For 10 years we had The Big Give down pat: Hundreds of volunteers inside the parking lot east of the sanctuary filled bags with Thanksgiving meals while residents from greater Koreatown lined up outside the fence to receive them.

It was all orderly and spiritually refreshing for people on both sides of the operation.

But, wait. Now what? The parking lot is gone. The Audrey Irmas Pavilion is rising above it. Has the Big Give become the Big Gave?

Not a chance!

With cooperation from the city, an entire block of Sixth Street between Hobart and S. Harvard Boulevards — the north side of the Glazer campus — will be closed to traffic on Sunday, Nov. 24, enabling us to stage this year’s Big Give on Sixth, in front of the Karsh Centers doors for a family-friendly street festival that represents our Biggest Give to date.

It’s not only a change in venue; it’s a change in relationship with our surrounding community.

“When we first began to imagine what is now the Glazer Campus more than a decade ago, we dreamed of creating an oasis, rather than a fortress,” said Rabbi Beau Shapiro. “We promised to create a campus that was woven into the fabric of the neighborhood so that we could be a part of the community, not apart from the community.

“This year’s Big Give makes good on that promise. We’ve radically reimagined our banner event and transformed it into an opportunity for us to engage with our neighbors in deep and meaningful ways as together, we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, appreciating all of the blessings in our lives.”

For this year’s Big Give, think Farmers Market, but with an array of services for local residents beyond providing traditional Thanksgiving meals of turkey, green beans, sweet potatoes, stuffing, and pie, a meal large enough to feed a family of four.

Sixth Street will be lined with resource booths and activity areas with volunteers from the Temple’s various constituency groups — the Religious School, the Early Childhood Centers, Brawerman East and West, the Camps, the Karsh Center and local non-profits that work with Karsh — as well as hosting games and arts and crafts projects. There will also be a literacy/reading station for children and a no-sew blankets station run by Women of Wilshire, and much more.

In all, the focus switches from a we-serve-them format to a family wellness and activities day that encourages a deeper

continued on page 2
“N

oah was a righteous person, blameless in his
generation”...and so begins the Torah portion of
Noah. Commentators have debated this line for centuries: Some contend righteousness should not be based on
comparison—one is either righteous or not. Others declare
it is a comparison from age to age as circumstances and
humanity evolves. If Noah was so righteous, commentators
ask, then why did he not speak up when God declared that
He would destroy all humanity except for Noah and his
family? Unlike later in our story, when Abraham argues and
bargains with God over the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah
as they were to be destroyed, Noah merely goes along with
God’s request to build the ark. Not once does Noah speak up
in defense of humanity. We never hear Noah’s voice. Did he
object? Did he have any feelings or thoughts on the matter?
Maybe. But he never spoke up. He was voiceless.

We should sympathize with Noah. I would dare to say
we all want to be heard...we all want our voice to matter.
Yet, I do know that for many of us there is something that
we often feel voiceless in: our relationship with the state
of Israel. For some the relationship is solid; for others,
complicated; and for still others, nonexistent. But regardless
of the relationship, we can still feel voiceless regarding
impacting the present and future of the state itself.

Yes, we as Jews living in the Diaspora do not
vote in national Israeli elections, but this does not mean we
don’t get a say in the future of our people. There is, in fact, an
opportunity for our voices to be heard, for us to be proactive
and vote. There is an opportunity for us to make a difference.
And there is an opportunity for us to play a role in the future
of the Jewish people, the future of Zionism, and the future of
the state of Israel. It’s called the World Zionist Congress (the
WZC), a representative body of the world’s Jewish people
established by Theodor Herzl in 1897. It comprises 500
delegates and meets in Jerusalem every five years. It enables
delegates to exert ideological influence on both Israeli society
and the global Jewish agenda, as well as allocates financial and
other resources to various organizations in Israel, including our
progressive movement.

A world vote is coming up, in January through March.
Voting in the WZC elections gives every Jew a say in
dermining which priorities receive the necessary funds for
progressive Judaism—our Judaism—to thrive.

In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more
about this important and sacred opportunity. And when the
time comes to vote, may we all commit ourselves to raising our
rightful voices. For more information, check the following link:
arza.org/who-we-are/world-zionist-congress-elections.

■ Rabbi David Eshel

relationship between Temple members and our Koreatown
neighbors and beyond. It’s not only a way for Temple members
to get to know local residents, it shines a light on the essential
Jewish commandment of Tikkun Olam—to repair the world.

For Temple members, volunteer opportunities abound.
The online sign-up process will enable congregants and
members of their family to register for specific activities,
including bag stuffing, station set-up, greeting, arts and crafts
programs and clean up duties.

Maybe more important, the Big Give on Sixth plays a
larger role in breaking down barriers, turning strangers to
friends and reminding all of us that we are members of the
same human family whether we’re handing out Thanksgiving
meals or accepting them. We hope to see you on Sixth Street on
November 24th.
Following the soul-searching of the High Holidays and the joyous appreciation of nature and the harvest during Sukkot, we find ourselves reflecting on what we consider our school challenges, and how these challenges are really, unquestionably, gifts. At the Religious School, we are incredibly grateful that one of our biggest challenges is our growth. One of our most important goals is to make sure that each and every student, from kindergarten through high school graduation, feels seen and valued. We want to be certain that regardless of our numbers, people experience a strong sense of connectedness. In this regard, we ask for your help. Come to the events that bring people together. Our holiday celebrations and Celebration Shabbat can be respites from the harried and hurried jam-packed lives that we lead. They can be the closest we come to small-town experiences of communal enjoyment. Save the dates, plan with friends, attend, celebrate, and enjoy. These are the moments our kids will remember; these are what will form indelible associations between Judaism and joy for years to come.

Events this month include: Celebration Shabbat at the Irmas Campus on Friday, November 15, and at the Glazer Campus on Friday, November 22; save the date for our Chanukah family celebrations, at the Irmas campus on Wednesday, December 11, and at the Glazer Campus on Sunday, December 15.

As we count our blessings this month with friends and family during Thanksgiving, please take a moment to remember those who are in need. Religious School, which is hosting a booth at the Karsh Family Social Service Center’s Big Give on Sunday, November 24, is now collecting items related to dental hygiene: toothbrushes, floss, and toothpaste. Students can bring these new items to class or to the school office for this event.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, including the scheduling of volunteer trainings, please email Elizabeth Green at elizabeth@karshcenter.org.

Audrey Irmas Pavilion donors describe their enthusiasm for Wilshire Boulevard Temple and how they envision the Audrey Irmas Pavilion will serve the community.

Audrey Irmas Pavilion donors describe their enthusiasm for Wilshire Boulevard Temple and how they envision the Audrey Irmas Pavilion will serve the community.

Randi Grant said she cried when she heard that Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Camp Hess Kramer burned in the unfortunate spate of fires in Malibu last November. Hess Kramer is a very important part of why Wilshire Boulevard Temple is so special to her. “Going to camp in the summer and being part of the Temple growing up created my adulthood,” Randi said. “The Temple always brought sanity to my life. Going to Hess Kramer was special for me.” She isn’t too proud to remember that her parents couldn’t afford to send her to camp. The only way she could attend was because of a special scholarship offered by the Temple.

The experience left a lasting impression on her. And that’s why she is so passionate about supporting Wilshire Boulevard Temple in any way she can, and why she and her family happily donated to the new Audrey Irmas Pavilion. “Rabbi Leder reached out to my husband, Warren, and I, and we were pleased to be able to lend our support,” Randi said. “For us it’s a symbol of love for the Temple and for the rabbis.”

Along with her three children—Adam, Jason, and Jordan, all of whom had their bar mitzvahs at Wilshire Boulevard Temple—four generations of her family have been members at the Temple, beginning with her grandparents. “I had my bat mitzvah there, I was married there, and I expect my kids’ children will have their bar mitzvahs there, so yes, the Temple is an amazing place for all of us,” she said.

Through the years, Randi helped teach kindergarten classes at the school as well as dance, and has been very active in the summer camp. She has served on the Camp Board in the past.

Philanthropy is a big part of the Grants’ lives. Randi works for the Tower Cancer Research Foundation, helping raise money for cancer research. She also rides to raise money for kids’ scholarships through the Jewish Federation for Camp Hess Kramer. Her son Jason is on the Board, and husband Warren is a member of the Water Buffalo Club, a group of men who donate time and money and work with inner-city kids. Adam is head of Friends of Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in Los Angeles, and her youngest son, Jordan, donates as much money as he can to charitable entities in between his studies. The Grants are looking forward to another celebration next year, the wedding of Adam and his fiancée, Ali, with Rabbi Joel Nickerson.
Playground Dedication

We are so grateful for our brand-new state-of-the-art Early Childhood playgrounds at the Mann Family Early Childhood Center, donated by Corrine and Lenny Sands, which showcase our school. We have added new elements to our outdoor environments, including swings, balance logs, a musical park, an outdoor atelier, a nature discovery house, a mud kitchen, and a spring rider.

Every day children walk through our doors, engage with peers, and investigate their indoor and outdoor environments. Our outdoor playgrounds promote physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development. When children balance on our new balance log, they are strengthening their posture and core, crossing the midline, and gaining muscular endurance. When they swing on the new swing set, they are experiencing sensory integration and vestibular input. We also are so fortunate to have a new musical playground, which strengthens memory capacity and fosters deep listening and self-expression through the language of music.

We want to extend a huge thank-you to the Sands family: Corrine, Lenny, and their children, Adrienne, Michael and Beth, Daniel and Emily. Without you, these two dream playgrounds would not be possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for the Nursery School Playground and Toddler Yard. Our children have enjoyed exploring the new space and are so grateful for their beautiful playground.

For a gallery of pictures, visit wbtl.org/playground
Benjamin Levy, Henry Heller, Benjamin Kaufman, Raymond Zussman, Tibor Rubin...

These aren’t household names. They didn’t make the front page of the country’s largest publications. Nonetheless, they are heroes. They are heroes forever immortalized through their actions. These men are Jewish military veterans who earned the Medal of Honor, the highest and most prestigious military decoration.

In a special Glazer Campus Shabbat service on Friday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m., Wilshire Boulevard Temple and the California Military Museum Command join forces to commemorate these veterans, their stories, and others like them at “Honoring Our Veterans Shabbat.”

Following the Shabbat service is the official opening of the Jewish American Medal of Honor Recipients exhibit in the Glazer Campus Gold Gallery. The exhibition is a result of recovering lost information. Within files abandoned at a military base in Los Alamitos are the historical documents—which range in date from the Civil War to the Vietnam War—that tell the stories of the 16 Jewish Medal of Honor recipients. In the months of its display at the Merage Jewish Community Center of Orange County, the exhibit drew the admiration of more than 50,000 visitors. The 16 display cases contain stories, era-specific memorabilia, and Medal of Honor replicas in recognition of each Jewish Medal of Honor recipient.

“What’s most intriguing is the curation of these stories and bringing them to life,” said Marc S. Cohen, a Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregant and Lieutenant Colonel in the California State Guard. “Just confirming the soldiers’ Jewish heritage required thorough research. In the interest of self-protection, some had concealed their Jewish identities by changing their last names, making for extraordinarily difficult research.”

A docent-guided tour is available upon request until the exhibit leaves Wilshire Boulevard Temple on December 2. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call (213) 999-9064.

Benjamin Levy, Henry Heller, Benjamin Kaufman, Raymond Zussman, Tibor Rubin… These aren’t household names. They didn’t make the front page of the country’s largest publications. Nonetheless, they are heroes. They are heroes forever immortalized through their actions. These men are Jewish military veterans who earned the Medal of Honor, the highest and most prestigious military decoration.

In a special Glazer Campus Shabbat service on Friday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m., Wilshire Boulevard Temple and the California Military Museum Command join forces to commemorate these veterans, their stories, and others like them at “Honoring Our Veterans Shabbat.”

Following the Shabbat service is the official opening of the Jewish American Medal of Honor Recipients exhibit in the Glazer Campus Gold Gallery. The exhibition is a result of recovering lost information. Within files abandoned at a military base in Los Alamitos are the historical documents—which range in date from the Civil War to the Vietnam War—that tell the stories of the 16 Jewish Medal of Honor recipients. In the months of its display at the Merage Jewish Community Center of Orange County, the exhibit drew the admiration of more than 50,000 visitors. The 16 display cases contain stories, era-specific memorabilia, and Medal of Honor replicas in recognition of each Jewish Medal of Honor recipient.

“What’s most intriguing is the curation of these stories and bringing them to life,” said Marc S. Cohen, a Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregant and Lieutenant Colonel in the California State Guard. “Just confirming the soldiers’ Jewish heritage required thorough research. In the interest of self-protection, some had concealed their Jewish identities by changing their last names, making for extraordinarily difficult research.”

A docent-guided tour is available upon request until the exhibit leaves Wilshire Boulevard Temple on December 2. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call (213) 999-9064.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Torah Study</td>
<td>In Memory of Chuck Feldman Shabbat</td>
<td>Torah Study</td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Shabbat Shacharit</td>
<td>Koleinu Shabbat Service</td>
<td>Shabbat Shacharit</td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Food Pantries</td>
<td>A Moving Story of Life: Diane Shader Smith Speaks with WOW</td>
<td>Spousal Bereavement Support Group</td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Torah Study</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Adult B’nei Mitzvah</td>
<td>Women’s Torah Study</td>
<td>Adult B’nei Mitzvah</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Youth Choir</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Shabbat Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Honoring our Veterans</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Shabbat Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Spousal Bereavement Support Group</td>
<td>Updated on the Supreme Court: Cases on the Docket and What’s at Stake</td>
<td>Adult B’nei Mitzvah</td>
<td></td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>The Big Give on Sixth</td>
<td>Food Pantries</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit wbtlal.org/events. 
Events and times subject to change.

Glazer Campus (east): 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
Irmas Campus (west): 11661 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064
The People Concern Food Pantry, Santa Monica
Service time different than usual - please check online
Consult your High Holy Day Guide or visit wbtlal.org/holidays for more information.
In Loving Memory of:
Lillian Meren by Carol Krause and Eric Fine
Myer Orlikoff by Steven C. Orlikoff
Ralph Snyder by Rick Chimenst
Fern B. Wallace by Janice and Daniel Wallace

ANN AND SAM BERNSTEIN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND
In Honor of:
The baby naming of Sylvie Denenberg by the Denenberg cousins—Nancy, Josie, Barbara, and Steve Osder

MITZVAH FUND
In Honor of:
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the funeral ofMadeleine Moran by Randy and Allison Gingold
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the wedding of Danielle Vaner and Sean Abramson by Rudy and Marci Vaner
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the wedding of Elizabeth Green and Josef Sipkins
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the wedding of Lily Semel and Brian Williams by Lynn and Mark Williams

CLERGY FUND
In Honor of:
Rabbi Joel Nickerson for officiating at the baby naming of Sylvie Denenberg by Linda and Howard Denenberg

In Loving Memory of:
Esther Feldman by Bette Lynn Feldman
Harry Feldman by Bette Lynn Feldman
Jordan Feldman by Bette Lynn Feldman
Milton Levin by Leslie A. Levin and Jona Rottenberg

MUSIC PUBLICATION FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Ruth Hoffenberg by Walter and Sharyn Merle Gertz
Gilbert Robinson by Elaine Robinson

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Louise Baer by Amy and Matthew Baer
Jean W. Drisken by Janet and Herbert Rappaport
Norman Hoefman by Andrea and Steven Gardner
David Nikta by Laurette Nikta

Tikkun Olam Social Action Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Dianne Barraco by Juliane and Steven Cramer
Roger Cramer by Juliane and Steven Cramer
Irwin J. Harris by Robert and Elizabeth Harris
Irving Levinson by Barbara Kahn
Laura Nadoolman by John and Deborah Landis

PRAYER BOOK DEDICATION FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Jules Traighen by Judi and Dana Halfant

TEMPLE FUND
Jodi Berman
Shelly Corwin
Ronni Ephraim
Stephanie and David Eshel
Susan Eskenazi
Michael Mandel
Cantor Lisa and Joseph Peicott
Janet and Herbert Rappaport
Joyce Sherron-Reid
Sinai Temple

In Honor of:
Cindy and Gary Frischling by Louis Bauman
Benjamin Gagerman by Rabbi Elissa and Gal Ben-Naim
Gordon’s birthday by Lee and Gordon Gelfond
The naming of Chloe Menaker by Darren and Jenna Menaker

In Loving Memory of:
Joan Adler by Donna and Paul Nadel
Jacob Becker by Jane Hirsch
Selma Becker by Jane Hirsch
Robert Borun by Dorothy B. Straus
Gerald Fields by Bobbie Fields
Tobia Simone Frankel by Margot Frankel and Joel Goldberg
Harold Gelfond by Arline Gelfand
Lillian Gelfond by Lee and Gordon Gelfond
Rose Giffenbain by Steven L. Giffenbain
Helene Hirsch by Jane Hirsch
Max Hirsch by Jane Hirsch
Warner Hirsch by Jane Hirsch
Ruth Jacobs by Michael Jacobs
Rose Janken by Glen and Leonie Janken
Claudine Keith by Arthur L. Keith
Myer Klosow by Edward and Mollie Share
Leonard Leder by Rabbi Steve and Betsy Leder
Mike Lesak by Vera Rubin and Julie Edelstein
Alvin Mark—loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather by Vera and Steven Mark
Madeleine Moran by Deanne and Marc Lebowitz
Myra Nalibotsky by Abram and Gillian Nalibotsky
Saul Orland by Malcolm and Andy Orland
Irma Phillips by Shirley T. Phillips
Cynthia Rosenwald by Barry and Beth Rosenblum
Martin Salinger by Joan Salinger
Lisa Schiller and Irma Weisskopf by Gary Schiller
Muriel Shields by Janet Gross
Rhoda Sharrow by Donna and Paul Nadel
Jay Slotkin by Bradley and Lisa Mindlin
Marjorie Slotkin by Bradley and Lisa Mindlin
Bunny Wasser by David and Marlene Capell
By City National Bank
Philip Zvetz by Joseph and Gail Lowenstein

JORKY J. AND SYBIL FIELDS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In Honor of:
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the wedding of Jessica Flaischer by Sheryl Flaischer

In Loving Memory of:
Carrie H. Gerson by Jeanne Gerson
Murray Heichman by Linda J. Heichman and Michael Bell
Steven A. Kessler by Barbara Kessler
Victor S. Kessler by Barbara Kessler
Herbort Lendenbaum and Marvin Kaufman by Jeanne Gerson
Joe Pollock by Mark and Sharon Pollock

NADINE BREUER ENDOWMENT FUND
In Honor of:
The bar mitzvah of Ben Gagerman by Harriet and Sheldon Markman

KLEIN FAMILY FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS
In Honor of:
Rabbi David Eshel by Lindsay Goldberg and Alec McMorie
The birthday of Eleanor Schiff-Abrams by Lindsay Goldberg and Alec McMorie

ANNE AND NATHAN SPILBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Alfred Levin by Susan and Bruce Levin

FOOD PANTRIES FUND
Jeanne Gerson

In Honor of:
Helen Klein’s 97th birthday

In Loving Memory of:
Jim Alexander by Ann Rubin
Rita Ballot by Cara J. Tapper
Stanley Brown by Lucille Epstein
by Margaret Epstein
William H. Gruen by Ronny J. Gruenber
Rev. Guibord by Ann Rubin
Max Hartfield by Lucille Epstein
Samuel Klein by Helen Klein
Alfred Levin by Susan and Bruce Levin
Marilyn Roberts by Ann Rubin
Evelyn Tuch by Marilyn Brown

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Loving Memory of:
Ben Gordon by Linda and Marvin Lotz
Clara Lotz by Linda and Marvin Lotz

FOOD PANTIES
Thank you to those individuals and families who have chosen either to underwrite ($1,000) or sponsor ($500) a week of food.
If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro at (424) 208-8930 or email dmagilnick@wbtla.org.

We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
Alumna Makes Her Way Back Home

When Haley Ginsberg walked into Brawerman this September on her first day of school as a faculty member, it was far from her first day on campus. In fact, this return to Brawerman took place one decade after her own Grade 6 graduation. Her homecoming signaled a remarkable milestone in Brawerman history: for the first time, a Brawerman alum has returned as a member of the faculty.

Haley graduated from Brawerman in 2009, having attended since Kindergarten. Her seven years as a Brawerman student were full of the typical Brawerman joys. Reflecting on her time here, Ginsberg said, “When I think of my time at Brawerman as a student, I remember above everything else those feelings of belonging and security. I think one of Brawerman’s greatest strengths as a school comes from the emphasis on community. I definitely felt like my teachers were my favorite people in the world, and that they had my back.”

After Brawerman, Ginsberg attended Brentwood School, for Grades 7 through 12. From there, she went on to Tulane University, where she earned a B.S. in Psychology and Linguistics with a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, after which she taught English to adults in León, Mexico.

Last spring, Ginsberg reconnected with Brawerman West Principal Nadine Zysman at a Grade 6 retreat at Tumbleweed Camp, where Ginsberg was working as an instructor. When Nadine mentioned the possibility of Haley returning to Brawerman West as a teacher, both realized it was a perfect fit. Haley Ginsberg is now Ms. G, an assistant teacher in Grade 5 at Brawerman West.

Being back on campus as a teacher has been a mixture of recognizable traditions and new experiences for Ginsberg. “It’s comforting to return to a familiar community, and I feel like I have a lot to contribute. The rest of the Grade 5 team has been incredibly welcoming and made it easy for me to transition into this new position,” she said.

Many of her own favorite Brawerman experiences are still in place and, she said, “Many of the same faculty members are here, the layout of classrooms and schedule feel familiar, and community and kindness are still vital focuses of the school. I remember Sports Day as the highlight of the year when I was a student. Also, many of the melodies to songs and prayers during tf’ilah and Shabbat remain the same, and the Hashkiveinu has been around for many years as well.”

In addition to these key traditions, there are familiar faces in the building, people who remember when Haley was a student. In addition to Principal Zysman, who was Ginsberg’s Grade 2 teacher, Jen Maman (now Kindergarten) was her Grade 3 teacher. Other faculty that were here when Ginsberg was a student include Rabbi Ben-Naim, Adrienne Coffield, Bruce Green (BMG), Peter Levenson, Karen Morgenstern, Randi Moss, Barry Schapira, Lee Tenerowicz, and Orit Ziv.

Yet, in the decade since Ginsberg’s graduation there also have been some significant changes. Ginsberg noted, “Brawerman has added many additional meaningful roles to enrich and support students that didn’t exist when I was a student, including a school counselor, academic specialists, and multiple assistant principals.”

Continued on page 10
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
In Memory of Chuck Feldman Shabbat
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

Koleinu Shabbat Service
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Torah Study
Rabbi Gellman 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Rubin
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Willa Beck
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 10:00 a.m.

Hineni Bat Mitzvah of Talia Zipkin
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Youth Choir Shabbat Service
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

Veteran’s Shabbat Service
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Peicott 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Torah Study
Rabbi Fox 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Rebecca Nishizawa
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Gurney 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Ava Burkin
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 10:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Tanner Herschman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Peicott 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Celebration Shabbat
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 6:00 p.m.

Cantor Gurney and Friends Shabbat
Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Torah Study
Rabbi Gellman 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Patrick Nelson and Grant Hamilton
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 10:00 a.m.

B’nei Mitzvah of Connor and Brandon Klein
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 10:00 a.m.

Hineni Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Michel
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
New Member Shabbat Ceremony
Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Shabbat Family Jam
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 9:00 a.m.

Torah Study
Rabbi Brody Slome 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Oscar Vaughan-Verk
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist
Ellen Sugerman 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Kate Friedman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Nanus and Cantorial Soloist
Scott Senior 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Torah Study
Rabbi Gellman 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Eliah Nasseri
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 10:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Madde Pimstone
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Peicott 10:00 a.m.

Hineni Bat Mitzvah of Isabelle Matloff
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott 4:30 p.m.