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<b>Friday, September 1</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Shabbat Service in the courtyard	
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Shabbat Service	
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Shabbat Service	
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Shabbat Service	
<b>Friday, September 29</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
Kol Nidre Service at Vet's Auditorium	
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Shabbat Shira Service	
<b>Friday, October 13</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Torah Service with Choir	
<b>Friday, October 20</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	
<b>Friday, October 27</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Shabbat Service	

# Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

I write this article in the wake of the devastating incident in Charlottesville, NC. While the news is certainly faded by the time you read this, the divisions in our country are becoming more and more in focus. Sometimes I feel as though we are living on two different planets, two different worlds. But it's not realities of Democrats vs Republicans or Obamacare vs a replacement. There are many relevant voices with valid points on both sides of the aisle. Yes, I have my own opinions on these, and I welcome healthy dialogue.

What disturbs my soul is that so many Americans are learning by example that we can bully, belittle, and bend the truth. Not only do we get away with it, but we are expected to do this. One might argue, "I now am able to say what I think, to tell it like it is." Yes, that may be true. But a thinking society has filters. And adults learn that saying what is on our minds all the time is ultimately not healthy. But license has been granted. The question, therefore, must be, "Are my words and actions leading society to a better place?"

The prophets of our tradition had an important role. They were charged with guiding the people, as well as the Kings of Israel, toward fostering a better society. Some were unpopular because they disturbed people from their complacency. But their message was clear: A nation's strength is about how we protect the weakest in the society, not how we treat the strongest. Let me offer a few examples of their words and phrases:

**Isaiah 1:17:** Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

**Isaiah 3:14-15:** Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights, and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people,

**Zechariah 7:9-10:** Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

**Proverb 31:8-9:** Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."

**Micah 6:8:** What does Adonai require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Friends, as we enter the new year, we have an onus like never before. We are a light unto the nations. We must be the examples of fostering goodness, light, and peace. We can't engage in language that engenders bigotry. We need to remember to filter our communications - while at the same time inspiring others with wisdom. I ask that we use this New Year as an opportunity to think about our own role. And I pray that our nation has leaders to exemplify the values we hold dear.

Wishing you and your families a year filled with shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

## Cantor's Corner



In this season of reflection and renewal I found myself reflecting on the incredible talent of the staff here at Temple Akiba. Rabbi and I are so blessed to work with the most incredible congregation, board and staff. We feel so lucky, every day, that we are surrounded by amazing, intelligent and talented people.

This year marks the end of an era of two of our special co-workers. Tara Berger and Craig Newman have dedicated years of service to our Synagogue. They have enriched the lives of so many of our congregants.

Tara's creativity is astounding. She infuses every art project and every lesson with meaning. Before our remodel, Tara's artwork could be found all over the building, helping to beautify our aging space. I have always been awed by the creativity she shows, not just within art, but within Jewish education. The classes that she taught at our High School program were so incredible and out of the box. I am so grateful to Tara for the gifts she has given Temple Akiba and for the wonderful person that she is.

After 18 years as our song-leader, Craig is retiring. He has brought such joy, warmth and love to this Synagogue throughout his years. I have always been in awe of Craig's commitment to this institution. He has a very demanding full-time job and yet he has dedicated every Sunday and multiple Fridays every month to sharing the joy of music with us at Temple Akiba. He is the embodiment of a mensch and we are so lucky that a generation of our congregation was blessed with his gifts. The best part is that he will continue to grace us with his incredible musical skills in our Kabbalat Shabbat services, High Holy Day services and other special services throughout the year. I'm so grateful that I will still get to sing with my musical best friend!

Thank you to Tara and Craig for making Temple Akiba a brighter place. Your skills, talents and incredible contributions to Temple Akiba lift us up and allow us to enter this High Holy Day period with love and meaning.

Shana Tovah!  
Cantor Lonee Frailich

## President's Message

Summer days have come and gone, but ask any Camp Akiba camper and they'll tell you their memories gained this year will surely last a lifetime. We have Leah Penso, Robyn Altman and the entire Temple Akiba Day Camp and Resident Camp staff to thank for an extremely successful summer. Having had two children myself who attended Temple Akiba's camps, I've seen first-hand how Camp Akiba shapes our young ones and continues to grow strong, smart and motivated future Jewish leaders.

With summer in the rearview mirror, it's time to focus on the year ahead and the wonderful plans we have in store at Temple Akiba. You don't want to miss out on any of the fun and enlightening happenings, so please be sure to return your completed membership forms if you haven't done so already. The data contained on these forms are necessary for our administration to have accurate current information on our members.

Here is just a sampling of our upcoming events:

- **Wine and Cheese Open House on Friday, September 8th at 5:30 pm** for new and prospective members. Please invite your non-affiliated friends and neighbors to meet our Rabbi, Cantor and others, and see for themselves all that Temple Akiba has to offer.
- **45th Annual Adult Retreat** held in Montecito, CA. There are still a few spots available for this weekend full of excellent activities for the mind, body and soul.
- **High Holy Days services** will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium (at the corner of Overland and Culver Blvd.) beginning with Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Wednesday, September 20. The family service will begin at 5:00 pm which is perfect for children and adults of any age. Our formal service will begin at 7:30 pm.

On behalf of everyone at Temple Akiba and our Board of Trustees, I wish everyone a L'Shana Tova, a very happy and healthy New Year. May this year, 5778, be full of goodness and wonderful moments in your life.

**Michael Bauer**



## ECC & Religious School

Welcome to a new year of Jewish Learning at Temple Akiba. We feel so honored to have you and your children with us in our educational programs. The laughter and joy of our children is perhaps our brightest and most precious jewel.

Here at Temple Akiba while we busy ourselves with readying the children to take their place among the Jewish people as B'nai Mitzvah, we have a much larger and more imperative goal; making them lifelong committed and knowledgeable Jewish people. We strive to help them see the world through a Jewish lens. We explore ways they can help right the world, and create a Jewish home that brings hope and joy to others. Through the rituals, stories and values of our people, we aim to connect them to a precious legacy that they will carry with them always. Temple Akiba is a partnership. Your family is as important to us as your children. Be a part of our Jewish home! Share in this community as a family. Your children will immediately understand the importance of Jewish life while watching you participate. As the year begins, please know, the doors of our program are open to your questions and concerns. We care deeply about the educational, emotional and spiritual well-being of your children, and your family. Feel free to reach out to us to make this a meaningful experience for you and your child. We are looking forward to a year of growing the Jewish people even greater, together.



Shana Tova to you and your family and I look forward to seeing you at the Holidays and over the course of the school year as we grow together.

**Randee Bishoff**

Director of Education



Temple Akiba's  
**High Holy Day Services 2017/5778**

Services held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
Corner of Culver Blvd. & Overland Ave. in Culver City



**Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 20-21**

**Yom Kippur: Sept. 29-30**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah & Kol Nidre**  
**begin at 7:30 pm**

**Morning Services begin at 10 am**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service**  
**begins at 5:00 pm**

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Rosh Hashanah  
Children's Service at  
Temple Akiba  
Sept. 21 at 3 pm

Contact Ira Diamond at  
[diamondline@earthlink.net](mailto:diamondline@earthlink.net)  
If you are able to volunteer at  
our High Holy Day  
Services

# SEASON OF RENEWAL

## *Slichot*

*Saturday, September 16*

A Service of Introspection

Study: 8:30 pm

Light Oneg: 9:30 pm

Meditative Slichot & Havdalah Service: 10 pm



## *Tashlich*



*Sunday, September 24*  
*1 pm at Toe's Beach*

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

## *Sukkot*



*Sunday, October 1*  
*10 am*

Join us for brunch and a fun filled family day building the Temple Sukkah as we prepare for the festival of SUKKOT! Planned activities include singing with the clergy, arts & crafts & decorating our beautiful Sukkah, of course!

## *Simchat Torah* & Consecration of Kindergarten

*Wednesday, October 11*  
*6 pm*



## A Message from our Executive Director, Amram Hassan

Friends,

Summer is ending and as I look back at all the exciting programs/events we've had and still go on here at Temple Akiba, it's just incredible. Akiba Day Camp, under the Directorship of Robyn Altman, was a huge success - the kids had a fabulous time. At the ECC Summer Camp the children had a blast with their activities. It was so cute watching them play in their small inflatable pools. I'm sure you all heard what happened with the annual location of our Resident Camp, located in the Santa Barbara area. With the wild fires we had this summer in that area the camp was one of the victims that burned down. Did that discourage our Resident Camp Director, Leah Penso? No, she immediately got on the internet and the phone. She enlisted Randee Bishoff, and between the two of them, they made about 200 calls to camps located in Southern California until they found one to accommodate our camp. What an accomplishment, especially since all this happened just a couple of weeks before camp was scheduled to begin! Leah, who has been our Resident Camp Director at Temple Akiba as well as a camper herself in her youth, understood how much Resident Camp meant to our campers. The end result? Campers had a wonderful time at the new location.

All of the above was going on while we (the administration) have been working on membership for the coming year and on the High Holidays that are coming up soon, as well as our ECC and Religious School planning for the upcoming year.

Temple Akiba has a wonderful year planned full of educational programs and events for everyone. Make sure you take advantage. Board members are working diligently with their committees making sure everything runs as it should. Finally, please don't be strangers, whenever you come to the Temple drop in the office and say hi, we really like when people come in to chat. Finally, I'm hopeful that by the time you read this your membership, HH ticket orders, Yitzkor Book, child HH registration, Religious School and ECC registrations have all been submitted.

On behalf of my wife Elana and I, we want to wish you all a Shana Tova, may you all have a sweet, healthy and peaceful year.

### INTRODUCING OUR RABBINIC AND CANTORIAL INTERNS...

Hi Temple Akiba Community!

My name is Nora Feinstein, and I am thrilled to be joining you all as a rabbinic intern. When not at Akiba, I am a third-year student at HUC-JIR. Baltimore, MD is my hometown and there's a piece of my heart in South Carolina where my family now resides.

I am passionate about co-creating Jewish communities that are relevant, resonant, and empowering. Besides learning and teaching about Judaism, I enjoy yoga, live music, hiking, good coffee, and public radio.

Please come introduce yourselves! I cannot wait to meet you, pray with you, and learn together this year.

Nora Feinstein  
Rabbinic Intern



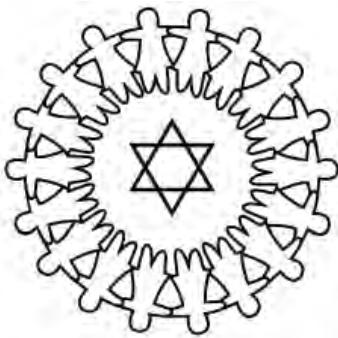
I am honored to be Temple Akiba's Cantorial Intern this year. The experiences I have had at Akiba thus far have all been wonderful. I wouldn't have expected anything less, because I've only heard great things about the community. Whether it was when I helped lead a memorial service, song led at the Day Camp, or subbed for Cantor Lonee at a Shabbat evening service, I was welcomed with love, warmth, enthusiasm, and intrigue. I look forward to continuing to come to Temple Akiba to be embraced, and to reciprocate what I've received as someone new.

As a cantorial student at the Academy for Jewish Religion, CA, I am filled with gratitude for the willingness of Cantor Lonee and Rabbi Shapiro to mentor me. I fondly anticipate providing a holy connection between the community and the Divine with my voice alongside them and other excellent musicians.

Please feel free to say hi if you see me around; I would love to get to know each and every one of you!

With Gratitude and  
Blessings,  
Bryce Megdal  
Cantorial Intern





## TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



*Brighter and Stronger...Together!*

As we begin the season of Holy Days, Sisterhood extends to all a wish for a New Year filled with love and peace. We hope you have received your Sisterhood membership materials and have chosen to join with us in support of Sisterhood, our Temple and our Temple community.

We look forward to greeting you at the Welcome Nosh being held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Wolkowitz Field.

Once again we are delighted to be joined by Dr. Raphael Sonenshein for our Membership Dinner on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner reservations are REQUIRED - and we anticipate this to be a sold-out event so please plan ahead.

We continue our volunteer cooking efforts at the Lou Colon Children's Health and Wellness Center in September and October and hope new faces will have the opportunity to join in this endeavor.

We are pleased to co-sponsor the panel discussion on September 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the Yazidi Genocide and look forward to sharing this informative evening with all who can attend.

And Coffee With the Clergy resumes on October 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Flyers for all of these programs together with our membership brochure are available in the Temple foyer and on the Temple website. We encourage and are grateful for your support and participation. Don't forget to look for us at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services - mini challahs for all!



### Temple Akiba Sisterhood Social Action Committee COOKING WITH KIDS - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

Join Social Action Committee members in the fun as we provide Healthy Cooking and Eating Experiences in the Teaching Kitchen of the Lou Colon Children's Health and Wellness Center. Experienced Sisterhood members will lead the session. Volunteers will help, as they are comfortable, select easy and healthy recipes, demonstrate cooking techniques, assist with prep work and interact with the kids and their parents.

The program aims to:

- Involve the children who are the patients of this Clinic, in a simple, fun and engaging cooking activity while they wait to see their doctors; and,
- Provide children and families with the opportunity to learn about cooking cheap, delicious and healthy meals.

**Cooking dates this Fall: September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, 2:30-4:30 pm**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED or HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL  
HELENE JAFFA: (310) 305-4170 or [helenerj@aol.com](mailto:helenerj@aol.com)**

The LOU COLON CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER is part of the Venice Family Clinic and is located at 4700 Inglewood Boulevard corner of Braddock Avenue.

**Social Action Committee Members:** Verna Erez, Tricia Flumenbaum, Jeanne Marmalefsky, Helene Jaffa, Renee Meshul and Sue Polep

# Adult Education, Programs & Events



## Adult Hebrew / B'nai Mitzvah Class

Every Wednesday from 6pm - 6:45pm  
beginning October 18.

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.

The class culminates in an Adult B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony in June, 2018.

To RSVP, contact Cantor Lonee Frailich at 310-398-5783.



## Introduction to Judaism Class

Discover what could be meaningful to you in liberal Judaism.

Engage with Jewish values, celebrations, spirituality, and community in an Introduction to Judaism class.

Everyone is welcome. This 18-week class is perfect for interfaith couples, those raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.

Ask your questions, engage with multiple perspectives, and explore Jewish life through a Reform lens. Register online <http://www.reformjudaism.org/introduction-judaism-california>

**The Intro to Judaism course taught by Rabbi Shapiro starts on Sunday, October 1 at Temple Akiba**

Questions: Contact Rabbi Sabine Meyer, Intro Director [smeyer@urj.org](mailto:smeyer@urj.org)

## Kibbitz with the Clergy!

Sundays from 9:30-noon.

Join us throughout the year as we hike, taste Jewish foods, explore Jewish architecture, talk about where our world is right now (and where God is as well), and much more. Each month, Cantor Frailich or Rabbi Shapiro will guide us on a fun and interactive journey.

More details will follow, but save the dates!

October 22  
November 12  
December 3  
January 7  
February 4  
March 11  
April 8

## Adult Education Program Start Dates:

**September 18 - Lunch and Learn**

New day: Monday! Time: Noon—1 pm

**September 23 - Torah Study**

Saturday mornings from 9 am—10 am

**October 3 - Coffee with the Clergy**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10:45 am—Noon

# Special Announcements

## Please Join Us In Welcoming Our New Members and their Families

Naomi & Turgut Aytur  
Sharon Balter  
Caitlin & Aaron Dubois  
Jennifer Fogel & Paul Mathews  
Jaime & Daniel Haas  
Rita Kouy-Ghadosh & Shahin Kohan  
Robyn & Aaron Kupferman  
Harper & Aaron Leshtz  
Andrea & Matthew Sherman  
Tali Sherman & Moshe Travolski

## Join A Havurah!



Some ongoing havurot are still open for new members. Join the fun!

New Havurot Forming:  
Celebrating Holidays Together, Book Club,  
Dinner at Home, LA Art & Music Events &  
YOUR IDEAS!

Contact: Helene Jaffa, Havurah Trustee  
[helenerj@aol.com](mailto:helenerj@aol.com) or 310-305-4170



## We Care!

Do you know a member (including yourself) who would appreciate a friendly call, visit or who might need some assistance?

We would love to know.

We are also looking for members who would like to be a part of the Caring Community. Contact me if interested.



**Louise Feinberg**  
Caring Community Trustee  
[Loutalks@aol.com](mailto:Loutalks@aol.com)  
310-837-2460

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

Is a friend of yours at Temple Akiba going through a stressful time - illness or death in the family? OR maybe they're celebrating a special Simcha?

Please tell the front office - so our Community can reach out to them.

Send an email to:  
[admin@templeakiba.net](mailto:admin@templeakiba.net)  
or call 310-398-5783

# B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Camille Joffe  
daughter of Yvette & Paul Joffe  
Saturday, October 7



Isabella Abroms  
daughter of Margaret & David  
Abroms  
Saturday, October 14

## Temple Akiba Board of Trustees and Sisterhood/Women of Reform Judaism

Welcome you to Coffee, Nosh and Conversation

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:45 am on the Wolkowitz Field

Enjoy an Embellished Coffee bar, Lox and Bagels



❖ Meet friends old and new: Learn about Sisterhood, Men's Club, Mitzvah Day, Social Action, Caring Community, Havurot and more

- ❖ preview the exciting Sisterhood programs and activities for the coming year
- ❖ Info: Linda Park 310-836-1218, Terry Coty 310-351-6777 or Cathy Penso 310-670-6394



**It's never too early to start celebrating  
Shabbat with your little one.**

**Join us for music, singing, and fun with  
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Lonee.**

**Meet other families with tiny tots.**

**FREE and open to the whole community!**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018\***

\*change to 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
There will be no class in Sept.

RSVP to Carly Rosenstein at [nurseryschool@templeakiba.net](mailto:nurseryschool@templeakiba.net) or 310-398-5783  
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Temple Akiba's

# OPEN HOUSE

For Prospective Members

**September 8 at**

**5:30 pm (followed by Shabbat Services)**



*We invite anyone interested in Temple membership to join us for a  
Wine and Cheese Open House!*

*Meet our Rabbi, Cantor and School Director, as well as representatives from  
Sisterhood, Havurot, and other Temple affiliated groups.*

**PLEASE RSVP TO: [membership@templeakiba.net](mailto:membership@templeakiba.net)  
OR 310-215-0151**

*We look forward to meeting you!*

# September 2017

10 Elul 5777 - 10 Tishre 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10 ELUL Shabbat Service - Courtyard at 7:00 PM	2 11 ELUL
3 12 ELUL	4 13 ELUL Labor Day Temple Akiba Closed	5 14 ELUL Religious School Back to School 6:00 PM	6 15 ELUL ECC Back to School 6:00 PM	7 16 ELUL	8 17 ELUL New Member Open House 6:00 PM Shabbat Torah Service 7:00 PM	9 18 ELUL Torah Study 9:00 AM
10 19 ELUL 1st Day Religious School Back to School Picnic - Sponsored by TA's Sisterhood 9:45 AM	11 20 ELUL 1st Day Akiba High Men's Group Meeting 6:30 PM	12 21 ELUL 1st Day of Tuesday School Sisterhood Board Meeting - 7:00 PM Social Hall	13 22 ELUL General Board Meeting - 7:00 PM Life Transition Group 6:30 PM	14 23 ELUL Beyond Genocide Campaign panel 7:00 PM	15 24 ELUL Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	16 25 ELUL Torah Study 9:00 AM ECC Welcome Back Picnic 10:00 AM Selichot Service 8:30 PM
17 26 ELUL	18 27 ELUL Lunch and Learn Begins 12:00 PM - Note new day	19 28 ELUL Novel Discussion Group 7:00 PM	20 29 ELUL ✉ Erev Rosh Hashanah Temple Akiba Closed at 1:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Family Service 5:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30 PM	21 1 TISHRE ✉ Rosh Hashanah Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 AM RH Children's Service 3:00 PM @ Temple Akiba	22 2 TISHRE Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	23 3 TISHRE Torah Study 9:00 AM
24 4 TISHRE Tashlich at the Beach 1:00 PM	25 5 TISHRE Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	26 6 TISHRE	27 7 TISHRE Life Transition Group 6:30 PM	28 8 TISHRE	29 9 TISHRE ✉ Erev Yom Kippur Temple Akiba closed at 1:00 PM Kol Nidre Service 7:30 PM	30 10 TISHRE ✉ Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 AM YK Afternoon (Yizkor) Service 3:30 PM

# October 2017 11 Tishre 5778 - 11 Cheshvan 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 TISHRE <b>1</b> No Sunday School Succah Building Party @ 10:00 AM	12 TISHRE <b>2</b> Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	13 TISHRE <b>3</b> Coffee with the Clergy 10:00 AM	14 TISHRE <b>4</b>	15 TISHRE <b>5</b> Succot - Day 1 Temple Closed	16 TISHRE <b>6</b> Tiny Tot Shabbat 9:00 AM Succot Family Dinner 5:30 PM Shabbat Shira Service 6:30 PM	17 TISHRE <b>7</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Camille Joffe
18 TISHRE <b>8</b>	19 TISHRE <b>9</b> Columbus Day Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	20 TISHRE <b>10</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21 TISHRE <b>11</b> Yizkor Service 5:00 PM Dinner in the Succah 5:30 PM Simchat Torah Service 6:30 PM Kindergarten Consecration	22 TISHRE <b>12</b>	23 TISHRE <b>13</b> Shabbat Torah with Choir Service 7:00 PM	24 TISHRE <b>14</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Abrams
25 TISHRE <b>15</b>	26 TISHRE <b>16</b> Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM Men's Group Meeting 6:30 PM	27 TISHRE <b>17</b> Coffee with the Clergy 10:45 AM Novel Discussion Group 7:00 PM	28 TISHRE <b>18</b> General Board Meeting 7:00 PM	29 TISHRE <b>19</b> Sisterhood Membership Dinner 6:00 PM	30 TISHRE <b>20</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	1 CHESHVAN <b>21</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM New Member Dinner 5:30 PM
2 CHESHVAN <b>22</b> Kibbitz with the Clergy 9:30-Noon	3 CHESHVAN <b>23</b> Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	4 CHESHVAN <b>24</b>	5 CHESHVAN <b>25</b> Life Transition Group 6:30 PM	6 CHESHVAN <b>26</b>	7 CHESHVAN <b>27</b> Adult Retreat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	8 CHESHVAN <b>28</b> Adult Retreat
9 CHESHVAN <b>29</b> Adult Retreat Tour De Camp	10 CHESHVAN <b>30</b> Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	11 CHESHVAN <b>31</b> Coffee with the Clergy 10:45 AM				

## TZEDAKAH

Members and friends of Temple Akiba have chosen to honor the memories of loved ones and to express their condolences to bereaved families by making contributions to the Yahrzeit and other Temple funds. In addition, one can make donations to the Temple to honor birthdays, a marriage, a baby naming, a conversion, the privilege of sitting on the bima, for having an aliya, or for any other blessed occasion.

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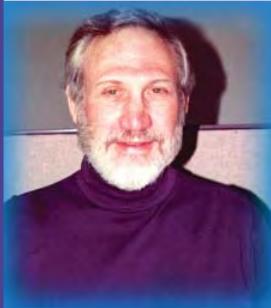
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## NOVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Hosted and led by  
Jack M. Hirschberg

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Here I Am by Jonathan Safron Foer

A brilliant ambitious novel, replete with pathos as well as humor (jokes). Foer has written a masterpiece!

Tuesday November 21, 2017

LaRose by Louise Erdrich

The author wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Death in Venice by Thomas Mann

The classic!

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# Shabbat Nefesh

## Shabbat of the Soul

**October 20, 2017**

**Folk Shabbat**

**November 10, 2017**

**Shabbat with guest Cantor Rebekah Mirsky**

**December 8, 2017**

**Shabbat with world famous opera singer Audrey Babcock**

**January 26, 2018**

**Duets with Dad—Duets with Cantors Jay and Lonee Frailich**

**February 16, 2018**

**Simon & Garfunkle Shabbat**

**March 16, 2018**

**Motown Shabbat**

**April 20, 2018**

**Broadway Shabbat**

**May 25, 2018**

**Shabbat with guest Cantor Natalie Young**

**June 8, 2018**

**Pride Shabbat**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Raphael Sonenshein



**“Election 2017: The Wild Ride Continues!”**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

**6 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Program**

**Temple Akiba Sisterhood’s Membership Dinner**

Reservations are required for Dinner by October 12.

Paid-up Sisterhood Members and Associates dine for \$5. Non-members pay \$18 per person.

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

Fill out and return the RSVP tear-off mailed to you,

available on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website or on the Shalom turnstile.

Payment for dinner must accompany reservations. Anyone is welcome to attend the free program.

Information: Call Terry Coty 310-351-6777 or Cathy Penso 310-670-6394

# Temple Akiba of Culver City

## Join Us for A Special Panel Discussion Coming to the Aid of the Persecuted: Saving the Yazidis from Genocide

**A Crucial Conversation** presented in partnership with the Los Angeles Jewish Journal  
**Featuring**

Yotam Polizer, Co-Executive Director, IsraAID

Rabbi Pam Frydman, Coordinator, Beyond Genocide Campaign

Haider Elias, Executive Director, Yazda

Eitan Arom, Los Angeles Jewish Journal, Moderator

**Thursday September 14, 7:00 pm at  
5249 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City**

**THIS PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Yazidi people are in the fourth year of a sexual and military slavery that is part of a genocide perpetrated by so-called-ISIS. Among other groups, the Israeli NGO IsraAid and the Yazidi NGO Yazda work hard to raise consciousness and provide for Yazidi rescue and relief.

Beyond Genocide Campaign <http://www.norcalrabbis.org/yezidis/>

Co-sponsors: Sinai Temple,  
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With appreciation to Rabbi Zachary Shapiro &  
Social Action Trustee, Sharlene London, & to  
Temple Akiba's Sisterhood and Men's Group for co-sponsoring the evening.



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# “Weekend with the Rabbi”

## 45th Annual Adult Retreat

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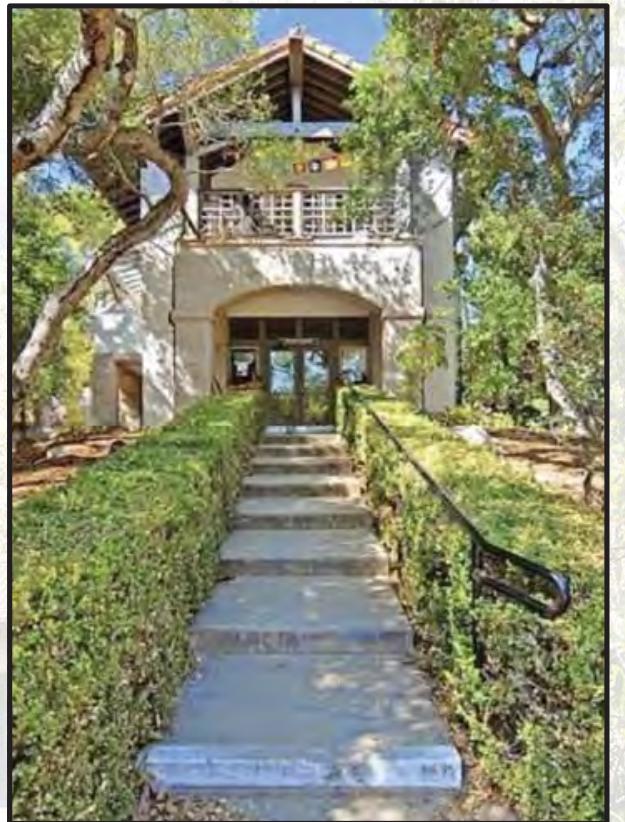
**Theme: “Life's Most Valuable Lessons”**

Join Rabbi Shapiro for an intellectually stimulating, spiritual and FUN weekend.

**COST per Temple Member/Non-Member:**  
**(Double Occupancy)**

\$310/\$380 if paid in full by August 4, 2017  
\$330/\$400 if paid after August 4, 2017  
\$350/\$425 if paid after September 29, 2017

Fee includes: Lodging, 6 meals (Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch) and all program materials



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- Happy Hour Hospitality Team
- Sunday Close Up

- Saturday Night Group Activity
- Evening Flashlight Escort Team

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**Temple Akiba Members receive priority reservations  
\$100.00 cancellation fee, per person, after September 1, 2017  
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Questions? Contact **Elizabeth Zlotowitz** ☩ (310) 215-0151 ☩ mizlizzysm@aol.com

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FOR TEMPLE AKIBA'S 8TH ANNUAL

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For more information call Cathy Penso 310-670-6394 or  
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*Thank you for your generosity!*

## 2017 SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL



Congratulations to the Temple Akiba Angels Softball Team on an 8 game winning streak and a come from behind win vs Kehillat Israel in the Championship Game! It was a Magical season! Look for tryout information beginning in November. We will be fielding 2 teams next year. Any questions contact Scott Markowitz @ [scottamarko@gmail.com](mailto:scottamarko@gmail.com).

Our Temple Akiba family, 70 strong, had a great time at the LA Dodgers game for Jewish Community Night on August 13.



November 4 \* 7pm \* Social Hall \* \$50 members, \$60 non-members \* Cocktail attire

# "Mensch, Bentsh, and Balagan: American Jewish Language and Identity"

Please join us Friday evening, November 17 at 7 pm, when our Scholar in Residence, Dr. Sarah Benor, will address us during our Kabbalat Shabbat service:

*Yiddish, Ladino, and Jewish English:  
Do American Jews Speak a Jewish Language?*



On Shabbat morning, November 18 at 9 am, Dr. Benor will lead us in a discussion during our Torah Study - all are welcome:

*Beyond Bagels and Burekas:  
Language as a Marker of American Jewish Diversity*

Dr. Benor is Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies at the Los Angeles campus of HUC-JIR, where she teaches masters students in the School of Jewish Nonprofit Management and undergraduates at the University of Southern California. She has lectured widely about the social science of American Jews, sociolinguistics, Jewish languages, and Orthodox Jews. She is the author of *Becoming Frum: How Newcomers Learn the Language and Culture of Orthodox Judaism* (Rutgers University Press, 2012, winner of the Sami Rohr Choice Award for Jewish Literature), as well as several articles in Jewish studies and linguistics. She is founding co-editor of the Journal of Jewish Languages and founder and editor of the Jewish Language Research Website and the Jewish English Lexicon.

## Gifts & Memorials

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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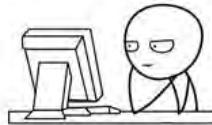
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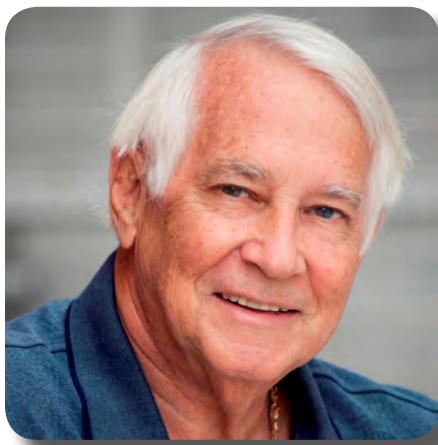
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ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 20-21

YOM KIPPUR

SEPTEMBER 29-30

Services held at the Veteran's Auditorium  
Evening services begin at 7:30 pm  
Morning services begin at 10:00 am

## HAPPY SUKKOT



Join us on October 6 for a  
Picnic Dinner at 5:30 pm  
followed by a Shabbat Shira Service