



WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

HIGH HOLY DAYS

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SELICHOT

Saturday, September 28

OS 6:15 p.m. A Community Selichot

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, October 2

G 5:00 p.m. Evening Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, October 3

G 8:30 a.m. Morning Service (Open Seating)

R 8:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service #1

G 9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Service (ECC - Grade 1)

G 11:30 a.m. Morning Service (Reserved)

R 12:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Service #2

G 3:00 p.m. Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)

SECOND-DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, October 4

R 9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Service (ECC - Grade 1)

I 10:00 a.m. Morning Service

R 11:00 a.m. Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)

TASHLICH

Sunday, October 6

OS 4:30 p.m. Tashlich at the Beach

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G Glazer Campus - Piness Auditorium
G Glazer Campus - Sanctuary
G Glazer Campus - Sports Complex
R Resnick Campus
I Irmas Campus
OS Offsite

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 EREV ROSH HASHANAH	3 ROSH HASHANAH	4 SECOND-DAY ROSH HASHANAH	5
6 TASHLICH	7	8	9	10	11 KOL NIDREI	12 YOM KIPPUR
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KOL NIDREI

Friday, October 11

G 5:00 p.m. Koleinu Service

R 5:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service #1

G 8:00 p.m. Evening Service (Reserved)

R 8:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service #2

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, October 12

R 8:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Service #1

G 8:30 a.m. Koleinu Service

G 9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Service (ECC - Grade 1)

G 11:30 a.m. Morning Service (Reserved)

R 12:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Service #2

G 2:30 p.m. Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)

G 4:30 p.m. Mincha/Yizkor/Neilah Service

R 4:30 p.m. Mincha/Yizkor/Neilah Service

SUKKOT

Friday, October 18

G 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Shabbat

R 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Shabbat

SHEMINI ATZERET

Thursday, October 24

R 10:00 a.m. Yizkor Service

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 25

G 6:00 p.m. Honoring Nova: A Music Festival Simchat Torah Experience

R 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Shabbat



KOLEINU SERVICES

5:00 pm Kol Nidrei
8:30 am Yom Kippur Day

Koleinu, meaning “our voices,” is a soulful, prayerful, meaningful, and musical experience that honors our traditions and incorporates contemporary elements. These services foster active participation and joyful engagement within our community. Insightful teachings and an inspiring sermon further enrich the experience, deepening our connections with the clergy and each other.



RESERVED AND OPEN SEATING SERVICES

Our High Holy Day services feature multiple musicians, a choir, and a blend of classic and sacred melodies combined with a hint of modern pieces. These services embody the grandeur of our sanctuaries at the historic Erika J Glazer Campus and the newly renovated Resnick Family Campus. Enjoy short teachings and interpretations of the holiday prayers throughout the service and an inspiring sermon.

FAMILY SERVICES

Led by a combination of Rabbis, Cantors, and a songleader, our family services are fun for the whole family!

The ECC - Grade 1 services are full of singing, dancing, and joy. These services will last approximately 45 minutes.

The Grade 2 - Grade 6 services are aimed to keep children engaged and bring in thoughtful teaching strategies. These services are less than 1.5 hours in length.

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L'SHANAH TOVAH

The High Holy Days are a special time for reflection and renewal. Through prayer, contemplation, and acts of repentance, we reconnect with our faith, our community, and our deepest values. As we enter this sacred season, we celebrate the traditions and rituals passed down through generations. This guide provides insights into the holiday themes, explains the significance of rituals, and suggests ways to make your observance more personal. Join us in embracing these days with an open heart and mind.

This year holds special significance for our Temple as we welcome a new chapter in our spiritual leadership with Senior Rabbi Joel Nickerson and Senior Cantor Lisa Peicott. The entire clergy team has collaborated closely in planning services that preserve the grandeur of our traditional worship while allowing our observance to evolve naturally.

We will continue to cherish traditional elements this season, including the familiar prayers, melodies, and rituals that define Wilshire Boulevard Temple's High Holy Days. Recognizing the vital role of music, our cantors are eager to enhance our services by bringing musicians and choir members closer to the congregation, fostering a more immersive and connected worship experience.

Building on the warm and engaging atmosphere of our Shabbat services, we aim to make our High Holy Day services both reverent and joyful. By maintaining the sacredness of these days while connecting them to everyday life, we hope to create a meaningful and relatable experience for everyone.

This year, we also embark on a new journey by holding High Holy Day services on two campuses - the historic Glazer Campus and the newly renovated Resnick Family Campus. We're excited to be offering services in two locations and appreciate your patience and understanding in this first year as we do our very best to accommodate as many people in as many ways as possible.

These High Holy Days come at a challenging time for the Jewish community, as we grapple with the horrific tragedies of October 7th, the heartbreak of Israeli hostages, and ongoing conflicts in and around Israel. As we gather to reflect, atone, and seek renewal, we are reminded of both the fragility of peace and the strength of our community. This season urges us to embrace the resilience of our people, pursue justice, and strengthen our commitment to compassion and unity. Amidst these trials, our prayers extend beyond personal repentance to encompass the safety and well-being of all affected and our hope for a more peaceful world for everyone.

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Rabbi Steven Z. Leder
Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim
Rabbi David Eshel
Rabbi Susan Nanus

Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro
Rabbi Joel Simonds
Rabbi Hannah Elkin
Rabbi Leah Fein
Rabbi Leah Lewis

Cantor Don Gurney, Cantor Emeritus
Cantor Frailich, Cantor Emeritus
Rabbi Karen Fox, Rabbi Emerita
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THE HIGH HOLY DAYS: FROM REFLECTION TO JOY

The journey from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur and on to Sukkot and Simchat Torah reflects the full spectrum of human experience—starting with deep reflection and repentance, moving through atonement and forgiveness, and culminating in joy, gratitude, and renewal.

- Rosh Hashanah: The New Year, a time for introspection and setting intentions.
- Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement, a day of fasting, prayer, and seeking forgiveness.
- Sukkot: A festival of joy and gratitude, celebrating life's blessings and the protection of God.
- Simchat Torah: A celebration of the Torah and the renewal of the Jewish learning cycle, filled with joy and communal celebration.

Together, these holy days form a cohesive and meaningful spiritual journey, allowing Jews to experience a full range of emotions and to emerge from the High Holy Days spiritually renewed and ready to embrace the challenges and joys of the coming year.

As a congregation and in our schools and youth programs, the Temple provides abundant opportunities to enrich your experience, beginning with the month of Elul.

Elul: Preparing for the High Holy Days

Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, is a time for inward reflection, mending relationships, and preparing for the year ahead. In Jewish tradition, Elul is linked to the verse "*Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li*" (I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine), emphasizing the theme of returning to a loving relationship with God and other people in our lives. During this month, our synagogue offers opportunities for spiritual and communal engagement, helping us prepare for the High Holy Days with intention and creativity, while deepening our connection to the season's themes through reflection, learning, and celebration.



The shofar, a ram's horn, is a powerful symbol of the High Holy Days, stirring reflection, repentance, and a return to God. The blasts—*tekiah* (long, unbroken), *shevarim* (three short, broken), and *teruah* (short, staccato)—each carry distinct meanings: attention, brokenness, and urgency. The sounds of the shofar throughout Elul and the High Holy Days is a dramatic and emotional call to action to remind us to 'wake up' and enter the new year with renewed passion and optimism.

Elul and Selichot Events

Elul SoulFest: An Afternoon of Reflection, Creativity, and Community

📅 Sunday, September 15, 3:00 p.m.

► Glazer Campus

Join us for an inspiring afternoon at the Glazer Campus as we awaken our senses and uplift our souls in preparation for the High Holy Days. "Elul SoulFest" is a vibrant, hands-on experience perfect for all ages where art, food, wine, and spiritual teachings come together to celebrate the beauty and sweetness of this sacred time.

Led by Rabbi Leah Lewis and Rabbi Susan Nanus, this event is designed to help us connect with our higher selves and explore the deeper meaning of Elul. Participants can choose from a variety of breakout rooms, each offering a unique way to engage with the season:

- **Celebrate Sweetness:** Learn to make (and enjoy!) a delectable Rosh Hashanah apple cake with Jewish Food Lab.
- **Celebrate Beauty:** Craft your own piece of ceramic Judaica in our art room, perfect for your High Holy Day table.
- **Celebrate Joy:** Savor a selection of excellent Israeli wines with guidance from our very own sommelier.
- **Children's Activity:** Bring your kids for a special exploration of bees and honey with a beekeeper, connecting them to the sweetness of Rosh Hashanah.

Out of the Synagogue and Into the World: Bringing the Teachings of the High Holy Days to Life

📅 Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, 3:00 p.m.

► Resnick Family Campus

This three-session course led by Rabbi Hannah Elkin will explore the profound teachings of the High Holy Days and how they can be brought to life everyday. Step beyond the walls of the synagogue and delve into the rich texts, traditions, and spiritual practices that define this season.

Each session will focus on different aspects of the High Holy Days, blending traditional Jewish sources with modern creative expressions:

- **Session 1 - This One Thing I Ask:** Delve into Elul, Psalm 27, and the concept of Ethical Wills, exploring how these texts guide our spiritual preparations.
- **Session 2 - Breaking Out of the Cycle in Film:** Analyze film narratives that resonate with the themes of the High Holy Days, particularly the cycle of sin and redemption.
- **Session 3 - The Hero's Journey:** Reflect on the path of teshuvah (repentance) through stories of return, drawing connections between these narratives and our own spiritual journeys.

Join any or all of the sessions to engage dynamically with the spiritual and ethical teachings of the High Holy Days and make them relevant to everyday life.

Selichot

Selichot, meaning "forgiveness," are prayers for pardon recited during Elul, particularly in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah. These prayers are often recited late at night or in the early hours of the morning, reflecting the solemn and introspective nature of the season. A Selichot service is held on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah. These services are considered to be a spiritual entry point into the High Holy Days, setting the tone for the coming days of reflection and repentance.

A Community Selichot: Reflection and Renewal

📅 Saturday, September 28, 6:15 p.m.

► Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills
300 North Clark, Beverly Hills, 90212

Together, the clergy from Temple Emanuel, Stephen Wise Temple, and Wilshire Boulevard Temple will combine to offer insights and melody, meditation and inspiration, to help all of on the road towards forgiveness and wholeness. 6:15 pm: Wine and Cheese Reception. 7:00 pm: Selichot Service including Meditations, Music and Musings.

📞 RSVP at tebh.org/selichot



Rosh Hashanah: Reflect, Renew, Connect

Rosh Hashanah, meaning "Head of the Year," is the Jewish New Year and begins the Ten Days of Awe, a period of introspection and repentance culminating in Yom Kippur. A time of celebration and spiritual renewal, the holy day blends reflection with a reaffirmation of commitment to Jewish values. The Rosh Hashanah liturgy, both ancient and contemporary, uplifts our spirits and connects us to generations of Jews before us. As we celebrate this sacred holiday, we are reminded of the power of reflection, the importance of community, and the enduring relevance of our traditions in guiding us toward a meaningful life.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

As the sun sets on Erev Rosh Hashanah, we gather together as one community to welcome the Jewish New Year. Our entire clergy team leads the service in the Leder-Magnin Sanctuary, where its rich history and beautiful surroundings provide a powerful backdrop for this communal experience.

 **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

GLAZER CAMPUS			
5:00 p.m.	Evening Service	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson* All clergy



According to Jewish tradition, on Rosh Hashanah, God opens the Book of Life to determine the fates of individuals, communities, and nations for the coming year. This belief emphasizes a deep responsibility to reflect on our past actions, seek forgiveness, and commit to positive changes in the year ahead.

Rosh Hashanah Day

Rosh Hashanah morning services beautifully blend solemnity and hope. A mix of ancient and contemporary prayers, readings, and music connect us to our past and reflects our personal journey today.

 **Thursday, October 3, 2024**

GLAZER CAMPUS			
8:30 a.m.	Morning Service (Open Seating)**	Sanctuary	Rabbi Lewis*, Rabbi Elkin, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro
9:00 a.m.	Early Childhood Service (ECC- Grade 1)	Piness Auditorium	Rabbi Eshel, Rabbinic Intern Jeff Silverstein, Ian Simpson
11:30 a.m.	Morning Service (Reserved Seating) **	Sanctuary	Rabbi Elkin*, Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Nanus, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro, Ian Simpson
3:00 p.m.	Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)	Sanctuary	Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Elkin, Rabbi Lewis, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro, Ian Simpson

RESNICK CAMPUS			
8:30 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service #1	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson*, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Fein, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart
12:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service #2	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson*, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Fein, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart

* Denotes the Rabbi who will be delivering the sermon.
** Open Seating: anyone can register to attend. Reserved Seating: for those who have assigned seats associated with their synagogue membership.



Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, October 4, 2024

IRMAS CAMPUS			
10:00 a.m.	Morning Service	Chapel	Rabbinic Intern Jeff Silverstein*, Rabbi Nickerson, Rabbi Nanus, Rabbi Lewis, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro
RESNICK CAMPUS			
9:00 a.m.	Early Childhood Service (ECC- Grade 1)	Sanctuary	Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Elkin, Rabbi Fein, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson
11:00 a.m.	Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)	Sanctuary	Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Elkin, Rabbi Fein, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson

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Unetaneh Tokef

One of the most solemn and powerful prayers recited during the High Holy Days, *Unetaneh Tokef* is a profound reminder of life's fragility and the importance of repentance, prayer, and charity in altering one's destiny.

Avinu Malkeinu (Our Father, Our King)

A prayer pleading for mercy and blessings in the coming year. The congregation joins together in this moving prayer, which encapsulates the themes of the High Holy Days—seeking forgiveness, Divine favor, and a year of peace and prosperity.

Tashlich

Tashlich, meaning "to cast away," is a ritual rooted in the prophet Micah's verse: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). By throwing small pieces of bread into the water, we symbolize letting go of the misdeeds, mistakes, and regrets of the past year. This ritual powerfully reminds us that, regardless of our past, we can always change, grow, and improve. As we watch our symbolic sins float away (or get eaten by the seagulls), we are encouraged to embrace the new year's possibilities with renewed purpose and commitment.



Tashlich at the Beach

Sunday, October 6, 4:30 p.m.

► Will Rogers Beach, Tower 15

Bring your family dressed in white, bring your shofar, bring a picnic dinner and be ready to symbolically wash away your sins in the Pacific Ocean. Join your Wilshire Boulevard Temple clergy with music, stories and song, in a brief ceremony as we celebrate the New Year. Please arrive early, services begin promptly at 5:00 pm.

RSVP at wbtdla.org/hhd-programs

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement

Yom Kippur, the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar, concludes the Ten Days of Awe. The central theme of Yom Kippur is *teshuvah*, usually translated as 'repentance' but more directly, refers to a 'return to one's true self'. We spend the holiday focused on personal and collective repair. Fasting from sunset to nightfall purifies body and spirit, enhancing focus on spiritual reflection. The day's rituals underscore the personal and communal importance of atonement, affecting ourselves, our community, and the wider world.

At Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Yom Kippur is a profound time of reflection and connection. Members are encouraged to participate fully with an open heart, whether in traditional services or special family and children's activities, embracing the chance to start anew with righteousness and peace.

Kol Nidrei – Erev Yom Kippur

The Kol Nidrei service, on the eve of Yom Kippur, stands as a deeply emotional and pivotal moment in the Jewish year. Named from the Aramaic for "all vows," Kol Nidrei involves the recitation of a legal formula that annuls any personal vows or oaths that one may be unable to fulfill in the past and coming year. Accompanied by multiple instruments, organ and piano, and choir, Kol Nidrei's haunting melody captures the solemn introspection of Yom Kippur. As the congregation unites in the sanctuary, a profound sense of shared purpose fills the air.

 Friday, October 11, 2024

GLAZER CAMPUS				RESNICK CAMPUS			
5:00 p.m.	Koleinu Service	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson*, Rabbi Lewis, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson	5:00 p.m.	Kol Nidrei Service #1	Sanctuary	Rabbi Eshel*, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Fein, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro
8:00 p.m.	Evening Service (Reserved Seating)**	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson*, Rabbi Ben-Naim, Rabbi Nanus, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson	8:00 p.m.	Kol Nidrei Service #2	Sanctuary	Rabbi Elkin*, Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Simonds, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro

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** Reserved Seating: for those who have assigned seats associated with their synagogue membership.



The *Vidui*, or confessional prayer, is recited multiple times throughout Yom Kippur, both during the personal *Amidah* prayer and as part of the communal service. It provides a powerful and emotional structure to reflect on our personal and collective shortcomings and seek forgiveness.

The *Vidui* consists of two main sections:

Ashamnu is an alphabetically arranged acrostic prayer where worshippers confess sins with the phrase "we have sinned" (*Ashamnu*). Each line begins with a different Hebrew letter, symbolizing a full confession. Recited in a rhythmic chant, the congregation lightly strikes their chest for each sin, expressing remorse physically.

Al Chet is a detailed confessional prayer listing specific sins, each beginning with "For the sin we have committed before You." The prayer covers wrongdoings in speech, action, thought, and ethical failings. Like *Ashamnu*, it is recited with congregants striking their chest in a gesture of contrition.

Yom Kippur Day

The observance of Yom Kippur continues throughout the day with a series of services, study sessions, observances, and rituals that guide us through a journey of repentance, reflection, and renewal.

 Saturday, October 12, 2024

GLAZER CAMPUS			
8:30 a.m.	Koleinu Service	Sanctuary	Rabbi Fein*, Rabbi Nickerson, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart
9:00 a.m.	Early Childhood Service (ECC- Grade 1)	Piness Auditorium	Rabbi Ben-Naim, Rabbi Lewis, Rabbinic Intern Jeff Silverstein, Ian Simpson
11:30 a.m.	Morning Service (Reserved Seating)**	Sanctuary	Rabbi Lewis*, Rabbi Nickerson, Rabbinic Intern Jeff Silverstein, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart
2:30 p.m.	Family Service (Grade 2 - Grade 6)	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nickerson, Rabbi Ben-Naim, Rabbi Fein, Rabbi Lewis, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson
4:30 p.m.	Minchah/Yizkor/ Neilah Service	Sanctuary	Rabbi Ben-Naim*, Rabbi Nickerson, Rabbi Nanus, Rabbi Fein, Rabbi Lewis, Cantorial Intern Aliya Stuart, Ian Simpson

RESNICK CAMPUS			
8:30 a.m.	Yom Kippur Service #1	Sanctuary	Rabbi Nanus*, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Elkin, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro
12:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Service #2	Sanctuary	Rabbi Eshel*, Rabbi Simonds, Rabbi Elkin, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro
4:30 p.m.	Minchah/Yizkor/ Neilah Service	Sanctuary	Rabbi Simonds*, Rabbi Eshel, Rabbi Elkin, Cantor Spencer-Shapiro

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Adult Services

The morning service (*Shacharit*) features key elements like the *Vidui* (confession) and *Al Chet*, where we seek forgiveness for a list of communal sins. This service also includes the moving *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer, emphasizing life, death, and divine judgment, highlighting the day's solemnity.

Family and Children's Services

For families with children, our Temple offers age-appropriate services featuring stories, songs, and interactive activities that make Yom Kippur meaningful and engaging. These services create a special opportunity for families to worship together and instill Yom Kippur's values in the next generation.



Yom Kippur Afternoon Programs

In the afternoon and before the concluding *Minchah*, *Yizkor*, and *Neilah* services, we offer study sessions and personal time to stand before the open ark.

 **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

GLAZER CAMPUS

Karsh Center Kit Assembly

10:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3:30 pm,
Brawerman East Play Yard

Stop by the Brawerman East Play Yard and help assemble kits for the Karsh Center and its collaborators. With your help, our congregation will make over 1,500 kits of essential items for Los Angeles residents in need.



Film Screening: The Narrow Bridge (2022)

11:30 am and 2:00 pm, Stalford Hall

This inspiring, powerful, documentary explores the journeys of two Israelis and two Palestinians, who after bitterness, anger and the searing pain of losing a child to the other side, decide to fight for change. Despite fierce opposition, these four parents come together to build a grassroots movement to transform their grief into a bridge for understanding and reconciliation. Filmed before October 7, *The Narrow Bridge* resonates and speaks to us today more than ever.

Israel at War - Is There Hope for Peace?

2:30 pm, Audrey Irmes Pavilion

A panel of experts discuss the war in Gaza, the threats from Hezbollah and Iran, the hostage situation, the possibility of a ceasefire, and the international perception of Israel one year after October 7.

Meditation Before the Open Ark

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Audrey Irmes Pavilion - 2nd Floor Chapel

Sit in peaceful silence in front of our open ark for personal prayer and meditation.

Yizkor and Neilah

Yizkor is a solemn service for mourners to honor and remember their deceased loved ones and their legacies they've left behind.

As Yom Kippur draws to a close, the *Neilah* service marks the final moments, symbolizing the closing of the gates of repentance. We offer our final prayers for forgiveness and renewal, concluding with a powerful, single blast of the shofar, signaling the end of the fast and the day's observance.

Yizkor is observed four times per year. Our other *Yizkor* services will take place on the Resnick Family Campus at 10:00 a.m. on the following 5785/2024-2025 dates:

- October 24, Shemini Atzeret
- April 20, Pesach
- June 25, Shavuot.

These *Yizkor* services are intimate and include teachings from our Rabbis, uplifting music, and opportunities to share food and memories. Please join us for any or all of these meaningful moments to remember your loved ones and to connect with other congregants who are remembering their family members as well.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US

Temple members commemorate loved ones by making charitable gifts in their honor and by adding plaques in their names to our beautiful Memorial Walls. We have elegant memorial walls at the Erika J Glazer Campus and a beautiful memorial garden at the Resnick Family Campus. You may choose where to locate the memorial plaques you purchase.

In accordance with Jewish tradition, we honor the memories of those who have passed away when the *Kaddish* prayer is recited at worship services. We mark the memories of these loved ones by illuminating their plaques during *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of their deaths), and illuminating all plaques at *Yizkor* services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach, and Shavuot.

By memorializing the names of our deceased loved ones, we express our gratitude for the gifts of their precious lives—and the hope that their spirits will continue to inspire us.

For more information, contact Cristina Mauro at cmauro@wbtla.org or (213) 835-2142.



RESNICK FAMILY CAMPUS

Film Screening: The Narrow Bridge (2022)

11:30 am, Chapel

This inspiring, powerful, documentary explores the journeys of two Israelis and two Palestinians, who after bitterness, anger and the searing pain of losing a child to the other side, decide to fight for change. Despite fierce opposition, these four parents come together to build a grassroots movement to transform their grief into a bridge for understanding and reconciliation. Filmed before October 7, The Narrow Bridge resonates and speaks to us today more than ever.



What's in the Future for Israel? A Conversation with Michael Tuchin, President of AIPAC

2:45 pm, Chapel

While recently in Israel, Michael Tuchin met with the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Heads of Mossad, Shin Bet and the IDF. In Washington, D.C. he met with the leadership of both parties, and then traveled to New York to meet with a number of World Leaders convening for the U.N. General Assembly. Michael will share what he learned, what it means and what we should be doing as American Jews. Followed by a Q&A.

Meditation Before the Ark

11:30 am – 3:30 pm, ECC Play Yard

Sit outside in peaceful silence in front of our outdoor ark for personal prayer and meditation.

MAJOR HOLIDAYS

These are the other major holidays and observances for 5785/2024-2025

Chanukah

📅 December 25, 2024 - January 2, 2025

Pesach

📅 April 12, 2025 - April 20, 2025

Yom HaAtzma'ut

📅 May 1, 2025

Purim

📅 March 13, 2025

Yom HaShoah

📅 April 23, 2025

Shavuot

📅 June 1, 2025 – June 3, 2025

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Our clergy are planning many enjoyable and engaging programs for Sukkot and Simchat Torah so keep your eyes on your upcoming emails.

Sukkot Rooftop Ruach Shabbat

📅 Friday, October 18
6:00 p.m.
► Glazer Campus

Sukkot Shabbat

📅 Friday, October 18
6:00 p.m.
► Resnick Campus

Honoring Nova: A Special Music Festival Simchat Torah Experience

📅 Friday, October 25
6:00 p.m.
► Glazer Campus

Simchat Torah Shabbat

📅 Friday, October 25
6:00 p.m.
► Resnick Campus



Sermon Topics

Summer is the rabbinic warm-up period for the High Holy Days, when rabbis ponder the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing us as individuals and as a broader community. At Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the rabbis spend time discussing potential sermon topics and each rabbi speaks about something that feels personally relevant to him/her. Here are the topics of their sermons and when they will speak. All sermons will be available for viewing and reading after the High Holy Days on our website at wbtla.org/prayer/sermons and on our Youtube channel.



Erev Rosh Hashanah
Glazer Campus
The Third Space

Rosh Hashanah Service #1
Resnick Campus
Lessons from the 9th of Adar

Kol Nidrei
Glazer Campus
A Nation That Dwells Alone

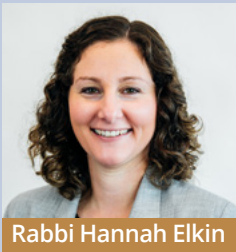


Rosh Hashanah
Unreserved
Glazer Campus
To Be a Jew

Yom Kippur
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Glazer Campus
Waking Up to Hope

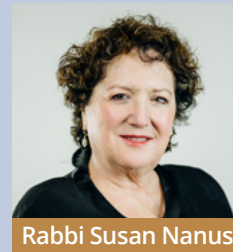


Second Day
Rosh Hashanah -
Irmas Campus
Shofar Sounding:
Heed the Call



Rosh Hashanah
Reserved
Glazer Campus
Power Over Our
Destinies as Individuals
and a People

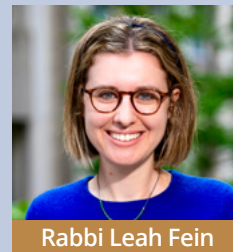
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Resnick Campus
Striving Towards What?



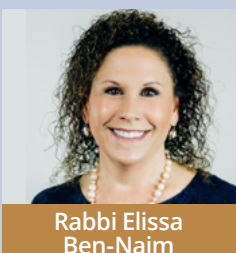
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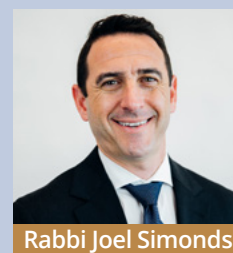
Kol Nidrei Service #1 and Yom Kippur Service #2
Resnick Campus
From Shattered Glass Hope Springs Eternal:
A two-part sermon



Yom Kippur Koleinu
Glazer Campus
Transformative Jewish
Joy, On Campus and
Beyond



Yizkor
Glazer Campus
We Remember



Yizkor
Resnick Campus
Grieving and Mourning
as One Community



Logistics

For answers to all questions you cannot find in this guide or on our website at www.wbtla.org/high-holy-days, contact the Membership office at (213) 835-2142, or membershipservices@wbtla.org.

Digital Tickets

Tickets are required for campus entry and admission to all High Holy Day services. Tickets are being issued digitally from Simpletix and will be sent to members in good standing (see below) by email starting the week of September 16th.

*Each member of your household will receive one FlexPass ticket that will be valid for High Holy Day services at the Glazer Campus. Families with children between the ages of 5 and 25 should receive a ticket for each child; younger than 5 does not require a ticket.

At the Glazer Campus, one service is open seating and one service is Reserved (for those who have assigned seats associated with their synagogue membership or who have purchased Reserved seats).

Services at the Resnick Campus are available to legacy members of University Synagogue with remaining tickets available to Temple members until capacity is reached. Separate tickets will be issued for each of the Resnick services.

To purchase additional tickets, please visit wbtla.org/hhdtickets.

We strongly encourage you to present your tickets digitally and add them to your Apple Wallet or Google Wallet.

Do we have your current email address?

To receive your High Holy Days tickets, information, and alerts we need to have your current email address.

If you receive our emails, no update is necessary. But if you do not, please be sure to provide us with your preferred email. Please contact the Membership office.

What if you do not have access to email?

If you do not have access to email, please let us know and we will provide physical tickets to you. We ask that you contact us at least 2 weeks prior to Erev Rosh Hashanah to give us ample time to mail you printed tickets. Please contact the Membership office.

Good Standing

To be in good standing, at least 50% of your annual contribution must be paid or an installment plan arranged with at least one payment made. To make a one-time full or partial payment, please visit www.wbtla.org/pay. If you need a payment plan or special arrangements, please be in touch with the Membership office.

Live Stream Online

If you can not join us in person, services from both the Glazer Campus and Resnick Campus sanctuaries will be streamed live for members and will be available for replay at www.wbtla.org/hhd-stream. The prayer book is available at www.wbtla.org/hhd-prayer-book.

Parking Information

There are many options for transportation and parking for the High Holy Days at the Resnick Family Campus and Glazer Campus. Due to limited onsite parking on our campuses, we strongly encourage ridesharing and will have designated drop off zones.

Glazer Campus Parking Structure

The Glazer Campus parking structure is available to those who receive reserved parking passes* and for those who have a state issued disabled person parking placard or license plate. You must have your High Holy Day tickets for every person in your car.

*This includes congregants who contribute to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Fund with a generous gift of \$1,800 or more. To make a donation to the Temple Fund, please go to www.wbtla.org/fund. For questions, please contact Erinn Alcabes: ealcabes@wbtla.org at (213) 835-2135.

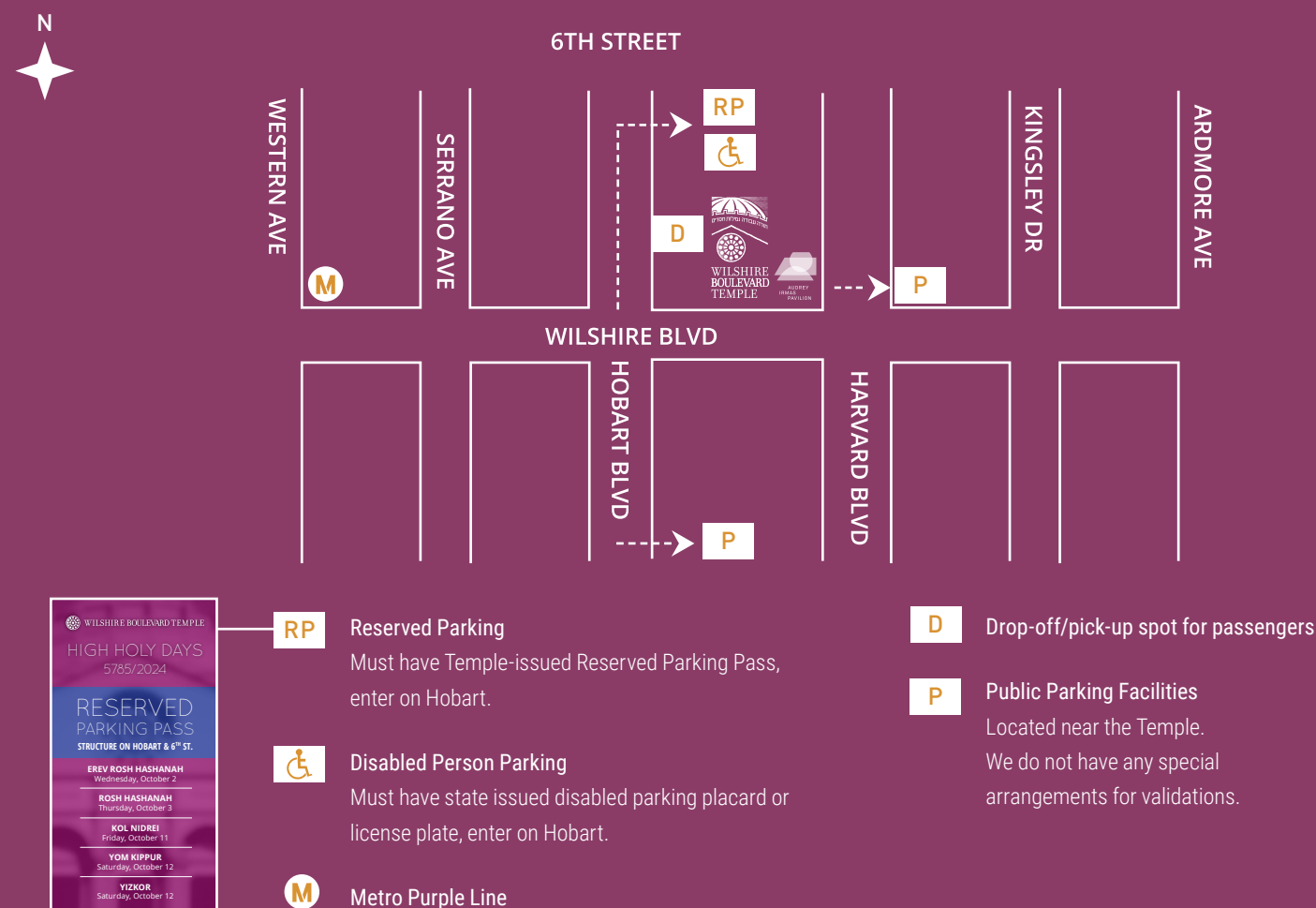
Parking Lots Nearby

There are parking lots near the Glazer Campus with limited capacity. We do not have any special arrangements for validations. All are electronic payment, either in the building lobby or at the exit.

Rideshare

Due to limited parking, we encourage you to consider a ride service such as Lyft or Uber. We have a designated drop off and pick up point on Hobart between Wilshire and 6th Street. The Metro purple line stop at Wilshire/Western is another option with a 5 minute walk.

Glazer Campus (Wilshire Center)



Resnick Family Campus Parking

Parking on the Resnick Family Campus is available to those who have a state issued disabled person placard or license as space allows. Limited parking spaces are available until capacity is reached. You must have your High Holy Day tickets for every person in your car.

Parking Lots Nearby

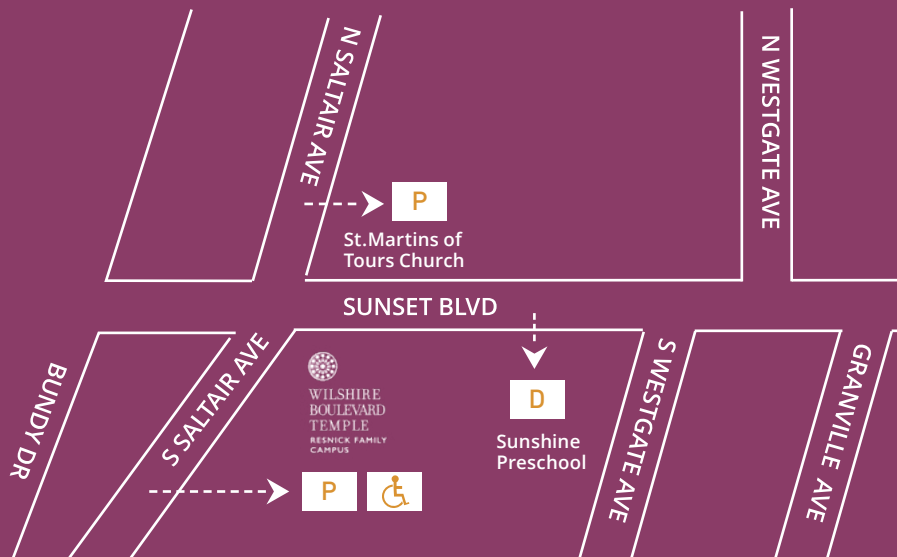
We have limited parking spaces available at St. Martins of Tours Church on Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur until capacity is reached. Unfortunately on Rosh Hashanah, St. Martins of Tours Church parking is unavailable. Keep your eyes on your emails for further details.

Rideshare

Due to limited parking, we encourage you to consider a ride service such as Lyft or Uber. We have a designated drop off and pick up point at Brentwood Sunshine Preschool located adjacent to the campus.



Resnick Family Campus (Brentwood)



Parking Facilities

Available until capacity is reached.

St. Martin of Tours Church only available on Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur.



Disabled Person Parking

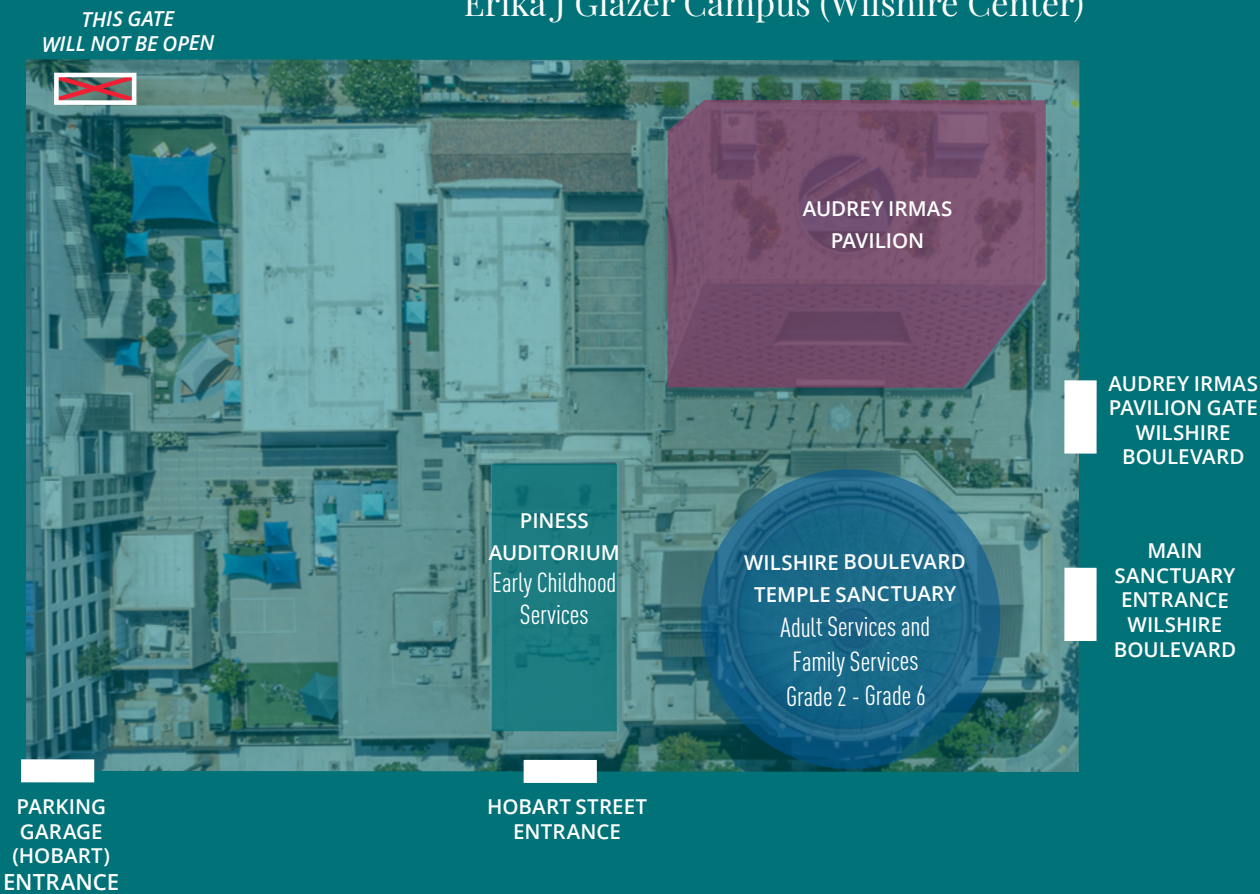
Must have state issued disabled parking placard or license plate for use on Resnick Campus Parking as space allows.



Drop-off/pick-up spot for passengers

Locations

Erika J Glazer Campus (Wilshire Center)



Resnick Family Campus (Brentwood)



Glazer Campus Entry Points

With so many people coming to Campus, several entrances will be available to ease congestion and enable you to enter as close as possible to the service you plan to attend.

Please note on Erev Rosh Hashanah, only the sanctuary doors, the Hobart entrance for ride share drop-off/pick-up, and the parking entrance to the garage will be open.



Main Sanctuary Entrance - Wilshire Boulevard

Entry **only** for main sanctuary services. Will call for all tickets is located just inside the right side door.



Hobart Street

For rideshare drop-off/pick-up. You can also get to the services in the Piness Auditorium and the services in the sanctuary.



Audrey Irmias Pavilion - Wilshire Boulevard Gate

This gate is reserved for **Handicapped access only**.



Parking Garage (Hobart and 6th Street)

Parking pass holders and those who have handicap placards can park in the garage will be able to access all service locations.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

For the safety and security of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community, all guests are subject to a metal detector screening, visual inspection, and bag inspection. Please allow extra time for this process. We recommend that you leave bags and larger purses at home and we reserve the right to confiscate items which may cause danger or disruption to services or other guests. For the safety of our community any guest who declines to be searched may be denied entry.

Resnick Family Campus Entry Points

Only ticketed persons will be allowed to enter campus. If you cannot locate your ticket, or need it resent to you, you will need to visit Will Call. Individual tickets for persons age 5 and over are required. For the Resnick Family Campus, your ticket must specify the service you are attending.



Saltair Avenue - Security Booth

Entry for pedestrians and vehicles. Will call for all tickets is adjacent to the security booth.



Sunshine Preschool

For rideshare drop-off/pick-up. The driveway entrance is the immediately East of the Sunset Boulevard pedestrian gate.



Sunset Boulevard - Gate

Entry for ticketed pedestrians only.

Walk our future generations home.

Pave the way for our community's future with a personalized paver at the Resnick Family Campus.

Reserve your paver today and leave a lasting legacy.

Visit wbtl.org/resnick-paver or contact Erinn Alcabes at ealcabes@wbtl.org or Jamie Geller at jgeller@wbtl.org.

Your donation is tax-deductible.



Elul: Your Guide to Embracing the High Holy Days with Intention

September 4 through October 1, 2024

Elul serves as a profound period of spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days, infused with themes of repentance, forgiveness, and renewal. Here's how you can bring the essence of Elul into your daily life, creating a meaningful and enriching practice.

Reflect Daily with Psalm 27

Begin or conclude your day with Psalm 27 from the onset of Elul through Sukkot, embracing its themes of divine protection and spiritual seeking. This psalm, attributed to King David, starts with a powerful proclamation: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" It's a foundational text during Elul, encouraging closeness with God, emphasizing trust, and preparing the heart for the sacred days ahead.

Engage with Selichot Prayers

As the High Holy Days draw near, begin incorporating Selichot prayers into your daily routine. These prayers, deeply rooted in themes of divine forgiveness and human repentance, offer a soulful exploration of mercy and atonement. The Selichot liturgy typically includes the poignant Thirteen Attributes of Mercy, drawn from Exodus 34:6-7: "The Lord, the Lord, a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness..." Take time to reflect on their profound messages. For Selichot prayers and resources, visit sefaria.org/topics/selichot.

Explore Maimonides' Teachings on Teshuvah

The writings of Maimonides (Rambam), particularly in his "Laws of Repentance" (*Hilchot Teshuvah*), provide a rich philosophical and legal framework for the *teshuvah* process, emphasizing the steps of recognizing sins, expressing regret, confessing, and resolving not to repeat these behaviors. Maimonides reminds us that while *teshuvah* is always available, Elul is an especially potent time for seeking forgiveness and returning to a more righteous path.

Journal Throughout Elul

Keeping a journal during Elul, and throughout the year, can be a powerful way to engage in a reflective process. Use this practice to pinpoint areas in need of change or forgiveness. Consider guiding your reflections with questions like, "What have I learned about myself this past year?" "Are there relationships I need to mend?" and "How can I better align my actions with my values?"

Practice Meditation and Mindfulness:

Incorporating mindfulness practices into the daily routine can deepen the spiritual experience of Elul helping calm the mind and foster a deep connection with yourself. Employ focused breathing, visualization, or the reflective repetition of phrases like "Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li" from Song of Songs to concentrate on repentance and renewal. Consider meditating on specific *teshuvah* themes such as regret, confession, or resolve, allowing these concepts to resonate more deeply within.

Study and Learn Together:

Elul is also a time for study, particularly of texts that focus on *teshuvah*, ethics, and spirituality. Use this month to engage in study sessions (see page 6 of this High Holy Days guide), either alone or in groups, exploring works such as Maimonides' "Laws of Repentance," ethical writings, or contemporary commentaries on the High Holy Days.

Perform Acts of Kindness and Give Tzedakah:

Performing acts of kindness and giving *tzedakah* (charity) are practical ways to live out the values of Elul. Engage in volunteer work, donate to charitable causes, or simply increase daily acts of kindness during this month. These actions not only help others but also serve as a tangible expression of personal growth and repentance.



Apple Harvest Cake

Shared by Toby L. Neiman



A Rosh HaShanah (or really anytime) Favorite!

My Aunt Vicki is an amazing baker and taught me a lot of what I know about baking at a young age. She would bring me into her kitchen and bake challahs and cakes and other assorted goodies with me by her side. They are fond memories. Vicki came across this recipe many years ago from a local apple orchard in her home state of Minnesota and it quickly became a family favorite. I try to make it every Rosh HaShanah or whenever I have an abundance of apples.

MAKES ONE 12-CUP BUNDT PAN

Ingredients

FOR THE CAKE

- 1¼ cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
(or total 2¼ cups all purpose)
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¾ cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 large eggs
- ¼ cup orange juice, soy milk, or
water or less (adjust amount
of liquid necessary to make
mixture beatable)
- 2 cups peeled, finely chopped apples
(2 medium)
- ¾-1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

FOR THE GLAZE

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¼ tsp. vanilla
- 2-3 tsp. soy milk, coffee, or water

Directions

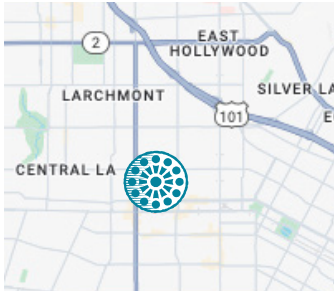
1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. Grease and flour a 12-cup bundt pan. (I just spray well with Pam.)
3. Combine all ingredients except for the apples and nuts. Beat with paddle attachment or wooden spoon for about 3 minutes.
4. After beating, add apples and nuts (if using) and mix with a spoon.
5. Pour into a bundt pan and bake approx. 50-65 minutes. To check doneness, test with a toothpick. DO NOT overbake.
6. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Turn out onto a plate to finish cooling.
7. Dust with powdered sugar or glaze and serve.

Cake can last for a few days lightly covered with saran wrap, but in my house it gets eaten pretty quickly.

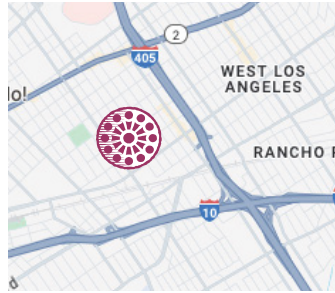


Wilshire Boulevard Temple Programs

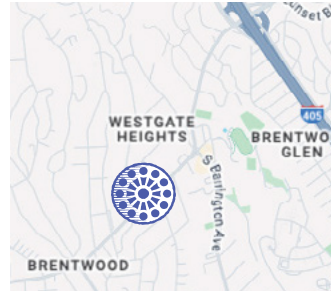
Throughout the year there are events and services for you across the city on all three of our campuses. Here are some of our programs. Visit wbtl.org/events for more information.



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Ongoing Programs

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| R ON Women's Torah Study | G Adult Volunteer Choir |
| R Adult B'nei Mitzvah | ON Chevra Torah |
| R Choosing Judaism | ON Torah Study |
| R Adult Volunteer Choir | R ON Meditation Classes |

Community Programs

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| I September 24, 2024 | BEIT CHAVERIM (House of Friends) Inaugural Dinner |
| OS November 9, 2024 | "Torah Trek" Shabbat Morning Hiking Minyan |
| OS November 23, 2024 | Havdallah Hike for Families |
| G November 24, 2024 | Big Give |

Music Programs

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| R December 14, 2024 | A Very Kosher Christmukah Concert |
| G March 30, 2025 | Jewish Music LA Festival |
| R June 1, 2025 | Bible Women Concert |

Jewish Food Lab

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| R September 19, 2024 | Nosh with Micah Siva |
| G October 27, 2024 | Israeli Street Food Workshop |
| G March 17, 2025 | Sabor Judio: Jewish Mexican Cuisine |
| ON April 6, 2025 | Matzah and Flour: Recipes from the History of the Sephardic Jews with Helenè Jawhara Piñer |

Save the Date

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| G October 7, 2024 | October 7 Remembrance |
| R December 8, 2024 | Chanukah Aglow |
| G March 9, 2025 | Installation of Senior Rabbi Joel Nickerson |
| R March 14, 2025 | Disney Shabbat |
| G March 28, 2025 | Disney Shabbat |





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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT WORSHIP & STUDY

Each week, Wilshire Boulevard Temple offers the following services in-person and online on a regular schedule.

Shabbat Services

Monthly Shabbat Schedule

Weekly - Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

- Resnick Family Campus

Two Fridays every month at 6:00 p.m.

- Erika J Glazer Campus

For weekly service schedule and locations, please check the Wilshire Weekly email, our Thursday and Friday Shabbat emails, and the Temple website for more details. Livestream available at wbtdla.org/shabbat-stream

Select weeks we will have an in-person, congregant-led minyan held at the Glazer Campus. For details, email Gary Schiller at minyan@wbtdla.org

Live Stream and Online

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Live-streamed on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Other online offerings include:

Torah Study Live-streamed on Fridays at noon

Chevre Torah Live-streamed on Zoom Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

All of our live-stream services and Torah Study can be viewed on our website, [Facebook](https://facebook), and our [YouTube Channel](https://youtube).

Recordings of all our live-stream services and study sessions are available for later viewing on our [Facebook](https://facebook) and [YouTube Channel](https://youtube).



🖱️ All Shabbat and worship information can be found online at wbtdla.org

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THE INSTALLATION OF
SENIOR RABBI
JOEL NICKERSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025
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