

## Kehillah campers come together to do mitzvot in the community

On July 14, 82 Kehillah campers from Camp Hess Kramer joined ninth-grade campers from Camp Alonim, JCA Shalom and Camp Ramah to participate in a day of mitzvah work at various sites throughout Los Angeles. With assistance from the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, this program gave the campers the opportunity to interact, celebrate their similarities and work together in the community, using the values we teach at camp in the real world and receiving a true understanding of mitzvot.

The day began with an orientation at the American Jewish University, and then the campers and staff departed for the specific sites where each group had chosen to work for the day. Locations included Tree Musketeers, Wheels for Humanity, Friends of the Los Angeles River, Heal the Bay, Koreh L.A., Mountains Restoration Trust and SOVA.

Campers at the North Hollywood site of Wheels for Humanity—which refurbish and donate wheelchairs, walkers and crutches to distribute in third-world countries where disabled people usually have to be carried or crawl—spent the day taking apart old wheelchairs, cleaning them and reassembling them. Volunteers for the organization will take them all over the world and fit them for people in need.

Following their daylong activities, the campers returned to the AJU for dinner and a wrap-up session. This program follows previous camp activities in which the four camps have participated together in the last several years, including a sports day and various concerts. This year's program not only gave everyone the opportunity to gather together and connect, but also to do good deeds in the community.

■ *Cheri Lauterbach*  
*Associate Director: Alumni & Development*  
*WBT Camps*

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Dear





# How Far We've Come!

Prior to the birth of our beautiful daughter, my wife and I needed to clean out the spare bedroom/office to make way for the fun baby furniture. In doing so, I came across my old photo albums from college and rabbinical school. My wife and I took a little break to stroll down memory lane. We looked at pictures from UCLA Bruin football games, barbecues on the rooftop of my old apartment, the rally in Westwood when UCLA won the national championship in basketball. Then we jumped a few years later to my first year of rabbinical school in Jerusalem. There I was again, floating in the Dead Sea, climbing Masada and eating hummus with my best friends at Pinati (arguably the best hummus restaurant in all of Israel!). These photos brought a smile to my face and a rush of memories. These were good times. I realized several things that day: Those ordinary moments were, in fact, extraordinary, and perhaps

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even more importantly for me, how far I've come, how much I've grown and how blessed I am today.

This week's Torah portion, Masei, recounts the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt, through the wilderness and to the edge of where we know they're going: the Promised Land. In taking to time to reflect on just how far they've traveled, we learn this was no ordinary journey. Rather, it was a journey of growth, a journey of rebirth, a journey of strength. These were not the same people born into slavery. These Israelites who will eventually enter the land are a new people, ones who never knew slavery, ones blessed to move forward. But we only realize this by comparing it to what came before. Like old photographs of days gone by... UCLA, Israel, the wilderness, the Promised Land.

■ *Rabbi David Eshel*



## Going Deeper: *Jewish Spiritual Traditions*

Listen to the river, the rush of the waterfall, the birds chirping. When we listen deeply, we notice we're part of nature. Jewish tradition emphasizes *Melo Kol HaAretz Kvodo*: The whole universe is filled with God's Glorious Presence. Sometimes just noticing the sound, the color, the breeze and feeling this moment itself is prayer.

Prayer requires *daat* (attention) and *kavanah* (intention). *Daat* is achieved through clearing one's mind of distractions—the to-do lists, the kids' schedules, the bosses' requests. Having an open mind and heart, often reached through noticing one's own breath, brings an awareness of each moment. *Kavanah* is achieved through focus, saying to oneself this moment is to be treasured—it is an opportunity, a prayer.

Although prayer is a core Jewish spiritual practice, we know that many kinds of experiences becomes prayer of the heart. Through my studies at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, I've learned that meditation and silence also create space for prayer, as does movement—yoga, walking, hiking. I've also learned to focus on a phrase or an image in our prayer book and deepen my relationship with prayer with a *siddur*.

This fall I will guide a course entitled **Going Deeper: Jewish Spiritual Traditions**, in which we'll explore Judaism as a spiritual practice. We'll discuss seeking God through guided meditation, prayer (traditional and contemplative), study, song and movement. Come and create a spiritual autobiography and enhance your spiritual practice. And at the end of January, there will be an Institute of Jewish Spirituality Lay Retreat, "ReSoul-ing through Shabbat." Open your heart and nourish your soul as we merge the ancient wells of Jewish tradition with contemporary spiritual practice.

■ B'vracha—with blessings,  
*Rabbi Karen L. Fox*

Irmas Campus

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

November 5, 12; December 10 and 17, 2008; January 7, 14; February 4, 11; March 11, 18; April 1, 22; and May 6, 2009.

ReSoul-ing Retreat: January 23-25, 2009

Shavuot Shabbat: May 30, 2009



# 3rd Graders Fund Food Pantry

# Dear

Jewish National Fund, Heal the Bay, Eco Station, WBT Food Pantry, LA Children's Hospital, Nothing But Nets, Shane's Kids, Table to Table and St. Joseph's Center,

On behalf of the students of Brawerman Elementary School of Wilshire Boulevard Temple please accept this donation of Tzedakah Money that was collected during the school year 2007-2008 (5768).

We hope that a total of \$4,471.28 will go a long way and will help make our world a better place.

In our school we learn that every person can make a difference regardless of personal wealth. We enjoyed spending time either visiting you or raising awareness about your important work. We started keeping track of time dedicated to our grade level Tikkun Olam projects. It was difficult to tally but we figure around 1,724 hours were spent sorting bottles, going to the recycling center, working the Food Pantry, singing to Retirement Home residents, writing letters and picking strawberries (to mention just a few).

With gratitude for the work of your organization,  
Rabbi Elissa Ben-Naim  
Judaic Educator



## A TOUCH OF HOME

One of the pleasures of returning to the office after a few days away is the opportunity to sort through the e-mails, phone calls and real mail that accumulate in one's absence. I

usually prioritize the ones that have arrived from furthest away; in this case, the winner was Lieutenant Colonel Tzvika Levi of the Israeli Defense Forces.

I had the great fortune of meeting Lt. Col. Levi, the Director of the IDF Combat Soldiers Without Families in Israel, a few years ago. Before leaving for Israel, I collected letters written to Israeli soldiers from our CLE/RS participants and took them, along with a suitcase filled with granola



energy bars, M&Ms, new socks, T-shirts and underwear, to be distributed through Barbara Bloom Silverman's organization, A Package From Home. We've supported this organization through our *tzedakah*

collections for several years, but actually getting to meet the recipient soldiers was a life-changing experience.

Lt. Col. Levi is an amazing man who provides leadership and a home base for his many soldiers who fight without families or support in Israel. He's there for them 100 percent. Levi has sent our school a plaque in appreciation of our continued support for his men and women. He has also written a note thanking us for our contribu-

tions, which provided for the adoption of a Combat Unit, and says our generosity provides the soldiers with an expression of support and caring—a tremendous boost to their morale.

We continue to exemplify that individual acts of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) do improve the world. We emphasize that one letter of support, one package from a person, strengthens the spirit and resolve of those who keep Israel free and strong for all of us. Our gifts provide warmth and comfort far beyond the sweet taste of the candies we send.

■ Vinny Green, Interim Director





## Upcoming Events

### SANTA MONICA FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP OPENING SOON!

Sunday, September 7, 2008

We are elated to announce our partnership with OPCC as we begin staffing their food pantry with Wilshire Boulevard Temple volunteers each Sunday morning beginning September 7.

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our Temple Campus Food Pantry by “doubling the mitzvah” and partnering in another pantry, this one to feed the homeless. Much like its counterpart at the Temple Campus, the Santa Monica Pantry will operate every Sunday and we need you - particularly “Westsiders” to volunteer. Congregants from ages 5 to 95 are welcome for a variety of opportunities! For more info, email Phyl at [pwallace@wbtda.org](mailto:pwallace@wbtda.org) or call her at (213) 388-2401.

[http://www.wbtda.org/events/item/204/tikkun\\_events](http://www.wbtda.org/events/item/204/tikkun_events)



For a calendar of events, including ongoing events and services, please visit [www.wbtda.org/events](http://www.wbtda.org/events)



## Summer Announcements

### PUBLIC TOURS OF HISTORIC WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER

Tuesdays & Thursdays (closed on holidays)

**July 10 - September 25**

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Our historic sanctuary constantly draws visitors who wish to view one of L.A.'s historic landmarks. Now that the City of Los Angeles has installed an “Angels Walk”<sup>SM</sup> stanchion outside the Wilshire Boulevard monument as part of its “Self-Guided Historic Trails” program, the Temple is seeing an increase in visitors. Located between two subway stops on the LA Metro’s Purple Line, the Temple is also easily accessible by public transportation.

So back by popular demand, the Temple is reintroducing guided tours beginning this summer. Learn all about “The Synagogue That Hollywood Built” including the beautiful art glass windows and the famous Warner Murals. These tours are free and open to the public.

Tours will resume again after High Holy Days. Check the Temple website for future updates.

Reservations are encouraged. Call Jennifer Levitt - (213) 388-2401.

*NOTE: Congregants may also sign up for a special “members-only” Temple Tour & Nosh with Rabbi Steve Leder on two Sundays, September 14 and November 2, at 10 a.m. To RSVP, contact Jennifer Levitt (213) 288-2401 or [jlevitt@wbtda.org](mailto:jlevitt@wbtda.org).*

### CALL FOR USHERS!

Would you enjoy helping us during the High Holy Days by serving as an usher at one of our services? We need your help! To get information on volunteering for this rewarding experience, contact Elaine Lipton at (213) 388-2401.





## Our Temple Family



### Welcome to new Temple members...

Paul and Toni Friedman and their sons, Taylor and Hudson...Stephen and Susan Matloff and their daughter, Isabelle...Robbie and Eleonor Newman and their daughter, Maddison...

### Congratulations to...

Brian Kriegler and Kathy Furst on their marriage and to parents, Ruth and George Furst...Jared Lancer and Hanna Girardeau on their marriage...Meg and David Hyman on the birth of their son, Dylan Jacob Hyman...Sherli and Mishel Mikail on the birth of their son, Benjamin Evan and to big brother, Aaron... Stephen Tomar and Stuart Lampert, on their marriage...

### Condolences to...

Kip and Kimberly Levin on the death of his grandmother, Jeanette Cullins and to great grandchildren, Alexander and Sophie...Friends and family of Gloria George...Stephanie and Rabbi David Eshel on the death of her grandmother, Lida Louise Martin and to great granddaughter, Isabel...Friends and family of Mary Port...Barbara and Tom Leanse on the death of her mother, Bess B. Ratner and to grandchildren, Morris and William Colner; Annie and Michael Leanse...

*And to all immediate and extended family.*



## RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

*In Honor Of:*

Bob Levy for tutoring Emily Rose Edelman for her Bat Mitzvah by Susan & Scott Edelman

Grandson, Aaron Klevan by Madeline & Eugene Goodwin

Max & Tom Moss's B'nei Mitzvah by Teri Slaven

Calvin Murr's Bar Mitzvah by Amy Forbes & Andrew Murr

Scott Heineman acceptance to the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington by Hannah & Larry Heineman

Scott Heineman acceptance to 2 Honor Societies and on being in the Dean's list at University of Washington by Hannah & Larry Heineman

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## FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, August 10, 2008

Sponsored by

*The 3rd Grade Students of*

*Brawerman Elementary School*



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.*





# Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

### Erev Shabbat Services

Rabbi Leder and Cantorial Soloist  
Marcus Feldman  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist  
Pam Simmons  
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

### Torah Study

DEUTERONOMY Devarim 1:1 - 3:22  
Avi Cohen  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

### Shabbat Service

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

*No service at the Irmas Campus.*

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

### Erev Shabbat Services

Rabbi Stein and Cantorial Soloist  
Elisa Waltzman  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist  
Marcus Feldman  
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

### Torah Study

DEUTERONOMY Va'etchanan 3:23 - 7:11  
Rabbi Stein  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Rabbi Fox and Cantor Caro and  
Rabbinic Intern Erin Mason  
Irmas Campus - 9:15 a.m.

### Shabbat Services

Rabbi Stein and Cantorial Soloist  
Marcus Feldman  
Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Fox and Cantorial Soloist  
Pam Simmons  
Irmas Campus - 10:30 a.m.



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