



TBE & Chadeish Yameinu Celebrate Purim

Wednesday, February 28, at 7:00 PM
In the TBE Sanctuary

Please join us for our annual hilarious Megillah reading with our Rabbis in costume and a Purim bash starting sometime around 9:00 PM—filled with hamantaschen and other refreshments. It is always a ton of fun for all ages, please join us!



Mark your calendar for the

Children's Purim Carnival Megillah Reading, Costume Parade, & Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4

Grades K-3 and families with children under 5

Parent(s) MUST accompany their children

9:45 AM ~ Megillah reading and costume parade

10:30 AM ~ Carnival games & prizes

Grades 4-6

9:45 AM ~ Classroom activities

11:00 AM ~ Megillah reading and costume parade

11:30 AM with Parent(s) ~ Carnival games & prizes

Make Lifelong Memories for our Children. Support Jewish teen activities (SRFY) by helping to sponsor the Purim Carnival. Be a carnival sponsor for only \$50 or a game sponsor for \$136. Make checks payable to TBE and note "Purim Carnival Sponsorship" in the memo. Lots of volunteers will be needed, stay tuned for volunteer opportunities.

Sisterhood Movie Event *Trapped*

Sunday, February 25
1:00–3:00 PM
in the TBE Social Hall



Sisterhood will screen *Trapped*, a Sundance documentary (2016), dealing with the steady erosion of women's reproductive rights. After the film, the group will break into discussion groups to consider how Sisterhood can assist organizations which provide medical and psychological pro-choice support for women. Childcare will be available and snacks will be provided. Free.

Yehuda Amichai: Poems as Jewish Life Experience

A Lifelong Learning Salon
with Murray Baumgarten

Thursday, February 22

7:00–9:00 PM, at the home
of George and Gail Ow

A discussion of poems by Israeli Yehuda Amichai (1924–2000), observing the ways in which his Hebrew poems transmit and articulate Jewish life experiences for his readers. Free.

Mazel Tov to Our Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sherry Ascher, Shoshana Coplan, Judy Dekalb, Kerry Edelstein, Martha Jacobson, Jennifer Kanter, Paia Levine, Denise Miller, Shana Phelan, Carolyn Rosevelt, Eric Sanders and Carol Skolnick.



Sherry Ascher: "I have always identified strongly with my Jewish culture and heritage, which has deepened as I travel and visit Jewish sites around the world. A desire emerged to enhance my commitment to Judaism which is being fulfilled by becoming Bat Mitzvah and part of the Temple Beth El community."



Shoshana Coplan

Please see more of our B'nai Mitzvahs on the back cover.

Spirituality

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

Purim is a story of danger, ingenuity, courage and resilience. Every year as we read the story, we applaud Esther's bravery, Mordechai's persistence and we make noises when

we hear Haman's name. We celebrate survival.

I'm writing from Halong Bay, in Vietnam. We have joined with travelers from the U.S. and other parts of the world. Over 50 years have passed since the war and I wondered how it would feel to be in a country that suffered, and continues to suffer, so much loss as a result of war. How would Americans be treated by the Vietnamese people?

During our visit to the Women's Museum, I read stories of women who risked their lives in defense of their people. Women who stepped in, stepped forward, to save their loved ones and their families. There were pictures of young women, working the rice paddies with guns strapped to their sides. Pictures of nuns who chained themselves together to protect their monasteries. These women reminded me of Esther's courage in

stepping forward to save our people.

Over dinner, we met with a Vietnam War veteran named Chuck. He shared his story of returning to Vietnam and being embraced by the people. His courage and dedication to healing inspired me to write the following poem. May we all find the strength to stand up for justice and reconciliation.

Lilies

"Look for the circles in the rice paddies," our tour guide said. "They are bomb craters from the war."
"They are filled now with water lilies."
Chuck was young,
from a patriotic family.
Serving in intelligence,
he read what came his way.
And he came to see the war
through new eyes.
Destruction, suffering, no winners,
unjust.

But he returned.
Welcomed with open arms
warm hearts and grace.
To care for those poisoned.
Dismantle bombs.
New limbs for the injured.
"Every veteran who has come back,
their life is changed for the better." He said.
Lilies, limbs, learning and love.

—Rabbi Paula Marcus

CELEBRATE SIMCHAS TOGETHER

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with."

—Mark Twain

Let's celebrate our Simchas together! Are you or someone you know celebrating an anniversary, a special event, or a great accomplishment? We would all love to share in your joys! Please send a photo and details to Marcia Stein by the first day of the previous month at mstein@tbeaptos.org.

Rosh Hodesh Adar

Rosh Hodesh Adar will be celebrated on Thursday, February 15th. The focus this month is on the laws in the Torah that apply to the treatment of women. We will tie those in with the modern day treatment of women. We will read a kavannah for women on Rosh Hodesh by Devon Spier and perhaps write our own. We will offer songs, gratitude, and friendship. Please join us at 7:00 PM in the Temple Library.



Chanukah Extravaganza 2017—WOW!

A capacity crowd of over 220 hungry diners enjoyed a delicious Chanukah Extravaganza dinner, again organized and prepared by Zena, Sisterhood and Brotherhood, followed by a special Rock of Ages Shabbat service featuring our Rock Shabbat Band and Junior Rock Shabbat Band. The night was a total blast. There's just nothing quite like our community around Chanukah time, especially if Brotherhood's famous latkes are involved! Thank you to all our volunteers—we had 40 helpers!—and extra special thanks to our generous donors: Scott Roseman, New Leaf Community Markets, and www.SmartChicken.com. Great job Zena, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Temple staff and all our participants!

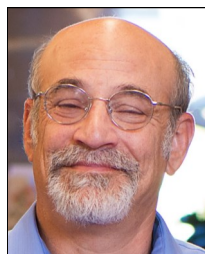
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Synagogue News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT



Scott Roseman

In December, a delegation of clergy, congregants and board members from TBE ventured off to Boston for the URJ Biennial—a gathering of 6,000 Reform Jews from hundreds of

congregations throughout North America. We attended workshops on topics ranging from choosing the right congregational software to how to develop new leaders, to how to better engage boomers, millennials, teenagers, and just about any group you can imagine, as well as how to effectively use social media, etc., ad infinitum. We attended inspiring, creative, experimental worship services. We heard from dynamic speakers including Senator Elizabeth Warren (a Democrat) and Governor Charlie Baker (a Republican). We still have some “unpacking” to do and I know that our congregation here will benefit from what we learned about and what we experienced.

Back home, thanks to the incredibly generous gift from Ed Newman and his daughters, we are so excited about the beautiful new Litvak Wing with its coffee lounge, its youth lounge, the new gift shop and Rabbi Rick’s office.

And thanks to the gift from the Ow Family, our youngest people now have a fabulous new play yard to enjoy.

Over the past year, under the leadership of outgoing VP of Operations, Wally Brondstatter, we have dramatically improved temple security systems, fixed our roof, and shored up the back of the property

with a new retaining wall. One cannot overestimate the value to our congregation that that man has provided to us!

Have we ever had such a rousing Chanukah celebration as we had this year! Wow! Close to 400 of us rocked and rolled at the Chanukah Extravaganza. Talk about miracles, our staff transformed the back of the hall into worship space after dinner and back to hang-out space afterward for the Oneg. We really do have an incredible group of people who work for all of us at TBE!

Behind the scenes, we now have our very own Melissa Sunberg filling the positions of Membership Experience & Program Manager. Our community will benefit from her talents as she works with our leaders to engage all of us in more meaningful ways and connect each and every one of us to what is valuable to us in this inclusive Jewish community.

Finally, I want to let you know that after very careful consideration, a decision has been made to produce the Jewish Cultural Festival on an every-other-year basis. Because it is an all-consuming project to carry out, and because we don’t want to burn out all the wonderful volunteers and staff who work so hard to put it on, we determined that it would be best to take a break every other year. Thus, the next JCF will be in 2019, and if you are interested in working on it, it is not too early to let Melissa know.

I am always curious to hear what is important to you and encourage you to reach out to me with your ideas and your concerns: scotttbea@gmail.com.

—Scott Roseman, Board President

Brainstorming & Goal Setting

The board met on the last night of Chanukah at Vice President Amy Harrington’s home for a goal strategizing and brainstorming session. Although regular business items were also addressed, a commitment to focus on our 2017-2018 goals was the priority. And there must have been some magic, a kind of Chanukah miracle contained within those delicious vegan enchiladas, because much progress was made and all before 10:00 PM as well!

The board had detailed discussions regarding each of our four goals listed below. We gathered up many opinions and ideas, we discussed what was and was not currently working well, and we took on some specific action items.

As with all decisions the board considers, the focus is on nurturing and improving our wonderful Temple Beth El community. So, as you read these goals, please feel free to reach out to any of us with your thoughts and opinions. Thank you!

Goal #1

The creation of a new TBE Mission Statement through a collaborative and inclusive process to answer the question; “Why Temple Beth El?”

Goal #2

Ensuring that board, staff and congregants are kept informed about what is happening within our organization. Also ensuring that individuals are acknowledged for their contributions of talents and/or resources timely and graciously.

Goal #3

Further developing a culture of belonging and engagement at Temple Beth El.

Goal #4

Continue to work on determining the optimal organizational structure that best meets the needs of our congregation and budget.

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Synagogue News

Kligers Fund Accessible Sanctuary

When Rabbi Rick retired, Rachel and Dave Kliger knew they wanted to do something special to honor his 40 years of service. Rabbi Rick had shepherded Rachel through her conversion to Judaism, culminating in her Bat Mitzvah in TBE's first adult B'nai Mitzvah class. Throughout Rachel's myriad of health challenges, Rabbi Rick has always been there for her. Through good times and bad, Rachel felt supported by the entire Temple Beth El community.

A project to make the sanctuary and bimah accessible, inclusive, and welcoming seemed the perfect way to say "todah rabah" to Rabbi Rick and the temple community. The project has been a challenging one. Everyone loves our beautiful bimah, and the project needed to preserve the bimah's aesthetic values. The bimah is used for a variety of activities including weddings, choir services and Rock Shabbat; and the project needed to allow for all of these and more. The project needed to accommodate those with a range of disabilities, including those in wheel chairs, as well as those, like Rachel, who can walk but have limited mobility.

Rachel took the lead to research, identify and evaluate a wide variety of alternatives for renovating the bimah. Without Rachel's intelligence,

tenacity and perseverance, this project would never have come to fruition. Several other individuals lent critical advice and support, including Rabbis Paula and Shifra, Board Vice President of Operations Wally Brondstatter, designer Shira Coleman, and especially Board President Scott Roseman, who was determined to help the Kligers complete the project and provided the final push. The final project design includes an improved wheel chair ramp, additional railings, and four-inch rise steps.

We have identified a construction window a year from now when there are no B'nai Mitzvah celebrations, weddings, or important holidays. Business & Operations Manager Nick Scalzo is hard at work identifying the right architect and contractor to do the job. Thanks to the Kligers for their extraordinary generosity in donating \$30,000 to accomplish the accessibility project. This is a beautiful story of the power of tzedakah to honor a rabbinic legacy, effect an important change in our building, tap the energy of talented congregants like Rachel and renew our temple's commitment to welcoming and including all members of the diverse Jewish community.

—Margaret Gordon, VP of Fund Development

Chanukah Means Dedication

On December 12, the first night of Chanukah, we opened the doors to our beautiful new Litvak wing.

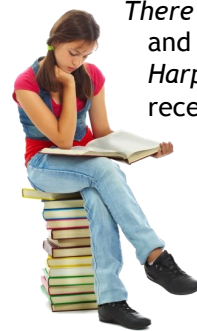
The building was filled by members of our temple family who joined Rabbi Rick and Nancy Litvak along with Ed Newman and the Expansion Committee to dedicate our new wing and toast all of the people who worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality.



Young People These Days: Library Highlights

While we have been reorganizing and cataloging the collection, we have also been refreshing the selection of books available, adding hundreds of new titles. This month we want to highlight the Youth Fiction section, with more than fifty titles. Recent additions include some of the classics of the genre—Judy Blume's *Are You*

There God? It's Me Margaret and Chaim Potok's *Davita's Harp*—as well as some more recent entries in the field—Rachel Cohen and David Levitan's *Nick & Nora's Infinite Playlist*, Neil Gaiman's *Stardust*, and John Green's *Paper Towns*. Take a look next time you



visit—the shelves are near the back door—or browse the new online catalog at <https://tbeaptos.libib.com/search/tag:%20youth%20fiction>.

The library is available and staffed on Thursdays from 3:00–5:00 PM, but the collection is accessible any time the room is not reserved for meetings or events. Please remember, if you find something you'd like to borrow, check it out using the new kiosk. If you have questions or problems using the new check-out system, contact us at librarytbe@gmail.com.

In The Temple Family



NEW MEMBERS

Victor Melamed
Patti Krieger



MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

Ira Goldburd, former Temple Beth El member
Benjamin Kaplan, friend of Rona Schulkin
Mark Engel, son of Ruth and Sam Engel
Ruth Amy Frankel, friend of Gail Levine and
Marion and Dave Brodkey

GIFT SHOP

Wednesdays
2:30–6:00 PM

Sundays
9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Or call Ruth at
476-1154 or Shirley
at 685-2710 to
make an
appointment.

Youth

PJ Our Way, The Newest Chapter Of PJ Library Welcomes A New National Design Team Member From Santa Cruz

Ruben, 10 years old, of Santa Cruz County, was selected by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) to join the national PJ Our Way Design Team.

Currently in its fifth year, the PJ Our Way program is the next chapter of the highly successful Jewish outreach program, PJ Library. PJ Our Way offers 9–11 year olds a choice of Jewish themed books and a safe website to upload reviews, videos and blogs.

Ruben and eleven other team members from across America have early access to books and create content including videos and reviews. Together the team interviews authors, participates in workshops and leads the conversation amongst their peers.

"We are thrilled to have Ruben on our team" said Saskia Swenson Moss, who directs the Design Team. "Team members are great role models for tweens who want to connect to Judaism in fun and engaging ways."

When asked why Ruben wanted to be on the Design team he responded "I like writing scripts, filming, and directing movies and I really enjoy editing them using iMovie. I had a great time working on the PJ Our Way video review of

Understanding Buddy and the video review of *Survivors Club* I just submitted (for the Design Team application). I have worked on stop-motion movies and made my own puppets and scenery. I have taken improv and theater classes and can speak in public easily. I like writing stories. One of my stories was published in a collection of stories by my local bookstore. I love to draw and be creative. I enjoy playing music (I play the piano and the guitar) and like to compose rock songs. I record them and edit them using GarageBand."

The PJ Our Way program is supported by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation based in Agawam, MA. Sign-up at www.pjourway.org.

ABOUT PJ LIBRARY: *PJ Library® is an award-winning program started by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that engages families in their Jewish journey by providing free Jewish books and music to families around the world. PJ Library has partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations in more than 200 communities in the U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit www.pjlibrary.org.*

Tu B'Shvat Field Trip

Sunday, February 4, 9:45–11:45 AM
at Henry Cowell State Park
located near Felton on Highway 9
(weather permitting)

In honor of Tu B'Shvat, we will be celebrating the "Jewish New Year for the Trees" by exploring the traditional, spiritual and ecological importance of the trees at the park. We will be meeting at the Book Store & Environmental Center in the parking lot at 9:45 AM. As with all of our all-school holiday celebrations, we encourage family members to attend.

Bring warm clothes, rain boots, waste-free snacks to share, drink, a magnifying glass and flashlight.

In honor of Tu B'Shvat let's try to

decrease our use of disposable items. Each child should carry his/her own water bottle or maybe a thermos of hot cocoa or tea. For a snack, each child can bring a waste-free snack that comes from trees—like fruits or nuts—to share. If you have a magnifying glass and flashlight, please bring them as well. Mornings are often quite cold and wet among the redwoods and we are going to be walking and sitting outside for two hours, so dress your kids in warm layers. Dressing warmly can make the difference between having a fun day or a miserable one.

If it is raining, we will move the event to the Temple. If it is raining or the weather is questionable, we will

Simcha Preschool Accepting Donations for their Spring Silent Auction

Simcha Preschool loves receiving donations from TBE's artist community for our annual spring Silent Auction slated for May 6th. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is a special venue to showcase original art, photography, jewelry and ceramic donations from temple members, as well as any goods or services that you might like to contribute. We are also looking for generous donors with big ticket items to donate, such as a cabin or a timeshare or any other luxury service. We welcome your help to make this our best year ever!

Please contact Silvia Fergusson, Simcha Director, at simchadirector@tbeaptos.org or call 479-3449 if you have any questions.

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

Tu B'Shvat Field Trip for TS grades K–6

Wednesday, February 7

TS grades K–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High

Sunday, February 11

TS grades K–6, Mazel Tots, Camp Kayetz Presentation

Wednesday, February 14

TS grades K–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High

Sunday, February 18

No Temple School–President's weekend

Wednesday, February 21

TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High

Friday, February 23

Rock Shabbat

Sunday, February 25

TS grades K–6, Purim Spiel, Brotherhood Brunch

Wednesday, February 28

TS grades K–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High Purim activities

send you an email so please check your email after 8:30 AM to find out where we will be.

Calendar Highlights

K'vod Conversations —End of Life

A Lifelong Learning class
with Holly Blue Hawkins & Rose Ashford
February 8, March 8, April 12, & May 10
7:00–8:30 PM

Please join us 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. Free.

TBE Women's Song Circle

February 21, 7:00–9:00 PM



In December, 15 women attended the first meeting of our new TBE Women's Song Circle. Singing together was a true joy! Thanks so much to everyone who joined us and made it such a delightful evening! And special thanks to our instrumentalists—Sharon, Holly, Jane and Karen, who did a fantastic job of accompanying our singing!

As we had hoped, people expressed strong interest in continuing to meet monthly to sing together. We agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of every month. For now, we will continue to meet at the home of Judy Yokel in Santa Cruz.

Wise Aging for 70+ seniors

A Lifelong Learning class
with Rabbi Richard Litvak
February 5, 19 and March 5, 19
1:30–3:00 PM

We will explore the rich wisdom of Jewish tradition and the latest contemporary knowledge focusing on becoming happier, stronger and more resilient, as we face the opportunities and challenges of the later decades of life. Please purchase the book, *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit* by Rabbi Rachel Cowan & Dr. Linda Thal. Free.

Senior Connections

February 12

Growing up Jewish in Soviet Russia—a discussion with TBE members Yelena Kraz and Miriam Tutman



February 26

Why Africa Matters—presented by UCSC Politics Professor Emeritus Ronnie Gruhn



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.

New Strategies for Treating Childhood Food Allergies

Brotherhood Brunch with speaker
Dr. Reyna Simon of Aimmune Therapeutics

Sunday, February 25
10:00 AM



Food allergies are a growing health threat, especially for school age children. Kids with peanut allergies may experience life-threatening anaphylactic shock from exposure to a simple peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Aimmune Therapeutics is developing a new generation of biologic treatments that work through oral desensitization. Clinical trials are very encouraging—we may be looking toward a safer future for our children and a lessening of the hyper-vigilance currently required in schools and other public environments. Please join us for our next brunch featuring Dr. Reyna Simon, lead scientist at Aimmune, who will tell us about their new strategies and give us a glimpse into the future of a society without these deadly allergies. Beginning at 10:00 AM, we'll enjoy our always delicious all-you-can-eat lox and bagel brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by Dr. Simon's talk at 11:00, concluding around noon. Recommended donation is \$5 for Brotherhood members, \$7 for non-Brotherhood members.

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Calendar Highlights/Recognition

Tent of Abraham:

Religious and Cultural Conflict and Healing

Please join us for the second presentation in this series. Register with Rose Ashford at rose50@me.co. *The Historic Roots and Current Implications of Islam and Islamophobia*. February 4, 2:00–5:00 PM at the Center for Spiritual Living. Free.



Candy Coonerty Women of Valor
Shabbat
Friday, March 2

Simcha Preschool Pizza My Heart
Fundraiser
Wednesday, March 7

Sisterhood Retreat
Friday–Sunday, March 9–11

Beth El Bim Bam
Friday, March 16

Rock Shabbat
Friday, March 16

First Night of Passover
Friday, March 30

TBE Community Seder
Saturday, March 31

Toda Rabah

Goldstein Family Donates Dali Lithograph

Many thanks to Jerry Goldstein for his generous donation of a limited edition Salvador Dali lithograph, entitled *Noah's Ark*, to beautify the walls of our temple. The piece is from Dali's *Our Historical Heritage* portfolio, is vibrantly colored and elegantly framed. This is just the latest instance of the many, many ways the Goldstein family has enriched our Temple Beth El community. Thank you, Jerry!



Thank you very much to our compassionate congregants who have generously provided dinner to the Riverstreet Shelter every Sunday of the year since 1988, on behalf of Temple Beth El!

The wonderful December volunteers were: Deborah Jacobson, Keith Koontz, Meryl Selman, Rachel Katz, Zena Krakowsky, Gaby Litsky, Penny Chesluk, Allison Gold, Bob and Catherine Cooper, Tracy White, Cheryl and Dennis Caspe, Susan and Stephen Karon, Marsha Meyer and Wilma Gold.

Our marvelous January volunteers were: Martha Jacobson (5X), Penny Chesluk, Gwen Kaplan, Rachael Katz and friends (5X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Deborah Jacobson, Zena Krakowsky, Marcia Meyer, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Diane Grunes, Susan Karz, and Ed Shapiro.



The MAZON project is Temple Beth El's longest-running social action program. To sign up, please go to the MAZON SignUpGenius link at: <http://bit.ly/2vGEWUT>. Inquiries can be directed to Chris Goldstein at orongold@aol.com or Robin Belkin at Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com.

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Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Sh'vat-Adar 5778

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm	2 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm 5:16pm Shofar Deadline	3 Shabbat Morning Service (Yitro) 10:00am
4 Temple School & Young Families Project Tu B'Shvat Field Trip (out- weather permitting) 9:45am Implications of Islam and Islamophobia 2:00pm (out)	5 Wise Aging 1:30pm	6 Meditation 7:00pm	7 Healing Circle 12:30pm Temple School 4-6, KEF 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	8 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm K'vod Conversations— End of Life 7:00pm	9 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm 5:23pm	10 Adult B'nai Mitzvah 10:00am ShabbASANA Shabbat Yoga 10:00am Shabbat Service with CY (Mishpatim) 10:00am (out)
11 Mazel Tots 9:15am Temple School K-6 9:45am Camp Kayetz Presentation 11:25am	12 Senior Connections 1:30pm	13 Meditation 7:00pm	14 Temple School 4-6, KEF 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	15 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:00pm	16 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm 5:31pm	17 Torah Study w/Rabbi Paula 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service (Terumah) 10:00am
18 No Temple School	19 Wise Aging 1:30pm Office & Simcha Closed	20 Meditation 7:00pm	21 Healing Circle 12:30pm Temple School 4-6, KEF 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm Women's Song Circle 7:00pm (out)	22 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Staffed 3:00pm Yehuda Amichai: Poems as Jewish Life Experience 7:00pm (out)	23 Rock Shabbat Service 7:30pm 5:38pm	24 Shabbat Morning Service (Tetzaveh) 10:00am
25 Temple School K-6 9:45am Brotherhood Brunch 10:00am Purim Spiel 11:00am Trapped—Sisterhood Movie 1:30pm	26 Senior Connections 1:30pm	27 General Board Meeting 7:00pm Meditation 7:00pm	28 Temple School 4-6, KEF 4:00pm Purim Program for Teens 6:45pm Megillah Reading 7:00pm Erev Purim			

The highest form of wisdom is kindness.

—The Talmud

Contributions *December 1 - December 30*

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Joel Rigler

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Jerod Goldstein

Thank you so much for the
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Rachel & David Kliger

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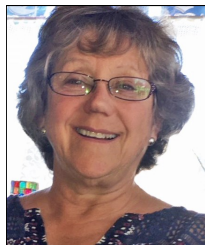
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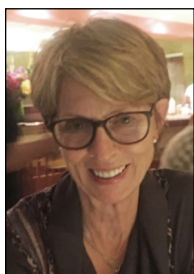
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Judy DeKalb: "Retirement has given me peace of mind and time to immerse myself in my studies of Judaism and to connect with my temple community. I love that I have met some amazing people on this journey."



Paia Levine: "I was inspired by my daughter's recent Bat Mitzvah to pick up the dropped thread of my own Hebrew education. What's a few decades delay in the context of hundreds of years of tradition?"



Martha Jacobson: "My two year journey was inspired by a desire for a deeper understanding and appreciation of my chosen religion. I am grateful not only for the knowledge I've gained—learning to read Hebrew, studying Jewish traditions, prayers and blessings—I'm so grateful for the treasured friendships I've formed."



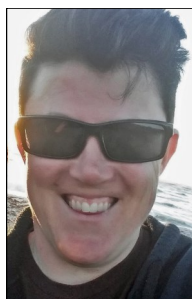
Denise Miller: "I have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last two years with this class. It has been a great adventure on this spiritual journey."



Shana Phelan: "My daughter just became a Bat Mitzvah a few months back and she inspired me to do the same. This has deepened my knowledge of and connection to my Jewish heritage."



Jenny Kanter: "I want to thank my friends, family, and especially my B'nai Mitzvah class for their support, encouragement, and friendship. Thank you to Rabbi Shifra for your guidance and encouragement throughout this process, it has been a blessing!"



Carolyn Rosevelt: "The journey to become a B'nai Mitzvah with my beloved cohort has been incredible. I wish each of you a very engaging and fulfilling road ahead. Mazel Tov!!!"



Eric Sanders: "This journey of learning and discovery was the next step in my Jewish life. It started with me and became about much more—the people in my group and what we can do together!"