Music Matters

For your consideration: Music Matters. Philosopher and naturalist Henry David Thoreau wrote the following about music: “Ah, if I could only put into words that music which I hear, that music which can bring tears to the eyes of marble statues, to which our very muscles are obedient.” Neuroscientists confirm that Thoreau was actually scientifically correct, that music is as baked into the human brain and DNA as are eating, sleeping, and other bodily functions. Music is what we humans do because we are human. From primitive tribes to advanced societies, throughout all stages of human evolution, we have made music—song in particular.

Music really does matter, and it always has! Passionate lovers of music, the Hasidim composed countless melodies expressing ecstatic joy and love of God. For them, words imprisoned the soul, so they created niggunim, songs without words, to connect their souls to the eternal. In our long three-thousand-year journey, Jews have and continue to mark every sacred experience through song. Every single one. Prayer on any and all occasions—chanting of the Torah, studying the Talmud, all life-cycle moments, including weddings, funerals, brit milah—everything is sung. Our people have known the truth of music since the beginning. Music matters.

In our own time, here at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, music is everywhere, all of the time. From Tot Shabbat, our Early Childhood Centers, Brawerman West and East, our Religious Schools at both campuses, our Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop camps, music permeates with abundant joy and cements memories of attachment to time and place. At all of our adult worship opportunities, we present an unlimited variety of music that inspires, comforts, excites, and binds us together as humans seeking community. Here, as at countless synagogues around the country and around the world, we have witnessed an explosion of musical expression, and I know of no synagogue anywhere whose music is of a higher quality. Music matters.

On the Shabbat between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, Shabbat Shuvah, we are reminded to return—return to our selves; return to our true selves. To sing is to return to our true selves as human beings. We are not asked to sing beautifully, just to sing. Feel yourself change when you make a musical sound, attach that sound to a sacred moment, and experience your body’s joy. Your brain in that moment sends the happy chemical to your body, because it’s what we need to live. It’s true because Music matters. It’s the human thing to do.

Cantor Don Gurney

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A Man of Action  

Parsha Yitro 18:1–20:23

In the winter months each year, we get to dive into the epic Exodus tale and its aftermath. In this parsha, we have left Egypt and are at the feet of Mount Sinai about to receive divine instruction, the beginning of which are the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments end with the clear “nots”: You shall not murder, commit adultery, steal, bare false witness, or covet. I have always been drawn to the false witness ed shaker instruction. Maybe this is because my father is a criminal defense attorney, and when I went to watch his trials as a kid I was overwhelmed by how powerful the role of the witness was. It struck me even then that it was not just what a witness saw but how he or she made sense of it that mattered.

The medieval philosopher Ibn Ezra wondered why the text said ed (witness) instead of edut (testimony). He explained that it is because the verse is addressing the witness directly, not just what they say but who they are. Although most of us are not often in a courtroom, we are always witness to the people in our lives. So what does it mean to be a false witness? To be a true witness in our own lives? How we witness those we love carries tremendous weight. All of us long to be seen, witnessed, acknowledged, and yet we all too often miss the opportunity to be a present and true witness. If we are always busy or distracted, it interferes with our ability to slow down and fully see those we love. Being with a spouse, child, friend, or colleague with no agenda other than to be a true witness is tremendous instruction from our ancients. It is not easy but one that is worth its weight in these mighty commandments.

Rabbi Susan Goldberg

Welcome to New Temple members...

Brooke Alderman...Amanda and Ryan Davis and their son, Wesley...Monica and Keith Dragoon and their children, Madison and Asher...Patti Johns Eisenberg...Linda and Sean Foley and their children, Grady and Boone...Lindsay and Ori Levy and their daughter, Lilah...Nicole Schmuelian...Rachel and Gabe Waterman and their daughter, Emma...Debbie and Sol Yamin and their children, Adam and Stella...

Congratulations to...

Rebecca and Michael Feiz on the birth of their son, Maximo Ezra Feiz, and to big sister, Alaia...Beth and Jan Goren on the birth of their grandson, Finley James Feldman...Heather and Scott Menkus on the birth of their daughter, Harper Leah Menkus, and to big brother, Ethan...Melissa and Mark Shabason on the birth of their son, Blake Alexander Shabason, to big brothers, Aiden and Zachary, and to grandparents, Carol and Daniel Bovill...

Condolences to...

Friends and family of Nancy Arnheim...Bradley Tabach-Bank and Ken Bank on the death of their mother, Helene Bank, and to grandson, Jordan and Casey Tabach-Bank...Frank Baron on the death his mother, Miriam Baron...Jared and Syndee Breuer on the death of his mother, Gail Breuer, and to granddaughters, Samantha and Jordan Breuer...Laurie and Paul Kelson on the death of her brother, Michael Coleman...Friends and family of Robert Drabkin...Mary Lynn Gottfried on the death of her husband, Howard Gottfried, to their daughter, Norah and Brian Weinstein, and to grandchildren, Sloane and Gramham...Michelle and Brian Good on the death of their father, Melvin Malat, and to granddaughters, Olivia and Ella...Jill Jacobson and Saul Bloch on the death of her sister, Barbara McDermott...

Friends and family of Anneliese Nathan...William Nishizawa on the death of his wife, Helene Nishizawa, and to their children, Alexander and Rebecca...Diane Pregerson on the death of her brother, Judge Harry Pregerson...Sharon and Paul Crane on the death of her father, Samuel Witz, and to grandchildren, Gregory, Danielle, Caitlyn, Alanna, and Alexander...

And to all immediate and extended family.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Anniversary Milestones:

55 Years...Ruth G. Lamport
30 Years...Jordan and Lisa Bender...Joel and Jessica Fields...Mark and Julie Gross
20 Years...Donald and Linda Blauner...Mark and Pamela Mischel...Jonathan and Tobey Victor
15 Years...Gary and Dayna Lerner...Jeffrey and Peppi Schwartz...Adam and Mindy Silverstein...Jason Wolff and Lucy Wild
10 Years...Todd and Susanna Beck...Brian and Sydney Eisner...Todd and Kimberly Greene...Donny and Elena Makower...Justin G. Melzer...Noah and Jennifer Shore
5 Years...Theodore Bookstaver and Tal Kahana...Michael and Karen De Vore...Matthew G. Katz...Joseph McNamara and Leigh Stein...Jan Nash and Elizabeth Resnick
Before moving with her family to Northern California, Liz Ross, Founding Director of the Karsh Family Social Service Center, reflected on the Center’s opening year.

I am incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to help in the creation and vision of the Karsh Family Social Service Center. In November 2016, when the world seemed a little more unstable than usual, we welcomed our collaborators, stakeholders, supporters, and community representatives to join us at the Karsh Center dedication. It was a day I will never forget. I watched the center swell to capacity, Los Angeles represented in all its diversity, with smiles and tears of joy and pride—but most of all, with a sense of promise. Promise that the Karsh Center could really make a difference in our community and in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

And, in fact, the Center already has. In just one year, we have provided for more than three thousand clients, from basic needs, such as food or diapers, to immigration and mental health services and even assistance with becoming a U.S. citizen and passing a naturalization interview. More than a quarter of our clients have returned to the center for additional help. Friends, we are delivering on our promise, and we have more to offer and more to do.

The great days continue....when we launch a new program or when volunteers share experiences they have had with clients. Sometimes it’s the smallest moments that mean the most. Almost every day we meet with leaders in the social service and health fields and from the Jewish community; many are simply amazed by what we have built and just want to be a part of it in any way they can.

I thank ALL OF YOU! Your time, your talents, and your support are invaluable and without you, none of this would be possible. I am so glad that together we are living our values of tikkun olam and making our community healthier, happier, and stronger.

Liz Ross, LCSW

Frances Nova, Stephanie Bressler, Lupe Hernriquez, and Rabbi Beau Shapiro can be contacted for more information, volunteer, donation, and service provider opportunities. Karshcenter.org
Putting the Purpose into Purim!

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course there are immediately recognizable customs associated with Purim, but we rarely have the opportunity to delve into their significance, origin, and meaning. For example, did you know that mishlo-ach manot (gift baskets) began as a way to ensure that all people had enough food to enjoy a celebratory feast commemorating the Jews’ triumph over Haman’s evil plot? As it evolved, and in order to solidify our unity as am echad (one people), we give the festive baskets to those in our community, namely friends and family. We are also tasked with giving matanot l’evyonim (gifts to the poor, people in need) on Purim, though few know that masks and costumes were originally worn to disguise the identities of both those in need and those providing sustenance, thus maintaining everyone’s dignity while fulfilling the mitzvah of giving.

Fast-forward to this school year. The Religious School team, along with our wonderful lay leadership committee, spent time pondering Purim, the Temple’s carnival, the takeaways that we want for our students, and the role this holiday plays for the Religious School community as our only fundraiser for tuition scholarships. We decided to focus on the message of Purim: tzedakah and giving. We hope to teach our students that this holiday of celebration and fun is also a reminder that we have a responsibility to those around us who are struggling. Students will fulfill the tradition of mishlo-ach manot and matanot l’evyonim, competing (gently) to help raise classroom sponsorship dollars through a giving campaign in support of our school scholarship fund. “Winning” will be based on classroom participation, the goal being 100 percent participation. In addition, the Karsh Family Social Service Center has helped us identify areas of need outside our community and will handle the distribution of our prepared items.

All information needed to help us make Purim with a Purpose a success has gone home with students. This information can also be found on our website. We hope you will support our efforts to reach our fundraising goals.

To further support Purim with a Purpose, we are very excited to announce Jason Mesches in Concert (Sunday, March 4th, 1:30 p.m., Irmas Campus). For tickets and information, please visit wbtl.org/purim.

Chag Purim Sameach! everyone.

Camps

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eese 3 special camp programs are part of what keeps Camp Hess Kramer active all year long:

Family Camp • March 2 – 4
We are more excited than ever to bring WBT families together for our annual retreat. For temple families with children in grades K-6, wbtcamps.org/familycamp

Camp Kulam • May 4 – 6
Camp Kulam is our retreat weekend for families with special needs children. Contact ari@wbtcamps.org for more information.

David Dassa’s Jewish Arts and Culture Retreat • May 25 – 28
Join us for an incredible 3-day weekend of music, dance, theater, fine arts, costume theme parties, campfires, and an arts festival. For families, couples, and single adults, wbtcamps.org/artsandculture

Brawerman Alumni Spotlight

Jack Gleiberman, Brawerman Elementary School Class of 2009, is finishing his junior year at Claremont McKenna College. Jack has been involved at Wilshire Boulevard Temple his entire his entire life, including being a student at Mann ECC and Brawerman, and both as a camper and college counselor at Camp Hess Kramer. Service and community engagement permeate all that Jack undertakes. This past summer he interned for U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu in his Washington, D.C. office and stayed on in D.C. for the fall semester, taking courses at Claremont McKenna toward his Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) major while also securing an internship at the American Bar Association (ABA). At the ABA, Jack’s research, which focused on the inequitable application of the death penalty in various states, is being used for amicus briefs before federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. The tenets of tikun olam and of service, nurtured early and often at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, continue to guide Jack.

Jack Gleiberman, BES Class of 2009
Tackling Difficult Questions

Nothing makes a teacher happier than providing the answer to a student’s earnest question. However, any teacher would admit that even the most well-intentioned question can be very complicated to answer. If there is one that every Jewish educator secretly dreads, it is: Why did G-d let the Holocaust happen? Why, indeed.

Thus, Brawerman administration and faculty have designed and honed the school’s Holocaust curriculum. “We may never be able to answer the question of why G-d let the Holocaust happen, but we owe it to our students to know why we are teaching it, and the ideas we want them to glean from it,” said Grade 6 Brawerman East teacher Karen Yenofsky. “It’s too important to our history and cultural identity to not discuss it, but it’s also important to remember that, in some ways, we as a people are still recovering from the original trauma. And we have to be thoughtful about how much and at what age we share things with our students.”

The central theme of Brawerman’s Holocaust curriculum is an effort to reframe the darkest chapter in our history as yet another story of Judaism’s survival against all odds—proof that the Jewish people are destined not for persecution but for perseverance.

In addition, through a partnership with the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH), Grade 6 students have the privilege of taking an in-depth tour of the museum and hearing stories directly from Holocaust survivors. Recently, students (from both campuses) welcomed this year’s speakers to a Chanukah-cookie-decorating gathering as part of the affectionately titled program L’Dough V’Dough. “We feel it’s important to make sure we include some sweetness when we have these discussions,” said LAMOTH Creative Programs Director Rachel Fidler, “to remind ourselves that despite all of these hardships, we are still very blessed to be here.”

Women of Wilshire Opportunities

The key mission of Women of Wilshire (WOW) is to promote friendship and connection opportunities while enriching lives through a variety of fun and engaging events—by women and for women who are over 50. These activities include cooking classes, bike rides, urban stair hikes, and guest-speaker and film-viewing events. (We kindly request that all women who attend WOW functions are members of Wilshire Boulevard Temple.)

This month, on February 27, WOW hosts a dinner and film screening of Temple congregant Jon Kean’s riveting Holocaust documentary, After Auschwitz. The film, a post-Holocaust documentary, follows the lives of six extraordinary women as they attempt to move forward from lives of tragedy and trauma. The film is especially relevant to WOW, as the six women all moved to Los Angeles in their attempts to find a place to call home. Navigating a complicated landscape, they serve as our guides on their own unbelievable journeys, which are sometimes celebratory, sometimes heart-breaking but always inspiring. “Just when it seems like the Holocaust has been exposed on screen from every possible angle, yet another pivotal film comes along that demands attention,” the Los Angeles Times reported about After Auschwitz.

This year After Auschwitz will be screened at festivals (San Luis Obispo Jewish Film Festival, Portland Jewish Film Festival, Denver Jewish Film Festival) and museums (Holocaust Museum Houston, Skirball Cultural Center) all over the country. The Temple’s is an exclusive, advanced screening; the film’s national public release date is scheduled for April. Its creator, Kean, is a Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregant, and we are honored to have the opportunity to screen After Auschwitz for our WOW group this month.

For more information, please visit wbtla.org/afterauschwitz. For questions and/or to RSVP, please contact Reesa Rotman at rrotman@wbtla.org or by phone at (424) 208-8932. Cost is $25 per person. Please RSVP before February 23.
TOTAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 📆
Friday, February 2, 12:00 p.m., Century City
Why not mix business and Torah over lunch a few times a year? Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study on selected Fridays. You bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Come to one, a few, or all of the sessions. Series cost: $36. RSVP required.
† Samantha Rosen, srosen@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121
wbtl.org/events

NEFESH 🌍
Fridays, February 2 and 16  🕊️ 7:30 p.m.
Join our warm and welcoming Nefesh service led by Rabbi Goldberg with Nefesh musicians Duvid Swirsky, Sally Dworsky, and Ari Herstand. Come early for drinks and desserts.
† Ashley Sullivan, asullivan@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2146
wbtl.org/nefesh

NEFESH TORAH STUDY 🌍
Sunday, February 4  🕊️ 9:00 a.m.
We are delighted to return to our Sunday morning adult learning with Rabbi Goldberg. This year we’ll look at the juicy narratives of Torah through a spiritual, psychological, and cultural lens. All are welcome—from experienced Torah studiers to first-timers.
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wbtl.org/nefesh-torah-study

THINKING (AND BEING) JEWISH 🌍
Tuesday, February 6  🕊️ 9:30 a.m.
The final of a four-session series about great Jewish philosophers. This session will cover Heschel: The Activist (Awe, Love, and Radicalism). Taught by Dr. Leah Hochman, Director of the Louchheim School for Judaic studies at USC.
† Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/wisdom

WHAT THEY DON’T TEACH YOUR TEEN WORKSHOP 🕊️
Wednesday, February 7  🕊️ 6:30 p.m.
This workshop is designed to instruct teenagers (and their parents and loved ones) about life-safety skills. The workshop is appropriate for kids in Grades 8-12.
† Rabbi Rochelle Tulik, rtulik@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8913
wbtl.org/teen-workshop

WE’LL ALWAYS HAVE CASABLANCA—with JOEL ISENBERG 🕊️
Sunday, February 11  🕊️ 4:00 p.m.
Celebrated film historian Noah Isenberg, through extensive interviews with filmmakers, film critics, and family members of the cast and crew of Casablanca (1942), reveals backstory secrets about one of the most beloved films of all time—including the central role that Jewish refugees from Hitler’s Europe played in its creation. Cost: $18 (including a Moroccan dinner made from recipes from the original Rick’s Café Américain).
† Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/wordsandwriters

SALON SHABBAT—INVITATION TO A MIRACLE: A JEWISH RENAISSANCE IN POLAND 🕊️
Friday, February 16  🕊️ 6:00 p.m.
A special service featuring two new Cantorial soloists from Warsaw, Menahem Mirski and Avigail Geniusz, who have rediscovered their Jewish identities. Listen to their amazing stories, their music, and join us for a special Shabbat dinner filled with Jewish-Polish delicacies. Cost for dinner: $20.
† Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/manyways

LA RABBIS TEACH 🕊️
Wednesday, February 21  🕊️ 7:30 p.m.
† Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtl.org/wisdom

ADULT PURIM 🕊️
Wednesday, February 28  🕊️ 7:00 p.m.
It’s a Supper Club a la 1940, where you can eat, drink and watch the Purim story unfold on the set of a Radio Show with songs, jokes, commercials and sound effects. Wear a fedora and get a free drink.
† Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gottlieb
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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Charnas, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Charnas,
Ms. Gail Thornton, Mr. Joan Redlich, Mr. Jeffrey Kline, Mr. Eric Kline,
Mr. Jeb Rennert, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Myers, Mr. Robert Leventhal,
and Mrs. Nancy Burt by Mrs. Lucille Epstein

In Loving Memory of:
Celia K. Adler and Julius Adler, M.D., by Mrs. Claire Landsbaum
Albert Allen by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tuch
Sam Bailey by Blaine and Aaron Kaplan
Konstantyn Baruch by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chinski
Terry Bell by Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Rubin
Ben Berger by Rob Berger
Benjamin Block by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Block
Katrina Braun and Alexander Braun by Mrs. Maskit and Gary Schiller
William S. Cohen by Mr. and Mrs. Markouchedheim
Leonard Eisenberg by Jacqueline and Jerome Eisenberg
Charles Engler by Mrs. Myrna Engler and family
Bernard Friedman by Nathaniel J. Friedman
Joseph R. Hecht by Mrs. Ann Saltzman
Hanny T. Holmberg by Erik Holmberg and Ronna Kress
David Keith by Dr. Arthur Keith
Rachel Kossower by Anita Mason
Karl Kossower by Anita Mason
Tillie Krevin by Helen Lewis
Jerome Kunkel by Fred Kuncl and Susan Greenberg Kunik
Ellis Landsbaum by Char and Sandy Kronblum
Marilyn Langsam by Mrs. Diana Elkins
Yitah Lehrer by Gaelie L. Kennedy
Helen Levin by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Levin
Josef Lipsky by Mrs. Helen Smerling
Erna Lovicz by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schiller
Anna Malin and Hanna C. Price by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Price
Esther Meyers Greene by Mrs. Betty Sigoloff
Fredric J. Paishkow by Mrs. Margaret Paishkow
Eleanor Phillips by Mary Zoo Phillips
Harriet Reade by Mrs. Ronnie Reade
Lillian Stone by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Watkins
Leon Wallace by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Wallace
Joan Worth by the Ochoa family
Millie Zlotoff by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Halper

CLERGY FUND
In Honor of:
Cantor Gurney for officiating at the memorial service of
In Honor of:
Dorothy and Marc Shapiro, the family of
In Honor of:
The late Dr. and Mrs. David Schiller

In Loving Memory of:
Ted Armel by Merle Galindo
Nathan Fleischer by Dr. and Mrs. Leland Green
Nathaniel Goldman by Jared, Sydney, Jordan, and
Samanthia Breuer
Stanley Grinstein by Ellen and Charles Perliter
Bertha Lapidus by Jerry Gottleib
Rose Levin by Leslie Levin
Werner Schott by Drs. Ronald and Sheyl Schott

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Frances Fenton by Caron and Rick Schotter
Arthur H. Gardner by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gardner
Naomi L. Howard by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dolginer
Mark Meyers and Lee Reinman by Natalie Stein

FOOD PANTHESES FUND
Anonymous
Mrs. Jeanne Gerson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Radoff
Bob and Sandy Schwartz
Michael Wachs
In Honor of:
Marian H. Brown by Bruce and Sharyn Charnas
Lynda and Mitch Dorf's anniversary by Laurie Petersen
Joan Harrison and Michael Janofsky's vow renewal by Jonathan Silberman and Debra Fields
Shara Siegel and Sam Solonick's marriage by Michael Wachs
Rabbi Tullik, Ruff, and Leder, Cantor Gurney, Parr, Ronit, Sharyl, and Jessica by anonymous
Scott, Ali, Carley and Will Myers, Mandy Todd and Ella Giroux, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Myers, Dina Marienthal, Robert, Carla, Katie, and Joey Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cichocki by Mrs. Marian Brown

In Loving Memory of:
Jeanette R. Coffman by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Kemner
Bud Cohen by Jean F. Cohen
Henry Epstein by Mrs. Luculli Epstein
Philip D. Forman by Barry Forman and Andrea Pluff
Florence Goldstein by Mr. and Jared Breuer
William Gruenberg by Dana and Charles Temple
Rose Hankofsky by Jared, Sydney, Jordan, and Samantha Breuer
Jean Hartman by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Loeb
Eva Kirschen by Mrs. Samuel Sherwin
Aaron Lask by Mr. and Mauricio Epstein
Edgar Marx by Mrs. Kurt Seelman
Stanley Meyer by Helen Lewis
Ron Michaelson by Norman Chanes and Ronnie Shapiro
Frieda Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips
Sidney Wachs by Michael Wachs
Shirley Glick and Frederick A. Wolf, M.D., by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wolf

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Bari and Fred Bernstein
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Rochelle and David Fredston
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Belle Norotzky
Julia Richter
Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Slater

In Loving Memory of:
Michael Coleman by Linda and Eugene Weiss
Richard Gordon by Linda and Eugene Weiss

BRAVERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
In Honor of:
Judith Daniels by Rambo Kanerva
Manoucher Ebrahimian by Antoinette Ebra
Brody Satenberg by Nancy and Allen Satenberg

In Loving Memory of:
Anna Bezaz by Alan Sher
Helene Gettleson Lopez by Mara Lopez
Stanley Meyer by Patricia K. Meyer
Uncle Norman by David Presby

BRAVERMAN ENDOWMENT-NADINE BREUER
In Loving Memory of:
Fred Elrich by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Breuer
Howard Gottfried by Lizzie and Gil Harari

MUSIC PUBLICATION FUND
In Honor of:
Cantor Seth Ettinger by Rae Berger
Cantor Gurney by Abe Toberoff
Elaine Robinson's birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brown

In Loving Memory of:
Julian Kleinman by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kleinman

PRAYERBOOK DEDICATION AND PUBLICATION FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Shirley Schwartz by Dr. and Mrs. Alan Fogelman

BIDNER FUND
Scott Howard and Tiffany Shrier
Amnon and Katie Rodan
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Cecily and Shawn Paper
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Diane Ring
Cheryl Sanders
Allison Schwarz
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Share
Hochelle Tuckel
Danielle and Alejandro Utansky
Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Weise
Phyllis Kramer Wolf
Deatya Yatman

In Honor of:
Cantor Seth Ettinger by Elaine Nourizad
Mark and Elizabeth Seigel's anniversary by Jonathan Katz

In Loving Memory of:
Howard Gottfried by Dr. and Mrs. Vic Sands
Ellis M. Landsbaum by Jennifer Davidson
Sylvia Miller by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Naiman

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE REDEVELOPMENT FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Ruth Becker, William Becker, and Wendi Cherry
by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rhein
Caesar Kersten by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Saul
Newton King and Harriet Freund by Jeanne Gerson

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In Loving Memory of:
Jordan M. Ehrlich by Jared, Sydney, Jordan, and
Samantha Breuer

ANNE AND NATHAN SPILBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE FUND
In Loving Memory of:
Howard Basch by Susan and Bruce Levin

BEN-IISHAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In Honor of:
Cori and Maia by Charles L. Goldberg

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In Loving Memory of:
Howard Basch by Susan and Bruce Levin

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In Honor of:
Gail B. Breuer by Drs. Maskit and Gary Schiller
Jenny Doro and Samuel Doro by Abigail and Santanu Ghose

DISASTER RESPONSE FUND
Susan and Stephen Matloff
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We appreciate your generous donations. An $18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.
**EZRA KATZ**

February 3, 2018

Ezra is the son of Sara Katz; the grandson of Mary Katz and the late Paul Katz.

Family Welcomers: August Anderson, brother; Aron Katz, uncle.

Tikkun Olam Project: I volunteer at the Karsh Family Social Service Center.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? My mom has been volunteering at Karsh in legal even before we had the new building. Now it’s a family thing, and I can be of service to my temple and my community at the same time.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to being a responsible member of my temple and my community, to do good, and to be a force of change.

**CASH OBANDO NEGRIN**

February 10, 2018

Cash is the son of Janine Negrin and Mario Obando Montiel; the grandson of Marsha Negrin and the late Theodore Negrin.

Family Welcomer: Jade Obando Negrin, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: I studied about the Holocaust and met several survivors through Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s WBTYhelps Program.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? My project was especially meaningful for me because my family was in the Holocaust and I wanted to know more about it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? In addition to continuing my Jewish faith, I plan to help protect the ocean by supporting groups such as the Surfrider Foundation.

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**AIDAN DORNER**

February 3, 2018

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

Aidan is the son of Keren and Mark Dorner; the grandson of Gillian and Avi Dorner; Miriam Loya and the late Nissim Loya.

Family Welcomer: Emma Dorner, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: Aidan volunteered at Social Foundations, a camp for disabled and socially challenged children; he worked as a counselor, making sure that the kids were safe and having a good time.

**SAMANTHA ROSE SILVER**

February 17, 2018

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

Samantha is the daughter of Karen and Scott Silver; the granddaughter of Dolly and Larry Greene; Bonnie Silver and the late Marc Silver.

Family Welcomers: Lauren Silver, sister; Nathan and Ashley Kaufman and Jonah and Sloane Rutenberg, cousins.

Tikkun Olam Project: I am collecting new beach and bath towels to donate to United in Harmony, which runs a camp for underprivileged children called Camp Harmony. Camp Harmony is a nonprofit camp that allows these children to have the sleepaway-camp experience.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? As a kid who has been fortunate to attend sleepaway camp at Camp Hess Kramer for five summers, I would now like to help others have that opportunity as well, and to make their experiences the best they can be.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to volunteering and spending time giving back to the less fortunate.

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**LILY SOPHIA LEE**

February 10, 2018

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

Lily is the daughter of Danny and Randy Lee; the granddaughter of Larry and Eena Stein; Norman and Rachel Lee.

Family Welcomers: Andy and Jack Lee, brothers.

Tikkun Olam Project: Lily volunteered for the Book Foundation, an organization that sparks interest in reading and promotes literacy among low-income and underserved children by installing libraries, holding book fairs, and donating books.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I love books and the Book Foundation has allowed me to share my love of reading with others. I believe that reading books can change children’s lives. I especially enjoy volunteering at events and helping others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am proud that I have collected over 2,000 books so far, and I look forward to volunteering at more Book Foundation events and supporting this meaningful program.

**ISAAC ATTARSON**

February 17, 2018

Isaac is the son of Claudia and Simon Attarson; the grandson of the late Parvin and Solomon Attarzadeh; Natalia Garcia and the late Ulises Garcia.

Family Welcomer: Rebecca Attarson, sister.

Tikkun Olam Project: On Halloween night, my friend and I set up a hot dog stand to raise money to donate to the Los Angeles Children’s Hospital. We raised about $600 to donate.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? Because there are many sick children who can’t afford to pay for their medical treatments, I was happy to give something to these underprivileged children.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to give to my community and try to raise money to be donated to good causes.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better, more peaceful place to live?

I feel reading is such a difference in the lives of other, less-privileged kids. I plan to always stay involved, especially because my Bubbe has been very connected there for many years.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I feel reading is such an important skill and finding the kind of books that you are interested in makes all the difference in helping someone become passionate about reading.

Tikkun Olam Project: I volunteered for the Book Foundation—its mission is to promote literacy by giving books to low-income and underserved children.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I feel reading is such an important skill and finding the kind of books that you are interested in makes all the difference in helping someone become passionate about reading.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope to continue to explore my family’s history and volunteer, so I can learn and then, through my own actions, hopefully help make our world a better, more peaceful place to live.
Conversations on Ethics and Medical Ethics with Dr. Gary Schiller

February 4 and 11, 9:30 a.m., Glazer Campus

Join us for two consecutive Sunday morning discussions led by congregant Gary Schiller. Week 1 introduces Ethics and Jewish Ethics; Week 2 explores Medical Ethics and challenging issues of medicine and science. Free and open to the public. R.S.V.P. at wbtla.org/medical-ethics