New Program Reimagines Religious School

“The only source of knowledge is experience.”
—Albert Einstein

As educators and parents, we have studied the current and widely practiced methods of teaching religious school—while bemoaning the inherent schedule constraints and the knowledge that this mode of Jewish learning pales in comparison to the richness, depth, and nuance of our faith. Added to this is the irrefutable time crunch that students and parents feel every day, coupled with the anxiety of an impending bar or bat mitzvah. The keen awareness of these factors was the catalyst for the creation of the new Grade 7 program, WBTYhelps, that we are launching in the coming year. For the first time, students will be able to choose from 10 different program options to custom-design a religious school plan that targets their specific interests, fits into their schedules, and is poignantly responsive to the Jewish mandate to heal a broken world.

All WBTYhelps program offerings are accessible, age-appropriate, and provide immeasurable educational value, thus helping to establish a solid foundation for our students to transition to a more mature understanding of what it means to live Jewishly.

The revolutionary program also takes students out of the classroom and into the community. There are seven volunteer tracks to choose from: Hunger and Homelessness, The Environment, The Holocaust, Literacy, The Karsh Center Experience, Special Needs Basketball Club, and Kids Helping Kids. Each track is partnered with a phenomenal organization in the community. All (except the basketball track) meet once a month, which works well dovetailing with students’ busy school and activities schedules; and, as an added bonus, they also fulfill the mitzvah-project requirement.

Although the volunteer tracks afford a wealth of engaging, meaningful possibilities, there are even more WBTYhelps options: Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing meets monthly to delve into the myriad issues affecting teenage girls, examining them through a Jewish lens. For students who genuinely love the classroom but are particularly interested in the how and why of our shared past rather than a standard curriculum, we offer the internationally recognized Facing History and Ourselves. And, finally, we have opened up our Madrichim Training to Grade 7 students who love working with younger students in the classroom.

Regardless of which WBTYhelps program is selected, all students, we hope, will be embarking on journeys that will result in a lifetime of engagement, commitment, and connection.

Cathy Gordon, Rabbi Rochelle Tulik, and Rachel Waltuch
If I had to choose only one thing from the Torah that I would like to be able to do—of all the miracles, of all the signs and wonders—the one described in this Torah portion called Balak would be it: The mighty King Balak has decided that although they have done nothing wrong, if left unchecked, the Jews, growing in numbers on their way to the Promised Land, would overwhelm his empire. In a rage, he calls for the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites, dooming them to destruction.

The Torah is full of curses. To our ancestors, they were as real as could be. As a rabbi, I see a great deal of life and death. All rabbis do. When people are in pain, it’s my phone that rings. Everyone suffers sooner or later—we all feel cursed at some point. And that’s why, if I had only one miracle to select from the entire Torah, I would choose the one in this Parashah.

For what does Balaam say when he attempts to curse the Israelites? He says: “Mah tov—how good.” How good is this community of God in the desert. Balaam’s curse becomes a blessing. That is the most important lesson the Torah teaches us about life: that we can turn our curses into blessings. The real tragedy of life is not that we suffer pain and disappointment, it’s that sometimes we learn nothing from them.

Ask the alcoholic who struggled to give up drinking, the man sexually abused as a child, a woman who’s been raped. Ask those who have lost their home, their livelihood, their breast, their money, their marriage, or their reputation. Ask anyone who has gently lowered a loved one’s body into the silent ground. They will tell you that the most important lessons learned are those that came through struggles; that until you have been cursed by life, you will never know humility or fearlessness.

Everyone gets damaged. We all walk through life with some kind of “limp.” The Torah’s challenge is for us to recognize that the pain within our wounds carries the secret to becoming truly blessed.

Rabbi Steve Leder

Camp Kulam

Camp Kulam: A Memorable Family Weekend

On a beautiful weekend in May, 60 families and children who have special needs experienced three days filled with sports, arts and crafts, singing, dancing, archery, a petting zoo, and ropes courses at Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu. Camp is a place to be and discover yourself. Professional social workers and specially trained staff created a remarkable atmosphere. Throughout the weekend there was family programming to build community as well as separate and specific programs for children, siblings, and adults.
Alumni Spotlight
Adi Thein-Sandler, Brawerman Class of 2011 and Crossroads Class of 2017, will be attending Harvard University this fall; he accepted an invitation as a special recruit for the men’s épée fencing squad. After winning the gold medal in Cadet Men’s Épée at the USA National Championships at the end of the fencing season last year, Adi qualified for Team USA and competed at the 2016 Fencing World Championships in France. Each of the 150 nations represented sends only its top three fencers. Adi placed third in the world, and brought home the bronze medal for the USA. Adi has competed in tournaments all over the world, including Austria, Denmark, Finland, and Switzerland.

“Needless to state how significantly Brawerman has contributed to Adi’s amazing life to date,” his family noted, “as a scholar who has loved learning from the first day in BMG’s [Bruce Michael Green] life-altering classroom. Without Ms. Keith’s ‘generous hosting’ of Adi’s large fencing bag in her office for all those years, starting in Grade 2, we are not so sure Adi could have fenced, let alone discover this beautiful passion. He is a musician, an athlete who has reached heights unimagined. We are grateful for Brawerman’s unwavering teachings of humility and kindness and being proud to be Jewish in this world of ours.”
Mazal tov to our graduating Kadima classes! The faculty and staff at the Early Childhood Centers are so proud of you all and excited to send you forth on your continuing journey. Come back and visit us often—you are always part of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple family.
Building On A Great Year

As we closed the chapter on this year of Religious School, wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer, our team welcomed Rachel Waltuch as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Rachel brings with her over 25 years of day school and religious school teaching and administrative experience, as well as a Master’s Degree in Education Administration. The recipient of several awards for her mentor teaching and administrative accomplishments, Rachel joins us with a new level of energy, passion, and excitement and looks forward to meeting you all. Our administrative team now in place, we are poised to bring your children a 2017/2018 school year filled with the very best in staff, programs, curriculum, and opportunities for meaningful engagement in our school and the WBT community. If you haven’t already done so, please remember to register online at wbtl.a.org/rs/registration.
Elie Wiesel’s Night: A Morning-after Letter

On Sunday, April 23, Wilshire Boulevard Temple hosted a public celebrity reading of Night, Elie Wiesel’s powerful memoir about his childhood experience in Nazi concentration camps. Among the many readers was Dr. Diane White-Clayton, a composer, vocalist, pianist, music professor, minister, and creator and conductor of the Sacred Praise Chorale at Faithful Central Bible Church. Below is the letter she wrote to me the morning after our inspiring event:

Yesterday was so incredible. As I walked to the podium, I looked out and saw all the beautiful Jewish faces—mothers, fathers, grandparents, children young and old—and all of a sudden I saw each in the state of those precious souls we were describing in the book. Emaciated, stripped of everything, tormented, dying... I could have collapsed in grief. Then, as I began to read the passage in which Elie is mercilessly beaten by Idek, I wept bitterly inside, struggling to contain myself to get through the reading.

As an African-American whose grandmother was a slave breeder, I have looked much, and deeply felt, the horrors of American slavery. And with many Jewish friends, have more and more become aware of the intricacies of the Holocaust. Lest we forget....

Thank you, Susan. We ALL needed this. In a time of great suffering in our world, where indifference is daunting and the audacity to execute injustice is accepted and even embraced, we needed the reminder to be human. To touch. To cry. To allow ourselves to feel the pain of others. And to remember that as evil as we humans can be, we same humans can be pretty incredible and love and heal one another, standing up for good.

Blessings and grace to all those who participated in this powerful experience. It was an honor to share the stage with you.

Rabbi Susan Nanus, Director of Adult Programs

Food Pantry Goes Mobile

On April 25, the Karsh Family Social Service Center, in collaboration with the Koreatown Youth + Community Center (KYCC), launched a new program. The Mobile Food Pantry was created to help meet clients’ basic needs by delivering food to them on a weekly basis, as well as connect them with support staff and volunteers to aid them in procuring other social services. The recipients, all of whom identify as low income, are mainly formerly homeless, single-parent families and are unable to come to the Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry on Sundays.

Karsh Center volunteers had the opportunity to meet many of these 24 families and other families who expressed interest in the program. In accordance with the Karsh service delivery model, we are not simply dropping off food. Instead, volunteers are working toward building relationships with the families, to connect them to other services at KYCC or the Karsh Center.

We are thrilled to be extending our reach beyond the walls of the Karsh Center and out into the community. At Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the mitzvah of feeding the hungry has always been close to our hearts—and is one of our core values. The Mobile Food Pantry allows us to deepen this work, and we extend our gratitude to our volunteers and supporters for making it possible.
Cornerstone Fellowship Strengthens Camp Ties

After a rigorous application process, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps was selected to participate in the Cornerstone Fellowship, a national leadership program directed by the Foundation for Jewish Camp. The program is designed to provide leadership training and guidance to outstanding, returning counselors who are the “cornerstones” of a great camp staff. Assistant Camp Director Erica Feinman and Rabbi David Eshel served as advisors to counselors Nicole Pinkus, Ezra Andres-Tysch, Liana Scheide, Maya Klapper, and Gaby Ostrove, who were selected by Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s year-round senior camp staff to be Cornerstone Fellows.

The five Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camp counselors from Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap clap) joined 400 other staff members from 60 Jewish camps across North America for a five-day immersive experience May 21 to 25 at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Welcome to new Temple members...
Lindsey Smith and Toby Ascher and their daughter, Charlotte...Jill and Lee Egerman and their son, Evan...Claudia Cevenini and Edward Greenberg...Jenna and Darren Menaker and their son, Carter...Deborah and Nima Mestriani...Eve Rubell...

Congratulations to...
Erica Smith Drucker and Elias Drucker on the birth of their son, Max Levi Drucker...Byron and Tim Karp on the birth of their son, Sonny Jacob Karp, and to big brother, Teddy...Liz and Avidan Ross on the birth of their son, Eytan Charles Ross, and to big brother, Ezra...Lauren and Andrew Schwartz on the birth of their son, Derek Matthew Schwartz, and to big sister, Hallie...

Condolences to...
Leslie Appelbaum on the death of her father, Irving Appelbaum, and to great-granddaughters, Anabelle, Sophia, and Bianca...Jordan and Lisa Bender on the death of his mother, Cindy Bender, and to grandchildren, Hannah, Jane, and Sarah...David Bluemstone on the death of his wife, Leslie Bluemstone...Junas Schwartz on the death of her brother, Ronald Blumkin, to nephew, Zachary and Laney Schwartz, and to great-niece, Zoe...Arthur Gerry on the death of his wife, Janice Gerry, and to daughter, Diane Gerry...Robert Gordon on the death of his daughter, Leslie Gordon...Diane Dresser on the death of her brother, Richard Kluwin...Katie Lipsitt Burton and Mark Burton on the death of her mother, Judy Lipsitt, and to grandchildren, Benjamin and Lucy...Joe McNamara and Leigh Stein McNamara on the death of his father, Edward McNamara, and to grandchildren, Jacob and Blythe...Kendra Kuhnel-Shalem and Avinoam Shalem on the death of her mother, Rose Marie Reeves, and to granddaughter, Zoe...Kenneth and Rhona Rosenblatt on the death of his father, Jerome “Jerry” Rosenblatt, and to grandchildren, Becca and Brett...Robert and Karen Sacks on the death of his mother, Mildred “Millie” Sacks, and to grandchildren, Eric and Jessica...Karen and Scott Silver, Jennifer and Eric Kaufman, and Stephanie and Craig Ruttenberg on the death of their grandfather, Herschel Tenenbaum, and to great-grandchildren, Lauren, Samantha, Nathan, Ashley, and Jonah...Katherine Farkas and Christopher Angel on the death of her sister, Miriam Farkas Zink, and to niece and nephew, Naomi and Chance...

And to all immediate and extended family.
Commnity News

Why Should I Give?

What does it mean to be part of Wilshire Boulevard Temple? Our reasons may be different. For some it continues a longstanding family tradition or honors deeply held values. For others, it may be a welcome introduction or renewal. As we get to know each other better—learning together, praying together, celebrating together, and working together—it is fascinating to hear Wilshire Boulevard stories...your stories.

You and your stories are what make WBT a stronger and ever more vital place. Every person in our community matters and everyone makes a difference.

The Each One Help One annual campaign is a way for Temple members to contribute meaningfully beyond their own membership to ensure that Wilshire Boulevard Temple is a place where anyone with a desire to be part of this community can be. A contribution to Each One Help One in any amount at every level helps everyone to find their own place in the community. One of the great strengths of our congregation, and a cornerstone of our future and the future of the Jewish People, is that we will never turn a family away because of financial reasons.

Each One Help One support bridges the difference between membership contributions and the cost of providing meaningful worship, engaging programs, quality education, and breathtaking facilities that serve us all.

Each of us has a personal reason for giving. This year we encourage you to look at Each One Help One as a way to support our community and fulfill a personal interest.

Last year’s campaign exceeded expectations, and we were able to surpass our goals and made membership possible for more than 800 families who otherwise could not have afforded to be part of our community. Every gift truly makes a difference. So please help our Temple family thrive. This year when you ask yourself, Why should I give? think about the impact you can make, the lives you can touch, and the community you can inspire by giving.

If each one helps one, we can guarantee a Jewish future for all!

For more information, visit wbtl.org/eachonehelpone or contact Alison Gettleson at agettleson@wbtl.org or (213) 835-2153.

July Hikes with The Meetup!

This summer join The Meetup—the Temple’s new young-professionals and social-networking group geared toward individuals in their 20s and 30s—for four incredible hikes on some of L.A.’s most picturesque trails. All the hikes begin at 9 a.m. sharp and end at 11:30 a.m., so we can have lunch together afterward. Whether you’re looking to make new friends, enjoy being out in nature, or get in better shape, these hikes are a lot of fun!

To join us on one of our hikes, email cantoroffice@wbtl.org or meet us at the trailhead at 8:45 a.m. on any of the dates below.

- July 9—Griffith Park Trail. Meet in the parking lot north of the Greek Theatre off Vermont and stay for lunch after at Fred 62.
- July 30—Los Liones Trail (566 Los Liones Drive, Pacific Palisades, 90272). Meet in front of the Mormon Church at the end of Los Liones Drive and stay for lunch after at Patrick’s Roadhouse.

Be sure to bring hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, and bottled water, as shade and temperature conditions may vary. For more information, visit wbtl.org/meetup or email cantoroffice@wbtl.org.
Upcoming Events

For our complete calendar of events, please visit wbtla.org/events

FRIED CHICKEN AND LATKES
JEWISH WOMEN’S THEATRE 🎭
Thursday, June 1, The Braid, 8:00 p.m.
Women of Wilshire invites you to Rain Pryor’s one-woman show, a hilarious and heart-wrenching story of growing up black and Jewish in a politically incorrect era. There will be an optional dinner at 6:00 p.m. at The Daily Grill in Santa Monica.

Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtla.org/fried-chicken-and-latkes

FIRST FRIDAYS: SHABBA DABBA! 🎵
Fridays, June 2 and July 7 🕖 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

SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT: SUMMER MUSICAL SERIES 🎵
Fridays, June 2 through 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.

wbtla.org/soulsounds

NEFESH 🎵
Fridays, June 2 and 16 and July 7 and 21 🕖 7:30 p.m.
Join our warm and welcoming Nefesh services, led by Rabbi Susan Goldberg with Nefesh musicians David 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

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY 🌘
Saturday, June 3 🕖 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 10, Faithful Central Bible Church, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 17 🕖 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 24, Faithful Central Bible Church, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 15 🕖 2:00 p.m.
Join our sister congregation, Faithful Central Bible Church, for our second annual interfaith Bible study. Each week we will alternate locations from our Westside Irmas Campus to Faithful Central Bible Church.

Susan Nanus, rabbisusannanus@wbtla.org
wbtla.org/bibleclasses

MUSLIM-JEWSH COMMUNITY IFTAR 🌔
Wednesday, June 7 🕖 6:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Goldberg and New Ground: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change, to break the fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan. As our country is filled with divisive rhetoric, join one of the largest gatherings of Muslims and Jews in the country in transforming community through the power of relationships.

Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org
newground.nationbuilder.com/newgroundiftar2017

ROCK CLIMBING 🎾
Thursday, June 8, Rockreation LA, 7:30 p.m.
Reach new heights with The Meetup (the Temple’s new young professional and social networking group geared towards individuals in their 20s and 30s) at Rockreation LA! First-time climbers through advanced are welcome for a night of team building, bouldering, and belaying. Cost is $25 and includes shoes, chalk, and harness rentals. All are invited to stay after and climb until close. Space is limited.

Jesica Ryzenberg, cantoroffice@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2124
wbtla.org/meetup

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 🎉
Friday, June 16 🕖 6:00 p.m.
We will be honoring our outgoing Board Members, electing our Board Members, and installing the 2017-18 Temple Board. In addition, the Board will be specially recognized and blessed by our clergy. Everyone is invited to stay after the Shabbat service for a very special oneg and reception for all in attendance.

Donna Nadel, dnadel@wbtla.org
wbtla.org/annual-meeting
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### WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday**
- Food Pantries

**Monday**
- Women’s Torah Study

**Tuesday**
- Shabba Dabba

**Wednesday**
- Independence Day
- Spousal Bereavement Support Group

**Thursday**
- Adult B’Nei Mitzvah Class
- Spousal Bereavement Support Group

**Friday**
- Torah Study
- Shabbat Shacharit

**Saturday**
- Torah Study and Kaddish

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ADEN SCHWARTZ
June 3, 2017
Aden is the son of Claudia and Mark Schwartz; the grandson of Vera and John Schwartz; Jacquie Marks, Rose Fekete, and Frank Marks.
Family Welcomers: Noe Schwartz, sister; Jude Schwartz, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Aden decided to give tzedakah to the Pablove Foundation; and in lieu of gifts, he would like his bar mitzvah guests to donate to this cause.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I have seen people fight cancer, and this foundation helps children with cancer find meaningful ways to deal with their illnesses. It also funds research for cures for rare pediatric cancers.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope to continue to give tzedakah and learn more about organizations that help sick children. I would also like to raise awareness about the Pablove Foundation at my school and organize a bike-a-thon.

ANABELLE SEBBAG
June 10, 2017
Anabelle is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Anabelle is the daughter of Leslie Appelbaum and Steph Sebbag; the granddaughter of the late Arlene Appelbaum and the late Irving Appelbaum; Elaine Lalouz and Maurice Sebbag.
Family Welcomers: Sophia and Bianca Sebbag, sisters.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Through my dance family, I was able to positively affect the lives of people who live without the smallest of needs, such as clean water, beds, and hygiene supplies. The children will also get dance shoes from our studio.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I look forward to working in communities outside of where I live. I want to improve lives through artistic expression.

ZACHARY ANSELL
June 10, 2017
Zachary is the son of Debra and Ben Ansell; the grandson of Judy Wolkovitch and the late Julian Wolkovitch; the late Marjorie and George Ansell.
Family Welcomers: Nathan and Justin Ansell, brothers.
Tikkun Olam Project: I helped at the SOVA Food Pantry, assisting the permanent volunteers by gathering food in bags and handing them out.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It has helped me understand the true plight of those in need. There is a difference between knowing something and understanding it. I know that there are people struggling, but I did not truly understand how it is to be without food, a basic necessity.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to being a kinder person. I will also attempt to keep in mind how badly off some people are and will try to change that.

JARED MICHAEL LEWIN
June 17, 2017
Jared is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Jared is the son of Sharon and Darren Lewin; the grandson of Zahava and Shimon Shapira; Doreen and Leon Lewin.
Family Welcomers: Jason and Justin Lewin, brothers.
Tikkun Olam Project: Jared was inspired to volunteer his time with Remember Us, an organization that honors the memory of children killed in the Holocaust, because both sets of his great-grandparents were Holocaust survivors. Jared also is researching the history of family members who perished in the Shoah, writing Pages of Testimony for his ancestors at Yad Vashem and visiting local Holocaust survivors to learn firsthand about their incredible stories of survival.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? Jared hopes his participation in this important organization, and his involvement in Holocaust awareness, will ensure that future generations discover a deeper connection through remembrance; and will better understand and relate to their Jewish heritage and ancestors.

HANNAH STAUDENMAIER
June 17, 2017
Hannah is the daughter of Saida and Eric Staudenmaier; the granddaughter of Beth and Bill Staudenmaier; Wendy Waldman; Brad Parker and Dr. Deb Greco.
Family Welcomer: Otto Staudenmaier, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Hannah spent several months helping prepare donations and supplies for Melissa’s Hope Orphanage in Haiti. Members of her dance school, Revolution Dance Center, will travel to Melissa’s Hope to care for the children living in the orphanage and provide needed resources.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Through my dance family, I was able to positively affect the lives of people who live without the smallest of needs, such as clean water, beds, and hygiene supplies. The children will also get dance shoes from our studio.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I look forward to working in communities outside of where I live. I want to improve lives through artistic expression.

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JAMIE MCRAE
June 24, 2017
Jamie is the daughter of Kelly and Amy McRae; the granddaughter of Stanley and the late Jacqueline Lord; Rose and the late Hal McRae; Nancy Lord
Family Welcomers: Harry, Jackie, Hallie, and Yaeli, siblings.
Tikkun Olam Project: Jamie worked with Theater 31 helping children understand theater while learning to express themselves. Theater 31’s camps and theater-arts classes provide opportunities for children to strengthen their performance and collaboration abilities, enhance interpersonal-awareness skills, and build self-confidence.
Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Jamie is an actress and was able to help children develop a love for theater and learn to better express themselves.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Jamie plans to continue to help teach and show others how important the arts are in our lives.

NOAH GAMZON-DRAUGHON
July 1, 2017
Noah is the son of Scott Gamzon and Richard Draughon; the grandson of Gloriane and Stanley Gamzon; the late Joan Ross, the late Louie Ross, and the late Richard Draughon Sr.
Tikkun Olam Project: Noah has been volunteering at Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Karsh Family Social Service Center’s Food Pantry for about four years. He is a coordinator along with his father, Scott Gamzon.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I have enjoyed working with the Food Pantry because I like helping the community in Koreatown. I have met a lot of interesting families that I look forward to seeing every week, and now consider some of them my friends.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to keep on volunteering at the food pantry every Sunday morning, because I enjoy it and I want to continue helping my community.

AXEL JOSEPH BAUM
July 8, 2017
Axel is the son of Patricia and Jeffrey Baum; the grandson of the late Jack Baum, the late Joann Baum, and the late Diane Baum; the late Jean Roolary and Yvette Roolary.
Family Welcomers: Jack and Noah Baum, brothers.
Tikkun Olam Project: I have served at WBT food pantry for the past eight years, preparing and distributing groceries and fresh produce to homeless and low-income families.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? During all the years I have been involved, I have created special relationships with other regular volunteers. It makes me feel connected to our community. I also feel I am making a difference in our clients’ lives as I greet them with respect and often get warm thank-yous back.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan on remaining involved with my temple community at the food pantry.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2017/5778 SCHEDULE

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All services (tickets required) are held at the Glazer Campus (Eastside) except for Second-Day Rosh HaShanah, held at the Irmas Campus (Westside). All services in Piness are unreserved. All Nefesh services are for adults and children aged 10 and older. Schedule subject to change.
You are invited to build on the success of the inaugural series of Interfaith Bible Study workshops by participating in one, some, or all of this summer’s five sessions. Each study group brings together congregants from the Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood and Wilshire Boulevard Temple to explore chapters and verses. Session locations alternate between Wilshire Boulevard Temple and Faithful Central as our rabbis and Faithful Central’s spiritual leader Bishop Kenneth Ulmer provide context and perspective that reveal new meaning to even the most familiar texts. Enrollment was limited last year but the popularity of the program enables us to open the program and grow the community developing between our two congregations. The program is free but registration is required. For details, visit wbtla.org/bibleclasses.

Saturday, June 3, 3–5 p.m.
Irmas Campus
Rabbi Susan Nanus
The Unknown Heroes of Exodus: The Ordinary People Who Saved and Protected Moses

Saturday, June 10, 3–5 p.m.
Faithful Central Bible Church
Bishop Kenneth Ulmer
Escaping the Trauma of Slavery and the Slavery Mindset

Saturday, June 17, 3–5 p.m.
Irmas Campus
Rabbi Steve Leder
Moses, the Unlikely Prophet

Saturday, June 24, 3–5 p.m.
Faithful Central Bible Church
Bishop Kenneth Ulmer
Faith Versus Works: A Study of the Ten Commandments

Saturday, July 15, 2–5 p.m.
Irmas Campus
(will have special closing lunch before the final class)
Rabbi Steve Leder and Bishop Kenneth Ulmer
The Symbolism of the Tabernacle: Holiness in the Desert and Beyond

Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting and Board Election on Friday night, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. on the Irmas Campus (Westside).

We will be honoring our outgoing Board Members, electing our Board Members, and installing the 2017–18 Temple Board. In addition, the Board will be specially recognized and blessed by our clergy.

Everyone is invited to stay after the Shabbat service for a very special oneg and reception for all in attendance.

The annual congregational meeting is open to all members of Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
## Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**
- Yakor Service
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger @ 9:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**
- Shabbat Dabba
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band @ 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Naso (4:21-7:89)
  - Rabbi Berens-Chafetz @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Eden Schwartz
  - Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger @ 10:00 a.m.
  - No services at Irmas Campus

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Jacqueline Rafii @ 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers B’shalach (8:1-12:16)
  - Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Abielle Sebag
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger @ 10:00 a.m.
  - Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Anselli
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Ellen Sugerman @ 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Jacqueline Rafii @ 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band @ 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Sh’lach L’cha (13:1-15:41)
  - Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Jared Lewin
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger @ 10:00 a.m.
  - Bar Mitzvah of Hannah Staedemaier
  - Rabbi Goldberg @ 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantorial Soloist Jacqueline Rafii @ 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Korach (16:1-18:32)
  - Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Jamie McRae
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - No services at Glazer Campus

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Jacqueline Rafii @ 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band @ 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Chukat (19:1-22:2)
  - Rabbi Levy Brody Slome @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Noah Gannon-Draughon
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger @ 10:00 a.m.
  - No services at Irmas Campus

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Balak (22:2-25:9)
  - Rabbi Karen Fox @ 9:00 a.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Bar Mitzvah of Axel Baum
  - Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Gurney @ 10:00 a.m.
  - No services at Irmas Campus

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Leder @ 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**
- Torah Study and Kaddish
  - Numbers Pinchas (25:10-30:1)
  - Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.
  - No services at Irmas or Glazer Campuses

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**
- Women’s Torah Study
  - Rabbi Nanus @ 12:30 p.m.
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney @ 6:00 p.m.
- Nefesh
  - Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band @ 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**
- Torah Study
  - Numbers Matot (30:2-32:42) and Masei (33:1-36:13)
  - Rabbi Levy Brody Slome @ 9:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**
- Shabbat Services
  - Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist Jackie Rafii @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney @ 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**
- Torah Study and Kaddish
  - Deuteronomy D’varim (1:1-3:22)
  - Rabbi Levy Brody Slome @ 9:00 a.m.
  - No services at Irmas or Glazer Campuses