When Cantor Don Gurney joined the Wilshire Boulevard Temple clergy in 1999 as the first cantor in the Temple’s long history, he was faced with the challenge of going back to the future. His mission: to reintroduce traditional Jewish worship music and song to the Temple’s liturgical practices. Many Reform synagogues, ours included, had abandoned traditional Hebrew musical liturgy in the early 20th century, replacing it with the more Christian (and therefore more “American”) organ and choir. Fifteen years after joining us, the cantor continues to weave together the old and new.

Early in his tenure, the Cleveland native was determined “not to take away but to add” to the established musical repertoire of the congregation. He introduced the traditional melodies for Bar’chu to reflect, he says, “the traditional world where there is a collection of modes. Every worship service had a collection of sounds and melodies that were unique and distinguishable, marking distinct time and occasion.” Today there are still specific sounds and melodies that distinguish Shabbat from the High Holy Days, for example.

The congregation has easily adapted to the old melodies but has been challenged at times by their Hebrew text. It’s not lost on Cantor Gurney that many if not most Reform Jews do not speak the language of our prayers. Even if we don’t understand the words, however, “the power of song resonates more deeply in people in ways that cannot be fully articulated. When a community sings its own songs together, the effect is powerful and can bind that community together.”

Although an understanding of Hebrew is certainly optimal, the cantor points out that, ironically, the words can get in the way of the spiritual experience. Contemporary beliefs may be at odds with the values espoused in the traditional

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In Parashat Behar, God tells the Israelites to plant and harvest the Holy Land for six years, but in the seventh year, to allow the fields a Sabbath of complete rest. In that year, called shemita, the Israelites could gather whatever the land yields on its own but could not actively work their fields and vineyards.

The essential lesson for us is that the land is not technically ours; the land promised to us is only borrowed, a vehicle with which to build a symbiotic relationship with God through our surroundings. Awareness of these laws of the shemita year allows us to express humility, gratitude, and reliance upon God's blessings. If the land is not technically ours to own, then the blessings and bounty we enjoy from the land are also not exclusively in our control nor within our realm of influence. We remind ourselves every seven years that life and all of the blessings that come along with bountiful harvests are ultimately dependent upon God.

Today this means we should count our blessings and create possibilities for expressing gratitude—every day, every month, every season!

Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim

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The Torah Portion

This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land?

Behar: Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

liturgy. “People don’t always believe what the words actually say,” he observes.

A few years ago, to inspire deeper understanding of the text, the cantor introduced what he calls “visual liturgy.” During Soul Sounds Shabbat services at the Irmas Campus, the text is projected onto a large screen above the bimah, which serves to energize the congregation as their focus is drawn upward out of their prayer books and toward the central source of the service. Cantor Gurney hopes to broaden the use of visual liturgy, even at High Holy Day services.

He also hopes to bring instrumental accompaniment—particularly strings, wind, and brass—to more services. The presence of musicians at services has created a large following and sends a clear message: Shabbat worship at Wilshire Boulevard Temple is a communal celebration.

Enlarging that community and preserving Jewish continuity is Cantor Gurney’s purpose. He has developed music for services that combines languages and spans multiple Jewish eras and cultures. “We expand forward in all directions but also move backward to include more of our established traditions. The canvas is extensive, and almost anything goes,” he explains, “but the job of the cantor is to mold it all into something beautiful, enriching, inspiring, and musically interesting to create an experience that embodies our past, present, and future.”

Max Blum
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Started at ‘Valley of Tears’ overlooking Syria

The only time on a paved road—usually we were on trails

IMPJ riders from the whole world

Mickey and Rabbi Fox exhausted and thrilled on the last day
Why I Get My Hands Dirty for HOLA

Less than a mile east of the Glazer campus, Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) serves as an oasis for over 2,400 low-income families each year. HOLA operates high-quality academic, art, athletic, and music programs for kids, as well as supportive programs for parents. To do what they do—keep high-risk kids safe and move them in the direction of academic achievement—community support is necessary.

Given their needs and the spirit and drive of our congregation, it became clear to me that this would be a great shiduch for our community.

So five years ago we began a relationship. Since then, Wilshire Boulevard Temple members have worked side by side with HOLA to organize their extensive art library; our teens have painted classrooms and common areas; our families have assembled storage units; our little ones have painted a mural with their HOLA contemporaries; and working together, all have dug and toiled in soil for HOLA’s “healthy eating” gardens, made food packs for their needy families, done spring cleaning, and more.

Why do our congregants keep coming back? Where so many groups have tried to change an impoverished and undereducated community, we witness firsthand why HOLA is succeeding, one child at a time.

Our next get-together at HOLA will be Sunday, May 18, 12:30-3:30 p.m. We’ll spend an afternoon working with the amazing families and staff of HOLA and come away feeling empowered and full of hope. Become part of the solution and see why paint on your hands and dirt in your shoes make you feel so good!

Dena Bloom, Member, Board of Trustees

For more information and to sign up for An Afternoon at HOLA, go to wbbla.org

Our Students are Speaking

Here is what our students say about our high school programs:

Philanthropy: “Knowing that I am putting in a little effort to make a big difference in someone else’s life makes me feel like I am fulfilling my commitment to making the world a better place as a human being and as a Jew.” —Molly Lovett

Social Action Programming: “At Ronald McDonald House, we did arts and crafts with sick children and their families, and seeing the smiles on their faces when they completed the turkey-shaped pine cones was one of my all-time favorite experiences.”
—Carina Rosenbach

Sexuality Retreat: “This retreat was a crucial aspect of maturing as a teenager. It has allowed me to be comfortable talking and learning about ordinarily uncomfortable topics, and has helped me gain the knowledge I need to make safe choices in the future.”
—Taylor Kaltman

Wednesday Night Program: “The best part of Wednesday Night Program is being surrounded by such incredible staff and people who care about the same things as I do. Everyone is always in a great mood and is happy to be there, which is great to have in the middle of a chaotic high school week.” —Marissa Kugler

NFTY: “One of the greatest things about NFTY is that it is the place where people can truly be themselves without having to worry about what others think of them because the community is extremely accepting and friendly. You should come to an event. If you do, you will forever be a part of the family that is NFTY.”
—Noah Taha-Green
Family Camp Buzz

It’s a long list: baking challah, making team banners for the weekend’s “Oy-lympics,” Shabbat services led by Rabbi Eshel and song leader Jason Mesches, John Bard’s famous BBQ, hiking on the beach and in the hills, dads playing ukuleles, chilling out and running around, havdallah under the stars, a campfire and s’mores—these activities and more were all part of an unforgettable Family Camp weekend enjoyed by 33 Early Childhood Center families from both campuses March 28 – 30, at Camp Hess Kramer.

Everyone was grateful to parents Marcelo Ziperovich and Meredith Gordon Hochberg for their hard work in putting together a full slate of community spirit, outdoor adventure, good food, and joyful Judaism. On Sunday morning at the closing circle, where everyone shared his or her favorite part of the weekend, we heard words and expressions like: quality family time, freedom, nature, outdoors, Shabbat, new friends, new memories, happy, sad to leave, can’t wait for next year!

Camps

An Artist On-Site

Acclaimed children’s illustrator, artist, and author Katie Lipsitt will be at work as artist-in-residence for two camp sessions this summer (Camp Hess Kramer, June 18-29 and Gindling Hilltop Camp, August 1-10). “My plan is to create great art projects with the campers that will later become the illustrations for an updated camp prayer book,” she says.

Lipsitt’s primary medium is paper collage, but she also works in watercolor, marker, crayon, and pencil. The Los Angeles resident discovered her passion for collage while earning a bachelor’s degree in art history and fine art at Barnard College prior to studying illustration at Pasadena’s Art Center College of Design. While drawing technical inspiration from collage masters Henri Matisse and Kurt Schwitters, her true creative muses are her two children, Ben and Lucy, whose own stories often find their way into their mother’s work. You can explore her website at katielipsitt.com.

“The prayer book used at camp is based on a synagogue siddur that our camp staff adapted to make it more kid-friendly and accessible,” explains Camp Director Doug Lynn. The camp prayer book currently includes creative interpretations of prayers written by our campers and photos campers have taken at camp that go with the prayers thematically so it’s unique to our camps. “We are thrilled that Katie will be working with our campers to create the next wonderful artwork to add to the experience of prayer at camp,” Doug says.

Hands-on art making is just one of the many exciting offerings of our camp curriculum this summer. Enroll your children (entering Grades 3-10) now for the 2014 camp season! Visit www.wbtcamps.org
(More) Great Change Is Coming!

The renewal of our historic Sanctuary was just the beginning. On July 20, we break ground on the dramatic next phase of the Building Lives project that will transform the city block of the Glazer Campus, improve the lives of thousands of our neighbors in Wilshire Center/Koreatown, and create volunteer opportunities for hundreds of Temple members.

This radical new undertaking? The Karsh Family Social Service Center, for which congregants Martha and Bruce Karsh have donated $5 million to create a locus for the Temple’s Tikkan Olam mission. This force of change will occupy the ground floor of a new four-story building that will rise between Harvard and Hobart Boulevards along Sixth Street. The Karsh Center will house our food pantry and provide dental and eye care, legal aid, and mental health services to our low-income neighbors and bring our congregation together in service to those in need.

“The Temple sits in a unique multicultural community, made up largely of immigrants,” Martha observes, “and we felt that reaching out to our neighbors was a really important responsibility of our Temple. Our families were all immigrants just two generations back. It just felt like the right thing to do.”

Including “Family” in the center’s name is essential to Martha and Bruce, who met as students at University of Virginia Law School and have been married for 34 years. It not only reflects the name of their foundation and the values they want to pass on to their children but also, Martha says, “communicates that we’re all part of this Wilshire Boulevard Temple family and the larger Los Angeles family, and families help one another.”

The Temple’s goal is to ensure that the Karsh Center becomes nothing less than a widely recognized powerhouse for social good in the center of Los Angeles, something all congregants can participate and take pride in.

Last year, while architectural plans were in development, Martha’s father passed away. To honor his memory, the three Karsh children, who were very close to their eye-doctor grandfather, considered his many interests. “Our daughter, Katie, came up with the idea of endowing an eye care clinic in my father’s name,” Martha says, and to that end, the Karshes recently added $1 million to their original gift to endow the Dr. Donald R. Lubin Eye Care Clinic. As soon as word was out in the family, the Karshes’ 26-year-old son Jeffrey asked if he could contribute personally, and then promptly handed his mother a check. Martha says, “We obviously succeeded with our children: He’s honoring my father; he’s giving back to the Temple and community.”

Deeply touched by the tribute to her husband of 60 years and eager to make this a true family affair, Sybil Lubin, Martha’s 84-year-old mother, announced that she too would make a gift to support the eye-care clinic.

Familiar with good investments as co-founder of Oaktree Capital Management, Bruce notes, “The Temple renewal is a farsighted project. It will take time, but maybe even within just 10 years from now, it’s going to prove to be a brilliant move. The neighborhood is changing, and it will be a great place for the next generation of kids to live for years and years to come. Our Mayor lives in the area; downtown is really developing on its own path. There will ultimately be a warm Jewish community around the Temple again.

“When you look back to what gave rise to these feelings,” Bruce adds, characteristically low-key, “I think volunteering in the Temple’s food pantry with my kids on Sunday mornings and sharing food with those who really need it—that makes a lasting impression on young kids, so it’s nice that we’ll help perpetuate that.”

Amen.
Upcoming Events

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ISRAEL BONDS CELEBRATION WITH KESHET CHAIM DANCE COMPANY ●
Sunday, May 4 ● 12:00 p.m.
Please join us for a special Israeli lunch in the courtyard, followed by an incredible dance performance by the internationally acclaimed Keshet Chaim Dance Company. Sixteen dancers will fill the chapel with joyful music and dance from Israel, Yemen, Russia, and the U.S. See a short film about Israel and listen to a first-hand account of visiting Israel by one of our students.
☎ Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
🌐 wbtla.org/israelbonds

ECC SPEAKER SERIES
WITH DR. WENDY MOGEL 🌟
Tuesday, May 6 ● 7:30 p.m.
Renowned parenting expert, Dr. Wendy Mogel, author of “The Blessing of a Skinned Knee” and “The Blessing of a B Minus” is back at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Early Childhood Center’s Speaker Series by popular demand for an interactive lecture on how to stop overindulging, overprotecting, and overscheduling your children.
☎ Sydney Spiegel, sspiegel@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8900
🌐 wbtla.org/speakerseries2014

COFFEE WITH CAROL ●
Wednesday, May 7 ● 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 8 ● 9:30 a.m.
Carol Bovill, Director of our Early Childhood Centers, meets monthly with parents of children ages birth to six years to assist you in being the best parent/s you can be. The topic is ‘Sibling Harmony and Conflict Resolution with Friends.’
☎ Sydney Spiegel, sspiegel@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8900
🌐 wbtla.org/coffeewithcarol

FOSTER CARE COUNTS ●
Sunday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Willows Community School, Culver City
Help make this Mother’s Day a day to remember for hundreds of Los Angeles foster families. Visit the website below to see how you can help.
☎ Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930
🌐 fostercarecounts.org

WHAT’S IN YOUR JEWISH GENES?
Tuesday, May 13 ● 7:30 p.m.
One quarter of all Ashkenazi, Persian, and Sephardic Jews are carriers for a Jewish genetic disease. Get screened with a simple, inexpensive* blood test. Learn your carrier status and how to have healthy children!
☎ Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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SANTA MONICA PIER FUN-RAISER 🎉
Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m. at Pacific Park
Party at the Pier! Brawerman Elementary School and the Early Childhood Centers of Wilshire Boulevard Temple will hold their annual Santa Monica Pier Family Fun-raiser at Pacific Park. Bring the kids for rides, games, and more. Net proceeds support our schools’ programs and scholarship fund. We welcome all Temple members.
☎ Tricia Xavier, (424) 208-8934, txavier@brawerman.org
🌐 wbtla.org/pier2014

SETH ETTINGER’S CANTORIAL RECITAL ●
Thursday, May 15 ● 6:30 p.m.
Join Student Cantor Seth Ettinger as he celebrates his ordination as a Cantor with a musical recital. Featuring Cantor Don Gurney along with students from the Cantorial Program at the Academy for Jewish Religion California.
☎ Nancy Daum, cantorsoffice@wbtla.org
🌐 wbtla.org

AN AFTERNOON AT HOLA ●
Sunday, May 18, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
HOLA: 2701 Wilshire Boulevard
Join fellow congregants together with HOLA families to paint, garden, do some spring cleaning, and then enjoy a late lunch together.
☎ Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930
🌐 wbtla.org

JASON MESCHES AND BAND CONCERT ●
Sunday, May 18 ● 4:00 p.m.
Jason Mesches, one of the great song leaders of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, serves up a special “Whole Lotta Challah” concert for Temple families with children 2-10 years of age.
☎ Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930
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Haley Sarah Baravarian
May 3, 2014
Haley is the daughter of Yas Baravarian and Babak Baravarian; the granddaughter of Shokrollah Baravarian; Sima Baravarian; Benjamin Yadegar; Jila Yadegar.
Family Welcomer: Michael Baravarian, brother.
Tikkun Olam Project: Haley volunteers at Ocean Park Community Center’s Food Pantry, where she helps prepare lunches and distributes them to the homeless of Santa Monica and Venice.

William Cyril Alpert Magnin
May 3, 2014
William is the son of Lauren Alpert and Ronald Magnin; the grandson of Sharon and Jay Alpert; Gayle Leventhal; Jerry Magnin.
Family Welcomers: Anna Magnin, Rachel Magnin, Jenna Burt, Jaclyn Fishler.
Tikkun Olam Project: William volunteered for LA on Cloud 9. He helped prepare the food, collect clothes to donate, and served food and water to feed homeless people and their pets at Martin Luther King Jr Park in East Los Angeles. Willy also helped collect and transport a carload of blankets to Operation Blankets of Love, which will distribute them to local animal shelters where the dogs are kept in cages outside; the blankets will help comfort the dogs, to make them more adoptable.

Ashley Eden Lifton
May 3, 2014
Ashley attended Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Ashley is the daughter of Stacy and Robert Lifton; the granddaughter of Harriet Balter; Roselle Lifton and the late Fred Lifton.
Family Welcomers: Ava Lifton and Zachary Lifton.
Tikkun Olam Project: Ashley collected books that were then distributed to various schools in need through KOREH LA The Jewish Federation. She also attended the Jewish Federation’s Community Service Days.

Austin Schwartz
May 10, 2014
Austin is the son of Suze and Marc Schwartz; the grandson of Ina and Herb Yalof; Linda and Arthur Schwartz.
Tikkun Olam Project: Austin is fundraising to purchase a Torah for a nonprofit school for children who cannot afford to attend Hebrew school.

Sarah Danielle Schneider
May 10, 2014
Sarah is the daughter of Stephanie and Spencer Schneider; the granddaughter of Sheila and Ronald Berman; Lana and Elliot Schneider.
Family Welcomer: Sydney Schneider.
Tikkun Olam Project: Sarah collected gently used athletic clothing and equipment for underprivileged children and donated them to Sports Gift, a charity that distributes sports equipment to children around the world.

Dara Ilana Baren
May 17, 2014
Dara is the daughter of Renee and Chuck Baren; the granddaughter of Marilyn and Manny Flekman; Barbara and Harvey Baren.
Family Welcomers: Shaan Baren, Jessie Baren.
Tikkun Olam Project: Dara volunteered with Ace of Hearts, a foundation dedicated to rescuing dogs for placement in loving homes. Dara helped set up several foundation events, cared for dogs during the events by providing treats, water, and exercise, and fostered dogs in her home. Additionally, Dara packed and served lunches at WBT’s Ocean Park Food Pantry during the past year.

Summer Leta Miguel-Strah
May 17, 2014
Summer is the daughter of Barry Miguel and David Strah; the granddaughter of Ruth and Ron Miguel; Sara and Michael Penn-Strah; Joyce and George Rawitscher.
Family Welcomers: Zev Miguel-Strah, Yasmin Shiloh.
Tikkun Olam Project: Summer’s family became vegan this year. She feels strongly about how animals are grown for food and then killed. She raised funds for Mercy for Animals, an organization that encourages a diet of health, compassion, and sustainability.

Zachary A. Rosenberg
May 17, 2014
Zachary is the son of Helen and Jeffrey Rosenberg; the grandson of Rose and Al Finci; Debbie and Irving Rosenberg; the late Suzanne Rosenberg.
Family Welcomer: Suzanne Rosenberg, sister.
Tikkun Olam Project: Zach is volunteering at No Kill LA, an organization to end the killing of healthy and treatable pets in city shelters in LA by 2017. Zach’s duties include caring for pets by either walking, feeding, or cleaning them, as well as assisting in office chores. He will donate some of his bar mitzvah gifts to the organization and will continue to volunteer there in the future.

Jacob Ari Davidson
May 17, 2014
Jacob is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple
Jacob is the son of Deborah and Jonathan Davidson; the grandson of Tamar Davidson.
Family Welcomer: Zach Davidson.
Tikkun Olam Project: Jacob helped prepare and distribute lunches to people in need at O.P.C.C. in Santa Monica.

Allison Julia Belinkoff
Camp Hess Kramer, May 17, 2014
Allison is the daughter of Angie and Kevin Belinkoff; the granddaughter of Sigrid and Alan Belinkoff; Lani and Ron Riches; and great-granddaughter of Geri Sinclair.
Tikkun Olam Project: Allison organized and performed at a benefit concert at Wilshire Boulevard Temple for the Tyler Project, a non-profit organization supporting performing arts programs. This concert raised funds dedicated to scholarships for foster children.
Our Temple Family

Welcome to new Temple members...

Zoe and Elijah Aron and their children, Simon and Elliot ... Anna Harari and Kevin Blum ... Choiwan and David Eseey and their children, Jacob and Nathan ... Karen and Eli Frankel and their children, Theodora and Alexander ... Daniela Gerson and Talia Inlender ... Laura Record-Halpern and Troy Halpern and their son, Drew ... Ellie and Simon Javaheri and their son, Liam ... Alison and Jason Kaplan and their children, Jake and Jordon ... Joan and Warren Kessler ... Andrea and Phinehas Kiyomura and their daughter, Farrah ... Amanda Levin and Neil Lenventhal and their daughter, Isabel ... Jessica and Lior Lewensstain and their children, Charlie and Mila ... Daniel Robles and Michael Gold and their children, Isabel and Noah ... Allison Schwarz and her daughter, Samantha ... Jayne and Scott Sherr and their children, Jacob and Avery ... Kirstin and Jerry Silbowitz and their daughter, Dylan ... Michelle and Peter Vogel and their children, Gavin and Dorothy.

Congratulations to...

Sara and Burton Morris on the birth of Isabella Reese Morris and to big sister, Ava Morris ... Lanny and Zach Schwartz on the birth of their daughter Ava Rose Schwartz and to big sister, Zoe, and to grandma Janis Schwartz and great grandmother, Jane Blumkin, and aunt Carl Schwartz and uncle David Winner and cousin Dylan, and aunt Stacy and Ryan Bernstein and cousins Stella and Oliver...

Phil and Andrea Covitz on the birth of Theodore and to big brother Henry and to grandparents Ariva and Carl Covitz...

Congratulations to...

Susan Vann and Richard Kurtzman on their recent marriage.

Condolences to...

Friends and family of Dorothy Adlen ... Anita and Harvey Friedman on the death of her mother, Connie Austin, and grandchildren Adam and Jonathan ... David and Carolin Babajooni on the death of their mother, Akhtar Babajooni, and grandchildren Isabella and Jayden ... Charles Feldman on the death of his wife, Lea Feldman ... Cathy and Mark Louchheim on the death of her stepfather, Bill Gilbert, and grandchildren Matthew Louchheim; Jennifer and Evan Richter; and great-grandson Tyler ... Madelyn Prinz on the death of her husband, Arno Prinz ... Mickey Rosen and Rabbi Karen Fox on the death of his mother, Sara Rosen, and grandchildren Benji, Julie, and Avi ... Melanie Herman on the death of her father, James Schlesinger, and to granddaughters Paige and Olive ... Steven and Lorey Zlotnick on the death of his father, Harold Zlotnick, and grandchildren Jonah and Asher.

And to all immediate and extended family.

B’nei Mitzvah continued

AMY JARKOW  May 24, 2014

Amy is the daughter of Debra Zane and Jeff Jarkow; the granddaughter of Sandy Jarkow and the late Bert Jarkow; Elaine Zane and Sheldon Zane.

Tikkun Olam Project: Amy has been a volunteer at Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Food Pantry for 10 years. She also supports the Jewish World Watch’s Solar Cooker Project. Along with her parents, Amy introduced the JWW’s Walk to End Genocide as her Religious School’s class project. The annual walk has become a part of the curriculum for 6th and 7th grades in Religious School.

BREANNA B. SPEISER  May 24, 2014

Breanna is the daughter of Cheryl and Elliott Speiser; the granddaughter of Rosalie and Arpad Speiser; Doreen and Jerry Gold.

Family Welcomers: Jenna Speiser and Julia Speiser, sisters.

Tikkun Olam Project: Breanna shares her love of baking with those less fortunate by volunteering and baking regularly for Tuning Point Transitional Center in Santa Monica.

EVE ELIZABETH MOSHAY  May 31, 2014

Eve is the daughter of Michelle and Michael Moshay; the granddaughter of Laurrette Nitka and the late David Nitka; Sandy Moshay and the late John Moshay; Michele Isenberg.

Tikkun Olam Project: Eve volunteered at Pet Orphans, a no-kill animal shelter that rescues dogs and cats who are about to be euthanized. Eve helped socialize the dogs, thus increasing their chance of adoption. In addition, she cleaned cages, fed the animals, and helped during mobile pet adoptions.

SARAH MEADOW  May 31, 2014

Sarah is the daughter of Linda and Cary Meadow; the granddaughter of Mary and Steve Meadow; Joan and Howard Friedman.

Tikkun Olam Project: Sarah volunteers at O.P.C.C. Food Pantry, packing grocery bags and helping distribute them to the homeless, the elderly, and others in need. She also volunteers with her family for the Phase One organization.

EVE MEADOW  May 31, 2014

Eve is the daughter of Linda and Cary Meadow; the granddaughter of Mary and Steve Meadow; Joan and Howard Friedman.

Tikkun Olam Project: Eve volunteers at O.P.C.C. Food Pantry, where she packs grocery bags and helps distribute them to the homeless, the elderly, and others in need. She is also working on a community service project at her school to raise awareness of the hazards of both texting and driving and safe crosswalks, specifically at Barrington in Brentwood Village.

JANIE MARCUS  May 31, 2014

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

Janie is the daughter of Wendy and David Marcus; the granddaughter of Francine and Stanley Blaustein; Florence and Warren Marcus.

Tikkun Olam Project: Janie raised funds at a school bake sale to donate to Saving SPOT! a nonprofit organization that rescues abandoned dogs. Janie also volunteers her time at Saving Spot! by walking, feeding, and caring for the abandoned dogs.
Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, MAY 2
Shabba Dabba Musical Service
Rabbis Goldberg, Leder and special guests
6:00 p.m.

Soul Sounds: Jerusalem of Gold
Rabbi Eshel, Cantor Gurney and Band
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Torah Study
Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei Mitzvah of Haley Baravarian
and William Magnin
Rabbi Leder and Student Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10
Torah Study
Leviticus Behar 25:1 – 26:2
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Goldberg
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Austin Schwartz
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

FRI DAY, MAY 16
Nefesh “Food for the Soul”
Musical Service
Rabbis Goldberg, Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Rabbi Leder, Cantor Gurney and Youth Choir
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 17
Torah Study
Leviticus Bemidbar 26:3 – 27:34
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Amy Jarkow
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24
Torah Study
Numbers 2:1 – 4:20
Ashley Berns
9:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Breanna Speiser
Rabbi Shapiro and Student Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 30
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Salon Shabbat
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 31
Torah Study
Numbers Naso 4:21 – 7:89
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’not Mitzvah of Jane Marcus
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Ettinger
(Factor Chapel) 10:00 a.m.

B’not Mitzvah of Eve Meadow and Sarah Meadow
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
(Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Eve Moshay
Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Rafii
10:30 a.m.