A Century-Plus of Confirmation Photos

While boys and girls were considered to be adults by age 13 during the time of the Talmud, represented by the modern b’nei mitzvah ceremony, today we know they are better prepared at age 16 to make an emotional and intellectual commitment to Judaism. The confirmation ceremony at the end of Grade 10 has been a Wilshire Boulevard Temple tradition since the 1880’s (when the Temple was called Congregation B’nai Brith), and carries on to this day.

“Confirmation is a time when young Jews actively choose to affirm their place in the community,” explained Rabbi David Eshel, head of the congregation’s confirmation program for the past eight years. “During the year-long process, students learn, study, and think—and grow both spiritually and intellectually.”

The Temple’s first confirmation photograph and roster dates back to 1902, and since then, we have held a confirmation ceremony every year except for 1928 (when our historic building was under construction) and 1984 (when the Temple experimented with holding the ceremony after Grade 11). We invite you to come peruse the recently digitized, restored, and updated photos lining the second-floor hallway housing the Terry and Lionel Bell Family Gallery at the Glazer Campus.

There’s a binder along the wall that lists class rosters. These same photos are included in a digital display in the Skirball history exhibition in the Gold Gallery at the Glazer Campus (first floor), and will soon be on display at the Irmas Campus. “Observing these confirmation photos serves as a reminder of where we came from,” Rabbi Eshel emphasized, “our foundation, and our commitment.”

This year’s confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 31, at 11 a.m. at the Irmas Campus. Religious School students in Grades 5, 6, and 7, as well as teaching assistants in the Madrichim program from Grades 8 through 12, attend as guests to witness this special rite of passage.
Can Love be Commanded?

Achare Mot-Kedoshim: Leviticus 16:1-20:27

“Treat people the way you would like to be treated.”

I can remember my mother telling me this when I was five years old. We all likely learned the Golden Rule in some form or another, and at a very young age. In fact, virtually every culture and civilization in the world has its own version of it; we find our people’s version buried in the middle of Leviticus.

Among the litany of obscure commandments and provisions relating to the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, God commands our ancestors, “Vahavata L’reicha Kamocha”— “You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.” While this is a beautiful statement, it seems a little out of place. This commandment to love is sandwiched squarely between commandments pertaining to the payment of wages and the acceptable fabrics for clothing. Is the lovely sentiment really possible? Can an emotion be commanded?

Timely payment of wages can be commanded; abstaining from wearing certain kinds of fabric can be commanded; and actions can be commanded. But feelings and emotions cannot. So how can one be commanded to love one’s neighbor as he or she loves oneself?

The 19th-century scholar, rabbi, and Bible commentator known as Malbim taught that loving one’s neighbor is not an expression of feelings or emotion. Instead, the commandment has to do with how one behaves toward others—with actions, not with thoughts. Nearly nine hundred years ago, the 12th-century Jewish sage Maimonides suggested that to love one’s neighbor as oneself means visiting the sick, comforting mourners, joining a funeral procession, celebrating a marriage, being hospitable, caring for the dead, etc. It’s about what we do, not what we feel.

After all, true love—the kind of love that carries us through the trials as well as the triumphs of life—manifests itself in our actions, not just in our hearts.

— Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro

Honoring the Breuer-Brawerman Legacy

Rabbi Leder shares this important news about Brawerman Elementary School with the Temple community:

Our beloved Nadine Breuer has decided to step down as Head of School in June 2016.

Nadine brought Brawerman to life more than 15 years ago; over the next 15 months, she will work to ensure the smooth transfer of Brawerman’s leadership to capable new hands.

As Nadine wrote in her announcement to the Brawerman community: “For over 40 years, I have embraced the work I love: educating children. I have given the best of myself and have been rewarded with great satisfaction and innumerable blessings. Together, we have built a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community of which we are proud. Brawerman is now the finest of schools on two campuses. Leading Brawerman as its Head of School has been one of the great gifts of my life.”

Nadine has been a Temple member since childhood and plans to remain active in Temple activities, along with her husband, former Temple Executive Director Steve Breuer, for many years to come. “I remain committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of what we share together, the unique Brawerman experience,” Nadine wrote. “This has been a labor of love. The labor may end; the love will not.”

Our gratitude to Nadine is boundless. She is a great leader. We will have many opportunities to honor her before she ends her tenure as Head of School, but perhaps the greatest honor we can pay her is to choose her successor wisely. For that reason, the Temple’s Board of Trustees has engaged Thomas Hudnut and Deborah Reed of Resource Group 175 (www.rg175.com), experts in the field of Head of School transitions. Nadine will work closely with the Hudnut/Reed team to help guide the transition with love, wisdom, and grace to make certain that Brawerman’s future will be secure and bright. I have no doubt that we will find the right leader to carry the Breuer and the Brawerman legacies forward.
The Most Unlikely Donors

One recent Wednesday evening I returned home to find an envelope—which clearly had been hand-delivered (no stamp). The only writing on the outside of the envelope was my name; inside was a check for $300 made payable to Wilshire Boulevard Temple Food Pantry. There was no note attached. I didn’t recognize the names on the check, only that the surname appeared to be Asian. Baffled, I held on to the check. A week later my brother called and asked, "Did you get the check?" Our brief discussion revealed that the check had come from my brother’s Korean handyman and his wife.

You see, last May I moved into a new home in the San Fernando Valley and my brother’s handyman and his wife completed several household tasks for me. They could barely speak a word of English, but when leaving, asked for my business card. Their faces lit up when they saw that I worked at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. In broken English but with tremendous excitement, the wife said, “You feed many of my people!” It turns out that over the years, several of the couple’s church friends from the Korean community have had to seek food at our food pantry. Living in a small apartment themselves, earning income from odd jobs, the couple had been moved by the Temple’s efforts and had saved what they could over these past nine months to donate to us. How unlikely? How inspirational!

Cathy Gordon
Religious School Principal

Support our Food Pantries by visiting wbtla.org/foodpantrydonation or calling (424) 208-8930.

Modern Maggidim

For centuries, the shul has been the center of Jewish life; a place where people come to mark milestones, celebrate holidays, meet and make new friends, find matches for their children, and even do a little business. It is also a place to learn, grow, and exchange ideas. Since medieval times, traveling rabbis and scholarly lecturers were invited to synagogues to preach, teach, and inspire. Such speakers were known as maggidim (plural of maggid)—and people flocked from far and wide to hear their words.

This month, we are delighted to bring you some modern maggidim. As in days past, we hope you will find both enjoyment and enlightenment from the words of our special guest speakers.

Norman Lear: Even This I Get to Experience!
Sunday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., Glazer Campus
With his signature wit, film and television writer and producer Norman Lear will offer a fascinating backstage look at the evolution of the American entertainment industry.

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Coming Out to My Jewish/Black/Latino/Asian Family:
Being LGBT and a Minority in Los Angeles
Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m., Glazer Campus
A celebrity panel will present clips from the groundbreaking Amazon original series Transparent and discuss acceptance, rejection, and finding one’s authentic self.

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs
Go Blaze!!!

The Brawerman West cheer—“Go Blaze!”—inspires our athletics teams and grows louder and clearer each year. A decade ago, the after-school athletics program consisted of one basketball team comprising five Grade 5 and 6 boys coached by Barry Schapira. Fast-forward to this year: Brawerman West is one of 14 participating schools in the Coastal Canyon League and sponsors boys and girls basketball and volleyball and coed flag football and soccer for nearly 100 students in Grades 4, 5, and 6.

We have come a long way, and to keep up with our program’s demands, we have added two full-time coaches, Peter Levenson and Ben Kamer, and Grade 1 teacher Sara Zuckerman pitches in to coach girls basketball and volleyball. Next year, we plan to add an after-school athletics program for Brawerman East Grade 4 students.

Our coaches not only teach fundamentals and skills of the sports, they make sportsmanship a priority. Coach Barry, who earlier this year received the Milken Jewish Educator Award (given to honorees who reflect the highest ideals of Jewish and secular education), regularly reminds students how the school theme, kavod (respect, honor, integrity), resonates in training and competition, and throughout the athletics program. Thus players encourage one another from the bench and on the court and, as Coach Sara says, “teammates stand up for one another if someone is being unkind.”

During a recent game in which Brawerman was defeated, a parent from the opposing team remarked, “I love the way your school plays with such great sportsmanship; they cheer for each other and the other team. I wish our girls did the same.”

Go Blaze!

Glazer and Mann Early Childhood Centers

Intergenerational Benefits

Transitional kindergarten (TK) students at the Early Childhood Centers recently enjoyed a unique, intergenerational programming opportunity: spending a morning with senior citizens at the Freda Mohr Multipurpose Center, which, as part of Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, provides comprehensive and innovative services to older adults.

Before going, the TK children shared their thoughts about what the experience would be like. Winston said, “We want them to feel happy.” Many children expressed that they can bring joy into the seniors’ lives, as well as take care of them. The students then discussed activities that they thought the seniors would enjoy doing with them. Eleanor suggested bringing paint and markers, while Oliver recommended blocks.

Upon arrival, the children immediately began activities with the seniors: painting, drawing, playing with blocks, and puzzle making. This was followed by a snack break and some singing. One senior stood up at the end, thanked the children for coming, and expressed how happy she was that she had come to this event.

Later, back at school, the children gathered as a group to reflect on the experience—what they noticed and how it differed from their expectations. Oliver explained that he thought there would be a lot of books there, while Jaxon commented, “I thought it would be a tall white building and we would go to each door and see a person in each room.” Evan observed that it was hard for the seniors to hear their voices, while Oliver extrapolated, “I saw Tillie teaching a lady how to do the number puzzles.”

There is so much value in connecting the young with the old, and it is clear that the TK children learned as much from this intergenerational visit as their new, older friends did.
Leadership Team Welcomes Erica and Ari!

We are excited to announce the addition of two new assistant directors to our camp leadership team: Erica Feinman and Ari Kaplan. We are delighted that they are now on staff full time, and we hope that you will welcome them into our family.

Getting to know Erica Feinman …
I am so excited to be coming back to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps community! I found my love for Judaism growing up as a camper at Hilltop, where I spent 14 wonderful summers—as a camper, counselor, CIT director, and head counselor. After graduation from Cal State Northridge in 2009, I worked for three years at Hillel in San Diego doing engagement work. Following that, I went back to school to get my master’s degree in organizational behavior at NYU. After two winters in the snow, I was able to make my way back to the West Coast. I am happy to have come full circle, finally returning to Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, and to be able to use all of my wonderful life experiences to help make WBT Camps the finest they can be.

Getting to know Ari Kaplan …
I am thrilled to assume this new role with Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps! Since my first summer as a camper (Cabin Abe ’98), my camp experiences have been the driving force behind my closest friendships, personal growth, and desire to help build the foundation of the next wave of Jewish youth. I have so many heartwarming memories of crazy evening programs, enriching chugim, and late nights spent talking with people who would eventually become my greatest support system. I know the immeasurable positive influences that these camps can have on a young person, and I understand the incredible responsibility of continuing to deliver them to the children whose lives we have the blessing of shaping.

Religious School

How We Spend the Summer Vacation

One of the most often-asked questions we hear as the school year winds down is: “What do you do all summer?” Well, school may not be in session—there are no classes going on—but the reality is, we are quite busy, we do a lot. We work on curriculum, hire teachers, order supplies, process registration forms, put students in classes, and meet with the families of both prospective and ongoing students.

However, most of what we do is make phone calls. Why? Because all the other things we do during the summer depend on you enrolling your child. So, we spend most of our summer reaching out, making calls, working on getting you to submit your online enrollment forms. We don’t know how many teachers we need for a particular grade until you enroll your child. We don’t know how many classes, art supplies, or textbooks we need until you enroll your child. We can’t make class lists, prepare schedules or letters, and so much more until our students are enrolled.

Help us make sure that we can have the most amazing teachers possible in your childrens’ classrooms by enrolling now. Contact Sherryl Pinsker with any questions at (424) 208-8906 or spinsker@wbtdla.org.

Save the date for Religious School Confirmation Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., Irmas Campus
A Playground with a View

Where can you take in spectacular views of the Hollywood Hills while participating in sports? When the Temple’s Karsh Family Social Service Center and the Glazer Campus parking pavilion are completed this fall, the new structure will include a rooftop sports complex for our congregants, students at Brawerman Elementary School East, and children living in the neighborhood (through partnering youth programs).

Pankow Construction recently held a “Topping Off” party for its crew celebrating the final concrete pouring on the building’s top deck. For our congregation, this event signaled that one of the city’s largest and most dramatic rooftop playgrounds is nearing completion.

Once furnished, the play deck will have artificial turf for kids to play soccer, space to run, a handball court, full-court basketball, and restrooms. Two seating areas with canopy covers—one at the southwest corner and the other on the east side—will provide shady lunch spots and event spaces. Access to the rooftop athletic facilities can be reached via elevator from the first floor of the parking pavilion or via a stairwell that ascends four floors to the top of the building.

“Everything a kid could want to play, they will play up there—four stories above the street,” Rabbi Steven Leder said. “Our children will associate school, Temple, and being Jewish with fun and play. At the same time, our neighbors will have access on off hours and weekends, something they badly need, want, and deserve. Everyone wins!”

If you would like to make a contribution or discuss your participation in the Building Lives campaign, please contact Karen Schetina in our Development Office at (213) 835-2153 or kschetina@wbtla.org.

Welcome to new Temple members…

Natasha and Brandon Beck and their son, Ryder…Nicole and Matthew Beresford and their son, Brayden…Sally and Benjamin Cohenaz and their daughter, Olivia…Sarina and Adam Daneshgar and their son, Dylan…Nancy and Hal Daum…Sanam and Dan Gabayzadeh and their daughters, Aubrey and Harper…Suzanne and Jacob Gehl and their children, Zev and Meris…Jasmine Golan and Jonathan Goodman…Andrea and Brett Kahn and their daughter, Bella…Diane Ring…Sarvenaz Sazegar and Omid Sakhai and their daughter, Avah…Jennifer and Benjamin Silverman and their children, Meyer and Madeline…Laurent and Jordan Slater and their daughter, Vivienne…

Congratulations to…

Angelica Martin and Michael Lebensfeld on their recent marriage…

Congratulations to…

Nicole and Matthew Beresford on the birth of their son, Brayden Robert Beresford, and to grandparents, Belinda and Bruce Pansky, and aunt and uncle, Ellen Pansky and Leland Reicher…Jill Tate Higgins and James Higgins on the birth of their granddaughter, Scarlet Irene McFarland…Sherry and Ryan Yatman on the birth of their son, Hudson Blake Yatman, and to big sister, Hannah, and grandmother, Deatra Yatman…

Condolences to…

Simone Cline on the death of her ex-husband, David Cline…Caryn and Gary Ezor on the death of her mother, Francis Cohen, and to grandson, Gregory, and his wife, Jessica Ezor, and great-grandsons Benjamin and Daniel…Sandy and Carla Friedman on the death of his brother, Gerald Friedman, and to nephews Ethan and Seth…Linda and Peter Rhein on the death of her sister, Marlene Goldblum, and to nephew, Daniel, and his wife, Deborah Gleiberman, and great-nephew Jack and great-nieces Mia and Rose…Mickey Mayerson on the death of his father, Jerry Mayerson, and to grandchildren Jordan and Madeline…Sharon and David Akhtarzad on the death of her grandmother, Naima Naim, and to great-grandsons Blake and Pierce…Jonathan and Alison Roth and Richard and Verónica Roth on the death of their mother, Dyane Gay Ratner, and to grandchildren Elijah, Harrison, Spencer, and Isabella…Ruth Yablans on the death of her son, Robert Yablans, and to brother, Eddie Yablans, and niece and nephew Juliana and Leo…

And to all immediate and extended family.
Upcoming Events

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 📞
Friday, May 1, 12:00 p.m. - Century City
Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study—the last of the season! Bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Cost: $36.
 Jamie Geller, jgeller@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121
 wbtla.org

FAMILY CAMP 🩱
Friday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. to Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Camp Hess Kramer
A unique camp experience for Brawerman and Religious School families with children in Grades K-6.
 info@wbtcamps.org, (213) 388-2401
 wbtla.org/familycamp

REMEMBERING BERNSTEIN AND SONDHEIM SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT 📞
Friday, May 1 🌞 6:00 p.m.
Join us for this special Shabbat tribute to two of the greatest Jewish composers that ever lived—with performances and sing-alongs! Followed by a West Side Story Oneg Shabbat.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 wbtla.org/soulsounds

NORMAN LEAR—EVEN THIS I GET TO EXPERIENCE 🩱
Sunday, May 3 🌞 7:00 p.m.
With his signature wit and irreverence, American television writer and producer Norman Lear will share stories from his extraordinarily eventful life, treating us to a fascinating backstage look at the evolution of the American entertainment industry. Cost: $10. A Dr. Jerome Tober Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture event.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 wbtla.org/normanlear

BATTLEGROUND FOR TRUTH: CONFRONTING ANTI-SEMITISM AND HOLOCAUST DENIAL 📞 🩱
Tuesday, May 5 🌞 7:30 p.m.
Find out how the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is fighting back against the hate speech, anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial inflamed by the Internet.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 ushmm.org

WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI NANUS 📞
Fridays, May 8 and 22 🌞 12:30 p.m.
Bring your lunch and join us for a fascinating study of the women in the Torah who influenced the decisions that shaped Judaism in its early days.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 wbtla.org

FOSTER CARE COUNTS 🩱
Sunday, May 10, 8:30 am - 5:00 p.m.
Willows Community School, Culver City
Help make this Mother’s Day a day to remember for hundreds of Los Angeles foster families.
 Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (242) 208-8930
 fostercarecounts.org

“ALL IN” POKER TOURNAMENT 🩱
Thursday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.
House of Blues, West Hollywood
Poker players of all levels are encouraged to attend this fundraiser! All proceeds benefit the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Scholarship Fund.
 Cheri Lauterbach, cheri@wbtcamps.com, (213) 835-2135
 wbtla.org/poker

HOLLYWOOD LEFT AND RIGHT SALON SHABBAT 🩱
Friday, May 15 🌞 6:00 p.m.
Guest speaker Steve Ross, author and USC history professor, will talk about the Hollywood/political connection, which started all the way back with former Wilshire Boulevard Temple President Louis B. Mayer.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 wbtla.org/salonshabbat

JEWISH WOMEN’S THEATRE PRESENTS RECKONING WITH DAD 🩱
Sunday, May 17 🌞 2:00 p.m.
Whether we love or hate the father figures in our lives, there comes a time when we must make war or peace with them. Cost: $18.
 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
 wbtla.org/jwt

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In Honor of:
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Mimi and Don Gittelson’s 60th anniversary by Sandi Chatkin
Evelyn K. Kramer Memorial Camp Fund
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In Honor of:
Rabbi David Eshel for officiating at the funeral of Joel Miller
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Rabbi David Eshel by Andrew Weiss

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Thank you to those individuals and families who have chosen either
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If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact
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Thank you to Canter’s Deli, Brooklyn Bagel, Noah’s Bagel
Larchmont, and Western Bagel West L.A., for their weekly
donation of bread to our Food Pantries.

We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
Jonathan is the son of Dana and Richard Pachulski; the grandson of Dee and Ed Gelb; Jennie Pachulski and the late Phil Pachulski.

Family Welcomer: Nicola Pachulski, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Jonathan raised money for micro loans to disadvantaged third-world individuals, primarily women with small businesses. With such loans, these entrepreneurs can employ disadvantaged individuals.

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

Lindsey is the daughter of Michele and Scott Rosenfeld; the granddaughter of Rosemary and Bill Elperin; Lucia and Alan Rosenfeld.

Family Welcomer: Jake Rosenfeld, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Lindsey collected birthday party supplies to send to children who must spend their birthdays in the hospital. The Confetti Foundation then filled party boxes with these supplies to distribute to hospitals around the country.

Roy is the son of Holly and James Freedman; the grandson of Herbert Freedman and the late Millicent Freedman; June Claman and the late Dr. Morris Claman.

Family Welcomers: Isaiah Freedman, brother; Alexandra Gelber, cousin.

Tikkun Olam Project: Roy volunteered at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple food pantry, assembling and filling grocery bags and handing them out to people in need.

Abigail is the daughter of Cyndi Sarnoff-Ross and Michael Ross; granddaughter of Deborah and Richard Polonsky; Janyce and Thomas Sarnoff.

Family Welcomer: Emily S. Ross, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Abby volunteered as a classroom helper, assisting and mentoring the children of Westside Children’s Center, a nonprofit organization that provides services to at-risk children.

Dashiel is the son of Danelle and David Geller; the grandson of Donald and Lee Geller; Pamela and Howard Simpson.

Family Welcomer: Sinclair Geller, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Dashiel volunteered at Ocean Park Community Center’s food pantry, preparing and distributing lunch to the homeless of Santa Monica and Venice.

Nathan is the son of Sharon and Daniel Korobkin; the grandson of Martin and Harriet Kleinman; Sydney and Marcia Korobkin.

Family Welcomer: Samuel Korobkin, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Nathan volunteered by walking, cleaning, and playing with cats and dogs at No Kill L.A., a nonprofit organization that offers homeless animals a place to live and attempts to get them adopted.

Hudson is the son of Dayna and Gary Lerner; the grandson of Laurie and Ronald Resch; Elaine Schreiber and the late Arthur Schreiber; Debra and Jay Stein.

Tikkun Olam Project: Hudson collected used blankets, towels, dog toys, and unwanted dog treats from friends and family and donated them to West Los Angeles Animal Shelter.

Maya is the daughter of Dayna and Gary Lerner; the granddaughter of Laurie and Ronald Resch; Elaine Schreiber and the late Arthur Schreiber; Debra and Jay Stein.

Tikkun Olam Project: Maya collected used blankets, towels, dog toys, and unwanted dog treats from friends and family and donated them to West Los Angeles Animal Shelter.

Zander is the son of Diane and Andy Solomon; the grandson of Frances Lambert and Alfred Rose; Judy Douenias and Larry Solomon.

Family Welcomer: Jamie Solomon, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Zander volunteered at No Kill L.A., a nonprofit pet-adoption organization. He helped by walking dogs and playing with cats to socialize them and help make them more adoptable.

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High Holy Days 2015/5776 are right around the corner. Watch for your membership renewal form and HHD ticket packet coming in the mail soon.

**HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE**
- Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 13
- Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 14
- Second day Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, September 15
- Kol Nidrei: Tuesday, September 22
- Yom Kippur: Wednesday, September 23

**COMING OUT TO MY JEWISH/BLACK/LATINO/ASIAN FAMILY 🏳️‍🌈**
- Wednesday, May 20 🕍 7:00 p.m.
  - A celebrity panel will present clips from the groundbreaking Amazon original series *Transparent* and discuss acceptance, rejection, and finding one’s authentic self. (In partnership with the ADL.) Cost: $12.
  - Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
  - [wbtla.org/comingout](http://wbtla.org/comingout)

**SHAVUOT SERVICE AND YIZKOR**
- Monday, May 25 🕍 9:30 AM
  - Please join us for a soulful Yizkor memorial service and a look at love and destiny in the Book of Ruth. Followed by a bagels and blintzes buffet.
  - cantoroffice@wbtla.org
  - [wbtla.org](http://wbtla.org)
FRIDAY, MAY 1

Shabba Dabba
Rabbi Leder, Rabbi Goldberg
and the Band 6:00 p.m.

Remembering Bernstein and Sondheim Soul Sounds Shabbat
Rabbi Nanus 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Torah Study
Leviticus Acharei Mot 16:1-18:30;
Leviticus K’doshim 19:1-20:27
Rabbi Goldberg 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro and songleader Jason Mesches 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar mitzvah of Jonathan Pachulski
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney 10:30 a.m.

No service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Torah Study
Leviticus Emor 21:1-24:23
Avi Cohen 9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger 9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro and songleader Jason Mesches 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bat mitzvah of Lindsey Rosenfeld
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney 10:30 a.m.

Bar mitzvah of Roy Freedman
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger 6:00 p.m.

Hollywood Salon Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Torah Study
Leviticus B’har 25:1-26:2;
B’chukotai 26:3-27:34
Rabbi Eshel 9:00 a.m.

Torah Study (continued)
Cantor Ettinger 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of Abigail Ross and Dashell Geller
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger 6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Torah Study
Numbers B’midbar 1:1-4:20
Rabbi Shapiro 9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of Zander Solomon and Zane Hankin
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 10:30 a.m.

B’nei mitzvah of Hudson and Maya Lerner
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Shavuot Service and Yizkor
Rabbi Susan Nanus and Cantor Ettinger 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger 6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Torah Study
Numbers Naso 4:21-7:89
Rabbi Eshel 9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of Lauren Silver and Jaiden Kaplan
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney 10:30 a.m.

Bar mitzvah of Samuel Cantos
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger 10:30 a.m.