.com).



### 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 let us know.

#### Co-Chairs:

Terry Coty: [trcoty@hotmail.com](mailto:trcoty@hotmail.com)

Terry Shenkman: [teshenkman@gmail.com](mailto:teshenkman@gmail.com)

THANKS FOR CARING!



## TEMPLE AKIBA BLOOD DRIVE AT MITZVAH DAY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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](http://Redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: TempleAkiba, or call 1-800-Red Cross.

Be Part of the Magic!



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# 17th Annual Mitzvah Day Sunday May 19, 2024

**Please Register before Mitzvah Day! Projects filled first come, first served!**  
T-shirt size not guaranteed.

**Please donate the following items to make our projects successful:**

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

**TRAVEL SIZE HYGIENE ITEMS:** combs, tissues, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, & flip flops

**BOOKS** for Teens, new and gently used, and **NEW TOYS & BOARD BOOKS** for young Children, **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**, No Adult Books please

**HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES:** Paper towels, new dish rags, dish soap

**PET SUPPLIES:** dog & cat food, treats, toys, blankets, towels, stainless steel bowls, leashes, collars, harnesses, pet beds, carriers, crates, and cat litter, wee wee pads, shampoos

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

Temple Akiba Mitzvah Day 2024 Registration Form PLEASE PRINT  
OR Register online: <https://www.templeakiba.net/mitzvah-day>

**SIGN UP BY APR 30**

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 2024 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 April 30 to be guaranteed a Mitzvah Day t-shirt.

Mitzvah Day donation enclosed:

\$

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

Name(s) _____	Name(s) _____
1st _____	1st _____
2nd _____	2nd _____



## *The Music of Cindy Paley*



### ***Luncheon & Songs of Israel with Cindy Paley***

**Thursday, May 23**

**12:00 PM Lunch, 1:00 PM Concert**

Temple Akiba partners with Cindy Paley to honor Yom Ha'atzmaut with a luncheon followed by a concert featuring songs that celebrate the state of Israel.

RSVP Link coming soon.



### ***A Yiddish Summer Singalong with Cindy Paley***

**Sunday, June 30**

**4:00 PM Reception, 5:00 PM Concert**

Join us to enjoy the beautiful summer weather with an outdoor Yiddish singalong with Cindy Paley & gang. No prior yiddish experience necessary to enjoy the music & read from lyric sheets - we're all sure to learn a few words! RSVP Link coming soon.

# CHALLAH BRAID & BAKE

**May 17 & June 21**  
**from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Prepare a challah for Shabbat and consider staying for our beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service as it bakes!  
Cost: \$12 per challah for members, \$15 for non-members

Preparing a fresh challah for Shabbat isn't easy with our busy lives, but we're taking the hassle out of it by offering families a monthly Challah Lab! Pre-order your dough & then come to Akiba anytime between 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM to braid a challah or pick up some dough to take home & bake.

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



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## *Rosh Chodesh: Spirituality for Women*

New & past participants are equally welcome.  
For more information please contact, Kathryn  
Vischjager at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)

**May 5 at 7:30 PM**  
**June 9 at 7:30 PM**



Zoom link provided upon registration



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## Volunteer Recognition Shabbat Service

**Friday, June 14th**  
**5:30 PM Gathering**  
**6:30 PM Service**

Join us for a special Shabbat service  
where we honor all the volunteers  
that help Temple Akiba to thrive.

# Shabbat at the Shore

## Friday, June 28

**GATHER AT 5:30 PM, SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**  
**TOES BEACH, END OF CULVER BLVD.**

Find your spot in the sand and join us for our 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 Lonee & 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.



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**AKIBA RESIDENT CAMP 2024!**  
**HAKARAT HA'TOV – ALL ABOUT GRATITUDE!**  
**JULY 21 – AUGUST 4**  
**INDIAN HILLS CAMP**



For more information visit our webpage at  
[www.templeakiba.net/akiba-resident-camp](http://www.templeakiba.net/akiba-resident-camp)  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



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Email:  
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[www.templeakiba.net/day-camp](http://www.templeakiba.net/day-camp)



**AKIBA DAY CAMP 2024!!!**



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*Mazel Tov the  
Temple Akiba  
ECC Graduating  
Class of 2024!*

# COMMUNITY BBQ & PRIDE SHABBAT

**Friday, June 21 at**

**Dinner at 5:30 PM, Services at 6:30 PM**

Join us as a community for a delicious BBQ followed by our annual Pride Kabbalat Shabbat. While every Shabbat embraces our diverse community, this particular Shabbat will celebrate the many backgrounds of our congregation: Jews by birth & Jews by choice.

Those in relationships with Jews. Those discovering Judaism.

Jews of color. LGBTQIA Jews. Jews with disabilities, etc.

Temple Akiba is proud to stand together with all who care about bringing goodness into the world!



# TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2023-2024

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*

### Chai

Sara & Peter Rutenberg

### Tzadik

Barbara Axelband Susan & Paul Balter Joy & Paul Jacobs Jerry & Letty (z'l) Mendel  
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### Priesand

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Jack Wexler Gabrielle Zadra & Mark Wild





*You are Cordially Invited to*

## TEMPLE AKIBA'S PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE GATHERING

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3:30 P.M.**

Temple Akiba - Wolkowitz Field

Please join us as we showcase all the accomplishments your support makes possible.

*Mike Bauer, Cayla & David Chipp, Ira Diamond, Bob Knopf, John Magoulas,  
Yana & Adam Moser, Cathy Penso, Sue Urfrig, & Ed Wolkowitz  
President's Circle Committee*

RSVP By Tuesday, April 30th: [https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/form/presidents\\_circle\\_2024](https://templeakiba.shulcloud.com/form/presidents_circle_2024)

*\*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 2024-2025 President's Circle.*



Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, & volunteered in the mitzvah of **MISHLOACH MANOT**



**A note on how to use the eco-friendly gifts:**

**Kitchen Compost Bin** - Collect food scraps and dispose in your yard waste garbage bin. This reduces the volume of landfills & decreases greenhouse gas emissions.

**Beeswax Wrap** - Use instead of plastic wrap to cover food or containers. Use the heat of your hands to gently mold the wrap around the food or container. Hand wash in warm water, lay flat to dry. Do not put in the dishwasher, microwave, or oven.

**Mesh Produce Bag** - Use instead of plastic produce bags, machine washable.

**Seed Paper** - Paper, embedded with wildflower seeds. Plant in the garden, water daily and watch it grow.

**Silicone Straw** - Use instead of plastic straws, dishwasher safe.



# SHAVUOT STUDY SESSION

**Save the Date  
Tuesday, June 11**

Save the date for an evening of community and study as we join with congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim (BCC) to celebrate the festival of Shavuot. Our plan is to hold the event on the BCC campus. More info will be coming soon!

*Happy*  
**Shavuot**

# 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.



## 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 the LA, San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valleys, Thousand Oaks to Ventura & 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

## Adult Education

Learning doesn't end with our youth. Adult education programs teach, inspire and uplift. Temple Akiba has been an innovative and intellectual center, with long standing groups and activities, this year we are creating new opportunities to learn, think, and grow. Join our variety of weekly meetings.



### MORNING MINYAN

Every Monday  
9:30 AM - 10:00AM  
On Zoom

Start your day and week with a spiritual breath of fresh air, offering prayers and selections. We will include Kaddish in each service to remember those who have died.



### TALMUD TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday  
11:00 AM - 11:20AM  
On Zoom

How can Jewish values deepen the way we live? Each week we will look at a different lesson from Jewish teachings.



### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Every Wednesday  
11:00 AM - 11:20AM  
On Zoom

Let's look at a world timely topic through a Jewish lens.



### Torah Study

Every Saturday  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
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## Sunday, May 19, 2024

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For for information on Mitzvah Day, check out page 17.

