Whenever Rabbi Susan Nanus prepares to launch a new Wilshire Boulevard Temple program, she asks herself the same anxious question: Will this inspire people? “This is my mantra,” she says. For Rabbi Nanus, this “mantra” has served as an excellent motivator since she became the Temple’s director of adult programs in 2011. Guided by her mission to “connect people to the Temple and create community,” she has successfully planned ambitious multimedia events, including the recent Fiddler on the Roof 50th-anniversary concert performance that drew 1,300 people. Working with Cantor Don Gurney, whom she calls her “creative partner,” she’s also designed the Salon Shabbat series and other themed holiday celebrations such as the Groundlings Do Purim, as well as spearheaded performances of guest musicians and choirs. In addition, she introduced film series and lectures featuring noted journalist Malcolm Gladwell, religion writer-professor Reza Aslan, author Mitch Albom, and other eminent scholars. In all her endeavors, Rabbi Nanus tries to ensure that “there is plenty of food and people have opportunities to meet each other.”

Rabbi Nanus firmly believes in trying new things. For 2015 this means introducing new classes, among them a fast-track adult b’nei mitzvah class, beginning Hebrew, and a feminist-themed Women’s Torah Study. She’s also excited about creating regular Shabbat dinners at both campuses, a Temple-wide Israel celebration, an adult seder, and a documentary film series. And while she remains committed to producing large-scale events, including a performance this April by the playwright-actor Anna Deavere Smith, she’s equally focused on “going smaller, perhaps having people meet up before the big events for cocktails in someone’s home. My goal is to create more intimate experiences and volunteer opportunities, and I hope that congregants will become my partners in creating the programming,” she says.

Ordained last May at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Los Angeles, Rabbi Nanus had a long career in Hollywood as a screenwriter for both television and feature films. She’s had 15 movies air on television, and has won three Christopher Awards (given for motion pictures and television specials that “affirm the highest values of the human spirit”), a Writers Guild Award, and was a finalist for the Humanitas Prize. Throughout her years of writing, Judaism was always a part of...
Don’t say “No”… say “Not yet!”

Mishpatim: Exodus 21:1 – 24:18

This month, God tells the Jewish people that they will inherit the land of Canaan not immediately but rather gradually and deliberately. To settle the land successfully will take time and they must be patient:

*I shall not drive them [the Canaanites] away from you in a single year…. Little by little shall I drive them away from you, until you become fruitful and make the land your heritage.*

(Exodus 23:29-30)

We may be discouraged from beginning the journey to our own personal promised land because the road seems too long and arduous. This month, God gives us words of encouragement. Don’t expect overnight miracles. Don’t say, “I have a whole world to conquer! How will I do it?” Rather say, “Where should I start today?”

There’s a helpful story about one of our greatest early 20th-century Jewish thinkers, Franz Rosenzweig. When he was once asked, “Do you pray every day?” his answer was “Not yet.” Not no, but not yet — there is a critical difference between the two. No means not now nor any time soon. Not yet means not currently but hopefully sometime in the future. Hopefully, the time will soon come when I will be ready to make prayer part of my daily observance.

Not yet was good enough for God and our ancestors. Then, and now, we rarely attain a goal overnight. Growth takes time. Let us never be discouraged by the length of the journey. Rather, let us take the first small steps today and the next tomorrow.

— Rabbi David Eshel

Rabbi Nanus’ work. Her Broadway play, “The Survivor,” is about teenage smugglers in the Warsaw Ghetto. She wrote a feature film called “The Boys of Terezin,” about life in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, and her Showtime film, “Rescuers – Story of Courage: Mamusha,” was about a righteous gentile who saved Jews during the Holocaust.

This is no surprise since Rabbi Nanus’ love of Judaism began in her childhood when she attended an Orthodox Jewish day school in her hometown of Chicago, and evolved further during her years of Hebrew high school and a year of college in Israel at Tel Aviv University. She began writing plays when she was a teenager and continued to write as she became a camp counselor and then the drama director and the Hebrew coordinator at various Jewish summer camps in the Midwest.

“For me, art and Judaism were always intertwined,” she says, recalling the summer she attended Camp Sura in Michigan, where she tutored 15-year-old future super-star Mandy Patinkin for his role as Teyye in the summer camp’s Hebrew version of *Fiddler on the Roof.*

While attending Yale Drama School, Rabbi Nanus taught Hebrew and religious school in New Haven, Connecticut. After graduation, she moved to New York and supported herself giving b’nei mitzvah lessons and then as the principal of a small religious school while she wrote scripts and tried to get them produced. After she sold her second television movie, she decided to move to Los Angeles “for six months.” That was 25 years ago. “Whenever I’ve moved, I’ve immediately looked for a way to connect to the Jewish community. So when I came to L.A., I asked people which was the biggest and best temple in town, and they sent me here where I was hired by a young assistant rabbi named Steve Leder.”

Rabbi Nanus taught religious school for Wilshire Boulevard Temple for 10 years before going to rabbinical school. She remembers dreaming with Rabbi Leder about creating Jewish cultural programs. “Someday, I am going to turn the main campus downtown into a Jewish cultural arts center and you are going to run it,” he promised her. “I’m ready when you are,” she said.

“My goal is to create more intimate experiences and volunteer opportunities.”
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jodi Berman at jberman@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8970.

One million people in the United States sleep on the streets every night—more than 50,000 of them right here in the City of Angels. Nearly 40 years ago, Habitat for Humanity was founded with a very simple mission: to reduce homelessness by building houses and communities for people in need. To date, the organization has helped build and repair more than 800,000 houses and served more than four million people around the world. Everyone deserves a decent place to live, and working with Habitat for Humanity, our congregation can help lower the number of homeless families, one family at a time.

On Sunday, February 8, Jews with Tools, an ongoing Tikkun Olam effort of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, will help build a house for a family that desperately needs one. The tools and training will be provided; you just need to show up and roll up your sleeves. We’ll meet at the Irmas Campus at 7:15 a.m., and take a bus to the building site; our day will end at 3:00 p.m. There’s no more direct or satisfying way to help another family get to know the meaning of home.

Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro

To join us, please contact Denise Magilnick at (424) 208-8930 or dmagilnick@wbtla.org. Space is limited. Must be 18.

Jews with Tools—Help Build a House

Caring Community

How You Can Make a Difference

Our Chaver (friend) Committee/Caring Community supports Temple families during challenging times. A request to our Caring Community brings visits, calls, and handwritten notes from fellow Temple members, trained to offer warmth and support in the face of difficult life challenges. When a loved one passes away, volunteers connect with members to bring comfort on behalf of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community. The thank you notes we receive (see examples, right) are testament to the care and comfort this important committee provides.

Our chair, Andrea Pflug, and her dedicated committee reach out and make personal connections with families. Volunteers receive training, choose how much time they are able to participate, and attend approximately four committee meetings per year. This is truly a wonderful opportunity to help fulfill our transcendent purpose as a temple community.

Jodi Berman
Director of Leadership and Engagement

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Excited sixth-graders applied the three Rs of the 20th century—reading, writing, and arithmetic—and the four Cs of the 21st century—creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking—to assemble Brawerman West’s first 3-D printer.

The 3-D printing process generates three-dimensional solid objects from successive layers of extruded plastic according to a computer program. So instead of using clay or cardboard to build objects as they once did, students can now use the 3-D printer to create props and small-scale models and sets for their stop-motion animation projects and videos. As students design, prepare, and create their models, they integrate knowledge of math and geometric concepts such as measurement, volume, area, perimeter, and planes.

The 3-D printer will also provide opportunities for Grade 2 students to create models of family heirlooms for a project on heritage, and Grade 4 children to develop models of the California missions in their history class. When the new school facility at Brawerman East is completed next fall, East students will likewise use a 3-D printer in their new state-of-the-art technology lab to enhance classroom learning.

Brawerman’s Director of Academic Technology, Adrienne Coffield, is as enthusiastic as her students about the 3-D printer and its educational potential for solving problems and enhancing 21st-century skills. She plans to incorporate Design Thinking, a model developed by Stanford University that encourages innovation to make the world a better place and provide cost-effective solutions for peoples’ needs. By applying these principles and the 3-D printer, Brawerman students will be actively participating in tikkun olam—repairing the world—while having fun and learning in the classroom.

Welcome to Glazer, 18-Month-Olds!

Our Early Childhood Centers are growing and changing. With the expanded space of our new school facilities, opening at the Glazer Campus in fall 2015, we are pleased to be able to meet the needs of our Eastside families by offering a new Nursery School program for toddlers as young as 18 months old.

Facilitated by our warm, nurturing, experienced teachers, the new program will mirror the curriculum in place for two-year-olds but will be supplemented with a variety of age-appropriate activities for the younger toddlers’ exploration and growth. When children begin walking and talking, they become more social, more interested in others—first, merely as objects of their curiosity, and then as playmates. The more opportunities young toddlers have to interact in group settings, the sooner they develop social skills. You can see the glee on their faces as they begin to recognize others as part of their community. We will be there to keep them safe and offer guidance as they explore this new territory.

The Early Childhood Centers are proud to have been there for you and your baby with our Baby & Me Classes. We are happy to now be able to help guide your toddler through his or her milestones in the Temple’s new program for 18-month-olds.
Did you know that life goes on at Camp all year round? When summer ends, the camps become available for rent as a destination for family celebrations, study, healing, and personal breakthroughs.

As many as 20 times a year, Camp hosts a destination wedding or b’nei mitzvah. At Camp Hess Kramer, services take place in our beautiful outdoor chapel followed by a reception on Breuer Lawn. At Gindling Hilltop Camp, services take place either at the Hilltop Chapel or beautiful Melissa’s Vista with receptions in the Pavilion.

Several times a year, we host Wounded Warrior programs. Soldiers who have returned home from war take part in exercises—both physical and psychological—to heal their bodies and spirits. Our three ropes challenge courses aid in this process.

A program called Circle/Manitou Camp brings together children who have lost a parent or a sibling, allowing them the space and time to face their grief and their pain.

We also host the Outdoor Science Education Program for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, where virtually each Monday of the school year a school bus drops off children to study science with teachers who live on-site during the non-summer months. For many of these students, this is their first visit to the beach or woods, producing a life-long memory of their Camp experience.

While temple campers are back at home during the school year, people with disabilities, singing groups, therapy and empowerment workshops, and even organizations of other religious affiliation, all come to Camp to find themselves closer to God, nature, and their true selves.

Maria Brewer
Events Manager and Guest Services

It’s Never Off-season at Camp

The Religious School hosted its first delegation of the Tel Aviv-Los Angeles Twinning Program in December. The program—sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles—begins in Grade 7 helping students learn about the Jewish community both in the diaspora and in Israel by developing relationships with pen pal Israeli students. In Grade 8, students have the opportunity to get to know their pen pals by hosting them in their homes, and a few months later, by traveling to Israel to experience Jewish life there.

Religious School participant Sofie Penn shares her reflections: “In December I hosted two students, Lali and Lia, from Ironi Alef, an arts and science magnet high school in Tel Aviv. We may live on opposite sides of the world, but we still have a lot in common,” she observes. “Lia and I both love the TV show How I Met Your Mother, and Lali and I both love music. We only knew each other for a week, but you’d think we were lifelong friends!

“Lali and Lia helped me realize the difference in our lifestyles,” Sofie continues, “and I’ve learned things that you can’t learn from a textbook or a teacher. For example, one day we were driving down Hollywood Boulevard and had to pull over for an ambulance. Afterwards, the girls told me that they were scared by the sound of the siren because it sounded like the rocket sirens they had heard over the summer.

“Meeting them helped me expand my horizons in a way that can’t be achieved when traveling with other Americans,” she explained. "I look forward to visiting them next June when students from Wilshire Boulevard Temple travel to Tel Aviv as part of the program.”
In September 2015, our teachers and students will enter new state-of-the-art classrooms as well as a gleaming new science lab, well-equipped technology center, welcoming art, music, and dance studios, an exciting Hebrew-language center, and a beautiful library. Outdoors, they will find new play and sports facilities and newly planted drought-tolerant gardens.

The renovations at the two school buildings on our Glazer Campus have provided a timely opportunity to conceive and design facilities that will best help our students realize their potential and become tomorrow’s thinkers and leaders. Our investment in research and planning ensures that the new science lab, for example, shown here in its earliest form, will have all the features currently available—including six workstations seating four students each, plus an interactive, touch-screen SMART board—for elementary school students to develop the highest skill level in science and understanding of the scientific method.

The science lab is only a taste of what’s on the horizon for Brawerman East in this phase of our Building Lives campaign! Your support is needed NOW to help us make it all a reality. One-time gifts and multiyear pledges at all levels will ensure the completion of this project. To make your gift or pledge to the Building Lives project, which includes the renovation of our school buildings, the Karsh Social Service Center, and more, contact Karen Schetina in our Development Office at (213) 835-2153 or kschetina@wbtla.org. Thank you!

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🍽️
Friday, February 6, 12:00 p.m.
Century City
Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study. Bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Series, $36. Future Torah study dates: March 6, April 17, May 1.

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

WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI NANUS 🌍
Friday, February 6 12:30 p.m.
Friday, February 20 12:30 p.m.
Join us for lunch and a fascinating study of the women in the Torah who influenced the decisions that shaped Judaism in its early days. Using traditional and modern midrash, we learn about Eve, Lilith, Sarah, Hagar, Lot’s daughters, Rebecca, Leah, Rachel, Tamar, Dina, Potifar’s wife, Miriam, and Zipporah.

Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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TEN COMMANDMENTS
SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT
Friday, February 6 6:00 p.m.
Do you know all Ten Commandments? Celebrate this week’s famous Torah portion with the joyful music of Debbie Friedman, tambourines, and drums. Followed by a “Mt. Sinai” Oneg Shabbat.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/soulsounds

JEWS WITH TOOLS
Sunday, February 8, Habitat for Humanity build site, 8:00 a.m.
One million Americans sleep on the streets every night—and more than 50,000 of them are right here in Los Angeles. Join us as we volunteer with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a family in need. Space is limited. Must be 18.
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BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY WITH THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF ANCIENT ART
Monday, February 9 7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 23 7:30 p.m.
Join us for two fascinating lectures by two of the top scholars in the country: “Philistines, Phoenicians, and Solomon’s Navy” with Dr. William Dever on February 9; “New Discoveries from Egypt’s Fortress at Jaffa: A History of Violence” with Dr. Aaron Burke on February 23. Cost: Adults - $15; seniors and students - $12.
California Museum of Ancient Art, (818) 762-5500
cmaa-museum.org

FILM SERIES - “WATCHERS OF THE SKY”
Thursday, February 12 7:00 p.m.
This Sundance award-winning documentary interweaves four stories of remarkable courage and compassion while setting out to uncover the forgotten life of Raphael Lemkin—the man who created the word “genocide.” Followed by a discussion with producer Amelia Green-Dove and Dr. Michael Renov, professor of critical studies and vice dean for academic affairs at the USC School of Cinematic Studies. Cost: free for Temple congregants; $5 for the public.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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THE WILSHIREREADERS
Thursday, February 12 7:30 p.m.
This edition of our book club embarks on an exploration of The Loves of Judith by Meir Shalev, led by Great Books Foundation facilitator Rochelle Ginsburg.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/bookclub

YOUTH CHOIR SHABBAT
Friday, February 20 6:00 p.m.
Please join us for a Youth Choir Shabbat service at which we will honor longtime cantors’ assistant Nancy Daum upon her retirement from Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Followed by an Oneg Shabbat.
Jamie Geller, jgeller@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121
wbtla.org

THE WISE MEN OF CHELM SALON SHABBAT
Friday, February 27 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a special Klezmer music Shabbat and the delightful folktales of the fools from Chelm. Followed by a matzah-ball-soup Oneg Shabbat.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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RALPH BARRACO’S 90th BIRTHDAY
In Loving Memory of:
Ralph Barracco by Jack and6 Belinda Barracco
Marilyn and Doreen Barracco by Larry and Sue Barracco
In Honor of:
Phyllis Elkin—Robert and Bruce Elkin
Howard Weinstock by Lynn and David Horowitz
Leon Wallace by Daniel and Janice Wallace
Julius Tyfield by Ruth Stoch
Benjamin Tuch by Shelley and Rick Bayer
Julius Tylfild by Ruth Stoch
Leon Wallace by Daniel and Janice Wallace
Howard Weinstock by Lynn and David Horowitz

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE REDEVELOPMENT FUND
In Honor of:
Cindy and Philip Feder’s anniversary
by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Berkus
Rabbi Karen Fox on her retirement by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Feder
Rabbi Steve Leder and Cantor Don Gurney for officiating at the wedding of Shana Gerson-Dunner and Steven Dunner by Jeanne Gerson
In Loving Memory of:
Ruth Becker by Linda and Pete Reinh
Sam Berkus by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Berkus
Cesar Kersten by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Saul

CLERGY FUND
In Honor of:
Sherry Heyman’s birthday by Brandon and Claudia Levin
Rabbi Steve Leder and Cantor Don Gurney for officiating at our wedding by Shana Gerson-Dunner and Steven Dunner
In Loving Memory of:
Paul Spindler by Gail Spindler

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Naomi L. Howard by Gaye Delpiner, Dana and Eric Futoran

ANN AND SAM BERNESTIN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Abbe Alex by Joan and Melanie Borinstein
Isaac Alex by Joan and Melanie Borinstein

FOOD PANNTRIES FUND
Jeanne Gerson
Gai Klass and Michael Stern
Pankow Builders
In Honor of:
Marvin Brown by Bruce and Sharin Chernin
Rabbi Karen Fox on her retirement by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosin
Howard Sugar’s 80th birthday by Flo and Mayo Stark
In Loving Memory of:
Barry Chasen by Doryann Chasen
Living husband, father, and grandfather Bud Cohen by Jean Cohen and Family
Helen Dresser and Joseph Dresser by Diane Dresser
Joseph Charles Goldman by Ann Rubin
Father, Joseph Charles Goldman by Suzanne Rubin and Family
Jean Hartman by Ruthie and Steve Loeb
Doralean Jaffe by Diane Dresser
Eva Kirschner by Helen Sharon
Harry Lever and Sophia Lever by Janet Lever
Stanley Meyer by Helen Lewis
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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 dmagilnick@wbtla.org.
Mitvah ge’et 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.
Hudson Blatteis
February 7, 2015
Hudson is the son of Angela and Daniel Blatteis; the grandson of Charlotte and the late Samuel Blatteis; Gloria and the late Alfred Strasburger.
Family Welcomers: Richard Ressler and Jonathan Blatteis.
Tikkun Olam Project: Hudson spent the last six months volunteering for Wags and Walks at shelters and animal-adoption events. He was instrumental in saving the lives of 19 dogs and one cat and raised over $5,000 through his efforts, which included a 5K run for Strut Your Mutt. He loves animals and will continue to volunteer and raise money for the animals.

Abe Dassa Kaye
February 7, 2015
Camp Hess Kramer
Abe is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Abe is the son of Dalia Dassa Kaye and David Kaye; the grandson of Patricia and Jerry Kaye; Judy and Dani Dassa.
Family Welcomer: Danielle Dassa Kaye.
Tikkun Olam Project: Abe is working with Project Chicken Soup to prepare and provide kosher meals for persons with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses.

Arianna Jolie Kaplan
February 14, 2015
Arianna is the daughter of Lara and Randall Kaplan; the granddaughter of Marian Greenberg and the late Tony Greenberg; Linda Ross and the late M. Henry Ross; the great-granddaughter of Julia Eder.
Family Welcomer: Charlie Kaplan, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Arianna volunteered for Milk and Bookies, a nationwide charitable organization that gets books into the hands of thousands of children who need them.

Sophie Friedberg
February 28, 2015
Sophie is the daughter of Carly and Jason Friedberg; the granddaughter of Laurel and Rick Friedberg; Risa and Alan Barbakow; Robert and Genny Shain.
Tikkun Olam Project: Sophie raised money for the DEA Youth Dance Program, which provides a free and positive after-school dance program in public schools. Sophie held two fundraisers in order to pay for one of these dance programs.

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Our Temple Family

Welcome to new Temple members...

Rachel and Eitan Atias and their son, Jacob...Andrew and Beth Laski Blankstein and their daughter, Emma...Edythe and Eli Broad...Shana Gerson-Dunner and Steven Dunner...Hillary and Greg Fishman and their children, Camryn, Will, and Emmy...Michelle and Morris Kokhab and their son, Benjamin...Astrid and Nicholas Lyons and their children, Noah, Avery, and Ari...Lindsey Goldburg and Alec McMordie...Sylvia and Isaac Paz...Jamie Geller and Todd Slayton and their children, Zachary, Zoe, Sarah, and Rachel...Susan Ekins and Jerry Weintraub...

Congratulations to...

Jane and Jerry Weintraub on the recent marriage of their daughter, Jody Weintraub and Hunter Adams...Casie Ilene Shapiro and Josh Mikhael Friedman on their recent marriage...Jessica Baverman and Emet Ozar on their recent marriage...Ellen Pansky and Leland Reicher on their recent marriage...

Congratulations to...

Bari Milken Bernstein and Fred Bernstein on the birth of their daughter, Andie Mia, and to big sister, Sloan...Behmoosh and Michael Farzam on the birth of their daughter, Talia, and to big sister, Ilana, and to big brothers, Jonah and Oliver...Monica and Carey Heyman on the birth of their son, Hudson Cole, and to grandmother, Susan Grad...Ashley and Brett Joffe on the naming of their daughter, Rose Harper...Noa and Josh Keimach on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Victoria, and to big brother, Leo...Nicole and Steve Seigel on the birth and brit milah of their son, Daniel Oliver...Natalie and Kenny Wolfe on the birth of their daughter, Avery Rose, and to big sister, Olivia, and big brother, Marshall...

Condolences to...

Faith Gomberg and Ken Steinsapir on the death of her aunt, Elkie Brendzel, and to great-niece, Samantha Steinsapir...Melissa and Keven Steinberg on the death of her brother, Andrew David Kent, and to niece and nephew, Carly and Preston...Daniel and Pam Marcus on the death of his mother, Lola Marsh Marcus, and to grandchildren, Sam and Katie...Michael Richter on the death of his mother, Francis Richter, and to grandsons, Chase and Griffin...Eddie Yablans on the death of his father, Frank Yablans, and to grandchildren, Leo and Julianna...Hal Yeoman on the death of his wife, Fran Yeoman...

And to all immediate and extended family.

Upcoming Adult Celebrations

SAVE THE DATES!

ADULT PURIM
FEATURING STAND-UP
COMEDIAN MONICA PIPER

Drinks, food, and hilarity: the whole Megillah!

Wednesday, March 4
7:00 p.m.
Irmas Campus

ADULT SEDER

Why is this night different from all other nights? (Hint: music, discussions, readings—and, last but not least, a delicious catered dinner!)

Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m.
Irmas Campus

For more information, contact Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8932
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Shabba Dabba
Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Leder, and the Band
6:00 p.m.

Ten Commandments Soul Sounds
Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Gurney and Band
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Torah Study
Exodus Yitro 18:1-20:23
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Songleader Jason Mensches
9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Eshel
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar mitzvah of Hudson Alfred Blatteis
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Abe Dassa Kaye
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
Camp Hess Kramer 10:30 a.m.

No service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Torah Study
Exodus Mishpatim 21:1-24:18
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of Arianna Jolie Kaplan and Bianca Leah Kaplan
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.
Bar mitzvah of Theo Ezekiel Goldstine
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Goldberg
6:00 p.m.
Rabbis Leder and Nanus, Cantors Gurney and Ettinger;
Youth Choir honoring Nancy Daum
6:00 p.m.

Nefesh “Food for the Soul”
Rabbi Goldberg and the Band
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Torah Study
Exodus T’tzaveh 27:20–30:10
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of Sophie Minnie Friedberg and Jack Weinberger
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.
Bat mitzvah of Lucy Rebecca Rockmore
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
Youth Choir
6:00 p.m.

Wise Men of Chelm Salon Shabbat
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Torah Study
Exodus T’zavah 27:20–30:10
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.
Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei mitzvah of
Sophie Minnie Friedberg and Jak Weinberger
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

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