

## A Chanukah Bush is the same as Plumcot

The Torah teaches us that a plumcot is not a kosher fruit. A plum is a plum and an apricot is an apricot and the two shall never mix—so too with Chanukah and Christmas. If we try to make Chanukah into “Chanumas,” our Torah teaches, we are missing the point.

Let’s face it—we live in a Christian world. Many of the people we know, love, marry and build lives with may not share the same background or faith. But just like fusion fruit, fusion religion is misguided. Both Chanukah and Christmas are legitimate holidays. We can be committed to raising a Jewish family and Jewish children and help our Christian relatives celebrate their holiday without compromising and losing sight of the meaning of Chanukah. Celebrate Christmas with your Christian family members, ask good questions, marvel at the lights—and know in your Jewish home as you light the *chanukiyah* that Jewish lights and Christian lights are equally beautiful but have

different meaning. Answer the brilliant questions your child or grandchild may ask, but don’t try to make Christmas or Chanukah into something they are not. Combining these two holidays diminishes the integrity of both.

So what should you do this year when it is time to light the Chanukah candles? Invite your Christian friends or family to your home, light the *chanukiyah*, spin the dreidel, eat latkes and reflect upon the battle for religious freedom that Judah Maccabbe fought. Teach your friends or family about our miracle of lights. Think how lucky we are to live in a country where anyone can put a *chanukiyah* in the window or decorate a Christmas tree and not be persecuted for doing so. Keep Chanukah as it was meant to be—whole, beautiful and complete. Remember there is no such thing as a Chanukah Bush. Happy Chanukah.

■ Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim  
& Carol Bovill, Director  
Early Childhood Centers



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# Good Luck? Bad Luck? Maybe!

*Va-yiggash (Genesis 44:18-47:27)*

There is a story from our tradition of an old farmer who worked his crops for many years. One day his horse ran away. Upon hearing the news, his neighbors came to visit. "Such bad luck," they said sympathetically. "Maybe," the farmer replied. The next morning the horse returned, bringing with it two other wild horses. "Such good luck!" the neighbors exclaimed. "Maybe," replied the farmer. The following day, the farmer's son tried to ride one of the wild horses, was thrown off and broke his leg. Again, the neighbors came to offer their sympathy on his misfortune. "Such bad luck," they said. "Maybe," answered the farmer. The next day, military officials came to the village to draft young men into the army to fight in a war. Seeing that the son's leg was broken, the officials passed him by. "Such good luck!" cried the neighbors. "Maybe," said the farmer.

This month in Torah, we join Joseph on his many adventures—from being thrown in a pit,

sold into slavery by his brothers, running the house of Potifar, being thrown in jail, to finally becoming Pharaoh's second in command. The ups and downs of Joseph's life ultimately lead to reconciliation with his family and set the stage for the birth of the twelve tribes of Israel. He says to his brothers, "Do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you. God has sent me ahead of you to ensure your survival on earth, and to save your lives in an extraordinary deliverance. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God."

We never truly know what life will bring us and every experience builds upon the next. Luck is relative. What we learn is life is not about luck but about moving forward, doing the best we can with the hand we are dealt.

■ *Rabbi David Eshel*



## Plugged In

# One Eblast, Two Eblast, Three Eblast, Four

Four years ago, we conducted a survey at Wilshire Boulevard Temple asking congregants how they preferred to hear from us. We had already been emailing weekly—sometimes more—for over two years, but we wanted to know how our members felt about our emails. While the results weren't entirely conclusive, we did learn that everyone is different. At the time of the survey, about a third of the congregation preferred receiving communication via email ONLY; a third preferred print and the rest asked for some combination of both.

As a result of that survey, I made a promise to one day give congregants the ability to customize their preferences. Much to my excitement, that day is finally approaching. With a new website currently under construction, we will be sending out a joyous email sometime in spring 2012 offering you the opportunity to login yourselves and select your

interests. This will alleviate some of the emails you receive that do not interest you. For example, you will be able to select your interest in *tikkun olam*, adult opportunities or family oriented events; you can tell us if you prefer to receive your Temple Bulletin via email or print; and you'll be able to find our weekly eblasts online. Best of all, if you decide to change your mind, you can login and change it!

There are many more wonderful offerings soon-to-be available on the new website and I'm excited to share this teaser with you. Many good things to come in 2012.

■ *Jessica Accamando*  
*Director of Communications*



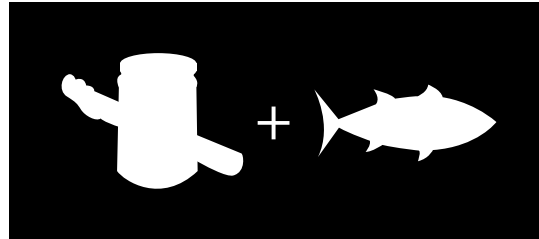
If you have any comments or suggestions as we move forward with change, please feel free to contact me at (213) 835-2116 or [jaccamando@wbtla.org](mailto:jaccamando@wbtla.org)



# Peanut Butter and Tuna Campaign a Huge Success

Our congregation can take pride in knowing we had the most successful High Holy Day food drive in our history. A profound thank you to the hundreds of participants who contributed to the Peanut Butter & Tuna Campaign. With your generosity, we raised \$25,000, allowing for the purchase of 1,250 cases of peanut butter and tuna fish—enough to stock our food pantry for the entire year. This is more than we could have ever asked for.

The significance of what we accomplished cannot be understated. In the past month, two other food pantries in the Wilshire Center neighborhood closed because they no longer have a reliable supply of food to distribute. In addition, over the past year we have witnessed a 75% increase in the number of clients we're serving on a weekly basis at the



Temple Campus Food Pantry. Thanks to your support during these past High Holy Days, we can continue to be a consistent and reliable source of food for our needy neighbors.

Every Sunday we fulfill our sacred obligation as Jews to help heal the world. Wilshire Boulevard Temple is recognized in Los Angeles as a historic landmark synagogue and a prestigious educational institution.

But for many underprivileged residents of the city we are a means to keep their families from pervasive hunger. We can make a real difference. The proof is in the peanut butter.



Learn more about Tikkun Olam,  
[www.wbtla.org/pages/tikkun\\_socialaction](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/tikkun_socialaction)



## Adult Enrichment

### A First Look...

October 16, a Sunday afternoon—It was our first adult program of the year—Sophisticated Sukkah, featuring amazing singers and performers, Alan Chapman and Karen Benjamin. The buffet looked sumptuous, the sukkah was shimmering in the late afternoon sunlight, but *would anybody come? Would they like it?* Well, judging from the thunderous applause and demands for an encore, it seems they did. Afterwards, everyone—85 people in all—lingered at the tables under the sukkah, eating and chatting for another hour.

November 8—Eight women sit around a table at Irmas, learning the difference between crack, bam and dot. It's the first session of Mahjong for Beginners and new friendships are developing along with skills at the game.

That same evening, other congregants meet in a home in Cheviot Hills for their first Hold the Torah High study group. As they sip coffee and sample delicious pastries, they study, discuss and debate Jewish ethics with Rabbi Bob Baruch.

November 10—Nineteen book lovers listen avidly to Susan Salter Reynolds, *LA Times* Book Review critic, talk about great books, her reviews and fascinating stories about famous authors. Afterwards, people sign up to join wilshiREADERS, our Book Club.

Meanwhile in Westwood, another Hold the Torah High group has dinner and studies Talmud with Rabbi Aryeh Cohen. Next week, three more groups will convene, and two more the week after that. Another two will start in January.

Feel like you're missing out? Don't worry. In December, there will be an exclusive screening of an Israeli film and a cooking class with celebrity cookbook writer, Diane Rossen Worthington. And this is just the beginning...

■ Susan Nanus

Director of Adult Programs



Visit our website for information,  
[www.wbtla.org/pages/adult\\_education](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/adult_education)



# Brawerman Explores Science in the Snow

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Science in a winter wonderland became the motif for the fifth grade November trip to Astrocamp. Situated at 5,600 feet in the San Jacinto Mountains near the town of Idyllwild, the camp was blanketed with an early snow just in time for our students' arrival. The toasty dorm rooms, delicious meals and well-outfitted classrooms set the stage for science learning at its best. Students enjoyed expanding marshmallows, exploding balloons, exploring laser lights, "pouring" dry ice fumes to extinguish candles and learning all about mass, motion and gravity in preparation for their rocket launch. And they got to play in the snow with their teachers. What a great trip!



Learn more about Brawerman Elementary School,  
[www.brawerman.org](http://www.brawerman.org)



# Building Bonds with the Religious School

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## Sukkot Sleepover

Over 90 Religious School and Brawerman students attended the first Sukkot Sleepover this year at the Irmas Campus! The students participated in *Havdalah* with their parents, Rabbi David Eshel and Rabbi Lindy Davidson, cooked dinner with a professional culinary kids' chef, played in the sukkah, built a camp with their teachers and slept in the chapel. The atmosphere of fun and excitement among the students and Religious School staff inspired a great bonding experience.

## Retreat HaGadol

Students grades 3-12 recently had the opportunity to experience a Shabbat weekend at Camp Hess Kramer and took full advantage of their surroundings at Retreat HaGadol. Among the activities: a nature hike, Shabbat service, exploring

the beautiful camps and views of the beach, playing get-to-know-you games, creating Parsha-inspired snow globe art and expressing unique talents at the campfire. Our students created many new Shabbat memories at camp.



# Shining a Light on Work and Play

The nursery school students are busy exploring their environment. Every day brings new insights to the children and to their teachers as well. Research has taught us that a fundamental mode of learning for children is through their play.

With that in mind, the Transitional Kindergarten teachers at the Erika J. Glazer Early Childhood Center began the year with a set up for the children to explore. They cleared an area in their classroom, filled it with paper and a “paper room” was created. The class experimented with paper itself; they hypothesized on the weight and strength of each piece. They observed how light shines through and reflects upon it. Adding an overhead projector to the space brought further exploration—the students were enamored by the reflections and the shadows they created. Fascinated with the area, they decided that it was a “snow house.” They talked about finding bears, and discussed footprints or tracks of different animals. Then they made their own, which they followed through the cave-like space, only to happily discover a large teddy bear sitting at the end of the trail.

We have learned in the nursery school that you cannot differentiate between work and play. The children are like scientists—discovering, experimenting and testing new ideas. The children affirmed for us that play is the highest form of research.

*Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning... They have to play with what they know to be true in order to find out more, and then they can use what they learn in new forms of play.*

~ Fred Rogers



## Camps

# 60 Years, 3 Generations, 45,000 Lives

On Sunday, June 10, 2012, some 2,000 people, ranging from young to old, will join together in a pilgrimage up Pacific Coast Highway to a place of magic and memory: Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps.

The occasion will be the 60th anniversary of the first session ever held at Camp Hess Kramer. But, to be honest, this celebration is really just an excuse. People from across the country are eager for any reason to re-encounter the place that changed their lives.

In 1952, my father, Rabbi Alfred Wolf, brought the first group of campers and counselors to that creek-carved canyon in Malibu, where they discovered that Judaism and the outdoors are truly a natural fit.

Since then, around 45,000 young people have attended the camps. Most of them are no longer young; but when they think back on their time at Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp, they are once again that 12-year-old child, excitedly arriving on a yellow bus, ready to be immersed in

the unique camp experience that seamlessly merges contemporary Judaism with our religion’s timeless traditions and values. On June 10, whatever their chronological ages, it will be these young-of-spirit who will converge on camp.

Two months earlier, on Saturday April 21, there will be a pre- 60th anniversary event—a dinner to raise scholarship funds to ensure another 60 years of meaning, value and joy for Jewish youth.

May the Camps live to 120, and long beyond.

■ Dan Wolf

Camp Committee Member



For more information about the Camp 60th events, [www.wbtla.org/events/item/469/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/469/youth_events)





# Building Lives with Rabbi Shapiro



Newly ordained Rabbi M. Beaumont Shapiro is a charismatic voice of a new generation of Jewish leaders. He represents the young Jewish adults in Los Angeles who have a fresh sense of community and who are looking for ways to give back. Rabbi Shapiro spearheads our

Wilshire Boulevard Temple's Tikkun Olam Center.

"The redevelopment of the Temple Campus is writing the next chapter in the history of the Jewish people," according to Rabbi Shapiro—"And I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that." He insists

*tikkun olam* plays a central role in this. "At its core, Judaism as a tradition is about *tikkun olam*—about trying to bring balance to our world. It's at the core of what it means to be a Jew," says the Rabbi. The new Karsh Family Tikkun Olam Center that will be built along Sixth Street, has the potential to engage a new demographic—young

Jews, many on the east side, in touch with ideas of social responsibility. "Giving back to their community is part of the way they see the world. They're looking for places to roll up their sleeves and get involved, and we can show them that's Jewish." Our Tikkun Olam Center will be a vital service for our community and for us. "It's in demand," says the Rabbi, "Volunteerism is on the rise. And so is the need."

Our Temple Campus Food Pantry has seen a 75% increase in clients in the last year. More and more social service organizations are losing funding and shutting down. The Los Angeles County Regional Food Bank has stopped taking on new agencies, barely able to meet their current demand—at a time of rising need. Building Lives will make up for these losses

in our neighborhood. "We accomplish two goals with it: we are investing in the neighborhood and being good citizens," says the Rabbi.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple is the only synagogue in Southern California that operates two food pantries that service people directly on a weekly basis. We are taking it much further. "This redevelopment is going to be transformative and transcendent because it will be something that is woven into the fabric of this neighborhood—it's not just for us." We will become more than a food pantry. Indeed, the Rabbi's vision includes clothing distribution, basic medical care, basic legal services, job training and financial advisement. "We will bring organizations who are experts in these areas under one roof and let them do what they do best," comments Rabbi Shapiro. Most

importantly, we are teaching our youngest students and congregants social responsibility as they help pack grocery bags, or help distribute clothing during their school day. Because the Tikkun Olam Center is a dedicated space that has the potential to function seven days a week, it's an immediate educational resource.

"There is a shift in perception among younger Jews of what the Jewish community should be," says the Rabbi. "As a professional, as a Rabbi, it's exciting to be part of that shift." With the historic redevelopment of the Temple Campus—including the creation of the largest *tikkun olam* center of any synagogue in the country—Rabbi Shapiro sees a golden opportunity to break the status quo of individualism in Los Angeles. "We want to build a Jewish community that is relevant to peoples' lives and that's exactly what we're doing with the Building Lives Campaign."

■ Mike Curtis  
Writer & Publicist

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## COFFEE WITH CAROL: DISCIPLINE, TANTRUMS AND LOVE ☕ ●

Thursday, December 1, 2011 **T** 9:30 a.m.  
Monday, December 9, 2011 **I** 9:30 a.m.

Carol Bovill, Director of Wilshire Boulevard Temple's Early Childhood Centers, offers expert parenting advice to guide and empower you on your parenting journey.

**I** Caroline Sandman, csandman@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8908  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/270/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/270/youth_events)



## RAISING A JEWISH CHILD 101 ☕

Friday, December 2, 2011 **I** 10:45 a.m.  
Friday, December 9, 2011 **T** 11:00 a.m.

Rabbi Leder and Rabbi Eshel will be our spiritual guides as we discuss important Jewish teachings. Come learn how to raise self-reliant, grateful and optimistic children and enjoy delicious food.

**I** Caroline Sandman, csandman@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8908  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/259/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/259/youth_events)

## TORAH AND LUNCH WITH RABBI LEDER ☕

Friday, December 2, 2011, Century City, 12:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 9, 2011, Downtown, 12:00 p.m.  
See additional dates on website

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.

**I** Nan Brostoff, nan@wbtl.org, (213) 835-2121  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/219/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/219/adult_events)

## WOMEN'S TORAH LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI FOX ☕

Friday, December 2, 16, 2011, See additional dates on website  
**I** 12:30 p.m.

Your life experience impacts your view of Torah; view the Torah through women's eyes. The new Women's Torah Commentary published by the Union for Reform Judaism serves as a base for our discussion, but we examine other spiritual and historic thinkers as well. Experience studying, eating together and enjoying the fruits of Torah. Bring your own lunch and we supply dessert and drinks.

**I** Phil Wallace, pwallace@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8932  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/219/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/219/adult_events)

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, December 6, 2011  
**I** 8:30 a.m.

Please join us for a fabulous day filled with shopping, socializing, a delicious catered lunch and a world class bake sale. A percentage of each sale goes to support the programs and scholarship funds of our elementary and nursery schools.

**I** Caroline Sandman, csandman@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8908  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/223/youth\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/223/youth_events)



## MEN OF WILSHIRE TOWN HALL MEETING ☕

Thursday, December 8, 2011  
**I** 7:00 p.m.

This will be a fun and informative evening of good food, good people, and great ideas!

We will introduce all the programs and events we have coming up in the New Year and give you the opportunity to join our leaders in making them happen. Come listen, come voice your opinion, come share your knowledge and creativity, and most importantly, come build your community. The evening promises to be full of energy, matched only by how full your belly will be with good food!

**I** Denise Magilnick, dmagilnick@wbtl.org, (424) 208-8930  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/468/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/468/adult_events)

## A LIGHTER SIDE OF ISRAEL: "A MATTER OF SIZE" ☕

Sunday, December 11, 2011  
**I** 4:00 p.m.

An Exclusive Film Screening at Wilshire Boulevard Temple  
Never shown in US Theaters, Israeli comedy, "A Matter of Size" is winner of three Israeli Academy Awards and 10 film festival audience awards. Like nothing you've seen before, this hilarious movie is about a coming out of a different kind—four overweight guys who learn to love themselves through the Japanese sport of sumo wrestling!

**I** Susan Nanus, snanus@wbtl.org, (424) 208-2152  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/466/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/466/adult_events)



## VARIATIONS IN CHANUKAH CLASSICS ☕

Tuesday, December 13, 2011  
**I** 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Impress your family and friends with your newfound culinary expertise this Chanukah! Join celebrity cookbook writer Diane Rossen Worthington with this first in a series of gourmet cooking classes where you will learn new skills, meet fellow foodies and make life delicious.

**I** Susan Nanus, snanus@wbtl.org, (424) 208-2152  
**R** [www.wbtl.org/events/item/467/adult\\_events](http://www.wbtl.org/events/item/467/adult_events)



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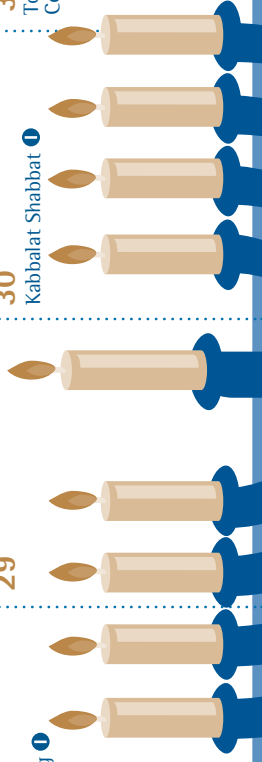


# WILSHIRE December 2011

BOULEVARD TEMPLE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>📍 Temple Campus 📍 Irmas Campus 📍 OPCC Annenberg Access Center, Santa Monica ⌚ Service time different than usual - please check online</p>	<p>5 Coffee with Carol 📍</p>	<p>6 Holiday Boutique 📍 Spousal Bereavement Support Group 📍</p>	<p>7 Israeli Dancing 📍 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group 📍</p>	<p>1 Coffee with Carol 📍 Guided Autobiography 📍</p>	<p>2 Raising a Jewish Child 101 📍 Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder (Century City) Women's Torah 📍 Kabbalat Shabbat 📍 Soul Sounds Shabbat 📍</p>	<p>3 Torah Study 📍 Shabbat Shacharit 📍</p>
<p>4 Food Pantries 📍📍 Adult B'nei Mitzvah 📍📍</p>	<p>5 Coffee with Carol 📍</p>	<p>6 Holiday Boutique 📍 Spousal Bereavement Support Group 📍</p>	<p>7 Israeli Dancing 📍 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group 📍</p>	<p>8 Guided Autobiography 📍 Men of Wilshire Town Hall Meeting 📍</p>	<p>9 Raising a Jewish Child 101 📍 Torah and Lunch with Rabbi Leder (CC) Kabbalat Shabbat 📍 Youth Choir 📍</p>	<p>10 Torah Study and Service Combined 📍 Experience Shabbat 📍 Tot Shabbat 📍 Shacharit Shabbat 📍</p>
<p>11 Food Pantries 📍📍 Adult B'nei Mitzvah 📍📍 A Lighter Side of Israel: "A Matter of Size" 📍</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Variations on Chanukah Classics 📍 Spousal Bereavement Support Group 📍</p>	<p>14 Israeli Dancing 📍 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group 📍</p>	<p>15 Guided Autobiography 📍</p>	<p>16 Women's Torah 📍 Soul Sounds Shabbat 📍 Kabbalat Shabbat 📍</p>	<p>17 Torah Study 📍 Tot Shabbat 📍 Shacharit Shabbat 📍</p>
<p>18 Food Pantries 📍📍 Adult B'nei Mitzvah 📍📍</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Spousal Bereavement Support Group 📍</p>	<p>21 Israeli Dancing 📍</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Kabbalat Shabbat 📍</p>	<p>24 Torah Study and Service Combined 📍</p>
<p>25 Food Pantries 📍📍 Adult B'nei Mitzvah 📍📍</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Spousal Bereavement Support Group 📍</p>	<p>28 Israeli Dancing 📍</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Kabbalat Shabbat 📍</p>	<p>31 Torah Study and Service Combined 📍</p>
Sixth Night of Chanukah	Seventh Night of Chanukah	Eighth Night of Chanukah	Second Night of Chanukah	Third Night of Chanukah	Fourth Night of Chanukah	Fifth Night of Chanukah

For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit [www.wbfla.org](http://www.wbfla.org)







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Carla Laemmle's 102nd Birthday by Trudi and Fred Bender  
Rabbi Leder for officiating at the marriage of our daughter, Abby Trainer and Ari Arad by David and Deborah Trainer  
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney for officiating at the funeral service of Herbert Marcus by Pamela & Daniel Marcus

### *In Loving Memory Of:*

Maxine Bookman by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Beck  
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Dora Roddy and Sanford Rosenbaum by Jean Rosenbaum  
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## Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Shabbat Service**

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

**Soul Sounds Shabbat**

Rabbi Eshel, Cantor Gurney  
and Quartet  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Torah Study**

Genesis Vayetze 28:10 – 32:3  
Avi Cohen  
🕒 9:00 a.m.

**Shabbat Services**

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney  
🕒 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Caro  
🕒 10:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Shabbat Services**

Cantor Caro  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Gurney and  
Youth Choir  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Torah Study and Service Combined**

Genesis Vayishlach 32:4 – 36:43  
Cantor Caro  
🕒 9:00 a.m.

**Experience Shabbat!**

Rabbi Fox  
🕒 9:15 a.m.

**Tot Shabbat**

Rabbi Davidson  
🕒 9:30 a.m.

**Shabbat Service**

Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Gurney  
🕒 10:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Soul Sounds Shabbat**

Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Gurney  
and the Band  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist  
Ellen Sugerman  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Torah Study**

Genesis Vayeshev 37:1 – 40:23  
Jonathan Freund  
🕒 9:00 a.m.

**Tot Shabbat**

Rabbi Davidson  
🕒 9:30 a.m.

**Shabbat Services**

Rabbi Shapiro and  
Cantorial Soloist Ellen Sugerman  
🕒 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Gurney  
🕒 10:30 a.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

**Shabbat Service**

Cantor Caro  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

No Service at Temple Campus

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Torah Study and Service Combined**

Genesis Miketz 44:10 – 44:17  
Cantor Caro  
🕒 9:00 a.m.

No Service at Irmias Campus

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

**Shabbat Service**

Rabbi Fox  
🕒 6:00 p.m.

No Service at Temple Campus

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

**Torah Study and Service Combined**

Genesis Chaye Vayigash 44:18 – 47:27  
Rabbi Fox  
🕒 9:00 a.m.

No Service at Irmias Campus

