As a woman who has been married to her college sweetheart, Leslie, for 42 years; the mother of our two amazing sons, David and Daniel, for more than 33 years; and a Jewish educator for at least 27 years—15 of those here at Wilshire Boulevard Temple—I was hard pressed to define one Jewish moment as my most profound. Would it be the day when I finalized my conversion and commitment to the Jewish people? The birth of one or both of my sons? Or maybe my first trip to Israel where I met true heroes like Bobby Kaye and Frank Levine, who shared with me their stories and World War II photographs that were taken as they helped Jews escape Europe after the Holocaust on a Haganah ship? Perhaps it would be a moment on a return trip to Israel, when I worked with 25 different tikkun olam organizations, met the somewhat unlikely leaders of each group and was inspired by their ability to make profound changes in people's lives because they saw a need and stepped in to fill it? Or maybe it was the day when as part of a Good People Fund trip to the coal mining country in Kentucky, we painted a woman named Lorraine's home. She said to me, “Vinny, I prayed to Jesus for help in my difficult life and he sent me you, Peter and Naomi—a group of Jews!”

I think most profound, beyond all of the above, are the moments of joy in my own children, Daniel, David and his wife, Kathie, who is now my daughter. I feel the reality of l'dor v'dor, from generation to generation. When I observe the Jewish values that they exhibit in almost everything they do, it humbles me. They are forever examples of everything I could ever hope to stand for, everything I would hope they might emulate—there before me, my life’s work; Jewish in name and action, carrying Torah and Judaism forward, to face with strength and conviction, whatever might come next. For me, it couldn’t get more profound than that!

Vinny Green
Religious School Educator

“My Most Profound Jewish Moment” is a cover series by Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregants and staff.
I love it when this happens: “But Rabbi Eshel, I don’t believe in God.” In working with teenagers, it never fails that every year someone will say this to me. And I answer, “So tell me about the God you don’t believe in.”

“I don’t believe there is some guy up in Heaven with a big, long beard pulling the strings. I believe that I have free will.” And then I respond, “Well I don’t believe that there is a guy up in Heaven pulling the strings either, so I guess that means I don’t believe in God. My entire life is a sham, and I quit!” This is always met with a dropped jaw and a look of total confusion.

Whether it is science, humanity or nature, we all believe in something. Yet so often we struggle with naming that belief. One could call all of those beliefs God and be authentically Jewish in doing so. It is that struggle that makes us who we are as a people. We are the children of Israel—B’nei Yisrael—the ones who struggle with the divine. This month we read how we get our name:

“Genesis 32: 25-29 Jacob was left alone. And an angel wrestled with him until the break of dawn... Then the angel said, ‘Let me go, for dawn is breaking.’ But Jacob answered, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ Then the angel answers, ‘Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have wrestled with beings divine and have prevailed.’”

So when we question, wrestle and struggle with our beliefs we are doing exactly what it means to be Jewish. May we always continue to challenge ourselves, seeking our answers together as true children of Israel.

Rabbi David Eshel

How Will You Login to Our New Website?

As you may know by now, our new Temple website will be launching soon. All congregants will have the ability to login to our website and update their records, register for events and make donations. As part of the transition process from our previous website, all *non-school congregants will need to register online when the site goes live in order to enjoy the new benefits. We will then link your profile with your online registration. More detailed instructions will follow as the time nears. Just keep an eye out for the letter and eblast with instructions when we launch. This is an exciting change we are confident will enrich your experience as a congregant at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

*Congregants with students in our schools (Brawerman Elementary, Early Childhood Centers or Religious School) will NOT register on their own. Instead we will provide login ID’s and passwords in order to avoid duplicating accounts we have already created for students. The login we provide for those congregants will be the same for both the Temple and the Brawerman Elementary School websites.
For the last twenty-five years, our neighbors in the Wilshire Center who struggle to meet their daily needs have come to know our Temple as a place they can count on for help. The Temple Campus Food Pantry provides food security to over 200 clients every week. But that meets only one of their needs. As we move forward with our Temple Campus redevelopment, we are building the largest, most comprehensive Tikkun Olam Center of any synagogue in the United States.

Once the Temple Campus is complete we will open a dynamic social service center in a new 5,000 square-foot space along 6th Street. We have already begun to explore partnerships with the very best care providers in the city, who will use our space to do what they do best—health care, health promotion and disease prevention, dental care and a wide variety of legal and counseling services. We are committed to these offerings and are continuing to assess the needs of our community for additional services.

With the redevelopment of the Temple Campus, the food pantry will have dedicated space, giving us the freedom to serve clients more often than just Sunday mornings. We’ll finally have cold storage, and the means to distribute fresh produce. We know the need exists based on the 70% increase, just this year, of clients to our food pantry.

Students in our Early Childhood Centers and Brawerman Elementary Schools can now spend part of their day in the food pantry, learning tikkun olam first hand. This new center will potentially offer thousands of volunteer opportunities for those who seek substantive ways to give back to the community. Temple members will be able to bring their professional expertise to the center in their respective fields, be it medical, legal, social work, education, or by simply preparing a week’s supply of groceries for a family in need.

With this center we will truly be building lives, and fulfilling our most sacred obligation as a Temple community and as Jews.

Something special is happening at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. I first noticed it at our Sophisticated Sukkah program back in early October. Not only are more people attending our adult programs, but they are hanging around afterwards. They are staying to eat, socialize, talk and get to know each other. They are feeling comfortable talking to people they don’t really know because they all feel part of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community.

After our Sophisticated Sukkah storyteller finished his performance, 75 people sat together at tables under the sukkah for over an hour, enjoying our delicious buffet, chatting and making new friends.

Almost 200 people attended our special screening of “The Other Son,” and then stayed for coffee and dessert, again socializing and exchanging ideas. Fifty of them remained for a panel discussion.

One hundred people attended our Six Word Havdalah evening for an amazing storytelling experience by nationally famous writers, and then hung out until 11:00 p.m., eating blintzes and drinking wine.

This is besides the 40 to 60 people who are attending our Sunday Morning Seminars, our wilshiREADERS Book Club, our Israel Speakers Series and our International Jewish Film Series.

If you haven’t attended any of our programs yet, there are plenty of opportunities this month: Chanukah Shabbat dinners at both the Temple and Irmas Campuses; a special Chinese Food and Latke event with guest author Rabbi Joshua Plaut who will speak about his book, A Kosher Christmas; and another film moderated by Dr. Michael Renov of the USC School of Cinematic Arts. You can check our website and your Experience Brochure for more details.

Your community awaits you and so do I.

Susan Nanus
Director of Adult Programs
Our Garden of Delights

According to a Chinese proverb, a real garden must be loved into being. The Brawerman garden is truly loved and is growing, flourishing and offering so much in return.

Just a few years ago, Brawerman parent Maskit Schiller—a molecular biologist with an interest in gardening since childhood—envisioned a school garden that would engage students in a dynamic relationship with the earth, where they would observe, discover, nurture and learn. She worked with her son’s kindergarten class to add raised beds, plant seeds, care for the plants and harvest vegetables and herbs to eat. They had basil, tomatoes, lettuce and more, and loved it.

Last year, in celebration of Brawerman’s 13th year, Maskit offered plans to grow the garden. Tucked away in a corner of The Leder playground, there is now a certified wildlife habitat with additional planting beds, a wall of succulents, a tower of watering cans and a bench for contemplation where anyone can sit and draw on paper provided. There is a clock, a birdhouse, an array of plants grown from seeds and carefully nurtured by students, all complemented by our inspirational community-designed tile wall and state-of-the-art water station.

This is a teaching and learning garden, a beautiful addition to an activity-filled play yard and a delightful reminder of our connection to the earth and its bounty.

Religious School Retreat—An Unforgettable Weekend

Wow! What an amazing time we all had at the Religious School Retreat at Camp Hess Kramer. The energy generated by the kids, the staff and counselors from the very beginning was incredible.

Our retreat theme Alice in Wonderland: Using Your Judaic Compass to Navigate Wonderland played out over five educational programs. The first four programs represented four points on a Jewish compass: Wisdom (hochma), Questioning (she’alot), Balance (eezun) and Joy (simcha). In Wisdom, we explored where we find guidance and wisdom in our lives. Campers drew pictures of advice-giving “monsters” that incorporated TV, parents, Judaism, teachers and friends. In Questioning, we played the question game, and learned that Judaism encourages us to ask as many questions as possible. For Balance, we split into groups and had a rousing battle between Wonderland’s Red Army representing rest (menucha) and White Army representing work (avodah), as they fought for control of Wonderland. Alice moderated and taught us that we must strike a balance in our lives. In Joy, we kicked back, enjoyed a Mad Hatter’s tea party, and planned for the campfire talent show. We learned that Judaism encourages us to find the joy in life, to celebrate and sanctify important moments. Our final program brought our whole compass together, when students made their own compasses and recalled highlights of the weekend.

Our inspiring counselors played gaga and basketball, took the students on menorah and beach hikes, and played creative cabin games. Our campfire talent show culminated in a pop song medley mashup that got everyone singing. At retreat’s end our kids summed up the trip: “awesome, “delicious,” “Wonderland-wonderful,” “Jewtastic,” “stupendously super,” “community.”

Be on the lookout for information about next year’s retreat. This is a weekend not to be missed.
Holiday Learning Opportunities

As the holiday spirit pervades everything, this is a time to welcome neighbors and classmates into our homes. What will the children remember about Chanukah, and what do you want them to remember? Making latkes with mom, dad or grandparents—the smell of the latkes frying and the oil flying; standing together in the darkness surrounded by the glow of burning candles bringing light and warmth, playing dreidel with friends and family; these are the immensely rich moments, much more than any gift.

I suggest that parents purchase games to be played with family and friends, instead of toys. When we play games, we enjoy a social experience where we learn to take turns, and that we don’t always win. Certainly there are a number of great toys out there, but how many toys does your child need? When your child plays at school or at a friend’s home and they love a specific toy that they don’t have, there’s no need to run to the store.

Instead, the toy becomes something special at school or at that friend’s house.

Too many toys can be overwhelming to a child. To prevent overload during the holiday gift season, you can put some of the gifts away for another time. The children will appreciate the toys more and the play will be more meaningful.

This time of year, toy donations are being collected all around town. When you go to purchase a toy to donate, I recommend that you take your Nursery School child with you. Most importantly, tell your child ahead of time that you need his or her help picking out a gift for a child who doesn’t have a lot of toys and money. You really don’t have to buy a lot of toys for your child at all this holiday season; instead, let them learn the joy of giving.

Carol Bovill
Director, Early Childhood Centers

Providing Pivotal Jewish Summer Experiences

According to the Foundation for Jewish Camp, “The impact of Jewish camp doesn’t end on the last day of summer. Children with pivotal Jewish camp experiences are more likely to become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes and take on leadership roles in their communities.”

Providing these pivotal experiences often requires financial assistance for campers who otherwise could not afford to attend a session at camp, or travel to Israel with our four-week summer teen program.

A heartfelt thank you to all who contribute to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps’ scholarship and campership funds, and to those who support our annual Golf Tournament. Because of you, we were able to allocate more than $186,500 to 91 campers and teens traveling to Israel in the summer of 2012, giving each of them the opportunity for a summer experience like no other.

Cheri Lauterbach
Camp Alumni & Development Director

Visit our new website
www.wbtcamps.org!
The past year has been one of success and fulfillment as we continue to respond to our current and future congregants’ needs. The African proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” really applies to what we are accomplishing here together. As Rabbi Leder says, at Wilshire Boulevard Temple we build Jewish lives.

Your charitable giving to Wilshire Boulevard Temple assists us with creating spiritual, educational and cultural experiences that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Throughout our 150-year history, our Temple has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing our congregants’ spiritual and religious life, offering many ways to participate within our Temple community. And it is through your participation that Wilshire Boulevard Temple remains one of our country’s finest and most vibrant Jewish centers.

Over the past year, many of our congregants have graciously supported our Early Childhood Centers, Brawerman Elementary School West—and now in full force, Brawerman East—as well as our Religious Schools and our Camps. Many have also supported our Each One Help One program, which ensures that those families who are unable to afford the full cost of membership can become and remain an integral part of our Temple family. You have supported our tikkun olam efforts—financially, and with your time.

Increasingly, our congregants are learning first-hand about our Building Lives project to restore, renovate and redevelop our Temple Campus. As a result, there is growing support for this very important legacy campaign, with congregants making meaningful and transformative gifts and multi-year pledges, which are helping guarantee that this vision for our Temple’s future becomes reality. If you have not yet toured the Temple during this very exciting time, we encourage you to make an appointment today. We’re sure our progress and all that lies ahead will leave you enthralled.

On behalf of our dedicated Board of Trustees, our clergy and our entire staff, we thank you for your past and future support, and for making Wilshire Boulevard Temple your “village.” May you be blessed with the very best in the year ahead!

A FEW TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

As the end of the year approaches, many of us pause to review, reflect and plan. Thoughtfully addressing charitable giving priorities between now and December 31 can help assure maximum benefits for you and your charitable interests. Carefully considering what to give—and when to give it—can help increase the impact of your gifts while helping to also meet personal priorities.

Here are several tips to help you make the most of your year-end giving, when it comes to Wilshire Boulevard Temple and beyond:

1. Review Your Securities.
   Many stocks will have appreciated in value. It may be prudent for you to make your year-end gift using appreciated securities, and at the same time save on capital gains while getting a charitable tax credit for the appreciated value.

2. Consider a Planned Gift.
   A planned gift can be your lasting legacy and part of the story your grandchildren and great grandchildren will tell 50 years from now. Examples of planned gifts are: a charitable bequest, will, an IRA or retirement plan, life insurance, charitable remainder trust and charitable lead trust.

3. Talk to your Advisor.
   Before making any significant gifts, consult your accountant, attorney or other advisor to help guide you as you choose the vehicles for giving which are most appropriate for you. We, at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, want your giving experience to be prudent, as well as generous and meaningful.

For more information about year-end giving opportunities at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, contact Charisse Charley at (213) 835-2165. We are here to help you in any way we can.
Upcoming Events and News

COFFEE WITH CAROL
THE QUEST FOR A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 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.

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CHANUKAH SING-A-LONG
SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 7, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 14, 2012 6:00 p.m.
December 7: A presentation of “Herschel and the Chanukah Goblins”; December 14: Reading of the famous Chanukah story—“The Chanukah Guest” followed by a Shabbat Chanukah dinner.

Bring your Chanukah menorah and candles and join us for a very special evening.

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ISRAEL JEWISH FILM SERIES

Sunday, December 9, 2012
4:00 p.m.
Le Concert (France, 2009), delightful comedy about a former world famous conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra, who lost his career 30 years ago for defending Jewish musicians.

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WILSHIRE READERS

Thursday, December 13, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Join our Book Club and explore, consider and discuss four distinct novels that have achieved critical acclaim, received nationally recognized literary prizes and stimulated great popular interest. This month’s book is ‘Dovekeepers’ by Alice Hoffman.

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SHABBAT A LA CARTE

Saturday, December 15, 2012
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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CHINESE FOOD AND LATKES

Sunday, December 16, 2012
4:00 p.m.
Rabbi Joshua Plaut speaks about his delightful new book, A Kosher Christmas, which explores the response and creativity of American Jews at Christmas time. This book, the first on the subject of Jews and Christmas in the United States, portrays how Jews are shaping the public and private character of Christmas by transforming December into a joyous holiday season for all Americans. Followed by a Chinese food buffet and a book signing.

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ISRAEL INSTITUTE:
A DAYTIME SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012
12:30 p.m.
In the six decades since its founding, the State of Israel has spawned a vibrant culture and multiethnic democracy. Bring your lunch and join us as we listen to top academic and political experts discuss the history and politics and society of Israel.

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SUPER STORM SANDY RELIEF FOR WEST END TEMPLE IN QUEENS, NEW YORK

Thousands are displaced and without homes to return to—communities devastated. One such community is West End Temple on Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York. West End Temple is a small Reform congregation just steps from the water. As four feet of mud and water came through the doors of the sanctuary, they were able to save their Torah scrolls, but little else.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple has committed to helping West End Temple rebuild their library, as well as replace their prayer books and Torah commentaries. Each of us as members of Wilshire Boulevard Temple can play a small role in helping another congregation heal and rebuild. Purchase a prayer book or Torah commentary for a congregation in dire need. Visit our website to purchase.

Torah Commentaries: $60; Prayer Books: $40
100% of all funds raised will go to benefit West End Temple in Queens, NY.

Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8930

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Caroline Szabo

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Rabbi Karen Green for officiating at the unveiling for grandmother, Ema Lovice by Dr. Markit and Gary Schiller
Bernie Gohn’s 80th Birthday by Marcus and Judy Jacobson

In Loving Memory Of:
Ruth Applebaum by Dune and Noel Applebaum
Izaac Bergman by Barnett Bergman
Barbara Blacher by Ruth and Hamid Borden
Ester Brandt by Lee and Gordon Gefen
Joyce N. Champion by Ruth and Jim Stern
Bernard Cinot by Cecile Barton
Philip Engel by Hyfin Joel
Bertrand Fainberg by The Stafford Family
Jordan Feldman by Morgan & Adam Feldman
Anna Fox by Helen Mackim
Alice Gardner by Alan Gardner
Morris Grinsby by Myron Wexler
Morris Harris by Rita and Albert Harris
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Richard Hennman by Susanne Engel
Louis Hymen by Janie and Arthur Gerty
Mac Inkendy by Eden Inbenberg
Jerome Jaffe by Deba Powell
Rose E. Janken by Lonnie and Glem Janken
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Marvin Kimen by John and Steve Fogelman
Aaron Kurtz by Malcolm Orland
Ray Kurtz by Malcolm Orland
Shoba Landa by Belfa Landa
Melvin D. Lipman by Dana, Nathaniel, Megan and Jessica Lipman
Bessie Meyers and Edna Stein by Natalie Stein
Margaret Nuskaucher by Ruth and Jim Stern
Myer Orlick by Steven Orlick
Joe Pollock by Beth Goren
Molokai Raifi by Mr. & Mrs. Hamid Raifi
Sophia Ratner and Louis Sallet by Mildred Ratner
Lillian Rhein by Linda and Peter Rhein
Dora L. Roddy by Jean Rosenbaum-Katz
Selma Schulman by Jil and Paul Schulman
Sondra Sport by Michael, Ranjoul and Jolie Abram
Max Stoller and Rose Bank by Leah Bankash and Family
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Beloved wife, mother and daughter, Brenda Weinstein by The Weinstein Family
Phil Weinstein by Cheryl and Don Weinstein
Molle Weiss by Ruth and Hamid Borden
Malcolm A. Winner by Leslie Gladston

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Jan and Richard Burns

In Honor Of:
Stanley Brown by Dorothy Goldstein
Mike Diamond’s 70th Birthday by Allen and Arlen Stein
Cheryl Mandel Garfield by Ronnye and Bill Grueber; Annelee and Bill Morris
Lian Tincher and Howe Tinanbaum on their recent wedding by Hed Liederman and Lian Tincher

In Loving Memory Of:
Afne E. Kimmelman by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Epstein
Melvin Kordun by Shirley Kordun
Gilbert Mombach by Andrea Pflug and Barry Forman
David Greenberg by Susan Greenberg Kunik
Freddie, Jane and Miranda Sibony’s exotar and friend, Harriet by Andrea and Barry Forman; Howard Pflug
Clara Waldow by Richard Waldow & Ann Markowitz
Indene Wensgard by Karen, Kris, lan and Molly Cinnamon

CLERGY FUND

Allison and Justin Binder

In Honor Of:
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the unveiling for Warren Wolfe by Nicole and Andrew Gampert
Rabbi Steve Leder and Rabbi Karen Fox for their Torah Study groups by Marty and Brenda Golden
Rabbi Steve Leder for officiating at the Bat Mitzvah of Howard Fogelman by The Fogelmans
Rabbi Steve Leder on the occasion of Lian Tincher and Howe Tinanbaum’s marriage by Victor Teicher and Hed Liederman
Rabbi Steve Leder on the occasion of Sarah Imms’s Bat Mitzvah by Robert and Ann Imms
Rabbi Steve Leder by Marlene White Lenard
My birthday by Anneliese Nathan

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The birth of Culum Tatia Whoseley by Lauren and Paul Neilson

In Loving Memory Of:
Jordane L. Hinch by Maret de Ward

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Tributes

Jacob is the son of Shani and Michael Henschel; the grandson of the late John Henschel, the late Patricia Traub, the late Seymour and the late Astrid Durrant.

Family Welcomers: Shannon Henschel, Alexa Krok and Nicholas Krok

Tikkun Olam Project: Jacob is collecting books to donate to Good Reads for Good Deeds, an organization that gives these books to underprivileged children in schools throughout the world including Israel and South Africa.

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

Family Welcomers: Griffin Isen and Duncan Brin

Tikkun Olam Project: Jack volunteered with Koreh L.A., a Jewish Federation literacy program that partners volunteers with LAUSD K-5th grade students, and children in LAUSD early education facilities. He worked one on one with several second graders at Mosk Elementary School to help enhance their reading skills and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Brandon is the son of Lea and Barry Porter; the grandson of Barbara Porter; Andre and Toby Lisbon.

Family Welcomers: Bryce Porter and Cory Porter

Tikkun Olam Project: Brandon is working to create a Student Ambassador Program for International Medical Corps. IMC is a global humanitarian relief organization that provides health care training and relief and is a first responder to disasters around the globe. Brandon is organizing and recruiting other students so that other schools in the Los Angeles area will also have Student Ambassadors, and collectively these students will devote time to and raise money for IMC.

Daniel is the son of Stephanie and Dr. John Yadegar; the grandson of Esther and the late Mordechai Yadegar; Doreen and the late David Samuel.

Family Welcomer: Abigail Sarah Emma Yadegar, sister

Tikkun Olam Project: Daniel is raising awareness in his community about the Tel Aviv-Yafo Foundation and encouraging donations. Over 700 children with special needs such as cerebral palsy and autism receive animal and gardening therapy at the Tel Aviv Educational Farm. Spending quality time with the animals and learning to care for and feed them is of tremendous benefit to children with behavioral, social and emotional difficulties.
Welcome to new Temple members...
Jeffrey and Cathy Field and their children, Dylan and Collin...Douglas and Andrea Frank and their children, Emma and Sydney...JP Simon and Shannon Gladman...

Congratulations to...
Erica Joy Lenard and Howard Lee Kaufman on their recent marriage and to father, Allen Lenard...Amanda Siegel and Nick Nesbitt on their recent marriage...Lian Teicher and Howie Tanenbaum on their recent marriage...

Congratulations to...
Jessica and Matt Babrick on the birth of their son, Andrew Nathan Babrick and to big sister, Sydney...Lisa and Adam Chesnoff on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Bradford Chesnoff...Erica and Leland Felsenthal on the birth of their daughter, Zoey Dylan Felsenthal and to big sister, Violet...Kimberly and Nick Friedberg on the birth of their son, Vince James Friedberg and to big sister, Cate...Kimberly and Ylan Kunstler on the birth of Luca Kunstler and to big sister, Olivia...Julia and Mark Osher on the birth of their son, Jonathan George Osher...Jessica and Mark Sokol on the brit milah of their son, Ari Jacob Sokol...

Condolences to...
David and Dyde Banks on the death of his father, Jerry Banks and grandchildren, Andrew and Zoey...Judy Boasberg and Mark Landry on the death of her father, Leonard Boasberg and grandchildren, Kit and Noah...Noah and Jennifer Shore on the death of his father, Harry Feldman and grandchildren, Blakely and Owen...Shelley Hayes on the death of her mother, Joan Sigband...Gayle Leventhal on the death of her husband, Harold Leventhal and to Nancy Burt, Julia and Jenna; Randy and Kimberly Magnin, Rachel and Jacob; Ron and Lauren Magnin; Anna and William...Friends and family of Florence Levine...Shannon and Michel Rotenberg on the death of her grandmother, Lurline Mabrey and grandchildren, Colt and Luke...Patti and Dan Stein on the death of her father, Gilbert Mombach and granddaughters, Carli and Lauren...Friends and family of David Rosenthal...Beth and Barry Rosenbloom on the death of her father, Henry Rosenwald and grandchildren, Michelle Rosenbloom, Lauren Rosenbloom and Jacob Melchi...Heather and Matthew Kavanaugh on the death of her father, Michael Rust...

And to all immediate and extended family.

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Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
Torah Study
Genesis Vayishlach 32:4 – 36:43
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Davidson
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei Mitzvah of
Jacob Saul Henschel
and Jack Nathan Kaplan
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Alfred Porter
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Caro
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
Soul Sounds Shabbat
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Caro
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
Torah Study
Genesis Vayeshev 37:1 – 40:23
Avi Cohen
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service
B’nei Mitzvah of
Daniel David Yadegar
and Jack Jordan Ben
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

No Service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
Soul Sounds Shabbat
Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Caro
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
Torah Study
Genesis Miketz 41:1 – 44:17
Rabbinic Intern Berns
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat à la Carte
Rabbi Fox
9:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Davidson
9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Corets Gough
Rabbi Estel and Cantor Caro
10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Clarissa Sophie Brock
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro
6:00 p.m.

No Erev Shabbat Service
at the Temple Campus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
Torah Study and Service Combined
Genesis Vayigash 44:18 – 47:27
Cantor Caro
9:00 a.m.

No Service at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28
Shabbat Service
Rabbi Shapiro
6:00 p.m.

No Erev Shabbat Service
at the Temple Campus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
Torah Study and Service Combined
Genesis Veyechi 47:28 – 50:26
Cantor Shapiro
9:00 a.m.

No Service at Irmas Campus