On Erev Rosh HaShanah, Rabbi Leder will ask us to consider getting more out of the Temple by putting more into it.

You can engage and lead in so many ways. For example, as we discussed in last month’s Bulletin, you can become a “Chaver”—a volunteer in our caring community efforts to help support fellow Temple members during times of need. Another way to give back is by volunteering at our Food Pantries or at the Karsh Family Social Service Center when it opens next year. We will also have an ongoing need for dentists, vision specialists, and attorneys.

There are other ways to engage as well. Have you ever thought about starting a sports team for adults at the synagogue? Maybe you’d rather get involved with a small group from the Temple or join our book club, the WilshiREADERS. You could also host a Shabbat dinner for fellow congregants, or be part of the effort to welcome new members. Will you read to a child? Offer a summer internship to a Temple teen?

Wherever your interests lie, the Temple has and is continually in the process of creating varied opportunities through which you can connect, volunteer, and participate. What better way to start off the New Year than with a promise to yourself and the Temple? When Rabbi Leder indicates that it is time to check a box on a new-volunteer card at services, we hope you will. We promise: you will get more out of the Temple by putting more into it.

Jodi Berman
Director of Engagement and Leadership
In parashat Ki Tavo, the Israelites are told that if they obey God’s mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable. But disobey Torah, and you would be subject to horrible curses, such as hemorrhoids, boil scars, and “an itch from which you never recover.” What a list!

Our ancestors believed in these curses as punishment for sin. But how could that be? Didn’t they—and don’t we all—know good people who are cursed with suffering? I struggled with this problem for a long time until I visited Sam in the hospital after his triple-bypass surgery. He was propped up in bed with his wife of 60 years next to him, cradling his head, wiping strands of hair from his forehead, and whispering in his ear.

“Hello rabbi,” Sam whispered. “It was nice of you to come. How are you, rabbi?” It seemed an odd question considering he was the patient. But since he asked, I answered. “I’ve been working all day on my sermons. Rosh HaShanah is just around the corner, and I feel like I don’t have much to say. What would you say, Sam?”

Sam grew pensive, laced his fingers behind his head, and took a deep, thoughtful breath. “What this surgery has taught me, rabbi, is this: ‘Sam, if you don’t hurt other people, you’ll have a good life. Not a perfect life, but a good life. And a good life is a blessing.’ That’s what you should tell them on Rosh HaShanah.”

Good/blessed—bad/cursed. To many of us, this seems inconsistent with life as we know it. But our ancestors believed this simple equation. They respected it, and so does Sam, who knows that a blessed life does not mean a perfect life—just a good life. One in which we suffer our losses cradled by those we love.

Rabbi Steve Leder
Volunteer 2015-16

October 18
Care Harbor
Health Clinic

February 7
Jews with Tools

November 1
Pro Bono
Legal Clinic

April 17
Build-a-Bike

November 22
The Big Give

May 8
Foster Care Counts

December 25
Christmas Cooks

June 5
Karsh Center Grand Opening Celebration

More info at wbtla.org/volunteer

Adult Opportunities

High Holy September

There are many beautiful services and programs that take place during the Jewish High Holy Days. This year, we invite you to join us for these very special adult events that occur during this most sacred of seasons.

Three Rabbis, Three Cantors—One S’lichot
Saturday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., Stephen Wise Temple
At this combined community service of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Stephen Wise Temple, and University Synagogue, we will reflect on our lives and how we can improve in the coming year with soul-searching discussions and magnificent music and prayer.

Tashlich Picnic at the Beach
Sunday, September 20, 4:00 p.m., Will Rogers Beach
Join us for a Nefesh-style service accompanied by live music, prayer, storytelling, and the blowing of the shofar. Wear white and bring along family, friends, and a picnic dinner—you bring the main course; we’ll supply drinks and dessert.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Adult Programs
Wednesday, September 23, 1:45 p.m., Glazer Campus
Film Screening and Discussion: God in the Box—Stalford Hall
This award-winning documentary explores the mystery and controversy behind what God looks like, and means to us, as 21st-century Americans. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Michael Renov, Professor of Critical Studies and Vice Dean of Academic Affairs at the USC School of Cinematic Studies.

Panel Discussion: Ask the Ethicists—Bring Your Questions to a Judge, a Therapist, a Doctor, and a Rabbi—Piness Auditorium
Inspired by The New York Times Magazine column, “The Ethicists,” we invite you to present ethical dilemmas in your life to four prominent professionals in our congregation.

For more information, go to wbtl.org/hhd.
Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year,

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs
Innovation in a Brand-New Space

Principal Gillian Feldman and her team at Brawerman East are readying classrooms and labs for the move into the newly renovated 1929 de Toledo Family Historic School Building and the 1962 school building at the Glazer Campus. Beginning this fall, one of the new, special spaces that students will enter is the Innovation Lab and its world of imaginative creativity and problem-solving.

With guidance from T4T.org (Trash for Teaching), the Lab boasts a quintessential maker-space that includes bins full of clean, safe recycled materials, as well as a wall of tools with screwdrivers, hammers, saws, vices, pliers, wrenches, levels, drills, clamps, measuring tapes, safety gear, and more. These tools and materials will allow students greater imaginative reach in their custom projects, and inspiration for integrative learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Teachers Isai German and Adam Herbst will grab the attention of their students with projects such as “Reach for the Sky,” for which children work together to build structurally sound towers, exploring along the way the science of earthquakes, solid geometry, symmetry, and design elements from art. In addition to the mindful process of asking, imagining, planning, creating a prototype, testing it, and then determining how to improve their products, students will learn how to make digital representations with 3-D modeling software as they transform abstract ideas into tangible models.

Brawerman East’s vision to expand what we think of as technology in our school empowers students with hands-on learning. Children at all grade levels will have the tools to build confidence, increase tenacity, and foster skills necessary for success as 21st-century learners.

Creating towers! From left to right: Judah Goldman and Isaiah Davidson; Oliver Hobbs and Itai Pedowitz; Miles Gerber.

Glazer and Mann Early Childhood Centers

Delicious Addition to Curriculum

The Early Childhood Centers is proactive in teaching our families the importance of healthy eating. As part of this effort, we are excited about the special hot lunch we are adding for the 2015–16 school year for all the children in our program.

In fact, the children will be taking ownership of the experience by setting the tables and serving the fresh, family-style meal themselves. They will learn math concepts as they count the number of plates needed, add up the number of classmates to be served, and divide up the food in equal portions. They will have learning opportunities for language development as well, by articulating questions and expressing theories about new foods, researching where specific foods come from, and exploring diverse cultural backgrounds.

Children also will develop small and large motor skills by practicing with tongs and utensils other than forks and spoons, and improve hand-eye coordination and physical development by chopping, squeezing, and spreading ingredients.

At the nursery school, children currently watch our gardens grow and eat straight from the harvest. With the new hot lunch program, our in-house gardening specialist, Joan Borgman, will work closely with Temple executive chef John Bard to coordinate planting fruits and vegetables that will be used in cooking.

It is our hope that the children’s experimentation with different foods will encourage adventurous palates. We are looking forward to this delicious addition to our curriculum—and to the myriad educational opportunities it will provide.

The new hot lunch for all children in our program will allow for tasty experimentation.

Children enjoy watching our gardens grow.
New Leadership for Camp Committee

Completing his three-year term as Camp Committee chair, Dan Wolf handed over leadership to incoming chair Adam Slutske on September 1. During Dan’s tenure, great strides were made in the Camp’s vision plan, expansion of the Camp Committee, and fundraising, including working with lay leaders, staff, and consultants on a strategy for Camp improvements, bringing additional non-Temple members onto the Camp Committee, and increasing both dollars raised and the number of donors to our annual giving campaign. We are grateful to Dan for his leadership and passion for all things Camp, which he fondly reminds us began when he was an infant, in 1950, when his father, Rabbi Alfred Wolf, founded Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps.

Adam has been a member of the Camp Committee for seven years, and most recently served as co-chair of our governance committee. The Camp alum (and Leadership ’90 member) is now Camp parent of Sam and Maya (daughter Annie can’t wait to be a camper too). Adam and his wife, Andrea, have the unique distinction of being a “Camp couple”: they met as campers in 1990 at Camp Hess Kramer. In addition, Adam is the volunteer director of Camp Harmony—a free, weeklong sleep-away program for homeless and underprivileged children that uses our Camp facilities after our summer season concludes. Adam’s role as Camp Committee chair begins at an exciting time, as we expand our alumni association and bring to reality the vision plan defined by our lay leaders and staff.

Also this year, Camp alums Greg Epstein, Dean Prober, and Rusty Weiss join the Camp committee. All three have been actively involved in Camp activities including the 2014 Legends event, 2015 poker tournament, and other fundraising efforts.

-Cheri Lauterbach
Camp Alumni and Development Director

Religious School

A Great Community for You and Your Children!

Whether new to our Religious School family or returning students and parents, we wish you l’shana tovah and welcome! If you haven’t already signed up your children for Religious School, it’s not too late. Please register today so that we may do our best to honor your friend requests. Registration is available online at wbtl.org/rsregistration2015.

School begins for all students in Grades K–12 on Sunday, September 20; Tuesday, September 29; or Wednesday, September 30.

New to Religious School? Please join us for the New Parents Wine and Cheese Welcome! (For adults only—invitation coming soon.)
Irmas Campus—Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.
Glazer Campus—Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.
These evenings provide an opportunity to meet the school administration, learn more about our programs, and connect with other new parents.

All Religious School Sunday families, please join us September 20, our first Sunday back, for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Students will go to class at 9:00 a.m., while parents will have the chance to meet with teachers in their classrooms at 9:30 a.m. Please don’t miss this important opportunity to discover what your child will be learning this year.

All Religious School Tuesday- and Wednesday-afternoon families, please join us at 4:00 p.m. on September 29 or September 30 for pizza and schmoozing. Students will head into class at 4:00 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m., parents can meet with teachers in their classrooms. Please don’t miss this important opportunity to discover what your child will be learning this year.

Wishing you a very sweet and healthy New Year!
Welcome to new Temple members...

Miriam Alperin...Warren Berghoff and his children, Corbin and Aubree...Jee Yan and Joshua Bernstein and their children, Bradley and Blair...Jayme Weitz and Marshall Eskowitz...Heather Crossner and Adam Fletcher and their children, Emmeline and Arden...Jennifer and Cary Kleinman and their son, Ethan...Jennifer and Fred Savage and their children, Oliver, Lily, and August...Carrie and Benjamin Scott and their children, Brendan and Malin...Lisa and Alan Sher and their daughter, Rylee...Michael and Iris Smith...Diana and Justin Sternberg and their daughter, Noa...Carrie and Daniel Tischler and their children, Audrey and Michael...Jayme Zahavi...

Congratulations to...

Rachel Fleischer and Blake Collins on their recent marriage and to mother, Sheryl Fleischer...Hillary Kaye and Jon Feldon on their recent marriage and to parents, Doreen and Alan Kaye...Martine Schwartz and Chad Howard on their recent marriage...Paula Epstein and Dan Persoff on their recent marriage and to parents, David and Maxine Warren...Sarah Perkins and Luis Santiago on their recent marriage and to parents, George Perkins and Judy Ranan...

Congratulations to...

Rebecca and Arie Beldegrun on the birth of their granddaughter, Neve Sadie Funt...Sanam and Dan Gabayzadeh on the birth of their son, Preston Levi Gabayzadeh, and to big sister, Harper...Rachel and Michael Guerin on the birth of their son, Joshua James Guerin, to sister, Lilah...Rachelle and Arie Belldegrun on the birth of their granddaughter, Rebecka and Arie Belldegrun on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia and Gabriel...Janet and Jonathan Barzilay on the death of her mother, Ruth Lurine, and to granddaughters, Julie and Jessica Barzilay...Tanya Mizrahi and Alejandro Covalin on the death of her father, Albert Mizrahi, and to grandchildren, Daniel, Gabriel, Ariella, and Raphael...Chanel and Adam Rymer on the death of their mother, Diane Payette, and to grandson, Wolfe...Susan Ekins on the death of partner, Jerry Weintraub...

And to all immediate and extended family.

SHABBA DABBA ●
Friday, September 4 6:00 p.m
Bring your family and invite friends to this soulful, monthly, participatory musical Shabbat service.
Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtl.org/shabbadabba

THREE RABBIS, THREE CANTORS—ONE S'LICHOT ● 🕯
Saturday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.
Stephen Wise Temple, Los Angeles
We reflect on our lives and how we can improve in the coming year at this special combined community service of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Stephen Wise Temple, and University Synagogue. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. with a Havdalah and dessert reception, followed by roundtable discussions at 8:00 p.m. and the S'Lichot service at 8:30 p.m.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/hhd

NEFESH: “FOOD FOR THE SOUL” ●
Friday, September 18 7:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Susan Goldberg and the Nefesh Band for a special Shabbat Shuvah experience.
Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtl.org/nefesh

TASHLICH PICNIC AT THE BEACH ● ⛱️
Sunday, September 20, 4:00 p.m.
Will Rogers Beach (Temescal Canyon at PCH)
Our Tashlich ritual service consists of live music, prayer, story-telling, and the blowing of the shofar, which celebrates the New Year in a beautiful, natural setting. Wear white and bring along family, friends, and a picnic dinner—you provide the main course, we’ll supply the drinks and dessert.
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Upcoming Events
PANEL DISCUSSION: ASK THE ETHICISTS—BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO A JUDGE, A THERAPIST, A DOCTOR, AND A RABBI

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 23 1:45 p.m.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SUKKOT

Tuesday, September 29 and Wednesday, September 30 6:00 p.m.

Our observance and learning about Sukkot takes place during our regularly scheduled programs. On Wednesday evening, our high school students celebrate with a special Sukkot dinner, at which they observe the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim (welcoming guests) by inviting their high school friends to join them.

Sherryl Pinsker, spinsk@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8906
wbtl.org/hhd

BRAWERMAN WEST SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Tuesday, September 29 8:15 a.m.

Gather in our Irmas Campus sukkah to count our blessings and shake the lulav with our Temple clergy. Grade-level t’filah and parent and child learning are the focal points for Grades 2 and 3, while the students of Grade 4—our lulav patrol—spend the day teaching.

Yolanda Ornelas, yornelas@brawerman.org, (424) 208-8923
wbtl.org/hhd

BRAWERMAN EAST SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Tuesday, September 29 4:30 p.m.

Each class assembles in our Glazer sukkah to sing songs, hear stories, make decorations, and shake the lulav and etrog in honor of our harvest holiday.

Rosie Barajas, rbarajas@brawerman.org, (213) 835-2170
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HIGH HOLY DAYS 2015/5776 SCHEDULE

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All services (tickets required) are held at the Glazer Campus except for Second Day Rosh HaShanah, held at the Irmas Campus. All services in Piness are unreserved. All Nefesh services are for adults and children aged 10 and older. Child care is available on September 14 and 23.
## WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Events and times subject to change.
RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND
In Honor of:
Beverly and Chester Freistein’s anniversary by Barbara and Martin Kosberg

In Loving Memory of:
Channah Adlen by Paula Hoffman
Nette Citron by Cecilia Bartman
Miles G. Fishman by Adam, Jen, Tanner, Chase, and Gary Hirshman
Leonora Harris and Walter Schwartz by Saill Harris
Leta Hilliard by Mr. and Mrs. David Hilliard
Marie Hilliard by Mr. and Mrs. David Hilliard
Charlotte Hirsch by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hirsch
Allan Hirschfield by Lana and Ricky Hirschfield
Samuel Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. John Knight
Kaila Itekwitz by Toby and Sam Berkow
Hilda Kaplan by Blake and Aaron Kaplan
George Kellman by Barnett Kellman
Edward Lee Kozberg by Barbara and Martin Kozberg
Hyman Langsam by Diana Elkins
Leon Lapidos by Susan Lerner
Morris Levy by Shirley Haiman
Lyubov Machiarskaya by Zoya and Efim Rudin
Peter MacKinnon by Helen MacKinnon
Barbara Melnik by Margery Gould
Joseph Mereny by Carol Krasne and Eric Fine
Henry Miller by Phyllis Kassel
Gladys Polish by Lisa and Bradley Mindlin
Anita Rabinovitch by Arnold Nelson
Milton Rosenfield by Robert Rosenfield
Joseph Ross by Helen and Jack Ross
Sam E. Sands by Alan J. Sands and Sam P. Montes
Fay Savad by Judy and Allan Africk
Norman Sklar by Arnold Sklar
Jay Small by Donna Roth
Sonia Stoller by Leah Barshap and family
Charles Straus and Leonard Straus by Dorothy Straus
Jack Waldow by Rich Waldow and Ann Markowitz
Charles Bendit by June Bendit

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE REDEVELOPMENT FUND
In Honor of:
My birthday by Jayne Polland Behman
Joan Kessler by Dorothy Dorskind
Wendy L. Klein’s bat mitzvah by Jodie and Steven Fishman
Rabbi Steven Leder by Susan and Bruce Levin
Rabbi Steven Leder by Gail Spindler
Francine Peterman by Marylin Krell and Elliot Abelson
Rhonda Rand’s bat mitzvah by Lee and Barbara Wagman

In Loving Memory of:
Albert Burg, PhD, by Constance Burg and Family
Leon Sherman by Dr. and Mrs. Neil Sherman
Martin Small by Robin and Michael Levy

CLERGY FUND
In Honor of:
Marlene Berro’s bat mitzvah by Linda Delaney
Rhonda Rand’s bat mitzvah by Linda Delaney

In Loving Memory of:
Theodore Peterman by Francine Peterman
Arpad Spoiser by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth
Sheila Grace White Miller by Marlene White Lenard

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Julius Candler by Roz and Jack Weinberg
Burton H. Kaplan by Edie and Joe Fischer

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In Loving Memory of:
Manuel Borinstein by Joan and Melanie Borinstein
Charlotte Hirsch by the Lipman Family

FOOD PANTRIES FUND
Jeanne Gerson
Karim Merzian
Gai Klass and Michael Stern

In Honor of:
William Fenning’s 95th birthday by Marian Brown
Patty and Marc Myers’ anniversary by Marian Brown

ALLAN CHATKIN CAMPSHIP FUND
In Honor of:
Don Gittelson’s 90th birthday by Sandi Chatkin

CHARLES BENDIT CAMPSHIP FUND
In Loving Memory of:
My beloved parents, Rae and Myer Kaufman, by Irene Saltzman and family
Esther Klein by May Bendit
Husband, Alvin Saltzman, by Irene Saltzman and family

SLUTSKE FAMILY CAMPSHIP FUND
Andrew and Adam Slutske

KEHILLAH COMMUNITY CAMP FUND
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hakaisha

In Honor of:
Miranda Bard’s graduation by Rabbi David and Stephanie Eshel
Alison Goldberg and Zach Berens’s marriage by Rabbi David and Stephanie Eshel

SCHUSTERMAN CAMP ART FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Devoted brother, Marvin Steinholdz, by Sylvia Miller

FOOD PANTRIES
Thank you to those individuals and families who have chosen either 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 dmas@wbtla.org.

Mitzvah go/eret 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.

We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
ISABELLA LEAH BARADARAN
- September 5, 2015
Isabella is the daughter of Natasha and Babak Baradaran; the granddaughter of Farideh Kohanim; Nasser Baradaran, Parvin and Farhad Rahban.
Family Welcomer: Olivia Baradaran, sister.
Tikkun Olam Project: Isabella volunteered at Shane’s Inspiration, helping mentally and physically disabled children. The organization coordinates park play dates at facilities such as Aidan’s Place for volunteers like Isabella.

SAMANTHA HALEY BREUER
- September 5, 2015
Samantha is the daughter of Sydnee and Jared Breuer; the granddaughter of Gail Breuer; Steve and Nadine Breuer; Barry Hond; Sandra Raskin and the late Edward Raskin.
Family Welcomer: Jordan Breuer, sister.
Tikkun Olam Project: Samantha collected food from neighbors, teammates, and a local school to donate to the Westside Food Bank. She is raising funds for the upcoming Hunger Walk. She also volunteers time for produce sorting to ensure the right food gets to the neediest people.

DAVID DANIEL BEN-NAIM
- September 7, 2015
David is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
David is the son of Rabbi Elissa and Gal Ben-Naim; the grandson of Ruth Stoch and Jerry Schwartz; Barbara Schwartz; Pinna and Asher Evan Haytim.
Family Welcomers: Ari and Yoni Ben-Naim, brothers.
Tikkun Olam Project: David was able to combine his love of camp, gardening, and good food by working on the garden spaces at Camp Hess Kramer. David worked with camp staff to cultivate and plant a new herb garden and sponsored the new trees in planters.

SARAH EVE BENDER
- September 12, 2015
Sarah is the daughter of Lisa and Jordan Bender; the granddaughter of Bobbie Fields; Marshall Geller; Cindy Bender and the late Harry Bender.
Family Welcomers: Hannah and Jane Bender, sisters.
Tikkun Olam Project: Sarah volunteered at L.A. Family Housing, a shelter for temporarily homeless families. She brought many of her friends to the shelter and hosted both a karaoke party and a dance party, raising awareness among her own friends while also bringing lots of fun to the kids in the shelter.

MAXWELL BRENNAN NEMOY
- September 12, 2015
Max is the son of Kim and Jeffrey Nemoy; the grandson of Mark and Lynn Egerman; Sheldon and Lea Nemoy; Sharon and Dennis Sle.
Family Welcomer: William Nemoy, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Max volunteered his time at Santa Monica’s Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), a community-based social services agency. He spent Sunday mornings making sandwiches, bagging lunches, and serving meals to the homeless.

WILLIAM LUCAS NEMOY
- September 12, 2015
Will is the son of Kim and Jeffrey Nemoy; the grandson of Mark and Lynn Egerman; Sheldon and Lea Nemoy; Sharon and Dennis Sle.
Family Welcomer: Maxwell Nemoy, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Will volunteered his time at Santa Monica’s Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), a community-based social services agency. He spent Sunday mornings making sandwiches, bagging lunches, and serving meals to the homeless.

HANNAH SABEHA BARUKH
- September 19, 2015
Hannah is the daughter of Andrea and Abraham Barukh; the granddaughter of Linda and Ronald Skale; Rosie Barukh and the late Sass Barukh.
Tikkun Olam Project: Hannah volunteered at The Friendship Circle, where she was paired up with a special-needs child. She was responsible for watching over her special friend when on field trips. Hannah built a friendship with her buddy that was truly meaningful.

LUCY ZELDA VALNER
- September 26, 2015
Lucy is the daughter of Stacy and Alberto Valner; the granddaughter of Mary and Steve Meadow; Benito Valner and the late Lia Valner.
Family Welcomers: Sophia and Nicole Valner, sisters; Harrison Valner, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: During the school year, Lucy exchanged letters with an Ethiopian Jewish girl who lives in Israel, Linoy Mengistu, who is also 12 years old and in Grade 6. They are now pen pals, the old-fashioned way.

GABRIELA AVIV BECHER
- September 26, 2015
Gabriela is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Gabriela is the daughter of Carolyn Yashari Becher and Robert Becher; the granddaughter of Barbara and the late Richard Becher; Gila Michael; Manoochehr and Mahnaz Yashari; the great-granddaughter of Soraya Mikail.
Family Welcomers: Maya and Eliana Becher, sisters.
Tikkun Olam Project: Gabriela volunteered at Meals on Wheels to help deliver meals to the less fortunate. She also raised money for the organization so it can continue providing seniors, people who are ill and/or disabled, with food.
Usher Recruitment

Would you like to start off the New Year taking on the meaningful task of welcoming your fellow congregants into services this High Holy Day season? If so, we would love to welcome you as a volunteer usher! An usher plays a vital role, setting a warm tone for the congregants coming to High Holy Day services, and is critical to the success of the experience.

Ushers are needed at all 17 of our High Holy Day services. As an usher, you have the option of choosing the service(s) at which you volunteer, and as our way of saying thank you, receive the gift of parking validation. If interested, please fill out the Usher Response Card that was included in your High Holy Day ticket mailing, or go to wbtla.org/hhd/volunteerushersignup. For questions or additional information, contact Jodi Berman, Director of Engagement and Leadership, at jberman@wbtla.org.

Annual Board Meeting

At this year’s congregational board meeting—which will take place on Friday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Irmas Campus—we will express our gratitude to outgoing Temple President Barry Edwards, introduce our new president, pay tribute to the rest of our departing Board members, and welcome the arriving members.

Dates Announced for Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder

Why not mix business and Torah over lunch a few times a year? Join Rabbi Leder on eight Fridays; you bring your lunch, Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Come to one, a few, or all of the sessions. Please see below for the full list of 2015-16 dates. All events are held in Century City from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: $36 for the series. For more information, contact Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtla.org or (213) 835-2121.

October 15
To the End of the Land
by David Grossman

December 17
Fleeing the Hijab
by Sima Goel

February 4
The Betrayers
by David Bezmozgis

April 14
Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning
(Rabbi Leder’s pick!)
by Timothy Snyder

June 16
The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East
(Rabbi Shapiro’s pick!)
by Sandy Tolan

WilshiREADERS Sets 2015–16 Schedule

The Temple’s book club, the WilshiREADERS, meets every other month to discuss critically acclaimed books that have achieved national recognition. The 2015–16 program kicks off October 15; please see, listed below, the full list of this year’s book titles and corresponding book club dates (meetings take place on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Irmas Campus). All Temple members are welcome to embark on this exciting yearlong adventure in reading! For more information, contact Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8932.

October 9
November 6
December 4
January 8
February 12
March 11
April 8
May 13

Are You or Is Anyone in Your Family a Veteran of the Armed Forces?

If so, please contact Rabbi Susan Nanus for a special honor to be given on Veterans Shabbat, Friday evening, November 13, 2015. Tell Rabbi Nanus your story at snanus@wbtla.org or call her at (424) 208-8932.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Shabbat Dabba
Rabbi Goldberg and the Band
6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantors Gurney and Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Torah Study
Deuteronomy Ki Tavo 26:1-29:8
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Isisella Baradaran
Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Breuer
Rabbi Leder and Song Leader Ari Kaplan
Camp Hess Kramer 10:30 a.m.
Three Rabbis, Three Cantors
One Slichot
Stephen Wise Temple 7:30 p.m.
No services at Irmas Campus

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of David Ben-Naim
Rabbi Leder and Cantors Gurney and Ettinger
Camp Hess Kramer 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Torah Study
Deuteronomy Nitzavim 29:9-30:20
Rabbi Shapiro
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Bender
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.
B’nai Mitzvah of Max and Will Nemoy
Rabbi Goldberg and Song Leader Ari Kaplan
Camp Hess Kramer 10:30 a.m.
No services at Irmas Campus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Erev Rosh HaShanah
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Rosh HaShanah

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Second Day Rosh HaShanah
Rabbi Nanus
10:00 a.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah & Annual Congregational Meeting
Rabbi Espel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Nefesh “Food for the Soul”
Rabbi Goldberg and the Band
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Torah Study and Kaddish
Deuteronomy Vayeilech 31:1-30
Rabbi Shapiro
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Barukh
Rabbi Shapiro
9:00 a.m.
No service at Irmas Campus

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Kol Nidrei

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Yom Kippur
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Espel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Torah Study
Deuteronomy Haazinu 32:1-52
Rabbi Leder
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Valner
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Gabriela Becher
Rabbi Espel and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

Consult your High Holy Day Guide or visit wbtla.org/hhd for more information on High Holy Day services and events.

The shofar will be blown at this service.

All Shabbat and worship information can be found online at wbtla.org.