

## Temple Akiba of Culver City



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**NOV/DEC Friday Shabbat Services**

**Friday, November 6** 6:30pm  
Shabbat Shira Service

**Friday, November 13** 7pm  
Shabbat Service with Choir

**Friday, November 20** 6:30pm  
Shabbat Service with guest artist Elana Arian

**Friday, November 27** 7pm  
Shabbat Service

**Friday, December 4** 6:30pm  
Shabbat Shira Service

**Friday, December 11** 6:30pm  
Chanukah Shabbat Family Service

**Friday, December 18** 6:30pm  
Shabbat Service with Confirmation

**Friday, December 25** 6:30pm  
Shabbat Service

## Shalom, Rav



Dear Friends,

I write this message in the weeks preceding the November 3 election. Like many of you, I anticipate this as one of the most pivotal elections in my lifetime. And like many of you, I don't find the decision complicated at all. It is obvious to me what we need in our leadership.

But I want to be clear... Our leadership moving forward has a sacred opportunity. Rather than choosing a path that continues to divide us, I challenge our leadership to be a voice of unity. What does this mean?

It IS possible to be a Democrat and to be pro-Israel.

It IS possible to be a Republican and to be in favor of woman's reproductive choices.

It IS possible to be a Democrat and to be in support of our Police.

It IS possible to be a Republican and to want universal health coverage.

It IS possible to be a Democrat and to want a better solution to homelessness.

It IS possible to be a Republican and to want better gun laws.

It IS possible to be a Democrat and to expect good immigration procedures.

It IS possible to be a Republican and to march in an LGBTQ Pride parade.

The list goes on....

Do not be swayed into believing that your belief in any one issue automatically seals your entire political identity. It does not. And our leadership can choose to build bridges that unite rather than silos that separate.

In Judaism we recognize the prayer for the welfare of our leadership: "Grant our leaders wisdom and forbearance. May they be govern with justice and compassion. Help us all to appreciate one another, and to respect the many ways we serve You."

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

**Our Light Shines Brighter** ✨ **Together**

## Cantor's Corner



I have to admit, sitting in my living room and watching myself on TV during Kol Nidrei was a very strange experience. Singing by myself in front of a camera in the administration office during the rest of services was definitely different. I missed seeing all of your faces, hearing your voices, feeling your embraces. The loss of those senses was profound.

However, I was able to find meaning and beauty even in the midst of these difficult circumstances. When I was singing to the camera, I was singing to each and every one of you, picturing your faces, your smiles, your warmth. I could feel the love emanating from the zoom room, I could see the light in your faces and relished seeing you singing along at home.

The Rabbi and I were so moved by the comments we received following services. So many of you expressed how touched you were by the services. Some said they were able to focus even more because there were no distractions. Some enjoyed having a front seat view to the services and appreciated seeing our faces and expressions up close.

It was truly incredible to see people in person at our Yom Kippur Afternoon activities. I relished the talks I had with each and every person that visited and was thrilled to have that rare opportunity for face to face communication.

Yes, our services were different but each of you helped to create holiness and connection even in the most difficult of circumstances.

We will continue to bring light and love to the congregation over the next few months with a few special programs. We hope you can join us for another Kehilah event on November 7. Charlie Kramer will lead Havdalah with a cadre of soulful Jewish singer songwriters, including our former Cantorial Intern Josh Goldberg. We are thrilled to welcome Elana Arian, an incredible Jewish singer and song leader at Central Synagogue in NY. She will lead our Shabbat services on November 20. We are also looking forward to our December Kehilah event – a Chanukah Family Concert on December 13.

May your lives be filled with light and love, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

**Cantor Lonee Frailich**

## President's Message

The Temple Akiba High Holy Days this year were particularly special to Carol and me. I hope it was the same for you. I loved the music, prayers, wonderful sermons, in-person experience during Yom Kippur break and seeing everyone's smiling faces. It was spiritually uplifting and brought us even closer together as a community.

I want to thank everyone that made our High Holy Day services so special including Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Executive Director Jeffrey Rips, Vice President of Religious Practices Carol Diamond, Choir Director Mary-Lou Basaraba, our choir members, Sisterhood and all our volunteers.

At our Congregational meeting in May of this year, the pandemic was still in the early stages and we did not yet have clarity on how the pandemic would affect our budget, programming and operations for the new fiscal year. At that meeting, we promised to schedule a follow-up meeting once we gained more clarity. On November 18 at 7 pm we have scheduled this follow up Congregational (town hall) meeting. It will be an opportunity to update everyone on our budget, operations and programs. Though we still have challenges, Temple Akiba remains strong and the future looks bright. I hope you will join us at this important meeting.

The running of our Temple not only takes tremendous effort by volunteers and staff, but also considerable costs that only comes from our supporters. As we approach the tax year end, it is time to do tax planning. You can help our wonderful community as well as save taxes by donating appreciated stocks or by donating directly from your IRA (if age 70 ½) or charitable trust. Please consult your CPA. Also, feel free to contact our Executive Director Jeffrey Rips at [director@templeakiba.net](mailto:director@templeakiba.net) or myself at [president@templeakiba.net](mailto:president@templeakiba.net).

**HAPPY CHANUKAH EVERYONE.** I wish everyone a healthy and sweet secular New Year filled with health and the warmth of family, friends and community.

**Ira Diamond, President**

At Temple Akiba, Our Light Shine Brighter-Together



## Executive Director's Message

Dear Temple Akiba Members,

After almost 12+ years working at the Jewish Community Center in Long Beach, I decided it was time to find my next dream. It was unclear where my next chapter would be, but I knew it had to be in the Jewish community. Building Jewish life and connecting people to the Jewish community has been a driving force for me over the past 35+ years. During that time, I worked for two URJ Camps, was the Executive Director for two Hillel Foundations, and at the JCC in Long Beach – the JCC where I grew up. The one common thread through all of those years was my desire to build and sustain Jewish life. I could think of no better environment to continue my passion than with a temple.

I did not know then, but I am grateful now, that my journey lead me to Temple Akiba. In the few weeks that I have been part of the Temple Akiba community, it is clear to me that everything I heard is true, and more. I feel very fortunate to be working with an incredibly hard-working, creative, and caring clergy and staff who strive to make a difference in the lives of all of our members. I am grateful for our passionate, dedicated, and committed Board of Directors, who clearly invest so much of their time, and guides our vital and vibrant community. Even though it has only been a few weeks, everyone has been so warm and welcoming to me, that Temple Akiba truly feels like my home!

I look forward to the time where I can meet all of you in person, to shake hands, and to give people hugs (yes, I'm a hugger). It is wonderful coming to the temple every day, but I dream about the time we can be together as one community, because as I have heard, and now I have seen, our light does shine brighter together!

**Jeffrey Rips**  
Executive Director



## ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." Albert Einstein

This holiday season it is more important than ever to help our children focus on gratitude. Gratitude not only helps people form, maintain, and strengthen supportive relationships, but it also helps people feel connected to a caring community. The current pandemic provides the perfect opportunity to foster gratitude within in our children and ideal at home activities families can do together to express gratitude.



Start by modeling and teaching gratitude

Our children want to be like us. We provide the blueprint for what to say and what to do and in what contexts. Expressing gratitude through words, writing, and small gifts or acts of reciprocity are all ways to teach children how to become grateful. Doing this will help make your appreciation for the goodness in your life more public, showing your kids that blessings abound and that being thankful is a valued attitude.

Practice Gratitude Exercises

Gratitude initiates an "upward spiral of positive emotions." Research shows that expressing gratitude increases your happiness by helping you notice the good things that are already happening.

- Gratitude Visit - write & deliver a letter of gratitude (call, text, or if possible, visit)
- Counting Blessings - 3 good things that happened to me... and why?
- Gratitude Jar - An Overflowing glass - Create your own gratitude well. List everything and everyone you are grateful for. Write each item on a separate small piece of paper. Roll each one up like a scroll and place it in a glass in your bedroom or in a prominent place in your home. When you have a rough day or are feeling anxious, go to your well of positive emotions, and read some of the scrolls to help you regain good feelings, & restore your feelings of gratitude.
- Gratitude Walk - Designate a time for a gratitude walk- decide which people, things, or events you are thankful for. This can take place any time, any place, inside or outside!
- Gratitude Journal - Write down 3-5 things you are grateful for and illustrate it! "I have so much to be thankful for"
- Acts of Loving Kindness - What can you do for someone else?
  - o Send someone a message reminding them that you care about them, and how important they are to you.
  - o If you are going to the store, offer to pick something up for someone in quarantine.
  - o Be generous with your emails/text messages/phone calls

Trying to make grateful kids isn't just an issue for families; it's an issue for society as well. Society desperately needs to harness the power of gratitude. We must all do our part to help kids develop into moral adults, who will contribute to a world of compassion and care. By bringing out the best in our kids, we can only imagine what blessings Generation Grateful could bring. Anything worthwhile takes a lot of time and effort. It's up to all of us to make it happen.

**Randee Bishoff**  
**Director of Education**

# Congregation Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, November 18  
7:00 PM via zoom

**State of the Temple and our ECC and Religious School**

**Meet our new Executive Director**

**Receive a Budget Update**

**Learn about our COVID-19 Protocols**





# HAVDALLAH & FRIENDSGIVING CONCERT

A KEHILAH EVENT

## MUSIC FEATURING,

CHARLIE KRAMER

LUCY GREENBAUM

CHAVA MIREL

NOAH DIAMONDSTEIN

JOSH WARSHAWSKY

DEB WINTER

ELIANA LIGHT

JACKSON MERCER

JACOB SPIKE KRAUS

JOSH GOLDBERG

NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
5:30PM PT / 8:30PM ET

Join Charlie and friends for Havdalah and an evening featuring some of the top voices in Jewish music.

*Secure event link coming soon*

DECEMBER 13 AT 3 PM

## A Chanukah Family Concert!

Grab your dreidel, jump into your dancing shoes, turn up the volume and get ready to rock to some of your favorite Chanukah tunes!

*Secure event link coming soon!*

*Join us for Shabbat Services  
on November 20 at 7 pm via Zoom*

**Temple Akiba Sisterhood is proud to sponsor guest artist**



# Elana Arian



Elana Arian is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist, Elana inspires communities across the country with her soulful songwriting and spirit. Elana has served on the faculty of both Shirei Chagiga in London and the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, working as a teaching artist in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music.



## Welcome New Members

Rose Prevezer & Gabriel Botnick and family  
Amanda & Jared Goldwasser and family  
Nava & Victor Hackmon and family  
Joy Friedman & Andrew Hapke and family  
Sanaz Masachi & Arash Hassid and family  
Sarah Malkin & Benjamin Huber and family  
Naisha & Alon Lagstein and family

Mara & David Mintz and family  
Yadid & Tallie Ramot and family  
Lauren Schnipper Rausch & George Rausch  
and family  
Kristen & Dustin Sorotsky and family  
Terry & Neal Teplin

## Welcome Back

Heidi & Hilton Creve  
Sara & Ethan Greenspan  
Sharon & Aviv Meraro & family





# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



**Mia Sokoloff**  
daughter of Dina & Steve  
Sokoloff  
Saturday, November 14



**Claire Ostrick**  
daughter of Karen Bernstein &  
Gary Ostrick  
Saturday, November 21

TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

## Virtual tiny tot shabbat experience

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.

Virtually meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!



Our light shines brighter together

PJ Library® of Los Angeles is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, with support from generous local donors, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

## Join us for our first Virtual Tiny Tot Shabbat on Friday, November 6 at 9am!

RSVP to Diane to receive a Zoom link to  
[nurseryschool@templeakiba.net](mailto:nurseryschool@templeakiba.net)

If possible please have a Kiddish cup, candles and  
candlestick holders, a piece of challah or bread, and  
some sort of noise maker for music.



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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 37), and your family's name will be included with a "Hanukkah Greetings" gift. Gift includes: candles, a dreidel, gelt, & a special Hanukkah message.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood wishes you and your family a very Happy Hanukkah!

For more information contact: Valerie Meyer: [vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com](mailto:vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com) or Rose Ross: [rtahini2@gmail.com](mailto:rtahini2@gmail.com)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor Lonee Frailich | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Amaya      | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Azizian     |
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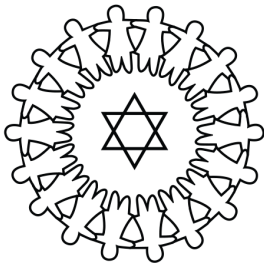
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**TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD**



*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. The Membership brochure is available on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website or contact Sisterhood Co-VP of Membership Cathy Penso at [prisca56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prisca56@sbcglobal.net)

Coffee With the Clergy continues on Zoom the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 am. Look for the link provided in the weekly email from the Temple.

Our Annual Hanukkah Greetings is underway. Want to show your appreciation to our staff? Sisterhood creates a Hanukkah Goody bag for every staff member and you can be a part of spreading the joy by filling out the form in this Bulletin.



Our Annual Hanukkah Boutique will not be able to happen this year. The Gift Shop will have gelt, dreidels and candles as well as Menorahs and games and other gift items.



Please consider making an appointment to fill your needs by contacting Linda Park at [mommylinda50@hotmail.com](mailto:mommylinda50@hotmail.com). We will make sure that all safety and health protocols are met and still see if we can fulfill your needs.

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

# November 2020 *14 Cheshvan 5781 - 14 Kislev 5781*

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<b>27</b> <i>12 Tevet</i>	<b>28</b> <i>13 Tevet</i>	<b>29</b> <i>14 Tevet</i>	<b>30</b> <i>15 Tevet</i>	<b>31</b> <i>16 Tevet</i>		

## 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

**Liz Fogel**

*In honor of:*

**Deb Falcon's** being recognized for her many years of service to Temple Akiba, from Marlene Abrams

**Duke Molner's** 75th birthday, from Stan and Sheila Weinberg (in appreciation of) the many participants during the High Holy Day Services, from Lee Weitz

**Rabbi Shapiro and all the great team and staff at Temple Akiba,** from Laura and Howard Fuhrman

*In hopes of:*

**Saul Miller's** speedy and complete recovery, from Stan and Sheila Weinberg

*In memory of:*

**Arthur Frankel,** from David and Diana Hauptmun, Carole Seedman, Leanna & Ron Watts, and Lee Weitz

**Nicki Gold,** from Roberta Cohen and Lee Weitz

**Sol Meshul,** my father, from Renee Meshul

**Karen Pelletier,** daughter of Ron and Jan Nathanson, from Stan and Sheila Weinberg

**Anna Marie Tassone,** Cathy Penso's beloved sister, from Terry Coty, Yvette and Paul Joffe, Nancy and Herbert Trachtenberg, and Sue Polep

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of:*

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the sewing talents of **Joanne Seltzer** in helping make a tallit, from Robin Himovitz

**Ilana Stevenson's** naming ceremony, from Jillian Stevenson

*In memory of:*

**Hershey Binder,** my dear husband, from Farla Binder

**Nicki Gold,** from Ed and Myrna Ross

**Richard Lobenthal,** my father, from Lisabeth Lobenthal

**Karen Pelletier,** our daughter, from Ron and Jan Nathanson and family

**Anna Marie Tassone,** Cathy Penso's sister, from Carol and Ira Diamond, Diana and David Hauptman, Sonni Helmer, Rosalyn Zakheim & Gayle Dukelow

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## CHOIR FUND

*In memory of:*

**Art Frankel,** from Don and Micky Mann

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**Hilda Dershewitz,** my mother, from Shelley Garrido

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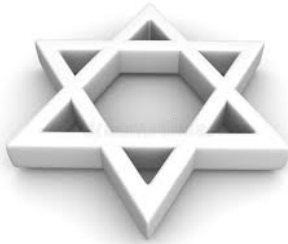
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Anna Marie Tassone, Cathy Penso's sister, from Stella August and family, and from John Magoulas

**RABBI'S 50th BIRTHDAY DONATIONS**

Donations in honor of Rabbi's 50th birthday were made to various funds by the following people:

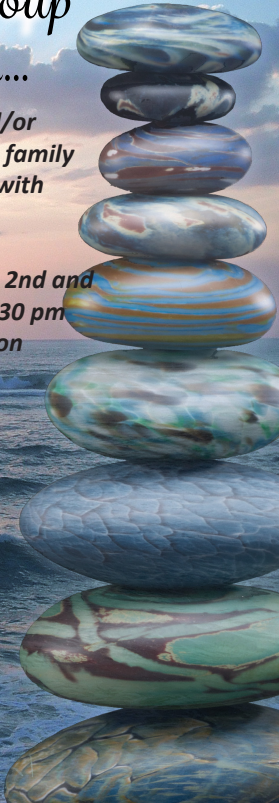

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*Bereavement & Life Transitions Group*  
**Build Emotional Strength...**


*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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A friendly reminder from the Tikkun Olam Committee's Civic Engagement Campaign:

**Did you vote?**

Vote in person, mail or put your ballot in a drop-box by November 3!

Make sure your vote counts.




Support Camp Akiba & Jewish sleep away camps through the first virtual Tour de Summer Camps on November 1, 2020! Akiba receives \$1000s every year towards need based scholarships from this one event!



Join team Camp Akiba today at [www.tourdesummercamps.org](http://www.tourdesummercamps.org)!



# WALK TO END GENOCIDE

Join us for a reimagined Walk to End Genocide! Here is how to get started:

1. Join TEAM TEMPLE AKIBA and sign up for the events below at [walktoendgenocide.org](http://walktoendgenocide.org).  
The Virtual Walk and events take place throughout the month of November, 2020.
2. **Select a CAUSE CAMPAIGN** (new registrations only) that you want as your focus for awareness-building and fundraising messages. ALL of the money raised by the three Cause Campaigns supports JWW's efforts to educate, advocate and provide aid to survivors of genocide and mass atrocities. The Cause Campaigns provide curated information on what you care about most, including photos and stories to help you inspire others to join you in your fundraising efforts!
3. **Pick a personal CHANGE GOAL** to work on over the next few months. Stay motivated and transform yourself as you work to change the world. Walk, run, exercise, ride a bike, read many books, lose weight, learn a new skill – the possibilities are endless. Take photos to show your progress wearing an old Walk shirt and your NEW WTEG mask (one mask free with each registration, new or existing, will be mailed to you in a few weeks).
4. **Integrate IMPACT IN ACTION: Make an IMPACT** by building your WTEG team and increasing your fundraising amounts during October and get ready for some **ACTION** during the entire month of November with these great ACTIVITIES:
  - (a) **Virtual Walk & Talk** with JWW staff members (November 1, 8, 15, 29)
  - (b) **Learn and Illuminate**, including CA Member of Congress Messaging Training, Taste of TAP for Adults and Teens, Virtual Breakroom: An Office Writer Talks About WUPHF.com and Whatever Else He Can Remember
  - (c) **Fun for your Family** including Backyard Boost Exercise class; Outdoor Spin with Corey; Someone's in the Kitchen with Serena; TAP-hosted game night; Grow for Good with Amy
  - (d) **Coalition Conversations** including Nov. 10 Preserving Testimony (JWW with the Shoah Foundation); Nov. 12 Restorative Justice and Accountability (JWW with the Promise Institute); Nov. 17 Rebuilding through Legal Interventions (JWW and Loyola Law School's Center for the Study of Law and Genocide); and Nov. 19 Addressing Trauma (JWW & guest speakers)

Cap it all off at JWW's **Culminating Event on November 30<sup>th</sup>** featuring CHANGE GOAL award winners and more.

**Questions and Information: Sharlene London, Team Captain: 310-836-3635, 310-384-4596, [sharlondon@yahoo.com](mailto:sharlondon@yahoo.com)**





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# The Men's Group of Temple Akiba



will be holding its meetings on Zoom  
until we can meet together again in person

Tuesday, 17 November 2020 @ 7:00  
Tuesday, 15 December 2020 @ 7:00

Please contact Victor Nahmias @ [Vnahmias@aol.com](mailto:Vnahmias@aol.com) to be added to the email notices of meetings and events. These events are open to all Temple members and their guests at no charge  
Refreshments will be served by you at your home

## Caring Communities Outreach



### Homebound Seniors

- o \*Are you without immediate family close to home? (15 miles)
- o \*Do you need someone to deliver groceries?

CONTACT BELOW\*\*

- You will be matched with a Mensch in our Temple Akiba community to do your grocery shopping.
- You will be responsible for reimbursing Mensch/Menschette for food costs.



### Healthy Congregants

- o Do you want to do some volunteering to help others in your area?
- o Would you be able to provide grocery market runs for homebound seniors near you?

CONTACT BELOW\*\*

- You will be matched with a senior that lives near where you live.
- All food costs will be reimbursed by the recipients/seniors.



CONTACT:

Lauren Varsano  
Caring Communities Trustee  
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## KEHILAH VIRTUAL EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 | OVERCOMING OUR BLIND SPOTS | 5:30PM PT**

A one hour presentation and conversation on our perceived limits and how we can overcome them. Charlie will share his story, answer questions and teach songs that have guided his path to healing.

**OCTOBER 6, 2020 | FINDING SHELTER: JEWISH MINDFULNESS | 5:30PM PT**

Find shelter this Sukkot with an intro to Jewish mindful meditation practice.

**NOVEMBER 7, 2020 | HAVDALAH & FRIENDSGIVING CONCERT | 5:30PM PT**

Join Charlie and friends for Havdalah and an evening featuring some of the top voices in Jewish music.

**DECEMBER 13, 2020 | CHANUKAH FAMILY CONCERT | 3PM PT**

Grab your dreidel, jump into your dancing shoes, turn up the volume and get ready to rock to some of your favorite Chanukah jams.

**JANUARY 9, 2021 | LUNCH & LEARN: JUDAISM & DISABILITY | 12PM PT**

Grab your bagels, and join Charlie for a lunchtime conversation on Judaism and disability.

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021 | PURIM, ESTER & WOMEN'S VOICES | 5PM PT**

An Evening of song and Torah led by some of the most impactful women in the Jewish world and beyond.

**MARCH 28, 2021 | SECOND NIGHT FAMILY SEDER | 4:30PM PT**

Get your seder plate ready and join us for a musical seder for the whole family. (You better believe we'll be dancing too!)

**APRIL 16, 2021 | TEEN SHABBAT | 5PM PT**

Kabbalat Shabbat services led by some of the most impactful Jewish teens across the country.

**MAY 15, 2021 | TOT SHABBAT | 1PM PT**

Grab your shakers and get ready to rock! The littlest friends of your community will love dancing, singing and praying with parents and grandparents at this lively, soul-filled virtual service.

**JUNE 8, 2021 | GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE | 5:30PM PT**

A concert featuring your favorite Jewish camping and campfire classics with some of the nation's best Songleaders.

**JULY 16, 2021 | KABBALAT SHABBAT | 5:30PM PT**

A service featuring Charlie's music, classic melodies and moments of mindful prayer.

**AUGUST 22, 2021 | A GATHERING FOR CHANGE | 12PM PT**

Our culminating gathering is a dynamic social action program & concert with opportunities to contribute Tzedakah to support important Jewish initiatives across the globe.

# TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2020 - 2021

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

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## Adult Education Programs

### Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am

### Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm

### Coffee with the Clergy

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month  
from 11 am—12 noon

All programs conducted via Zoom—connect at [templeakiba.net](http://templeakiba.net)  
Additional adult programming may be found at [urj.org](http://urj.org) and  
[jewitathome.com](http://jewitathome.com)

## Zoom into a Cooking Class!

We will be making  
**Lemon Ricotta Pancakes  
& Potato Latkes**  
for the Holidays!

*Save the date*  
**December 3 at 5 PM**

**Additional information and a list  
of ingredients to purchase will be sent out  
prior to the class with  
teacher Grandma Helene!**

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

Is a friend of yours at Temple Akiba going through a stressful time - illness or death in the family? OR maybe they're celebrating a special Simcha?

Please tell the front office - so our Community can reach out to them.

Send an email to:  
[admin@templeakiba.net](mailto:admin@templeakiba.net)  
or call 310-398-5783

## Gifts & Memorials

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*  
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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.

For more information please contact:  
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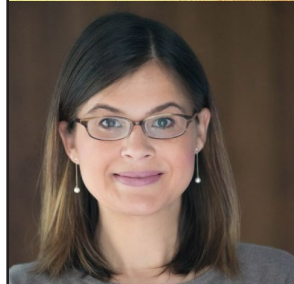
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# Happy Hanukkah

This year, we kindle the first candle of Hanukkah on Thursday night, December 10th and the last candle on Thursday night, December 17th.

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 wondrous 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.