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NOV/DEC Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, November 1 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, November 8 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, November 15 7pm
Shabbat Service with Joe Buchanan

Friday, November 22 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, November 29 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, December 6 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, December 13 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, December 20 7pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 27 6:30pm
Hanukkah Shabbat Service

Shalom, Rav



Dear all,

My grandpa Phil, may he rest in peace, was an accountant. I learned at an early age about tax season - and about just how busy accountants are in the weeks and months leading to April 15.

For Jewish Clergy, the Holy Days are our tax season. While for members of the community, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur comprise a handful of calendar days in September/October, for Cantor Lonee and me, the Holy Days begin in earnest in mid-July. (And I am being honest, the thought process for them begins the day after the previous Yom Kippur!)

However, Jewish Clergy tax season doesn't stop life. People get married. People get sick. People have babies. (Some even have the chutzpa to have twins in this season!) And tax season doesn't end with Yom Kippur. Our Holy Days extend into the Festival of Sukkot and the Celebration of Simchat Torah.

Now, the Jewish calendar has a built in benefit just for clergy. You see, after a month long blitz of incredible observances, there is an entire month without any festivals at all. This month (usually coinciding with November) is called "Heshvan." We often refer to it as "Mar Heshvan" (the "bitter" month of Heshvan), emphasizing that there are no observances - other than Kristalnacht, a modern remembrance of the beginning of the Nazi Pogroms that launched the Holocaust.

So the challenge for us all is this: How will we bridge the gap during Heshvan? How will we nurture the light of the Holy Days through the darkness of this time of year - and make it to Hanukkah? What will allow us to capture heightened spirit and rejuvenated energy?

Here's my challenge to you. Between now and the end of Hanukkah (Dec 30), attempt to do the following:

1. Read a Jewish book.
2. Donate five hours of community service.
3. Light Shabbat Candles each Friday night.
4. Attend Torah Study three times on Shabbat morning.
5. Join us for Shabbat worship five times.
6. Visit one of the many Jewish cultural centers in LA.
7. Call a family member once a week that you don't often see.

THIS is how we create light. THIS is how we embrace goodness. THIS is how we do Judaism.

With love and shalom,
Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter Together



Cantor's Corner



As it inches closer to Halloween, the stores are covered in Christmas and holiday decorations and the radios start playing more and more Christmas songs as the days go by. Occasionally when a Hanukkah song comes on the radio I get so excited. Last year, Sirius XM radio actually had a station dedicated to Hanukkah music! I'm so used to hearing maybe one Hanukkah song per day on the radio. It was so much fun to listen to song after song on the radio about Hanukkah. One of my favorite things about Hanukkah is the music. I love the variety of songs about light, about strength, about overcoming adversity, about dreidles and latkes, and about the Maccabees.

One of my favorite Hanukkah songs is performed in Ladino. Ocho Kandelikas (Eight Little Candles) is a wonderful children's song sung in the old language of Ladino. Ladino is an Old-Spanish derived language traditionally associated with the Sephardic Jewish community. The song was written by Flory Jagoda in 1983 and describes a child's joy of lighting the candles on the hanukkiah. It is an easy and accessible song often performed in an Argentine-tango rhythm.

The song has been recorded and performed by many Jewish and secular performers such as Pink Martini, Hip Hop Hoodios, Los Desterrados, and Vocelot. The Temple Akiba Junior Choir has been singing this song along with many other Hanukkah favorites each year for the past 13 years at our Family Hanukkah Shabbat service. Here are the Ladino verses:

Hanukka linda sta aki, ocho kandelas para mi. (x2)

O — Una kandelika, dos kandelikas, trez kandelikas, quatro kandelikas sintyu kandelikas, sesh kandelikas, siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi.

Muchas fiestas vo fazer, kon alegriyas y plazer. (x2)

Los pastelikos vo kumer, kon almendrikas y la myel. (x2)

We hope you will join us in singing this wonderful song at our celebration this year. May your life be filled with joyous light and love!!

Happy Hanukkah!

Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

High Holy Day services this year were so spiritually uplifting and inspiring. Thank you very much to Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Lonee, Rabbi Maller and Rabbinic Intern Daniel Freedman. Thank you also to our wonderful choir and all of our amazing volunteers who transformed the Veterans Auditorium into "Temple Akiba North."

This year our congregation met at Toes Beach between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for Tashlich. It was a beautiful experience. Tashlich means "to cast" away, and the tradition of throwing bread into a body of water represents getting rid of the negative things in our life. This year Rabbi Shapiro guided us to focus not only on what we wanted to "cast away," but on what we wanted to "bring into" our lives.

Being surrounded by our Temple Akiba community, loving family, and friends makes me want to "bring in" an attitude of gratitude and an attitude of appreciation. It also inspires me to want to give back. We have many ways at Temple Akiba to help "heal the world."

Our Tikkun Olam Committee, headed by Cathy Penso, hosted a wonderful Forum on Housing and Homelessness in October. Many ideas were raised on how we can all get involved and help solve the homelessness crisis in our city and beyond. Helping the homeless as a Temple Akiba community or as an individual is one great way of aiding those in need. Find your own passion!

My hope for 5780 is that we can all maintain an attitude of gratitude and find happiness through giving back.

I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving, joyous Hanukkah and sweet New Year!

Ira Diamond



ECC & Religious School

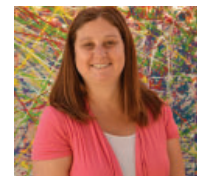
In the middle of winter, we gather together around the Hanukkah lights, spin the dreidle, eat latkes and jelly donuts to celebrate the festival of Hanukkah. Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled by the Syrian Greeks in the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah celebrates liberation from oppression, and reminds us of the importance of freedom of religion. It also teaches us to fight back when people's rights are taken away. By returning to and reclaiming the Temple, the Maccabees recommitted themselves to a Jewish way of life, to all that they held dear. Thus, Hanukkah asks us to rededicate ourselves not only to our Judaism, but to the values we place at the center of our faith. In particular, Hanukkah can be a time when we rededicate ourselves to the work of tikkun olam, repair of the world. As the Maccabees had the courage to stand up for their beliefs, Hanukkah encourages us to speak out about our values. The rabbis teach us to not only kindle the holiday lights in the privacy of our homes, but also to make known the miracles of Hanukkah by placing our hanukkiyot in the window. In turn, not only do we rekindle our personal commitments to social justice, but we also teach others, take action and advocate for the repair of the world.

As our ancestors worked to keep the light in the Temple burning from generation to generation, we work towards creating a just society that will endure from generation to generation – a society in which all of its members live in a dignified way, which preserves the environment and our natural resources, which protects and nurtures our children, and which continues to be a beacon of religious freedom.



As we increase the lights of Hanukkah, adding a candle each night, so too might we, by our actions, bring new light to the world: light to those living in poverty, light for our fragile ecosystems, light for all of our children and the light of religious liberty.

**Randee Bishoff,
Director of Education**





TEMPLE AKIBA
of CULVER CITY
presents

The Flumenbaum / Jaffa Musical Artist Series

Join us this year for a wonderful new series of events for the young and young at heart.

Saturday, October 26

Condensed production of
"Fiddler on the Roof"

**Friday, November 15 -
Sunday, November 17**

Joe Buchanan
Americana with a Jewish Soul

Saturday, December 14

Cantor Rebekah Mirsky
"Ordination" A story of
compassion, love and recovery

**Friday, January 10 -
Sunday, January 12**

Elana Jagoda & Saul Kaye
Jewish Blues

Friday, February 28

Ellen Allard
Award winning Recording Artist,
Composer, Performer and Educator

Sunday, March 29

Cantor Patty Linsky
Altar EGO

Friday, April 17
The Four Cantors Shabbat

Saturday, May 16

Charlie Kramer
Havdalah in the Dark

Friday, June 12
Disney Kabbalat Shabbat

**Details on each
event to follow**

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Save the Date
Temple Akiba
of Culver City's
10th Annual
Gala

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Marina del Rey Marriott



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Honoring

Sue Urfrig
&
Jen and Danielle
Sheppard



Executive Director's Message

Dear friends,

The past couple of months have been quite exciting at the Temple. Rabbi Shapiro's and Ron Galperin's cutest twins were born: Eli Noah and Maya Ruth. We're all excited for them. We also celebrated the High Holy Days. The services held at the Veterans Auditorium were wonderful. I watched the live streaming which was great. We give thanks for the hard work that went into making it what it was to Carol Diamond, VP Religious Practices, and her team of volunteers who helped set up and break down. Further, thanks to all the ushers and Golden Chai kids who helped greet our congregants as they entered the auditorium.

Now we look forward to the coming months that are filled with many exciting programs and events. Check out our new Musical Guest Artist Series. All the activities we have planned are listed on the calendar in this issue of the Bulletin. My advice to all of you is to mark your personal calendars to include these activities - you wouldn't want to miss them!

I personally thank everyone for their constant support to my staff and to me throughout the busy HH/Membership season as well as the rest of the year. I wish you all well for the rest of the year and beyond.

My wife Elana and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah!

Amram Hassan

Welcome New Members

Debbie Appel & Josh Herscher and family

Christine Bellettini & Timu Gallien and family

Jaimi & Tyler Boehm and family

Jordyn & Adam Deromedi

Annie DiMascio & Adam Tessitore and family

Wendy & Aaron Gafni and family

Erin Hart and family

Lindsey Rosenberg & Daniel Weisinger and family

Suzanne Sheridan

Autumn Shurin & Chrys Balis and family

Susan Weinberg



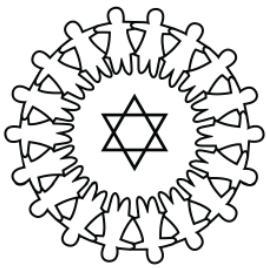
We loved seeing so many of you at Rosh Hashanah services for our honey tasting. Do you want to help Jewish youth reach their full potential?

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles (JBBBSLA) has been providing Jewish children ages 6-17 with caring adult mentors for the past 100 years.

Mentoring can have a significant impact on a child's life. Whether experiencing social or emotional challenges, or seeking support, there are many circumstances in which a child may benefit.

JBBBSLA invites the Temple Akiba community to Make a Child's Life Sweeter in the New Year.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, enrolling your child, or learning more, please contact Amanda Rykoff at 323-456-1153, arykoff@jbbbsla.org or visit <https://www.jbbbsla.org/mentorship/>



TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger...Together!

Thank you to all those who have joined or renewed their membership in Temple Akiba Sisterhood – and to our Associate Members as well. You can still become a member even if you have missed the directory deadline. Membership brochures are available in the carousel in the Temple foyer and on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website.

November and December are filled with more joyous celebrations. Our Annual Hanukkah Boutique on December 8th provides you an opportunity to get your gelt, dreidels and candles as well as see most of the items we have in our Gift Shop.

Want to show your appreciation to our staff? Sisterhood creates a Hanukkah goody bag for every staff member and you can be part of spreading the joy by filling out the form in this bulletin. Our volunteer Cooking with the Kids at the Lou Colon Children's Health and Wellness Center continues on November 7th and 14th and December 5th and 19th. Celebrate with us at our Annual Latkes & Vodkas on December 21st where you can enjoy Sisterhood's latkes, delicious snacks, liquid refreshments, and a wonderful evening of fun and games. Details are shown in the flyer in this bulletin.

We hope you have a bountiful Thanksgiving filled with love and a Hanukkah filled with light.



Help Support

Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dine In or Take Out at



10990 Jefferson Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

Join us for a new Adult Education series!

THE PROPHETS IN THEIR OWN VOICES

Wednesdays 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm
October 30, November 6, 13, and 20

Instructor: Rabbi Anthony Holz

Members: \$40/series or \$10/class Non-Members: \$60/series or \$15/class

Participants will enjoy pizza and salad before class

For additional information, contact Helene Jaffa at 310-305-4170 or helenerj@aol.com

Adult Hebrew / B'nei Mitzvah Class



Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm
beginning October 16.

Cost: \$30 for members and \$100 for non-members
Open to all adults wishing to learn beginning Hebrew.

The first half of the class concentrates on learning Hebrew letters, vowels and blending the sounds together to read Hebrew.

The second half of the class concentrates on learning prayers and learning to chant from the Torah.

For those who are Temple Akiba members, the class culminates in an Adult B'nei Mitzvah ceremony.

To RSVP, contact Cantor Lonee Frailich at 310-398-5783.

Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am
Please call for location

Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm
Resumes October 21

Coffee with the Clergy

1st & 3rd Monday of the month
from 10 am—11 am
Resumes November 4



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The Flumenbaum / Jaffa Musical Artist Series

presents

Joe Buchanan

Americana with a Jewish Soul

A special weekend

with our Jewish Country
Music Artist-in-residence.

Friday, Nov. 15, 7pm

“The Americana Shabbat”

Gather up and shake the dust with this intimate and down-home Shabbat service. Americana melodies woven together with southern charm.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30am

“Choosing to be Chosen” Workshop

Joe tells us his own story in a discussion focusing on issues of conversion, healing, re-connection and strength. He'll also share a few tunes from the album that was inspired by the journey home.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30pm

“Joe Buchanan: In Concert!”

Hear what it sounds like when country music is inspired by Judaism. Bring your boots, bring some friends, but most of all, bring yourself. You can even wear your hat.

Suggested Donation: \$10



Texas born and southern raised, **Joe Buchanan** makes Country music inspired by Torah. He grew up struggling with religion and his place in the world until his wife of 13 years revealed that she was Jewish. The discovery changed everything and now, six years after joining the tribe, he's led workshops and concerts all over the U.S. to help share the love of Judaism and to add chairs to the table.

www.joebuchanan.com

www.templeakiba.net

B'Nei Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Nathan Burns
Son of Tammi & Eric Burns
Saturday, November 2



Chloe Stevelman
Daughter of Jennifer &
Seth Stevelman
Saturday, November 23

Shop for all your holiday celebration and gift giving needs

Temple Akiba Sisterhood's Annual Hanukkah Boutique

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9 am to 1 pm — in the Temple Social Hall

*We have traditional, unusual and new items for everyday and all holidays,
As well as weddings, bar/bat mitzvot, and other occasions*

Stock up on Gelt, Dreidels, Candles

See our complete selection of Menorahs, Ritual Items, Jewelry, Toys and more*

Cash and Checks only, sorry, NO CREDIT CARDS

Coffee and Danish while you shop

For You, A Bargain

10% discount off any purchase of \$100 or more

**We can also special order almost anything!*





Temple Akiba ECC Toddler Play Group

12-24 Month olds



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 indoor and outdoor environments with a wide variety of hands-on learning activities. All classes include time for free play, snack, singing, art, Jewish theme activities, as well as opportunities for parents to connect with others in our community.



6 Week Session
Monday's beginning
November 4, 2019
9:00 am -10:15 am



\$180 Members / \$210 Non-Members

For more details, please contact Diane Germansky at 310-398-5783

or email at nurseryschool@templeakiba.net

Our school is a proud participant of The First 36 Project, which was created to provide Parent & Me instructors with an exclusive professional development experience designed to amplify their ability to support parents as they build strong, meaningful bonds with their children. Fellows gain access to curriculum modules that integrate child development theory with cutting-edge neuroscience research related to children ages birth to 3. **Ask about a voucher from the BJE for your first time parenting class*

TEMPLE AKIBA & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

tiny tot shabbat

It's never too early to start celebrating Shabbat with your little one.

For kids 0-2 years.

Join us for PJ library storytime, music, singing, and fun with Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee.

Meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!

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

Nov. 1st
Dec. 6th
Jan. 10th
Feb. 7th

Mar. 6th
Apr. 3rd
May 1st

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 3 CHESHVAN 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service	2 4 CHESHVAN 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Burns 5:30 PM Havdalah/Cocktail Mixer for RS Parents
3 5 CHESHVAN	4 6 CHESHVAN 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	5 7 CHESHVAN	6 8 CHESHVAN 5:30 PM PJ Story Night 5:45 PM Rabbi Holz - Prophets Class	7 9 CHESHVAN	8 10 CHESHVAN 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with the Adult B'Nei Mitzvah	9 11 CHESHVAN 9:00 AM Torah Study
10 12 CHESHVAN No Sunday School Marriage Encounter	11 13 CHESHVAN Veteran's Day ECC Closed No Akiba High Temple Office will be OPEN	12 14 CHESHVAN 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	13 15 CHESHVAN 5:45 PM Rabbi Holz - Prophets Class	14 16 CHESHVAN	15 17 CHESHVAN 5:30 PM Longevity Membership Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat Americana Service with Joe Buchanan	16 18 CHESHVAN 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Workshop with Joe Buchanan 7:30 PM Concert with Joe Buchanan New Member Havdalah Service
17 19 CHESHVAN Joe Buchanan - American with a Jewish Soul	18 20 CHESHVAN 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	19 21 CHESHVAN 7:00 PM Men's Group - Which way Israel?	20 22 CHESHVAN Sisterhood Panera Fundraiser 11:00 AM ECC Thanksgiving 5:45 PM Rabbi Holz - Prophets Class 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	21 23 CHESHVAN	22 24 CHESHVAN 7:00 PM Shabbat Service	23 25 CHESHVAN 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Stelman
24 26 CHESHVAN No Sunday School	25 27 CHESHVAN No Akiba High 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	26 28 CHESHVAN No Hebrew School 2:30 PM Book Club - "All the Rivers" by Dorit Rabinyan	27 29 CHESHVAN	28 30 CHESHVAN 🇺🇸 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	29 1 KISLEV Temple Closed 7:00 PM Shabbat Service	30 2 KISLEV

December 2019 3 Kislev 5780 - 3 Tevet 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 KISLEV No Sunday School	2 4 KISLEV Akiba High Resumes 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	3 5 KISLEV Hebrew School Resumes	4 6 KISLEV	5 7 KISLEV	6 8 KISLEV 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat with New Member Recognition Service	7 9 KISLEV 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with Baby Naming
8 10 KISLEV Sisterhood Hanukkah Boutique	9 11 KISLEV ECC Closed - Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	10 12 KISLEV 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	11 13 KISLEV	12 14 KISLEV	13 15 KISLEV 5:30 PM Longevity Membership Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat Service	14 16 KISLEV 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Delfino 7:30 PM Concert with Cantor Rebekah Mirsky - "Ordination" A story of Compassion, Love and Recovery
15 17 KISLEV RS Hanukkah Celebration	16 18 KISLEV 10:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	17 19 KISLEV 7:00 PM Men's Group Movie Night - "Walk on Water"	18 20 KISLEV 5:30 PM ECC Family Hanukkah Celebration 7:00 PM General Board Meeting	19 21 KISLEV	20 22 KISLEV 10:00 AM ECC Hanukkah Celebration 7:00 PM Tasty Youth Group Led Kabbalat Shabbat Service	21 23 KISLEV
22 24 KISLEV RS Winter Break 1st Night of Hanukkah	23 25 KISLEV RS Winter Break ECC Winter Break	24 26 KISLEV RS Winter Break ECC Winter Break	25 27 KISLEV 4th Night of Hanukkah Temple Closed	26 28 KISLEV	27 29 KISLEV ECC Winter Break 6th Night of Hanukkah 6:30 PM Hanukkah Shabbat Service	28 30 KISLEV
29 1 TEVET 8th Night of Hanukkah RS Winter Break	30 2 TEVET RS Winter Break ECC Winter Day Camp Begins	31 3 TEVET RS Winter Break				

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.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donations from:

Arnold and Marjorie Platzker

In honor of:

The 18th anniversary of **Edie and Kenneth Elkinson**, from Connie Elkinson

Sloane Kallick's introduction to her Jewish heritage and her Hebrew name Miriam, from Mom and Dad, and Nana and Papa
The birth of Barry and Raechel Moskowitz's second grandchild, **Liam Elliot Murphy**, from Stan and Sheila Weinberg

The **birth of Maya and Eli**, Mazel tov to Rabbi and Ron, from Susan Abraham and Joe Pollock

The **births of Maya and Eli**, from Louise Feinberg

Maya Ruth and Eli Noah- welcome from Linda and Robert Fleischman

The **birth of the Rabbi and Ron's twins**, from Diane Host
Mazel tov on the arrival of **Eli Noah and Maya Ruth!** May they bring joy into your hearts and your home, from Debra Kray

The **birth of Eli and Maya**, with much love and wishes for a doubly sweet New Year, from Fran and Mike Lando

The **birth of the Rabbi and Ron's twins**, from Jill Linsk

In celebration of the **birth of Maya and Eli**, from Mildred Mann

The **birth of Rabbi and Ron's twins**, from Diana and Carlos Martin and family

The **birth of the Rabbi and Ron's twins**, from Letty and Jerry Mendel

The **birth of Maya and Eli**, from Cathy & Bruce Penso

The **birth of the Rabbi and Ron's twins**, from the Rafei family

The **birth of twins to Rabbi and Ron**, from Dorothy and Stan Rainier

Rabbi and Ron's babies, from Lillian Ross "a little old lady"

The **Rabbi's twins**, from Carole Seedman

Maya and Eli's birth – Mazel tov!, from Janice Tytell

The birth of Rabbi and Ron's twins, **Maya Ruth and Eli Noah**, from Stan and Sheila Weinberg

In memory of:

Harrison Weitz, from Ron and Jan Nathanson and Family

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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

In November, the club will meet on
Tuesday, November 26

"All the Rivers" by Dorit Rabinyan

December — no meeting

January 22 — "The Hilltop" by Assaf Gavron

For more information, contact Helene Jaffa
at helenerj@aol.com

Bereavement & Life Transitions Group Build Emotional Strength...

A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes
in relationships, career, social, family and health
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Non-Members are welcome. Meets the 2nd and
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Held at Temple Akiba's Board Room for a small
donation. Please call Temple Akiba upon interest.



Led by Shirley Hirschberg
Social Worker & Life Style Counselor

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News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

More than 160 people attended our Forum on Homelessness and Housing, moderated by Ira Diamond, President, with opening remarks by Ron Galperin, LA City Controller. The evening was informative and impactful, with opportunities to make a difference in our community. Rabbi Shapiro, Daniel Freedman and Rev. Frances Rosenau, representing the Culver City Interfaith Alliance, inspired us to put our faith into action. Contact Cathy Penso, 310-670-6394, VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net if you would like to get involved in our efforts.



Panel Participants included (left to right) Danny Pepper, Director of Resident Services, West Hollywood Community Housing Corps, Mark Lipman, Culver City Homelessness Committee, Matthew Tecele, Field Deputy for Councilmember Mike Bonin, Chelsea Byers, Field Organizer Everyone In Campaign, United Way, and Emily Martiniuk, a person who was formerly homeless.

You can help by participating in **Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 31**. Many projects benefit the people served by organizations including St. Joseph's Center, Upward Bound House, PATH, West Hollywood Community Housing Corps, and Shoes for the Homeless, Inc., all of whom work toward ending homelessness and hunger.



Start saving travel size toiletry items for HYGIENE KITS benefiting **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) and **SPY** (a Safe Place for Youth) and **SHOES** for **Shoes for the Homeless, Inc.**

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 26 - Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide

Go to <http://www.jww.org> and learn more about the work

JWW is doing to end the violence and deprivation in many countries.



FIGHT GENOCIDE
DO NOT STAND IDLY BY

Other opportunities for Involvement include joining the Strategic Advisory Council. (SAC) These meetings offer n opportunity for congregants of all ages to help coordinate JWW engagement within their synagogue community.

Contact Sharlene London, Social Action Trustee: 310 836 3635, 310 384 4596, SharLondon@yahoo.com

JWW Events Calendar: 2019-2020

Nov. 17 Rally for the Rohingya - Los Angeles

Nov. 20 SAC Meeting

Jan. 12 Rally for Sudan - Los Angeles

Feb. 27 SAC Meeting

Mar. 20-21 National Refugee Shabbat

April 26 Walk to End Genocide - Los Angeles

May 19 SAC Meeting



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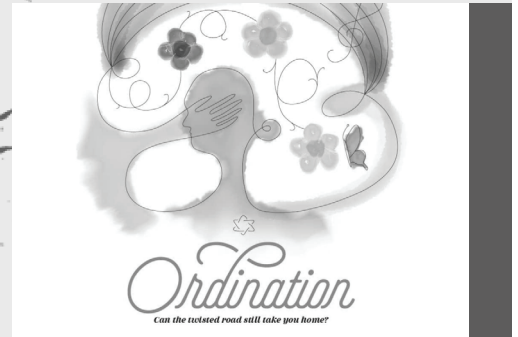
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Cantor Rebekah Mirsky received her cantorial ordination in 2010 from the Academy of Jewish Religion. She was the founding cantor at Beit Teshuvah, a treatment center for Jewish addicts in recovery. She has recorded 5 CD's of Americana music and 2 of contemporary Jewish music. She is a member of the American Conference of Cantors and a Helfman Institute fellow. Rebekah Mirsky lives with her husband Lawrence Price an LMFT, in the miracle mile area of Los Angeles.
cantorrebekahmirsky.com

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

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"Our Light Shines Brighter Together..."

As we prepare to kindle the lights of the Menorah in celebration of Hanukkah, let us remember those who bring light to our lives the whole year through!



Send a "Hanukkah Greeting" to the Staff of Temple Akiba from your family. Let them know that you are thinking of them and all that they do!

Donate \$3/Staff member (\$100 for all 46), and your family's name will be included with a "Hanukkah Greetings" gift. Gift includes: candles, a dreidel, gelt, jelly donuts & a special Hanukkah message.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood wishes you and your family a very Happy Hanukkah!
For more information contact: Marla Rothfarb marlawynne@yahoo.com or Cindy Smith cynmike1@gmail.com

----- Please check the staff members to whom you would like to send a "Hanukkah Greeting":

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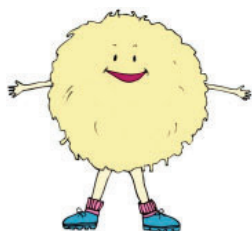
Temple Akiba Sisterhood Annual Latkes & Vodkas

Save The Date

Saturday, December 21st, 6:30 pm

Please bring a \$15 wrapped gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange

And an unwrapped new toy to donate to UCLA's Children's Hospital



RSVP by December 16th

Valerie Meyer—vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com

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IT'S FUN TO COOK WITH KIDS!
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If you are interested or have questions please call or email:

FARLA BINDER: farlab@aol.com or 310-822-1359

ARLEEN FORSHEIT: aforsheit@earthlink.net or 310-410-9827

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba



is pleased to invite you to join us for three upcoming events

Tuesday 19 November 2019 - Which Way Israel?

A panel discussion of the recent elections in Israel

How they will play out

What this portends for the future of Israel, its relationship with the U.S., and its Arab neighbors

How this may impact the chance for a peaceful resolution of the Israel/Palestine issue

Tuesday 17 December 2019 - Film Night "Walk on Water"



One of the best recent films from Israel.

A burnt out Mossad agent (Lior Ashkenazi) has lost his wife and his way.

He is tasked with the job of tracking down a Nazi fugitive by getting close to his granddaughter, who works on a shrimp farm in Israel.

Will he find this quarry?

Will he be able to execute the man when he finds him?

Will he be able to reclaim his life and peace of mind?

Tuesday 21 January 2020 - The Future of Culver City

A presentation and discussion led by Michael Allen, the Current Planning Manager of the City of Culver City.

Curious about what is going on in the development of Culver City and where we are heading?

This evening will be a perfect opportunity to learn about it and to ask questions.

These events will be held in the Social Hall starting at 6:30 pm

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

Mah Jongg Tournament

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Sunday, Jan 19, 2020



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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 Marla Rothfarb: marlawynne@yahoo.com

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To register, fill out the form below and enclose it with a check for:

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Mail to: Judi Nachenberg by 1/12/20

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-----tear off-----

Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/19/20

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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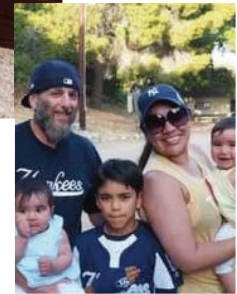
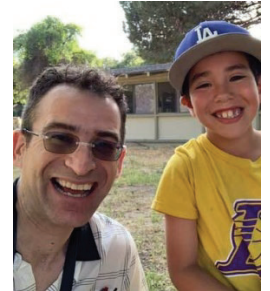
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Check all that apply:

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

SAVE THESE 2020 AKIBA CAMP DATES

Contact Leah at youthgroup@templeakiba.net for more info



Family Camp

May 1-3 @ Camp Bob Waldorf

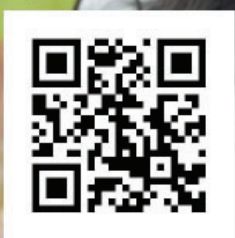


Akiba Resident Camp

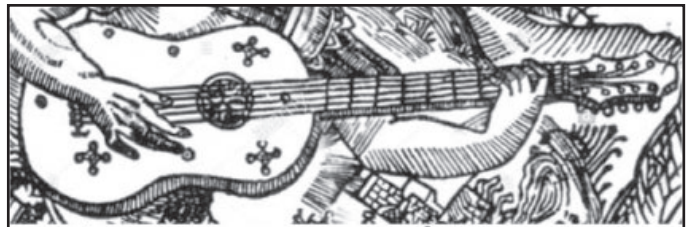
July 22 – August 2 @ Camp Whittier

Beginning January 1, 2020, California harassment prevention training laws apply to small companies.

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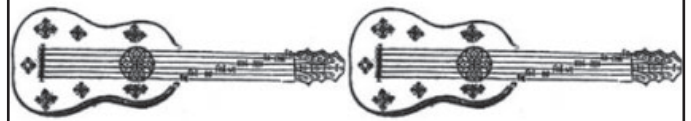
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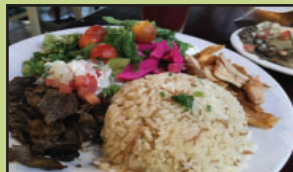
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What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual plaques for Temple members is \$750 and for those not affiliated it is \$1,000. How about participating in what may be the most exciting opportunity - the **Sue and Jerry Urfrig Family Memorial Room**. With your contribution of \$10,000 to the Campaign of Light, your name will be included on the Donor Board in the Memorial Room. The purchaser will have two complimentary plaques reserved for them to be designated with names they choose.

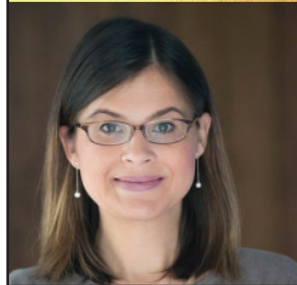
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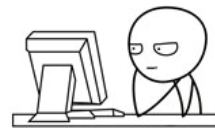
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Happy Hanukkah

This year, we kindle the first candle of Hanukkah on Sunday night, December 22nd and the last candle on Monday night, December 30th.

Candles are added to the Hanukkiah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the Shamash - the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles - first using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights; say or sing:

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderful deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the First Night only we add:

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.