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☆ Spring 2022 ☆

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**831-336-4560**. You must register quickly before it's too late!

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## Congregational Meeting

Thursday, June 16th at 7pm on Zoom

This is the time that we all come together as a community. We will  
hear each other's stories and learn how we have grown and stayed  
connected throughout the last year. We hope you will take the time  
to join.



# We Were All There ~ We Are All Here

This year, the festival of *Shavuot* coincides with *Santa Cruz Pride* weekend. During the seven weeks from Passover liberation to the mountain of revelation, we all are invited to explore what it means to welcome each and every one.

In the Torah, we read that we were all camped at the foot of Sinai, as one, in the singular verb, and just a few verses later, we read that we were all camped there in the plural. The rabbis understand this to mean that each of us were united, and we had our individual experience of revelation, according to our unique soul.

We will begin our **Pride celebration at 7:30pm on June 3rd with an online celebration of Pride Shabbat**. Our beloved **Bettina Aptheker** will speak about her soon to be published book, *Communists in Closets: Queering the History 1930s-1990s*. This book reveals the stories of those who's real identities have not been discussed and weaves an important thread in the history of social justice movements.

Revelation continues in our online celebration of **Shavuot on June 4th from 8:00-10:00pm**. Rabbis **Eli Cohen, Debbie Israel, Leah Novick** and I will be

sharing teachings about inclusion and connection. **Aryeh** will share a teaching on *Conscious Aging* and **Baruch Dolowich** will teach about *Chesed and Gevurah: Integrating Love and Boundaries*. The evening will also include a panel discussion about *Jewish Diversity*.



Robbi Paula

Please join us for a **Pre-Pride Parade Interfaith Gathering on June 5th at the Plaza Lane** area. Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist faith leaders will be sharing stories and songs about receiving revelation **at 9:30am**. This year, Shavuot and Pentecost are both celebrated on **June 5th**. We look forward to this unique opportunity to join outdoors, close to where the parade will begin.

**The Santa Cruz Pride Parade starts at 11:00am**. Please join us! We were all there, and we are all here! We will be celebrating all these joyful events with our friends at **Chadeish Yameinu**.

**Rabbi Paula Marcus**

## In the Temple Family

### Welcome to New Members

Please check your online directory for their information

**New members February 11th - May 6th**

**Ruth Rabinowitz**

**Michael & Katie Lipton**

**Rhoney Stanley**

**Phyllis Cytron**

**Chloe Marin & Joshua Edwards**

**Carey Pico & Judit Monis**

**Marv Wexler**



### May their memories be for a blessing

**Billie Harris** - Beloved mother of Stephen and Clifford, mother-in-law of Karyn and Gilliann, and grandmother of Emilio and Nicco

**Ronald Weiss** - Beloved uncle of Priva Tarbet and brother of Lorene Gelb

**Stephen Hall** - Beloved husband of Shaina Hall, father of Taylor and Tiffany

**Rosalea (Billie) Karz** - Beloved mother of Paul Karz, mother-in law of Susan, grandmother of Noah and Robert

**Mary Benevento** - Beloved mother of Dave Benevento, mother-in-law of Sara, grandmother of Evan and Laura

**Marguerite Kaupp** - Beloved mother of Ray Kaupp, mother-in-law of Jenny and grandmother of Charles and Benjamin

## Kol HaKavod

We are so proud of **Sam Roberts**, son of **Renee Roberts**, who has created an organization (with his friend **Semi Cole**) dedicated to increasing vaccination and reducing health disparities in the Inland Empire.

<https://priceschool.usc.edu/news/student-launches-vaccination-initiative/>



# Note from the Temple President

As my term as President concludes at the end of June, I want to thank the congregation for this beautiful service opportunity. Not only did I enjoy the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you, I come away with a good feeling for having done my bit for our Temple, as so many of you have.

Thankfully, Temple service opportunities come in bite-size portions. Thus, I encourage everyone, and especially our younger members when life demands allow, to work on a project, participate in a discussion group, or join one of our committees.

Much of my term has been defined by the pandemic. I give all of us high marks for doing our best as we pivoted to remote connections for worship, education, and the so-much-more that was announced in Temple Weekly emails. During one remote congregational meeting, we highlighted our appreciation for members who went the extra mile to assure their programs retained their vibrancy. Thank you again. One positive from the pandemic was the window it provided to remodel our bathrooms (thank you Buildings and Grounds Committee).

A loud shout-out to **Simcha teachers/administrators** who were on the front lines as essential workers.

I love our office and temple school staff and our new **Executive Director**. The more you find yourselves in our building in the hopeful near future, I know that you will enjoy the warmth of your interactions.

I cannot repeat my appreciation for our **Finance Committee** enough, as they worked on grants that ensured we remain fiscally whole. We are not an especially deep-pocketed membership, but the Temple stands on a good financial foundation.

My most joyous surprise was the overwhelming response to our request to adjust membership contributions for inflation. I offer my sincere thanks, along with a gentle nudge to maintain this principle in the renewal cycle just ahead, if you are able. One meaningful layer of our fiscal security is our collective generosity.

I want to acknowledge the warm and respectful tone of communications from members who expressed disagreement about a Temple policy, program, or communication. Thank you so much. Even when differences were not fully resolved, your affection for and commitment to our community were palpable.

Special gratitude to **Rabbi Paula, Rabbi Shifra, and Rabbi Emeritus Rick**. My time in dialogue with you has been deeply meaningful. I want to acknowledge your nimbleness and flexibility during difficult days and, of course, your spiritual leadership.

As we look ahead to the near future, we will be exploring possibilities for enhancing our outdoor spaces via property "walks," a survey, and an inclusive design process. I encourage members to participate with your thoughts and ideas. We want to ensure that this project, once fulfilled, will encourage us to come together more pleasantly and meaningfully -- and perhaps in more innovative ways.

My final thank you is reserved for **Judy Yokel**. As *Executive Vice-President*, she was a true partner with me over the past two years. We are indeed fortunate in our next President. With her Princeton doctorate and a career in social services leadership, she was a "quick study" on Temple workings. Judy is warm and affable, has a passion for singing in our Choir, and, most important, she genuinely loves the Temple and our community.

P.S. Shop in our Gift Shop!!! (Bravo **Ruth, Shirley,** and Women of TBE for "keeping the lights on" with determination and creativity.)

**Josh Karter**

*Outgoing President, Temple Beth El Board of Directors*  
[josh@tbeaptos.org](mailto:josh@tbeaptos.org)

## TEMPLE BETH EL GIFT SHOP ONLINE



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### Thanks to our volunteers

who made Holidays at TBE a wonderful shopping experience this year. *We could not have done it all without you!*

**Sandra Goldstein**

**Sharon Hoffman**

**Lauren Leff**

**Gaby Litsky**

**Beverly Meschi**

**Shelly Nadelman-Douglass**

**Jackie Tuttle**

**Shirley Ginzburg**

**Ruth Solomon**





## Bar Mitzvah

**Jacob Emmanuel Stone**, son of **Vicki** and **Michael Stone** and younger brother to **Sophie**, was called to the Torah on Saturday, February 12. Jacob is a seventh grader at *Mission Hill Middle School* where he plays trumpet in the band. Jacob enjoys Rubik's cubing, playing golf and basketball, and engineering. For his mitzvah project, Jacob volunteered at the *Aegis Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility* in Aptos and cooked dinner for the *Housing Matters Homeless Shelters* through the *Mazon* project.



**Pax Kantor**, the son of **Doug Kantor & Debby Ham**, is a seventh grade student at *Mission Hill Middle School*. He enjoys playing soccer and lacrosse, but his driving passions are exploring foods from around the world and learning. He loves to laugh, and he can frequently be found watching funny movies with his brother and parents. Pax had his Bar Mitzvah on April 30, which he dedicated to the memory of his recently deceased Uncle Dave.



**Theo Esposito** became a Bar Mitzvah on March 19, 2022. Funny, well read and curious, Theo loves scootering, parkour, music, and surfing. Theo has a passion for learning and helping keep the environment clean. He is a member of the *Junior Scholarship Federation*. Theo also joined the *Remote Operating Vehicle Club* to help pick up trash in the ocean. For Theo's Mitzvah Project he helped our elderly neighbors with various chores and also participated in several beach cleanups.



## Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class



## MAZEL TOV



### TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Dahlia Dubin

Jonah Smith

Talia Orzech

Gwyneth Holcomb

Rowan Kern Jones

Meghan Kearney

Kyra Phelan

Ben Yanowsky

Max Kashnow

Jordyn Edelstein

## Library Returns

The Temple community is invited to check out our library (pun intended). The collection is available for browsing, borrowing and research (while observing TBE's Covid protocols). Even though the library was closed to visitors for most of the past two years, we have been working to keep it up to date, adding new books to the collection. Recent additions include **Dara Horn's** *People Love Dead Jews* and **Joshua Cohen's** Pulitzer Prize winning *The Netanyahus*. For those not ready to venture out, we have also updated our catalog with ebook and audiobook offerings from SC Public Library. The catalog address (recently moved) is <https://www.libib.com/u/tbeaptos/>

For those who have library books – whether or not you actually checked them out – now is the time to bring them back.

Thanks!

**The Library Team**





# Simcha★ Preschool

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## Dearest Temple Community,

*Simcha has been loving the transition into Spring!*

All the classrooms have begun different garden projects from flower planting to herbs and vegetables. It has been wonderful having some of the families come in to help with these projects and share their knowledge on how to care for the different varieties of plants. We also loved having so many families join Simcha for their community Passover Seder!

We had a successful fundraiser at the *Mercantile Arcade* in the Capitola Village! Many thanks to all the families who showed up to play games and support our school. We will be putting the funds we raised into **Simcha's Ed Newman Scholarship**.

Thank you for all your continued support!

All the best,

**Caitlin Clancy**  
*Simcha Director*







# Temple Beth El Community Seder

*We had a fabulous time at the first Temple Community Seder in 3 years.*

It was so wonderful to be together celebrating, eating, singing and praying. **Benjamin's** food was amazing as always. We had so many volunteers helping out, many of whom did not even attend the seder, they just wanted to contribute to the day. I especially want to thank **Lenore Hindin** who has been volunteering her time to do the seating arrangements for many years. Last minute weather snafus threw a monkey wrench in her best laid plans, but I appreciate so much all her time and effort.

I fear that this is only a partial list of all the volunteers, please forgive me if I have left your name off.

Gratefully,

**Melissa Sunberg**

Kelly Arbor  
Kelly Allari  
Judi Block  
Ruth Carsch  
Jane Cohen  
Shoshana Coplan

Julia Cornblatt  
Jacqueline Davidow  
Paul Drescher  
Jill Glassman  
Alison Gold  
Sandra Goldstein

Lenore Hindin  
Doug Kantor  
Jenny Kaupp  
Lauren Leff  
Beverly Meschi  
Diane Meader

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# Contributions | February 11 — May 6, 2022

## **BROTHERHOOD DONATION**

Allen and Shirley Ginzburg in memory of Victoria Iuster, Dan's mother

## **CARING COMMITTEE DONATION**

Michael Goldenkranz in loving memory of my late sister-in-law Kathleen Goldenkranz. She would have been 65 April 12, 2022. Her efforts on behalf of the temple, social justice, and equality and equity showed she walked the walk. She and Andrew were part of Temple leadership and temple was a vital part of their community

## **CEMETERY DONATION**

Jeff and Linda Robinson in loving memory of Howard F. Robinson  
Larry and Fran Kaplan in memory of Mortimer Kaplan and Grace Lowenhardt

## **CHOIR FUND**

Ivan Rosenblum and Mary Fran Archer  
Allen and Shirley Ginzburg in honor of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class  
Julie Lorraine and Barry Marks in honor of Risa Lower becoming a Bat Mitzvah

## **GARDEN AND PARK FUND**

Julie Lorraine and Barry Marks in memory of Robert Berke, Father of Jasmine Berke

## **GENERAL FUND**

Nita Lamendola in memory of my cousin Leonard Kaplan  
Michael and Terry Rein from Temple Beth El Brotherhood in memory of Vicki Iuster, mother of Dan Iuster, mother-in-law of Melinda Iuster, and grandmother of Monique and Adam  
Susan Garelick in loving memory of Billie Karz  
Nita Lamendola in memory of Beatrice Fisher  
Murray and Sheila Baumgarten in loving memory of Stephen Hall  
Carolyn Hyatt in memory of Marvin Wedeen, father of Rachel Wedeen  
Marti Selman in loving memory of Larry Selman  
Nita Lamendola in honor of my Temple community and dedicated staff

Fern Selzer

Rebecca Gottfried in honor of the Shabbasana class

Rebecca Gottfried in honor of Rabbi Paula's Torah Study

## **JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT FUND**

Sashka Rothchild and Mark Kozlowski  
George Ow and Gail Michaelis-Ow in memory of Gus Michaelis  
George Ow and Gail Michaelis-Ow in memory of Stephen Hall  
Julia Cornblatt and Salvatore Tostado in memory of Herman Cornblatt

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Miriam Rappaport in memory of my beloved husband, Martin

## **LIFELONG LEARNING DONATION**

Stephen and Carol Shapiro  
Robert and Michele Kibrick  
Rebecca Gottfried in honor of Rabbi Rick's Coping with Grief presentation

## **MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Leta Miller

## **MINYAN FUND**

Lenore Hindin in memory of Martin Hindin

## **ONEG FUND**

Miriam Rappaport in memory of my beloved husband, Martin  
Risa Lower in honor of Herman Berger  
Carol Skolnick and Gregory Furtado in loving memory of Pearl Skolnick, my mother  
Bernard and Eleanor Hilberman in loving memory of our sister-in-law Donna Packer  
Marcia Meyer  
Joan Tanzer and Gerald Frank in loving memory of Nathan Tanzer  
Shirley Marcus in memory of Fannie Laden  
Roger and Elinor Wapner in loving memory of Lottie Wapner Fredane  
Julia Cornblatt and Salvatore Tostado in memory of Edith Cornblatt  
Shelley and David Sonnenberg  
Lori Kearney in loving memory of my grandfather, Meyer Shifrel  
Bonnie and Loren Morr in honor of Tillie Stadler

Elena Nini Cohen and Steve Ritz in memory of Maynard M. Cohen  
Rebecca Gottfried in memory of my father, Hugh Gottfried

## **RABBI LITVAK DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Michelle Simon

## **RABBI PAULA MARCUS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Daniel Gold and Patrick LeCuyer in loving memory of David Gold, Dan's father  
Priva and Michael Tarbet in honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus  
Paul and Susan Karz in memory of Rosalea Billie Karz  
Robert and Catherine Cooper in honor of the Hall family  
Julia Cornblatt and Salvatore Tostado in memory of Alexander Barss  
Leta Miller in loving memory of Alan Miller

## **RABBI WEISS-PENZIAS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Debra and Joel Jacobs in honor of Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias  
Fran (Francine) Frome  
Jennifer and Shai Vered in honor of the Hall Family  
Renee Roberts thanking Rabbi Shifra for the comfort, wisdom and support she has given our family  
Esther Nathanson thanking Rabbi Shifra for the wonderful Chanukah presentation at Westwind

## **SECURITY DONATION**

Joan Tanzer and Gerald Frank  
Jessica Guild and Julian Dahan

## **SENIOR CONNECTIONS FUND**

Dennis and Cheryl Caspe in memory of Billie Harris  
Michael and Jacqueline Tuttle in loving memory of Billie Harris  
Paul Drescher in honor of Marlene Pitkow  
Daniel Gold and Patrick LeCuyer in memory of Bertha Gold  
Michael and Jacqueline Tuttle in loving memory of Marvin Wedeen

## **SIMCHA DONATION**

Michelle Dennis in loving memory of Elijah Klein Dennis Benford

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

Renee Roberts in loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Dave Roberts

**TBE ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION**

Julie Lorraine and Barry Marks in memory of Rosalea "Billie" Karz, mother of Paul Karz

**TEMPLE SCHOOL GENERAL DONATION**

Michelle Dennis in memory of Robert Slater, father of Robyn Slater

**TEMPLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**

Ruth and Keith Britany

*When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not pick your vineyard bare or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the strangers: I am Adonai your God.*

*~Leviticus 19:9-10*

As of this past year, our congregation is feeding seventy people every Sunday evening at the *River Street Homeless Shelter* with our **Mazon** program. We began our Mazon program over 30 years ago. This is a great mitzvah, and it is a heavy lift for our members. We are working to find more members to help with this important mitzvah. If every family unit volunteered for one part of the dinner once a year, we would fill all the available slots. We know that because of a variety of circumstances, some families just cannot participate and there are some families who have committed themselves to signing up monthly.

Did you make a commitment at Rosh Hashanah to participate in Mazon? Maybe you signed up in September or October or maybe you thought it was a good way to participate in our greater community, but got busy and forgot. We are all so busy and the pandemic has made life much more complicated for everyone. And people in our community depend on us for Sunday dinner. We are grateful to **Robin Belkin** for her many years of coordinating Mazon.

Lately, there have been empty slots each week and emergency emails going out to those who have already participated asking for additional participation to fulfill our Temple's obligation.

It is easy to sign up through the Temple website. The Sign-Up Genius platform on our website allows you to sign up months ahead so that you can plan for your contribution. For those new to participating, there are complete instructions in the sign-up program. While signing up, you can also get ideas of what to bring by looking at the sign-ups of others. You will find the link below.

**Please take a moment now to sign up for this important mitzvah. You will be making a difference in the lives of people in our community.**

<https://www.tbeaptos.org/mazon-project.html>

**Rabbi Paula**

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# MAZON | A Jewish Response To Hunger



Every once in a while my wife and I cook some food for people who are less secure than us for the **Mazon** project here at TBE. We have found our occasional contributions have fit easily into our schedule and do not require us to sacrifice large chunks of time or energy.

*There are lots of reasons why we continue to sign up and deliver food. One is the deep ethical Jewish directive to feed the hungry. Another is that we both love to share with family, friends, and community.*

In addition I treasure the feeling I have as I drive home after delivering. I soak in the feeling that we did something tangible and constructive. This is in contrast to much of my life. Most of the outcomes of my efforts in life are unclear or even unknowable. Just ask me about gophers. But when we are part of a caring Jewish community helping to feed people, I know deep down it was time and effort well spent. Lucky for you there are spaces available on the sign-up list. Everything is phenomenally well organized and easy to follow (thanks Robin). *Please consider signing up.*

**Todd Bank**

## Thank You to Our Marvelous, March MAZON Volunteers:

Gaby Litsky, Lisa Gilbert, Leah Sugarman, Judi Sherman, Rachel Bickert, Rose Ashford, Jacqueline Tuttle (2X), Leslie Smith, Mary Fran Archer, Leila Veitch, Penny Chesluk, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Todd Bank, Isaac Hildebrand, Katrina Lippman, Melinda Iuster (2X), Meryl Selman, Jill Tardif, Melissa Sunberg, Mimi Stein, Kate Avraham, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Susan & Paul Karz, Fay Levinson & Joe Vela, Elena Cohen, Vicki Belkin-Kondo, Larry Kaplan, Dennis & Cheryl Caspe, Katie Bishop, Martha Jacobson (2X), Susan & Stephen Karon, Gwen Kaplan.

## Thank You to Our Awesome April MAZON Volunteers:

Leah Sugarman (2X), Jackie Tuttle (3X), Janet Gelman & Nancy de la Peña, Mary Fran Archer, Gaby Litsky, Gloria Heistein, Susan Handloff Hammer, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Kathy Cytron, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X), Penny Chesluk, Alison Gold, Shira Coleman (2X), Wilma Gold (2X), Kate Avraham, Teri & Isaac Goldwasser, Lisa Gilbert, Paul Drescher, Deborah Jacobson, Melissa Sunberg, Todd Bank, Terry Grove, and Lisa Segnitz (2X).



## Every Voice, Every Vote

*TBE takes pride in our efforts to engage congregants in voting. Our engagement in civic life helps build our strength, to represent the Temple and our congregation. Voting is an important civic duty deeply rooted in Jewish history and text.*

We've been a polling place for decades, and as the county has moved to more mail ballots, we've grown in two additional areas. Both are completely non-partisan efforts to increase engagement.

**Local: 100% Voting congregation:** Someone in the family moved recently? College kids? We encourage and assist our members, friends, and neighbors to register and vote. In 2018 and 2020, we achieved over 95% turnout! That's pretty amazing in a climate where 60% is seen as a high achievement. Ballots for the June 7 primary and local elections have been sent out. Voting has never been easier. There are important open seats to be filled and ballot propositions to be resolved. With all the challenges our community faces, voting is one important step in being part of the solution. *Contact TBE or the County Clerk's office at [votescount.us/](https://votescount.us/) if you have any questions or need assistance.*

**National: Every Voice, Every Vote:** Working with other URJ congregations and partner organizations around the country, this is our national non-partisan effort to make a difference in states and regions with a history of voter suppression. In 2020, TBE members wrote over 40,000 postcards to Georgia, Texas, and North Carolina to increase turnout! On May 17, there is a national kickoff event for the 2022 *campaign*. Join us to find out more about this exciting campaign and be part of the solution! Simply click this QR code to register.



While the TBE efforts will always be non-partisan, we know many of you are engaged as individuals with the candidates or issues that motivate you. Thank you for your engagement and participation!

For more information, contact **Andrew Goldenkranz** at [agoldenk@gmail.com](mailto:agoldenk@gmail.com) or **588-8262**.



## Climate Action & Climate Justice

### TBE's Partnerships with Dayenu and The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism - California

On April 26, TBE's recently formed **Dayenu Circle** held a Passover-themed protest outside the **Santa Cruz** branch of **Chase Bank**. This action, which received front-page coverage in the **Santa Cruz Sentinel**, was part of a series of protests across the U.S. and Canada that were organized by Dayenu and which called on major banks and asset managers to stop investing their funds in fossil fuels. Chase is by far the world's largest banker of fossil fuels, the continued use of which exacerbates the climate crisis and threatens future generations of life on earth.

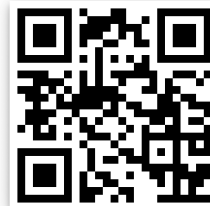
On May 9, Reuters reported that Christian, Muslim, and Jewish leaders joined United Nations officials in urging financial institutions to stop bankrolling activities that are driving climate change, including ending support for new fossil fuel projects... *"The scientific and moral imperative is clear: there must be no new investment in fossil fuel expansion, including production, infrastructure and exploration,"* said UN Secretary- General Antonio Guterres.

TBE's Dayenu Circle is a local chapter of Dayenu ([dayenu.org](http://dayenu.org)), a national Jewish organization focused on mobilizing Jews in the fight against climate change (see *the Winter 2022 issue of The Shofar*). If you would like to join the circle or would like more information, please contact **Bob** and **Michele Kibrick** at [kibrick@cruzio.com](mailto:kibrick@cruzio.com) or **Cindy Rubin** at [cindy\\_rubin@comcast.net](mailto:cindy_rubin@comcast.net)



## California Religious Action Center's Climate Justice Campaign

All TBE congregants are invited to join the launch of the **California Religious Action Center's Climate Justice Campaign**. The launch will be held **virtually on June 9, 2022, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.** To register, please watch for a link from TBE in your email or simply click this QR code:



**The California Religious Action Center (RAC-CA)** is the California-based affiliate of the **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**, the social justice arm of the **Union of Reform Judaism** and **Central Conference of American Rabbis**. The RAC-CA Climate Justice Campaign aims to build a Jewish, interfaith, and multiracial coalition across California to address the climate crisis. Join the June 9 launch and learn:

- How and why did the RAC-CA choose to focus its next campaign on climate justice?
- How does climate justice connect with the housing crisis and racial and economic justice in California?
- What is especially Jewish about climate justice?
- Most importantly, how can you and TBE participate in the campaign?

The RAC-CA campaign will be led by members of each congregation – that's YOU! - and guided by the RAC-CA Campaign Team. **Please register for the June 9 launch to learn more!**

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# BROTHERHOOD!

## Beach BBQ Hosted by Brotherhood Saturday July 16 from 4 to 8pm at Seabright Beach – All TBE invited

Come gather with your Temple friends at Brotherhood's annual **Beach BBQ! All TBE members are invited to this FREE Brotherhood-hosted event from 4 to 8 pm Saturday July 16 at Seabright Beach (across from the whale at the Museum of Natural History, 1305 E. Cliff Dr).** Brotherhood chefs will be grilling beef, turkey and veggie hot dogs, with condiments, chips, and s'mores ingredients for all those fire-ring chefs in our congregation. TBE members are invited to bring their families, but no guests please. Attendees are invited (but not required) to bring: a side dish or dessert to share, your own drinks, chairs, blankets and beach toys. **Cost: it's FREE** (thanks to generous donations from Brotherhood members). We're hoping you'll have such a good time you'll consider signing up at this event to join or support Brotherhood. Just a reminder that glass and alcohol aren't allowed on beaches. **We expect a crowd, so kindly RSVP by July 13 to Brotherhood secretary Mike at [mike@reinlaw.net](mailto:mike@reinlaw.net).** Any questions, contact chairperson **Bob** at [rfeldfam@aol.com](mailto:rfeldfam@aol.com). We can't wait to get together again!

## Brotherhood Does Mazon Sunday, June 26

**On Sunday June 26,** Brotherhood will shop, bake, prepare and deliver meals to 72 residents at *Housing Matters Homeless Shelter* in support of our Temple's wonderful MAZON Project. **Temple members have been providing meals every Sunday since 1988 (!!) to the homeless in our community.** Brotherhood plans to make it a social event for our volunteers too – we'll gather to shop in the morning and cook afterwards! **If interested in helping Brotherhood on June 26, or in donating to help pay for the food,** please contact chairperson **Dan** at [dan@iuster.com](mailto:dan@iuster.com). You can always sign up with MAZON at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa4ac23a02-please>. Truly, it's a mitzvah!

## Brotherhood Baseball & Fireworks Saturday, July 2 at 6:30pm – All TBE invited

Come join Brotherhood at the **San Jose Giants' ballpark** this summer to see the Giants take on the Modesto Nuts, FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS! We've reserved picnic tables in a shaded section along the right field line just past first base. **Tickets are \$25 each for this 6:30pm Saturday, July 2 game and fireworks.** Join our carpool to the game! Space is limited (really!), so please RSVP to **Jim** at [jim@snikta.us](mailto:jim@snikta.us) ASAP.

## Time to Join/Rejoin Brotherhood!

We support youth activities in our community and serve up lots of social and educational activities for our members and their friends and families. Brotherhood's fiscal year is the same as the Temple's (7/1 – 6/30). **Annual dues start at \$54.** You can pay online through the Temple's website or mail your check to the Temple made payable to "TBE Brotherhood". All men and women can join Brotherhood, whether or not members of TBE. **We look forward to another grand year with our members and supporters!**



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## Holly Blue Hawkins

Temple Beth El is so lucky to have **Holly Blue Hawkins** as our Cemeterian. Here is a little info about her:

Holly Blue Hawkins is a natural deathcare advocate, graduate and faculty member of the *Gamliel Institute*, which provides a comprehensive curriculum in the *Jewish Chevra Kadisha* tradition of death care and burial; and is co-creator of *Redesigning The End's Green Burial Master Class*. Holly Blue is a member of the *Conservation Burial Alliance* and *Rosha* ("Head") of *Santa Cruz Community's Chevra Kadisha*. Her focus on natural burial has led her to explore, document and teach on the subject from England to Hawai'i. She has been a regular presenter at *Limmud UK's* annual conferences and served on the Board of Trustees of the *Funeral Consumers Alliance of California*.



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## From Rabbi Shifra

I am thrilled to announce that we have found someone wonderful to fill the enormous shoes of **Sarah Clarkson**, who you may already know, has left her position with us as **Congregational Learning Coordinator** for a similar position in New York City. Sarah doesn't literally wear size 13 shoes, but she has ensured the overall success of all Temple School and has been my partner and support in directing educational programming at TBE. We are so blessed to have found **Chelsea Mandell**, a rabbinical student



Chelsea Mandell

at **AJR** (where Rabbi Paula received her ordination), who just happened to choose Santa Cruz as the perfect place to relocate (we agree!) and will join team TBE on August 1st.

Chelsea brings to us a passion for Jewish

education and a wealth of experience in the field.

Chelsea is currently the Rabbinic Intern at **The Kitchen**, an innovative congregation in San Francisco, and has served as the **Teen Education Program Director** at *Congregation Beth Am* in Los Altos, **Jewish Studies Curriculum Coordinator**

and **Educator** at *Wornick Jewish Day School* in Foster City, **Interim Youth Education Director** at *Temple Shalom in Burlingame*, and **Educator** and **Curriculum Designer** at *Temple Emanu-el* in San Francisco. Chelsea is also an artist, surfer and mountain biker, and will certainly share this love for creativity and outdoor activity with our program. Chelsea's new title will be **TBE Director of Learning Innovation**, a new position which includes advising **SRFY Youth Group** and directing **Camp Kayetz** with **Jess Mitchell** when **Mimi** retires. I'm sure you join me in warmly welcoming Chelsea to TBE.



Rabbi Shifra

**Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias**





# Purim THANK YOU!

*We had our first Purim Carnival since the pandemic! It was outside, and safe, and so much fun. Thanks so much to all of our volunteers who made it possible.*

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## TBE CLASSIFIEDS – Spring 2022

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## We are so grateful to...

**Ivan Rosenblum** and the other musicians and singers, **Elizabeth Neff**,  
**Anya Ismail**, **Tatyana Rekow** and our own **Rabbi Paula** for the beautiful  
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