It was a fabulous day! On Sunday, October 18, we commemorated the opening of our renovated schools at the Glazer Campus with the families of the Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center, Brawerman Elementary School East, and our Religious School. On hand to cut the ribbon were the two women whose names grace the schools: Geri Brawerman and Erika J. Glazer.

“These two remarkable women have assured a bright future for the children of our congregation, the Jewish community, and our great city,” said Rabbi Steve Leder at the event.

The celebration took place on the school playgrounds and up on the vast rooftop athletic area where the older students of Brawerman East now have physical education and play team sports. For the occasion, the rooftop was transformed into a carnival of booths, games, and activities, including face painting, drumming, and bag decorating for our new Karsh Family Social Service Center. “It was so great to see the campus come alive in all the ways envisioned for the new space,” said Brawerman East parent Alisha Pedowitz. “I can’t believe this is where my kids spend their days learning!”

Staff and faculty led walk-throughs of both school buildings and the Karsh Family Social Service Center, and everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch. The dedication ceremony took place on the Mitchell Promenade and featured speeches by Rabbi Leder, Temple President Rick Powell, Executive Director Howard Kaplan, and congregant Bill Ehrlich, who was honored for his many years of leadership as chair of the Construction Committee for Building Lives. The Glazer Campus Youth Choir performed a delightful, uptempo song composed for the occasion by Cantor Seth Ettinger, appropriately entitled, “Oh Thank You.”

See a photo gallery of the event on page 5.
**Blessings of the Sons**

*Parashat Vayechi: Genesis 47:28-50:26*

On Friday evenings, I arrange my grandmother’s candlesticks with fresh white tapers. Five candles, one for each person in my nuclear family. With my three sons, we gather so closely that we can hear our hushed prayers uttered into the cupped palms of our hands, which are covering our eyes. Shabbat shaloms and kisses for everyone. Then the boys line up to receive their weekly blessings, which are taken from this week’s Torah portion: “May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh. May you be protected and blessed and find God’s grace in all that you do.” Gratitude wells up inside of me as I cradle their heads between my palms.

In the Torah portion from which this beautiful blessing comes, we encounter the patriarch Jacob shortly before his death. Jacob meets Joseph’s children, his grandchildren Ephraim and Manasseh, for the first time and is overcome with emotion as he blesses Joseph in verses 15 and 16: “May God in whose ways my fathers walked, who has been my shepherd from birth until now, who has redeemed me from all harm—bless these boys. In them may my name be recalled, and in the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they be numerous upon the earth.”

The 12th-century Jewish sage Maimonides (Rambam) teaches us that Jacob, in blessing Joseph out of his love and approval for his accomplishments, blessed Joseph’s children. Jacob’s acknowledgment that Ephraim and Manasseh had brought honor through fidelity to family was indeed a powerful blessing, and an opportunity to be celebrated on a weekly basis throughout the year.

We can learn from our ancestors that taking the time to bless our children encourages them to value their links in the chain of our tradition—a tradition we pray they too will want to share with their children and grandchildren.

*Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim*

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**The Chanukah Miracle**

It’s that time of year again. Time to celebrate the miracle of Chanukah. The oil that was not to last a single day endured, miraculously, eight days. Such miracles cannot be explained by science but are accepted by children, who view the world through innocent eyes.

Our students explore the elements of Chanukah as if for the first time. We take in the experience as a whole, looking at it from new and different angles. As Chanukah approaches, the children in our Early Childhood Centers create chanukiyah as they study their building materials (either stone or wood) and analyze the properties of each element. Where does it come from? Is it smooth or rough? Can glue adhere to it?

We listen to stories about heroes like Judah Maccabee, the fearless leader who helped the Jewish people defeat the Greek army. In our discussions, we ask what makes a hero and are there heroes today? Are those we can count on to keep us safe our heroes? We also investigate candles, lights, and flames—each has its own properties and presents discoveries to explore. When it comes to the foods of Chanukah, we learn about growing potatoes, harvesting them, and making latkes.

Famous developmental psychologist and psychoanalyst Erik Erikson reminded us, “There is in every child at every stage a new miracle of vigorous unfolding, which constitutes a new hope and new responsibility for all.” We take this obligation seriously and, for our students, try to keep in mind: what if just for a while, we all could see the world fresh, without expectations, like a child, open to accept the wonders the world has to offer? Our wish is for everyone to take the time, slow down, and enjoy the holiday with a new perspective, that of a child.
The Gift of a Legal Fresh Start

There are nearly one thousand attorneys who are congregants of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, and as Rabbi Leder joked on Erev Rosh HaShanah, those are just the ones who’ll admit it! Kidding aside, some of the greatest legal minds in our nation call the Temple home, and on November 1, many of them used their talents to give those in need a fresh start.

According to a recent New York Times article: "Some 70 million to 100 million people in the United States—more than a quarter of all adults—have a criminal record, and as a result they are subject to tens of thousands of federal and state laws and rules that restrict or prohibit their access to the most basic rights and privileges—from voting, employment, and housing to business licensing and parental rights. Some of these collateral consequences make sense—like preventing people convicted of molesting children from working in schools. But many have no relation at all to the original offense."

Partnering with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, more than two dozen of the Temple’s talented attorneys guided clients through the process of expunging their criminal records. The expungement process enables clients to have certain, nonviolent criminal convictions sealed, which enables them to rebuild their lives with a fresh, legal start.

This was the fifth pro bono legal clinic offered at the Temple and, once again, the response by volunteer attorneys was tremendous. When the Karsh Family Social Service Center opens at the Glazer Campus next year, opportunities for our attorneys to use their skills to help those in need will greatly increase.

Thank you to all who participated in November.

Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro

A Chanukah Oratorio

Chanukah is universally known for its story of a great warrior. He avenged the persecution of his people and the desecration of their Holy Temple in Jerusalem by leading a ragtag band of warriors in a masterful defeat of a powerful, continent-spanning empire. Judah Maccabee, “the Hammer of Judaism,” understood that the battle was far less for national liberation than spiritual and religious liberation. For when at last the Jews captured Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple, a national holiday was declared—the true miracle was that Judaism had been saved and preserved.

As a national liberator, Judah Maccabee has inspired many writers, artists, and composers—Jewish and non-Jewish alike. One of the best-known literary works is Judas Maccabaeus (1872), a five-act verse tragedy by U.S. poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. During the Middle Ages, Judah Maccabee was regarded as a hero of the Old Testament and is portrayed in many works of art, including 10th-century illuminated manuscripts.

The most outstanding musical work based on his story is Handel’s oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus, which premiered in London in 1747 and was performed every year during the composer’s lifetime. The piece presents the entire Maccabean saga, and its most famous chorus, “See, the Conqu’ring Hero Comes!” has become a well-known Chanukah song. If ever there was a truly Jewish piece of classical music, this is it, and that is why on the first night of Chanukah, Sunday December 6, we are proud to present the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music soloists, choruses, and orchestra performing Judas Maccabaeus.

A pre-concert lecture at 3:00 p.m. in Piness Auditorium precedes the 4:00 p.m. concert in the Sanctuary. And following the performance, Cantor Gurney will lead us in the lighting of the Chanukah candles—and, of course, there will be jelly donuts for all. There is no charge, but please RSVP at wbtl.org/handel.

Chag Sameach. May this season be filled with miracles.

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs

Our volunteers get briefed on the day ahead.
They Came As Strangers, Left As Friends

Kesher is the name Brawerman West uses to describe the Jewish Federation-sponsored Tel Aviv/Los Angeles School Twinning Program that each year brings together our Grade 6 students with Israeli students from the David Yellin School in Tel Aviv. In September, 20 students and three teachers from Israel traveled to L.A., and the adventures they shared with our children—in Malibu at Camp Hess Kramer, at Disneyland—as well as some very special Shabbat and Simchat Torah moments, provided profound memories for the entire Brawerman community.

One Brawerman student wrote: “At Camp Hess Kramer, we hiked to the first menorah and from there to the second. We had a beautiful tfilah with a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean.” Another remembered: “On the last full day with the Israeli delegation, we wanted to make every moment count. To start the day, we painted rocks that we had collected at camp for the David Yellin School garden as a way to keep our connection alive.”

The Israeli students summed up their trip in an art project that hangs in the front hallway at Brawerman West. They made a collage of their handprints and added the caption, “We came as strangers. We left as friends.”

Religious School

Youth Groups Kick Off School Year In Style

WBTYDeux, our youth group for Grades 3—5, literally kicked off the year on October 4 with a rousing kickball game. We enjoyed the summer-like weather for the game and cooled down with root beer floats and a delicious BBQ lunch. Everyone had an amazing time at what was WBTYDeux’s largest event ever. The group’s next outing, Magic & Miracles, takes place on Sunday, December 6.

For our middle school Jr.WBTY students, it was a “chiller” thriller fall event, celebrating Jewish Heritage Night with the Los Angeles Kings at the Staples Center. Upon our arrival on October 18, 38 students from our Religious School and Brawerman conglomerate were ushered to center ice, where we took some pictures and snagged a few official NHL pucks. There was even some high-fiving with the players as they took the ice. We all stood with pride as our own Cantor Ettinger belted the national anthem before kicking back and enjoying a Kings victory over the Colorado Avalanche! We look forward to Jr.WBTY’s next event on Sunday, December 13.

The importance of building our Jewish youth community is vital, and the connectivity our students feel is amazing! Please help our groups grow. Join us at upcoming events, and you can even bring a friend. For more information, contact Jeff Brody, Youth Group Advisor, at (424) 208-8906 or jbrody@wbtra.org.
Photos from the October 18 Event

Top row, L-R: Erika Glazer, Geri Brawerman, and Rabbi Leder; children having fun with bubbles; Rabbi Leder speaking during the dedication. 2nd row, L-R: The entrance to the event; Howard Kaplan saying a few words during the dedication; joyous drumming! 3rd row, L-R: the Youth Choir singing during the ceremony; mingling and eating with friends. Bottom row, L-R: Personalizing food pantry bags; face painting; Bill Ehrlich and Rick Powell speaking.
On October 25, more than 550 riders woke up bright and early to take part in the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles’ Tour de Summer Camps cycling event at Camp Alonim in Simi Valley. The third-annual ride raised scholarship funds to send kids to Jewish sleepaway camps in the L.A. area, including at our very own Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp.

Proudly, the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps team took first place out of 83 teams for funds raised ($45,000) and number of riders (34) participating in the 18-, 36-, 62-, and 100-mile courses! Because of these honors, our team was asked to cut the starting-line ribbon to kick off the beautiful ride.

During the ride, there was a lot of summer-camp-memories swapping with rowdy cyclists and volunteers representing the other Jewish sleepaway camps from around the country who were there to ride and celebrate—with their retro camp costumes, songs, and campy cheer. It was a joyful gathering, to come together to help a record number of children build lifelong connections to Judaism through the transformative experience of summer camp.

We extend a tremendous THANK YOU to all of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps riders, virtual riders, contributors, and volunteers who rallied to help us exceed our goals in both number of participating cyclists and funds raised. All funds raised by riders and through sponsorships are pooled and distributed by the Federation to the nine participating camps.

Our 2016 goal will be even higher, so save the date—October 30, 2016—and come out and ride with us next year!

Carolyn and Craig Enenstein
Team WBT Camps Event Chairs
DEAR SANTA, LOVE, RACHEL ROSENSTEIN  

Tuesday, December 1 9:30 a.m.
Parents and grandparents are invited to join us in our Mann Family ECC to listen to Dear Santa, Love, Rachel Rosenstein read by its authors Amanda Peet and Andrea Troyer, followed by conversation and book signing with the authors.

Laurie Gregory, lgregory@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8942
wbtla.org/decemberdilemma

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER  

Friday, December 4, 12:00 p.m., Century City
Why not mix business and Torah over lunch a few times a year? You bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Series: $36.

Jamie Geller, jgeller@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121
wbtla.org

WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI NANUS  

Friday, December 4 12:30 p.m.
Join us for lunch and a fascinating exploration of the women in the Torah who influenced the shaping of Judaism in its early days.

Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org

FIRST FRIDAYS: SHABBA DABBA!  

Friday, December 4 6:00 p.m.
Bring your family and invite friends to this soulful monthly participatory musical service.

Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtla.org/shabbadabba

HUMAN RIGHTS SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT  

Friday, December 4 6:00 p.m.
Wilshire Boulevard Temple comes together with 200 communities around the world to learn about the Jewish roots of human rights. Join us as we chant the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in haftarah trope and listen to guest speaker Ali Sagadencky lead a discussion.

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

HANDEL’S JUDAS MACCABAEUS  

Sunday, December 6 3:00 p.m.
This free performance of Handel's grand oratorio Judas Maccabaeus is a collaboration of the UCLA Chorale and UCLA Philharmonia. Performed in our beautiful Sanctuary and featuring soloists from the UCLA Voice program, it includes the oratorio's rarely performed Parts 2 and 3.

Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/handel

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA-KAH SALON SHABBAT  

Friday, December 11 6:00 p.m.
Bring a gift for a needy child to our multigenerational Chanukah celebration of miracles and light. We’ll listen to our Youth Choir perform a special holiday concert, hear a delightful Chanukah story, enjoy a supper—and light menorahs (bring yours!) together.

Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/latkes

NEFESH  

Friday, December 18 7:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Goldberg for a moving Shabbat service that gives your soul the chance to fill up and renew.

Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtla.org/nefesh

CHRISTMAS COOKS  

Friday, December 25, 10:00 a.m., OPCC Santa Monica
Temple adults and teens help make Christmas a more joyful day for many people trying to transition out of homelessness by cooking and serving a hot sit-down meal at several of OPCC’s Santa Monica housing facilities.

Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930
wbtla.org/christmascooks

Events and times subject to change.

GLAZER CAMPUS  IRMAS CAMPUS  OPCC SANTA MONICA
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RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

Sandra Brenner

In Honor of:
Anne Heineman's 90th birthday by Hannah and Larry Heineman

In Loving Memory of:
Cecile Barman by Dorothy Weinberger
Sarah Blum by Gail and Joseph Lowenstein
Mae Colburn by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Halper
Jordon Feldman by Adam Feldman
Edith Fomil by Vicky and Chip Goodman
Marlene Friedman by Mary Lynn and Howard Gotfried
Harold Gelfand by Arlene Gelfond
Rose Gilfenstein by Steven Gilfenbain
Ruth Gitlin and Ray Kurz by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Orland
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Era Heller by Lawrence Heller
Margaret Hochschild by Sylvia and Benjamin Paz
Ruth Hoffenberg by Sharyn and Walter Gertz
Minnian Hoffman and Milton Hoffman by Paula Hoffman
Norman Hoffman by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Hoffman
Beloved husband, Norman Hoffman, by Rachael Hoffman
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Claudine V. Keith by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Keith
Myer Kossler by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Shore
Elsa L. Kunitz by Adrienne and Stanford Rubin
Harold Leverenthal by Gay Leverenthal
Ruth Lurine by Janet and Jonathan Barzilay
Lillian Mereny by Karen Krasne and Eric Fine
Sergio Montes by Amy J. Sands and Sam P. Montes
Saul Orland by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Orland
Myer Orlikoff by Steven Orlikoff
Joe Pollock by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Orland
Anita Rabbinovitch by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kopald
Marvin D. Ratner by Mildred Ratner
Lillian Rine by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rine
Cynthia Rosenwald by Dr. and Mrs. Barry Rosenbloom
Hilda Sallet by Mildred Ratner
Selma Schulman by Jill and Paul Schulman
Lea Serlin by Blaire and Aaron Kaplan
Philip Silver by Randee and Jon Turtle
Nat Sommer by Diana and Bob Gycan
Marvin Sussman by Jack Sussman and Jody Kasten
Louis Tuller by Shirley T. Phillips

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John N. Lee, Jr.
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In Honor of:
Esther Albabet by Dr. and Mrs. Eli Ginsburg
Rabbi Steve Leder by Maryam and Josh Lieberman
Rabbi Steve Leder for officiating at the service of dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother June Blumkin by David Winner and Carl Schwartz

In Loving Memory of:
Robert Shapiro by Edmund Clarke

CLERGY FUND

In Honor of:
Rabbi Steve Leder by Bobbie and Ivan Finkel
Rabbi Steve Leder for officiating at the service of Elliott Matzman by Susan and Harold Small
Rabbi Steve Leder by Kenneth Steinsapir and Faith Gomberg

In Loving Memory of:
Sara Kurtman by Mr. and Mrs. Elifin Rudin
Jules Traigten by Judi and David Helfant
Beloved mother, Evelyn Tuch, by Marilyn Brown

PULPIT FLOWER FUND

In Honor of:
Bessie Meyers and Edna Stein by Natalie Stein

In Loving Memory of:
Jean Bennett by Marilynn Ehrman
Norman Hoffman by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Hoffman

FOOD PANTRIES FUND

Sybil A. Fields
Jeanne Garson
Cantor and Mrs. Don Gurney
Maryam and Josh Lieberman
Ellen Pansky and Leland Reicher
Gai Klass and Michael Stern

In Honor of:
Cheryl Garland by Dana Temple
Ronnye and Bill Grubauer by Dana Temple
The birth of Ethan Malginblick by David and Stephanie Eshel
The birth of Zachary Shpelfogl by David and Stephanie Eshel
Estelle Wachs by Michael Wachs

In Loving Memory of:
Morris Abrams by Robin and Mark Vogel
Louise Baer by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Baer
Leonard Boasberg by Judy Boasberg and Mark Landry
Tom Bosley by Amy and Matthew Baer
Stanley Brown by Marian Brown
Stanley Brown by Gertrude Kline
Dorothy T. Forman by Barry Forman and Andrea Pflug
Michael Fredlander by Ruthie and Steve Loeb
Florence Graubart and Alexander Rosenbaum by Linda and Jeffrey Graubart
Dear father, Max Hartfield, by Marian Brown
Max Hartfield by Gertrude Kline
Hortense Kaufman by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brody
Melvin D. Lipman by Dana and Nathaniel Lipman
Ida Lippe by Judi and Paul Liptz
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Louis A. Rose by Lauren and Jeff Polak
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Melvin Silver by Marian Brown
Helen Streeb by Dana Devad and Stephanie Eshel
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In Loving Memory of:
Louise Baer by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Baer
Tom Bosley by Amy and Matthew Baer
Gert Greenspoon by Elly and Dan Wolf
Melinda Miller, Jerome Sugarman, M.D., and Renee White by Lynn Weissman

PRAYER BOOK DEDICATION AND PUBLICATION FUND

In Loving Memory of:
Sandra Lurie by Mark Epstein and Laura Ullman Epstein

MANN FAMILY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

In Honor of:
The birth of Zachary Eli Shabason by Caroline and Mark Superstrock
The birth of Zachary Eli Shabason by Betsy and Scott Sandler

GERI AND RICHARD BRAWERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choiwan and David Essey

ANNE AND NATHAN SPILBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE

In Loving Memory of:
Bernard Basch by Susan and Bruce Levin

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In Honor of:
Samantha Steinsapir's bat mitzvah by Maxine Keith

In Loving Memory of:
Father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Alvin Mark, by Vera and Steven Mark
Ralph Snyder by Rick Chmieliant

ANAT BEN-ISHAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Todd B. Friedman
Sandra Stoller

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In Honor of:
Cantor Seth Ettinger's ordination by Kathryn Mendelson
Cantor Seth Ettinger by Sylvia Pastone
Cantor Seth Ettinger by Daniel Zack
Cantor Don Gurney by Kenneth Steinsapir and Faith Gomberg

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Goldmark
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In Honor of:
Rabbi Susan Nanus's ordination by Kathryn Mendelson

KARSH FAMILY SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER FUND

In Honor of:
Elissa Miller's birthday by Marc Beninfield and Julie Miller

In Loving Memory of:
Lenore Berkowitz by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Berg
Claus Schroeher by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Berg

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE CAMPS

In Honor of:
Debra Abramowitz and Dean Prober's marriage by Hope Selevan

In Loving Memory of:
Beloved grandmother and great-grandmother June Blumkin by David Winner and Carri Schwartz
Beloved son, Jordan Ehrlich, by Bill and Susan Ehrlich
Milton Hoffman by Sheri and Allen Tuchman
Robert Shapiro by Arieane Barbanelle Kassner
	By Patty Finkel
	By Lonnie Levi Israel
	By Nanci Leonard
	By Michael Libow
	By Bradley Queen
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	By Sandi Weiner

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In Honor of:
Mildred S. Ratner's birthday by Adam R. Panish
Mildred S. Ratner's birthday by Deborah Panish Johnson
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In Loving Memory of:
Esther Brandt by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gelfond
Beloved mother June Blumkin by Janis Schwartz
Beverly Gerst by Linda and Edward Brown
Ramson Gerson by Linda Delaney
Irene Lichtenstein by Elly and Dan Wolf
Meyer Mayerson by Samuel and Ruth Mayerson
Sadie Misraje by Karen and Stanley Misraje
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Beloved mother, Becky Sigman, by Ruth and Samuel Mayerson

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In Loving Memory of:
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In Loving Memory of:
Beloved mother, Adele Pollock, by Mark and Shari Pollock

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In Loving Memory of:
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Rose Sills by Robin and Robert Sills

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Eric Freedman
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In Honor of:
Debra Abramowitz and Dean Prober's marriage by Wendy, David, Miles, and Sofia Cohen
Debra Abramowitz and Dean Prober's marriage by Janet and Kent Wellish

In Loving Memory of:
Florence R. Graubart by Linda and Jeffrey Graubart
Arthur Laub by David and Stephanie Eshel
Robert Shapiro by Ethan and Michelle Abrams
	By Allison Adler
	By Karen Agam-Macara
	By Suzanne and Marc Berkman
	By Brian Berson
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	By Elizabeth Brown

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We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
Andrew is the son of Deena and David Gussman; the grandson of Patti and Stanley Silver; Madeline Gussman and the late Marvin Gussman.

Family Welcomers: Lily Gussman, sister; Michael Gussman, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Andrew, in honor of his late grandfather, Marvin, is team captain for Marvin's Marvels, an organization dedicated to raising money for the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research. Andrew also volunteered at a dog shelter, performing various duties.

Talia is the daughter of Sarit and Jeff Gandin; the granddaughter of Rina and Yosef Mochtar; Mindy and Rob Gandin.

Family Welcomers: Emily Gandin, sister; Jacob Gandin, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Talia made and sold greeting cards to family, friends, and others in Israel and the United States. With the money earned, she bought toys and games to donate to the Gift Room at Barzilai University Medical Center in Ashkelon, Israel. Talia also visited and gave gifts to the children hospitalized there.

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

Eli is the son of Samara and Ken Fabrick; the grandson of Barbara Bergen and Matthew Bergen; Myrna and Howard Fabrick.

Family Welcomer: Zachary Fabrick, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Eli has been spending his Sunday mornings at Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) making sandwiches, pouring coffee, and serving meals to the homeless.

Maddie is the daughter of Sarah and Jonathan Aibel; the granddaughter of Barbara and Cantor Shlomo Bar-Nissim; Joan and Leonard Silverman; Donald Aibel and Elizabeth Herries.

Family Welcomers: Alexander and Hudson Aibel, brothers.

Tikkun Olam Project: Maddie works with One Voice, an organization that helps families living at poverty level within our community. She is raising money to sponsor a family in need during the holiday season.

Ava is the daughter of Beth and Rodney Freeman; the granddaughter of Merry and Steve Astor; Marilyn and Izy Freeman, Shoshi and Izydor Wilchfort.

Tikkun Olam Project: Ava is baking and selling challah to raise money to purchase kitchen equipment for the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. This will enable Holocaust survivors to make challah at the museum, sharing their stories and interacting with people of all ages.

Welcome to new Temple members...

Amanda and Jon Alagem...Nate Bol...Mia Trachinger and Jason Brush and their daughter, Charlotte...Steve and Susan Glusker and their children, Abby, Sara, and Adam...Elizabeth and Michael Goldstein and their son, Graham...Sara and Ronen Isaac and their daughters, Estelle and Eidel...Bradley and Lauren Kramer and their sons, Brayden and Brett...Jon and Dani Landa and their children, Olivia, Chase, and Maya...Heather Piper and her children, Jacob and Emily...Robert Raiber and Abbie Newman...Michael Spitz and his son, Max...Kimberly and Brent Stein and their son, Beckett...Deborah and Jerram Swartz...Elana Yadidi and her children, Joshuah and Dinah...

Congratulations to...

Melissa Deann Moscovitch and Johnny Acklen on their marriage...

Amanda Weiner and Jonathan Alagem on their marriage and to parents, Adele and Beny Alagem...Stacy Levyn and Ricardo Rozen on their marriage...

Congratulations to...

Alex Gantz on the birth of his grandson, Liam Leonard Gantz...Noa and Jon Grant on the birth of their son, Mason Jay Grant...Julie and Russell Greenman on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Greenman, to big brother, Max, to grandparents, Eugene and Linda Weiss, and to aunts and uncles, Hillary and Lance Milken, and Julie and Rusty Weiss...Jessica R. Kavanauagh and Ryan Kavanauagh on the birth of their son, Tommy Cohl Kavanauagh, and to grandparents, Leslie and Jack Kavanauagh...Jessica Isham and Stanley Ma on the birth of their daughter, Hayley Jade Ma...Sharon and Simon Orion on the birth of their son, Brandon Preston Orion, and to big sisters, Lida and Alexa...Sara and Grant Ross on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ivy Ross, and to big brother, Grayson...Amanda and Eric Schrier on the birth of their daughter, Easton Mac Schrier, and to big brother, Parker...Melissa and Mark Shabason on the birth of their son, Zachary Shabason, to big brother, Aiden, and to grandparents, Carol and Daniel Bovill...Eliza and David Zokaecim on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Zokaecim...

Condolesences to...

Friends and family of Karl Amlauer...Friends and family of Cecile Bartman...Adam and Karen Berkowitz on the death of his mother, Lenore Berkowitz, and to grandchildren, Natalie, Dean, and Bryan...Judy Bossberg and Mark Landry on the death of her mother, Lore Bossberg, and to grandchildren, Noah and Kit...Jerry Del Sol on the death of his father, Hector Del Sol...Susan and Robert Rosenfield on the death of her son, Michael Fredlander...Lisa and Jonathan Bloch on the death of her mother, Marlene Friedman, and to grandchildren, Jordan, Alex, and Caroline...Steven and Wendy Klappholz on the death of his mother, Evelyn Klappholz, and to grandchildren, Adam and Eric...Janet and Jonathan Barzilay on the death of her father, Ted Lunine, and to granddaughters, Julie and Jessica...Naomi Malin on the death of her husband, Arthur Malin, to sister, Madeline, and to brother-in-law, Michael Price...Betsy Newman and Howard Heitner on the death of her father, Lawrence Newman, and to grandchildren, Shelby and Bryce...Sue and Don Levy on the death of her father, Sheldon Prescott, and to grandchildren, Brian and Daniel...Ricardo Rozen and Stacey Levyn on the death of his grandfather, Isaac Rozen...Carla Sands on the death of her husband, Fred Sands, to daughter, Alexandra, and to son, Jonathan...Drew and Jodie Schroeder on the death of his father, Claus Schroeder, and to grandchildren, Sydney and Jacob...Ross and Marin Sklar on the death of his father, Morley Sklar, and to grandchildren, Adam, and Elizabeth...Sara and Ronen Isaac on the death of his great-aunt, Shirley Wind, and to great-great-niece and nephew, Abigal and Benjamin...
You’re Invited! Karsh Center Meet and Greet December 10

Please join us for a “meet and greet” with the Karsh Family Social Service Center’s new director, Liz Ross, at 7 p.m. on December 10. She’ll share her vision for the center’s services and community engagement as well as ways in which you can be involved, and she’d love to hear your ideas for making the Karsh Center a success.

In addition to appetizers and drinks served, we will light the Chanukah candles. Parking is available in the Temple structure. Please RSVP to Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbsla.org or (424) 208-8932.

Calling All Students in Grades 2–6: Youth Choir Needs You!

Do you like to have fun? Sing songs? Play games with friends? If you answered yes to any of these, then the Youth Choir is the place for you. We’re preparing for our Chanukah Extravaganza-kah on December 11, and it’s not too late for you to join us!

For more information, contact Jesica Ryzenberg in the Cantor’s Office at cantorsoffice@wbsla.org. We look forward to singing with you!

Weddings and Ketubot at Temple—A Call for Submissions from You!

Were you or a parent or grandparent married at Wilshire Boulevard Temple and have a beautiful framed photo to share? Or perhaps a framed ketubah? In the first of three upcoming installations at the Glazer Campus featuring guest curator Michael Bell, we will be highlighting wedding photos and ketubot from our congregants, sharing wedding and love stories, and displaying wedding contracts as art. We’ll be collecting your ketubot and framed photos in January 2016; installation is scheduled to begin in February.

Please email Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbsla.org to contribute such photos or art; or contact Jodi Berman at jberman@wbsla.org or (424) 208-8970.

Robert Shapiro by Joan and Robert Cohen
By Karla and Luis Cruz
By Melissa and J. Graham Davis
By Diane and Herbert Denish
By Sharon Dwyer
By Linda and Lawrence Ellins
By Mr. and Mrs. Burton Epstein
By Judy and Tom Flesh
By Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goldstein
By Roslyn Grinberg
By Ryan Hass
By Jeff Kaplan
By Lewis Kay
By Amanda J. Kelson
By Mark Kessler
By Michelle Kleinert Bader
By Jennifer Kleinert Mishler
By Alison and David Kupperberg
By Aura and Fred Kupperberg
By Matthew Lanning
By Elsey Margolin
By Dan and Amanda Matzkin Keston
By Matthew Matzkin
By Dana Meiselman
By Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Miller
By Becca and Dan Nudel
By Diane Numark
By Evan Papel

Robert Shapiro by By Bonnie Pautler
By Andrea Pearlman
By Jeffrey Polacheck
By Mica Rabineau and Jamie Rabineau
By Kathleen and Roy Rogen
By Lance Reiss
By Lesley Rose
By Michael Rosen and Rabbi Karen Fox
By Judy and Jerry Rosenberg
By Mr. and Mrs. Scott Quirksfeld
By Debra Ruby
By Jana Saffro
By Doris Safizadeh
By Stephen and Kimberly Schwarz
By Staci and Nancy Segal
By Erica and Steven Sesar
By Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shapiro
By Jamie Shwartz
By Jeffrey Simon
By Adam Sires
By Andrea and Adam Slutske
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If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro at (424) 208-8930 or email dmagilnick@wbtla.org.

Mitzvah ye’iret mitzvah—doing a mitzvah leads to doing more.

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.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
Shabba Dabba
Rabbi Leder
6:00 p.m.
Soul Sounds: Human Rights Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
Torah Study
Genesis Vayeishev 37:1-40:23
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger
8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar mitzvah of Andrew Gussman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
9:00 a.m.
Bat mitzvah of Talia Gandin
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
10:00 a.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
Salon Shabbat:
Chanukah Extravaganza-kah
Rabbi Goldberg, Cantor Ettinger, and the Youth Choir
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Gurney, and the Youth Choir
8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
Torah Study
Genesis Mikeitz 41:1-44:17
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger
8:30 a.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Nefesh: “Food for the Soul”
Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Torah Study and Kaddish
Genesis Vayigash 44:18-47:27
Rabbi Eshel
9:00 a.m.
No services at Glazer and Irmas Campuses
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
Shabbat Services
Rabbinic Intern Allison Sagadencky and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
Torah Study and Kaddish
Genesis Va-y’chi 47:28-50:26
Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.
No services at Glazer and Irmas Campuses