Jacob awoke from a deep dream, startled by its power. “Surely God is in this very place and I did not know it; how awesome is this sacred space!” he cried. Many times, we too, awake from sleep, daydream, or a distraction and then, stop, breathe, notice, and appreciate so much more intensely. I feel that way now.

When I began my rabbinic relationship with Wilshire Boulevard Temple in January 1985, I had no idea that I would spend most of my career here. When I began, I was a young wife and mother. In a flash, I am an oma to my grandson! As I ready for retirement, I appreciate so much in and from this “sacred space,” Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

What have I learned during these swiftly flowing years?

1. **Kindness and compassion are the essence of Temple life.** Welcome and embrace each and every person with a smile and respect for who they are.

2. **Make God’s presence known.** This is not always easy, but I believe my role is to raise awareness of God, to make the God-wrestling possible, to highlight God’s flowing energy in the hidden and in the revealed, in celebration and in mourning. I have experienced God’s presence in the eyes of young children, in the candor of the teenager, and the curiosity of the adult learner.

3. **Study Torah in all its forms.** That is, study the narrative of the Jewish people that is captured in our literature. Study the weekly portion, and let it become the Torah of your life. Study Jewish history, and make its downs and ups your teacher. Study the Hasidic masters, and experience the spiritual within our tradition.

4. **Study in Hevruta, in partnership, in community.** When I view a text alone, I see it only through my eyes; when I study with a partner, I am enlightened with a novel understanding, through his/her eyes. And then, we make a friend, a friend in Torah, a friend in life.

5. **Tell a good story—Our Story.** In every place, share the Jewish story. What other nation admits that it began in the depths of slavery, and emerged through a sea of reeds and stones and anger and fear to become a people who pursue freedom and justice, integrity and peace.

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Joseph, who had been sold years earlier into slavery by his brothers, has risen to power in Egypt. Now those same brothers have traveled from Canaan and, starving, stand unknowingly before the brother they betrayed, begging for food. After so many years, so much hurt and anger, arrogance and deception, hatred and fear, Joseph is finally reunited with his brothers. He watches them and listens to them speak lovingly of their father—his father. Joseph, still unrecognized, instructs his servants to leave the room. And what does the mighty Joseph do next? He “kisses his brothers and he weeps.”

Essentially, Joseph had a choice of memory. He had to decide whose wrong to remember: his own arrogance or his brothers’ jealousy? The wrong he inflicted or the wrong he suffered, the good or the bad, the sorrow or the joy and, from there, make one simple choice: to hold a grudge or to forgive?

Are we really any different? Our friendships, our marriages, our relationships with our brothers and sisters, our parents and children, all are marked by shortcomings—the occasional pettiness, greed, frustration, and anger. But our lives with these loved ones also are filled with generosity and kindness, with caresses and comfort, with self-sacrifice and love.

We must all draw up a memory balance sheet, for which we must ask ourselves the questions: Do we self-righteously remember the wrongs done to us? Or humbly recall the wrongs we committed ourselves? Do we remember the one, explosive moment? Or the more constant love bestowed throughout the years?

The Chasidic folksinger Shlomo Carlbach once said, “If I had two souls, I would waste one on hating. But since I have only one soul, I do not want to waste it on hatred.”

Sure, families and friendships are complicated, but navigating these relationships really narrows down to a pretty simple choice—for Joseph and for the rest of us, too.

Rabbi Steven Z. Leder

Cover Story (continued)

6. **Assert a moral view, even if it makes some folks uncomfortable.** The Torah teaches us that Abraham argued with God, and over time, God heard. Since that ancient moment, we are obligated to assert a moral view and act on it.

7. **Support Israel.** No one promised us a rose garden in creating a nation. But we needed that nation because of the thorns of hatred that have manifested against us throughout time. Israel is a young country in a tough neighborhood, but it will continue to blossom and represent Jewish life and practice worldwide.

8. **Thank those who came before us, our teachers and mentors.** Many thanks to Rabbi Harvey Fields (z”l), Steve Breuer, and the Board of Trustees of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, who brought me aboard nearly 30 years ago and have placed their trust in me ever since.

9. **Acknowledge the good, “hakarat hatov.”** This has been a good ride, a wonderful, deep experience as your rabbi, a journey with “every purpose under Heaven: birth and death, war and peace, building, embracing, seeking, losing, silence, and speaking....” (Ecclesiastes 3)—a journey rich with relationships and sacred moments.

10. **Express gratitude.** I am grateful to you, all our leadership and congregants for making this a dynamic congregation that grows and changes. I am thankful for my many colleagues: the rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators, facilities managers, assistants, and security personnel. I want to thank in particular Rabbi Steve Leder for his partnership, friendship, and guidance over these many years. And I am especially grateful to my husband, Mickey Rosen, who had no idea what it would mean to be a rabbinic spouse but became one so honorably with love and humor. Thanks of course to the Eternal Compassionate One for guiding my path.

Truly “God is in this sacred space.” I will always call this grand congregation “my Temple”... as I become your Rabbi Emerita.

With appreciation,

Rabbi Karen L. Fox
Dear Rabbi,

I never thought in a million years that a group of Jews from a temple would be the ones to make Christmas special for me, but that’s exactly what you and the good folks from Wilshire Boulevard Temple did last week. The Christmas lunch was delicious and I am very thankful for the warm blanket. It was very kind of your volunteers to sit and talk with us. It reminded me of Christmas with my family. Thank you for giving me and the other residents a special Christmas. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Jackson

I received this letter last year from one of the residents of the homeless shelter where we served Christmas lunch.

Christmas Cooks takes place on Christmas Day, December 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at various OPCC residential facilities in Santa Monica. To participate (adults only, please), contact Denise Magilnick at (424) 208-8930 or dmagilnick@wbtla.org.

Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro

Fiddler on the Roof opened on Broadway in 1964 and immediately sang and danced its way into the hearts not just of Jews but people of all religions, races, and backgrounds. Over the past fifty years, Fiddler has almost always been playing onstage somewhere in the world, including Argentina, Japan, Poland, India, even Senegal! The nine-time Tony-award winner also became a beloved film seen by one billion people.

Based on a series of short stories written by the great Yiddish humorist Sholem Aleichem (1859–1916), Fiddler is set in a small shtetl in Eastern Europe in the early 20th century. Unmistakably Jewish, its songs, dances, humor, and insights depict life’s timeless and universal concerns: family, love, sustenance, and, whether we want them or not, the changes that modernity wreaks upon us.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of this extraordinary musical, we invite you to join us for a very special celebration and sing-along on Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the historic sanctuary at our Glazer campus.

Following introductory remarks by Barbara Isenberg, author of Tradition! The Highly Improbable, Ultimately Triumphant Broadway-to-Hollywood Story of Fiddler on the Roof, the World’s Most Beloved Musical, the cherished songs will begin. “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “To Life,” and many more will be sung by Wilshire Boulevard Temple Cantors Don Gurney and Seth Ettinger, plus guest cantors Marcus Feldman, Rachel Goldman, Joe Gole, Yonah Kliger, Nathan Lam, Pam Simmons, Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, and Alison Wissot, and student cantors Shira Fox and Lisa Hendrickson. Following the concert, Barbara Isenberg will sign books, and there will be Chanukah sufganiyot (jelly donuts) for all. Bring your family, your friends, and your finest sing-along voice! The concert is free, but RSVP is essential at wbtla.org/fiddler.

Rabbi Susan Nanus
Director of Adult Programs
Coach Schapira Honored

It was not a typical Tuesday afternoon on October 14 at Brawerman West. An assembly was called, the Marcia Israel Chapel Auditorium quickly filled with students and faculty, and a film crew arrived. Something special was about to take place. But what?

Richard Sandler, Milken Family Foundation Executive Vice President, ascended to the bimah, spoke about the qualities of outstanding Jewish educators, and then announced a winner of the 2014 Milken Jewish Educator Award: Coach Barry Schapira. The audience cheered, and chants of “Coach Barry, Coach Barry” rang out as the beloved—and surprised—teacher and colleague accepted the award.

Each fall since 1990, the Milken Family Foundation in partnership with the BJE (Builders of Jewish Education) has surprised four unsuspecting educators with this special recognition, which carries an individual unrestricted award of $15,000. According to the Foundation, “Honorees reflect the highest ideals of Jewish and secular education, fostering the lifelong pursuit of knowledge and nurturing a value system that can guide students through adulthood. Recipients also demonstrate an outstanding ability to develop Jewish children’s understanding of the connections among their religion, classroom activities, and lives outside of school.”

During Coach Barry’s nearly 15 years at Brawerman Elementary School—teaching PE, developing the athletic program, working closely with his department team members, and nurturing his students—he has truly made a difference, demonstrating all those qualities and values. He consistently emphasizes honorable behavior, on and off the court, and often employs meaningful quotes from sacred texts to reach his students. We are proud of Coach Barry’s achievement, grateful for his commitment to our school community, and blessed to have him on our faculty. Mazal tov!

Our Trip to the Capital

In October, I was lucky enough to be part of our Temple’s high school program to the nation’s capital. A group of us from Wilshire Boulevard Temple and from congregation Kehillat Israel in the Palisades traveled to Washington, DC, to see monuments and museums and watch intriguing presentations from Jewish political and educational groups. We visited the renowned U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Newseum, and the National Archives Building. The Holocaust Memorial affected me the most. After my visit to the museum the Holocaust became real to me in a way it never had before. Even in a short weekend trip we were all able to learn a great deal of American and Jewish history and achieve thought-provoking insights about Israel.

During the trip, we also spent time on a community service project, assisting the Coalition for the Homeless by passing out personal items such as knit caps, socks and blankets to those in need. Doing this mitzvah left us feeling grateful and fortunate for our own lives.

We also participated in a small Shabbat service in front of the White House, which was very special. Being able to look back and reflect on the things we learned and accomplished is a great feeling. Overall, I can easily say that this trip impacted the way I see our country—as both an American and as a Jew.

Marissa Kugler
Grade 10

The three other outstanding trips for our students this school year will be: New Orleans (January, Grades 8-12), the annual March of the Living Poland program (April, Grades 11 and 12), and Israel, as part of the Tel Aviv/Los Angeles School Twinning Program (June, Grade 8). For more information, contact Karen Brigel at kbrigel@wbtl.org or (424) 208-8906.
The acronym STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is a popular buzzword in education today, but you don’t hear it often in the field of early childhood education. At our Glazer and Mann Early Childhood Centers, however, it’s a perfect addition to our curriculum. We know that children learn most effectively from hands-on experience. For example, as students observe the wind and how it affects their environment, they learn the concept of cause and effect. Their discovery of shadows leads to a further investigation of light and dark.

Being STEM-literate means children have the critical thinking skills that are so vital to their future endeavors. Our teachers challenge children's thinking, first by introducing real tools like rulers, tape measures, levels, scales, measuring cups, funnels, and thermometers. As they learn to use the tools—their first engineering tasks—the children acquire new vocabulary. As they build and test catapults, for instance, they learn about simple machines with levers, a wedge, screws, pulleys, wheels and axles. Working with a ramp, or more scientifically, an inclined plane, encourages children to explore gravity. As they have fun rolling balls and cylinders of different sizes down the ramp, they engage in the scientific process of testing hypotheses and develop theories about inertia, momentum, friction, velocity, and acceleration. Our abundant sunshine provides an interesting lesson in how solar energy works. And the use of charts and measurements is central to our math curriculum. STEM is part of everyday life.

The children in our Early Childhood Centers always have more questions than we can answer, so we turn to research tools in the school library and the internet to find answers. We learn together never to be afraid of not knowing the answer—the search is the best part of the adventure.
Help us Reach 100% Participation!

Because Wilshire Boulevard Temple changes peoples’ lives for the better, more than 600 Temple families have given to the Building Lives campaign. That means 1800 Temple families—75%—have NOT yet given. Every Temple family’s support makes a difference, and gifts of every size are critical to the success of our campaign.

When you help the Temple you:
- make mensches through our nursery, elementary, or religious schools
- offer opportunities for worship and celebration in our great Sanctuary
- reach out to our families in times of joy and sadness
- provide nutrition and other essential services to make life better for our underserved neighbors

You truly make the world a better place for all!

We’ve already raised about three-quarters of our campaign goal of $165 million, but we need your help now to raise the remaining $40 million.

- Make your one-time gift today
- Make a multi-year pledge
- Host a reception in your home, or at the Temple, or gather a group for a tour of our evolving Erika J. Glazer Family Campus to learn how each and every congregant can help raise funds for the campaign. We will help you plan the gathering!
- Be in touch

To participate in any of these meaningful ways or simply to learn more, call Karen Schetina in our Development Office at (213) 835-2153 or email kschetina@wbtla.org. Thank you!

Vote for Reform Judaism in Israel!
A Message from our Rabbis

The Orthodox minority in Israel has had disproportionate control of the government for years. You have the right to vote for the progressive voice of Judaism in the upcoming American Zionist Movement’s election to determine U.S. Jewish representation to the influential World Zionist Congress. Vote the ARZA slate to insure better funding for new Reform congregations, women’s rights, and a state based on the ideals of religious pluralism, equality, and peace. This election takes place only once every 10 years so your vote is critical.

WHEN AND HOW: Voting runs from January 15 through April 30, 2015. Go to ReformJews4Israel.org. Registration fees: $5 for ages 17-29, $10 for age 30 and up. Please spread the word to your family and friends. Put the date on your calendar; we will send you a reminder to vote in January. Israel needs our votes!

Sharing Our Lives

We are excited to let you know about a new initiative we are launching to deepen the sense of community for all Wilshire Boulevard Temple members. Starting early in 2015, we will regularly send out email notifications to our entire congregation with news of the births of children and grandchildren and the deaths of immediate family members. The emails will contain as much or as little information as a family chooses to share, including, if desired, funeral and shivah details. If you prefer not to receive these email notifications, you can simply “opt out” by clicking the opt-out link at the bottom of the email.

We are confident that by sharing major life-cycle events with our Temple community, we will be able to support each other better through times of sorrow and more fully celebrate each other’s joys.

If you have any questions about this new effort, please don’t hesitate to contact Jodi H. Berman, Director of Leadership and Engagement, at jberman@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8970.
**Upcoming Events**

**TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🌟**
Friday, December 5, 12:00 p.m.  
Century City  
Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study. Bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Series, $36. Future Torah study dates: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 17, May 1  
宛 Nan Brostoff, nan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121  
宛 wbtla.org

**INTERNATIONAL SOUL SOUNDS AND SHABBAT DINNER 🌟**
Friday, December 5 🌟 6:00 p.m.  
Come gather to enjoy a beautiful medley of Jewish music from all over the world, and afterward, we’ll celebrate with a Shabbat feast of Sephardic, Ashkenazi, Middle Eastern, and Ethiopian cuisines.  
宛 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932  
宛 wbtla.org/internationalsoulssoundshabbat

**HONORING RABBI KAREN L. FOX 🌟**
Sunday, December 7 🌟 6:30 p.m.  
Please join us as we honor Rabbi Karen L. Fox upon her retirement from Wilshire Boulevard Temple.  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres  
7:30 p.m. Tributes, music, video, and dessert  
宛 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932  
宛 wbtla.org/rabbifox

**SPEAKER SERIES WITH DR. ALESSIA DE PAOLA GOTTLIB 🌟**
Thursday, December 11 🌟 7:00 p.m.  
A specialist in developmental pediatric psychiatry, Dr. Gottlieb will speak about how children interpret and respond to the world around them to help you better understand how your child develops.  
Cost: $30 per ticket  
宛 Heidi Sorenson, hsorenson@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2158  
宛 wbtla.org/speakerseries

**THE WILSHIRE READERS 🌟**  
*Wilshire Boulevard Temple Book Club*  
Thursday, December 11 🌟 7:30 p.m.  
宛 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (428) 208-8932  
宛 wbtla.org/bookclub

**WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI FOX 🌟**
Friday, December 12 🌟 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, jealousy, and love surrounding power. No experience needed—just open eyes and a curious mind!  
宛 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932  
宛 wbtla.org

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF CONCERT 🌟**
Sunday, December 14 🌟 4:00 p.m.  
This Chanukah concert and sing-along event, sponsored by the Dr. Jerome Tober Fund for Artistic Expression, begins with introductory remarks by Barbara Isenberg, author of *Tradition! The Highly Improbable, Ultimately Triumphant Broadway-to-Hollywood Story of Fiddler on the Roof*, the World’s Most Beloved Musical, followed by musical renditions featuring the stellar voices of Cantors Don Gurney and Seth Ettinger. A book-signing in the Irmas Family Courtyard with *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts) concludes the evening.  
宛 Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932  
宛 wbtla.org/fiddler

**CHRISTMAS COOKS 🌟**
Thursday, December 25 🌟  
Join us as we cook and serve Christmas lunch at several of OPCC’s Santa Monica housing facilities. To help make Christmas a more joyful day for many people trying to transition out of homelessness, we will provide a hot, cooked, sit-down meal, as well as Christmas gifts. Adults only, please. RSVP to Denise Magilnick.  
宛 Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930  
宛 wbtla.org

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Rabbi Steven Z. Leder for officiating at the naming of
Noah Alden Kaufman and Jacob Garett Kaufman
by Marlene White Lenard
Sandra Taigttien by Judi, David, and Dara Helfant

In Loving Memory of:
Melvin Kromdur by Shirley Kromdur
Jules Taigttien by Judi, David, and Dara Helfant
Howard Weinstock by Garth Greene
Great-grandmother, Irma Weisskopf, by Maskit and Gary Schiller

MAXWELL H. AND RUTH DUBIN MEMORIAL FUND

In Loving Memory of:
Morton Kleinberg by Maxine Kleinberg and Family

In Honor of:
Rabbi Steven Z. Leder by Ellen Pansky and Lee Reicher

In Loving Memory of:
Ted Annul by Merlie Galindo
My father, Irving Aaron Baar, by Judith Resnick
Jordon Feldman by Bette and Abbie Feldman
Lis Nath by Anneliesse Nathen
Dr. Irving M. Reingold by Marilyn Reingold

PULPIT FLOWER FUND

In Loving Memory of:
Max Edelstein by Ruth Yablans
Norman Hoffman by Andrea, Steven, Chloe, and Matthew Gardiner

ANN AND SAM BERNSTEIN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND

In Loving Memory of:
Pearl Borinstein by Joan and Melanie Borinstein

FOOD PANTRIES FUND
Dahila and Art Bilger
Beth and Hannah Davids
Jeanne Gerson
Sarah Steinberg and Jordan Roker
Michael Stern and Gai Klass

In Honor of:
Barbara Belzberg by Flo Stark
Estelle Wachs by Michael Wachs

In Loving Memory of:
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**SYDNEY RYAN SMALL**

December 6, 2014

Sydney, a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, is the daughter of Lisa and Brad Small; the granddaughter of Linda Gaché and Peter Gaché; Ann and Michael Small.

Family Welcomer: Dylan Small, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: A member of the National Charity League of Los Angeles, Sydney volunteers her time and services to various philanthropic projects to benefit Upward Bound House, an organization dedicated to eliminating homelessness among families with children.

**SAMUEL GILBERT**

December 6, 2014

Sam is the son of Dana and Leonard Gilbert; the grandson of Lynda Engel; Bruce Gilbert; Rosalie Burg; Harvey Columbic.

Family Welcomer: Rachel Gilbert, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Sam volunteered at Spooky Sunday for low-income and at-risk children through the SAG Foundation’s Looking Ahead program. He is also part of the Looking Ahead Leadership program, whose works give back to the community.

**BROOKE ELIZABETH BALSON**

December 6, 2014

Brooke is the daughter of Allyce and Michael Balson; the granddaughter of Andyth and Sam Freshman; Sandy and Al Goldman.

Family Welcomers: Brenda Freshman and Michelle Balson.

Tikkun Olam Project: Brooke is raising money for the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind by inspiring people to contribute funds to the website she created online (through the organization) as well as by door-to-door fundraising in her neighborhood. The beneficiaries of her efforts are blind people in Israel who receive trained guide dogs to help them achieve independence. Brooke’s goal is $1,000, the amount needed to raise a puppy trained to be a service dog for the blind.

**AVA LOUISE BARON**

December 6, 2014

Ava is the daughter of Tanya and Jeff Baron; the granddaughter of Rene and Robert Baron; Patty Coppola; Kate and Art Coppola.

Family Welcomer: Ian Baron, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Ava volunteers for Concern Foundation. Donations from her bat mitzvah and holiday toy drive will go to this organization to benefit children with cancer.

**HOGAN JAY BEHRSTOCK**

December 13, 2014

Hogan is the son of Julie and Tony Behrstock; the grandson of Fran and Roger Behrstock; Steven Samsky and the late Roberta Samsky.

Tikkun Olam Projects: Hogan donated time and services this past summer and weekends during the school year at ASTEME (Advancement of Science, Technology & Engineering in Math Education) enrichment center, where he assisted younger children with computer programs, programming, and general math skills.

**ZACHARY JARED WEISS**

December 13, 2014

Zachary, a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, is the son of Julie and Rusty Weiss; the grandson of Mary Lou Hudson; David Hudson; Linda and Gene Weiss.

Family Welcomers: Ella Lauren Weiss, sister; Chad Dylan Weiss, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Zachary volunteered at Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) in Santa Monica, helping prepare and serve sack lunches and coffee to homeless people.

**JONAH BECKETT NEUSTADT**

Israel – December 25, 2014

Jonah, a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, is the son of Carolyn and Kevin Neustadt; the grandson of Sally and Charles Neustadt; Robert Aizley and the late Sandra Aizley; the late Carole Neustadt; Jim and Pamela Kosik.

Family Welcomer: Samuel Neustadt, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: Jonah volunteered at the Morgan Wixson Theater Y.E.S. (Youth Education Series), program, which supports literacy while training young performing talent. Jonah participated in performances for local schools.

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Welcome to new Temple members…

Candice and Kian Beroukhim…Sherri Ghodsian and her daughter, Alexandra…Karina Glosman and her daughters, Elliana, Evette, Michelle, and Mia…Paul Goldstein and his children, Jonah and Reese…Jodi Berman Kustanovich and Vlad Kustanovich and their sons, Alec, Zohar, and Elijah…Yehudit and Herzel Maymon…Katherine Oschin and her daughter, Halayna…Desiree Rahban and her daughter, Francesca…Liza and Randy Rosen and their daughter, Presley…Ariela and Yehuda Sadeh and their children, Noa and Nadav…Sam Montes and Alan Sands…Pamela and Mark Scott and their son, Hunter…Natasha and Joshua Weiner and their son, Noah…Staci Weiss and Jonathan Verk and their children, Stella and Oscar.

Congratulations to…

Miryam and Sam Tarica on the birth of their granddaughter, Ayla Whooley, and to parents Erin Tarica and Owen Whooley, big brother Colum, great-grandparents Adele and Ben Habibi, uncles Daniel Tarica and Joshua Bobrowsky, cousins Molly and Rachel, and aunt Deborah Tarica…Rabbi Rochelle and Chad Tulik on the birth of their daughter, Maya Tulik…Erica and Howard Kaufman on the birth of their twins, Noah Alden Kaufman and Jacob Garett Kaufman and to grandmother, Marlene White Lenard and grandfather, Allen Lenard.

Condolences to…

Caryn and Gary Ezor on the death of their brother, Ronald Cohen, and to Greg, Jessica, and Daniel Ezor on the death of their uncle…Lynn Weisman on the death of her cousin, Ellise Dobson Falkoff…Ben and Laurie Fox on the death of his father, Mark Fox, and to grandchildren, Emma and Ruby…Friends and family of Harold Goldwasser…

Betty Goodwin Klevan and Keith Klevan on the death of her mother, Madeline Goodwin, and to grandson, Aaron Klevan…Helen Klein on the death of her husband, Samuel Klein…Zoya and Efim Rudin on the death of her mother, Sarra Kurtzmann…Dan Lehat and Ronit Reichman-Lehat on the death of his father, Chaim Lehat, and to grandparents, Yehonatan and Arielle, and in-law Judith Reichman…Sherri and John Fogelman on the death of her mother, Linda Komorsky Liker, and to grandchildren, Teddy, Max, and Hannah, and in-laws Dr. Alan and Judi Fogelman…Friends and family of Dorothy Merchasin…Joel Millner and Alexandra Brooke on the death of his father, Nathan Millner, and to grandchildren, Katrina and Samuel…Zoya Preys on the death of her husband, Gennady Orlovetsky, and to children, Ben and Ava…Susan Grad on the death of her brother, Howard Weinstock, and to grandchildren, Katrina and Samuel…Zoya Preys on the death of her husband, Gennady Orlovetsky, and to children, Ben and Ava…Susan Grad on the death of her sister, Ellen Parker…Evelyn Weinstock on the death of her husband, Howard Weinstock, and to nieces Lara Kaplan, and great-nieces Ariana, Bianca, and Charles…Judy Wunsch on the death of her husband, Robert Wunsch, and to children, Ben and Ava…Susan Grad on the death of her husband, Howard Weinstock, and to grandchildren, Sam, James, and Katherine…

And to all immediate and extended family.

Best wishes…

Nan Brostoff and Nancy Levine will both retire at the end of the year, after 40+ combined years of service to Wilshire Boulevard Temple. As assistant to Rabbi Harvey J. Fields and Steven Z. Leder, Nan has helped countless congregants navigate sorrows and celebrate simchas. As our controller, Nancy has helped keep the Temple’s finances in order. We will miss them but wish them fulfillment in the next phase of their lives.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Shabbat Dabba
Rabbi Leder, Goldberg and Band
6:00 p.m.

International Soul Sounds
Rabbis Fox and Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Torah Study
Genesis Vayishlach 32:4 – 36:43
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Leder
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nai Mitzvah of Sydney Ryan Small and Samuel Gilbert
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

B’not Mitzvah of Brooke Elizabeth Balson and Ava Louise Baron
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger and Youth Choir
6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney and Youth Choir
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Torah Study
Genesis Yavesh 37:1 – 40:23
Rabbi Nanus
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Shapiro
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Hogan Behrstock
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Jared Weiss
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Goldberg and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

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

Nefesh “Food for the Soul”
Rabbi Goldberg and the Band
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Torah Study
Genesis Miketz 41:1 – 44:17
Rabbi Eshel
9:00 a.m.

No service at Glazer and Irmas Campuses

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

B’nei Mitzvah of
Jonah Beckett Neustadt,
Sydney Maxine Schroeder and
Jacob William Schroeder
in Israel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Shabbat Services
Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Scott Senior
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Torah Study
Genesis Vayigash 44:16 – 47:27
Rabbi Shapiro
9:00 a.m.

No service at Glazer and Irmas Campuses