Shabbat Services

Friday, January 4
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 5
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 11
7:30 PM Rock Shabbat

Saturday, January 12
10:00 AM ShabbASANA
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu (out)

Friday, January 18
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 19
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 25
7:30 PM Woman of Valor Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 26
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

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Friday, January 25, 7:30 PM

at the Shabbat service with a joyous Oneg to follow

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat

Friday, January 18
7:30 PM

Join us for 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 deliver the sermon and Emily Sinclair will conduct our choir along with the choir of Resurrection Church. Rabbi Shifra will lead the service.
Tu B’Shevat as Tikkun Olam

Every fall when I harvest the apples off of our tree, I think about Tu’B’shevat. I remember the day, now 25 years ago, that Aryeh, Daniel and I stood in the pouring rain, planting a small sapling that over the years has grown into a large, healthy tree. I think about how blessed we are to have this holiday of celebrating the beauty of nature, a day where we are invited to plant trees and cultivate the land.

For Jews who lived during the second century, the fifteenth of Shevat was tax day. It was the day when people were asked to take account of their produce and tithe a portion for those without the means to own land and grow their own food.

The rabbis of the Mishnah discuss the importance of these taxes in the form of tithes, as terumot (free-will offerings). The fifteenth of Shevat is one of the most important days for reminding society to take an honest accounting of itself. On this day, all who had gardens were supposed to go down to their garden to count up all the fruits and profits that were gathered in the course of the year, and to set aside a portion for those who didn’t have gardens or trees that produced food for them to eat.

In the Bible there is no mention of this practice on this day. But clearly, the fact that the rabbis instituted this practice is a statement concerning the need to strengthen social and religious taxes that will improve the situation of those in need.

As Jews, this is our obligation, to care for those in need through acts of loving kindness and the giving of tzedakah. And as Jews living in this country, it is upon us to advocate for policies that even out the inequality of wealth in our society. The rabbis of the Mishnah understood this, and we must follow their example.

–Rabbi Paula Marcus

Rosh Hodesh Sh'vat
Seder of Fragrances

Monday January 7, 7:00 PM

Join us for a Rosh Hodesh Seder of Fragrances, created by Rabbi Jill Hammer. Our Rosh Chodesh Sh’vat Seder will revile the facets of our souls as we prepare for spring. Instead of a seder of taste, this will be a seder of fragrances.

Just as we smell spices to enliven us at the end of havdalah, we will use our sense of smell to wake us up to the worlds around us and the worlds within us. Together we will make a spiritual “perfume” for the new spring that will shortly arrive. In Jewish mysticism, the scent represents the soul. Please invite your friends and family to join us. All women are welcome. If you’d like to bring a fragrant (optional) snack to share, that would be delightful. One of our Rosh Hodesh traditions is to eat round foods.

TBE Sisterhood Gift Shop

It takes a village—at least a group of volunteers—to staff the temple Gift Shop daily for six weeks. With many thanks to Judi Sherman, Shelly Nadelman, Gail Levine, Beverly Meschi, Marilyn Breiling, Letty Bess, Lori Scher, Teri Brager, Julie Lorraine, Lauren Leff, Susan Bearman, Gilda Zelin, and Michele Kibrick who joined Shirley Ginzburg and Ruth Solomon to make this holiday season such a terrific success. Kudos to advertising maven Michelle Dennis as well.

In January, the shop is open Wednesdays 2:30–6:00 PM and Sunday mornings 9:30 AM–12 noon. We will be happy to meet you at other times—call Shirley (831) 685-2710 or Ruth (831) 476-1154. Find the best selection of Judaica, at the best prices, AND show support for the temple! Can’t get much better than that.

$60 for 60 Campaign
A Big Success

Todah rabah to everybody who contributed to the $60 for 60 Campaign celebrating Rabbi Paula’s birthday in the way she likes best—with extra funds to enrich our beloved temple. The campaign was a big success in every way. Over 240 families made a donation, nearly half our congregation, so it was truly a broad-based campaign, with no donation too small to make a difference. And the campaign was also a big success in terms of dollars raised. We blasted past our campaign goal of $30,000 to reach a total of nearly $42,000—enough to cover temple operational basics and provide Rabbi Paula with funds for a special purchase too. I’d like to give a particular shout-out to the 20+ families who made leadership gifts, especially the ever-generous Bess and Ow families. And another special shout-out to the diligent volunteers who worked to provide a delicious birthday Oneg, including organizer Susan Karz, helper Carolyn Coleman and Mikey Ordinario, who baked the deliciously unique gluten-free birthday cake. But it took the generosity and enthusiasm of the whole congregation to show Rabbi Paula how much we appreciate her and make her milestone birthday truly something to celebrate.

–Margaret Gordon, for the Fund Development Committee

A Big Success!

Can’t get much better than that. Support the temple! Can’t get much better than that.
In The Temple Family

NEW MEMBERS
Lisa Delan & Wynn Hausser
Jennie & Robert Schindler
Daniel & Kate Sommer
Ilana & Joshua Lowe
Annie Millar
Jane Tyler

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING
Sean Adler, beloved cousin of Marilyn Cupples
Ronald Burton Cytron, beloved father of Kathy Cytron, father-in-law of Shmuel Thaler, grandfather of Kayla and Hanna Cytron Thaler
Betty Joy Engelman, beloved mother of Jim and Bill Engelman, mother-in-law of Claire and Betsy Widera
Wolfgang Widera, wife of Marly, father of Randy and Gordon, father-in-law of Julie Sidel and Dana Lee, and grandfather of Denali, Ryder and Zephyr Wildera

Green Team Update

Green Team members Marilyn Rigler and Robert Morgan worked closely with TBE staff to make the following changes at the temple facility:
- TBE is now purchasing cleaning supplies from Ecolab, a company that uses EPA approved cleaning products which have a smaller environmental impact.
- All trash bags will be compostable and non-sustainable products will be replaced.
- Working with Santa Cruz Signs, recycling and trash containers will have signage with clear images.
- A framed statement identifying Temple Beth El's environmental practices will be displayed in the foyer.
- TBE is purchasing new recycling bins for the social hall and kitchen, which will include appropriate signage.
- TBE instructed Green Waste, the temple’s sanitation provider, to perform a trash audit. Redundancies were found and corrected, with a savings to the Temple of $1,600.
- The Green Team continues to look for ways to make TBE more environmentally friendly.

Staff Spotlight
GET TO KNOW MELISSA SUNBERG

Since a big part of her job is to get to know all of us, let’s get to know Melissa Sunberg! Melissa and her husband, Cary, have been members of Temple Beth El since 1989. Their children, Rachel and Max, went to Simcha, Camp Kayetz, Temple School, and each had a B’nai Mitzvah and Confirmation here. In addition, the Chavurah that she and her family joined 20 years ago is still going strong and continues to be a great source of love and support!

When Melissa is not putting in long hours reaching out and connecting folks within the Temple Beth El community, and working to create and support vital and engaging programs, she loves to read and thoroughly enjoys her book club. She also relishes her regular yoga practice. Her previous careers were with another synagogue over the hill, New Leaf Markets and as a co-owner of the Saturn Café.

TBE Voter Engagement Results

This year, the Social Action Committee (SAC) and TBE leadership, with the support of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), committed to engage our members in voter registration and voter turnout. We set an audacious goal of 100% turnout and 1000 votes for this sacred action.

We made a specific effort to reach families with college age and young adult children, who are more mobile, to make sure they were currently registered.

Here’s the good news: thanks to your dedication, our voter turnout was over 96% and we achieved our 1000 vote goal! This compares to 74% in the 2014 midterm elections, and to the county overall turnout of 72% in November.

Many of you were active for candidates and ballot initiatives, both locally and nationally. Carloads of TBE members went to the Central Valley, Nevada and Southern California to campaign in swing districts and states. The results speak for themselves, with a substantial national shift to a more representative and inclusive group of legislators.

Locally, our efforts on behalf of Measure H ended with a substantial majority but fell short of the 67% required for passage, while propositions 1 and 2 for affordable housing statewide both passed. Prop 6, which the RAC opposed, would have repealed the state gas tax for transportation repair and upgrades, failed.

As we rest and recharge, SAC members are responding to the massacre of Jewish congregants in Pittsburgh, and meeting with other URJ congregations and local partners to consider what a 2019 legislative agenda looks like. We promise to report back this winter with new information!

Thank you for all you do to make ours a vibrant and engaged community.

—Andrew Goldenkranz
Tikkun Olam—MAZON
Ongoing Local Mitzvah Opportunities—Sustenance For Givers and Receivers

THE MAZON PROJECT IS TEMPLE BETH EL’S LONGEST-RUNNING SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM. Thank you very much to our compassionate congregants that have generously provided dinner to the Santa Cruz River Street Homeless Shelter on behalf of Temple Beth El!

Our wonderful July volunteers were: Havurah Shem Tov, Catherine & Bob Cooper (2X), Amy Harrington, Susan Karz, Wilma Gold, Shira Coleman, Geri Wolff (3X!), Meryl Selman (2X), Susan & Stephen Karan, Faye Levinson, Jacquelin Tuttle, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Deborah Jacobson, Penny Chesluk and Gaby Litsky.

Our terrific August volunteers were: Wilma Gold (2X), Shira Coleman (3X!), Martha Jacobson (2X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Tricia Markovitz, Susan & Stephen Karan, Zena Krakowsky (3X!), Lois Steinberg, Gwen Kaplan, Susan Karz, Gaby Litsky, Penny Chesluk, Nancy & Marc Yellin and Marcia Meyer.

Our fabulous September volunteers were: Catherine & Bob Cooper, Nancy & Marc Yellin, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Carol Maler, Rachaell Katz and friends, Toby & Michael Alexander, Jessica Olamit (2X), Penny Chesluk, Jacqueline Tuttle, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Vicki Kondo, Martha Jacobson (2X), and Nancy Yellin (5X!).

Our great October volunteers were: Shira Coleman (3X!), Gaby Litzky, Teri Goldwasser (2X), Deborah Jacobson, Vicki Kondo, Marcia Meyer (2X), Rachael Katz and friends, Jacqueline Tuttle, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Nancy & Marc Yellin, Susan & Paul Karz (2X) and Julie Lorraine.

Our magnificent November volunteers were: Nancy & Marc Yellin (2X), Catherine & Bob Cooper, Marcia Meyer, Martha Jacobson, Cheryl Caspe, Meryl Selman (2X), Leora Fromm (2X), Wilma Gold (2X), Vicki Kondo, Penny Chesluk and Tracie White.

Our spectacular MAZON volunteers for December were: Geri Wolff (2X), Wilma Gold (4X!), Chira Coleman, Rachel Katz and friends (5X!), Tegan Speiser, Leora Fromm (2X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Melinda Iuster, Nancy & Marc Yellin (2X), Martha Jacobson (2X), Lois Steinberg, Susan Karz, and Susan & Stephen Karon.

To sign up for the MAzOn Project, please use the SignUpGenius link below, go to “Mazon Project” in the “Social Action” pull-down menu on the Temple Beth El website, or contact committee co-chairs Chris Goldstein orongold@aol.com or Robin Belkin 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

SignUpGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa4ac23a02-please
Dear TBE Community,

We had a wonderful Chanukah at Simcha Preschool! Thank you to the families who helped us make delicious potato latkes. Each class made unique hanukkiot, and many, from this year and past years, were showcased at the TBE candle lighting event on the first night of Chanukah.

Thanks to Jordan Schettler and Gaby Litsky for your fun and engaging live music at our recent Breakfast & Books community and fundraiser event. We appreciated all the parents who helped us set-up, oversee and clean up the successful event. I hope you enjoy the new books you picked for your families, too.

As we look toward Casino Night on February 23, we hope you will join us for an adults-only evening of playing your luck at the card and game tables while helping us raise money for important programs at Simcha Preschool including science & technology curriculum, finishing the “big yard,” and enhancing our outdoor and garden learning materials. You can buy event tickets, sponsor a table or make a donation of services and goods at https://www.tbeaptos.org/simcha-casino-night.html#.

All of us at Simcha Preschool hope you have a wonderful start to the New Year!

–Lisa Mendez, Director

Temple School, Hebrew High and Young Families Program Calendar

**Wednesday, January 2**
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, January 6**
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 9**
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, January 13**
TS Grades K–6, Mazel Tots

**Wednesday, January 16**
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

**Sunday, January 20**
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 23**
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew

**Thursday, January 23**
Challah Making at New Leaf Westside

**Sunday, January 27**
TS Grades K–6

**Wednesday, January 30**
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew

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**FEBRUARY 2019 SHOFAR DEADLINES**

Articles are due January 3. Advertising deadline is January 4. Email text or advertising questions to mstein@tbeaptos.org or call (831) 460-1389. The Shofar is published September–June by Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center, 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos, CA 95003. Phone (831) 479-3444, fax (831) 475-7246. A TBE membership benefit. Non-member subscription rate is $40/year. Vol. 52, No. 5. Marcia Stein, Editor/Publisher.

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All events are subject to change. Please check the Temple website [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org) or call the office at 831-479-3444 to verify information.

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**Shalom**

*peace; related to sh’leumut, wholeness; the greatest blessing there is, and the way we greet each other.*
Calendar Highlights

**Angels in the Bible and Beyond**
with Jehon Grist, Senior Educator, Lehrhaus Judaica

Thursday, January 17, 7:00–9:00 PM

We will trace the origins of angels in the Hebrew Bible, touching on parallels from other Near Eastern cultures. We will delve into the development of the roles of angels in the Bible and discover how the concept of angels was transformed in the later Biblical books such as Daniel, and post-Biblical literature.

**TBE Book Group**

Tuesday, January 29, 7:30 PM

The next temple book group selection will be *Kabbalah: A Love Story* by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.

Hidden within the binding of an ancient text that has been passed down through the ages lies the answer to one of the heart’s eternal questions. When the text falls into the hands of Rabbi Kalman Stern, he has no idea that once he opens the book, his lonely life of intellectual pursuits is about to change.

We will meet at the home of Eleanor and Bernard Hilberman. We try to begin our discussion promptly at 7:30 so please arrive a bit earlier.

**Men Writers Wanted for Group!**

As a lifelong writer and teacher, I am excited to announce that starting on Tuesday, January 8, I will convene a regular group for men who are interested and engaged in writing in any genre regardless of whether experienced or beginning.

We will bring our work to read and discuss in addition to writing from prompts at meetings twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 3:00–5:00 PM, in the TBE coffee lounge. First, I would like to hear from you, either by phone or email if you are interested, and we’ll go from there!

—Write on! Dan Phillips

831-818-4552, dipmensch@aol.com

**Caregiver Support Group**

Every other Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM, in the TBE library. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 8. New members welcome. Question? Please email Jenny Kaupp at jkaupp@drkaupp.com.
Save the Date/General News

COPA Research Group Forming
A COPA research group on early child care issues will be meeting in January. We will discuss the shortage of spaces, especially for infants and toddlers, cost and availability of subsidized care, and provider training. If you are interested contact Wilma Gold at wilmagold@gmail.com.

Watch For The Spring Lifelong Learning Brochure
The Spring Lifelong Learning brochure will be available in February, both online and as an insert in the February Shofar. The TBE Lifelong Learning Committee has put together an exciting lineup of class offerings, evening salons and other educational programs and events. Check it out!

Library Highlight: Reading Lists
To help community members find items in the growing temple library collections, we've launched a new series of online reading lists focused on special topics. For instance, as a follow-up to Rabbi Rick's salon about Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor, we created a list of recent books in the collection about Israeli history and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Take a look at this and other offerings at http://www.tbeaptos.org/library/readinglists.

As always, the library collection is available for browsing, research and borrowing whenever the room isn't reserved for other events. The temple community can borrow books using the self-check station near the door. For questions, contact librarytbe@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Beth El Bim Bam
Friday, February 1, 5:45 PM

Mazel Tots
Sunday, February 10, 9:45 AM

Benefit for WomenCARE
Sunday, February 17, 4:00 PM

Challah Making for Young Families
Thursday, February 21, 3:30 PM

Simcha Preschool Casino Night Fundraiser
Saturday, February 23, 7:00 PM

Brotherhood Brunch
Sunday, February 24, 10:00 AM

Art & Play in the Pre & K!
January 10, 9:30 am

Campus Tour
January 24, 10:30 am

• Preschool – 12th grade
• CAIS & WASC accredited
• Nonsectarian
• Independent, nonprofit school
• 355-acre campus among a redwood forest and hilltop meadows
• Bus transportation available

Mount Madonna School
Celebrating 40 Years
408-847-2717
MountMadonnaSchool.org
Join Brotherhood for 2019

The Brotherhood serves our congregation and supports its efforts. On the Brotherhood web page at https://www.tbeaptos.org/brotherhood.html, download the dues form or use the link provided to pay online (under “Type” select Brotherhood).

Bat Mitzvah Luncheon Invite

LEAH ROSENFELD, daughter of Andrea and Paul, will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 2. All are invited to a luncheon following Leah’s Bat Mitzvah. Please RSVP to Andrea at andrea.rosenfeld88@gmail.com by January 2.

Support the 2019 Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival

Mark your calendar and save the dates, March 30 thru April 3. Please consider being a sponsor or donor. The Film Festival counts on your generous support! Check the TBE website for sponsor/donation levels and you can donate online—information is at the top of the website home page www.tbeaptos.org. If you have handcrafted art or jewelry, a service, or a gift certificate to donate for our Baskets of Goodies raffle, contact Judie Block at jrachel@sonic.net. Contact Marcia Meyer at marmey26@comcast.net for more Film Festival information. Thank You!

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February 23, 2019

Simcha Preschool Fundraiser

CASINO night

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Donor Recognition/Contributions  November 1–30

Donor Spotlight: Judy & Alan Levin

This month we acknowledge the longtime (50 years) support from Judy and Alan Levin! Throughout their decades of membership in Temple Beth El, Judy served as Sisterhood President. Alan as Board President for two terms, and co-chair of the Building Committee which was instrumental in acquiring, coordinating funding and building our current synagogue. In addition, Alan has also donated over 40 years of legal services in support of our community.

The Levins have so many wonderful memories related to their membership in Temple Beth El. One that stands out a bit more than others is of carrying the Torah Scrolls from the old Bay Street site to our current temple home in Aptos. Another wonderful memory is of seeing their son become a Bar Mitzvah in front of a very special Ark that his grandmother had built and later donated to TBE for the opening of the Bay Street Synagogue. That special family Ark still houses Torah Scrolls in our library today.

Judy and Alan’s son and two daughters are now grown and practicing their own Judaism—Reform to Lubavitch Orthodoxy. Their son is even an OU certified kosher wine-maker!

Tzedakah has always “been a big thing since I was young” says Alan. The Levins feel it is important to give generously to support our temple and have always been especially interested in seeing our community grow and prosper.

Thank you Judy and Alan for this wonderful legacy of participation and giving that you have bestowed upon our community. Todah Rabah x50 years plus!

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In memory of Sadie Gerstein, my father
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In memory of Betty Engelman. She will be missed by her family and friends.
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CHOIR FUND
Mazel Tov to Bernie and Eleanor Hilberman on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Zachary Farrington in Bethesda, Maryland
Jacob & Hila Michaelsen
In memory of Paul Kaplan. He will be missed by family and friends.
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In memory of David S. Mendel on his yahrzeit
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Cindy Rubin & Brian Rosenthal

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A gift
Sandra Holman Goldstein
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Hila & Jacob Michaelsen
In honor of Stephen Karon’s 70th birthday
Alan & Leta Miller
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Benjamin & Victoria Ow
Contributions  November 1–30 and a few from October

In honor of Henry Wyner
  Mervyn Maze & Janet Wyner-Maze
In memory of Jack Mandel
  Linda Mandel
In memory of Barbara Doi, sister of Dr. David Imboden, sister-in-law of Dr. Cathy Levy. May her memory be a blessing.
  Barbara & Eli Eisenpress
In memory of Julius Simon, my father
  Michelle Simon
In memory of Julius Nanas and Mariah Sheff
  Rabbi Paula Marcus & Aryeh Nanas
In memory of Jeanette Carl, Cheryl’s mother
  Dennis & Cheryl Caspe
In memory of our dear cousin Regina Birns
  Benson & Ruth Joseph
In memory of my beloved father, Gerald Giges
  Laura Giges
In memory of my beloved grandma, Belle McCoy
  Laura Giges
GORDON BAR/BAT MITZVAH FUND
In memory of Miriam Gordon, grandmother of Michael Scott
  Michael Scott & Ellen O’Brien
HOME OF PEACE PERPETUAL CARE FUND
In memory of Don Rothman
  Diana Rothman
In memory of Jeane Rosenberg and Abe Eugene Rosenberg, my parents
  Susan Struck
ONEG FUND
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  Dennis & Cheryl Caspe
In memory of Molly Silverstone
  Renee Winter & Paul Roth
In memory of Milton Roth
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PRAYERBOOK & TORAH FUND
In honor of Steve Karon’s Birthday
  Sharon Tapper & Jim Spiegel
RABBI LITVAK DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of my mother, Dorothy Schaitz Beerstein’s yahrzeit. Her spirit and love of learning is reflected in her children and grandchildren.
  Barbara Beerstein & George Badger
In memory of Herbert Hain
  Jack & Linda Hain
RABBI MARCUS DISCRETIONARY FUND
A gift
  Lee Oberg
  Bettina Aptheker
  Richard Josephson & Loretta Rao
In appreciation for guidance of Colombian Dautoffs
  Stephen & Carmella Dautoff
In honor of Rabbi Paula Marcus
  Stephanie Gelman
In honor of David Jacobson
  Paul & Martha Jacobson
In Honor of Steve Karon’s 70th Birthday. Love you Steve!
  Ruth & Michael Mehr
  In honor of my grandson Eamon Flynn
  Hiller’s birth
  Yetta Lippman
In memory of Margaret Payne
  Laurel Fox & Donald Potts
SENIOR CONNECTIONS FUND
A gift
  William Firestone
In memory of Ron Cytron, Kathy’s father, may his memory be a blessing
  Marilyn Rigler
  Melissa & Cary Sunberg
  Gail Levine
  Karen Zelin & Bill Underwood
  John & Gerry Oppenheimer
In memory of Ron Cytron, father of Kathy Cytron, grandfather of Kayla & Hannah Cytron Thaler, father-in-law of Shmuel Thaler
  Diana Rothman
In memory of Celia Sifry, Regina Birns and Lois Wolfberg
  Shirley & Allen Ginzburg
  In memory of my dear friend Celia Sifry
  Phyllis Rosenberg
In memory of Celia Sifry
  Gail Levine
  Yetta Lippman
SIMCHA PRESCHOOL FUND
A gift
  George Ow & Gail Michaelis-Ow
In memory of Morrie Karz
  Sylvia Prysant
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In honor of Shirley and Ruth
  Dennis & Cheryl Caspe
In honor of Shirley and Ruth
  Cathy Imboden
SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In memory of Louise Taub
  Phyllis Greenleaf
In memory of Ralph Ascher
  Sherry Ascher
In memory of Celia Sifry, beloved member of the Senior Connections Committee
  Senior Connections Committee
  In memory of Erik Schapiro
  Abbey Asher
TEMPLE SCHOOL DONATION
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  Daniel Orange & Bonnie Holmer-Orange
In honor of my amazing sister, Michelle Dennis’ birthday
  Nicole Dennis
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Senior Connections

January 14
Favorite Tenors and Tenor Favorites with UCSC’s Professor Emeritus Miriam Ellis

January 28
Hasidic Brooklyn with UCSC Professor Nathaniel Deutsch

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.

Music for Our Moment with RESONATE

Saturday, January 19, 7:00 PM

The need for excellent music and lyrics that speak to the issues of our day has never been greater. Enter RESONATE, founded by musician and activist Will Fudeman and Cantor Abbe Lyons. RESONATE infuses Middle Eastern and cantorial music into folk, rock, blues and jazz sounds. By enlivening both Biblical texts and contemporary lyrics, RESONATE's songs inspire spiritual growth intertwined with social action. Rabbi Arthur Waskow of The Shalom Center, whose beautifully crafted, accessible and powerful translations of texts from Isaiah and Deuteronomy sparked the creation of RESONATE's CD, Listen! says that the “extraordinary chant and music...enormously enrich the text.” Bill McKibben characterizes Listen! as “deep, witty, tuneful—music for our moment and for the long haul.”

Tzedakah

Tzedakah for our Sister Congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia

Many of the Jews in this community are very poor and elderly Holocaust survivors.

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