Wilshire Boulevard Temple is privileged to have some of the most glorious sacred spaces in the country. Our voices, instruments, words, and prayers rise to the top of the magnificent dome in the Magnin Sanctuary on High Holy Days, Shabbat, and at b’nei mitzvah. Our children’s questions, ideas, and laughter bless the classrooms of our many schools. Our presence, our history, our identities, and our coming together make each of these spaces sacred—and integral to the values of this community.

This month we come together to sanctify a more unusual space: our parking lot! And while it may not be our most traditionally sacred space, and it may not have the same communal history as our sanctuary, each November it becomes the vibrant and joyous home of our annual Big Give, and the center of great impact for our community of neighbors. If you have ever volunteered at the Big Give, you know that 1,000 pumpkin pies and 1,000 Thanksgiving turkeys equal a marvel. Of even greater import is what these turkeys and pies become for those who receive them, as well as for those who distribute them. It is through this transformation that our parking lot becomes, on Sunday, November 18, another sacred space for our community.

In a collective act of loving kindness, we will pack those turkeys and pies, along with canned vegetables, rolls, and other trimmings, into 1,000 family-of-four dinners. We will distribute these to our neighbors, bringing together hundreds of our own families to volunteer and provide 1,000 other families with Thanksgiving dinner for their homes.

This year we are fortunate to have received a generous donation that will help cover our costs, but we are still counting on your assistance to help us feed those in need—a donation of $25 covers the cost of one meal for a family of four. Please join our congregation in sharing a Thanksgiving dinner with our neighbors by going to karshcenter.org/biggive.

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“Why Me?”

Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:22

“But the children struggled in her womb, and she said: ‘If this is so, why is this me?’

These are the words Rebecca utters when she finds herself pregnant at the beginning of Parashat Toldot. After waiting for almost twenty years to conceive, Rebecca discovers that she is going to have twins, but it is not the blessing that she expected. The text reveals that “the children struggled in her womb,” and commentator Rashi explains, “the pain was great.” Something is terribly wrong, and Rebecca is not filled with the joy and celebration she anticipated, but rather with suffering, anxiety, and apprehension.

Heartsick and in agony, Rebecca asks a universal question of the human condition: “Why me?” This existential query is one that we all recognize, and one that most of us have experienced when in pain—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual: “What did I do to deserve this? Why is this happening to me? Where is God?”

Rebecca was able to turn to God and receive an answer; this rarely is the case today. Trying to understand the reason for suffering is an extremely difficult challenge. What can ever justify the injury or death of a loved one, the onset of illness, the loss of one’s home or livelihood? Throughout the centuries, Jewish sages, scholars, and philosophers have wrestled with these questions. Some of their responses—either blaming the victims or advising us not to challenge God’s wisdom—have often been unsatisfying to modern Jews. And though the Kabbalah teaches that everything happens for a reason and has a deeper meaning, this is not a concept that is easy for most people to accept.

Hasidic master and great-grandson of the Baal Shem Tov, Rabbi Nachman of Breslov viewed suffering as a natural part of life and necessary for the growth and elevation of the soul: “When the time comes for a person to rise from one level to the next, he must first experience a fall. The whole purpose of the fall is to prepare for the ascent.” Furthermore, the great kabbalist and philosopher Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto suggested that “Suffering is meant to motivate a person and awaken his heart to repent.” They have a point. When we are suffering, our concern with trivialities disappears, as we suddenly comprehend what is truly important and often reevaluate and refocus our lives toward those values.

Is this comforting to someone who has lost a child or been struck with cancer? I’m not sure. However, as noted neurologist and psychiatrist Viktor Frankl discovered as a Holocaust survivor, suffering is bearable if it has meaning. If we cannot receive a direct answer from God like Rebecca did, perhaps we can ponder these encouraging words from Rabbi Nachman: “Try to understand this.... No matter how far you fall, never allow yourself to be discouraged. Remain firm and resolute and pay no attention to the fall at all, because in the end it will be transformed into a great ascent.”

—Rabbi Susan Nanus
Welcome Grandcampers!

This Sukkot, we hosted our first ever Grandparents/Special Friends and Grandchildren Camp Weekend at Camp Hess Kramer.

Kids often interact with their grandparents at family functions where their parents are in attendance. This special camp weekend offered a different sort of opportunity for more than 50 grandparents and children (kindergartners to sixth-graders) to play, pray, and connect in a brand-new communal way. All the classic WBT Camps activities were available to everyone—arts and crafts, sports, beach walks, you name it! Grandparents also enjoyed separate programming in which they discussed both ways to pass on their personal stories and traditions and the challenges of being present for their grandchildren in such a fast-paced world. Meanwhile, the children were free to try fun new things at camp, like climbing the rock wall and sleeping in a cabin with their friends.

As for the weekend’s food report: It was great! Campers and their “grandcampers” enjoyed freshly picked tomatoes, green beans, and other organic foods in the sukkah they helped decorate. A jam-packed Saturday ended with s’mores around the campfire, followed by an intimate Havdalah under Malibu stars. After the children went to bed, grandparents participated in the timeless Jewish tradition of schmoozing over a nighttime nosh. By the end of the weekend, participants were buzzing about doing it again next year. Visit wbtcamps.org/grandparent-camp to join the interest list!

Registration Now Open for Winter and Summer Camp!

Now we’re riding this wave of excitement into Winter Camp and Summer Camp! Does your child love camp and can’t wait until summer go back? Never been to camp and want your son or daughter to see if they like it? As long as they are in grades 2–6, they are good to go to Winter Camp 2018 from December 26–30! Visit wbtcamps.org for more information for Winter and Summer Camps. Sessions fill fast, so don’t wait!

At Astrocamp Students Find Their Place in the Universe

In October Brawerman East and West Grade 5 students embarked on a cosmic journey to Astrocamp. The purpose of the trip is threefold: students connect with one another through required teamwork; students are challenged and push themselves toward new experiences; students connect with nature through a deeper understanding of our planet and solar system. Astrocamp’s motto, Challenge by Choice, which is posted throughout the camp, reflects these intentions—and outcomes.

Students are encouraged to try new activities, even when they are a bit scary. During the day, they can zip-line, swinging through the air on the sky-coaster, and study electricity and magnetism, lunar landings, lights and lasers, as well as other awesome science topics. At night, there are hikes in complete darkness, guided by the stars, planets, and constellations, to the camp’s large telescope. Sparking students’ curiosity and engaging them in discussions are fundamental to the trip. Astrocamp group leaders push our students to think—about why they can see the stars so clearly in Idyllwild, how their eyes function to receive light, and what their place is in the universe.

The best part of Astrocamp for me was listening to the questions our students asked. Brawerman kids are uniquely curious and insightful! Our group leader often had to limit the number of questions they asked so that we could make it to our next destination. Students were reported saying: “WHOA, this is like magic!” (referring to the Tesla coil) and “I was scared at first, but then I did it, and I am so proud of myself.”

Overall, the trip was a huge success, and students came away with a deeper connection to their peers (and to the galaxy).

Dr. Tamara Miller, Principal, Brawerman East
We reluctantly leave behind the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, steeped in two powerful values that not only go hand in hand but that we also hold dear: gratitude and responsibility—the responsibility to provide for those in need while preserving and respecting their dignity or, in other words, social justice. As we leave the deliberate flimsiness of the sukkah and look forward to the upcoming American holiday of gratitude, Thanksgiving, we are reminded of our gifts and obligations.

We are proud that this is profoundly experienced and examined throughout our Grade 7 students’ school year. For most, this is the year in which they take on the responsibility of the commandments during their b’nei mitzvah. The experience they have as part of Wilshire Boulevard Temple Religious School is specifically designed to bring deeper understanding of what this truly means. Our students select a track of focus that aligns with their interests. They volunteer their time throughout the academic year with our partner organizations in the community, learning about the populations they serve and how they meet the needs of their clients. This is underscored by the students’ on-campus experiences as they examine their identity both as individuals and as Jewish proponents of social justice.

This year we are excited to have 84 students participating in the program. When we consider the impact these students will have, both now and exponentially in the future, we are encouraged, optimistic, and grateful. One of last year’s participants, Hannah Smith, selected to work with the Friendship Circle, an organization dedicated to providing Jewish experiences and celebrations for children with special needs. Hannah had such a meaningful experience that she continued with the Friendship Circle over the summer and is still working throughout her Grade 8 year!

*Kol hakavod* to all of the participants, and to their parents, who make it a priority.
Shabbat Family Jam

A Playful, Musical Service Especially For Young Children and Their Families Followed by Shabbat Crafts and Special Activities.

November 17, 2018 and March 9, 2019
9 a.m. at Glazer Campus (East)

December 8, 2018 and April 6, 2019
9 a.m. at Irmas Campus (West)

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Audrey Irmas Pavilion Donor Profile

Lance and Hillary Milken Foundation

For Lance and Hillary Milken, being members of the Temple brings a sense of place. “We have three kids, two girls and a boy, and they all started their Jewish journey at Wilshire Boulevard Temple,” they explained. “They all attended the nursery school and grew up at the Temple, and we’ve made lifelong friends being a part of the Temple with our kids. It’s nice to find a sense of community in a place like L.A. Being involved with the Temple does that for us.”

As with most who attend Temple services and events, the Milkens are in awe of the sanctuary—and the emotions evoked every time they’re in the historic structure. “I had never seen a synagogue like ours before I came to the Temple,” Hillary said. “Later, we were thrilled to be part of what the Temple did for the sanctuary renovation.”

So it was natural for the family to get involved with the new planned facility. “When we saw the renderings for the Audrey Irmas Pavilion—the architecture, the space, the plans—we were so impressed with not only what it will do for the Temple but for L.A. as a whole. We were wowed by its design, the philosophy behind it, and the dedication to seeing it come to life. This is a way for us to give back.”

The Milkens give back in many other ways as well. Lance is on the board of the Milken Institute, an economic think tank, and on the Brentwood School’s board; Hillary is a board member for the UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital; and both are extremely involved with their alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania.

By the time the new building is completed, the Milken children might be beyond bar/bat mitzvah age, but that did not deter their parents. “It would be great if our youngest could have her bat mitzvah there, but there’s no guarantee. Eventually,” they said, and added, with a laugh, “our kids are going to get married. The Audrey Irmas Pavilion is going to be a gorgeous space and a special place for any occasion celebrated there.”
SOUL SOUNDS: LECHA DODI SALON SHABBAT
Friday, November 2 ☑ 6:00 p.m.
Explore the mystical meaning of Lecha Dodi and kabbalistic beliefs in the feminine aspect of God and the Shabbat bride at this special Soul Sounds Shabbat. Featuring a medley of musical renditions of this most famous and joyful Shabbat hymn.
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WOMEN OF WILSHIRE WORLD RELIGION SPEAKER SERIES: DR. SABA SOOMEKH 🌟
Monday, November 5 ☑ 6:30 p.m.
In this session of the Women of Wilshire World Religion Speaker Series (by women and for women over 50), Dr. Saba Soomekh looks at pre-Islamic Arabia and the birth and spread of the Islamic tradition. Up for discussion: the Five Pillars of Islam, women in Islamic tradition, the relationship between Jews and Muslims, and Muslims in America. A delicious Lebanese dinner will be served. Cost is $30. Register today at wowreligionseries.eventbrite.com
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BOUTIQUE ON THE BOULEVARD 🌟
Tuesday, November 6 ☑ 8:30 a.m.
Grab a few friends and your Hanukkah list and head to the Boutique on the Boulevard to get all this year’s holiday shopping done! We will have a variety of products on sale including jewelry, purses, children’s clothing, and much more! Delicious lunch and bake sale items will also be available for purchase. Sponsored by Brawerman Elementary School, Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center, and Mann Family Early Childhood Center.
☎ boutique@wbtla.org
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WILSHIREREADERS—AND AFTER THE FIRE 🌟
Thursday, November 8 ☑ 7:30 p.m.
Join our book club and embark on an exciting exploration of Lauren Belfer’s And After the Fire, recipient of a 2016 National Jewish Book Award and proclaimed by BBC as a “finely written historical fiction layered with richly detailed characters and moral complexity.” Lead by Great Books facilitator Rochelle Ginsburg.
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WORDS AND WRITERS—THE CHOSEN WARS: HOW JUDAISM BECAME AN AMERICAN RELIGION 🌟
Friday, November 9 ☑ 10:00 a.m.
Over a light brunch, author Steven Weisman discusses his book, the dramatic story of how Judaism redefined itself in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and the rabbis and activists who shaped Judaism’s evolution.
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FILMS AND FILMMAKERS—GI JEWS: JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II 🌟
Thursday, November 29 ☑ 7:30 p.m.
A screening of the profound and remarkable PBS documentary about the 550,000 Jewish Americans who served their country in World War II. These brave men and women fought for their nation and Jewish people worldwide. These soldiers emerged transformed, more powerfully American and more deeply Jewish, determined to continue the fight for equality and tolerance at home. RSVP by visiting gijewswbt.eventbrite.com
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CELEBRATION SHABBAT 🌟
Friday, November 30 ☑ 6:00 p.m.
At this new series of Shabbat services for congregants of all ages, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. During your respective birthday month, all celebrants receive a special blessing and a gift. Every final Friday of the month at the Glazer Campus.
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SAVE THE DATE
A Taste of Chanukah
Friday, December 7 ☑ 6:00 p.m.
A special Chanukah Shabbat celebration followed by a Chanukah feast. Cost: $36, $18 for age 10 and under. Register at wbtla.org/events.

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins
Sunday, December 9 ☑ 4:00 p.m
The award-winning story comes to life at our musical Chanukah family celebration. Followed by candle lighting and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) for all! Attendance is free. RSVP at hanukkahgoblins.eventbrite.com

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Events and times subject to change.
Welcome to new Temple members...

Susan Smith and Jeremy Adler and their daughter, Annabella... Natasha and Michael Bernstein and their son, Ziv... Talia Green and Evan Blackford and their son, August... Gabriela Bohn... Alex and Todd Busey and their children, Wyatt and Reagan... Julia and Glenn Danas and their son, Milo... Linda and Lawrence Elins... Sarah Ellis... Aveta Parsazad and Benjamin Emein... Darren and Susy Erenstein and their sons, Max, William, and Jacob... Teri and David Gallup and their children, Joshua and Elise... Jocelyn and Joshua Glass and their son, Jacob... Chlo Rosenfeld and Steven Goldenstein... Julianne Klut in her son, Chase... Imbar and Stuart Lebowitz and their children, Georgia, Ilan, and Madeleine... Lindsay and Peter Lenavit and their daughter, Nora... Sarah Kaplan and Erik Malin and their daughters, Ava and Lily... Rebecca and David Mandel and their children, Madeline and Frederick... Annie and Zachary Melman... Courtney and Joseph Michael and their sons, Aaron and Asher... Nina Lightdale-Miric and Alexander Miric and their children, Peter and Helena... Audrey Mandelbaum and David Moore and their son, Avi... Stacey Price and her daughter, Bijoux... Eileen and Matthew Rauchberg and their son, Maximilian... Dana and Marc Raver and their sons, Pierce and Wes... Michelle and Brandon Richman and their daughter, Chandler... Roberto Roizenblatt and his son, Alex... Jessica and Max Sharkansky and their son, Isaac...

Congratulations to...

Teresita Tinajero and Shelby Notkin on their recent marriage... Kaayla Cevan and Steve Roth on their recent marriage...

Congratulations to...

Leslie and Michael Flesch on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella Flesch... Ruth and Edward Friedman on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Zhao Friedman, and to aunt, Lauren Friedman...

Condolences to...

Kathy and David Cohen on the death of her father, Seymour Bond... Michael Brooks and Alba Correa on the death of his father, Edward Brooks, and to grandchildren, Allison and David... Amy and Stuart Graiwer on the death of her grandmother, Gertrude “Gigi” Diamond... Nina and John Bard on the death of her father, Marvin Drucker, and to granddaughters, Nicole and Miranda... friends and family of Charles “Chuck” Feldman... Jan and Beth Goren on the death of his mother, Stella Goren... Rabbi Steve and Betsy Leder on the death of his mother, Stella Goren... Michael Brooks and Abigail Ghose... Deborah Irmas... Ofir and Limor Magen... Teri and David Gallup and their son, August... Gabriela Bohn... Alex and Todd Busey and their children, Wyatt and Reagan... Julia and Glenn Danas and their son, Milo... Linda and Lawrence Elins... Sarah Ellis... Aveta Parsazad and Benjamin Emein... Darren and Susy Erenstein and their sons, Max, William, and Jacob... Teri and David Gallup and their children, Joshua and Elise... Jocelyn and Joshua Glass and their son, Jacob... Chlo Rosenfeld and Steven Goldenstein... Julianne Klut in her son, Chase... Imbar and Stuart Lebowitz and their children, Georgia, Ilan, and Madeleine... Lindsay and Peter Lenavit and their daughter, Nora... Sarah Kaplan and Erik Malin and their daughters, Ava and Lily... Rebecca and David Mandel and their children, Madeline and Frederick... Annie and Zachary Melman... Courtney and Joseph Michael and their sons, Aaron and Asher... Nina Lightdale-Miric and Alexander Miric and their children, Peter and Helena... Audrey Mandelbaum and David Moore and their son, Avi... Stacey Price and her daughter, Bijoux... Eileen and Matthew Rauchberg and their son, Maximilian... Dana and Marc Raver and their sons, Pierce and Wes... Michelle and Brandon Richman and their daughter, Chandler... Roberto Roizenblatt and his son, Alex... Jessica and Max Sharkansky and their son, Isaac...

And to all immediate and extended family.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Anniversary Milestones:

Each month we recognize the milestone anniversaries of Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregants. The years represent adult membership and do not include time as a child under a family membership. Congratulations, and thank you for being part of this community!

55 Years... Ronald and Ethel Ziff
20 Years... Matthew and Amy Baer... Sydney and Barbara Mahler... Alberto and Stacy Valner
15 Years... Jeffrey and Patricia Baun
10 Years... Todd and Jennifer Feldman... Cory and Jessica Rosenberg... Nicholas Spark and Stephanie Ripps... Jason and Elizabeth Sugarman... Eric and Elizabeth Yellin
5 Years... Fred and Bari Bernstein... Joseph and Torre Berro... Sartanu and Abigail Ghose... Deborah Irmas... Ofir and Limor Magen... Ron and Samantha Nayot... Eric and Amanda Schrier... Alejandro and Daniella Umansky

Brawerman Alumni Spotlight

Benjamin Pimstone, Brawerman class of 2012, graduated from Harvard-Westlake School this past June and is currently a freshman at Kenyon College in Ohio. While at Brawerman, Ben, a singer and guitar player, was a choir member and performed with Brawerman’s Shul of Rock (a group of musical students who performed together). At Brawerman, Ben discovered his love of creative writing. According to his third-grade teacher, Randi Moss, “Even in third grade, it was clear that Benjamin had a magical way with words. His unique ability to think outside the box and to inject poetic flair into every writing piece never ceased to amaze us.”

After Brawerman, Ben has continued to pursue his passions for performing and writing. At Harvard-Westlake, Ben was a member of the school’s Chamber Singers and Jazz Singers and performed in plays and musicals, including singing the role of Javert in Les Misérables and taking on the role of Editor Webb in Our Town. Ben’s works were published in Harvard-Westlake’s literary magazine, and as a senior he was given the school’s creative writing award.

At Kenyon, Ben sings with an a cappella group and has submitted his writing to the college’s student literary magazine. In his free time, he writes songs, works out, and volunteers at an animal shelter as well as in a local fifth-grade class, where he assists with writing instruction. In the coming year, Ben hopes to perform in a Kenyon musical or play, while studying creative writing and environmental science.
## Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
- Shabba Dabba
  - Rabbi Goldberg
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Soul Sounds Shabbat
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
  - 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
- Torah Study
  - Chayei Sarah
  - Avi Cohen
  - 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bat Mizvah of Emma Weinberger
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.
- Bar Mizvah of Lily Stambouli
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
  - 10:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
- Nefesh Torah Study
  - Rabbi Goldberg
  - 9:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9**
- Youth Choir Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10**
- Torah Study
  - Toldot
  - Avi Cohen
  - 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bat Mizvah of Chloe Argamany
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Peicott
  - 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Peicott
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
  - 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**
- Torah Study
  - Vayeitzei
  - Rabbi Brody Slome
  - 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - B’nei Mitzvah of Daylin Kaplan and Mino Kon
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.
- No service at Irmas Campus

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24**
- Torah Study
  - Vayishlach
  - Rabbi Brody Slome
  - 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bat Mizvah of Emily Levin
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.
- B’nei Mitzvah of James and Wilson Federman
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Peicott
  - 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**
- Celebration Shabbat
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Peicott
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Shabbat Service
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.