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Back to the Future-Musically!



Cantor Don Gurney

hen Cantor Don Gurney joined the Wilshire Boulevard Temple clergy in 1999 as the first cantor in the Temple's long history, he was faced with the challenge of going back to the future. His mission: to reintroduce traditional Jewish worship music and song to the Temple's liturgical practices. Many Reform synagogues, ours included, had

abandoned traditional Hebrew musical liturgy in the early 20th century, replacing it with the more Christian (and therefore more "American") organ and choir. Fifteen years after joining us, the cantor continues to weave together the old and new.

Early in his tenure, the Cleveland native was determined "not to take away but to add" to the established musical repertoire of the congregation. He introduced the traditional melodies for *Bar'chu* to reflect, he says, "the traditional world where there is a collection of modes. Every worship service had a collection of sounds and melodies that were unique and distinguishable, marking distinct time and occasion." Today there are still specific sounds and melodies that distinguish Shabbat from the High Holy Days, for example.

The congregation has easily adapted to the old melodies but has been challenged at times by their Hebrew text. It's not lost on Cantor Gurney that many if not most Reform Jews do not speak the language of our prayers. Even if we don't understand the words, however, "the power of song resonates more deeply in people in ways that cannot be fully articulated. When a community sings its own songs together, the effect is powerful and can bind that community together."

Although an understanding of Hebrew is certainly optimal, the cantor points out that, ironically, the words can get in the way of the spiritual experience. Contemporary beliefs may be at odds with the values espoused in the traditional liturgy. "People don't always

believe what the words actually say," he observes.

A few years ago, to inspire deeper understanding of the text, the cantor introduced what he calls "visual liturgy." During Soul Sounds Shabbat services at the Irmas Campus, the text is projected onto a large screen above the bimah, which serves to energize the congregation as their focus is drawn upward out of their prayer books and toward the central source of the service. Cantor Gurney hopes to broaden the use of visual liturgy, even at High Holy Day services.

He also hopes to bring instrumental accompaniment—particularly strings, wind, and brass—to more services. The presence of musicians at services has created a large following

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Save these dates

FOSTER CARE COUNTS

VOLUNTEER FOR A MEMORABLE MOTHER'S DAY



Sunday, May 11 Culver City 8:30 a.m.







Sunday, May 18 Irmas Campus 4:00 p.m.

This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land?

Behar: Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

In *Parashat Behar*, God tells the Israelites to plant and harvest the Holy Land for six years, but in the seventh year, to allow the fields a Sabbath of complete rest. In that year, called *shemita*, the Israelites could gather whatever the land yields on its own but could not actively work their fields and vineyards.

We should count our blessings and create possibilities for expressing gratitude—every day, every month, every season...

The essential lesson for us is that the land is not technically ours; the land promised to us is only

borrowed, a vehicle with which to build a symbiotic relationship with God through our surroundings. Awareness of these laws of the *shemita* year allows us to express humility, gratitude, and reliance upon God's blessings. If the land is not technically ours to own, then the blessings and bounty we enjoy from the land are also not exclusively in our control nor within our realm of influence. We remind ourselves every seven years that life and all of the blessings that come along with bountiful harvests are ultimately dependent upon God.

Today this means we should count our blessings and create possibilities for expressing gratitude—every day, every month, and every season, not just every seven years!

Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim



Back to the Future-Musically (cont.)

and sends a clear message: Shabbat worship at Wilshire Boulevard Temple is a communal celebration.

Enlarging that community and preserving Jewish continuity is Cantor Gurney's purpose. He has developed music for services that combines languages and spans multiple Jewish eras and cultures. "We expand forward in all directions but also move backward to include more of our established traditions. The canvas is extensive, and almost anything



Cantor Gurney at a special Shabbat service

goes," he explains, "but the job of the cantor is to mold it all into something beautiful, enriching, inspiring, and musically interesting to create an experience that embodies our past, present, and future."

■ Max Blum

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Rabbi Karen Fox sends heartfelt thanks to the generous supporters of Reform Judaism in Israel.

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Started at 'Valley of Tears' overlooking Syria



The only time on a paved road—usually we were on trails



IMPJ riders from the whole world



Mickey and Rabbi Fox exhausted and thrilled on the last day

Why I Get My Hands Dirty for HOLA



Least of the Glazer campus, Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) serves as an oasis for over 2,400 low-income families each year. HOLA operates high-quality academic, art, athletic,

and music programs for kids, as well as supportive programs for parents. To do what they do—keep high-risk kids safe and move them in the direction of academic achievement—community support is necessary.

Given their needs and the spirit and drive of our congregation, it became clear to me that this would be a great *shiduch* for our community.

So five years ago we began a relationship. Since then, Wilshire Boulevard Temple members have worked side by side with HOLA to organize their extensive art library; our teens have painted classrooms and common areas; our families have assembled storage units; our little ones have painted a mural with their HOLA contemporaries; and working together, all have dug and toiled in soil for HOLA's "healthy eating" gardens, made food packs for their needy families, done spring cleaning, and more.

Why do our congregants keep coming back? Where so many groups have tried to change an impoverished and undereducated community, we witness firsthand why HOLA is succeeding, one child at a time.

Our next get-together at HOLA will be Sunday, May 18, 12:30-3:30 p.m. We'll spend an afternoon working with the amazing families and staff of HOLA and come away feeling empowered and full of hope. Become part of the solution and see why paint on your hands and dirt in your shoes make you feel so good!

■ Dena Bloom, Member, Board of Trustees



For more information and to sign up for An Afternoon at HOLA, go to wbtla.org



Religious School

Our Students are Speaking

Here is what our students say about our high school programs: Philanthropy: "Knowing that I am putting in a little effort to make a big difference in someone else's life makes me feel like I am fulfilling my commitment to making the world a better place as a human being and as a Jew." —Molly Lovett

Social Action Programming: "At Ronald McDonald House, we did arts and crafts with sick children and their families, and seeing the smiles on their faces when they completed the turkey-shaped pine cones was one of my all-time favorite experiences."

—Carina Rosenbach

Sexuality Retreat: "This retreat was a crucial aspect of maturing as a teenager. It has allowed me to be comfortable talking and learning about ordinarily uncomfortable topics, and has helped me gain the knowledge I need to make safe choices in the future."

—Taylor Kaltman

Wednesday Night Program: "The best part of Wednesday Night Program is being surrounded by such incredible staff and people who care about the same things as I do. Everyone is always in a great mood and is happy to be there, which is great to have in the middle of a chaotic high school week." —Marissa Kugler

NFTY: "One of the greatest things about NFTY is that it is the place where people can truly be themselves without having to worry about what others think of them because the community is extremely accepting and friendly. You should come to an event. If you do, you will forever be a part of the family that is NFTY."

—Noah Taha-Green



Family Camp Buzz

It's a long list: baking challah, making team banners for the weekend's "Oy-lympics," Shabbat services led by Rabbi Eshel and song leader Jason Mesches, John Bard's famous BBQ, hiking on the beach and in the hills, dads playing ukuleles, chilling out and running around, havdallah under the stars, a campfire and s'mores—these activities and more were all part of an unforgettable Family Camp weekend enjoyed by 33 Early Childhood Center families from both campuses March 28 – 30, at Camp Hess Kramer.

Everyone was grateful to parents Marcelo Ziperovich and Meredith Gordon Hochberg for their hard work in putting together a full slate of community spirit, outdoor adventure, good food, and joyful Judaism. On Sunday morning at the closing circle, where everyone shared his or her favorite part of the weekend, we heard words and expressions like: quality family time, freedom, nature, outdoors, Shabbat, new friends, new memories, happy, sad to leave, can't wait for next year!



Camps

An Artist On-Site



Katie Lipsitt

A cclaimed children's illustrator, artist, and author Katie Lipsitt will be at work as artist-in-residence for two camp sessions this summer (Camp Hess Kramer, June 18-29 and Gindling Hilltop Camp, August 1-10). "My plan is to create great art projects with the campers that will later become the

illustrations for an updated camp prayer book," she says.

Lipsitt's primary medium is paper collage, but she also works in watercolor, marker, crayon, and pencil. The Los Angeles resident discovered her passion for collage while earning a bachelor's degree in art history and fine art at Barnard College prior to studying illustration at Pasadena's Art Center College of Design. While drawing technical inspiration from collage masters Henri Matisse and Kurt Schwitters, her true creative muses are her two children, Ben and Lucy, whose own stories often find their way into their mother's work. You can explore her website at katielipsitt.com.

"The prayer book used at camp is based on a synagogue siddur that our camp staff adapted to make it more kidfriendly and accessible," explains Camp Director Doug Lynn. The camp prayer book currently includes creative interpretations of prayers written by our campers and photos campers



'Aleinu' (paper collage)

have taken at camp that go with the prayers thematically so it's unique to our camps. "We are thrilled that Katie will be working with our campers to create the next wonderful artwork to add to the experience of prayer at camp," Doug says.

Hands-on art making is just one of the many exciting offerings of our camp curriculum this summer. Enroll your children (entering Grades 3-10) now for the 2014 camp season! Visit www.wbtcamps.org



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Last year, while architectural plans were in development,

Martha's father passed away. To honor his memory, the three

Karsh children, who were very close to their eye-doctor

grandfather, considered his many interests. "Our daughter,

Katie, came up with the idea of endowing an eye care clinic in my father's name," Martha says, and to that end, the Karshes

recently added \$1 million to their original gift to endow the

Dr. Donald R. Lubin Eye Care Clinic. As soon as word was

out in the family, the Karshes' 26-year-old son Jeffrey asked if

he could contribute personally, and then promptly handed his mother a check. Martha says, "We obviously succeeded with

our children: He's honoring my father; he's giving back to the

Temple and community."



Martha and Bruce Karsh

The renewal of our historic
Sanctuary was just the beginning.
On July 20, we break ground on
the dramatic next phase of the Building
Lives project that will transform the city
block of the Glazer Campus, improve
the lives of thousands of our neighbors in
Wilshire Center/Koreatown, and create
volunteer opportunities for hundreds of
Temple members.

This radical new undertaking? The Karsh Family Social Service Center, for which congregants Martha and Bruce Karsh have donated \$5 million to create a locus for the Temple's *Tikkun*

Olam mission. This force of change will occupy the ground floor of a new four-story building that will rise between Harvard and Hobart Boulevards along Sixth Street. The Karsh Center will house our food pantry and provide dental and eye care, legal aid, and mental health services to our low-income neighbors and bring our congregation together in service to those in need.

"The Temple



The Karsh Family Social Service Center will occupy the ground floor of the new building at Sixth Street and Hobart Boulevard.

sits in a unique multicultural community, made up largely of immigrants," Martha observes, "and we felt that reaching out to our neighbors was a really important responsibility of our Temple. Our families were all immigrants just two generations back. It just felt like the right thing to do."

Including "Family" in the center's name is essential to Martha and Bruce, who met as students at University of Virginia Law School and have been married for 34 years. It not only reflects the name of their foundation and the values they want to pass on to their children but also, Martha says, "communicates that we're all part of this Wilshire Boulevard Temple family and the larger Los Angeles family, and families help one another."

The Temple's goal is to ensure that the Karsh Center becomes nothing less than a widely recognized powerhouse for social good in the center of Los Angeles, something all congregants can participate and take pride in. Deeply touched by the tribute to her husband of 60 years and eager to make this a true family affair, Sybil Lubin, Martha's 84-year-old mother, announced that she too would make a gift to support the eyecare clinic.

Familiar with good investments as co-founder of Oaktree Capital Management, Bruce notes, "The Temple renewal is a farsighted project. It

will take time, but maybe even within just 10 years from now, it's going to prove to be a brilliant move. The neighborhood is changing, and it will be a great place for the next generation of kids to live for years and years to come. Our Mayor lives in the area; downtown is really developing on its own path. There will ultimately be a warm Jewish community around the Temple again.

"When you look back to what gave rise to these feelings," Bruce adds, characteristically low-key, "I think volunteering in the Temple's food pantry with my kids on Sunday mornings and sharing food with those who really need it—that makes a lasting impression on young kids, so it's nice that we'll help perpetuate that."

Amen.

Upcoming Events

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ISRAEL **BONDS CELEBRATION WITH KESHET CHAIM** DANCE COMPANY

Sunday, May 4 1 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special Israeli lunch in the courtyard, followed by an incredible dance performance by the internationally acclaimed Keshet Chaim Dance Company. Sixteen dancers will fill the chapel with



joyful music and dance from Israel, Yemen, Russia, and the U.S. See a short film about Israel and listen to a firsthand account of visiting Israel by one of our students.

- i Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtla.org, (424) 208-8932
- wbtla.org/israelbonds

ECC SPEAKER SERIES WITH DR. WENDY MOGEL

Tuesday, May 6 **1** 7:30 p.m.

Renowned parenting expert, Dr. Wendy Mogel, author of "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee" and "The Blessing of a B Minus" is back at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple's Early Childhood Center's Speaker Series by popular demand for an interactive lecture on how to

stop overindulging, overprotecting, and overscheduling

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COFFEE WITH CAROL

Wednesday, May 7 **1** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 8 **G** 9:30 a.m.

Carol Bovill, Director of our Early Childhood Centers, meets monthly with parents of children ages birth to six years to assist you in being the best parent/s you can be. The topic is 'Sibling Harmony and Conflict Resolution with Friends.'

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FOSTER CARE COUNTS

Sunday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Willows Community School, Culver City

Help make this Mother's Day a day to remember for hundreds of Los Angeles foster families. Visit the website below to see how you can help.

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WHAT'S IN YOUR JEWISH GENES?

Tuesday, May 13 **1** 7:30 p.m.

One guarter of all Ashkenazi, Persian, and Sephardic Jews are carriers for a Jewish genetic disease. Get screened with a simple, inexpensive* blood test. Learn your carrier status and how to have healthy children!

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SANTA MONICA PIER FUN-RAISER 🛎

Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m. at Pacific Park

Party at the Pier! Brawerman Elementary School and the Early Childhood Centers of Wilshire Boulevard Temple will hold their annual Santa Monica Pier Family Fun-raiser at Pacific Park. Bring the kids for rides, games, and more. Net proceeds support our schools' programs and scholarship fund. We welcome all Temple members.

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SETH ETTINGER'S CANTORIAL RECITAL

Thursday, May 15 **1** 6:30 p.m.

Join Student Cantor Seth Ettinger as he celebrates his ordination as a Cantor with a musical recital. Featuring Cantor Don Gurney along with students from the Cantorial Program at the Academy for Jewish Religion California.



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AN AFTERNOON AT HOLA

Sunday, May 18, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. HOLA: 2701 Wilshire Boulevard

Join fellow congregants together with HOLA families to paint, garden, do some spring cleaning, and then enjoy a late lunch together.

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JASON MESCHES AND BAND CONCERT

Sunday, May 18 **1** 4:00 p.m.

Jason Mesches, one of the great song leaders of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, serves up a special "Whole Lotta Challah" concert for Temple families with children 2-10 years of age.

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David Neale

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Congratulations to...

Sara and Burton Morris on the birth of Isabella Reese Morris and to big sister, Ava Morris... Lanny and Zach Schwartz on the birth of their daughter Ava Rose Schwartz and to big sister Zoe, and to grandma Janis Schwartz and great grandmother, June Blumkin, and aunt Cari Schwartz and uncle David Winner and cousin Dylan, and aunt Stacy and Ryan Bernstein and cousins Stella and Oliver...

Congratulations to...

Susan Vann and Richard Kurtzman on their recent marriage.

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And to all immediate and extended family.



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Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Shabba Dabba Musical Service Rabbis Goldberg, Leder and special quests **6** 6:00 p.m.

Soul Sounds: Jerusalem of Gold Rabbi Eshel, Cantor Gurney and Band

0 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Torah Study

Leviticus Emor 21:1 - 24:23 Rabbi Goldberg @ 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Leder and Student Cantor Ettinger **1**0:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney

1 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger **6**:00 p.m.

Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney

1 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Torah Study

Leviticus Behar 25:1 - 26:2 Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi Goldberg 1 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney

10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Shapiro and Student Cantor Ettinger

10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Nefesh "Food for the Soul"

Musical Service

Rabbis Goldberg, Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger

6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Leder, Cantor Gurney and Youth Choir

0 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Torah Study

Leviticus Bechukotai 26:3 - 27:34 Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat

Rabbi Goldberg @ 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney **1**0:30 a.m.

Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist Sugerman

10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Fox and Student Cantor Ettinger Camp Hess Kramer, Malibu, 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Eshel and Student Cantor Ettinger **6** 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney **1** 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Torah Study

Numbers Bemidbar 1:1 - 4:20 Ashley Berns @ 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney **1**0:30 a.m.

Rabbi Shapiro and Student Cantor Ettinger

10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Shabbat Service

Rabbi Leder and Cantor Ettinger **6**:00 p.m.

Salon Shabbat

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Gurney

1 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Numbers Naso 4:21 - 7:89 Avi Cohen @ 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Ettinger (Factor Chapel) 10:00 a.m.

Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney (Sanctuary)10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantorial Soloist Rafii 10:30 a.m.





