



MITZVAH DAY

IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

Sunday, April 22
9:00 AM–12:00 Noon

Help make a positive impact in Santa Cruz County by working together with other temple members.

Remember to arrive at 9:00 AM and wear your Mitzvah Day t-shirt if you have one! This annual temple-wide event brings together Temple School students, families, and individuals from seniors to youth groupers and preschoolers.

We'll gather at the temple at 9:00 AM where you will meet your teammates, get your t-shirt, enjoy a delicious nosh of muffins baked by Simcha preschoolers and make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for the homeless. Bring any extra packages of diapers and wipes you have to donate to the Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Siena House.

If you are interested in becoming a team captain, or if you have any questions, please contact Sarah at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org or 479-3444 ext. 218. We look forward to doing Mitzvot together!

Thank you to this year's Mitzvah Day sponsors:
Sunridge Farms, Connor Plumbing and Branding Out.

Volunteer opportunities and sign-up information on page 2.



Clean Out the Clutter and Support Simcha

Join the Simcha Preschool donation drive. Simply donate the stuff you no longer want on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, April 20–22, from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. No large furniture please.



Temple School Open House

Sunday, April 15

All-School Open House begins at 11:00 AM

Open to all families and students who are interested in knowing more about Temple School. RSVP's to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org are encouraged if you are not currently enrolled in Temple School. All grades K–6 currently enrolled in Temple School will get a chance to try the next grade up from 11:00–11:45 AM.

A special program will be held in Room 7 for prospective kindergarten students and their parents. Please RSVP to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org if you will be joining us for the kindergarten open house.

TEMPLE BETH EL HOUSE MEETING FOR ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Sunday, April 8
3:30–5:30 PM, at TBE

Following up on our successful Justice Shabbat on Climate Change, the TBE Social Action Committee is hosting a house meeting on Sunday, April 8, to hear your passion for climate change action, build relationships and establish actions we can take as a congregation and as individuals to fight climate change. Join us to consider how this activates



our Jewish value of Tikkun Olam to make a difference in our synagogue, our community and the world. Refreshments, camaraderie and lively conversation included!

Mazel Tots

Passover themed on
Sunday, April 15
9:45–11:15 AM

Join us! Meet old friends and make new ones. Mazel Tots is fun activities for children five years old and under with their families. Everyone welcome—members and non-members. No reservations needed. A \$5 donation is suggested. Please bring a healthy snack to share. Questions? Contact Sarah at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

Diaper Drive

Beckett Glass is doing a Diaper Drive for his Bar Mitzvah Mitzvah Project. Please contribute size 3 & 4 disposable diapers and wipes and place them in the Diaper Drive box in the TBE lobby. The diapers and wipes will go to the Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Siena House.

Spirituality/Mitzvah Day

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

opportunities for learning and celebration. We have a full week of events planned.

The heart of our Rock Shabbat service, on April 13, will be centered on Israel. Our own Dror Sinai will bring his talent and spirit to the prayers and music and I will be speaking about my connection with Israel.

We will begin our Film Festival on Saturday, April 14, with the Israel themed movie *Ben Gurion: Epilogue*—never before seen film interviews with Israel's founding father. On Wednesday, April 18, which is the evening of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, we will be showing the film *Oslo Diaries*, which features a behind-the-scenes glimpse into secret Oslo negotiations between Israel and the PLO that began in 1992 and continued intermittently through 2010. This showing will be followed by a facilitated audience conversation with Rachel Eryn Kalish and a presentation from Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (MEET), an organization that brings together young Israeli and Palestinian leaders to create positive change through technology and entrepreneurship in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Our Temple School students will have a Yom Ha'Atzmaut party on April 18 that will include cooking and eating falafel, Israeli folk dancing, and studying and singing Hatikvah.

We hope to see you at one of our celebrations!

—Rabbi Paula Marcus

FAMILY PASSOVER SEDER

Led by Shira Coleman
Saturday, April 7, 5:00 PM

Join us at the Temple Beth El Family Passover Seder. This Young Families Project Seder is for children and their families. There will be a short service led by Shira Coleman, with lots of action and a coloring book Haggadah—appropriate for children of all ages, welcoming and casual. The temple will provide matzah ball soup with both vegetarian and chicken options. We would appreciate your RSVP to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org and your help bringing symbolic foods. Also consider bringing a side dish or something your children will eat, to share.

TBE & Chadeish Yameinu Morning Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu (CY) Saturday, April 14, 10:00 AM. We observe the Sabbath with CY on the second Saturday of each month at the Vets Hall, 846 Front St., Santa Cruz.

Rosh Hodesh

ROSH HODESH IYYAR

On Monday, April 16, at 7:00 PM, Louise Caraco will facilitate *Past Life Regression to Access our Ancestors*.

ROSH HODESH SIVAN

You will want to save the date for our women's Seder & potluck on Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 PM. We'll get ready for Shavuot with our Seder of the Seven Prophetesses: Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Huldah, and Esther. Call Chai 831-475-3313 for more information.

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Judaism as a Spiritual Journey

with Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias
Sundays, April 15 & 29, 12:00–1:30 PM

This class explores our people's and our individual spiritual journeys using *A Book of Life* by Michael Strassfeld.

Mitzvah Day Volunteer Opportunities & Sign-up

BEACH CLEAN UP WITH SAVE OUR SHORES

1. Local beaches, Rio Del Mar Beach

PUCKER UP FOR KITTENS

2. Create and run a lemonade or hot chocolate stand to raise money for kitten food for the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter (West Cliff Lighthouse).

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

3. Create a lemonade stand to raise money for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Usually we collect nonperishable food items at Safeway or New Leaf but new regulations do not allow for us to stand in front of these stores anymore.

PROJECTS AT TEMPLE BETH EL

4. Work in the TBE Community Garden—bring sunhat, work clothes and garden tools
5. Help spread mulch in the Simcha playground—please bring wheelbarrow and shovels
6. Fun TBE clean-up and maintenance projects

Please register by signing up using SingUpGenius at <http://bit.ly/2G6QU1G>, emailing Sarah Clarkson sclarkson@tbeaptos.org, or call Sarah at TBE 831-479-3444 ext. 218. Register early to get your preferred activity!

Please register by Wednesday,
April 18th

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In The Temple Family



NEW MEMBERS

Sandra Mendel
Joanna Whitcup
Gregory Bass & Becka Lee
Steven, Rita & Lily Harowitz
Lenny Pagorelsky & Michaeline Kiss

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



Flora Nettels, mother of Ronna Schulkin
Larry Ira Perlin, beloved husband of Susan Tobias, father of Emily, Leah and Jarrod
Jack Stein, father of Gil and daughter-in-law Mimi, daughter-in-law Sharon, and grandfather to Roy and Liad

To My Fellow Congregants/Staff/Community Members

It has been determined that Temple Beth El needs to take another significant step forward and to facilitate this, new leadership is necessary for achieving this goal. As a leadership group, we have decided that the time has come for me to step aside to allow such a change to occur. My current position, Building & Operations Manager will be replaced with an Executive Director, and an Interim ED will be brought in on May 1, followed by a search for a permanent ED.

It is an honor to serve this community and I will continue to do so throughout this transition process. Our initial plans are that I will stay in my present position through May 5, 2018, continuing in my present capacity as well as assisting in developing a seamless transition plan for my successor. I want the entire community to rest assured that I will be at the temple daily and will work diligently to ensure that this transition has no effect on daily business processes or functionalities.

Our faith gives us an outstanding example of leadership succession. Moses, one of our most inspirational leaders, was faced with this same challenge. He understood how critical succession was and in Numbers he addresses it head-on, asking God to "appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so that Your people will not be like

sheep without a shepherd" (27:15-17). God answers Moses by appointing Joshua his successor, instructing Moses to ordain and bless him before the people. Let us remember that Moses stepped aside after faithful leadership, and it was Joshua who led the people into the Promised Land.

So, as I transition out of the daily operations of our temple, I offer my fullest endorsement and blessing to my future successor and will continue to be an active member of the community. I am extremely proud of what has been accomplished during my tenure as Business/Operations Manager and of the staff members that I have the privilege of working with daily. I have learned as much from them as I hope they have learned from me. Their commitment and work-ethic is what makes our temple the vibrant, welcoming community center we all desire.

In closing, I want the community to know that my top daily priority was to make our temple and its associated properties a better, more welcoming place. If I leave knowing the community understands and respects this, I can depart knowing my time has been both fruitful and successful. Please contact me directly should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

With Warmest Regards,
Nick Scalzo
Business/Operations Manager

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TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS



Rabbi Shifra

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

We always have so many dynamic (chaotic), exciting, important, and surprising things going on all the time at Temple School,

with spring being no exception. As I write this, Gitta Ryle is on her way here to share her inspiring story of survival. On April 11, we will have a brief Holocaust memorial ceremony for the upper grades. Our students are practicing the *mah nishtana* and making cool stuff in preparation for our fourth-through-sixth grade model seder, featuring matza ball soup which the fourth grade are cooking. Our adorable and talented Jr. Rock Shabbat Band will be performing at the upcoming Rock Shabbat service.

Please invite anyone you know with a Jewish child going into kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall, to our Temple School Open House on Sunday, April 15, at 11:00 AM. It will take place in the classroom so everyone can experience our wonderful program.

RSVP to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org or 479-3444 x218. Please help us spread the word. Details of these and all events will be e-mailed to temple school parents, but please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Purim celebration so elaborate and successful, especially the carnival coordinator Jennifer Meltzer and SRFY co-president Kaima Weiss-Penzias. I hope you all enjoyed us rabbi/pirates throwing things at you!

—Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 4
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Saturday, April 7
Family Passover Seder led by Shira Coleman

Sunday, April 8
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 11
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew High Yom Hashoah

Friday, April 13
Rock Shabbat

Sunday, April 15
TS Grades K–6, Mazel Tots, 1st Grade Parent Participation, 6th Grade Rock Climbing Trip, TS Open House

Wednesday, April 18
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew High Yom Ha'atzmaut

Friday, April 20
Senior Send-off Shabbat

Sunday, April 22
Mitzvah Day, NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 25
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew High

Sunday, April 29
TS Grades K–6, Brotherhood Brunch

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Simcha★ Preschool

Serendipitous Ageless Connection at Simcha

Sandy Linzer, (92) accompanied by her husband George (95), recently paid a very special visit to the pre-K classroom for the second time. Sandy, a professional in early childhood education, did a project with the children and even brought treats for the class. It turns out that Sandy was the preschool director at the program Rabbi Shifra attended over thirty years ago, across the country in New Jersey! How is that for amazing? Sandy still has the magic touch to captivate the children with her warmth and enthusiasm. We will be eagerly standing by for another visit. Thank you Sandy!



FALL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Only a few spaces available! For information, contact Silvia at 479-3449 or simchadirector@tbeaptos.org.

Car Wash Fundraiser

You chose the date and time—simply purchase a ticket in advance. The cost is \$28 for “The Whole Enchilada” at Cruz Car Wash on 41st Ave. Tickets are available at the pre-school office or call 479-3449 to reserve your ticket(s).



April 2018

Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Nisan–Iyyar 5778

All events are subject to change. Please check the Temple website. www.tbeaptos.org or call the office at 831-479-3444 to verify information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 No Temple School —Spring Break Passover	2 Passover Simcha Closed for Spring Break	3 Pilates Class 10:00am Meditation 7:00pm Passover Simcha Closed for Spring Break Shofar Deadline	4 Healing Circle 12:30pm No Temple School or Hebrew High —Spring Break Passover Simcha Closed for Spring Break	5 Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Passover Simcha Closed for Spring Break	6 Yom HaShoah Shabbat Service with the Choir 7:30pm  7:15pm Passover Simcha Closed for Spring Break	7 Shabbat Morning Service (PESACH VII) 10:00am Family Passover Seder led by Shira Coleman 5:00pm
8 Climate Change House Meeting at TBE 3:30pm No Temple School	9 Senior Connections 1:30pm	10 Pilates Class 10:00am Meditation 7:00pm	11 Temple School 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm Erev Yom Hashoah	12 Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm K'vod Conversations 7:00pm Yom Hashoah	13 Rock Shabbat Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat Service 7:30pm  7:22pm	14 Ackerstein Bat Mitzvah 10:00am ShabbASANA Shabbat Yoga 10:00am Shabbat Service with CY (Sh'mini) 10:00am (out) SC Jewish Film Festival & Reception 5:45pm
15 Mazel Tots 9:45am Temple School K–6 with 1st Grade Parent Participation 9:45am Temple School Open House 11:00am 6th Grade Climbing Trip (out) Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 12:00pm SC Jewish Film Festival 1:00pm (out) Tent of Abraham 2:00pm (out) Brotherhood Game Night 6:00pm	16 SC Jewish Film Festival 6:15pm (out) Rosh Hodesh Iyyar 7:00pm	17 Pilates Class 10:00am SC Jewish Film Festival 2:00pm (out) Meditation 7:00pm Salon on Anti-Semitism with Nathaniel Deutsch 7:00pm	18 Healing Circle 12:30pm Temple School 4:00pm SC Jewish Film Festival 6:00pm (out) 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm Women's Song Circle 7:00pm (out) Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut	19 Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Yom Ha'atzmaut	20 Simcha Goodwill Truck 10:00am–4:00pm Senior Send-Off Shabbat Service 7:30pm  7:28pm	21 Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service (Tazria / Metzora) 10:00am Simcha Goodwill Truck 10:00am–4:00pm
22 Mitzvah Day 9:00am Simcha Goodwill Truck 10:00am–4:00pm No Temple School	23 Senior Connections 1:30pm	24 Pilates Class 10:00am Meditation 7:00pm General Board Meeting 7:00pm	25 Temple School 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	26 Pilates Class 10:00am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm	27 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  7:34pm NFTY Geshet Kallah	28 Pebworth Bat Mitzvah 10:00am Shabbat Morning Service (Acharei Mot / Kedoshim) 10:00am NFTY Geshet Kallah
29 Temple School 9:45am Brotherhood Brunch 10:00am Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 12:00pm NFTY Geshet Kallah	30					





Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival

April 14th - 18th, 2018

KEEP THE CHANGE



Del Mar Theater, Monday April 16th, 8:05 pm

THE OSLO DIARIES



Del Mar Theater, Wednesday April 18th, 6:30 pm

Extraordinary films, free to the public!

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Laugh and enjoy - the quirky romantic comedy KEEP THE CHANGE
and don't miss THE OSLO DIARIES,

fresh from its premier at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, a story of intrigue, hope,
and the elusive quest for peace in the Mideast.

Join in a moderated, respectful discussion after the film and learn about the movement
to create positive social and political change across the region
through technology and entrepreneurship.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE INSPIRING COMMUNITY EVENTS!

Saturday April 14th / 5:45 pm - 9 pm

Temple Beth El 3055 Porter Gulch Rd. Aptos

Sunday April 15th / 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Cabrillo College Forum, 318 Union St. Watsonville

Monday, April 16th / 6:15 pm - 9:30 pm

Del Mar Theater 1124 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz

Tuesday, April 17th / 2 pm - 4 pm

Aegis Aptos Community Room 125 Heather Terrace, Aptos

Wednesday April 18th / 6:00 pm - 9 pm

Del Mar Theater 1124 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz

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2018 SANTA CRUZ JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 14 Temple Beth El 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos

Suggested donation: \$20 single / \$35 couple

5:45 pm **Reception** - Zena's snacks, wine & soft drinks. Nosh & shmooze!

6:45 pm **Chai Time Raffle** – A fundraiser with some terrific prizes!

7:00 pm **SPRING CHICKEN** Irrepressible Anny, costume contest champion.

7:15 pm **JOE'S VIOLIN** - A violin bridges the distance between a Holocaust survivor and a girl from the Bronx.

7:45 pm **BEN GURION: EPILOGUE** - In 1968 Israel's founding father agreed to film interviews at his remote home in the Negev desert. The conversations never aired and now, a half-century later, with Israel facing deep questions about its national character, we hear David Ben-Gurion speak on issues of religion, politics, war and peace. "It would be hard to find such toughness, and such sweetness, in a single individual." –NY Jewish Week



Sunday, April 15 Cabrillo College Forum 318 Union St., Watsonville **No admission fee, donations welcome**
Use the faculty parking lot near the Forum or reserve your seat in a carpool by calling (831) 818-9076

1:00 pm **TIJUANA JEWS** The border city presents a colorful backdrop for the stories of Jewish families dating back to the early 20th century, who blended Jewish and Mexican culture in unique ways.

2:00 pm **FACING FEAR** Nominated for an Academy Award in 2014, this moving documentary explores hate and forgiveness in the amazing story ensuing from the chance meeting of a gay man and the former neo-Nazi skin-head who nearly beat him to death 25 years earlier. Join in a lively discussion afterward with Matthew Boger, subject of the film, and Stephanie Jacobs of the Diversity Center. "Riveting." – SF Chronicle

Monday, April 16 Del Mar Theater, 1124 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz **No admission fee, donations welcome**

6:15 pm **THE WANDERING MUSE** An invigorating, kaleidoscopic tour of Jewish music in the diaspora.

8:00 pm **PEOPLE LIKE YOU** A parking dispute in Jerusalem leads to unanticipated results.

8:05 pm **KEEP THE CHANGE** A refreshing and honest romantic comedy starring actors on the autism spectrum in autistic roles. Winner, Best U.S. Narrative Feature & Best New Narrative Director at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival. "Sweet and honest, funny and poignant. The story is intensely personal and wholly universal." – Bright Lights Film

Tuesday, April 17 Aegis Aptos Community Room, 125 Heather Terrace, Aptos
Refreshments served. No admission fee, donations welcome

2:00 pm **SPRING CHICKEN** Holocaust survivor Anny competes for her fourth straight Purim costume contest win.

2:15 pm **GI JEWS** Through the narratives of veterans including Mel Brooks, Sid Caesar, and Henry Kissinger, GI Jews tells the unique story of the 550,000 Jewish men and women who served in WWII. West coast premiere.



Wednesday, April 18 Del Mar Theater, 1124 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz **No admission fee, donations welcome**

6:00 pm Short films **DEAR GOD** and **AN AVERAGE STORY** present wistful looks at life in modern Israel.

6:30 pm **OSLO DIARIES** Featuring never-seen-before footage, OSLO DIARIES recounts a story of political intrigue, fiery rhetoric, unlikely friendships, and the overwhelming desire for peace at the heart of the secret Oslo negotiations between Israel and the PLO that began in 1992 and continued intermittently through 2010. Followed by a moderated discussion and respectful dialogue with Rachel Eryn Kalish, founder of Project Reconnections, and a presentation from Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow on creating positive change across the region.



General News/Recognition

Sisterhood News

KITCHEN INVENTORY: Thank you to Geri Wolff, Alison Gold, Karen Corscadden, Shirley Ginzburg, Julie Lorraine and Melissa Ross for conducting the recent kitchen inventory in record time! Now we know what needs to be ordered and things are well-organized for the next temple event.

WHY HAVE TEMPLE WOMEN CHOSEN TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SISTERHOOD? In addition to the sense of belonging that you feel when you work alongside others who share your values, women have recognized the benefit that Temple Beth El offers to them personally and spiritually. In Sisterhood Jewish roots are honored, there is support for their families in raising ethical children and encouragement to grow as responsible citizens of the world, as well as the comfort that it provides in times of need. Temple Beth El gives us much and, by supporting it in return, we help to keep it strong.

JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT SISTERHOOD GATHERING! Shelly Nadelman-Douglass, current Sisterhood president, is hosting a gathering at her house at 549 Spruce St, Aptos, on Sunday, April 29, at 1:00 PM. We will discuss the future plans of the Sisterhood organization, including our budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and creating a Sisterhood that works for you. Please join us! All are welcome! Bring your friends! Noshes provided. Call Shelly at 831-687-0567.

Library Highlights

With the help of a generous gift to the Library Fund, we have been adding a lot of new books to the temple collection. Recent additions range from biblical commentary, to recent fiction, to cook books (lots of cook books), to history and biography, as well as books for children and young adults... too many to list here. Please take a look at our newest offerings in the new online catalog at <http://bit.ly/2tYqv18>.

The library is staffed on Thursdays from 3:00–5:00 PM, but the collection is available for research, browsing and borrowing whenever the room is not otherwise in use. Temple members can borrow books for 30 days, using the self-check-out station. For questions and suggestions, contact librarytbe@gmail.com.



The MAZON Project is proudly Temple Beth El's longest-running social action project—since 1988!

The terrific February volunteers were Mark and Nancy Yellin, Leora Fromm, Rachel Katz, Marcia Meyer, Zena Krakowsky, Judy Wyant, Juliet Goldstein, Shira Coleman and Melinda Luster.

Our marvelous March volunteers were Catherine & Bob Cooper, Penny

Thank you for Making Purim a Success!

A wonderful time was had by all at the Purim Carnival thanks to our many volunteers. Special thanks to Jen Meltzer and the SRFY kids: Zoe Fairlie, Rebecca Atkins, Ben and Jordan Yanowitz, Ben Cornblatt, Jordan Weiss-Penzias, Gabriel Orange, Maayan Avital, Cassidy Orange, Robert Cohen, Tyler Segal, Jessica Fairlie, Ezra Hapner, Beckett Glass, Aden Sommerville, Naomi Licht, Lucy Rudnick and especially Kaima Weiss-Penzias who did such a great job. Thanks to Eloy and Benjamin and to all our other volunteers: Gail Levine, Sandy Mendel, Sara Hapner, Lisa Miller, Gilda Zelin, Bonnie Holmer-Orange, Dan Orange, Lenore Hindin, Melissa Skalsky, Vicky Stone, Judi Novik, David Novik, Susan Karz, Marcia Meyer, Kerith Koontz, Adina Licht, Ari Koontz and Madeline Pebworth.

Chesluk, Rose Ashford, Susan & Stephen Karon, Zena Krakowsky, Rachael Katz & friends (5X), Gaby Litsky, Jennifer Kanter, Rachelle Yellin (2X) and Leora Fromm. Also Meryl Selman, Mimi Stein, Shirley Marcus, Carol Berman, Eleanor Hilberman, & Nancy Litvak, to honor the memory of their dear friend, Laurie Goldstein.

To sign up for the MAZON Project, please go to the MAZON SignUpGenius link at <http://bit.ly/2vGEWUT>.

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Calendar Highlights

Tent of Abraham

The third in the series on *The Problem of Religious Prejudice and Racism*.

This last session is titled *Anti-Christian/Religious Prejudice*. It will be on Sunday, April 15, 2:00–5:00 PM, at Saint John's Episcopal Church, 125 Canterbury Drive, Aptos. Free. Sponsored by The Tent of Abraham. Please RSVP at tofasantacruz.org to ensure your participation. For questions, contact Ray at (831) 295-2590.

Senior Connexions

April 9

Page to Stage: Santa Cruz Shakespeare's 2018 Season

Mike Ryan, Artistic Director of Santa Cruz Shakespeare (SCS), will provide insights about the company's 2018 season which features: *Love's Labour's Lost*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Venus in Fur*. In addition to outlining the production process and timeline SCS uses to move shows into performance, he will demonstrate how an actor uses Shakespeare's text to find clues for performance and puts them into action.



April 23

Introduction to Village Santa Cruz

Join us to learn more about this member-driven, non-profit organization that helps seniors stay engaged, active, connected and able to remain in their homes as long as possible. They provide social community events, inter-generational interaction, and practical assistance via the Village model of creating a network to support one another as we age.



Programs are on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, 2:00–3:30 PM in the TBE Library. (Come at 1:30 to nosh & schmooze.) Open to the public. Free.

Cruel and Unusual—The story of the Angola 3

The Reel Work Labor Film Festival will screen the film *Cruel and Unusual—The story of the Angola 3*, co-sponsored by TBE, about three black men and over 113 years in solitary confinement. The speakers will be Dr. Craig Haney, UCSC Professor of Psychology/Law and Marie Levin, California Families Against Solitary Confinement.

Reception and film will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2:00–5:00 PM, at the UCSC Media Theater. You can contact Willow Katz for more information at kohenet@sbcglobal.net.

K'vod Conversations—End of Life

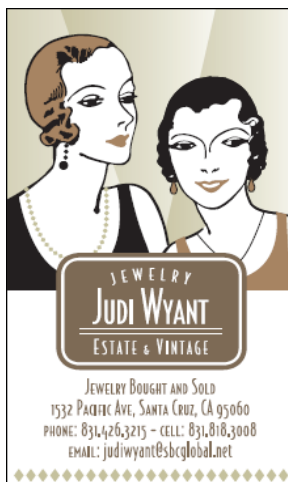
with Holly Blue Hawkins and Rose Ashford

Please join us on April 12, 7:00–8:30 PM, for this continuing series on how to make end-of-life plans in keeping with our personal values and wishes. Co-sponsored with Chadeish Yameinu.

Contemporary Anti-Semitism

with Nathaniel Deutsch

The scourge of contemporary anti-Semitism, its historical development and devastating impact, and its relationship to anti-Judaism (yes, there is a difference). April 17, 7:00–9:00 PM, location provided upon registration.



Brotherhood Brunch

Sunday, April 29. 10:00 AM

UC Santa Cruz Arts Dean Susan Solt will speak about *The Future of Arts at UCSC and the Santa Cruz Community*. The arts reach out to every part of our lives. Of course we all enjoy museums, music festivals and photography, but in modern life the arts are so much more. Critical artistic flairs are found in modern technology, design and digital games at the interface of science and humanities. Distinguished Professor of Theater Arts, Susan Solt, the new UCSC Arts Dean, was previously a producer of such major feature films as *Presumed Innocent* (starring Harrison Ford) and *Doc Hollywood* (starring Michael J. Fox) as well as senior vice president of production for Miramax Films. She then taught at CalArts where for nearly a decade she served as dean of the School of Theater and she was the founding artistic director of the Center for New Performance in 2006. Recommended donation is \$5 for Brotherhood members, \$7 for non-Brotherhood members.



Brotherhood Game Night & Farewell to Richie Solomon

Open to all TBE
Sunday, April 15, 6:00 PM

Join Brotherhood as we bring back an old tradition—Game Night!—while we kick out an old friend—Richie Solomon. We'll play any board game you care to bring and snack on any tasty morsels and drinks you care to share. Brotherhood will offer some light dishes and drinks too. We plan to let Richie win a few games, since it's his special night. Mr. Volunteer Extraordinaire is leaving our backwoods burg for the vacation capital of the western world—Billings, Montana. Free. Contact Mike at mike@reinlaw.net for details.

Calendar Highlights/Contributions *February 1-28*

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Wednesdays from 2:30–6:00 PM
Sundays from 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Or you can call Shirley at (831) 685-2710 to arrange for a volunteer to meet you at your convenience.

TBE Book Group

Our next book group selection is I.J. Singer's *The Brothers Ashkenazi*. We will meet at Vicki Hendin's, 745 Escalona, Tuesday, April 10. We begin promptly at 7:30 PM, so please arrive a little early in order to be able to start on time.

We have copies of the book available for loan from the Jewish Community Library/Jewish LearningWorks. If you are interested in reserving one of these copies, contact Lee Jaffe at librarytbe@gmail.com. An unabridged audio version is available for free from Hoopla through the Santa Cruz Public Library at <http://bit.ly/2HIV4tA>. Otherwise, it is available for purchase in hardcover, paperback, Kindle and audio from your vendor of choice.

A Taste of Spring

Support our Jewish college students by attending
Santa Cruz Hillel's Fundraising Dinner

Santa Cruz Hillel is holding its 13th annual and biggest fundraising event of the year. This very special dinner is on Sunday, May 6, at 5:00 PM, once again at Hotel Paradox. A Taste of Spring is our signature event—a special evening of great food, wine and community. This year we will be having special guest speaker Eric Fingerhut, whom is the President and CEO of Hillel International, and a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The evening will start with a wine and appetizer hour, followed by a three-course sit-down meal (fish, chicken, or vegetarian entrée). Special dietary needs such as gluten-free or vegan entrées can also be requested.

There will also be both silent and live auctions. Some live auction



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 9:45 AM

Last Day of Temple School
Sunday, May 6, 9:45 AM

Simcha Silent Auction
Sunday, May 6, after the
Congregational Meeting

Simcha's Simcha
Sunday, May 6, 12:00–2:00 PM

Confirmation Shabbat Service
Friday, May 18 at 7:30 PM

Torah Tales in the Trees
Saturday, May 19 to Sunday, May 20

highlights include great vacation condos and homes including in New York City; tickets to a concert, a VIP tour of the Lick Observatory and a unique item from the SC Boardwalk. Included among the silent auction items—art, beautiful jewelry, wine-tasting, Judaica, tours, sports and cultural events, and much, much more.

The cost of this event is \$135 per person. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds from this event go to support general programming for the students at Santa Cruz Hillel. Please join us! For more information, contact Santa Cruz Hillel at info@santacruzhillel.org or 831-426-3332. If you wish to purchase tickets online, visit <http://bit.ly/2pq3FtB>.

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