Some things are truly bashert: meant to be. As Rabbi Leder told Donna Nadel, she’s been training for the job of our Temple’s Executive Director all her life. “I feel fortunate to have this incredible opportunity. I love the mission, I love the people,” she said.

When Donna joined our Temple staff in 2014 as Executive Chief of Staff, her first major assignment was to organize the official opening of the renovated Glazer Campus schools. Now the Glazer Campus is humming, and all our schools—East and West—are well established in the community. Donna has brought clarity of the importance of our schools for the future of our congregation and, by extension, for the Jewish people. I want this to matter to all of us, whether or not we have children in our schools.

As a Wilshire Boulevard Temple member with her husband, Paul, for 20 years, Donna has a deeply ingrained habit of saying yes to solving problems. She served for 12 years as a member of, and eventually co-chair, of our Religious School Committee, as well as 20 years as a member of the board and eventually as president of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Both commitments equipped her magnificently to address the issues our schools have faced in their evolutions. Thanks in large part to Donna, the schools now connect with one another seamlessly: the nursery schools feed into Brawerman, Brawerman into Religious School, Religious School into B’nei Mitzvah. Not incidentally, Donna also served on our B’nei Mitzvah Task Force, and her three kids, Sean, Alison, and Jesse, all became bar and bat mitzvah here.

“When you work with Donna, you know that she really cares about you and your program,” said Carol Bovill, Director, Early Childhood Centers.

“Donna has gotten to know each member of the Brawerman leadership team, including recognizing their birthdays and other

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Passover Ends Too Soon

I love Passover, but sometime into the third day or so I find myself staring into the refrigerator tired of potatoes, omelets, salads, and searching for new concoctions to top matzah. Soon, thankfully, we can gorge ourselves on a first meal of pizza or kung pao chicken. Pesach will finally be over, and all will be well. Except for the fact that all will be well.

On the first night of Pesach, most of us celebrate freedom for all at a seder—but we live in a time in which there are more slaves than during any other time in all of human history. Slavery probably crept into your life several times today already. Rolling off your bed, standing on that pretty hand-woven rug, maybe you threw on a cotton t-shirt. In the kitchen, did you make a cup of coffee, spoon in a little sugar, and then kick back with your laptop to check the headlines?

Slavery was involved in almost every step: Hundreds of thousands of rugs are hand-woven by slaves in the “carpet belt” of India, Pakistan, and Nepal. Cotton is grown with slave labor in India, West Africa, and Uzbekistan. Coffee cultivation similarly involves slave labor, mainly in Africa. Enslaved Haitian workers harvest sugar in the Dominican Republic (the largest exporter to the U.S., by the way), and the chocolate in that croissant you are going to enjoy the minute Passover ends likely is also the product of slavery.

Bertrand Russell observed that there are two kinds of freedom: freedom from and freedom to. At our seders, we may have celebrated our freedom from slavery, but what meaning does freedom from cruelty have if we fail to use that freedom to end the oppression of others? Sure, we’re happy to see it go. But the truth is that Pesach is over too soon every year because the fight for freedom should never end.

Donna has taken on a more business-oriented, outward-facing role in her new role as Executive Director, the position vacated by the inimitable Howard Kaplan, whom she credits with educating her about the Temple’s history and imparting a deep sense of fiscal responsibility. Donna is also finding that her experience as a real estate lawyer is helpful.

“Donna’s love of Judaism and Wilshire Boulevard Temple combined with her keen intellect and organizational skills make her the perfect person to lead our congregation as its Executive Director,” said Rabbi Leder. “She understands that running a synagogue as complex as ours requires both great business acumen and great love for Torah. We are blessed to have her lead us into the future.”

I couldn’t agree more.

— Rabbi Steve Leder

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special occasions. Her leadership is positive and personal. Her empathy is always evident,” said Brandon Cohen, Brawerman Head of School.

“Donna’s support of and passion for Religious School programs has been a constant since day one,” said Cathy Gordon, Head of Religious School. “Her dedicated engagement in helping our school continue to grow, meet our families’ diverse and changing needs, and offer the very best in 21st-century Jewish education is unwavering.”

I know that Donna is proud of the growing sense of inclusiveness she has helped bring to Wilshire Boulevard Temple since joining the staff. “People are talking to each other more, sharing more, both within the staff and the congregation. We’re more open and connected,” she said. That important effort will continue.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Board Election
Friday, June 15, 6 p.m., Irmas Campus

Torah and Trout with Rabbi Leder
June 22-25, Irwin, Idaho
Contact: Samantha Rosen, srosen@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2121

Torah on the Tee with Rabbi Shapiro
July 26-29, Bandon, Oregon
Contact: Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8930
Gala Thank-Yous

On February 24, our Erika J. Glazer and Mann Family Early Childhood Centers held their Annual Gala, Jeans and Jewels, at the Montage Beverly Hills. All proceeds from this amazing night help support scholarships and enrichment programs for the Early Childhood Centers. We are so thankful for the Gala committee members’ hard work—and for all the future generous supporters of this investment. A special thank-you to 2018 Gala Chairs: Julie Edelstein, Lindsey Schiff-Abrams, and Carolyn Shapiro.

Religious School

Purim with a Purpose - a Great Success

We kicked off last month with an amazing new spin on Purim. Our Purim with a Purpose morning of service learning was a huge success. Students from Irmas, Glazer, off-site, at-home, and everywhere in between came together to make care packages for clients of our Karsh Family Social Service Center partners. In all, students put together more than 700 baby bags, hygiene kits, and cleaning-supply buckets. They had fun on the field, enjoyed hamantaschen, and witnessed one of the best ever Jason Mesches Purim Shpiels! We also donated our groggers (500 boxes of rice) to the Karsh Center Food Pantry. A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers and generous sponsor families (see list on page 11) for helping to support our scholarship fund.

Looking ahead...join us at one of our Religious School Shabbat dinner/services in May at the Glazer campus (eastside) on Friday, May 4, and at the Irmas Campus (westside) on Friday, May 18. All grade levels will be involved, preparing to help lead a part of the service. Sharing these Shabbat experiences with the community is a wonderful way to close out the school year. For more information and to RSVP, visit wbtl.org/rs/shabbat.

As we gear up for the end of the year, we hope you will consider showing your appreciation for our amazing Religious School teachers and staff. Check our April RScoop for details about teacher appreciation.

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy Pesach holiday.

Left: Religious School students enjoy assembling packages in costumes; Right: The Shpiel actors put on an engaging and unforgettable performance enjoyed by all.
In the Technology Lab at Brawerman West and the Innovation Lab at East, even the youngest students get the opportunity to experience the harmony of form and function in their own designs, whether coding an interactive game, sketching a building, or programming a robot. Along the way, students encounter concepts of problem solving, perseverance, and personal standards.

In East’s Innovation Lab, students are introduced to Design Process to harness imagination and creativity. The “Learn to Fail” methodology persuades students to be persistent and to strategize with divergent thought. “Curiosity in children is a wonderment that gets dismantled over time, so the East Innovation Lab fosters that unique approach,” said East Innovation specialist Isai German.

Recently, East kindergartners took on the role of city planners and designed their dream city. They started with a public transit system and used Google Earth to explore size, scale, and shape to determine the composition of L.A.’s high-rises before employing various materials in the Innovation Lab for their construction. Utilizing toothpicks, students investigated the patterns and shapes of bridge types. Park designs involved programming to include a canopy for sun protection, entertainment, and physical activity.

In West’s Technology Lab, kindergartners photographed a watercolor painting they had created in the art studio and then used these digital photographs as background canvases on which they drew (using an iPad) similar shapes and patterns over the one they had painted. With the coding application Scratch, students programmed these juxtaposed digital shapes and patterns to move independently on the screen, above their original artwork, making them appear to “live” beyond the screen.

“In Walter Isaacson’s book Steve Jobs, there is a story in which Steve and his father are painting a fence. Steve asks his father why the back of the fence had to look as good as the front, saying that no one would ever know,” noted West Technology specialist Adrienne Coffield. “Jobs’s father replies, ‘But you will know.’ I would like our students to embrace that same high standard in their own work, regardless of their age.”

Brawerman Annual Giving Campaign - We Reached 100%!

Mazal tov! We have reached 100 percent participation and surpassed 100 percent of our financial goal! We have raised more than $900,000 to help offset operational costs, update school facilities, provide professional development opportunities for our staff, and so much more.

Thank you to the entire Brawerman community for your generosity. We truly appreciate your support and commitment to this campaign. We could not have succeeded without each and every one of you!
On March 15, we hosted the Fifth Annual "All In" Poker Tournament benefiting Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Scholarship Funds. At a brand new venue this year, the Griffin Club Los Angeles was the perfect setting for more than 220 players and guests.

Between poker games, everyone enjoyed watching NCAA March Madness basketball, testing their own skills at the pop-a-shots, taking photos in the photo booth, and checking out the dozens of prizes. Raffle prizes including VIP tickets to Dancing with the Stars, hotel stays in Seattle, Austin, and Beverly Hills, a golf package for local clubs, and a priceless experience with Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson were all in high demand.

The ever popular "rebuy for a Rabbi" helped keep players going until late into the night and raised tens of thousands of dollars for camp and Israel scholarships. The top 19 players received prizes such as tickets to LA sporting events, signed memorabilia, weekend stays in Malibu and San Diego, and a week's vacation in Hawaii. Tournament winner Mark Kuperstock took home the top prize - three years of camp!

A huge thank you to the entire 2018 Poker Committee for their remarkable efforts to make this event a success. We truly appreciate all the sponsors, players, and guests who joined us to help send hundreds of kids to camp and Israel this summer.

Lila Guirguis: New Karsh Center Director

We are excited to announce that as of March 16, 2018, Lila Guirguis began her role as the new Director of the Karsh Family Social Service Center. As the Founding Director of Magnolia Community Initiative (MCI), Lila has valuable experience with many of the issues that Karsh, as an integrated social service center, deals with, such as analyzing the diverse needs of our multicultural community, identifying and working with service collaborators, using and engaging an extensive volunteer force, and gathering data to support social service work and our unique fundraising efforts and challenges. In addition, Lila has worked with many of our collaborators, has an extensive network of relationships, and is familiar with the Koreatown community, given its proximity to Magnolia Place.

In 2016, after eight years with MCI, Lila ventured into the public sector. Hired by the City of Pasadena to create pioneering strategies and policies for its voter-approved initiative to become an “Early Learning City” by 2025, she successfully developed and implemented action steps for the building blocks of the five-year, multidisciplinary, multidepartmental Master Plan. After accomplishing groundbreaking work for the City of Pasadena, Lila now looks forward to returning to the nonprofit private sector.

In addition, Lila is a renowned speaker and consultant for a number of organizations, including MCI, the Aspen Institute, the United Way (British Columbia), and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and expertise with the numerous organizations and efforts she supports.

We are thrilled to welcome Lila to the Karsh Center family. Lila, who well knows how integral our volunteers are to the mission of the Karsh Center and to our success thus far, looks forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Rabbi Beau Shapiro
Upcoming Events

**WBT GOES TO EASTER SERVICES 🧯**
Sunday, April 1, 8:30 a.m., The Tabernacle, Inglewood
Come along with our clergy to attend services and experience the incredible Easter play performed by our friends at Faithful Central Bible Church. RSVP necessary to pass the security check at the church.

Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/events

**TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER 🧯**
Friday, April 6, 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. RSVP required.

Samantha Rosen, srosen@wbtla.org, (213) 835-2121
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**WHAT THEY DON'T TEACH YOUR TEEN WORKSHOP: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS 🧯**
Wednesday, April 11 🕒 6:30 p.m.
What They Don’t Teach Your Teen is designed to instruct teenagers (and their parents and loved ones) about life-safety skills. The goal is to keep teens out of harm’s way and avoid inadvertently causing harm to others—emotionally, physically, and ultimately, perhaps, legally. This session covers Situational Awareness, Avoiding Violence, and Staying Safe. Cost is $18.

Rabbi Rochelle Tulik, rtulik@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8913
wbtla.org/teen-workshop

**WOW WELCOMES: RANDY SCHOENBERG 🧯**
Thursday, April 12 🕒 6:15 p.m.
Between 1933 and 1943, Germany’s Nazi Party looted and destroyed hundreds of thousands of pieces of art. Jewish families are still tracking down and reclaiming their stolen possessions. Randy Schoenberg, an attorney who assisted Maria Altmann in her effort to reclaim her iconic Gustav Klimt paintings, tells us about the drama and complexities of restitution. Cost is $25.

Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/wow

**LA RABBIS TEACH 🧯**
Tuesday, April 17 🕒 7:30 p.m.
Rabbi Amy Bernstein is the Senior Rabbi of Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation of Pacific Palisades, the largest Reconstructionist Synagogue in the world. She serves as a Vice President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California and is a member of the Jewish and LGBTQ Leadership Council. Rabbi Bernstein’s topic is The Women of Exodus.

Reesa Rotman, rrotman@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
wbtla.org/manyways

**CHOOSING JUDAISM 🧯**
Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 🕒 3:00 p.m.
Our new immersive eight week conversion program (see page 7) meets for the first time.

Rabbi Beau Shapiro, (424) 208-8930
wbtla.org/conversion

**TOT SHABBAT 🧯**
Saturday, April 28 🕒 9:00 a.m.
Celebrate Shabbat with a musical service for children, a special crafts project, singing, and Kiddush! The Tot Shabbat program is open to families with young children.

Fredda Loewenstein, fredda@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8922
wbttecc.org/totshabbat

**FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP WITH JAN BURNS 🧯**
Monday, April 30 🕒 9:00 a.m.
Join us for a hands-on genealogical workshop where we create your family tree and explore pathways into the past by looking for clues from public documents. RSVP by April 23.

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Events and times subject to change.
Choosing Judaism: A 21st Century Path to Conversion

An intensive and immersive new program leading to conversion in eight weeks begins April 20.

Many of us are Jews by accident. We did not simply choose to be born to Jewish parents, raised in a Jewish home, or practice Jewish traditions growing up. There are, however, people who do choose to become Jews. In fact, a Pew Research Center poll found that one in six American Jews are converts. Inspired by the idea that this number could be even higher, Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s clergy is delighted to announce an 8-week Immersive Journey to Becoming a Jew. We call this journey Choosing Judaism.

Instead of going through a year-long, drawn out course of study, Choosing Judaism allows for a proper conversion process to be undertaken in merely eight weeks. Choosing Judaism is a free, in-depth experience that introduces, engages, and welcomes participants into the family of the Jewish people. Our program is done in a timeframe that fits into people’s busy, 21st century lives.

We are embracing those who want to become Jews and are creating a substantial but realistic process to make it all possible.

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about Choosing Judaism, please contact Rabbi Beau Shapiro at (424) 208-8930, and together we can share the richness and beauty of Judaism.

To learn more and view the schedule, please visit wbtl.org/conversion.

Community News

L’dor V’dor: Lustig Family Donates New Torah

On Sunday, January 21, three generations of the Lustig family gathered with our clergy and a sefer to complete and dedicate a new Torah as a gift to Wilshire Boulevard Temple. This is the second Torah donated to us by the Lustig family.

Join a Havurah

Create lifelong friends through our new Havurah Program. Derived from the Hebrew word haver, meaning friend, a havurah is a small group of families, couples, or individuals who regularly gather to socialize, learn, and celebrate life. With the support and resources of our Temple, our havurah groups create their own schedules and agendas.

To express your interest, visit wbtl.org/havurah and fill out a short form. Please complete by April 30 for the first round of matches. Interests will be matched and groups will be formed the following week.

If you are interested, but not ready to commit, contact Leah Paz at lpaz@wbtla.org or by phone at (424) 208-8959.

Do You Have a Disaster Plan?

Cory Wenter, Director of Safety and Security, and Rabbi Beau Shapiro, took us through emergency planning and disaster preparedness. Visit wbtl.org/disasterresponse to find a family emergency plan for you to complete at home and other information presented during the March 9 “lunch and learn” session at the Karsh Center.

Choosing Judaism: A 21st Century Path to Conversion

James and Debbie Lustig, their children, and grandchildren joined with clergy to complete the Torah they generously donated.
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#### Food Pantries

- **Glazer Campus (Eastside)**: 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
- **Irmas Campus (Westside)**: 11661 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90064
- **The People Concern Food Pantry, Santa Monica**: Camp Hess Kramer: 11495 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Los Angeles 90265

For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit wbtla.org/events

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LILY ZANE

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Lily is the daughter of Bonnie Zane; the granddaughter of the late Sheldon and Elaine Zane.

Family Welcomers: Debra Zane, aunt; Jeff Jarkow, uncle.

Tikkun Olam Project: I will be volunteering with an animal rescue and adoption group.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I love animals and wanted to find something that would give me the opportunity to spend time with them and help them find homes.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to help my community and the causes that I care about.

LOTTE BRUSH

Pines Auditorium April 7, 2018

Lotte is the daughter of Mia Trachinger and Jason Brush; the granddaughter of the late Charlotte Greene-Frieden; the late Robert Trachinger, Helga Trachinger, Peg and Steve Brush.

Family Welcomers: Amanda Brush, aunt; Seth Carter, uncle.

Tikkun Olam Project: After reading an article that stated that homeless women would rather have menstruation products than food, Lotte started a school project called Girls Need Pads...Period and raised funds to collect more than 15,000 pads and tampons for homeless teens in LAUSD. For the next aspect of her project, she will work to get her school, Flintridge Prep, and UCLA and Cal State L.A. to provide free pads and tampons to their students.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Menstruation products are no less needed for women than toilet paper, seat covers, and soap, which is available for free at public institutions, so why not provide menstrual products as well? I hope this project will inspire people to care more about homeless women and women's health in the future.

LOGAN PENN

April 14, 2018

Logan is the son of Michele Weiss and Zak Penn; the grandson of Dr. Gerson Weiss and the late Linda Weiss; Marilyn and Arthur Penn.

Family Welcomers: Sophie Penn, sister; Zander Penn, brother.

Tikkun Olam Project: I am teaching kids with special needs how to play basketball. Every Wednesday I go to Pressman Academy and work with a buddy on his fundamentals.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It's particularly meaningful because I love basketball, and I know that others don't have the chance to play as much as I do.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? When I see something unfair or unjust, my goal is to act on it instead of just acknowledging it.

LUCA ROBINSON

April 14, 2018

Luca is the son of Dale Robinson and Ayala Elnekave; the grandson of Israel and Suchy Elnekave; Marilyn and the late Robby Robinson.

Family Welcomers: Mateo, Paloma, Brett, and Max Robinson.

Tikkun Olam Project: I am creating an organization called Love Cargo to help children in developing countries by sending them care packages via travelers.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? I understand how lucky I am to have been born into the family that I have, so I want to help others who are less fortunate have a chance at success and life.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to grow Love Cargo, or pass it on. Furthermore, I want to work more volunteer hours and continue as a madrich at Religious School.

ERICA SHOSHANA DAVIS

April 21, 2018

Erica is the daughter of Rachel and Jonathan Davis; the granddaughter of the late Erica and the late David Cotter; Elaine Davis and the late Dr. Bernard Davis.

Family Welcomers: Evan Davis, brother; Eliana and Luca Cotter, cousins.

Tikkun Olam Project: I collected arts and crafts supplies, games, playing cards, journals, and small Lego sets and donated them to the children patients at UCLA hospital. Not only are these children either sick or injured, they can grow bored being in a hospital room. My goal is to collect at least 200 items.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? It combined my love for arts and crafts and games with my interest in medicine. It really hit me hard because kids my age who are going through so much pain need something to do to keep them busy. Many of us complain of being "bored" after five minutes, and we don't understand that our situation could be much worse.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I look forward to continuing to volunteer and raise money to support children's causes that really can make a difference. Once I become a doctor, I will dedicate my time to saving lives all around the world.

OLIVIA WESTLIN

April 21, 2018

Olivia is the daughter of Lilly Lenavitt and Jay Westlin; the granddaughter of Cheri and Jack Lenavitt; Dixie and Harlo Westlin.

Family Welcomers: Ava, Grace, and Austin Westlin, siblings.

Tikkun Olam Project: I volunteered with the organization A Sense of Home (ASOH). This nonprofit helps young people who have aged out of the foster program and need their apartments redecorated, cleaned up, and stocked. I have volunteered at multiple homes in the past and recently helped organize a team of 15 people and raised over $1,000 for ASOH.

Why was your Tikkun Olam project meaningful to you? This experience gave me the chance to see how people who are less fortunate and don’t really have a family live—it puts things in perspective.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue working with ASOH, so that I can help with a cause I feel strongly about, as well as help establish a school program for it.
Welcome to New Temple members...

Briana Bender...Jamie and Joshua Holzmann and their daughter, Thea... Elana and Eric Kessler and their son, Elliot...Linda and Marvin Lotz... Jenna and Neil Parris and their children, Milo and Daisy...Devra and Jeffrey Schwartz and their children, Levi and Judah...

Congratulations to...

Lisa and Josh Bilgrei on the birth of their daughter, Maya Bilgrei, and to big sister, Alexis...Lindsey and Justin Flam on the birth of their son, Spencer Miles Flam...Deborah and Brent Iloulian on the birth of their daughter, Emma Iloulian, and to big sister, Mia...Claudine and Steve Shokouhi on the birth of their son, Niko Theodore Shokouhi, and to big sisters, Brigitte, Nadine, and Lyla...Laurent and Jordan Slater on the birth of their daughter, Sasha Olivia Slater, and to big sister and brother, Vivienne and Max...

Condolences to...

Friends and family of Samantha Allen...Clare Baum on the death of her husband, Steven Baum, and to daughters, Mira and Alana...Richard Green and Adena Smith on the death of his father, Howard Green, and to grandchildren, Mac, Jarred, and Ian Green...Friends and family of Ruth Marx...Michael Renov and Cathy Friedman on the death of his mother, Cecily Renov, and to granddaughters, Veronica and Maddie Renov... Pamela and Dennis Beck on the death of her sister, Carole Sherman...

And to all immediate and extended family.

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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. Thank you!

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15 Years... Linda and Dereck Messana
10 Years... Robin Zucker and David Fishman... Tana and Stefan Litt... Carolyn and Kevin Neustadt... Daniele and Arthur Ochoa... Leslie and Andrew Satenberg... Karin and Douglas Schae... Harel Seidenwerg... Stuart Lampert and Stephen Tomar... Sharona Zarabi
5 Years... Marlene Berro... Nancy and Ken Ruttenberg... Tamar Meszaros and David Silverstein

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

B’nei Mitzvah (continued)

Daschel Silverton

April 28, 2018

Daschel is the son of Ron and Sarah Silverton; the grandson of Dr. Stephen and Barbara Kurtin; Ronald and Hilde Silverton.

Family Welcomers: Barrett, Calder, and Cezanne Silverton, siblings.
Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
Shabba Dabba
Rabbi Goldberg
6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Nefesh
Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 7
Torah Study
Pesach 1
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.
Nefesh Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Brush
Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
10:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Belle Zane
(includes Yizkor Service)
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
No services at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 14
Torah Study
Shemini
Rabbi Fox
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Logan Penn
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Luca Robinson
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Nanus and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
Nefesh
Rabbi Goldberg and the Nefesh Band
7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
Torah Study
Tazria and Metsora
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Erica Davis
Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Olivia Westlin
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
10:00 a.m.
No services at Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
Shabbat Services
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Ettinger
6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Torah Study
Acharei Mot and Kedoshim
Rabbi Slome
9:00 a.m.
Tot Shabbat
Rabbi Eshel
9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of Daschel Silverton
Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney
10:00 a.m.
No services at Irmas Campus