

# WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE

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## BULLETIN

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### THE BOARD GROWS

FOUR NEW TRUSTEES HAVE JOINED THE BOARD:



**Jami Gertz** describes herself as the mother of three sons, Oliver, Nicholas and Theo, and the wife of Tony Ressler. An actress, Jami has been a Temple member for nearly 10 years, during which time two of her sons have become B'nei Mitzvah. She supports numerous philanthropic and Jewish causes, including the Painted Turtle Camp and the charter school movement. Jami grew

up in the Conservative movement in Chicago, where her father served their synagogue as a cantorial soloist.

**Susan Adler Jannol** is a third-generation Temple member. She attended Hebrew school, became a Bat Mitzvah and confirmed, taught religious school and attended both Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp. She has been a member of the Camp Commission for "more years that I can count." She and her husband, Marty, live in Studio City and are the parents of Michael. Susan says she is



The Temple's Board of Trustees is a group of dedicated congregants who devote significant amounts of their time to the stewardship of the Temple. As one of the largest Reform congregations in the United States, the Temple is an institution with hundreds of employees who staff the religious, nursery and day schools and camps at three different locations. Careful oversight from a board of trustees ensures that your membership dues are well spent and the Temple operates in a fiscally prudent manner while remaining a visionary and dynamic center of Jewish life.

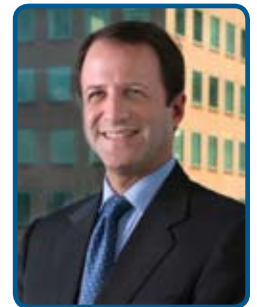
"honored and thrilled to join the Temple board at this exciting time in our history."



**Rick Kurtzman** grew up at the Temple and camps. His father, Ray, also served on the Board of Trustees. An agent with the Creative Artists Agency, Rick has also been a longtime member of the Camp Commission and continues to serve on the camp fundraising committee. He lives in Brentwood with his wife, Wendy, and children, Bryan, Ethan and

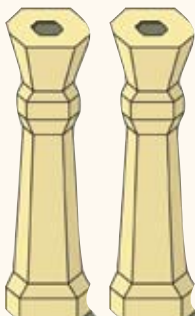
Lauren. Rick also serves on the Board of Jewish Family Services.

**Steve Sugerman** is a lifelong member of the Temple, and his family has been part of the temple for many generations. Steve owns a public affairs and strategic communications consulting firm in Los Angeles. In the mid-1990s he served as Deputy Mayor to former Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan. Steve lives in Westwood with his wife, cantorial soloist, Ellen, and children, Michael and Rebecca.



### In This Issue

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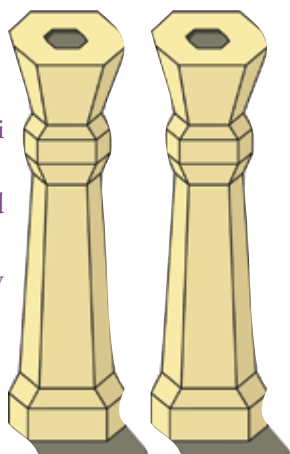
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## The Case of the Missing Shabbat Candles

Once upon a time, in the Marcia Israel Chapel-Auditorium, the Rabbi wanted to begin Shabbat with the lighting of the candles, as is customary. Lo and behold, she found no candles, no candelabra, no match. “This is interesting...very interesting,” she said, and invited people to write the rest of the story.



Susan Bernheimer wrote:

“I noticed people quickly leaving their seats to search for missing candles. I was reminded of the archetypal trickster Hermes, the thief and patron of thieves. Had Hermes stolen away our purpose tonight, Shabbat, night of all nights? Perhaps Hermes intended to remind us of our freedom, the freedom to liberate ourselves from the objects we hold dear, including Shabbat candles. Hermes reminded us

that true freedom is experienced with the spirit, the freeing spirit of Shabbat.”

Todd Friedman wrote:

“Once upon a time, the Rabbi began Kabbalat Shabbat, but no candles were found, no special lights for Shabbat. Now children, remember Shabbat is the Mystical Bride, beautifully dressed in a white gown that sparkles like the stars in the heavens. A clever bride, she hid two candles in the pleats of her gown. As she swept into the chapel, she mysteriously placed the candles on their silver candelabra and whoosh—she was gone. No one could believe their eyes. To this day, no one has seen that miracle occur again.”

*Shamor VZachor...* guard and protect those Shabbat candles. Each week, we’re reminded to carve out that special time for rest and reflection, to bring the light of God’s presence into our hearts and souls, to make that moment sacred.

The importance of Shabbat is twofold: It is central to our preservation as a Jewish people and as individuals.

■ *Rabbi Karen L. Fox*

PS: Keep your eye on the Shabbat candles! And a special thank you to Susan Bernheimer and Todd Friedman.



## The Caring Community: We Are Here for You!

*“Dear Temple Chaver,*

*Your steady stream of support, letters and goodies held me up during my difficult process. It’s so comforting to be surrounded by warm, loving people, all part of our Temple community. I am truly blessed; my beloved mother told me how important a Temple is in times of joy and sadness.”*

This letter is only one of many acknowledging the extended hands and hearts of our Chaver volunteers. When someone is facing a diagnosis of cancer, the illness of a child, the birth of a baby or a death in the family, the Chaver Caring Community reaches out with a supportive call, a note or even a visit. Your Chaver is a Temple member who listens, maintains confidentiality and brings blessings from Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Chaverim are trained volunteers who are caring, nonjudgmental and supportive.

For the last three years, the Chaverim have been guided by Joanie Reisman, who has served as the Chair. Joanie has brought new ideas, like having Shabbat Greeters at the Kabbalat Shabbat service at both campuses and engaging with other

temples in their Bikur Cholim projects. She has especially loved the delivering of Shabbat Bags around the city, which we hope to extend to those celebrating new babies and those mourning loved ones during the first week of Shivah.

We now welcome Ronni Kopulsky as the new Chair. Ronnie brings years of association with Wilshire Boulevard Temple, even having met her husband at Camp Hess Kramer. She is committed to early response in times of need, extending the warmth of welcoming new members to Wilshire Boulevard Temple and training volunteers.

The Chaver Caring Community exists because of the ongoing dedication of our Wilshire Boulevard Temple volunteers. Giving of yourself is a sacred act. Thank you!

If you’d like to learn about becoming a Chaver, please call Nan Brostoff in the Rabbis’ offices.

*Ma’ase Yadeinu Kon’neihu*—we are known by the good works of our hands and hearts.

■ *With gratitude,*  
*Rabbi Karen L. Fox*



Learn more about Chaver at  
[www.wbtl.org/pages/health\\_healing](http://www.wbtl.org/pages/health_healing)



# An Historical Brawerman Day

The day began with a bang! Demonstrating a Civil War-era musket, curator Jeffrey Morseburg shared several items from the collection of fifth-grade dad Elliott Broidy, enriching a day of North/South role-play for Brawerman fifth graders. To make their American History unit come alive, students and teachers randomly selected sides, came to school dressed for the time period and participated in a day of Civil War food, games, and crafts, culminating in a boisterous game of blue/gray dodgeball in the gym. Organized by our wonderful parents and teachers, activities ranged from making a pancake breakfast and lemonade to creating embroidery, candles and guidons (regiment flags) to playing games of cards, croquet and marbles. What a great way to experience history and to share a final day as Brawerman fifth graders!



## Center for Learning & Engagement

# MELTING for the GOOD of OUR PEOPLE

Summer should be a time for relaxation and reflection. Oh, how I envy the days of youth when I “got the summer off.” In the hectic midst of real-life preparations for fall, I now remember being a young child, dissolving in the hot Tucson sun, praying that my mother would take us to the Jewish Community Center for a cooling swim. Who knew that I would grow up to voluntarily spend many of my not-so-“free” summers in even hotter locations?

Last year at this time, I was part of a contingent of Wilshire Boulevard Temple educators who went to Israel on the Kivunim Aleph program. Kivunim (New Directions) is the Institute of Experiential Learning for Israel and World Jewish Communities. In July 2007, there were six of us from WBT’s Mann Family Early Childhood Center, Brawerman Elementary School and the Center for Learning and Engagement.

At present, a new group of five educators are studying in Israel, and two of us are on Kivunim Bet in Morocco, learning about our Jewish roots there that date back to Roman times.

We’re grateful to our Temple for funding this aspect of our professional development. The trips are exciting, but the reason we participate in these enriching situations is that it makes us better educators. We develop worldly views on topics about which we enlighten our students, and we gain greater credibility in their eyes. We share a magical bond as we tell the stories of our diverse peoplehood to our participants. By sharing our adventures, photographs and personal experiences about the rich, varied stories of Jewish communities elsewhere, we make the connections a reality for our children here. This is the story of OUR people. And it’s a hot one!

■ *Vinny Green, Interim Director*



## 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](http://www.wbtla.org/events/item/190/adult_events)

### TEMPLE TOUR & NOSH WITH RABBI STEVE LEDER

Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Temple Campus

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! 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@wbtla.org](mailto:jlevitt@wbtla.org)

### 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](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/israel_trips)



## 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. Applications 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](http://www.wbtla.org/pages/nursery_school)

### 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.



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



## Our Temple Family

### Welcome to new Temple members...

Melissa Bovill...David and Kimberly Eisman and their children, Eliana and Jonas...Peter Eliot...Bernhard and Marlene Kohn and their daughter, August...Bob and Cheri Lauterbach and their children, Allison, Abby and David...Christophe and Haleh Stahl and their daughter, Dora...Josh and Cheryl Winiarz and their children, Sophia and Toby...

### Congratulations to...

Jamie Kohn and Mica Rabineau on their marriage...

### Condolences to...

Andrew Perry and Cara Tapper on the death of his mother, Sherrill Cheda and to granddaughter, Isabella Perry...Dennis and Honi Greenwald on the death of his father, Charles Greenwald and to grandson, Austin...Friends and family of Sophia Kallis...Susan and Jay Goldinger on the death of her father, Jack Kershenbaum...Cara Tapper and Andrew Perry on the death of her father, Lawrence Tapper and to granddaughter, Isabella Perry and to extended families...Friends and family of Deane Weinberg...Stephen and Lori Weisskopf on the death of his father, Bernard Weisskopf...Bennett Wolf and family on the death of his wife, Susanne Wolf...

*And to all immediate and extended family.*





## RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN FUND

*In Honor Of:*

Our 35th Anniversary by Nancy & Fred Rosenfeld  
Bob Newmark's Bar Mitzvah by Phyl Wallace

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*In Honor Of:*

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*In Honor Of:*

Rabbi Stephen Julius Stein & Stephen Ariel Miller's Wedding Anniversary by Steven Crithfield  
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## WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE CAMPS

*In Loving Memory Of:*

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*In Honor Of:*

Sharon Weiner & Jason Fisher's wedding engagement by Arnie & Merle Weiner

## FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, July 6, 2008  
Underwritten by  
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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@wbtl.org](mailto:globaco@wbtl.org).

*Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah—  
Doing a mitzvah leads to more.*



# Schedule of Shabbat Worship & Study

## FRIDAY, JULY 4

Erev Shabbat Services  
Rabbi Phillips  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Stein and Canter Gurney  
Irmas Campus - 6:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 5

Torah Study  
NUMBERS Chukat 19:1 – 22:1  
Temple Campus - 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services  
Rabbi Phillips and Canter Gurney  
Temple Campus - 10:30 a.m.

*No service at the Irmas Campus*

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

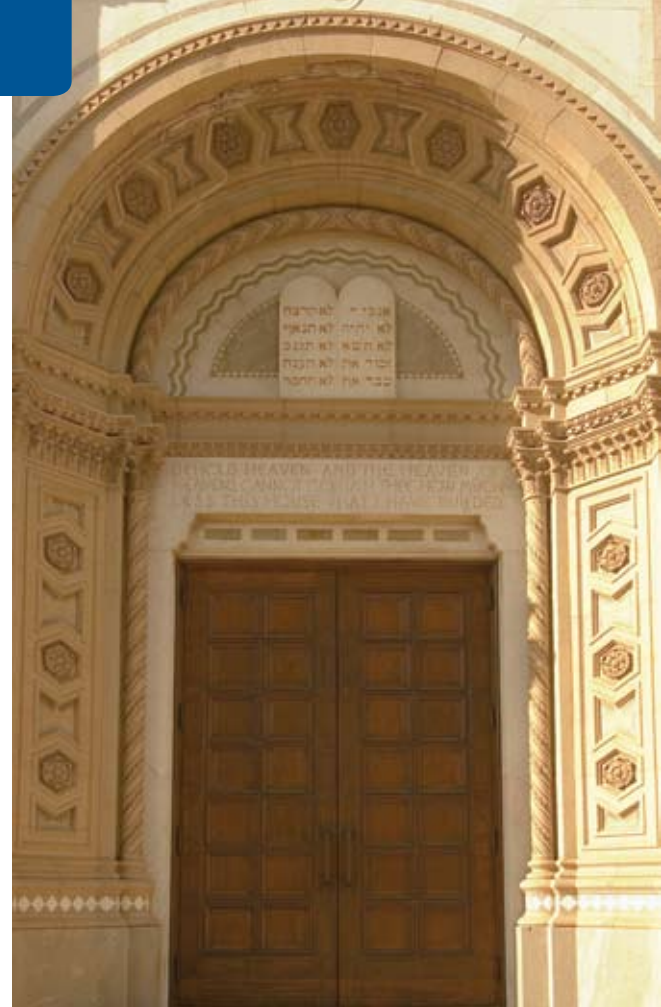
Erev Shabbat Services  
Rabbi Leder and Cantor Caro  
Temple Campus - 6:00 p.m.

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

Shabbat Service and  
Torah Study combined  
NUMBERS Balak 22:2 – 25:9  
Rabb Stein and Cantor Caro  
Temple Campus - 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

*No service at the Irmas Campus*



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