Spring Classes

MONDAYS
Wilshire Fitness with Sara Berg
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Music Matters with Cantor Don Gurney
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS
Ten Amazing Jewish Women in History You’ve Never Heard Of with Rabbi Susan Nanus
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
El Judaismo Sepharadi: Exploring Sephardic Customs, Culture, and Ideas with Rabbi Daniel Bouskila
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Our Clergy and Their Mentors
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Passover Workshops
March 10 - The Preparation
March 17 - The Seder
March 24 - Sharing Traditions, Haggadahs, and Recipes

THURSDAYS
Wilshire Fitness with Sara Berg
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Understanding the Holocaust with Holocaust Educator Randy Fried
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
What Does Haman Really Represent?

While it is well known that the character of Haman in the Purim story represents an existential threat to the Jews of ancient Persia, recent scholarship has revealed that Haman symbolizes a far more menacing and dangerous universal symbol.

According to Biblical, Kabbalistic, and Zoroastrian sources, Haman represents the intergalactic visitation of anti-Semitic extraterrestrials who desire to set up their base of operations in Jerusalem but have been continuously thwarted by Jewish mysticism and powerful prayers and incantations. This defense system was devised by the *lamed-vavniks*—the secret, underground brotherhood of the holy 36, whose pure goodness prevents the world from being destroyed and who have saved the Jews many times over.

The first sighting of these evil extraterrestrials is mentioned in the Book of Ezekiel, when the prophet describes his encounter with their alien spacecraft, a vehicle comprising four flying beasts who are able to fly in all directions at the same time. In that instance, the enemy did not land on earth, but there have been numerous accounts of these evil beings disguising themselves as humans and attempting to wreak havoc on the Jewish people in the forms of Haman; the Spanish Grand Inquisitor Torquemada; Bogdan Chmielnicki, the savage Cossack butcher of the Ukraine; and, of course, Adolf Hitler, just to name a few.

HAMAN is actually an acronym for five chemicals: Hydrogen–Argon–Manganese–Arsenic–Nitrogen, which, when combined, becomes the formula for the deadly fuel used in space lasers. These are the favored weapons of the Hamoids and their minions, the QAnon cabal, though they have been falsely attributed to the Jews.

Research conducted by both the CIA and Mossad have proven that the easiest and cheapest protection against these forces is the simple grogger, whose noise is unbearable to these creatures because of their large triangular ears. It is highly recommended that Jews carry a grogger at all times, whether on the subway or in the United States Capitol Building, just to be safe.

While we typically link Haman’s evil ways to the lineage of Amalek and the unending forces attempting to eradicate the Jewish people, there is a more accurate and mathematical link between Haman and the forces of evil. Haman’s hat is the clue. Beginning around 2900 BCE, the underground forces of triangular domination began to make themselves known. As early mathematicians of the ancient world, they believed in the centrality and boldness of the triangle, believing it to channel the dark forces of the underworld. Ultimately, they believed, a triangle-shaped structure or object would bring about world dominance. It is for this reason that they designed the pyramids, employing triangles as their basis and Israelite slave labor for their construction. Believing the Jews would always be subservient to the forces of evil, they intended to enslave our people for all times. Thales of Miletus (circa 624–547 BCE), a member of this underground network, is credited with bringing geometry from Egypt into Greece and laying the early groundwork for the study of triangles. And Pythagoras (circa 570–495 BCE), the author of the famous theorem used to this day, served as a leader of this cult.

An elite group of Jews, in partnership with other oppressed groups around the world, created a task force to battle the “Triangle Tribe,” as they were known. They fought against the Triangle Tribe at the “Battle of Right Angles” in 90 BCE, the “Isosceles Insurrection” in 360 CE, and many other confrontations throughout history—all attempts to overturn the Tribes’ mission to achieve world domination.

In order to remind the Jews of their ongoing battle with this geometric evil, our texts offer clues, the most famous and powerful being the Book of Esther. Haman’s hat reminds us that triangles, though necessary in mathematics and architecture, also hold a deep history of oppression. The Star of David, usually drawn by utilizing two triangles, serves as a symbol representing that we will forever overcome the geometric forces that attempt to enslave, oppress, or destroy us. So when you eat a hamantaschen this Purim, remember the true story of Haman’s triangular evil.

Rabbi Susan Nanus

Rabbi Joel Nickerson
While Purim evokes images of costumes, goggers, music, and celebrations, the Wilshire Boulevard Temple congregation also focuses each year on our greater community through *mishlo-ach manot*, the tradition of giving baskets of food to our friends, neighbors, and those in need, and *matanot le'yonim* for our neighbors and those in need.

The few explanations regarding why we give these gifts of a hearty meal on our most festive holiday center around the Jewish thought of everyone being able to celebrate together and equally. What is particularly special about the tradition of *mishlo-ach manot* and *matanot le'yonim* are that they are never intended to make anyone feel lesser for not having enough to celebrate. Indeed, you should send such gifts to your friends as well as to those in need, so there is no disparity, and we can all celebrate, drink, dance, and be merry as one united people.

At the Karsh Family Social Service Center, our community includes WBT congregants, as well as our broader Koreatown community. We want to make sure that all of our neighbors, friends, and family are taken care of during this festival season—and year round. In years past, Purim for the Karsh Center has meant: WBT Religious School students in their costumes shoulder to shoulder packing Self Care kits and New Baby bags for our clients as part of Purim with a Purpose; Brawerman students donating their macaroni box “goggers” to our food pantry and assembling hygiene kits; congregant families making *matanot le'yonim* for Karsh Center client families. In fact, these Purim projects were some of the last “normal” activities conducted last year before COVID19 turned everything upside down, and the supplies provided by them helped get us through the first dire months of the pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have managed to double our food pantry distribution and quadruple our diaper distribution to meet the needs of our clients. We know that the families we serve face dire choices, such as weighing the purchase of food versus paying rent.

We are excited that Purim with a Purpose this year is once again partnering with the Karsh Center to provide boxes of essential household items to the Karsh Center’s client community. Being able to furnish cleaning supplies such as dish soap and cleanser, as well as hand sanitizer and face masks, will help keep our community safe. Macaroni goggers, snack bags, and the food items collected as part of the Temple-wide drive will supply nourishment for a growing number of individuals experiencing food insecurity.

On behalf of the Karsh Center, thank you for sharing your time, energy, and commitment caring for our neighbors as part of your family’s and WBT’s Purim celebrations!
MEMORIES OF CELEBRATIONS PAST

In honor of Purim and Passover at Brawerman, we asked some of our tireless kindergarten teachers about their favorite memories of introducing their students to these celebrations at school. Here are some of their moving answers!

We are so grateful to our teachers and incredible students every year for making our holiday and Jewish traditions all the more special.

“In each year I look forward to having the students work together to create a m’gillah. We review the story of Purim, and students are broken up into groups to create torn-paper art depicting different parts of the story. The results are always so creative, and it’s fun to watch them work together to create beautiful art.”

ALLISON INOSHITA

“My favorite project we do in the spring is about the story of Passover. Students learn the Passover story and then work in groups of eight to 10 to put together a Passover play. They brainstorm the characters, write the script, and create their own costumes out of paper and other odds and ends. Then they perform their play not only for the other kindergarten classes, but also sometimes for other grades! It’s so fun to see their creativity shine.”

JENNIFER MAMAN

“Last year, the West kindergarten team celebrated Purim ready to serve their fabulous students with hamantaschen and hot cocoa dressed as their favorite Starbucks baristas: Morde-Chai Latte, Vash-tea, Ahashve-roast, and Megilatte Esther! Welcome to Shushan Starbucks!”

BRUCE MICHAEL GREEN

“I love rolling up our sleeves and baking homemade hamantaschen while singing, ‘Hamantaschen, they’re made for noshing.’”

CARLY HANDELMAN

“The best part of Purim is watching the kids show off their costumes. As they are typically in uniform, it’s great to see how they express themselves!”

JORDAN LEVINE
Camp is going to college...again! We can’t wait to bring Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap clap!) to Scripps College in Claremont! Scripps is a beautiful campus with all of the amenities we could want and more. We’ll be able to do all of our favorite camp activities, including archery, omunut (arts and crafts), basketball, Teva (ropes course), plus introduce some new ones! Scripps has huge green lawns, beautiful living arrangements, a sand volleyball court, and a gorgeous pool. We’re so excited to spend the summer at Scripps with our camp community.

We are confident that this summer will be safe, fun, and meaningful. We are taking every conceivable measure available to us to ensure that we keep our community healthy, and that our campers will feel that special magic they can experience only at camp. While some aspects of the typical camp day may look slightly different than those of the past, we will still be able to celebrate Shabbat together, build community together, be silly together, and most importantly, just be together.

Head to [www.wbtcamps.org](http://www.wbtcamps.org) for the most up-to-date information about summer and to REGISTER!

We can’t wait to spend Summer 2021 (aka 20Twenty-FUN) with your campers. Register today! And if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any member of the camp team.

### Celebrating the Stories and Traditions of Purim

With every Jewish holiday, our early childhood centers aim to impart the children with a love and joy for Jewish tradition, through the values, experiences, and rituals of each holiday. Our teachers delve deep into the stories to find meaning and lifelong lessons that resonate with the children. As Purim was approaching, one four-year-olds’ classroom shared what they remembered of the story from years past. As the children pieced together their individual thoughts and details, it became apparent that what interested them most were the characters from the story. More than simply their names and status (a king, a queen, a bad guy, etc.), the children recalled who these characters were as people—their personality traits, how they felt, what they cared about, and the choices they made.

For a holiday that, as children and as adults, we most often associate with dressing up in costumes and celebrating with music, masks, and noisemakers, one might be astounded at the level and depth of conversation that ensued. The students broached topics of right and wrong, and several even identified King Ahasuerus’s development throughout the course of the story, explaining that, “he changed.” One child helped articulate these changes noticed by himself and his classmates, stating: “The king at the beginning was making bad choices, but then he learned and grew up and did the right thing.” Another child added, “He had to listen to Esther so he could make the right choice.” A classmate concluded, “He was better because he learned from when Esther was brave.”

In addition to these conversations, the children took part in the traditions of Purim in fun and festive ways: They came to school in costumes, and each classroom created its own carnival booth, such as grogger-making, castle-building, and beanbag toss. The ECC Parent Association delivered delicious hamantaschen and helped make the holiday joyous and memorable.
The hopeful news we announced in November about Wilshire Boulevard Temple and University Synagogue in Brentwood merging to become one congregation was unanimously approved by the Boards of Trustees of both Wilshire Boulevard Temple and University Synagogue. The merger agreement now proceeds to the Attorney General of the State of California for review before closing.

This historic union brings the best of each institution together to create a more vibrant, powerful, and creative Jewish future in West Los Angeles. The merger will result in a congregation of more than 2,700 families, combining our wonderful community and the warm University Synagogue community, each with a long proud history and a deep commitment to Reform Judaism and tikkun olam.

The current University Synagogue location will be named the Wilshire Boulevard Temple University Campus until a donor is found to rename the campus and provide for the physical upgrades it deserves. In addition to Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s Irmas and Glazer campuses, the combined entity will boast a large and beautiful west side sanctuary for services, a large social hall for celebrations, classroom space for many early childhood center families we would otherwise not be able to accommodate due to space limitations at the Irmas Campus, an expansive religious school and youth program, a convenient location for daytime adult programming, and more hearts and souls to engage in the vital tikkun olam efforts of the Karsh Center. We expect these wonderful opportunities to inspire current members of both congregations, and also to attract hundreds more families into Jewish life and learning who are currently not a part of any synagogue.

In an era when so many are drawing inward and sometimes feeling pessimistic about the future, we are embracing the journey ahead with optimism and plans for great success. Wilshire Boulevard Temple’s University Campus is a testament to the visionary DNA that has always been and always will be Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Welcome UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE!

We offer adult programming every day of the week on rich Jewish subjects, available online to all of our inquisitive congregants! Here are some of our fascinating upcoming classes:

**TEN AMAZING JEWISH WOMEN IN HISTORY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF WITH RABBI SUSAN NANUS**

6 Tuesdays – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
February 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  

From the time of Ancient Israel until today, Jewish women have broken norms, shattered stereotypes, and changed history. Join Rabbi Nanus for a fascinating look at these unknown heroines, their times, and their influences.

**UNDERSTANDING THE HOLOCAUST WITH HOLOCAUST EDUCATOR RANDY FRIED**

6 Thursdays – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
February 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18  

This class investigates the years 1933 to 1945 - What happened, how it happened, and What we have learned. This in-depth look at the Holocaust will include discussions, visual presentations, film, and guest speakers.

The beauty of holding our programs over Zoom is that you can watch them anytime! You can now enjoy these amazing classes now on our Youtube channel.

**JUDAISMO SEPHRADÍ: EXPLORING SEPHRADIC CUSTOMS, CULTURE, AND IDEAS**

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, director of the Sephardic Educational Center and Sephardic Scholar, will usher you into the rich, vibrant world of Sephardic Judaism. Headquartered in the Old City of Jerusalem, The Sephardic Educational Center is an international organization with campuses all over the world that is dedicated to the preservation and teaching of Sephardic history, heritage, and philosophy.

**MUSSAR: THE PRACTICE OF JEWISH SELF-IMPROVEMENT WITH RABBI DAVIDS**

There could not be a better moment than this extremely disorienting, painful, and frightening time to discover the practice of the Mussar. From its origins dating back to 10th Century Babylonia to Rabbi Israel Salanter’s revival in 19th Century Lithuania, this movement is currently experiencing a renewal within the Jewish community. No background in Medieval Jewish thought or Hebrew is required, just a little curiosity and willingness to explore the ethical, moral, and cultural world of the Mussar.
Never before has a Pritzker Prize winning architect designed a mezuzah, enabling you to be a part of history. In anticipation of opening the Audrey Irmas Pavilion doors, we invite you to donate a Rem Koolhaas designed Mezuzah for a door within the building and to receive a second mezuzah for your home. This opportunity is exclusive to the 99 interior doors of the building and will not be sold outside our Temple.

Each Rem Koolhaas mezuzah is handcrafted by his office (OMA) in Rotterdam. The shin letter is waterjet cut aluminum, hand sawed and carved by a metal specialist and then attached to an aluminum foam and resin casing. This resin is cut into small, medium and large dimensions and placed in casting boxes. Each Mezuzah goes through a 2-step overcasting process in color tinted polyester resin to ensure all surfaces of the aluminum foam are infused, forming a unique composite material.

For a tax-deductible donation of $10,000, payable over four years, your mezuzah will be placed on an interior door of the Audrey Irmas Pavilion, your family name will be inscribed on a mezuzah donor plaque located within the building and you will receive a second mezuzah for your home. This will be an extraordinary piece of judaica for 99 Wilshire Boulevard Temple families and an historic mitzvah opportunity to help the Temple!

For more information, please contact Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtla.org.
Each Passover, we use a seder plate to present six items that symbolize an aspect of the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt. This tradition is designed to help us imagine ourselves in our ancestors’ shoes—not only are we supposed to tell the story of Passover, we’re supposed to see, smell, taste, and feel it.

As traditional as the seder plate may be, there’s actually room for some creative flourishes. While most Jewish households stick to the classic six items mentioned in the Haggadah—shank bone, egg, two kinds of bitter herbs, vegetable, and a sweet fruit paste called maror—you can also view these items as suggestions, or starting points. Passover reminds us of our history of oppression, so many incorporate symbols of altruism and justice to their plate.

If you’re looking to add a modern twist to this ancient ritual, consider adding one (or several!) of these extras:

### POTATOES
When Ethiopian Jews were brought to Israel via Operation Solomon in 1991, they were famished. In fact, they were so ill and emaciated that they couldn’t stomach a substantial meal. So doctors fed them boiled potatoes and rice. To represent the continuous exodus of Jews from oppressive regions, it’s become customary to place boiled potatoes alongside the green vegetable—karpas—we dip in saltwater.

### BANANAS
People place this fruit on their seder plate as an act of solidarity with refugees. The addition was inspired by a photograph of three-year-old Alan Kurdi, who drowned during the Syrian refugee crisis in 2015. To honor these refugees—along with thousands of others—Rabbi Dan Moskovitz called for serving a banana on the seder plate to commemorate the tradition of the boy’s father bringing his children a banana to share every day.

### ORANGES
Adding this fruit to your seder plate represents support for the LGBTQ community. Some even spit out the seeds to symbolize spitting out homophobia and bigotry.

### CASHEWS
Some American Jews place cashews on their plates to honor our troops. Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz of Temple Emanuel started this tradition after seeing a sign at a drug store that asked customers to consider buying bags of cashews to send to troops stationed in Iraq. An employee whose son was serving abroad explained that the salted cashews provided sustenance and hydration in Iraq’s desert climate, compelling the rabbi to make the addition to his congregation’s seder plate.

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**Ingredients**

- 4 matzah slices (preferably egg)
- Olive oil
- 6 oz. fresh mozzarella, shredded
- Kosher salt
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 4 oz. kale, thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme
- Black pepper
- 1/2 lemon’s zest and juice
- Parmesan cheese, for serving
- Sriracha sauce, for serving (or other spicy stuff)

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Place the matzah on baking sheets lined with parchment paper and brush all over with a thin layer of olive oil. Top with the fresh mozzarella and a few pinches of salt. Distribute the almonds all over. In a large bowl, combine the garlic, kale, 1 tbsp. olive oil, and a pinch of salt, and mix all for a minute or two to soften the kale and get it evenly coated in olive oil. Pile onto the pizza. (It will seem to be a lot of kale—and a lot of garlic—but it will cook down in the oven; plus, a lot of kale is good and healthy!) Sprinkle with the thyme, a few turns of pepper, and the lemon zest, and bake for 10 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and the edges of the matzah are brown.
3. Finish with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice, a shower of shaved Parmesan, and some very good drizzles of Sriracha sauce or other spicy stuff, and enjoy! (Yogurt ranch is also delicious drizzled on this.)

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**Kale-Matzah Pizza with Garlic, Lemon, and Almonds**

By Molly Yeh
Welcome to new Temple members...

Diana and Daniel Azizi and their children, Alexandra, Ethan, and Jordan...Nooshin Messian and Igal Bakshandeh and their daughter, Eriella...Nancy and Pedram Bina and their children, Kyla, Lana, and Maya...Kaila Engman and Alex Branzburg...Melissa and Nate Cherry and their children, Ava, Bianca, and Livia Cherry...Lillian and Michael Cohanzad and their children, Ayra, Eli, and Talia...Michelle and Amir Dar and their children, Enzo and Sydney...Isabella Debas...Shirin and Jonathan Eisl and their daughter, Iyv...Sharon and Chad Eshaghoff and their children Oliver, Jack and Aaron...Sandra and Farhad Eshaghpour and their children, Elia and Romy...Julie Givens...Shirley and Gabriel Halimi and their children, Luna, Mia, and Myer...Mandie Davis and Ari Kadin and their daughters, Ziva and Zetta...Deborah and Edward Kain and their children, Grace, Hazel, and William...Debbie Koerner...Edith Krygier...Jan Kunesh and her children, Caleb and Lilah...Caroline Kusser...Ashley and Simon Lazar and their son, Zachary...Sarah Moody...Marisa and Steven Naids and their son, Logan...Tiffany and Judin Niamehr and their children, Dylan, Sloane, and Skylar...Keren and Anton Plave and their children, Avi, Eden, and Roni...Alessi Chomow and Paul Rogoff and their children, Bailey and Madison...Jill Sattinger...Rictavia Schiff...Debbie and Kio Shoghi and their daughters, Gianna and Mikaela...Pamela Klein and Michael Tedesco...May Kim and Matthew Tenser and their children, Dylan, Eli, and Shiri...Tiffany and Eryor Vojdani and their daughter Jade...Alya and Aaron Wilhelm and their daughter, Zina...Lynn Williams...

Congratulations to...

Jan Kruschen on the birth of her grandchildren, Jennie and Quinn Abrams...Hillary Barnes and Ben Asoulin on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Hakim Asoulin...Rachel Fleischer and Blake Collins on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Rose Collins, and to brother, Julian, grandparent, Sheryl Fleischer, and aunt and uncle, Jessica and Brian DeRose...Rabbi Karen Fox and Michael Rosen on the birth of their grandson, Josef Wolf-Rosen...Ruth and Ed Friedman on the birth of their grandson, Everett Lewis Friedman...Emily and Alexander Hakim on the birth of their daughter, Sloan Ryan Nayer Hakim, and to sister and brother, Sienna and Dean...Holly and Josh Moradfar on the birth of their son, Benjamin Isaac Moradfar, and to his big brother, Noah...Dan and Elly Wolf on the birth of their granddaughter, Ariela Nudel, and to uncle, Aaron Wolf...Gina and Todd Schwartz on the birth of their daughter, Theodora Schwartz, and to her big brothers, Cameron and Samuel Schwartz...Maggie Scott on the birth of her granddaughter, Winter Gray Scott, and to great-grandmother, Judy Wunsch...Nicole and Mark Silber on the birth of their son, Jackson Reid Silber, and to big brother, Austin...Sarah and Phillip Wallace on the birth of their daughter, Sloane Downie Wallace, and to grandparents, Janice and Daniel Wallace, and aunt, Sarah Wallace Schwartz and Ian Schwartz...Maxine Keith on the birth of her grandson Ari Benjamin Viskman, and to parents, Molly and Josh Viskman, and big sister, Brooklyn Sara Rose...

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!

January Anniversaries

65 years...Jean Rosenbaum-Katz
60 years...Phyllis Kramer Wolf
45 years...Mrs. Geri Brawerman...Marilyn Goodman...Kaayla and Steven Roth
25 years...Anita and Harvey Friedman...Jill Gottlieb...Erik Holmberg and Ronna Kress
20 years...Jeffrey Mandell and Abigail Jones
15 years...Alex Dardick...Dr. Rebecca Goldstein and Mr. Ehdh Karmi...Nancy and Steve Levine...Lisa and Kevin Lewin...David and Laurn Martin...Karen and Scott Silver...Susie and Seen Rose
10 years...Harris Hartman and Greg Clark...Brooke Peterson...Stephanie and Nicholas Sandler...Reagan W. Silber
5 years...Joli and Andrew Ahlshule...Ania and Daniel Bornstein...Elyssa and Brett Katz...Rashelle Hakak and Tal Lavi...Laura Almo and Marc Milkin...Isabel Rosenthal...Natalie and Gil Saraf...Harvey and Marilyn Schneider...Caline and Jeremy Smith...Dina and Jeffrey Tranen

February Anniversaries

45 years...Christiane and Ron Glazer
25 years...Donna and Alfred Somekh
20 years...Nancy and Steve Lovett
15 years...Lauren and Brian Baumwell
10 years...Peter Kramer...Samantha and Jason Milner...Talia and Martin Lesak...Lissa and Adam Chesnoff...Andrea and Greg Falcione
5 years...Jayme and Adam Golden...Sally and Dr. Jack Azad...Richard Ledwin...Dikla and Guy Goldsmith...Casey and Jordan Tabach Bank

March Anniversaries

55 years...Sylvia Blaich
30 years...Nicholas Klein and Diane Shakin
25 years...Jean and Daron Tooch
20 years...Todd Sherman...Alex Gantz
15 years...Bettina O'Mara...Dena and David Kaplan...Doris and Jorge Dorenbrown
10 years...Amy and Jeffrey Straus...Ilanda and Erica Feldenthal
5 years...Michelle and Scott Kelrnick...Jennifer and William Norotsky...Anna Fridman and Albert Goldstein...Rachel and Jacob Saperstein...Heath Hochman...Jocelyn Hudson and Rook Campbell

Condolences to...

Debbie and Martin Adelstein on the death of his father, Jack Adelstein, and to grandchildren, Emily, Hannah, and Sarah, daughter, Cheryl and Joshua Winars, and grandchildren, Sophie and Toby...Karen and Jonathan Sharpe on the death of her mother, Beatrice “Ben” Arker, and to grandchildren, Jessica and Sarah, sons, Jim and Marilee Arker, Rob and Sue Arker, and Bill and Jean Arker...Kelly Dave on the death of her mother, Leah Barshap...Cindi Berns and Roger Scadron on the death of her father, Allen Berns...Sheila Bernstein on the death of her husband, Donald William Bernstein, and to daughter, Lauren and Robert Engel, grandchildren, Brian and Jessica, son, Greg and Gail Bernstein, and grandchildren, Michael and Ian...Kathleen and Jeffrey Korn on the death of his grandfather, Evelyn Bupsksan, and to great-grandson, Gabriel...Kathleen "Katie" Lipsitz and Mark Burton on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Burton, and to grandchildren, Benjamin and Lucy, daughter, Sarah Barret and Andrew Barrett Weiss, and grandchildren, Emily and Charlotte...Ly and Marc Cohen on the death of his mother, Ruth “Ritty” Rebecca Cohen, and to sons, Kelly and Brett Cohen, AnnaMarie and Mitchell Cohen, and Charlene and Alan Cohen, grandchildren, Heather, Jessica, Amanda, Eric, Brandon, and Cody, and great-grandchildren, Catherine, Mia, Caroline, and Peyton...Gary Cohn on the death of his wife, Holly Brock Cohn, and to daughter Erica, sister, Janice and Daniel Wallace, nephew, Phillip Wallace, nieces, Naomi and Sarah Wallace Schwartz and Ian Schwartz, and great-nephew, Gabe...Joseph and Anat Simantob on the death of her father, Yaroc (Masoud) Dardscha, and to grandchildren, Ethan and Eva...Anat and Joseph Simantob on the death of his sister, Jerusha Rebecca Simantob Darsins, and to niece and nephew, Eva and Ethan...Margaret “Peggy” and Stephen Davis on the death of his father, Rabbi Stuart Davis, and to grandchildren, Cadence, Hannah, and William...Yael Suneson on the death of her mother, Gari Ann Dryden...Norman Kolpas and Lynn Dubinsky on the death of her father, Lawrence Dubinsky...Barbara, Michael, and Carol on the death of their mother, Doris Engelman, and to cousin Mark Schwartz...Lucie "Lulu" on the death of her daughter, Margaret Epstein, and to aunts, Marion Brown and Gertrude Klein...Andrea Pflug and Barry Forman on the death of his brother, Harvey Forman, and to nieces, Emma and Samantha...Gisela and Jeff Friedman on the death of his father, Ray Friedman, and to grandchildren Eli and Isabel...Sharon Gam on the death of her mother, Florence Gam, and to grandsons, Evan and Matt Landstrom...Gordon Gelfond on the death of his wife, Lee Gelfond, and to son Brad and Cathy Gelfond, grandson, Lucas, son, Lawrence “Larry” and Rhonda Gelfond, and granddaughter, Jamie...Lara Kaplan on the death of her mother, Marilou Louise Zlotkin Greenberg, and to grandchildren, Ariana, Bianca, and Charlie, son, Marco Greenberg and Stacey Nelkin, grandchildren, Antonia, Noah, and Stella Greenberg, and sister, Evelyn Zlotkin Weinstock...Samuel and Miryam Tarica on the death of her mother, Adele Habibi, and to grandson, Daniel Tarica and Josh Bowski, great-grandchildren, Molly and Rachel, granddaughter, Erin Tarica and Owen Wholley, great-grandchildren, Ayla and COLUM, granddaughter, Deborah Tarica and Alex Fernie, and great-granddaughter, Mae...
Benjamin Indursky
November 7, 2020
Benjamin is the son of Blake Indursky; the grandson of Arthur & Janie Indursky.

Family Welcomer: Danielle Indursky, sister.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means helping society for the greater good and finding the love and kindness in a person’s soul. Tikkun Olam means to help those in need, stand up for the weak and be a pillar of strength in the community.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to feed the homeless in conjunction with Wilshire Boulevard Temple at The People Concern.

Benjamin Rahav
January 9, 2021
Benjamin is the son of Kara Newmark and Pinhas Rahav; the grandson of Sheila and the late Don Newmark, The Late Rachel and Jacob Amar.

Family Welcomers: Raphael Rahav, Beverly and Harvey Newmark.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means that you should put others before you to help repair the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to volunteering at an animal shelter.

Keller Agam
January 9, 2021
Keller is the son of Kimberly and Nathan Agam; the grandson of Tina Firetag and the late Jules Firetag; Jerry Agam; the late Debra Agam.

Family Welcomer: Rylan and Hayden Agam, siblings.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means being the best person you can be, and doing everything that you can to help people who need it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After my Bar Mitzvah, I will continue to seek out ways to make the world a better place. I would like to become more involved with the Guardians L.A. that supports the Jewish Home for the Aging.

William Enenstein
January 16, 2021
William is the son of Darren Enenstein and Susanna Morgan; the grandson of Harry and Debbie Enenstein; Shelley Morgan.

Family Welcomer: Jacob and Max Enenstein

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Making the world a better place.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? Supporting the people and land of Israel.

Ruby Fox
January 23, 2021
Ruby is the daughter of Laurie and Ben Fox; the granddaughter of Jana and Neil Freedman; the late Sylvia and Mark Fox.

Family Welcomer: Emma Fox, sister.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means helping and healing others and in turn healing yourself and gaining some happiness on both ends of the act of kindness.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After my Bar Mitzvah, I will commit to reducing carbon emissions and picking up trash in order to save our planet with less than 10 years left to divert the catastrophes of global warming.

Aaron Lewin
February 6, 2021
Aaron is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam is about giving back to those less fortunate. It is about being kind and thoughtful to others. I am very grateful for all that I have and never take that for granted.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will volunteer at the WBT food pantry. The Wilshire Blvd food pantry has been very close to our hearts. My mom has always taken us there to volunteer. Packing and handing out groceries to the less fortunate community. I was very little when I started going with my sister Jessica and brother Ethan.

Jonah Dworkin
February 13, 2021
Jonah is the son of Jonathan and Rachel Dworkin; the grandson of Doreen and Leon Lewin; Jean and Hyman Mauzenbaum.

Family Welcomers: Jessica & Ethan Lewin, siblings.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam is about performing an act of kindness and not expecting anything back in return. An example of this would be when I donate food or money to less fortunate people or when I volunteer to give out meals at a homeless shelter.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After my Bar Mitzvah, I will continue to help my community and others in need. I hope to continue to play my trumpet in future fundraisers to help raise money for less fortunate people. I am also excited to be involved in raising money for scholarships so that more children can attend Jewish summer sleep away camp.

Romy Noa Harari
February 20, 2021
Romy is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? The actual definition of Tikkun Olam is repairing the world, but to me Tikkun Olam means doing small gestures to help others in need and to help my community. An example is when I participate weekly in the AVSO VIP program and play soccer with children who have special needs or when I helped to build a motorized car for a young girl with cerebral palsy so that she can move with ease.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bat Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After I become a Bat Mitzvah, I will continue to help my community and others in need. I hope to continue to play my trumpet in future fundraisers to help raise money for less fortunate people. I am also excited to be involved in raising money for scholarships so that more children can attend Jewish summer sleep away camp.

Brody Satenberg
March 13, 2021
Brody is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means performing an act of kindness and not expecting anything back in return. An example of this would be when I donate food or money to less fortunate people or when I volunteer to give out meals at a homeless shelter.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to volunteer at homeless shelters and help prepare and give out meals to them. It makes me feel good when I see the smiles on their faces.
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What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means that I should do my best to see that others have the same, or better, opportunities and resources as I do.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? Volunteering at a local food bank twice a week.

March 13, 2021

Marlowe is the son of Elisabeth and Darren Jaspan; the grandson of Sharon and Kevin Jaspan; Patricia and Agustin Agular.

Family Welcomer: Ursula Jaspan, sister.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means giving back to the community and making the world a better place.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to making my global footprint smaller, and continuing to care for animals in need, especially rescue animals, like our three rescue dogs, Emmet, Fauzi and Coco.
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