

Temple Akiba of Culver City



Join us for the High Holy Days
& the Season of Renewal



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SEPT/OCT Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, September 2 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, September 9 6:30pm
Torah Service with Choir

Friday, September 16 6:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, September 23 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, September 30 6:30pm
Shabbat Shuva Service

Friday, October 7 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, October 14 6:30pm
Sukkot Family Service & Kindergarten
Consecration

Friday, October 21 6:30pm
Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Service

Friday, October 28 6:30pm
Shabbat Service honoring New Members

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,

I sat on a Beit Din (group of three Jewish clergy) this week as a young person was going through her conversion process. The Beit Din is one of the final steps toward conversion. We engage one another in a conversation regarding what it means for him/ her/ them to become Jewish.

This particular individual shared that she was often unsure that she was performing the rituals correctly. I looked at her and smiled. I then admitted, "So I often, I feel the same way. So often I have doubt if I am doing this the right way."

I then added, "This is why we call it 'practicing' Judaism rather than 'performing' Judaism."

Friends, we are all on a journey. Especially now, as we enter the Holy Day season, we look deeply inward to reflect on our actions, our words, our soul-print. We look - and we discover how we are, indeed, a work in progress. And so, we practice.

We practice our rituals.
We practice our prayers.
We practice our challah baking.
We practice our mitzvot.
We practice our ability to hold a Kiddush cup and a siddur at the same time.
We practice the melody for candle lighting.
We practice the difficult words of the Mourner's Kaddish.
We practice reaching out to those who are in need.

We practice, and we keep on practicing. We'll make mistakes. We'll get embarrassed. We'll do the blessing for after the Torah when we should do the blessing for before.

And we'll keep practicing.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur don't demand of us perfection. They demand that we recognize that we are a people who are committed to practicing.

What rituals will you practice even more this year?
What outreach will you practice?
What volunteer work will you practice?
What study will you practice?

Temple Akiba is here with you and for you. We can't wait to embrace you on your journey. And I, personally, can't wait to practice together on these Holy Days.

Ron, Maya, and Eli join me in wishing you and all you love a New Year filled with love!

Shana Tova,

Rabbi Zachary Shapiro

Cantor's Corner



"We return, we return to love, to truth, to you."

In planning for the upcoming High Holy Days, I've had a song constantly running through my head. It's a duet that I first introduced a few years ago and sang with Camille Joffe. I'll be singing it again with the Adult Choir this year during our Kol Nidrei services. The lyrics are:

We return

We return

We return return again

We return

We return

We return return

Again and again

To love (truth) (You)

This time of year is a period of return, of renewal and of growth. Our children return to school, many of us return to work after summer vacations and we return to the holy time of the High Holy Days. We begin our new year again, reflecting on our previous year and looking toward our future time with hope for a fulfilling period ahead.

I am very much looking forward to our High Holy Days. For the first time in over 2 years, we will finally be able to conduct our services in person! I am so excited to be able to see the beautiful faces of our congregation while we sing and pray together. Our Adult Choir, Junior Choir and Cantor's Chanters will once again be lending their beautiful voices and helping to our services.

This is the year of return, a return to a semblance of normalcy and a return to the ability to congregate, sing and pray together.

May this new-year be one of new beginnings, meaningful moments, health and happiness for all!

Shana Tovah,

Cantor Lonee Frailich

ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Instilling good character and values in children is a sacred duty in which we all believe.

The primary source for character building in a child's life is the family. Ideally, a common message from both school and family provides reinforcement. Working together we can nurture children so they develop good character traits that are founded on Jewish values.

This year we will continue The Mussar Institute's Middah of the Month program. This program integrates a new Jewish value each month into our classroom. The middot (plural of middah) we will cover are:

1. Forgiveness (S'lichot)
2. Patience (Sav'lanut)
3. Friendship (Y'didut)
4. Trust (Bitachon)
5. Silence (S'htikah)
6. Responsibility (Acharayut)
7. Courage (Ometz Lev)
8. Generosity (Nedivut)
9. Kindness (Chesed)

Children will learn about each middah from the perspective of Jewish tradition and teachings. Through activities at school and at home they will experience the middah in action.

Watch for our letter and article presenting our first Middah of the Month. We know you will enjoy the sweet rewards of this journey we are taking together!

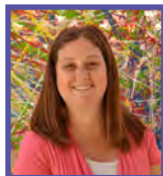
Family is the primary character-building force in a child's life. Ideally, a common message will be given to children from both school and family. Working together we can nurture children and help develop good character founded on Jewish values. Family time provides a great opportunity to discuss values with your children. Try to set aside time each week when the family can sit together – dinner may be convenient for some families, or a weekend afternoon.

This month we are learning about the middah of forgiveness, known as s'lichah in Hebrew. The discussion questions below can be used to facilitate your family conversation and practice forgiveness.

Have you done something that you are sorry for? What can you do about it? Why should you say you are sorry if you do something wrong? Can you make everything all better when you say you are sorry? Can you think of something you did that you will try to never do again?

Shana Tova to all of our families. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning.

Randee Bishoff,
Director of Education



President's Message

Welcome to the year 5783. There is so much to look forward to in the New Year!

First, a warm embrace to those who have recently joined Temple Akiba. Please come to our Welcome Event Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9 am in the Wolkowitz Field. Meet Board and Committee Members and make new friends. Find out what's planned for the coming year and how you can get involved.

Thank you to all who have renewed your commitment to Temple Akiba. I hope to see you at the Welcome Event, too. Come schmooze, welcome new members, engage with our community.

Just as I hope you all had a chance to refresh and recharge your commitment to Temple Akiba, our Board and Staff met recently to do the same.

Our mission is to embrace you and deepen your Jewish identity through Torah, justice, and community.

Together we are committed to bringing goodness into the world.

Our vision is to provide you with a center for Jewish life.

Our Purposes are to support and promote the following for you, our Members:

The conduct of Jewish religious services;

The provision of Jewish religious education;

The enhancement and fostering of cultural and spiritual welfare;

The advancement of a liberal interpretation of Jewish traditions;

The service as a Jewish voice in the local community; and

A vehicle for bringing justice into the world through Tikkun Olam.

At Temple Akiba, our light shines brighter together

Our light will be shining even brighter this year as we join together as a community at Veteran's Auditorium for High Holy Day Services after three years! I am so excited to welcome you in person!

Temple Akiba is turning 70! Would you like to help plan our celebrations? Let me know.

Israel is reaching a milestone year, too, turning 75! You can join Temple Akiba's trip to Israel next June.

May this year be a healthy and peaceful one for all,

Cathy Penso, President



Executive Director's Message

When I was 18 I spent my first Yom Kippur away from home. It was during the year I spent in Israel. My friend and I walked the streets of Jerusalem, stopping at a few different Falafel stands eating diverse falafel creations as our pre-Yom Kippur Fast meal. It was just the start of this unique and very special Yom Kippur for me. After eating dinner, we made our way to the Kotel (Western Wall) where, even though surrounded by hundreds (perhaps thousands) of people – we found a space, and while literally touching the ancient stones, we had our own Kol Nidre service. There was something special about sharing this moment with my friend from 2nd grade (yes, we are still friends today), while being in Israel, and especially at the Kotel. The entire Yom Kippur day was spent moving throughout Jerusalem from synagogue to synagogue, from the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem to a small Minyan in a neighborhood courtyard. Although each one was unique, it was a very powerful day to be part of so many different – yet the same, experiences. Event to today, when I am asked to share a special, impactful time for me in my Jewish journey, this day, and especially Kol Nidre at the Kotel, always come to mind.

As we approach the High Holy Days, and will once again join together, in-person, at Vets, I am excited to celebrate what for me will be another unique experience. After two years of beautiful, meaningful, and most importantly deeply spiritual High Holidays with our Temple Akiba Community – this will be my first time, in-person together, as a community, at Vets.

People have asked me about our COVID protocols. I wanted to share that we will continue to work with our COVID Advisory Task Force on our COVID protocols to ensure the best possible environment. I do know that we are fortunate to have a space like Vets that can accommodate our entire community yet still have space to spread out if desired. That said, we will communicate with you the protocols prior to Rosh Hashanah

I look forward to joining together with all of you on September 25 & 26 and again on October 4 & 5 as we celebrate, pray, and create impactful, meaningful, memories. I hope that you, like my memories from my Yom Kippur in Israel, will look back on High Holy Days 2022 as one of your impactful memories on your own personal Jewish journey.



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

Temple Akiba welcomes our 2022-23 Rabbinic Intern Hannah Bloomberg

Hannah Bloomberg is a third-year rabbinical student and MA in Jewish Nonprofit Management candidate at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio where her interfaith family was actively involved in a local Reform congregation, Temple- KolAmi. Hannah received her undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester, where she studied psychology and neuroscience. She has had the privilege of working with many adults through NFTY-NEL, URJ Chicago, Moishe House, and time thus far at HUC, she has cultivated her interests in global Jewish children, teens, and young Jewish communities, Jewish storytelling. In Hannah's free time, she can be found practicing and cupcakes, and exploring different restaurants. She is grateful for the opportunity to join the Temple Akiba community, and is looking forward to learning, singing, and praying together!



Meet Your Temple Akiba Staff and Board of Trustees 2022-2023



Front Row: Tracey Wise Finkelstein, Verna Erez, Linda Park, Cathy Penso, Leah Penso, Jenna Sonenshein

Middle Row: Rabbi Shapiro, Caroline Schwartz, Randee Bishoff, Lisa Tsimanis, Dina Hempling, Herman Barnathan, Morris Zlotowitz

Back Row: Marc Bauer, John Magoulas, Kathryn Vischjager, Andrew Lachman, Benjamin Rapaport, Jeffrey Rips

Absent: Robyn Altman, Stella August, Ira Diamond, Sara Fields, Cantor Lonee Frailich, Rebecca Holzberg, Helene Jaffa

Slichot

Saturday, September 17

A Service of Introspection

Study, Meditative Slichot
& Havdalah Service
5:00 pm — 7:30 pm

Tashlich

Saturday, October 1

*Havdalah service at
6 pm at Toes Beach*

Join us as we symbolically cast away
our sins and regrets into the ocean
and start the New Year refreshed!

SEASON OF RENEWAL

Sukkot

Sunday, October 9

12 pm

Join us for a fun filled family day
decorating the Temple Sukkah as we
prepare for the festival of SUKKOT!

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 16

Yizkor Service 5:00 pm
Simchat Torah Service 6:00 pm



Temple Akiba's



High Holy Day Services 2022/5783



Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 25-26

Yom Kippur: Oct. 4-5

Rosh Hashanah Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service
(At the Temple) at 5:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
at 10:00 am

Children's Service (At the Temple)
at 3:00 pm

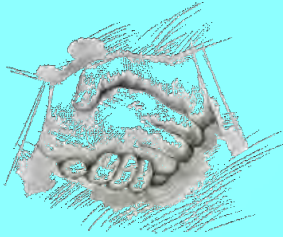
Yom Kippur Services

Kol Nidre Service
at 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur Morning Service
at 10:00 am

Afternoon Yizkor Service
at 3:30 pm

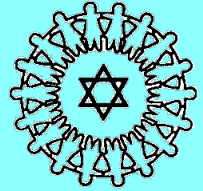
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Temple Akiba Men's Group



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CANDIDATE FORUM

September 20, 2022

The Men's Group and Sisterhood of Temple Akiba invite you to the Temple, for a candidate forum for the CA State Senate and the Culver City Unified School District Board. This event is open to the public and will be moderated by our Leadership Development Trustee, Andrew Lachman.

Senate debate at 6:00 PM

School board debate at 7:00 PM

Senate Nominees

Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

Cheryl Turner

School Board Nominees

Howard Adelman

Marci Baun

Tristan Ezidore

Brian Guerrero

Stephanie Loreda

Summer McBride

Darrel Menthe



Introduction to Judaism



Temple Akiba of Culver City

Introduction to Judaism is an engaging multi-session course for anyone interested in exploring Jewish life through a Reform lens

Oct 2, 2022 — Apr 1, 2023

18 Sessions, At Temple Akiba

Sunday mornings

10:30 AM -12:00 PM

Let's ask Tough Questions, Nourish our Souls Spiritually, Learn about Peoplehood, Dialogue about God, Feel the Rhythm of Prayer, and Create Community



Tuition: \$250 for Non-Members, \$180 for Temple Akiba Members
(tuition covers two individuals taking the class together).

Register at admin@templeakiba.net

ReformJudaism.org

Supported by the National Center to Encourage Judaism, which funds programs that welcome people new to Judaism. Jewish Life in Your Life

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 Wednesdays of the month
from 11 am—12 noon

Adult Hebrew / B'nei Mitzvah Class



Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm
beginning October 19 on Zoom

Cost: \$50 for members and \$180 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.

RSVP to cantorlonee@templeakiba.net

SUKKOT EVENTS

October 8th

6:00 PM – Join us for Havdalah and to help decorate our Temple Sukkah as Sukkot begins.

October 9th

12:00 PM – After Religious School, join us as we decorate our Temple Sukkah for Sukkot.

October 14th

5:30 PM – We invite you to our Sukkot Family Picnic & Kindergarten Consecration followed by Shabbat Services.



TEMPLE AKIBA ECC & PJ LIBRARY PRESENT

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.

Come meet other families with tiny tots.

FREE and open to the whole community!



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 in person for the 2022-2023 Tiny Tot Shabbat At 9:00am

Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6,
Feb 3, Mar 3, May 5

Please bring a towel or yoga mat for you and your child to sit on.

All adults must show proof of covid vaccine to enter.

For more information please contact
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B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Adam Reyes
son of
Michele Van Gelderen &
Rigoberto Reyes
Saturday, September 10



Sophia Weinberg
daughter of
Laura Forsythe &
Frederick Weinberg
Saturday, September 17



Milo Altman
son of
Robyn & Jason Altman
Saturday, October 8



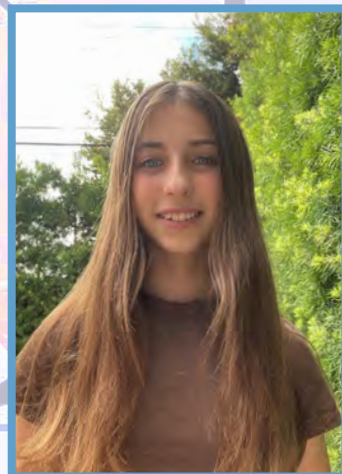
Simone Gafni
daughter of
Corinne & Benjamin Gafni
Saturday, October 15



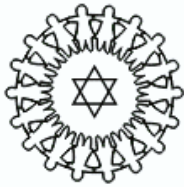
Graham Gafni
son of
Wendy & Aaron Gafni
Saturday, October 15



Erez Waisman
son of
Shira Sergant &
Dov Waisman
Saturday, October 22



Penny Senelick
daughter of
Wendy & Devin Senelick
Saturday, October 29



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Temple Akiba Men's Group

**Temple Akiba Board of Trustees,
Sisterhood, and Men's Group
Invite you to join us at our**

Welcome Nosh Event

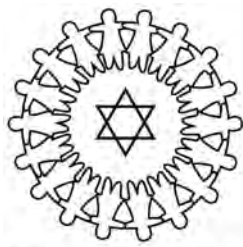
**Sunday, September 11, 2022
9 AM – Wolkowitz Field**

***All covid protocols in effect on Sept 11 will be followed.**

- ✧ Celebrate the beginning of a new year
- ✧ Meet friends old and new
- ✧ Get information about Tikkun Olam, Caring Community, Fundraisers, Adult Education, Youth & Camp Programs, Religious School & ECC Committees, Israel Trip, Leadership Development, Sisterhood, Men's Group, Mitzvah Day, and more!

✧ Info: Wendy Senelick & Nancy Trachtenberg at
membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com
Or Victor Nahmias at vnahmias@aol.com





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Brighter and Stronger...Together!

The High Holy Days approach and the season of renewal begins once again. Our Sisterhood Membership campaign is being conducted through various platforms this year. Some previous members were sent the information by mail (in a bright pink envelope), and everyone should have received it by e-mail. Our Vice Presidents of Membership, Wendy Senelick and Nancy Trachtenberg, together with our Treasurers, Karen Marcus and Kristine Capell, have worked diligently to make Sisterhood membership accessible and convenient for all. Our brochure is accessible on the Temple website if you click on Community and select Sisterhood. If you have any questions or need assistance, please e-mail membership.sisterhood@templeakiba.net and we will gladly provide you a helping hand. Thank you to all who have or will be supporting us in our efforts to augment and enhance our wonderful Temple.

September brings with it so many things to remember and accomplish including the return to classrooms for our Religious School and ECC students. Together with the Men's Group and the Temple, we are co-hosting the annual Welcome Nosh on September 11, 2022. This is an opportunity to come together as a community, meet our leadership, and learn about all the wonderful opportunities and events at our Temple. Join us for a cup of coffee, a snack, and a schmooze. And in honor of Rosh Hashanah, Sisterhood will be presenting each of our students with an apple and honey to symbolize that learning is a sweet experience.

We are again looking forward to distributing mini challahs on Yom Kippur day. Look for Sisterhood Board members outside Vets Auditorium at the conclusion of services.

Coffee With the Clergy resumes on September 7th. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesday of the month (holidays notwithstanding) at 11:00.

We will again be hosting our Annual Sisterhood Membership Dinner with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein on October 18th. The flyer for this event is in this bulletin. Please remember that reservations for dinner are required, by October 7 and that the cost is reduced for Sisterhood members and Associate Sisterhood members.

Our Gift Shop continues to be available by appointment. We have so much inventory that is only fractionally represented in the foyer display cases. Contact Linda Park at mommylinda50@hotmail.com with any questions you might have about what we have to offer.

Sisterhood extends to all a wish for a healthy, peaceful, safe, and happy New Year. Shana Tova u'Metukah.



September 2022 5 Elul 5782 - 5 Tishrei 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ^{5 Elul}	2 ^{6 Elul} 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira	3 ^{7 Elul}
4 ^{8 Elul}	5 ^{9 Elul} Temple Closed Labor Day	6 ^{10 Elul} 6:30 PM Religious School Back to School Night	7 ^{11 Elul} 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy Begins 6:30 PM ECC Back to School Night	8 ^{12 Elul} 3:30 PM – Challah Braid & Bake	9 ^{13 Elul} 5:30 PM Open House 6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir	10 ^{14 Elul} 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Adam Reyes
11 ^{15 Elul} 9:00 AM Welcome Nosh First Day of Religious School	12 ^{16 Elul} 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Begins First Day of Akiba High	13 ^{17 Elul} 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting First Day of Hebrew School	14 ^{18 Elul} 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	15 ^{19 Elul}	16 ^{20 Elul} 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	17 ^{21 Elul} 10:30 AM Torah Study Begins 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Weinberg 5:00 PM Slichot Service
18 ^{22 Elul}	19 ^{23 Elul} 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	20 ^{24 Elul} 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting – Meet the Candidates	21 ^{25 Elul} 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	22 ^{26 Elul} 8:30 Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event	23 ^{27 Elul} 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	24 ^{28 Elul}
25 ^{29 Elul} No Religious School Erev Rosh HaShanah	26 ^{1 Tishrei} Temple Closed Rosh HaShanah	27 ^{2 Tishrei}	28 ^{3 Tishrei} 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	29 ^{4 Tishrei}	30 ^{5 Tishrei} 6:30 PM Shabbat Shuva Service	

October 2022 *6 Tishrei 5782 - 6 Cheshvan 5783*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 6:00 PM Tashlich
2 10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class Begins	3 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	4 1:00 PM Dismissal for ECC Erev Yom Kippur	5 Temple Closed Yom Kippur	6	7 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira & Board Instillation	8 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Milo Altman 6:00 PM Havdalah & Sukkah Decorating
9 12:00 PM Sukkah Decorating	10 Temple Closed Sukkot	11 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	12 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	13 3:30 PM Challah Braid & Bake	14 5:30 PM Sukkot Family Picnic & Kindergarten Consecration	15 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with B'nei Mitzvah of Simone & Graham Gafni
16 5:00 PM Simchat Torah Celebration & Yizkor Service	17	18 6:00 PM Sisterhood Membership Event & Dinner	19 11:00 AM Coffee with the Clergy	20	21 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Adult B'nai Mitzvah	22 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Erez Waisman
23 8:30 AM Blood Drive	24 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn	25 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting	26 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom	27	28 6:30 PM Shabbat Service Honoring New Members	29 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Penelope Senelick 4:00 PM 7th Grade Ending Dinner & Havdalah
30 Tour de Summer Camps Bike Ride	31 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn					

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

In honor of:

Cathy Penso, for her loving care, from Donna Flier
Mike & Cindy Smith, on their 50th anniversary, from Stan & Sheila Weinberg

In memory of:

Lillian Coopersmith, from Michael Gabai
Lillian Coopersmith, from Diane Liff
Judy Jamner Freedman, from Joyce Ortman
Max Himel, from John Magoulas, Jannie Magoulas and Stella August
Leah Kitz, my dear friend, from John Magoulas
Ron Nathanson, from Linda and Robert Fleischman
Ron Nathanson, from Myrna Kayton
Ron Nathanson, from Stan & Sheila Weinberg
Nel De Groot Snook, she will be missed, from John Magoulas

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of **Ilan Larsen**, from Tova & Kurt Larsen
Cantor Frailich, for your wonderful sermon about significant women in Judaism and gratitude for your kind note about the loss of our cat, from Joanne & Duke Molner

In memory of:

Longtime congregant and one-of-a-kind special person, the incomparable **Judy Jamner Freedman**, my mother, from Andrew Jamner

FROM THE HEART RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In honor of:

Jaeden Knopf, get well soon, from Stella & Matt August

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Bruce Rudich, my brother, for his 75th Birthday, from Lou & Cheryl Rudich

ECC FUND

In honor of:

Bruce & Lori Rudich's 50th Anniversary, from Louis & Cheryl Rudich

JUSTIN SHABSIS FUND

In memory of:

Tania Heyman, my niece, from Leanna & Ron Watts
June Shabsis, from John Magoulas

Yahrzeit Fund

Leslie Aigner, my father, from Robert & Sharon Aigner
Ann & Richard Alexander, my parents, from Karen Alexander
Aaron Berkson, my father, from Lori & Ira Rudich
Hy Brody, my grandfather, from Robyn & Gary Shev
Eunice Collins, our friend, from Tima Gallien & Christine Bellettini
Hilda Dershewitz, my mother, from Shelley Garrido
Lillian Edelman, my mother, from Fred & Emily Edelman
Judy Freedman, my mother, from Lisa Jamner
Sam Freeman, my grandfather, from Belinda Braunstein
Barry Gold, my husband, from Lesley Gold
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Jeanie Knell, my aunt, from Lisa Jamner
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Bea Labozer, my mother, from Elaine & James Kaufman
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Sue Levitt, my dear friend, from Sharlene London
Frances Lewin, my mother, and Frank Lewin, my nephew, from Joanne Wolf
Rita Rifke Lewis & Clarence Calvin Lewis, my parents, from Arla Lewis
Daniel Marcus, my father, from Karen Marcus
Eleanor Mendel, my mother, from Jerry & Letty Mendel
Eleanor Mendel, my mother, Elaine & Bruce Holiday
Marian Molner, my mother, from Duke & Joanne Molner
Walter Nathan, my father, from Viviane Nathan
Nancy Nathanson, my sister-in-law, from Janet Nathanson
Ron Nathanson, for his contributions to Temple Akiba, from Helene & David Jaffa
Fred Nussbaum, my father, from Howard Nussbaum
Sabrina Opperman, my sister, from Morris & Shirley Price
Karen Pelletier, our daughter, from Aaron & Janet Nathanson
Robert "Bob" Rips, my father from Jeffrey Rips
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Jack Shenkman, my father, from Terry Shenkman
Janet Sherman, my wife, from Marvin Sherman
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Rebecca Spector, our daughter, from Benita & Michael Spector
Sheldon Stein, my brother, from Sharon Krakoff
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Abe Swerdlow, my father, from Jay & Andrea Swerdlow
Catherine Tassone, my mother, from Cathy & Bruce Penso
Jerome Urfrig, from Wendy Temple

Mordechai Varsano, my father, from Jonathan & Lauren Varsano
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Adelle Wexler, from Jane St. John
Ida Worobe, my friend, from Joanne Wolf

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Gratitude to:

Rabbi Shapiro, from the Berman Family

In honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of **Ilan Larsen**, from Tova & Kurt Larsen

The baby naming of **Jude Satz**, from Hilary & Greg Satz

Janice Schwartz, from Debbie & Mark Schwartz

In memory of:

Michael Burgess, my beloved grandfather, I miss you Poppy. It's been 30 years - you're always in my heart. From, Bonnie & David Dukes

Longtime congregant and one-of-a-kind special person, the incomparable **Judy Jamner Freedman**, my mother, from Andrew Jamner

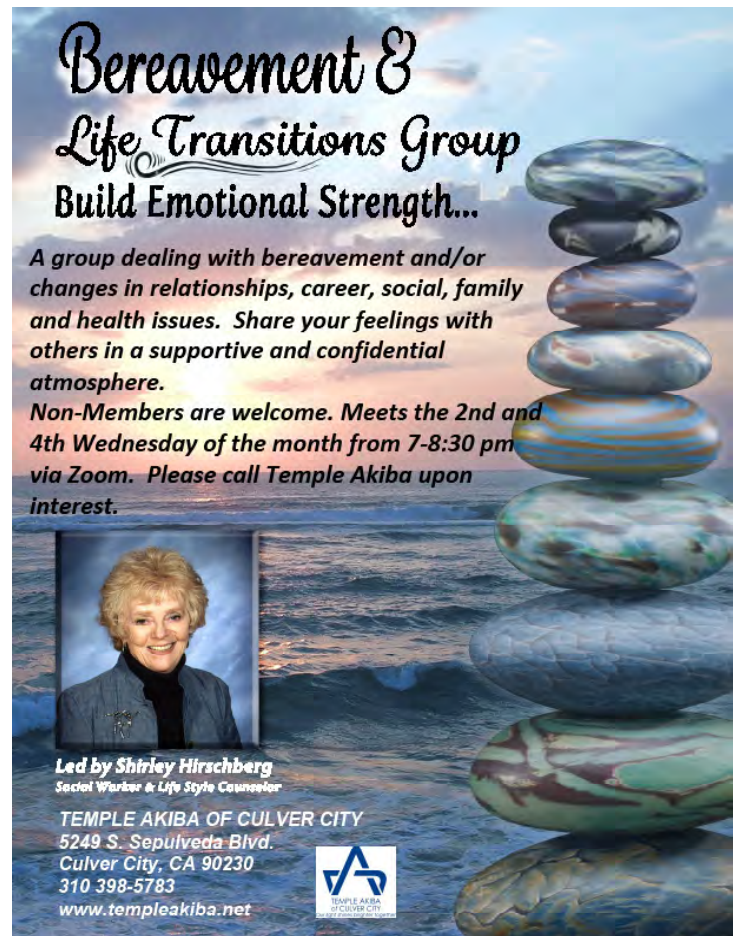
Judy Jamner Freedman, our dear friend, Edith & David Ostrove

Ron Nathanson, from the Weitz/Fortel Families

LEE WOLKOWITZ MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of:

Mary Bauman, our dear friend, from Leanna & Ron Watts




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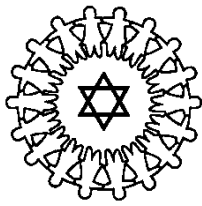
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Join us for an Evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein & Temple Akiba Sisterhood for our Membership Dinner



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Tuesday, October 18, 2022

6:00 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Program

Temple Akiba Social Hall

Theme: 2023- What's Next?

Reservations with payment required for dinner by October 7

Paid-up Sisterhood Members & Associates dine for \$10.

Non-members pay \$25 per person.

We cannot provide dinner to anyone who does not have a reservation.

Anyone is welcome to attend the free program at 7:30 PM.

All COVID protocols in effect October 18th will be followed.

Questions? Contact Wendy Senelick & Nancy Trachtenberg at
membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com

Sisterhood Membership Dinner Reservation (7:30 PM program is free)

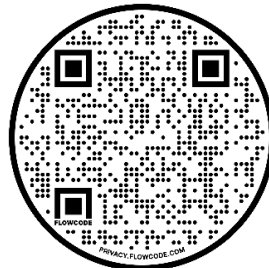
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Men's Group of Temple Akiba



We have gotten off to a roaring start to the year. On July 29th, the Men's Group, in collaboration with the Sisterhood, hosted our first annual barbecue. The event was really well attended. Everyone enjoyed having the chance to get together in person, schmooze, chow down on good food, and be out and about. It was a great time. Be sure to join us again next summer!

We have a number of upcoming events:

September 11 - Welcome Nosh

We are once again hosting with Sisterhood our Welcome Nosh. This event will take place in Wolkowitz Field on the first day of religious school.

September 20 - Candidates Night

Another new event for the Temple. Sisterhood and Men's Group are hosting an opportunity to meet the candidates for CCUSD and California state office.

November 14 - Stealing Home

A talk by Eric Nussbaum, author and Temple Akiba alumnus, will speak about the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chavez Ravine, and the impact this had on Los Angeles and the residents of the area.

November 20 - Ronald Reagan Library

A behind the scenes tour of the Presidential Library led by our own Ira Pemstein. This will be a limited capacity tour, though we may be able to repeat it at a future date. And yes, you will be able to see Air Force One.

Many more events are planned. Please, come join us!

Trustee of Engagement

Sara Fields

We are anxious to sponsor a Ukrainian refugee family. Following HIAS's model of Sponsor Circles, we are looking for six to eight congregants who are willing to help the family for six months. This includes helping adults find work, finding housing, registering children in school, and taking care of other needs. We also need to raise about \$20,000 to support the family financially for six months. HIAS will provide mentoring and links to resources. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please email sarafields044@gmail.com. If six to eight congregants respond, we'll move forward with this exciting venture.

For more information, contact Sara Fields at engagementtrustee@templeakiba.net

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For more information or help with ordering,
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September 9

Come meet our clergy, tour our facility and connect with our wonderful community!

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Thursday, September 8 & Thursday, October 13

3:30 PM—5:30 PM

On September 8th, we will be making Apples & Honey challah in honor of Rosh Hashanah! RSVP by Monday, September 5th.

On October 13th, we will be making challah inspired by Sukkot! RSVP by Monday, October 10th.

*You are free to bring your own mix-ins or make a plain challah

Cost: \$8 per challah for members, \$10 for non-members

If you have any questions, please contact
Kathryn Vischjager: programdirector@templeakiba.net

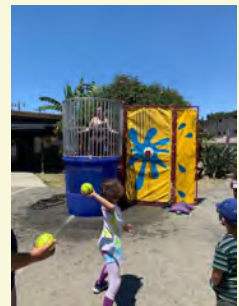
Camp Akiba 2022



What a great summer!! We all know life as we know it is a little different in 2022 than it was in 2019. Practically, we can list the differences: more hand sanitizer, masks, hypersensitivity to coughing or sneezing, and more space between people. The harder list is to realize what has been missing for these past three summers. The little performances in front of camp that build confidence, passing the swim test and jumping off the high dive, the joy found singing and dancing together, the smell of 175 challah baking at the same time, the thrill of riding a “scary” ride with your friends, and the sound of laughter throughout every facet of Akiba Day Camp. Science will tell you the necessary conditions to form friendship are “proximity; repeated, unplanned interactions; and a setting that encourages people to let their guard down and confide in each other.” Camp is obviously structured, but way less so than School. Camp is where children form lifelong friendships. Camp is the place where they discover so many fun things about Judaism. Camp is also where they see kids they used to look up to become counselors, and give back to their camp community. We had a great summer at camp and are already counting down the days to 2023!



Robyn Altman, Akiba Day Camp Director



TASTY IS BACK!

Temple Akiba's Youth Programming

Akiba Members in 4th - 12th grade are welcome and encouraged to participate in monthly events always focused on **FUN ADVENTURES WITH AKIBA PEERS!**

TASTY Treats
6th-7th grade



TASTY Bites
4th-5th grade



Senior TASTY
8th-12th grade

All TASTY groups are welcome to join our Welcome Back Carnival on Sunday, September 11th following Religious School!

STAY CONNECTED to TASTY!

Follow LeahAtAkiba on Facebook or contact Leah,
Director of Akiba Youth & Resident Camp Programs at
youthgroup@templeakiba.net

TASTY Events will always follow COVID-19 safety guidelines/requirements

TEMPLE AKIBA OF CULVER CITY TZEDAKAH SOCIETY 2022 - 2023

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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Akiba Resident Camp THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for making this special summer program possible, magical and memorable!



KEEP SUPPORTING AKIBA RESIDENT CAMP through Tour de Summer Camps

This Jewish Federation biking event on Sunday October 30, 2022 has provided over \$50,000 in need-based scholarships to Akiba Resident Camp over the last 8 years.



Three ways you can help!

Follow this link to join or donate to our team:

<https://www.tourdesummercamps.org/Team/View/163922/Camp-Akiba>

Help on October 30th at our Akiba sponsored rest stop along the tour route by contacting Director of Youth & Resident Camp, Leah Penso at youthgroup@templeakiba.net



HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

To benefit the JFS SOVA Community Food & Resource Program

The SOVA Community Food & Resource Program depends on your in-person and online donations to help ensure that the people of LA do not go hungry. This year, when our services are needed more than ever, we hope you will join us to make the High Holidays a time when we reach out to those who need a helping hand.

If you are donating items in person, we ask you to please focus on the specific items listed below. This will help us provide the most nutritious and useful items for our pantry clients.*

- ▶ Canned Tuna
- ▶ Nut Butter
- ▶ 100% Juice
- ▶ Low-sodium Canned Vegetables
- ▶ Cooking Oil
- ▶ Whole Grain Cereal (Hot or Cold)
- ▶ Shelf-stable Milk & Milk Alternatives
- ▶ Low-sodium Canned Tomato Products
- ▶ Low-sodium Canned Soup
- ▶ Personal hygiene items, toiletries (such as toilet paper) and other household items

*Please no glass products or opened products. Kosher products preferred.

You can also make a meaningful contribution by donating to the food drive online.

Monetary donations to the SOVA pantries help us provide fresh protein, produce, dairy, and eggs for our clients. We can only provide these fresh and nutritious items to families in LA through a virtual drive. This format also allows us to leverage our close relationships with food distributors to make the impact of your dollar go exponentially farther. That means more food for more families. You can make your donation at any time by going to:

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