FROM DREAM TO REALITY
AUDREY IRMAS PAVILION OPENS
We all feel a little broken sometimes. Life is like that in friendships and families, cities and nations, politics and pandemics—we act out of anxious anger, we sin, we wound, we lose each other—and then, a simple moment of humility, a loaf of rye, a call, a hug, an “I’m sorry. Please forgive me. I love you,” sets things right—a tikkun; making the world a better place and each of us, better, more humane beings.

Rabbi Steve Leder

One hundred blessings—eventhen we are suffering; even when we are in pain, or depressed, or lonely, or scared. One hundred blessings to help us recognize that even in the worst of times, the beauty and power of the natural world, the comfort of family and friends, the pleasure of study, the safe return from travel, and the healthy functioning of our bodies (just to name a few) are all treasures to be recognized and cherished.

Rabbi Susan Nanus

Our Torah has called us to action for more than 3,000 years; “Justice, justice we must pursue…” Caring for those less fortunate than we are is at the core of who we are as a people...God chose Abraham and Sarah, saying their descendants would be as numerous as the sands of the earth and the stars in the sky through justice and righteousness. If we are truly to be a light unto the nations, the only way for that light to shine is to pursue justice and righteousness, kindness and compassion.

Rabbi David Eshel

It’s so easy to let the bad obscure the good. We read the papers and watch the news. Kidnappings in Haiti, wildfires and drought across the state, a salmonella outbreak linked to onions, we’re battling systemic racism, the problems of policing, not to mention the disheartening state of our politics. And all the while the pandemic continues to rage, affecting nearly every aspect of our lives.

But, like Abraham, to be a Jew is to see the good. There’s a practice called Hakarat HaTov, which is often translated as “gratitude” but it literally means to “recognize the good,” and, while it’s not always obvious, there is so much good in our world.

Rabbi Beau Shapiro

Where you’re from and what you call ‘home’ is more than just a physical structure; it is a feeling, a state of mind, a sukkat shalom, a ‘shelter of peace’. Some rabbinic commentators suggest that God’s command to Abraham to ‘go forth’ is about his spiritual journey, not a physical one. In order to find God, Abraham first had to discover who he was and you can’t do that by staying in one place. Spiritual growth requires movement; it requires a willingness to break out of the confines of complacency and comfort and journey forth into uncharted territory.

Rabbi Joel Nickerson

When we afford the land the opportunity to reinvigorate itself, the nutrients, the very power of the soil comes back to life. We too are commanded in the Shmita year to rest, to rejuvenate our spirituality. We are directed to reconnect with our essence and have faith that in taking care of the land we are taking care of our souls, minds, bodies, and spirits...The land isn’t ours the Shmita year teaches us, we are tenants; what grows forth from any field we should never take for granted. Ever. What an amazing lesson we can connect to this past year. Humility-trust-faith.

Rabbi Elissa Ber-Naim

Torah is like a kaleidoscope. Turn it ever so slightly and something new is illuminated, and we may look in wonder as if for the first time...Amidst all the rules and details, the Torah commands, “You shall have one standard for stranger and citizen alike, for I, the eternal am your God.” The Torah’s teachings are as relevant today as they were during the time of Hillel and his disciples.

Turn yourself, again and again, and contemplate. I pray that in the turning, the light will shine through, and when it does, I pray you will be able to choose which to focus on.

Cantor Don Gurney

In troubling, scary times such as these, we Jews need to remember two things: 1.) We are all one people connected through millennia of fellowship. 2.) Antisemitism is real — and the gravest threat to every Jew. This eternal menace—and not the fleeting political issues of the day—is what we should always be most focused on and unified against. It is my strongly held belief that the only way that we can defeat the evil of antisemitism in this world, is if we, as Jews, are united...Together, we survived decades of persecution. Together we built a nation of “hope” in the desert sands...together we are Am Yisrael.

Cantor Lisa Peicott

The Thirteen Attributes are a high bar, even for God. When compassion and grace are just too much to ask of ourselves, maybe we can just ask that we, like God, be “slow to anger.” 

“May I be slow to anger,” is a wonderful phrase to utter quietly when we find our own ire rising. Perhaps in creating the modest goal of being “slow to anger,” we can create a more compassionate and gracious world.

Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro
A PICTURE IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS!

There are no words that can express the joy and engagement to be back as a religious school community. Whether on a campus or virtually, we have something for everyone!
WELCOME
Wallis Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation are thrilled to soon welcome Wilshire Boulevard Temple members in person to our newest innovative community space, the Wallis Annenberg GenSpace!

We look forward to seeing everyone on January 9 at the grand opening of the Audrey Irmas Pavilion. This will be a great opportunity for WBT members to get a first look at GenSpace; experience all our program spaces including the horticultural therapy garden, the cutting-edge Tech Bar, the arts/crafts center, the fitness room, and our digital art installation; and see our many unique age-friendly design features. Soon afterwards, we hope to open the space to the public and start daily in-person programming.

In the meantime, please read on to learn more about our current offerings, intergenerational partnerships, and community events.

GENSPACE ON-DEMAND
Lights, camera, action! GenSpace On Demand is online with a series of videos highlighting new ways for older adults to grow and thrive. From yoga to horticultural therapy, and mindfulness to cooking, our library of virtual programs will have something for everyone – providing a safe way to learn until GenSpace programming can begin in person. Stay tuned for updates – the integration of online content and in-person classes is coming soon!

GENSPACE INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
GenChats
This past summer, GenSpace and Loyola High School hosted a pilot program called GenChats – a virtual program that connected older adults and high school students to share about their lives in Los Angeles. Participants were able to participate from the comfort of their homes via phone or by video chat. Conversations ranged from daily activities to travel to family life and collective poem writing. GenSpace and Loyola High School look forward to offering a second round of GenChats later this year!

GenPals
The latest program in Wallis Annenberg GenSpace’s intergenerational learning series, GenPals aims to connect the lives and experiences of different generations. The program builds off of the success of our GenChats pilot, but through letter-writing. The program will partner new high school students with older adults for an 8-week long program, consisting of reading and writing one letter per week.

GENSPACE AND KARSH CENTER CONNECT
GenSpace is happy to announce our continued partnership with the Karsh Center to help deliver much-need services to older adults in Koreatown. GenSpace staff was excited to participate in the Karsh Center food giveaway on November 7, 2021, as well as the Big Give event on November 21, 2021. The Karsh Center is also generously providing space for the first of several free pop-ups classes meant to preview our programs in advance of our official opening on January 10, 2022. We will look to continue our partnership into the new year and beyond, finding new ways to meet the needs of GenSpace members and the greater Koreatown community.

VOLUNTEERING
We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers in 2022! GenSpace’s volunteer program provides fulfilling opportunities to help forge a new narrative in our society about what it really means to grow older. If you are interested in getting involved in this opportunity of challenging stereotypes, combating ageism, and imagining new ways forward together through dialogue, partnerships, and cutting-edge research, please fill out a volunteer application and we’ll be in touch by the beginning of 2022. Come join our Volunteer Team, have some fun and make a difference!

To achieve our mission of helping redefine the narrative about aging and older adults, the volunteer program will offer positions in program, events and community outreach, skilled volunteer instructors, and more! For questions or more information please contact Michela Ruiz at volunteer@annenberggenspace.org.

VISIT US
We are so excited to welcome you – online and soon in person! Annenberggenspace.org

For more information visit info@annenberggenspace.org or call 424-407-4023. And be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more exciting GenSpace updates.
**KARSH CORNER**

This summer, the Karsh Family Social Service Center proudly hosted our annual Back-to-School backpack event, during which Karsh Center staff and volunteers, as well as staff from the Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center provided 484 students, ages four to 17, and their families with book bags, school supplies, and grocery bags. Thanks to our Collaborators QueensCare, PACE, KEEN LA, Chrysalis, Housing Rights Center, and 24 Hour Home Care, families were also connected with resources for employment support, healthcare, housing, youth exercise, and services for youth with disabilities. Thank you to our volunteers, donors, Collaborators, and staff who brought this program to life!

Thanks to the generosity of the WBT community, the High Holiday Drive helped replenish our shelves with rice, pasta, and hygiene kits for our clients and community this September! Many of our clients rely on such pantry staples as rice and pasta, in addition to the fresh produce and proteins we provide. The hygiene kits will be distributed to our neighbors who are unhoused through our food pantry programs, as well as through our Collaborators, The People Concern. Our deep thanks to all of you who participated in the High Holiday Drive and supported our community at the Karsh Center as part of your new year.

The Karsh Center has new guidelines for our in-kind donations! We know that many of you, over this last year and a half, have tidied up at home, cleaned out closets, and moved forward into the new year with a fresh start. Now, maybe you’re looking to host a drive as part of a birthday party or b’nei mitzvah celebration! Please visit [www.karshcenter.org/in-kind/](http://www.karshcenter.org/in-kind/) to learn more about how to make an in-kind donation to the Karsh Center, and what we are able to safely accept and share with our community (as well as recommendations for some other great organizations that can help put your in-kind donations to great use).

In November, we proudly hosted Big Give Week, our annual Thanksgiving event! Thanks to our generous donors and sponsors, volunteers, and Collaborators, we were once again able to increase our distribution from 1,000 to 1,500 Thanksgiving bags, which provided a traditional Thanksgiving meal to more than 6,000 members of our community. In addition to providing Thanksgiving meals, creative volunteers prepared hundreds of children’s activity kits for children in our Family Support Program, winter kits, and of course no-sew blankets for our clients who are unhoused. We are blown away by the generosity with which the WBT and Karsh Center community showed up again this year. This Thanksgiving and always, we are grateful for you! Visit [@karshcenter](https://www.facebook.com/karshcenter) on Facebook and Instagram, and [www.karshcenter.org/big-give](http://www.karshcenter.org/big-give), to see more highlights from the week.

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**Upcoming GenSpace Community Events**

**The Wisdom Series with The Representation Project**

**Spring 2022**

The Representation Project’s Youth Media Academy students will work with older adults from GenSpace on The Wisdom Series – creating portraits, stories, and a series of short films focusing on relevant issues of the day. The Wisdom Series encapsulates core aspects of the Youth Media Academy’s mission to explore and examine social justice issues, including ageism – which fits squarely into the GenSpace’s programmatic themes of Storytelling/ Social Connection and Intergenerational Connection.

**GenSpace Pop-Ups**

**Early December-Early January**

Together with Karsh Center and the Pio Pico Library, GenSpace is working on a series of pop-ups that will replicate, in abbreviated form, the kinds of programming that we will offer full-time in 2022. Courses will include arts and crafts, and storytelling. If you or anyone you know might be interested in participating or volunteering to help facilitate, please contact our Programs department at programs@annenburggenspace.org.
Kindergarten Consecration

Together with Kindergarten families, Brawerman East Grade 4 Buddies, and Brawerman West Grade 6 Buddies, our community gathered to recognize our youngest students. Kindergarten Consecration marks the start of our Kindergarteners’ Jewish education as they begin to discover their own Jewish identity. Each year on Simchat Torah, we invite our student body along with Kindergarten families to welcome Kindergarten students into lifelong learning and exploration of their own Jewish identities. Simchat Torah is typically marked by joyful celebration and gratitude for receiving the Torah. At Brawerman, we invite our students into a Jewish education marked by joyful Judaism.

To commemorate this moment, our Grade 4 students at Brawerman East, who also serve as the Kindergarteners’ older Buddies, decorated Torah covers and presented a small Torah to each student. At Brawerman West, the Kindergarteners were presented with a mini Torah from their Grade 6 Buddies. The teachers, administrators, and Kindergarten parents then unrolled the entire Torah to “wrap” our students in its warm embrace. Kindergarten consecration is undoubtedly special for the Kindergarten students. But this moment also presents our older students with a leadership opportunity as they welcome the youngest students to Brawerman. It’s also an incredible moment for our community to come together and show our support as we bless our Kindergarten class together.

Our mission as a school is to provide an unparalleled educational experience rooted in Jewish values. As these roots take hold, we celebrate this profound moment together and look forward to our Kindergarten students continuing to blossom throughout their years at Brawerman.

BRAWERMAN ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
EDEN YADEGAR AND DAVID BEN-NAIM, CLASS OF 2015

Our graduates go on to high school and college campuses and take their love of Israel to the next level. Eden Yadegar and David Ben-Naim traveled to Israel with their Class of 2015 classmates in 6th grade and are now Columbia University Class of 2025. Their passion for Israel started in their homes, was nurtured at Brawerman, was tested and polished in high school, and now sustains the leadership in SSI- Students Supporting Israel.
The start of the school year was especially exciting for our Early Childhood Centers, as it marked the official merger of three campuses: Erika J. Glazer, Mann Family, and University Campus. Faculty and administration from all three campuses recently gathered together for Staff Orientation at the University Campus, touring the newly acquired space, discussing the school philosophy, and going over what the school year will look like. Teachers bonded and were inspired during small group discussions. The staff collectively recited the Shehecheyanu blessing, feeling the immense gratitude for being together, in person, as one greater WBTECC community to launch the school year.

While each ECC has a different location and physical space, the high-quality program and talented educators remain consistent across the board. New students were welcomed over the summer when they attended a “New Family Playdate” on campus, and parents attended, via Zoom, an Orientation Night with gift boxes that included wine and cheese. Children received outdoor Home Visits from their teachers to help make the transition to school a smooth one. Following COVID health and safety guidelines, the ECC faculty set up beautiful outdoor classrooms, utilizing every square foot of space for various provocations.

This year the Parent Association consists of six copresidents: Jayme Bolden and Emily Hakim from Mann, Ali Miller and Liz Mirkin from Glazer, and Alex Baranick and Sinta Ross from University. Collectively, the presidents and committee members have been hard at work, implementing cohesive and meaningful engagement and programming for the upcoming year.

The Baby and Me program is running at all three campuses, and parents can take classes at more than one location, whichever day and time works best for their family. Classes for the more than 120 children enrolled include many areas of cognitive development for young children, such as sensory exploration, music and movement, exploring new environments, and making new connections. Parents and caregivers will develop lifelong friendships while simultaneously bonding with their children.
Another Summer in the Mountains

Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap clap) are so excited to be returning to Buckhorn Camp in Idyllwild for Summer 2022! This past summer in the mountains was unforgettable. It filled us with joy to see kids who had been cooped up inside for many long months finally get the chance to run around in the grass, climb the rock wall, tie-dye t-shirts, shoot a bullseye, and so much more. At the end of the summer, parents shared with us that they were not just happy to have their children at home again, but overjoyed that their time at camp had restored their spirits and returned them to their full lively and dynamic selves. As we spent the summer on this campground in the fresh mountain air with stunning tall trees and endless opportunities to engage with the natural world, we knew that we wanted to return to this special place in future years.

We are immensely grateful for our ongoing partnership with Buckhorn Camp, and we are grateful for the time we have to prepare the site to fit our community’s needs even better than before. This is the first time since the fires in 2018 that we will be returning to the same site, and we are excited that we have the chance to use our experience from this year to make Summer 2022 our best summer yet!

We know that there’s a child in your life who deserves the life-changing experience of going to camp, so head to www.wbtcamps.org and register today!
Opening Celebration Postponed

Given the aggressive nature of the Omicron variant and the rising COVID case rates in Los Angeles, we have decided to postpone the congregation-wide celebration of the opening of the Audrey Irmas Pavilion until a later date.
The Brilliant Light of Chanukah

Two immensely successful in-person Chanukah Shabbat celebrations at our eastside Glazer Campus and Brentwood University Campus attracted over 600 congregants, families, and friends!

*Chanukah Aglow*, hosted by Rabbi Joel Nickerson and Cantor Lisa Peicott, filled our Glazer Campus for an unforgettable 6th night of Chanukah. In partnership with our ECC Parent’s Association, family friendly activities and games including Chanukah Cookie Decorating, Edible Dreidel Making, Karsh Gift Bag Decorating, Chanukah Bead Works, Chanukiah Ring Toss, and Sufganiyot on a String. We all joined together for our community Chanukiah lighting and enjoyed a delicious catered dinner (with plenty of latkes, of course) before the action moved into our historic sanctuary for an exciting, live, and interactive telling of the spooky holiday classic - *Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins* with our amazing Koleinu band providing the musical soundtrack.

Over at University Campus, we had a *Beary Klezmer Chanukah* celebration with Rabbi Nanus, Rabbi Eshel, Cantor Gurney and Cantor Shapiro and the UCLA Klezmer Music Ensemble. The Sisterhood hosted the dinner that, of course, included latkes and jelly donuts. They also proudly carried on their tradition of collecting towel sets, socks, and toiletries for the LA Women’s Shelter. Children enjoyed games and activities, including a cookie making station and dreidel spin. The Klezmer band led everyone into the sanctuary for a music-filled holiday Shabbat service, during which we learned about a very unusual Chanukah guest.

Between these two events - and all the celebrations in all of our schools - our campuses were lit up for Chanukah. There was truly something for everyone, in person and online.
Welcome to new Temple members...

Alison and Greg Aboovsky and their children, Alexander and Katherine... Gabrielle Reims Alexander, and her daughter Grace... Kadyin Alexander and Fredis Perez Miguel... Jonathan Barenboim and Melissa Panzer and their son, Rio... Joan Barton... Kelly Baumgarten... Lemor and Tomer Benito and their children, Natanel and Nevee... Amy and Jason Berger and their son, Charlie... Joyce and Jerry Black... Katie Botel and her daughter, Clementine... Ronald Britton... Edith and Richard (Skip) Bronson... Eleanor Curry and Brian Bulman, and their children, Davis, Isla, and Walter... Amanda Rong Geng and Eric Chayet... Jessica and Kenneth Christensen... Megan and Justin Cohen and their son, Wyatt... Jacqueline Feldman and Justin Cohen, and their daughter, Alina... Allie Burger and James Colford... David Conney... Jasmine and Michael Danielpour and their sons, Max and Leo... Brineana and Seth Dorfman and their children, Brodie and Lia... Debra Epstein... Rene and Danny Farrah and their children, Ava, Camille, and Taylor... Lindsey Berman and Aaron Fanwick and their children, Eleanor and Neys... Jana Fein... Jacqueline and Justin Feldman, and their daughter, Alina... Marcelo Figueroa... Rachel and Zachary Fine and their children, Miriam and Ursula... Holly and David Getz... Jessica and Shahn Ghadir, and their children, Charlotte, Madeline, Myles, and Sophia... Naomi Reem-Gilat and Ronen Gilat on and their children, Zee, Jonathan, and Ivy... Lindsey and Zachary Gileman and their son, Oliver... CAROLE GOLDBERG... Jennifer and Harry Golden and their daughter, Zoe... Meredith Bode and Jeffrey Gordon... Ellie and Jeffrey Gordon... Mandette and Jeffrey Greenberg... Stanley and Sheila Greenberg... Aniia Saban and Erwin Gruss and their children, Ava and Maximilian... Adam Gould... Kaitlyn and Joel Israel... Samantha and Ryan Iwamoto and their daughter, Poppy... Michelle Hawley and Robert Jackson... Dona Jones... Laura Kalb... Michael and Jackie King and their daughter, Ella... Cate Jenkins and Keith Klein and their children, Samuel and Margie... Carol and Avram Klein and their daughters, Ruby and Annabelle... Allison and Jeffrey Kleinman and their sons, Sam and Grant... Artyem Kohkan... Sherry Lansing... Michael Levi... Sheila Delshad and Andrew Levine and their daughters, Saffron and Dahlia... Stefanie and Marc Lipson and their children, Noah and Hannah... Andrea and John Lobato, and their son, Ezra... Isabella Longi... Matthew Louchheim... Yvonne Lous... Sarah Adams and Paul Lukac, and their daughters, Poppy and Lola... Michael Lushing... Karina and Stuart Manashil and their daughter, Jordana... Nanina and Sam Marder and their son, Jack... Michelle Margolin... Carol Melamed... Sharon and Simon Mendelson and their sons, Jonathan, Andrew, and Thomas... Sherry Michaels... Madison and Darin Milimeister and their son, Daxton... Alex and Yaniv Mizrahi, and their children, Ayla and Maya... Linda Golbahar and Daniel Mjema and their children, Zwa and Ayana... Gabi and Nick Molnar and their children, Elia and Jac... Jori and Joel Nagler and their son, Ethan... Bess Kargman and Matthew Orlando and their children, Ava and Max... Madeline Overmoyer... Bryce and Jason Ozur and their daughters, Londyn and Harper... Rachel Morgan and David Paletz and their daughter, Livia... Jennifer Marmor and Shane Pangburn and their son, Ezra... Alessandra and Zachary Pollack and their daughters, Beatrice and Lilah... Rachel and Adam Presser and their daughter, Sophie... Kristal Reguero... Kate and Amnon Rodan... Emily and Dustin Rosen and their son, Max... Janet and Lenny Rosenblatt... Dana Rothenthal and her sons, Brody and Remy... Adam Salzman and his son, Benjamin... Matthew Saunders... Emilin and Micah Schaffer, and their children, Felix and Zachary... Kendall and Adam Shechter and their daughter, Adina... Allie Ganz and Ethan Schiffers, and their children, Mariella and Raphaely... Teddy and Ellen Schwartz and their children, Luc, William, and Mary... Carly and Max Simon... Rebecca Sokol and her children, Ben, Nao, and Ori... Laura and Michael Solomon and their daughters, Caroline and Catherine... Emily and Brian Soloway, and their daughter, Sadelle... Nana Lolachi and David Speck and their children, Solomon and Cyrus... Errol Spiro... Britanny and Justin Sroka and their children, Emma and Liam... Deanie and Jay Stein... Alison and Steven Stein and their son, Jonah... Jessica and Zachary Steffier and their daughter, Madeleine... Lorraine Tamburino... Stephanie and Steven Teitelbaum and their sons, Levi, Eli, and Ezra... Deborah Thornburg... Ashley Vincent... Alexander and Jason Wald and their daughter, Emerson... Allison Weintraub and Todd Waldman and their children, Jacob and Emery... Michelle and Aaron Wasserman and their sons, Asher and Ethan... Erin and Kevin Weiser and their daughter, Ella... Meredith and Benjamin Winston and their daughters, Ruby and Grace... Shelby and Jonathan Woloszyn... Evan Wood... Rachel and Daniel Zar and their children, Stella and Juniper... Jesse Zarouk, and his son Asher... Elizabeth and Claude Zdanow and their son, Jordan... Brian Zipser, and his son, Eli...

Babies – Congratulations to...

Marc and Rudy Valner on the birth of their grandson, Wolf Archer Abramson... Nicole and Matthew Beresford on the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Beresford, and to big brothers, Brayden and Bryson, and to grandparents, Belinda and Bruce Pansky, and aunt and uncle, Ellen Pansky and Le Reichter... Britt Beck and Heath Binder, on the birth of their daughter, Vivienne Isla Binder, and to brothers Dominic and Leo... Demetra and Ari Chazanas on the birth of their daughter, Raffaella Rose Chazanas, and to big sisters, Valentina and Camilla... Lauren Leeds and Nicholas Donin on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Leeds Donin, and to big brother, Sam... Beth and Jan Goren on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Reed Fieldman, and to aunt and uncle, Romi and Eric Goren... Kate and Adam Fishbach on the birth of their daughter, Daisy Pearl Fishbach, and to big sister, Lily... Nan and Allan Goodman on the birth of their granddaughter, Noah Opie Goodman... Hannah Heineiman on the birth of her granddaughter, Lillian Dora Heineiman... Tamara Kagel and Brook Hinman on the birth of their daughter, Darwin McCartney Kagel Hinman, and to big brothers, Rothko and Walden... Jamie Quinn and Jake Issokowski on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Issokowski... Claudine and Jonathan Jakubowicz on the birth of their son Julien Jakubowicz... Emile and Spencer Medof on the birth of their daughter, Charlie Lila Medof, and to big sister, Rory... Pantee and Ailer Miller on the birth of their son, Micah Noah Miller... Howard and Nancy Klein on the birth of their grandson, Milo James Moelis... Samantha Gutstadt and Ran Nayot on the birth of their daughter, Eden Summer Nayot, and to big brothers, Ryder and Asher... Mo and Yoni Rosenzweig on the birth of their son, Theodore Joshua Rosenzweig, and to big brothers, Oliver and Noah... Robin and Seth Kugler on the birth of their grandson, Grant Mandel Schneider... Bena Bloom and Robert Klyman on the birth of their granddaughter, Breanne Schott, and to great-grandmother, Sandy Klyman... Sydney and Daniel Seehoff on the birth of their son, Asher Zane Seehoff... Casey and Alexander Shaftal on the birth of their son, Jamie August Shaftal, and to big sister, Penny... Carrie Steinberg and Jacob Shapiro on the birth of their daughter, Sienna Bea Shapiro, and to brother, Luca... Brooke and Ben Siskin on the birth of their son, Oliver Lior Siskin... Baille Gerstein-Vigon and Barry Vigon on the birth of their daughter, Shane Eliah Vigon... Karen Yenosky and William Askins on the birth of their daughter, Taylor Lee Yenosky, and to big sisters, Cheyenne and Paisley...

Condolences...

Stephen and AREZOU BERGHOFF on the death of her grandmother, Valentine Amid, and to great-grandchildren, Jonah, Leo, and Lola... Nechmad Ben-ISHAI on the death of his wife, Anat Ben-Ishai... Julie and Tony Behrstock, on the death of his father, Roger Behrstock, and to grandchildren, Hogan, Quinn, and Riley... JILL SHULMAN and Mark Borden, on the death of their mother, Ruth Borden... Janey and Zach Schwartz, on the death of his aunt, Naomi Brennan, and to great-nieces, Ava and Zoe... Norman CHANES and Ronnie Shapiro on the death of his mother, Mildred Chanes... Friends and family of Sandra Chatkine... Elaine Cohen on the death of her husband, Earl Cohen, and to daughter, Debbie and Scott Oppenheim, and to granddaughters, Jaidyn and Jenna... Jeffrey and Lisa Cohen on the death of his father, Norman Cohen, and to grandchildren, Cameron and Justin... Stephen COPEN and Naghmeh Malhaki on the death of his mother, Phyllis Copen, and to grandchildren, Elliot and Samuel... Jodi and Michael Price... Jenna and Jason Grofeld on the death of their grandmother, Ruth Davidson, and to great-grandchildren, Ellia, Georgia, Jack, Alex, Janie, and Jay... Friends and family of Joan Hoffman Levine Eichberg... Joseph Fischer on the death of his wife, Edith Fischer, and to daughters, Sara and Nora... Rick and Susan Frankel on the death of his uncle, Marvin Frankel, and to great-nephews, Andrew, Jeffrey, and Matthew... Jamie and Doug Lynn on the death of her grandmother, Joyce Friedman, and to great-granddaughters, Eden and Talia... Bonnie Clark on the death of her father, Nathaniel Friedman... Dana and Rich Pachulski on the death of her father, Edward Gelb, and to grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicola... Friends and family of Gloria Gold... Lisa and Marc Goldberg on the death of his father, Warren Alan Goldberg, and grandson, Jake... Karen and Russell Goldsmith, Bruce Goldsmith on the death of their mother, Elaine Goldsmith, and grandchildren, Anne, Brian, Benjamin, and Claire, and great-grandchildren, Edward and Eliza... Friends and family of Jean Grossman... Courtney Haklitz and Steven Marris on the death of their father, Robert Haflett, and to grandparents, Tate and Sawyer... Todd and Jami Kaltman on the death of his mother, Wini Kaltman, and to grandchildren, Ryan and Taylor... Blair and Aaron Kaplan on the death of their nephew, Ben Kaplan, and to great-nephew, Blake, and to great-nieces Dafne and Jaden... Marlene Bronson on the death of her brother, Joel Martin Karp... Stephanie Barbanell and Jerry Bass on the death of their cousin, Martin Kaufman...

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**Now that our Wilshire Boulevard Temple community has grown, there are so many more opportunities to come together with new and old friends alike. Here are two special groups that can offer you a place to learn, make new friends, and become an active member of the community.**

**Women of Wilshire**

The mission of *Women Of Wilshire* is to promote friendship and connection among women Temple members who are 50 and older. Our programs and events, both virtually and in-person, include museum trips, hikes, speakers, cooking classes, dinners, film screenings, game nights, bike rides, and other activities that enrich lives through cultural and intellectual pursuits.

All of the programs are conceived and implemented by volunteers, and event times are varied to accommodate the busy lives that women over 50 lead.

As part of the program, we encourage women Temple members to join the Steering Committee to help plan events.

The most important aspect of *Women of Wilshire* is that it is a fun way to get to know other congregants. New friendships are formed as we make an effort to facilitate connection at both big and small events. Nobody feels alone when they come.

If you are interested in *Women of Wilshire* and would like to learn more about our programs, we invite you to contact Linda Brown at lkbrown1024@gmail.com or Peggy Davis at peggy.davis5@icloud.com.

**Wilshire Boulevard Temple Sisterhood**

WBT Sisterhood invites the women of Wilshire Boulevard Temple to get to know us! Whether you are looking to make new friends or get more involved, there is a warm and caring place for you in Sisterhood. WBT Sisterhood seeks to reflect the diversity of our congregation - women of varied backgrounds, ages, and interests.

As we assimilate into our new temple community, we are busy making plans to celebrate the Jewish holidays, have fun, and learn together. We are currently planning a Tu B’shevat zoom, a spring concert and a mahjongg meetup in February - don’t forget to purchase your mahjongg cards from us! [www.wbtl.org/mahjongg](http://www.wbtl.org/mahjongg)

Sisterhood also supports Daybreak, The People Concern’s women’s interim housing program in Santa Monica where we provide monthly lunches, holiday towel sets, and amenities, and host holiday parties for the residents.

If you would like to learn more about WBT Sisterhood, we welcome you to drop into our open meetings at the University Campus at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month or contact Cindy Lederer, WBT Sisterhood President at wbtsisterhood@wbtl.org.

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**ZIMRAH: A New Shabbat Experience**

ZIMRAH is an immersive Shabbat experience in Jewish cultures from around the world. Explore the beauty and diversity of the heritage that is OUR inheritance through music, story, and food.

The melodies that you will hear at Zimrah will be familiar to you, but will be layered with indigenous beats and instruments from cultures outside the U.S. From Ethiopia, to Syria, to Argentina, we will celebrate *Klal Yisrael* in our many different cultures in diaspora.

Each Zimrah experience will have two parts – one speaking to the mind, and one speaking to the soul. Part 1: A zoom discussion during the week prior will include a leading expert in conversation and Part 2: Our service on Friday evening will include LA-based master musicians with roots or expertise in the featured culture.

Our Zimrah Shabbat experiences are available for viewing on our YouTube Channel. Stay tuned for more Zimrah Shabbat in 2022!

We can’t wait to share the beauty of our diverse culture with you.
What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? I believe that as Jews, we have a responsibility to our community and to our world. We have a responsibility to help others, to speak up for what is right and for those who don’t have a voice, and to do our best to help heal and repair the world we live in. I believe I have the ability to effect positive change, and I am committed to doing just that.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to help by volunteering at and donating to the Los Angeles Food Bank. The L.A. Food Bank provides essentials like food and water to the homeless and others who cannot afford them, and I love the idea of giving food to those who need it to have a better and healthier life.

LINDEN AZAD
August 14, 2021
Linden is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Linden is the daughter of Dr. Jack and Mrs. Sally Azad; the granddaughter of Mr. Matt and Mrs. Lida Mandel; the grandson of Helen Mizrahi; Jack, the late Lynn Mandel, and the late Rhoda Mandel.

Family Welcomers: Avery, Dean, and Aaron Azad.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? I wake up in the morning and before you think about what you have with others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to help heal the world by continuing my mitzvah project Tales to Tails, with a goal to help younger readers feel more comfortable with their reading by reading to animals. Once COVID restrictions allow, we will also be organizing older kids reading to shelter animals to help them cope with living in shelters. I have a very big connection with animals, and I love helping others, so being able to combine both of those into one big project is my way of helping the world. In the future I would like to help animal shelters and rescue, but right now I would like to work more on Tales to Tails and helping young readers.

IRA ROOTMAN
August 14, 2021
Ira is the son of Jessica Cowley and Daniel Rootman; the grandson of Jack and Jenny Rootman, Joanne Cowley, and Peter Cowley.

Family Welcomers: Edie Rootman, Jordan Wener, and Solomon Wener.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means giving back to people who are less fortunate than you are, and also being aware of your privilege and making sure that you share what you have with others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I’d like to always be kind to people and have a positive attitude as I roam the world.

BROOKE BRODER
August 21, 2021
Brooke is the daughter of Merav and Aaron Broder; the granddaughter of Shelli and Bill Broder, and Carmela and Don Sheller.

Family Welcomers: Aidan and Talia Broder.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I have always looked forward to embracing our family’s tradition of helping the homeless people in our community. With the COVID outbreak, there has been an increase in the number of homeless in our community. It’s been a bit overwhelming, but creating backpacks that include necessities like socks, water, nutrition bars, soap, and whatever else I can get donated by our community has made me feel better about trying to help the situation. In the spirit of Tikkun Olam and in an effort to help provide support for so many people less fortunate than I, I hope to continue to find ways to help improve the homelessness problem in our neighborhood and in Los Angeles, in general.

DEVON COHEN
August 21, 2021
Devon is the son of Stacie and Aaron Cohen; the grandson of Jacqueline Lowenberg, Dr. David Lowenberg, Philip and Lynn Shipper, Caroline Cohen, and Larry Cohen.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means helping those in need. Unfortunately, there are too many people who do not have enough of the essentials to live. When COVID is over and things return to normal, I hope to help give back to help with this problem.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I’m going to keep doing the same things: I have always been doing, only bigger and better things, while I also do my best to encourage others to do the same. As a matter of fact, if you are reading this, I challenge you to donate $18 right now to any one of the Temple Funds you will see on the next pages—I’m a big fan of the Camp Operations Fund—but you choose the one closest to your heart. Tell them Grady sent you!

GRADY GREENE
August 21, 2021
Grady is the son of Kimberly and Todd Greene; the grandson of Gerald and Kathleen Weiner, Linda Johnson, and the late Sheyla Greene.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? I have begun to heal the world in many ways, most recently by creating a PPE factory in our home for frontline medical workers at the start of the pandemic. My family, my rabbis, and my teachers have always encouraged me to step up and step out in support of the causes and issues that mean the most to me and have the greatest impact on the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I’m going to keep doing the same things: I have always been doing, only bigger and better things, while I also do my best to encourage others to do the same. As a matter of fact, if you are reading this, I challenge you to donate $18 right now to any one of the Temple Funds you will see on the next pages—I’m a big fan of the Camp Operations Fund—but you choose the one closest to your heart. Tell them Grady sent you!

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What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means to help those in need and do good things when possible, such as distributing meals, blankets, and clothing to the homeless and donating money to organizations that help to get people off the street and into good homes and prominent jobs.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? As I become a bat mitzvah, I will commit to volunteering at homeless shelters and doing good things for my community so I can help make the world a better place. My goal is to leave the world at least somewhat better than I found it by doing little mitzvahs along the way.

**JONAH SHAPIRO**  
*August 28, 2021*

Jonah is the son of Howard and Haleda Shapiro; the grandson of Mansour and Lili Keypour and the late Sam and Sylva Shapiro.

**Family Welcomers:** Zev and Noa Shapiro.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? Doing your part to make 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 will always be trying to help the homeless in any way I can.

**ETHAN WENOKUR**  
*August 28, 2021*

Ethan is the son of Hila and Jeremy Wenokur; the grandson of Barbara and Mickey Wenokur and Bianca and Dov Buniak.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means to make the world a better place. We should protect the earth’s natural resources while giving people access to housing, clean air, and water.

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 not waste food and electricity. I think this will make the world a better place.

**ELLE CITRON**  
*September 4, 2021*

Elle is the daughter of Allison and Brian Citron; the granddaughter of Howard and Sandra Weissman and the late Richard and Phyllis Citron.

**Family Welcomer:** Richard “Rocky” Citron.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means to help people throughout the world, in good times and bad. I want to continue to do my part to make the world a better place and to keep pushing and striving to become a better person.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to do my best throughout my life, in school, in the world, and at home. I will keep striving for greatness and loving all this world has to offer. I am so excited to finally become a bat mitzvah!

**JORDAN FREUND**  
*September 4, 2021*

Jordan is the son of Nina and Steven Freund; the grandson of Linda and Jim Freund, Rabbi Hirshel, and the late Judi Jaffe.

**Family Welcomer:** Justin Freund.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means doing good in the world. Whether it’s being a good friend or helping a complete stranger. It means treating everyone with kindness and respect.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? My Torah portion is a lesson about staying strong and resilient. I am committed to always staying true to who I am, and staying strong.

**JOSHUA LOVE**  
*September 4, 2021*

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

Joshua is the son of Avril and Dwayne Love; the grandson of Sonia and Shelly Gros and Heidi Riedel.

**Family Welcomer:** Naomi Love.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? *Tikkun Olam* means doing your part.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will work with an animal-rescue organization to help save shelter animals.

**HALEY SIMON**  
*September 4, 2021*

Haley is the daughter of Debbie Simon; the granddaughter of Laura Simon and the late Alfred Simon.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means “world repair,” and for me that means making the world a better place, helping those who are less fortunate, and working hard to make sure everyone is treated with respect, love, and kindness.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am committing to working as hard as possible to help solve the problem of food insecurity. I am extremely fortunate, and I am committing to helping people who are suffering from food insecurity.

**SLOANE WEINSTEIN**  
*September 4, 2021*

Sloane is the daughter of Norah and Brian Weinstein; the granddaughter of Mary Lynn Gottfried and the late Howard Gottfried and Wendy and Ira Weinstein.

**Family Welcomer:** Graham Weinstein.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? *Tikkun Olam* means giving back to people who aren’t as fortunate as you. It also means giving back to your community, family, and everyone around you.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope that I can continue valuing *Tikkun Olam* after my bat mitzvah and also for the rest of my life. Both my parents have started nonprofit organizations that give back to children in need, and I hope I can follow in their footsteps. As a soccer player, I care a lot about youth sports. To play soccer competitively, we have to buy new jerseys every season and new cleats every time our feet grow, as well as pay to travel to games across the country. I hope I can help all children experience the beauty of playing sports by getting them the necessities to play the games that we all love.

**ALEXA GOLDMAN**  
*September 11, 2021*

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

Alexa is the daughter of Margo Freedman and David Goldman; the granddaughter of Judy Freedman, the late Burton Freedman, and Hedda and Lewis Goldman.

**Family Welcomer:** Andrew Goldman.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? *Tikkun Olam* is accepting that the world is complex and forever evolving, and that we, regardless of our differences, need to come together as a community to take care of and cherish it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to educate myself about the world and people in need, so that I can make a difference in people’s lives.

**DEVYN SHERMAN**  
*September 11, 2021*

Devyn is the daughter of Alison and Matt Sherman; the granddaughter of Nancy and Steven Lippman and Geri and James Sherman.

**Family Welcomers:** Jackson and Caroline Sherman.

What does *Tikkun Olam* mean to you? It means giving back to the community, to treat everyone with love, kindness, and respect no matter what they are going through. It also means trying my best to make the world a better place for the people around me and leaving it better than I found it for future generations.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope to work within the community to help those less fortunate than I, and to make a positive impact on those whose lives have become even more challenging due to the pandemic.

**PIPER BRYMAN**  
*September 18, 2021*

Piper is the daughter of Gary and Jill Bryman; the granddaughter of Susan Bryman and David Bryman.
CAROLINE MACOMBER  
September 18, 2021
Caroline is the daughter of Annie Weisman Macomber and Bill Macomber; the granddaughter of Michael and Betsy Weisman.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? It means helping leave the world a better place than you found it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a b’nei mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to helping the environment by talking about climate change, and helping make a difference in preventing the further warming of the planet. On a personal scale, I commit to helping care for trees and plants around my home and neighborhood. I also commit to helping fight for gender equality.

ALEXIS SACKLER  
September 18, 2021
Alexis is the daughter of Samantha and Eric Sacker; the granddaughter of Tani Sacker and Allen Sacker.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? My understanding of Tikun Olam means changing the world by making it a better place. The world is not going to change on its own, so that means we humans have to make a change in the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Donate to people in need and to make them happy. What I think will help this cause is buying blankets and pillows for cold days and nights, sleeping bags so they can sleep comfortably, socks/underwear, hair products, such as hair brushes or combs. Other things that I can donate are toothpaste and toothbrushes, and hand sanitizer, especially for the times we are in right now. I can donate my old toys so I can give them to kids that don’t have any toys. I will even have different-size face masks to help kids and adults stay safe and healthy. I can also go through my closet and pick clothes that don’t fit or clothes that I will never wear, and then I can donate them to people who need them. The reason I chose to do this and help this cause is because they are humans just like us, and if you were in their situation you would want a helpful hand too. It will also make me feel good, because it will make a lot of people happy. I think that if I do this it will make a big change in a lot of people’s futures.

JAYSON SACKLER  
September 18, 2021
Jayson is the son of Samantha and Eric Sacker; the grandson of Tani Sacker and Allen Sacker.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? It means world repair, and world repair of social actions. It means that if you don’t do anything, the world would turn for the worst. But if you do something like bedakah, helping people, being kind, and helping the environment, the world will make a turn for the better.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to do things that I learned from my Hebrew studies and family. From the moment I can remember, my parents taught me that having things is a blessing, and when you are able to give, you should. For my birthday, instead of gifts, I will continue to ask for donations to help the homeless youth with the costs of shelter, food, and school supplies. When I visited the L.A. Youth Network, I met kids and spent time with them. I will continue to visit because I learned so much from them. They might be homeless, but they are grateful, hardworking, and determined to make a better life for themselves. Meeting them really helps me see that I should never take things for granted and continue to strive to be the best person I can be. You can always be better, whether it is academically or as a friend. Being a good person in society is important. To listen to people and to work through things they may need, listening and taking a minute to hear the needs of others and put their feelings first. We must never turn away from issues but face them and work hard to create a better tomorrow for everyone in the world. I will always find time to clean out my closet and donate my clothes and toys that others could use to make their life better. As I get older I will continue to work hard to find charities that I can invest my time with that will make a difference for children who need help. This is really important to me, and I know that this will carry on to my children as I will teach them how I feel about giving to others.

DELILAH RUDNICK  
September 18, 2021
Delilah is the daughter of Jonathan Rudnick and Gina Rudnick; the granddaughter of Robert Rudnick and the late Saralee Rudnick, the late Charles Brucks, the late Patricia Brucks, and the late Pawel Boosdahki.

Family Welcomer: Pearl Rudnick.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? Giving to others who are less unfortunate.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Continue to help others and being committed to making the world a better place.

LEVI KARATZ  
September 25, 2021
Levi is the son of Lindsey and Matthew Karatz; the grandson of Lilly and Bruce Karatz, Janet Dreisen Rappaport and Herb Rappaport, and Abra and Howard Edelman.

Family Welcomers: Sam and Izzy Karatz.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? Now more than ever, this to me, means that we are all one together and we must all take care of each other.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I would like to practice and spread kindness more than I have done in the past. I would like to encourage my family and friends, by my leadership, to be kind to every stranger, and even practice more patience and kindness with those who think differently than myself.

TESSA MICHAELIS  
September 25, 2021
Tessa is the daughter of Beth and Rob Michaels; the granddaughter of Marilyn and Richard Wohinie and the late Lorraine and Herb Michaels.

Family Welcomers: Siena Michaelis.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? It means healing the world. I believe that every person has the ability to make the world a better place. It is our job to look at the injustices of the world and find a way to right them.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to make sure that people living on the streets have their basic needs met. Whether it is just food and water, or a shelter to stay in, they should be able to have the supplies that they need available to them. I want to volunteer my time to make sure that this becomes a reality.

ALEXANDRA PRAW  
September 25, 2021
Alexandra is the daughter of Stephanie and Doug Praw; the granddaughter of Terri and Michael Smooke and Heidi and Albert Praw.

Family Welcomer: Maya Praw.

What does Tikun Olam mean to you? Tikun Olam is the responsibility we have as Jews to create positive change in the world. It is my commitment to our community to help others in need.
What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will make it a priority to continue doing service projects to benefit our community and those in need. I will perform these service projects with my family, through my school’s service program, and also independently. For my mitzvah project, I will be collecting books for School on Wheels, which provides school supplies to underprivileged children. And since I love to read, I want to share that gift with their students. After this book drive, I would like to become more active in organizations that support social justice movements.

LIA SCHWARTZ  
September 25, 2021
Lia is the daughter of Mele and Jeff Schwartz; the granddaughter of Latti and Maurice Liss and Harriette and Jerry Schwartz.

Family Welcomer: Jaden Schwartz.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means it’s my generation’s responsibility to commit to making changes, no matter how big or small, to better this world. We all can do our part to help! It’s important to get involved in something that you are passionate about.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will continue to be involved in my community and in community outreach.

REDMOND SKLAYER  
September 25, 2021
Redmond is the son of Wendi and Sam Sklaver; the grandson of Laura and Gary Sklaver, Nancy McBride, and the late Steven Butterworth.

Family Welcomers: Edie, Ben, and Goldie Sklaver.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To leave something better than how it was when you found it. Tikkun Olam is to add goodness into the world. It can be as simple as planting a tree or as grand as creating a nonprofit organization to build wells in Africa, like my uncle Ben Sklaver did before he tragically passed away. The world becomes better when you accomplish Tikkun Olam.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am committed to volunteer at places such as the Karsh Center and to donate to charities and nonprofits.

AERIN COHN  
October 2, 2021
Aerin is the daughter of Marina and Adam Cohn; the granddaughter of Wendy and David Glass and Dayle and Abram Zukor.

Family Welcomers: David and Charles Cohn.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? With the Los Angeles community still being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was important to me to do something to help the homeless veterans. I will be creating COVID kits filled with necessities essential for the veterans during COVID and visiting the VA to deliver them.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to continue helping the veterans, as my school has programs with the VA, donating time and effort to anyone in desperate times of need, and helping the greater community.

ISABEL ESHEL  
October 2, 2021
Isabel is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Family Welcomer: Eli Eshel.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Doing our part to make the world a better place. By making it better for others, we make it better for ourselves. But we cannot just talk about it. We need to act. Even by working in our own local community, we affect the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am going to continue my Jewish education and take leadership roles in my community.

LINCOLN HILL  
October 2, 2021
Lincoln is the son of Charles Hill and Amy Lerner-Hill; the grandson of Susan Lerner, Perry Lerner, Nancy Hill, and James Hill.

Family Welcomers: Winston and Juniper Hill.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means following in my family’s footsteps by giving to those who need things more than I do.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to help veterans who have been mentally or physically wounded.

LUCAS O’CONNOR  
October 2, 2021
Lucas is the son of Stephen and Lina O’Connor; the grandson of Naum and Bella Lantsman, Claire Schechter, and Joe O’Connor.

Family Welcomer: Alex O’Connor.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? I feel that Tikkun Olam represents the need for improved rights and social justice. It is an act of kindness to repair our world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to helping the environment in any way I can. Our world is ever changing and whatever we can do to keep a habitable environment should be done.

ZACK FIGLIN  
October 9, 2021
Zack is the son of Dr. Robert Figlin and Dr. Karen Reckamp; the grandson of Otiline Reckamp and the late Ken Reckamp, and the late Jack and Helen Figlin.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? That I am able to use what I have to help others who are not as fortunate, including those who are homeless and hungry.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will volunteer at the Karsh Center and help others.

JESSICA LIPSHUTZ  
October 9, 2021
Jessica is the daughter of Tamara Horwich and Gerry Lipshutz; the granddaughter of James Horwich, Ada Horwich, Herman Lipshutz, and Phyllis Lipshutz.

Family Welcomer: Zachary Lipshutz.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? That I must give back and help to repair our world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to helping animals in need and will continue to volunteer with Best Friends Animal Society of Los Angeles.
What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To repair the world not only for yourself but for the community—and everyone who will benefit.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will take this experience of becoming bar mitzvah and use it to help teach others, and I will apply the persistence I learned to better help my community.

LILIA JAYE SHANE
October 9, 2021
Lilia is the daughter of Kimberly and Scott Shane; the granddaughter of Carole and Gary Lazar, Cindy and Irwin Kroiz, Lynne Solomon, Arnold Solomon, and Mary Jo and Paul Shane.

Family Welcomer: Levi Shane.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Putting into practice the Torah’s lessons to help 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 would like to raise money to provide opportunities for children to attend summer camp who would not otherwise be able to do so.

BRIELLE KINGSTEIN
October 16, 2021
Brielle is the daughter of Laurie and Kevin Kingstein; the granddaughter of Sharon and Sidney Moss and Karen and Terry Kingstein.

Family Welcomer: Doris Kingstein.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means to be kind to others and to the world. It means to treat everything around you with respect.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to look out for others and treat others the way I’d like to be treated. I also plan to stand up for others if I see people being treated poorly.

FIONA KINGSTEIN
October 16, 2021
Fiona is the daughter of Laurie and Kevin Kingstein; the granddaughter of Sharon and Sidney Moss and Karen and Terry Kingstein.

Family Welcomer: Doris Kingstein.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? The way I see it, Tikkun Olam means giving back to our community and the people in it, in any way you can. Tikkun Olam is also making sure that when you know you can do something to help someone else, you do it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I hope to do my best to help other people through the difficult times in their lives. I want to support groups of people and individuals who are being persecuted in our community.

CHLOE MANSFIELD
October 16, 2021
Chloe is the daughter of Jon Mansfield and Gini Ghods.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means to help the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to helping those in need whenever possible and hopefully to always be a positive influence to everyone around me.

ETHAN BRYCE POLAK
October 16, 2021
Ethan is the son of Lauren Reisman and Jeff Polak; the grandson of Joanie Reisman and the late Louis Reisman and Janet and David Polak.

Family Welcomer: Alexa Polak.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? I volunteered with the Friendship Circle, helping Jewish children with special needs.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I will keep using my Jewish values to give back.

SASHA SLOAN
October 16, 2021
Sasha is the daughter of Kelly and Matthew Sloan; the granddaughter of Barry and Donna Bernstein and Sheila and the late Richard Sloan.

Family Welcomers: Jonah and Sophie Sloan.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It’s about helping people in need and me doing things that can help their day be brighter.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am committed to help feed people in need and provide clothes to children in foster care.

RYAN HOWARD
October 23, 2021
Ryan is the son of Jennifer and Andy Howard; the grandson of Sharilyn and Robert Fields and Roger and Linda Howard.

Family Welcomers: Josh and Brooke Howard.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To help the community and take responsibility for caring for others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? Helping those in need who are less fortunate.

MAYA LANDA
October 23, 2021
Maya is the daughter of Jon and Dani Landa; the granddaughter of Belle and Ed Landa.

Family Welcomers: Olivia and Chase Landa.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means repair of the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to focus on volunteering as much as I can, and helping fight climate change.

SPENCER MILKEN
October 23, 2021
Spencer is the son of Hillary and Lance Milken; the grandson of Gerry and Herb Greenman and Lori and Michael Milken.

Family Welcomers: Maddie and Alice Milken.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It is important to give back to the community, environment and people who are less fortunate. Like helping the homeless and planting trees.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bar mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to use some of my Bar Mitzvah money to plant trees in Israel.

WILLA SCHUON
October 23, 2021
Willa is a graduate of Brawerman Elementary School West at Wilshire Boulevard Temple.

Family Welcomer: Layla Schuon.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It’s the understanding that we are all part of a bigger world, and our actions can have major consequences. I want to be a change for good in the world, which means starting in my own city.

What do you commit to doing after you become a bat mitzvah to make the world a better place? Before the pandemic, I volunteered at The People Concern in Santa Monica, making lunches and distributing them to homeless men and women. I liked actually making the lunches and then handing them to people personally. I learned that there are people of all ages who suffer from homelessness. I look forward to returning to People Concern as soon as we are able.
What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means doing everything in your power to help other people and the world.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After I become a Bar Mitzvah, I will continue working with and supporting the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled. I believe in their goal of empowering children with physical disabilities through sports.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means helping those in need.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bat Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan on volunteering time and mentoring kids with learning differences with the game of basketball.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means helping people who are less fortunate than us and making 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 will continue helping the homeless and families who are struggling. I will continue volunteering and helping out in the best way I can, including at the People Concern, the Karsh Center, and UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bat Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to work on homelessness and women's rights.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means helping people who are less fortunate than us and making 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 promise to donate and volunteer at animal shelters to help animals find a home.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bat Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I want to become more active in saving the planet and helping with climate change.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means doing everything in your power to help other people and the world.

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What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to continuing to do volunteer work with my charities like Make a Wish, and making sure I help others whenever I can.

Family Welcomer: Asher Zlotnick

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? Tikkun Olam means doing things in your community to make sure everyone is stronger together and not just thinking about yourself.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I am going to continue collecting lightly used hockey equipment for donation to youth sports programs benefiting Mitzvah.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? It means 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 would help in making collections of food to give to shelters in need.

Family Welcomers: Daniel Seizer and David Seizer

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means making the world a better place through acts of kindness.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? Have you ever met a little kid with cancer? It’s really sad to see how much suffering they go through. At the same time, it also makes you feel good to know that they are still hopeful. Every year since I was 5 years old, I participate in an event at UCLA called Dribble for the Cure. People always want to sponsor us because it’s a great cause. All the money goes to research. I am proud to be a part of this event because it means a lot to the kids that people care and I want to help find a cure.

Family Welcomer: Ty Kravetz

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means mending the world and improving it.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? After I become a Bar Mitzvah I am going to continue collecting lightly used hockey equipment for donation to youth sports programs benefiting those who can’t afford to play ice hockey.

Family Welcomers: Griffin Feller and Hadley Feller.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means giving yourself to improve the lives of others.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to commit to my B’nei Mitzvah by helping the homeless in Los Angeles.

Family Welcomer: Lilly Waters

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means going the extra mile in doing something for the community to make it better.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I plan to do more service projects for the community, and be more kind to everyone. I want to be able to make people happy and make their days even a little bit better.

Family Welcomer: Loralee Murad.

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To give and not to expect to receive. It helps me appreciate everything I have when I help others in need and know that I made a difference in their lives.

What do you commit to doing after you become a Bar Mitzvah to make the world a better place? I commit to doing random acts of kindness everyday and not expecting anything in return.

Family Welcomer: Aida Maron

What does Tikkun Olam mean to you? To me, Tikkun Olam means helping less fortunate people with acts of kindness.

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