Women of Valor Shabbat Service

Friday, February 24
7:30 PM

Margaret Gordon

Margaret moved to Santa Cruz from the east coast in 1970 and immediately joined TBE at the age of twenty-two. A proud member of our temple community for forty-six years, Margaret has actively participated in a rich and robust congregational journey that includes the move to the new facility in Aptos, growth from 50 to 500+ families, four decades of guidance from our beloved Rabbi Rick, and welcoming Rabbi Paula to temple leadership.

Through her professional and volunteer work, Margaret discovered that promoting philanthropy perfectly reflects the Jewish values of tzedakah and loving-kindness that her family and years with TBE has inculcated. To that end, after her

Amy Katzenstein-Harrington

Amy was a graduate of UCSC, fluent in Spanish and English, when she began to teach elementary school students in Pajaro Valley Unified School District in 1982. She taught at various grade levels for the next 25 years. Her involvement in education made her aware of organizations helping the student population she felt was most in need. Amy became a CASA—a Court Appointed Special Advocate—in 2007, advocating for a foster child. She joined the CASA board in 2008 to help all of the students CASA was assisting. They reminded her of so many students she served in the classroom, but to whom she was unable to give all of the attention they deserved.

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MLK Shabbat

On Friday night January 13, at 7:30 PM, we will have a special Shabbat service in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his work for racial equality and justice in our country. We are thrilled to announce that Reverend Deborah Johnson of Inner Light Ministries will be delivering the sermon and Leta Miller will be conducting our choir along with the choir of Resurrection Church. Rabbi Shifra and Peter Weiss-Penzias will lead the service.

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Pluralism in Israel

Rabbi Miri Gold
January 22, 9:45 AM at TBE

Rabbi Gold will discuss the important efforts to support Reform Judaism in Israel. She is the first Reform Rabbi to be on the Israeli government’s payroll. She will share her story and discuss the growth of Reform Judaism in Israel as well as the recent attacks against the reform synagogue in Ra’anana.

How to Raise an Adult

Jewish Parenting Group
January 11, 18 & February 1
7:45-8:45 PM

The book to be used will be “How to Raise an Adult” by Julie Lythcott-Haims. A provocative manifesto that exposes the harms of “helicopter parenting” and sets forth an alternate philosophy for raising preteens and teens to self-sufficient young adulthood.

Lythcott-Haims draws on research, on conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and on her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. Lythcott-Haims offers practical alternative strategies that underline the importance of allowing children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success. Relevant to parents of toddlers as well as of twenty somethings—and of special value to parents of teens.

Read about the Winter/Spring Lifelong Learning offerings on page 3.
Synagogue News

Board Report

The Board of Directors has formed a task force of board members and congregants to address its important goal this year of determining the optimal clergy/staff structure for the Temple going forward. To maintain stability while long-term structure is considered, the board extended for another year the contract for Associate Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias, who oversees our education programs and assists Rabbi Paula Marcus with clerical duties.

The board also decided to engage Mark Abadi in a two-month contract to help with event and programming duties.

Several improvements are being made to the temple’s existing security and safety systems in conjunction with the construction of the new Litvak Wing. The Board of Directors approved temporary closure of the front doors and moving the main entrance to the doors between the sanctuary and social hall during one part of the construction. The security cameras and the burglar and fire alarm systems are all being upgraded.

The board began to discuss a proposal to revamp the Temple website. Also discussed was the possibly of buying a bus to bring Temple School students from Santa Cruz to Wednesday classes, as well as possibly being used for other temple programs. Both proposals will be reviewed further before action.

Sale of Rabbi Rick’s Books

We will be selling Rabbi Rick’s HUGE collection of Jewish books at the Brotherhood brunch on February 26. Books will be sold before and after, but not during, the presentation which will be from approximately 11:00 until noon. Books will be priced for quick sale. Proceeds go to fund Lifelong Learning (Adult Education) programs. Please consider attending the brunch if you come to buy books—the food and the company are great! Direct questions to rose@ashfields.net.

Program Council Connects With Congregants

Greater outreach and engagement among our congregants are the goals of the Program Council this year, in keeping with the goals set by the Board of Directors. One big step in that direction was the member calling event on December 4th. Many of you probably received a call from a member of the Program Council or the Board that day, to thank you for your membership and to ask how you would like to be involved at the temple.

The Program Council will be meeting on January 24th, at 7:00 PM, to review the calling event and plan other steps forward.

Membership

Audacious Hospitality: Meet the TBE Greeters

Who are those friendly folks in blue sashes stationed by the front door before Shabbat services, holidays and special events? We are the temple greeters—members of the Membership Committee dedicated to making all guests and members feel valued and at home. How do we do it? With audacious hospitality—a warm welcome, big smile, a hug or a handshake. In this way, we aim to make Temple Beth El a place where everyone knows they are a VIP.

But audacious hospitality efforts don’t end at the door. First- timers are shown our guest book, given a name tag, and if they wish, we will escort them into the sanctuary and seat them next to an existing member who will help make them feel welcome. We also reconnect with new and prospective members after the service, at the oneg, to introduce them to other TBE members.

Being in charge of the Temple greeter’s team gives me the pleasure of helping make Temple Beth El a great place to meet, worship, celebrate, and enjoy our community. It warms my heart to say “welcome to Rock Shabbat,” “welcome to Temple Beth El,” to show new people around, or to wish each person a happy holiday. Newbies might be surprised at first to be welcomed with this degree of enthusiasm, but they come to know right away that there’s connection and caring available here. That is what audacious hospitality is to me.

Do you love our temple, have an outgoing personality, and want to share in spreading audacious hospitality? Join the Temple greeter team. Send an email to judilah@aol.com.

—Judi Novik
Calendar Highlights

Tent of Abraham Gathering and Tree Planting
February 12
2:00-5:00 PM
at Holy Cross Church
A day of learning and dialogue with our Christian and Muslim neighbors.

Puppy Fashion Show
Meghan Kearney’s Mitzvah Project
Come to a puppy fashion show on Sunday, January 22, 3:30 PM, in the TBE social hall. Check out the adorable dogs in their canine costumes. The fashion models will include dogs from our local SPCA who are looking for a forever home as well as dogs who have been adopted. Puppy and people refreshments will be available. The event is free, though donations to the SPCA would be appreciated. The Santa Cruz SPCA is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of animals and is supported by individual contributions.

Rosh Hodesh Sh’vat
Thursday, January 26, 7:00 PM
We celebrate Tu B’Shvat, also known as Rosh HaShanah La’Ilanot (the New Year of the Trees). Shaina Hall will facilitate our gathering as we honor the importance of trees in our lives.

Rosh Hodesh Adar
Sunday, February 26, 7:00 PM
In Adar, we celebrate Purim, one of the happiest holidays of the year. Gaby Litsky, Lori Kearney, and Kate Avraham will be our guides this month.

Save the Date
Erev Purim – Sunday, March 12

Senior Connections

January 9
Chair Yoga

January 23
Micah Perks, Director of the Creative Writing Program at UCSC, reads from her brand new book, What Becomes Us

January 23
Melody Sager, visiting from Australia

February 13
Erica Lann-Clark and Israeli-born clarinetist Asaf Ofir: ‘SING ME HOME, Jewish Stories with Music’

February 27
UCSC’s Bettina Aptheker: Celebrating Jewish Women—A Rainbow for Peace & Social Justice

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.

Temple School Movie Night
Come to Temple School’s movie night fundraiser on Saturday night, February 25th, at 5:30 PM. $12/per person includes the movie, popcorn, pizza, salad and a drink. Coming soon—an announcement of the film to be shown!

Brotherhood Bagel Brunch
Sunday, February 26
10:00 AM
Nathaniel Deutsch presents Jewish History and Modern Genetics—a Personal Story. Our modern Jewish culture is tied deeply to our history, from life in the Shtetl to migrations throughout the western world. Dr. Deutsch is the Neufeld-Levin Endowed Chair in Holocaust Studies and Director of UCSC’s Center for Jewish Studies. He will speak on his research into early Jewish life and the origins of Jewish traditions, and his own explorations into personal DNA testing. We will enjoy our always delicious all-you-can-eat lox and bagel brunch, do a bit of Brotherhood business, followed by the presentation. Everyone is welcome. Suggested contributions: Brotherhood members $5, non-members $7.

Lifelong Learning
formerly known as Adult Education

Wise Aging: A course for Temple Members in their 60’s and 70’s with Rabbi Rick

Introduction to Talmud
with Shlomo Vilozy
We will cover the history and the development of the Talmud and its impact on the Jewish way of life. Also, we will read some Talmudic texts that shed light on the ways our sages addressed issues that are relevant today.

Salon on Food Justice
with Keren Reichler
Keren is a volunteer coordinator at the Homeless Garden Project, and has extensive experience in sustainable agriculture. She has a serious commitment to social justice and has volunteered on farms in Israel, Peru and Argentina.

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November and December were filled with memorable activities and celebrations involving Sisterhood! The baking day for Rabbi Paula’s Installation Oneg was well attended, efficiently and joyfully led by Mimi Guiney and Cathy Levy Imboden, resulting in delicious rugelach and black and white chocolate cookies, served with many other’s contributions at the lovely Friday night Oneg on November 18. Many thanks as well to the additional cheerful bakers: Diana Rose, Eleanor Hilberman, Gail Levine, Aimee Martin, Teri Brager, Vicky Finder, Gaby Litsky, Sarah Rigler, Roberta Barnett, and Melissa Ross.

As one of Sisterhood’s goals is assisting in the maintenance of a well-equipped and smooth-functioning kitchen at TBE, Sisterhood, under the leadership of Julie Lorraine, conducts quarterly kitchen inventories. Thank you to Julie, Melissa Ross, Julia Cornblatt, Amy Harrington, Nancy Litvak and Judi Sherman for December’s inventory.

Shelly Nadelman-Douglass headed the committee for Sisterhood’s part of the festive Chanukkah Extravaganza, decorating the social hall and setting tables, preparing the colorful vegetable dishes, greeting, serving and cleaning up. A huge thank you to Shelly for her enthusiastic leadership!

Warm and informal Wine and Cheese Wednesdays continue monthly during Hebrew High hours from 7:00–9:00 PM, supported by Shelly Nadelman-Douglas and Sarah Clarkson.

Coming soon, on Sunday, February 26, Sisterhood is planning to join forces with SRFY in creating Mishloach Manot gift baskets for sale to send to friends and family to spread cheer. We will be enlisting volunteers to compile the goodies into boxes. Please contact Shelly Nadelman-Douglass at 687-0567 or sheilyanadelman@gmail.com.

—Melissa Ross

Keeping Shabbat at SC Hillel

For the 1800 Jewish students at UC Santa Cruz, college can be stressful, exciting, and often emotional. Often, they may be faced with anti-Israel or anti-Jewish sentiment. These four years are filled with studying, choosing social groups, and are crucial in forming identity, a time when they can affirm or disconnect with their Judaism.

At Santa Cruz Hillel, we are the calm in the storm of college life—a place for students to connect, learn, and celebrate Jewish life. We provide a safe space—a Jewish home away from home.

At the core of the Hillel experience is Shabbat. Our Shabbat services are song-filled. Students cook the kosher dinner for and with their friends.
When we take our 4th graders to Aegis of Aptos for Chanukah every year, I can see our students through the eyes of the senior residents as they interact. They are caring and wonderful. I am so inspired by our young people. As I write this, I am getting ready to take 20 kids from our SRFY Youth group to Lake Tahoe for our annual ski trip. I have watched them grow up and I am impressed by how exceptionally supportive, kind, thoughtful and mature this group of teenagers are. Their time at the temple and with each other reinforces positive Jewish values both in and outside of their classrooms.

We are now in the early stages of planning this year’s Tu B’Shvat field trip to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park on February 12th, from 9:45 to 11:45 AM. We encourage family members to attend. Our “all school” holiday celebrations and field trips are labor intensive, but they help keep things dynamic, fun and exciting.

I am so appreciative when people give me feedback about school and thankfully—from what I have heard and seen—this academic year has been great so far. We greatly appreciate all of your support and any donations you might be willing to make to assist Temple School.

Blessings,
Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Our Simcha Family
“It Takes A Village”

Everyone who has been here knows that Simcha Preschool is a very special place. Here each child is loved, nurtured and valued for their unique gifts. There is joy in learning how to be a contributing member of a community, to do mitzvot and always to have your voice heard and respected. Yes it takes a village, starting with our families and then encompassing the most amazing dedicated staff ever, working collaboratively in the safe enlightened temple setting. In these challenging times, I feel honored to be surrounded by love every single day. May the values we foster at Simcha, create in microcosm, the world we bequeath to our children!

Silvia Ferguson
Director, Simcha Preschool

Tu B’Shvat Field Trip

Temple School and Young Families Project
Sunday, February 12
9:45–11:45 AM

At Henry Cowell State Park, located near Felton on Highway 9 (weather permitting). We will be meeting at the Book Store & Environmental Center in the parking lot at 9:45 AM.

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.

IN CASE OF RAIN—if it is pouring rain, we will move the event to the Temple. If this happens, we will confirm by sending you an email at 8:30 AM that day. In case of questionable weather please check your email after 8:30 to find out where we will be.

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“I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in G-d even when He is silent.”

—found written on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany during the Holocaust

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Recognition

Nachas

BABY NAMING
Come Celebrate with Us!

JESS AND DREW MITCHELL
celebrated the birth of their first child in mid-December.
Our entire TBE family is invited to attend the baby naming ceremony on Sunday, January 8, 2017, 1:00 PM in the sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in the social hall.

~ B’Sha’ah Tovah!

GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD

KSBW news visited San Lorenzo Valley High School on Tuesday, November 16, to present their Golden Whistle Award to SLV water polo and swim coach WALLY BRONDSTATTER. The Golden Whistle Award is given to a coach who has had a major impact on his or her school and students. Coaches are nominated for this prestigious award by players, parents, and school staff.

Congratulations to Wally for this much-deserved recognition.

MAZON
A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Thank you to our compassionate congregants that have generously provided dinner to the Santa Cruz Homeless Shelter every Sunday of the Year on behalf of Temple Beth El!

Our wonderful November volunteers were: the spectacular Brotherhood men’s team (X 5), Rachel Katz and friends (X 5), Margaret Brose (X 2), Catherine & Bob Cooper (X 2), Marcia Meyer, Leora Fromm, Deborah Jacobson, Zena Krakowski (X 2), Gaby Litsky, and Cheryl & Dennis Caspe.

Our terrific December volunteers were: Vicki Halil, Janice MacIntosh, Bekkah Perkins, Susan Karz, Nancy Yellin, Rachel Katz (chavurah), Margaret Brose, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Penny Chesluk, Leora Fromm, Zena Krakowsky, Marcia Meyer, Judi Wyant, Karen Green.

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In memory of Yuriko Yamada Lapides, mother of Leola Lapides, grandmother of Monica and Colby
Rabbi Richard Litvak & Nancy Statman-Litvak

CEMETERY FUND (BEIT OLAM)
In memory of Doctor Herman Lorberbaum
Lee Colgan

CHOIR FUND
In honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus, Mazel Tov on your installation as Senior Rabbi!
Muffie & Les Miller
In memory of Irv Weill
Michele & Bob Kibrick
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In memory of my 102 year old father Irv Estalee Weill
In memory of Bertha Press
Marilyn Rigler

ENDOWMENT FUND
In honor of Rabbi Paula’s installation
Cheryl & Dennis Caspe
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In honor of Rabbi Rick & Rabbi Paula
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Raymond & Jennifer Kaupp
In memory of Gerald Katz
Calais and Mark Ingel

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In memory of Larry Levin’s mother
Rabbi Richard Litvak & Nancy Statman-Litvak

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FUND
In honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus’ installation
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In memory of Irv Weill, Estalee and Julie’s father
Sheila & Murray Baumgarten
Rabbi Debbie Israel & Jerry Dubin
Terry & Mike Rein
In memory of Percy Forsyth, my husband
Shirley Forsyth
In memory of Karen Jacobson, Paul’s mother
Terry & Mike Rein
In memory of Yuriyo Yamada Lapides, Leola’s mother
Terry & Mike Rein
In memory of Kathy Goldenkranz
Terry & Mike Rein
In memory of Rich Persoff, Ann’s husband
Terry & Mike Rein

HIGH HOLIDAY FUND
In memory of Candy Issenman Coonerty
Lucie Rossi & Neal Coonerty

JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT FUND
A Gift
Vicki Halil & Gerald Kondo
In honor of the birth of Charlotte to Eli Wilson and Leah Frankel
Gail Michaelis-Ow & George Ow Jr.

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A gift
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In memory of Kathy Ruiz Goldenkranz
Sheila & Murray Baumgarten
Emily Wughalter & Gail Levine

MINYAN FUND
In honor of Jonathan Marx’s super leadership
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In memory of Kate’s son Nathan
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Lee Slaff
In celebration of the birth of my great grandchild Shoshona Jacklyn Hiller
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In honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus, you have always been there for my family
Gertrude Goldman

In honor of Rabbi Paula’s installation
Marilyn Rigler

In memory of Kathy Goldenkranz
Marcia Smith & Arnold Kragen
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In memory of Joy Takahashi
Cory Ybarra

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In honor of In honor of Faye Alexander’s special birthday
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In honor of Senior Connections for presenting over 200 programs in almost 11 years
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In memory of Irv Weill
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In memory of Kathy Goldenkranz
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Renee Winter

YOUTH TO iSRAEL FUnD
In honor of the birth of our grandson,
Moe Hillard Karon
Susan & Steve Karon
In memory of Kathy Goldenkranz
Simy (Mimi) Stein

Amy Katzenstein-Harrington

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Upon her retirement from teaching and other child welfare related jobs, Amy put her energy into COPA and our community here at TBE. Her particular passions when working with COPA were immigration and housing reforms. In 2013 Amy joined the board at TBE as VP of Fund Development. Since taking on that role, she and Margaret chaired the recent campaign, “Thanks a Million, Rabbi Rick,” to bring our endowment to our $1,000,000 goal. Many generations of synagogue members will enjoy the fruits of this endowment fund.

Amy’s greatest joy in her life has been her family. Amy was fortunate to be able to enrich her children’s lives with support for their interests, as well as traveling with them which opened up their minds and hearts. Amy would like to thank her husband, David, for always supporting her volunteer work and pursuit of social justice in our community.

Margaret Gordon

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dughter was grown and Margaret’s chairmanship of the temple’s Education Committee had concluded, she turned her attention to building the temple’s Legacy Society and co-leading it with Amy to its successful conclusion—the recent endowment fund campaign “Thanks a Million, Rabbi Rick.”

In retirement, Margaret has devoted herself to raising funds beyond our temple community, focusing on the most vulnerable members of our Santa Cruz community. She currently serves on two boards, that of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), chairing its Fund Development Committee and the board of Hospice of Santa Cruz County, where she is secretary and, again, chair of the Fund Development Committee. Margaret has also served on the board and Fund Development Committee of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music. She currently teaches adult literacy through the Santa Cruz Volunteer Center.

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Salon: The Wisdom in the Wine with Jehon Grist Ph.D., Lehrhaus Judaica

“Wisdom in the Wine: Making It, Using It (and Abusing It) in the Biblical World.” Whether you’re an enologist or just like a good glass of wine, this session will introduce you to your counterparts from 3000 years ago. Look for full class information, dates, locations and costs in the Lifelong Learning brochure, available at the TBE office and on the TBE website at www.tbeaptos.org.

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Between Rabbi Paula Marcus and the Members of Temple Beth El

At the Shabbat installation of Senior Rabbi Paula Marcus, Rabbi Pamela Wax led Rabbi Paula and the hundreds of congregants present as we all expressed our commitment to honor and respect each other and to join together in prayer, Jewish learning, and social justice.

LEADER (Rabbi Pamela Wax): I invite those members of Temple Beth El who are able to please rise at this time as you enter into this brit, this covenantal relationship with your new senior rabbi.

CONGREGATION: As our Rabbi, will you lead us in worship and create rituals that will help give shape to the events of our lives? Will you help us name our children, will you officiate at the b’nei mitzvah ceremonies of our children, will you marry us to those we love, and help us remember those we lose?

RABBI: I accept and welcome my ritual role in the life of this congregation.

CONGREGATION: Will you care for us in times of need and celebrate our joys with us? Will you accept our shortcomings, offer us gentle guidance, and listen to us with love?

RABBI: I affirm my pastoral role in the life of Temple Beth El.

CONGREGATION: Will you teach and learn with us, children, youth, and adults alike?

RABBI: I pledge my dedication to the mitzvah of Talmud Torah at Temple Beth El, Jewish learning regardless of background and previous learning experiences.

CONGREGATION: Will you lead us in our works of tzedakah and g’milut chassadim, justice and compassion, taking the teachings of our tradition beyond these walls? Will you speak the truth you see, challenging and inspiring all of us to become partners with God in building a better world?

RABBI: Will you struggle for justice and act with compassion, taking the teachings of our faith beyond these walls? Will you speak the truth you see, challenging and inspiring all of us to become partners with God in building a better world?

CONGREGATION: We accept our responsibilities in the Prophetic life of our congregation.

RABBI: Will you accept my imperfections and guide me in becoming a better rabbi? Will you support my continued spiritual and professional growth, and honor the time that I spend with my family and friends?

CONGREGATION: We accept our sacred covenant with you: Speak the truth to us in love. Nourish our spirits. Listen to us; listen to the world; listen to your own heart. Strive to grow and keep your life balanced and whole. Help us to embody the change we wish to see in the world. Lead us in creating a community where justice and compassion flourish.