Judaism: A Religion of Personal Tradition

“Judaism is a religion of personal tradition, of binding the past to the present and to the future,” writes Rabbi Berel Wein in the first chapter of Perkei Avos: Teachings for Our Times. “It is a seamless chain of experience and memory, its knowledge and truths pass from parent to child, from teacher to student, from leaders to members of the community. It certainly is a religion of books and scholarship, but it is mainly a faith of communication between human beings.”

What individual has not wondered what Judaism means to him or her—then felt guilty for even asking the question? Rabbi Wein’s opening chapter highlights the very personal nature of Judaism, as well as the “seamless chain of experience and memory” that extends through the generations and runs between family members, teachers and students, and the community. This is certainly something we value and take to heart at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

The notion that as much as books and scholarship have a significant role in our lives and religion, “it is the personal acquaintanceship and relationship with people—not just with “scholarly” books and recently concocted professional theses—that provides Judaism with its constant vitality and strength,” Rabbi Wein continues. “This is why storytelling is so much a part of Jewish life and tradition.”

As you read this month’s Bulletin, look for links of this chain of experience and memory—past, present, and future—along with the notice of the many opportunities to engage, communicate, and participate with others. For example: Purim can be highlighted by the adult-themed Rat Pack Purim on Saturday, March 11, and by Purim with a Purpose, the annual Purim Carnival for families with children of all ages, on Sunday, March 12 … look at what our children are doing at Brawerman, in Religious School, and at the Early Childhood Centers … see how parents and families are helping out in the schools and with our camps.

Read up on all the wonderful programming we have to offer you this month. The opportunities are endless.
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n our Torah journey this month, we find the famous incident of the molten calf, in which our ancestors created an idol to worship to help deal with the unknown. We had received the Torah in an incredible encounter with God at Mount Sinai; and shortly thereafter we became afraid and uncertain. This chronology is difficult for several of our Torah commentators, who suggest that the Torah is not presented chronologically in order to cope with the unease that comes from seeing people create the molten calf after they receive Torah. The hope is that after receiving Torah, people would no longer need the idol.

This chronology is not problematic for me. I find it very much in line with the journey of growth and transformation. Our growth is not linear. We commit to new paths, to intentions of how we want to be in the world, and then we go back and repeat the same patterns. This is to be expected. The important moment is what we do once we have slipped back. Do we give up or do we reflect and recommit?

We read this Torah portion about six months after our High Holy Days. We are now halfway through the Jewish year, and this parashat comes at just the right moment for us to reflect on how we are doing with the changes and growth in our lives we were seeking at the beginning of the year. How are we doing? Are we acting in the world, with ourselves and with others, in ways that reflect the deep values with which we align on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur? And in what ways have we slipped back into old patterns?

Growth is never a straight shot. It twists and turns, but we can always be in forward motion if we continue to stay awake—reflecting and recommitting on each curve.

Rabbi Susan Goldberg
The Snow Ball Gala

On January 28, our Erika J. Glazer and Mann Family Early Childhood Centers held their Annual Gala, The Snow Ball, at The Montage Beverly Hills. All proceeds from this amazing night help support scholarships and enrichment programs for the Early Childhood Centers. We are so thankful for the Gala committee for its hard work—and for all the generous supporters of this investment in our future.

Brawerman Elementary School

Math and Science Night

Brawerman West students had some innovative math and science homework last month. The assignment was to bring their parents to school for the first-annual Math and Science Night on February 16, an evening of shared explorations, activities, learning, and enjoyment. Guided by Brawerman faculty, students and parents enjoyed a variety of educational experiences: they created magnetic slime, made and tasted ice cream, cracked mystery codes at Spy School using algorithms and invisible ink, and determined heart rates during exercise using Heart Math. Andrea Weinstein, Director of Curriculum Grades 3-6 at Brawerman West, noted, “The goal of Math and Science Night is to provide hands-on educational experiences for parents and children. In addition to seeing all of the great work students do in the classroom at Kol HaKavod, this night allows parents to interact with their child in meaningful learning experiences.”

Alumni Highlights

Jamie Dodd, BES class of 2010 and Mann Family Early Childhood Center graduate, graduated in 2016 from Beverly Hills High School, where she was a four-year varsity swimmer, two-time swimming co-MVP, and all-league honoree. She earned the high school’s Co-Athlete of the Year Award and is the school’s record holder in the 500-meter freestyle. Jamie was recruited by several schools and accepted a Division I swimming scholarship from San Jose State University, where she is studying hotel and hospitality management. At the end of February, she competed at Texas A&M in College Station, TX at the Conference Championship. She remains close to many of her Brawerman classmates and recently visited the campus to chat with some of her favorite teachers.
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The Camp Committee, under the leadership of its chair, Adam Slutske (a camp parent, camp alum, Temple member, and Brawerman parent who is married to another camp alum), is currently composed of 24 camp parents and/or camp alumni. Meeting four times a year, they work toward the success of Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps by assisting the director, Douglas Lynn, in identifying and fulfilling long-term strategic objectives; acting as ambassadors for the camps in the community; supporting fundraising efforts; and participating in the development of camp policies, events, and communications. Each committee member also sits on at least one camp subcommittee—alumni, parents, fundraising, governance, or strategic planning.

In late January, the Camp Committee gathered at the home of Doug and his wife, Jamie, for an entirely different reason: introducing one another to spouses and celebrating Shabbat together. The dinner, prepared by camp Chef John Bard, began with Rabbi David Eshel leading Shabbat blessings. The Motzi was even more special with Camp Committee member Kim Schall’s homemade challah, which was followed by a friendly debate regarding which was the superior challah—cinnamon or chocolate chip!?

The tireless efforts of these 24 individuals come entirely from their love of and commitment to our camps. Many no longer have camp-age children, others are yet to become camp parents, but all believe in and support what camp represents and does for our campers.
Students Help Out at Karsh Center

Brownie Troop 4945 from Brawerman Elementary School East recently took a tour of the Karsh Family Social Service Center and Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry. Karsh Center Director Liz Ross talked to the girls about the Center’s new toiletries program, which started a few months ago and for which congregants donate new and unopened hotel and travel-size toiletries to give to the Center and Food Pantry clients. The Brownies then sorted toiletry items and made individual distribution bags. Students from the Early Childhood Centers of Wilshire Boulevard Temple also visit the Karsh Center throughout the year, assembling and delivering to Karsh Center clients snack bags filled with tuna, crackers, fruit, and granola bars. The children gain so much by personally experiencing doing a mitzvah and giving back to the greater community.

Adult Opportunities

So Here’s My Shpiel...

The humble yet beloved Purim shpiel (“play” in Yiddish) is the only genuine folk theater that has survived for almost 2,000 years. Initially, theater and playacting was condemned by our Talmudic sages as frivolous at best, vulgar/pagan at worst. This view was crystallized during the Roman Era, when live theater was often cruel and violent and involved slaves—including Jews—as actors who were sometimes killed as part of the drama. Nevertheless, the rabbis faced a dilemma with the holiday of Purim, for the theatrical story of Esther is based on disguise, farce, melodrama, comedy, and victory over existential threat. Therefore, rejoicing, masquerade, irreverence, and even drunkenness became universal laws and customs of Purim.

Public reenactment began in the early centuries CE, but it was in medieval Europe that the shpiel got its real start as Jewish folk entertainment. The shows were acted primarily by poor people, students, musicians, dancers, acrobats, and artisans, and all roles were played by men and boys. They performed either in large public venues or privately for wealthy families, typically in their homes following the festive meal.

When the Jewish Enlightenment of the 18th and 19th centuries reached Eastern Europe, a new genre of parodies arose, written by the modernists against the traditionalists. These Purim shpiels included klezmer music, song and dance, comedy and melodrama, and political and social satire. Many believe that the Purim shpiel was the forerunner of both the Yiddish Theater and the Broadway musical.

It is the amateur folk quality of the Purim shpiel, however, and its ability to be ever-topical and irreverent that has guaranteed its survival in synagogues and Jewish schools to this day.

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs

We are proud to present “Rat Pack Purim”—drinks, dinner, and a show featuring Big Band music and the voices of Haman Sinatra, Dino Ahaseurus, and Mordecai Davis Jr., with special guests Esti Minnelli and Vashti MacLaine—Saturday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Glazer Campus. Wear a fedora and get a free drink. RSVP at wbtla.org/ratpackpurim.
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FAMILY CAMP 🏕️
Friday March 3 at 4:30 p.m. - Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. ☑️
A fun-filled weekend for Temple families with children in Grades K-6.
Erica Feinman, (213) 835-2145, erica@wbtcamps.org
wbtl.org/familycamp

FIRST FRIDAYS: SHABBA DABBA! ●
Friday, March 3 ☑️ 6:00 p.m.
This soulful, participatory musical service is followed by pizza and potluck.
Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtl.org/shabbadabba

LALALAND SALON SHABBAT ●
Friday, March 3 ☑️ 6:00 p.m.
A special Shabbat featuring the music of the great Jewish composers of Los Angeles. Performed by the AJU Choir and Cantor Don Gurney, under the direction of Dr. Noreen Green. A program of the Anne and Nathan Spilberg Jewish Life Event.
Jessica Ryzenberg, cantoroffice@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtl.org/salonshabbat

NEFESH ●
Fridays, March 3 and 17 ☑️ 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.
Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtl.org/nefesh

FROM SHTETL TO STARDOM: JEWS AND HOLLYWOOD ● 🌟
Sunday, March 5 ☑️ 6:15 p.m.
The USC Casden Institute and Wilshire Boulevard Temple present a panel discussion featuring moderator Michael Renov.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/shtetl

TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER ●
Friday, March 10, 12:00 p.m., Century City
You bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. Series: $36. RSVP required for each month’s session.
Jamie Geller, jgeller@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2121
wbtl.org

WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI NANUS ●
Fridays, March 10 and 31 ☑️ 12:30 p.m.
Bring your lunch and join us for a fascinating discussion of the Book of Samuel as we delve into two of our greatest Jewish kings: Saul and David.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org

RAT PACK PURIM ● 🌟
Saturday, March 11 ☑️ 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy dinner, drinks, and a show featuring Big Band music. Wear a fedora and receive a free drink! Admission free, cash bar.
Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/ratpackpurim

PURIM CARNIVAL ●
Sunday, March 12 ☑️ 10:00 a.m.
With new rides, games, delicious sweets, and fun attractions, this fun-filled day is great for kids of all ages—children and teens!
Amanda Pleau, rsinfo@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8906
wbtl.org/purim

BORN SURVIVORS: THE STORIES OF THREE YOUNG MOTHERS ● 🌟
Tuesday, March 14 ☑️ 7:30 p.m.
In the waning days of World War II, three young women in the same concentration camp gave birth to babies who, against all odds, managed to survive. Meet one of these survivors, author Wendy Holden.
western@ushmm.org, (310) 556-3222
ushmm.org/events/holden-losangeles

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Joan Saunders by Patricia and Robert Fox
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Joan Saunders by Susan Lipton
Joan Saunders by Melinda and Lou Spitz
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Best dad and grandfather, Frank Hoffer, by Helene Hoffer Klein

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Beloved mother; Mollie Steinholz, by Sylvia Miller

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AIDAN BAR-COHEN

March 4, 2017

Aidan is the son of Yaniv and Dorin Bar-Cohen; the grandson of Yoseph and Yardena Bar-Cohen; Arie and Liora Alkalay.

Family Welcome: Levi Bar-Cohen, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Aidan works at the Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry at the Karsh Center, where he makes and hands out food bags to people who can’t afford buying their own meals. Aidan looks forward to helping those who need it most.

JULIAN VICTOR ANDREONE

March 4, 2017

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

Julian is the son of Leah Andreone and Mark Drooks; the grandson of Barbara and Victor Andreone; Evelyn Drooks.

Family Welcomers: Jaden D. Andreone, Aaron Drooks, Jared Drooks, and Adam Drooks, brothers.

Tikkun Olam Project: Julian is working with Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN), whose mission is to empower abused, neglected, and homeless adolescents to become self-sufficient. The organization provides food, emergency shelter, street outreach, a transitional living program, and educational enrichment programs. Many of the shelter’s recipients are in great need of undergarments, so Julian will be sending out a letter to his network of friends and family, then gathering and delivering these donations to the LAYN shelter.

JULIA ROSE SHADMON

March 11, 2017

Julia is the daughter of Ella and Irtai Shadmon; the granddaughter of Ruth and Albert Sheffer; Alex and Bella Shadmon.

Family Welcomers: Michelle Shadmon, sister; Sharon Roizenblatt and Yael Tzur, aunts; Gil Shadmon, uncle.

Tikkun Olam Project: Julia volunteered at the Leansse Ratner Family Food Pantry at the Karsh Center, assembling meals for those in need as well as providing groceries for the community.

JANE AERIN HAMILTON

March 11, 2017

Jane is the daughter of Marissa and Josh Hamilton; the granddaughter of Marsha Grant; Elaine and Michael Hamilton.

Tikkun Olam Project: Jane volunteered for five years at A Place Called Home, a nonprofit organization that serves Thanksgiving meals to underprivileged families in South Central Los Angeles. A Place Called Home is a youth center that in addition to providing a warm and caring safe haven to young children and teens and their families who are exposed to drugs and violence, helps these family members rebuild their lives.

DYLANN AIDEN BUB

March 11, 2017

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

Dylan is the son of Colleen and Gary Bub; the grandson of Sheila Bub and the late Jeffrey Bub; Joyce Hendriksen and the late Alan Hendriksen.

Tikkun Olam Project: Dylan is raising money to send an underprivileged child to Canyon Creek Sports Camp.

EMILY MORGAN RATNER

March 18, 2017

Emily is the daughter of Tammy and Richard Ratner; the granddaughter of Cheri and Todd Morgan; Joan and Sheldon Ratner.

Tikkun Olam Project: Emily chose to share her passion for dancing and acrobatics by performing for residents of the WISE & Healthy Aging home and for 200 Holocaust survivors through Jewish Family Services. Emily also volunteers at SOVA food pantry.

SAM ELLIOT SLUTSKE

March 18, 2017

Sam is the son of Andrea and Adam Slutske; the grandson of Susan and Steven Gryczman; Ronna and Burt Slutske.

Family Welcomers: Maya and Annie Slutske, sisters.

Tikkun Olam Project: Sam collects shoes for Sole Brothers, a nonprofit realized by his Crossroads coach Travon Muhammad. Sole Brothers works to make sure underserved children have safe and comfortable athletic shoes, and therefore access to the joy of participating in sports. In support of Sam and Sole Brothers, please consider bringing any gently used athletic footwear to Sam’s bar mitzvah.

RYAN SETH BRONTE

March 25, 2017

Ryan is the son of Ilyse and David Bronte; the grandson of Les and Isabel Bronte; Alan DuFine and the late Alan Hendriksen.

Family Welcomer: Josh Bronte, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Ryan collected baseball equipment for the Nick Fagnano Foundation's Thrive in Joy, which supports the Remar Orphanage in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, the recipients of the donated equipment.
“ALL IN” POKER TOURNAMENT 🍀
Thursday, March 16, 5:00 p.m., Dodger Stadium
The fourth-annual “All In” Poker Tournament benefiting Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Scholarship Funds features a no-limit Texas Hold’em tournament with professional dealers, NCAA March Madness viewing on big screens throughout the evening, and fantastic prizes.

Judy and Ron Kabrins
Joshua Karbelnig
Dena Bloom and Robert Klyman
Cynthia and Marc Miller
Julia Riseman
Pamela and Clifford Rowe
Rhonda Schwartz
Debra and David Solomon
Dr. and Mrs. Keith Stamler
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Steres
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sugerman
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Tarica
Seth Toybes
Carol and Gordon Wall
Jolie Williams

In Honor of:
Rabbi David Eshel for officiating at Belle Meadow's baby naming by Jodi and Bradley Meadow
Rabbi David Eshel for officiating at Richie Rosen's bar mitzvah by Jacqui and Todd Rosen

Save the Date for Shabbat on the Fly with Rabbi Leder

Annual Fishing Trip to Idaho
August 4–7, 2017
Limited spaces available
RSVP to jgeller@wbtla.org

Yom HaShoah Memorial
In observance of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) on April 23, Cantor Seth Ettinger will be constructing a memorial to those who perished during the Holocaust. If any family members were lost during the Shoah, please send their names to cantoroffice@wbtla.org so they may be included in this memorial.

Attention Parents of College Students
During Pesach we are not always able to be with our children who are away at college. This year, if they cannot be home with us, we want to send a little bit of home to them. Please send your children's current college mailing address to Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8932 so we can send a special care package for the holiday.

THE WILSHIREREADERS 📚
Thursday, March 16 🕒 7:30 p.m.
Don’t miss the fourth meeting of the 2016-17 book club season when we discuss The Nightingale: A Novel by Kristin Hannah, led by Great Books facilitator Rochelle Ginsburg.

Attention Parents of College Students
Two college students enjoying their Passover care packages from last year!

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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 ge’iret mitzvah—doing a mitzvah leads to doing more.

Thank you to Canter’s Deli, Brooklyn Bagel, Noah’s Bagel Larchmont, and Western Bagel West L.A., for their weekly donation of bread to our Food Pantries.

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JEWISH WOMEN’S THEATRE PRESENTS EXILE: KISSES ON BOTH CHEEKS 🍀
Sunday, March 26 🕒 2:00 p.m.
A Jewish immigrant story featuring the legacy of family, community, and country.
Cost: $18.

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STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND: A CONVERSATION WITH GEORGE PROCHNIK 🍀
Tuesday, March 28 🕒 7:00 p.m.
Award-winning author George Prochnik discusses his latest book about Jewish mysticism and humanist scholar Gershom Scholem, while also telling an intimate story of his own youth, marriage, and spiritual quest in Jerusalem.

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wbtla.org/stranger
## Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

### Friday, March 3
- **Shabba Dabba**
  - Rabbi Goldberg
  - 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 4
- **Torah Study**
  - Exodus Trumah (23:1-27:19)
  - Rabbi Fox
  - 9:00 a.m.

### Friday, March 10
- **Reggae Youth Choir Shabbat**
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger
  - 6:00 p.m.

- **Youth Choir Shabbat**
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 11
- **Torah Study**
  - Exodus Tzav (27:20-30:10)
  - Rabbi Goldberg
  - 9:00 a.m.

- **Tot Shabbat**
  - Rabbi Eschel
  - 9:30 a.m.

### Shabbat Services
- **Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Bar-Cohen**
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Bar Mitzvah of Julian Andreone**
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, March 17
- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
  - 6:00 p.m.

  - Rabbi Eschel and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 18
- **Torah Study**
  - Exodus Ki Tisa (30:11-34:35)
  - Rabbi Shapiro
  - 9:00 a.m.

### Shabbat Services
- **Bar Mitzvah of Emily Ratner**
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Bar Mitzvah of Sam Slutske**
  - Rabbi Eschel and Cantor Ettinger
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, March 24
- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
  - 6:00 p.m.

  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
  - 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 25
- **Torah Study**
  - Exodus Vayakheil (35:1-38:20)
  - Rabbi Eschel
  - 9:00 a.m.

- **Tot Shabbat**
  - 9:30 a.m.

### Shabbat Services
- **Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Bronte**
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
  - 10:00 a.m.

No services at Irmas Campus

### Friday, March 31
- **Shabbat Services**
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist Jacqueline Rafii
  - 6:00 p.m.

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