

HAPPY CHANUKAH



**LET OUR MENORAH LIGHTS
SHINE BRIGHTER TOGETHER**



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Friday Shabbat Services
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Friday, November 3 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service with 5th Grade

Friday, November 10 6:30pm
Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, November 17 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, November 24 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Shabbat Service

Friday, December 1 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service with 4th Grade

Friday, December 8 6:30pm
Chanukah Family Service with
Guest Artist, Justin Stein

Friday, December 15 6:30pm
Kabbalat Broadway Shabbat

Friday, December 22 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, December 29 6:30pm
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,

A Midrash teaches that when Adam & Eve were in the Garden of Eden, winter was approaching, and the days were getting shorter. Having never experienced this passage of seasons, the couple were afraid that one day, the sun would not rise at all and that the world would end. So Adam & Eve lit a fire and prayed that God would have the sun rise earlier the next day. But nothing positive happened. In fact, the sun rose even later & set even earlier.

The following night, Adam & Eve lit two fires. And again, the sun rose late & set earlier. For the entire week, Adam and Eve lit an additional fire. And for the entire week, the response was the same.

On the 8th night, they lit eight fires. And on the following morning, they noticed the sun rose a minute earlier and set a minute later!

Indeed, this Midrash has parallels to the light we kindle at Chanukah, at the darkest time of year (but on the precipice of the days just beginning to get longer again).

I think about this story specifically now, as our Jewish world has been enduring darkness. The October 7 Terror Attack on Israel, our Homeland, pierced every soul. Age old fears (realities) of antisemitism arose. Anti Jewish rhetoric erupted throughout college campuses, in city centers, and across the world. We all started looking over our shoulders in ways that we thought only our great-grandparents had to.

And yet we learn that despite the dark hour we are in, we continue to chase after light. We stand with our people. We stand with all those in the shadow of terror. We keep on nurturing our flame while lighting new ones. Our light is eternal, & hate will not destroy it. Go out and harness that light. Do not be afraid to put your Chanukiah in the window. Let the world know that each candle we light eradicates darkness.

Sending you blessings of love and shalom,
Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



Growing up during the Winter holiday season, the radio stations were filled with Christmas songs. I longed for my favorite stations to play the Dreidel song or Light One Candle but they were never played.

In the mid to late 90's that finally changed and a Chanukah song was played over and over again on many different radio stations. Adam Sandler's Chanukah song was first debuted on Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update on December 3, 1994. It became a huge phenomenon and was such a source of pride for Jewish kids. We finally had a song that belonged to us, a song that was funny and relevant, a song that was informative and a Jewish song in the sea of Christmas songs. There have been 4 variations of the song throughout the years which center on the theme of Chanukah & how Jewish children often feel alienated during the Christmas season. The songs mainly consist of the names of celebrities who are Jewish or have Jewish ancestry. Some of the names mentioned in the music were surprising. I never knew that Paul Newman, Goldie Hawn or Harrison Ford had Jewish parents until hearing Adam Sandler sing about it.

Our people are especially feeling alienated today. In the wake of the atrocious attacks on the people of Israel at the hands of the Hamas terrorists, our suffering is being denied, ridiculed or justified. The Jewish people need each other more than ever. There has been too much silence when it comes to support of our community and the silence allows for more atrocities to occur. I was relieved when I saw that the Hollywood community came together in support of Israel. Some of the same celebrities mentioned in Adam Sandler's song expressed their disgust with the evil terrorist attacks in Israel. 700 notable Hollywood figures signed an open letter that condemned the attack on Israel, called for the return of hostages and called on the entertainment community to refrain from sharing misinformation about the war.

Adam Sandler himself shared on social media that he was "heartbroken by the horrendous attacks on Israel." He said he "prays for peace and the safety of innocent Israeli and Palestinians everywhere." His song was a beacon of light for the Jewish people during the holidays and is now a beacon of connection for the Jewish people during these dark times. We pray that this light will continue to grow every day until peace is achieved.

Wishing you a Chanukah filled with light, love, connection and peace.
Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & Religious School

Chanukah and Resilience

Throughout history, the Jewish people have faced adversity again and again. But with hope and resilience, we have refused to give up. This Chanukah let's consider the ways we are building strength and resilience to be like the Maccabees.

Here are ways you can build your child's resilience:

- Support your child but try not to solve every minor problem or disappointment. For example, if your child doesn't get invited to a birthday party or doesn't get what they want for their birthday, you could talk about how they feel instead of trying to fix the problem.
- Avoid predicting and preventing problems for your child. This might mean letting your child hand in homework that's wrong or not replacing a broken toy. Overcoming small challenges builds your child's resilience for bigger setbacks.
- Help your child to identify and manage strong emotions. For example, your child might be worried about a family member who's sick. You could say, "I can see you're really worried about Grandpa. It's OK to be worried. But remember we're doing everything we can to help him get better."
- Encourage your child to have another go when things don't work out the first time they try something. Praise your child for trying, no matter the result. You could say 'I'm proud of you for finishing the race' or 'Well done for giving it another go'.
- Build your child's self-compassion. Self-compassion helps your child deal with disappointment, failures, or mistakes by being kind to themselves. In turn, this helps them to move on from difficult experiences.
- Help your child to develop problem-solving skills in an age-appropriate way. For example, if a child at school says or does something unkind to your child, brainstorm how your child might respond next time.

You might want to make everything all right for your child, but sometimes your child has to go through uncomfortable feelings so they can work things out for themselves. Try looking at Chanukah as another step towards helping your child build their more resilient self.

L'Shalom,
Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education



President's Message

Our world has changed overnight! I struggle to find the right words. This I know. I am...

Thankful to be part of this community at such a time, a place to feel safe and secure, a place to share our fears and concerns. A place that comes together in times of darkness and difficulty. A place that shines brighter together, radiating light and love.

And yet, a new reality has set in, with armed guards on Temple Akiba grounds. A day I hoped would never come. Our first priority, though, is always to ensure the safety and security of our children and families.

This I know... We remain a warm and welcoming community more than ever.

Life goes on and we try to live our lives as normally as we can. As we approach this time of year- Thanksgiving and Chanukah- we are reminded to be grateful and to look for the miracles in life.

I appreciate the continued incredible partnership with Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Executive Director, Jeffrey Rips, Director of Education, Randee Bishoff and all the staff, along with our dedicated Board of Trustees who have come together during this dark time to tackle the difficult situations we face and at the same time, to shed rays of light and hope.

I am grateful for the response that Rabbi Shapiro and I received to our call to volunteer during the High Holy Days. Our inbox was full and we are delighted to add many of you to various committees and to make use of your talents and time.

I am thankful for my immediate family who live in town and grateful for all the family who travels to join us for Thanksgiving every year. I hope your Thanksgiving celebrations are full of joy.

In these dark times, I am buoyed by the words of encouragement from our beloved Rabbi Shapiro. Out of the chaos, there will be light. A rainbow will emerge. As we get closer to Chanukah and lighting the candles I hope and pray that the world will be brighter and peace is on the horizon.

Wishing us and Israel a Chanukah miracle!

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

On Friday October 6th, there was a beautiful sunset, followed by a wonderful Shabbat Dinner with my sister, my mother, and my nieces & nephews. It was a special night being together in Israel shared with catching up and excitement for the upcoming wedding of my niece. Little did we know that would be the last time all of us would be together while on this visit to Israel, as early the next morning I was awoken to sirens and loud explosions. The alarm, fear, and juxtaposition of the beauty of the night before was palpable.

My mom & I then spent the next several days at our hotel, very close to the bomb shelters, which we had to visit several times over those days. We were very fortunate that we were able to get safely home, and that my friends and family throughout Israel are also still safe. As you know, there are many who aren't able to share the same story, and my thoughts and prayers are with all of them, all of Israel, and to everyone who is suffering during this unfortunate war.

In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating Chanukah, where the miracles of the oil lasting for 8 days and that of the Maccabees defeating the larger army are reminders of our challenged history, the importance of standing together, to fight for what we believe, and that the light, our light, truly does shine brighter when we come together. Days have passed, and as the situation in Israel continues to unfold, I am continually reminded why Temple Akiba is so important for our children, families, members, staff, and community.

Now more than ever, we all need a place where being Jewish is celebrated and protected, where our children can participate in the joy of community, deepen their connection to Judaism, build strong friendships, and develop confidence to carry them through the year. Now more than ever, we all need a place where we can come together to be part of a community, and feel the warm embrace that Temple Akiba is known for. While we know that these aspects of Temple Akiba have always been important, now they feel even more crucial.

As Rabbi Hillel said, "if not now when." If you come to Temple often, or you haven't come to Temple in a while. I invite you to join us, and feel our love, warmth, and embrace at a Shabbat Dinner, upcoming Chanukah celebration, Adult Education Class, or to just have a conversation – we are here! Temple Akiba is our Home. Temple Akiba is your Home, and our Light Does Shine Brighter with you here!



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

Men's Group Message

Shabbat Shalom Chaverim, it is Shabbat as I write this, one week into the war with Hamas, and it is hard to see a way out of this war without a lot more damage and a lot more pain to so many people, both those we love and cherish, and those we haven't met yet. My heart aches and I worry, for the innocents, no matter which side of the border they live on, and for our sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, putting their lives on the line to protect Israel. With gods help, perhaps there will be a good resolution by the time you read this.

There are many lessons we can learn from this war. From what I have seen so far the biggest help for those in harm's way and for those hurt has come not from the government, but from the families and friends of the affected. Here at home, it is much the same. In good times or bad, the Temple is our family, its members our friends, our brothers and sisters. We have to work together and to look out for each other. So many of us do not take advantage of the caring hearts and helping hands extended by those around us when we are in need. Too many of us have become disconnected from the friends we once had. If you know someone in this situation, encourage them to become part of the Men's Group. It is a great way to develop the relationships that make life livable, even enjoyable. There is no reason for people to feel isolated from the world, not when there is so much that is open for participation and so many opportunities for connection.

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba invites you to join us for our upcoming events:

Tuesday, November 7th, at 7PM - A Men's Group Get Together. Our first chance this year to get together, schmooze, talk about stuff, & hang out. There will be nosh & drinks.

Tuesday, November 28rd - We will be hosting Rabbi Stanley David to talk about themes raised in his books, including *Re-Forming Judaism: Moments of Disruption in Jewish Thought*.

Tuesday, December 19th - Israel & Hamas - a discussion of the war and its aftermath.



Temple Akiba Men's Group

MEET YOUR TEMPLE AKIBA STAFF AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023-2024



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Wendy Senelick, Marc Bauer, Sara Fields,
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Herman Barnathan, Cathy Penso,
Jeffrey Rips, Leah Potok, Lisa Tsimanis,
Linda Park, Benjamin Rapaport,
Randee Bishoff, & Rabbi Shapiro

Absent: Robyn Altman, Dina Hempling,
Rebecca Holzberg, John Magoulas,
Leah Penso, & Kathryn Vischjager

High Holy Days “Behind The Scenes” Honoring The Builders of Our Ark



Bruce Forman, Michael Gotz,
David Hauptman, Aaron Hauptman,
Larry Kahn, Bob Knopf,
Michael Poizner, Paul Rosemberg,
Moshe Sergant, Jerry Wiener,
and Jodi & Steve Zimelman.



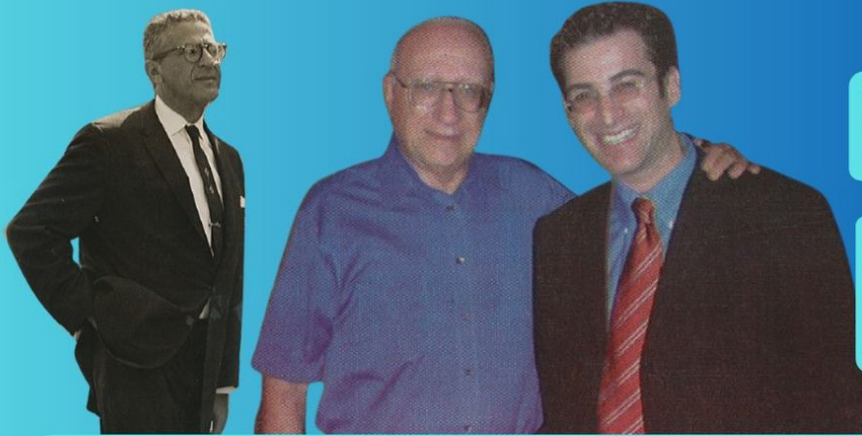
Let's take a moment to give a round of applause to this incredible group of individuals! Year after year, this team works together “behind the scenes” to set up & take down our ark, ensuring that our holiday observance can be complete. The bonds they've forged with one another and the Akiba community by taking responsibility for this important role deserves to be highlighted.

For many on this team, the task of setting up our ark for High Holy Days is a vital part of their commitment to our community. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication and hard work, and we are truly grateful for everything they do.

If you'd like to learn from these legends and be a part of next year's crew, please contact Kathryn at programdirector@templeakiba.net



HERE'S TO 70 YEARS



Temple Akiba's
Rabbis through
the decades!
Rabbi Lymon,
Rabbi Maller &
Rabbi Shapiro

Sunday, December 10

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Temple Akiba Social Hall

Jump into our History with us!

**Join us for an afternoon down memory lane as
we celebrate Temple Akiba's 70th Anniversary!**

**Reunite & nosh with family and friends from
Akiba's past to today.**

**Come see our Display full of Photos, historical
documents, and Memorabilia.**

RSVP by December 4th to admin@templeakiba.net

B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Benny Gursky
son of Michael &
Veronica Gursky
Saturday,
November 4



Amanda Walker
daughter of Alicia
& Robert Walker
Saturday,
November 18



Night Out in Tel Aviv - June 1, 2024

We are happy to announce that we have rescheduled our "Night Out in Tel Aviv" for **Saturday, June 1st, 2024**. We look forward to coming together as a community to eat, drink, dance & play as we celebrate the spirit of Temple Akiba and our commitment & support for Israel. Keep an eye out for more details next year!



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Our light shines brighter together

Shop for all your holiday celebration
and gift giving needs!

Temple Akiba Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Boutique

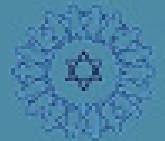
Sunday, November 12, 2023

9 am to 1 pm—in the Temple Social Hall

We have traditional, unique, and new items for every day and all holidays, as well as weddings, bar/bat mitzvot, and other occasions. Stock up on Gelt, Dreidels, and Candles. See our complete selection of Menorahs, Ritual Items, Jewelry, Toys and more*

**We can also special order almost anything*

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Solidarity Through Lighting Shabbat Candles



Scan Code to
Purchase a
Shabbat Kit

We invite you to engage with our Solidarity through Shabbat program, designed to help our community connect with one another and with our people in Israel in a meaningful way. To that end, we have created Shabbat candle gift sets. This includes a set of beautifully crafted Shabbat candles packaged in a colorful bag, along with Shabbat prayers and a prayer for Israel. Additionally, we have included a hamsa sticker to bring you extra connection, protection & a little joy. It's a small gift, a tiny gesture, but with a big impact. Lighting Shabbat candles connects us to one another and to the peace of Shabbat.

In doing so we can also support Magen David Adom & the Jewish Federation of LA with our collected funds. Each set of candles will be a minimum donation of \$18 (as a symbol for life). Pay via check or Credit Card and come pick up a kit at the Temple. Let's bring more light into the world, a thing that as Jews we know exactly how to do.

JOIN US ON ZOOM AT 5:30 PM FOR CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING.

Thursday, December 7
Craigie Fresh & Family Singalong

Saturday, December 9 - Mystery Host

Sunday, December 10 - Mystery Host

Monday, December 11
TASTY Youth Group Takeover

Tuesday, December 12 - Mystery Host

Wednesday, December 13 - Mystery Host

Thursday, December 14
Penso Family

*For those who would like to join a holiday decoration crew and help decorate our campus for Chanukah, please contact Kathryn: programdirector@templeakiba.net



Chanukah Community Dinner & Latkes

Friday, December 8 at 5:30 PM

4:30pm - ECC shmooze & tot service

5:30pm - Community Dinner

6:30pm - Chanukah Family service with
Guest Artist, Justin Stein





Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Sunday, January 14, 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
Valerie Meyer: vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com or Kristine Capell: kristine.capell@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 1/14/2024

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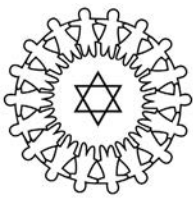
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Check all that apply:

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



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Brighter and Stronger... Together!

We've so very excited that 169 women have joined or renewed their membership in Temple Akiba Sisterhood. And also very appreciative of the 38 men who have chosen to support us as Associate members. Thank you to all those who have joined or renewed their membership. 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 you can access via the barcode on our Brochure on your cell phone, or contact Sisterhood Co-VP of Membership Wendy Senelick at membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com. Dr. Raphael Sonenshein entertained and enlightened more than 110 members following our Annual Membership Dinner. We are so fortunate to have an ongoing relationship with him.

We were delighted to provide apples and honey sticks to all of the students of our ECC & Religious School. It is our sincere hope that their learning experiences at Temple Akiba will be filled with sweetness. Once again, we had the privilege of distributing mini challahs to worshippers when leaving Yom Kippur services. This is truly a joy as so many congregants were so grateful.

Our Annual Chanukah Greetings is underway. Want to show your appreciation to our staff? Sisterhood creates a Chanukah Goody bag for every staff member, and you can be a part of spreading the joy by filling out the form in this Bulletin or the weekly Temple Newsletter and sending it to the Temple. Our Annual Chanukah Boutique will be happening this year on Sunday, November 12th, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. We will have gelt, dreidels & candles as well as Menorahs, games and other ritual & gift items for any celebrations. Can't make it to the Boutique – contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com to shop by appointment.

We hope everyone has a bountiful Thanksgiving filled with love & a joyful Chanukah filled with light.



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SISTERHOOD LATKES & VODKAS CHANUKAH CELEBRATION



Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 PM

The celebration will be hosted by Kate Cregor at her home:
10748 Cranks Road
Culver City, 90230

Latkes, vodkas and light snacks will be served. Please bring a \$15.00 wrapped gift for the white elephant gift exchange, and an unwrapped toy to donate to the children at the PATH family centers. The kids range from 1-15 years (all genders). To RSVP, please contact Kate Cregor at kcregor@hotmail.com





"Our Light Shines Brighter Together"



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



Send a "Chanukah 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 \$5/Staff member (\$150 for all 42), and your family's name will be included with a "Chanukah Greeting" gift. Gift includes: candles, a dreidel, gelt, & a special gift and Chanukah message.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood wishes you and your family a very Happy Chanukah! For more information contact: Valerie Meyer: vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com or Kristine Capell: kristine.capell@gmail.com

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

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November 2023 *17 Cheshvan 5784 - 17 Kislev 5784*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 <i>17 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Israeli Dance Class	2 <i>18 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 PM Leadership Program Class	3 <i>19 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service with 5th Grade Families	4 <i>20 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Benny Gursky
5 <i>21 Cheshvan</i> 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class	6 <i>22 Cheshvan</i>	7 <i>23 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	8 <i>24 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	9 <i>25 Cheshvan</i>	10 <i>26 Cheshvan</i> Temple Closed TASTY Youth Group Veterans Day Camp 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir Veteran's Day	11 <i>27 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study
12 <i>28 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 AM Chanukah Boutique 7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh Class	13 <i>29 Cheshvan</i>	14 <i>1 Kislev</i> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	15 <i>2 Kislev</i>	16 <i>3 Kislev</i> 2:00 PM Book Club	17 <i>4 Kislev</i> 4:00 PM Challah Braid & Bake 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	18 <i>5 Kislev</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study 5:00 PM Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Walker
19 <i>6 Kislev</i> 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class No Religious School	20 <i>7 Kislev</i>	21 <i>8 Kislev</i>	22 <i>9 Kislev</i> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	23 <i>10 Kislev</i> Temple Closed Thanksgiving	24 <i>11 Kislev</i> Temple Closed 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Shabbat Service Thanksgiving	25 <i>12 Kislev</i> 9:00 AM Torah Study
26 <i>13 Kislev</i> No Religious School	27 <i>14 Kislev</i>	28 <i>15 Kislev</i> 7:00 PM Men's Group Book Discussion	29 <i>16 Kislev</i>	30 <i>17 Kislev</i> 7:00 PM Leadership Program Class		

December 2023 18 Kislev 5784 - 19 Tevet 5784

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Share a Temple Akiba Memory

In honor of our 70th Anniversary, we would love for you to send us your favorite Temple Akiba memory that we can share throughout the year. Please send your memory to Kathryn Vischjager at Programdirector@templeakiba.net

					18 Kislev	19 Kislev
					1 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service with 4th Grade Families	2 9:00 AM Torah Study
3 20 Kislev 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class	4 21 Kislev ECC Closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 22 Kislev	6 23 Kislev	7 24 Kislev	8 25 Kislev 5:30 PM Community Dinner with Latkes 6:30 PM Chanukah Family Service with Guest Artist, Justin Stein	9 26 Kislev 9:00 AM Torah Study
10 27 Kislev 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class 2:00 PM 70th Anniversary Historical Display	11 28 Kislev	12 29 Kislev 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	13 1 Tevet 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	14 2 Tevet 2:00 PM Book Club	15 3 Tevet 4:00 PM Challah Braid & Bake 5:30 PM Donation Bin Dedication 7:30 PM Kabbalat Broadway Shabbat	16 4 Tevet 9:00 AM Torah Study
17 5 Tevet 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class 7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh Class	18 6 Tevet Winter Break	19 7 Tevet 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting Winter Break	20 8 Tevet Winter Break	21 9 Tevet Winter Break	22 10 Tevet 6:30 PM Shabbat Service Winter Break	23 11 Tevet 9:00 AM Torah Study Winter Break
24 12 Tevet Winter Break	25 13 Tevet Temple Closed	26 14 Tevet	27 15 Tevet 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	28 16 Tevet 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting	29 17 Tevet 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	30 18 Tevet
31 19 Tevet Winter Break	Winter Break	ECC Winter Camp TASTY Youth Group Winter Camp Winter Break	ECC Winter Camp TASTY Youth Group Winter Camp Winter Break	ECC Winter Camp TASTY Youth Group Winter Camp Winter Break	ECC Winter Camp TASTY Youth Group Winter Camp Winter Break	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.

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In honor of:

Ziva Hamilton, our granddaughter, from Marc & Roberta Hamilton

Rebecca Holzberg, for her excellent work, love Dad, Aaron, & Jodi

In memory of:

Laura Jenkins, from Diana & David Hauptman

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In gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro, for his generosity in welcoming Macey & Eli Goldstein to High Holy Day services, from Andrea Goldstein

Rabbi Shapiro, for your help with Benny's Bar Mitzvah studies, from Veronica & Mike Gursky

Rabbi Shapiro, for the wonderful afternoon Yom Kippur service, from James & Elaine Kaufman

Rabbi Shapiro, for his chesed during our father's illness and during our time of mourning. From the children of Elliot Silverstein

Temple Akiba, for continuing to keep services streaming for those who are unable to attend in person, from Lisa Concoff Koronebek

In honor of:

The High Holy Days, from Lewis Jolton

Rebecca Holzberg, for her excellent work love Dad, Aaron, & Jodi

In memory of:

Roberta Slavitt, my wife, from David Slavitt

Roberta Slavitt, my sister, from Sue Urfrig

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In gratitude to:

Cantor Lonee, for helping Benny with his Bar Mitzvah preparation, from Veronica & Mike Gursky

In honor of:

The High Holy Days, from Lewis Jolton

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Lonee, for the honor of an Aliyah, from Leana & Ron Watts

In memory of:

Laura Jenkins, beloved daughter of Lillian Jenkins, from Helene Jaffa

David Rosenfield, my stepfather, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Roberta Slavitt, beloved sister of Sue Urfrig, from Leanna & Ron Watts

ECC FUND

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Helen Fay Burgess, our Nanny. Always in our hearts, with love & hugs, Bonnie, Dave & Michele Dukes

Kelley Elwer, remembered by Karen Trent and Bea Fine

Deborah Falcon, beloved grandmother, mother, and friend, from Alexis Conerty

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In memory of:

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In gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro, for visiting our home, from Veronica & Mike Gursky

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Paula Fins



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Co-Chairs:

Terry Coty: trcoty@hotmail.com

Terry Shenkman: teshenkman@gmail.com

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For more information contact:

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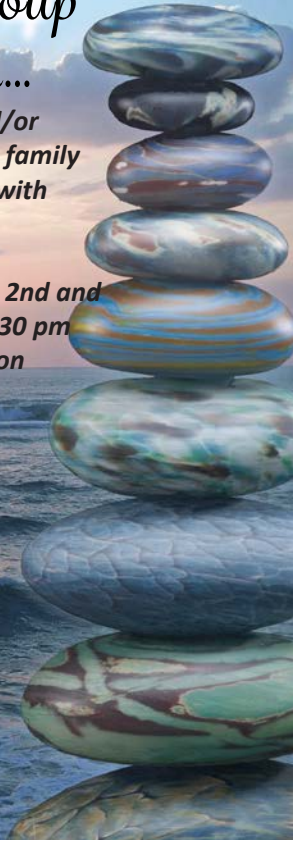
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Welcome New

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Jennifer & Zack Kaplan

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WELCOME TO TEMPLE AKIBA

This October we hosted two Shabbat services to honor of our newest Temple Akiba members. On 10/6, ECC families celebrated with special gathering after school. They grabbed a nosh in the sukkah, created flags for Simchat Torah & filled in holiday coloring pages. Rabbi Shapiro had everyone singing and clapping along to Shabbat melodies as we welcomed our new ECC families. Then, as part of the evening Shabbat service on 10/27, all other new members were honored with a special welcome and community prayer. We are so thrilled to that over 40 new members have joined our community this year - making our light shine even brighter.



HAVURAH HAPPENINGS

A havurah is a group of people with a common thread. From there, the fabric of friendship and support is woven - and it will absolutely enrich your life. Here are a few havurah groups that meet regularly and are open to new members. One of these groups may be right for you...



Pub Akiba Havurah

We're relaunching our Pub Akiba gathering as a havurah! So, if you'd love an informal group of Jewish buddies to visit fun local spots for brew, food & friendship - this is for you. After our first meeting, different members of the group will choose locations for us to visit and enjoy. Our first meeting will take place on **Saturday, December 2 at 7:30pm at Rasselbock Kitchen and Beer Garden**. Let's have a pint & some schnitzel! Please RSVP to Kathryn so that we can reserve space for our group: programdirector@templeakiba.net



Movie Havurah

Perfect for those who love to discuss films, members gather to discuss predetermined films and will sometimes go out to see films and Laemmle or other theaters. Contact Victor Nahmias at vnaahmias@aol.com





Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

New & past participants are equally welcome.
For more information please contact, Kathryn
Vischjager at programdirector@templeakiba.net

November 12 at 7:30 PM
December 17 at 7:30 PM

Zoom link provided upon registration



CHALLAH BRAID & BAKE

November 17th & December 15
from 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Prepare a challah for Shabbat and consider staying for
our beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service as it bakes!
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Pre-order your dough and then come to Akiba anytime
between 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM to braid a challah or
pick up some dough to take home and bake.

For Questions, contact Kathryn at
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DONATION BIN DEDICATION

DECEMBER 15, 2023 AT 5:30 PM

Join us for a very special dedication of our new
Donation Bins. Ira Diamond, in loving memory of
Carol Diamond, hand-crafted three incredible bins
so that people can bring donations for:

- Shoes for the Homeless
- Sova
- Other organization on a rotating basis

These bins embrace the mission of Temple Akiba
while honoring the memory of a beloved
cornerstone in our community.



BOOK Club

Nov. 16 & Dec. 14 at 2:00 PM

Join us on **Thursday, November 16 at 2:00 PM** to
discuss Gangsters vs. Nazis by Michael Benson
and The Dissident by Paul Goldberg. The next
meeting will take place on **Thursday,**
December 14 at 2:00 PM, book to be
announced. The Book Club meetings will take
place in member Helene Jaffa's home.

For more information, contact Helene Jaffa at
310-305-4170 or hjaffa9@gmail.com





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Purchase themed gift baskets for congregation members, clergy, teachers and staff to show them you care and bring a smile to their face.

Baskets will go on sale in January 2024. Sponsorship opportunities are now available.

For questions, please contact Committee Chair Wendy Senelick, wendysenelick@yahoo.com

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PURIM

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2023-2024

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Questions: Sara Fields, Director of Engagement, direngagement@templeakiba.net

Interview with Andrii Bogancha

Translated with www.DeepL.com/Translator

1. What surprised you about living in Los Angeles?

We were surprised by the pace of life in America. Everyone is in a hurry, doing something, discussing plans for the future. After Europe it is very unusual. Before coming here, we lived a year in Austria, where people's life is very measured & not hurried. And of course local people surprised us. All the people we met after arrival were incredibly friendly. I felt this uniqueness back in 1994 when I was in America for the first time & lived with an American family for 2 weeks. I was unable to pass on this experience, but now all the members of my family could feel this level of hospitality & friendliness.



2. What have you found to be your greatest challenge living here?

The biggest challenge for our family is to accept the fact that all the accomplishments we have gained in our lives have gone to zero. Your circle of acquaintances, your circle of influence, your job, your skills, none of that is there anymore. In our families, we were raised with this "study hard and you'll ensure a successful life after 40" attitude. It turns out that at our age of 40, we are just beginning to learn.

3. What else would you like the congregation to know about you and your family?

We are incredibly grateful to all the people who are involved in supporting us in America. The most important thing for us is our children and their future. Now our daughter is studying at High School, our son is studying in College. We are happy about this fact. We are also open to learning and discovering new things. Due to the language barrier, our adaptation is not so fast, but we hope that we will soon find work and be able to be full-fledged members of American society.

Special Message from Michele Paley, Co-Chair of the Welcome Circle

I would like to thank the HIAS Welcome Circle Akiba members Svetlana Rapoport, Cheryl Levinson, Sara Fields, Leila Rosemberg, and Nancy Trachtenberg for all of their efforts to help re-settle this family, in addition to our Adat Shalom partners.

Also, a tremendous thank you to the Akiba congregation for so much support. In addition to monetary donations, gift certificates for their apartment, offers of help from driving to legal, advice, job skills training, housing and so much more, we had so much help. Lastly, thanks to Cathy Penso, Rabbi Shapiro, Jeffrey Rips, Rebecca Holzberg, and Dina Hempling for always being there whenever they were needed.

SWAG SHOP



Temple Akiba's swag store is now open - just in time for our 70th anniversary year! We know that our community is full of spirit, so we have created a place to get Akiba gear that you are sure to love. We have lots of styles and color variations for infants through adults, so be sure to look around. 20% of your order directly supports Temple Akiba. Let us show off our Akiba spirit in style!

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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;
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