



The Maggid

INTRODUCING ...

STUDENT RABBI AHUVA ZACHES

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP ...

FRIDAY

AUGUST 27

6:30 Potluck Shabbat Dinner
7:30 SERVICES with Ahuva
(Music Room)

SATURDAY

AUGUST 28

10am Torah Study (Hadley's)
6pm Board Dinner Meeting
7pm Meet and Eat Dessert
with Ahuva (Wight's)

SUNDAY

AUGUST 29

10am Sunday School with
our new student rabbi
(Hofmann's)

HIGH HOLY DAYS

SELICHOT SVC. 8PM

SEPTEMBER 4, MUSIC ROOM

ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

YOM KIPPUR

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 25

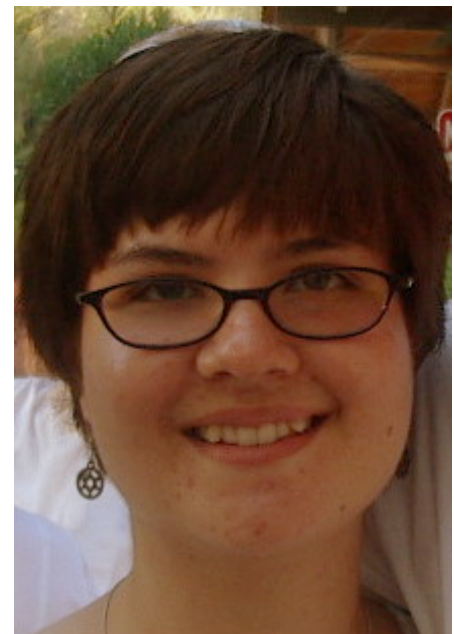
7pm Sukkot Party, Kiriharas

Ahuva Zaches is a second year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. She hails from Sacramento but has lived temporarily in other places such as: Greensboro, North Carolina; Jerusalem, Israel; and Prague, Czech Republic. Prior to attending HUC, Ahuva received a B.A. in Religious Studies from Occidental College in Los Angeles, where she also served as Religious Vice President of Occidental Hillel for four consecutive years.

Ahuva brings variety of work and volunteer experience from many Jewish settings. For three years, she taught classes in Hebrew, Bible, Torah trope, life cycle events, Jewish history, and comparative Judaism at Temple Sinai of Glendale. More recently, she has served as the Program Specialist at Camp Shelanu in Sacramento, where she helped the relatively new and small day camp to develop a vision for informal, fun, and engaging Jewish education. Ahuva has volunteered multiple summers at Sacramento's Shalom School in the preschool summer camp and infant day care center. Interacting with those on the other end of the age spectrum, Ahuva has also volunteered at multiple nursing and assisted living homes for the elderly, such as the Albert Einstein Residence Center (Sacramento, CA) and the Blumenthal Jewish Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Greensboro, NC), where she made frequent personal visits and

co-led religious services. While spending the past academic year in Israel, Ahuva volunteered each week at an immigrant absorption center outside of Jerusalem, helping Ethiopian Jewish families settle into their new lives as Israelis.

In addition to her passion for Jewish education and volunteer work, Ahuva's interests include: singing, writing, gender studies, linguistics, swing dancing, and improvisational comedy. Ahuva is very excited to be the student rabbi at Congregation Etz Chaim. She has already been impressed by the warmth and vitality of the tight-knit Congregation Etz Chaim community and looks forward to working with all of you!



OUR FIRST STUDENT RABBI WEEKEND

We've planned our August weekend so people have the opportunity to meet our new Student Rabbi prior to the rush of High Holy Days.

On **Friday evening, August 27**, we invite you to join us at United Methodist Church, 899 Yosemite Parkway in the Music Room (use the Cypress Street parking lot) for a **Potluck Shabbat Dinner** at 6:30. If you'd prefer to wait for the more formal (but still casual) **Shabbat Service**, come at **7:30** and join the circle.

On **Saturday** we'll begin doing **Torah Study** at **10 a.m.**, this week at President Rachel Hadley's home, **1600 East 21st**. We plan to continue Torah Study weekly after the High Holy Days.

Saturday evening will be an informal **Meet and Greet Dessert & Swimming Party** at **Sheryl Wight's home, 3170 Vickie Court**. Be sure to bring your bathing suits!

On **Sunday**, our first **Sunday School** of the year will meet at the Hofmann's home, **198 East 26th St.**, from **10 a.m. to noon**.

***HELP AHUVA FEEL A
WELCOME PART OF OUR
COMMUNITY!***

RABBI AHUVA'S WEEKENDS FOR THE YEAR

August 27-29:	Getting to Know Us
September 8-9:	Rosh Hashanah
September 17-18	Yom Kippur
October 1-3	Simchat Torah
November 5-7	(no holiday)
December 3-5	Chanukah
January 21-23	Tu B'Shevat
February 11-13	(no holiday)
March 18-20	Purim
April 8-10	pre-Passover
May 20-22	Lag B'Omer (with a possible camping experience!)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Chas Jolly, who teaches mathematics at Merced High, has joined our congregation AND our board! We welcome him with open arms and encourage everyone to make a point to meet and greet him if you haven't already done so.

TRIBUTES

Carol Friedman, Building Fund

Happy July, August & September Birthdays

Rebekah Friedman	7/1
Sheryl Wight	7/4
Zachary Kirihara	7/10
Ardene Shaeffer	7/12
Adam Kleitman	8/4
Eileen Ambrosini	8/22
Elisa Kleitman	8/22
Judith Salzberg Kirihara	9/1
Alicia Ambrosini	9/5
Zane Atkins	9/6
Skylar Gintz	9/16
Carol Madruga	9/17
Mary Conway	9/20

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DONATE BLOOD John Hofmann and Greg Friedman have now donated enough in our name so that any of you who need blood can get it free.

July Yahrzeits

Otto Knoll
Doris Talley
Shmuel Miller
Judith Sharpe Charles Stephenson
Grace Salzberg
Ann Passovoy
Charles Stephenson
Gertrude Kalmus
Mina Elaine Cuker

August Yahrzeits

Rose Bauman
Lillian Davis
Al Fromson
Bertha Goldstein
Sanford Gobler
Ruth Lasman
Lillian Misrack
Edna Tucker
Estelle Yamshon
Mary Robinson
Jacqueline Davis
Mildred Rebhun
Lionel Rebhun

September Yahrzeits

Morton N. Rosenbaum
Lee Kamson
Ann Rotbart
Henry Bernstein
Samuel Salzberg
Fred Moore
Leon Ginsberg
Judith Goodstein Kleitman
Ann Rotbart
Alexander Labbok
Barbara Goldman
Norman Ambrosini
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