**Chanukah Extravaganza**

**Friday, December 20, 5:45 PM**

Adults $18, (13 years and older)
Kids $12 (under 13)

Eat yummy latkes (made by Brotherhood) and lots of other great food, and share a wonderful Shabbat/Chanukah dinner—a vegan/gluten free menu option available. Stay for an amazing Rock of Ages Rock Shabbat service with sufganiyot (doughnuts) at the oneg afterward! Go to December 20, on the website calendar and click on Chanukah Extravaganza to register, or send a check to the temple along with the form on page 11 of this Shofar. The deadline is Monday, December 16, but this fills up fast, so sign-up now!

**Brotherhood Makes Latkes**

For the Chanukah Extravaganza

**Sunday December 15, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Come to TBE’s kitchen to help Brotherhood make its famous latkes. Let “Latke Man” Jay Lerman, know at jay_lerman@yahoo.com when you can spare a couple of hours.

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I’m writing from New York City, where the leaves are falling and the season is turning toward winter. The day before I left Santa Cruz, walking around in a t-shirt, I was thinking only about how cold it might be in NY. I was thinking about how grateful I am to live in California. The recent power outages and raging wildfires (not to mention earthquakes) are what we face as Californians, yet I can’t imagine living anywhere else.

What I always forget is that when I arrive in NY I feel at home. Aryeh says that I walk differently in NYC. I think that my NY accent returns. I feel the familiarity of the diversity in NY—the faces, the languages, the clothing choices. Shopping in Fairway Market, walking in Central Park, going to a Broadway show, walking by Temple Emanuel and the old URJ offices on 5th Ave bring back so many memories. And I think the feeling of being at home in NY is remembering how easy it is to be Jewish.

We have to make an effort to connect with Jews in Santa Cruz County. We don’t see ourselves reflected in external signs and symbols around us. We can’t find our favorite smoked fish or rugelach easily. And we certainly make an effort to build a strong and meaningful Jewish life for future generations.

During the months of October and November we had three B’nai Mitzvah of children whose parents and/or grandparents were born or still live in Europe. When the grandparents presented their grandchildren with their tallit, they invoked the pride that the great grandparents, who perished during the Holocaust, would feel in that moment. Each of those B’nai Mitzvah were reweaving a thread that had been torn. Each of them were performing a tikkun, a healing of the generations.

In our small and beautiful Santa Cruz Jewish community, our identities as Jews may not be easy, and, it’s priceless for us and for the future of our people.

—Rabbi Paula Marcus
Synagogue News

OBSERVATIONS FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Invisible angels. A couple of weeks ago, I was working on a very mundane flow chart for temple operations and lifecycle events, when I happened to find myself with a question regarding the Chevra Kadisha. As the rabbis were unavailable, I asked our resident expert Holly Blue-Hawkins, and quickly found myself in a deeper sea of conversation than my simple procedural, organizational chart inquiry.

We have so much to celebrate this month—we celebrate light and miracles and the joy that ensues. However, even in the light, there are deeds that go unseen and unspoken. Deeds of deep respect and love—love for humanity, each other, and tradition. I speak of the work of the Chevra Kadisha, whose private tasks were unfolded to me in that unanticipated conversation.

I am in awe of their care and devotion to our community and tradition. They are often volunteers—although not always. In our community, we are blessed to have an all-volunteer chevra. This group of ‘sacred friends’ perform many unseen and private duties from tahara, the ritual cleaning of the body; to sh’mirah, the ritual of watching over the body from the time of death until burial; and more. These things are not required in Reform Judaism, however many people opt for them for different personal reasons.

I continue to be astounded by the dedication of the Beth El community. Furthermore, we have the distinction of having an international scholar of the Chevra Kadisha tradition and member of the Gamliel Institute faculty in our own community to manage, guide and teach this sacred task. If you have ever wanted to know more about what tahara actually is in practice, and are interested in learning and perhaps joining in this sacred task, drop Melissa a note, msunberg@tbeaptos.org, and we will let you know of the next learning opportunity.

—Tanya Lorien

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Chanukah Sale Kickoff

Wednesday December 4, the shop will be open 10:00 AM–8:00 PM. Best selections are available for the early birds!

December 5–27 we will be open Monday–Friday from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM, staying open until 6:00 PM on Wednesdays. We will also be open on Sundays, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon. Closed Saturdays.

Menorahs, colorful candles, dreidles, chocolate gelt, a wonderful selection of kids’ books, jewelry—gifts for everyone! You will gain an extra mitzvah by buying our Israeli imports for your home and friends.

In The Temple Family

NEW MEMBERS

Deanne Edwards
Stephanie Jacobs

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

Lucienne Seftel, wife of Dan; mother-in-law of Mark and Francoise, Frank and Alicia; grandmother to Pauline, Zachary, Louis, Emmylou, George and Frederick.

Diane Paolucci, mother of Rick Zinman, mother-in-law of Dori Schack, grandmother of Eli and Isaac Zinman.

GET TO KNOW

Sheila and Murray Baumgarten

We are excited to ‘Get to Know’ longtime members Sheila and Murray Baumgarten! Celebrating 60 years of marriage next year, they met during their college years at Barnard and Columbia, while taking classes at the nearby Jewish Theological Seminary. They immediately joined our little temple on Bay Street in 1966 when they moved to Santa Cruz and feel blessed to have raised their two beautiful daughters, Leora and Hannah, here. Sheila remembers that they were very warmly welcomed by the founding members, and appreciates that over the years TBE “continues to find a way to welcome people in a way they need to be welcomed.”

A funny memory they have is when Rabbi Rick actually gave them an extra set of keys to the temple, in case he was ever stuck in traffic (traffic problems back then?). Sheila taught Hebrew School, participated in Sisterhood, and co-chaired the Jewish Cultural Festivals. Murray partnered with Arnie Levine to lead Friday Night Services before we had a full-time Rabbi. He also founded the temple’s Book Club. Over the years, the Baumgartens have been involved in the greater Jewish Community as well. Sheila served on the local and regional Hillel boards as well as interim director. She also worked at the Koret Foundation and the Traveling Jewish Theatre. Murray was a founding member of Stevenson College at UCSC, and developed the Jewish Studies Program there. While Murray was Director of the UC Abroad Program, the entire family lived in Israel for three years.

The Baumgartens stay active in many Jewish programs, they also love the symphony, dance, jazz, reading, and their walks on West Cliff together. And former dancer, Sheila, is a regular at Pilates. We are honored to call them friends and members!
General News

How Can I Help!?! Arizona Voter Registration
by Wilma Gold

Just like many of you, we see ourselves in a community where we have a voice and can exercise that voice by voting. When I visited with Eddie last month in Phoenix, the staff person at Arizona Jews for Justice, I asked, “What can we do from Santa Cruz to support your efforts to empower citizens and help new immigrants?” His answer was, “Help us register voters!” Arizona is a state where there are too many people who are not registered, and their voices are therefore not heard. Arizona Jews for Justice is mounting a large voter registration campaign in January and February. Their focus is the Indigenous people’s reservations as well as neighborhoods where there is low voter registration.

February 14–16 is the time Eddie and the community can use our help. We will leave here on February 13, spend the night on the road, and arrive the next morning. We leave Arizona Sunday night and arrive back home Monday. Gus is willing to drive the temple van which means that 14 of us can go together. Some of you might want to join the effort but would rather fly to Phoenix. We could meet you there. Eddie will take care of all of the arrangements and transportation while in Arizona.

I hope there are others who feel you can devote the days to join in this important effort to encourage others to make their voices heard! Contact me, Wilma Gold, at 831-345-2742, to join the effort or if you have questions.

TBE’s Social Action Committee Support for Immigrant Detainees

Following a successful High Holiday information and fundraising campaign for immigrants detained at the border, TBE’s Social Action Committee will continue our work during this Chanukah season. Record numbers of adults and children, including unaccompanied minors, are still being held in detention centers.

We’re asking for donations of Target and Walmart gift cards for detainees, or checks made payable to Jewish Family Services of San Diego, for their work with immigrants at the border. Members of TBE’s Social Action Committee will staff a table during the Chanukah Extravaganza Dinner on Friday, December 20, and before the Erev Chanukah Candle Lighting on Sunday, December 22. To facilitate donations, we will have Target gift cards available for purchase.

TBE Men’s Writing Group

The group needs an infusion of interest and commitment in order to continue. Please contact me if you have a desire to be in a group to stimulate and support your writing on any level: beginner or advanced, amateur or professional. Our pleasure in creating and sharing the written word will bring us together! Dan Phillips, (831) 818-4552 or dipmensch@aol.com.

Library Mysteries: The Case of the Walking Books (redux)

Once again, we’ve noticed library books have begun to grow legs and walk away on their own. As before, that’s our preferred version, rather than members are taking books without checking them out. While we like to see the books used, it is critical to know when—or if—they will be coming back. When we discover a book has taken a stroll, we wait to see if it finds its way back to us. After a while we may try to buy replacements, or we have to do without.

Currently, most of the wayward books are from our children’s and young adult sections, including three of four books about Sukkot! Coincidence?

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk
Don’t Sneeze at the Wedding
Hammerin’ Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg
Oy Vey! Life in a Shoe
On the Other Side of the Gate
Let’s Build a Sukkah
My Very Own Sukkot Book
Sukkot and Simhat Torah

If you see these or any other library books out for a stroll, we ask that you help them find their way home. And, if you encounter any books heading out the door, make sure they are checked out before they leave the building. The check-out system is fast and easy: it takes three simple steps and your email address or library card. If you run into problems, send a note to librarytbe@gmail.com and we will check it out for you.

Join Temple Beth El Brotherhood for 2020

We’re the best little Jewish men’s club around. It’s time to join for 2020! To pay online or download the 2020 invoice online, go to the Brotherhood page on the TBE website.
Temple School fosters a love of Jewish learning in a joyful, engaging and supportive community.

Boy are folks at Temple School excited about Chanukah! We have already started with our Chanukah preparations: cooking, singing, making Chanukah art, and we are planning a multitude of fantastic celebrations. On the first night, please bring your menorah and candles to our huge annual Chanukah community-wide candle lighting, Sunday December 22, at 6:30 PM. Enjoy music, and of course dreidel and yummy Chanukah treats.

Temple School, Hebrew High & Young Families Program Calendar

Sunday, December 1
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Wednesday, December 4
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade and Hebrew High

Sunday, December 8
TS Grades K-6, Mazel Tots, Breakfast and Books

Wednesday, December 11
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, NO 7th Grade and Hebrew High

Sunday, December 15
Roller Skating Party at the Santa Cruz Roller Rink—INSTEAD OF TS

Wednesday, December 18
WINTER BREAK BEGINS, NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Friday, December 20
Chanukah Extravaganza Dinner and Rock of Ages Rock Shabbat

Sunday, December 22
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, December 25
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Sunday, December 29
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 8
Wednesday classes resume

Sunday, January 12
Sunday classes resume

Of course, we know you will all come to the annual Rock of Ages Service and Chanukah Extravaganza Shabbat on Friday, December 20. It really is an extravaganza as shown on the cover of this Shofar.

By decorating our houses and placing our lit menorah in the window for all to see we illuminate the presence of miracles in our lives and proclaim our conviction that spirit can triumph over might. Our stubborn insistence on this conviction has gotten the Jewish people through some pretty difficult times. It seems to me that we particularly need this message right now. Chanukah inspires us to miraculously find light in times of great darkness, and to notice how far-reaching our little lights can shine.

We hope that your family will be inspired by Chanukah at TBE, may the light of Chanukah illuminate our lives, and may we in turn, spread light.

‒ Rabbi Shifra Weiss Penzia

Camp Kayetz Winter Overnight

Save the date of January 2, 2020, to camp in the great indoors with your Camp Kayetz friends! Campers (K–7th grade) and CITs (8th–10th grade) will arrive at TBE at 3:00 PM and enjoy games, snacks, crafts, songs, dinner, a movie, sleepover, and breakfast the next morning before pick up at 10:30 AM. $70/camper, $60/discount rate (sibling, first-time camper, referred another camper). Contact Mimi and Sarah at smrapp@ucsc.edu to register your child.

Family, relatives, and friends are all welcome! Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards are recommended. Kids who have difficulty roller skating must bring an adult. If you are planning to leave your child at the roller rink we will need to know how to contact you for those two hours. Please be sure to fill out our *sign-in and emergency contact form* at the door before you leave.

You can sign-up online by going to December 15 on the TBE website and click on TS Roller Skating Party. We will also be accepting payment at the Temple Beth El office, or by mail. Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El and put “roller skating” and names of skaters in the memo line.

A SRFY Event

December 15, 1:00–3:00 PM
1101 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz

We will make Shabbat candles as gifts for Chanukah. The cost is $25, which includes pizza and candles. Please RSVP to Jennifer at kanterjennifer1@gmail.com.

All-School Roller Skating Party

Instead of normal Temple School
Sunday, December 15
11:30 AM–1:30 PM
Santa Cruz Roller Palladium
1606 Seabright Ave.

Skate to Jewish music, eat pizza, and have fun with the Temple School community. The cost: $12.00 in advance and $15.00 after December 11, including at the door. (If you want to rent inline skates there is an additional $3.00 charge.) Please contact Rabbi Shifra if cost is a problem.

Family, relatives, and friends are all welcome! Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards are recommended. Kids who have difficulty roller skating must bring an adult. If you are planning to leave your child at the roller rink we will need to know how to contact you for those two hours. Please be sure to fill out our *sign-in and emergency contact form* at the door before you leave.

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Donor Recognition/Mazon

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The MAZON Project is Temple Beth El’s Longest-Running Social Action Program. Thank you very much to our devout MAZON participants that have generously provided dinner, on behalf of Temple Beth El, to the Santa Cruz Homeless Shelter, every Sunday of the year since 1988!

Our dedicated November volunteers were: Nancy and Marc Yellin (2X), Penny Chesluk, Kathy Cytron-Thaler, Juliana White, Rachael Katz and friends (5X!), Susan Karz, Leah Sugarman, Jacqueline Tuttle, Fay Levinson and Joe Vela, Melinda Iuster, Sara Rigler, Zena Krakowsky (2), Marcia Meyer (2).

Our goal is 100% participation from every able TBE member, so our entire congregation can have the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of sharing their bread with the hungry. Please sign-up now by going to The SignUpGenius Mazon link listed under “MAZON Project” in the “Social Action” pull-down menu on the TBE website, or contact Chris Goldstein at orongold@aol.com or Robin Belkin at Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com.

On Friday, October 25, 2019, 65 of our current MAZON supporters enjoyed a Shabbat dinner in acknowledgement and celebration of all those that have been proving Sunday dinners. Thank you to all past and current MAZON volunteers! And Mazel Tov to those that received special recognition for exceptional contributions to MAZON at the Shabbat celebration. The honorees were: Martha Jacobson, Rachael Katz, Zena Krakowsky, Nancy and Marc Yellin, Wilma Gold, Marcia Meyer, Penny Chesluk, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Cheryl Caspe, Margaret Brose, Leora Fromm, Shira Coleman, Gaby Litsky, Deborah Jacobson, Susan Karz, Susan and Steve Karon, Rose Ashford and Chris Goldstein. Bravo!
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In honor of Gail Michaelis-Ow
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In honor of Gail Ow, Mazel tov, your mother would be very proud of you
  Phyllis Rosenberg and Janice Macias
In memory of Sara's mom, Lee Piller
  David and Sara Benevento

CARING COMMITTEE FUND
In memory of Rueben David Goodman,
  Kate's Brother
  Ari and Kathleen Avraham

CEMETERY DONATION
In loving memory of our beloved mother Dorothy Schafitz Beerstein
  Barbara Beerstein and George Badger

CHOIR FUND
In loving memory of my father, Abraham Cohen
  Sandra Cohen
In memory Bertha Press, my loving mother
  Marilyn Rigler
In memory of Bernard Issenman, a mensch
  Marilyn Rigler
In memory of Alan Miller
  Judith and Alan Levin

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FUND
A gift
  Nancy Hoffman
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In honor of Kyle Vernon Tracy's Bris
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In honor of Dr. Linda Shaw for performing our son Kyle's bris
  Roxanne and Christopher Tracy
In loving memory of Helen Rosenblum, mother of Ivan Rosenblum
  Ivan Rosenblum and Mary Fran Archer
In loving memory of mom
  Judy and Fred Dekalb
In memory of Alan Miller
  Santa Cruz Chapter of Citizens

LIBRARY FUND
In loving memory of Rhoda Mayer
  John and Merry Oppenheimer

MINYAN FUND
In memory of Etta Phyllis Hindin, my mother, on the 60th anniversary of her death
  Lenore Hindin
In memory of Michael Shikora, my son
  Lenore Hindin

PIANO FUND
A gift
  Bernard and Eleanor Hilberman
In loving memory of Alan Miller
  Sandra Cohen
In memory of Alan Miller
  Ben and Judith Yokel
In memory of Alan Miller, who had perfect pitch
  Bernard and Eleanor Hilberman
In memory of Bernie Issenman
  Michael and Toby Alexander

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In honor of Rabbi Rick
  Debra Bicknell and Kevin Curry
In loving memory of Lucienne Seftel, our mother and grandmother
  Marc and Francoise Seftel
In memory of my father Paul Hausner
  Debra Bicknell and Kevin Curry

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In appreciation for good health and gratefulness
  Yetta Lippman

RABBI MARCUS DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus
  Hannah Good
In honor of Rabbi Paula for revitalizing our temple
  Margie Kern-Marshall
In loving memory of Jack Reiff
  Debra Reiff
In memory of Leah Wughalter
  Gail Levine and Emily Wughalter
In memory of Julius Surkis
  Angela Surkis

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  Ari and Kathleen Avraham
In memory of Julius Surkis
  Angela Surkis

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In honor of my mother Bertha Berman Taube 1915-2019
  Phyllis Greenleaf

TEMPLE SCHOOL GENERAL FUND
A gift
  Angela Surkis
In memory of Julius Surkis
  Angela Surkis

TREE OF LIFE LEAF
In loving memory of Len Jackel
  Michael and Jacqueline Tuttle

In memory of Len Jackel
  Doug and Gwen Kaplan
In memory of the doctor who saved my life
  Eleanor Hilberman
In memory of my beloved brother-in-law, David Pesochin
  Nita Lamendola

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In memory of Rabbi Itzhak Miller's father
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  Meryl Selman and Dave Ptak
  Rose Ashford and Felix Fields

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP/CAMPERSHIP FUND
In loving memory of Len Jackel
  Michael and Jacqueline Tuttle
Activities & Events

We Too: Discussion of Societal Components of Sexual Offending
with Mavis Ring

Wednesday, December 11
7:00–9:00 PM, in the TBE Library

Learn about and discuss the factors that contribute to sexual offending and how we as members of society can respond to survivors and offenders in a way that facilitates tikkun olam (healing of the world).

Kavod Café Movie Night

December 16, 7:00–8:30 PM

We’ll provide the popcorn for a thought-provoking movie and leave plenty of time for discussion. Co-sponsored with Chadeish Yameinu.

December 9
Gary Shapiro: Jewish comedians

December 23
Jewish Troubadour
Mark Levy: Oy Chanukah! Favorite songs, old and new, for the Festival of Lights

New Year’s Day, Temple Office Closed
Monday, January 1

Simcha Winter Break
Through Friday, January 3

Brotherhood Brunch
Sunday, January 5, 10:00 AM

Mazel Tots
Sunday, January 12, 9:45 AM

Martin Luther King Shabbat Service
Friday, January 17, 7:30 PM

Challah Making
Thursday, January 23, 3:30 PM

Beth El Baby Bunch
Monday, January 27, 11:00 AM

Justice Shabbat
Friday, January 31, 7:30 PM

Campus Tour

December 13, 10:30 am

Join us for the tour and stay for a preview show of Seussical Jr.!

Show opens December 14 & 15 at 2:00 pm

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Brotherhood Events

Join Brotherhood Under The Boardwalk!

All of TBE Invited
Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM

RSVP Now for the Tour!
Participation is limited.

TBE’s own Marq Lipton will lead us on a rare expedition to explore the secrets under the Boardwalk, unseen by the public, where only we fortunate few will venture. Marq reports that there’s even some Jewish history at the Boardwalk. Meet at the merry-go-round for the approximately 90-minute tour. But you must RSVP to Dan Iuster at dan@iuster.com as soon as possible. First come, first served!

Brotherhood Plays with the Seals at Ano Nuevo

Tuesday, December 24, 10:30 AM

Brotherhood is sponsoring a guided tour of beautiful Ano Nuevo State Reserve and its fascinating elephant seals. The tour is set for 11:45 AM, when the big bulls should start arriving in town. We will have a nice spread of bagels, shmears, fruit and juice, in the picnic area at 10:30 AM. The cost is $15 per person, and State Parks charges $10 per car for parking (unless you’ve purchased an annual pass). Since we only have 20 tour tickets, the tour is restricted to Brotherhood members with paid-up 2020 dues and their families.

Please RSVP by sending your check (made payable to TBE Brotherhood) to Michael Rein at 31 Taryn Court, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Pre-payment is required, and tickets can be picked up from Brotherhood at the picnic/parking area.

This event will sell out, so please reserve your spaces soon. If you have any questions or would like to carpool, please contact Mike at mike@reinlaw.net.

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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.
Information and Dinner Reservation Form
Friday, December 20, 5:45 PM

Share a wonderful Shabbat/Chanukah dinner of yummy latkes (made by Brotherhood) and lots of other great food. We will have a vegan/gluten free menu option. Dessert will be traditional sufganiyot (doughnuts) at the oneg after the fabulous Rock of Ages Shabbat service. Reservations are required for dinner. Please remember to reserve early to guarantee your seat. The RSVP deadline is Monday, December 16. The cost: $18.00 per adult (ages 13 and over), and $12.00 per child (under 13). Free for children 5 and under.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail or drop off your RSVP form to the TBE office.
If your mailing label is not on the reverse side of this page, please include your contact information.

First & Last Name ____________________________________________
Phone # ________________________________
Email Address ______________________________________________

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RSVP forms and payment must be received no later than Monday, December 16.

Payment must accompany the RSVP.

#_______ of adults (age 13 and over) at $18 each
#_______ of children (under 13) at $12 each

Space is limited so get your RSVP in early!

Total payment for the Chanukah Celebration Dinner $ _________

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tzedakah

Chanukah Tzedakah for our Sister Congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia

Each $65 donation buys one gift basket of fresh food for the Adain Lo Jewish Family Center.

Please write Adain Lo in the memo. Gift amount is $ _________

First & Last Name ________________________________ Phone # __________________

Please mail this form with your donation to TBE, 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos, CA 95003.
Or you can bring your form and payment to the TBE office.
November became “mitzvah month” at Simcha Preschool, this year. Karen Gomez from Second Harvest Food Bank came in early November and shared about the service the food bank provides for our local community to help individuals and families who do not have enough food to eat. Children took home food collection bags and worked to fill a large canister in the Simcha lobby. The children learned about mitzvahs and gratitude, and then got to spend Thanksgiving with their families over our break.

Simcha Preschool’s dedicated teachers visited Griselda Pineda’s Waldorf-inspired Village Preschool in Santa Cruz on our November in-service day. They returned from the visit feeling inspired by the warm, cozy and nature-based program.

Be sure to join us, and bring your family, to Simcha Preschool’s annual Breakfast and Books event, raising funds for new books and literacy materials for children ages 2-5 years-old. Our fun event will feature dollar books, fresh-made breakfast ($5-$10 donation), live and interactive family music, and art/play activities. We’re partnering with Mazel Tots this year, and will also feature Chanukah activities for young families.

I hope you have a wonderful Chanukah and holiday season with your families!

―Lisa Mendez, Director

Mazel Tots
9:45 to 11:15 AM
Join in fun Chanukah themed activities for children five years and under with their families. Members and non-members welcome. Free. Please bring a healthy snack.

Breakfast and Books
9:45 to 12:00 Noon
Enjoy a delicious breakfast for a $5 –$10.00 donation. Children’s books are only $1.00! A fun family event that encourages literacy and raises funds for Simcha Preschool’s Literacy Materials Fund. Questions? Contact Lisa at lmendez@tbeaptos.org or (831) 479-3449.

Simcha Preschool

Beth El Baby Bunch
Monday, December 16
11:00 AM—12:30 PM
Quality social time with parents and babies birth to age 3, here at TBE in the coffee lounge. Questions? Contact Sarah sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.