



**TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD**



TEMPLE AKIBA  
of CULVER CITY  
*Our light shines brighter together*

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Dear Members of our Congregation,

It's Summertime: that break in the year when we recharge and refresh before we renew our everyday life's commitments. Like most Reform congregations, this is when we examine and pledge or renew our commitment to Temple Akiba. It is also the time to join or renew your membership in Temple Akiba Sisterhood.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood has been in existence since the inception of the Temple. We have been privileged and tasked with providing many enhancements to our congregation and our families have been the beneficiaries of these traditions. Many hands over the years have seen to the purchasing and labeling and bagging of apples and honey celebrating Rosh Hashanah and dreidels and gelt celebrating Chanukah for our ECC and Religious School students. Many of those same hands have book plated and wrapped prayerbooks presented to our Hebrew school students and wrapped Kiddush Cups and Candleholders presented to our youth on the occasion of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. And many hands have arranged cookies on the platters for every Oneg Shabbat, and fried hundreds of latkes for the Chanukah Oneg Shabbat, and bagged Challahs to distribute at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, and served and cleaned up and provided comfort at Meals of Condolence. All of us who have participated have appreciated being both recipients and providers of these wonderful gifts from Sisterhood.

If your heart has now been engaged, I hope I can engage your body as well. Some of the hands that are linked to these endeavors are no longer with us, and some of them are still here and rapidly being covered with age spots. We need to ensure that this chain of tradition carries forward to our current youth and congregation members and into the future. We need women who are busy with families and careers and personal obligations to open themselves to the necessity of taking at least some small part in the continuation of these enhancements to Temple Akiba of Culver City life. There are many ways to volunteer within Sisterhood, descriptions are on the reverse side of this page, and I would like each of you to give some thought to how you might be able to do so. It starts with becoming a Sisterhood member and granting us at least your financial support. It can grow to encompass participating in one mailing, or one gift bagging, or one Oneg Shabbat preparation. And it can continue to grow with as much interest and time as you individually embrace. Most of all, by making a commitment to Temple Akiba Sisterhood you are joining your hands to the hands of those who came before you – and to those who will come in the future.

I hope to speak with many of you about how you can become a part of Sisterhood, not only for what you can do for Sisterhood but also for what Sisterhood can do for you. I welcome your participation whether it is financial, or physical, or spiritual. I sincerely hope that you will give this message some thought and find yourself willing to accept a commitment to Temple Akiba Sisterhood.

With love and in Sisterhood,

Linda Park  
President