



The title is what gave me pause.

The essays of the intellectual giant Leon Wieseltier, literary editor for *The New Republic*, are uniformly magnificent. I typically collect several of them in a pile on my kitchen counter and read them – often months after their publication – on a quiet afternoon when I can savour them with leisure. But the title this time caught my attention: "Going to Melody".

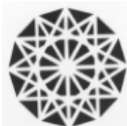
February is Jewish Music Month – naturally, I did not want to let Wieseltier's musical musings wait until March. And so I read. And I quickly realized that this essay was not a meditation on music, but rather a loving eulogy for a now defunct music store, Melody Records, and an analysis of the existential difference between browsing for music in a store and online. And Wieseltier's thoughts, as always, are worth mulling over:

*IT IS A MATTER OF some importance that the nature of browsing be properly understood. Browsing is a method of humanistic education. It gathers not information but impressions, and refines them by brief...immersions in sound or language....Browsing is not idleness; or rather, it is **active idleness** – an exploring capacity, a kind of questing non-instrumental behavior. Browsing is the opposite of "search." Search is precise; browsing is imprecise. When you search, you find what you were looking for; when you browse, you find what you were not looking for. Search corrects your knowledge, browsing corrects your ignorance. Search narrows, browsing enlarges. It does so by means of accidents, of unexpected adjacencies and improbable associations. On Amazon, by contrast, there are no accidents. Its adjacencies are expected and its associations are probable, because it is programmed for precedents. It takes you to where you have already been – to what you have already bought or thought of buying, and to similar things. It sells similarities. After all, serendipity is a poor business model. But serendipity is how the spirit is renewed; and a record store, like a bookstore, is nothing less than an institution of spiritual renewal.*

This month, I invite you to become "actively idle" by browsing through some Jewish music (and some Jewish learning) at our Emanu-El "institution of spiritual renewal." Every Shabbat throughout the month we will sample different Jewish musical modalities – from around the Jewish world and across Jewish time. Check inside on page 3 for the listing of musical leadership at our Shabbat services. I wish you and your loved ones many opportunities to sing with joy this month!

Kol tuv

Debra Landsberg



# FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <sup>8 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan 8:15 AM Adult Hebrew	<b>2</b> <sup>9 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan	<b>3</b> <sup>10 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan  <b>NO EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>4</b> <sup>11 SHEVAT</sup> 9 AM Shabbat Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service SHABBAT SHIRA (see page 3)
<b>5</b> <sup>12 SHEVAT</sup> 8:30 AM Minyan 9:30 AM Lomdim 7 PM Social Action Program (see page 7)	<b>6</b> <sup>13 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Executive Mtg.	<b>7</b> <sup>14 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan 5 PM Lomdim	<b>8</b> <sup>15 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan 8:15 AM Adult Hebrew 7:30 PM Social Action Comm. Mtg.	<b>9</b> <sup>16 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan	<b>10</b> <sup>17 SHEVAT</sup> 7:30 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner & Learning (see page 3) <b>NO EREV SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>11</b> <sup>18 SHEVAT</sup> 9 AM Shabbat Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions to the Bulletin must be in digital format. The content of the Bulletin, including flyer inserts, is at the discretion of the Editor and Randi Feldman. **COPY FOR THE MARCH ISSUE MUST BE IN THE TEMPLE "BULLETIN" BOX BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.**

**FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES**

- Friday, February 3.....No Service
- Saturday, February 4.....10:30 am  
**SHABBAT SHIRA** *(see below)*  
 Service music led by Judy Gershon
- Friday, February 10.....6:30 pm  
**Shabbat Around the Table** *(see below)*
- Saturday, February 11.....10:30 am  
 Service music led by Renee Bouthot
- Friday, February 17.....No Service
- Saturday, February 18.....10:30 am  
 Service led by Tony Wallis  
 Service music led by Steve Zeidenberg
- Friday, February 24.....8:00 pm  
 Service music led by David Gershon  
**Ask an Expert from Sickkids** *(see below)*  
 Babysitting is available by pre-registration.
- Saturday, February 25.....10:30 am  
 Service music led by Aviva Chernick

**FEBRUARY TORAH PORTIONS**



- February 4 *Beshalach*  
Exodus 13:17-17:16
- February 11 *Yitro*  
Exodus 18:1-20:23
- February 18 *Mishpatim*  
Exodus 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16
- February 25 *Terumah*  
Exodus 25:1-27:19



**CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

- Friday, February 3.....5:13 pm
- Friday, February 10.....5:22 pm
- Friday, February 17.....5:32 pm
- Friday, February 24.....5:41 pm



**SHABBAT SHIRA**  
February 4 at 10:30 am

Come join us for...  
 Shabbat Shira - L'dor Vador  
 ...a celebration of music and community

Please worship with us at this special service where parents and children from our school will join our amazing Temple choir and fill the sanctuary with wonderful melodies from generations past and present.

**NEW EREV SHABBAT SERIES**

**FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!**

**February 24 at 8 pm**

**ASK AN EXPERT FROM SICKKIDS**

Details to follow.

Babysitting is available by pre-registration.

**SHABBAT AROUND THE TABLE**

Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner, followed by conversation and learning

**February 10 at 6:30 pm**

RSVP (416) 449-3880 by February 7.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Last month, with the new year still young, we installed the 2012 Tempe Emanu-El board at a lovely Erev Shabbat service. The choir, under Judy Gershon's leadership, made the evening very special.

The board is comprised of 18 dedicated congregants. Five new Board members were elected in December. Over the next few months the Bulletin will provide you their photos and short profiles. I am looking forward to working with the new Board as we move forward to tackle the priorities we have set.

One chief concern is to find ways to increase our temple membership. I am pleased that Pekka Sinervo has agreed to chair a task force on Membership Recruitment and Retention. We are finalizing the terms of reference for the task force and inviting people to join this committee. If you or any congregant whom you know would like to be involved, please contact either Pekka or me.

Of course we have other committees that are integral to running the Temple; they are also open to new members. In the coming months I, or our committee chairs, will use this space in the Bulletin to share with you background information on these committees and their mandates.

All the best,  
Ellen Neeman

## MEET YOUR TEMPLE BOARD



After trying out several other congregations in Toronto, Judith Finer Freedman and her husband, Jeremy, joined Temple Emanu-El in 2006 because of its "warm, inclusive and 'small town' comfort and culture." Their three children — Jesse, Amanda and Zachary — have celebrated their B'nei Mitzvah in the congregation. As a Board member she plans to give attention to both the Membership and Fundraising committees.

Judith wrote *Cracking the Code: Unlocking the Potential of Future Leaders*, a book now in its second printing. She founded The Balanced Worker Project, a consulting practice that focuses on the challenges of finding balance between demands of home and work within the contexts of generational and gender diversity. In 2009 she was named a Work-Life Rising Star by the Alliance For Work-Life Progress for her emerging leadership in promoting awareness for workplace programs that create balance in workers' lives. She has lectured at places such as Harvard Business School, Georgetown Law School, U of T, University of Western Ontario Law School and Columbia University.

She was the Women's Philanthropy Chair for the 2006-2007 UJA Campaign and recipient of the UJA Young Leadership Award in 2001. Currently she is vice-chair of the BBYO international board, based in Washington, D.C.

Judith, a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma who came to Canada in 1991, became a Leafs fan when Jeremy proposed via the Maple Leaf Gardens scoreboard.



Native Torontonians Steve Lewis and Leora Pinhas, his wife of 15 years, joined Temple Emanu-El two years ago. Since then they have seen their eldest son, Silver, become a bar mitzvah and are currently waiting son Noah's becoming a bar mitzvah this coming September. Their third child, daughter Adi, has four years before her turn on the bimah!

As a new Board member Steve looks forward to contributing "anything that makes our temple a healthy and viable community." He grew up at Beth Shalom and is glad he had the chance to affiliate at Emanu-El now! Steve is excited to represent Temple Emanu-El on its bike-riding team on this year's Riding4Reform fundraiser in Israel next month.

Steve learned post-production skills for film and television at the Trebas Institute in Toronto and now is a freelance post-production editor, most often on instructional and promotional films. He is also a part-time sales associate at Home Depot.

# From the Centre.....

Since returning from my winter break travels, I have been inundated with questions about the recent Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in Washington, D.C. Was it amazing? How was the music? How was Barak Obama??

Yes. It was amazing. It was the largest biennial in our movement's history, with almost 7000 Reform Jews in attendance. I believe we broke a world record for the largest Shabbat dinner. (What was truly amazing is that we were all in the same room, recited blessings together, and didn't even have to wait for our dinners!) The music, as always, was inspirational! Be prepared: you'll be hearing lots of new melodies coming from our JAM! kids soon; Ryan brought back some beautiful new arrangements. And Barak Obama was very impressive. You can access his address (and those of the other fabulous speakers) on the URJ website at <http://urj.org/biennial11/webcast/friday/>

For me the most dramatic event at the biennial was the official launch of the Campaign for Youth Engagement. Part of the resolution on this campaign asserted:

We acknowledge that in 2011 **only a minority** of *b'nei* and *b'not mitzvah* in North America, including but also transcending the Reform Movement, remains actively engaged in Jewish communal life by the time they graduate from high school ...

Educators across North America have been dealing with the challenge of helping our youth find meaning in involvement in Jewish communal life. Synagogues such as ours in the Greater Toronto Area have also been struggling to keep our teens connected.

However, at Temple Emanu-El, we have much to be hopeful for. Our senior school has been growing every year. Despite the fact that we didn't have a class of graduating confirmands last year, six of our fabulous teens will confirm their commitment to living a Jewish life this year on Shavuot. And FEISTEY, our youth group, is vibrant and continuing to grow, taking on *tikkun olam* projects, and sharing its successes with youth from all over our North Eastern Lakes region. Our *madrichim* program is thriving, and we are very proud and grateful for this capable and inspirational group of young Jewish leaders.

Yet, there is still more that we can do.

We have already begun to use the resources available to us as a URJ congregation, and we are seeing positive results in the participation of our teens. Next month I will outline more specifically the URJ's plan to help us transform and strengthen the relationships between post-*b'nei mitzvah* teens, their peers, their families, their congregations, the Reform Movement and the Jewish people.

I look forward to facing the challenge with all of you!



Robin Leszner, Director,  
The Centre for Jewish Living and Learning

## IS YOUR CHILD HAVING A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH?

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah book for 2016 is now open. If you have a child born in 2003, please call or email Randi Feldman at the Temple office to reserve your date.

If you haven't booked a date for a child born prior to 2003, please call ASAP. Dates are filling up quickly.

## FEBRUARY REMINDERS

Lomdim 3<sup>rd</sup> Chugim Rotation begins Sunday, February 5

Lomdim Dates – February 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26 and 28

Lomdim celebrating Tu B'Shevat – Tuesday, February 7

NO Lomdim on Sunday, February 19  
(Family Day weekend)



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If you would like the chance to perform this mitzvah, please contact JoAnne Chisholm.

She will give you ample prep time. If you wish, she will also give you kind and thorough coaching.

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**PURIM CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA**



**DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

**TIME: 11:00 AM to 2 PM**  
Purim Schpiel & Music  
followed by the Carnival

**ADMISSION FOR ALL RIDES AND GAMES: \$10**

*hamantaschen, pizza, and other great food*

*booths run by our talented Emanu-El kids*

Watch the March Bulletin for further details

# **911** FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

**The Bayview Corridor  
of Synagogues invites you to  
BE INFORMED, DISCUSS,  
AND TAKE ACTION**

**To Address First Nations'  
Ongoing Challenges**

**Sunday, February 5, 2012  
7:30 PM**

**TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
120 Old Colony Road, Toronto**

The evening will feature:

- **Hon. Kathleen Wynne** MPP Don Valley West,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing &  
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Ontario
- **Patricia Pearson**, from the North-South Partnership  
for Children.
- **Terry and Doug McCaig**, from Duff's Presbyterian  
Church (Guelph), active partners with First Nations  
Communities in the North through North-South  
Partnership for Children.

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Beit Rayim Beth Tikvah Kehillat Shaarei Torah Shaar Shalom Temple Har Zion Temple Emanu-El

***“UNITED IN SOCIAL ACTION”***

**Yahrzeits** – *Memorial anniversaries will be observed and kaddish recited in loving memory of the following:*January 29–February 4

Joan Finsten	2012 January 29
Bernard Flexer	5772 Shevat 10
Dora Halperin	5772 Shevat 10
Samuel Kelner	2012 January 31
Harry Lipshitz	5772 Shevat 5
Kenneth Moorhouse	2012 February 2
Rose Oxenhandler	5772 Shevat 10
Dorothy Poizner	5772 Shevat 9
Marci Scharf	5772 Shevat 6
Pearl Seigel	5772 Shevat 10
Jack Siskind	5772 Shevat 11
Isaac Weygman	5772 Shevat 6
Sarah Wilner	5772 Shevat 11
Philip Zelding	5772 Shevat 7

February 5-11

Valerie Berman	5772 Shevat 12
Dorothy Bielfeld	5772 Shevat 15
Fay Black	5772 Shevat 18
Barney Burstein	5772 Shevat 16
Steven Dorfman	5772 Shevat 18
Bert Goodbaum	5772 Shevat 15
Herbert Held	5772 Shevat 16
Frances Jackson	5772 Shevat 18
Meyer Sholom Kellerman	5772 Shevat 14
Samuel Landau	5772 Shevat 17
Lillian Lean	5772 Shevat 13
Jack Lewis	5772 Shevat 18
Joseph Magder	5772 Shevat 16
Irwin Miller	5772 Shevat 14
Abraham Myerson	5772 Shevat 15
Murray Nadler	5772 Shevat 15
Naim Nissan	5772 Shevat 15
Sheila Noik	5772 Shevat 12
Yetta Peranson	5772 Shevat 17
Elsie Posluns	5772 Shevat 17
George Reisman	5772 Shevat 14
Mary Robertson	2012 February 5
Doreen Sacks	5772 Shevat 18
Sheldon Schiller	5772 Shevat 17
Fanny Shwartz	5772 Shevat 18
Ruth Stilman	5772 Shevat 14
Essie Sutton	5772 Shevat 13
Gerson Szidon	5772 Shevat 14
Ray Tishcoff	5772 Shevat 14

February 12-18

Sarah Buxbaum	5772 Shevat 21
Louis Demsky	5772 Shevat 23
David Erlichman	5772 Shevat 23
Sarah Flexer	5772 Shevat 25
Sylvia Gotkind	5772 Shevat 20
Julius Gotz	5772 Shevat 25
Gertrude Lehrer	2012 February 12
Arnold Linetsky	5772 Shevat 24
Louis Nadler	5772 Shevat 19
Walter Orless	5772 Shevat 19
Madeleine Segal	5772 Shevat 24
Renee Shapiro	2012 February 13

George Silberberg	5772 Shevat 21
Lena Singer	5772 Shevat 25
Gilda Tyber	5772 Shevat 20
Theda Warner	5772 Shevat 24
Rose Winkler	5772 Shevat 22
Chaya Yablonskaya	5772 Shevat 21

February 19-25

Alex Beder	5772 Shevat 27
Natalie Cader	5772 Adar 2
Marvin Chapley	5772 Adar 2
Saul Collis	5772 Shevat 26
Evelyn English	5772 Adar 2
Isaac Gill	5772 Adar 2
Rose Goldman	5772 Shevat 28
Clara Lister	5772 Shevat 27
Lila Rasminsky	5772 Shevat 27
Mini Sampson	5772 Adar 2
Harry Segal	5772 Adar 1
Gary Tenenbaum	5772 Adar 1
Jeno Weissenberg	5772 Shevat 30
Leslie Weissenberg	5772 Shevat 30
Miklos Weissenberg	5772 Shevat 30

February 26-March 3

Joseph Bassin	5772 Adar 8
Lilyan Breslin	5772 Adar 4
Philip Brick	5772 Adar 8
Shirley Caplan	5772 Adar 6
Ken Chisholm	5772 Adar 4
Moe Finsten	5772 Adar 5
Esther Fram	5772 Adar 3
Sydney Gillman	5772 Adar 8
Sandra Goldberg	5772 Adar 4
Tony Grainger	5772 Adar 8
Morris Greenwood	5772 Adar 3
Norma Jordan	5772 Adar 6
Boris Kushner	5772 Adar 4
Manuel Linden	5772 Adar 4
Archie Madorsky	5772 Adar 7
Agnes Murrucane	5772 Adar 4
Caroline Myerson	5772 Adar 4
Ida Nefsky	5772 Adar 6
Irving Newman	5772 Adar 6
Hilda Rosen	5772 Adar 6
David Schafer	5772 Adar 6
Celia Silverman	5772 Adar 3
Aaron Slavens	5772 Adar 8
Leo Sosnofsky	5772 Adar 7
Mary Stein	5772 Adar 9
Irving Tator	5772 Adar 5
Pearl Thaw	5772 Adar 3
Ida Tishcoff	5772 Adar 9
Sam Walters	5772 Adar 6
Elizabeth Weissenberg	5772 Adar 6
Eva Weissenberg	5772 Adar 6
Klara Weissenberg	5772 Adar 6
Carol Wexler	5772 Adar 5
Rachel Winkler	5772 Adar 5
Sophie Zeldin	5772 Adar 4

**WEDNESDAY AM  
ADULT ED LECTURES....**

will return in March

**Sharoni Sibony**

will give four lectures on  
**Jewish Immigrant Writing  
in America**

Watch for background handouts  
to arrive with **THIS WEEK**  
starting March 1

**TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
will be  
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Sponsor one or all our members  
who will cycle the roads in Israel  
next month.

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**UNITY not UNIFORMITY**  
A webinar series to examine controversial issues

First Installment:  
**Religious Pluralism and the Role of Women in Israel  
Two Perspectives**



**A Reform Voice**  
Wednesday, February 1  
1pm Eastern (10am Pacific)

**Anat Hoffman**  
Executive Director  
The Israel Religious Action Center



**An Orthodox Voice**  
Tuesday, February 7  
1pm Eastern (10am Pacific)

**David Weinberg**  
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The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

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If you want to participate in the Unity not Uniformity webinar organized by CIJA (Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs – see above), you can register until 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31 by contacting Miriam Aronoff at [maronoff@cija.ca](mailto:maronoff@cija.ca) or (416) 925-7499, ext. 332. Prior to the discussion scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 at 1 pm, CIJA will email you dial-in instructions. There is no cost to participate.

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