I am pleased to write this quarterly message, the first of a series I plan to send about the work being done on your behalf by the Temple’s Board of Trustees.

We are extremely fortunate to have serving on our board such a high caliber of representatives who hail from diverse professions (though we do have more than our share of lawyers!) and bring deep expertise to a wide range of issues. Currently, there are 19 trustees plus the board’s counsel. Our trustees reside throughout the county, from Malibu to Glendale; some have children in our schools and camps, and some have grandchildren. They attend monthly board meetings, and each serves on at least one committee, including Budget and Finance, Schools, Tikkun Olam, Communications, and Camps. Much is asked of these individuals, and I am confident that, working together, much will be accomplished.

Fortunately, at Wilshire Boulevard Temple our trustees, in their dedication, are representative of so many in our congregation. Our congregants volunteer at our food pantries, in our schools’ parent associations, on support committees for our Camps, and in our Caring Community, for which they provide one-on-one outreach services to fellow congregants. And, as Rabbi Leder discussed in his inspiring Erev Rosh HaShanah sermon, we expect the number of volunteers to keep growing.

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Of course, there is always more work to be done, and with any change, such as a new President coming on board, there is a new set of eyes to see things perhaps a little differently. My goal is to present some fresh, new ideas that will ultimately benefit our community. Over the next three years, I hope these quarterly messages will provide you with meaningful updates on the progress we are making to that end.

As incoming president, there is a lot to take in. Thanks to our board, our staff, and all of you, I believe we will be able to take this great congregation to the next level.

Rick Powell, Temple Board President
You’re Not Alone

**Parashat Yitro: Exodus 18:1-20:23**

Had Moses read the job description before he signed on, would he ever have agreed to lead the Jewish people through the most difficult and transformational period in our history?

Consider the massive restructuring he took on: Relocate 600,000 people to another country. Institute an entirely new social, political, ethical, and legal system. And transform these people from slaves into a group that treasures freedom. How could Moses have not been overwhelmed?

When his father-in-law, Yitro, arrives for a visit, he sees Moses hard at work, stressed as he solves the problems of others from sunrise to sunset.

Moses ran an entire nation alone, never turning to others for help, never turning inward to care for himself or his family. We ask ourselves: How did he do it? But we’re no different. So many of us choose to struggle in silent solitude—with mortgages and medical problems, aging parents and challenging children—rather than rely on others. When we lose a job or lose a loved one, where do we turn for support?

Perhaps the solution is as old as the problem. Yitro, who had been around the block, gives his overworked and overwhelmed son-in-law a bit of advice: “The thing that you are doing is not right,” he tells Moses. “You will surely wear yourself out...the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.” Yitro teaches Moses one of the most important lessons we can ever learn: how to ask for help.

Our own lives, responsibilities, families, and jobs can be overwhelming at times. Yitro reminds us to reach out and ask for help. Because the simple fact is, we can’t do it all alone.

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Rabbi Beau Shapiro

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Temple congregants Barbara and Tom Leanse and their family felt it was the perfect time to dedicate the new Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry, named through a generous donation to the Karsh Family Social Service Center.

On Friday, November 27, Rabbi Beau Shapiro, Karsh Center Director Liz Ross, and Temple President Rick Powell joined the Leanse family for an intimate dedication ceremony. Tom, a third-generation Temple member, explained that he and his wife chose to name the pantry in honor of both their fathers, Jay Leanse and Buddy Ratner. Tom’s mother and brothers were on hand to witness the special occasion, and Tom’s mom shared thoughtful insights about food distribution that she has acquired over her many years of volunteering at a Jewish Family Service SOVA food pantry in L.A. “It was so beautiful to see a family of multiple generations share in the excitement of the Karsh Center,” Ross said.

The Leanse family is fully engaged in service: three of Tom and Barbara’s kids, Annie, Will, and Morris, all volunteered at the food pantry when they were home over winter vacation. What’s more, at the dedication, Tom and Barbara pledged an additional contribution to fund food; this will allow the Karsh Center to further enhance the pantry’s operation and food distribution. Thank you, Leanse family!
**Response to a Perfect Storm**

“I t was a perfect storm,” Ron told us over breakfast in the small café he and his wife own. Nearly three feet of rain fell in central and eastern South Carolina in just three days this past October—amounts that should occur, on average, once every thousand years. In the coastal community of Georgetown, where we met Ron, the flooding was exponentially more devastating not only because of the steady deluge from the sky but also due to the exceptionally high tides that pushed water ashore. “We got it from both sides,” Ron explained.

Just before Thanksgiving, the Temple’s Disaster Response Team mobilized and traveled to Georgetown, South Carolina, to aid in the area’s flood-relief efforts. Partnering with All Hands Volunteers, we spent three long days cleaning up flood-damaged homes, tearing out moldy drywall and insulation, and pulling up subflooring to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to rebuild their homes and their lives. As has been our shared experience on each of our deployments, the work was incredibly gratifying. However, it was the people we met and their stories that brought tears to our eyes that made our long trip worth every mile.

**Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro**

**Adult Opportunities**

**Shabbat of Peace, Love, and Understanding**

“At the first conference on religion and race, the main participants were Pharaoh and Moses. The outcome of that summit meeting has not come to an end.”

Last January I opened my Bulletin article with these words, which were spoken by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel during his opening address at the 1963 National Conference on Religion and Race in Chicago, and still ring true today.

At that conference, Rabbi Heschel met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The two became friends and marched arm in arm in Selma, Alabama—as Rabbi Heschel put it, “praying with our feet.” Though from different backgrounds, Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King both came from prominent religious families and were groomed to take up the mantle of leadership. Both believed passionately in a God of compassion and righteousness. And both were masterful at awakening people’s consciousness and stirring them to action.

Though Rabbi Heschel did not live to see the national holiday that was established in honor of his dear friend, he would have been deeply gratified to see all of America joining together to renew Dr. King’s grand dream for his nation to unite in justice, peace, and reconciliation.

**Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs**

It is in this spirit that we invite you to a special Shabbat commemoration of Dr. King, featuring Shabbat prayers and readings and a musical celebration by the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, on Friday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. at our Irmas Campus. Please join our African-American neighbors and follow the example of Rabbi Heschel as we pray, sing, and celebrate our shared legacy of peace, love, and understanding.

**Members of the Disaster Response Team, from left to right:** Steve Matloff, Brian Milder, Gary Jones, Rabbi Beau Shapiro, Cory Wenter, Dwayne Love, and Adam Silverstein.
Hebrew as a Second Language

Hebrew at Brawerman is much more than a foreign language—it’s integral to supporting the development of our students as passionate, knowledgeable Jewish citizens. In addition, recent research has shown that learning a second language can increase cognitive abilities and enhance memory and creativity, developing neural pathways central to the learning of math and critical thinking.

Our students learn Hebrew by progressing through the four major language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. For example, kindergartners begin learning Hebrew by immersing themselves in the language: to understand directions, conversations, and daily activities. In these efforts, they pick up vocabulary for emotions, classroom objects, colors, shapes, and family (often through puppet play). Brawerman teachers are trained to present Hebrew to their students through many modalities and techniques, including Total Physical Response (which emphasizes the use of students’ bodies, coordinating language with physical movement), the Daily 5 framework (students engage in activities that reinforce independence, choice, and literacy skills), and Writers Workshop (children work on narrative and informational writing). And the opportunity to communicate with friends at the David Yellin School in Tel Aviv is also particularly valuable for our Hebrew learners.

Hebrew as a Second Language curriculum at Brawerman uses the best practices of language instruction to address our heritage as well as our future. This key learning reflects our philosophy by preparing students to participate successfully in an ever-changing global society as responsibly educated Jews shaped by their cherished Jewish identity and traditions.

Glazer and Mann Early Childhood Centers

New Buddy System Strengthens Campus Ties

Our Early Childhood Centers’ nursery school communities include so much more than a network of classrooms. In fact, each week begins with all the nursery school classes gathering for Havdalah service, and each concludes with friends and family in the Sanctuary welcoming Shabbat. A recent addition that has increased this sense of community is the new “buddies” partnership between the Senior and TK classes at the Erika J. Glazer Nursery School and Brawerman Elementary School East’s Grade 3 students. The older students spend time once a month reading to a small group of nursery school children, sharing the joy of books with their campus neighbors. After the younger students listen to some of their favorite stories read by their new, older friends, all engage in conversations to learn a little bit more about one another. Leo exclaimed of his new buddy, “Zoe is a good reader!” And Jaxon declared, “I want to draw a picture for my new friend!”

Another activity for the new buddies is sharing delicious foods. Recently, the younger students remembered that they had invited friends to eat in the sukkah during Sukkot, as well as at their Thanksgiving feast. So the ECC children made bruschetta (using basil harvested from the school garden) and invited their Brawerman buddies over to join them for a special snack. What better way to form new friendships?

These new ties between the nursery and elementary school children promise to open up myriad additional community connections for the future.
East Coast Alumni Reunite

Memories of summer-camp Shabbat are held dear by our campers—past and present. It doesn’t matter if you’re a camper from the 1970s or the ‘90s or last summer; all remember the taste of challah dipped in honey and the Shabbat song session as if they enjoyed them yesterday.

Back in November, Camps of Wilshire Boulevard Temple hosted a gathering in New York City with east coast alumni who treasure their amazing camp memories. More than 20 alumni from Gindling Hilltop Camp and Camp Hess Kramer joined us for good food, laughs, and reminiscences about favorite camp memories over a family-style Shabbat dinner. Some of our alumni are married, some engaged, and some even work on Broadway shows! (I wonder if drama chug may have played a little part in launching them on their life paths?) These alumni spent summer after summer in the hills of Malibu at camp, and remain just as in love with the camp community as they were as campers and staff.

The camp experience is special—we help shape children by stretching limits, building meaningful relationships, and developing a profound connection to Judaism. We are thankful that so many people have chosen to be part of this community! We hope that in the future, this tradition of former-camper adults reuniting with their friends from camp—wherever they’re living—grows even stronger. Because Camps of Wilshire Boulevard Temple isn’t just a community...it’s family.

Erica Feinman, Assistant Director

Religious School

Accountability, Communication, and Partnership

I am often asked why we have report cards and parent-teacher conferences (this year for students in Grades 3–6 only). My response can be summed up in three words: accountability, communication, and partnership.

“We believe communication between parents and school is key. Our goal is to help your child have an amazing experience.”

We believe communication between parents and school is key. Your child’s teacher wants to know what is working and what isn’t. Teachers want to talk about your child’s progress and have you share anything that is going on in your child’s life that might affect them at school. Our goal is to help your child have an amazing experience.

We consider ourselves your partners in helping shape your children’s Jewish experience here. That’s why we welcome you, why each teacher takes the time each month to send you an RScop newsletter, and why we invite you in to speak to us about how we can maximize your student’s experience. In partnership, we can create a wonderful, knowledgeable young Jewish mensch. That’s our goal—and we believe it’s yours too. Let’s work on it together.

Rabbi Bruce Raff
Temple Weddings and Ketubot Exhibited

Beginning in February, the Temple will embark on an effort, a series of art exhibitions, to learn about congregants’ lives. The installation, Behold Thou Are Consecrated unto Me: Weddings and Ketubot at Wilshire Boulevard Temple (the first of three), will focus on congregants’ wedding and love stories, displaying wedding contracts (ketubot) and photos. Congregant Michael Bell, art curator and founder of Visual Art Access, has volunteered to use his professional skills to captain these exhibitions at our Glazer Campus.

Michael and his wife, Linda, have been members of Wilshire Boulevard Temple for two years. Cantor Seth Ettinger married them in August 2015, and their son attends Religious School. “We met in the fall of 1986,” Linda said of their love story, “and upon that first meeting, both of us knew something special was going on. For the next 26 years I played an unwittingly good game of ‘hard to get.’ When Michael asked me to marry him for the third time, I finally listened, bolstered by years of wisdom and life lessons.”

This first of the Temple’s three exhibitions will focus on displaying members’ ketubot (even for those who weren’t married at Wilshire Boulevard) and wedding photographs from Temple-campus marriages. Those who loan their artifacts to the installations will be honored at an exhibition-opening reception and Shabbat service.

“It is an indescribable honor to do anything, whatsoever, for our Temple,” Michael said. “My Hebrew name is Amichai, a derivative of Amcha, which means “The People.” Judaism is about two vital messages: Torah and we who are of it. Exhibitions strive to render harmony among our people by reminding us of one another visually in the temporal universe.”

Please consider loaning your framed ketubah to our exhibition (you need not have gotten married at Wilshire Boulevard Temple). In addition, if you were married at one of our campuses or at one of our camps, please consider loaning a framed, ready-to-hang photograph of your ceremony. Please visit wbtla.org/art or contact Jodi Berman, Director of Engagement and Leadership, at jberman@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8970 with any questions.

Rabbi Fox at World Zionist Congress

Last October, as a retirement gift, the Temple sent me to participate as a Reform leader at the historic 37th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. In the world of Zionist politics, presence is power, and the strong progressive presence at the Congress succeeded in enhancing the role of the Reform movement in Israel socially, politically, and financially for the next five years.

In addition to reaffirming progressive measures such as Israel’s Declaration of Independence, which values democracy and freedom for all inhabitants of Israel, we passed an historic statement supporting the LGBT community; insisted the government recommit to an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall; passed resolutions for transparency and “clean” government within the Zionist Congress; and created coalitions recommitted to the right to “debate and dissent with critical issues in Israel.” It was a thrill to participate.

While in Israel, I was also privileged to speak to a Grade 12 class at a Palestinian girls’ school in East Jerusalem about Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech. I struggled to explain what “black and white together” meant, reinterpreting the notion to their reality of “Arab and Jew.” Sadly, many girls could not imagine that possibility. “Not in Jerusalem,” they said. And when a teen asked me if I was Jewish and I responded yes, she said, “But you don’t look Jewish; you’re not wearing a skirt or a head covering.” I explained that there are many kinds of Jews, and that we believe that all people are created in the image of God and have the capacity to bring good work, kindness, compassion, and peace into our world. Then the class burst into applause and asked me to take “selfies” with them!

How many teenage girls and boys, parents and teachers, and imams and rabbis do we need to meet face-to-face to make peace blossom? May it happen speedily and in our day!

Rabbi Karen L. Fox, Emerita
First Fridays: Shabba Dabba!
Friday, January 1  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

Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder
Friday, January 8, 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

Meet and Greet at the Karsh Center
Sunday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 13  9:15 a.m.
Please join us for a “meet and greet” with the Karsh Family Social Service Center’s new director, Liz Ross; she’ll share her vision for the Center’s services, community engagement, and partnership. Light refreshments included.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org

Film Series—Little White Lie
Tuesday, January 12  7:30 p.m.
Join Director Lacey Schwartz in conversation with USC Vice Dean of Cinematic Studies, Michael Renov, after the screening of her fascinating autobiographical documentary.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org

Ecc Speakers Series: Pattie Fitzgerald
Thursday, January 14  6:15 p.m.
Early childhood educator, expert in sexual abuse, and author of No Trespassing—This is MY Body!, Pattie Fitzgerald teaches strategies and how to enforce solutions to keep your child safe. Cost: advance purchase—$18.
Heidi Sorenson, hsorenson@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2158
wbtecc.org/speakersseries

Women’s Torah Study with Rabbi Nanus
Fridays, January 15 and 29  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

Martin Luther King Salon Shabbat
Friday, January 15  6:00 p.m.
Join us for a Shabbat concert by Voices of Faith, a gospel choir from the Faithful Central Bible Church, as well as readings, poetry, and a special address by Bishop Kenneth Ulmer. An “I Have a Dream” Oneg Shabbat follows the service.
cantorsoffice@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtla.org/salonshabbat

Nefesh
Friday, January 15  7:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Susan Goldberg and the Nefesh Band on the third Friday of every month for a moving musical Shabbat service that gives your soul the chance to fill up and renew.
Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtla.org/nefesh

Salon Shabbat: Music, Voices, Drums
Friday, January 22  6:00 p.m.
A jubilant musical celebration consisting of drums, timbrels, and performances by the Temple’s Youth Choir help celebrate the Israelites crossing the sea to freedom. Stay afterward for a Freedom Pizza Oneg Shabbat.
cantorsoffice@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtla.org/salonshabbat

Jewish Women’s Theatre: Temptation
Sunday, January 24  3:00 p.m.
Join us for a wonderful new show revealing the delicious and dangerous secrets of Jewish women that will surely evoke laughter and tears. Cost: $18.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/jwt

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- **Glazer Campus**: 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
- **Irmas Campus**: 11661 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064
- **OPCC Annenberg Access Center**, Santa Monica
- **Service time different than usual - please check online**
In Loving Memory of:

Helen Epstein by Monte Gordon
Nathaniel Goldstein by Jared, Sydnee, Jordan, and Samantha Breuer
Doris Gottlieb by Jerry Gottlieb
Bertha Lapidus by Jerry Gottlieb
Arthur Malin by Jennifer and Barnet Malin
Gilbert Mombach by Patti and Dan Stein
Hanna C. Price by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Price
Dr. Irving M. Reingold by Marilyn Reingold
Our father and brother, Bennett Wolf, by the Wolf Family

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Max Edelstein by Ruth Yablans

ANN AND SAM BERNSTEIN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND
In Honor of:
Sarah Sager by Dr. and Mrs. David Bluestone
Bunny Wasser’s birthday by Roy and Judi Kaufman
Bunny Wasser’s birthday by Linda and David Shaheen

FOOD PANTRIES FUND

Jeanne Gerson
Gai Klass and Michael Stern
Union for Reform Judaism
Ryan Wade

In Honor of:
Rabbi Beau Shapiro by Union for Reform Judaism
Judith and Eugene Tuch’s anniversary by Linda Rosenbort

In Loving Memory of:
Samuel and Thelma Berkowitz by Kenneth Berkowitz
Stanley Brown by Lucille Epstein
Debbie Dull’s mother, Bobbye, by Ann and Bernd Givon
Ruth Farr, Rose Harris, and Samuel Sherwin by Helen Sherwin
Joseph Charles Goldman by Suzanne Rubin and Family
Anne Kotler by Jacqueline C. Cahn
Joseph Kirschner and Taya Shlovitz by Helen Sherwin
Samuel Klein by Helen Klein
Haskel Kramer and Louis Stark by Florence Stark
Tillie Krein by Helen Lewis
Harry Lover and Sophia Lover by Janet Lever
Richard B. Motley by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Motley
Marvin Resnick by Judith Resnick
Arthur and Mabel Samter by Ellen Creamer
Paul Spindler by Gail Spindler
Mayo Stark by Harriet Burton
Jack Stoch and Julius Tyfield by Ruth Stoch
Cindy White’s mother by Susan and Tom Casamassima

Tikkun Olam Social Action Fund
Laura Grover and Steve Hochman

In Loving Memory of:
Sarah Klein and Henry Rapaport by Helen Klein

Mann Family Early Childhood Center
Rebecca and Hank Neiken
Dary and Jonathan Praw

In Honor of:
The birth of Belle Meadow by Betsy and Scott Sandler

In Loving Memory of:
Bloom Bovill by Caroline and Mark Kuperstock

Geri and Richard Braawerman Elementary School
In Loving Memory of:
Aba Alex by Joan and Melanie Borinstein
Isaac Alex by Joan and Melanie Borinstein

Rabbi Harvey J. and Sybil A. Fields Educational Scholarship Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Harriet Freund by Jeanne Gerson
Myer Gerson by Jeanne Gerson
Newton King by Jeanne Gerson
Bernard Kisin by Morrie and Mitchell Heskell
Cousin, Olga Levin, by Shirley Kodmur
Dearest husband, Dr. Lester Riskind, by Sarelde Riskind

In Honor of:
Cantors Seth Ettinger and Don Gurney by Jayne Behman
Cantor Don Gurney by Janet Kupchick
Manhattan Steinsapir’s bat mitzvah by Kenneth Steinsapir and Faith Gomborg
The birth of Tommy Cohl Kavana by Joseph Wootf and family
Dr. Touro Touran by Nancy and Hal Daum

In Loving Memory of:
Francine Fainman by Eileen Seidlin
Abraham Kleinman by Luisa Kleinman

Jordan Ehrlich Fund for Programs in Business Ethics
In Loving Memory of:
Jordan M. Ehrlich by Jared, Sydnee, Jordan, and Samantha Breuer
Jordan M. Ehrlich by Nadine and Steve Breuer

Adult Program Fund
In Honor of:
Rabbi Susan Nanus by Union for Reform Judaism

Each One Help One Fund
In Honor of:
David A. Bluestone by Robert Klyman and Dena Bloom

In Loving Memory of:
Marlene Friedman by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Berg

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps
In Honor of:
Debra Abramowitz and Dean Prober’s marriage by Judith Barro

In Loving Memory of:
Robert Shapiro by Andrew Wolfberg

Rabbi Alfred Wolf Camp Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Jerome I. Blatt by Marjorie Blatt
June Blumkin by Shirley Kodmur
Helen Breitbart by Jared, Sydnee, Jordan, and Samantha Breuer
Henneketta Breitbart by Jared, Sydnee, Jordan, and Samantha Breuer
Maurice Chayo by Karin and Doug Schaer
My wonderful mother, Ann Cooper, by Marka Markowitz
Beloved grandson, Joshua Gerson, by Jeanne Gerson
Tony Greenberg by Linda and Mike Roberts
Eda Kodmur by Shirley Kodmur
Mollie Poley by Charles Poley
Morris Weinstein by Linda and Eugene Weiss
Hanna Wolf by Linda and Larry Wolf

Evelyn K. Kramer Memorial Campership Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Robert Shapiro by Stuart and Janie Daniels
Alice Silverman by Harriet Burton

Charles Bendit Campership Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Herman Klein by May Bendit

Sills Family Campership Fund
In Loving Memory of:
David J. Golden by Robin and Robert Sills

Slutske Family Campership Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Robert Shapiro by Areline and Josh Sesar
Robert Shapiro by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Weissbarth

Gloria and J. Steve Brodie, M.D., Campership Fund
In Honor of:
Betty Winn’s birthday by Alisa Granz

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Our Temple Family

Welcome to new Temple members...
Alexis and Blake Alban and their son, Anderson...Jocelyn and Ofir Ambar and their daughter, Avery...Michelle Haimoff and Benjamin Christen and their son, Samuel...Katherine and Nicholas Daum and their children, William and Charlotte...Courtney Glickman and her children, Carter and Kinsley...Reyna Hadar and her children, Nate and Madeline...Steven Jensen and his children, Madeline and Benjamin...Erica and Howard Kaufman and their sons, Noah and Jacob...Luisa Kleiman...Dana Zahavi and Jonathan Lahijani...Samantha and Michael Nussbaum and their children, Braydon and Zoey...Mindy and Mark Owens and their daughter, Lila...Elissa and Richard Phillips and their children, Alexis, Spencer, and Holden...Sara and Delbert Whetter and their children, Neta and Adin...

Congratulations to...
Jayme Weitz and Marshall Eskowitz on their marriage and to parents, Barbara and Bruce Eskowitz...Dana Zahavi and Jonathan Lahijani on their marriage...Gwen Shapiro and Gregory Lorber on their marriage and to parents, Jay and Phyllis Schapira...

Congratulations to...
Ashley and Matthew Citron on the birth of their daughter, Leighton Eddy Citron, and to big brother, Hunter...Noa and Jon Grant on the birth of their son, Mason Jay Grant, to grandparents, Jeffrey and Joanne Grant, and to cousins, Mia, Lily, Ben, and Gabriel Grant...Denise and Judd Magilnick on the birth of their grandson, Shalom Magilnick...Jodi and Brad Meadow on the birth of their daughter, Belle Hannah Meadow, to big brother, Leo, to grandparents, Mary and Stephen Meadow, to aunts and uncles Linda and Cary Meadow and Stacy and Alberto Valner, and to cousins, Nicole, Harrison, Lucy, and Sophia...Abigail and Jared Prushansky on the birth of their son, Jory Prushansky...

Condolences to...
Robin and Mark Vogel on the death of their mother, Alma Abrams, and to grandchildren, Adam and Jason...Katayoun and Shahn Bina and Ladan and Tony Kalili on the death of their grandmother, Chahleh Sakhani Azizian, and to great-grandchildren, Candice, Kevin, Ryan, and Ariana...Joyce and Lawrence Powell on the death of her sister, Beth Benson, to nephew and niece, Rick and Debra Powell, and to nieces and nephews, Nancy and Michael Eisenstadt...Ruth Borden on the death of her husband, Harold Borden...Daniel and Carol Bovill on the death of their mother, Bloom Bovill, to grandchildren, Jeremy Bovill and Melissa and Mark Shabason, and to great-grandchildren, Zachary and Aiden...Dione Fenning on the death of her husband, William Fenning, to son, Donald Fenning, and to grandchildren, Rebecca, Erin, and Charles...Inez Gelfand on the death of her husband, Charles Gelfand...Craig and Julie Gerber on the death of his father, Charles Gerber, and to grandparents, Miles, Beau, and Desmond...Janet Greenberg Kupchick and Alan Kupchick on the death of her brother, Anthony Greenberg, to nieces, Roberta, and to nephews, Jeff and Tony...Kendra Kuhnel and Avinoam Shalem on the death of her grandmother, Rose Kuhnel, and to great-grandchildren, Elijah and Zoe...Monika and David Steinberg on the death of her father, Enzo Nagy, and to grandchildren, Zachary and Nava...Allison and Kirk Schenck on the death of her grandmother, Hannah Roche, and to great-grandsons, Andrew and Jordan...Florence Stark on the death of her husband, Mayo Stark...Friends and family of Arline Susswein...

And to all immediate and extended family.
Upcoming Events (cont.)

A SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND 🎭
Friday, January 29 🕟 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 30 🕟 10:30 a.m.
Congregants in (and approaching) their sixties and seventies are invited to a two-day session with Rabbi Rachel Cowan, author of Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit, for a powerful and transformative workshop that helps participants grasp the full potential of learning and growth in one’s later years. Cost: $54, includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

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

JEWS WITH TOOLS – VOLUNTEER! 🛠️🛠️🛠️
Sunday, January 31, 8:00 a.m.
Habitat for Humanity build site
Help repair a house for a low-income L.A. family. Habitat for Humanity provides the tools and the real estate; you supply the time, labor, and love. Must be 18. Space is limited.

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

KEHILLAH COMMUNITY CAMP FUND
Jeannie D. Kiewicz-Brooks
Elly and Dan Wolf
In Honor of:
Edward Greenwald’s birthday by Jill and Greg Adler
Edward Greenwald’s birthday by Karen Adler
Edward Greenwald’s birthday by Martin Jannol and Susan Adler Jannol
In Loving Memory of:
June Blumkin by Merle and Arnie Weiner
Robert Shapiro by Wendy and Larry Brandis
By Marni Deshong
By EG Properties Real Estate Inc.
By Barbara and David Elson
By Alisa Grant
By Jeff Kaplan
By Deborah Kelson
By Arlene Linder
By Eric Meller
By Melissa Moscot
By Deitra Rosson
By Sara Schreiber and Suzanne Schreiber
By Hon. and Mrs. Norman Shapiror

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.

Mitzvah go’ret 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.

Tributes (cont.)

#WilshireChanukah2015

For the second year in a row, congregants took family photos or selfies with their brightly burning chanukiah during one (or more!) nights of the eight-day festival. Below are a handful of the photos we received. To view them all, visit facebook.com/wilshireboulevardtemple and click on the #WilshireChanukah2015 photo album.
# Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

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