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## Shabbat Services

Friday, January 4

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 5

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 11

7:30 PM Rock Shabbat

Saturday, January 12

10:00 AM ShabbASANA

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  
with Chadeish Yameinu (out)

Friday, January 18

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service  
Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 19

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 25

7:30 PM Woman of Valor  
Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 26

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

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## Gail Levine will be honored with the Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor Award

Friday, January 25, 7:30 PM

at the Shabbat service with a joyous Oneg to follow

The award, established in 2000, honors women leaders who share the legacy of Candy Coonerty’s commitment to the temple and the community at large.

When we think of Gail, we think of graciousness and humor, steady-handed leadership and patient cooperation, honesty and kindness. In the bustling Bronx apartment of her childhood, Gail drank in the Jewish values of family, hospitality, generosity and service. Gail’s deep connection to her Jewish heritage attracted her to TBE. She has been involved in the temple’s education and film programming, Senior Connections, Building & Grounds, Cultural Festival, Membership and she served as our congregational president for three years!

She also volunteered extensively in the community including Planned

Parenthood, NOW, Hospice and CASA. With the Diversity Center, Triangle Speakers and Out in Our Faith Gail helps open many hearts and minds. Her tireless commitment to education led to numerous awards. In addition, she served as a Trustee for San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District.

Gail’s arrival in Santa Cruz was inspired by Emily Wughalter, her partner of 34 years, whom (with Rabbi Paula officiating) she married the very day it became a legal option. Gail enjoys long walks in the redwoods with their dog Cocoa, attending Jazzercise and cross-fit training, her Santa Cruz Bonsai club, and her own 35 plants!



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat

Friday, January 18  
7:30 PM

Join us for a special Shabbat service in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his work for racial equality and justice in our country. We are thrilled

to announce that Reverend Deborah Johnson of Inner Light Ministries will deliver the sermon and Emily Sinclair will conduct our choir along with the choir of Resurrection Church. Rabbi Shifra will lead the service.



Temple Beth El is a Reform congregation serving the Jewish community in the greater Santa Cruz area.  
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# Spirituality/Todah Rabah

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

## Tu B'Shevat as Tikkun Olam

Every fall when I harvest the apples off of our tree, I think about Tu'B'shevat. I remember the day, now 25 years ago,

that Aryeh, Daniel and I stood in the pouring rain, planting a small sapling that over the years has grown into a large, healthy tree. I think about how blessed we are to have this holiday of celebrating the beauty of nature, a day where we are invited to plant trees and cultivate the land.

For Jews who lived during the second century, the fifteenth of Shevat was tax day. It was the day when people were asked to take account of their produce and tithe a portion for those without the means to own land and grow their own food.

The rabbis of the Mishnah discuss the importance of these taxes in the form of tithes, as *terumot* (free-will offerings). The fifteenth of Shevat is one of the most important days for reminding society to take an honest accounting of itself. On this day, all who had gardens were supposed to go down to their garden to count up all the fruits and profits that were gathered in the course of the year, and to set aside a portion for those who didn't have gardens or trees that produced food for them to eat.

In the Bible there is no mention of this practice on this day. But clearly, the fact that the rabbis instituted this practice is a statement concerning the need to strengthen social and religious taxes that will improve the situation of those in need.

As Jews, this is our obligation, to care for those in need through acts of loving kindness and the giving of tzedakah. And as Jews living in this country, it is upon us to advocate for policies that even out the inequality of wealth in our society. The rabbis of the Mishnah understood this, and we must follow their example.

—Rabbi Paula Marcus

## Rosh Hodesh Sh'vat Seder of Fragrances

Monday January 7, 7:00 PM

Join us for a Rosh Hodesh Seder of Fragrances, created by Rabbi Jill Hammer. Our Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat Seder will revive the facets of our souls as we prepare for spring. Instead of a seder of taste, this will be a seder of fragrances.

Just as we smell spices to enliven us at the end of havdalah, we will use our sense of smell to wake us up to the worlds around us and the worlds within us. Together we will make a spiritual "perfume" for the new spring that will shortly arrive. In Jewish mysticism, the scent represents the soul. Please invite your friends and family to join us. All women are welcome. If you'd like to bring a fragrant (optional) snack to share, that would be delightful. One of our Rosh Hodesh traditions is to eat round foods.



## TBE Sisterhood Gift Shop

It takes a village—at least a group of

volunteers—to staff the temple Gift Shop daily for six weeks. With many thanks to Judi Sherman, Shelly Nadelman, Gail Levine, Beverly Meschi, Marilyn Breiling, Letty Bess, Lori Scher, Teri Brager, Julie Lorraine, Lauren Leff, Susan Bearman, Gilda Zelin, and Michele Kibrick who joined Shirley Ginzburg and Ruth Solomon to make this holiday season such a terrific success. Kudos to advertising maven Michelle Dennis as well.

In January, the shop is open Wednesdays 2:30–6:00 PM and Sunday mornings 9:30 AM–12 noon. We will be happy to meet you at other times—call Shirley (831) 685-2710 or Ruth (831) 476-1154. Find the best selection of Judaica, at the best prices, AND show support for the temple! Can't get much better than that.

## \$60 for 60 Campaign A Big Success!

*Todah rabah* to everybody who contributed to the \$60 for 60 Campaign celebrating Rabbi Paula's birthday in the way she likes best—with extra funds to enrich our beloved temple. The campaign was a big success in every way. Over 240 families made a donation, nearly half our congregation, so it was truly a broad-based campaign, with no donation too small to make a difference. And the campaign was also a big success in terms of dollars raised. We blasted past our campaign goal of \$30,000 to reach a total of nearly \$42,000—enough to cover temple operational basics and provide Rabbi Paula with funds for a special purchase too. I'd like to give a particular shout-out to the 20+ families who made leadership gifts, especially the ever-generous Bess and Ow families. And another special shout-out to the diligent volunteers who worked to provide a delicious birthday Oneg, including organizer Susan Karz, helper Carolyn Coleman and Mikey Ordinario, who baked the deliciously unique gluten-free birthday cake. But it took the generosity and enthusiasm of the whole congregation to show Rabbi Paula how much we appreciate her and make her milestone birthday truly something to celebrate.

—Margaret Gordon, for the Fund Development Committee

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# Synagogue News

## Green Team Update



Green Team members Marilyn Rigler and Robert Morgan worked closely with TBE staff to make the following changes at the temple facility:

- TBE is now purchasing cleaning supplies from Ecolab, a company that uses EPA approved cleaning products which have a smaller environmental impact.
- All trash bags will be compostable and non-sustainable products will be replaced.

- Working with Santa Cruz Signs, recycling and trash containers will have signage with clear images.
- A framed statement identifying Temple Beth El's environmental practices will be displayed in the foyer.
- TBE is purchasing new recycling bins for the social hall and kitchen, which will include appropriate signage.
- TBE instructed Green Waste, the temple's sanitation provider, to perform a trash audit. Redundancies were found and corrected, with a savings to the Temple of \$1,600.

The Green Team continues to look for ways to make TBE more environmentally friendly.

## TBE Voter Engagement Results

This year, the Social Action Committee (SAC) and TBE leadership, with the support of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), committed to engage our members in voter registration and voter turnout. We set an audacious goal of 100% turnout and 1000 votes for this sacred action.

We made a specific effort to reach families with college age and young adult children, who are more mobile, to make sure they were currently registered.

Here's the good news: thanks to your dedication, our voter turnout was over 96% and we achieved our 1000 vote goal! This compares to 74% in the 2014 midterm elections, and to the county overall turnout of 72% in November.

Many of you were active for candidates and ballot initiatives, both locally and nationally. Carloads of TBE members went to the Central Valley, Nevada and Southern California to campaign in swing districts and states. The results speak for themselves, with a substantial national shift to a more representative and inclusive group of legislators.

Locally, our efforts on behalf of Measure H ended with a substantial majority but fell short of the 67% required for passage, while propositions 1 and 2 for affordable housing statewide both passed. Prop 6, which the RAC opposed, would have repealed the state gas tax for transportation repair and upgrades, failed.

As we rest and recharge, SAC members are responding to the massacre of Jewish congregants in Pittsburgh, and meeting with other URJ congregations and local partners to consider what a 2019 legislative agenda looks like. We promise to report back this winter with new information!

Thank you for all you do to make ours a vibrant and engaged community.

—Andrew Goldenkranz

## In The Temple Family



### NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Delan & Wynn Hausser  
 Jennie & Robert Schindler  
 Daniel & Kate Sommer  
 Ilana & Joshua Lowe  
 Annie Millar  
 Jane Tyler

### MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



Sean Adler, beloved cousin of Marilyn Cupples

Ronald Burton Cytron, beloved father of Kathy Cytron, father-in-law of Shmuel Thaler, grandfather of Kayla and Hanna Cytron Thaler

Betty Joy Engelman, beloved mother of Jim and Bill Engelman, mother-in-law of Claire and Betsy

Wolfgang Widera, wife of Marly, father of Randy and Gordon, father-in law of Julie Sidel and Dana Lee, and grandfather of Denali, Ryder and Zephyr Wildera

## Staff Spotlight

### GET TO KNOW MELISSA SUNBERG

Since a big part of her job is to get to know all of us, let's get to know Melissa Sunberg!

Melissa and her husband, Cary, have been members of Temple Beth El since 1989. Their children, Rachel and Max, went to Simcha, Camp Kayetz, Temple School, and each had a B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation here. In addition, the Chavurah that she and her family joined 20 years ago is still going strong and continues to be a great source of love and support!



When Melissa is not putting in long hours reaching out and connecting folks within the Temple Beth El community, and working to create and support vital and engaging programs, she loves to read and thoroughly enjoys her book club. She also relishes her regular yoga practice. Her previous careers were with another synagogue over the hill, New Leaf Markets and as a co-owner of the Saturn Café.

# Tikkun Olam—MAZON

## Ongoing Local Mitzvah Opportunities—Sustenance For Givers and Receivers

Did you know that participation in the Temple Beth El *MAZON Project* brings love and spiritual sustenance to both givers and receivers via the mystical power of home-cooked food? Also, participation bolsters our presence and connections within our community. Our *MAZON* project has consistently provided weekly Sunday dinners to the River Street Homeless Shelter since 1988!

We invite your suggestions for improving *MAZON* participation. Though we have about 150 people signed up, eliciting their participation has become more challenging. A small number of busy volunteers participate nearly every month. Others seem committed to participating once a year, and many others have yet to respond. If everyone would try to participate twice per year, with the regular volunteers filling in as necessary, *MAZON* would run more smoothly.

### Reframing *MAZON* Participation

- Would focusing your participation in honor or in memory of a loved one inspire you?
- Or...participating as a meaningful activity with a *chavurah* or other group of friends?
- Would your family benefit from seizing this opportunity to help those less fortunate and learning how to make a real difference in the lives of others?
- Would those with limited free time or resources still derive significant gratification from periodically providing a large, fresh salad for the vegetable portion of the Sunday meal or a large batch of homemade cookies for dessert?

Please share your thoughts with me, and/or sign up for *MAZON* via the link below. I'd love to hear from all of you. The link also provides more information about *MAZON*.

Thank you very much!

—Robin Belkin, *MAZON* Co-Chair



*THE MAZON PROJECT IS TEMPLE BETH EL'S LONGEST-RUNNING SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM.* Thank you very much to our compassionate congregants that have generously provided dinner to the Santa Cruz River Street Homeless Shelter on behalf of Temple Beth El!

**Our wonderful July volunteers were:** Havurah Shem Tov, Catherine & Bob Cooper (2X), Kerith Koontz (2X), Amy Harrington, Susan Karz, Wilma Gold, Shira Coleman, Geri Wolff (3X!), Meryl Selman (2X), Susan & Stephen Karon, Faye Levinson, Jacqueline Tuttle, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Deborah Jacobson, Penny Chesluk and Gaby Litsky.

**Our terrific August volunteers were:** Wilma Gold (2X), Shira Coleman (3X!), Martha Jacobson (2X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Tricia Markovitz, Susan & Stephen Karon, Zena Krakowsky (3X!), Lois Steinberg, Gwen Kaplan, Susan Karz, Gaby Litsky, Penny Chesluk, Nancy & Marc Yellin and Marcia Meyer.

**Our fabulous September volunteers were:** Catherine & Bob Cooper, Nancy & Marc Yellin, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Carol Maler, Rachael Katz and friends, Toby & Michael Alexander, Jessica Olamit (2X), Penny Chesluk, Jacqueline Tuttle, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Vicki Kondo, Martha Jacobson (2X), and Nancy Yellin (5X!).

**Our great October volunteers were:** Shira Coleman (3X!), Gaby Litsky, Teri Goldwasser (2X), Deborah Jacobson, Vicki Kondo, Marcia Meyer (2X), Rachael Katz and friends, Jacqueline Tuttle, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Nancy & Marc Yellin, Susan & Paul Karz (2X) and Julie Lorraine.

**Our magnificent November volunteers were:** Nancy & Marc Yellin (2X), Catherine & Bob Cooper, Marcia Meyer, Martha Jacobson, Cheryl Caspe, Meryl Selman (2X), Leora Fromm (2X), Wilma Gold (2X), Vicki Kondo, Penny Chesluk and Tracie White.

**Our spectacular *MAZON* volunteers for December were:** Geri Wolff (2X), Wilma Gold (4X!), Shira Coleman, Rachel Katz and friends (5X!), Tegan Speiser, Leora Fromm (2X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Melinda Iuster, Nancy & Marc Yellin (2X), Martha Jacobsen (2X), Lois Steinberg, Susan Karz, and Susan & Stephen Karon.

To sign up for the *Mazon Project*, please use the *SignUpGenius* link below, go to "*Mazon Project*" in the "*Social Action*" pull-down menu on the Temple Beth El website, or contact committee co-chairs Chris Goldstein [orongold@aol.com](mailto:orongold@aol.com) or Robin Belkin [Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com](mailto:Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com).

*If you offer your compassion to the  
hungry  
And satisfy the famished creature  
Then shall your light shine in darkness  
And your gloom shall be like noonday.*

—Isaiah 58:10

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Rabbi Shifra

### Temple School fosters a love of Jewish learning in a joyful, engaging and supportive community.

When kids who know each other from Temple School go somewhere else together, magic happens. We take students to Aegis of Aptos in our new van every Wednesday for our KEF "Adopt a Grandparent" program. I see our caring and wonderful students through the eyes of the senior residents as they interact, and I see our students learn important life lessons that they can't get in a classroom. I love Shabbat services and havdalah on the ski trip and on the b'nai mitzvah family retreat. When they create the Jewish culture which they have learned at TBE on the road, it changes into something that is theirs to take with them wherever they go. This applies not only to the singing of prayers, but also to the positive Jewish values which we emphasize, such as treating the people

we meet and the places we go with *kavod* (respect). We are still accepting last minute registrations for Jewish teens to join the SRFY Youth group for our annual snow trip to Lake Tahoe on January 4th. As I write this we have 17 teens signed up for the trip.

For the first time this year, I am also offering a "Wilderness Teen Trip" July 15-19, or August 5-9, at Utica Lake, for high school students. This will be five days of living in tents, hiking, swimming, boating and cooking, away from civilization. Please let me know if you know an interested teen. I expect that it will be a transformative Jewish experience for all who participate.

Young families are invited for Challah Making on Thursday, January 24, 3:30 PM, at New Leaf Market, 1101 Fair Ave. Westside Santa Cruz. RSVP to [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org).

—Blessings, Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

## Jewish Residential Camp Fair



Sunday, January 27  
11:00 AM–12:00 noon  
at TBE

Are you thinking about sending your child(ren) to Jewish overnight camp? Have you heard about the "One Happy Camper" scholarship program? Come and find out everything you wanted to know about Jewish Residential Camps on Sunday, January 27, from 11:00 AM–12:00 noon.

Camp Newman, Camp Tawonga, JCC Maccabi Sports Camp, Eden Village West and Camp Ramah in Northern California will each present their camps in this short but sweet program. This event is for parents and students together. Camp representatives will remain after the program to provide information and answer questions.

Bring your friends. Spread the word! For questions contact Sarah at [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org). Camp Kayetz will have a separate presentation.

## Temple School, Hebrew High and Young Families Program Calendar

- Wednesday, January 2  
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL
- Sunday, January 6  
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL
- Wednesday, January 9  
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL
- Sunday, January 13  
TS Grades K–6, Mazel Tots
- Wednesday, January 16  
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High
- Sunday, January 20  
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL
- Wednesday, January 23  
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew
- Thursday, January 23  
Challah Making at New Leaf Westside
- Sunday, January 27  
TS Grades K–6
- Wednesday, January 30  
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew

## Simcha Preschool

Dear TBE Community,

We had a wonderful Chanukah at Simcha Preschool! Thank you to the families who helped us make delicious potato latkes. Each class made unique hanukkiot, and many, from this year and past years, were showcased at the TBE candle lighting event on the first night of Chanukah.

Thanks to Jordan Schettler and Gaby Litsky for your fun and engaging live music at our recent Breakfast & Books community and fundraiser event. We appreciated all the parents who helped us set-up, oversee and clean up the successful event. I hope you enjoy the new books you picked for your families, too.

As we look toward Casino Night on February 23, we hope you will join us for an adults-only evening of playing your luck at the card and game tables while helping us raise money for important programs at Simcha Preschool including science & technology curriculum, finishing the "big yard," and enhancing our outdoor and garden learning materials. You can buy event tickets, sponsor a table or make a donation of services and goods at <https://www.tbeaptos.org/simcha-casino-night.html#>.

All of us at Simcha Preschool hope you have a wonderful start to the New Year!

—Lisa Mendez, Director

## Mazel Tots



Sunday, January 13  
9:45 to 11:15 AM  
at Temple Beth El

Join in fun Tu B'shevat themed activities for children five years and under with their families. Members and non-members welcome. Free. Please bring a healthy snack.

## FEBRUARY 2019 SHOFAR DEADLINES

Articles are due January 3. Advertising deadline is January 4. Email text or advertising questions to [mstein@tbeaptos.org](mailto:mstein@tbeaptos.org) or call (831) 460-1389. The Shofar is published September–June by Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center, 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos, CA 95003. Phone (831) 479-3444, fax (831) 475-7246. A TBE membership benefit. Non-member subscription rate is \$40/year. Vol. 52, No. 5. Marcia Stein, Editor/Publisher.

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All events are subject to change. Please check the Temple website. [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org) or call the office at 831-479-3444 to verify information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>  Office Closed—New Year’s Day Simcha Preschool Winter Break	<b>2</b>  No Temple School Simcha Preschool Winter Break No Craft Group	<b>3</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Camp Kayetz Sleepover Begins 3:00pm Women’s Song Circle 7:00pm (out)  Simcha Preschool Winter Break	<b>4</b> SRFY Ski Trip Bus Leaves 11:00am Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  Simcha Preschool Winter Break 🕯️ 4:46pm	<b>5</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Vaera) 10:00am  SRFY Ski Trip
<b>6</b> Brotherhood Goes Under the Boardwalk 9:30am  No Temple School SRFY Ski Trip Ends	<b>7</b> Rosh Hodesh Sh’vat Seder of Fragrances 7:00pm	<b>8</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Playbies 10:00am Caregiver Support Group 7:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm Men’s Writing Group 7:00pm	<b>9</b> Preschool Pizza My Heart Fundraiser 4:00pm (out)  No Temple School	<b>10</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Kavod Conversations 7:00pm	<b>11</b> Rock Shabbat Service 7:30pm  🕯️ 4:53pm	<b>12</b> ShabbASANA Yoga 10:00am Shabbat Service with CY (Bo) 10:00am (out)
<b>13</b> Mazel Tots 9:45am Temple School Grades K–6 9:45am Beginning Hebrew Reading 12:00pm Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 12:45pm	<b>14</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>15</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Playbies 10:00am Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>16</b> Temple School Grades 4–6, KEF & Hebrew 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:30pm Craft Group 7:00pm	<b>17</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Angels in the Bible and Beyond 7:00pm	<b>18</b> MLK Shabbat Service 7:30pm  NFTY goes to Winter Kallah 🕯️ 5:00pm	<b>19</b> Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service (Beshalach) 10:00am RESONATE Concert w/ Cantor Abbe 7:00pm NFTY goes to Winter Kallah
<b>20</b> Sifry Memorial 11:00am  NFTY goes to Winter Kallah No Temple School	<b>21</b> Women’s Song Circle 7:00pm (out)  Tu b’Shevat NFTY goes to Winter Kallah Office Closed for MLK Day	<b>22</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Playbies 10:00am Caregiver Support Group 7:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm General Board Meeting 7:00pm Men’s Writing Group 7:00pm	<b>23</b> Temple School Grades 4–6, KEF & Hebrew 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:30pm Craft Group 7:00pm	<b>24</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Challah Making 3:30pm	<b>25</b> Woman of Valor Shabbat Service 7:30pm  🕯️ 5:08pm	<b>26</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Yitro) 10:00am
<b>27</b> B’nai Mitzvah Parent and Student Meeting 9:45am Temple School Grades K–6 9:45am Beginning Hebrew Reading 12:00pm Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 12:45pm Residential Camp Fair 11:00am Tent of Abraham—Build Understanding 2:00pm (out)	<b>28</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>29</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Playbies 10:00am Jewish Meditation 7:00pm TBE Book Group 7:30pm (out)	<b>30</b> Temple School Grades 4–6, KEF & Hebrew 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:30pm Craft Group 7:00pm	<b>31</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm	<b>February 1</b> Beth El Bim Bam 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  🕯️ 5:15pm	

## Shā·lōm'

*peace; related to sh'lemut, wholeness; the greatest blessing there is, and the way we greet each other.*

שלום



# Calendar Highlights

## Angels in the Bible and Beyond

with Jehon Grist, Senior Educator,  
Lehrhaus Judaica

Thursday, January 17, 7:00–9:00 PM

We will trace the origins of angels in the Hebrew Bible, touching on parallels from other Near Eastern cultures. We will delve into the development of the roles of angels in the Bible and discover how the concept of angels was transformed in the later Biblical books such as Daniel, and post-Biblical literature.

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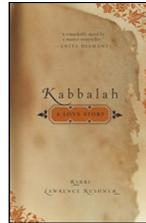
## TBE Book Group

Tuesday, January 29, 7:30 PM

The next temple book group selection will be *Kabbalah: A Love Story* by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.

Hidden within the binding of an ancient text that has been passed down through the ages lies the answer to one of the heart's eternal questions. When the text falls into the hands of Rabbi Kalman Stern, he has no idea that once he opens the book, his lonely life of intellectual pursuits is about to change.

We will meet at the home of Eleanor and Bernard Hilberman. We try to begin our discussion promptly at 7:30 so please arrive a bit earlier.



## Men Writers Wanted for Group!

As a lifelong writer and teacher, I am excited to announce that starting on Tuesday, January 8, I will convene a regular group for men who are interested and engaged in writing in any genre regardless of whether experienced or beginning.

We will bring our work to read and discuss in addition to writing from prompts at meetings twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 3:00–5:00 PM, in the TBE coffee lounge. First, I would like to hear from you, either by phone or email if you are interested, and we'll go from there!

–Write on! Dan Phillips  
831-818-4552, [dipmensch@aol.com](mailto:dipmensch@aol.com)

## Caregiver Support Group

Every other Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM, in the TBE library. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 8. New members welcome. Question? Please email Jenny Kaupp at [jkaupp@drkaupp.com](mailto:jkaupp@drkaupp.com).

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# Save the Date/General News



## Beth El Bim Bam

Friday, February 1, 5:45 PM

## Mazel Tots

Sunday, February 10, 9:45 AM

## Benefit for WomenCARE

Sunday, February 17, 4:00 PM

## Challah Making for Young Families

Thursday, February 21, 3:30 PM

## Simcha Preschool Casino Night Fundraiser

Saturday, February 23, 7:00 PM

## Brotherhood Brunch

Sunday, February 24, 10:00 AM

## COPA Research Group Forming

A COPA research group on early child care issues will be meeting in January. We will discuss the shortage of spaces, especially for infants and toddlers, cost and availability of subsidized care, and provider training. If you are interested contact Wilma Gold at [wilmagold@gmail.com](mailto:wilmagold@gmail.com).

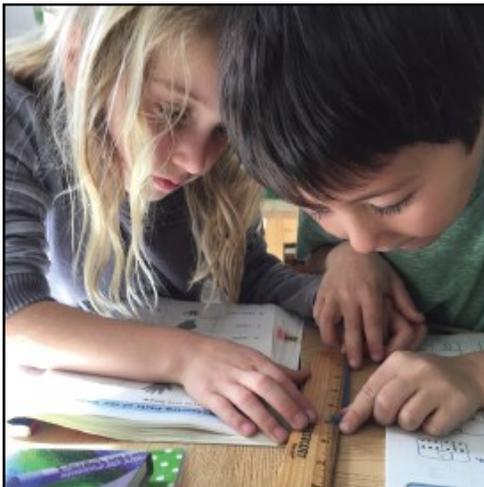
## Watch For The Spring Lifelong Learning Brochure

The Spring Lifelong Learning brochure will be available in February, both online and as an insert in the February Shofar. The TBE Lifelong Learning Committee has put together an exciting lineup of class offerings, evening salons and other educational programs and events. Check it out!

## Library Highlight: Reading Lists

To help community members find items in the growing temple library collections, we've launched a new series of online reading lists focused on special topics. For instance, as a follow-up to Rabbi Rick's salon about *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, we created a list of recent books in the collection about Israeli history and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Take a look at this and other offerings at <http://www.tbeptos.org/library/readinglists>.

As always, the library collection is available for browsing, research and borrowing whenever the room isn't reserved for other events. The temple community can borrow books using the self-check station near the door. For questions, contact [librarytbe@gmail.com](mailto:librarytbe@gmail.com).



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## Join Brotherhood for 2019

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## Bat Mitzvah Luncheon Invite

LEAH ROSENFELD, daughter of Andrea and Paul, will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 2. All are invited to a luncheon following Leah's Bat Mitzvah. Please RSVP to Andrea at [andrea.rosenfeld88@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.rosenfeld88@gmail.com) by January 2.

## Support the 2019 Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival

Mark your calendar and save the dates, March 30 thru April 3. **Please consider being a sponsor or donor.** The Film Festival counts on your generous support! Check the TBE website for sponsor/donation levels and you can donate online—information is at the top of the website home page [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org).

If you have handcrafted art or jewelry, a service, or a gift certificate to donate for our Baskets of Goodies raffle, contact Judie Block at [jrachel@sonic.net](mailto:jrachel@sonic.net). Contact Marcia Meyer at [marmey26@comcast.net](mailto:marmey26@comcast.net) for more Film Festival information.

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# Donor Recognition/Contributions *November 1-30*

## Donor Spotlight: Judy & Alan Levin



This month we acknowledge the longtime (50 years) support from Judy and Alan Levin! Throughout their decades of membership in Temple Beth El, Judy served as Sisterhood President. Alan as Board President for two terms, and co-chair of the Building Committee which was instrumental in acquiring, coordinating funding and building our current synagogue. In addition, Alan has also donated over 40 years of legal services in support of our community.

The Levins have so many wonderful memories related to their membership in Temple Beth El. One that stands out a bit more than others is of carrying the Torah Scrolls from the old Bay Street site to our current temple home in Aptos. Another wonderful memory is of seeing their son become a Bar Mitzvah in front of a very special Ark that his grandmother had built and later donated to TBE for the opening of the Bay Street Synagogue. That special family Ark still houses Torah Scrolls in our library today.

Judy and Alan's son and two daughters are now grown and practicing their own Judaism—Reform to Lubavitch Orthodoxy. Their son is even an OU certified kosher wine-maker!

Tzedakah has always “been a big thing since I was young” says Alan. The Levins feel it is important to give generously to support our temple and have always been especially interested in seeing our community grow and prosper.

Thank you Judy and Alan for this wonderful legacy of participation and giving that you have bestowed upon our community. Todah Rabah x50 years plus!

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## Music for Our Moment with RESONATE

Saturday, January 19, 7:00 PM

The need for excellent music and lyrics that speak to the issues of our day has never been greater. Enter RESONATE, founded by musician and activist Will Fudeman and Cantor Abbe Lyons. RESONATE infuses Middle Eastern and cantorial music into folk, rock, blues and jazz sounds. By enlivening both Biblical texts and contemporary lyrics, RESONATE's songs inspire spiritual growth intertwined with social action. Rabbi Arthur Waskow of The Shalom Center, whose beautifully crafted, accessible and powerful translations of texts from Isaiah and Deuteronomy sparked the creation of RESONATE's CD, *Listen!* says that the "extraordinary chant and music...enormously enrich the text." Bill McKibben characterizes *Listen!* as "deep, witty, tuneful—music for our moment and for the long haul."



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