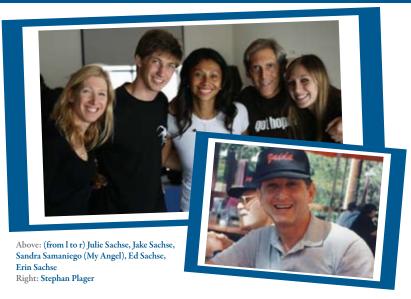
# WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE



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We're in the midst of our Days of Awe, reflecting on and responding to the sacred task of *t'shuvah*, repentance. As if that were not enough—*dayenu!*—there is more we can do on this Yom Kippur.

As we all know, *halachah* (Jewish law) forbids all kinds of labor on Shabbat, even flipping on a light switch, pushing an elevator button or tearing a piece of paper. "Work" on Shabbat is serious business; we're supposed to "cease and desist." Yet, there is one act that trumps every law of Shabbat observance, one situation so important it allows us to do *anything* on this holiest of Jewish days: saving a life.

This year on Yom Kippur, with just a Q-tip\* and a quick swab inside your cheek, do the "ultimate mitzvah" by participat-



ing in the Temple's bone marrow drive in conjunction with City of Hope. In our congregation, we have been deeply affected by cancer that requires a bone marrow transplant: Stephan Plager, a vibrant man who was cut down in the prime of his life because an exhaustive search for a donor match proved fruitless, and Ed Sachse, whose life was saved because someone like you stepped forward and donated their bone marrow.

Please visit our bone marrow drive webpage at www.wbtla. org/events/item/245/tikkun\_events, where you can read stories about Stephan (of blessed memory) and Ed, and download information and forms.

During the days when we give voice to the prayer that asks "Who shall live, and who shall die" in the coming year, we have the sacred opportunity to "temper the decree" by stepping forward—with just a Q-tip® and a swab inside the cheek—to save a life.

■ Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein

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What I Know For Sure:

ISRAEL

at 60





Midway There:
Shahhat Shuvah

The Shabbat Between—that is, the Shabbat between Rosh ■ HaShanah and Yom Kippur—speaks of the t'shuvah: the turning, the changing, the transformation that occurs during these awesome days from Rosh HaShanah to Yom Kippur.

Our tradition speaks of two kinds of t'shuvah. Some changes emerge out of fear of punishment or guilt over past deeds. And sometimes we change because of bad circumstances that we don't want to repeat: lost tempers, lost wages, lost relationships. However, t'shuvah that emerges out of love transforms and sustains. When we change because we love our children, our parents, our spouses, ourselves, we energize our potential for growth and development.

This change, this t'shuvah, is difficult. It takes reaching down into our memories, seeing the flaws, and asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt and from ourselves. The mystical rabbi known as the Ari said, "One who does not cry during the Ten Days of T'shuvah—his soul is not complete." When we cry, it is the sign of a broken heart turned to God for strength, healing and wholeness. The tears open the gates of forgiveness.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu...may we be blessed in the New Year with health and well-being, and may we walk a path of kindness, integrity, justice and peace.

Rabbi Karen L. Fox



**Adult Opportunities** 

# What I Know ISRAELat 60 For Sure: ISRAELat

hat I know for sure is that experiencing Israel at 60 will move and challenge you. The Israel you might have visited in the 1960s or '70s is long gone. Not only do the phones work, but the country invented the cell phone as we know it. Not only is Israel involved in industry, but the most creative high-tech companies overlook the Mediterranean Sea. And Israel has the most ethnically and religiously diverse Jewish community in the world.

What I know for sure is that the political conversations will surprise you with candor. The seminar at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya will open your eyes to the research and strategy developing in Israeli society. The behind-the-scenes look at the Israeli economy—exploring the diversity of the high-tech industry, including conversations with venture capitalists and visits to a number of companies—will stretch your view. An evening with Yaakov "Dry Bones" Kirschen will make you laugh and cry as he expresses love for Israel through political satire.

What I know for sure is that artists provide a window into Israeli society like no other. Meet Noam Semel, creative director of the Cameri Theater. Visit the Ein Hod artists' colony and galleries in Haifa. Speak with Israeli writer, editor and translator Hillel Halkin. Enjoy a culinary experience at Auberge Shulamit in Rosh Pina.

What I know for sure is that Shabbat in Jerusalem is like no other experience. This is how spirituality translates into real life...the vendors selling flowers, the walks on quiet streets, the songs, the prayers, the dinners, the conversations.

What I know for sure is that you will open your heart to Israel in new ways when you join me February 15–23, 2009, for our "Wilshire Boulevard Temple Israel at 60" adventure. See you there!

Rabbi Karen L. Fox







# The Beginnings of a GOODYEAR

As 5769 begins, Brawerman is ready for the 21st century as well as the 58th century. Technology is expanding our world and adding an exciting new dimension to classroom instruction. SMART Boards are being well utilized from kindergarten to sixth grade and from science to Hebrew classes. However, we are still the "People of the Book," as evidenced by the success of the annual Book Fair. In this election year, students in all grades voted for their favorite books, and teachers had wish lists fulfilled for their classrooms. For a meaningful New Year experience, students participated in Rosh HaShanah seders and shared plans for grade-level, yearlong tikkun olam projects. L'shanah tovah!

■ Susan Isaacson
Assistant Head of School/Curriculum



# Center for Learning & Engagement

# C E off to a strong start

Every year in September, we hear the shofar blast—our spiritual alarm clock that reminds us to get ready for the High Holy Days. We also start responding to our bedside alarm clocks that remind us it's time to return for another year of learning.

Early on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with the help of our committed Center for Learning and Engagement Advisory Board parents, we began another year of stimulating classes at the Temple, the Irmas Campus and Camp Hess Kramer. Eager participants at each of our locations met one another in the halls, introduced themselves to their teachers and reconnected with old friends. Students were enveloped in a sea of *bruchim haba-im*—welcome—from their new educators and classmates. Favorite old teachers were greeted with hugs and high-fives.

Communal connection was the highlight of the day. The strength of our voices and spirits during *t'filah* filled the Factor and Marcia Israel chapels and resounded outdoors at

CHK. We also began the year with a newly developed Hebrew *ulpan* program. Each location participated in an hour-long, fast-paced immersion that used all of our specialists in music, dance, drama and art, as well as some really fun games. We saw participants of all ages moving around their assigned spaces, learning new letters, vocabulary and songs. Connecting across grade levels, kids greeted old friends and discovered some new ones. They were sharing, laughing and singing, all in Hebrew.

Our entire staff has been preparing all summer for just such an outcome, and the smiles of the participants were such a great reward! The intense and happy level of engagement let us know that *chazak*, *chazak*—we indeed move from strength to strength.

■ Vinny Green Interim Director



#### **EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ISLAM**

A Three Part Series Monday, October 6, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. Irmas Campus

This three-night course will introduce you to the basics of Islam belief, help clarify differences between Sunni and Shi'ia, and allow ample time for you to "Ask the Expert" all those challenging questions that are important to put forward.

Dr. Mahmoud Abdel-Baset, former Director of Religious Affairs, Islamic Center of Southern California

www.wbtla.org/events/item/257/adult\_events

#### **BONE MARROW DRIVE**

Thursday, October 9, 2008 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Temple Campus

NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

Your Cheek and 1 Q-Tip Could Save a Life!

The Jewish act that cancels out every single commandment is piku'ach nefesh—saving a life. Over 70% of patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or other blood cancers cannot find a marrow match in their family; their only hope is to find a donor—and it could be you—whose donation of bone marrow may well turn heartbreak to hope. Make this Yom Kippur one of reflection, renewal, and recommitment to Jewish ideals, and in doing so, find out if you are eligible to give the gift of piku'ach nefesh—saving a life.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/245/tikkun\_events

# WOMEN'S TORAH LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI FOX

Friday, October 17, 2008 - 12:30 p.m. Irmas Campus

Look at the Torah through women's eyes.

We begin our seventh year of study and continue to grow in friendship and learning. Bring a Bible of your choice and we'll study commentary from the newly published *Women's Torah Commentary* published by Union for Reform Judaism. Experience studying, eating together and enjoying the fruits of Torah.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/221/adult events

#### A SALUTE TO OUR LEGENDARY SONG LEADERS

Sunday, October 19, 2008 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Camp Hess Kramer



Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Alumni Association honors Song Leading Legends and Haggigah Legends at an evening of recognition and celebration.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/214/youth\_events

#### SAME-SEX MARRIAGE CIVIL RIGHT-RELIGIOUS RITE?

Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Temple Campus



A panel of religious and legal leaders will engage us in a discussion of this challenging topic, helping us understand the role of marriage in religious and secular history, and how same-sex marriage may or may not fit into contemporary legal and/or religious discourse.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/255/adult\_events

# IMPORTANT DATES CENTER FOR LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT/ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

Sunday, October 5, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. Magnin Campus

Parent Open House for K - 6th grade

Sunday, October 12, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Camp Hess Kramer

Parent Open House for Bamachaneh participants and their parents. Buses will be provided

Sunday, October 19, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Irmas Campus

Parent Open House for K - 6th grade

Come hear about what your children have been learning, and will continue to learn at the Center for Learning & Engagement. Meet their educators, the other students in their class and their parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

# Sukkot

Our Gelebration of Nature and Abundance

Join us at one of our workshops or find a place at any of our Sukkot celebrations. Details of these events are available in your High Holy Days Bulletin or online at www.wbtla.org

October 14 Sukkot Family Celebration
October 15 Something in the Sukkah

October 16 Early Childhood Center Family Picnic and

Sukkot Celebration

October 17 Soul Sounds in the Sukkah

October 17 Chaver Caring Community Celebration

October 19 CLE Family Picnics

October 21 Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor: Simchat Torah



# Our Temple Family

#### Welcome to new Temple members...

Benjamin and Gabrielle Alexander...Susan Applebaum...Warren and Deborah Blum and their daughters, Rachel and Esther...Crisina Conway and her daughter, Allegra...Glenn and Aimi Datz and their daughter, Ryan... Robert and Nancy Dean and their children, Andrew, Steven and Rachel... Michael and Allison Druyanoff and their children, Matthew and Alexa... Jeffrey and Cecilia and their children, Jonathan, Arielle, Brooke and Alexis... Ann Lechtholz and her daughter, Elizabeth...Ronald and Lauren Magnin and their daughter, Anna...Naomi Martinez and her daughter, Samantha...Roger and Yvette Mincheff and their children, Zoe and Jack...Cheri Morgan...Isaac and Roya Musighi and their children, Jeremy, Jeffrey and Nicolette...Kevin and Lori Paulsen and their sons, Joshua and Aaron...James and Ellen Prince and their son, Dylan...Marc and Jessica Rabkin and their daughter, Lola... Mark and Linda Rosman and their daughter, Alexandra...Steven and Claudia Seizer and their sons, Daniel, David and Andrew...Micah Whiting and his children, Soren and Astrid...

#### Congratulations to

Pam and Stephen Soller on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Jade and to big sister and brother, Sophia and Jack...

#### Condolences to...

Dr. Alan and Judi Fogelman on the death of his mother, Elsie Fogelman and to grandson, John and Sherri Fogelman and to great grandchildren, Hannah, Max and Teddy and to sister, Betty Cohen...Nancy and Robert Dean on the death of her father, Jerry Lushing and to grandchildren, Andrew, Rachel and Steven...Joni and Monte Gordon on the death of their daughter, Elizabeth Morgan...Richard and Dana Pachulski on the death of his father, Phil Pachulski and to grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicola...Stephen and Pamela Soller on the death of his father, Saul Soller and to great grandchildren, Sophia, Jack and Charlotte...Peg and Fred Pashkow on the death of her mother, Bobbie Solomon and to grandchildren, Matt Pashkow and Jessica Fried Pashkow; Mindy and Adam Silverstein and to great grandchildren, Juliette and Mirabelle Pashkow and Max Silverstein...

And to all immediate and extended family.



# RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Leder for officiating at the funeral of Bob Kuyt by Melissa & Fred Kuyt Molly Hirsch's Bat Mitzvah by Erika Glazer Our 63rd Wedding Anniversary by Lillian & Joseph Grodsky

In Loving Memory Of:

Lisa Applebaum by Mindy Applebaum
Samuel Bauman by Ruth & Samuel Halper
Irwin Bernstein by Lynne &
Theodore Bernstein
Robert Borun by Dorothy Borun Straus
Irwin Carson by Carson Family
Hal Coskey by Lynette Kurtzman
Wolf Davies by Jo Ann Burton

Jean W. Dreisen by Janet & Betsy Dreisen Alfred Garfinkel by Carson Family

Lillian Gelfond by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gelfond

Beatrice Gerry by Janice & Arthur Gerry Sadie Warner Halper by Ruth & Sam Halper Morris Harris by Rita & Albert Harris

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Raymond Kurtzman by Lynette Kurtzman Adele Laxer by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Laxer Lisa Laxer by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Laxer Lillian Lynn by Leanore & Donald Motley Lillian Mereny by Eric Fine & Carol Krasne Michael Mettle by Nancy Mette

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Harold Victor by Jonathan Victor Sorlee Wagman by Barbara & Lee Wagman Marvin Weisburn by Allison & Larry Berg

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In Honor Of:

Rabbi Karen Fox who officiated for Dr. Jordan Phillips by Mary Zoe Phillips Rabbi Ben-Naim for officiating at the funeral of Frances Black by Elaine Schreiber The Brit Milah of Hill Lester Leopold by Samuel Kunin

In Loving Memory Of:

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Sherry & Fred Fern for a Happy & Healthy New Year by Bette Ann & Richard Bloom

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& Stanley Brown & Family

Max Hartfield by Lucille Epstein & Family

Beloved husband, Warner M. Hirsch by Jane Hirsch Brother, Louis Kanner by Iris Kanner

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In Honor Of

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#### FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, October 12, 2008 Underwritten by Banky LaRocque Foundation

Thank you to those individuals and families who have chosen either to underwrite (\$1,000) or sponsor (\$500) a week of food. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Gina Lobaco at (213) 388-2401 or globaco@wbtla.org.

Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah— Doing a mitzvah leads to more.

Yizkor prayers are recited four times a year in the synagogue in memory of lost loved ones: on Yom Kippur, the last day of Sukkot, the last day of Passover and the second day of Shavout.

For those whose personal tradition it is to make a contribution in their memory to benefit our Temple community, a special donation envelope is enclosed with this newsletter. Please call the Development office if you have any questions: (213) 388-2401.

May the memory of your lost loved ones be for a blessing.



### Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

#### **Shabbat Service**

Rabbi Stein and Cantorial Soloist Elisa Waltzman Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

#### Soul Sounds Shabbat

Rabbi Eshel, Cantor Gurney and the Band Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

#### **Torah Study**

DEUTERONOMY Vayeilech 31:1 - 30:30 Rabbi Leder Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

#### **Shabbat Shuvah Services**

Rabbi Ben-Naim and Rabbinic Intern Gersh Lazarow Camp Hess Kramer - 9:00 a.m.

#### Shabbat Shuvah Morning Minyan

Rabbi Fox, Cantorial Soloist Ellen Sugerman and Rabbinic Intern Erin Mason Irmas Campus - 9:15 a.m.

#### **Shabbat Shuvah Services**

Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Elisa Waltzman Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 Kol Nidre

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 Yom Kippur

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

#### **Shabbat Services**

Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Pam Simmons Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Avi Cohen Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

#### **Shabbat Services**

Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist Marshall Voit Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14** First day of Sukkot

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21** Yizkor Memorial; Last day of Sukkot (Morning), Simchat Torah (Evening)

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