A New Cantor’s Voice

Seth Ettinger discovered his calling at age eight, after hearing Cantor Nathan Lam sing at Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles. “It felt like the voice of God was speaking through him to me,” he recalls. “This scared me, but it also made me say, ‘I want to do that.’ ”

Two decades later, Cantor Ettinger retains the awe of his eight-year-old self for his chosen profession but with the added insight of a man who worked 16 different jobs while pursuing his cantorial studies at the Los Angeles campus of the Academy for Jewish Religion. Ordained in May, he became Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s first full-time Chazan Sheini, second cantor to our one and only Cantor Don Gurney, in June. He credits cantorial school for showing him “the vital role that music plays in sustaining the Jewish people.” Everyday life provided valuable training too: “I have applied the skills from every job I’ve ever had, from working at different synagogues to performing at children’s birthday parties to waiting tables,” he says.

A gregarious yet deeply contemplative conversationalist, Cantor Ettinger explains that since becoming the Chazan, he has become more acutely aware of “the congregation’s rich, musical heritage and how people hold steadfastly to the music that they love.” First and foremost, therefore, “I have a commitment to understanding people’s musical tastes because as a cantor, you always have to keep in mind that you are here to spiritually motivate the congregation.”

This means that every time he presides on the bimah, Cantor Ettinger knows that the congregation “needs to trust me before they will sing with me. So if I’m going to introduce a new piece of music, I do it according to our existing liturgical structures.” He notes, for example, his recent success in introducing a new melody to the Hashkivenu prayer, which is transliterated in the prayer book, “so people had something to reference” while learning the new tune.

Off the bimah, Cantor Ettinger can be found working with the Temple’s youth, engaging in another personal passion, education. Whether as a b’nei mitzvah tutor or tefillah leader at Brawerman Elementary School, he says, “My motto is, Never let them know you’re teaching them.” He stealthily leads students to understand how their Torah portions are relevant to their lives or empowers them to figure out the singing of a challenging melody.

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As different as we all are, we share the human need to find meaning for our life. We all ask the same questions that drive such a search: What is my purpose? Am I on the right path? Am I good enough? What if I fail?

The quintessential “search story” in Judaism is found in the Torah portion Lech Lecha, which begins with Abraham being called upon by God to journey to a foreign land. God tells Abraham: “Lech Lecha! Go from your land, from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you.”

Abraham was asked to give up everything he knew to follow God’s lead, to follow a voice that no one else could hear. Crazy? Undoubtedly. Inspiring? Possibly—if we let the message of Lech Lecha become a directive for our lives today. Abraham was able to make the journey because he followed his heart, retained faith in the Divine guidance that enabled him alone to hear and understand, and trust that no matter how difficult the journey, it would be worth it, because he would become the man he was destined to become.

The story of Lech Lecha beckons us to take risks and travel into the unknown to pursue true purpose in life. It encourages us to pay attention to the inner voice that more often directs our heart than our head. It teaches us that we may have to leave what we know in order to become our most authentic self. We may appear crazy for leaving a job that seems perfect, a lifestyle that others covet. But like Abraham, if we hear the call, we must remember to put our faith in that guiding inner voice, to trust in our strength, ability, and talents to make the journey, so that we may find our own “promised land.”

Adapted from an article by Amy Hirshberg Lederman, an award-winning author, columnist, Jewish educator, and attorney, in The Jewish Magazine

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Cantor Ettinger’s talent for shepherding children and their parents through the b’nei mitzvah process can be traced to his own experience with synagogue life. “I was a scrawny kid with very thick glasses and a high singing voice,” he says, which made him a target for his unenlightened classmates, “so for me, the synagogue was always a sanctuary where I could escape from the stresses of my life.” Raised in Los Angeles, Cantor Ettinger joined the choir at Stephen S. Wise Temple at age 10. Later, when his family moved to Palm Springs, he thrived musically under the tutelage of Cantor Giora Sharon at Temple Isaiah, a Conservative congregation.

In high school, he discovered a passion for musical theater and frequently was cast as the lead in school productions. “For a while, this made me think I wanted to be on Broadway or be an opera singer,” he remembers, “but I eventually realized I was much more interested in Judaism.”

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To hear Cantor Ettinger performing with his Jewish rock group YAA’LEH, go to iTunes.com and search for Yaaleh.
Help Feed the Hungry

Please don’t wait to heed Rabbi Leder’s Rosh HaShanah call to serve our neighbors. We urgently need volunteers at both our food pantries on Sunday mornings. If every one of us who has been thinking, “I should do this,” actually would do it—just one Sunday a year—we would have the people we need to provide maximum service to our hungry clients.

Every Sunday, congregants from four years old to 95 assemble sandwiches, lunch bags, and beverages, and personally hand them to clients. Working at a Temple Food Pantry is a great community service project for grade school through high school students and a super tikkun olam project for b’nei mitzvah students. For parents of Sunday Religious School students, it’s a terrific opportunity to do a mitzvah while your kids are in class at the Irmas or Glazer Campus.

It’s time to stop thinking about it and take action! You’ll be glad you did. Sign up to work at one of our food pantry locations: Glazer Campus, Siegel Patio, 8:00–9:30 a.m. or Ocean Park Community Center, 503 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro

Branching Out with the Torah

The Torah is called a “Tree of Life” because we learn about every aspect of life from its words. So we invite you try one of the many adult learning opportunities based on the Torah that we offer here at Wilshire Boulevard Temple:

- **Women’s Bible Study** with Rabbi Karen Fox — every second Friday of the month, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Irmas
- **Torah Study** with Rabbi Steve Leder — Friday, November 7 and Friday, December 5, noon, Century City location given upon registration. Email Nan Brostoff at nan@wbtla.org to register.
- **Shabbat Morning Torah Study** (various rabbis and teachers) — Saturday mornings, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., Glazer
- **Women’s Talmud Study** with Rabbi Susan Goldberg — the second Tuesday of every month, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., in private homes on the east side of town. For the location, please contact Nan Brostoff at nan@wbtla.org.

- **Keepin’ Up with the Kids: Hebrew 101 and a Survey of Jewish Practical Knowledge**, taught by Dr. Orit Ziv and Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim — Fridays, 8:00 a.m., Brawerman West
- **Judaism by Choice**, an in-depth course on Jewish history, culture, and texts taught by Rabbi Neil Weinberg —Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Glazer

- **NEW: Prayer Workshops** with Rabbi Susan Nanus — starting November 7, first Friday of the month, before Soul Sounds Shabbat, 5:00 p.m., Irmas. Come early and learn the meanings, choreography, and tunes of the prayers in the Shabbat service.

- **COMING SOON:** **Beginning Hebrew for Adults** For more information, please contact Phil Wallace at pwallace@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8932.

Rabbi Susan Nanus
Director of Adult Programs

Our new Tikkun Olam Committee is revitalizing and expanding the many ways in which our Temple community responds to the challenges facing our world. Most importantly, we are bringing people together as we engage in meaningful work and experience the warmth of our Jewish community. Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers:

Dena Bloom
Linda Brown
Peggy Davis
Heather Dula
Julie Edelstein
Erica Felsenthal
Jennifer Gordon
Janna Harris

Lisa Kalin
Stephen Matloff
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Roya Milder
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Sara Sher
Leigh Stein
Steven Sunshine
Donn Weise
Jenni Werndorf
Hope Wintner
Elly Wolf

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During ten days in October, new friends became old friends as Israeli students from the David Yellin School in Tel Aviv joined with Brawerman Grade 6 students to work, play, learn, and live together. Kesher (“bridge” in Hebrew), a signature Brawerman program and now a treasured tradition, has been bringing students and families of both schools together for the past eight years, resulting in friendships and connections that will bond our communities for decades to come.

Beginning with a warm welcome on the Irmas Campus, students enjoyed a fun overnight stay at Camp Hess Kramer, comforting time spent at home with host families, Sukkot celebrations, and a long, happy day at Universal Studios. In the classroom they worked in teams to build robots, design boats, and participate in the Trash for Teaching Challenge, intended to put young minds to work on inventive uses for recycling. All these activities provided valuable opportunities for cooperative problem-solving, communication in one another’s language, and friendship.

In an exchange visit next February, Brawerman students will travel to Tel Aviv to live with Israeli host families, visit the David Yellin School, and experience Israel in many meaningful ways. “It is an amazing experience—not only for the children but also for the parents,” one alumni mom says of the school-pairing program. “We get to watch as these beautiful relationships form. It made such an impact on all three of my children. The bonds they formed with their friends and with Israel will be with them forever.”

Building a strong Kesher (connection) with our friends from Israel.

Upcoming tour dates:
Brawerman East – Tuesday, November 4, and Thursday, November 20
Brawerman West – Wednesday, November 19
To sign up for a tour, visit brawerman.org

Religious School

I’m Involved—Will You Join Me?

I remember attending religious school as a child on Sundays. I remember the teachers, I remember the students, I remember some of the lessons. And I remember how much I dreaded going. Obviously I learned something there—quite a bit really. But the warmth and connection to a Jewish community was missing.

Now that I’m a parent, I take my two daughters to Religious School every Sunday. When they began, my wish for them was simple—that they wouldn’t dread going. However, once I saw how much our wonderful Wilshire Boulevard Temple Religious School had to offer, how the curriculum was so thoughtful, engaging, and rich, my expectations and goals soared.

Great education isn’t easy, including religious education. So when our Religious School leaders asked me to help them, I gladly accepted. Our Religious School Parent Advisory Council meets several times throughout the school year to advise and assist the administration with Religious School issues, and ensure that parents’ perspectives are considered as events are planned and decisions made.

Our efforts to work for an ever-better religious school—and religious-school community—strengthen the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community as a whole, and parents gain the satisfaction of bringing their creativity, resourcefulness, and ingenuity to this process. Most importantly, our work ensures that our kids are receiving the gift of learning how to live meaningful lives with a strong Jewish identity.

Of course, advisory councils do not guarantee school success. We need engaged people, passionate people who care deeply about their children’s education and want to contribute their own energy and ideas. I am one of those people, and if you are as well, would you care to join me? I can be reached at (310) 418-9949 or at pash@digitalsoup.com.

Matt “Pash” Pashkow
Chair, Religious School Parent Advisory Council
A Chavurah Story

The Early Childhood Centers have begun another exciting year of activities for children and their families. Many long-term friendships have taken root here, including a chavurah that was started several years ago by a group of parents who connected during their eldest children's first-year Keshet-session experience at the Mann Family Early Childhood Center.

It all started on the field in 2009, when children and their families would play together after school. As a result of those afternoons of fun, eight families—the Amins, Cramers, Kaufmans, Libers, Praws, Rifkins, Shpelfogels, and Slutskes—have stayed connected ever since. With those eldest children all turning eight years old and in different elementary schools, and many of the families' younger children about to graduate from our nursery school, belonging to this chavurah is a wonderful way for all of them to keep in touch.

All eight families have made it a tradition to celebrate the Jewish holidays together, carrying on such an important part of those early years at the nursery school. They get together several times a year with planned activities. For Tu BiSh’vat, for example, they went to the Tree People on Mullholland Drive, where each child planted a tree. As one big happy family, the chavurah has celebrated many Shabbatot under the stars. And the group’s adults recently had their first, well-deserved adult night out, enjoying dinner and music. Crucially, the chavurah members are there to support one another through good times and bad, sharing their joys and sorrows.

Holidays are a great time to start your own chavurah, finding and creating a new extended family. We love to hear about these friendships and are so proud of the role our nursery school community has played over the years in bringing families together.

A Night for Legends

There was much laughter and celebration in the air at Camp Hess Kramer’s amphitheater on the warm evening of September 13. Gathered were alumni from many decades, joining friends, coworkers, and families of the event’s honorees, the newest camp Legends: John Bard, camp chef for 20 years; Howard Kaplan, former camp director and current executive director of the Temple; and Dr. Howie Reinstein, camp doctor and our current medical director. Rabbi Steve Leder and former Camp Directors Steve Breuer and Howard Kaplan introduced our Legends, each of whom was honored for his commitment to and impact on our camps and campers.

Among the night’s special and moving moments were the speeches made by each Legend. They shared stories of their own camp experiences, many of which have had profound professional, as well as personal, impacts on their lives. Ari Kaplan (Leadership ’05, and Howard’s son) led Havdalah and performed his own music; and comedian Justin Berkman (Leadership ’95) worked his stand-up under the stars. The celebration was catered by Gina Goren Segal, with magical desserts by Sarah Liebsohn (both Leadership ’95). The evening concluded with Ari and Camp Director Douglas Lynn leading siyum, our traditional Camp goodnight ceremony.

Cheri Lauterbach, Camp Alumni and Development Director
**TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🎨**

Friday, November 7, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Why not mix business and Torah over lunch a few times a year? Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study. You bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary.

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**FLAMENCO SOUL SOUNDS 🎼**

Friday, November 7 🕺 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a stunningly beautiful musical service with Israeli-born Adam del Monte, one of the world’s leading flamenco and classical guitarists. Adam has performed in England, Spain, France, Switzerland, Israel, and Brazil, as well as in this country as a soloist with the LA Philharmonic at Disney Hall and the Hollywood Bowl—and now he’ll be playing for us! Followed by an Andalusian Oneg Shabbat.

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**WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI FOX 🎨**

Fridays, November 7 and 21 🕺 12:30 p.m.

Who is a judge? Who is a prophet? Who is a king? We’ll look closely at the religious, political, and personal relationships of the historic figures in the early monarchy of Israel and learn from the tension, the jealousy, and the love surrounding power. No experience needed—just open eyes and a curious mind!

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**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 🎁**

Tuesday, November 11 🕺 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a fabulous day filled with shopping, socializing, a delicious catered lunch and a world-class bake sale. A percentage of each sale goes to support the programs and scholarship funds of our nursery and elementary schools.

Felisa Felsenthal, felisa@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8900

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To make your gift or pledge to the Building Lives Project, which includes the Karsh Center and our school buildings, contact Karen Schetina, Major Gifts Officer, at (213) 835-2153 or kschetina@wbtla.org

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Next fall, this former office will become Brawerman Elementary School East’s beautiful new music room in the de Toledo Family Historic School Building. To finish the job we need your help—please give a gift to name the Music Room, fund musical instruments, provide scholarships, keep the lights on. Thank you!
MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR SALON SHABBAT

Friday, November 14  6:00 p.m.
If there was ever a time when the world needed hippies, it’s now. Come to our first Adult Salon Shabbat for a special service that resounds with the best of Simon and Garfunkel, Judy Collins, the Beatles, and many more favorites from that innovative time. Followed by an Age of Aquarius Oneg Shabbat.

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NEFESH: FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Friday, November 21  Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Service, 7:30 p.m.
Join us for Shabbat dinner before our Nefesh service with students of Judaism by Choice to learn about traditions and prayers of Shabbat and meet new people who have converted to Judaism or who are considering conversion. Dinner, $30. Sign up at judaismbychoice.org. Then join Rabbi Susan Goldberg and Cantor Seth Ettinger and other gifted musicians for a moving, musical Shabbat service, followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

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THREE MINUTES IN POLAND

Wednesday, November 19  7:30 p.m.
In August 1938, David Kurtz captured three minutes of ordinary life in a small, predominantly Jewish town in Poland on his 16 mm movie camera. Today, these few minutes remain the sole surviving moving images of this town. Join Glenn Kurtz, David’s grandson and the author of “Three Minutes in Poland” (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, November 2014), to view the film and hear about the extraordinary discoveries made when he donated his grandfather’s film.

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INSPIRATIONAL SHABBAT

A SPECIAL SCREENING OF ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY: “THE LADY IN NUMBER 6: MUSIC SAVED MY LIFE” (39 MINUTES LONG)

Friday, November 21  6:00 p.m.
A sermon comes in many forms, and some of the most inspiring words you’ll ever hear will come from 109-year-old Alice Herz Sommer, a classical pianist who used music to help her survive the Holocaust. She shares her story and her understanding of what gives life meaning, and reminds us of what inspires us and gives us hope. Followed by a Life Is Beautiful Oneg Shabbat.

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THE BIG GIVE

Sunday, November 23  12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
As we gather together with our families to celebrate Thanksgiving, we cannot forget the thousands of Angelenos who are hungry and homeless. We will assemble and deliver 1,000 complete Thanksgiving dinners to families most in need. Last year’s event was unforgettable; don’t miss this opportunity to infuse your Thanksgiving with some added meaning.

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Rabbi Bea Shapiro for officiating at the bar mitzvah of
Sarah Schneider by Stephanie and Spencer Schneider
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Rosie and Bob Berson’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
by Robin and Robert Sills
In Loving Memory of:
Theima Sills by Robin and Robert Sills

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Baby naming of Grace Glucksmen by Stephanie and
David Eshel
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by Wendy Marantz Levine
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Lucy Rockmore by Mara Lopez Nishita
Baby naming of Ella Nicastro by Stephanie and David Eshel
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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.
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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.

We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
**ELI JACOB REISZ**
November 1, 2014

Eli is the son of Julie and Frederick Reisz; the grandson of Willard and Sharon Reisz; Linda Schwarz.

Family Welcomer: Raquel Reisz, sister.

Tikkun Olam Projects: Eli is on the Junior Advisory Council for the Small Wonders Foundation, helping children born with deformities receive life-changing surgeries. Eli is also donating a portion of any funds he receives as bar mitzvah gifts to Mitzvah Matters, a nonprofit organization helping children whose families cannot afford a bar or bat mitzvah have that experience.

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**JACOB ULLMAN**
November 15, 2014

Jacob is the son of Debbie and Ullman; the grandson of Lili Markowitz and the late Herman Markowitz; Sandi and Al Ullman.

Family Welcomer: Maggie Ullman, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Jake volunteered at SOVA Pantry, helping to feed the homeless.

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**TABITHA ELLIN**
November 8, 2014

Tabitha is the daughter of Nancy and Robert Ellin; the granddaughter of Marvin Ellin and the late June Ellin; the late Joan and Aaron Tucker.

Family Welcomers: Alec Ellin, brother; Jessi Ellin, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Tabitha performs at the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, singing and playing piano for the residents monthly.

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**COURTNEY JANE FARKAS**
November 22, 2014

Courtney is the daughter of Alisa and Craig Farkas; the granddaughter of Patricia Weiner and the late Stephen Weiner; Celia Davidson Farkas; Les Mayers; the late Robert Farkas.

Family Welcomer: Aaron David Farkas, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Courtney collected, sorted, and donated books to The Help Group’s Stepping Stones Therapeutic Preschool Program. The day treatment program provides a therapeutic, nurturing, and enriching environment for preschool students two to five years old who need early intervention for social, emotional, behavioral, neurological, and/or psychological challenges.

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**JULIA BRIELLE EDELMAN**
November 8, 2014

Julia is the daughter of Susan and Scott Edelman; the granddaughter of Jane and Harry Scheiber; Marcia Edelman and the late Jerry Edelman.

Family Welcomers: Emily Edelman and Sarah Edelman, sisters.

Tikkun Olam Project: Julia collected new bath towels for the homeless and severely underprivileged children living in Los Angeles-area shelters who attend Camp Harmony, an overnight camp at Camp Hess Kramer and Hilltop.

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**LILY SABINA GUSSMAN**
November 15, 2014

Lily is the daughter of Deena and David Gussman; the granddaughter of Patti and Stanley Silver; Madeline Gussman and the late Marvin Gussman.

Family Welcomers: Andrew Gussman and Michael Gussman, brothers.

Tikkun Olam Projects: Lily organized and got participants to raise money for the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research in honor of her late grandfather, Marvin Gussman. Her team, Marvin’s Marvels, once again supported the L.A. Cancer Challenge on October 26th. Lily also chose to donate a great deal of time to Westside Children’s Center, where she worked with a wonderful staff and had fun with many younger children.

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**GRANT ISAAC ISEN**
November 22, 2014

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

Griffin is the son of Arlyn Isen and Lance Isen; the grandson of Elaine and Merwin Schirmer; Leo Isen and the late Selma Isen.

Family Welcomer: Jack Isen, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Griffin volunteered at Wilshire Boulevard Temple Food Pantry, assembling and distributing grocery bags to the homeless and those less fortunate in the surrounding community.

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**BRIAN WILLIAM WALKER**
November 29, 2014

Brian is the son of Debra J. Stogel and William A. Walker; the grandson of Adele and Stanley Stogel; the late Jane Dockery Walker and the late William A. Walker, Sr.

Family Welcomer: Jeffrey Scott Walker, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Brian volunteered at Fairburn Avenue Elementary School’s STAR Education Summer Camp Program. He was a C.I.T and assisted the STAR staff, working with students grades K-5, helping supervise activities, classes, and field trips.
Welcome to new Temple members...

Tal and Paulina Bahari...Yaniv and Dorin Bar-Cohen and their children, Aidan and Levi...Michael Bell and Linda Heichman and their son, Taylor...Rae Berger...Talia Botone and her daughter, Sadie...Rabbi Stanley and Resa Davids...David Dozoretz and Rachel Silverstein and their daughter, Simone...Casey and Dana Federman and their children, James, Wilson, and Piper...Jonathan and Elli Goldrich and their children, Daniella and Eyal...Adam Goldstein and Kathy Misrock and their children, Benjamin, Stella, and Sam...Philip and Tamara Heller and their children, John and Madison...Matthew Hurewitz and Anna Song and their children, Maxine, Alexandra, and Jackson...Martin and Brett Hyman and their son, Aidan...Theodore and Heather Karatz...Dan Lahat and Ronit Lash Reichman and their children, Arielle and Yehonatan...James and Vicki Mercer and their children, Samuel, Molly, Nicholas, and Katherine...Gordon and Ellen Pearlman...Lissa Pearlman and her son, Tyler...Jack and Nancy Ribakoff and her son, Asher...Lily Rosman...Jason and Alexis Schutzer and their children, Jacob, Gavin, and Charlie...Ittai and Ella Shadmon and their children, Julia and Michelle...Sam and Wendi Sklaver and their children, Redmond and Edith...Jill Weiss and her son, Jaxon...Leah Zaharoff.

Congratulations to...

Todd and Jenna Binder on the naming of their son, Ryan Haggarty, and to big brother, Maximilian...Janis Schwartz, June Blumkin, Laney and Zach Schwartz, Ava Roe and Zoe, Cari Schwartz and David Wimmer, and Dylan on the birth of their grandson, great-grandson, nephew, and cousin, Felix Gray Bernstein...Howard and Erica Kaufman on the naming of their sons, Noah Alden Kaufman and Jacob Garrett Kaufman...Avrum and Frederic Loewenstein on the birth of their grandson, Naveh Ziv...Jordan Roker and Sarah Steinberg on the naming of their daughter, Charlotte Jean...Mickey Rosen and Rabbi Karen Fox on the birth of their grandson, David Ralph Rosen.

Condolences to...

Roya and Brian Milder on the death of her father, Solomon Aghai, and to grandchildren, Jacob and Gaby...David Berman on the death of his wife, Jessica Berman, and to children, Abby and Leo...Jonathan and Karen Brooks on the death of his father, Joel Brooks...Esther Keller on the death of her son, Daniel Keller...Deana Rosenthal on the death of her husband, Alvin Rosenthal, and to Robert and Catherine Rosenthal and grandson, Matthew...Corey and Cheryl Spound, and Sabrina and Memo Kahan on the death of their stepbrother, Jonathan “Jack” Spound, and to nieces and nephews, Stella, Samuel, Glen, and Darren...Sue Zaret on the death of her husband, Norman Zaret...

And to all immediate and extended family.

Please join us as we honor

Rabbi Karen L. Fox

upon her retirement from

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Audrey and Sydney Irmas Campus

6:30 p.m. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres
7:30 p.m. Tributes, music, video, dessert

RSVP essential by November 25 to
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Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Torah Study
Genesis Lech Lecha 12:1 - 17:27
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro
9:30am

Shabbat Service
B’not Mitzvah of Tabitha Ellin and Julia Brielle Edelman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

Soul Sounds Shabbat: Flamenco
Rabbi Leder, Cantor Gurney and musicians
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Torah Study
Genesis Vayera 18:1 - 22:24
Rabbi Nanus
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro
9:30am

Shabbat Service
B’not Mitzvah of Lily Gussman and Jacob Ullman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Inspirational Salon Shabbat
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Torah Study
Genesis Vayezete 28:10 - 32:3
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Brian William Walker
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

No service at Glazer Campus

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Salon Shabbat “Make Love Not War”
Rabbi Leder, Cantor Ettinger and Youth Choir
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Torah Study
Genesis Chaya Sarah 23:1 - 25:18
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
B’nei Mitzvah of Courtney Jane Farkas and Griffin Isaac Isen
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

No service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Shabbat Services
Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Torah Study
Genesis Toldot 20:19 – 28:9
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
B’nei Mitzvah of Lily Gussman and Jacob Ullman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

No service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Torah Study
Genesis Vayezete 28:10 - 32:3
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Brian William Walker
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

No service at Glazer Campus

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