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## NEW Nursery School Opening This Fall

Wilshire Boulevard Temple is pleased to announce a new arrival: The Erika J. Glazer Nursery School will open in September 2008 at our historic Temple Campus on Wilshire Boulevard! Following in the footsteps of its highly successful sibling, the Mann Family Early Childhood Center (MFECC), the Erika J. Glazer Nursery School will embrace the same philosophy and values that have made MFECC so successful. Parent and Me classes have already begun with continuing enrollment, and applications are now being accepted for the inaugural Nursery School class this fall.

The opening of the Glazer Nursery School is one of the first steps in a multi-year program that will restore and redevelop our landmark Temple Campus.

Carol Bovill, Director of Early Childhood Education for Wilshire Boulevard Temple, will oversee both schools. Beth Weisman will serve as the Parenting Center Site Director and Leslie Cerruti will serve as the Erika J. Glazer Nursery School Site Director. Both programs will incorporate a developmental approach and include a combination of Reggio Emilia, Montessori and High Scope philosophies.

The mission of the Temple's nursery schools is to provide a nurturing environment that offers Jewish values and education to children and their families,

and to offer a place where adults and children can thrive in an atmosphere of friendship, curiosity, self-esteem, Jewish identity, joy and respect.

Parent and Me classes at the Temple Campus provide children from birth to 3 years with an environment where they can experience play as a hands-on experience. Parents have an opportunity to share ideas, develop friendships within our Jewish community and discuss the challenges of raising babies and toddlers with staff who specialize in early child development and education.

Applications are currently being accepted for admission to the Nursery School at the Temple Campus for September 2008. Registration forms for Parenting Center classes are also available. For information, please contact Fredda Loewenstein at (213) 388-2401 x130.



More information online  
[www.wbtla.org/pages/nursery\\_school](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/nursery_school)

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## This Week's Torah Portion

### Masking and Unmasking, Masquerading and Disclosing

There is one day in the Jewish year when we masquerade with costumes, makeup and masks. On this day, we follow the path of Esther, who became Queen to King Ahashuerus. Her Uncle Mordecai advised her not to reveal her faith, culture or religious tradition when she wanted to enter palace life. In preparation, Esther completed months of spa treatments, etiquette school and social coaching. She was eager to be selected queen, but didn't reveal "her people or her kindred;" she hid behind her mask.

When "written instructions were dispatched by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, massacre and exterminate all the Jews, young and old, children and women, on the 13th day of Adar and to plunder their possessions" (The Book of Esther), Uncle Mordecai delivered this message: "Don't think that you, Esther, of all the Jews, will escape with your life just because you sit in the king's palace... Maybe you are positioned as queen for just this purpose."

Thus, Esther revealed her identity as a Jew, pleading and planning to save her people.

It was courageous of Esther to remove her mask. She was afraid, not only for her people, but for herself. Her cunning use of beauty and sex, her relationship with authority and her ability to hide enabled her to maintain her influence in Persian society.

It's easy to wear a mask, to smile a false smile, to pretend to care. On Purim, we purposely hide ourselves, consciously wearing disguises. The lesson is in knowing when to show your real face, open your eyes and heart, and seek out the truth.

May we always have the courage to remove our mask to allow the possibilities of honesty and openness, compassion and truth. *Chag Purim Sameach....*

See you at the **Purim Carnival** on March 16 at the Temple campus and at the **Be A Star: Celebs, Salsa & Sangria Adult Purim Celebration** at the Irmas campus on March 20.

■ *Rabbi Karen L. Fox*



## The Center for Religious Inquiry

### What's a Nice Temple Like Ours Doing with a Center Like This?!?

It's not surprising that members of our board, staff and clergy have been asked this question. After all, our Center for Religious Inquiry has offered courses and lectures in Mormonism, Buddhism, Islam, bio-ethics, and the challenges of "separation of church and state," as well as distinctly Jewish topics. Shouldn't we be concentrating our resources on all things Jewish?

We Jews rightly exult in our peoplehood and accomplishments, but numerically speaking, we are tiny—and we are shrinking. Each contact with the non-Jewish community is an opening to model who we are and what we believe in, a chance to illustrate why Judaism has been a central part of the world's civilization for thousands of years. Opening the doors of Wilshire Boulevard Temple to all of Los Angeles' citizens affords us the unique opportunity to welcome this tapestry of a city into our home, making it clear not only who we are and what we stand for, but also dispelling many of the inaccurate and inappropriate beliefs and stereotypes that have hurt us for too many years.



As we open our doors to the city, we also open our hearts and minds to the world around us that we cannot fail to ignore, both as Jews and as Americans. When we explore other religions, we learn answers to questions such as "Who is my next-door neighbor?", "What does my child's best friend's family believe in?", "Why does my office mate have that object on her desk?" No people have a greater thirst for knowledge than we do, and now, because of the Center for Religious Inquiry, you can "come home" and explore, engage, encounter—filling yourself with wisdom and understanding as we illuminate Judaism for this City of Angels, all of us on a mutual path to a deeper, all-encompassing peace.

■ *Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein*  
*Director, The Center for Religious Inquiry*



# Snow Day!!

All bundled up for winter in Los Angeles



## Overnight Campsite coming soon

Each summer our camps grow and change. While the basics of camp are enduring—the song sessions, the friendships, the personal growth and the fun—we are always trying to bring new activities to camp that are in keeping with our commitment to provide children with exceptional experiences that foster a deeper sense of Jewish community.

This summer, our camps will be opening a new overnight site that is nestled in the hills of Malibu between Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp, with expansive views of the Pacific Ocean. Each night, a different cabin will leave camp and hike to this unique site. Along the way, the group will learn about the natural environment of the Malibu hills, discuss our traditions and views of nature stewardship, and have fun hiking together outside the bustle of camp. Once there, the campers will prepare and cook their own meals over an open fire, engage in team-building exercises and small-group *t'filah* and sleep under the stars. They will hike back to camp the next morning to reengage in camp activities as a stronger cabin unit.



Visit the Camps website at  
[www.wbtccamps.org](http://www.wbtccamps.org)





## Erika Glazer: Investing in Our Temple's Future

Erika Glazer's earliest memories of Wilshire Boulevard Temple are of the sounds of confused murmuring and fluttering pages echoing through the Sanctuary as congregants tried to follow along with Rabbi Magnin during High Holy Day services. "Because it was so hot and airless, Rabbi Magnin would skip around and shorten the prayers to get through the service faster," she recalls. "All around me, I heard everyone whispering and turning pages in a vain attempt to follow along."

So it made perfect sense to Glazer to step forward with a promise of a gift when Rabbi Steve Leder began to talk about restoring the Sanctuary and redeveloping our historic Temple campus. She knew exactly how she wanted to help: to underwrite heating and air conditioning—and build a new nursery school. Thanks to her generosity and vision the Temple will install modern mechanical systems, so in a couple of years, High Holy Days will no longer be celebrated in stifling heat.

From her own experience, Glazer knows how influential a Jewish nursery school can be in forging a Jewish identity. Her own college-age children, Alexandra and Zachary Shabtai, both have strong Jewish identities, nurtured first through a nursery school program at another congregation and then at Wilshire Boulevard Temple's Religious School. "My kids were fortunate that their Jewish education was made relevant and accessible to them," she observes, "and when they both became a bar mitzvah, it wasn't because all of their friends were doing it, but because they knew what it meant and embraced it."

Enrollment has now begun for the Erika J. Glazer Nursery School, opening this September in modular units on the Temple Campus. Its first students—babies and toddlers—can already be seen daily at the parenting classes with their parents in tow.

Glazer's gift to the Temple reflects her passion for education, which drives much of her philanthropy here and in Israel. She has established a scholarship program for young Israelis who have completed their national service requirement. "They earn very little in the IDF and few programs are available for them to continue their education after they leave. So I'm helping students through medical, legal and engineering programs." She also has funded recreational activities on army bases throughout Israel, which are isolated



*A work crew prepares the Temple's future building site. In 2007, the Temple acquired four contiguous parcels north of the sanctuary building along Hobart Boulevard to redevelop and expand the Temple Campus. The footprint of the Temple Campus now occupies almost an entire city block in the Wilshire Center and is the home of the Erika J. Glazer Nursery School.*

and afford few leisure activities. So far, she has built four swimming pools that are also used for hydrotherapy.

Glazer, who has business interests in downtown L.A., is also a booster of the urban renaissance unfolding on the city's east side. "The developments downtown are amazing—like the Nokia Theater complex," she observes. A Beverly Hills resident, she prefers to attend services at the Temple campus, despite its lack of amenities. But thanks to her generosity, the grandeur of the Sanctuary will soon be experienced in climate-controlled comfort!

■ *Gina Lobaco*  
Development Director



## Welcome Jennifer Levitt Development Associate

My husband, Andy Levitt, and I recently moved to Los Angeles from the East Coast, where we both grew up in active Reform congregations. I graduated from the University of Maryland in 2000 (Go Terps!) with degrees in marketing and finance, and later from the fundraising certificate program at the University of Pennsylvania. For the past eight years, I worked in development and communications at large Jewish nonprofits in the Philadelphia-New Jersey area. I'm thrilled to be a part of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, especially at this exciting moment in our congregation's history. I look forward to meeting you in the near future!



# Contributions

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Sunday, March 16, 2008

## FOOD PANTRY

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*Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah—Doing a mitzvah leads to more.*



We appreciate your generous donations. An \$18 minimum donation is required for each acknowledgment card.



## Upcoming Events

### PURIM CARNIVAL 2008

Sunday, March 16, 2008  
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Temple Campus

Come celebrate Purim with the Megillah reading and a carnival. There will be food, great prizes, a tasty bake sale, fabulous rides, and activities for all ages.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/167/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/167/youth_events)



### BE A STAR! CELEBS, SALSA & SANGRIA

Thursday, March 20, 2008  
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Irmas Campus

Join us for a seductive night of ballroom dancing, megillah reading and drinks. Learn how to light up the dance floor with Dance Doctor John Cassese.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/157/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/157/adult_events)



### JEWISH POLITICAL AUTHORITY: WHO, HOW AND WHY WE GOVERN

Thursday, March 27, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Irmas Campus

Find out how our history is being used to guide—or perhaps, misguide us—today, here in America as well as in Israel.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/147/tikkun\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/147/tikkun_events)



### FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN THE CHARLES FELDMAN ANNUAL CONCERT KEYBOARD CONVERSATIONS® WITH JEFFREY SIEGEL

Saturday, March 29, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Irmas Campus

Jeffrey Siegel returns as pianist and host in an evening featuring the romantic music of Chopin, Rachmaninov and Debussy among others.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/158/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/158/adult_events)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sunday, March 30, 2008  
1:30 p.m.  
Temple Campus

You told your stories and it is clear - HOMELESSNESS - will be the issue our community will be fighting to improve. Join us to learn how to make your voice count, to learn more from experts, and to meet our new interfaith congregational partners.

[www.wbtla.org/pages/tikkun\\_olam](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/tikkun_olam)

## JUSTICEACTION



### THE JEWISH THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIANITY

Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Temple Campus

Join Michael Kogan, author of *Opening the Covenant: Jewish Theology of Christianity* as he unravels our preconceived notions of Christian theology.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/159/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/159/adult_events)

### WOMEN'S SWEET SEDER

Thursday, April 10, 2008  
6:30 p.m.  
Irmas Campus

Join in the old-new journey, as coming out of Egypt takes on different forms in different years.

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/163/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/163/adult_events)



### BIG SUNDAY '08

Sunday, May 4, 2008  
1:30 p.m.  
Irmas Campus

BBQ, kids games, a book fair, blood drive and more. An afternoon of MITZVAH for the whole family!

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/161/tikkun\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/161/tikkun_events)

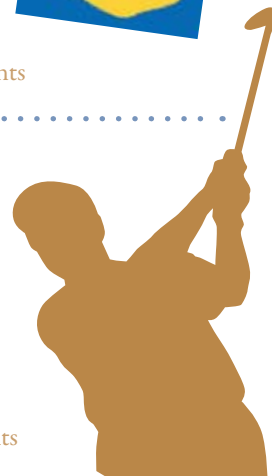


### 5TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 5, 2008  
El Caballero Country Club

Join us for a day of great golf, great food and loads of fun in support of a wonderful cause. Your day of golf will benefit the Temple's Camps and Youth Programs!

[www.wbtla.org/events/item/169/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/169/youth_events)



For all Temple events, including ongoing events, please visit [www.wbtla.org/events](http://www.wbtla.org/events)





## Our Temple Family

### Welcome to new Temple members...

Brian and Sydney Eisner and their daughter, Maya...Ben and Alison Levin and their daughter, Emily...Donny and Elena Makower and their children, Mia and Jake...Noah and Jennifer Shore and their son, Owen...Kevin and Pamela Singer and their children, Jasmine and Cameron...

### Congratulations to...

Shauna and Joshua Markman on the birth of their son, Blake William...Norah and Brian Weinstein on the birth of their daughter, Sloane Paige and to grandparents, Mary Lynn and Howard Gottfried...

### Condolences to...

Josh and Shauna Markman on the death of his grandfather, Sidney Beckerman and to great grandchild, Blake... Helen Samples on the death of her sister, Anne Kanner...Nick Klein and Diane Shakin on the death of his cousin Ernest Klein and to cousins, Alanna and Jonathan...Ellen and Steven Jackson on the death of her father, Sol Ruch and to granddaughter, Beth and Larry Baeck and to great grandchildren, Amanda and Jack...Curtis and Priscilla Tamkin, Dr. Douglas and Linda Tamkin and Jeffrey Tamkin on the death of their mother, Etta Tamkin and to grandchildren, Curtis Jr., James, Michael, Cathy, Jon and Bobby...

*And to all immediate and extended family.*





# Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

### Shabbat Services

Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Marcus Feldman  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Phillips, Cantor Gurney and the Adult Choir  
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

### Torah Study

LEVITICUS Tzav 6:1 – 8:36  
Jonathan Freund  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

### Shabbat Services

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

Rabbi Phillips and Cantorial Soloist Marcus Feldman  
Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28

### Shabbat Services

Rabbi Stein and Cantorial Soloist Marcus Feldman  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Caro  
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

### Torah Study

LEVITICUS Shemini 9:1 – 11:37  
Rabbinic Intern Gersh Lazarow  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

### Tot Shabbat

With Cantor Gurney and Beth Weisman  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro  
Irmas Campus - 9:15 a.m.

### Shabbat Services

Rabbi Stein and Cantorial Soloist Marcus Feldman  
Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Lonee Frailich  
Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.



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