

shofar

Passover Second Night Community Seder

Saturday, April 23

6:00 PM service 7:00 PM dinner



We're getting ready for Seder! Here's one of the songs we'll be singing, to the tune of "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music.

Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes, Out with the chametz, no pasta, no knishes, Fish that's gefilted, horseradish that stings, These are a few of our Passover things.

The lively and fast moving service (promise!)

led by our clergy and lay leaders, will connect the core story of our road to freedom with modern challenges that engage the Jewish community. The meal, by lead brisketeer Andrew Goldenkranz and the rest of the squad, will serve up all your favorites from Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditions with a couple of new twists. You know our style: The Haggadah has 14 sections, the meal has 14 dishes! And yes, there will be vegetarian and gluten-free options to suit your needs and preferences.

Will we sing "Matza, Matza Man" by the Village People? Yes! Will we sing "Take Me Out to the Seder?" Yes, but no throwing out the first matzah ball.

Will we sing "I'm Going to the Seder" by the Ramones? Be ready!
Will we sing the Passover version of "A Little Night Music" by Mozart? You first.

Bring your family! Bring your friends! Bring your neighbors! And while we'll supply sacramental wine, you may want to bring your own to enjoy.

Get together in advance and buy a whole table for 8-10 so we don't have to worry about seating arrangements. If you have limited mobility or other physical needs, please let the office know in advance so we can accommodate you.

Adults \$30, children pre-B'nai Mitzvah age \$15. Cheap! This event always sells out so get your reservations in early. **USE THE RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 15**.

PS—we will <u>need 6 volunteers for set up from 1:00–3:00 PM, 6 to help in the kitchen from 4:00–8:00 PM, and then 6 (or more) to help clean up from 9:00–11:00 that night. Help out a brother, willya?</u>

For more information, please contact Andrew Goldenkranz at 588-8262 or agoldenk@gmail.com.



Rabbi Rick in the sukkah on the TBE land prior to construction 1987. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Hyatt.

Rabbi Rick 40 Years of Leadership, Laughter, and Learning

Think about a time when Rabbi Rick guided you or your children at a time of uncertainty. A time when he showed up at your side when you lost a loved one. A time when he brought joy and humor to the best of life celebrations—a baby naming, a brit millah, a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding. Remember his many teaching sessions covering a wide range of Jewish culture, tradition, and scripture. You can share these anecdotes and stories with Rabbi Rick and Nancy in a Memory Book. Send your stories to rabbirickmemorybook@gmail.com.

Friday night, May 20th we will kick off our weekend of celebration of Rabbi Rick with our Shabbat Service. Members of the wider community are invited to attend; leaders from among our social action and interfaith partners will offer words of tribute. Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, whose connection to our Temple community goes back many years, will also offer remarks to honor this special occasion. Our Sisterhood is graciously

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Celebrating Rabbi Rick

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preparing a beautiful and delicious oneg following the service.

On Saturday evening, a gala will be held at Chaminade Resort. A cabaret atmosphere will be the setting for some serious humor as well as heartfelt tributes. Expect to dance and even sing! Reservations are \$180 per person, due before May 1. If you reserve by April 15, you will be included in a drawing for a gift memento of the occasion.

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The celebration continues on Sunday the 22nd, when the entire Temple family—all generations—gather for a barbeque picnic with entertainment that includes music,

magic, and games. No guarantee that Rabbi Rick will try the jump house or the water slide, but he will cheer those young people who do. However, our guest magician may need to step aside a moment so we can see Rabbi Rick's sleight of hand.

The Sunday Simcha will wrap up with a new beginning—the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Rabbi Richard Litvak Wing.

For questions or additional information about the weekend of celebrations, please contact one of the co-chairs: Toby Alexander, Sheila Baumgarten, Lauren Goldstein Schaeffer, or Eddie Scher.

YOU Can Be A Sponsor!!

Now is the time to shout out a big thank you to Rabbi Rick—for his guidance, love, wisdom, and sense of humor for four decades. Sponsors are acknowledged in the Tribute Journal celebrating Rabbi Rick and Nancy and the accomplishments of our TBE community.

Sponsorship Levels: Platinum - \$5,000; Gold - \$3,600; Ruby - \$1,800; Emerald - \$900; Pearl - \$500 For information, please contact: Toby Alexander, Sheila Baumgarten, or Eddie Scher, Celebrations Committee Co-chairs.

Thanks a Million Rabbi Rick

Campaign 2015 and 2016

As we honor Rabbi Rick and consider the remarkable growth and achievement of our Temple community during these past 40 years, let us seize the moment to reach for yet another major accomplishment—an Endowment Fund of \$1 million whose interest supports our congregation forever forward.

Once the Fund reaches the \$1 million mark, the interest on the principal can go directly to the congregation. Until that mark is attained, the guidelines of the Santa Cruz Community Foundation, where our Endowment Fund is held, state that the interest must be directed back into the Fund.

With pledges received in 2015 and 2016, we are close to \$763,000. We can do this!! Your pledge to the Endowment NOW can help us reach the \$1 million milestone by May 20 when we begin our weekend of celebrations of Rabbi Rick.

The Fund Development Committee of the board shouts out kudos to recent pledges to the "Thanks a Million Rabbi Rick" campaign: Letty and Lane Bess—\$100,000; Ed Newman—\$100,000; Jasmine Berke and Scott Roseman—\$50,000.

For information about making a gift to the Endowment Fund, contact Amy Harrington at amykrosa@gmail.com.

Tribute Journal for Rabbi Rick

As part of the Celebrations of Rabbi Rick, the Temple Board is creating a Tribute Journal that will be distributed at all of the festive events for Rabbi Rick—May 20, 21, and 22.

This celebratory book will include histories and stories about our Temple Beth El community over the past 40 years—its leadership, activities and accomplishments. Photos will remind us of some of the highlights.

There will be special messages from the board, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood. Rabbi Rick will offer reflections about his role as a rabbi and his tenure at Temple Beth El—one of the longest periods of service with one congregation in the modern Reform movement.

The Journal will also provide opportunities for members and friends, businesses and organizations, to include their special tributes to Rabbi Rick. Funds raised from these tributes will support our ongoing Temple programs and services.

For information about how to include your tribute in this Journal, please contact Kathy Goldenkranz at k.ruiz.goldenkranz@gmail.com or at 831-588-4608.

Last Call for Photographs of Rabbi Rick



Do you have pictures of Rabbi Rick that you would be willing to share, perhaps from a bar or bat Mitzvah, wedding, or other simcha? If so, please send copies (we cannot return originals) to Adrienne Swedlove at the temple. They can be hard copies or digital files.

Spirituality

REFLECTIONS FROM RABBI RICK



Rabbi Rick

The Importance of Israel, Now More Than Ever

I am writing this Shofar article having iust returned from ten exciting days in Israel attending the annual conference of Reform

is held in Israel every seven years. Booked solid from early morning until late at night, we met with members of the Knesset as well as other government leaders on the right—all the way through to the left, the heads of important Israeli social justice organizations like the Reform Movement Israel Religious Action Center, scholars of think tanks. respected jurists and the Reform Rabbis of Israel—now numbering more than 100, and their congregants. We were able to get a rich sense of what is happening in many segments and dimensions of Israel right now. A half of a day was spent just on the important subject of "The Two State Solution."

We found Israel to be a vibrant Jewish democracy engaged in deep and often conflicting visions of what the combination of Jewish and democratic-those two key aspects of Israel-should look like. Like America and the world, Israel is now, more than ever, a polarized society. Yet it is also varied and complex with identities having many dimensions. Like any society it has its social problems, but it also has a rich array of governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations working hard to address them and solve them. We had a chance to encounter several different social problems and

those who are involved in a great deal of social justice activism. We had sessions on the medical and high tech contributions in which Israel is a world leader. Also Israel's struggle—as in America—with a growing income gap and struggling middle class. One thing that is different from America is that Israelis are more involved in politics Rabbis. The conference and a much greater percentage of Israelis vote in elections.

> One thing that was particularly thrilling was participating with 150 other Reform Rabbis, both women and men, in the first public egalitarian worship service in the section of the Western Wall over which—for the first time—the Israel government gave religious authority and control to the Reform and Conservative Movements. The clear stated purpose of that control was for the spacious area to be used for mixed gender public worship services with full participation and leadership by both Jewish women and men. This sacred section below Robinson's Arch-of equal antiquity as other areas of the Western Wall-also includes the purpose of mixed gender gathering and personal prayer. Finally, we were thrilled to see, and participate in, a mixed gender gathering in the large plaza in front of the historic gender segregated areas of the Western Wall. Mixed gender gathering had been forbidden for some time. However with the enactment of the new government decree, this large plaza is now designated for mixed gender gathering. It was good to once again see groups of male and female Israeli soldiers gathered there for some of their ceremonies. As I leaned upon the stones that have stood there for 2.000 years, as part of the first historic

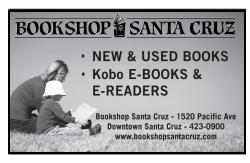
worship service at the Western Wall, with the rights of full participation and leadership by men and women, I was truly moved.

I look forward to sharing the details of some of these experiences and topics in a presentation to the congregation at the April 1st, Friday night service. One thing I am proud of in our congregation is that through a year of dialogue we have developed a consensus on Israel policy that strongly supports the Jewish democratic state of Israel. It encourages each member to seek his or her own relationship to Israel and his or her own education and views about Israel. You can find that policy on our Temple website as well as a variety of ways, from many perspectives, to give support to Israel at this important and dangerous time. I hope you'll go to the website and give to a cause that you believe promotes your Israeli ideals. I look forward to seeing you, to sharing with you and to answering your questions about my recent Israel experience on April 1st. We sometimes say after a statement, "Bli neder, this is not a vow." I suppose I can say in this case I hope to see you April 1st, "no joke."

B'shalom, Rabbi Richard M. Litvak, Senior Rabbi

Hillel-Brotherhood Shabbat Service and Dinner

Brotherhood is sponsoring Hillel's Shabbat service and dinner at UCSC Hillel, 222 Cardiff Place, 6:00 PM, Friday, April 29. All Temple members are welcome! It is a great way to make our Jewish students from around the world feel at home here in Santa Cruz. The service is short, the dinner is excellent, and the company can't be beat—and it's free, thanks to Brotherhood. No RSVP necessary, but an approximate headcount is helpful, so let Brotherhood and Hillel Board member Jerry Dubin know if you plan to attend (jadubin@aol.com).





Spirituality

Rosh Chodesh Women's Seder

Women of Temple Beth El—you are invited to the joint Rosh Chodesh Women's Seder on Thursday, April 7th at Temple Beth El. The Seder will start at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate the women involved in the Passover story with stories, songs, food and ritual.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name. Anyone interested in helping in the planning, please contact Gaby (see below).

A-G Soup

H-M Salads

N-R Hardboiled eggs, horseradish

S-Z Dessert

Please bring enough

for eight people. Vegetarian food only. For more information and to make your Seder reservations contact Gaby Litsky at 831-462-9023 or glitsky@cruzio.com. Reservations

<u>glitsky@cruzio.com</u>. <u>Reservation</u> <u>accepted until April 4th only</u>.

INTERFAITH SEDER

Join in the 15th Annual Interfaith Seder at Resurrection Catholic Church. That's right—for 15 years our two religious communities have celebrated Passover together.

Most of those Seders have been lead by Fr. Ron Shirley and Rabbi Richard Litvak. This will be their last co-lead Seder as they both retire June 30, 2016. So please make the time and effort to attend! The date for this Seder is April 14 at 6:00 PM.

As in previous Seders, members of Temple Beth El will bring ritual food items and the prayer books. Resurrection members will provide the main meal items. Please volunteer to set the tables and/or to drop off charoset and boiled eggs.

This is a wonderful community event. We hope you can join in for this last Seder as next year we don't know what will happen!

If you can help set the tables or bring ritual foods, contact Kathy Goldenkranz at 588-4608 or k.ruiz.goldenkranz@gmail.com. To help, contact Wilma Gold at wilmagold@gmail.com or Rose Ashford at rose50@me.com.

SRFY Creative Shabbat Service

Followed By Two Amazing Programs of Inspiration and Imagination April 15, 7:00 PM

SPECIAL SERVICE

Please join us at 7:00 PM for the annual SRFY Creative Service. Our youth will lead us in a Shabbat service that will move and inspire us as we celebrate together. Following the service, at 8:00 you are invited to join a courageous speaker—Bryan Stow, in the library—or remain in the sanctuary for a musical program presented by New Music Works. Details about each of these programs are below. We hope you will join us for this wonderful evening.

BRYAN STOW

Bryan Stow, the San Francisco Giants' fan who suffered traumatic brain injury when he was attacked for wearing San Francisco Giants' garb to an Opening Day game against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium in March 2011. Bryan is dedicated to ending bullying and fan violence. He speaks, when possible, to elementary and high school students, and occasionally to adult groups. He remains in great pain, undergoes continual therapy, and has some noticeable limitations due to the attack. But he tries to motivate people to take steps to end the kind of violence and prejudice that victimized him. His presentation and message promise to be uplifting, and the entire Temple community is invited. Bryan's appearance is co-sponsored by Brotherhood and Rabbi Shifra.

NEW MUSIC WORKS

"The Spirit of Imagination Has No Boundaries"—Temple Beth El, Chadeish Yameinu and New Music Works cosponsor a discussion with musical illustrations about the historic and timeless musical connections that link the Middle East and the West.

Celebrated Israeli composer and lecturer Eitan Steinberg and vocalist Etty BenZaken will share their perspectives and artistry as prominent members of Israel's music community. Discussions will also explore the long-echoing resonances and deep spirituality that connect Western and Middle Eastern cultures.

New Music Works Artistic Director Philip Collins will host this forum as a prelude to New Music Works' Saturday evening concert, "Major Keys of Asia Minor," April 16, 8:00 PM at the UCSC Music Recital Hall. The concert, featuring work by Mr. Steinberg and a performance by Ms. BenZaken, will present music by Middle Eastern composers of Jewish, Christian and Muslim heritages. Tickets are available at newmusicworks.org.

Both the Friday evening panel and Saturday evening concert are cosponsored by the TENT OF ABRAHAM, an interfaith consortium of Christian, Islamic and Jewish individuals and organizations that include Temple Beth El, Resurrection Church, and Chadeish Yameinu Jewish Renewal.

Of Steinberg and BenZaken's work, Israel's daily "Haaretz" has said: "The collaboration between the two [BenZaken & Steinberg] goes on through the years, and time after time amazes with the cultural richness that flows from it."

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TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS



Rabbi Shifra

Wow, was Mitzvah Day amazing! I want to thank every one of the approximately 140 participants who volunteered, especially our team captains who led wonderful groups in the following

mitzvoth: Mike Rein for beach cleanup—they picked up 150 lbs of trash at Rio Del Mar; Kaima Weiss Penzias & Ana Hattis—their food drive filled a car full of food for the Santa Cruz Aids Project; Denise Miller and Anabelle Barrett did an amazing job painting and weeding for Walnut Avenue Women's Shelter: Benjamin Flatauer and Todd Koenigsberg cooked chili to raise money for Resurrection's homeless shelter; Shira Coleman, Ben Udo and Mimi Guiney led a group that sang at Dominican Oaks; Shelly Nadelman Douglas and Scott Sandlertheir food drive also filled a car full of food for the Santa Cruz Aids Project; Roselvn and Jessica Olamit led our sandwich making project for the River Street Shelter; Wally Brondstatter who

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR Sunday, April 3 Spring Break-No Temple School Wednesday, April 6 Spring Break-No TS, KEF, 7th grade & Hebrew High Saturday, April 9 TS Movie Night Fundraiser Sunday, April 10 Yad B'Yad, TS K-6, 4th grade Parent Participation, Jewish Parenting Class Wednesday, April 13 TS 4-6, KEF, 7th grade & Hebrew High, B'nai Mitzvah Meeting with **Executive Director** Sunday, April 17 TS K-6, 1st grade Parent Participation, Jewish Parenting Class Wednesday, April 20 TS K-6, KEF, TS Passover Model Seder, 7th grade & Hebrew High Sunday, April 24 Passover-No TS Wednesday, April 27 TS K-6, KEF, 7th grade & Hebrew High

led the group that stayed at the Temple dusting, cleaning and organizing the Simcha shed; Melissa Skalsky, Shoshana Orzech, and Ari Lessen raised \$218 for the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter. Judy Plummer, Phyllis Katz, Melody Randel, David Gazek, Melissa Sunberg, Amy Harrington, Jenny and Ray Kaupp were instrumental on our set up and greeting team. The whole event could not have happened without Sarah Clarkson, who was in charge of every aspect of this event, and the generosity of our sponsors: Mission Printers, PJ Library and Branding Out.

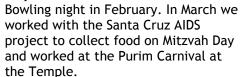
It's spring and that is fundraising time for Temple school. This year we made our Hebrew program much better by having smaller classes. However, we are currently a few thousand dollars over budget and need to make up the difference through fundraising. Please support our efforts to foster a love of Judaism in a joyful, engaging, and supportive community by making a generous donation to Temple School.

Star Wars! Come to our movie night fundraiser on Saturday night, April 9th at 5:30 PM. We will be showing Star Wars Episode IV, which is the first Star Wars that came out when I was a kid. \$12/per person includes movie, popcorn, pizza, salad and a drink. Dressing up as your favorite Star Wars character is encouraged!

-Rabbi Shifra Weiss Penzias

SRFY

SRFY has been chugging along this year! We had a very successful Taco



Please join us for a SRFY Creative Shabbat service on April 15th at Temple Beth El, and if you are a senior and would like to be a part of the Senior Send-off service, please contact Kate at SRFY@tbeaptos.org. We'd love to have you.

-Kate Hochler

Jewish Spiritual **Darenting**

Sunday, April 17, 9:45-11:45 AM

Please join us for an engaging conversation with Rabbi Paul Kipnes and Michelle November, MSSW, authors of Jewish Spiritual Parenting. Our Jewish parenting group has been reading this book together and it has sparked questions and lively discussion. In their book the authors explore the spiritual wisdom they have learned and the hard-won parenting techniques they developed that shaped their children as individuals and their family as a whole. Together, they explore spiritually nourishing approaches to help parents encourage essential Jewish values like gratitude, joy and honesty in their children. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn and discuss some of the most important guestions we face as Jewish parents.

Young Families Passover Seder



Shira Coleman's Seder has moved to the Temple! April 28, 5:30 PM, in the Social Hall. The Young Families Project is thrilled to bring a special Passover Seder for families with children from birth to elementary school age. The Haggadah is especially designed for young children with songs and activity. The Seder dinner will be a potluck.

To sign up contact Wilma Gold at wilmagold@gmail.com or 831-728-8778.

Mud Soup at Simcha



At Simcha we celebrated the March rains! What could be more fun than frolicking in the mud? The mud pit on the playground provided endless opportunity for lots of "sensory experiences", otherwise known as messy play and working collaboratively!

Synagogue News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Adrienne

Just like in the fall, as spring arrives Temple Beth El experiences a flurry of Jewish holidays and observances. We have barely put away our Purim costumes and now it is time for Pesach. Before we

know it, there will be Yom HaShoa, Yom HaAtzmaut, and Shavuot. Of course, this year Temple Beth El adds a very special celebration in May when we honor Rabbi Rick as he transitions into being our Rabbi Emeritus. If all that isn't enough, we will also start construction on the Litvak Wing! Add in all of the regular activities for our office and building staff and you can see what a busy time it is for us. This would be true if we were at full strength, but as you know, our dedicated front office staff member. Elaine Cruci, is out on medical leave, and our building manager, Curtis Kechter, has left to pursue other opportunities. I can't begin to express my appreciation for our staff who have so ably added additional responsibilities to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our members. Mary Bushman, Sarah Clarkson, Susan McAnerney, and Marcia Stein have willingly taken on more responsibilities and have been doing an incredible job. Juan Jurado and Eloy Sanchez have made sure that all of our programs and events are covered, and that our building and grounds are maintained. Ben Udo worked in the office part-time, learning never forget this wonderful community. the ins and outs of our temple office.

In addition to our staff (have I mentioned how wonderful they are?!), our volunteers have really gone over and beyond their 'job descriptions.' Wally Brondstatter is at the temple almost daily to make sure we have ample supplies and that all repairs are made in a timely manner. Letty Bess, Cindy Baskin and Elfi Starr are in the office answering phones, preparing mailings, and doing whatever is needed. We are fortunate to have them! Of course, our senior management team (Rabbis, President, and President-Elect) are also taking on extra responsibilities during this time of transition. This community is blessed to have so many individuals who are willing to step up when needed.

As a way to thank those who are working so hard, I am having a small fundraiser. The proceeds will go to celebrate our staff. I will be preparing and selling 'Adie's Famous Matzo Granola.' I assure you that it is DELICIOUS. Even my daughter-in-law who is not a matzo fan asks me to make it for her throughout the year! Look for a table in our foyer April 8-17th and buy a bag or two to support our staff and delight your family and friends.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Temple Beth El community for your expressions of kindness when my husband passed away. The cards. donations to the temple, gifts of food, and your hugs have meant so much to me and to my family. I truly believe that I was meant to be here during this difficult time in our lives, and I will

-Adrienne Muscat Swedlove

GIFT SHOP

Shop for Passover! We stock paper plates, children's books & toys, hostess gifts from Israel, as well as beautiful Seder plates and cups. Extended hours begin April 6 and will be: Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; Wednesday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sunday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. Come early for the best selection. You can call Shirley at 831-685-2710 for details.

TBE Library Receives Funds

The TBE library has received a generous gift from the Temple Brotherhood. They have provided funds that will help pay our catalogue service fees and also allow us to fill some important gaps in our book collection. This support comes at a pivotal time in our work to revive the library. Thank you!

-The Library Team

Patience is a Virtue

Dear members,

As you may know, our TBE office is in a time of transition in terms of staffing changes as well as moving to a new data base. Please understand and accept our apologies if your yahrzeits are not acknowledged. If you are a new member and you have not been contacted personally or recognized in the Shofar—that will be remedied as soon as possible. Please know that all temple personnel and our volunteers are working to answer your questions and attend to your needs as best as humanly possible. We thank our staff and all of you who have stepped forward to help us navigate this time as best we can. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

-Rabbis Rick, Paula & Shifra

Transition Report

In February, the Board of Directors approved a clergy staffing plan that will carry our Temple through the year of transition beginning July 1st. As Rabbi Paul Marcus becomes our senior rabbi, she will have the full-time support of Associate Rabbi Educator Shifra Weiss-Penzias, who will take over the coordination of the b'nai mitzvot program, serve as back-up pastoral support, and oversee the temple's education programs for all ages. Sarah Clarkson, who has long served parttime in our Temple School program. will also become full-time to help manage many of the temple programs and to assist Rabbi Shifra. A student rabbi may also be engaged part-time to help cover the many needs of our congregation. The board will evaluate the effectiveness of the staffing plan by the end of the year and determine the next steps forward.

Unfortunately, an additional transition is in store this year, as Executive Director Adrienne Swedlove announced her retirement. Adrienne will stay onboard through the end of June, and then plans to move to live close to her family. We will miss her and wish her well! The board has also begun a search for a new executive director.

Calendar Highlights

Israeli Soldiers Share Their Experiences

Israeli Soldiers' Stories tour comes to Temple Beth El on Sunday, April 3, 4:00 PM. This innovative program features reserve duty Israeli college students who talk about the current conflict. They put a human face to the IDF and their role in defending the Jewish State. Speaking with us will be Pino and Daya.

Daya is 26 years old. Originally from Gesher Haziv, Israel, she currently lives in Haifa, where she studies at the Technion, the Israeli M.I.T. Daya was in the Israeli Air Force where she served as an air traffic controller, then went on to serve as a commander in the IAF officer's school. Daya loves to travel, hike, and go diving.

Pino is studying industrial engineering and management at Tel-Aviv University. During his time in the IDF. Pino served as an Artillery Officer. He participated in the Second Lebanon War in 2006 and in Operation Cast Lead in 2009. As a reservist, Pino served in operations Pillar of Defense in 2012 and Protective Edge in 2014. In his free time, Pino was a member of last year's university basketball team. Additionally, he says he is addicted to chocolate.

The program is sponsored by Temple Beth El's Israel Support Group and Stand with US.

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Senior Connections

April 11

A Conversation with Jim Faris

Rescheduled from last fall! We will hear about his 40-vear career in film and television at MGM as well as his experience of being a co-founder of the Europe, and Israel. Lifelong Learning Institute in Santa Cruz.



He will speak about "Happy is the Man Who Has Found His Work." The ROSENWALD, the format of the presentation will be Jim being interviewed by TBE member Corinne Miller.

April 25

Vichy Rule and the Diverse **Experiences of Jews in North Africa**

the summer of 1940, the Vichy regime came to power. Vichy law brought anti-Semitic legislation to the Jews of France. These laws were also applied in France's imperial holdings across the Mediterranean in North Africa, which held significant Jewish populations. This talk discusses the diverse experiences of North African Jews

under Vichy rule between Morocco, Algeria and France, and the legacy of this period for the future of Jewish life in the region during the post-war period of anti-colonial agitation.



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

Jewish Film Festival

April 30-May 4

Mark your calendars and save the dates! The Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival returns to TBE and the Del Mar Theater April 30 to May 4 with six excellent films from the U.S., Canada,

The festival opens at TBE on Saturday, April 30 at 5:30 PM, with unknown and inspiring story of the Jewish co-

founder of Sears who used his self-made fortune to further tzedakah and tikkun olam during the Jim Crow era. At 8:00 there will be a reception followed by the screening of FLORY'S FLAME, a When France fell to Nazi Germany in celebration of Sephardic musician and composer Flory Jagoda. Admission for opening night, including two movies and the reception, is just \$15.

> The festival continues on Monday, May 2, at the Del Mar Theater in downtown Santa Cruz with FREE showings of the Israeli romantic drama VICE VERSA at 6:45 PM and the Canadian drama NATASHA at 8:00 PM. No one under 18 will be admitted to NATASHA unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

On Yom HaShoah, Wednesday, May 4, the festival concludes with two moving films of remembrance. RUN BOY RUN at 6:45 PM and WEAPONS OF SPIRIT at 8:00 PM. Both shows are free at the Del Mar Theater.

Watch for more information in the

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Calendar Highlights

The Life of a Pilot—From U2



Combat Missions to Commercial Airliners

Come to the Brotherhood Brunch at 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 10—all of TBE is invited! Have you ever talked

to a real U2 pilot? Steve Feldman is a decorated combat pilot who flew U2's and other high altitude reconnaissance aircraft during missions around the world, including over Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. He's briefed numerous military leaders, including General Colin Powell, and is considered an expert in aviation. He remains an active pilot in civilian life, flying large commercial airliners and acting as a managing founder of one of the world's largest aircraft brokerages. We're delighted that Steve can join us to share his flying experiences in what promises to be an interesting and entertaining presentation. Beginning at 10:00 AM we'll nosh on a delicious allyou-can-eat bagel brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by Steve's talk at 11:00, concluding around noon. Recommended donation is \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$5 for non-Brotherhood members.



Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival April 30-May 4

Temple School Kindergarten Open House Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 AM

> Yom Hashoah Thursday, May 5

Beth El Bim Bam Shabbat Friday, May 6 at 6:45 PM

Young Families Outing & Picnic Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 AM

Simcha Silent Auction Fundraiser Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 AM

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 15 at 9:45 AM

Program Council Calendar Meeting Important! Come with your group's activity dates! May 17, 7:00 PM

Rabbi Rick Celebrations Friday May 20-Sunday, May 22

Temple School Movie Night

Star Wars!

Come to Temple School's movie night fundraiser Saturday night, April 9th at 5:30 PM. We will be



showing Star Wars Episode IV, which is the first Star Wars that came out in 1977 with Harrison Ford, Carrie Fischer, Mark Hamill and James Earl Jones. \$12/ per person includes movie, popcorn, pizza, salad and a drink. Dressing up as your favorite Star Wars character is encouraged!

Temple Beth El Trip to Cuba

CUBA: Religion, Politics, Art, Music, Architecture



and More

Rabbi Paula is

planning a congregational trip to Cuba from February 28–March 12, 2017. We are planning to celebrate Shabbat with two Cuban congregations, meet with artists, visit museums, hear live music and even learn salsa dancing.

The first organizational meeting will be on April 17 at 4:00 PM.



Scrabble April 13 & April 27 Everyone is welcome to play Scrabble at Temple Beth El! We meet on alternate Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Look

for us in Room 2. Friendly play—all who are interested are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!





Camp Registration/Hospital Visits/Silent Auction

Camp Kayetz Now is the Time to Register!

Camp Kayetz is looking for your children to make summer fun!! Please get those registration packets in to guarantee a spot in the action. Camp is always a lot of fun, so you don't want to miss out. Forms are available in the Temple lobby, or online via the Camp Kayetz link on the TBE website. Join us for field trips, beach days, camping, arts & crafts, drama, music, sports & games... everything camp should be!

DONATE TO SIMCHA'S SILENT AUCTION

We are accepting donations for our largest fundraiser of the year. Our annual Spring Silent Auction culminates on Sunday, May 15th, at the TBE Annual Congregational Meeting, Items will be on display for the two weeks leading up to May 15th.

If you are an artist who would like to contribute a piece of your work, someone with a service to donate or a generous donor with something special like a cabin or a timeshare, that would be fantastic! All donations should be received by April 15th.

Please contact Silvia at the Simcha Preschool office, 479-3449 if you have any questions or would like a solicitation letter to give to a potential donor.

We appreciate your support and look forward to having you participate to make this our best auction ever!



Making A Connection With Local Jewish Hospital Patients

Temple Beth El's Hospital Visitation the volunteer, acting as a lay clergy, committee—Bikkur Cholim—was formed in early 2008. The committee was formed, in part, because our rabbis did not always know when a Jewish patient prayer or blessing if desired, and finds (that is, those who chose to identify as Jewish upon checking in to the hospital) like a rabbinical visit. This way, the was in the hospital. It is the intention of rabbis learn of patients who might our rabbis to schedule visits with each Jewish patient who requests one whether a TBE member or not.

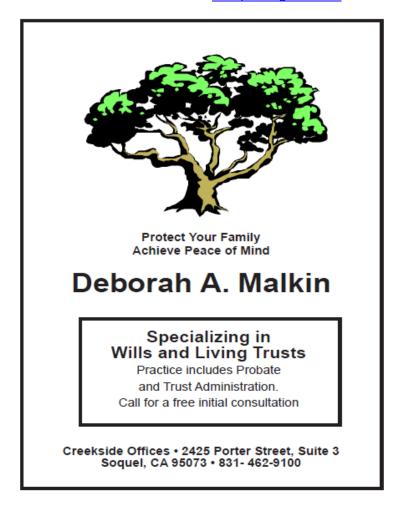
Several temple members have come forward over the past eight years to participate in this wonderful mitzvah. Rabbi Rick gives an orientation session each year to new volunteers, and shares in on Jewish patients and reports this a useful packet of information with pertinent articles as well as prayers and blessings for the ill.

Each volunteer is scheduled for one week a month, during which the volunteer makes at least one hospital visit. These visits tend to be brief and

presents him/herself as a friendly face who is there representing Temple Beth El. The volunteer listens, offers a out whether or not the patient would otherwise have been missed.

One of our special volunteers is TBE member Gert Goldman, a retired social worker who was employed at Dominican Hospital. Gert now volunteers at the hospital on a weekly basis and, when she has the time, looks information back to the Temple.

If you are interested in participating on this committee and/or if you are interested in helping us form a home visitation committee, please contact Marlene Pitkow at marsp777@gmail.com or 818-4809.



Recognition/Condolences

Nachas

Congressman Sam Farr's office has arranged for MARIA GITIN and Samuel Torres to attend the presentation of a Congressional Gold Medal of Freedom to the Selma and Montgomery marchers in Washington DC. Although Maria was inspired to join the Movement by the marches, rather than being in the marches, marcher friends believed that VOLUNTEERS WERE: Chavurah Mitzvahshe should share this honor with them, so she accepted. The ceremony was in Emancipation Hall on Wednesday, March 24th.







Thank you very much to our compassionate congregants that have generously provided dinner to the Santa Cruz River Street Homeless Shelter every Sunday of the Year, since Leonard Gold, Past President of 1988, on behalf of Temple Beth El!

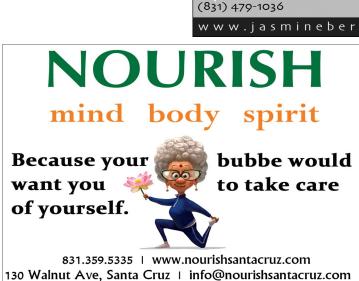
OUR WONDERFUL MARCH Shirley Chasen, Diane & Richard Klein, Fay Levinson & Joe Vela, Anita & Ken Lande, Carol Maler, Leta & Alan Miller, Sandy & John Warren; Rose Ashford, Zena Krakowsky (2X), Diane Grunes, Margaret Brose, Penny Chesluk, Rachel Katz, Ornella Bonamassa, Leora Fromm (2X), Susan and Stephan Karon.

To sign up for the Mazon Project, please use the SignUpGenius link listed under "Mazon Project" in the "Social Action" pull-down menu on the Temple Madeline Berger, Temple member, Beth El website or contact committee co-chairs, Chris Goldstein and Robin Belkin: orongold@aol.com and 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





MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A **BLESSING** January 29–March 3



Phyllis Reiss, former Temple member, mother of Gloria Reiss.

Lorraine Lerman, mother of Jay Lerman.

Temple Beth El. Husband of Sharlya Gold. Father of Allison Gold, and her sisters Sheridan Gold, Hilary Gold and Darien Gold.

Harry Moscow, father of Debra Feldstein, father-in-law of Ken Chizinsky, and grandfather of Jonah & Arielle Feldstein Chizinsky.

Lilly Muller, Temple member, mother of Hina Pendle and mother-in-law of Basha Markman

Joel Chasen, Temple member

mother of Shayna John, mother-in-law of Paul John and grandmother of Jacob John.

Irving Grossman, former Temple member, husband of "B" Grossman.

Jim Gordon, brother of Margaret Gordon.

Florence Makower Feinfield, mother of Carol Berman.

Leonard Rosenthal, husband of Pearl, father of Gwen Kaplan & Mark Rosenthal, father-in-law of Doug Kaplan & Lisa Rosenthal, grandfather of four granddaughters and their families, Amy Kaplan & Johnathan Pilch and their son Micah, Cora Kaplan, Emily & Adam Weinberg and their daughter Zoey, and Lindsay & Josh Klein and their sons Ethan & Gabe.

Herbert Ackerman, cousin of Gail Levine.

Sheldon Swedlove, husband of Adrienne, father of Andy & Joel, father-in-law of Stephanie and grandfather of Ethan.



Contributions February 1 to 29

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Fred Ostrander, father of Gwen Kaplan Molly Jaffe, father-in-law of Lee Jaffe Shirley & In memory of

CANDY COONERTY WOMEN OF VALOR FUND

A gift

Robert & Lori Issenman In honor of Marilyn Rigler Gail Michaelis Ow & George Ow

CARING COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Florence Makower Feinfield, mother of Carol Berman Larry Levin

CEMETERY FUND (BEIT OLAM)

In memory of Ted & Minna Strauss
Norma & Ed Sacks

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Clara Kaplan Barry Marks & Julie Lorraine In memory of Len Rosenthal, father of Gwen Kaplan

Shirley & Allen Ginzburg
In memory of Florence Makower
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Shirley & Allen Ginzburg
In memory of Alison Gold
Diane Grunes

FILM FESTIVAL FUND

Paul Frommherz

In memory of Sheldon Swedlove, beloved husband of Adrienne and father of Andy & Joel Alan Rosenberg

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FUND

A gift

milestone birthday
Gail Levine
In memory of Florence Makower
Feinfield, mother of Carol Berman
Sheila & Murray Baumgarten

In honor of Scott Roseman on his

In memory of Jim Gordon, Margaret Gordon's brother

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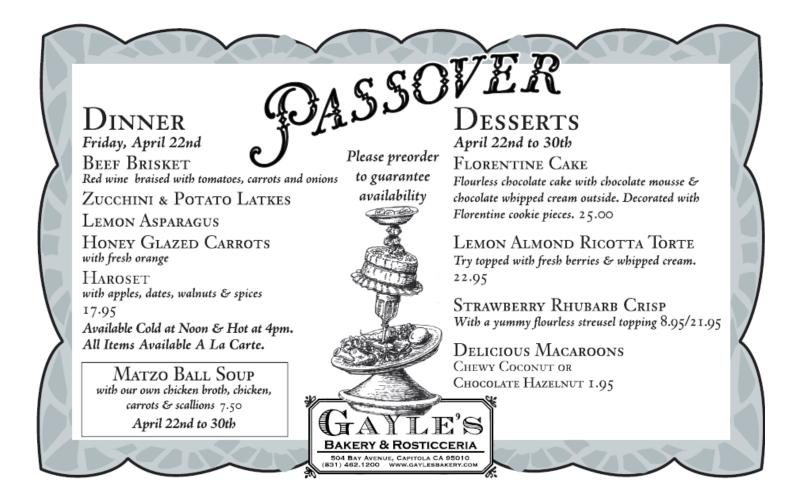
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> Gail Michaelis Ow & George Ow The Gazek & Ginzburg Families Mimi & Steve Guiney Barbara Carey Sandy & John H. Warren Larry Cohn Michael & Terry Rein John & Merry Oppenheimer Amy Wolfe

JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT

FUND

In honor of Shmuel Thaler, Santa Cruz County Artist of the Year Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak



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In memory of Gus Michaelis Gail Michaelis Ow & George Ow

L'DOR V'DOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Florence Makeower Feinfield, mother of Carol Berman Toby & Michael Alexander In memory of Harold Pohl, Phillip Pohl, and Tanya Kamenstaky Kate & Ira Pohl

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In memory of James Gordon, Margaret Gordon's brother

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In memory of Sheldon Swedlove, beloved husband of Adrienne and father of Andy & Joel Lenore Hindin

ONEG FUND

A gift

Anonymous In honor of Julie Lorraine & Barry Marks on the occasion of their daughter Laurel's engagement Mimi & Gil Stein

RABBI LITVAK DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi Rick, singing coach Paul Frommherz In honor of Dr. Les Finder Victoria Finder In honor of Rabbi Rick, for a beautiful memorial for my mother, Charlotte Specterman Meris Walton

RABBI LITVAK SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

In honor of Jane Jordan's birthday Bernard & Eleanor Hilberman

RABBI MARCUS DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Ron Stratman Cory Ybarra

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

In honor of Marilyn Rigler, true woman of valor

Lovene Wood In honor of Marlene Pitkow and Senior Connections 10th Anniversary Diane Grunes In memory of Kathryn Levy Barry Marks & Julie Lorraine

In memory of Lilly Mueller Gail Levine In memory of Florence Feinfield, mother of Carol Berman, mother-inlaw of Paul Berman Bernard & Eleanor Hilberman In memory of Leonard Gold Roberta Barnett

SIMCHA PRESCHOOL

In honor of Daphneanna Lisa Meredith In memory of Claire Peterson, Cindy Messer's lovely mother Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak

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In memory of Jay Lerman's mother Brotherhood In memory of Minerva Rein, Mike Rein's mother **Brotherhood**

YOUTH TO ISRAEL FUND

In memory of Leonard Rosenthal Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY NOTED **CONTRIBUTIONS**

December 4, 2015 to January 31, 2016

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FUND

In memory of Kate Levy, a past Temple member and our good friend Cheryl & Dennis Caspe

JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT **FUND**

In honor of the birth of Joshua Zachary Ow, son of Andrew & Alexis, grandson of Gail and George Carolyn & Curt Coleman



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"The message of Passover remains as powerful as ever. Freedom is won not on the battlefield but in the classroom and the home. Teach your children the history of freedom if you want them never to lose it."

-Jonathan Sacks

April 2016

Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Adar-2 Nissan 5776

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
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					Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	Cassidy & Isaac Orange B'nai Mitzvah and Shabbat Morning Service (Shmini) 10:00am
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					Shofar Deadline	
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Israeli Soldiers Share		Meditation 7:00pm		Library Open 3:00pm	Rock Shabbat Service	Shabbat Service with
Their Experiences 4:00pm		weditation 7.50pm		Rosh Chodesh Nissan	7:30pm	Chadesh Yameinu at TBE (Tazria) 10:00am
				Women's Seder 6:00pm	٨	Shabbasana Yoga 10:00am
			Simcha Spring Break		7:19pm	Temple School Movie
No Temple School	Sincha Spring Break	Simcha Spring Break	No Temple School	Simcha Spring Break	Simcha Spring Break	Night 5:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Brotherhood Brunch 9:45am	Senior Connections 1:30pm	Mah Jongg 6:00pm Meditation 7:00pm	Healing Circle 12:30pm Temple School 4:00pm	Torah Study, Rabbi Paula 12:00pm	SRFY Creative Shabbat Service Followed by	Shabbat Morning Service (Metzora)
Temple School & 4th Grade Parent			B'nai Mitzvah Meeting with Adrienne 4:30pm	Primary Sources, Rabbi Shifra 1:00pm	Bryan Stow & New Music Works 7:00 pm	10:00am Hannah Perkins Bat
Participation 9:45am Yad B'Yad 9:45am			7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	Library Open 3:00pm	-00	Mitzvah 10:00am
Tau D Tau 3.43am			Women's Wine & Cheese 6:45pm	Interfaith Seder 6:30pm (out)	7:25pm	
17	18	19		21	22	23
Temple School & 1st		General Board Meeting	20	Library Open 3:00pm	Erev Pesach	Shabbat Morning
Grade Parent Participation 9:45am		7:00 pm Meditation 7:00pm	Temple School 4:00pm Temple School Model		No Shabbat Service	Service & 1st Day of Pesach Service 10:00am
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COMMUNITY SEDER RSVP FORM

Please mail this form, with your full payment, to TBE, 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos, CA 95003. If your mailing label is not on the reverse side of this page, please include your contact information.

Community Passover Seder - Saturday, April 23. Seder begins at 6:00 PM; RSVP by 5:00 PM on April 18.

The office will only accept PAID reservations by cash, check or credit card.

First & last name	Phone #	
Email Address		
# of Vegetarian Main Course	# of children 12 and under at \$15 each e(s) please seat me with	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

RSVPs must include payment; make checks payable to TBE.

Reservations and payment MUST be received in advance.

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement Against Israel

What You Need To Know and How We Can Best Respond

Karen Stiller Director of the San Francisco based Jewish Community Relations Council Middle East Project and expert on the BDS Movement will speak at Temple Beth El on Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00-8:30 PM.

The BDS movement has brought anti-Semitism to the UCSC Campus and our wider community. Please attend this important program.









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