Going Places: Opportunities of a Lifetime

There are places on this planet where the sky is especially blue, where sights and sounds and aromas awaken your senses and emotions.

There are many ways to travel, many vacations to take, many experiences to have, so what makes one of the clergy-led trips offered by Wilshire Boulevard Temple special? To begin, no one is really a stranger on a Temple trip, even if you are traveling to a strange land. There are few better ways to meet and get to know people—and ourselves—than sharing once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

But there is more. The Pirkei Avos (Ethics of our Fathers), the Talmudic primer on values, behaviors, and ethics, concludes with a mishnah presenting the idea, “We are not only bidden to observe in nature and ourselves the greatness of God, we are also charged to behave in a way that increases God’s glory in the eyes of mankind.”

Not every Jewish experience takes place in Temple. But you do have several opportunities to engage in extraordinary and meaningful experiences with your temple.

A decade ago, the Temple organized its first trip to Africa. “It’s about the experience of working side by side with the people that makes you realize how special this place and its people are,” recalled Will Davis, who was a high school student when he went to Uganda. “Half of it is coming here to help change others’ lives for the better, but the other half is changing and bettering yourself. Finding your place in this world.”

This December, you can have your own experience, traveling to Kenya with Rabbi Nickerson. Chip Goodman and Ron Nasch are chairing the organization of this trip to the magnificent Maasai Mara through ME to WE (Social Enterprise organization). For Chip and Ron, who went on the Temple’s most recent trip to Kenya, “it was an opportunity to see a fascinating part of the world and to do it as part of what became our extended Wilshire Boulevard Temple family.”

If golf—or a rugged, majestic, windswept coastline—is more to your liking, rabbi and avid golfer Beau Shapiro leads you to the natural beauty and man-made luxury of Bandon Dunes in Oregon, this July. Five rounds of golf on this destination resort’s links-style courses challenge both skills and senses. “The pure beauty and scenery of this place is just breathtaking. You almost don’t want to play golf because you want
The month of March contains one of the most enjoyable holidays of the year—Purim. While it is known for carnivals, costumes, and comedy, there are themes of the holiday that help move us beyond the joy of dressing up and acting silly. In addition to our tradition demanding that we celebrate the holiday with sometimes raucous behavior, there are two Purim mitzvot that touch on deeper values: Matanot l’evyonim is the commandment to give gifts to the poor, and mishlo-ach manot are the gifts, the packages of goodies, we give to our friends.

As one scholar writes, “We embrace the confusion and moral ambiguity of Purim with a renewed commitment to social transformation, responding to the mess of life by giving our family and friends sweet gifts, and by giving generously to the poor. In other words, the only way to make sense of the absurd randomness of life and the social order is to honor the loving relationships that sustain us, and work to address the imbalance of fortunes that leaves some with abundance and others with nothing. Matanot l’evyonim and mishlo-ach manot come to reinforce that, while we cannot control the world, we can control the way we live in it.”

This Purim, let’s continue our work to bring joy, comfort, and sustenance to those we know and even to those we don’t know; to shower the world with more love, optimism, and hope.

Rabbi Joel Nickerson

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“to stand and look around and enjoy it,” said Jacob Glucksman, who made a past trip with his father. “It was a special thing for the both of us to go on this trip together.”

“The natural wonders of the Alps and the Grand Canyon, the myriad hues of colors seen in a flower... everything that exists bears testimony to the work of the Creator of all,” it is written in the Pirkei Avos. Anyone would be hard-pressed to find better evidence than the remote and favorite stretch of river in Idaho where Rabbi Leder welcomes congregants to join him for a weekend each summer. “The Lodge is located in one of the most breathtaking locations on the planet,” said past participant Lynn Weissman. “To celebrate Shabbat outside...is to experience an intimacy in prayer and Torah study that is elusive in a busy setting. It’s magical there.”

How Rabbi Leder made everyone feel special, “that they belonged to something much bigger than the group...and yet much smaller than the huge number of congregants,” impressed Richard Myerson, as did the Shabbat there. “Everyone...should get to experience a Shabbat like that: in God’s country, fully exposed to nature, with Rabbi Leder warmly, yet still reverently, leading us all in song and prayer.”

For more information on these and other travel opportunities with Wilshire Boulevard Temple, please visit our travel page at www.wbtla.org/travel.
Gala Thank-yous

On February 1, our Erika J. Glazer and Mann Family Early Childhood Centers held their Annual Gala: After Hours @ Wilshire. All proceeds from this amazing night help support scholarships and enrichments for our Early Childhood Centers. We are all so fortunate to be part of such a committed, passionate, and generous community. It gave us great pride and joy to see our community of parents come together in support of our schools to benefit the scholarship fund and operating budget.

What does it mean to be part of our schools? It means volunteering, getting involved, and serving on more than 37 Parent Association committees. Fred Rogers stated, “Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.” We have so many heroes in our early childhood community who give so much of their time and love to our school.

A huge thank-you goes out to our Parent Association presidents, Deena Fleiner and Dianna Mannheim Sternberg, who spend endless hours overseeing our early childhood committees. We appreciate your moral compasses and for always keeping us on the right path. Thank you to our remarkable Gala Chairs, Lina Cohan, Alexandra Nechita, Katherine Villasenor, and Michelle Yampolosky. We so appreciate your dedication and hard work on this event. Under your leadership, this year’s Gala created a strong sense of community and teamwork! Thank you as well to all the members of our incredible 2020 Gala Committee for making this year’s event a smashing success and to all of the families who attended and contributed so generously.

Finally, thank you to PA Vice President Carolyn Shapiro for her tireless efforts for our schools. We have been so fortunate to have your guidance and range of contributions to help us thoughtfully plan for and execute our gala for the past four years.

An extra thank-you goes out to the parent volunteers who assisted the committee in its endeavors. This night would not have been possible without you: Candice Naysan, Julia Ramin, Peggy Saville, and Claudine Shokouhi.

Thank you to the heavenly angels, our sponsors, who have underwritten a variety of the Gala’s aspects. We also greatly appreciate all of the amazing volunteers who have supported our programs. Most importantly, thank you to your remarkable children, who inspire us daily to make this program the best it can be.

THE 2020 GALA COMMITTEE
Auction Solicitation Chairs: Jayme Bolden
Emily Hakim
Sponsorship Chairs: Stacy Cohanim
Alissa Zachary
Class Art: Sara Morris
Sample Sale Chairs: Hillary Allen
Bari Milken Bernstein
Jamie Hasson
Video: Rachel Fleischer
Claudine and Jonathan Jakubowicz

CAMP KULAM DAY, 2020

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps believes that every child deserves a Jewish-camp experience. However, four years ago, we noticed that there wasn't a local program that provided that life-changing experience to the special needs community of the greater Los Angeles area. We reached out to HaMercaz, a division of Jewish Family Service that works intimately in the special needs community, and started brainstorming about what kind of program could engage this community in a meaningful and affordable way. Fast-forward to today—we’re so excited to host our fourth-annual Camp Kulam on May 17, 2020, at the Temple’s Irmas Campus! This year's daylong program offers an enriching, fun, and inclusive experience for families with young children who have special needs. Sports, arts and crafts, singing, petting zoos, bubble shows, and other camp-style activities will highlight the afternoon. Each family will be paired with a “buddy” who will accompany them on their activities throughout the day, getting to know them on a personal level. These specially trained staff, along with our professional social workers, build a loving community through family programming as well as separate, specific programs designed for children, siblings, and adults.

Families with special needs members can often feel alone and underserved—Camp Kulam creates the lifelong bonds and sense of belonging these families deserve. As one family commented, “Nothing else like this exists.”

If you’d like to learn more about Camp Kulam, or know a family who would, please visit wbtcamps.org/campkulam or email ari@wbtcamps.org.
We are so proud of Jonas and Leni Schneider! Grade 7 Religious School students, the brother-and-sister duo shared their b’nei mitzvah February 1.

Look at these incredible centerpieces from their celebration. All of the edible fresh fruits and vegetables were donated to the Karsh Center food pantry to be disbursed the Sunday morning following the Schneiders’ simchah. This is an important part of what we hope to teach our students. Matanot L’evyonim (gifts to the poor) is a focus of our upcoming celebration of Purim with a Purpose, and we are excited to partner with the Karsh Center once again this year. Religious School students will prepare 700 bundles for Karsh Center clients, including: Baby Necessity Supply Bags, Early Education School Readiness Bags, and Mother’s Day Gift Bags.

We seek everyone’s support for Purim with a Purpose by asking you to sponsor a Purim bundle. This is our third year partnering with the Karsh Center and we really couldn’t do it without all of your support. Please, help us help others and sponsor a Purim bundle; each is only $36. If every family sponsored just one bundle, we would exceed our goal! Please sponsor at the level that works for your family.

wbtreligiousschool.org/purim

In 1990, the United States Census undercounted the population of California by 2.7 percent, leading to the loss of an estimated two billion dollars in federal funds, dollars that support crucial programs for Californians, such as Headstart, Section 8 housing vouchers, emergency/disaster relief, and even road and highway maintenance. While the 2000 and 2010 Census counts were more accurate, officials worry that another “undercount” of vulnerable populations, especially in largely immigrant communities, could be on the horizon. According to state officials, a similar undercount in the upcoming 2020 Census “would mean nearly 1.1 million residents would not receive funding or fair representation.”

“We could stand to lose anywhere from one to two congressional seats, that housing costs here are dramatically on the rise, and that 20 percent of children in third grade in Koreatown are reading at grade level—meaning that the funding received for programs like Headstart, Section 8 housing vouchers, and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) are critical to our clients and the future of the community.

On March 12, the effort to count every resident in the United States will once again officially start, as Census responses are collected. For the first time, the Census will be almost entirely digital. Individuals who don’t have personal computer access are being directed to community spaces that will host kiosks to fill out the Census. The Karsh Family Social Service Center is proud to be a Census kiosk site this year, and from March 12 through the end of April, we will welcome our clients, neighbors in Koreatown, and members of the community at large to come make sure that they are counted.

If you’re interested in helping with outreach for the Census, or in learning more about future civic engagement volunteer opportunities at the Karsh Center or with our collaborator organizations, please email volunteers@karshcenter.org.

The Karsh Center, our volunteers, Collaborators, staff, and clients believe that this neighborhood matters. Now, let’s all make sure it counts.
Finding Honor and Friendship in Israel

When parents are contemplating Brawerman as a school for their child, we tell them about the dedication of our teachers and the academic foundation they’ll receive. We walk them into the beautiful gymnasium or onto the rooftop athletic complex and have them meet our coaches who will instill sportsmanship in their children. We also show them specialist classrooms, art studios, technology and innovation labs, and explain how exposing them to these creative arts will prepare them for 21st-century jobs that don’t even exist yet. But if there’s one thing above all that we promise as a school, it’s that we make mensches.

Our commitment to instilling the values of integrity, kindness, and honor come before anything we teach in a textbook. So, when we travel to Israel with our soon-to-be graduates, we’re more than happy to hear them recall historical facts they’ve acquired throughout their seven years at Brawerman. But the most profound and lasting impression they can make is when they put others first. Picking up a bag that was left behind, helping a classmate who loses their footing while hiking down Masada, making room for another seat at the breakfast or dinner table aren’t checklist items on a report card or a multiple-choice question on a standardized test, but they are what truly matters.

With this in mind, we began our day in Tel Aviv heading south to the Jaffa Institute, an organization that prepares boxes of food for those in Israel suffering from food scarcity. The volunteer who greeted our students explained that in addition to distributing canned goods, their intention is to give dignity to each person who walks through their doors. With smiles on our faces and humbled hearts, our students formed an assembly line to pack boxes of food for people they would never meet. So, just as they planted trees whose shade they will never enjoy, our students honorably helped to provide for human beings they most likely will never know. Our host was so impressed, she wrote us an email commenting on the character of the students and the importance of the work our delegates shared in.

From there we headed to the Ayalon Institute, better known as the bullet factory, to learn how others before them selflessly prepared ammunition, risking their own lives, to quite literally empower soldiers. Their efforts supported the Independence war, which gave the State of Israel its sovereignty and freedom.

To end our evening, we made our way to Sarona Market, a modern shopping mall and eatery; we explored and enjoyed dinner from a variety of restaurants. In the morning we took a short bus ride to David Yellin, an elementary school just outside Tel Aviv that we’ve partnered with for years. Following our hosts’ greetings and a ceremony, the American delegates and Israeli students made fast friends. Laughter came easily, basketball and soccer games began, music was played, and dancing ensued. In just a few hours, complete strangers became best friends.

These truly magical moments are now indelible memories in the minds and hearts of our students. Many of their older siblings paved the way, building meaningful relationships in years past, and because of their open hearts and loving spirit, they too have now extended the opportunity of connection for those who are yet to come. This is what matters. Not an exchanged phone number or another Instagram follower, but a friend who feels more like family who says without words, you belong.

Welcome home.

Brawerman Alumni Spotlight

Jessica Schiff, BES class of 2014, is currently a junior at Milken Community Schools. Active in community service projects both on campus and off, she is also an avid volleyball player. Jessica got her start playing volleyball with Brawerman coaches Peter and Barry in Grade 3 and will start her fourth season of varsity volleyball on the girl’s team at Milken next year.

Jessica spent her ninth- and 10th-grade summers volunteering with Wise Readers to Leaders, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to closing the literacy-achievement gap for youth from low-income communities as well as to nurturing future leaders for a diverse world through service learning, cross-cultural leadership, and enrichment programs. She worked as a Junior Literacy Leader (JLL), assisting the classroom teacher during academics and leading the kids in camp-like activities. Eleven other BES alumnae participated as JLLs, including Jessica’s brother Sam, BES class of 2011, a USC college sophomore (he worked as a Literacy Leader running the classroom and teaching reading and math).

Wilshire Boulevard Temple partners with the program, which utilizes our campus (Volunteering opportunities are available now for next summer; you can apply through https://wise.shulcloud.com/form/JLL-application-summer-2020). During Jessica’s second semester of 10th grade she was selected to be a Milken Tiferet Fellow and attended, along with a cohort of Milken students, the Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI), which partners with AMHSI. During this signature experience offered by Milken Community Schools, Jessica learned and lived history in Israel and, most importantly, built her own Jewish identity and understanding of the country. Jessica’s time at Brawerman instilled in her a love of learning, of Israel, and of tikkun olam.
We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS 📚
Wednesdays, March 4–April 22 ⏰ 7:00 p.m.
Learn to read Hebrew and navigate the prayer book in eight weeks with Rabbi Eva Robbins!

Hannah Gole, hgole@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/manyways

GLOBAL BRIEFING ON ANTI-SEMITISM: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE 🔢
Thursday, March 5 ⏰ 7:30 p.m.
In the third meeting of the four-session series in partnership with the American Jewish Committee, we cover “Anti-Semitism in the Muslim World: Conspiracy Theories, Political Islam, and Iran.”

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FAMILY CAMP DAY! 🎉
Saturday, March 7 ⏰ 12:00 p.m.
Join us for our first ever FAMILY CAMP DAY! Experience an amazing family day with sports, arts and crafts, delicious camp food, and the main event, Color Wars!

Erica Feinman, erica@wbtcamps.org, (213) 835-2145
wbtcamps.org/familycamp

BOOKS AND AUTHORS: AND THE DEAD SHALL RISE 📚
Sunday, March 8 ⏰ 4:00 p.m.
Author Steve Oney and Professor of Law Laurie Levenson discuss Oney’s book And the Dead Shall Rise: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank. The afternoon event is co-sponsored by the USC Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life.

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ADULT PURIM: “PURIM NIGHT FEVER: STAYIN’ ALIVE” 🎉
Monday, March 9 ⏰ 7:00 p.m.
The ‘70s never sounded so good. (The 470s BCE, that is!) Celebrate Purim with drinks, dinner, and a disco Purim spiel! Wear a ‘70s costume for a free drink.

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 adultpurimmwb.eventbrite.com

GILDS AND FILMMAKERS: RESISTANCE (2020) 🎥
Wednesday, March 11 ⏰ 7:30 p.m.
Exclusive Pre-Screening Event: The true untold story of a young French Jewish actor who saved hundreds of Jewish children during the Holocaust and became the most famous mime in the world – Marcel Marceau! Followed by a discussion with director/writer Jonathan Jakubowicz and producer, Claudine Jakubowicz

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JEWISH WOMEN’S THEATRE: SEX, ADDICTION, & LOVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY 🎨
Sunday, March 15 ⏰ 2:00 p.m.
Dangerous, outrageous, and often tender stories of the carnal sort. Cost is $25.

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“ALL IN” POKER TOURNAMENT 🎰
Thursday, March 19, Griffin Club Los Angeles, 5:00 p.m.
Mark your calendar for a night of high-stakes poker (and amazing prizes), benefiting the Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp Scholarship Funds!

Cheri Lauterbach, cheri@wbtcamps.org (213) 835-2135
wbtcamps.org/poker

SALON SHABBAT—HASIDIC SHABBAT 🕊️
Friday, March 21 ⏰ 6:00 p.m.
Join us for this soulful Shabbat with Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney!

cantoroffice@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtl.org/events

SHABBAT FAMILY JAM 🎵
Saturday, March 21 ⏰ 9:00 a.m.
This playful, musical service for young children and their families is followed by Shabbat crafts and special activities.

Sydney Seehoff, sseehoff@wbtla.org
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HATE IN THE ’HOOD— A PANEL DISCUSSION 🙅‍♂️
Tuesday, March 24 ⏰ 7:30 p.m.
FBI and security experts lead a panel discussion about hate groups in the Los Angeles area; Temple member and former New York Times journalist Michael Janofsky moderates.

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- [Glazer Campus (Eastside): 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010](#)
- [Irmas Campus (Westside): 11661 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064](#)
- [The People Concern Food Pantry, Santa Monica](#)
Audrey Irmas Pavilion donors describe their enthusiasm for Wilshire Boulevard Temple and how they envision the Audrey Irmas Pavilion will serve the community.

ALAN EPSTEIN AND MEGAN MCGOWAN EPSTEIN

It’s hard to find a more energetic and friendly couple than Alan Epstein and Megan McGowan Epstein. So when they talk about how being part of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community adds something special to their lives, their comments come with their trademark passion and warmth.

“Being Jewish is about tradition and family,” Megan said. “We love our friends from the Temple. When I brought my girls here every day, it added significant ties to my Jewish life. Then, when the girls (during preschool) bring the traditions home, it’s great for our family. Our daughter Matteson had a bat mitzvah last year, which was the most beautiful day of our lives. It cemented her connection to Judaism and ours to the Temple.”

Alan and Megan also have volunteered for the Temple in several capacities. Megan has been on the Investment/Endowment Committee for Temple for the past six years. As a Temple Board member from 2005 to 2014, Alan was part of the Temple’s initial redevelopment and restoration project that began in 2011. There were many challenges for the Board to overcome, and Alan was a participant in many, if not all, of those conversations.

“I remember vividly the trepidations and how anxious we were about green-lighting that project,” he recalled. “We didn’t know if we could make the numbers work, bring in new congregants, and get the project completed. But, because of Steve’s [Rabbi Leder] vision and resolve, we finally settled down and said, ‘Let’s go.’”

It certainly worked out fantastically for the Temple.

When Rabbi Leder set up a meeting to show the Epsteins the plans for the proposed Audrey Irmas Pavilion, they were more than ready to support it.

“For us to contribute to this new life-cycle center is an honor,” they said. “We love the idea of investing in the community and the idea of not only bringing positive attention to the Jewish community but to the community as a whole.

“That the new building is not just benefitting Jews but all of L.A. is a great thing. The magnificence of the architecture and the way it looks into the Temple sanctuary with reverence is spectacular. To have two masterpieces on the same block is extraordinary.”

Away from their family and careers, Alan and Meg spend as much time as possible committed to philanthropic endeavors. “We both come from small-business families,” they explained, “where our fathers did things their own way [Meg from a small town in the Pacific Northwest, Lakewood, WA, and Alan from Green Bay, WI]. We believe it’s important to teach someone to fish as opposed to giving someone a fish. It’s our motto.

We teach kids entrepreneurship for a program called Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship [NFTE]. There are 27 schools and 3,000 children involved. We do our volunteer work at Hamilton High. Of course, we’re also very involved with the Temple.”

Meg continues her focus on education for children by being on the Natural History Museum of L.A. County’s Board, and Alan serves on the Board of the Alliance for Children’s Rights.

They continue the idea of philanthropy at home.

“We keep three jars on our daughters’ dressers—one is marked ‘Spending,’ another ‘Saving,’ and the other one ‘Tzedakah,’” Megan said. “The Tzedakah part is important to all of us. It’s what the Temple and Judaism are about.”

For the new Pavilion, Alan added, “We are happy to empty our Tzedakah jar to help pay for the new building.”

CHAG PESACH SAMEACH

Passover, one of our most widely observed holidays, commemorates the story of the Israelites’ departure from ancient Egypt. Honoring a time of Jewish people’s newfound liberation, we observe the weeklong festival with a number of important rituals. Among them are some exciting Passover opportunities with the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Family:

Women’s Seder

Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Irmas Campus

Join our third consecutive Women’s Seder! Conducted by Rabbi Susan Nanus with heartfelt musical accompaniment by Cantor Lisa Peicott. Bring your mothers, sisters, grandmothers, daughters, and aunts! Come learn, come sing, come eat! This Seder is open to Temple members, family, and friends! The cost is $54 per person, $36 for girls age 10-13. For reservations, visit wbtla.org/wowseder

Adult Seder

Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.
Irmas Campus

Celebrate Passover with your Temple family and friends at a creative, inclusive Seder with beautiful music, stories, discussion, and a sumptuous traditional Passover meal. Rabbi Susan Nanus and Cantor Lisa Peicott lead the Seder. Please note that this year’s Adult Seder is for Temple members and their families only. Cost is $50 per person, and $36 for age 80 and over. For reservations, visit wbtla.org/adultseder

Family Seder

Thursday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.
Irmas Campus

Enjoy a fun and engaging Family Seder especially suitable for children and their families. Rabbi David Eshel will lead us through a child-friendly Haggadah and a lively, multi-generational service as we retell the story of slavery and freedom. Please note that this year’s Family Seder is for Temple members and their families only. For reservations, visit wbtla.org/familieseder

Attention Parents of College Students: A Taste of Passover

During Pesach, we are not always able to be with our children who are away at college. This year, if they cannot be home with us, we want to send a little bit of home to them. Please send your children’s current college mailing address to Hannah Gole at hgole@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8932 ASAP so we can send a special care package for the holiday.
Welcome to new Temple members...
Rachel and David Abecassis and their son, Leonard...Allison and Michael Bearden and their children, Talula, Archibald, and Pearl...Charmaine Blatt...Carrie and Martin Dach...Sadie and Brennan Diaz and their children, Ari, Liora, and Asher...Patricia Finkel...Deborah and Brent Iloulian and their daughter, Mia and Emma...Helen and Jared Kassan and their daughter, Elana...Jillian and David Meredith and their son, Mars...Lauren and Adam Nathanson and their children, Henry, Leigh, and Winston...Rosangela and Brian Rinsky and their daughters, Isabel and Olivia...Jamie and Eric Rudner and their children, Mason and Sienna...Taci and Jonathan Shomof and their children, Shelby and Archer...Nicole and Mark Silver and their son, Austin...Christine Li and Matthew Van Gelder and their son, Miles...

Congratulations to...
Dahlia and Andy Haas on the recent marriage of their daughter, Lauren Haas, to Ronnie Wiessbrod...

Congratulations to...
Amanda and Ryan Davis on the birth of their daughter, Blake Callie Davis, and to big brother and sister, Wesley and Olivia...Meghan and David Eisenberg on the birth of their son, Roman Andrew Eisenberg and to big sister, Agnes, and to grandparents, Laura and Max Eisenberg...Jayme and Marshall Eskowtiz on the birth of their daughter, Elle Inez Eskowtiz...Carly and Scott Goldman on the birth of their son, Beau Louis Goldman...Myra and Jacker Porter on the birth of their granddaughter, Josephine Paige Katz, and to uncle Jeffrey Porter...Natalie and Peyman Kohanzadeh on the birth of their daughter, Layla Rose Kohanzadeh, and to big sister, Sydney...Nancy and Israel Tanenbaum on the birth of their son, Joshua Tanenbaum, and to big brother, Samuel...Erica Tucker and Adi Weinberg on the birth of their son, Toby Tucker Weinberg, and to big brother and sister, Noah and Sophie...

Condolences to...
Alexis Afaghi on the death of her mother, Ruth Estep...Samuel Goldfeder and Laura Stein on the death of his father, Edward Goldfeder, and to grandparents, Michael and Sabrina, extended family Leigh Stein and Joseph McNamara, and their children, Blythe and Jacob...Sylvia Halper on the death of her husband, Samuel Halper...Inbal and Ron Gonen on the death of their mother, Orna Kaplan, and to grandchildren, Lev, Noah, and Tali...Daniel and Shannon Khakhouri on the death of his father, Meir Ben Natan Khakhouri, and to grandsons, Noah and Theo...Karim and Sylvie Merzian on the death of his father, Louis Merzian, and to step-granddaughters, Mariana and Rita...Monica and Keith Dragoon on the death of her grandmother, Hedy Orden, and to great-grandchildren, Asher and Madison...Annie Rosenberg on the death of her father, Alex Rosenberg, and to grandson, Adam...Lisa and Brad Mindlin on the death of her father, Javier Spike Salines, and to grandchildren, David and Jordan...Lee Tenerowicz on the death of her father, Raymond Stanley Spiro, and to grandsons, Kyle and Ryan...

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...Melvin Adler
20 Years...Tali Diamond...Jonathan and Alison Roth...Francine Sanders
15 Years...Barry Rosenbaum and Eriko Matsumoto...Stephen and Pamela Soller
10 Years...Jeremy W. Bovill...Craig and Julie Gerber...John and Suzanne Gordon
5 Years...Brandon and Natasha Beck...James Combs and Jamie Mayer...Hal and Nancy Daum...Jacob and Suzanne Gehl...Richard and Lalana Hirschfield...David and Opal Judaken...Diane Ring...Omid and Sarvenaz Sakhai...Ben and Jennifer Silverman...Jordan and Laurent Slater

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One of the most important things the Temple Fund does is allow Wilshire Boulevard Temple to say “yes.” To say yes to families and individuals who want to be part of the Jewish journey. The Temple Fund enables us to give dues relief and assistance to families who very much want to be part of our community but cannot afford to do so without some help. This lets 800 more Jewish families feel a sense of community, a sense of belonging, a sense of learning, a sense of prayer and music and meaning.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6
Karah Torah Study
Cantor Peicott
12:00 p.m.

Soul Sounds Shabbat Service
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
Torah Study
Rabbi Brody Slome
9:00 a.m.

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

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Blackman
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
Women’s Torah Study
Rabbi Nanus
12:30 p.m.

Youth Choir Shabbat
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Torah Study
Rabbi Gellman
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Chase Donovan
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
9:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Dori Farkas
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
10:00 a.m.

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