Plans for Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s new building, named Audrey Irmas Pavilion for its lead donor whose $30 million gift for the project launched the capital campaign in 2015, and designed by the world-class firm Office of Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) and its partners Shohei Shigematsu and Rem Koolhaas, have been submitted for approval to the City of Los Angeles. The first image of the project was released to the public, and the announcement was widely covered by the Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, and other major media outlets. Pending approval from the city, and additional fundraising, the new building will break ground in late 2018 with plans to open in 2020.

“Audrey Irmas Pavilion will offer an irresistible invitation to gather, celebrate, learn, and reach out to others,” Rabbi Steve Leder said. “In a city so large and so diverse, we need community, and we need inspiring, welcoming places. Los Angeles deserves a modern masterpiece that brings people together in the heart of the city’s most diverse neighborhood. We are very proud that Wilshire Boulevard Temple will be a vital part of the cultural, religious, and socially conscious conversation that is defining 21st-century Los Angeles.”

As Temple President Rick Powell wrote to the congregation recently, “These are exciting times for our congregation, as we find ourselves in the heart of a resurgent Los Angeles. When Rabbi Leder spoke to us a decade ago about our great sanctuary being in the center of it all, we had no idea how quickly that would become true.”

A recent article in the online publication Curbed LA dramatically showed the Temple and Audrey Irmas Pavilion to be in the center of the neighborhood renaissance; there are more than 50 major development projects now planned for Koreatown.

Construction of Audrey Irmas Pavilion will complete the Temple’s Building Lives Campaign by providing a

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Shavuot: A Time to Let Go

Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

In this week’s Torah Portion, Parashat Emor, God tells Moses to set up fixed times that are to be sacred called the Three Festivals. One of these, Shavuot, known biblically as the “Festival of Weeks,” was the Thanksgiving holiday following the 49-day harvest period. Once the harvest had been completed, the Israelites gathered their new grain and brought it to the Temple as a Thanksgiving gift. On the 50th year, the tribes celebrated a Jubilation year, at which time all vows and debts were wiped clean, the land laid fallow, and any property owned was returned to its former owners. Why? So that the land, as well as relationships between people, could self-replenish. Every 50th year, God wanted everyone to “let go” and start anew.

Though this would never work in today’s economy, the message our sages taught still holds true: We should let go of things we have amassed that are burdening us, so that we can refresh the wonderful blessings in our lives. It doesn’t have to be property; it can be non-tangible things like resentment or fear. Imagine how much different life would be if every 50 years we let go of all that unwanted energy. In fact, we don’t have to wait until Shavuot to let go; we can start doing that every day! How much better would our lives be if we did? Shavuot is the time when we celebrate renewal and the sweetness of studying Torah. I think the lesson of letting go is a piece of Torah that can make life extra sweet. Chag Sameach!

Cantor Seth Ettinger

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space for Temple members and other organizations to host events, meetings, and programs in an inspiring architectural setting. Audrey Irmas Pavilion will include a banquet hall with a commercial kitchen, meeting and conference rooms, and a rooftop garden, all of which will be available for use by the larger community.

“Wilshire Boulevard Temple has been an important part of my family for generations,” Audrey Irmas said. “I am so happy to have provided the first major gift, and I hope others will be inspired to support Audrey Irmas Pavilion and bring it to completion.”

OMA was selected as the winner of an architectural competition to design the approximately 55,000-square-foot building, which will accommodate—for the congregation as well as the greater community—such events as weddings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, conferences and galas for nonprofit organizations, and other meetings and activities. It also will be used for large-scale support for those in need, such as hot meal programs and medical clinics. The new building will have a meaningful civic presence, bringing an important architectural structure to Wilshire Boulevard, and to the city of Los Angeles. It will be positioned on the Temple’s Erika J. Glazer Family Campus on Wilshire Boulevard, in the heart of this vibrant urban center, in the neighborhood now called Koreatown. The budget for the building project is estimated at $75 million.

Its design is an expression of respect for the surrounding buildings—the west façade slopes away from the existing temple while leaning south away from the historic school. The resulting form, carved by its relationship to its neighbors, is both enigmatic and familiar. The subtle expression reaches out toward the main urban corridor of Wilshire Boulevard to establish a new urban presence.

The Audrey Irmas Pavilion comprises three distinct gathering spaces that puncture through the building—a main event space, a smaller multipurpose room, and a sunken garden. The three interlocking gathering spaces are stacked atop one another to establish vantage points and framed views in and out of each space, while simultaneously creating a series of openings that filter light and reorient visitors to the complex and beyond.

The building is OMA’s first commission from a religious institution, and the firm’s first cultural building in California. The design team is based in OMA’s New York office and is led by Shigematsu.

For more information, contact Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtl.org.
We know simply by virtue of the income level of our client population and its lack of access to fresh produce, that this community is at heightened risk for diabetes and other preventable health issues. While providing fresh food on a weekly basis is certainly a step in the right direction, it is clear that our clients, sometimes unfamiliar with such products, do not always know how to store or prepare the food we bring them. In addition, because Koreatown is composed of families from a variety of cultural backgrounds, we strive to be sensitive to their diverse food preferences; however, because of cost and availability, this is not always possible.

The Mobile Food Pantry expanded its services from 26 families to 50 families since December 2017. We recently received funding from the Jewish Federation’s Changemaker Challenge grant to bring on a licensed nutritionist to help us with some of these challenges. We are hoping to bring on a nutritionist who can assist us in creating recipes and meal plans, which in turn will help our clients with simple methods of preparing the food that we provide. The nutritionist also can include information on the nutritional values and correct storage methods for these foodstuffs. We hope this will eliminate the potential for wasted foods as well as give our clients confidence to try new items and ways of cooking.

Come volunteer with us and be part of this exciting expansion plan! Your involvement can be once a month, weekly, or even a one-time commitment. We’ll provide the training. Mobile Food Pantry volunteers are needed Tuesdays from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. or Wednesdays from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

To My Wilshire Boulevard Temple Family...

I am excited to share the news that I’m moving to Arizona in June to be the cantor at Congregation Beth-Israel in Scottsdale.

I will be forever grateful for these past five years as part of the amazing clergy and community at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. I was an intern, still in school, when I started here. I thought I had been taught all that I needed to know about liturgy and traditional Jewish music. What I learned is that learning never stops.

Everyone connects to Judaism in his or her own way. Look at the b’nei mitzvah. It is a privilege and an inspiration to engage with more than 200 b’nei mitzvah and their families during a remarkable turning point in their lives. Each bar or bat mitzvah is different—their understanding, and my respect for them, unique. Together we bring out the best in one another.

I became a cantor because of my love for music; it’s such an important part of our life and culture. So it has been magical working with our Youth Choir and leading an active program at our Glazer Campus. We have fun with a variety of musical themes for Shabbat and developed programs such as Flashback Fridays, for which we featured both popular and liturgical music through the decades.

Community is paramount to our identity. Like many other young Jewish professionals starting out and living in Los Angeles, I was looking for places and ways to connect with others. When I couldn’t find a social peer group, I wondered what might happen if we started one at Temple. So on December 25, 2015, a Christmas Day that coincided with Shabbat, my wife Sarah and I got together with four other people for a traditional Chinese dinner at Hop Li in West L.A. The Meetup was born that night and is now a dynamic community of 120. A wide variety of Meetup events have included summer hikes in nearby mountains, wine tastings, a scavenger hunt in Hollywood, a Chanukah quest for pastrami, and Sushi in the Sukkah. The Meetup has been and will continue to be a great way to connect young professional Jews in Los Angeles.

I am excited to bring the sensibility of our community to my new congregation in Arizona. As Sarah, our baby Ronen, and I prepare for our move, we say thank you and say L’hitraot l’kulam (see you later, everybody).

Cantor Seth Ettinger

Join Cantor Ettinger’s celebratory Soul Sounds Shabbat service on Friday, June 1, at the Irmas Campus.
Lessons in Sportsmanship

If you grew up playing sports, you probably know that some of the world’s greatest teachers are coaches. This is especially true at Brawerman, where the athletics program is a thoughtful extension of the school’s broader educational philosophy. The community-oriented culture that defines Brawerman provides students with the perfect foundation for developing into A+ teammates. By the time children become eligible for athletics in Grade 4, they already are quite familiar with such key concepts as responsibility, interdependence, problem solving, and trusting one’s teammates/classmates. The vocabulary students use to describe these concepts evolves from grade to grade, but the seeds of teamwork and good sportsmanship are planted as early as kindergarten and cultivated all the way through graduation.

Both Brawerman West and East are founding members of their respective leagues. Brawerman West teams play in the Coastal Canyon League, “competing” against teams from other private schools in the West L.A. area; head-coaching duties are shared by the school’s three beloved P.E. coaches, Barry Schapira, Peter Levenson, and Ben Kamer. According to Coach Kamer, “The CCL is a learning league that encourages skill development, opportunity, and community.” The West athletics program enjoys an incredibly high rate of participation, with roughly 97 percent of students playing for at least one sports team during Grades 4–6. Due to the popularity of the program, West is able to field teams for four sports over the course of the school year: flag football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

As a newer school in the newer Hollywood Wilshire League, Brawerman East’s athletic program is operating on slightly different terrain. Its very first team was fielded at the beginning of the 2015–16 school year, when the original charter class (currently in Grade 6) first became eligible to participate in athletics. In the two and a half years since that initial soccer practice, Coach Chris Donohoe has single-handedly built the athletics program from the ground up. His approach is fueled by dedication to creating as many opportunities for exposure and participation as possible. “Some of these kids play on club teams outside of school; others are playing organized sports for the first time in their lives,” he explained. “We care a lot about winning and being competitive, but we also care a lot about recognizing the individuals who make up our teams and fostering an environment that helps them grow together, just like we do in the classroom.”

Religious School

Early Registration Helps!

It is hard to imagine that we find ourselves in May, almost at the end of another school year. As we reflect on the past year, there are many things of which to be incredibly proud and several opportunities for growth and improvement that we will pursue. One of the most wonderful outcomes from the last year has been the number of parents who have expressed sincere desire to become more involved. We at the Religious School have some big plans and are incredibly excited as we look forward to next year. Check our new Religious School website periodically for all the latest news, the updated calendar, and future offerings that you and your students of all ages won’t want to miss.

As of May 1, Early Bird registration began. This is the perfect time to register for Religious School. Summer vacations, camp, family trips, and sleepovers are almost here. Now is a great opportunity to take at least one thing off of your to-do list that inevitably elongates as summer days suddenly become Autumn. If a price break and one fewer thing to remember aren’t incentive enough, then keep in mind that class friend requests can more readily be satisfied the earlier you enroll! Your bank account, stress level, and children will all be happier as a result of early registration. For those who have already filled out the Magnus Health and Emergency forms, registration will be a breeze as most of your information will prepopulate! Thank you again for everyone’s patience as the synagogue moved to our new systems of enrollment and payment.

As we wind down the school year, we again want to express our profound gratitude for this community and to all of you for allowing us the pleasure of working with your children. Nothing is more gratifying than seeing students as young as 5 all the way up to high school graduates coming through our doors with smiles, feeling at home, and knowing they will always be a part of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple family.
Passover Reinforces Sense of Community

How do we carry our Jewish traditions from generation to generation? The children at the Erika J. Glazer and Mann Family Early Childhood Centers spent the weeks leading up to Passover learning about the values of the holiday. Each child's sense of Jewish identity was strengthened by delving deep into the lessons of the Passover story, reenacting the exodus out of Egypt, and experiencing the value of community by coming together for classroom seders. Discussions focused on examples from the Passover story that were applicable to young children’s daily lives, and a three-year-old spoke about standing up for one's rights, making choices based on what they believe is right, just as Moses stood up to King Pharaoh on behalf of the Jewish people.

The children also prepared their own matzah in our very own Matzah Factory. Joan Borgman (at Mann) and Oshri Hakak (at Glazer) dressed up as Moses, taking the children “out of Egypt” and ultimately leading them into the Matzah Factory. Set up in Saffro Hall (Mann) and the Library (Glazer), parent volunteers assisted the children in creating matzah out of flour and water. It was a sticky but memorable experience for all.

Each classroom hosted a Passover Seder, led by our clergy. Parents brought in items to assemble the seder plate, including parsley, hard-boiled eggs, and homemade charoset, as well as other traditional food items. Children proudly sang Passover songs, retold the story, and followed along in the Haggadah with their parents. Sung in fine harmony, the songs echoed through the halls, a true sense of community permeating the nursery school.

A huge thank-you to our incredible clergy for leading joyful, interactive, and educational seders over the span of three days: Cantors Don Gurney and Seth Ettinger and Rabbis M. Beaumont Shapiro, Elissa Ben-Naim, David Eshel, and Susan Goldberg. Thank you as well to our music specialists Jason Mesches and Zeke Sulkes for lending us your musical talent.

Come to Malibu and Feel the Magic!

Summer is around the corner, and this year camp isn’t just for campers! Throughout the summer, camp alumni and families will be invited to Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap, clap) for special programs and events. If you’ve never experienced a Camp Shabbat in Malibu, you’ll definitely want to join us for one of the two upcoming alumni Shabbats (June 29 or July 27). Come for services and see campers joining together with arms around each other in the chapel, enjoy a traditional Camp Shabbat dinner, experience our campers and counselors singing together, and stay late for Israeli dancing.

All are welcome to celebrate the 50th-anniversary of Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap, clap) on Saturday, July 7. Come up the hill to honor the pioneers who built GHC and helped make it what we know and love today. GHC will be open for all camp activities—pool, ropes course, arts and crafts, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer! For more information and to register for these events, visit: wbt camps.org/events or contact Alumni and Events Coordinator Alison Gettleson at alison@wbt camps.org.
2018 SANTA MONICA PIER FUN-RAISER 🎉
Thursday, May 3, 4:30 p.m., Santa Monica Pier
Party at the pier! Brawerman Elementary School and the Early Childhood Centers host their annual Santa Monica Pier fundraiser at Pacific Park. Bring the kids for rides, games, and more.
Sydney Spiegel, sspiegel@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2158
wbtlal.org/pier

CAMP KULAM 🎉
Friday, May 4 - Sunday, May 6
Camp Kulam provides an enriching, fun, and inclusive weekend at camp for families with children eight-years-old or younger who have special needs.
Ari Kaplan, ari@wbtcamps.org, (213) 835-2130
wbtcamps.org/campkulam

WBTYDEUX LASER TAG 🎉
Sunday, May 6, 12:00 p.m., Ultrazone Laser Tag, Sherman Oaks
Nothing beats meeting up with religious school and/or day school friends for fun and games. The youth group event for students in Grades 4 and 5 starts out at the Irmas Campus, where buses await to take students to Ultrazone Laser Tag in Sherman Oaks. Grab some friends and let’s have a blast!
Amanda Pleau, rsinfo@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8906
wbtreliquiousschool.org/youth-groups/wbtideux

JEWISH WOMEN’S THEATER– GUILTY PARTIES 🎉
Sunday, May 6 🎉 2:00 p.m.
A wild ride through guilt—from the things we should have done to the actions we regret. No one is safe from the moral dilemma, as Guilty Parties navigates the expectations of society, family, and relationships.
Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtlal.org/manyways

L.A. RABBIS TEACH—RABBI LEDER
Tuesday, May 15 🎉 7:30 p.m.
Senior Rabbi Leder’s latest book, More Beautiful Than Before: How Suffering Transforms Us, inspired the topic for the final session of the L.A. Rabbis Teach series, which is aptly titled A Jewish View on Suffering and Transformation. Cost is $10.
Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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THE WILSHIREREADERS: THE GUSTAV SONATA 🎉
Thursday, May 17 🎁 7:30 p.m.
Join our book club for an exciting exploration of critically acclaimed books. This month’s book is The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain.
Rochelle Ginsburg, reginsburg@gmail.com
wbtlal.org/bookclub

FIGHTING FOR ISRAEL– A CONVERSATION WITH EHUD BARAK 🎉
Thursday, May 17 🎁 8:00 p.m.
Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak joins us to discuss his just-published memoir, My Country, My Life: Fighting for Israel, Searching for Peace.
Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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DAVID DASSA’S ARTS AND CULTURE RETREAT 🎉
Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28
Spend Memorial Day weekend in beautiful Malibu for a few days of dance, music, theater, fine arts, costume theme parties, and campfires.
David Dassa, daviddassa14@gmail.com
wbtcamps.org/artsandculture

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION 🎉
Friday, June 15 🎁 6:00 p.m.
Join our Annual Congregational Meeting and Board Election on June 15. We will be honoring outgoing Board Members, electing new Board Members, and installing the 2018-2019 Temple Board. In addition, the Board will be specially recognized and blessed by our clergy.
wbtlal.org/events

FILM SCREENING: THE CITY WITHOUT JEWS 🎉
Sunday, June 24 🎁 7:00 p.m.
Come see the American premier of the 1924 Austrian Expressionist film by H. K. Breslauer, The City Without Jews—a satirical film that highlights the absurdity of anti-Semitism. Based on a 1924 book, the silent film was found in a Paris flea market in 2015 and recently digitally restored. Live music will accompany the movie as its score.
Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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GLAZER CAMPUS (EAST) 🏼 IRMAS CAMPUS (WEST) 🍭 THE PEOPLE CONCERN FOOD PANTRY, SANTA MONICA 🍭 CAMP HESS KRAMER 🍭 CALL/EMAIL REGISTRATION REQUIRED 🍭 ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED 🍭 CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION 🍭 FREE OF CHARGE
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tult programming provides a diverse series of stimulating events, with an emphasis on Jewish arts, culture and thinking. In *Thinking (and Being) Jewish*, four winter morning sessions explored great Jewish philosophers. Our ongoing *Films and Filmmakers* series features exclusive film screenings and discussions. *Words and Writers* brings new books and invites their authors to go deeper into their topics. Throughout the year, we learn with the leading rabbis in Los Angeles in our ongoing *L.A. Rabbis Teach*. Indeed, there are many ways to be Jewish.

**L.A. Rabbis Teach**

*LA Rabbis Teach*, an in-depth study series introduced this winter and spring, featuring five outstanding Los Angeles–area rabbis, holds its final session of this current series on Tuesday, May 15. Author, professor, scholar, and our Temple’s Senior Rabbi Steven Leder will expand on the topic, “A Jewish View on Suffering and Transformation,” inspired by his latest book, *More Beautiful Than Before: How Suffering Transforms Us*.

For tickets to the fifth and final session of *L.A. Rabbis Teach* with Rabbi Steven Leder, visit wbtl.org/manyways.

**Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak at Wilshire Boulevard Temple**

One of Israel’s most influential soldier-statesmen and one-time Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, will discuss his new book, *My Country, My Life*. His memoir, to be explored during this very special *Live Talks LA* event in our sanctuary on May 17, tells the unvarnished story of his—and his country’s—first seven decades; of its major successes, but also its setbacks and misjudgments. He offers candid assessments of his fellow Israeli politicians, of the American administrations with which he worked, and of himself. Drawing on his experiences as a military and political leader, he sounds a powerful warning: Israel is at a crossroads, threatened by events beyond its borders and by divisions within.

*Live Talks LA* presents great on-stage conversations in the Los Angeles area with writers, filmmakers, chefs, artists, leaders, humorists and comedians, musicians and thought leaders in business and science, and presents them in some of the city’s wonderful venues.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit wbtl.org/manyways.

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**Our Temple Family**

Welcome to New Temple members...

Robert Figlin and Karen Reckamp and their son, Zachary...Lisa and Bruce Gellman and their children, Bradley and Lily...Deborah and John Landis...Michele Asselin and Joseph Meltzer and their daughters, Simone and Wren...

Congratulations to...

Dina and Michael Javaheri on the birth of their son, Gabriel Javaheri, and to big sister, Alexa...Ellen Pansky and Leland Reicher on the birth of their granddaughter, Ophelia Gerald Johnston...Jennifer and Neal Maman on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Maman...Lindsey Goldburg and Alec McMordie on the birth of their daughter, Francine Goldburg McMordie, and to big sister, Bernice...Rose Llave on the birth of her granddaughter, Sloan Kelly Puntuditi...Marguerita and Danny Rojany on the birth of their son, Liam Rojany, to big sister, Hannah, and to big brother, Noah...Kerry and Kevin Sinclair on the birth of their daughter, Sabrina Libby Sinclair, and to big brother, Harrison...Tanya and Todd Soley on the birth of their daughter, Sofia Soley, and to big sister, Clara...Maxine Keith on the birth of her granddaughter, Brooklyn Sara Rose Viksman...Arielle and Adam Zucker on the birth of their son, Eli Zucker, and to big brother, Zachary...

Condolences to...

Brian and Lauren Baumwoll on the death of his mother, Lynne Baumwoll, and to granddaughter, Lily...Laurie and Paul on the death of their sister-in-law, Betty Stein Coleman, and to nieces, Debra and Amanda...Jeff Jarkow and Debbie Zane on the death of his mother, Sandy Jarkow, and to grandchildren, Ben and Amy...Nicholas Klein and Diane Shakin on the death of his brother, Doug Klein, and to nephew and niece, Jonathan and Alanna...Rodney and Carla Liber on the death of his father, Sol Liber, and to granddaughters, Ava and Samantha...friends and family of Raymond Nava...

Robert Rosenfield on the death of his wife, Susan Rosenfield...Charles and Karen Rosin on the death of his mother, Helen Rosin, and to grandchildren, Maxine, Lindsey, and Avery...Kathi Sweet and Rich Schmidt on the death of her father, Boyd Sweet, and to grandsons, Henry and Aaron...

And to all immediate and extended family.

**Wilshire Boulevard Temple Anniversary Milestones:**

*Each month we recognize the milestone anniversaries of Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregants. The years represent adult membership and do not include time as a child under a family membership. Congratulations, and thank you for being part of this community!*

- **70 Years**: Marian H. Brown
- **65 Years**: Robert and Maureen Smerling
- **50 Years**: Frederick and Julie Reisz
- **40 Years**: Jonathan and Lisa Bloch...Rob and Carolyn Carlson...Steven and Andrea Lurie...Paul Myers and Sunta Izzicupo...Deborah J. Newmyer...Nancy Polacheck
- **30 Years**: Marc D. Cohen...Chris and Julia Silbermann
- **20 Years**: Robert and Maureen Smerling
- **15 Years**: Megan and Rich Miller
- **10 Years**: Michael Javaheri and his family...Kenneth and Debra Haber...Douglas and Jamie Lynn...Brian and Roya Milder...Mark and Melissa Shabason...Mark and Jessica Sokol...Joshua and Cheryl Winia...Ryan B. Yatman
- **5 Years**: Matthew and Amy Epstein...Tamar L. Ghesser...Joshua Green and Samantha Cutler...Ynon and Anat Kreiz...David and Constance Litman...Lisbeth K. Sinclair

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For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit [wbtlca.org/events](http://wbtlca.org/events).

Events and times subject to change.
Notice: Congregational Meeting on June 15; Candidates of Board of Trustees Announced

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Wilshire Boulevard Temple takes place on June 15 at the Glazer Campus at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting, members of the congregation elect Trustees and Trustee officers of the Temple. We also recognize outgoing board members. This year, Rick Powell completes his term as Temple President, Barbara Grushow completes her term as Vice President, and Stephen Davis completes his term as a member of the board. He and all of the members and officers of the Board will be thanked for their service and receive a special blessing.

In accordance with the Temple by-laws, names and qualifications of proposed candidates were solicited from the congregation and submitted for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The Committee is pleased to put forth Carolyn Kuperstock, Deborah Dragon, Fred Kunik, and Skip Kessler as candidates for election to the Board of Trustees.

Please join us to participate in the election of our Temple’s lay leadership.
Jenna Ashendouek, Brawerman class of 2012, is currently a senior at Windward School. During Jenna’s time at Brawerman, she grew to appreciate the strength of her voice and the importance of speaking up. Since leaving Brawerman, she has worked to be a strong leader in her community. Elected Prefect by her class has allowed Jenna to represent her fellow students while working closely with faculty and administrators. Additionally, she currently is an intern for the Windward Communications Department, writing and reporting for various school publications. Jenna is passionate about journalism, political science, and international relations; she hopes to pursue these fields in college.

Jenna’s social action included creating a program called Upstanding Voice, whose primary goal is to provide education and tools to encourage upstanding behavior and help prevent bullying. The program is in its sixth year and has been implemented in middle schools across the L.A. area. It has positively impacted the Windward community and will continue after Jenna graduates.

Jenna spends her summers working as a lifeguard, teaching swimming lessons, and coaching higher-level swimmers. She is graduating this year cum laude and will attend Tufts University in the fall.

**ANNA MICHAEL**

May 12, 2018

Anna is the daughter of Jennifer and Brian Michael; the granddaughter of Bobbie and Jon Gilbert; Jean and Philip Michael.

**Family Welcomers:** Charlie Michael, brother; Lila Michael, sister.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** I worked at the Friendship Circle with special-needs kids. We did arts and crafts, ate, and hung out together.

**Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you?** I love to help people, and this was a great way to do that.

**What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place?** I would like to continue volunteering at the Friendship Circle, as I really enjoy it.

**JOSH WEBER**

May 19, 2018

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

Josh is the son of Robert and Karyn Weber; the grandson of Barry and Rhoda Perles; Susan Weber, the late Honey Weber, and the late Ted Weber.

**Family Welcomers:** Tamar Weber, sister; Maya and Bailey Swartz, cousins.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** Josh volunteered with WBTYhelps and recorded a documentary about a Holocaust survivor’s life.

**Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you?** This project was particularly meaningful to Josh because he learned about living through the Holocaust and what it meant to be a survivor.

**What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place?** Josh would like to have as many people as possible view his documentary, so that what happened will always be remembered, and that something like the Holocaust never happens again.

**ISABEL STONE**

May 19, 2018

Isabel is the daughter of Regine and James Stone; the granddaughter of Jill Sachs and Roger Ensign; Gloria Stone and the late Arnold Stone; Michael Bernstein and Christine Gallagher.

**Family Welcomers:** Amelia Stone, sister; Cathy Sachs, great-aunt; Lorrie and Lisa Stone, aunts.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** I am part of a group of volunteers with the Friendship Circle, an organization that helps special-needs children.

**Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you?** I was able to help kids find joy and celebrate special holidays and events, and enable them to relax and have fun.

**What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place?** Help others to be healthier and happier.

**BROOKE FRIEDMAN**

May 26, 2018

Brooke is the daughter of Shari and Rob Friedman; the granddaughter of the late Shelly Bernstein; Peter and Wendy Bernstein; the late Stuart and Sonia Friedman; the late Lillian Barbakoff.

**Tikkun Olam Project:** Girls on the Run helps young girls in underserved areas of Los Angeles stay physically fit through running. I will help them collect supplies and raise money for their big event (a 5K on May 6) and work at the event.

**Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you?** I am an athlete, and I’ve been lucky that my school has a big sports program, and that my town has many activities. Not only is fitness fun, it’s also important for health. I can help others by doing something that I love to do.

**What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place?** I’d like to stay involved with Girls on the Run forever. In addition, I will be a kind person who stands up for others!
FRIDAY, MAY 4
Shabba Dabba
Rabbi Goldberg
6:00 p.m.

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

Nefesh
Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 5
Torah Study
Emor
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei Mitzvah of Brooke Ruttenberg and Benjamin Santaella
Rabbi Estel and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

B’not Mitzvah of Danielle and Maya Karni
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6
Nefesh Torah Study
Rabbi Goldberg
9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 11
Youth Choir Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Shabbat Services
Rabbi Estel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Torah Study
Behar and B’chukota
Rabbi Fox
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
B’nei Mitzvah of Diego and Isabela Greiff
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Josh Weber
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Diego and Isabela Greiff
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19
Torah Study
Bamidbar
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Estel
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Josh Weber
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Stone
Rabbi Estel and Cantor Ettinger
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Friedman
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

No services at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, MAY 18
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 19
Torah Study
Naso
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Friedman
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

No services at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, MAY 25
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 26
Torah Study
Naso
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Friedman
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

All Shabbat and worship information can be found online at wbtlao.org