The Power of Sweetness

Shanah Tova u’Metuka—May you have a good and sweet year.

We say it every High Holy Days, Shana Tova u’ Metukah—“May you have a good and sweet year.” To emphasize the point, we eat apples and honey to actually taste the sweetness. On Shabbat, we wish each other peace (Shabbat Shalom), and on all other holidays, we wish each other happiness (Chag Sameach). It is only during the Days of Awe that we hope for sweetness. The custom of wishing for sweetness originated in medieval times, but what does it really mean? Is there any deeper significance to this special greeting used only at the holiest time of the year? And what about eating apples and honey? Are they meaningful in any way, or will any sweet food suffice?

Our sacred teachings reveal some surprising and beautiful answers. In Psalm 119 we read, “How sweet are your words (of Torah) to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” In Proverbs 24 it is written, “Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.” In Proverbs 16, “Kind words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” And in Psalm 55, “My companion, my friend, sweet was our fellowship; we walked together in God’s house.” In other words, sweetness represents Torah and mitzvot, wisdom, kindness, and true friendship. And honey, in particular, which is known for its powerful healing properties, symbolizes the purity and wholeness of these virtues.

According to Jewish mysticism, the apple represents the Shekhinah (the feminine aspect of God) who is watching us with love and compassion as She evaluates our behavior during the past year. It is also a symbol of the Garden of Eden, which our Hasidic masters tell us smelled like an apple orchard. Furthermore, when Solomon depicts the love God harbors for His people, he writes in the Song of Songs: “Beneath the apple tree I aroused your love.” Eating an apple on Rosh Hashanah is an attempt to remind God of our age-old relationship of love and forgiveness.

Shana Tova u’ Metukah. How powerful are these four simple words. We wish you a year of goodness and growth, wisdom and hope, kindness and companionship, love and forgiveness. We wish you a sweet New Year.

The Power of Sweetness is the theme for our High Holy Days observance this year. Erev Rosh HaShanah is September 29, 2019.

Rabbi Susan Nanus
Two Kinds of Justice

Parashat Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Examine ourselves on the outside—searching for lumps and strange moles—can save our lives. What we don’t always realize is that looking ourselves over on the inside can save our marriages, families, friendships, souls, and spiritual lives. Hence this month’s first Torah portion with that famous repetition: tzedek, tzedek tirdof—justice, justice you shall pursue. Why this repetition?

All we have to do is watch the news to see that outer justice—justice in the world around us—needs so desperately to be pursued with all our might. Coarse politics, suffering immigrants, homelessness, poverty, disease, extremism, and more. But there is another kind of justice that is even harder to pursue. It’s the inner justice—the inner search, the inner judgment we soon must pass upon ourselves during the High Holy Days.

We are now in the month of Elul, the month immediately before the High Holy Days. It is our last chance to improve our record for the year that is ending. Our last chance to examine ourselves like an attorney who knows the tricks and the deceit of our own minds. Time to be hard and precise and unflinching in our cross-examination. Time to look deep beneath the surface so that we see and know and steer clear of that on which we all too often stumble. It is time to go into the deep valleys of our private lives and ask, “Where did I fail?” This inner exploration is the road to redemption itself.

We have such an easy time seeing sin in others, yet such a hard time seeing the pettiness, contempt, stubbornness, arrogance, fear, weakness, foolishness, anger, dismissiveness, and brokenness in ourselves.

Tzedek, tzedek tirdof—justice, justice may we pursue as the High Holy Days approach. Outer justice, and inner justice too.

Rabbi Steve Leder

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Spend a few minutes talking with Bob Bookman, and you are guaranteed to come away with important insights about history, faith, and community.

This goes for his Judaism as well. He describes himself as not particularly religious. “I’m a tribal Jew, very proud of my Jewish heritage, rather than a particularly observant one,” he said. “To me it is about understanding the often unspeakable sacrifices made by our forebears without which our community would not be the thriving one it is today; something easy to lose sight of. I am passionate about seeing that collective memory carry on.”

As the son and grandson of former presidents of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Bookman’s family roots within the congregation go back more than a century. “My grandfather, George Piness, met Edgar Magnin in 1917,” he said. “My mother, Maxine Piness Bookman, was present at the groundbreaking in 1928. I have effectively been a member since my birth.” Therefore, it is no coincidence that the historic Piness Auditorium adjacent to the main sanctuary bears his grandfather’s name.

With his family’s deep connection to the Temple’s storied history, it was natural for Bob and his wife, Debbie, to contribute to the building of the new Audrey Irmas Pavilion. “My grandfather was Edgar Magnin’s best friend,” he continued. “When my father, Ralph Bookman, was president, he hired Harvey Fields. Steve Leder is my insoluble bond to the Temple. I hope that my children will carry on this long family connection.”

He gives credit to Rabbi Leder for making a dream become the reality of the new Audrey Irmas Pavilion. “Like many, I received a letter from Steve emphasizing the critical importance of doing this,” he said. “I couldn’t agree with him more. This will help connect past and present generations of the congregation to future generations.”

Giving back is part of Bob’s DNA, as his involvement with many organizations attests. To list but a few: he is a past president of the Fraternity of Friends of the Music Center, long served on the Board of Advisors of Doctors Without Borders/USA, the L.A. Opera, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He also is an active alumnus, a proud contributor, and a former member of the Law School Executive Committee at Yale Law School.

Bob is always eager to share his life lessons. Among his favorites is one he has emphasized to his children: “If you want to meet interesting people, you have to be an interesting person yourself. You need a personal narrative; you have to have a story to tell. And above all, you need to always be curious.”

We are proud of and grateful for Bob and his family’s long and meaningful story as leaders of our great congregation.
And So It Goes...

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Welcome to new Temple members...

Fay Baldwin...Brett Berkley...Jamie Denenberg and her daughter, Sylvie...Lee Ann and Jason Fineberg...Adam Grant...Jerome and Carol Katzman...Elisa and Ricardo Kawanura and their children, Dylan, Valentina, Robert, and Chloe...Jodie Mendelson and Gregory Kay and their daughter, Rimon...Dane Lawing and Pamela Suchum and daughter, Ruby...Scott and Elysia Lippman and their children, Riley and Emilia...Darren and Samantha Paleretz...Dan Raz and his sons, Leo, Ari, and Evan...Rick Sanchez Rosallini...Ari and Rebecca Ryan and their daughter, Daniak...Ali Simon...Victoria Elder and David Stein...Lauren and David Stempel and their children, Dylan and Skyler...Jennifer and David Wiener and their children, Julia, Zachary, Olivia, and Zoe...Lily Semel and Brian Williams...

Congratulations to...

Jennifer Fradlin and Robert Schuster on their recent marriage.

Congratulations to...

Jennifer and Elliot Cartwright on the birth of their son, Emerson Cartwright, and to grandparents, Jean and Brian Cartwright...Talia and Tyler Friedman on the birth of their daughter, Emmeline Friedman, and to big brother and sister, Oliver and Lillian...Marcie and Bruce Landres on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Edris Levin...Lindsay and Ori Levy on the birth of their son, Shai Natan Levy, and to big sister, Lilah...Stephanie and Jeremiah Moncya on the birth of their son, Jayshawn Moncya, and to big brother and sister, Jeremiah Jr. and Aalia...Sarah Wallace Schwartz and Ian Schwartz on the birth of their son, Gabe Schwartz, and to grandparents, Janice and Daniel Wallace...

Condolences to...

Carly and Jason Friedberg and Julie and Sami Levi on the death of their father, Alan Barbakow, and to grandchildren, Sophie, Mickey, and Desi Friedberg, and Isabel and Alberto Levi...Susan Bryman on the death of her mother, Muriel Bartmasser, and to grandchildren, Staci, Janis, and Gary...Lawrence Bender on the death of his mother, Theresa Bensuie, and to grandson, Misha...Benjamin Christen on the death of his wife, Michelle Haimoff, and to sons, Samuel and Aaron...Sandra Kates on the death of her husband, William Kates...Barbara Kessler on the death of her son, Steven Kessler...friends and family of Francine “Betty” Kopley...Kim and Larry Turner on the death of her mother, Harriet Lehman, and to grandchildren, Sophie and Alexander...Joel Mandel and former daughter-in-law, Rebecca Jonah, on the death of his father, Paul Mandel, and to grandchildren, Jack and Max Mandel...Brian and Roya Mildor on the death of his father, George Mildor, and to grandchildren, Jacob and Gabrielle...Allison and Randall Gingold on the death of her mother, Madeleine “Maddie” Moran, and to grandchildren, Zachary, Blake, Grace, and Alex...Rachel and Pooya Yadgar and Melody and Darren Smolkin on the death of their father, Jamshed Nehoray, and to grandchildren, Kaydan and Chloe Yadgar and Samantha and Ryan Smolkin...Arika Jacob Bornstein and Daniel Bornstein on the death of her grandmother, Lillian Palanek, and to great-grandchildren, Tamar and Matti...Dorothy Royce on the death of her husband, Charles Royce, and to daughter, Debra and Robert Kleinman, and grandchildren, Brittany and Jacqueline...Edmond Sachse on the death of his wife, Julie Sachse, and to children, Erin and Jacob...Karen and Robert Sacks on the death of her father, Stephen Steiff, and to grandchildren, Jessica, Samantha, and Eric Sacks...Janna Sidley and Michael and Wendy Sidley on the death of their father, Milton Sidley, and to grandchildren, Jane and Ally...Bettina O’Mara on the death of her father, Stan Tendler, and to grandchildren, Morissa and Alana...Howard Bernstein on the death of his wife, Bunny Wasser, and to son, Andrew and Laura Wasser, daughter, Lori Bernstein, stepson, David and Jennifer Bernstein, and grandchildren, Cooper and Ruby Wasser and Max Baker...

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!

70 Years...Samuel and Sylvia Halper...Audrey M. Irmas
65 Years...Ruth Tober
60 Years...Sara Golden...Mildred S. Ratner
55 Years...Marilyn Baum...Harriet Epport...Jerry M. Gotlieb...Marsha Kramer Keller...Elaine Sterman...Samuel and Minyam Tarica
50 Years...Diane J. Dresser...Mark and Sharon Pollock
45 Years...William and Janet Birkrant
40 Years...Terri A. Epport...Joseph and Audrey Finci...David and Linda Gittelson...Neil and Rowena Haas...Helene Hoffer Klein
35 Years...Bruce and Makiko Friedman...Linda L. Friedman...Harold Greenberg...Perry and Jill Haberman...Mark S. Laska...Paul and Susie Roberts...Ann M. Rubin
30 Years...Stephen and Laurie Albert...Ruth Lizer...Perry and Renata Lubens
25 Years...Frank C. Baron...Don and Ellen Creamer...Steven and Helen Ellis...Susan N. Pitts...Lauren R. Rosenblom...Roy and Susan Rosenbluth...Murray Rucker
20 Years...Anthony and Julie Behrstock...Kenneth M. Berkowitz...Susan S. Casamassima...Liz Coe...Ken and Karen Fields...Jon and Beth Kean...David Lash and Beth Becker...Eaine Robinson...Susan Seeger...David and Deborah Trainer...Vahid Yahid and Jila Meshkhanian
15 Years...Jonathan and Julie Banks...Manuel and Camille Bergher...Stephan and Arezou Berghoff...Lee and Debra Bogdanoff...Isaac Bronte...Christopher and Allison Donovan...Rob S. Ellin...Ron Fields...Al Gough and Beth Corets...Michael and Anne Saltzman
10 Years...Laurie A. Basile...Edwin and Eydie Deess...Dorothy Dorskind...Rebecca E. Jonah...Matthew E. Kavaunagh...Eric and Wendy Levine...Elliot and Alana Megdal...Robert R. Miller...Zachary Penn and Michele Weiss...David J. Phillips...Zachary and Laney Schwartz...Ryan and Jenny Smiley...Jim and Lee Tenerowicz...Mark and Farrah Weinstein...Jeremy and Hila Wenokur
5 Years...Yank Bar-Cohen...Michael Bell and Linda Heichman...Talia Botone...Philip and Tamara Heller...Matthew Hurewitz and Anna Song...Theodore and Heather Karatz...Vlad Kustanovich and Jodi Berman Kustanovich...James and Vicki Mercer...Jack and Nancy Ribakoff...Itai and Ella Shadmon...Samuel and Wendi Skaiver...Jonathan L. Verk...Jill D. Weiss

Saturday, September 21 at 7 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

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With the start of the 2019–20 school year right around the corner (at the time of this writing), Brawerman faculty and staff have been busy prepping for students’ return in late August. Arriving back more than two weeks before the first day of school, faculty and staff reconnect, study, and learn together in their preparations to welcome students back to campus.

Orientation begins with a discussion of this year’s school theme, *chesed* (kindness). Students, teachers, and staff are devoting themselves to transforming their communities into ever kinder places and plan to explore the many ways in which acts of kindness, as both givers and receivers, impact each of us and inspire others to pay forward such deeds.

In addition to exploring *chesed*, teachers engage in professional development sessions on current educational topics. This year, the faculty will hear from The Tech Rabbi, Michael Cohen, sharing how to integrate design thinking and technology into project-based learning lessons. During his workshop, teachers will think about how they can leverage media creation and digital-age skills in ways that foster inquiry. Teachers will also explore gifted education—specifically, how to differentiate to meet the needs of all learners—as well as innovative ways to advance their Writing Workshop instruction and implement executive functioning and organization skills in their teaching.

Orientation also presents a unique opportunity for Brawerman East and West faculty and staff to come together as one. While some days are spent at individual campuses, there are days set aside for everyone together on one campus. This allows grade-level teams and specialist departments to collaborate and share ideas, always with the goal of providing the best education for all Brawerman students.

The Brawerman Faculty looks forward to welcoming students and families back for the 21st year. They can’t wait to hear footsteps in the halls, laughter on the yard, joyful Judaism in the Chapel, and inquisitive questions in the classrooms.

### Camps

**Camp at Channel Islands Becomes Alumni Gathering Place**

Seven Shabbat dinners, Mitzvah Night, Leadership Reunion Dinner, Leadership Night, and even a pre-wedding get-together (think *Bachelorette* party at camp!)—all provided opportunities for alumni to gather, relive their time at camp with friends, sing familiar songs, dance again with David Dassa, and live in the moment we call camp.

More than 500 guests came to camp between June and August and experienced what has become our temporary summer home. Many toured, and all were impressed with how “camp-like” the property felt. They were heartened that camp traditions, music, prayers, and even the benches, pulpit, and arks in the chapel evoked memories of their time at camp.

Leadership Night was celebrated on the South Quad, with alumni laying out picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy Leadership songs followed by the traditional Alumni Reception. The evening was MC’d by current camp director Seth Toybes, who was joined by former camp directors Steve Breuer, Howard Kaplan, and Doug Lynn.

As a sign proudly proclaimed: “Different campus, feels like home!” What a summer it was for our campers, our visitors, and everyone who joined us at Cal State Channel Islands in the summer of 2019.
Welcome Esther Cohen, Our New Director of Membership Engagement!

Esther Morchy Cohen has nearly two decades of experience working in L.A.’s Jewish community, specializing in outreach and cultivation, development, and community engagement.

Transformative experiences in the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO) and Hillel strongly influenced her decision to pursue a professional career within the Jewish community. After graduating from UC Irvine with a BA in Psychology, she earned dual master’s degrees in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and Jewish Communal Service (now Jewish Nonprofit Management) from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in Los Angeles.

Prior to joining Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Esther has worked on behalf of American Friends of the Hebrew University, the Anti-Defamation League, the Los Angeles Jewish Home, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

A San Fernando Valley native, Esther lives with her husband, Jack, and their two children, Arieh (13) and Noa (11). As a family, they enjoy going to the beach, cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles, and singing loudly in the car to ‘80s music.

If you’d like to reach out to Esther, you can reach her at ecohend@wbtla.org or (213) 835-2132.

Lifelong Friends Celebrate Milestone Birthday at Karsh

Sixty-five years ago, ten Sunday School girls were confirmed at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. They have stayed in touch and gathered annually for a dinner close to Chanukah, when they get together to reminisce. “We always love to tell the same old stories about Sunday School, even about how some kids ditched class, about who followed the rules and who got in trouble, about the teachers we remember, and the rabbis...typical kinds of things that kids recall,” said Patsy Palmer, as Carol Katzman, Patty Wilson, and Susan Thau all chimed in with their own recollections.

Approaching a milestone birthday, six of these 10 friends returned to the Temple. They came to tour the Karsh Center, visited with Rabbi Leder, and marveled at the growth and transformation that the Temple has undergone since their confirmation in 1955.

“What’s exciting is tying all the elements together,” said Sunday School alumna Rochelle Ginsburg. “When we were confirmed, there was only Sunday School and Camp Hess Kramer. There wasn’t an Irmas Campus on the Westside, or a Glazer Campus on the original site, and there were no K–6 schools. There wasn’t a Karsh Center, or an Audrey Irmas Pavilion in the making!”

At the Karsh Center, they learned about numerous outreach programs that serve the local community. “None of us really knew very much about the Karsh Center, so we decided to come and tour the Center and learn about it,” explained Ginsburg. “As you can see, now that we’ve been here, everyone is really enthused, excited, interested, and eager to continue the conversation.”

“I’m so inspired about the idea of giving to the neighborhood in which the Temple is situated,” added Susann Bauman, one of the confirmands. “I think the idea of Jews taking care of Jews is a very important thing, but it is also very special to think that we are reaching out to help our neighbors.”

Ginsburg’s granddaughter, Rebecca Sugerman, a fourth-generation representative of the family’s affiliation with the Temple, accompanied the group. It was meaningful for Rochelle to have her granddaughter, a recent high school graduate, join her on the tour: “When you graduate from high school, you think you might separate from all your friends. Everyone heads out to different colleges, and so you wonder, will these friendships endure?” The Sunday School group is proof that true friendships can last a lifetime.

“Plus, she’s a child of Wilshire Boulevard Temple,” Rochelle added, “so what a privilege to blend our own perspective across the years with hers.”

After their visit, the Sunday School Group decided to commemorate their milestone birthdays by making a contribution to the Karsh Center as a way of reconnecting with Wilshire Boulevard Temple and recognizing the needs of the community in which it resides.
Upcoming Events

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Friday, September 6  6:00 p.m.
Please join us at our Annual Congregational Meeting and Board Election. We’ll be honoring outgoing Board members and electing new ones, as well as installing the 2019/20 Temple Board; in addition, the Board will be specially recognized and blessed by our clergy.
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WOW LIBRARY TOUR 📚
Tuesday, September 17, Downtown L.A. 10:00 a.m.
Women of Wilshire (WOW) is hosting an exciting tour of the Los Angeles Central Library, which will include viewing the art and architecture of the downtown library’s historic 1926 Bertram Goodhue Building, 1993 Tom Bradley building addition, and Maguire Gardens. Followed by a no-host lunch at Public School 213 restaurant.
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WILSHIREREADERS: INHERITANCE
Thursday, September 26  6:30 p.m.
Join our book club and embark on the exploration of critically acclaimed books that have achieved national recognition. This month, we explore Dani Shapiro’s memoir Inheritance, the story of Shapiro’s urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity. Led by Great Books facilitator Rochelle Ginsburg.
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Up Next…

KOLEINU
Beginning in October  7:00 p.m.
Connect, reflect, and be inspired at Koleinu, a new prayer experience at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. If you loved our Nefesh services, you will want to check out Koleinu! Rabbi Joel Nickerson and Cantor Lisa Peicott, accompanied by an exceptional band of musicians, welcome in Shabbat with music, prayer, and community. Our premier service will take place on Rosh Hashanah morning, and subsequent services will take place the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glazer Campus. See your High Holy Day Guide for all the 2019/20 dates.
cantorsoffice@wbtlao.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtlao.org/events

FILM SCREENING: CARL LAEMMLE 🎥
Tuesday, October 15  7:30 p.m.
The feature documentary Carl Laemmle reveals the extraordinary life of former Temple congregant Carl Laemmle, the German-Jewish immigrant who founded Universal Pictures and saved more than 300 Jewish families from Nazi Germany. Join us at our Irmas Campus for a special screening of this wonderful production from filmmaker James L. Freedman.
Hannah Gole, hgole@wbtlao.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtlao/manyways

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🙋‍♀️
October 2019 - May 2020
Why not mix Torah and business over lunch a few times a year? Join Rabbi Leder for Lunch and Torah study for eight Fridays throughout the year!
Samantha Rosen, srosen@wbtlao.org, (213) 835-2121
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ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

With the High Holy Days coming this month and schools heading back in session, we want to reach out to your college-age children to wish them a sweet, sweet New Year. As we have done in the past, we would like to send them a special treat wherever they may be, to let them know their Wilshire Boulevard Temple family is thinking of them during this time of year.

Please send your child(ren)s information as soon as possible to Hannah Gole at hgole@wbtlao.org or (424) 208-8932, and we will provide them with a sweet little taste of home!
L’shana tova!
### September 2019 Calendar of Events

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- **Erev Rosh HaShanah**: Monday, September 23, 2019
- **Rosh HaShanah**: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit [wbtl.org/events](http://wbtl.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

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Days highlighted with a green hue represent the High Holy Days. L'shanah tovah!
**NATHANIEL ARNOLD**

**September 7, 2019**

Nate is the son of AnnaLea Rawicz Arnold and Evan Arnold; the grandson of Helena Nath and Dany Leghzeil; Jorge Rawicz and Cathy Band; the late Judy and Newton Arnold.

Family Welcome: Vivianne Arnold, sister.

Tikkun Olam project: I volunteered at the Karsh Center on Sunday mornings to help make food packages and distribute them to homeless people.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It was great to volunteer there because it is gratifying when you help other people and they show their appreciation, even if it is just with a smile. If you know me, you know that I have a soft spot for animals. I noticed that many of the people who came to the Karsh Center had dogs. So I started bringing dog treats so the dogs would have something nice too. This project was meaningful because it gave me the opportunity to help many people, even if it was in a small way, and to see the world from a different perspective.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I really love photography and nature and am concerned by what is happening to our planet. I plan on taking photographs to amaze people and brighten up their day and to raise awareness of how beautiful our world is—to show people why they should love our planet and not mistreat it.

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**CHARLES COHN**

**September 14, 2019**

Charles is the son of Marina and Adam Cohn; the grandson of Wendy and David Glass; Dayle and Abram Zukor.

Family Welcome: David and Aerin Cohn, siblings.

Tikkun Olam project: I donated a portion of my bar mitzvah money to A Sense of Home, an organization that creates homes for youth who age out of foster care, with donated furniture and household items. More importantly, I invited my family and some friends to spend a day turning an empty apartment into a fully furnished home for a young mother and her daughter. Together, we moved them into their first-ever home.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It was so special to see true joy on the mother’s and daughter’s faces when they walked into the fully furnished apartment and knew they were safe, had a roof over their heads, and didn’t have to sleep on the floor anymore. It was important to see my family and friends taking time out of their day to help make a difference in these people’s lives.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would like to continue working with this organization and others that address the issue of homelessness and foster youth.

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**IZADORA KASHPER**

**September 21, 2019**

Izzy is the daughter of Eugene Kashper and Natayla Kashper; the granddaughter of Arik Kashper, Mara Kashper, Nina Golubchik, and the late Arkady Golubchik; the great-granddaughter of Sofia Kashper.

Family Welcome: Nathan and Perets (Perchik) Kashper, siblings.

Tikkun Olam project: I volunteered for the Book Foundation, which brings new books into the hands of children in underserved areas by donating books and installing new libraries. Books can bring a new path to underprivileged students who will have the opportunity for a better academic future. For example, I assisted with the installation of the Book Nook at the Watts Elementary School. There I helped paint murals, sort, and label books for their new library.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? At the Book Foundation, I was able to share my love of reading with children who have yet to recognize the magic that happens when you come upon a book that challenges your thoughts and emotions.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan on visiting Auschwitz and continuing to learn more about the Holocaust. The meetings with actual Holocaust survivors as part of my Tikkun Olam project were moving and unforgettable.

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**AVERY AZAD**

**September 14, 2019**

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

Avery is the daughter of Jack and Sally Azad; the granddaughter of Matt and Lida Nourani; Khan and Soraya Azad.

Family Welcome: Dean, Aaron, and Linden Azad, siblings.

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**HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS IN THE MAIL**

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If you have not already done so, you can make your payment online at https://www.wbtla.org/pay to be sure you receive your High Holy Days ticket package in the mail.

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In Honor of:
Rabbi Karen Fox for officiating at the unveiling of the headstone for Liesa Schiller by The Schiller Family
The Birthday of Carol Hoffman by Clive and Carol Hoffman
The Birthday of Susan Kunik by Fred and Susan Kunik

In Loving Memory of:
Merle and Elsa Hilliard by David David Hillard
Charlotte Hirsch by Donald S. Hirsch
Sidney Katz by Jean Rosenbaum-Katz
George Kellman by Barnett Kellman
Brett Lawrence by Aaron and Blaire Kaplan
Zelda Lavanter by Robert Miller
Joseph Mereny by Carol Krasne and Eric Fine
Henry Miller by Robert Miller
Melvin A. Peters by Sandra Karole Peters
Al Savad by Allan and Judy Africk
Norman Silkar by Arnold Silkar

ANN AND SAM BERNESTEN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Russell Grossman by Stanley and Patricia Silver

BIDNER FUND
Frederick R. Weisman Philanthropic Foundation
In Honor of:
Rabbi Steve Leder by Philip and Cindy Feder

CLERGY FUND
In Honor of:
The 45th Wedding Anniversary of Lee and Miriam Green
Rabbi Elisa Ben-Naim for officiating at the shiva-minyan for Morton Cohen by Carol and Dan Bovill and Family
The Birthday of Joel Prell by Riv-Ellen Prell
Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro by Zac and Natalie Locke
Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro for officiating at the funeral of Morton Cohen by Carol and Dan Bovill and Family
In Loving Memory of:
Jack Galindo by Merle Galindo
Paul Mandel by Caroline and Mark Kuperstock
Ida Kossoyke Rose, Karl Rosen, Arline Rosen Eisenhammer, Don Merrin, Belle Merrin, Marc Merrin by Barbara and Bob Merrin
Milton Sidney by Janna Sidney
Isaac Ullman by Mark and Laura Epstein
Irene Grace White by Marlene White Lenard

MUSIC PUBLICATION FUND
In Honor of:
Cantor Lisa Peicott by David and Marlene Capell
Michael Flach
Maxine Song Hurewitz by Matthew Hurewitz and Anna Song
The Birthday of Leslie Migdal by Teresa Senior
In Loving Memory of:
Sheldon Dorf by Lynda and Mitch Dorf
Lorraine Eisenstat by Lynda and Mitch Dorf
Andrea Lewin Helft by Elaine Leonon Brinder Robinson
Florence Evelyn Tucker by Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary
Sheila Wallach by David and Marlene Capell
Bill Young by Gloria Young

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Marcia Gardner by Andrea and Steve Gardner
Burton H. Kaplan by Edith Fischer
Dean H. Rolston by Berne Rolston
Martin Small by Robin and Michael Levy

BUILDING LIVES
In Loving Memory of:
Aileen Lindenbaum by Jeanne Gerson
Sheila Grace White Miller by Marlene White Lenard
Leon Sherman by Neil and Muriel Sherman

TIKKUN OLAM SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Beverly Mandell by Jeffrey Mandell and Abigail Jones
Frank Rosenfeld by Fred and Nancy Rosenfeld
Judith H. Rosenfeld by Fred and Nancy Rosenfeld

ADULT PROGRAMS
In Honor of Rabbi Susan Nanus:
William S. Comanor
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

TEMPLE FUND
David and Lisa Alpren
Nancy L. Bell
Thomas and Barbara Leanse
Lance and Hillary Milken Foundation
Kenneth and Julia Uslan
Network For Good
Joyce Sherry-Reid

In Honor of:
Jodi Berman Kunstovann by Lois Weinsaft
Francine Peternam’s birthday by Dotty Simmons
In Loving Memory of:
Jim Beyer by Richard Beyer
The Benbassat and Sternberg Parents by Shimon and Ariella Benbassat
Stanley Blatt by Steven Blatt
David Canter by Steven T. Becker
David Canter by Elizabeth Glomzan
Linda J. Cherry by Joseph and Gail Lowenstein
Myron Cores by Beth Cores
Max Denoff by Jason and Caryl Friedberg
Richard A. Ehman by His Beloved Family
Lori Eisenberg-Wolper by Jerome and Jacqueline Eisenberg
Robert Elliston by Jeanne Gerson
Maurice Eskowitz by Bruce and Barbara Eskowitz
Miles Q. Fiterman by Jennifer and Adam Hirschman
Elyse Grinstein by Ellen Grinstein
Leonora Harris by Salli Harris
Arthur M. Hartman by Ruthe Loeb
Minna Horowitz by Mark and Gail Reisman
Max Grossman by Nancy Senter
Hilda Kaplan by Blaire and Aaron Kaplan
Joshua Kaplan by Blaire and Aaron Kaplan
Frederick Klein by Barbara Karrol
Hyman Langsam by Diana Krejsigman Ekins
Leon Lapides by Susan H. Lerner
Marketa Lecak by Vera Rubin
Frances Levinson by Barbara Kahn
Jenny Lushing by Linda Geller
Lyubov Machevskaya by Elfin and Zoya Rudin
Henry Miller by Phyllis Kassal
David Mindlin by Bradley and Lisa Mindlin
Jenny Mindlin by Bradley and Lisa Mindlin
Madeline Moran by Donna and Ron Nasch
Rosalie Pair by Suzanne Pair
Edgar Phillips by Shirley T. Phillips
Gladys Polski by Bradley and Lisa Mindlin
Lawrence Powell by Rick and Debbie Powell
Mikhail Rozenberg by Lawrence Rozenberg and Regina Rudyan
Fay Savad by Allan and Judy Africk
Julie Sacks by Donna and Paul Nadel
Walter D. Schwartz by Salli Harris
The Sternberg Parents by Shimon and Ariella Benbassat
Sonia Stoller by Leah Stoller Barshab
Hortense Stone by Diana L. Arnold-Grycan
Jerome Touffer by Monte S. Gordon
Dorothy Tomin by Harold Tomin
Bunny Waters by Charles Oliver
Elaine Zane by Jeff Jarkow and Debra Zane

HARVEY J. AND SYBL FIELDS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Hilda and Sydney Hoffman by Clive and Carol Hoffman
Abe London by Vera and Steven Mark

GERI AND RICHARD BRAWERMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Samuel Firk by Geri Brawerman
Allan H. Kurtzman by Linda Kurtzman Blauner and Donald Blauner

NADINE BREUER ENDOWMENT FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Robin Rose Artaga by Harriet Borson
Olga Breuer by Steve and Nadine Breuer
Bess Lustig by Harriet Borson
Jeanette “Gerry” Markman by Isabell and Gil Harari

MANN FAMILY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
In Loving Memory of:
Saul Blonder by Linda and Eugene Weiss
Morton Cohen by Linda and Eugene Weiss
Dora Kleinstein by Linda and Eugene Weiss
Frank Weiner by Linda and Eugene Weiss

KLEIN FAMILY FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS
Morton Cohen by the Ben Silverman Foundation
Corrine and Lenny Sands Foundation

ANNE AND NATHAN SPILBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE FUND
In Honor of:
The Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Danielle Levin by Susan and Bruce Levin

In Loving Memory of:
Joseph Brandel by Jack and Myra Porter
Rhoda Brandel by Jack and Myra Porter
Jeanette Levin by Brandon and Claudia Levin

FOOD PANTIES FUND
Norman Chanes
Mark and Pamela Mischel
The Schwartz Family
In Honor of:
Avery Gough’s Bat Mitzvah Project by The Corts-Mihlstin Family
In Loving Memory of:
Sherill Cheda by Cara I. Tapper
Samuel Firk by Jeanne Gerson
Millie Haiman by Shirley Haiman
Lewis Jackson by Hal Stan
Sylvia Keven by Helen N. Lewis
Syde G. Leventhal by Sheila Rose
Morris Levy by Shirley Haiman
Morris Motley by Donald and Leane Motley
Pauline Stark by Florence and Allan Stark
Sonia Stoller by Leah Barshab and Family

KARSH FAMILY SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER FUND
Network For Good
Felicia Rosenfeld and David Linde

In Loving Memory of:
Albert Burg by Constance Burg and Family

DISASTER RESPONSE FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Madeline Price by Michael Price

CAMP RECOVERY FUND
Jordan’s Bar Mitzvah Project by Donald Lang and Lauren Fichter-Lang
Paulette and Ron Nessim

KEHILLAH COMMUNITY FUND
The Dubois Family Charitable Fund
Susan and Bill Ehrlich
Rebecca Gottfried
Susan and Martin Jannal
Selma Horowitz Kamon
Susan and Eric Meller
Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Peter Hoffenberg
In Honor of:
The 10th Anniversary of Jacob & Rochelle Glucksman
Ellen Sugerman by Malcolm and Gabrielle Cosgrove by Rhea Coskey
by Eli and Rochelle Ginsburg
by Abner and Roslyn Goldstine
by Sherry and William Goodllick
by Betty and Orrin Kabaiker
by Arnold and Victoria Kupetz
by Belle Landa
by Jeffrey Nagon
by Pauline Marks
by Kurt Smallberg
by Bette and Richard Treiman
by Andrew and Leslie Wachtel

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or by simply spreading the word. The theme of my D’Var Torah portion is education for all kids, whether through tutoring, raising money, protesting, the world a better place? I will continue to commit to the advancement of opportunity.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? My Tikkun Olam project is meaningful to me because my grandfather recently passed away and the late Arthur Epstein; Wendy McGowan and the late Mike McGowan.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? These experiences have taught me how important it is to give back to those less fortunate. Wherever I live in the future, I plan to stay connected to my community by giving my time and volunteering.

Tikkun Olam project: I have been volunteering at the People’s Concern (formerly OPCC) with my family since I was eight years old. I enjoy serving lunch and helping them in this small way. I also volunteer with Para Los Niños through my school community service program. We help children, whose first language is not English, learn to read and write.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It is important to have compassion and kindness for others. Volunteering at the People’s Concern reminds me that all people deserve dignity and respect. I also greatly enjoyed working with the young kids and seeing their progress. I hope I have made a difference in their lives.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to try and help less fortunate people in this world, whether it is continuing with this project or other projects, such as helping to feed the homeless at the OPCC in Santa Monica.

My Tikkun Olam project involves raising money for School on Wheels and donating my time to this important charity. I plan to help School on Wheels whose first language is not English, learn to read and write.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It is meaningful to me because it is going to children who cannot afford these supplies for when school starts.

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My Tikkun Olam project: My Tikkun Olam project benefits School on Wheels, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping teach very poor students who need educational aid throughout their public schooling. Set in the heart of Skid Row, School on Wheels is committed to allowing all children who are homeless or living in a shelter to have a chance to escape poverty and have a better life. My Tikkun Olam Project involves raising money for School on Wheels and donating my time to this important charity. I plan to help School on Wheels by raising money from a lemonade stand that my dad and I constructed, and by continuing to volunteer to work in the shelter. So far, me and my sister have organized their arts and crafts studio and raised over $500 for the organization. Overall, my goal is to raise money and awareness 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.

Thank you to those individuals and families who have chosen either to underwrite ($1,000) or sponsor ($500) a week of food.

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

Abigail is the daughter of Rachel and Ian Fischler; the granddaughter of Sheilah and Donald Miller; Linda and Melvin Fischler.

Family Welcomer: Benjamin Fischler, brother.

Tikkun Olam project: I am collecting new or like-new school supplies from family and friends. Otherwise, if people prefer to donate money, I will go and buy the supplies. I will donate all the school supplies to charities, such as the Boys and Girls Club.

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Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Torah Study
Shoftim
Rabbi Fox
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Nate Arnold
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Torah Study
Ki Teitzei
Rabbi Brody Slocme
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Charles Cohn
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Avery Azad
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Peicott
10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
7:00 p.m.
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Torah Study
Ki Tavo
Rabbi Brody Slocme
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Izzy Kashper
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Fischler
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Peicott
10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Nickerson and Cantor Peicott
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Torah Study
Nitzavim
Rabbi Gellman
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Matteson Epstein
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Rifkin
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Peicott
10:00 a.m.

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