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6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, November 10

7pm

Torah Service with Choir & Shabbat Nefesh
with Guest Cantor Rebekah Mirsky**Friday, November 17**

7pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, November 24

7pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 1

6:30pm

Shabbat Shira Service

Friday, December 8

6:30pm

Torah Service with Choir & Shabbat Nefesh
with Audrey Babcock**Friday, December 15**

6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Chanukah Service

Friday, December 22

6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 29

6:30pm

Shabbat Service

Shalom, Rav

Dear all,

In October, following the situation with Harvey



Weinstein, a campaign unfolded where individuals (mostly women) who had been sexually harassed, assaulted, and more, took to social media and wrote **#metoo**. Some have disclosed details about what happened. Others have written about

the emotional impact. Many courageously wrote **#metoo** with no commentary.

I was numb when I realized the scope of this plague. Sexual assault and harassment does not discriminate. On my Facebook feed, I read stories from high school teens to retired professionals. Educational credentials and financial net worth are not factors. Everyone, **EVERYONE** can be a target.

Jewish values teach the following:

- 1) Our bodies are holy sanctuaries, and so we must treat our own selves with dignity. And we should tolerate someone else desecrating our sacred space.
- 2) We are created in God's image, and we therefore have a responsibility to seek the Divine in every human being. We can't treat others like garbage.
- 3) We cannot stand by idly when those around us are being hurt. Even if we aren't directly involved in a situation, when we see something wrong, we need to step in.

So we need to listen. We need to respond. And we need to take an active role when unacceptable circumstances are normalized because of silence.

Speak up. Speak out. And speak often.

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter  Together

Cantor's Corner



The holiday of Chanukah brings in a ray of light just when we need it. As the days get shorter and the nights grow longer, we celebrate the miracle of light and freedom for 8 days. In the midst of the darkness, we light our Chanukah candles and celebrate our freedom from oppression and relish in the light our candles bring us.

The beautiful voices of our three choirs at Temple Akiba are like these rays of light. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group of people whose voices lift us up throughout the year. Our adult choir sings on the second Friday of each month. Many of these incredible souls have been singing in the choir for over 10 years, some for over 40 years! The voices of our amazing adults enhance our Shabbat services each month and each year during the High Holy Days.

The sweet voices of our Junior Choir also bring a ray of light to this congregation. The 4th – 6th graders help to lead our Rosh Hashanah family services and contribute their beautiful voices to our Yom Kippur Services and Shabbat services throughout the year. Many of the same children put smiles on our faces with their performance in our Purim Shpiels each year.

Although only in its second year of existence, our Cantor's Chanters has become an integral part of our High Holy Day and Shabbat worship. Our teen choir consisting of 7th – 12th graders made a beautiful impact on our Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur afternoon services for the past 2 years. The poise and beauty of these young voices is astounding.

Each voice in our Adult Choir, Junior Choir and Cantor's Chanters lightens up our service, brightens our congregation and illuminates the world. I am so grateful to every dedicated soul in these groups and honored to have the opportunity to sing with them.

May your life be filled with light and love in this holiday season.

Happy Chanukah!!

Cantor Lonee Frailich

President's Message

The Temple Akiba High Holy Day Services this year were particularly special for me. Maybe it was because after 35 years, it was my first as President of the Temple... but I think it was more than that. It was because since becoming President, I have learned so much more about what makes our Temple so great. I've become much closer with our clergy and better understand that special relationship they have with our members and how they positively impact so many lives.

I've also worked closer with the various departments of our Temple, and now have even more respect and appreciation towards all the hard work that goes into running and supporting our great programs. This year's services also brought a higher level of spiritual meaning and reinforcement of why Temple Akiba is so important to our community as the center of all our Jewish lives and activities.

I want to thank all those who made our services so grand including Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Frailich, Mary Lou Basaraba and our choirs (all three of them), Carol and Ira Diamond for coordinating the entire proceedings, David Hauptman, Ray and Matthew Martin, Brad and Elijah Herman, Amram Hassan, and everyone else who contributed towards making it so special.

During the High Holy Day Services, you were introduced to several of our Executive Board Members, Jeff Reynolds, Vice President of Education, Scott Markowitz, Vice President of Extensions, and Elizabeth Zlotowitz, Vice President of Membership. They talked about their reasons for being a Temple Akiba Board Member and what their goals and aspirations are toward making our future strong. We hope they inspired some of you to want to become more involved and possibly even join them as a Board Member and help shape our destination.

The running of the Temple takes not only a tremendous effort by our volunteers but also considerable costs that can only come from our supporters. It is timely that the tax year-end is closing in on us and its time to do your tax planning. Making a donation to Temple Akiba is one great way to lower your tax bill and, at the same time, contribute to our remarkable community. We have some very creative ways for you to make your commitment that will save you considerable tax dollars. Just call our Executive Director, Amram Hassan, and he will discuss these opportunities with you.

HAPPY CHANUKAH EVERYONE

Michael Bauer



ECC & Religious School

Middah of the Month

Silence / Sh'tikah

In Hebrew, the word for **Silence** is *Sh'tikah*.

Rabbi Lefin of Satanov, the author of the Mussar text *Cheshbon HaNefesh*, wrote: "Before you open your mouth, be silent and reflect:

'What benefit will my speech bring me or others?'

The dictionary defines silence as quietness, not speaking, or ignoring something. Jewish perspective tells us something slightly different. When we are silent, we are not ignoring anything. Our intentional silence allows us to listen and hear. We all need moments of silence from the busy world around us - silence from technology, social interactions, and all that is distracting to us. In silence we can begin to listen to greater things, like our hearts and our souls. Silence and speech are both powerful devices that are neither good nor bad. They are each appropriate at different times. There are times when we should not be silent. Examples of those times are when someone is counting on us to speak up and defend them, or someone is depending on our contribution to a conversation. Sometimes we speak when our words do not benefit others and may even cause harm. As adults, we remember from childhood the damage words can cause. When should we teach our children to practice the *middah* (value) of silence?

1. When they are going to say something that will hurt another person's feelings.
2. When they are going to talk about another person.
3. When they don't know what to say. If a friend is sad or upset, just being with them is the most important thing.
4. When it's their turn to listen. Silence is important in order to be a good listener.
5. When they need to pay attention, to learn, to think, or be calm.

When we are silent we can reflect.

Help your children look for all five of these opportunities for silence and take advantage of them. Model a reflective pause before speaking so your children learn to do the same. To practice, use only positive words when communicating about a situation or person. Practice keeping silent when harmful speech comes to mind. Listen to others more than speaking out loud. Remember, speech is good when it is helpful to another person. With practice we can learn when it is best to speak and when it is best to remain silent.



Randee Bishoff, Director of Education

A Message from our Executive Director, Amram Hassan

Friends,

It's hard to believe the High Holy Days are over and now we are about to close the calendar year 2017. If you attended the High Holy Day Services, you know how wonderful they were. I have to admit I did not attend these services but I was able to watch the streaming online after the Holy Days. I'm sure you're well aware, that all the arrangements for these Services are organized by Temple volunteers led by our High Holy Day Chair, Ira Diamond and the Vice President Religious Practices, Carol Diamond. The next time you see them thank them for everything they do for the Temple. Of course it goes without saying that there're many more volunteers, but if I begin naming them all I'm sure I will miss someone, I'm therefore ending it here by saying Thank You ALL.

You're also aware that over the summer the Temple fiscal year ends and a new one begins. Which translates to a start of a new membership year. Not to be repetitive, but there're many volunteers involved in this Committee as well - from the designing of the sign-up form to making sure all the data is entered correctly and anything in-between. Again I know I'm being repetitive and this article is getting boring/exciting (depends on how you see things), however, there's one individual that just keeps ticking on membership stuff, Elizabeth Zlotowitz. From making sure that people renew their membership, planning get-togethers with potential members, to a welcome dinner for new members and organizing the gift to hand out to all new members.

The truth to the matter is that in some way or another you all do what you can for the Temple, whether it's for the ECC, Religious School, Youth programming, Sisterhood, Men's Group or any event/program that we have.

Let's now look at what's ahead. By the time you receive this Bulletin "Viva Las Akiba" Casino Night is about to happen or just happened. The "8th Annual Gala" is also coming up and that's on February 10, 2018. Please make sure you either respond to the invitation or just go online and sign up: www.templeakiba.net. I assure you it's a dinner where we sit with friends, have lots of fun and we honor well deserving people who, by the way, are our friends as well. So join us, don't wait any longer to sign up. I have attended over 20 of these Gala's, and even though I have worked most of them, I've had a great time. Let me help with your decision - if you attend the Gala, while you're there, come see me, let's have a drink, on me.

Finally, I want to thank the staff at the Temple. What can I say you don't already know, they are just great people to work with. Don't be a stranger, if you have some time drop into the office and just say hi.

L'hitraot, Amram

Please Join Us in Welcoming

Our New Members and their Families

Louba and Matt Aaronson

Zihla and Oren Arbit

Patricia Newler and Ira Clark

Loren Bruner and Avi Finberg

Alicia Garcia

Wendy Akemi Jaffa and Michael Jaffa

Beacon and Boaz Miodovsky

Judith Raichlen

Adina Rosenthal and Jeremy Gerstle

Julie Alexander and Troy Dunn

Carine Carmy and Patrick Burns

Deborah Farber

Tracey Wise Finkelstein and Marc Finkelstein

Lia Buman and Matthew Harawitz

Laura and Ronnie Kahan

Amy and Robert Raichlen

Dror Ram and Adi Rom

Stephanie and Samuel Wald

Temple Akiba was delighted to welcome our newest members at a celebratory dinner held October 21:

Carine Carmy & Patrick Burns, Deborah Farber, Ira Clark & Patti Newler, Lewis & Jillian Stevenson, Lisa Garcia, Randy Murphy, Skylar Song, Sonni Helmer, the Aaronson Family, the Alexander/Dunn Family, the Finkelstein Family, the Fogel/Mathews Family, the Jaffa Family, the Leshtz Family, the Odes/Aytur Family, the Raichlen Family, the Rosenthal/Gerstle Family, the Sherman Family, the Shwartz Family, and the Wittson/Lipschutz Family





Honoring

Anita & Scott Markowitz
Sharon Krakoff & Bob Knopf
Elizabeth & Morris Zlotowitz

Save The Date!

FOR TEMPLE AKIBA'S 8TH ANNUAL

— GALA —

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018, 6PM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON WESTSIDE, CULVER CITY

Commemorate Temple Akiba's Honorees

BY PURCHASING AN AD IN THE GALA TRIBUTE BOOK

• Gold section full page	\$800	7" wide x 9" high
• Silver section full page	\$600	7" wide x 9" high
• Half page	\$300	7" wide x 4.5" high
• Quarter page	\$154	3.5" wide x 4.5" high
• Business card size	\$72	
• Mazel Tov Name Listing	\$36	

All artwork for the Tribute Book must be submitted no later than January 26, 2018

Please send camera ready copy to
(minimum resolution: 300 dpi):
Gala8@templeakiba.net

Please send Hard copy and payment to:
Temple Akiba, 5249 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City,
CA 90230, Attn: Gala Tribute Book
Or Pay by credit card online at: www.TempleAkiba.net
Click on the "Gala" on the Home Page

Gala Evening Includes:

- ~ Cocktail Hour with Entertainment
- ~ Appetizers and 1 drink (call brands)
- ~ Photo Tower
- ~ DJ
- ~ Sit-Down Dinner with Wine
- ~ Raffle & Live Auction
- ~ Complimentary Self-Parking



"Our Light Shines Brighter Together..."

As we prepare to kindle the lights of the Menorah in celebration of Hanukkah,
Let us remember those who bring light to our lives the whole year through!



Send a "Hanukkah Greeting" to the Staff of Temple Akiba from your family. Let them know that you are thinking of them and all that they do!

Donate \$3/Staff member (\$100 for all 35), and your family's name will be included with a "Hanukkah Greetings" gift. Gift includes: candles, a dreidel, gelt, jelly donuts & a special Hanukkah message.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood wishes you and your family a very Happy Hanukkah!

For more information contact: Marla Rothfarb marlawynne@yahoo.com or Leila Rosenberg leilarosenberg@gmail.com

----- Please check the staff members to whom you would like to send a "Hanukkah Greeting":

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 Leah Penso
 Robyn Altman
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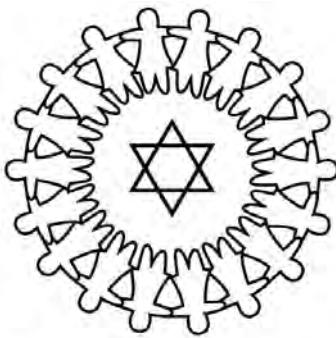
Total Staff Checked: _____ x \$3/Staff (or All \$100) = Total Enclosed: _____

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM with a check to Temple Akiba Sisterhood NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD - 5249 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA. 90230





TEMPLE AKIBA SISTERHOOD



Brighter and Stronger...Together!

We send our heartfelt thanks to all of our returning and new Sisterhood members. We are so pleased with the support of so many of our congregants and look forward to continuing our role in supporting Temple Akiba. Even if you have missed the directory deadline, it is not too late to join Sisterhood. Membership brochures are available in the carousel in the Temple foyer and on the Sisterhood page of the Temple website.

November and December are filled with joyous celebrations and many volunteer opportunities. See the flyers in this bulletin regarding:

Hanukkah Greetings to the Staff – due by December 4th.

Volunteer Cooking at Lou Colon Children's Health and Wellness Center – November 9th & December 14th.

Annual Hanukkah Boutique – December 3rd.

Latkes & Vodkas – December 16th.

Project Chicken Soup – December 17th.

Coffee With the Clergy continues to meet on November 7th & 21st and on December 5th (not on December 19th). This is a wonderful opportunity to share time with our clergy in discussions about current events and trends.

Take advantage of recognizing a simcha or significant event by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat.

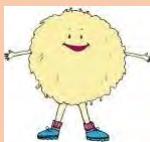
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Temple Akiba Sisterhood Annual Latkes & Vodkas

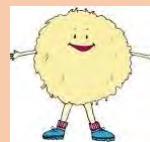


Saturday, December 16th, 7:00 PM
Celebration will be held at the home of
Bobbi Flusser
4232 Vinton Avenue, Culver City

Please bring a \$15 wrapped gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange
and an unwrapped, new toy to donate to UCLA's Children's Hospital



RSVP by December 7th
Valerie Meyer - vjmeyerqt314@gmail.com
Rose Ross - rtahini2@gmail.com



Adult Education, Programs & Events

"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.

Kibbitz with the Clergy!

Sundays from 9:30 am — 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 on us a fun and interactive journey.

Check the ENews for each month's event, but save the dates now!

November 12

December 3

January 7

February 4

March 11

April 8

Special Announcements



Attention All Softball Players:

The Akiba Angels will be expanding to 2 teams for the 2018 Synagogue Softball Season.

We will be having an informational meeting on Thursday, November 16th @ 7:00pm at the Temple.

Anyone who is interested please plan on attending.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Contact Scott Markowitz at scottamarko@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 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
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
or call 310-398-5783

B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Arun Chhetri
son of Lillian Morris &
Dinesh Chhetri
Saturday, December 2



Joshua August
son of Stella & Matt August
Saturday, December 9



Sophia Sokoloff
daughter of Dina &
Steve Sokoloff
Saturday, December 16



**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 6th, 2017
November 3rd, 2017
December 1st, 2017
January 12th, 2018*
February 2nd, 2018
March 9th, 2018***

*change to 2nd Friday of the month
There will be no class in Sept.

RSVP to Carly Rosenstein at nurseryschool@templeakiba.net or 310-398-5783
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Shop for all your holiday celebration and gift giving needs



Temple Akiba Sisterhood's
Annual Hanukkah Boutique



Sunday, December 3, 2017

9 am to 1 pm—in the Temple Social Hall



We have traditional, unusual and new items for everyday and holidays, as well as weddings, bar/bat mitzvot, and other occasions



Stock up on Chocolate Gelt, Dreidels, Candles,

And see our complete selection of Menorahs, Jewelry, Cards, Toys and more*



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Coffee and Danish while you shop



For You, a Bargain: 10 % discount off any purchase of \$100 or more

*We can also special order almost anything!



**FREE
ADMISSION SHIVA
FREE NOSH!**

**Wednesday
Nov. 29th
6:30 Social
Hall**

Join the Men's Group of Temple Akiba as we sit SHIVA with Ronit Elkabetz and her large clan to mourn the passing of a family member. This award winning film is the prequel to GETT, screened previously by the Men's Group, also featuring Ronit Elkabetz and several of the cast members from SHIVA. As always, the film is free to all Temple Members and their friends

November 2017

12 Cheshvan 5778 - 12 Kislev 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12 CHESHVAN Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM	2 13 CHESHVAN	3 14 CHESHVAN Tiny Tot Shabbat 9:00 AM Shabbat Shira Service 6:30 PM	4 15 CHESHVAN Torah Study 9:00 AM Casino Night Event 7:00 PM Daylight Savings Time ends
5 16 CHESHVAN	6 17 CHESHVAN Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	7 18 CHESHVAN Coffee with the Clergy 10:45 AM	8 19 CHESHVAN Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM Life Transition Group 6:30 PM J-Net Meeting 6:30 PM	9 20 CHESHVAN	10 21 CHESHVAN Shabbat Nefesh Guest Cantor Rebekah Mirsky 7:00 PM	11 22 CHESHVAN Veterans Day Torah Study 9:00 AM
12 23 CHESHVAN Kibbitz with the Clergy 9:30 AM	13 24 CHESHVAN Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	14 25 CHESHVAN Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 PM	15 26 CHESHVAN Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM General Board Meeting 7:00 PM	16 27 CHESHVAN Akiba Angels Softball Team Meeting 6:30PM	17 28 CHESHVAN ECC Thanksgiving Brunch Scholar In Residence Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	18 29 CHESHVAN Scholar In Residence Torah Study 9:00 AM
19 1 KISLEV	20 2 KISLEV Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	21 3 KISLEV Coffee with the Clergy 10:45 AM	22 4 KISLEV	23 5 KISLEV Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed	24 6 KISLEV Temple Closed Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	25 7 KISLEV
26 8 KISLEV No Religious School	27 9 KISLEV Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	28 10 KISLEV	29 11 KISLEV Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM Men's Group Movie Night 6:30 PM	30 12 KISLEV		

December 2017

13 Kislev 5778 - 13 Tevet 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 13 KISLEV Tiny Tot Shabbat 9:00 AM Shabbat Shira Service 6:30 PM	2 14 KISLEV Torah Study 9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Arun Chhetri 4:30 PM
3 15 KISLEV Hannukah Boutique Kibbitz with the Clergy 9:30 AM	4 16 KISLEV Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	5 17 KISLEV ECC Closed Coffee with the Clergy 10:45 AM	6 18 KISLEV Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM	7 19 KISLEV	8 20 KISLEV Shabbat Torah with Choir Service 6:30 PM	9 21 KISLEV Torah Study 9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Joshua August 10:30 AM
10 22 KISLEV	11 23 KISLEV Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	12 24 KISLEV Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 PM	13 25 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 1 Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM J-Net Meeting 6:00 PM Life Transition Group 6:30 PM	14 26 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 2	15 27 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 3 Hanukkah Kabbalah Shabbat Service 6:30 PM	16 28 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 4 Torah Study 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Sokoloff 10:30 AM
17 29 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 5 Sisterhood Project Chicken Soup Off Site	18 30 KISLEV Hanukkah - Day 6 Lunch and Learn 12:00 PM	19 1 TEVET Hanukkah - Day 7	20 2 TEVET Hanukkah - Day 8 Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM General Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21 3 TEVET	22 4 TEVET Shabbat Service 6:30 PM	23 5 TEVET Torah Study 9:00 AM
24 6 TEVET No Religious School Temple Closed	25 7 TEVET Legal Holiday ECC Closed Temple Closed	26 8 TEVET	27 9 TEVET Adult Hebrew/B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:00 PM Life Transition Group 6:30 PM	28 10 TEVET	29 11 TEVET Shabbat Service 6:30 PM	30 12 TEVET
31 13 TEVET New Year's Eve No Religious School						

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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Morris Brown, my father, from Marvin Brown
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donations from:
Rosalie and Michael Gotz for **Matt August**'s speedy recovery and healing from surgery
Stephen Holzberg
Linda Park and **Melissa York** in honor of lighting the candles Erev Rosh Hashanah
Cathy and Bruce Penso
In honor of:
Camille Joffe becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Paul and Yvette Joffe
In memory of:
Donald Broutt, with love from Steve Broutt and family
Rabbi Levi Galperin, with love from Sandra Disner, Aaron and Janet Nathanson
Hal Rice, from Mary Shapiro and Gene Hall
Ruben Vodovoz, with love from Adelle and Jack Wexler and family

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Donations from:
Stephen Holzberg
Linda Park in honor of the privilege of chanting Torah on Yom Kippur
In honor of:
Camille Joffe becoming a Bat Mitzvah, from Paul and Yvette Joffe

TEMPLE FUND

In honor of:
Jack and Shirley Hirschberg, for their 50th year wedding anniversary, from Aaron and Janet Nathanson
Elizabeth and Morris Zlotowitz, congratulations on a well-deserved honor from all your work at Temple Akiba, from Jan and David Friedland
In memory of:
Elliot Axelband, from Linda Lessing
Dee Behrman, from Deb Falcon
Rich Polep, from Terry Coty
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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

In honor of:
Rebecca Holzberg's great work, from Stephen Holzberg
Pam Josephson's retirement, from Aaron and Janet Nathanson

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In memory of:
Bernice Fine Rosenfield, mother and grandmother, from Leanna and Ron Watts
David Noah Rosenfield, friend and stepfather, from Leanna and Ron Watts

CAMP AKIBA RESIDENT CAMP FUND

In memory of:
Penelope Berro, from John Magoulas
Carl Fine, father and grandfather, from Leanna and Ron Watts
Robert Heyman, beloved brother, from Leanna and Ron Watts

Shabbat Nefesh

Shabbat of the Soul

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

SOCIAL ACTION

Please save the date Dec 25, 2017 for our annual **Volunteering at the Culver City Senior Center** to help set up and serve the holiday lunch for the seniors. Contact me to sign up for an hour or as much as 3 hours starting at 10 am. We need about 15 volunteers; minimum age is 16 years old. Food and table setups are provided by other volunteers. Meet your Mayor and City Council members who often come by to greet everyone.

Another save the date is for Sunday April 22, 2018 for the **Walk to End Genocide** sponsored by Jewish World Watch at Pan Pacific Park. This will be a project of Mitzvah Day. Please sign up as a walker, runner, virtual walker or supporter of another Temple Akiba Team member. Plan to wear your Temple Akiba Mitzvah Day t-shirts.

B'shalom, Sharlene London, Social Action Trustee

310-836-3635 sharlondon@yahoo.com

OUTREACH

As part of our commitment to the HIAS Welcome Campaign, Temple Akiba was honored to co-host a Vigil for the SS St. Louis at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. Together with IKAR, University Synagogue, Temple Isaiah, and others, we gathered to mourn the lives lost when the SS St. Louis was turned away from the United States borders in 1939, and took a public stand for refugees to send a message that history must not be allowed to repeat itself. Stay tuned for future events and activities that are part of the HIAS Welcome Campaign.

Marc Bauer, Outreach Trustee





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: November 9, December 14, 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**

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.



JOIN Temple Akiba Sisterhood and help prepare kosher-style meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

START TIME: 7:45 AM

LOCATION: 11134 Sepulveda Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91345

The location is conveniently located close to the 405 freeway just south of Rinaldi Boulevard.

PARKING:

There is ample street parking both in front of the building and on the street behind the building. From the front, once you have parked on the street, walk up the driveway on the north side of the building, turn right and walk until you see signs directing you to the kitchen.

Closed-toe shoes required in the kitchen!

Minimum age to work in the kitchen is 12 years.

An adult must accompany 12-14 year-old volunteers.

To RSVP or for more information contact Sue Polep: s.polep@gte.net or (310) 476-4632

Mah Jongg Tournament

Sponsored by Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Sunday, January 14, 2018



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Come join the fun!

Tournament fee is \$40 per person which includes a continental breakfast, a delicious buffet lunch, and snacks.

Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00	Check-in, coffee and bagels
9:00 - 12:00	Session 1 (3 rounds)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00	Session 2 (3 rounds)
4:15	Awards

For more information, please contact
Judi Nachenberg (818) 764-6240 email:judi@mahjonggfunla.com or Marla Rothfarb:
marlawynne@yahoo.com

To register, fill out the form below and enclose it with a check for:

\$40 payable to Temple Akiba Sisterhood

Mail to: Judi Nachenberg
7037 Park Manor Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605

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Temple Akiba Sisterhood-Mah Jongg 1/14/18

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Check all that apply:

- I am willing to be East and keep score
- I will bring my Mah Jongg set and dice

Save these important 2018 Camp dates...

Akiba Family Camp

May 4-6



Akiba Resident Camp

July 30 – August 10



**Look forward to more information to follow for
both programs in the coming months**

**All Akiba Camp and Youth Questions can be directed to
Leah Abaud at youthgroup@templeakiba.net**

Gifts & Memorials

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The cost of individual plaques for Temple members is \$750 and for those not affiliated it is \$1,000. How about participating in what may be the most exciting opportunity - the **Sue and Jerry Urfrig Family Memorial Room**. With your contribution of \$10,000 to the Campaign of Light, your name will be included on the Donor Board in the Memorial Room. The purchaser will have two complimentary plaques reserved for them to be designated with names as they choose.

For more information please contact:
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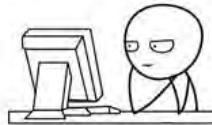
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Happy Happy Chanukah!

This year, we kindle the first candle of Chanukah on Tuesday night, December 12th and the last candle on Tuesday night, December 19th.

Candles are added to the *Chanukiah* from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *Shamash* - the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles - first using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the First Night only we add:

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

