

Temple Akiba of Culver City



*Join us for the High Holy Days
and the Season of Renewal*



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SEPT/OCT Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, September 4 6:30pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, September 11 7pm
Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, September 18 6pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah "Seder" Service

Friday, September 25 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, October 2 6:30pm
Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, October 9 7pm
Shabbat Service with Choir

Friday, October 16 7pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, October 23 7pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, October 30 7pm
Shabbat Service

Shalom, Rav



Dear friends,

Every year as we approach this season, world events collide with self-reflection, creating a symphony, complete with harmonies, dissonance, and at times discord. This particular year, we face a Presidential election, a world pandemic, a troubled economy, social and racial tensions, and political divides within the Jewish community. Our Jewish calendar tells us how we are supposed to be feeling this time of year, but world events weigh heavily. It isn't the most natural thing.

And so, we seek the common threads that can become the sustaining notes that unify us.

This year, more than any, we need, we really need, to be with one another, to feel that sense of unity. We need hugs. We need to be near the Torah. We need the sounds of the choir. Yet because of the pandemic, we are following guidelines to keep us safe. It thus becomes that much harder to embrace the unity we seek.

And that's where YOUR pre-preparation comes in.

As our services will be via zoom and livestream, each of us has the opportunity to create in advance our own sacred space at home. When you join via computer for the Holy Days, think about what this space looks like:

What can you do to make it look nice? (Example - have flowers nearby)
How will you be dressed?
Where will the light be?

To put it bluntly - don't be on screen with a pile of dirty dishes behind you slumped in a couch wearing a shmata! We all need to work hard to create holy space. It won't happen on it's own!

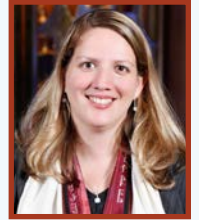
No, we won't be entering a building together. But we are building together. Please, think deeply about creating your mini-sanctuary. And we will journey through these days, lifting our soul as one community.

Ron joins me in wishing all of you love, and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year! Shana Tova!

With love and shalom,
Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter  Together

Cantor's Corner



The High Holy Days are going to look a lot different this year. Because of the ongoing pandemic, all of our services will be online this year. They will be over Zoom, a format that still allows us to see each other and interact with each other. We are purposely not using the word virtual to describe this format because there is nothing virtual about it. Our services and our experiences this High Holy Day season will be very real and just as meaningful as if we were in person. We as a community make whatever space we are in holy. We do that every year when we are at the Vet's Auditorium. We transform a basketball court into a holy venue. And we will transform our homes and our internet into a holy venue.

Yes, our holy days will look different but we are hoping they will not feel different. The engagement, the spirituality, the message and the beauty of the music will remain the same. The participation from our incredible congregants who imbue our holy days with so much love and meaning will be the same. We are so lucky to have a group of fifteen people who will be chanting Torah. Many of our chanters are young adults who have recently become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Our Junior Choir and Cantor's Chanters will also grace us with their angelic voices. And we treasure our congregants who enhance our services with special readings every year.

There will be an opportunity for all those who would like a more tangible connection to come to the Synagogue in between Yom Kippur morning and afternoon services this year. We will have socially distanced activities such as a prayer wall, our Yizkor rock ritual and receiving a blessing from the Rabbi and myself.

We pray that we will be able to offer services back at our beloved Synagogue soon. Until that becomes a reality, the Rabbi and I will do everything in our power to continue to create holiness and connection online until it is safe to be together once again.

Shana Tova, wishing you a year of health, happiness and peace.

Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

As we approach the High Holy Days I find myself reflecting on what is truly important to me as we continue to live during this challenging time. In addition to connecting with my children and taking walks and enjoying nature, being part of the Temple Akiba community is one of Carol's and my greatest joys. Some of the activities that we enjoy via Zoom are attending Shabbat services and seeing the smiling faces of our fellow congregant members, spending time with our Havurah, and Torah Study and Lunch & Learn.

Serving on our Board has also been a very enriching experience for me. In addition to the pleasure of developing new friendships, guiding the congregation through its many activities and events has been very rewarding.

An important part of the Board helping Temple Akiba move forward is to find out the thoughts and priorities of our membership. I am excited to announce that in October Temple Akiba will be launching the Union for Reform Judaism's Benchmarking project which includes a short congregational survey. Your participation in the survey will help the Board with strategic planning, programming and goal setting. Keep an eye out for an email from the URJ!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our High Holy Day services beginning with our Erev Rosh Hashanah "Seder-at-Home" on September 18 at 6pm. Yes, the services will be different this year, but they will be filled with the same spirit, warmth and meaning that you love.

As we enter this High Holy Day season, I wish everyone a *L' Shana Tova*, a very Happy New Year. May this year be filled with health, happiness and Shalom.

Ira Diamond
President



ECC & Religious School

Dear School Families,

When we are forced to be physically separated often we struggle with how to build community. Many parents wonder how to teach their children the value of community when there is not a physical community to be a part of. They ask how children will understand what it means to be something bigger than themselves — part of a greater cause — and feel the essence of being Jewish. There is no greater way of imparting this lesson than with the following:

Show them. Your actions pave the way for every decision they will make in the future.

The COVID-19 era has devastated the world. It has taken away lives. It has left others stricken financially, mentally and emotionally and impaired people's health. Fellow Jews need our help. Parents must show their children that the value of the Jewish community does not rely on whether or not we are an in-person or virtual community, but rather teaching our children the value of being a link in the chain of thousands of years of Jewish history. Will you place your child before a screen every single day? Perhaps. But choosing to remain active in your synagogue, day school, religious school or camp community models for our children that when a family experiences a difficult time, we choose to hold one another's hands. A real community is one that upholds those who have fallen. A true community exists even when times are difficult and scary. A sincere community.

Hillel wisely said, "Do not separate yourself from the community." Look deep inside your soul. We need you. We need one another. Next year and years after, may we look back at this time when we saw humanity join hand-in-hand, lifting up one another and letting our fellow Jews know that together we are not alone. This is the narrative I pray we share with our children, grandchildren and generations to come.

We question what our children will remember about this time, when faces are masked, parks are closed and friendships maneuvered within a social distance of six feet. But we have a choice as to what our children will remember about our own roles in the Jewish community. May our children watch our actions, knowing that their families supported other Jews in need. May our children follow our examples, understanding that to be a Jew is to strengthen our community when the world feels bleak.

May our children be proud.

Randee Bishoff
Director of Education



Season of Renewal

Slichot Saturday, September 12

A Service of Introspection
Havdalah Service & Study: 8:30 pm
Breakout Zoom Rooms 9:30 pm
Meditative Slichot Service: 10 pm



Tashlich Sunday, September 20 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!

Sukkot October 2 - 9

Celebrate Sukkot by building a Sukkah at your home!
We will be providing ideas for decorations and arts
and crafts activities!



Yizkor & Simchat Torah Saturday, October 10

Yizkor Service 5 pm
Simchat Torah Service 6:00 pm



Temple Akiba's



High Holy Day Services 2020/5781



Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 18-19

Yom Kippur: Sept. 27-28

Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder at 6:00 pm

Kol Nidre service at 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Torah Service and Study at 9:00 am

Morning Services begin at 10:30 am

Rosh Hashanah Day Children's Service at 3 pm

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

October 11, 2020 — May 9, 2021

Sunday mornings

10-11:30 am

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, \$70 discount for members of URJ Congregations
Register at rabbi@templeakiba.net

ReformJudaism.org
Jewish Life in Your Life

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

Adult Education Programs

Torah Study

Saturdays from 9 am—10 am

Lunch and Learn

Mondays from noon—1 pm
Resumes September 14

Coffee with the Clergy

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
from 11 am—12 noon
Resumes October 6

All programs conducted via Zoom—connect at templeakiba.net

Adult Hebrew / B'nei Mitzvah Class



Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm
beginning October 14 on Zoom

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

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

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

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

RSVP to cantorlonee@templeakiba.net

Calling all Temple Akiba Members!

Do you have suggestions to share? Are you looking for an opportunity to voice your questions and concerns? Do you want your Temple leadership to know what's important to you?



We want to hear
from YOU!

Temple Akiba will participate in a **Congregational Survey** through the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) from **October 7-October 28**

This online valuation gives congregants the opportunity to safely voice their ideas and concerns and help our congregation learn, grow and succeed in the 21st Century. Stay tuned for more information about how YOU can make a difference!

Bar Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Kiran Chhetri
son of Lillian Morris &
Dinesh Chhetri
Saturday, October 3

The Membership Committee is proud to announce the launch of

Temple Akiba "Neighborhoods"^{oo}

"nurturing Jewish community right in your own backyard"



Thanks to a dedicated team of temple volunteers, we have organized the entire Temple Akiba community based upon every member's address. In a few short weeks we will send you a "mini-roster" of the 15-20 Temple members who live nearest you. The possibilities of what your Neighborhood Havurah can do together are endless!

Share your talents with At Home Concerts

Invite the Rabbi or Cantor to a Zoom Gathering

Gather for Havdalah in the Park

Walk your dogs together

Celebrate Birthdays

Welcome a new neighbor

Build a Sukkah together

Break Fast on Yom Kippur

Organize a Meal Train in times of need

Sponsor a booth at the Purim Carnival

Hang a Mezuzah in your Home

.... And more !!

To find out how YOU can become a Neighborhood Captain for your Akiba Neighborhood, contact Lacey Bauer (laceyannbauer@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Zlotowitz (membership@templeakiba.net). Being a Captain is guaranteed to be simple, engaging and F-U-N !

Temple Akiba... We are everywhere !

News from the Tikkun Olam Committee

Civic Engagement Campaign

The Tikkun Olam Committee thanks the more than 35 volunteers who have joined our Civic Engagement Campaign in conjunction with the Religious Action Center (RAC), the social advocacy arm of the URJ. **As of this writing, these volunteers have sent 760 postcards to voters in other states to help combat voter suppression and to increase voter turnout among low-propensity voters.**

Our volunteers will be reaching out to you to encourage each one of you to vote, to exercise your right and your responsibility to make sure your voice is heard.



Our goal is to have 100% of our members vote. Please return the digital pledge card that will be emailed to you after Labor Day. To check your voter registration status go to: www.lavote.net/vrstatus/ or (800) 815-2666.

To register to vote go to: <https://covr.sos.ca.gov/> by October 19th.

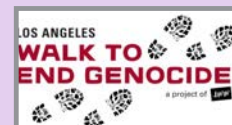
All Californians will be sent Vote By Mail Ballots this year so make sure the County Registrar of Voters has your correct address. **VOTE EARLY!**

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 7-8:15pm: RAC-CA's Forum on Proposition 15 Schools and Communities First (RAC-CA and Temple Akiba are not endorsing this proposition)

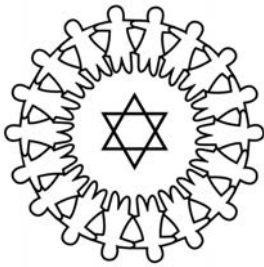
Stay tuned for more information on voting by mail and to learn about the rest of the Propositions that will be on the November ballot.

We need you! Together we can make change and repair the world! Contact Cathy Penso, at VPAffiliations@templeakiba.net or call 310-670-6394. Thank you!

Social Action-Jewish World Watch



JWW is struggling with the commitments they have made to the many groups of people around the world suffering from genocide. Now they are challenged with covid-19 spreading throughout many refugee camps. The date for the Walk to End Genocide for 2020 has been changed again. A virtual walk will probably be in October, 2020. Would everyone please go on line to <http://www.jww.org> and read the news updates and send a donation. The need is great. Team Temple Akiba is our link to JWW. Thank you, Sharlene London, Team Captain Walk to End Genocide, 310 836 3635: voice, 310 384 4596: cell, SharLondon@yahoo.com.



**TEMPLE AKIBA
SISTERHOOD**



Brighter and Stronger...Together!

As the High Holy Days appear on the horizon we are faced with a totally new landscape. Let us all say a Shehechyanu that we have reached this season and then let us learn how we can achieve the spiritual and ritual celebrations that will be meaningful for us.

September brings with it so many things to remember and accomplish: Labor Day which traditionally is the formal end of summer vacation regardless of the temperature outside; back to school which used to mean backpacks and clothes, tons of paperwork and a return to rush hour congestion; Temple membership renewal and High Holy Day prep with tons of paperwork and family gatherings; and Sisterhood membership. Our Membership materials have been sent in a bright pink envelope and we welcome your support, affiliation and participation in our efforts to enhance the role of Temple Akiba of Culver City in your lives. Thank you so much to those who have already joined/renewed their Sisterhood Membership.

We will not be able to co-host our Annual Welcome Nosh and will truly miss making that personal connection. Nor will our annual Sisterhood Membership Dinner be able to be held. We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a special private Zoom affair with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein on October 15th for all Sisterhood and Associate Sisterhood members. Please see the flyer regarding this event in this bulletin.

We are also excited to sponsor, in cooperation with Sharsharet, a very important and educational program regarding womens' cancers on October 27th. It will feature Temple Akiba members as well as health professionals and contain vital information for any and everyone impacted by this issue. That includes husbands, fathers, and brothers - it is not just for women! Please see the flyer regarding this event in this bulletin.

And we are happy to announce that Coffee With the Clergy will resume via Zoom beginning October 5th, from 11:00 to noon. Look for forthcoming information or contact Helene Jaffa (helenerj@aol.com) or Sonni Helmer (sonnihelmer@gmail.com) for details.

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

September 2020 12 Elul 5780 - 12 Tishrei 5781

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 12 ELUL | 2 13 ELUL | 3 14 ELUL | 4 15 ELUL 6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service | 5 16 ELUL 9 AM Torah Study |
| 6 17 ELUL | 7 18 ELUL LABOR DAY Temple Closed | 8 19 ELUL 7 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting | 9 20 ELUL 7 PM Life Transition Group | 10 21 ELUL | 11 22 ELUL 7 PM Shabbat Service with Choir | 12 23 ELUL 9 AM Torah Study 8:30 PM Slichot - A Service of Introspection |
| 13 24 ELUL | 14 25 ELUL 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn Resumes | 15 26 ELUL 7:00 PM Mens' Group Meeting | 16 27 ELUL 7 PM Board of Directors Meeting | 17 28 ELUL | 18 29 ELUL ✧ Erev Rosh Hashanah 6 PM Seder-at-Home Service | 19 1 TISHREI ✧ Rosh Hashanah 9 AM Torah Study and Service 10:30 AM Morning Service 3 PM Children's Service |
| 20 2 TISHREI 6 PM Tashlich at Toes Beach | 21 3 TISHREI 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn | 22 4 TISHREI | 23 5 TISHREI 5:30 PM Kehilah Program 7 PM Life Transition Group | 24 6 TISHREI | 25 7 TISHREI 7 PM Shabbat Service | 26 8 TISHREI 9 AM Torah Study |
| 27 9 TISHREI ✧ Kol Nidre 7:00 PM | 28 10 TISHREI ✧ Yom Kippur 9:00 AM Torah Study and Service 10:30 AM Morning Service and Yizkor 3:30 PM Afternoon Service 5:30 PM Neilah Service | 29 11 TISHREI | 30 12 TISHREI | | | |

October 2020 13 Tishrei 5781 - 13 Cheshvan 5781

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 13 TISHREI | 2 14 TISHREI 6:30 PM - Shabbat Shira Service | 3 15 TISHREI ★ SUKKOT 9 AM Torah Study |
| 4 16 TISHREI | 5 17 TISHREI 12 PM - Lunch & Learn | 6 18 TISHREI 11 AM - Coffee with the Clergy 5:30 PM Kehilah program | 7 19 TISHREI | 8 20 TISHREI | 9 21 TISHREI 7 PM Shabbat Service with Choir | 10 22 TISHREI ★ SIMCHAT TORAH 9 AM Torah Study 5 PM Yizkor 6 PM Service |
| 11 23 TISHREI 10 AM Introduction to Judaism | 12 24 TISHREI 12 PM - Lunch & Learn | 13 25 TISHREI 7 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting | 14 26 TISHREI 6 PM Adult Hebrew 7 PM Life Transitions Group | 15 27 TISHREI 7:30 PM An Evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein - sponsored by Sisterhood | 16 28 TISHREI 7 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 17 29 TISHREI 9 AM Torah Study |
| 18 30 TISHREI 10 AM Introduction to Judaism | 19 1 CHESHVAN 12 PM - Lunch & Learn | 20 2 CHESHVAN 11 AM - Coffee with the Clergy | 21 3 CHESHVAN 6 PM Adult Hebrew | 22 4 CHESHVAN | 23 5 CHESHVAN 7 PM Shabbat Service | 24 6 CHESHVAN 9 AM Torah Study 8 PM Virtual Poker Night Fundraiser |
| 25 7 CHESHVAN 10 AM Introduction to Judaism | 26 8 CHESHVAN 12 PM - Lunch & Learn | 27 9 CHESHVAN 7:30 PM Sharsheret Program sponsored by Sisterhood | 28 10 CHESHVAN 6 PM Adult Hebrew 7 PM Life Transitions Group | 29 11 CHESHVAN | 30 12 CHESHVAN 7 PM Shabbat Service | 31 13 CHESHVAN 9 AM Torah Study |

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:

Roz Brody, from Gary Shev

Don and Micky Mann's 72nd wedding anniversary, from their children and families, Barney and Sandy Mann, Charlie and Jackie Mann, and Shelley Mann-Lev and Nahum Ward-Lev

Our 72nd wedding anniversary, from **Don and Micky Mann**

Janice Schwartz's birthday, from her brother- and sister-in-law Mark and Debbie Schwartz

In hopes of:

Carol Diamond's speedy recovery, from Sonni Helmer

In memory of:

Janet Friedman, from Robert Knopf

Harry Gorman, my grandfather, from Robert Knopf

Tania Heyman, our niece, from Leanna and Ron Watts

Karen Pellitier, from Leona Weitz and Family

Lillian Ross, from Joseph and Donna Wujek

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

Deb Falcon for all the years of love, service and devotion she has given Temple Akiba, from Sara and Ethan Greenspan

Deb Falcon, from Joanne Karr

with gratitude for:

Rabbi's leadership and love in all the events leading to Roz's Bat Mitzvah, with deep appreciation from Tova and Kurt Larsen

Rabbi's conducting of the Jaystubb wedding, from Rozanna Velen

Temple Akiba's annual yahrzeit reminders, from Elaine and Jim Kaufman

In hopes of:

speedy healing and recovery from surgery for **Carol Diamond**, from Rosalie and Michael Gotz

In memory of:

Dora Bromberg, from David and Gail Bromberg

Bea Labozer, Elaine's mother, from Elaine and Jim Kaufman

Art Lewin, from Deborah Lewin

Lillian Ross, from Zachary Levy

Lillian Ross, from Steve Ross & Mary Wujek

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Irwin Fortman, my husband, from Zita Fortman

Elaine Riback, my sister, from Zita Fortman

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

Myna and Uri Herscher

In memory of:

Mary Bauman, our dear, sweet friend, from Leanna and Ron Watts

Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Altfest, our grandfather, from Elaine Metzinger and Steven Broutt

Aaron Berkson, Lori's father, from Lori and Bruce Rudich

Eunice Collins, my beloved friend, from Timu Gallien

Lillian Edelman, Fred's mother, from Fred & Emily Edelman

Ben Frankel, my brother, from Art Frankel

Vera and Sam Freeman, my grandparents, from Belinda Braunstein

Vera and Sam Freeman, my parents, from Kathy Ellis

James Gordon, from Sheila Gordon and Family

Harold Gotz, from Michael and Rosalie Gotz

Howard Green, from Georgette Green

Abraham Grossman, from Letty and Jerry Mendel

Morris Kahn, my husband, from Alica Kahn

Jenny and Sam Kirshenblatt, my parents, from Beverly Eshed

Jeanie Knell, my sister-in-law, from Judy Freedman

Ida and Charles Krause, my parents, from James Krause

Ronald Lachman, my brother, from Mary Lachman

May Levit, my mother, from Amy Levit

Frances Lewin, my mother, from Joanne Wolf

Frank Lewin, my nephew, from Joanne Wolf

Rifke Lewis, my mother, from Arla Lewis

Daniel Marcus, my father, from Karen Marcus

Eleanor Mendel, our mother, from Jerry and Letty Mendel, and Elaine Holiday

Robert Michaels, my father, from Barbara Brown

Helen Miller, my mother, from Art Frankel

Walter Nathan, my father, from Viviane Nathan

Fred Nussbaum, my father, from Howard Nussbaum

Sabina Opperman, from Morris and Shirley Price

Fred Prowizor, my father, from Harriet Herst

Joyce Rainier, from Stanley Rainier

Fanny Rosenthal, from Helene and David Jaffa

Lillian Ross, "a very special lady," from Toni Glick

Joel Rothblatt, from Julie Werner-Simon

Saul Rudich, Bruce's father, from Lori and Bruce Rudich

Rhoda Sheinman, my sister-in-law, from Elaine Holiday

Janet Sherman, my wife, from Marvin Sherman

Rebecca Spector, our daughter, from Benita and Michael Spector

Abe Swerdlow, from Jay and Andie Swerdlow

Catherine Tassone, my mother, from Cathy Penso

Irwin Weiss, from Rochelle Weiss

Harrison Weitz, my husband, from Leona Weitz

Hayden Weitz, my grandson, from Leona Weitz

MEN'S GROUP

In appreciation of:

the Zoom Inspiration with Rabbi Bob Alper, from Ira Waldman

CHOIR FUND

In honor of:

Micky and Don Mann's 72 years of marriage, from David and Diana Hauptman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Debby Falcon, from Eileen Cohen

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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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

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

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 15, 2021 | TEEN SHABBAT | 5PM PT

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

MAY 16, 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.

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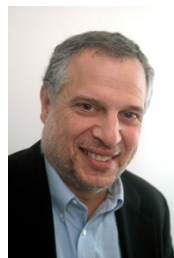


RSVP at link.sharsheret.org/akiba



Join Sisterhood for an evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein via Zoom*

“November 3: A Day for the History Books”



Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:30pm

Free for those who join Sisterhood and for men who join as Associates

To join Sisterhood or for more info: contact Cathy Penso, prisca56@sbcglobal.net or 310-670-6394 or Jeanne Young, Dr.Jeanneyoung@gmail.com or 310-780-1567. *The Zoom link will be emailed prior to Dr. Sonenshein's talk.

The Men's Group of Temple Akiba

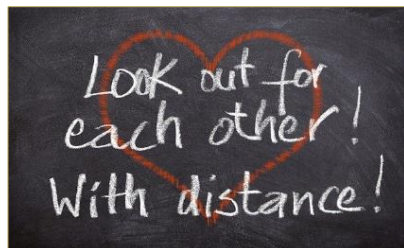


will be holding its meetings on Zoom
until we can meet together again in person

Tuesday, 15 September 2020 @ 7:00

Please contact Victor Nahmias @ Vnahmias@aol.com
to be added to the email invitation
This event is 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:

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Bereavement & Life Transitions Group Build Emotional Strength...

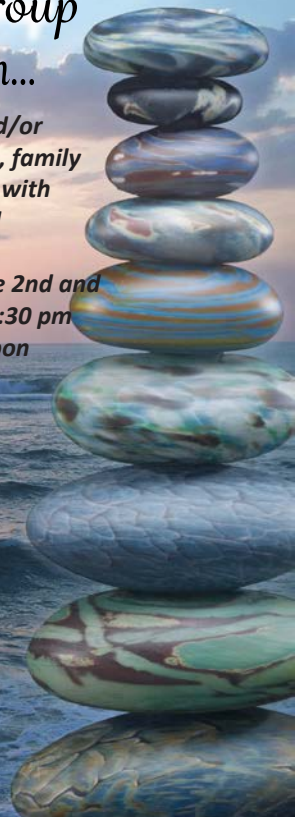
A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere.

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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September 18th – September 28th, 2020
29 Elul 5780 thru 10 Tishrei 5781

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