

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

Online Edition
Please call to obtain a full printed copy.



BURDEN

Volume 95, Number 11 • June 1, 2008

Counting our Blessings

When the Center for Learning and Engagement (CLE) participants join together for *t'filab*, we begin our service by reflecting on *Nisim B'chol Yom*, the daily miracles in our lives. There are many spiritual and physical ways in which we are reminded of how fortunate we are.

Hurricane Katrina may seem like a distant memory, especially with the recent tornadoes in many of our states and the loss of life and complete devastation from the earthquake in China and the cyclone in Myanmar. Unfortunately, there is never a shortage of disasters. The shortage is often in providing help.

A few months ago, my Mitzvah Chevruta met in Waveland, Miss. This group of dedicated friends arranged for the delivery of still-needed basics like food and household items to Katrina victims, as government assistance has been convoluted, intermittent, diverted to other projects or unwieldy for the average person to access.

Our group delivered two 53-foot truckloads of new donated goods to those still living in FEMA trailers and temporary housing. These survivors of a storm surge of 38 feet of water and 150 mph winds were not only appreciative of the new bedding, tables, dishes and flatware, but also that someone remembered them! They were reduced to tears knowing that people were making efforts on their behalf.



Vinny Green, Ranya Kelly (Distribution Center) and Debby Singer (Pasadena Temple)

We may be powerless against the forces of nature, but we're in complete control of our own behavior.

We may be powerless against the forces of nature, but we're in complete control of our own behavior. Our participants at the CLE have outdone themselves with generous donations for our many *tzedakah* projects throughout the year.

We look forward to your commitment, participation and support. As the CLE/Religious Schools makes the transition from the leadership of Rabbi Laurie Phillips, we want you to know that we will continue our focus on developing mensch-like mensches who will make a difference.

■ Vinny Green, Acting Director
Center for Learning & Engagement

In This Issue

THE
GRADUATES!



CLE 
Confirmation
and Graduation
2008



Live Long and Prosper

In this week's Torah portion, *Naso*—the laws of holiness for the ancient priests and the temple cult—along with those of the Nazirites (think Samson and the prohibitions on alcohol and haircuts!) are the central features. Yet this portion is best known for the priestly blessing. Uttered by the ancient priests for all of Israel, it is one of the most beloved and often heard prayers in Jewish life. It is recited at every liturgical occasion and at weddings, baby namings, *b'nei mitzvah* and other celebrations: “May God bless you and keep you. May God cause divine light to shine on you and be gracious to you. May God lift divine countenance on you and give you peace.”

In the ancient Temple, this ceremony was performed in mysterious, dramatic style, and can still be witnessed today in Orthodox congregations around the world. On the three festivals, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, descendants of the priests (*kohanim*) leave the sanctuary, remove their shoes and return to ascend the bimah. The leader then covers his head with his tallit, his hands formed

“MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY GOD CAUSE DIVINE LIGHT TO SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU. MAY GOD LIFT DIVINE COUNTENANCE ON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.”

into the Hebrew letter *shin* (for *Shaddai*, one of God's names). All the others—covering their heads with the same hand formation and singing in a haunting melody with the leader—were forbidden to look at this ceremony; perhaps its power might devastate the unworthy.

When the creators and cast of the 1970s television series *Star Trek* gathered to brainstorm about the Vulcan civilization, actor Leonard Nimoy remembered seeing this mysterious ceremony as a child in his Orthodox synagogue. Thus, half of the priestly hand formation became the official Vulcan greeting, accompanied by the blessing “Live long and prosper.” And so, from the Torah to television and back, the ancient blessing resonates throughout the world. May it be God's will.

■ Cantor Don Gurney



Adult Opportunities

HaMakom m'nachem etchem....

This three-word phrase is what Jews have said for many generations when we want to comfort those who have lost a loved one. We say, “May God comfort you...among all the mourners of Israel.”

We can read much into these words. Literally, the phrase means “God comforts you”—but we often struggle to understand that, especially at a painful time of loss. We might read it as “May you find a place of comfort.” How? May you find a place of comfort among those who hug you, those who say a kind word, those who bring up a sweet memory and those who simply nod with understanding. God breaks through in those actions, those actions that are acts of compassion.

The phrase also reminds us that we're not alone. We may feel alone in our shock, our loneliness, our grief, but our tradition calls us into community. We're among all the mourners of Israel and need to

recite the *Kaddish* prayer in a quorum, a minyan of ten people. When we rise for *Kaddish* in our sanctuaries, we acknowledge those whose loved ones have died within the last 30 days, the *sh'loshim*, and we're asked to rise as a group. We're surrounded by others who walk the path we walk; we walk alongside each other for this year and the years to come. According to Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, “Shedding tears evokes God's presence”—that is, we are not alone when we cry. God cries with us; God accompanies us on our journey.

HaMakom m'nachem etchem.... may you find a place of comfort among all the mourners of Israel. My husband Mickey and I are comforted by all of you who have extended your hands and hearts to us during this difficult month.

*“God cries with us;
God accompanies us
on our journey.”*

■ With gratitude,
Rabbi Karen L. Fox



The Brawerman Elementary School would like to congratulate the graduates of 2008.

May you go from strength to strength.



The Center for Learning & Engagement would like to congratulate the confirmation students and graduates of 2008.

We are so proud of our 2008 Confirmands and Graduates for making a commitment to Jewish study.





Our Temple Family

Welcome to new Temple members...

Michael Abrams and Tami Kagan-Abrams and their daughter, Samantha...David Fishman and Robin Zucker and their sons, Reese and Owen...Michael and Dara Kalish and their daughter, Stella... Andrew and Kimberly Lurie and their daughter, Elizabeth...Adam and Alicia Rockmore and their daughter, Lucy...Andrew Satenberg and Leslie Kitay-Satenberg and their children, Brody, Chloe and Gavin...Jordan & Alexandra Susman and their son, Ezra...Knox White and Laurel Robinson-White and their son, Sawyer...

Congratulations to...

Stacey and Barak Lurie on the birth of their daughter, Sasha Sandra Lurie and to big brother, Max and to grandparents, Sandra and Mel Peters and to aunt and uncle, Lauren and Tybalt Whitney and cousins, Grace and Isabella...Bita and Alain Santaella on the birth of their son, Eli Julien and to big brother, Benjamin...Jamie and Judd Zinberg on the birth of their daughter, Dylan Elle and to grandparents, Leslie and Michael Zinberg...

Condolences to...

Martin and Barbara Kozberg; Roger and Joanne Kozberg; on the death of their mother, Evelyn Kozberg and to grandchildren, Carol and Barry Kaufman, Chanthou and Bob Kozberg, Lindsey Kozberg and Anthony Kozberg and to great grandchildren, Brandon and Jonathan Kaufman and Ethan Kozberg...Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein and Stephen Ariel Miller on the death of his cousin's father in law, Daniel Berney...Edith Meyer on the death of her husband, Lester Meyer...Andrew Ross and Terry Levich-Ross on the death of his mother, Edna Mae Ross and to grandchildren, Katherine and Noah...

And to all immediate and extended family.



RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Rosenbloom
John Levi, Jr.

In Honor Of:

Our Anniversary by Marilyn & Harvey
Schneider

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Adler by Frederic Adler
Bert Blauner by Linda & Donald Blauner
Jeffrey Bub by Abby & David Kohl
Mollie Burten by Susan & Steven Grad
Georgina Cidre by Mary Lynn & Howard
Gottfried

Henrietta Cohen by David Ring & Millie
Ring

Marie Dolginer by Charles Dolginer

Rouhollah Fahimian by Angela Connell

Beloved mother, grandmother & great
grandmother, Regina Fischer by Ruth
Channon, Sheila Rimer, Tracy, Tina & Tami

Beloved father, Samuel Gerry by Janice &
Arthur Gerry

Morris Glazer by Diane & Guilford Glazer

Pauline Greenberg by Gladys Ginsberg

Betty Heyman by Daniel Heyman

Beloved wife, Sylvia Hilton by Dr. Wayne
Hilton

Eugene Hoffman by Alan Livingston

Beloved parents, Philip & Florence Kahgan by
Phyllis K. Weiss

Charles Kopley by Betty & James Kopley

Great aunt, Evelyn Kozberg by Susan &
Daniel Unger

Evelyn Kozberg by Judith & Richard Smooke

Evelyn Kozberg by Libby & Norm Shapiro

Morris Landis by Ilene Landis

Hy Lenard by Allen Lenard

Henriette "Rusty" Maltzman by Pamela &
Dennis Beck

Norman Menzer by Calman Menzer

Doris Orlikoff by Steven Orlikoff

Robert Rhein by Linda & Peter Rhein

Dr. Jerome Saperstein by Dr. Rose Saperstein
Al Savad by Allan Africk

Gustav, Lilly and Dr. Victor Schiller by Mr.
and Mrs. Frank Schiller

Rose Schwartz by Barbara & Seymour Canter

Raymond Slotkin, grandfather of Brad
Mindlin by Patti & Jeffrey Finkelstein

Cecilia Sonnenberg by Susan & Barnett
Bergman

George Stern by Ruth & James Stern

Etta Tamkin by Judith & Richard Smooke

Mr. Leonard Weil by Marchell & David
Hilliard

Mother & Father In Law by Marcia Shaikin

CLERGY FUND

In Honor Of:

The clergy by Elaine Schreiber

Rabbi Stein for the hebrew naming of Eden
Padawer by Bren, Jeremy & Eden Padawer

Rabbi Karen Fox by Judy Frank

Rabbi Steve Leder by Courtenay Edelhart

Rabbi Steve Leder by Steven & Susan Grad

Rabbi Steve Leder's Birthday by Sandy &
Hal Slan, Jeff, Jason, Ira, Ellen Ehrenpreis and
Muriel Jackson

Murray Loeterman's Birthday by Pearl &
Murray Loeterman

In Loving Memory Of:

Harry Feldman by Bette, Adam & Abbie
Feldman

Beloved father, grandfather & great
grandfather, Lewis Jackson by Sandy & Hal
Slan, Jeff, Jason, Ira, Ellen Ehrenpreis

Beloved husband, Lewis Jackson by Loving
wife, Muriel Jackson

Evelyn Kozberg by Kozberg Family

Lester Mojofis by Suzanne Zaret

Joseph Rosen by Rabbi Martin Pasternak

Jack Samuels by Janet Samuels

Morris Shapiro by Libby & Norm and Robert
& Melissa Shapiro

SISTERHOOD PULPIT FLOWER FUND

In Loving Memory Of:

Dear brother, Edward Greenberg by Elaine
Greenberg

Alfred & Floren Tilzer by Corryne Schuster

ANN AND SAM BERNSTEIN CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

In Loving Memory Of:

Flora Lazard Fishman by Bill Fishman

TIKKUN OLAM SOCIAL ACTION FUND FOOD PANTRY

Jeanne Gerson

In Honor Of:

Rita Garcia by Carrie Sutkin & Dror Maier

Rabbi Stein on the occasion of our, son Kyle's
Bar Mitzvah by Debra & Kenneth Orgel

In Loving Memory Of:

Senta Fox by Rosie & Bob Berson

Lewis Jackson by Francine Sanders

James Luck by Bradford Luck

Joseph David Rosen by Rose & Bob Berson

Pearl Segall by Helen Sherwin

Frances Stone by Walter Stone

AUDREY AND SYDNEY IRMAS CAMPUS

In Loving Memory Of:

Beloved husband, Harold Gross by Mrs.
Harold Gross

PRAYER BOOK DEDICATION FUND

In Loving Memory Of:

Marcia Finkel by Kim & Alan Finkel

Julius Fligelman by Mona Brandler

GERI AND RICHARD BRAWERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In Honor Of:

Jon Hanish being ordained as a Rabbi by
Nancy & Robert Lurie

In Loving Memory Of:

Brad Mindlin's grandfather, Raymond Sotkin
by Pindus Family

ANNE AND NATHAN SPILBERG ANNUAL LECTURE ON JEWISH LIFE

In Loving Memory Of:

Ruth Spilberg by Susan & Bruce Levin

RABBI HARVEY J. AND SYBIL A. FIELDS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Honor Of:

Emma & Jack Limor by Jessica Limor

Jessica Limor's Birthday by Limor Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Anne Lubin by Pamela & Mark Mischel

ANAT BEN-ISHAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Loving Memory Of:

Chaim Ben-Ishai & Luna Ben-Ishai by Anat
& Nechmad Ben-Ishai

MUSIC PUBLICATION FUND

In Honor Of:

Cantor Don Gurney by Steven & Susan Grad

Cantor Gurney, Nancy Daum & Bob Levy on
the occasion of our son, Kyle's Bar Mitzvah by
Debra & Kenneth Orgel

In Loving Memory Of:

Barbara Stephens by Susan & Richard Frankel

JORDAN EHRLICH FUND FOR PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS ETHICS

In Honor Of:

Bill Ehrlich for finishing a successful term
on the Temple Board by Shirley & Tony
Kouffman

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE CAMPS

In Honor Of:

Rosara Leibson on a Healthy Recovery by
Sutkin-Maier Family

Family Camp 2008 by Carrie Sutkin & Dror
Maier

In Loving Memory Of:

Grandmother & great grandmother, Rose
Bernstein by Laurie & Steven Kend, Scott
Kend, Brian Kend and Shoshana Rubin Kend
Miguel Angel Buglaievsky by Sutkin-Maier
Family

Andrea Hattenbach by Mildred Hattenbach

Grandmother & great grandmother, Anna
Rosen by Laurie & Steven Kend, Scott Kend,
Brian Kend and Shoshana Rubin Kend

Mel Saltzman by His Rabbit, His Children &
Grandchildren

RABBI ALFRED WOLF CAMP FUND

In Loving Memory Of:

Birdie Blackman by Gloria & Rudy Diamond
Mitchell Dresser by Betty & Herb Brandwein

Beloved aunt, Evelyn Kozberg by Andrea
Peterson

Gisela Lipsky by Helen & William Smeling

CHARLES BENDIT CAMPSHIP FUND

In Honor Of:

The birth of Dylan Elle Zinberg by Nadine &
Stephen Breuer

In Loving Memory Of:

Esther Meshul by May Bendit, Nadine &
Steve Breuer, Esther & Joel Saltzman, Sami
& Zach

SILLS CAMPSHIP FUND

In Honor Of:

Bob Sils's 70th Birthday by Tom & Susan
Casamassima

THE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS INQUIRY FUND

Ann Cane

Nanni Mayer

In Honor Of:

Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Mr. & Mrs.
William Kaufmann

Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Judith &
Eugene Tuch

Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel
Miller's Anniversary by Kathryn, David,
Kaylie & Jordie Cohen

Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel
Miller's Anniversary by Rabbi Laurie Phillips

Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel
Miller's Anniversary by Lori & Michael Levi

Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel
Miller's Anniversary by Rabbi Linder

THE DARFUR PROJECT

Joan & Melvin Adler

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman

Diane & Noel Applebaum

Marsha Baar

Randi Baily

Carolyn & Robert Becher

Colleen Bub

Yasemin Dalgic

Lorraine Bubar & Ronald Fine

Valerie Weiner Gordon

Mercedes Taha & Bruce Green

Jack & Gilda Green

Debi Farkas & Neal Harris

Betty & Marvin Hoffenberg

Amy & Adam Holiber

Leonie & Glen Janken

Stephanie Liebert

Meserve Family

Brian Mikail

Alan Polsky

Gail & Fred Rollman

Patricia & Stanley Silver

John & Laurie Sisco

Anna & Eric Suddleson

Maureen & Harvey Temkin

Michael Wachs

Dennis Wasser

Julie & Rusty Weiss

In Honor Of:

Rae Hoffman Happy Mother's Day by
Children & Grandchildren / The Hoffman
Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Bernice Jupiter by The Hays & Roth Family

Beloved cousin, Harry Sweet by Rachael &
Norman Hoffman

BIKUR CHOLIM FUND

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Karen Fox by Steven & Susan Grad

In Loving Memory Of:

Senta Fox by Steven & Susan Grad

FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Underwritten by
Banky LaRocque Foundation

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 Goveret Mitzvah—
Doing a mitzvah leads to more.*



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



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Wednesday, June 4, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Temple Campus



Two thousand years ago, exiled Jews dreamed of returning to their ancient homeland and in the late nineteenth century, Theodor Herzl gave birth to the notion that Jews could—and should—live in a land where Judaism can be freely, openly lived.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/152/tikkun_events

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

November 10 to 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



PIER FUNDRAISER

Thursday, June 5, 2008
4:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Pier

Brawerman Elementary School and Mann Family Early Childhood Center

invite you to the annual Pier Fundraiser at the Santa Monica Pier.

www.wbtla.org/events/item/192/youth_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



For a calendar of events, including ongoing events and services, please visit www.wbtla.org/events

June 2008

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

Nurse School Kadima Confirmation 2008

Yom YeruShalayim

9

Shabbat Morning MiTnyan

11

Rosh Chodesh Sivan



12

Brawerman Elementary School 6th Grade Graduation

13

Women's Torah Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Fox
Shabbat Services



14

Torah Study
Shabbat Services

15

16

Shavuot

17

18

19

Torah Study
Shabbat Services

20

Adult Choir
Shabbat Services

21

Torah Study
Shabbat Services

22

23

24

25

26

27

Torah Study
Tot Shabbat
Shabbat Services

28

Torah Study
Tot Shabbat
Shabbat Services



29

30

- Temple Campus
- Irmas Campus
- Service time different than usual - please check online



For more information, including time and location, on all of the events in this calendar, visit www.wbtla.org



Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Stein and Cantor Caro
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Soul Sounds Shabbat

Rabbi Fox, Cantor Gurney
and the Soul Sounds Band
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Torah Study

NUMBERS Naso 4:21 - 7:89
Avi Cohen
Temple Campus 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services

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

Rabbi Eshel and Cantor Caro

Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Erev Shavuot

Confirmation
Temple Campus - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Shavuot/Yizkor Service

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro
Irmas Campus - 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Shabbat Services

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist
Jacqueline Rafii
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Phillips and Cantor Gurney

Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Torah Study

NUMBERS B'haalot'cha 8:1 - 12:16
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services

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

Rabbi Phillips and Cantor Caro

Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.



WILSHIRE
BOULEVARD
TEMPLE

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE
3663 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Clergy

Rabbi Steven Z. Leder, *Pritzker Chair of Senior Rabbis*
Rabbi Karen L. Fox, M.F.T.
Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim
Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein
Rabbi Laurie Phillips
Rabbi David Eshel
Cantor Don Gurney
Rabbi Harvey J. Fields, Ph.D., *Emeritus*

Board of Trustees

Julie Miller, *President*
Bill Ehrlich, *Vice President*
Lauren Leichtman, *Vice President*
Jay Wintrob, *Vice President*
John Schulman, *Secretary*
Mary Brussell, *Treasurer*
Stephen Davis, Alyce de Toledo, Alan J. Epstein, Michael Flesch, Jami Gertz,
Andrew E. Haas, Teri Hertz, Susan Adler Jannot, Donald Levy,
Richard Pachulski, Richard Powell, Steven Romick, Steve Sugerman
Bruce A. Friedman, *Immediate Past President*
Barry Edwards, *Counsel*

Honorary Board Members

Lionel Bell, Howard M. Bernstein, Audrey Irmas

Administration

Howard G. Kaplan, *Executive Director*
Rabbi Laurie Phillips, *Director, Learning & Engagement, K-12*
Carol Bovill, *Director, Early Childhood Centers*
Nadine Bendit Breuer, *Head of Elementary School*
Douglas F. Lynn, *Director, Camps & Conference Center*
Gina Lobaco, *Director of Development*
Jessica Accamando, *Director of Communications*
Rebecca Sills Nudel, *Membership Director*

*The Wilshire Boulevard Temple Bulletin is published
semi-monthly by Wilshire Boulevard Temple*

www.wbtla.org

(213) 388-2401

FIRST-CLASS MAIL
PRESORTED
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
LOS ANGELES, CA
PERMIT NO. 785