It is an exciting time at the Glazer campus! Not only from the buzz of activity in our schools and programs, but also from the daily construction progress taking place at the Audrey Irmas Pavilion.

The steel structure is complete, as are the fireproofing of the structural steel, pouring of the concrete floors on every level, installation of all rough mechanical systems, all interior demising walls, and the exterior scaffolding needed to begin work on the building’s remarkable façade.

You can now feel the volume, size, and shape of the Grand Ballroom, one of the most impressive spaces of its type in our city. The multipurpose room and chapel, with its adjacent exterior terrace oriented toward the sanctuary, is both dramatic and inspiring, and the roof terrace, with its sunken garden, grove of 16 olive trees, and planters, provides a view of the city and Hollywood Hills to both reflect and celebrate. And to top it off, we are on schedule and on budget!

In the coming months, you will see the interior staircases being installed, waterproofing throughout the exterior of the building, installation of drywall and of the exterior façade, along with many more components. Due to the multitude of trades now on-site, our aggressive construction schedule, and, above all, safety concerns, the opportunity to be on-site is extremely limited. Therefore, in order for you to see the construction progress, we have prepared a virtual tour of the site with MATT construction’s Julie Wietecha and Kevin Halverson. In it, they take you through the current highlights of the building as if you were there. You may view the tour at audreyirmaspavilion.org/virtualtour.

For those of you who would like additional information about this dream coming true for our congregation and the city we all love, please contact Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtl.org.

Alberto Valner
President of Wilshire Boulevard Temple
THE COST OF COMPLAINING

Beshalach 5780

This Torah portion is uniquely Jewish. I say that because it finds our ancestors engaged in perhaps the most beloved pastime of our people—complaining.

“Were there not enough graves in Egypt that you had to bring us out here to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? We begged you to leave us alone and let us stay slaves. After all, it would have been better than dying in the wilderness.” Here our ancestors are, free for the first time in generations, and all they can do is kvetch! If that isn’t chutzpah, I don’t know what is!

The rabbis of the midrash take it one step further. They explain that, as our ancestors were leaving Egypt, wandering through the desert to freedom, two Israelites, Reuven and Shimon, walking a little slower than the rest, couldn’t stop complaining:

“It seems like we’ve been walking forever,” Reuven says. “My feet hurt!”

“I know,” exclaims Shimon in agreement. “The sand is so hot, and it’s getting in my sandals!”

On they walked, complaining about the heat, complaining about the sand, complaining about anything they could find to complain about.

“Look at this,” Shimon grunts. “Now we’re traipsing through mud; this is disgusting!”

“This is worse than the mud pits we were forced to work in in Egypt,” Reuven joins in. “We never should have left!”

And so it went for Reuven and Shimon, complaint after complaint. They were so focused on their complaining, so focused on what was going wrong, that they never bothered to notice why the hot sand had turned to mud, never bothered to notice that they were walking on the bottom of the sea.

For Reuven and Shimon, the miracle never happened because they were simply too busy complaining to notice it. Let’s not miss the miracles that surround us each and every day because we are allowing the bad to obscure the good.

Rabbi Beau Shapiro

Marvelling at God's Creation

Of all the places in the world, it’s a pristine stretch of the Snake River in southeastern Idaho that Rabbi Leder returns to fish year after year. Why fish? What is it about this place under the big western sky that brings him back and inspires him to share the experience with others?

“The trip represents the opportunity to pause, to marvel at the beauty of God’s creation—the way the deep blue sky frames the chalky mountains, the sun-dappled water glitters like a billion diamonds, and the bald eagles soar above. And the beauty of the fish themselves, wild, speckled with brown, orange, green, and gold—we fish without barbed hooks and we always quickly return those wild, brilliant creatures to their home after a picture or two,” said Rabbi Leder. “Then there’s the food, and the fun of telling fish stories and the same old jokes around a campfire. There are candles, there is kidush and motzi around the table Friday night and a lesson from Torah on Shabbat morning. There are fathers and children bonding, sisters, old friends and new, all part of a large temple that quickly feels small and real. What more could one ask for than all of that?”

Go Fishing July 24 - 27 • Irwin, Idaho

Rabbi Leder’s annual fishing trip is scheduled for July 24 through 27. You can reserve your space in one of just nine guest cabins for three nights at the Lodge at Palisades Creek in Irwin, Idaho.

To learn more about the Lodge, visit tlapc.com. To register, call the Lodge directly at (208) 483-2222 or email palisades@tlapc.com. For questions and/or to notify us of your registration, please contact Samantha Rosen at srosen@wbtla.org or (213) 835-2121.
Holiday Toy Joy

On December 19 and 23, the Karsh Family Social Service Center hosted its own on-site toy distribution for our client families, thanks to the generosity and support of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community. Through the Brawerman toy drive, donations brought to Chanukah Aglow, and Temple families’ own individual toy drives, we were able to invite more than 45 families who participate in Karsh Center programs and activities to come pick out toys for their children. Guests were welcomed by volunteers and staff and invited to go “shopping” in the Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry, which we converted into a toy store. Families were excited to pick out doctors’ play sets, puzzles, books, action figures, stuffed animals, and more for their children. Karsh Center volunteers wrapped the gifts, and everyone left with a gift bag and a card with warm holiday wishes from Brawerman students. We are so proud and appreciative of the generosity of Wilshire Boulevard Temple members, who made it possible for us to offer more than 100 children presents and some extra care for the holidays!

GLAZER AND MANN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

All Our Committees Make Possible

In our Early Childhood Centers, the Parent Association plays an important and active role in our programs. Its goal is to work in partnership with teachers and school administrators to enrich school programs and enhance the feeling of community in our schools. Our PA presidents, Dianna Mannheim Sternberg (Mann) and Deena Fleiner (Glazer), oversee more than 40 committees between the two campuses. All of our dedicated parent volunteers give their time and energy to help plan numerous events throughout the school year, including the Sukkot Family Picnic in the fall, Class Socials, Book Fair, Sample Sale, and Holiday Boutique. Other committees plan events in the spring, such as our Purim Carnival and Matzah Factory. The hospitality committee coordinates food and setup for Parent Association meetings, Lunch and Learns, Coffee with Carol, and Prospective Family Tours. The New Families committee plans New Family Orientation Night, New Student Playdate, and Back to School Night and works during the summer pairing each incoming family with a “host family,” who initiates a playdate before the school year begins. Our Room Representatives volunteer all year long, as they are the center of communication between the school and the parents for each class. They also coordinate Mitzvah Meals for families with life-cycle events. An incredible group of parents leads our fundraising events, the Gala and Party Book, among them. And the Gala committee plans and executes all aspects of the event, including coordinating the auction, sponsorships, raffles, and class auction art.

This year, Nahal Danesh and Amanda Bernehteyn, Mann parents, have formed a gardening committee at Mann Family Early Childhood Center, for which parents are volunteering to plant, harvest, and tend to our nursery school gardens alongside their children. Using her expertise as a nutritionist, Danesh has also volunteered to oversee our snack and lunch menu for both sites, making sure all of the children are eating nutritious meals throughout their school day. Katerina Demidova, a Glazer parent, has graciously taken on helming the redesign of the ECC library at Glazer.

We are so grateful for our extraordinary parent body, which dedicates their time and energy to provide a wide array of exciting opportunities, events, and avenues for our school while fostering existing and new friendships to last a lifetime.
A B’nei Mitzvah Trip to Remember

It was truly the trip of a lifetime! This past December, more than 80 WBT members journeyed to Israel with Rabbi Eshel for our annual B’nei Mitzvah Trip. We explored the ancient city of Jaffa, experienced Tel Aviv culture and nightlife, climbed Masada, ate lunch in a Druze village, spelunked through 2,000-year-old caves, descended underground at a secret ammunition factory, rode donkeys and camels, took a dip in the Dead Sea, ventured through the alleys of the Old City, tasted our way through the Machane Yehuda market in Jerusalem, and much, much more!

Our incredible 10-day adventure culminated with a group B’nei Mitzvah ceremony and celebration for 17 WBT teens overlooking the Old City at night. It was a night to remember! A big thank-you to the Goldhirsh-Yellin Foundation for its generous donation toward this trip, and for supporting our B’nei Mitzvah students in Israel! Upcoming trips are December 21 - December 30, 2020 with Rabbi David Eshel and June 18 - June 27, 2021 with Rabbi Joel Nickerson. For more information, please contact Lisa Alpern at lalpern@wbtlao.org.

FAMILY CAMP DAY: MARCH 7

When you think about Family Camp, you probably think about the bonding that takes place over a camp activity, like a three-legged race or a group art project. Over the years we have come together to experience camp as a family and show our children that a weekend of camp activities, while exciting and fun, can also prepare them for a just-for-kids summer session filled with crazy games and excitement. Family Camp will be a little different this year. Instead of a weekend away, we will be doing the best of a family camp retreat in a DAY!

Join us at the Glazer Campus on Saturday, March 7, from noon to 7:00 p.m. to experience an amazing family day of sports, arts and crafts, delicious camp food, and everyone’s favorite event, Color Wars!! Family Camp Day is open not just to Temple families but also to Camp alumni families and current Camp families! Our communities will join for a day of friendly competition and cheering while participating in family- and team-bonding activities. It’s the perfect way to connect with new families and reconnect with other camp lovers with similar-aged children (and to get your kids excited for summer camp)!

The event begins with lunch at noon and concludes with dinner and Havdalah. Invite some friends and join us for a great day of family fun! Learn more and register at wbtcamps.org/familycamp.
Chanukah Performances Dazzle

At Brawerman Elementary School, a high point of the year occurs on the day before winter break. The East and West Chanukah performances give our community a chance to see the love of learning and joyful Judaism that happens every day. The meaningful performances include public speaking, acts of kindness, instrumental music, singing, writing, and art.

At Brawerman East, the performance began with the Kindergarten class performing a Chanukah play that the school’s charter class created while in Kindergarten. (Each subsequent year, current kindergartners edit the play to make it their own.) Next, Grade 1 students narrated their How to Make Sufganiyot book. Grade 2 took the stage and described what kind of No-Present Present they gave to a member of their family. Grade 3 was up next and performed a synchronized Israeli dance before showing off their ukulele skills. For the first time, Grade 4 students hosted “The Great Chanukah Debate” to educate the audience about how rabbis of old decided on the order of candle lighting. Grades 5 and 6 shared physical representations of their Jewishness and described the significance of each item. The Chanukah Performance culminated in a Grades 4-6 music ensemble directed by Music Specialist Will Alvarado.

At Brawerman West, the Grade 6 students took center stage as leaders of the performance. Under the guidance of Music Specialist Melanie Silvernail, who uses rap and pop music as a way to teach form, lyricism, and flow, the students learn about storytelling through music. After breaking into groups to begin choosing popular songs that they might alter to tell the narrative of Chanukah, the students write their possible versions. Then the group narrows down the selection to a few songs. The Grade 6 students then work on keeping the syllables and rhyming structure intact while simultaneously cutting the song to meet time limitations. Finally, they employ GarageBand and iMovie to create karaoke videos to teach children in the younger grades who ultimately will perform the songs.

Whether a class sings a traditional Chanukah song or one of the parodies created by the Grade 6 class, the younger students perform masterfully. This year the Grade 5 class also shared the spotlight and, for the first time, performed in an orchestra (composed of five different instruments).

At East and West, the programs highlighted the student-led work that happens on both campuses. Additionally, each featured the generosity, thoughtfulness, poise, and leadership capabilities of our incredible students. At Chanukah, we are taught to light the candles with increasing brightness. Throughout the year at Brawerman, our students are our light—and they continue to shine brighter as the year progresses.

Brawerman Alumni Spotlight: Catching Up with Alumna Tali Meisel

Tali Meisel, Brawerman Class of 2014, is currently a senior at Milken, where she is involved in the Beit Midrash Fellowship and various student leadership initiatives around campus. Tali co-leads J-Life, the organization that plans and executes Jewish and cultural programming for the school community. She also worked with an amazing team of students and faculty to develop Girl Talk, a discussion group open to all female-identifying community members in the high school. Girl Talk engages participants in conversations about such topics as taking up space, self-respect, language, body image, and interpersonal relationships. This program has been extended to Milken Middle School, where Tali serves as a mentor to eighth-grade girls.

Tali attended Camp Hess Kramer during her elementary school years and fell in love with everything about camp, particularly the music. In summer 2018, she returned to Jewish camp, this time at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York, a specialized youth leadership program for Reform Jewish teens from all over the country. At Kutz, Tali participated in the Action and Advocacy program (sponsored by the Religious Action Center), where she learned the power of advocacy and storytelling in community organizing. Additionally, Tali has been able to channel her passions for camp and social justice by volunteering at Camp Harmony for the last few years.

Currently a participant in NewGround’s teen program MAJIC (Muslims and Jews Inspiring Change), a dialogue-based relationship-building program for Muslim and Jewish teens around L.A. Tali is also a musical theater devotee. She has participated in dozens of shows since second grade, when she made her stage debut in Fiddler on the Roof. How poetic that her final show before college will again be Fiddler, currently in production at Milken.

Tali is looking forward to attending Brandeis University in the fall.
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KOLEINU ●
Friday, February 7  7:00 p.m.
Connect, reflect, and be inspired at Koleinu – a prayer experience and spiritual journey of discovery, contemplation, and community. Rabbi Joel Nickerson and Cantor Lisa Peicott, along with an extraordinary band of musicians, lead us in this special service as we welcome Shabbat.

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🌻
Friday, February 21, Century City, 12:00 p.m.
Why not mix business and Torah over lunch? You bring your lunch, Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew necessary! RSVP’s must be received by the Tuesday before each monthly session.

CELEBRATION SHABBAT 🌻
Friday, February 21  6:00 p.m.
We continue the new tradition: a westside Celebration Shabbat! You and your family are invited to celebrate as a community for an evening filled with music, food, entertainment, and age-appropriate activites for children and adults!

GLOBAL BRIEFING ON ANTI-SEMITISM: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ● 🌻
Thursday, February 27  7:30 p.m.
On January 9, Holly Huffnagle, Assistant Director of AJC Los Angeles, and the Honorable Stefan Schneider, Consul General of Germany, kicked off the first of the four session Global Briefing Series on Antisemitism: Past, Present, and Future. The fascinating presentation and dialogue gave over 250 congregants and Los Angeles community members the opportunity to learn the history of antisemitism from the far right. The Consul General also discussed concerning trends on antisemitism in Germany and the challenges in confronting them. The second, third, and final sessions of this series take place on February 27, March 5, and April 2, respectively.
The topic for the February 27 session is “Antisemitism on the Left: Israel, Anti-Zionism, and Intersectionality.”

GWILSHIREADERS: A BEND IN THE STARS ●
Thursday, March 12  7:30 p.m.
Join our bookclub and embark on an exploration of critically acclaimed books that have achieved national recognition. In March, we explore Rachel Barenbaum’s novel A Bend in the Stars. At once an epic love story and a heart-pounding journey across WWI-era Russia, the novel follows an ambitious young doctor and her scientist brother as they race to solve one of the greatest mysteries of the universe. Please note: you do not have to be a book club member to attend WilshiReaders. All are welcome!

GOLF TRIP WITH RABBI SHAPIRO
July 23 – 26, Bandon, Oregon
If golf is your game (or for someone you know), spend a meaningful and unconventional Shabbat with Rabbi Shapiro and other Temple members for a long weekend, where we will play world class golf at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Oregon.

For more information, contact Cheri Lauterbach: (213) 835-2135, cheri@wbtcamp.org

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Events and times subject to change.
JONAS SCHNEIDER  

February 1, 2020

Jonas is the son of Aliza Pollack and Thomas Schneider; the grandson of Danielle Pollack and the late Aaron Pollack; Walter and Ulla Schneider.

Tikkun Olam project: I am involved in WBTHelps, where I go to various social service organizations around the city to learn about social needs and how they are being addressed.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Because I learned that there are some serious social issues, and I learned how to make a difference.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to contributing to organizations that help those in need.

OLIVIA SARA WOLFE  

February 1, 2020

Olivia is the daughter of Natalie and Kenny Wolfe; the granddaughter of Camille and Arnon Adar; Dr. Frederick Wolfe and Linda Wolfe.

Family Welcomers: Marshall and Avery Wolfe, siblings.

Tikkun Olam project: For my Tikkun Olam project, I have decided to raise money for and support the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF). The FIDF organization provides much needed assistance to the tens of thousands of Israeli soldiers and veterans who bravely serve the State of Israel.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? My Tikkun Olam project is meaningful to me because I get to learn about and support all of these different organizations. It is interesting to me to learn about what all of these places are and what they do.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to participate in helping social justice organizations by volunteering my time, and helping them get their voices heard so that they can make a difference in our city.

COOPER LITTLESTONE  

February 15, 2020

Cooper is the son of Allison Beale and Mark Littlestone; the grandson of Maxine and Phillip Beale; Doris and Dick Littlestone.

Family Welcomers: Hudson Littlestone, brother; Randy Beale, uncle; Howard and Kathy Beale, uncle and aunt; Rick and Nanette Littlestone, uncle and aunt.

Tikkun Olam project: I’ve been participating in the Religious School WBTHelps project since the fall.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? By taking different field trips around Los Angeles and being exposed to the city’s current challenges, I am learning about different ways to help others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I look forward to helping those in need in some way. I would like to help others know they will be able to eat and have a roof over their head like I do every night.

DREW HALPERN  

February 8, 2020

Drew is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Family Welcomers: David and Michael Halpern, uncles.

Tikkun Olam project: I have been participating in WBTHelps social action program where I have been going on weekly field trips to gain insight into the issues of homelessness, access to food, environmental struggles, and racial inequalities in the greater Los Angeles and underserved communities. In exploring these challenges, I have chosen to volunteer at the Friendship Circle, working with individuals with physical and mental disabilities, assisting in their mainstreaming, and learning how to assist them in obtaining work and valuable participation in their neighborhoods.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Most importantly, traveling to underserved areas and meeting people of different races, religions, and economic levels gives me perspective and much compassion. I am driven to help my fellow humans in their struggles, and we can bond and share our life stories along the way. Charity is important throughout our lifetimes, and not only before our b’nei mitzvah celebration. I am humbled as I realize how fortunate I am to go to a private school, and I wish to give back all that I learn and experience to those who are challenged in their lives, and might not have the same opportunities I do.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I love, love, love to cook! I am a foodie and also a musician of sorts, having studied piano, guitar, flute, and drums over my 13 years of life. As such, I would like to volunteer in bringing joy and happiness to underserved communities and people in shelters, retirement homes, and the like, cooking and serving food to them, while also playing music and entertaining them, bringing full bellies and happy smiles to those otherwise depressed and anxious. I would love to teach them how to cook as well! This would be like a natural form of psychotherapy for the withdrawn—after all, the joy of food, music, and celebration are all universal languages!
AUDREY YADEGAR

February 22, 2020

Audrey is the daughter of Tracy and Sam Yadegar; the granddaughter of Jila and Benjamin Yadegar; Alice and Parviz Shokouhi.

Family Welcomers: Alexa and Asher Yadegar, siblings.

Tikkun Olam project: In partnership through Tzedek America, I was introduced to the Friendship Circle. They provide resources and activities to Jewish kids with special needs. I have participated in Sunday events when they have different activities such as playing basketball, tennis, baking, and much more.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I have always been exposed to community service projects. From childhood I had a strong interest in children with special needs. I find it very rewarding to help and play with these kids. It makes me smile and makes me feel like I did something good for the bigger community.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to support this organization with my time and donating a portion of my bar mitzvah gifts to support this cause.

ELI WEINROT

February 22, 2020

Eli is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Eli is the son of Melanie and Daniel Weinrot; the grandson of Mary Sue Hart and Charles R. Hart Jr.; Irene Weinrot and the late Edwin Weinrot.

Family Welcomer: Ava Weinrot, sister.

Tikkun Olam project: WBTYHelps is a service learning program that focuses on social justices in the Los Angeles community. We went on day trips and learned from community organizers about different causes.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? My Tikkun Olam project was meaningful to me because we learned about social and environmental problems around the Los Angeles area. Learning about these problems made me want to do as much as I can to help my local community.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to educate people about the environmental challenges our community faces by becoming a part of a nonprofit organization that creates awareness.

MAPLE MAND

February 22, 2020

Maple is the daughter of Mike and Erin Mand; the granddaughter of Martin and Shelly Mand; Linda McCormack and the late Patrick McCormack.

Family Welcomer: O.B. Mand, brother.

Tikkun Olam project: WBTYHelps has been an incredible experience to show me all the needs and easy ways to help those around us—from social justice and the environment to homelessness and poverty.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It opened my eyes to how many people in my own backyard are affected by things like lack of food or access to school for homeless kids, and even the fact that there are factories emitting dangerous chemicals near homes.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? As a lover of the outdoors, I plan to focus on how we can help clean the air for those in our community. And, because I enjoy learning, I want to tutor kids who don’t have as much access to education.

MARLO BECKMAN

February 22, 2020

Marlo is the daughter of Jaynee and Eric Beckman; the granddaughter of Elaine and Herb Strickstein; Amoree Beckman and the late Benjamin Beckman.

Family Welcomers: Benjamin and Analea Beckman, siblings.

Tikkun Olam project: I participated in the WBTYHelps program and visited a senior care facility and took part in a teen interfaith discussion at a local Baptist church.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It was so interesting and fun to meet people I would never meet in daily life. I learned that we are more alike than we are different. For example, when we went to Sunrise Villa in Culver City we got to meet some elders who shared about their childhoods. We got to know them, and they had a lot of wisdom to share.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue learning about diversity in my community. Also, I plan to donate a portion of my bat mitzvah gifts to WBT OPCC food pantry, where we spent many great mornings making lunches and distributing them to those in need.

EMILY LEVINE

February 29, 2020

Emily is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Emily is the daughter of Alison and Benjamin Levine; the granddaughter of Norm and Susan Levine; Joanne Trepalma, Neil Schneider, Jean Barkin, and Dwight Cook.

Family Welcomers: Kate and Ethan Levine

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Continue acts of kindness and help for my community.

REESE GOLDSTEIN

February 29, 2020

Reese is the daughter of Mimi and Paul Goldstein; the granddaughter of Arlene Goldstein and the late Charles Goldstein; Beverly and Delwin Schneider.

Family Welcomer: Jonah Goldstein, brother.

Tikkun Olam project: I’ve been on many adventures with WBTYHelps. I will remember these experiences for a long time.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? WBTYHelps has opened my eyes to a lot of problems in our world that I may not have known existed, and all the ways that people are helping to solve these problems is truly wonderful.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will make sure to continue helping my community using all the doors that WBTYHelps has opened for me.

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Welcome to new Temple members...

Amy Larion and Michael Beubis and their children, Noah and Emma...Alexis and Ryan Draizin and their daughter, Charlotte...Rachel VanSickle-Ward and Neil Fremor and their children, Rebecca and Gabriel...Ariella Yeganeh and David Kahenas...Nadaya and Alexander Leichtman-Levine and their children, Leo and Victoria...Keren Schweritz and Jason Lippmann and their children, Jonah, Greta, and Mimi...Ronit and Sam Moradazadeh and their children, Noah and Kai...Bana and Joshua Pollik and their son, Joseph...Alexis and Seth Ross and their children, Madeleine and James...Goli and Rayon Roushan and their sons, Mason and Pierce...Lilac and Samuel Simpson and their daughters, Nahal, Liel, and Adele...Darry Stampler...Francesca Delbcano and Nicholas Stoller and their daughters, Penelope, Frederica, and Lydia...Darlene Weinstein...

Congratulations to...

Erin Foster and Simon Tikhman on their recent marriage...

Congratulations to...

Denise and Judd Maglinsk on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Rachel Maglinsk...Melinda Leon and Eiel Ojeda on the birth of their son, Antonio Sebastian Ojeda, and to big sister, Ellie...Sandra and David Pirnazar on the birth of their daughter, Camilla Nahid Pirnazar, and to big sister and brother, Naomi and Liam...Katherine and Spencer Villasenor on the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Brie Taylor Villasenor, and to big sister, Emmie...

Condolences to...

Michelle and Scott Kelrick and Linda and Sean Foley on the death of their grandmother, Barbara Alpert, and to great-grandchildren, Carolina, Henry, Ruby, Boone, and Grady...friends and family of Marilyn Ehrman...Greg and Mari Foster on the death of his father, David Foster, and to grandchildren, Jackson, Drew, and Lucas...Sharon and Foo Katan on the passing of her father, Nejatollah Ghodsian, and to children, Ari and Miro...Bruce Goldsmith on the death of his wife, Julie Goldsmith, and to children, Benjamin and Claire, mother-in-law, Elaine Goldsmith, brother-in-law, Russell and Karen Goldsmith, niece, Anne, nephew, Brian and Claire Goldsmith, and great-niece-and-nephew, Eliza and Edward...Foo and Sharon Katan on the passing of his brother, Yehuda Katan, and to nephews, Ari and Miro...Galina and Leo Sherebin on the death of her mother, Flora Pekar, and to grandchildren, Ashley and Matthew...Aliza Pollack and Thomas Schneider on the death of her father, Aaron Pollack, and to grandchildren, Jonas and Lili...Jonathan and Alison Roth on the death of his father, Ronald Roth, and to grandson, Elijah...Elly and Dan Wolf on the death of their brother-in-law, Ron Weir, and to nephew, Aaron Wolf...Joyce and Dr. Robert Stein on the death of her father, Aaron Pollack, and to grandchildren, Jonas and Lili...Katherine and Spencer Villasenor on the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Brie Taylor Villasenor, and to big sister, Emmie...

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!

40 Years...Evin and Zoya Rudin
35 Years...Susan Bryman...Joan L. Eichberg
30 Years...Bobbie F. Fields...Gail M. Title
25 Years...Joshua Bobrowsky and Daniel Tarica
20 Years...Rand and Carol April...Debbie Babbash...Bruce and Jody Botansky...Craig and Alica Forkas...Gary and Cindy Frischling...William Goldberg and Paula Kaplan...Stephen and Jean Kaplan...John and Lara Rich...Lawrence and Kimberly Turner...William Walker and Debra Stogel
15 Years...Andrew and Sindy Spivak
10 Years...John and Dana Kibler...Kenneth and Brooke Lande...Scott and Amanda Madison...Michael and Laura Millson...Scott and Caroline Packman
5 Years...Roberto and Claudia Apollafello...Matthew and Nicole Beresford...Matthew and Ashley Citron...Adam and Sabrina Daneshgar...Jean Grossman...Brett and Andrea Kahn...Bradley and Jodi Meadow

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In Honor of: Eugene Rubin by Nita Rubin
Rebecca and Chad Yassman by Mel Birken
In Loving Memory of: Frank Kohn by Merle and Arnie Weiner
Robert Shapiro by Susan and Paul Irving

ANNE AND NATHAN SPIBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE FUND
In Loving Memory of: Howard Baskin by Susan and Bruce Levin

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In Honor of: Zoe Gittelston by Linda and David Gittelston

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Greta Panish by Lisa Agay Getz and Stan Getz
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In Loving Memory of: Arline Shapiro by Libby and Norm Shapiro
Robert C. Shapiro by Jill Epstein

RABBI ALFRED WOLF CAMPSHIP FUND
In Honor of: Amanda Kelson by Jennifer Wilkinson
In Loving Memory of: Gail B. Bemmel by Jared, Sydnee, Jordan, and Samantha Biner
My father, Alfred L. Coleman, by Laurie and Paul Kelson
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Benjamin Fedowzy by Jan and Beth Gore
Herman Garten and David L. Lubin by Stuart and Linda Lubin
Shaba Landa by Belle Landa and family
Helen Levin by Phillip and Lynda Levin
Herman Levin by Belle Landa and family
Bruce Perlman by Nancy Bishop
Mollie Polep by Charles Polep

SAUER FAMILY CAMPSHIP FUND
In Loving Memory of: Joseph Sauer, Jennie Sauer, Marlene Sauer, and Harry Brown by Steve, Micks, Jonathan, and Molly Sauer; Angie, Mike, Robben, and Joey Corritone, Dana, Jonathan, Andrew, and Mitch Goldstein.

GLORIA AND J. STEVE BRODIE, M.D., CAMPSHIP FUND
In Loving Memory of: Maxwell Panish by Nancy Bishop
In loving Memory by Belle Landa and family

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**SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT WORSHIP & STUDY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
- **Torah Study**
  - Exodus
  - Rabbi Brody Slome
  - 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- **Torah Study**
  - Beshalach
  - Rabbi Fox
  - 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
- **Torah Study**
  - Yitro
  - Rabbi Brody Slome
  - 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
- **Torah Study**
  - Terumah
  - Rabbi Brody Slome
  - 9:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
- **Women’s Torah Study**
  - Rabbi Nanus
  - 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
- **Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder**
  - Century City
  - 12:90 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**
- **Women’s Torah Study**
  - Rabbi Nanus
  - 12:30 p.m.

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