

TAE Social Action
Making a Difference Together



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We hope that everyone is well during these challenging times. Although we have not been able to meet in person, there are many opportunities available to help others. Visit www.AdatElohim.org/socialaction to learn about TAE social action opportunities. The information changes regularly, so please check back often!

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Food Drive for Westminster Free Clinic in Thousand Oaks

Bring your donations to Temple Adat Elohim on
Wednesday, July 8 or 15
from **10 a.m. - noon only**

This is different from our normal drives. Please place the items in the passenger rear seat or trunk of your car. Drive to the front of TAE. Please do not get out of the car. Someone will remove the items from your car. Items can only be dropped off on the dates/times listed above.

The items needed are:

Fresh fruits and vegetables; Canned beans (not re-fried); Canned fruits and vegetables; Canned tuna and meats; Oatmeal; Lentils; Dried beans; Dried pasta; Grains, and Brown rice

This drive has been organized by Evan Stone.

Questions: Please email socialaction@adatelohim.com



Westminster Free Clinic



Homeward *Live*

5 nights. 5 actors. 5 stories from those finding their way home.

JULY 16-AUGUST 13

Thursday Nights - 6pm PST/9pm EST

Streaming at www.facebook.com/homewardla

Last year, TAE was fortunate to produce and host a production of Homeward LA – Stories about Homelessness. Although we cannot produce a live production again this year, we invite you to view HomewardLive, a powerful online event about the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

Every Thursday from **July 16th to August 13th at 6pm PST** on Facebook Live, an actor will perform a true story from a person who has experienced homelessness, followed by a candid, intimate conversation between the actor and the real individual behind the story.

Special guests include:

- Judy Reyes (Claws, Devious Maids, Scrubs) - Thurs 7/16
- Bradley Whitford (The West Wing, Get Out) - Thurs 7/23
- Daniel Franzese (Mean Girls, I Spit on Your Grave) - Thurs 7/30
- James Lesure (Las Vegas, Divorce, Good Girls), with co-host Chris Gardner (businessman, motivational speaker, best selling author whose life is portrayed in the motion picture The Pursuit of Happyness, starring Will Smith) - Thurs 8/13

Tune into this live event by going to: www.facebook.com/homewardla

--or--

RSVP to this live event here:

www.facebook.com/events/300132811030196/?active_tab=about



Knitting and Crocheting for Charity

Every other Sunday at

3 p.m.

Upcoming dates:
July 12 and 26

Join us as we make scarfs, hats and small blankets that will be gifted to our guests at the Community Holiday Dinner on 12/25 and also be given to other local charities.

You don't need to know how to knit or crochet. Bring your yarn and needles to the zoom meeting and someone will help get you started!

RSVP to socialaction@adatelohim.com to get the zoom link.

Religious Action Center
of Reform Judaism 

**Temple Adat Elohim
Votes!**



TAE is participating in Every Voice, Every Vote, the Reform Jewish Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign. This is a nonpartisan effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the U.S. election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square.

How can you get involved?

Register to vote

- It takes less than two minutes to register to vote at [vote.org](https://www.vote.org). Be prepared with your driver's license number or social security number. You will be asked to provide one or the other as well as other basic information like your current address. Also, you will be asked to select a party affiliation but you have the option to choose "None."
- To vote in California, you must be registered 15 days prior to the election.
- At [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) you also can check whether your registration is still active, request an absentee ballot (though all California voters will get one automatically and they do not require postage to return the ballot), find the location of your polling place and request text message reminders to vote. Go to [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) today and share it with your friends!
- We would like TAE to be a 100% voting congregation.

Encourage your friends and relatives - throughout the country to register to vote.

- Don't assume that everyone is registered. Reach out and encourage them to register.

Learn about candidates and ballot initiatives -

- We will be sharing resources in future newsletters.

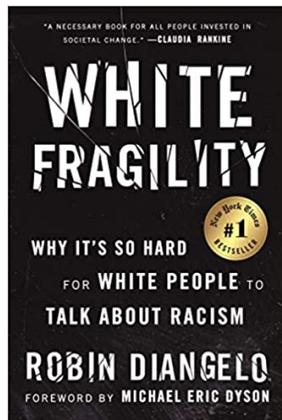
Combating voter suppression:

- Voter suppression has long plagued the U.S. election system, particularly impacting communities of color. Today, underrepresented communities continue the fight for equal access to the ballot.
- In conjunction with the Union of Reform Judaism Religious Action Center (RAC), we are working with a coalition to achieve universal voter access and encourage universal participation across the country. You can read more about combating voter suppression by clicking [here](#).

- As part of this effort, we will be sending postcards to people who have unknowingly been dropped from the voting rolls in their states and will be unable to vote if they do not re-register. If you are interested in sending postcards, please send an email to socialaction@adatelohim.com. You will be provided with names, addresses and a short script. The postcards will be available soon and the details will be in the TAE weekly e-news.

Engaging student voters

- The RAC has another initiative aimed at increasing the number of younger voters who register and vote. At TAE, we are joining this effort and are looking for 16-30 year olds who would like to participate in this campaign. Interested individuals can send an email to socialaction@adatelohim.com.



TAE Continues the Discussion about Race

Lead by Rabbi Diamond, over 80 TAE members began a discussion of race on June 15. There is so much more to learn. Join one of the TAEengage book groups discussing the book White Fragility. To join, click [here](#). Scroll down the page to find a day/time that works for you.

Watch the TAE weekly e-news for information about other upcoming discussion groups.



Emergency Lunches for the Most Needy in our Community

Since mid-March, while all the houses of worship have been closed, the nightly meals that had been provided to those in need in our community have been replaced by providing emergency lunches. Temple Adat Elohim members are providing lunches and cases of water every Monday. The shelter committee sends out an email as sign-ups are needed. If you would like to be on this



Virtual Ride for the Living for the JCC in Krakow

On October 22, 2015, 30 TAE members led by Cantor Shukiar, experienced the unbelievable by visiting Auschwitz. We ended this overwhelming, indescribable day by having dinner at the JCC in Krakow. The grief we experienced during the day turned to joy after talking with the JCC members about the resurgence of Judaism in Krakow.

For many years, the JCC in Krakow has held a “Ride for the Living” – a 60-mile bike ride from Auschwitz to the JCC. During the last month, because of the pandemic, people have biked, walked and run 60 miles in the Virtual Ride for the Living in support for the JCC in Krakow.

During this time, the JCC has hosted on line educational programs about Krakow, Auschwitz and Auschwitz- Birkenau. These programs were virtual walking tours through the camps. They were led by experienced local guides. There is one more live program scheduled for Wednesday. It is a virtual tour of Jewish Krakow. The link to the final live tour is listed just below. Under that link, you will find links to the recorded tours mentioned above. These are truly remarkable presentations.

Wednesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m.
Virtual tour of Jewish Krakow

The livestream feed from the virtual tour will be available on the [Virtual Ride For The Living Facebook group](#) on July 8 at 2 p.m. You can also join directly by ZOOM:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87023056240?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87023056240?pwd=T0NRYTV2TIJYT21FeGFMMMDk3MEhHZz09)

[pwd=T0NRYTV2TIJYT21FeGFMMMDk3MEhHZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87023056240?pwd=T0NRYTV2TIJYT21FeGFMMMDk3MEhHZz09)

Meeting ID: 870 2305 6240

Password: 368345

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kby2kj0s80>

Videos of the past sessions:

[Virtual Tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau \(part 1\)](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/jcckrakow/videos/2590882417852294/?t=2>

[Virtual tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau \(Part 2\)](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/jcckrakow/videos/1700781446737370/?t=6>



Social Action Committee Meeting

The next Social Action Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

All members are invited to join us to learn more about TAE Social Action, bring new ideas, help plan upcoming events and get involved.

Contact Marcia & Harold Gordon with questions and to **RSVP:** SocialAction@AdatElohim.com to get the zoom link



Temple Adat Elohim - Making a Difference Together T-shirts are now available for purchase!

Get your t-shirt so you can wear it with pride every time you volunteer. We hope everyone will have a shirt so that we can show our TAE spirit when we can once again volunteer in the community. Shirts are \$22 and can be ordered [here](#).



Thank you to all the heroes who donated blood on June 14!

Thank you to the heroes who donated blood on Sunday, June 14! Vitalant Blood Services collected 61 pints of blood. Thank you for saving lives. Our next blood drive will be on Sunday, November 1.

Thank you to those who sent graduation wishes to Aubree



Thank you to those who sent graduation greetings to Aubree!

Here is a message from Marla:

“Aubree is loved and it makes my mama heart♥ explode with joy to see her so happy. Thank you to everyone who wished her ☐ congratulations, sent a card, dropped off a surprise, participated in her parade or gave her a call. She has been smiling ear to ear all week. Your acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed. We love you and thank you from our hearts for making this girl feel special. Thank you for sharing Aub’s story with temple members. They really showered her with love. And Aubree has loved opening and hearing us read their kind wishes. We have some amazing people in our lives. Thank you 😊”

Can You Help?

Caring Community of TAE needs your help!

Our Caring Community is dedicated to reaching out



to those in our TAE community who are in need.

Do you have some time to make a few phone calls to people who are in need to let them know that their TAE family is thinking of them? Do you have time to visit remotely with people who are in need of some contact while they are ill? If you can help, please

contact Cantor David at dshukiar@adatelohim.com (805) 497-7101. Please also contact Cantor David if you know someone in need.

[Learn More](#)

This monthly Social Action e-newsletter is sent from the Social Action committee at the beginning of each month. It includes upcoming social action opportunities that are available to the TAE community. We invite all TAE members to find your place in TAE Social Action. We hope that you will find a project (or many!) that touches your heart. There is something for everyone.

If you have charities or projects that you support, please share them with us at socialaction@adatelohim.com. We might be able to involve others in a project that is important to you!

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