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Wilshire Boulevard Temple is your respite—your engaging and inspiring home away from home.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple is where inspiration lives and exploration begins, as we share the bonds of Jewish culture, identity and expression with our community.

Whether you are a family with young children or teens, an empty-nester, single adult, or senior, we offer numerous opportunities to fulfill your spiritual, educational, personal and social life.

Connect with meaningful, creative Shabbat and holiday services; engage in learning and enrichment through classes, lectures, films, concerts and books. Participate in programs for outreach, social justice and personal growth.

All this is available to you, and we invite you to join us. Read this Experience brochure and find at least one new experience that you would like to try. Registration for events, classes and volunteer opportunities is easy. You can register online, by email or simply call the Temple using the contact information provided next to the icon ⓘ in the event description.

May you be blessed in the New Year with health and well-being, and may you walk a path of kindness, integrity, justice and peace. All the clergy, faculty and staff say: *"L'shanah tovah!"*

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each HELP one for Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Except for fundraising events, registration fees are waived for Each One Help One members. Please indicate your Each One Help One membership when you RSVP.

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adult programs

A Story for S'lichot: N'ilah in Gehenna—a Musical Folktale

Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.

How do we measure the power of prayer? Can repentance really change our fate? Find out when you join us for an uplifting, musical *S'lichot* service and a performance of *N'ilah in Gehenna (The Last Prayer in Hell)*, a charming Yiddish folktale about a humble cantor whose magnificent voice empties out Gehenna (Yiddish for the Underworld) on Yom Kippur.

Featuring Cantor Don Gurney and his marvelous musicians, narrated by Rabbi Steve Leder. Program will be preceded by a dessert reception on the patio.

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Tashlich at the Beach

Saturday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.
Will Rogers Beach at Temescal Canyon at PCH

Write your sins in the sand and let the waves wash them away. Bring in the New Year in a beautiful, natural setting. Join Rabbi Fox for a sweet, jazzy service at Will Rogers Beach, with music, drumming and the blowing of the shofar. Featuring Rabbi Fox and songleader Jason Mesches.

Please dress casually in white, bring a blanket, snacks, your family and friends!

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Sophisticated Sukkah – Joel Ben Izzy, Master Storyteller

Sponsored by The Dr. Jerome Tober Fund for Artistic Expression

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Listen to Jewish tales from all over the globe told by one of the most famous traveling storytellers of our time. Accompanied by the internationally acclaimed klezmer band, Klezmer Juice.

Over the past three decades, master storyteller Joel Ben Izzy has traveled the world gathering and telling stories from Tel Aviv to Tokyo and from Petaluma to Paris, with several detours through Chelm. While the stories he tells come from anywhere and everywhere, his specialty is in bringing old Jewish tales to life with a modern and personal twist.

Please join us for a delightful afternoon, followed by an autumnal buffet in the sukkah.

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6 Sunday Morning Seminars – Practical Jewish Learning

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

October 14 – I'm Fine with Judaism, but I'm Not So Sure About God with Rabbi Goldberg Rabbi Fox
An attempt to answer these very basic questions: Who, What, Where is God and how does God fit into my life?

October 21 – The Essence of Judaism with Rabbi Fox Avi Cohen, WBT Educator and Tutor
What exactly does it mean to be a Jew? What are our core values and beliefs?

October 28 – Biblical Timeline with Avi Cohen, WBT Educatior and Tutor Rabbinic Student Susan Nanus
Get an overview of Jewish history and an idea of when things happened in relation to the rest of western civilization.

November 4 – What Does Judaism Say? with Rabbi Davidson Rabbinic Student Susan Nanus
About love, sex, marriage, birth control, abortion, and homosexuality.

November 11 – What Does Judaism Say?
with Rabbi Shapiro Rabbi Leder
About caring for the sick, death and dying, euthanasia and life after death.

November 18 – Jerusalem – More than Just a City
with Rabbi Leder Rabbi Eshel
Why is Jerusalem so important to the Jewish people? Why do Christians and Muslims care so much about Jerusalem?

Drop in for one, two or all six classes!

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The WilshiREADERS

The Wilshire Boulevard Temple Book Club

Thursdays, October 11, December 13, February 7, April 11, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

Join our book club and embark on this exciting yearlong exploration of critically acclaimed books that have achieved national recognition and stimulated great popular interest. Led by Great Books Facilitator, Rochelle Ginsburg.

Book List:

October 11
The Hare with the Amber Eyes by Edmund deWaal

December 13
Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

February 7
The Arrogant Years by Lucette Lagnado

April 11
Scenes From Village Life by Amos Oz

June 6
Mitzvah Man by John Clayton

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Wilshire Boulevard Temple and the California Museum of Ancient Art present:

The Exodus and the Settlement of the Land of Israel

A series of four lectures by some of the world's greatest Biblical scholars and archeologists.

Mondays, October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 7:30 p.m.

October 15 – *The Exodus from Egypt in Biblical Literature and Tradition*
Dr. Kyle McCarter, world-renowned Northwest Semitic language expert from Johns Hopkins University opens the series with a general introduction and a lecture on the Book of Exodus.

October 22 – *The Exodus Narrative– Did it Really Happen?*
Dr. Donald Redford, the foremost Egyptologist in North America, lectures on the archaeological evidence, or lack thereof, for an Exodus.

October 29 – *The Israel Stela: Earliest Extra-Biblical Mention of the Israelites*
Dr. Peter Brand, the Dunavant Associate Professor of History at the University of Memphis and leader of ongoing excavations at the Temple of Amun-Re in Southern Egypt will speak about the earliest visual images and the first mention of "Israel" outside the Bible.

November 5 – *The Israelite Settlement in the Hill Country of Judea and Samaria around 1200 BCE*
Dr. Robert Mullins, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Azusa Pacific University, will present the latest theories about settlement of the previous uninhabited hill country of Canaan at the end of the Late Bronze Age and beginning of the Iron Age.

$76 for the series or $22 per lecture
Jerry Berman (818) 762-5500 cmaa@att.net
www.cmaa-museum.org or www.wbtla.org

Israel Institute: A Daytime Speaker Series in Partnership with the UCLA Nazarian Center for Israeli Studies

Sponsored by The Jean and Bob Bachelis Family Lecture Fund

Wednesdays, October 17, November 14, December 19, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

In the six decades since its founding, the State of Israel has spawned a vibrant culture and a multiethnic democracy. It has also faced ongoing challenges and has had to grapple with complex geopolitical issues. An appreciation of the complexities that are Israel requires knowledge, probing analysis and dialogue across different disciplines and viewpoints.

Bring your lunch and join us as we listen to top academic and political experts discuss the history, politics and society of Israel.

October 17
"What Israel Needs from the Next President."
Speaker: Professor Steven Spiegel, Director of the Center for Middle East Development at UCLA, Consultant to the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, winner of the Karpf Peace Prize, awarded to the UCLA professor considered to have done the most of any faculty member for the cause of world peace.

November 14
"Secular vs Religious: the Biggest Social Problem in Israel."
Speaker: Sarina Chen, Shusterman Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Nazarian Center

December 19
"Israel and Iran–What Next?"
Speaker: Dahlia Dassa-Kaye, 2011-12 UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations Fellow; Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation

$18 for the series
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International Jewish Film Series

Sundays, October 28, November 18, December 9, January 13, 4:00 p.m.

Monthly screenings of award-winning Jewish films from different countries; followed by a discussion with Michael Renov, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor of Critical Studies, USC School of Cinematic Arts

October 28
Walk on Water (Israel, 2004)
A politically compelling and complex drama that delivers a memorable story of guilt, revenge and human connectivity. (Winner of the National Film Board Review for Top Foreign Film, 2005)

November 18
Nowhere in Africa (Germany, 2001)
A visually lovely film with compelling three-dimensional characters about a German Jewish refugee family that moves to Kenya in the late 1930's. (Based on a true story. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, 2001)

December 9
Le Concert (France, 2009)
A delightful comedy about a former world famous conductor of the Bolshoi Orchestra, who lost his career 30 years ago for defending Jewish musicians. (Golden Globe and Cesar Nominee for Best Foreign Film)

January 13
Divided We Fall (Czech Republic – 2000)
A daring comedy of ethics, this film takes a complex look at World War II, skillfully balancing humor and gravity. (Academy Award Nominee for Best Foreign Film)

$25 for the series or $8 per film
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If each one helps one, together we can guarantee the Jewish future—for all.

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East Side Havdalah: Six Words on Jewish Life

Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

Can you summarize your life in six words?

Come to a funky, alternative *Havdalah* service with LA's "East Side Jews," followed by a live production of the extremely popular *Six-Word Memoir Project.* Eight Los Angeles Jewish personalities take to the stage to share clever, thoughtful and humorous life stories, concluding with an audience generated Six-Word Slam. Conceived and directed by New York sensation Larry Smith, publisher of *SMITH Magazine* and author of the *Six-Word Memoir* series. Followed by a blintzes and wine bar. Featuring Rabbi David Eshel.

Havdalah – the short musical service that marks the end of Shabbat with wine, spices and candlelight.

$18
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Style and Substance: An Afternoon Salon for Women of Wilshire

Sunday November 4, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for High Tea and an Important conversation with DR. JUDITH REICHMAN. Speaking on "Aging, Anti-Aging and Women's Most Pressing Health Issues."

A practicing gynecologist and highly regarded expert on women's health care issues, Dr. Judith Reichman pioneered the women's health care format on the television program, "Woman to Woman." She served as medical advisor and on-air physician for the syndicated television program, "Group One Medical." Since then, Dr. Reichman appeared on CNN, ABC, NBC and PBS, and was the Medical Contributor on Women's Health for the morning news program, "Today."

Women of Wilshire offers opportunities for our women congregants to get to know each other and spend quality time together. It is not a club, nor is membership of any kind required. Everyone is welcome.

$18
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A Leonard Cohen Shabbat

Friday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

A special Shabbat service featuring the liturgical music of the great Leonard Cohen. Followed by a special *Oneg Shabbat.*

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Chanukah Soul Sounds Shabbat Dinner – A Night of Miracles

Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

Readings of true Jewish tales of miracles and mystery. A special storytelling musical service followed by a Shabbat Chanukah dinner.

Bring your Chanukah menorah and candles and join us for a very special evening. Reservations required for our catered Shabbat dinner with latkes and jelly donuts.

$36 (adults), $18 (children 12 and under)
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Chanukah Soul Sounds Shabbat Dinner – The Chanukah Guest

Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Reading of the famous Chanukah story – "The Chanukah Guest." A special storytelling musical service followed by a Shabbat Chanukah dinner.

Bring your Chanukah menorah and candles and join us for a very special evening. Reservations required for our catered Shabbat dinner with latkes and jelly donuts.

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Once in a Lifetime

Experience the extraordinary … find yourself in the midst of history in the making.

Francine Sanders with Bob Levitt

A few of our multigenerational families

Fay "Babaloo" Kaplan, 94 years young with son, Executive Director, Howard Kaplan

Albert & Shiva Berookhim with children Rachel & Ariel

Karen Wolfen & parents Judy and Allan Africk

Norma Bubar & daughter Beverly Denenberg

Mickey Mayerson & Susan Weinberg

David & Janet Lonner with Cantor Don Gurney

Jesse Nadel, Cate Wolfen & Gillian Gurney

Witness the amazing restoration and redevelopment taking place.
Call Charisse Charley at (213) 835-2165 to sign up for a tour (subject to construction schedule).

save a LIFE give a DAY

Sunday Sept 30

CARE HARBOR LA

Again this fall, nearly 10,000 of the most needy in our city will descend on the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena for the Care Harbor Free Health Clinic. This year, Wilshire Boulevard Temple is teaming up with Care Harbor to make a difference.

more info: wbtla.org

Chinese Food and Latkes – Celebrating being Jewish at Christmas

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Rabbi Joshua Plaut speaks about his delightful new book, *A Kosher Christmas*, which explores the response and creativity of American Jews at Christmas time. This book, the first on the subject of Jews and Christmas in the United States, portrays how Jews are shaping the public and private character of Christmas by transforming December into a joyous holiday season for all Americans.

Followed by a Chinese food buffet and a book signing.

JOSHUA ELI PLAUT, an ordained rabbi, holds a Ph.D. in Hebrew and Judaic Studies. He is the author of *Greek Jewry in the Twentieth Century*, 1913–1983, and has documented Jewish life and popular culture through photography, oral history and ethnography.

$20

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men of wilshire

The Men of Wilshire is a group dedicated to connecting and engaging our men in Temple life. Through dynamic and interactive programming, we strive to create a social foundation based on our Jewish core values, a shared history and a shared future. In our commitment to community, we foster a sense of belonging, friendship, lifelong learning and fun.

Rabbi David Eshel (424) 208-8930
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SAVE THE DATE!

For Martin Luther King Gospel Choir Shabbat

Sponsored by the Rabbi Alfred Wolf Memorial Lecture Fund

Friday, January 18, 2013

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Special Trip to Israel: Riding for Reform

March 7-16, 2013

ARZA WORLD See, Touch, Feel...Discover

Join cyclists and hikers from around the world that will raise funds for the wide range of Liberal Jewish cultural, social and educational programs in Israel. See Israel 'close-up' on your bike, selecting either the touring or challenging level on your bike, or the hiking on your strong legs. Enjoy the upper Galilee to the Emek Harod, the hills and valleys. Experience the land and benefit the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. If you are interested, call Rabbi Karen Fox for information, or contact Ride4Reform online. Mickey Rosen, Rabbi Fox's husband, is glad to train our WBT riders.

Rabbi Fox or Phil Wallace (424) 208-8932
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www.wbtla.org

family programs

All events are open to all Temple members. Enrollment in Wilshire Boulevard Temple schools is not required and we encourage all to attend and participate.

Coffee with Carol

T I 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Carol Bovill, Director of Early Childhood Centers, will meet monthly with parents to assist you in being the best parent/s you can be. She offers expert advice to guide and empower you on your parenting journey. Each session features an essential topic, and is open for pertinent conversations on additional subjects.

Separation – Everyone at Their Own Pace
I October 15 T October 17
The Quest for a Good Night's Sleep
I December 5 T December 12
Discipline, Tantrums and Love
I January 8 T January 9

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Tot Shabbat

T I Select Dates (see below), 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat with a musical service for children, a special Shabbat craft project, singing and Kiddush! The Tot Shabbat Program is open to all families with young children ages five and under.

T 9:30 a.m.	I 9:30 a.m.
October 20	October 27
November 3	November 17
December 22	December 1
January 26	January 12

Fredda Loewenstein (424) 208-8922 fredda@wbtla.org
T Sherrie Zadok (213) 835-2125 szadok@wbtla.org
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2012 Book Fairs

Sponsored by Brawerman Elementary School, Mann Family Early Childhood Center and Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center

I T Monday – Friday, October 15-19

Build community as we purchase incredible books to suit all interests and needs. Select from adult fiction and non-fiction, children's and young adults' books, cookbooks, reference books, gifts and more. A percentage of each sale goes to support our schools' programs and scholarship funds.

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Holiday Boutique

Sponsored by Brawerman Elementary School, Mann Family Early Childhood Center and Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center

I Tuesday, November 13, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

The city's finest vendors create a fabulous day filled with lunch, shopping and socializing. Merchandise includes women's and children's clothing, costume and fine jewelry, housewares, gifts and toys—something for everyone! Enter to win fabulous raffle prizes, sample goodies from our world class bake sale and make your Chanukah holiday shopping easy and fun. A percentage of each sale goes to support our schools' programs and scholarship funds.

Felisa Felsenthal (424) 208-8911 felisa@wbtla.org
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the BIG GIVE 2012

As we gather together with our families to celebrate Thanksgiving, we cannot forget the thousands of Angelenos who are hungry and homeless.

Join us again this year to assemble and deliver 1,000 complete Thanksgiving dinners to feed 4,000 of our city's most needy families.

SUNDAY
November 18
12:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Please RSVP Online
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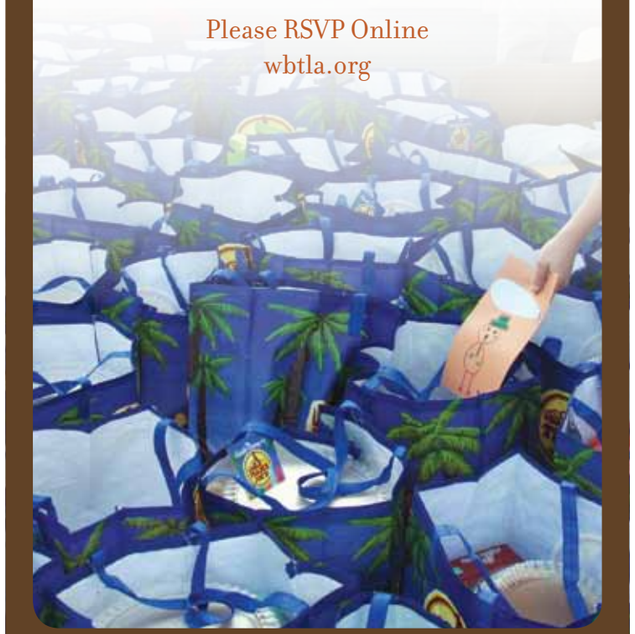

Religious School Retreat

Friday, November 2, 3:30 p.m. -
Sunday, November 4, noon
Camp Hess Kramer (with bus transportation from Irmas and Temple Campuses)

Religious School grades 3 and 6 will spend the weekend interacting and celebrating at our beautiful Camp Hess Kramer for a spectacular Shabbaton. Our 6th graders will be joined by Brawerman 6th graders for exciting programming, connecting them as a learning community for future programs together. All will have an engaging series of activities under the direction of Wilshire Boulevard Temple teens active in our WNP (Wednesday Night Program), WBTY (Wilshire Boulevard Temple Youth) and Ozrim Programs, who will be working in conjunction with Camp Hess Kramer counselors and staff.

$150
Herschel Bleefeld hbleefeld@wbtla.org
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shabbat torah study

Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder

Fridays (see below), 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Century City and Downtown

The rabbis said: Torah is the best business. Why not mix business and Torah over lunch a few times a year? Join Rabbi Leder for lunch and Torah study on eight Fridays throughout the year. You bring your lunch; Rabbi Leder brings the wisdom of our ancestors.

No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is necessary. Come to one, a few or all of the sessions.

Century City
October 19
November 9
December 7
January 18
February 15
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14

Downtown
October 26
November 16
December 14
January 25
February 22
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21

$36 for either series
Address given at registration
Nan Brostoff (213) 835-2121 nan@wbtla.org
www.wbtla.org

Women's Torah Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Fox

Fridays (see below), 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

There's nothing like the sacred space and fascinating conversation when the women of Wilshire Boulevard Temple gather to study.

Your life experience impacts your view of Torah—view the Torah though women's eyes. The new Women's Commentary published by the Union for Reform Judaism serves as a base for our discussion, but we examine Rashi, the famous 12th Italian commentator.

Experience studying, eating together and enjoying the fruits of Torah. Bring your own lunch, and we'll supply dessert and drinks.

September 7 and 21
October 5 and 19
November 2 and 16
December 7 and 14

January 4 and 11
February 8 and 22
March 8 and 22
April 12 and 19
May 3 and 24

$36 for each semester
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Shabbat Torah Study at Temple

Shabbat Mornings, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Our ancestors engaged, questioned and wrestled with morality, family strife, community values and God's presence, just as we do today. These precious insights are recorded in the Torah—the greatest of all literature. Join our rabbis, cantors and teachers in this weekly exploration of the words, phrases, concepts and beliefs of our tradition. No prior Torah study experience or Hebrew skills are needed. "The more Torah, the more life."

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Shabbat à la Carte

Shabbat Mornings (see below), 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some communal warmth and spiritual reflection that will help center your mind and settle your heart. Something on the menu for everyone:

Song and Drum
Discussion and Debate
Taste and Torah
Mind and Soul

October 5 (Sukkot Dinner)
October 13
November 10
December 15
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 11
June 1

No need to know Hebrew.

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Hold the Torah High

Beginning October 2012

You give us ten friends.
We'll give you a scholar and the soul-expanding power of Torah.

Now in its second year, Hold the Torah High is an opportunity to study with your friends in your own home. Just get at least ten people together once a month for eight months. Start with drinks or a meal, followed by an hour of Jewish learning taught by one of our scholars. Choose your own day and time.

$180 per person for 8 classes

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So you want to study, but can't make it to class? Sign up for 10 minutes of Torah online

10 Minutes of Torah

1. Just go to www.urj.org
2. Click on "Learning"
3. Go to "Torah"
4. Click on "Ten Minutes of Torah"
5. Sign up for the days and topics you would like to receive by email
6. Enjoy the Torah study daily or weekly!

"One who increases Torah, increases Wisdom."
- Pirke Avot

worship

Soul Sounds Shabbat

Fridays (see below), 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Soul Sounds Shabbat has been a smashing success from its inception in 2004. Employing a new approach to the worship experience, Soul Sounds offers an opportunity for contemporary worshippers to participate through musical presentation and congregational singing. Keyboard, percussion, electric guitars, violin and cello fill the chapel with a rich vibrant resonance—all blending with Cantor Gurney to create what is now the Soul Sounds trademark. This is a worship experience for all ages. See you there with your Shabbat picnic dinner—we provide the sweet treats! And starting in June we will do Soul Sounds outdoors! Join us for a new season of Soul Sounds family fun continuing throughout the summer.

Temple Campus
September 14
October 5
October 12
November 9
December 14

Irmas Campus
September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7

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Youth Choir

Performances (see below), 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Choir is a beloved monthly feature at our Friday evening Shabbat service and during the High Holy Days. Choir members from second grade and up rehearse weekly at the Irmas Campus. Under the direction of Cantor Gurney, choir members learn a wide variety of liturgical songs and often perform solos and duets with beautiful heartfelt singing, and an irresistible energy and spirit.

September 28
October 19
November 30

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SOUL SOUNDS SHABBAT

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WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE has embarked on the most significant redevelopment project of any synagogue in America. With restoration of our magnificent Sanctuary, and construction of new school buildings, a *tikkun olam* center and recreation, arts and celebration facilities, the entire city block will become a vital Jewish village in the heart of Los Angeles.

Complete restoration of historic Magnin Sanctuary

New state-of-the-art nursery, elementary and religious schools

A vibrant center of Jewish life

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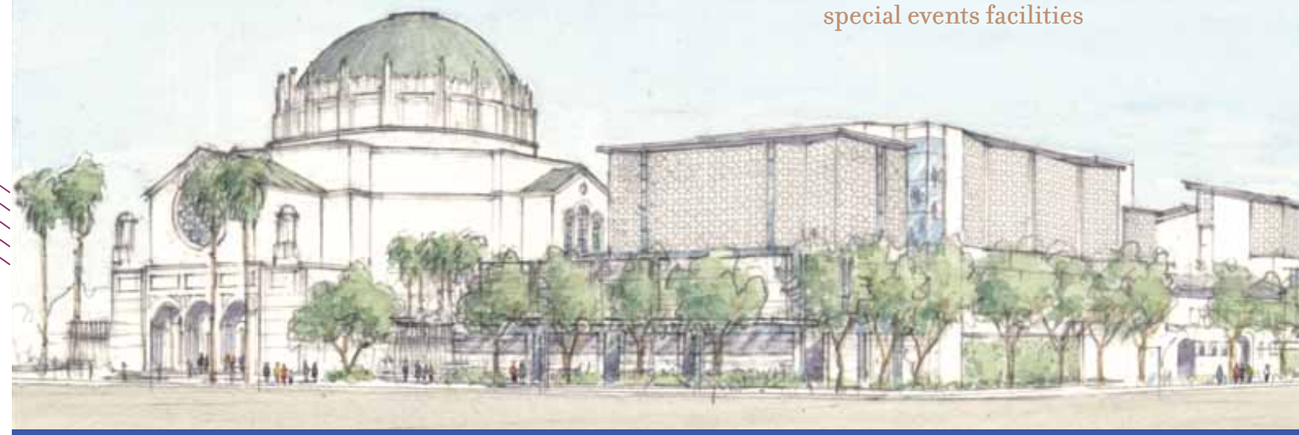

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the rabbi harvey j. and sybil a. fields center for jewish life and values

A calm center in the frantic world of Los Angeles offering Jewish guidance for parent-child dynamics, significant relationships, marital support, interfaith issues, aging, illness, grief and loss. For questions and requests for new support groups, call Rabbi Karen L. Fox.

Spousal Bereavement Support Year One and Year Two

Every Tuesday
7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Coffee
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Session

Caring group support for the first two years of grief and healing. The group provides a nurturing environment to share experiences, gain practical information and receive personal support when you feel most vulnerable.

Our weekly Fields Center bereavement groups are coordinated by the H.O.P.E. Unit Foundation. The participating skilled and licensed psychotherapists are led by Marilyn Stolzman, Ph.D. The group is non-sectarian and is open to Temple and non-Temple members.

$30 per session
H.O.P.E. (818) 591-2706 or (818) 788-HOPE
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Spousal Bereavement Alumni Support Group

Co-sponsored by the H.O.P.E. Unit Foundation
First and Third Tuesday of Month, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Moving forward beyond loss. The group is non-sectarian and is open to Temple and non-Temple members. If you have questions about Jewish customs regarding death and dying, do not hesitate to call Rabbi Fox at (424) 208-8932.

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Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of Month, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The MISS/TCF Foundation support group is organized to provide comfort, validation and compassion for bereaved parents after a pregnancy or infant loss of any kind, for any reason. The group is conducted in a safe environment, where grieving families are able to either share their experiences or just come to listen.

Sari Edber sari.edber@missfoundation.org
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The Adolescent Journey

Mondays, October 22 and 29, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The course is facilitated by Richard B. Cohen, who is a renowned psychotherapist, certified cognitive behavioral specialist and master addictions counselor. He is the founder and CEO of *Of One Mind—Innovative, Behavioral Health, Addiction, and Educational Resources.*

$36 for the series
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Aging as a Spiritual Practice

Tuesdays, October 16, 23, 30, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Like money and sex before it, aging was a forbidden topic. Thoughts of aging might scare us, especially in a society that promotes youthfulness. Join Rabbi Fox and share the moment when you felt lightening strike. Be honest about what you like and what you don't like about growing older. Be open to the wisdom of our tradition and share the uncharted journey of creativity and uncertainty, all within our Temple.

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Caring for Your Aging Parents—At Home or Not?

Tuesdays, November 13, 20, December 4, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

With the guidance of Facilitator Estee Bienstock, RN, discuss caring options for your senior parents including what services are available, how to know when help is needed and what kind of help is most appropriate. Estee will also discuss the variety of services available to caregivers, and the philosophy behind hospice care.

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Empty Nesters—Lunch with Natalie

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Join Natalie Caine, M.A., as she shares tips and wisdom about life beyond parenting, including how to build more of an adult relationship with your children; what went dormant while parenting that now longs to awaken; and what new meaning you may want to add to your life.

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caring community

We Call, We Visit, We Care

The Caring Community provides *bikur cholim*, an outstretched arm for the homebound and ill.

We are here for you!

Is someone ill and in need of community support? Call our Temple and our trained volunteers will extend a hand, and bring the blessings of the congregation to you. Our Chairperson, Andrea Pflug, and Program Chairperson, Susan Grad, make it all come together. Look forward to Body and Soul programs that link Judaism and health.

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tikkun olam

TIKKUN OLAM
REPAIRING THE WORLD
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We are among the luckiest Jews to have ever lived. We live in a country that grants us unprecedented freedoms, and fights to protect them. We have the opportunity to build lives for ourselves that people in most of the world cannot even fathom. But not everyone in our blessed country is so fortunate. Fifty million Americans go hungry each and every day. Another 50 million lack access to healthcare, and over one million Americans sleep on the streets every night. We are the lucky ones, but we will never be able to keep what we have if we do not share it with those who have less.

That's why we're concentrating our *tikkun olam* efforts on Hunger, Housing and Health. By focusing our efforts in these three areas, we will make a difference.

Are you involved with an organization
that is working to address
Hunger, Housing, or Health?
We want to know about it!

Contact Denise Magilnick
(424) 208-8930 or dmagilnick@wbtla.org

Hunger

Food Pantries

Every Sunday
Davidson Patio, 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), 9:15–11:30 a.m.
503 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica

Our rabbis teach that when asked in the world to come, "What was your work?" and you answer "I fed the hungry," you will be told "This is the house of God, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry." For over two decades our Food Pantry has fed the hungry in our city. Now with locations at the Temple Campus and in Santa Monica, it is easier than ever to get involved. It is one thing to make a sandwich or pack a lunch; it is another to actually distribute that lunch to a person in need. Join us for a few hours on a Sunday morning and see the face of true social action.

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The Big Give

Sunday, November 18, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

As we gather together with our families to celebrate Thanksgiving, we cannot forget the thousands of Angelenos who are hungry and homeless. Once again, we will assemble and deliver 1,000 complete Thanksgiving dinners to feed 4,000 of our city's most needy families. Last year's event was unforgettable; don't miss this opportunity to infuse your Thanksgiving with some added meaning.

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Housing

Imagine LA

Ongoing

The highest rung on Maimonides' "Ladder of *Tzedakah*" is to help the disadvantaged improve their own lives by teaching them how to help themselves. There are approximately 8,000 homeless families in Los Angeles, and approximately 8,000 houses of worship. If each church, synagogue and mosque took responsibility for one family, we would end familial homelessness in our city. Imagine LA (www.imaginela.org) is based on this simple premise.

Through our partnership with Imagine LA, we have been matched with Denny, Tristan and their daughter Ezari, who have just moved into transitional housing. For the next two years we will mentor and support them as they become self-sufficient and move into sustainable housing.

Our team of mentors grows with our family's needs, so there's always a way to get involved.

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Health

Care Harbor Health Clinic

Sunday, September 30
Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena

Again this fall, nearly 10,000 of the most needy in our city will descend on the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena for the Care Harbor Free Health Clinic. This year, Wilshire Boulevard Temple is teaming up with Care Harbor to make a difference.

The Care Harbor Clinic provides free care on a massive scale—everything from dental fillings, cleanings and extractions to eye exams and prescription glasses; from medical exams and procedures to immunizations and screenings. In the span of a single day, this clinic brings help and hope to thousands.

Join our Wilshire Boulevard Temple team at this year's Care Harbor Clinic. Whether you're a healthcare professional or not, we need you! In addition to medical and dental professionals, there are hundreds of volunteer opportunities to get everyone and anyone involved—and to make a real difference.

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www.careharbor.org/volunteer.html

school dates

important school dates fall 2012

Mann Family Early Childhood Center

- ☐ Monday, September 10
  New Parent Orientation
- ☐ Monday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 18
  Rosh HaShanah – Center Closed
- ☐ Wednesday, September 19
  Fall Parenting Center Begins
  Nursery School Begins - Geffen Aleph (M/W/F), Keshet, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and Geshers
- ☐ Thursday, September 20
  Nursery School Begins - Geffen Bet (T/TH/F)
- ☐ Tuesday, September 25
  Kol Nidrei – Center Closes at Noon
- ☐ Wednesday, September 26
  Yom Kippur – Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 2
  Sukkot - Center Closed
- ☐ Thursday, October 4
  Sukkot Family Picnic
- ☐ Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 9
  Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah - Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, October 22
  Back to School Night – Seniors and Geshers
- ☐ Thursday, October 25
  Back to School Night – Juniors and Intermediates
- ☐ Monday, October 29
  Back to School Night – Geffen and Keshet
- ☐ Wednesday, November 14
  Parent Teacher Conferences - No Geffen Classes
- ☐ Thursday, November 15
  Parent Teachers Conference (Geffen Only) - Center Closed
- ☐ Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23
  Thanksgiving - Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, December 24, 2012 – Friday, January 4
  Winter Break - Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, January 21
  Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Center Closed

Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center

- ☐ Wednesday, September 12
  New Parent Orientation
- ☐ Friday, September 14
  Nursery School Begins
- ☐ Monday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 18
  Rosh HaShanah – Center Closed
- ☐ Wednesday, September 19
  Fall Parenting Center Begins
- ☐ Tuesday, September 25
  Kol Nidrei – Center Closes at Noon
- ☐ Wednesday, September 26
  Yom Kippur – Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 2
  Sukkot - Center Closed
- ☐ Friday, October 5
  Sukkot Picnic / Soul Sounds Shabbat
- ☐ Monday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 9
  Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah - Center Closed
- ☐ Wednesday, October 24
  Back to School Night
- ☐ Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23
  Thanksgiving – Center Closed
- ☐ Thursday, November 29
  Center Closed for Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☐ Friday, December 21
  Fall Parenting Center Ends
- ☐ Monday, December 24, 2012 - Friday, January 4
  Winter Break - Center Closed
- ☐ Monday, January 7
  Winter Parenting Center Begins
- ☐ Monday, January 21
  Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Center Closed

Brawerman Elementary School East

- ☐ Thursday, August 30
  Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher
  Grade 1 Meet Your Teacher
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  First Day of School
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  Kindergarten and Grade 1 Walk In
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  Kindergarten and Grade 1 Welcome Breakfast
- ☐ Monday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 18
  Rosh HaShanah - School Closed
- ☐ Sunday, September 23
  Brawerman Family Camp Day
- ☐ Tuesday, September 25
  Kol Nidrei - Early Dismissal
- ☐ Wednesday, September 26
  Yom Kippur - School Closed
- ☐ Monday, October 1
  Sukkot - School Closed
- ☐ Tuesday, October 2
  Sukkot - School Open
- ☐ Wednesday, October 3
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Thursday, October 4
  Back to School Night
- ☐ Monday, October 8
  Sh'mini Atzeret - School Closed
- ☐ Tuesday, October 9
  Simchat Torah - School Open
- ☐ Friday, October 12
  Kindergarten Coffee
- ☐ Monday, October 15 – Friday, October 19
  Book Fair
- ☐ Wednesday, October 17
  First Grade Social
- ☐ Thursday, October 18
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Wednesday, October 24
  School Photo Day
- ☐ Monday, October 29
  Kindergarten Social
- ☐ Tuesday, November 6
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Wednesday, November 7
  Make-up Photo Day
- ☐ Tuesday, November 13
  Holiday Boutique
- ☐ Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23
  Thanksgiving - School Closed
- ☐ Monday, November 26
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Wednesday, November 28
  Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal
- ☐ Thursday, November 29
  Parent Teacher Conferences - No School for Students
- ☐ Saturday, December 8
  First Night of Chanukah
- ☐ Saturday, December 15
  Last Night of Chanukah
- ☐ Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4, 2013
  Winter Recess - School Closed
- ☐ Monday, January 7
  School Resumes
- ☐ Monday, January 21
  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed - School Closed
- ☐ Thursday, January 31
  End of Semester 1

Brawerman Elementary School West

- ☐ Wednesday, August 29
  Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  First Day of School
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  Kindergarten – Grade 3 Walk In/
  Welcome Breakfast
- ☐ Tuesday, September 4
  Kindergarten Picnic and Play
- ☐ Wednesday, September 5
  Grades 4 - 6 Walk In/ Welcome Breakfast
- ☐ Wednesday, September 5
  Grade 4 ERB Meeting
- ☐ Thursday, September 6
  Grade 5 ERB Meeting
- ☐ Thursday, September 6
  Room Rep Meeting
- ☐ Friday, September 7
  PA Meeting
- ☐ Friday, September 7
  PA Chairs Meeting
- ☐ Tuesday, September 11
  Grade 6 ERB/Secondary School Meeting
- ☐ Tuesday, September 11
  Mitzvah Rep Meeting
- ☐ Thursday, September 13
  K - 2 Back to School Night
- ☐ Monday, September 17 and Tuesday, September 18
  Rosh HaShanah - School Closed
- ☐ Thursday, September 20
  Grades 3 - 6 Back to School Night
- ☐ Sunday, September 23
  Brawerman Family Camp Day
- ☐ Tuesday, September 25
  Kol Nidrei - Early Dismissal
- ☐ Wednesday, September 26
  Yom Kippur - School Closed
- ☐ Monday, October 1
  First Day of Sukkot - School Closed
- ☐ Tuesday, October 2
  Second Day of Sukkot - School Open
- ☐ Thursday, October 4
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Monday, October 8
  Sh'mini Atzeret - School Closed
- ☐ Tuesday, October 9
  Simchat Torah - School Open
- ☐ Thursday, October 11
  Kindergarten Coffee
- ☐ Monday, October 15 – Friday, October 19
  Book Fair
- ☐ Tuesday, October 16
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Friday, October 19
  Sixth Grade Coffee
- ☐ Monday, October 22
  Second Grade Coffee
- ☐ Tuesday, October 23
  Fourth Grade Coffee
- ☐ Wednesday, October 24
  Grade 1 Social
- ☐ Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 25
  School Photo Days
- ☐ Friday, October 26
  Fifth Grade Coffee
- ☐ Thursday, November 1
  Kindergarten Social
- ☐ Friday, November 2
  Third Grade Coffee
- ☐ Wednesday, November 7
  Make-up Photo Day
- ☐ Thursday, November 8
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Thursday, November 8
  Second Grade Social
- ☐ Tuesday, November 13
  Holiday Boutique
- ☐ Thursday, November 15
  First Grade Coffee
- ☐ Wednesday, November 21 - Friday, November 23
  Thanksgiving - School Closed

- ☐ Tuesday, November 27
  Admissions Tour
- ☐ Wednesday, November 28
  Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal
- ☐ Thursday, November 29
  Parent Teacher Conferences -
  No School for Students
- ☐ Saturday, December 8
  First Night of Chanukah
- ☐ Friday, December 14
  Chanukah Performances
- ☐ Saturday, December 15
  Last Night of Chanukah
- ☐ Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4, 2013
  Winter Recess – No School for Students
- ☐ Monday, January 7
  School Resumes
- ☐ Monday, January 21
  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed –
  School Closed
- ☐ Thursday, January 31
  End of Semester 1

Gloria & Peter S. Gold and Edgar F. Magnin Religious Schools

- ☐ Sunday, September 9
  First Day of Religious School (Sun classes)
- ☐ Tuesday, September 11
  First Day of Religious School (Tue classes)
- ☐ Wednesday, September 12
  First Day of Religious School (Wed classes)
- ☐ Sunday, September 30
  Open House
- ☐ Tuesday, October 2
  Open House
- ☐ Wednesday, October 3
  Open House
- ☐ Friday, November 2 – Sunday, November 4
  Religious School Retreat
- ☐ Tuesday, November 20 – Sunday, November 25
  Thanksgiving – School Closed
- ☐ Sunday, December 23 – Sunday, January 6
  Winter break – School Closed

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