

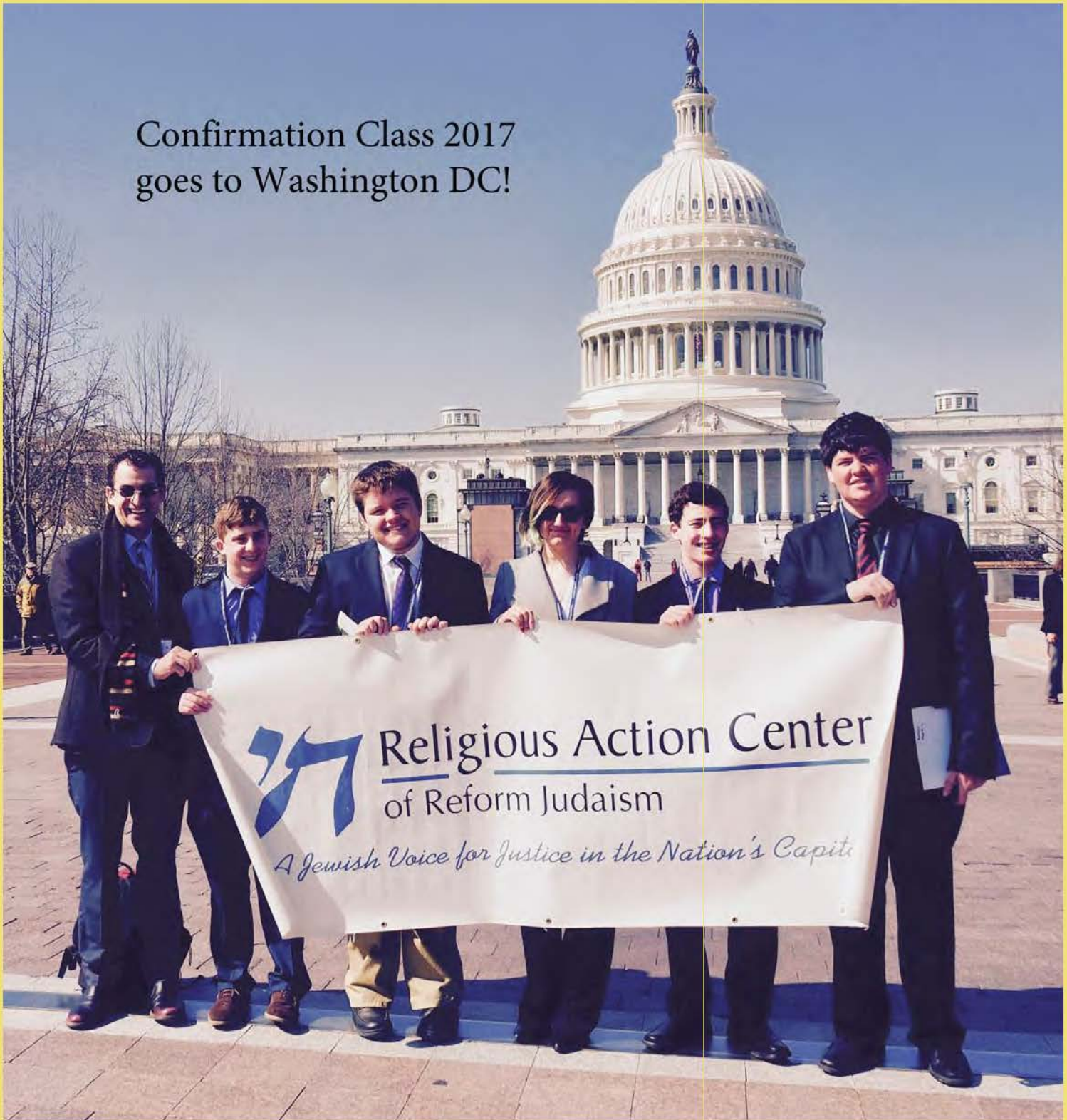
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Confirmation Class 2017
goes to Washington DC!



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May/June Friday Shabbat Services

Friday, May 5 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, May 12 Torah Service with Choir	7pm
Friday, May 19 Broadway Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, May 26 Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, June 2 Shabbat Shira Service	6:30pm
Friday, June 9 Torah Service with Choir	7pm
Friday, June 16 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, June 23 Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, June 30 Camp Sha-beach Service	6pm

Shalom, Rav

Dear Temple Akiba,

On May 30, five extraordinary tenth graders will ascend the Bimah, confirming their place as a link in the chain of Judaism. This



Confirmation Ceremony, whose roots began nearly 200 years ago in Germany, expanded when Reform Judaism took root in the United States. In the 20th century, it replaced the Bar Mitzvah and was moved from 13 years of age to 15, allowing deeper learning to take place. It also created an opportunity for both boys and girls to participate in a life-cycle once reserved only for boys. While Bar Mitzvah was for the individual, Confirmation was for the entire class, usually occurring on the Festival

of Shavuot.

For a while, young Reform Jews became Confirmands without becoming B'nei Mitzvah. But over time, a nostalgic yearning for the ancient ceremony pulled at the heartstrings of many Jewish families. And so, the Bar Mitzvah was re-established, and by the 1950's and 1960's, the Bat Mitzvah was introduced.

Through it all, Confirmation has remained a time-honored life-moment.

At Temple Akiba, as part of the Confirmation year, we discuss comparative religion. We debate God and science as well as the role of commandments. We discover how Judaism informs our lives. We share things about Judaism that make us uncomfortable. We discover ways to make Judaism relevant in our lives.

The highlight of our year was our trip to Washington D.C., where we joined 400 other Reform Jewish youth in a program called "L'taken," run by the Religious Action Center. We learned about the Reform Jewish perspectives on:

Homelessness
Gun Violence
Immigration Reform
Reproductive Right
Education
Health Care
LGBTQ rights
And much, much more

At the end of the weekend, we all went to Capitol Hill, where we lobbied before our elected officials. Each of us came away knowing that our voices truly make a difference.

We hope you join us on May 30 to at our Confirmation/ Shavuot Service to learn how Judaism is part of their lives - and ultimately how it is part of ours as well!

With love and shalom,

Rabbi Zach Shapiro

Our Light Shines Brighter. Together.

Cantor's Corner



The beautiful voices of 6 teenagers acted as Shaliach Tziborim, emissaries of prayer, engaging the congregation in the ancient and modern melodies of our tradition.

Our incredible Cantor's Chanters led the congregation in an unforgettable evening of prayer and song at their service in March.

I created Cantor's Chanters this year for many reasons. We have a number of Middle School and High School aged kids with beautiful voices that were no longer able to participate in Junior Choir because they graduated from our Religious School. I wanted to continue to teach them new and innovative Jewish music and continue their connection to Jewish music and the Temple in general. While many of our members attend our High School program, some come just for Cantor's Chanters rehearsals and services. This is their connecting point to Judaism.

Another goal of this chorus is to teach the next generation what it means to be a Cantor. The young adults that participated in this service created, planned, rehearsed and held the service in the same manner as a Cantor. They led every prayer in the service from start to finish.

We have such talented and poised kids here at Temple Akiba.

It is such an honor for me to mentor them in this journey.



Libby Polsky, Max Potruch, Layla Starr-Wiener, Barah Burns, Natalie Glassman, Maya August.

L'Shalom,

Cantor Loney Frailich

President's Message

I am honored to have served as President of Temple Akiba the past four years. I am so fortunate to have been supported by outstanding Board members and staff. Our Temple Akiba community has realized so many goals and I extend my thanks to all who have provided the needed leadership. It has been inspiring to have been part of the effort. Our youth education programs, camps, adult education opportunities, and our Sisterhood and Men's Group activities have successfully filled Temple Akiba with the spirit – *ruach* – that is the foundation of Akiba. I specifically thank the Board Members, Committee Members, Rabbi Zach, Cantor Lonee, Amram, Randee and all of our staff for their leadership, support, and hard work.

Temple Akiba has several activities planned that we hope you will be able to enjoy and support. May 7 is the Temple-wide Mitzvah Day; May 17 at 7:30 PM is the Congregational Meeting; and May 30, *Erev Shavuot*, is our Confirmation Service. Also, planning is well underway for our camp programs this summer starting in June. Please check the Temple calendar and take part in as many activities as you can.

Another way to make a contribution to the Temple is by transferring securities directly to the Temple. The donation is the total of the face value of the securities and you avoid taxes on any gains. The value of the securities being donated is based upon the price on the date of transfer. Please contact Amram who can help facilitate this transfer. Temple Akiba needs your help to stay strong now as well as in the future. Please give of your time, resources and funds until it feels good! Please call me or email me if you can volunteer.

Temple Akiba, Our Light Shines Brighter – Together!

L'Shalom,

Robert G. "Bob" Knopf



ECC & Religious School

Middah of the Month

Generosity / Nedivut

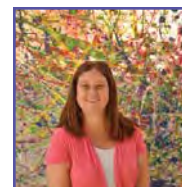
"That which we give to another person is never lost." –
Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler

Judaism teaches us that when we open our hearts and give generously to others we not only help the other person, but consequently nurture our own souls. Judaism values many ways of generosity including hospitality, greeting others with a pleasant face, and being generous by giving *tzedakah*, charity. The word *tzedakah* comes from the Hebrew root *tzedek* meaning justice. All children understand the concept of justice. "That's not fair!" is something we often hear from young ones. We can help our children to understand that the best way to have more justice is to share generously what we have with others. We can share food, water, clothing, shelter, education and more. The adage that actions speak louder than words is true. Modeling charitable giving is the most effective way for parents to communicate this value to children.

So if we want to model generosity, it is important for us to have a regular practice of giving. It is also important for us to talk with our children about what they are giving and why. Teaching how to share is one of the first values that we as parents and teachers encourage in our children. We can encourage them to give in ways that they can relate to, for example, donating personal items like toys and clothes for children who don't have them, or food for people who are hungry. A great family project is to go to the grocery store with your children to buy extra food for a local food pantry, a homeless shelter, a collection at school, temple. When we do that, we can also speak with children about nutrition and what meals should include. When children receive money for a gift, we can encourage them to give some of it to *tzedakah*.

All these activities can set the foundation for children's growth as philanthropic individuals. Judaism uses time and ritual to sanctify the ordinary. At school children have a time and ritual for giving *tzedakah*. We can also create a time and ritual at home for giving *tzedakah* by making a *Tzedakah* Box or even a collection of boxes each intended for specific giving. Family is the primary character-building force in a child's life. Working together we can nurture children and help develop good character founded in Jewish values.

Randee Bishoff,
Director of Education



Erev Shavuot and Confirmation Service

May 30 at 7 PM



Please join us as five extraordinary young people become confirmands on May 30 at our Shavuot/Confirmation Service.

**Adam Fuhrman
Ian Joffe
Max Kapner
Matthew Martin
Benny Priedkalns**

**Congregational Dinner 6 PM
RSVP only - \$18/person
Confirmation Service 7 PM**

Congregational Dinner for Confirmation/Shavuot Service

Please RSVP no later than May 24. Checks may be made payable to Temple Akiba.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Guests _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Engaging

Community

Celebrations

Embracing

Look for your
Membership
Renewal packet
coming soon!



Family

Caring

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Learning

Home



AKIBA DAY CAMP

The Sun is Shining

As the school year begins to wind down, and the days get longer, one thing becomes clearer: CAMP SEASON IS UPON US!

As a parent, it seems that there are endless possibilities for enrichment, learning and fun for our kids during the summer months. As a Jewish Parent, the answer is obvious, Jewish Summer Camp!

Sending your children to Jewish Summer Camp has proven time and time again that it is critical in strengthening young Jewish identities. The experiential yet informal education provided by summer camp also creates long lasting Jewish bonds. At camp, children stretch their Jewish muscles by growing and exploring things they otherwise wouldn't have a chance to explore.

We have an UNBELIEVABLE summer planned at Akiba Day Camp! Fun field trips every week plus swimming twice a week! Come join us, tell all of your friends, and be part of the fun!

Email:
akibadaycamp@templeakiba.net for more details!

Warmly,

Robyn Altman
Day Camp Director



CAMP AKIBA & YOUTH

Shalom Temple Akiba Members, Friends & Family,

As we move into the last stretch of this school year, I am reminded of how many wonderful events our Temple Akiba Youth has enjoyed and about the fabulous summer programs ahead of us. This time of year also brings a lot of change and transition.

TASTY has been led by our teen board who include Tess Gording as President, Mason Bromberg as Programming VP, Gabby Altounian as Membership VP, Rebecca Mirvish as Social Action VP, Matthew Martin as Religious and Cultural VP, Jessica Sample as Communications VP, and Dylan Marshall as Financial VP. Together, this group helped plan and implement a TASTY kick-off picnic, Sukkot movie night poolside, our annual new-member kid-nap,

Jew Year's Eve, ice-skating & a hike on old Nazi grounds in the Santa Monica Mountains. Not to mention, a few fundraisers as well (while balancing up to five AP classes!)

TASTY will be sad to say good bye to our graduating seniors, Tess, Mason, Rebecca, Dylan, Gabby & Alex, but we are so grateful for their time and energy towards our youth programming! Good luck on your next journey!!

Junior TASTY also enjoyed the kick-off picnic, a trip to the movies, bowling, a Chanukah holiday party, a circus experience at Kinetic Theory & an all-inclusive day at Mulligans!

We hope all of our Temple Akiba Youth can join in our final event on May 5th as the TASTY board leads a Shabbat service and hosts a movie night under the stars, with s'mores of course!

Don't skip a Temple Akiba Youth beat by signing up for Akiba Day and Resident Camp to stay connected all summer long!

L'Shalom,

Leah Penso
Youth and Resident Camp Director



Thanks to all who contributed to our Purim Carnival Bake Sale with delicious homemade goodies, funds to purchase more goodies, and especially to those who partook of the goodies. Sisterhood was able to earn over \$500 which we were pleased to donate to the Temple.

Our engagement with the sweetness in life was extended to our annual Passover Outreach at Pavilions. Led by Lil Jenkins and Helene Jaffa, we once again shared many Passover desserts, and even more recipes, with many familiar faces from our congregation and our community.

On June 25th we will be going to the Paul Simon exhibit at the Skirball Museum. We will participate in a docent led tour, by our own member Sue Polep, and enjoy lunch in Ziedler's Café. See our flyer in this bulletin and reserve your spot soon.

We continue our volunteer activity at the Lou Colon Children's Health and Wellness Center providing healthy meals as well as interacting with children and their parents. See the flyer in this bulletin for information about how to participate.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood is proud to again be a sponsor of our 11th Annual Mitzvah Day on May 7th. We hope to see many of your faces mingling with ours in this fun and meaningful expression of Tikkun Olam.

Our final Coffee With The Clergy before the summer break takes place on June 6th.

Our next Mah Jongg Tournament is on June 11th.



Adult Education, Programs & Events

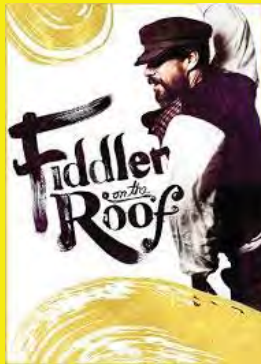
Temple Akiba Presents The Broadway Kabbalat Shabbat



May 19th
7 pm



All prayers will be sung to Broadway tunes!



Adult Education program final dates before our summer break.

The Holiness of In-between:	May 2
Coffee with the Clergy:	June 6
Lunch & Learn:	June 7
Torah Study:	June 10

All Adult Education programs will begin again in the fall.

Special Announcements

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

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
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Please Join Us In Welcoming Our New Members

Alissa & Gregory Dixon and Family
Benjamin Formaker-Olivas & Amos Marvel
Sonni Helmer
Matt Lipschutz & Sheri Wittson and Family
Daniel & Natalie Mazal
Randy Murphy
Ethan & Devora Saikin and Family
Adam & Jenna Sonenshein and Family
Adam & Angelique Wallace and Family

B'Nai Mitzvah - Mazal Tov!



Annali Cadmus
daughter of Sherri &
David Cadmus
Saturday, May 6



Alexander Priedkalns
son of Tobie Waxman
Saturday, May 13



Ben Swerdlow
son of Jennifer Brockett &
Robert Swerdlow
Saturday, May 20



Kyle Finberg
son of Heidi & Mark Finberg
Saturday, June 17



Ryan Rafei
son of Debbie & Babak Rafei
Saturday, June 24



TEMPLE AKIBA
Early Childhood Center

Now Enrolling
for 2017-2018

May 2017 5 Iyar 5777 - 6 Sivan 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5 IYAR  Yom HaZikaron	2 6 IYAR  Yom HaAtzma'ut Coffee with the Clergy 10:30am Shades of Gray 6:15pm	3 7 IYAR Lunch and Learn 12:00pm	4 8 IYAR	5 9 IYAR Tiny Tot Shabbat 9:00am Shabbat Shira Service 6:30pm	6 10 IYAR Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am Bat Mitzvah of Annali Cadmus 10:30am
7 11 IYAR <i>Mitzvah Day</i>	8 12 IYAR ECC Closed	9 13 IYAR Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:15pm	10 14 IYAR Lunch and Learn 12:00pm Life Transition Group 6:30pm	11 15 IYAR	12 16 IYAR ECC Parents Day Celebration 10:00am Shabbat Torah Service with Choir 7:00pm	13 17 IYAR Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am Bar Mitzvah of Alex Priedkalns 10:30am Fried Rice Presents Comedy Night 7:00pm
14 18 IYAR	15 19 IYAR	16 20 IYAR Novel Discussion Group 7:30pm	17 21 IYAR Lunch and Learn 12:00pm General Membership Meeting 7:30pm	18 22 IYAR	19 23 IYAR Broadway Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm	20 24 IYAR Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am Bar Mitzvah of Ben Swerdlow 10:30am
21 25 IYAR Temple Akiba Bold Drive 9:00am	22 26 IYAR	23 27 IYAR Men's Group Meeting 7:00pm	24 28 IYAR Lunch and Learn 12:00pm Life Transition Group 6:30pm	25 29 IYAR	26 1 SIVAN Shabbat Torah Service with Choir 7:00pm	27 2 SIVAN Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am
28 3 SIVAN	29 4 SIVAN  Memorial Day <i>Temple Closed</i>	30 5 SIVAN Shavuot/Confirmation Dinner 5:30PM Shavuot/Confirmation Program 7:00pm	31 6 SIVAN  Shavuot <i>Temple Closed</i>			

June 2017

7 Sivan 5777 - 6 Tammuz 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 SIVAN	2 8 SIVAN Shabbat Shira Service 6:30pm	3 9 SIVAN Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am
4 10 SIVAN Temple Wide Picnic in the Park 12:30pm	5 11 SIVAN	6 12 SIVAN Coffee with the Clergy 10:30am	7 13 SIVAN Lunch and Learn 12:00am	8 14 SIVAN ECC Graduation 4:00pm	9 15 SIVAN Last Day of ECC Torah Service with Choir 7:00pm	10 16 SIVAN Shabbat Torah Study 9:00am
11 17 SIVAN Mah-Jongg Tournament	12 18 SIVAN ECC Closed for the Summer	13 19 SIVAN	14 20 SIVAN	15 21 SIVAN	16 22 SIVAN Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	17 23 SIVAN Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Finberg 4:30pm
18 24 SIVAN	19 25 SIVAN ECC Summer Camp Begins	20 26 SIVAN Novel Discussion Group 7:00pm	21 27 SIVAN General Board Meeting 7:30pm	22 28 SIVAN	23 29 SIVAN Shabbat Service 7:00pm	24 30 SIVAN Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Rafei 10:30am
25 1 TAMMUZ	26 2 TAMMUZ	27 3 TAMMUZ Men's Group Meeting 7:00pm	28 4 TAMMUZ Life Transition Group 6:30pm	29 5 TAMMUZ	30 6 TAMMUZ Camp Shab-Beach 5:30pm	

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.

Yahrzeit Fund

Irene Axel from Myra LeBendig
Joseph Axel from Myra LeBendig
Abe Bandel, my father, from Arleen Forsheit
Darlene Bilkiss from Bev & Ephe Eshed
Marion Chelnek, my mother, from Sue Urfrig
Brigid Crosby, my mother, from Joan Sussman
Norma Fischel from Alejandro Fischel
Esther Forman from Linda & Joel Forman
David Goldstein, M.D. from Toni & Don Goldstein
Maurice Green from Paulette Gessin (Sara Bloch)
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Sandra Kleinberg from Michael & Joyce Simmons
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Thelma Lander from Diney & Ira Shulman
Phillip Levine from Shirley & Morris Price
Ben, Susan & Steven Locker from Rise Taylor
Esther Ludvigson from Max Ludvigson
Abraham Magaril from Bev & Ephe Eshed
Esther Meshul from Renee Meshul & Tom Klitzner
Erwin Meyer from Suzan Meyer
Eve Meyer from Suzan Meyer
Eve Meyer from The Meyer Family
Eleanor Naar Barron from Louise Lipman
Herman Nathanson from Janet & Ron Nathanson
Arnold Needleman from Mathew Needleman
Ida Nowinson from Sheila & Ron Berman
Victor Penso, father of Bruce Penso, from Bruce & Cathy Penso & Family
Victor Penso from his wife, June Penso
Joseph Poizner from Michael Poizner
Harry Pollack from Lila Sherman
Benney Ring from Marion Ring
Joseph Ross from the Hon. & Mrs. Edward M. Ross
Irving Rubenstein from the Rubenstein Family
Zena Rudich from Bruce Rudich & Family
Leon Aaron Rutberg, beloved father, from Phil & Carole Silverman
Herman Samuelson from Ron & Janet Nathanson
Louis Samuelson from Ron & Janet Nathanson
Mary Schulman from Bev & Ephe Eshed
Florence Sederoff, mother, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz
Arthur and Betty Silverman, my parents, from Donna Flier
Ethel Spizer, aunt, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz
Simon Spizer, uncle, from Rosalie & Michael Gotz
Barry Stark from Jane Stark
Sherri Lee Stone from Michael Stone
Mildred and James Trepeck, my parents, from Toni Glick
Jerry Urfrig, my beloved husband, from Sue Urfrig
Louis Harry Vodovoz, father, from Adelle Vodovoz Wexler

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donations from:

Donna Flier, as a thank you for Rabbi's support and prayers
Barbara Shafer Marks
David Wallace

In honor of:

Aaron Freeman's birthday from Lillian Ross
Mary Wujek & Steve Ross's wedding anniversary from Lillian Ross

In memory of:

Andrew Glauber, son of Rhoda Glauber, from Leanna & Ron Watts
Richard Herst, husband of Harriet Degelsmith-Herst, from Rosalie and Michael Gotz

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of:

Cantor Lonee from Cantor Kerith Spencer Shapiro

Temple Fund

In honor of:

Rhoda Glauber as an expression of our condolences for the loss of her son, Andrew, from Dorothy & Stan Rainer
Harriet Glicklich, on her 90th birthday, from Stan & Sheila Weinberg
Morris Price, on his 90th birthday, from Robert Knopf & Sharon Krakoff
Morris Price, on his 90th birthday, from Harriet & Myron Kusnitz
Temple Akiba New Members from Temple Akiba Sisterhood

In memory of:

Andrew Glauber from Dorothy & Stan Rainier
Barbara Margolin from family friend, Anne Higa

Choir Fund

In honor of:

Diana Hauptman, as an expression of well wishes for a speedy recovery, from Janice & David Friedland

Campaign of Light

Donation from:

Temple Akiba Sisterhood

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In loving memory of:

Richard Herst from Janice & David Friedland

Justin Shabsis Memorial Fund

In honor of:

Leah Penso and Jon Abaud's marriage, from Robert Knopf
Wendy Shabsis's 65th birthday, from Robert Knopf

In memory of:

Justin Shabsis, in loving memory, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Camp Akiba Resident Camp Fund

In honor of:

Madeline Fontes, our precious granddaughter, on her first birthday, from Leanna & Ron Watts

Early Childhood Center Fund

In memory of:

Scott Bishoff's uncle, **Donald Goldklang**, from Lori & Bruce Rudich



NOVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Hosted and led by Jack M. Hirschberg

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan

Anything by Ian McEwan is a must READ! This is a departure for the author - the year is 1972, the Cold War (with Communism) is far from over. The elements are a thriller mystery; in the words of a master novelist - you have an excellent novel.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

White Teeth by Zadie Smith

Debut novel by a gifted writer (age 25). "Magnificent and audacious" are words describing this novel.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

The Stranger by Albert Camus

This masterpiece is braver and far more reaching than the senseless murder on a sunny beach. This haunting novel has lasted through all ages.

Members:

Series: \$25, Single Class: \$7

Non-members:

Series: \$30, Single Class: \$10

Sessions meet at 7:00 pm

in the Temple Annex

Info: www.templeakiba.net

310-398-5783



Bereavement & Life Transitions Group

Build Emotional Strength

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

For more information contact: 310-398-5783

or via email at: admin@templeakiba.net

Visit us at: www.TempleAkiba.net



The group is led by Shirley Hirschberg,
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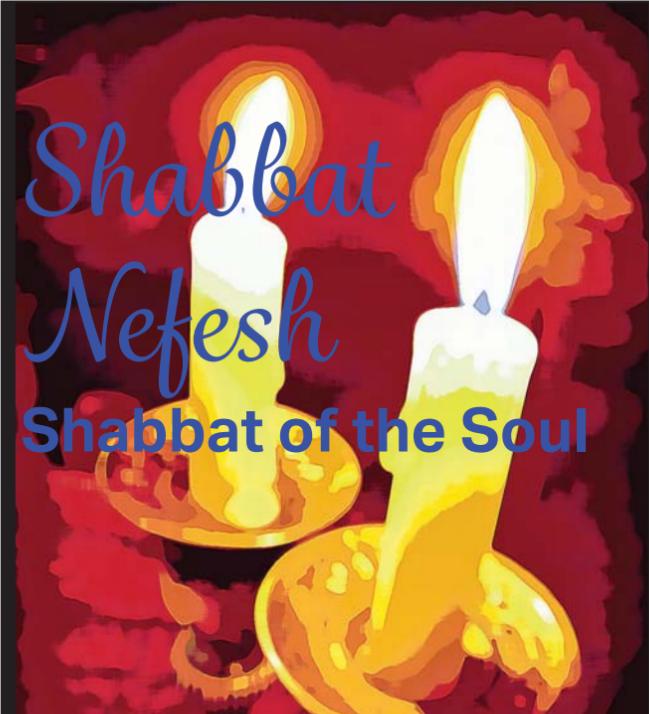
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May 19 - Broadway Shabbat

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Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Akiba

Enjoy delicious light snacks as you are entertained by some of the funniest stand-up comics in Southern California. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are included in admission price. The humor is geared for an adult audience (21 and over).

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Sunday, June 25th

Cost: \$10.00

Meet at the Temple parking lot at 9:30 am for carpooling

Lunch after the tour in Zeidler's Café (not included in the tour cost)



For more info please contact
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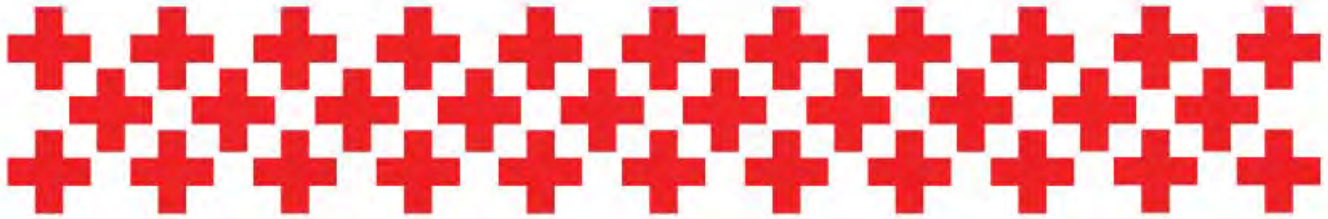
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Social Action - Get Involved

Thank you one and all for participating in the **Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide**. This is our best year of fundraising to help the humanitarian and educational projects of Jewish World Watch including the people of Chad, Darfur, Sudan, South Sudan, The Republic of the Congo, and other refugees and projects of JWW.

As of mid April, when this article went to press, **Team Temple Akiba** had raised over \$3000 through donations to JWW and the **Walk to End Genocide**. In total, all the Los Angeles teams raised over \$90,000, well on their way to the \$200,000 goal.

Another project that I encourage you to donate your time and effort to is **Habitat for Humanity** that is planning to build five modest single family homes in Culver City near Titos Tacos off Washington Blvd. Please contact the local office of **Habitat for Humanity** and get involved. Some of our members joined volunteers from other synagogues and churches last winter and helped build homes in Montebello. If you can set aside a Sunday, you can help. The contact information is: Jordan Markovic, Faith Relations Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, 310 323 4663 ext. 175. JMarkovic@habitatla.com

Temple Akiba summer camps and other education programs also benefit from your support. Statistics prove that the more Jewish children participate in Jewish camp and education programs, the more they become life long active Jewish adults. Please donate to **Temple Akiba camps** and other scholarship programs.

If you have ideas or questions about **Temple Akiba Social Action Programs**, please feel free to contact me.

B'Shalom, Sharlene 310 836 3635 sharlondon@yahoo.com

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.

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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 Spring 2017:

Mondays 10-am-noon: April 17th, May 15th, June 12th

Thursdays 2:30-4:30 pm: April 20th, May 18th, June 15th

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED or HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL
RENEE MESHUL: (310) 849-1921 or rmeshul@gmail.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

This year the Purim carnival was a HUGE success!!

Our community shines brighter when we all come together to make things happen and we had tremendous support from all of you!

A big thank you to Scott Markowitz and Anita Markowitz for doing EVERYTHING AUCTION. Thank you to Ray Martin, Josh Weissman, Howard Shabsis, and Wendy Shabsis for cooking up so much delicious Nosh among everything else that you did!

Thank you to Cathy Penso for your advice and help. Thank you to Stefanie Cutler for your beautiful decorations. Thank you to Carol Diamond, Tom and Cheryl Schlendering, Laura Oakley, Karin Herman, Jason Altman, Randee Bishoff, Rachel Block, Carly Altman, Paulene Reed, Aillene Bubis, Denise Sample, Cindy and Barry Cohen, Jaime Salzman, Bob Knopf, Sunny Martin, the Sisterhood, Amram Hassan, Gaby's Express, the Akiba Angels, all of the religious school teachers, and TO ALL OF YOU!

We couldn't have had this much fun without our community!!

Robin Altman





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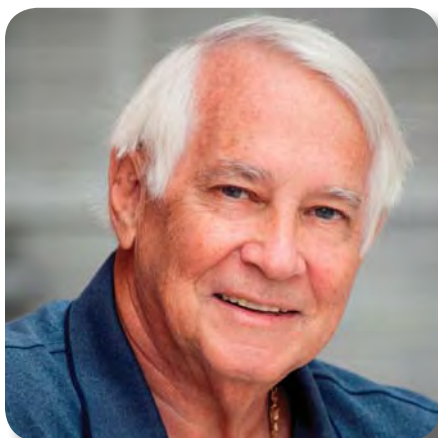
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