Shehechiyanu!
Together as One

IN-PERSON SERVICES ARE BACK!

The Clergy of Wilshire Boulevard Temple (L to R): Cantor Don Gurney, Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim, Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro, Rabbi Steve Leder, Cantor Lisa Pelcott, Rabbi Susan Nanus, Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, Rabbi Joel Simonds, Rabbi Joel Nickerson, Rabbi David Eshel. Photographed at the University Campus by Trisha Harrison. May 20, 2021.
What Have We Learned From the Pandemic?

What is an essential lesson of Torah that helped ground our community during the pandemic? One of my favorite songs at camp—probably because of the four clap—was “It Is A Tree of Life.” Its words originate from our Torah, and they immediately jumped to mind when this question was posed. Proverbs 3:18 offers an important life lesson that represents the anchor that many of us held on to during the past difficult year. The Torah “is a tree of life to those who cling to it, and those who hold on to it find contentment.” How many of us turned back to Torah in the past year? We found our way back to Torah as sacred text, and back to Torah as a teacher, as a way of life. As we struggled and wrestled with decisions and weighed our often heavy choices, our community drew closer to the ultimate lessons we find in our Torah.

Many of us based choices and decisions on the essential lesson of Torah, which is the sanctity of each and every life. The Talmud teaches us that when we save one life, it is as if we save an entire universe. Each time we put on a mask—consciously or not—we were making a statement that we honored and cherished the life of someone we may never meet. Even as the pandemic and our understanding of the virus that changed our world shifted, the human race chose life. We chose life with determination and conviction. For many of us, that understanding of the implicit value of each and every person, each and every breath we take, derives directly from the Torah. As we held on, literally for dear life this past year, we held on to Torah. In our isolation and fear, we found a way to look beyond our individual selves, and our daily choices became statements of faith in the sanctity of life.

As we found our way back to Torah, back to our core, back to our anchor, back to the life jacket that has kept the Jewish people afloat from the moment we built our first small dwelling place in the wilderness, we found the strength to go one more day, one more week, working together to save if only one life. I believe we will forever carry this awareness and essential value of Torah with us as we move forward through the next steps and begin to heal and recover from the trials we’ve faced.

One of the central tenets of Judaism is V’ahavta L’reacha Kamocha. And you will love your reacha as your own self. Typically this word is translated as neighbor, but a closer look reveals many meanings attached to this one word, including your companion, or the one who is dear to you. During the pandemic, as our definition of sacred space and holy ground evolved to include Zoom spaces, how we uphold the sanctity of all of God’s humanity became symbolized in our choices and in our masks.

As Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said, “When you do good to others, it is yourself, your conscience, and your self-respect that will be the beneficiary. The greatest gift of giving is the opportunity to give.”

When the Israelites are at the beginning of their journey, God declares, “Build me a sanctuary so I may dwell b’tocham.” What I love about the word b’tocham are its two possible translations: dwell among them, and dwell within them. I have always used these ideas in my teaching about the purpose and necessity of sacred space. I believe we build sacred space not for God but for ourselves. We build sacred space to create an opening within us to allow God in.

Over this past year, my eyes and my heart have been opened to new and ever-expanding understandings of my own interpretation of the question, Where is sacred space? What I learned this year is that sacred space is not just physical; it very much can be, and is, virtual as well. From FaceTime baby-namings to Zoom shivah minyanim, we were able to continue to bring families together for the most intimate moments of their lives. Even including those who would not have been able to participate during pre-COVID-19 times. The technology existed. I just never thought of such things. We were able to engage more families in our religious school prayer services, inviting more students to participate than ever before. Grandparents in Florida could watch and chat with their grandchild in Los Angeles as she chanted the Shema and V’ahavta. The number of classes offered tripled the number of engagement opportunities. We even have one congregant, Merle Weiner, who, at the time of this article, has yet to miss a single class—and she lives in Arizona!

My hope as we move forward and things begin to reopen is that these new sacred spaces do not fall to the wayside, but rather enhance all the wonderful and meaningful engagement opportunities our beautiful community has to offer. That we continue to expand our sanctuary for God to dwell among us—and within us.

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"Our daily choices became statements of faith in the sanctity of life. "

Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim

Rabbi David Eshel
Baruch HaShem! We Welcome You Back!

“Baruch HaShem!” Depending on your background, or if you binge-watched Unorthodox or Sharis during the past many months, you heard this a lot. “Blessed be the name,” or more loosely translated, “Thank God!” In Religious School, we spend quite a bit of time teaching the value of Hakarat HaTov, recognizing good and finding gratitude in daily living. We thank God, we thank one another, we thank those who protect us, we thank our teachers and educators, and hopefully the list goes on and on, whether it be for our healthy bodies, minds, or presence in the moment we are in.

If you asked the Religious School team about what we are most grateful for (in addition to the health of our families and the hopeful end to a brutal pandemic), we would all say, “You, the WBT community!” Parents, teachers, staff, students, Board of Directors, colleagues, and the community at large...you supported us through 15 months of educational chaos. You expected nothing less than the best from us, and I am proud to say we were able to deliver just that, because you provided us with the tools we needed! Our tool kit expanded and was enriched because of your commitment, dedication, professional guidance, and words of ongoing wisdom and encouragement, as well as your children’s laughter, presence, and, yes, your Hakarat HaTov. These months required a level of patience, flexibility, and understanding like never before.

So, what now? We are excited and filled with gratitude that this supportive, beautiful synagogue community will now welcome and embrace hundreds of new Religious School families on our University campus. As we share our newfound wisdom and skill set with everyone during the school year ahead, we say, “Baruch HaShem,” remembering and recognizing the good in each one of us to become even better, more vibrant, and engaged in the Religious School community.

Registration for all of our programs opened in May. Please do not delay in registering for the wonderful offerings for students from kindergarten through high school at wbtreligiousschool.org—or always feel free to contact us at rsinfo@wbtla.org or (424) 208-8906.

May your summer be safe, healthy, and joyful!
The Karsh Center’s Tuesday–and Everyday–Efforts

It’s 11:30 a.m. on a recent Tuesday, and the Karsh Family Social Service Center team—two volunteers, our program coordinator, and our Serve the Moment corps member—are dancing around in different areas of the Leanse Ratner Family Food Pantry preparing for the newest addition to the Center’s weekly programs: the Tuesday Food Pantry distribution. Boxes of fresh produce are pulled from the fridge, and flyers with information about other services (rental assistance, our upcoming Potty Training workshop, a new mental health resource) are added to bags of pantry items, which another volunteer prepared the day before. While the team works, a hundred or so clients have started lining up on 6th Street, taking advantage of a lunch break from work, or a break during the school day now that their children are once again out of the house, to come pick up a bag of groceries.

On this Tuesday, we’ll also help register attendees for an upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinic. We began hosting this additional Tuesday distribution at the end of February, and immediately saw a swift positive response, with more than 70 households showing up on day one alone. Tuesdays are now the Center’s fourth food distribution effort, in addition to: our flagship Sunday Food Pantry, which has been steadily providing groceries to an average of 250 households a week throughout the pandemic; the Mobile Food Pantry, in collaboration with seven to ten other organizations, serves between 350 and 400 households a week; and our family support program that offers groceries, and diapers, to between 70 and 100 families on a weekly basis. Each of these programs make the statistics we share every month a reality, and they create the space for us to continue to connect with clients as we work to understand their needs as the city moves forward.

When we talk about accomplishments in the last year, “quadrupling the amount of food we distribute at the Karsh Center” is a statistic with heavy implications about the difficulties facing our neighbors and the greater community. But our true north star is to meet the ever-evolving needs of those we serve, and with one in four of our neighbors in L.A. now experiencing food insecurity, the Tuesday Food Pantry and growth of our programs are evidence of our commitment to that effort.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, volunteers, the WBT community, and new collaborations, we have been able to follow this north star, and meet these growing needs with creativity, flexibility, openness—and a whole lot of food.

Calling All Cinephiles!

Various dates at 7:30 p.m.

The Film Society will present a wide variety of meaningful domestic and international films about Jewish subjects and Jewish values. Jim Ruxin, a longtime University Synagogue member and Adjunct Professor at USC School of Cinematic Arts, will curate the films and host our in-depth discussions.

Watch these important, thought-provoking films in advance and join us for an in-depth discussion with Jim Ruxin and Rabbi Susan Nanus.

Our discussions include films like The Namesake (2006), Crescendo (2019), and Winter Journey (2020.)

Torah Yoga is for Everyone, and Yoga is for Everyone

Returning this Fall!

Torah Yoga, which blends traditions uniting body, mind, and spirit, is on Summer break until the Fall. Led by Amit Heri and Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, this is an embodied devotional practice that delves each week into a theme relating to Shabbat and leading toward Havdalah. Have your yoga mat ready and join us when we return this Fall.

A Taste of Talmud!

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Join Rabbi Stanley Davids on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. for Chevra Torah, and be part of an enthusiastic community devoted to ancient texts and the Talmud. Rabbi Davids has years of experience as a moderator and looks forward to introducing this dynamic discussion to Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Participants will engage with each other by learning Torah, its messages, and its influence on everyday life.
GLAZER AND MANN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

Children, Teachers, and Parents Come Together

The Early Childhood Centers had a year like no other, and when reflecting on the successes that came about because of the pandemic, it is clear that there is so much we have gained. Starting with the children...they have shown us how resilient they are. Children came to school with their masks on, laughing, socializing, playing, learning, and exploring with their peers while adhering to all COVID-19 safety protocols. The children investigated why clouds move, how they believe the eye works, and how shade is created.

Our teachers, the true superheroes, have grown in so many positive ways. Our Glazer and Mann staff collaborated during biweekly curriculum meetings on Zoom, creating new bonds and exchanging fantastic ideas that enhanced classroom learning environments.

Our parent body has been phenomenal, and our Parent Association presidents and their committees held numerous meetings to reimagine and create COVID-19-friendly events to bring our community together virtually. Party Book virtual events included a flower-arrangement class, a cooking class, yoga, and virtual game nights. Socials were held on Zoom, and our first Giving Campaign was very successful. The Jewish Family Celebrations committee put together a beautiful Shabbat Box Making event with bake-at-home challah.

The Directors also found innovative methods, such as Brightwheel, to maintain communication and partnership with families while parents were not on campus.

While COVID-19 made it such a challenging year in myriad ways, we embraced the community of parents, children, and administrators who worked together for our children.
They will be matriculating to the following secondary schools: Brentwood School; The Buckley School; Campbell Hall; Crossroads School; Geffen Academy; Harvard-Westlake School; Milken Community Schools; Tree Academy; Valley Preparatory School; Windward School.

**GRADUATION 2021**

*Mazal tov* to the Brawerman East and West Classes of 2021!

We are so proud of our Brawerman graduates who will continue to pursue academic excellence and Jewish values in the next stage of their lives.

Surrounded by administrators and former teachers, the Brawerman alumni class of 2015 came back to the Irmas Campus to pass the Torah and reminisce about their time as students. They sang *Hashkiveinu* and shared a final blessing to protect their journeys which lie ahead.

**Mazal tov** to the Alumni Brawerman Class of 2015!

They will be matriculating to some of the following colleges and universities:

- Colby College
- Columbia University
- Kivunim (Israel Gap Year)
- Loyola Marymount University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Rutgers University
- Scripps College
- Stanford University
- Tulane University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Colorado
- University of Indiana
- University of Michigan
- University of Southern California
- University of Wisconsin
- Washington University in St. Louis

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Meet Naomi Reem, Executive Director of Education for Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Naomi Reem, a brilliant strategic leader and Jewish educator, has spent her professional life serving the Jewish community and developing educational frameworks that provided life-changing experiences for children and their families. She will oversee and support Brawerman Elementary School and the Early Childhood Center on all of our campuses, in close partnership with the Heads of School and be responsible for increasing coordination among the Schools, the campuses, and with the Temple, as the Schools grow and thrive. Naomi was on sabbatical following an impressive 15-year tenure as Head of School at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation’s Capital, which under her leadership transformed from a small community day school in Washington, DC, to one of the top Jewish and independent schools in North America. A move to Los Angeles wasn’t something she imagined, “But when I read the job description and researched the Temple Schools, and the LA community, it seemed like a real capstone opportunity.”

What did you see in the Wilshire Boulevard Temple schools that impressed you – and what direction do you think you'll take them?

Each one of the schools provides students with an outstanding education, strong values, and excellent academic skills – and they nurture the whole child. For me, this is the basis of a superior school; you can’t just educate the brain, but social, emotional, spiritual, and physical development. Everything the team does comes from a thoughtful place, not just because it’s something that has been done or is the first plan that came to mind.

In the 10th and 20th years, schools mature as connected pieces – to join the schools and temples in a more seamless system.

What difference do you think choosing a Jewish day school over a secular one makes?

A Jewish school shows students how to ask the existential questions we grapple with within a Jewish context. It gives our students an identity to go into the world comfortable as Jews on a soul level. The skills students learn from Hebrew and Judaic studies are fully transferable to all aspects of their intellectual lives. They don’t call us “the people of the book” for no reason!

What do you see as the school’s role in addressing antisemitism?

We address this by having our students feel comfortable about who they are, having strong role models, knowing Jewish history, and seeing the value of being Jewish. We strengthen the students so when they are faced with the world being not as kind, their internal core is not threatened by it.

How has the pandemic shifted things?

How students will interact with each other after the pandemic is still to be seen. But we know that kids are resilient and they developed true grit over the past 18 months. However, the social and emotional component of education will be more needed than ever.

What was your favorite subject in school?

Hebrew language and history.

Why do you love the Hebrew language?

Hebrew is a super poetic language. It’s a very economical language; it has very few words to say a lot of things, and it’s beautiful.

Generating an affection for and commitment to Israel, a core value of our mission, remain the same even though this year it was experienced differently. Grade 6 would not be complete without the Israel trip. As with many other milestones, COVID-19 pushed us to be flexible and creative in planning it. While we couldn’t physically travel to Israel, Grade 6 students participated in an incredible virtual Israel adventure. Each day Grade 6 traveled with Elhanan, our Israeli Guide from Alexander Muss High School, to different regions and historic sites of the country. Students used virtual reality goggles to allow them a 3D experience through holy sites as if they were there from the safety of our Los Angeles campuses.

Students also got a taste of Israel as they devoured Israeli snacks and lunches daily! They met with an IDF Sergeant and even experienced some IDF training of their own with our security staff and coaches. Students made Havdalah candles and graffiti artwork inspired by Florentin. They performed Israeli dances. But they also explored different organizations in Israel committed to tzedakah. And, of course, when in Israel, you ride a real camel. So, we finished the week with a visit from Joseph the Camel. He will be remembered as a highlight of the year! While it was different, the connections made and the friendships enriched were still the same.

This experience would not have been possible without the dedication of our faculty, who remained committed to instilling a love of and appreciation for Israel even in a year when we could not physically visit. Our extraordinary faculty went above and beyond to support integrated learning in art, science, technology, dance, Hebrew, and PE to ensure our love of Israel and pride of Jewish identity remain a part of this capstone experience.

Leaning on our solid Israel core classes, when the tragic unrest erupted in Israel in May, our students were better prepared and more informed to participate in engaging discussions about the conflict. We all continue to pray for Israel’s safety, security, and peace.

GRADE 6 GOES TO ISRAEL... VIRTUALLY!

Was our Israel trip different? Yes. Was it the same? In many ways, yes.
Make Your Own Kiddush Popsicles!

There are lots of ways to spice up your Shabbat in the summer heat, but one of our favorite ideas is making Shabbat dinner more temperature-friendly. Instead of serving wine or grape juice for Kiddush, why not make grape popsicles? This quick and easy recipe can be made with or without alcoholic beverages, so it’s perfect for kids or kids at heart. Also, the refreshing take will keep you cool in the summer months.

Glorious Grape Popsicles
Recipe from Super Healthy Kids

WHAT YOU NEED
• 3 cups of seedless grapes
• A blender
• Popsicle molds

WHAT TO DO
1. Rinse your grapes and pull off the stem.
2. Place in your high-powered blender and blend until smooth.
3. Pour into popsicle molds.
4. Freeze until hard.
5. Munch on these during Shabbat dinner!

Wonderful Wine Pops
Recipe from My Crazy Good Life
Makes Four Popsicles

WHAT YOU NEED
• 1 Bottle of wine (preferably Kosher)
• Honey
• 1 Lime
• 1 Bottle of sparkling water (use the flavor of your choice.)
• Popsicle mold zip bags

WHAT TO DO
1. Pour wine and 1/2 cup sparkling water into a bowl.
2. In a small measuring cup or bowl add honey, lime juice, and the rest of the sparkling water.
3. Pour at once into a small saucepan over medium heat to make simple syrup.
4. Add the simple syrup to the wine mixture and stir well.
5. Pour into popsicle molds or bags, leaving room for expansion. If you’d rather the pops not expand as much, use filtered water instead of sparkling water.
6. Freeze a minimum of 8-10 hours, or until frozen.
7. Enjoy Shabbat!
8. Munch on these during Shabbat dinner!

5 Ways to Celebrate Tu B’Av, the Jewish Day of Love
Friday, July 23 - Saturday, July 24

First things first, what does Tu B’Av mean? Tu refers to the number 15, and Av is the name of the Jewish month. Av has historically been the month of destruction and mourning. Earlier in the month is Tisha B’Av (ninth day of the month of Av), which is the holiday commemorating the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples in Jerusalem. Tisha B’Av has historically been a bad day for Jews, on which we were expelled from many countries.

Just a few days later on Tu’B Av the tides turn. Tu’ B’Av can be traced back to the grape harvest when single women would dress in white and dance in the light of the full moon in vineyards to signal their status as being eligible for marriage. It’s been written that Tu B’Av was one of the only times a year that the 12 tribes of Israel would intermingle, making Tu B’Av the ultimate matchmaking dance party!
**A YEAR OF QUARANTINE IN NUMBERS**

We’re finally in the homestretch of our challenging time in quarantine. Even though we weren’t able to see each other in person, our temple community is as close and active as ever. During the limitations of COVID-19 Wilshire Boulevard Temple managed to hold over:

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Prior to the merger, members of the University family also had a meaningful year in quarantine. They stayed true to their commitment to Tikkun Olam and community building. Because of the congregation:

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Despite the pandemic, our schools kept their high standards of education while keeping students and staff safe. At Brawerman Elementary School, staff worked tirelessly to get:

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Today, Tu B’Av is making a comeback in Israel, where it’s celebrated as a modern Jewish Valentine’s Day with ancient roots. This holiday is an opportunity to celebrate love and its diverse expressions today. Here are a few ideas of ways to commemorate and celebrate!

1. Go dancing with friends and wear all white. Dance in the light of the moon if possible.
2. Watch a romantic movie with Jewish themes and characters. Some options include: *When Harry Met Sally*, *Indignation*, *Funny Girl*, *Disobedience*, *Dirty Dancing*, and *Keeping The Faith*.
3. If you’re having a date night at home, whip up recipes like berry labneh, latkes, or brisket. Something Jewish and romantic! Molly Yeh and Joan Nathan are a married couple of Jewish chefs who have wonderful Jewish-themed recipes.
4. Go on a date to the Jewish museum! The Skirball Cultural Center is now open to visitors with advance reservations. Their current exhibit, Ai Weiwei: Trace features fascinating art created in 2014, when the famed contemporary artist was under house arrest. The monumental display portrays activists, prisoners of conscience, and advocates of free speech from around the world. They also offer a family experience called Noah’s Outdoor Explorers which entails a self-guided nature walk, where visitors get to know diverse plant life, contribute to a community art project, and hear a timeless flood story told by a Noah’s Ark educator.
5. Go on a date night with your love. Some Tu B’Av-specific ideas include: A moonlit stroll, visiting a wine bar (to celebrate the grape harvest, of course), going out dancing—or have your own little dance party at home.
JASON LEWIN  
April 5, 2021

Jason is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Jason is the son of Sharon and Darren Lewin; the grandson of Zahava and Shimon Shapiro; Doreen and Leon Lewin.

Family Welcomers: Jared and Justin Lewin.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? The timeless idea of tikkun olam to me means to help improve the world by standing up for what I believe in, being proud to be Jewish, and trying to fully embrace my Judaism in my everyday life.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? Through acts of kindness, continuing my Jewish education, connecting with my community, celebrating Jewish holidays, visiting Israel, and volunteering with Holocaust survivors, I will continue to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities and mitzvot.

BRANDON ABRAHAMS  
April 10, 2021

Brandon is the son of Stacey and Keith Abraham; the grandson of Sheila and Robert Snukal; the late Pauline and Joseph Abrahams.

Family Welcomers: Jared and Zachary Abrahams

What does tikkun olam mean to you? To always be the best person you can be, and treat others with kindness and respect always.

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 be involved and contribute to my community.

ESTHER GOLDMAN  
April 10, 2021

Esther is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Esther is the daughter of Sarah Rettinger and Jonathan Goldman; the granddaughter of Sherry and Herb Rettinger; Greer and Jerry Goldman.

Family Welcomer: Mira Goldman, sister.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? Tikun olam is accepting that the world is not perfect and might not ever be, but we should do what we can to make the world a better place.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am committed to fighting against menstrual injustice.

MATEO JEROME LANGER  
April 10, 2021

Mateo is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School East at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Mateo is the son of Ariel Dana McNichol and Maximo Langer.

Family Welcomer: Felix Langer.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? It means that we have to treat everyone the way we want to be treated. If you were feeling down in the dumps, you would know that others will come to help you because you have helped others or would if you were able to. It’s about showing gratitude and loving care for everyone, no matter what. Justice is born in compassion.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to volunteer every time I have the chance to, and if I am still a member of Wilshire Boulevard Temple or another temple, I will volunteer for every large help event. I also plan to be a good mentor and educate my children on people’s rights, and how to protect the environment.

JACOB MILLER  
April 10, 2021

Jacob is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Jacob is the son of Karen Lazar and Michael Miller; the grandson of Arlene and Manin Lazar; the late Rose and Irving Miller.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? For my Tikkum Olam Project, I got to see different places around Los Angeles and how people live through Wilshire Blvd Temple Helps program.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would like to continue to feed people who need food and donate clothing as needed, too.

JOSHUA NASSERI  
April 10, 2021

Joshua is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School East at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Joshua is the son of Sean and Sandy Nasserii; the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Parviz Nasserii; Mr. and Mrs. Jalenus Khorsandi.

Family Welcomer: Elijah Nasserii, brother.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? My ability and turn to give back and create a positive change in the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? Currently, I volunteer when I can at the Book Foundation, and I want to participate at the HoneyBee Conservany and help save the bees and sponsor a hive.

SARA POLSTER  
April 10, 2021

Sara is the daughter of Steven Polster and Anna Farinato; the granddaughter of Dr. L. Robert and Marsha Polster; Giuseppe and Serafina Farinato.

Family Welcomer: Matteo Polster.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? Making other people happy so they can have a good life.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to helping the homeless.

COLE ANDERSON RICHTER  
April 17, 2021

Cole is the son of Raquel and Austin Richter; the grandson of Renée and David Suchowicky; Linda Richter and Brian Nunneley; Fran and Jeffrey Richter.

Family Welcomers: Mateo and Eden Richter, siblings.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means taking a look at both our ancestors and our mistakes and finding a way to reverse them. Then we can give back the beauty of the earth that we took from it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to donating to organizations that uphold ideas that I believe in. Some of these organizations include JNF, Habitat for Humanity, and Heal the Bay. I will also help raise awareness about climate change. I will eliminate the use of as much plastic as possible in my daily life. I will also try to walk or bike instead of riding in a car.

ADDISON CARSON  
April 24, 2021

Addison is the daughter of Stephanie and Jonathan Carson; the granddaughter of Connie and Don Berg; Nancy Carson and the late Irwin Carson; Arthur Lasin.

Family Welcomers: Avi and Adler Carson.

What does tikkun olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means doing my part to make the world a better place and to help educate and spread awareness about people in need. For my Mitzvah Project, I partnered with Remember Us, an organization that pairs bar/bat mitzvah students with a Holocaust survivor to remember their siblings who died in the Holocaust before becoming a bar/bat mitzvah.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to continue to find ways to help others and give back to my community. I look forward to continuing my work with Remember Us and my friendship with Ella.
What does *tikkun olam* mean to you? *Tikkun olam* means taking care of the people around me and doing good in the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? My Mitzvah Project was to collect books for kids in the foster system. This is something that I will continue to do after my bar mitzvah. I will also perform mitzvot whenever I can.

What does *tikkun olam* mean to you? To me, *tikkun olam* means trying your best to help other people if they are in need of help.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan on volunteering at shelters for animals and shelters for the homeless. Helping both with their daily needs and making them aware that there are people who care about them.

What does *tikkun olam* mean to you? To me, *tikkun olam* means fixing problems in our world and making it 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 helping people in need and fighting for what’s right.

What does *tikkun olam* mean to you? *Tikkun olam* means being kind, thoughtful, and helping those in need.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to giving back to my community, help those less fortunate, and care for the environment. I will continue to learn from others and seek out new ways to make the world a better place.

What does *tikkun olam* mean to you? To me, *tikkun olam* is to be grateful for what I have and use everything counts, even the small things.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will focus on the small things, and making other people excited, happy, and inspired. I will focus on giving support, and foundations for others to thrive on, while continuing to push in my own way, to do something big.
LEO GREGORY SHERMAN
May 15, 2021
Leo is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Leo is the son of Sima and Peter Sherman; the grandson of Alexander Kostovetsky and the late Sanyana Lebedev; Dr. Oscar and Charlotte Sherman.
Family Welcomers: Madeline Sherman and Simon Blekhman.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means bettering the world by respecting and caring for both people and animals. It also means protecting our beautiful planet, which many of us take for granted.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to dedicate my time to organizations such as the Ocean Recovery Alliance that works to reduce the amount of plastic that goes into our ocean and to healing it.

ZOE TEMKIN
May 15, 2021
Zoe is the daughter of Yana and Bradley Temkin; the granddaughter of the late Susie Temkin and Marshall Temkin; Milla Polur and Boris Eyzerovich.
Family Welcomer: Max Temkin.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? I am very grateful for all of the opportunity and privilege in my life. I think that part of tikkan olam is recognizing that not everyone has those. It’s my responsibility to help others through tzedakah and mitzvot.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would love to be a teacher or mentor to younger children. I’m very passionate about writing stories and music, and it would be amazing to pass that love to future generations. I also love working with younger children (and most of the time, the feeling is mutual!).

RILEY FRIEDMAN
May 22, 2021
Riley is the daughter of Tena and Matthew Friedman; the granddaughter of Susan and Jeffrey Friedman; the late Trudy and Arnold Rouss; and the great-granddaughter of Bobette and Lowell Friedman.
Family Welcomers: Jeremy Shuman and Nicholas, Jacob, and Charlotte Walker.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means repairing the world, which to me means doing whatever I can every day to make the world a better place and to help people. In my Torah portion, the Nazirites had to make a promise to themselves to not cut their hair, to not drink wine, and to not come in contact with the deceased. For the last year and a half I have not cut my hair, and I plan to donate my hair to Wigs for Kids, which has been providing hair-replacement systems for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, radiation, alopecia, or other medical issues at no cost to families for over 30 years.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to being an up-stander, not a bystander. I commit to recycling and taking care of the environment. I commit to helping people who are suffering, to taking care of animals, to protecting those who are less fortunate, and to being a social justice advocate.

KAYLA RING
May 15, 2021
Kayla is the daughter of Carrie and David Ring; the granddaughter of the late Helaine and the late Dr. Michael Weiss; Millie and Marvin Ring.
Family Welcomer: Dillon Ring.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means contributing my time and commitment to my community by helping others through the skills that make me who I am.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I intend to commit to making sure I don’t take anything for granted, and to always treat people with kindness and compassion.

SYDNEY LITT
May 22, 2021
Sydney is the daughter of Tana and Stefan Litt; the granddaughter of Sandra Litt and the late Stephen Litt; Devra and Clive Mervis.
Family Welcomer: Morgan Litt.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? When translated into English, tikkan olam means “repairing the world.” While that phrase is open to interpretation, to me, it means to make things better—ourselves, our community, our city, our state, and even the world. It is doing good, standing up for what is right and just, and giving to others.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would like to do charity work related to the homeless. While I am fortunate to have a home, many people are not so lucky. Everyone should be able to have a place to live or receive assistance until they get back on their feet. I would like to do my part to make this happen for others.

SOPHIA SCHUMAN
May 22, 2021
Sophia is the daughter of Chana and Justin Schuman; the granddaughter of Olga and Sal Taft; Paula Ruby and David Schuman.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? To make the world a better place and making everyone around me feel special.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to always try to be kind to everyone and stand up for what’s right. I will continue to take care of children, the elderly, and animals.

ELLA SHAFER
May 22, 2021
Ella is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.
Ella is the daughter of Galite and David Shafer; the granddaughter of Amalia and Howard Reisman; the late Joyce and the late Leonard Shafer.
Family Welcomers: Benji and Marlo Shafer.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? To me, tikkan olam means showing kindness and being respectful of other people, and donating your time to helping them when they are in need.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to volunteer at the Friendship Circle, which benefits kids who have differences to make new friends and create friendly relationships.

ROBIN CHORNA
May 29, 2021
Robin is the daughter of Gail Chorna; the granddaughter of Stephen and Lisa Chorna.
What does tikkan olam mean to you? Tikkan olam means giving back to your community and helping others in need.
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 would like to help my community by assisting others to learn about what it means to be a Jew. I would also like to work toward achieving animal rights and freedom issues.

MILLA POLUR
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Family Welcomer: Max Temkin.
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BNEI MITZVAH (CONTINUED)
What does \textit{tikkun olam} mean to you? To me, \textit{tikkun olam} means making the world a better place. Whether that means making a ton of bags filled with food and clothes for the homeless, or just simply picking up a piece of trash off the floor, both of these will make a big difference in our world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to giving any homeless person I see some food or some money. I think by doing this, I will help the community by making someone happy.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to volunteer at a homeless shelter. I have enjoyed participating in the Friends at Home program at the Friendship Circle, and I intend to continue to help bring smiles to those who are less fortunate than I am.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to continuing helping other scouts with their Eagle Scout projects till I become an Eagle Scout myself. I am looking forward to devoting time to this organization and continuing to find ways to help children with special needs.

Family Welcomer: Dr. Stephen Copen.

What does \textit{tikkun olam} mean to you? It means giving back the kindness that you were once given, out of the kindness that’s in your heart.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to using my voice to raise awareness about social issues, and to do my part in society to be a good human being.

Family Welcomer: Margaux Hochberg.

What does \textit{tikkun olam} mean to you? To me, \textit{tikkun olam} means helping all races and accepting everyone. It means helping with global warming and not just thinking of yourself, but rather thinking of doing good to help future generations.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will commit to continuing to help bring smiles to those who are less fortunate than I am.

Family Welcomer: Max Ballard.
Welcome to GenSpace

Wallis Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation are thrilled to soon welcome Wilshire Boulevard Temple members to our newest innovative community space, the Wallis Annenberg GenSpace!

ABOUT GENSPACE GenSpace is a fresh, age-inclusive community space that offers wellness, connection, and life-learning through innovative programs, partnerships, and a new national dialogue.

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VOLUNTEERING Of course, Wallis and the staff here at GenSpace can’t do it alone. So GenSpace has started to create unique opportunities for both older adults and younger volunteers to get involved. GenSpace’s volunteer program provides fulfilling opportunities to give back and help forge a new narrative in our society about what it really means to grow older.

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When we see a mezuzah, we understand that Jews live here, pray here, and signals to all who enter that a sense of Jewish identity and a commitment to Jewish values exists here. The mezuzah declares that this a holy place where love, kindness, and compassion are practiced, where Jewish education is prized, and where Jewish traditions are cherished. As we pass through our doorways, the mezuzah is a symbol of something other than ourselves — a watchful eye, inspiring our daily lives, reminding us to bring spirituality and goodness into the world. And according to the Kabbalists, the mezuzah protects the souls of the Jewish people and some say even spare us from physical harm.

Is it any wonder that so many people touch the mezuzah and then kiss their hand as they pass by? While no one is quite sure how this custom began, there are many beautiful explanations. When we place our hand upon the mezuzah, we encounter the unity of God and feel the presence of the Divine. Touching the mezuzah connects us to the *Sh’mah* and the oneness we feel with all Jews. In touching the mezuzah, we remember to take God along with us, wherever we go.

Putting up a mezuzah is not just a mitzvah, it’s a blessing. It inspires us, teaches us and enriches us. And it tells us and the world who we are.

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**The Power of the Mezuzah**

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(Deuteronomy 6:9)

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**Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Rem Koolhaas, our mezuzot are made with the following technique:**

Shin letters are water jet cut out from 2mm aluminium sheet.
Aluminium foam is first cut into the S, M, L dimensions and placed in casting boxes.
They go through a 2-step overcasting process in colour-tinted polyester resin to ensure all surfaces of the aluminium foam is infused, forming a composite material.
Colours for the resin are first mixed in big batches to ensure consistency.
The first casting step (for the bottom surface of the mezuzah) takes half a day to cure, and pieces have to be weighed down on the resin in the casting box to keep them from floating.
The shin letter is attached to the aluminium foam and the second overcasting is poured, and this cast takes around 24 hours to set properly.

Bubbles form in the chemical process when the resin cures, and the casts need to be monitored to ensure the bubbles are removed, or escaped to the surface.
Excess cured resin offset from the aluminium foam is cut, sanded, and milled away, resulting in the final dimension of the mezuzah.
The pocket and slot at the back of the mezuzah for the klaf and attachment bracket is then milled into the piece.
All surfaces are finished on wet and dry sandpaper to satin-matte.
Aluminium brackets that will be cnc milled are then attached to the back.

[How our mezuzah is made video link](https://youtu.be/iL4iQemekTo)

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Never before has a Pritzker Prize-winner designed a mezuzah. Only ninety-nine are being made for the Audrey Irmas Pavilion and ninety-nine for Wilshire Boulevard Temple members. This mezuzah is a historic, rare, and valuable family heirloom.

For more information on how to donate a mezuzah and receive one for your home, please contact Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtla.org.
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