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*Shana Tova*  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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**Friday Shabbat Services**  
**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

<b>Friday, September 1</b> Shabbat Shira Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, September 8</b> Shabbat Service with Choir	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, September 15</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	<b>5:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, September 22</b> Shabbat Shuva Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, September 29</b> Sukkot Family Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, October 6</b> Simchat Torah & Kindergarten Consecration Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, October 13</b> Shabbat Choir Service with Board Installation	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, October 20</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday, October 27</b> Shabbat Service honoring New Members	<b>6:30pm</b>

*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,

As we enter Holy Days, I am moved by the many themes attributed to this season, and I want to (re)introduce you to a variety of names associated with these special days. Paired with each name is a question to accompany you on the journey. The first four are with regard to Rosh HaShanah.

1. Yom Hadin (Day of Judgment). Have you judged another person without understanding the entirety of a situation?
2. Yom Hazikaron (Day of Remembrance). What is a powerful Jewish memory that continues to resonate?
3. Yom Teruah (Day of blasting of the shofar). What will it take to motivate you to do things a little differently?
4. Hayom Hart Olam (The day the world was conceived). What new ideas do you have that you hope to accomplish this year?

The next two are attributed to Yom Kippur.

5. Yom Hakippurim (The Day of Atonements OR, The Day Like Purim). On Purim we remember how Esther took off her mask. What mask do we take off on Yom Kippur?
6. Shabbat Shabbaton (Sabbath of Sabbaths). Shabbat is sacred. How is Yom Kippur even more sacred than you?

Ron, Maya, Eli, and I wish you a season of meaning, depth, goodness, and renewal.

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

## Cantor's Corner



“Create a pure heart in me, Great Spirit. And renew a true soul within me.” These are the words to a beautiful song/chant called Pure Heart by Nava Tehila. They are based on words from Psalm 51 & 52. On Slichot this year, we are so excited to share the bimah with our friends and colleagues at Congregation Beth Chayim (BCC). We will be opening our Slichot service with these beautiful words, singing with the wonderful clergy of BCC Chadashim. It is a beautiful Shidduch or match to work with this congregation. While we rent the Vet’s Auditorium for the Holy Days, their congregation rents our space at Temple Akiba.

I like to think of Slichot as the Greatest Hits of the High Holy Days. Through our study and service, we touch on some of the important themes and music that will be discussed and heard throughout the Holy Day season. One of the highlights of this experience for me has always been the changing of the Torah Covers. Each year during our Slichot experience, we invite women of the Sisterhood to join the Rabbi and me on the bimah to help us with the process of switching the Torah covers from our regular Shabbat ones to the beautiful white embroidered covers specifically made for the High Holy Days. It is a moment that truly helps to usher in this special time. It is a humbling moment because it means Rosh Hashanah services are happening soon after!

I look forward to this period of return, reflection and repentance. May this High Holy Day season and new year be one of new beginnings, be meaningful and filled with peace and happiness.

L'Shalom,  
**Cantor Lonee Frailich**

## ECC & Religious School

As a Jewish professional who has spent most of my professional life working with students, I have witnessed hundreds of students transition from high school to college. I watched these young people grow in maturity, understanding, and responsibility over the years. The changes they experienced, that I witnessed, were dramatic and profound.

As I send my own child off to college, I worry about the unprecedented rise in antisemitism on college campuses. Hillel International is the largest Jewish student organization in the world, working at colleges and universities to enrich the lives of Jewish students by offering support & resources, facilitating connections, and encouraging a sense of community and Jewish identity. A survey conducted for Hillel International & the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) found that 1 in 3 students (32 %) personally experienced antisemitic hate on college campuses in 2022.

So how do we prepare our students and children to be comfortable being Jewish while away at school? The simple answer is that we start now.

- Send your child to Jewish Summer Camp
- Enroll your child in Religious School
- Get involved in your Temple Community
- Encourage your child to visit Israel
- Celebrate holidays and create family traditions

If a child has a positive Jewish experience, they are more likely to retain a connection to Judaism after they have graduated. Instilling a Jewish identity in our children is a powerful tool that they take with them when they leave to explore the world on their own.

Do I worry that my child will encounter anti-Semitism on campus? Yes. But I am confident in the Jewish connections he has built that will guide him through these crucial years. The best thing we as parents can do for our children is teach them and give them the tools to make their own decisions and help them be confident in their Jewish identity. The rest is up to them. Parenting is hard. There are no right or wrong answers. We will inevitably make mistakes. We simply do our best to give our children a solid foundation for becoming Jewish adults and be here when they need us. I am unsure what the college experience will bring, but I am sure that my child and I are ready to face that new world together.

L'Shalom,  
**Randee Bishoff, Dir. of Education**



## President's Message

Welcome to a New Year, 5784! This summer Bruce and I experienced Israel with an incredible group of 37 from our Temple community. We made new friends, strengthened existing ones, all reinforcing the connections, commitment and love we have for our Temple Akiba family. Rabbi Shapiro reminded us that living a Jewish life in Israel is second nature. In America, we choose to live Jewish lives! We are so happy that you have chosen Temple Akiba as the Center of your Jewish life.

A special warm & welcoming embrace to our new members who have chosen Temple Akiba! We invite you to join us at our Welcome Nosh Event on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9am. Meet Board and Committee Members & make new friends. Find out what's planned for the coming year & how you can get involved.

Thank you to all who have reaffirmed your choice to join Temple Akiba. Your continued commitment is what makes us thrive! I hope to see you at the Welcome Event, too. Come schmooze, welcome new members, engage with your community.

Do you want to know more about Temple Akiba and getting more involved as a Committee Chair or Board Member? Join our Leadership Development Program. See flyer for details.

Refreshed and inspired, we are ready to launch another year of awesome experiences and memories, starting with our High Holy Day Services in person at Vet's Auditorium and Temple Akiba.

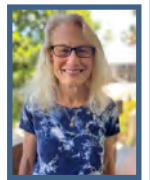
Come experience "A Night Out in Tel Aviv" on Saturday, October 21, our major fundraising event for 2023-2024 co-chaired by Scott Bishoff and Ira Pemstein! Casino games, other games, dancing, Israeli food, open bar!!! See flyer for details!

Please continue to support our amazing Resident Camp! Bike, hike or donate to Tour de Summer Camps on October 29. Temple Akiba receives scholarships from this endeavor. See flyer for details.

We are still celebrating our 70th year! Save the Date: Sunday, December 10 at 2pm. There will be a photo display & more. Details to come!

Wishing you a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year!

**Cathy Penso, President**



## Executive Director's Message

Around the High Holy Days, I like to reflect on the previous year, and appreciate all that has been accomplished. For so many reasons, this past year was remarkable for Temple Akiba. From the incredible programs, the creative and meaningful Shabbat and holiday services and celebrations, to all the facility upgrades at our Temples – this is a year that was full of growth and memory making moments. But for me, it is this past summer that really encapsulates what Temple Akiba is all about.

Summer of 2023 was an exceptional. The “Summer of Fun” at Temple Akiba concept continues to grow with programs and events like the Klezmer Concert brought to us by Men’s Group; two very fun and delicious Shabbat BBQs by Sisterhood and Men’s Group; the Adult Camp Party with live music, smores, tie-dye Challah covers, a taco bar, and more; special outdoor Shabbat services including our Camp Shabbat, that filled our hearts and soul with music and love, and a truly wonderful Israel trip (stay tuned for information about our 2025 trip to Israel).

Even with everything that happened this past summer, it is our Day and Resident camps, with their ruach (spirit) and creativity that really stand out to me. Under the incredible vision and leadership of our Day Camp Director, Robyn Altman, and our Youth and Camp Director, Leah Penso, these two Temple Akiba programs embrace the concept of “we must live for today; we must build for tomorrow,” as they each separately, and together, help to build future Jewish leaders. To hear our young campers wanting to become CITs, and our CITs wanting to become counselors, and our counselors wanting to become Unit Heads – they all emulate “if you will it, it is no dream” to perfection, as they do become CITs, counselors, and Unit Heads. It is this cycle that highlights the importance of our summer camp programs in strengthening our community, impacting our children’s lives, and building future Jewish leaders, and it is something that makes Temple Akiba unique, and very special.

One thing that makes Leah and Robyn very special to Temple Akiba is their huge smiles and sparkles in their eyes when they speak about their staff, most of whom (if not all) have grown up in our Temple Akiba programs. Leah and Robyn embrace and lead their programs through the lens of “you and I can change the world”, and they are shining examples to our next generations, so that they will also understand that Our Light Shines Brighter Together.



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

## Welcome to the Temple Akiba Team!

### Ariel Pepper, Our New Weekend Administrative Host

Ariel is excited to be the new Weekend Administrative Host for Temple Akiba. Ariel is a San Francisco native who has found her home in Los Angeles. She became a Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Emanu-el of San Francisco and has remained active in the Jewish community throughout the years, including during her academic career at ASU, UCI, and UCLA. In her free time, Ariel goes bicycle riding, listens to NPR/ podcasts, and is always open to learning from others.



### Michael Rothbart, Our New Song Leader

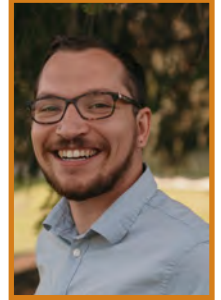
Michael is thrilled to be the new songleader for the religious school at Temple Akiba! Born and raised in West LA, Michael grew up at Leo Baeck Temple, where his love for Jewish music started at a very young age. He was instilled a love for both the Classical reform repertoire as well as contemporary Jewish music. This led him to co-leading musical Shabbat services on piano and guitar, as well as assistant songleading in the religious school. Most recently he was the religious school songleader at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. In addition to having worked in Jewish music as a songleader, choral singer, conductor, and pianist, he teaches choir full time at Westside Neighborhood School in Playa Vista. Michael is very much looking forward to the new school year and getting to meet everyone!





## Meet Our New Rabbinic Intern, Josh Shapiro

Shalom! My name is Josh Shapiro and I am a fourth-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. I grew up in Needham, Massachusetts as a third generation member of the Reform congregation of Temple Beth Shalom. In the summer, I attended URJ Crane Lake Camp in Western Massachusetts. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester in financial economics with minors in Jewish studies and Hebrew. While in college, I worked in congregational and camp settings with children and teens of all ages. The transition from participant to facilitator in my childhood Jewish communities led me to HUC-JIR. Since beginning at HUC, I have had the privilege to serve as a student rabbi in Merced and Lancaster, California. HUC has also supported me as I continue to delve deeper into my interests of Talmud, the history of American Judaism, and Jewish food. In my freetime, I enjoy playing disc golf and board games, watching anime, and spending time with my cat, Finch. I am excited to join the Temple Akiba community and get to know all of you!



## **Adult Education**

Learning doesn't end with our youth. Adult education programs teach, inspire and uplift. Temple Akiba has been an innovative and intellectual center, with long standing groups and activities. This year we are creating new opportunities to learn, think, and grow. Join our variety of weekly meetings.



### **MORNING** **MINYAN**

Every Monday  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Beginning Oct. 2  
On Zoom

Start your day and week with a spiritual breath of fresh air, offering prayers and selections. We will include Kaddish in each service to remember those who have died.



### **TALMUD** **TUESDAYS**

Every Tuesday  
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM  
Beginning Oct. 3  
On Zoom

How can Jewish values deepen the way we live? Each week we will look at a different lesson from Jewish teachings.



### **WHAT'S** **GOING ON** **IN THE** **JEWISH** **WORLD**

Every Wednesday  
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM  
Beginning Oct. 4  
On Zoom

Let's look at a world timely topic through a Jewish lens.



### **Torah** **Study**

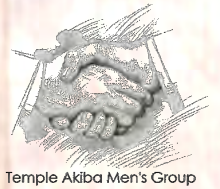
Every Saturday  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Beginning Sept. 2  
In Person & On Zoom

Torah is an ongoing dialogue between the text and its readers, aka YOU. It is real in our daily lives and goes with us wherever we are. We meet to develop the skills to study Torah which is essential to integrating Torah into our lives.





**TEMPLE AKIBA BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
SISTERHOOD, AND MEN'S GROUP  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR**



# **WELCOME NOSH EVENT**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**9 AM - SOCIAL HALL**

**ENJOY BAGELS, LOX, COFFEE AND MORE!**

☆ 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, Leadership Development, Sisterhood, Men's Group, Mitzvah Day, and more!



## **Temple Akiba Religious School**

**Visitation Day!**

**Sunday, September 10th**

**9 AM**

★ **Parent Coffee & Nosh**      ★ **Family High Holiday Crafts**

★ **Meet the Teachers/  
Visit the Classrooms**      ★ **Meet the Director**

★ **Hebrew Through Movement  
Demos**      ★ **Israeli Dancing**

★ **Study with Rabbi**      ★ **Krav Maga**

★ **TASTY Youth Group Event  
4th & 5th Grade**

**Open to Parents &  
Students!**

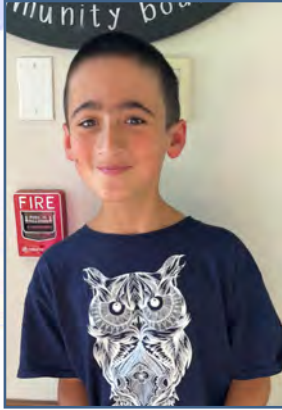
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# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



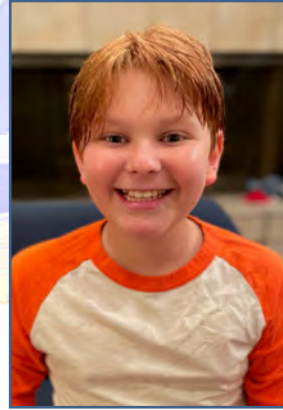
Abby Berson  
daughter of Rachel  
Pearl & Steve  
Berson Saturday,  
September 9



Eli Berson  
son of Rachel  
Pearl & Steve  
Berson Saturday,  
September 9



CJ Mathews  
child of Jennifer  
Fogel & Paul  
Mathews Saturday,  
October 14



Jack Roper son of  
Shawn Rubin & Brian  
Roper Saturday,  
October 21



Elsa Liber daughter  
of Daniella &  
Reuben Liber  
Saturday,  
October 28



TASTY Bites  
4th-5th Grade



TASTY Treats  
6th-7th Grade



Senior TASTY  
8th-12th Grade



## TASTY YOUTH GROUP

Temple Akiba's Youth Programming for Akiba Members in 4th – 12th grade are welcome to participate in monthly events always focused on FUN ADVENTURES WITH AKIBA PEERS!

### Join our TASTE OF TASTY EVENTS

Sunday, September 10th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for our 4th - 5th grade members.

Monday, September 11th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM for our 6th-12th grade members

STAY CONNECTED to TASTY!

Follow [LeahAtAkiba](#) on Facebook or contact Leah Penso, Director of Akiba Youth & Resident Camp Programs at [youthgroup@templeakiba.net](mailto:youthgroup@templeakiba.net)

## *Slichot*

*Saturday, September 9*

*7:00 pm — 9:30 pm*

Let us look within for a service of  
introspection, Study, Meditative  
Slichot & Havdalah Service

## *Tashlich*

*Sunday, September 17*

*10:00 am*

*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*

*Saturday, September 30*

*10:30 am*

Join us for Morning & Yizkor Service  
inside our Temple Sukkah.

## *Simchat Torah*

*Friday, October 6*

*6:30 pm*

Simchat Torah Service &  
Kindergarten Consecration

*Sunday, October 1*

*12:00 pm*

Join us for a fun filled family day  
decorating the Temple Sukkah as  
we celebrate Sukkot.

*Saturday, October 7*

*9:00 am*

Yizkor Service & Torah Study





# Temple Akiba's High Holy Day Services 2023/5784



**Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 15-16**

**Yom Kippur: Sept. 24-25**

**Rosh Hashanah Services**

**Yom Kippur Services**

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

**Kol Nidre Service**  
at 7:30 pm

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**  
at 7:30 pm

**Yom Kippur Morning Service**  
at 10:00 am

**Rosh Hashanah Morning Service**  
at 10:00 am

**Yom Kippur Jr. Congregation**  
*(4th – 6th Grade) 10:00 am - 11:30 am*

**Rosh Hashanah Jr. Congregation**  
*(4th – 6th Grade) 10:00 am - 11:30 am*

**Afternoon Yizkor/Ne-ilah Service**  
at 3:30 pm

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

\*All services at Veteran's Memorial  
Auditorium unless otherwise specified  
4117 Overland Ave. Culver City, CA 90230

# Temple Akiba Sisterhood Women of Reform Judaism

JOIN TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP TO BENEFIT  
OUR TEMPLE AND OUR COMMUNITY.



Annual membership begins at \$45.  
Associate (Men's) membership begins at \$18.



To register & learn more, please scan  
this code or visit the Sisterhood page  
on the Temple website.  
For questions, please contact  
membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com



# Israeli Dancing Classes sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood



**Wednesdays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**October 4, November 1, January 3,**  
**February 7, March 6, April 3, & May 1**

Dust off your dancing shoes & join the Sisterhood in the  
Social Hall for Introductory Israeli Dance Classes! For  
Beginner & Intermediate Adults Only.  
Cost: \$56 Early Registration for all classes (Register by  
October 1st) or \$10 per class

To register, please scan this code  
For questions, email Kate Cregor at  
kcregor@hotmail.com



# JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH DR. RAPHAEL SONENSHEIN & TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP DINNER



**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**6:00 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Program**  
**Temple Akiba Social Hall**



**Theme: 2024- What's Nu?**  
RSVP for dinner by October 10  
Cost: Sisterhood  
Members & Associates - \$10  
Non-members - \$25

Please scan this code to register  
online. Questions? Contact Wendy  
Senelick & Nancy Trachtenberg at  
membership.tasisterhood@gmail.com



# AFTERNOON TEA & SWEETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 2:00 PM  
TEMPLE AKIBA SOCIAL HALL



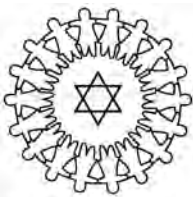
Sisterhood Social Action Committee plans  
and supports Tikkun Olam projects, the  
Counting of the Omer, and raising  
awareness for causes dear to our hearts.

Please join us for a discussion about  
Social Action ideas and opportunities.  
What topics and/or areas of interest  
would you like to work on in the coming  
year? All are welcome to join!

To RSVP or for more  
information, please  
email Verna Erez at  
[vernaerez@gmail.com](mailto:vernaerez@gmail.com)







TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD



*Brighter and Stronger...Together!*

High Holy Days are approaching and the season of renewal is beginning. Some members received a pink envelope with Membership information, and everyone can access the information on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website (click on Community – Sisterhood). For questions or assistance, please e-mail [membership.sisterhood@templeakiba.net](mailto:membership.sisterhood@templeakiba.net). Thank you to all who have or will be supporting us in the following efforts to enhance our wonderful Temple.

In honor of Rosh Hashanah, Sisterhood will again be presenting each of our Religious School and ECC students with an apple & honey to symbolize learning is a sweet experience. We are again looking forward to distributing mini challahs outside Vets Auditorium at the conclusion of Yom Kippur day services.

Together with the Men’s Group and the Temple Board of Trustees, we are co-hosting the annual Welcome Nosh on September 10th. Join us for a cup of coffee, a snack, and a schmooze. We will be hosting our Annual Sisterhood Membership Dinner with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein on October 17th (see ad in the Bulletin). We are excited to be offering Israeli Dance instruction for adults who want to brush up on their skills or learn what their children are doing. Our Gift Shop continues to be available by appointment. Contact Linda Park at [mommylinda50@hotmail.com](mailto:mommylinda50@hotmail.com) with any questions. Sisterhood extends to all a wish for a healthy, peaceful, safe, and happy New Year. Shana Tova u’Metukah.



# Temple Akiba Men's Group Men of Reform Judaism



Temple Akiba Men’s Group is the organization of men of our congregation, and is open and welcoming to all. Men’s Group welcomes people to join together in friendship, and support these three pillars: Torah, Avodah, and G’meehut Chasadim (Study, Worship, & Acts of Loving Kindness) with the overall goal of benefiting our Temple and our community. Men’s Group provides a link between our homes and our synagogue while providing opportunities to serve our faith, and by so doing, to be an example to our families. Men’s Group strives to be the source of inspiration to follow various avenues of action benefitting our members, the Congregation and the global Jewish community.

**Annual membership begins at \$36.**  
**Associate (Women's) membership begins at \$18.**

For questions, please contact  
Victor Nahmias at [vnahmias@aol.com](mailto:vnahmias@aol.com)





TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD

# COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS



Please Count Your Blessings and use this Tzedakah opportunity to **Give From the Heart** & support Temple Akiba Sisterhood's 23rd Annual Drive to enhance the experiences of our youth: ECC & Religious Schools, Youth Group, and Day & Resident Camps.\*

These are my blessings:

Item	Value	Donation
I live in beautiful California	\$1.00	_____
I have a roof over my head	\$1.00	_____
My gas & electricity are still on	\$1.00	_____
My appliances are still working	\$1.00	_____
I have ___ TVs/computers	\$ .50 each	_____
I have ___ I-pads/smart phones	\$ .50 each	_____
I have ___ cars	\$1.00 each	_____
I can still remember where I parked	\$1.00	_____
I have medical insurance	\$1.00	_____
I have good health	\$2.00	_____
I have a "full" refrigerator/freezer/pantry	\$1.00 each	_____
I have a job	\$ .50	_____
I love my job	\$1.00 add'l	_____
I have a retirement/savings account	\$1.00 each	_____
I took ___ vacations this year	\$1.00 each	_____
I have ___ children/grandchildren	\$2.50 each	_____
My child/grandchild became a Bar/Bat Mitzvah	\$1.00 each	_____
I have children/grandchildren who attended camp	\$1.00 each	_____
My child goes to college/I go to college/take a class	\$ .50	_____
My child graduated college/I graduated college	\$1.00	_____
My child got married/I got married	\$1.00	_____
I have ___ parents/grandparents	\$2.00 each	_____
I have ___ brothers/sisters/nieces/nephews	\$ .50 each	_____
I have ___ friends	\$ .50 each	_____
I have a "significant" other	\$2.00 each	_____
I am a new parent/grandparent	\$1.00	_____
I have ___ pets	\$ .50 each	_____
I attended many simchas this past year	\$1.00 each	_____
I can still read this fine print without/with glasses	\$1.00	_____
On counting my blessings, it could have been worse	\$1.00 and up	_____
I woke up this morning...	Priceless	_____

Name of Contributor \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please "Count Your Blessings" and return this form with your check payable to:  
Temple Akiba Sisterhood, 5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA 90230

\*Funds have provided laptop computers, educational software, Israeli Dance Instruction, challah dough, wood planters, t-shirts, family art/education programs, field trips, classroom furniture, books and more.

Our Temple Youth will appreciate your generosity!





Artists & Scholars in Residence  
October 6 - 9, 2023...



**BAMI**



**POW!**



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



**PAPER MIDRASH**  
**POP CULTURE TORAH**

ISAAC & RABBI SHAWNA  
BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK

Husband and wife “dynamic duo” Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik create new pathways into Torah, combining deep Jewish scholarship with comic books and pop culture for a unique take on traditional texts. Isaac cuts up comic books and reassembles them into papercuts that explore the stories of the Jewish people. Rabbi Shawna adapts traditional Jewish concepts to a modern Reform context, and brings that synergy to students of all ages. Together, they are “Paper Midrash.”

Friday, October 6

Visual Sermon during Services

Saturday, October 7

Torah Study with Knives (for teens - adults, limited to 30 people)

Saturday, October 7

Community Project: Fingerprint Mosaic

Monday, October 9

“Make your own Golem” for Akiba High

*\*See your e-news for more information and to RSVP for “Torah Study with Knives.”*

# September 2023 15 Elul 5783 - 15 Tishrei 5784

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## Share a Temple Akiba Memory

In honor of our 70<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Programdirector@templeakiba.net)

Share a Temple Akiba Memory							15 Elul	16 Elul
							<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat  6:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study Begins
<b>3</b> 17 Elul	<b>4</b> Temple Closed  Labor Day 18 Elul	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM ECC Back to School Night 19 Elul	<b>6</b> 20 Elul	<b>7</b> 21 Elul	<b>8</b> 5:30 PM Open House  6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Choir 22 Elul	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study  10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bnai Mitzvah of Abigail & Elijah Berson  7:00 PM Slichot Service 23 Elul		
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Religious School— Back to School/Intro Day  9:00 AM Welcome Nosh  10:00 AM TASTY Youth Group Event 24 Elul	<b>11</b> 25 Elul	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 26 Elul	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom 27 Elul	<b>14</b> 28 Elul	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM ECC Dismissal  5:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service  7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service  Erev Rosh Hashanah 29 Elul	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM Morning Rosh Hashanah Service  3:00 PM Children's Service  Rosh Hashanah 1 Tishrei		
<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Tashlich at Toes Beach 2 Tishrei	<b>18</b> 3 Tishrei	<b>19</b> 4 Tishrei	<b>20</b> 5 Tishrei	<b>21</b> 6 Tishrei	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM Shabbat Shuva Service 7 Tishrei	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study 8 Tishrei		
<b>24</b> 7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service  Erev Yom Kippur 9 Tishrei	<b>25</b> Temple Closed  10:00 AM Morning Yom Kippur Service  3:30 PM Yizkor & Neilah Service  Yom Kippur 10 Tishrei	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting 11 Tishrei	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom 12 Tishrei	<b>28</b> 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting 13 Tishrei	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM Sukkot Picnic  6:30 PM Sukkot Family Service 14 Tishrei	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study  10:30 AM Sukkot Yizkor Service 15 Tishrei		



# October 2023 16 Tishrei 5784 - 16 Cheshvan 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <sup>16 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School Begins</p> <p>12:00 PM Sukkot Decorating Party</p>	<p>2 <sup>17 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Morning Minyan – on zoom</p> <p>6:00 PM Akiba High School Begins</p>	<p>3 <sup>18 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM Talmud Tuesdays - on zoom</p> <p>4:00 PM Hebrew School Begins</p>	<p>4 <sup>19 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM What's Up in the Jewish World - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Sisterhood Israeli Dancing</p>	<p>5 <sup>20 Tishrei</sup></p>	<p>6 <sup>21 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat</p> <p>5:30 PM Community Dinner</p> <p>6:30 PM Simchat Torah &amp; Kindergarten Consecration Service</p>	<p>7 <sup>22 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study &amp; Simchat Torah Yizkor Service</p>
<p>8 <sup>23 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class Begins</p>	<p>9 <sup>24 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Morning Minyan – on zoom</p>	<p>10 <sup>25 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM Talmud Tuesdays - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p>11 <sup>26 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM What's Up in the Jewish World - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom</p>	<p>12 <sup>27 Tishrei</sup></p>	<p>13 <sup>28 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>6:30 PM Shabbat Choir Service with Board Installation</p>	<p>14 <sup>29 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of CJ Mathews</p>
<p>15 <sup>30 Tishrei</sup></p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p> <p>4:00 PM Cindy Paley Concert</p> <p>7:30 PM Rosh Hodesh Online Class</p>	<p>16 <sup>1 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Morning Minyan – on zoom</p>	<p>17 <sup>2 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM Talmud Tuesdays - on zoom</p> <p>6:00 PM Sisterhood Membership Dinner and evening with Dr. Sonenshein</p>	<p>18 <sup>3 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM What's Up in the Jewish World - on zoom</p> <p>5:30 PM ECC PJ Story Night</p>	<p>19 <sup>4 Cheshvan</sup></p>	<p>20 <sup>5 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>4:00 PM Challah Braid &amp; Bake</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21 <sup>6 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Jack Roper</p> <p><b>7:00 PM A Night Out in Tel Aviv</b></p>
<p>22 <sup>7 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blood Drive</p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p>	<p>23 <sup>8 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Morning Minyan – on zoom</p> <p>8:30 PM Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women Online Event</p>	<p>24 <sup>9 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM Talmud Tuesdays - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM – Men's Group Meeting</p>	<p>25 <sup>10 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM What's Up in the Jewish World - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Life Transitions Group via zoom</p>	<p>26 <sup>11 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>2:00 PM Book Club Meeting</p>	<p>27 <sup>12 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>6:30 PM Shabbat Service Honoring New Members</p>	<p>28 <sup>13 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Torah Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Elsa Liber</p>
<p>29 <sup>14 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>10:30 AM Intro to Judaism Class</p> <p>2:00 PM Sisterhood Tea</p> <p>Tour de Summer Camps</p>	<p>30 <sup>15 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Morning Minyan – on zoom</p>	<p>31 <sup>16 Cheshvan</sup></p> <p>11:00 AM Talmud Tuesdays - on zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Group Meeting</p>				

## 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:*

**Micky & Don Mann's 75th Anniversary** and **Don Mann's 99th birthday**, from Sharon Krakoff & Bob Knopf  
The **birth of our Grandnephew Felix**, from Maria & Ira Pemstein  
**Helene Jaffa**, for doing an outstanding job leading Summer Torah Study, from Maria & Ira Pemstein  
**Pam Josephson's birthday**, from Sharlene London  
**Our wonderful group who traveled to Israel together**, from Cathy & Bruce Penso  
**Temple Akiba Sisterhood**, thanks to the wonderful Sisterhood women who volunteered at the Extended Kiddush for our sons' B'nei Mitzvah, from The Gofman Family

*In memory of:*

**Laura Jenkins**, Lillian's beloved daughter, from Sonya Helmer  
**Laura Jenkins**, from Jerry Mendel  
**Laura Jenkins**, from Cathy & Bruce Penso  
**Leah Kitz**, my dear friend, from John Magoulas  
**Bette & Gerry Sallus**, from Janet Nathanson  
**Bette Rae Sallus**, from Sheila & Stan Weinberg  
**Elliot Silverstein**, from Janet Nathanson  
**Roberta Slavitt**, from the Akiba Amoeba Havurah  
**Roberta Slavitt**, sister of Sue Urfrig, from John Magoulas

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In honor of:*

**Linda Lessing's** birthday, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz  
The lovely Simchat Bat at the beach last Friday for our daughter **Kalina Rutenberg**. It was beautiful and full of love and community. From Ari Rutenberg & Nikki Tilmouth

*In memory of:*

**Hershey Baer Binder**, my beloved husband, from Farla Binder

## FROM THE HEART FUND

*In honor of:*

The birth of **Felix**, grandnephew of Maria & Ira Pemstein, from John Magoulas

*In memory of:*

**Max Himel**, my grandfather, from John Magoulas  
**Nel de Groot Snoek**, from John Magoulas

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*In gratitude to:*

**Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Frailich**, for their guidance, knowledge, and patience you put into preparing Nathan for his Bar Mitzvah, from Leila & Paul Rosemberg

*In memory of:*

**Iberty Phillips**, wishing you a rapid and complete recovery, from Leanna & Ron Watts  
**Roberta Slavitt**, beloved sister of Sue Urfrig, from Sue Polep

## CAMPAIGN OF LIGHT FUND

*In gratitude to:*

**Rabbi Shapiro & Cantor Frailich**, for their love, teachings, talent and kindness that shines on Temple Akiba. From Jill Will & Justin Ottinger

## YAHRZEIT FUND

**Jacob Ayers**, my nephew, from Ira Diamond  
**Aaron Berkson & Saul Rudich**, our fathers, from Lori & Ira Rudich  
**Edward Blum**, my father, and **Esther & Joe Perkin**, my grandparents, from Rochelle & David Mitzman  
**Lee Brody, Hessie & Max Reinhart, and Harold Shields**, from Laurie Hurl  
**Lee Brody, Hy Brody, Clara Goldstein, Murray Lebowitz, Jean Shev, & Oscar Shev**, from Robyn & Gary Shev  
**Eunice Collins**, our beloved friend from Timu Gallien & Christine Belletini  
**Lillian Coopersmith**, my mother, from Rabbi Sandy Rubenstein  
**Hilda Dershewitz**, my mother, from Shelley Garrido  
**Lillian Edelman**, my mother, from Fred & Emily Edelman  
**Vera & Sam Freeman**, my parents, from Kathleen Ellis  
**Sam Freeman**, my grandfather, from Belinda Braunstein  
**Barry Gold**, my husband, and **Bettylee Balsam**, my mother, from Lesley Gold  
**Alvin & Marvin Gordon**, my brothers, from Sonya Helmer  
**Harold Gotz**, my father, from Michael & Rosalie Gotz  
**Howard Green**, beloved husband and father, from Georgette and Lawrence Green  
**Helene Herz & Marien Molner**, our mothers, from Joanne & Duke Molner  
**Tania Heyman**, our beloved niece, from Leanna & Ron Watts  
**Sara Honig**, my mother, from Myrna & Edward Ross  
**Chiyeko Kaida**, my mother, from Jeanne & Ron Marmalefsky  
**Morris Kahn**, my husband, from Alice Kahn  
**David Kamin, Ada Goldenberg Green, Mildred Kaufman, and Yetta Goldberg**, from Joshua, Jennifer, & Karen Kamin  
**Bea Labozer**, my mother, from Elaine & James Kaufman  
**Frances Lewin**, my mother, from Joanne Wolf  
**Rifke Lewis**, my mother, from Arla Lewis  
**Daniel Marcus**, my father, from Karen Marcus & Daphne Boutilier  
**Eleanor Mendel**, our mother, from Jerry Mendel & Elaine Holiday  
**Honore Nachba & Rachel Rosine Nachba**, my grandparents and **Chaloum Serfati**, my father who dedicated their life to help people, especially refugees, from Josette & Raoul Benassaya  
**Aaron Nathanson**, my husband and **Karen Pelletier**, my daughter, from Janet Nathanson  
**Sabina Opperman**, my sister, from Morris & Shirley Price  
**Robert Rips**, my father, from Jeffrey Rips  
**Shelley Surpin**, my sister, from Andrea & Jay Swerdlow  
**Blanche Sussman Rubenstein**, my mother, from Beth Rubenstein  
**Fred Nussbaum**, my father, from Howard Nussbaum  
**Selma Snider**, my mother, from Mark Snider  
**Estelle Sriro**, my mother, from Don Sriro  
**Sheldon Stein**, my brother, from Sharon Krakoff  
**Ken Stone**, my father, from Laurie Hurl  
**Abe Swerdlow**, my father, from Jay & Andrea Swerdlow  
**Catherine Tassone**, my mother, and **Anne Marie Tassone**, my sister, from Cathy & Bruce Penso  
**Jack & Ruben Vodovoz**, my brothers-in-law, from Jack Wexler  
**Leona Weitz**, my mother, from Carol Fortel  
**Isadore Wexler**, my father, from Jack Wexler



**LEE WOLKOWITZ FUND**

*In honor of:*

**Bob Knopf**, a belated Happy BIG birthday! from Leanna & Ron Watts

**JUSTIN SHABSIS FUND**

*In memory of:*

**Lou Slutsky**, my father, from Susan Polep

**ECC FUND**

*In memory of:*

**James Gordon**, my husband, from Sheila Gordon & Family



**CARING COMMUNITY**

Do you or a loved one need:

A ride to services or an appointment, a meal or an errand, a visit or phone call?

**OR** Can you provide these services?

Please tell us: Meg Clements:

[megclem@ca.rr.com](mailto:megclem@ca.rr.com)


or Terry Coty: [trcoty@hotmail.com](mailto:trcoty@hotmail.com)

THANKS FOR CARING!

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

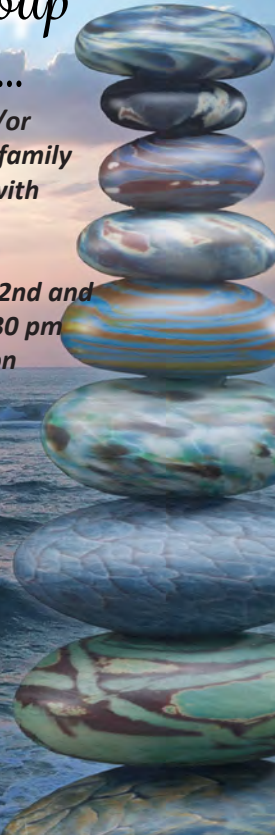

*A group dealing with bereavement and/or changes in relationships, career, social, family and health issues. Share your feelings with others in a supportive and confidential atmosphere.*

*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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 310 398-5783


**Welcome New Members**

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Brett Abrams & Jennifer Chan                  | Julia Linsech & Zack Burns           |
| Rachel Anderson & Michael Anderson-Mitterling | Rachel Marder & Jordan Berechman     |
| Ben Berkley                                   | Jessica & Kevin Poff                 |
| Jennifer Carter                               | Emily Polak & Gerald, Katzman        |
| Loren & Gregory Castle                        | Setareh & Michael Radparvar          |
| Reva Gindi & Scott Cooper                     | Allyson & Luke Ramsey                |
| Camille Hamilton & Bryce Salmi                | Dina Sankari & Cory Everett          |
| Shaina & Jordan Hergott                       | Amanda & Noah Sharfman               |
| Tali & Ran Israeli                            | Jamie Simon-Meyer & Jordan Steinhart |
| Alex Jackson                                  | Adi & Nati Soffer                    |
| Sharon Jundef & Alberto Algaze                | Jessica & Benjamin van der Fluit     |
| Brooke & Andrew Katz                          | Dara & Todd Weinger                  |
| Delali Kpodzo & Matthew Conrad                | Gabrielle Zadra & Mark Wild          |
| Shiran Levy & Oren Naim                       |                                      |





**TEMPLE AKIBA BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
**8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

Help save lives & help Temple Akiba continue to be an amazing supporter of the Red Cross Blood Program.

To make your life-saving appointment, please visit [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: TempleAkiba, or call 1-800-Red Cross.



## TEMPLE AKIBA PRESENTS

# CINDY PALEY - FOLK CONCERT

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

### CONCERT AT 4:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION



THE FOLK EXPERIENCE BRINGS CLASSIC 60'S HARMONIES IN A SHOW FEATURING JEWISH AMERICAN SONGWRITERS OF THE 60'S FOLK ERA. THE FOLK MUSIC MOVEMENT OF THE 1960'S HELPED TO GALVANIZE SOCIAL CHANGE IN AMERICA. NOT SURPRISINGLY, MANY OF THE SUCCESSFUL SONGWRITERS OF THE FOLK ERA, CALLING UPON THEIR HERITAGE AND THEIR SENSE OF TIKUN OLAM – REPAIRING OF THE WORLD – WERE JEWISH. WRITERS AND PERFORMERS SUCH AS BOB DYLAN, PHIL OCHS, PAUL SIMON, LEONARD COHEN, PETER YARROW, AND FRED HELLERMAN OF THE WEAVERS WROTE SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC SONGS OF THE FOLK ERA.

THE FOLK EXPERIENCE – CINDY PALEY, MIKE SIROTA, AND ED LABOWITZ COMPRIZE A 3-PART HARMONY MUSICAL PROGRAM OF AMERICAN FOLK SONGS FROM JEWISH

SONGWRITERS OF THAT GREAT FOLK ERA. THEIR CONCERT IS PART NOSTALGIA, PART ENTERTAINMENT, AND PART SHEER JOY AS EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE SINGS ALONG WITH THE HELP OF LYRIC BOOKLETS. IT'S A HAND CLAPPING, FOOT STOMPING HAPPENING!



TO RSVP, PLEASE  
SCAN THIS CODE

COST: \$20 PER PERSON, \$10 FOR CHILDREN 12 & YOUNGER



## 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...



### 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 [vnahmias@aol.com](mailto:vnahmias@aol.com)

### Adults 40+ to Explore the City

Perfect for those 40+, singles or couples, interested in visiting museums, restaurants, or other experiences our city offers. Contact Kate Cregor at [kcregor@hotmail.com](mailto:kcregor@hotmail.com)

Want to start a havurah? Contact Kathryn at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)

### New Havurah Alert

Let's give it up for Akiba's newest havurah! This group of parents of recently graduated high school seniors decided to keep their connections to each other and Akiba strong - check out their first gathering.





# Rosh Hodesh: Spirituality for Women

New & past participants are equally welcome.  
For more information please contact, Kathryn  
Vischjager at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)

September 17 at 7:30 PM

October 15 at 7:30 PM

Zoom link provided upon registration



## CHALLAH BRAID & BAKE

We make it easy for your whole family to braid & bake your own fresh challah for Shabbat by providing everything you need!

**October 20th, 2023**

**from 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Prepare a challah for Shabbat and consider staying for our beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service as it bakes!  
Cost: \$12 per challah for members, \$15 for non-members

Preparing a fresh challah for Shabbat isn't easy with our busy lives, but we're taking the hassle out of it by offering our members and families a monthly Challah Lab! 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.

Do you have expertise in challah braiding and are willing to volunteer your time to share what you know with our members and families? Contact Kathryn at [programdirector@templeakiba.net](mailto:programdirector@templeakiba.net)



## Adult Hebrew / B'nai Mitzvah Class



Every Wednesday from 6 pm - 6:45 pm  
beginning October 11 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'nai Mitzvah ceremony.

RSVP to [cantorlonee@templeakiba.net](mailto:cantorlonee@templeakiba.net)



# BOOK Club

**Sept. 28 & Oct. 26 at 2:00 PM**

It's a great time to jump into our Book Club as we gear up for our September read. The Dissident is a thrilling, witty, & slyly original Cold War mystery about a ragtag group of Jewish refuseniks in Moscow. Join us to discuss The Dissident on **Thursday, September 28 at 2:00pm** at Temple Akiba and stay tuned to your e-news to find out what we're reading in October!

For more information, contact  
Helene Jaffa at [hjaffa9@gmail.com](mailto:hjaffa9@gmail.com)





TEMPLE AKIBA PRESENTS

# NIGHT OUT IN TEL AVIV



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Join us for a night of  
Casino Games, Drinks, Food,  
Live Music, Dancing & More!



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



**Member Tickets:**  
Early Bird – \$154  
After Oct. 16th- \$172

**Non-Member Tickets:**  
Early Bird – \$172  
After Oct. 16th- \$180



Join Temple Akiba at A NIGHT OUT IN TEL AVIV. This event will have Las Vegas style gambling, dinner, open bar, music, dancing, prizes, and other surprises! Your participation makes a critical difference, not only showcasing your commitment to Temple Akiba, but also ensuring that Temple Akiba remains vibrant for generations to come.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Rothschild Blvd. Sponsor: \$7,200**

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Choose the casino night special cocktail name
- Sponsorship of 2 casino tables
- Admission for 12 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

### **Dizengoff St. Sponsor: \$5,400**

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll, Registration Table and Bar throughout night
- Sponsorship of 2 casino tables of your choice
- Admission for 8 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

### **Shuk HaCarmel Sponsor: \$3,600**

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Registration Table throughout night
- Exclusive Recognition & naming of the Poker Table
- Admission for 6 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

### **Neve Tzedek Sponsor: \$1,800**

- Recognition as Event Sponsor on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll and Bar throughout the night
- Sponsorship of 1 casino table
- Admission for 4 guests
- Extra Gaming Chips

### **Jaffa Sponsor: \$1,200**

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of 1 casino table
- Admission for 4 guests

### **King George St. Sponsor: \$720**

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Sponsorship of 1 casino table
- Admission for 2 guests

### **Herzl St. Sponsor: \$540**

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Admission for 2 guests

### **Ben Gurion Sponsor: \$360**

- Recognition on Temple Akiba Website and marketing materials
- Recognition on Rolling Scroll throughout the night
- Admission for 1 guest



Scan code to purchase tickets & sponsorships. For more info please contact Scott Bishoff, [scott.bishoff85@gmail.com](mailto:scott.bishoff85@gmail.com) and Ira Pemstein, [elpem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elpem@sbcglobal.net)



# AKIBA DAY CAMP



Live 10 for 2. That is a phrase that many of our campers AND staff live by. To “Live 10 months for the fun of 2- at camp!” We had a GREAT summer at Akiba Day Camp! There is something so special about seeing our community having fun outside together. Camp is a special universe where a child going into Kindergarten is able to play sports with a teenager about to enter middle school, guided by a counselor that has been at the camp for over 10 years.

With the stress free environment of camp, our campers really embraced their Jewish Identities by celebrating Shabbat every week, making Challah, learning about Israel, singing Hebrew songs every day, and who could forget: Israeli Dancing! I think we may have registered as an earthquake week 5 during dance!!



Thank you to all of our families that contributed to an unforgettable summer!!!

Robyn Altman, Day Camp Director



Presented By  
THE ROSALIND AND ARTHUR  
GILBERT FOUNDATION



## RIDE, CYCLE, OR HIKE FOR THE JEWISH FUTURE!

# SUNDAY OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup>

Temple Akiba has a team as part of The Jewish Federation's Tour de Summer Camps Bike-a-Thon. Help raise awareness of the importance of Jewish summer camps and raise vital funds for scholarships. Akiba campers have personally benefited from this event since its conception by receiving over \$60,000 in scholarship funds!



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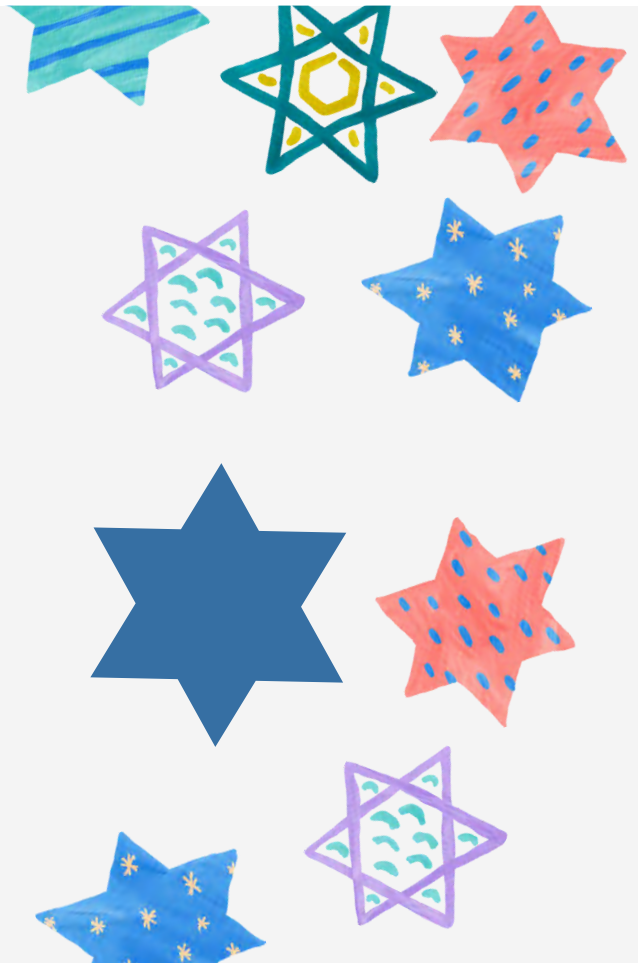
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# HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

## 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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# September Clothing Donation Drive for Boyle Heights Community

DRIVE DATES: Sept. 15th – Sept. 25th

The Boyle Heights Communities of Schools is made up of 25 elementary, middle and high schools and serves a neighborhood with an LAUSD district low median family income of \$33,000/year. Our friends at the Boyle Heights Community of Schools have made it clear that one of the greatest needs for students and families now, is getting through the cold weather this winter.



With your help our **"Layer Up"** Donation Drive from Sept 15th - 25th will gather much needed winter clothing for students and their families.

We're collecting new or lightly used warm clothing for children, teens and adults, to distribute to the Boyle Heights Community of Schools:

- Sweaters, Long sleeves, Jackets, etc.
- Hats & Blankets, and any other warm weather clothing
- Shoes & Boots
- New socks are also requested
- Also, considering the holidays are coming, any new toys will also be gratefully accepted to ensure all families are able to have a cheerful holiday.

You can drop your donations off at the Temple, or you can leave at the front gate with the guard from September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM as well as at Vets Auditorium before High Holy Day Services on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## This project is sponsored by Temple Akiba's Tikkun Olam Committee.

### Thank you for your generosity!

Questions: Sara Fields, Director of Engagement,  
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# SWAG SHOP



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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  
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