### Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
- **Summertime Women’s Torah Study**
  - Rabbi Nanus
  - 12:30 p.m.

- **Shabba Dabba**
  - Rabbi Shapiro
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Nefesh**
  - The Nefesh Musicians
  - 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
- **Torah Study**
  - Deuteronomy Va-et’chanan (3:23-7:11)
  - Avi Cohen
  - 9:00 a.m.

- **Shabbat Services**
  - B’nei Mitzvah of Eden Kolber and Mae Green
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.

  No services at Irmas Campus

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Leder and Scott Senior
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
- **Torah Study**
  - Deuteronomy Eikev (7:12-11:25)
  - Rabbi Shapiro
  - 9:00 a.m.

- **Shabbat Services**
  - Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Korn Radoff
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.

  No services at Irmas Campus

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
- **Summertime Women’s Torah Study**
  - Rabbi Nanus
  - 12:30 p.m.

- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
  - 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
- **Torah Study**
  - Deuteronomy Reih (11:26-16:17)
  - Avi Cohen
  - 9:00 a.m.

- **Shabbat Services**
  - B’nei Mitzvah of Amanda Baeck and Jack Baeck
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
  - 10:00 a.m.

  B’nei Mitzvah of Sophia Soller and Jack Soller
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
  - 10:00 a.m.
Before parents, grandparents, siblings, and well-wishers followed the Brawerman class of 2017 out to the reception, there were tears, hugs, and high-fives among the new graduates in the vestibule at the back of the chapel, punctuating the end of a special time in their lives.

Outside, families that had grown up and grown together, some since nursery school, savored the significance of this moment. Time did not matter. That they were all part of a community did.

In this time between school years, with faculty returning in August to prepare for the first year in which we will graduate students at both Brawerman East and West, we’re reflecting on some of things that distinguish Brawerman.

Even before Brawerman accepted its first students in 1999, it established a high bar for its academic standards. Brawerman set out then as it does now to be a great school. Today it stands among the best private elementary schools in Los Angeles. Brawerman’s young graduates go on to the city’s top secondary schools, where they are appreciated not only for what they know but how they think and who they are.

What is the Brawerman difference?
An overarching sense of community is one factor. Families describe a warm and close-knit community that looks beyond itself to offer betterment, improvement, and empowerment, where parents support the children and each other. Forward thinking, energetic teachers make classrooms fun and academically challenging.

Critical thinking, problem solving, and social and emotional growth are essential in almost everything at Brawerman. The inquisitive nature of Judaism, which invites the curious to explore, discover, and debate, provides the ideal learning environment. Holidays and heritage encourage shared experiences that foster community.

Brawerman is often credited for “making mensches” and much of this is derived from the ethical standards established in the Torah.

Parents consider many different things when deciding what school is right for their children. At Brawerman, a great choice for their child’s education ultimately enhances the entire family in ways they may never have imagined.
Justice, Justice

Parshat Shoftim: Deuteronomy 16:20

The pursuit of justice is one of Judaism’s most important concerns—not just in the Torah but throughout the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, and in the writings of our great sages. The prophet Amos declared, “Let justice well up as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.” The Talmudic sage Rabbi Simeon ben Gamliel warned, “Do not ridicule or scorn justice, for it is one of the foundations of the world.” Maimonides opens his Book of Judges, which describes the ethical obligations of judges and monarchs, with the verse, “Open your mouth, judge for justice, argue the case of the poor and destitute.”

Possibly the most direct and powerful statement about justice is found in a verse we read this month, “Justice, justice, you shall pursue”: We are commanded to pursue justice, not simply hope for it or wait for it or even ask for it, but to go to whatever lengths required to make sure that justice prevails in our courts, our government, our businesses, and our personal dealings with one another. Notice that the word “justice” appears twice. Our sages and mystics instruct us that every word of Torah is meaningful, so we must ask, why repeat the word? Repetition can teach us a significant lesson. Here, the first “justice” is for ourselves (including loved ones and our community); the second “justice” refers to others. The Torah is telling us that we are obligated to seek justice not just for ourselves, but also for the stranger who is suffering and we are able to help.

Based on this understanding, the pursuit of justice means that it is our responsibility to ensure that the needs of others are as important as our own, and that human suffering should not be tolerated. Instead of ignoring the plight of the weak, the poor, the exploited, and the victims of bigotry, intolerance, or abuse, we must act ethically and speak up for their rights.

As the Talmud teaches, “You are not required to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.” We do not need to complete the task of creating a just world, but we should do our part.

Rabbi Susan Nanus

Delicious! The First Chef’s Table Shabbat

“How about welcoming Shabbat with a special dinner prepared by great Los Angeles chefs? I’ll bring the wine,” Temple member, attorney, and cofounder of wine distributor B & W Wines Jordan Bender proposed to Wilshire Boulevard Temple Director of Engagement and Leadership Jodi Berman. Jodi, always looking for novel ideas to bring Temple members together in meaningful ways, knew the perfect person to make it happen and turned to another congregant, Diane Worthington. As a cookbook author and Chicago Tribune food and travel writer, Diane imagined the ultimate Shabbat dinner...enter Shabbat with a soulful, sunset service and then have a fine-dining experience with Temple family and friends.

Welcome to Chef’s Table Shabbat and the start of a new tradition!

On July 14, the first Chef’s Table Shabbat featured a fine-dining experience that showcased the refined talents of chef Micah Wexler and his partner, Michael Kassar. Best known as the co-founders of Wexler’s Deli in Los Angeles, these former classmates and graduates of Cornell University’s legendary hospitality program refined their culinary skills at Spago before opening their own popular eateries. That night their menu took diners on a gastronomic journey through Europe and the Mediterranean, starting out in the Ukraine with the familiar flavors of cured and smoked fish, chopped liver, and eggplant salad. Inspired by recipes that originated in the 16th-century Roman Jewish ghetto, the second course consisted of summer vegetables and cured beef alla guida. Family-style platters delivered Mediterranean flavors in main-course dishes infused with the Middle Eastern spice mixture Za’atar and lemon, mint, almonds, and raisins. Wine pairings for the evening were generously provided by Bender, and a sweet taste of Israel for dessert completed the meal.

Chef’s Table Shabbat attracted a cross section of the Temple community, united by an appreciation of food, a sense of adventure, and a desire to experience Shabbat with others. “Let’s do this again!” was heard repeatedly, so look for announcements of future Chef’s Table Shabbats and be sure to reserve your seats early.

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Youth Choir
Attention all Grades 3-6 Brawerman and Religious School Families! Does your child love to sing and is he/she passionate about music? If so, we’d be delighted to have them join Cantor Ettinger’s Youth Choir! All children Grades 3-6 welcome, as they will be learning a variety of Shabbat and contemporary songs and participating in many wonderful concerts and events throughout the year.

For additional information, rehearsal and service dates, please contact Jessica Ryenberg at the Cantor’s Office at cantorsoffice@wbtla.org or (213) 835-2124. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!
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The Art of Learning

At the Early Childhood Centers of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the carefully designed atelier (art studio) provides students with a place in which to exercise creativity and imagination through artistic exploration using a variety of media. The space’s paint, clay, recycled materials, sticks, wire, paper, and pencils are the tools the young children use in their thoughtful, conceptual investigations, which involve numerous cultures and languages. As the children develop an understanding and a connection to the materials, they become careful observers, able to discern nuances and utilize the materials to communicate their theories, feelings, and questions.

This past year, for instance, the children’s individual and collective knowledge, understanding, and theories about our outdoor environment influenced the development of a Playground for Snails. The children drew plans of playgrounds, blending fantasy and reality. Like urban planners and architects working today (who also employ some measure of both the impossible and the possible when considering their designs), we encourage our youngsters to use their imaginations as well as their critical thinking skills.

Wolfe, age five, said, “I would put twisty slides, a roof on top of the structure with a tunnel and a pretend airplane, and a zip line,” while Ethan, also five, imagined, “It’s like a maze rocket. I say the password, and it magically slides open.” Over the weeks, the children used clay to build swings, sandboxes, a mud pit, tree-shaded seats, and a special place for the baby snails to play.

The Jewish value hidur mitzvah parallels our schools’ Reggio Emilia educational philosophy, part of which emphasizes the importance of pursuing beauty, in our actions and in our creations. Facilitated by the atelieristas (art teachers), Stephanie, Joanne, and Stacy, the students work slowly and carefully, finding their inner voices during the process.

Healthy, Safe and Strong

The Talmud tells us that parents are obligated to teach their children three things: Torah (how to be a good human in the world), a trade (how to make a living), and how to swim. Why how to swim? Swimming is a life-or-death matter. The authors of the Talmud recognized that parents must teach their children how to survive—how to come out on the “swim” end of “sink or swim.” Religious School offers several opportunities to help you teach your children. Among them are the Teen Retreat and Teen Workshop series which can help your teen learn to successfully navigate the sometimes murky waters of approaching adulthood.

The annual Teen Retreat (for students in grades 9–12) at Camp Hess Kramer (this year November 3–5) focuses on empowering teens about emotional and physical intimacy issues and safety in relationships. Best if attended with friends, it has been a life-changing experience for many, providing tools to help teens recognize and build healthy, safe, and strong relationships when they are ready. Parents have an active role in this retreat, beginning with a parent orientation, where they meet facilitators Dr. Charles and Amy Miron.

We also have partnered with Los Angeles City Attorney Jonathan Cristall, author of What They Don’t Teach Your Teen (2018 publication date), for a workshop series (students in grades 8–12) designed to instruct teens about life-safety skills. Cristall brings a prosecutor’s perspective to educating teens about their rights, privacy, and safety in the series’ four sessions: Sexual Consent and Teen Dating Violence; Safer Police Interactions and Your Rights; Digital Safety; and Head on a Swivel: Situational Awareness, Avoiding Violence, and Staying Safe. (All are offered at both the Irma and Glazer campuses and are open to parents and their teens.)

Tradition obligates us to teach our children to swim. Even if we live far from water, even if we think our children will never accidentally find themselves in too-deep lake or ocean waters, we must ensure that they have the basic skills necessary to survive. So too is it our responsibility to help them be able to “swim” confidently through their teen years and grow into healthy, happy Jewish adults—not just surviving, but thriving.
Make This Summer Different

One of the best summers ever! describes the 2017 season at Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps in Malibu. Filling the cabins through sessions running between the end of June and mid-August at Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp are 959 campers who are taking home cherished memories and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Enrollment this year is up 10 percent from 2016, due in large measure to significant efforts put forth by Camp leadership during the off-season. As popular and well-established as our camps are, there is tremendous competition for campers from school schedules that shorten summers to a myriad of interests and demands, not to mention other camps.

As soon as last season finished, plans were set for 2017. Temple Camp staff began preparations for this summer, participating in extensive off-season development and adapting a fresh and invigorated approach to marketing. The Camp registrar assigned every incoming inquiry to an assistant director for personal followup. Numerous parlor meetings were scheduled in living rooms throughout Southern California and Arizona. And WBT Camps staff members attended many camp fairs. The unique Malibu location of Hess Kramer and Hilltop became a central element in a new creative marketing campaign that ran in print and online: A Malibu sunset formed the backdrop to a design that presented the Camps’ initial letters, CHK and GHC, filled with pictures of, well, happy campers. A simple line of text served as a call to action: “Make This Summer Different.”

And different this summer was. Camp Hess Kramer sold out three complete sessions and Hilltop sold out two. Our Camps’ strong reputation attracts families from across the Southwestern U.S. and all of Southern California; more than 80 percent of the Camps’ participants come from outside the immediate Wilshire Boulevard Temple community and we are delighted to welcome everyone.

Welcome to new Temple members...

Cheryl Bloch...Laurence Bloch...Harriet Borwin...Nicole Christensen...Emily Foster and her daughter, Esther...Susan Eidelman and Sandor Fuchs...Lisa and Marvin Greenberg...Dina and Michael Javaheri and their daughter, Alexa...Amanda and Nick Matus and their son, Chase...Alexandra and Trevor Miller and their son, Charles...Haleh and Joshua Moradfar...Natasja and Rob Moradzadeh and their daughter, Olivia...Michele Raphael and her children, Mirabel and Leonardo...Aliza Pollack and Thomas Schneider and their children, Jonas and Leni...Carrie Steinberg and Jacob Shapira...Neda Shafai and Samuel Stratton...Jennifer and Paul Tennen and their sons, Noah and Aaron...Dante Wadley...Whitney Friedlander and Alexander Woo and their son, Hudson...

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Graciela Monroy and Jose Arita on the birth of their son, Jaxon Carter Arita, and to aunt, Ada Arita...Sabrina and Adam Daneshgar on the birth of their son, Luc Jagger Daneshgar, and to big brother, Dylan...Martha and Bruce Karsh on the birth of their grandson, Harrison David Karsh...Britt and Jonathan Levine on the birth of their daughter, Reese Bonnie Levine, and to big brother, Harrison...Jessica MacKenzie and Daniel Miller on the birth of their son, Charles Miller, and to big sister, Julia...Molly Rose Weintraub Mills and Eric Mills on the birth of their daughter, Piper Marion Mills, to big brother, Rowan, and to grandparents, Joyce and Sander Weintraub...Kimi and Brent Stein on the birth of their son, Parker Mercer Stein, to big brother, Beckett, to grandparents, Carol and Jay Stein, to aunt and uncle, Jennifer and Josh Simms, and to cousins, Sarah and Justin...Courtney Glickman Weiss and Jeff Weiss on the birth of their son, Easton James Weiss, and to big sister and brother, Kinsley and Carter...

Condolences to...

Cindy and Philip Feder on the death of her father, Donald Berkus, and to granddaughters, Emily, Lauren, and Stephanie...Dena Bloom and Robert Klyman on the death of her mother, Deanne Bloom, and to grandchildren, Sophie, Calvin, and Joseph...Corina Cotsen and Lee Rosenbaum and Tobey and Jonathan Victor on the death of their father, Lloyd Cotsen, and to grandchildren, Chiara, Emmett, Anthea, Bennett, Aidan, and Cameron...Janet and Herb Rappaport on the death of her sister, Betsy Dreisen, to niece, Elizabeth and Mark Siegel, to nephew, Theodore and Heather Karatz, to nephew Matthew and Lindsey Karatz, and to great-nephews and -nieces, Thomas, Juliette, Clara, Joel, Abe, Sam, Levi, and Izzy...Gail and Mark Reisman on the death of her mother, Pearl Feller, and to grandchildren, Max and Hannah...Heather and David Goldman on the death of her mother, Beatrice Freedman, and to grandchildren, Myles and Julian...Richard Fishman on the death of his wife, Susan Fishman...Judith Green...Cassandra Grey on the death of her husband, Brad Grey, and to children, Sam, Max, Emily, and Jules...Rabbi David and Stephanie Eshel on the death of his brother, Aaron Kosmin, and to niece and nephew, Isabel and Eli...Jeff and Lana Melman on the death of his mother, Winifred Melman, and to grandchildren, Jason and Alexis...Laura and Herb Gerson on the death of her sister, Barb Dreisen, to niece, Max and Elizabeth...Stephen and Peggy Davis on the death of his stepfather, Stuart Wien, and to step-grandchildren, Hannah, William, and Cadence...Vicki and James Mercer on the death of her father, Albert Zlotnick, and to grandchildren, Nicholas, Samuel, Molly, Andrew, and Katharine...

And to all immediate and extended family.
**JACK LEWIS BAECK**

**August 26, 2017**

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

Jack is the son of Beth and Lawrence Baec; the grandson of Ellen and Steven Jackson; Faye and Harold Baec; the great-grandson of Muriel Jackson and the late Lewis Jackson; Dorothy Ruch and the late Sol Ruch; the late Cilly Baec; the late William Baec; the late Jessie Abrams; the late Koppel Abrams.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** Jack volunteered at the Los Angeles Jewish Home, where he spent meaningful time with Jewish seniors, providing them with companionship, support, and friendship by talking, playing games, and performing on the trumpet for them.

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**AMANDA WHITNEY BAECK**

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**Tikkun Olam Project:** Amanda volunteered at the Los Angeles Jewish Home, where she spent meaningful time with Jewish seniors, providing them with companionship, support, and friendship by talking, playing games, and performing ballet for them.

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**JACK SOLLER**

**August 26, 2017**

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

Jack is the son of Pamela and Stephen Soller; the grandson of Avril Soller and the late Saul Soller; Lin Brown and the late Chester Brown.

**Family Welcomers:** Charlotte Soller, sister; Cooper and Presley Soller, Brooke and Jared Leppard, Grace and Sophie Gottesman, Ellie, Zack, and Gabe Gottesman, and Ben and Bito Gottesman, cousins.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** Operation Walk seeks to enhance the orthopedic surgical options for patients and surgeons in developing countries, thus enabling patients to return to their lives as productive members of society. The organization performs 200 hip and knee replacements every year.

**Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you?** Being a competitive athlete, I never take being injury free for granted and feel blessed with the ability to move without pain. I would like to help others have a fulfilled and normal life. These free surgeries change lives.

**What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place?** I will commit to giving back, and be aware of never taking anything for granted. I will start by donating to Operation Walk and also give of my time.

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Please note: In last month’s Bulletin, Axel Joseph Baum’s grandparents should have read: the late Jean Rodary and Yvette Rodary.

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**Alumni Spotlight**

We congratulate Danielle (Dani) Rosenbach, Brawerman Class of 2007, Windward Class of 2013, and University of Michigan Class of 2017! Dani graduated with a double degree, in Communications and Judaic Studies, and is now working with Teach For America in Chicago for the next two years. As a middle school special education teacher at Chicago International Charter School, Avalon, she also will be working toward her master’s degree in special education at the Relay Graduate School of Education.

“I chose to do TFA because of all my former Brawerman teachers who have inspired me through the years,” Dani shared. “I have been doing a lot of reflecting on my own education, and I feel so privileged to have been granted such an amazing education. I feel as if it’s my duty to share what I have learned in my life with my students. I truly believe that education is the single most important tool to achieve success in the real world, and I want to share my toolbox with my students. I care about closing the achievement gap and I believe in the success of all children. I can’t wait to achieve real change and am looking forward to being a middle school special education teacher in the fall!”

Mazal tov, Dani! We are so very proud of your achievements.
EDEN GRACE KOLBER
August 5, 2017
Eden is the daughter of Sherry and Rich Kolber; the granddaughter of Yola and Leonard Kolber; Rowena and Frank Batalla.

Family Welcomers: Ellis and Charlie Kolber and Hayley Jones, siblings.

Tikkun Olam Project: Eden works with the It Gets Better Project, which was created to show young LGBT people the levels of happiness, potential, and positivity their lives will reach—once they get through the difficult teen years. The organization helps remind teenagers in the LGBT community that they are not alone, and that things will get better. Eden conducts social media research for It Gets Better to help get the positive messages out to tweens and younger teens.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? This was my home for almost 15 months, and when I returned to China last year for the first time since my adoption, I had a real connection with the orphanage and its people.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would like to go to China after high school and spend more time helping out there.

MAE PUFULA EVELYN GREEN
August 5, 2017
Mae is the daughter of Adena Smith and Richard Green; the granddaughter of Mitzi and Howard Green; Evelyn Smith and the late George Smith.

Family Welcomers: Jarred and Ian Green, brothers.

Tikkun Olam Project: My orphanage in China now houses mostly older children, ages five and older, some with special needs. They are in need of school supplies, books, and sports equipment.

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SLOANE JOSEPHINE KORN RADOFF
August 12, 2017
Sloane is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Sloane is the daughter of Jodi Korn Radoff and Robert Radoff; the granddaughter of Ambassador Lester B. Korn and the late Carolbeth Korn; Sandi and Irving Radoff.

Tikkun Olam Project: Sloane helped assemble and hand out lunches to the homeless on Sunday mornings at OPCC for the past two years.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It was meaningful to me because I was able to help the less fortunate. After making sandwiches, I pour coffee or hand out the lunch bags to the homeless, and I know that sometimes that lunch is their only meal of the day, so I always make sure to smile and hope they enjoy their meal.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to feed the homeless at OPCC, which is important because the homeless people rely on the volunteers.

ADAM BERMAN
August 19, 2017
Adam is the son of Lori and Bruce Berman; the grandson of Judy Michaels and the late Al Michaels; Ethel Kanne and the late Bud Kanne.

Family Welcomers: Josh Berman, brother; Sophie Berman, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Through an organization called L.A.’s Best, I tutored a first grade student at Crescent Heights Elementary School who has special learning needs. I helped him with his homework and tutored him in basic reading and math.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It was meaningful because I was able to help make a positive difference for someone less fortunate.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? After the tutoring I did, I realize how important it is to make a difference in others’ lives. I commit to doing a lot more Tikkun Olam.

GABRIEL LEVIN
August 19, 2017
Gabriel is the son of Claudia and Brandon Levin; the grandson of Susan and Bruce Levin; Carol and Donato D’Arrisso.

Family Welcomer: Sophia Levin, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: I developed signage and literature for the Karsh Family Social Service Center about maintaining a healthy lifestyle by incorporating good nutrition and exercise.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I love sports and physical activities.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope to support and encourage others. I will also continue to understand and respect cultural and religious differences.

MAX AKIRA RATNER
August 19, 2017
Max is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Max is the son of Alisa and Kevin Ratner; the grandson of Ilana and Charles Horowitz Ratner; Eleanor and Charles Rapp.

Family Welcomers: Ezra Ratner, brother; Aurelie and Anais Bienaime, Avra and Dahlia Greenspan, Ava, Charlotte, and Lilah Ratner, cousins.

Tikkun Olam Project: I volunteer for an organization that hosts tree planting and tree-care events. Trees reduce the effects of pollution and cool the climate.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I am passionate about world re-forestation and thought it was important to do something locally.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to planting and caring for the trees in the Los Angeles area and globally, if possible.
Karsh Welcomes Amy Mendelsohn

What a thrilling year it has been at the Karsh Family Social Service Center. Since opening, we have seen 1,949 clients in addition to the 250 families our food pantry continues to serve each and every Sunday. These clients were assisted by more than 300 volunteers working in various capacities, and 17 collaborating organizations provided onsite additional services on a weekly basis.

It is with great excitement that we welcome Amy Mendelsohn, who joined the Karsh Center staff last month as full-time Associate Director of Volunteer Engagement. A graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Amy earned master’s degrees in Jewish Nonprofit Management and Communications Management, respectively. She also spent, prior to her graduate studies, four years as the Program Director for Camp Ramah in Ojai and worked with us this past year at Wilshire Boulevard Temple as an intern. With her experience and enthusiasm, she made such a great impression, that we simply couldn’t let her go! Please stop by the Karsh Center to say hello to Amy.

Stephanie Bressler, our founding Associate Director of Volunteer Engagement will continue to oversee the center’s volunteer program as well as assume the role of Development Director for the Karsh Center. Stephanie will employ her many years of experience in major-gifts fundraising to help the center reach its goals and ensure its future with increased, and sustained funding.

Mazel Tov to Our Adult B’nei Mitzvah

For a third consecutive year, several Temple members have committed to the challenging and often daunting task of studying for their b’nei mitzvah—a longtime dream for many of them. Over the past six months, these dedicated students have not only learned to read Hebrew but to chant it from the Torah without vowels; they also have spent time reading Jewish books and studying the laws and traditions of the Jewish life cycle and holidays.

This year’s b’nei mitzvah class is our largest thus far, with twelve men and women of various ages and backgrounds coming together once a week to devote themselves to Jewish learning and spiritual growth. Some are parents and grandparents with children in our schools, others are immigrants from other countries, and still others have recently discovered their Jewish heritage or are Jews by Choice. Collectively, they represent the tapestry of the Jewish people and the deep connection we all share, no matter how different we may seem. Their names are Lonnie Israel, Robbie Heaven, Dana Kibler, Jan Kruschen, Lina O’Connor, Douglas Pierce, Milan Schonberger, Yasamin Sinai, Jessica Sokol, Jerram Swartz, Melanie Weinrot, and Amy Wiedre.

On August 5 at 4:00 pm in the main sanctuary, 11 of the 12 (Heaven, who comes from Australia, had his bar mitzvah on July 8, as he is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and is now deployed) will stand on the bimah and chant their Torah portions, which contain the Ten Commandments and the Sh’mah and V’ahavta prayers. They will give speeches, help lead the service, and publicly declare themselves full members of the Jewish community. You are all invited to attend this special service and celebrate with them.

Please join me in wishing them a warm and hearty mazel tov. I am so proud of them.

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs
SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT: SUMMER MUSICAL SERIES ●
Fridays, June 2–September 1 ● 6:00 p.m.
Sing along with our clergy and extraordinary musicians for outdoor services.
Be part of a marvelous musical Shabbat every Friday through Labor Day weekend.
☎ cantorsoffice@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2124
🌐 wbtla.org/soulsounds

FIRST FRIDAYS: SHABBA DABBA! ●
Friday, August 4 ✨ 6:00 p.m.
Family and friends are invited to this soulful, monthly participatory musical service. Stay for pizza and potluck; bring your favorite dairy or vegetarian sides.
☎ Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
🌐 wbtla.org/shabbadabba

NEFESH ●
Fridays, August 4 and 19 ✨ 7:30 p.m.
Join our warm and welcoming Nefesh services, led by Rabbi Susan Goldberg with Nefesh musicians Duvid Swirsky, Sally Dworsky, and Ari Herstand. Come early for the vegetarian potluck and stay after for drinks and desserts.
☎ Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org
🌐 wbtla.org/nefesh

ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH ●
Saturday, August 5 ✨ 4:00 p.m.
Join us as twelve members of our congregation read from the Torah and take the momentous step of becoming B’nei Mitzvah. Followed by a reception on the Irmas Family Patio. All are welcome!
☎ pwallace@wbtla.org
🌐 wbtla.org/adultbneimitzvah

SUMMERTIME WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY ●
Fridays, August 4 and 18 ✨ 12:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Susan Nanus for 4 special classes on Talmud, Jewish Ethics and Hasidism.
Bring your lunch and we will provide drinks and dessert. Newcomers welcome!
☎ pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
🌐 wbtla.org/womens-torah-study
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*Events and times subject to change.*

- Glazer Campus (Eastside): 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
- Irmas Campus (Westside): 11661 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064
- OPCC Annenberg Access Center, Santa Monica
- Service time different than usual - please check online