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Camp Hess Kramer
Gindling Hilltop Camp
OF WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

Annual Report **2024-2025**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR

Camp Committee Chair

No matter where we are, we can close our eyes and return to camp. In my case, I am seated at the Menorah, with the sounds and scent of the Pacific Ocean below. My heart is full, my soul is steady, and I am flooded with hope.



As Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps enter our 75th year, we find ourselves at a moment of vision and possibility.

Our summer camp programs are thriving at our temporary home in Carlsbad, and we are creating infrastructure and renovating the remaining structures in Malibu to bring the campus back to life! Beginning in the fall of 2027, our Camp Hess Kramer facilities, including the dining hall, conference center, infirmary, offices, arts and crafts center, amphitheater, and sacred chapel, will be ready to welcome us back for daytime events and overnight stays. We will gather for winter camps, spring camps, family camps, themed retreats, alumni gatherings, weddings, and B'nei Mitzvah celebrations. We will joyfully reconnect across generations in a place where campers, families, alumni, and our broader community can come together — renewing traditions, celebrating milestones, and weaving new memories into the fabric of camp.

Commemorate this important milestone with us! Gather your camp friends and join us throughout our 75th year for anniversary celebrations, culminating in a very meaningful day in Malibu on August 30th to plant new trees, establish new roots, and meld our past with a promising future. We will honor the transformational elements that make camp what it is — community, music, traditions, joy, and Jewish pride — while ensuring that the next 75 years are just as vibrant and life-changing.

Reflecting on the promising future of Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, I thank each of you— our dedicated donors, grant partners, staff, parents, alumni, and campers for helping to ensure that our camp legacy continues!

I can't wait to see you at our 75th anniversary celebrations throughout 2026.

Warmly,
Carolyn Stone Enenstein
Chair, Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Committee



SAVE *the* DATES

The Diamond Deal

**A Poker Tournament Celebrating
75 Years of Camp Magic**

Thursday, March 19, 2026

*Resnick Family Campus of Wilshire
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Our 75th Summer Launch Carnival

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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Shabbat Seventy Five

Alumni Shabbat

Friday, July 24, 2026

Army and Navy Academy, Carlsbad

Back to Our Roots

**A Tree Planting Ceremony to
Commemorate 75 Historic Years**

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu

A SUMMER OF GROWTH:

A Message from our Camp Director

As I look back on Summer 2025, one word captures the spirit of our season: **growth**. This was not just a summer of sunshine and song sessions (though we had plenty of both). It was a summer of intentional development for our campers, our staff, and our camp community as a whole. At Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp (clap, clap), **growth has always been rooted in values of Jewish community and individual authenticity**. This year, that purpose continued. Our values nourished the development of our campers and staff as they have for the past seven decades.

We witnessed incredible transformation in our campers. Through our new *Character Ambassador* program, campers helped lead their cabin communities with empathy, curiosity, and pride. They honored what made each individual unique, while also strengthening the bonds that united them. It was leadership in its purest form: inclusive, kind, and quietly powerful.

For the second year, we welcomed 17 Israeli teens through the *Campers2Gether (C2G)* program. These young people, displaced from their homes by war, embodied true strength and resilience. Their friendships and perspectives provided all of us with both nuance and clarity regarding a situation that is often generalized and polarized in other milieus. Camp provides the necessary time and space for these moments to occur. As always, camp is also about FUN and ADVENTURE. On the sand and in the surf, we experienced beach days, SCUBA diving, and surfing, along with beach *t'fillot* - **embracing our long-held belief that the natural world is our sacred space**.

Each summer, we continue to expand and enhance our program. This summer, we launched a golf program and hosted an Israeli Ninja Warrior who blew our minds and pushed our kids on some of their self-imposed limits. These additions offered campers fresh opportunities to build confidence, develop skills, and discover new passions. But growth wasn't only for our campers. Our staff led with depth and heart—modeling the values we hope our campers will carry with them long after the summer ends. Our camp traditions, strengthened by connection, grew even deeper as alumni returned for Leadership Night and Mitzvah Night, bridging generations across 75 years of history.



Through it all, one truth stood out: **camp continues to be a place where people grow into their best selves**—not by accident, but by design. Every program, every conversation, every moment of laughter or learning is part of a greater vision—to cultivate Jewish leaders who are strong in character, rooted in Jewish identity, and ready to shape a better world.

Thank you for believing in that vision and for helping us bring it to life, summer after summer.

With gratitude and pride,
Jen Shankman
Director

THE SPIRIT ENDURES:

Rebuilding, Renewing, and Returning Home

It feels really good to be writing this letter, in this report, this year.

For anyone who was able to join us for events this past summer, you know what I mean. The *ruach* of our camps is alive and well. I felt it at Friday night song sessions. I heard it when the lights went down and the Pioneer Day music came on. The power of our camps has an impact that transcends 75 years, multiple generations, triumphs, and challenges. We are still here, still thriving, and I could not be more proud of us as a local and global community.

As many of you know, after almost a decade away, the **shovels are in the ground, and we are bringing life and community back to Malibu**. Already, we are seeing familiar activity areas renewed and buildings modernized for a future our founders dreamed of.

With an anticipated completion date in the fall of 2027, our Malibu Campus will be a year-round site for Jewish community and connection. As we continue to build towards a summer-ready camp, we will be able to celebrate weddings, b'nei mitzvah, and gather for weekend retreats, winter camps, alumni events, and more.

This is a transformative moment for us, and a cause for celebration.

Over the last seven years, Wilshire Boulevard Temple committed over \$17 million (and we all committed almost an equal amount of tears, hard work, and hope) - into clean up, site remediation, planning, and required design to get us to this point and we are ecstatic that we are investing an additional \$24 million to make our site come alive again. Thank you to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Board of Trustees, our Camp Committee, and all who have supported the camps for seeing this through and getting us to this point. It truly has been a monumental effort by everyone involved.

I can think of no better way to celebrate the commencement of our 75th year than by creating a new space for this community. Our first opportunity to be on-site together will be on Sunday, August 30, 2026, for a tree-planting ceremony in Malibu. Please join us for this historic moment.

Douglas Lynn
Executive Director



A rendering of our refurbished dining hall and lido deck that features a new shading structure.



Our field and lawn are back in action with fresh grass that is rooting and thriving.

2024-2025

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From Generation to Generation: Camp's Enduring Impact

At Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, the impact of Jewish camping doesn't end with the summer. The Liberman family shares how their years at camp have shaped not only their children's identities, but their family's ongoing connection to Jewish life and community.



“Camp has been one of the most formative experiences of my life. After spending nine of my summers at camp, I have grown from a shy camper to a confident counselor and leader. Camp has given me deep friendships that will last a lifetime and an unbreakable connection to my Jewish identity. The camp community has taught me how to effectively communicate with others, given me the confidence to try new things, and provided me with the tools to create inclusive spaces so everyone feels valued. Camp is, and always will be, part of me.”

HANNAH | L'22

“My five years at camp have seriously impacted my life. I met my absolute best friends here and made connections that go way beyond camp, especially with the cool friends from Israel I keep in touch with all the time. I'm hoping to visit them next summer! Camp has totally shaped who I am, teaching me so much about community and making real friends. I'm so ready for Leadership—it's going to be awesome.”

MAX | L'26

“Both of our kids attended Jewish preschool and religious school, but their Jewish identities were truly cemented at camp. They've learned countless lessons, but the most important is that camp isn't just a place—it's a community. That's why, even though most people think camp ends when summer does, for our children, it continues year-round through the deep relationships they've built.

Camp has transformed not only their lives, but ours as well. Our family has been part of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple community for five generations, but thanks to the magic of camp and the impact it's had on our children, we are more deeply connected to Judaism and Temple life in this generation (as congregants, an educator, a Camp Committee member, and a member of the Board of Trustees) than ever before.”

JESSICA AND GREG

Summer '25 at a Glance

80% campers returned from 2024 to 2025



76 staff members including



9 shlichim (Israeli staff members)

4 countries represented by campers and staff (UK, Israel, Kenya, USA)



9 states represented by campers (AK, AZ, CA, CT, NH, NV, NM, TX, UT)



123 first-time campers (the largest cohort of first time campers since 2021)



46 synagogues represented by campers



10% increase in Families from San Diego and Orange County



36 gallons of sunscreen applied



105 hours spent in the ocean





Leadership & Mitzvah

For the first time since 2019, we proudly brought back one of our most cherished traditions: Leadership and Mitzvah Nights. Current campers joined alumni spanning nearly six decades, with cheers echoing all the way back to 1965. Generations came together to share memories, celebrate milestones, and continue a legacy of leadership and community.

Initiatives

We deepened the heart of our mission through a series of initiatives that added new layers of meaning, connection, and purpose to camp life. From mental health and character development to Israel education and leadership cultivation, each effort worked in harmony to nurture the growth, resilience, and well-being of our entire camp community.



Yedid Nefesh

In partnership with the **Foundation for Jewish Camp**, we expanded our commitment to **MESSH—Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, and Social Health**—through the creation of our *Zen Den*. In this calming and welcoming space, campers could pause, reflect, and recharge. Guided by trained staff and supported by their peers, campers discovered that self-awareness and self-care are not just acts of wellness—they're essential elements of strong, compassionate leadership.



Teaching Israel at Camp

Our reimagined Israel education program brought the beauty and complexity of Israel to life in exciting and meaningful ways. A world-class curriculum, led by inspiring educators, gave campers the opportunity to dive deeply into learning, engage in thoughtful dialogue, and strengthen their personal connections to the Land and People of Israel.



Character Ambassador Program

With two dedicated Character Ambassadors leading the way, our staff embraced best practices for building cabin environments rooted in empathy, respect, and belonging. Through intentional guidance, campers themselves became leaders—helping to shape communities where every individual felt seen, valued, and included.



Cornerstone Fellowship

Select staff members were honored to participate in the **Cornerstone Fellowship**, where they explored how our Jewish values can be expressed through creativity and space. Their work transformed camp into a living gallery of Jewish art—each piece born of personal reflection, yet collectively weaving together a vibrant tapestry of community, color, and shared purpose.



CIT

For decades, our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program has been a cornerstone of our leadership development pipeline, preparing future staff and camp leaders through a rigorous and meaningful curriculum. This program serves as a vital bridge between the camper experience and the responsibilities of staff life.

This summer, our CITs deepened their understanding of what it means to build authentic relationships with campers while developing their own skills as emerging leaders. Through hands-on learning and mentorship, they gained tools and confidence that will serve them at camp, within the broader Jewish community, and beyond.

CHUGIM

This summer's *chugim* (electives) were more than just activities; they were opportunities for growth and discovery. Campers dove into the classics they love: *Omanut* (art), sports, Israeli dancing, archery, swimming, tennis, frisbee, music, and video, each one a chance to build skills, confidence, and community. And with the exciting addition of newer and piloted offerings like surfing, scuba diving, aviation, and sports conditioning, campers reached new heights—literally and figuratively. The friendships built, the lessons learned, and the passions discovered through these experiences are memories our campers will cherish always.



Campers2Gether

Over the past two summers, Campers2Gether has transformed our camp community in ways we could not have imagined. Launched by The Jewish Agency in 2024, the initiative brings Israeli teens affected by the trauma of October 7, 2023, to Jewish camps around the world, offering them a healing respite and the chance to build deep, lasting relationships with their peers abroad. For our American campers, the experience has strengthened their connection to Israel, their understanding of shared Jewish responsibility, and their sense of belonging to something larger than themselves.

Across two summers, we welcomed thirty-six teens from two neighboring kibbutzim in the Gaza envelope. Each arrived carrying unimaginable stories of fear, loss, and disruption. And yet each brought remarkable courage and a determination to move forward. Our American teens entered both summers with their own questions: What did they know? What did they not know? Would they feel comfortable? Would they feel safe? How would they meet and understand peers who had experienced such profound trauma?

Throughout both years, our directors and educators prepared through intensive seminars and training, seeking answers to these questions. But as we learned, the answers did not come from the adults. They came from the campers themselves.

What unfolded was the gradual dissolving of boundaries. By this past summer, there was already a foundation of familiarity, trust, and shared purpose. Campers stepped into a community shaped by

empathy and connection. Language barriers softened, cultural differences blended into curiosity, and what remained was the simple truth that Jewish children, wherever they come from, share a core bond of heart and history.

One moment from this summer captured the essence of what two years of this program has built. During teen *t'fillah*, American and Israeli campers gathered for a prayer for the hostages. We spoke about the Hebrew word *Mitzraim*, not only the Hebrew name for Egypt, but literally translated as a dark and narrow place. We reflected that some members of our Jewish family remain in such places today, and that our prayers must lead us to action and hope. The room grew still. Campers prayed quietly, reflecting on their shared story.

Then, as the closing song began, the mood shifted. What started as a soft melody swelled into a powerful eruption of joy and unity. Israeli and American teens linked arms, singing and dancing to melodies from both Israel and the United States. **Tears of sorrow turned to tears of hope. Voices rose with Oseh Shalom, with Yachad Lev el Lev, with Am Yisrael Chai. It was as if the heaviness of the moment lifted, and the campers, together, remembered that they could fly.**

Two summers in, we have watched pure resilience, love, and togetherness reshape what camp can be. The friendships formed here will last a lifetime. Our campers are growing into young adults who understand that they are part of one people with one heart. They inspire us every day and remind us that nurturing these bonds is how we ensure that Am Yisrael truly lives.



Red Jackets & Camp Milestones

The Red Jacket Ceremony, one of our camps' longest-standing traditions, honors those who have dedicated their time and talents to their second summer on staff, serving as mentors and inspirations to campers. We bless them with song as they prepare to take on the responsibility of caring for children, just as those who came before them have done for the last 75 years. This past summer, eight more staff members joined the thousands of alumni who came before them. **We also honored 12 other staff members with milestones of 5, 10, 18, and 25 years.**

Red Jackets

- Mads Behar (M'22)
- Jack Greer (M'22)
- Josh Goodwin (M'22)
- Rand Lewis
- Sam Lonabaugh
- Ethan Schall* (L'22)
- Rachel Zacky (M'22)
- Adira Zylberman (L'22)

5 Years

- Sam Cantos (M'17)
- Eli Reisz* (M'17)
- Gabby Rovin (M'18)
- Libby Sarto (L'17)
- Ian Simpson

10 Years

- Kathryn Roberts* (L'05)
- Jodi Woodnick
- Rayna Gevurtz

18 Years

- Erica Feinman (M'02)

25 Years

- Rabbi David Eshel

**Second Generation Camper/Staff Member*



25 Summers *of* Sacred Community

What did I get myself into? That was the question echoing in my head as I drove through Gate 2 in the summer of 2001. I had been hired as a unit head, charged with supervising counselors who were caring for children. The truth? I had never been to camp as a kid, never supervised anyone, and certainly never worked with children. I was convinced someone had made a mistake.

But Howard Kaplan saw something in me, and for his faith, I am forever grateful. The first person I met was Amanda Kelson. She greeted me with a big smile and literally open arms. Amanda was already a lifer, and she welcomed me as though I were one too. Who could have imagined that more than two decades later, we would still be friends and that I would become a lifer myself.

From that first week, it was clear: this was more than just a magical place. It was a holy place. A place where people, young and young at heart, come together to build lifelong friendships, to be truly known, and to see and be seen in the most sacred way possible. Every summer, as more people entered the gates, the air filled with cheers, laughter, screams, and the kind of hugs that remind you what it means to belong.

That feeling, that deep sense of being seen, known, and loved, is where I encounter the divine. This is where God dwells. It's in the

laughter at Shabbat dinner, singing, and dancing, in the tears of the final havdalah and siyum, in the quiet moments under the stars, and in the cabin. It's the spiritual heartbeat of camp, pulsing summer after summer, generation after generation. And I know with all my heart, all my soul, and all my might that it has been true since the very beginning, and it will continue to be true long after we are gone.

Experiences like this don't just happen. They are created—intentionally, lovingly, through vision, passion, and an unwavering belief in the power of community. For 25 summers, I've been blessed to help guide this holy work, to nurture Jewish souls on their individual and collective journeys. This is not just my job. It's my calling. My sacred mission.

And what's most remarkable is that camp doesn't end when summer does. The gates may close, but the connections never do. Children I first met as eight-year-olds have become b'nai mitzvah

students, wedding couples, and now parents bringing their children to camp. I've

stood with them under the chuppah, in moments of celebration and moments of loss, and at every milestone, it's our camp family that shows up.

Because from Malibu to Israel, and in every home in between, camp family *IS* family.

What I have come to know and understand is that Jewish summer camp is not simply a tradition or a childhood experience. It is the lifeblood of Jewish continuity. It is where the next generation learns not only how to live Jewishly, but how to love Jewish life. It's where we discover that we are part of something bigger, something timeless, something sacred.

Twenty-five summers later, I now know exactly what I got myself into. I got myself into a life of meaning, into a community of love, and into a sacred mission that keeps our people thriving from one summer to the next, from one generation to the next, now and forever.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi David Eshel





Alumni *Engagement*

THE POWER OF CONNECTION

Our alumni network is woven together by shared songs, stories, and summers that shaped who we are. This year's gatherings showed how deeply those connections continue to grow.

Now, in this milestone 75th year, we're calling on alumni across generations to bring their voices, ideas, and energy to the table. We're seeking those who want to lead, reimagine, and reconnect, helping to create meaningful opportunities for alumni of all ages to celebrate, give back, and carry the spirit of camp forward.

*The next chapter of our story starts with **you**.*

ALUMNI *Spotlights*

DAVID GINSBURG | L'65

Camp Hess Kramer remains the place in my mind and soul where my fundamental Jewish cultural and social sensibility was ignited and still resides. The CHK leaders and fellow campers I came to know and revere over 60 years ago remain touchstones in my spiritual and intellectual journey, which I know continues through both my children and grandchildren attending camp and having their Leadership summers. My rabbi was and will always remain Alfred Wolf: He guided and counseled me and officiated at my wedding to my wife, Dena, over 53 years ago. His memory and vision are eternal. And that his son, Dan, and I have been friends and colleagues since childhood would have been reason enough to attend the Reunion. But there was more.

What I discovered as I watched a new generation of leaders, counselors, staff and campers at the Army and Navy Academy over two days in July 2025 is that, as much as the legacy grounds of Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu fill my recollections and hopes for the future, the camp's essence lies not in a place, time, or even a generation of those who comprise it as an enterprise, but rather it is the ongoing institutional transmission of tradition, song, story, respect, and love. I came to know that there is an abiding beauty in belonging to that chain and in accepting the responsibility of keeping its glow alive.



DEBORAH TUROBINER | L'91

So many feelings come back anytime I am at "camp." Even if we aren't in Malibu, the feeling of being surrounded by familiar people, songs, traditions, and memories is like coming home. Being at Leadership Night this year with my daughter, who was a Leadership counselor, felt like a full circle, and it made me incredibly proud! I am inspired to know that Leadership is still so important to so many, including Eliana.

I was equally surprised by how many things have changed at camp, as well as how many things remain the same. I love that the tradition of Leadership cheers, songs, and dances still burns bright. I was comforted to know that the bonds between camp friends never fade or disappear. The shared jokes, memories, and stories are timeless, and make me feel like no matter what, there is a place in the world where I belong, as a camp alumnus.

Camp was such a huge part of my life for over 12 summers, having been a camper, counselor, Leadership counselor, CIT counselor, and Unit Head. Then, all four of my children had different camp experiences, and we had my oldest son's Bar Mitzvah weekend at camp. It is essential to return to camp, to continue feeling connected, to share these memories, to see old friends, and to fill my soul.



REBECCA SILLS NUDEL
L'95 and Former Associate
Camp Director

Going back to camp this summer for Alumni Shabbat and Leadership Night felt like coming home. Even though the physical location has changed since the Woolsey Fires seven years ago, the heart of camp—the laughter, the music, the sense of belonging—was exactly as I remembered it. The song session might now take place in the gym instead of the dining hall or Baruh, and everyone changes into their favorite sports jerseys instead of keeping on their Shabbat whites, but somehow the spirit is unchanged. The traditions may evolve, but the feeling—the deep sense of community and connection—is still the same.



Being back stirred up twenty summers' worth of memories: my years as a camper, counselor, administration staff, and associate director, and all the friendships and moments that shaped me along the way. I attended Alumni Shabbat with one of my best friends/former roommates, who I met as a staff member all those years ago, and Leadership Night with another dear friend who is like my little sister and whose children are now campers. Seeing her kids experience the same magic we once did filled me with such pride and warmth. It felt like looking at the past and the future all at once—our history woven into theirs.

For me, camp has always been about more than just a place; it's about the people, the memories, and the way we grow together. It's about chosen family, shared joy, and the comfort of knowing that no matter where camp happens, its spirit endures. Camp is a part of who I am and what I hope to pass on to my child one day, should he choose to return as a staff member. The specifics may change, the songs may sound a little different, but the essence—the love, the laughter, the sense of belonging—remains the same. Being there again reminded me that we're not just visiting the past; we're continuing a legacy that will carry forward for generations to come.

ERIC LITMAN | L'03

Attending Leadership Night this year was an unforgettable experience—a chance to celebrate the one and only Rabbi David Eshel and reconnect with the deep sense of tradition that camp continues to inspire within me.

It reminded me that no matter where Camp Hess Kramer is physically located, it still creates that same unmistakable feeling of joy, belonging, and pure comfort. It's hard to believe it's been 20 years since I was a counselor, and yet the moment I arrived, that familiar sense of warmth came rushing back—from the Leadership Sweatshirts and the Hilltop double clap to the effortless conversations with old and new faces alike. Camp has always been more than a place; it's a piece of my identity, my connection to Judaism, and a home I can always return to.

Celebrating Rabbi David Eshel's 25th year at camp was truly special—a testament to the countless lives he's touched with his humor, energy, and love. Seeing camp thrive in a new space while carrying forward its timeless traditions filled me with gratitude and hope. I left Leadership Night inspired by the power of this community and excited for what's ahead as CHK and GHC continue to create endless moments of connection, joy, and Jewish pride for generations to come.



ALUMNI *Spotlights*



KEVIN ROWEN M'08

It was so special to be part of the first Mitzvah Night in many years this past summer. The experience truly unfolded the map of camp's history: sharing stories from Mitzvahs past for where camp has been, seeing camp in its current phase in Carlsbad, and inspiring

future campers who were visiting alongside all the alumni, including my own children. Although the camp community has journeyed to different places the last many summers since the fire, it still felt like coming home to camp when we sang familiar songs, danced year after year of Mitzvah dances, and held each other during Havdalah and Siyum. No matter where camp goes, home will always be found in these traditions and shared experiences, and in the people that make up our camp family.

ADAM ROBB | L'10

Returning to camp for Mitzvah night was a wonderful experience. After spending so much of my life at camp (almost 20 years!) I was worried that returning to visit would fill me with sadness about not being a part of the community that I love, but what I found instead was quite the opposite. I returned to the songs and dances that I grew up with, and after many years of claiming that we are all a part of the camp community forever, I was blessed to experience that firsthand. Even though camp is at a new location, it still, with every fiber of my being, felt like camp. Watching campers do cheers that I helped write, and participate in traditions I watched form brought a feeling of togetherness that I truly can not put into words. Of all the things that I experienced, maybe the best was watching my former campers (some that I had when they were in 3rd grade), working as staff and even Senior Staff. I felt the true meaning of L'dor vador, and watching them interact with their campers and share with me stories, many mirroring my own experiences, is a memory that will truly stay with me forever. I am so incredibly grateful to camp for making me the person I am today, and am so incredibly heartened to watch as the next generation leaves their mark on the world and each other.



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Alumni **Shabbat, Mitzvah** *and Leadership Night*

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Summer 2026
Alumni Events at
Camp in Carlsbad

Mitzvah Night

Saturday, June 27

Shabbat Seventy Five

Friday, July 24

Leadership Night

Saturday, July 25



Shabbat Shelanu

We kicked off our 75th Anniversary with a beautiful camp shabbat gathering at the Resnick Family Campus of Wilshire Boulevard Temple.



There are more celebrations ahead! Join us! wbtcamps.org/75th

ALUMNI *Weddings*

Scott Kend (L'95) and
Jackie Berkowitz Kend

Ben Hoffman (L'01) and
Alexandra Hoffman

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Allie Donahoo (M'07)

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Ricki Elliott

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Sam Mirkin

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Marcos Melendez

Laney Schwartz (M'12) and
Avi Levine

Katie Burns (Alumni) and
Doug Kohn

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Mason Royal





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CAMPERS





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Dr. Rachel Buck (M'06) and Avihai Aharon

Mara Bleifer

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