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Got Connection?

Brawerman Elementary School is “twinned” with Tel Aviv’s Ussishkin School through The Jewish Federation’s Tel Aviv/Los Angeles Partnership Program. Sixth-grade delegates traveled to connect with friends and learn about Israel. Each day, a Brawerman delegate was responsible for writing a student journal; we present an excerpt here.

■ Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim

Today was great!!! We went strawberry picking at a farm outside Tel Aviv through a charitable organization called Table to Table. The fruit we picked went to different organizations that help feed the less fortunate and the homeless. I felt happy making a difference and knowing it doesn’t always have to take money to do *tikkun olam*—you can use your own hands to make a change.

Then we went to Caesaria, an old city north of Tel Aviv. It used to be ruled by the Romans, but then it was destroyed by the Babylonians, Christians and Muslims.

We learn about ancient civilizations in our textbooks, but it’s so different being here instead of reading about it. Running our own races in the hippodrome made us realize that “History,” our Jewish history, is real. People think that Israel’s independence for 60 years is not that much, but when you actually come to the history part, you realize that Israel has been an important place

for so long. And Israel has had a lot of accomplishments and important history happen in just 60 years. What an amazing place!

At night, we went back to the Ussishkin School for a Yom HaZikaron ceremony. Yom HaZikaron is the day Israel remembers all the soldiers who have died in the Israeli army. At 8 p.m., a long siren rang, and everyone stood up and was silent. Then the students performed a ceremony in which Brawerman delegates had the honor of carrying in the Israeli flags. The ceremony was very serious and unlike any other ceremony they have. Mrs. T., Mr. S., and Rabbi Ben-Naim also had parts in the ceremony.

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Brawerman Elementary School Student

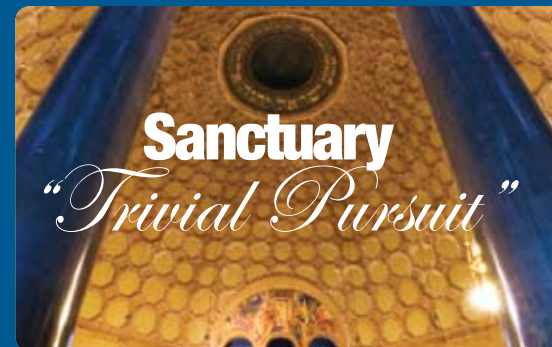
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This week in the Torah, Miriam and Aaron disapprove of their brother Moses' wife. They gossip about her, and when that gossip reaches God's ears, they're punished severely.

Most people would agree that someone who can't go a day without drinking has an alcohol problem. How many of us can go a day without gossiping?

I found something remarkable in the Talmud about gossip and slander: "It would be better for a person not to have been born at all than to experience...the death of his children in his lifetime...or publicly shaming his fellow man." To the rabbis, becoming the kind of person who humiliates others is as appalling as losing a child.

One of the few times Judaism permits lying is when someone asks what another person has said about him or her. We're permitted to tell a half-truth, to leave out the negatives to avoid hurting their feelings. Do we really want to hear every judgment our loved ones have made about

us? Judaism says we don't have to tell everything we know. We should mind our own business.

Limiting our gossip deepens the relationships in our lives. Instead of spending time talking about nonsense, we can discuss ideas and emotions that really matter.

"When I was young, I admired clever people," said the great Rabbi Milton Steinberg. "Now that I am older, I admire kind people." Can we all be kinder? Can we stop scattering foolish, angry words? Can we deepen our relationships by stopping our shallow gossip? Of course we can. We can change our words to heal rather than

hurt, to uplift rather than shame, to make love last, to change our lives.

I'm indebted to Rabbi Joseph Telushkin for many of these words and ideas from his book Words That Hurt, Words That Heal.

■ Rabbi Steven Leder

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WE SHOULD MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS.



The Aroma of "Delicious Peace" Fills Our Temple

A coffee farm in Uganda called Mirembe Kawomera ("Delicious Peace") truly does live up to its name. Owned and tended by a consortium of Jewish (really!), Christian and Muslim native farmers, Mirembe Kawomera grows coffee beans that have become recognized as a terrific product, as well as one whose genesis is the very ideal of its name.

Recently, our Temple was honored to welcome the co-op's Margaret Bunihizi, a Catholic; Sinina Namudosi, a Muslim; and Samuel Ngugo, who is Anglican; along with Ben Corey Moran, Project Director for Thanksgiving Coffee, the North American company selling Mirembe Kawomera in the United States as one of the many growing movements of "fair trade," defined in Wikipedia as "an organized social movement and market-based approach to alleviating global poverty and promoting sustainability."

Margaret explained that before Mirembe Kawomera became a fair-trade company, their medical needs were attended

to out in the brush, sitting on logs. Now, because their coffee is sold at market prices, they have built a medical clinic—one that you and I would not only recognize,

but in which we'd be willing to receive treatment. This is one of many fundamental improvements enhancing the lives of this cooperative of several thousand families.

What could be sweeter than great coffee grown by Jews, Christians and Muslims working side by side who are able to raise their children in healthier, safer homes and villages, and are paid fair wages? (And by the way, the price of their coffee is less than what the Temple has been paying in the past!)

Visit this amazing company at www.mirembekawomera.com, and the next time you lift a cup of coffee to your lips at the Temple, drink a toast to Mirembe Kawomera: delicious peace!

■ Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein



From left: Samuel Ngugo, Margaret Bunihizi, Ben Corey Moran, Rabbi Stein, Sinina Namudosi and Gina Lobaco.



KADIMA

KADIMA is the Hebrew word for moving forward. The Mann Family Early Childhood Center would like to congratulate all of the children who are taking a giant step, KADIMA this year!

CONGRATULATIONS!



a Mad Libs Letter from Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps

The official camp season starts in just a few days. Here is a Mad Libs letter to get you excited for all the things to come this summer!

Dear _____ and _____,
IMPORTANT PERSON NAME OF PET

I am having such a _____ time at camp. Today, my entire cabin went to
ADJECTIVE

_____ and we all went _____ together. My counselors
ACTIVITY VERB ENDING IN "-ING"

_____ said that we are the best cabin ever! My new friend _____
ADVERB NAME OF PERSON

and I went to the pool during free choice. It was _____, so we jumped right into
TEMPERATURE

the _____. After shower hour, we had *t'fillah* (services) and a delicious dinner of
LIQUID

_____. We ended the night, as always, with a _____ *siyum* (closing
FOOD ADJECTIVE

circle). Tomorrow is beach day and I promise to wear my _____ and
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING

drink lots of water. I love camp, but I miss you, too!

B'hava (with love),

NAME OF PERSON





Sanctuary

“Trivial Pursuit”

We’ve got the answers—can you pose the questions? See how well you do on our Q-&-A, then come and learn more at one of Rabbi Leder’s Sunday morning tours this fall. We’ll provide a coffee-and-bagel nosh and you’ll get to learn all kinds of fascinating facts about one of Los Angeles’ most beloved architectural treasures! See box below for dates, times and RSVP information.



Laszlo Regos Photography

1. More than 6,000
2. A Sephardic spicebox
3. Original dome of the Temple
4. The figurative artwork of the Warner Murals
5. 4,100
6. 1990 ¹
7. Horsehair reinforced with plaster
8. Blocks of ice blown by large fans
9. \$1.5 million
10. 1981
11. Congregation B’Nai Brith
12. 5689 ²
13. Cork ³

- A. What year was the Temple dedicated?
- B. What was the model for the Sanctuary chandeliers?
- C. How many pieces of glass in each stained-glass lunette?
- D. When did the Israeli flag start flying in the sanctuary?
- E. What material was used as ties on the metal frame that suspends the plaster interior dome from the exterior dome?
- F. What is composed of white ceramic tile?
- G. How many pipes in the organ?
- H. How did the original cooling system work?
- I. What year did the Temple become listed on the National Register of Historic Places?
- J. How much did the Temple cost when constructed in 1929?
- K. What is the congregation’s original name?
- L. What “precedent-shattering” feature of our synagogue distinguishes it from all others in the world?
- M. What faux finish material—designed to look like masonry blocks—covers many of the walls of the sanctuary?

SAVE A DATE!

TEMPLE TOUR & NOSH WITH RABBI STEVE LEDER

Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m. – 12:30

Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 12:30

Reservations are limited and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Other tours will be scheduled at a later time.

RSVP :

Jennifer Levitt
(213) 388-2401
jlevitt@wbta.org

ANSWERS:

1C; 2B; 3E; 4L; 5G; 6D; 7E; 8H; 9J; 10I; 11K; 12A; 13M

1. *During the Persian Gulf War*
2. *Or 1929 in the secular calendar!*
3. *The cork promotes better acoustics in the poured concrete shell of the Temple walls.*



RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

In Loving Memory Of:

All my loved ones by Helen Samples
 Gussie Borun by Dorothy Straus
 Julius Candler by Roz & Jack Weinberg
 Nettie Citron by Cecile Bartman
 Marvin Gussman by Deena & David Gussman
 Irwin Jameson by John, Kristin, Alissa & Matthew Jameson
 Irwin Jameson by Lola Jameson
 Beloved father & grandfather, Irwin B. Jameson by Ellen, Don & Lauren Creamer
 Gertrude Justman by Judith & Harvey Flax
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In Honor Of:

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Joseph Feinstein by Deborah Ludwig
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In Honor Of:

The marriage of Lindsay Astor & Robert Grant by Nadine & Stephen Breuer

In Loving Memory Of:

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Therese Blake for Mother's Day by Herbie Schwartz & Tilly Reniers
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 Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel Miller's renewal of their vows by Phyl Wallace
 Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Bobbie & Ivan Finkle
 Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Diane Brownstone
 Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Karen Schmidt & Roger Curtis

Sunday, June 22, 2008

FOOD PANTRY

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

Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah—Doing a mitzvah leads to more.





Our Temple Family

Welcome to new Temple members...

Gil and Jenifer Barkon and their son, Eli...Jeffrey and Laura and their daughter, Megan...Kenneth and Debra and their daughters, Tess and Sophia...Brian and Roya Milder and their children, Jacob and Gabrielle...Mark and Jessica Sokol and their daughter, Ava...Ryan Yatman and his daughter, Hannah...

Congratulations to...

Gregory Adler and Jill Anne Soffer on their marriage and to children, Jacob and Gabriel and to parents, Mel and Joan Adler...Robert Grant and Lindsay Astor and to parents, Jeffrey and Joanne Grant...Matthew Seth Melamed and Rebecca Lubens and to parents, Dr. Perry and Renata Lubens...

Brad and Barbara Ballard on the naming of their daughter, Morgan Elisabeth...Seth and Kara Silverman on the birth of their daughter, Sloane Maia and to grandparents, Bernie and Salli Harris...Steven & Alyssa Weinberger on naming of their son, Hudson Weinberger...

Condolences to...

Susie and Paul Roberts on the death of her father, Joseph N. Feinstein and to grandchildren, Katie, Joshua and Melissa and to in laws, Linda and Mike Roberts...Dr. Andrew and Deborah Frank on the death of his mother, Sherma Frank and to granddaughters, Charlotte and Sydney...Fred Fuhrman on the death of his wife, Jacqueline Fuhrman and to brother, J. Lampert Levy and to extended families...David and Deena Gussman and Cheryl Gussman on the death of their father, Marvin Gussman and to grandchildren, Lily, Michael and Andrew Gussman, Joshua and Travis Kaupp...Elliot Matloff on the death of his mother, Dorothy Matloff...Friends and family of Cecilia Rodstein...Keith Sinclair on the death of his wife, Esther Sinclair and to children, Kelly and Kevin Sinclair and extended family, Gerry Sinclair, Lani and Ron Riches and to nieces and nephews, Alana and Gary, Ashley and Ethan Rubens, Angie and Kevin Belinkoff and Allison Belinkoff and Kyle Weber...

And to all immediate and extended family.



Upcoming Events

SHABBAT ON THE FLY

Thursday, July 31, 2008 -
Sunday, August 3, 2008
Irwin, Idaho

Join Rabbi Leder on our second annual "Shabbat on the Fly" fishing trip at the Lodge at Palisades Creek in Irwin, Idaho. We will share a weekend of fishing, with a little Torah and Shabbat thrown in for good measure and good luck.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/190/adult_events



TRAVEL WITH RABBI LEDER AND AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE TO INDIA!

November 10 - 19, 2008*

Visit New Delhi, Mumbai and the Eastern state of Orissa for an unforgettable and rare exchange with communities on the margins of Indian society. Meet community activists and leaders supported by AJWS who are providing hope and promoting change across gender, caste and educational lines. Tour Moghul monuments in Delhi, shop in Bombay and admire the Sun Temple in Orissa.

The AJWS Study Tour will provide unique insight into India's history, culture and politics through conversations with the country's leading politicians, journalists, academics and elected officials. This promises to be an extraordinary journey!

www.wbtla.org/pages/israel_trips



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Summer Announcements

Coming soon... THE ERIKA J. GLAZER NURSERY SCHOOL OPENING FALL 2008

Wilshire Boulevard Temple proudly announces the opening of The Erika J. Glazer Nursery School at its historic campus in Wilshire Center. Application now being accepted. Classes are filling up fast! Call (213) 388-2401 ext. 130 or visit our website for more information.

www.wbtla.org/pages/nursery_school



BONDING WITH ISRAEL AT 60

A convivial mood permeated our temple's 3rd Annual Israel Independence Day/ Israel Bonds Event as attendees commemorated Israel's 60th Anniversary and heard from Dr. Stephen Berk, Professor of History at Union College in New York. In his thought-provoking presentation - flavored with humor and affable warmth - Dr. Berk captivated a capacity crowd as he assessed the threats that face the Jewish state and strategic options for dealing with them. ...

Continue reading this story online at:
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Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Erev Shabbat Services
Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist
Jacqueline Rafii
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Torah Study
NUMBERS Shelach 13:1 – 15:41
Avi Cohen
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

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

No service at the Irmas Campus

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Erev Shabbat Services
Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist
Pam Simmons
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Leder and Cantor Gurney
Adult Choir
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Torah Study
NUMBERS Korach 16:1 – 18:32
Avi Cohen
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services
Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist
Lonnee Frailich
Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Leder and Rabbi Coskey
Cantor Gurney and Cantorial Soloist
Ellen Sugerman
Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.



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