In the Aftermath of Sandy Hook

We walk in a daze. Sandy Hook Elementary School and America have felt real terror. Jews have been there before. Missiles from Gaza. Romans ransacking, raping and killing. An Inquisition—our sages wrapped in Torah scrolls and burned on a pyre of religious fanaticism. Baubies and zaydies beaten by drunken Cossacks, throats slit, entire villages fleeing barefoot into the winter's night. And of course, the chimneys of Auschwitz. Six million Jews, one million of them children, turned into smoke.

How have we survived?
The secret comes from the Torah portion we read every Yom Kippur: “I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live.”

Jews are commanded to choose blessings over curses, and life over death. It’s not that evil doesn’t exist. It’s that good, and we its ally, can triumph over evil. Must we forgive what happened? We cannot forgive what is unforgivable. What we can do is choose this moment to count our blessings and ease the suffering of others.

A funeral cannot be held on Shabbat or a holiday, but a bris must be conducted—even on Yom Kippur. Death can wait—but never life. In our darkest hours of abandonment, we stand and recite the Kaddish—a prayer that does not mention death even once. It speaks only of life and God’s goodness. We sit shivah for seven days. But then the sages commanded us to rise from grief and walk back into life. Jews walk back into life.

The prayer book tells us that God remembers the good in each of us despite our mistakes. It also asks us to remember the good in each other and in the world. We are not blind to evil, but neither are we blind to its more powerful twin. There is so much good in the world; so much. Jews believe in the power of goodness. Jews choose life.

There is an obscure law in the Talmud that has always amazed me. The law requires a blind person to bless the new moon. Why would the rabbis require a person to bless something he cannot see; to affirm what is hidden?

The day of the shooting was a new moon and the time of Chanukah, when our ancestors kindled light after the darkest of nights. The death of any child eclipses what is good and beautiful. Fear, tears, sadness and anger blind us all. In the aftermath of terror, now as ever before, may we have faith in what we sometimes cannot see and affirm what is sometimes hidden.

Rabbi Steve Leder
For generations, the Jews of Egypt lived in peace and prosperity—until a new Pharaoh brought oppression, forced labor, harsh beatings and finally, attempted genocide when he instructs the Egyptian midwives who tend the Hebrew women to kill all the Jewish male babies. What the Pharaoh attempted was no less than what Himmler intended in Nazi Germany as he said: “This people must disappear from the face of the earth.”

Missing in this obvious similarity are more people like Shiphrah and Puah. When Pharaoh instructed these midwives to kill the male Hebrew babies, they defied his order. They “saved the male children alive.” Shiphrah and Puah are among the greatest heroines of the Bible. Shiphrah and Puah’s refusal to kill Jewish babies enabled the Jewish people to “multiply and increase greatly.” In Nazi Germany, we know courageous people like Shiphrah and Puah were in short supply.

Fortunately, most of us will never be presented with the kind of glaring moral choice that Shiphrah and Puah, or ordinary German citizens faced. We live in a world of smaller moral choices. Do we give to the homeless woman who offers to wash our windshield at the gas station? Do we cheat just a little here or there to win the bid? Do we heed the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by judging others according to the content of their character rather than the color of their skin, or do we look the other way when we encounter subtle bigotry within us or those around us?

Most of us will never have to decide whether to save a life or look the other way. But rarely a day goes by when we don’t have our own moral choices to make.

Rabbi Steve Leder

We Have Lift Off

Our new website is launched and live! We hope you are as excited as we are. Have you explored it yet? This new site is meant for you personally, designed to be dynamic and user friendly, with information and services that were not possible before. Now you can log in and create your own personal website profile that is linked directly to our Temple member database. That means you have direct access to view and update your profile, register for classes and events, make payments and donations, set your communication preferences and more, all with a single login. If you haven’t yet, please go to the new site www.wbtla.org and register today. Remember, if you are a parent with a child in one of our schools, you should have already received your login information via US mail. Once you have logged in, you are welcome to change your password if you wish.

Check out our fantastic features including:

- Dynamic calendars where you can easily find dates and times for your favorite activities.
- Discover what’s new in our news and events sections.
- Keep abreast of our worship services.
- See our photo gallery, featuring vintage photographs documenting our history, courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library.
- Prepare for all the Jewish holidays with our in-depth holidays section.
- Find a support group to help you through life’s transitions.
- Much, much more.

Be sure to let us know how we can better serve you. This is your Temple, now more than ever.
Four years ago we began The Big Give with the idea that we would provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the most needy families in our city. That year, we distributed hundreds of meals in South Los Angeles and on Skid Row. The sad truth is that we don’t have to look to South LA or Skid Row to find families in need, they’re in our own backyard, and this year, we did something about it.

While we continued our distribution of meals on Skid Row, this year marked a significant shift in the focus of The Big Give, with nearly 700 baskets being distributed at the Temple Campus to needy families in our own Wilshire Center neighborhood. In partnership with the Koreatown Youth & Community Center, Hope-Net, First Congregational Church, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Islamic Center of Southern California, Heart of Los Angeles and Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, we were able to reach out to families in our immediate community who are in need, and provide them with a family-sized Thanksgiving dinner.

As the redevelopment of our historic Temple Campus continues, we’re not simply making a financial investment in our neighborhood—we’re making a human one. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in The Big Give, it could not have happened without you.

Although Wilshire Boulevard Temple is the place for simchas—baby namings, b’nei mitzvah, weddings and anniversaries—we are a community in which every life-cycle event happens. Our rabbis taught, “The more counsel, the more understanding,” (Pirke Avot 2:8). In a study of the counseling activities of clergy, researchers found that clergy are often the first professionals to be contacted by people experiencing stress and life transitions. Most clergy are not trained to enter a long-term counseling relationship, however, know that your clergy can refer you to various support groups and gifted therapists within the Los Angeles Community.

Social support for life transitions is often found in small groups, in which those traveling the same path share and grow together. The Harvey J. and Sybil A. Fields Center for Jewish Life and Values marks its 10th year of serving our congregation through group support. These groups are not therapy, but can be beneficial as people open and support each other through the guidance of trained and licensed professionals. We are also a partner in the Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health; look for their week of learning at Cedars Sinai, April 21-27, 2013. Check out our ongoing groups: Spousal Bereavement, Making Marriage Work, Empty Nesters, Defying Aging and more.

So when living hurts, do not hesitate to walk on into your own Temple community.

■ Rabbi Karen L. Fox
Brawerman was Blazing!

The fall sports season was a winning one for the Brawerman Blaze. While we may not have scored the most points or secured an invitation to the Rose Bowl, it was truly a success. Participation was strong. Seventy students in Grades 4 through 6 competed in Coastal Canyon League boys’ flag football and girls’ basketball. More Brawerman parents attended games to cheer the athletes than any other school. The coaching staff, Ben Kamer, Peter Levenson and Barry Schapira made sportsmanship and learning a priority. Coach Schapira always reminds players that the Talmud tells us we are responsible for each other, and so they played as a team supporting their teammates and respecting their opponents. It was all summed up in an email received from a coach whose team member told her, “Losing to them was not so bad because they were the best sports we played so far. The kids were nice. If one of them knocked you down during the game, he asked if you were okay and then helped you up. They played fairly and by the rules.”

Now that is success!

Delegation Meets to Plan Religious School Israel Trip

Have you thought about what it would be like to see Israel through the eyes of a Grade 9 student? Not through the windows of a bus—but actually living with an Israeli family?

Did your child travel to Israel as part of the delegation from Brawerman Elementary School, and want to do it again? Did he or she not go in Grade 6, but is ready to go now? Is your child a Religious School student who has dreamed of Israel, but never been? Do you want your child to spend two weeks in Israel for only the cost of an airplane ticket? Will you welcome a new Israeli “brother” or “sister” to come to LA and see our city as part of your family?

With our Religious School’s participation in the LA/Tel Aviv Partnership, all of this is now possible for current Grade 8 students who will enter Grade 9 next year.

This past month, a delegation from our partner school in Tel Aviv, Ironi Aleph High School, a magnet school for the arts, visited the Temple; learning, meeting and discovering our community. They met with Rabbis Leder, Fox and Eshel. They were hosted on Shabbat by Rabbi Ben-Naim; attended a b’nei mitzvah; toured all three campuses (including Camp); visited Brawerman, our Religious School and our Wednesday Night Program for teens.

Our hosts and partnership staff—Rabbi Raff, Karen Brigel and Cathy Gordon—spent the week introducing our guests not just to the Temple, but to Los Angeles as well. Our guests will reciprocate in Israel in the spring—then we will be ready to take your children as part of the delegation next year.

For details please contact the Religious School office at hsilverstein@wbtla.org.
Burton Morris—American Pop Artist and Super Dad!

B urton Morris, the American pop artist, is a parent in our Early Childhood Center. He is a renowned painter best known for his bold, graphic pop art descriptions of various modern icons. In addition to creating signature images for prestigious organizations such as the Academy Awards, the United States Olympic Team and the Andre Agassi Foundation, Burton’s artwork is featured in the collections of the Albright Knox Museum, the Jimmy Carter Center, the Elysee Museum, the United Nations, the World of Coca Cola Museum and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. Private collectors range from presidents, dignitaries, celebrities and corporate leaders worldwide. Burton very graciously offered to create a signature piece of artwork that will be auctioned at this year’s Early Childhood Centers Fundraising Gala to raise money for our scholarship fund. To create this piece of art, he collaborated with the children in our schools. He visited each of the classes and talked to them about their favorite activities, their favorite Jewish holidays and what they love so much about their school. Burton then went back to his studio to create a painting that tells the story of our children and our school community. Each of our Transitional Kindergarten classes went on a field trip to visit Burton in his Santa Monica studio, where they were able to see the artist at work. Our schools are grateful to Burton Morris for this incredible donation of time and talent. We thank you, and the beneficiaries of our scholarship fund thank you. Todah!

Camps

Staying Connected with Camp Friends

F or many campers, the anticipation of next summer began the minute they tearfully hugged their friends goodbye last summer. Fortunately with email, texting and phone calls, campers easily stay connected in the nine months between camp sessions, no matter where they live.

For the 1,000+ campers, 150 counselors and staff who attended and worked at Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp in the summer of 2012, the annual reunion held in December at the Irma Campus was another opportunity to reconnect and celebrate the ruach that is Camp. Campers reunited with favorite counselors and staff members, participated in Shabbat services, enjoyed a traditional “Camp Shabbat” dinner and took part in a rousing song and dance session.

Eagerly anticipated by campers and staff alike, the annual camp yearbook, compiled by the staff in the fall, will soon be mailed to each member of the camp community. Highlighting the summer—session by session, cabin by cabin, activity by activity—photos abound in the visual history of the summer just past.

Campers, parents, alumni and friends of Camp now have yet another way to stay connected, through our new camp website, filled with photos, highlights and information about “all things Camp.”

■ Cheri Lauterbach, Camp Alumni & Development Director

NEW

The Warner Murals restoration in our Temple Campus Sanctuary is complete. The work is truly awe-inspiring. Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregant and filmmaker Aaron Wolf caught up with our brilliant mural conservator Aneta Zebala to learn more about how the murals have been returned to their original glory, and then some. In this first part of a two-part feature, Ms. Zebala describes the fascinating process of filling in the missing sections of the murals that were originally grated air vents before the restoration.

AW: Who are you and what are you doing here?
AZ: I am Aneta Zebala; I am a paintings and murals conservator, working on the Wilshire Boulevard Temple murals. Hugo Ballin, [the muralist commissioned by the Warner brothers] worked closely with Rabbi Magnin on the symbolism and the scheme of the design and came up with a beautiful, continuous, very rich design in which he was able to tell the story of the Jewish people through imagery.

The unique aspect of this treatment is that we are in charge of filling in six blanks, so to speak. We believe that the venting grates installed in the sections southeast, south and southwest of the frieze were original to the time of the construction of the Temple [in 1929]. So we suspect that the artist himself knew that certain sections were not going to be used and therefore he didn’t paint them at all. Here is one of the sections that was blank (see top right photo). Along the edges we retrieved as much of the detail as we possibly could, and then ended up with a rectangular shape which we will recreate to allow for the image to be read as seamlessly as possible; not pretending that it is original, but keeping with the artist’s design scheme.

AW: Do you want to show us a little about how that process works?
AZ: For each part of the treatment we consult with the architect, Brenda Levin, who oversees our work. And in this case we have a series of images, starting with the original image of the grate before treatment—and the edges of the canvas that were under the metal grate—then our proposed sketch which we submitted to the architect, then details of after we’ve in-filled the void with new canvass, and then steps to recreate the missing figure in the middle. You see that there were three figures of Jewish men studying. And in the central figure we only have the scroll but not the head of the figure. So we decided to borrow the head of the figure on the right and put it in the middle, so that we wouldn’t be making up anything that would not have been there (see bottom photo).

Above his head there’s a Roman soldier with a Roman sword hanging over their heads (painted in silver leaf and visible only on the edges). [The full sword] will be applied with silver leaf so we can recreate it. And we started to play with the design so we can make it as true to the original as we could.

And so we ended up with an outline and slowly we’re starting to fill the blanks with color. We use the same colors the artist used for the site figures. We’ll use silver leaf for the sword. We’ll finish off the Roman soldiers and we’ll repeat this same process in all six of the grates that are missing.

Look for the conclusion of this interview, in which Ms. Zebala describes the cleaning and restoration of the original murals, in the Developments section of next month’s Temple Bulletin.
Upcoming Events

**WOMEN’S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI FOX** 🌞
Friday, January 4 and 11, 2013
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**INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM SERIES** 🌞
Saturday, January 12, 2013
.readValue(1) 4:00 p.m.
Divided We Fall (Czech Republic, 2000)
A daring comedy of ethics, this film takes a complex look at
World War II, skilfully balancing humor and gravity (Academy
Award Nominee for Best Foreign Film).
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**SHABBAT A LA CARTE** 🌞
Saturday, January 5, 2013
.readValue(1) 9:15 a.m.
Join us for some communal warmth and spiritual reflection that
will help center your mind and settle your heart.
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT WITH WEST LOS ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST GOSPEL CHOIR** 🌞
Friday, January 18, 2013
.readValue(1) 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a special musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
at a roof-raising spiritual service combining Jewish and gospel
music with one of the most famous gospel choirs in Los Angeles.
followed by a hot hors d’oeuvres Oneg Shabbat buffet.
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**COFFEE WITH CAROL DISCIPLINE, TANTRUMS AND LOVE** 🌞
Tuesday, January 8, 2013 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 9:15 a.m.
Carol Bovill, Director of Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Early
Childhood Centers, will meet monthly with parents of children
ages birth to six years, to assist you in being the best parent(s)
you can be.
偎 Joanna Barra, jbarra@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8900
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**TU BISH’VAT TREE PLANTING** 🌞
Sunday, January 20, 2013
.readValue(1) 2:00 p.m.
We’ve been redeveloping the Temple Campus for well over a
year, but in celebration of Tu BiSh’vat, we’re going to take that
redevelopment to the neighborhood in partnership with our
friends at the Koreatown Youth & Community Center (KYCC).
Join us for a community tree planting with our Korean
neighbors as we celebrate Tu BiSh’vat together, and redevelop
our shared neighborhood.
偎 Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930
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**EMPTY NESTERS—LUNCH WITH NATALIE** 🌞
Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2013
.readValue(1) 12:30 p.m.
Natalie Caine, M.A. shares tips and wisdom about life beyond
parenting, including how to build more of an adult relationship
with your children; what went dormant while parenting that
now longs to awaken; and what new meaning you may want to
add to your life.
$36 for the series
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**SEPHARDIC SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT** 🌞
Friday, February 1, 2013
.readValue(1) 6:00 p.m.
Drums. Flutes. Exotic stringed instruments.
Join us for a special service of Sephardic Jewish
melodies in Hebrew and Ladino. Experience a beautiful Shabbat
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FOOD PANTRIES
Sunday, January 13, 2013
Underwritten by Banky La Roque Foundation
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 Bruce Berman at (213) 388-2401 or bberman@wbtla.org.

Mitzvah go’reet mitzvah—doing a mitzvah leads to doing more.

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

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PRESTON STEINBERG
January 5, 2013
Preston is the son of Melissa and Keven Steinberg; the grandson of Carole Kent and the late Richard Kent; Elaine and Robert Steinberg.
Family Welcomer: Carly Steinberg, sister
Tikkun Olam Project: Preston volunteered for Operation Gratitude 2012 Holiday Drive. This organization sends care packages to the US Military. He prepared and assembled packages that were sent to the US troops. He also knitted scarfs for them. This was Preston’s way of saying “Thank you” to our military heroes.

NICOLETTE ASAL MUSIGHI
January 12, 2013
Nicolette is the daughter of Roya and Isaac Musighi; the granddaughter of Helen and Youssef Mahbabian; Ashraf Musighi and the late Agha John Musighi.
Family Welcomers: Jeremy and Jeffrey Musighi, brothers
Tikkun Olam Project: Nicolette volunteered for Ace of Hearts. This foundation helps abandoned dogs find new owners. They set up in front of Petco on Saturdays. Nicolette helped by taking the dogs for walks and collecting funds to support this foundation.

SAMUEL SUTKIN MAIER
January 12, 2013
Camp Hess Kramer
Sam is the son of Carrie Ann Sutkin and Dror Maier; the grandson of Edward Leibson and the late Rosara Leibson; Richard Sutkin; Judith Maier and the late Simon Maier.
Family Welcomer: Richard Sutkin
Tikkun Olam Project: Sam volunteered at Earthworks Farm and Gardens. This program serves at-risk youth from Los Angeles County Probation Camps in the San Gabriel Valley. Sam worked on the farm, interviewed participants and edited a YouTube movie for them.

JESSICA HIRSCH LIPMAN
January 19, 2013
Jessica (Lulu) is the daughter of Dana Hirsch Lipman and Nathaniel Joel Lipman; the granddaughter of Myra Lipman and the late Melvin Lipman; Darrelle and Don Hirsch
Family Welcomer: Megan Lara Lipman, sister
Tikkun Olam Project: Lulu volunteers at Wildlife Learning Center, a place that rescues wildlife and provides education about biology. Lulu is learning while she feeds, maintains the animals and helps keep the cages clean.

JONATHAN BEN-NAIM
January 21, 2013
Camp Hess Kramer
Jonathan is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School of Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Yoni is the son of Rabbi Elissa and Gal Ben-Naim; the grandson of Barbara Schwartz; Ruth Stoch and Jerry Schwartz; Asher and Phina Even Hayiim.
Family Welcomers: Ari and David Ben-Naim, brothers
Tikkun Olam Project: Yoni is collecting and delivering his donation of sports equipment to Sheba Hospital in Israel.

EMMA LEVITT
January 26, 2013
Emma is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School of Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Emma is the daughter of Jamie Levitt and Art Levitt; the granddaughter of Marilyn and Arthur Levitt; Rosemary Littrell.
Tikkun Olam Project: Emma raised funds to donate to Wells Bring Hope, an organization to build wells in Nigeria.

MOLLY EVE LEVITT
January 26, 2013
Molly is the daughter of Jamie Levitt and Art Levitt; the granddaughter of Marilyn and Arthur Levitt; Rosemary Littrell.
Tikkun Olam Project: Molly volunteered at a children’s ranch called Thank U for Your Help. She assisted children with challenges through horseback riding and animal care.
Welcome to new Temple members...

Suzanne and Marc Berkman and their daughter, Lily...Jessica and Gregory Ezer and their son, Ben...Holly and Sean Feller and their children, Griffin, Hudson and Hadley...Jacqueline Harris and her daughter, Josephine...Jennifer and Emmanuel Labranche and their son, Nathan...Melissa and Brian Levin and their daughter, Hadley...Sara and Grant Ross and their son, Grayson...Adam and Chantal Rymer and their son, Wolfe...Nicole Hirschman and Joshua Smith and their daughter, Alexis...Jodi Wolf and Carol Warren and their children, Logan and Austin...

Congratulations to...

Erica Joy Lenard and Howard Kaufman on their recent marriage and to father, Allen Lenard and mother, Marlene White Lenard...

Congratulations to...

Marla and Kuo Chao on the birth of their daughter, Vievian Teah and to big brother, Milo...Jeanne and Adam Felber on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Rose and to big brother, Sebastian...Karen and Will Hobbs on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Esther and to big brothers, Oliver and Fineas...Samantha and Jason Milner on the birth of their son, Jack Austin and to sister, Sophia...Meredith Rettinger and Roy Silver on the brit milah of their son, Benjamin Silver and to older sister, Ella...Caren and John Sallada on the baby naming of their daughter, Jordan Emma Sallada and to grandparents, Ellen and Mark Lipson...Emily and Eric Scheinbaum on the birth of daughter, Ruby and to big brother, Oliver...Jessica and Mark Sokol on the brit milah of their son, Ari Jacob and to big sister, Ava...

Condolences to...

David and Eeye Banks on the death of his father, Jerry Banks and grandchildren, Andrew and Zoe...Julie and Steve Cramer on the death of their grandmother, Ann Barraco and grandchildren, Eli, Henry and Jack...Noah and Jennifer Shore on the death of their stepfather, Harry Feldman and grandchildren, Blakely and Owen...Dr. Robert and Joy Wolf on the death of his sister, Shirley Glick...Juliana and Ira Rubenstein on the death of their grandmother, Carlota Gutwirth and grandchildren, Eila, Ravi and Rosalie...Howard Heitner and Betsy Newman on the death of their mother, Bertha Heitner and grandchildren, Bryce and Shelby...Rhonda and Eric Alan on the death of her father, Eric Klapper and grandchildren, Lilly, Mirabelle and Sophia...Maxine Kleinberg on the death of her husband, Morton Kleinberg and to daughters, Susan Kleinberg, Linda and Doug Tamin, and to grandchildren, James and Michael...Peggy and Steve Davis on the death of her mother, Nancy Schmidt and to grandchildren, Hannah, Cadence and Will...Sarah and Jonathan Aibel on the death of her grandfather, Murray Silverman and to grandchildren, Alex, Hudson and Madeline...

And to all immediate and extended family.
Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
Shabbat Services
Cantor Caro
1 6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist Sugerman
1 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
Torah Study and Service Combined
Exodus Shemot 1:1 – 6:1
Rabbi Esdel
1 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat à la Carte
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Rosenbloom
1 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Preston Steinberg
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Caro
1 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
Soul Sounds Shabbat
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney
1 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Esdel
1 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
Torah Study and Service Combined
Exodus Va’era 6:2 – 9:35
Cantor Rosenbloom
1 9:00 a.m.
Tot Shabbat
Rabbinic Intern Berns
1 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Nicolette Musighi
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro
1 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Sutkin Maier
Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Sugerman
Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu
10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
Torah Study and Service Combined
Exodus Beshallach 13:17 – 17:16
Rabbi Esdel
1 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica “Lulu” Lipman
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Caro
1 10:30 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 21
Bar Mitzvah of Yonatan Ben-Naim
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu
10:30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
Shabbat Services
Cantor Caro
1 6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantorial Soloist Sugerman
1 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Services
B’not Mitzvah of Emma Levitt and Molly Levitt
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
1 10:30 a.m.

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