Shabbat Services

Friday, January 3
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 10
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 11
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu (out)

Friday, January 17
7:30 PM MLK Shabbat with the Choir

Saturday, January 18
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 24
7:30 PM Rock Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 25
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

10:00 AM Coleman Bar Mitzvah

Friday, January 31
7:30 PM Justice Shabbat Service

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White Fragility

Book Group

Thursdays, at 7:00 PM starting January 30

Our congregation and Inner Light Ministries will be reading the book, White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism, by Robin DiAngelo. The New York Times best-selling book explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat

Friday, January 17, 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. Reverend Deborah Johnson of Inner Light Ministries will deliver the sermon, local NAACP President Brenda Griffin will join us, and Emily Sinclair will conduct our choir.

Babies, Boundaries, and Bodies: How to Talk With Your Young Children About Sex

A Workshop for Simcha Parents and Community
January 23, 6:30–8:30 PM

Find more information on the TBE website Simcha Preschool page. To RSVP call (831) 479-3449 or email lmendez@tbeaptos.com.

Jewish Residential Camp Fair

Sunday, January 26
11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Are you thinking about sending your child(ren) to Jewish overnight camp? Have you heard about the “One Happy Camper” scholarship program? Come and find out everything you wanted to know about Jewish Residential Camps. Camp Newman, Camp Tawonga, JCC Maccabi Sports Camp, Camp Ramah in Northern California, and Havaya Arts will all present their camp offerings in this short but sweet program. This event is for parents and students together. Camp representatives will remain after the program to hand out information and answer questions. Questions? Contact Sarah at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org. Bring your friends—spread the word! **Camp Kayetz will have a separate presentation.
As we move into this new secular year, I am reminded of how we began our sacred calendar year. On Erev Rosh HaShanah I spoke about our obligation to examine our country’s history of slavery and how this history has impacted the inequality and racism we find in our time. How can we begin to understand our own stories, listen to others and find ways to take responsibility for change?

Reverend Deborah Johnson, who is the founding minister and president of Inner Light Ministries, has spoken to our congregation during our Martin Luther King service over the past four years. She will be joining us again this year, on January 17 at 7:30 PM. Our choir will also be singing for this uplifting evening. Brenda Griffin, president of our local NAACP, will also be joining us. On Sunday, January 19, at 6:00 PM, we will gather together at Inner Light to watch the film Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North. This film is about the untold story of one family from Rhode Island, who were the largest operators of a network that brought over 10,000 slaves from Africa to the US.

Traces of the Trade portrays the story of discovery into the history and “living consequences” of one of the nation’s most shameful episodes—slavery. Katrina Browne discovered that her slave-trading ancestors from Rhode Island were not an aberration. Rather, they were just the most prominent actors in the North’s vast complicity in slavery, buried in myths of Northern innocence. From this extraordinary family angle, Traces of the Trade sets out to plumb contentious questions: What is the full story of the northern slave trade? What responsibility does white America bear for the past wrongs and contemporary legacy of slavery? Why is it so difficult for black and white Americans to have this conversation? Please join us at Inner Light for a viewing of the film and discussion of these and other important questions. To watch a trailer of the film, you will find a link on the UPCOMING EVENTS page on the TBE website.

“History finally gets rewritten as descendants of the largest slave-trading family in early America face their past, and present, as they explore their violent heritage across oceans and continents.”

I also want to encourage our community to join in the NAACP celebration of Dr. King, at an event sponsored by the Racial Equity Trainers Network, on Sunday, January 19. Details will be provided in an upcoming email.

Lastly, our congregation and Inner Light will be reading the book, White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism, by Robin DiAngelo. A book group to discuss this will be held on Thursdays, at 7:00 PM, starting on January 30. When I read this book, I found myself trying hard to be open to the ideas DiAngelo raises. As a Jewish woman, I identify as a minority.

—Rabbi Paula Marcus

GET TO KNOW Korrine Fitz

If you or someone you know has had a b’nai mitzvah in the past twenty years, then you already know Korrine Fitz. If not, let’s Get To Know this dynamic, long-time TBE teacher and member!

Korrine has taught students here from third grade through Hebrew High. She’s taught subjects from cooking to yoga, to Jews in film, to Prayers and Blessings, and Torah chanting. She is also a tutor, the Jump Start B’nai Mitzvah teacher, and an Adult B’nai Mitzvah teacher. She states; "I love teaching at TBE!"

Korrine learned Hebrew while living on a kibbutz and ulpan in Israel in the 1980s after college. When in grad school, she studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (“Jew U”) as part of her MA in International/Middle Eastern Studies. She even spent time volunteering in the Israeli Defense Forces through Sar-El (the Hebrew acronym for service for Israel).

Outside of TBE, Korrine teaches fitness classes: cycle, yoga, cardio, aqua and barre. At the local hospital, Korrine teaches yoga to employees. And, over the past three years, she has been working for the VA, teaching yoga to veterans with PTSD and TBI.

Korrine competes in Mermaid Triathlons and is a regular at Cross-fit. She recently started to learn piano, and loves to tap dance, garden, and travel. She has been married to her husband Terry for 34 years. Together they raised two girls, both attending religious school and having their Bat Mitzvahs at TBE. The family has been traveling together forever—a passion they all share!. In January, Terry will again surprise the family with a secret destination get away—we can’t wait to hear where it will be this time!

If you see Korrine, say “hi”, that is, if you can catch her!
I hope everyone celebrated our festival of lights with friends and family. The warmth of the Chanukah lights are so welcome at this cold and dark time of year. As we begin 2020, I am full of gratitude for family and community.

January marks the last six months of my presidency at TBE. It has truly been an honor to have served the congregation for the past year-and-a-half. Of course, I had many goals for my presidency. Some have been accomplished and others are still in the pipeline. One of them was fulfilled when I was in Japan. I asked Tanya if she could please install a screen in the vestibule to highlight our events and show pictures of what we do here at TBE. When I returned, the screen was up and running! Check it out as you enter TBE.

The last fundraiser we will be doing under my presidency will be a music concert on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. One of our talented members, Ivan Rosenblum, has graciously offered his talent as a pianist and a director to put on a fundraiser for us. He will be accompanied by Elizabeth Neff, a Mezzo Soprano, and Tatyana Rekow, a Saxophonist. It will be a lovely afternoon concert with wine and appetizers. If you would like to sponsor this fabulous event we have sponsorships beginning at the $100.00 level. You can contact me at amy@tbeaptos.org or mgordon@ucsc.edu. More details to follow.

We continue to have wonderful activities at the synagogue and it is really feeling like a true community center. If you have ideas for a class please call Melissa Sunberg, our Membership Experience and Program Manager. I hope this year brings continued good health and Shalom to all.

–Amy Harrington
Synagogue News/Donor Recognition

Donor Spotlight:
The Orange Family

This month we recognize an entire family: Dan Orange, Bonnie Holmer-Orange, and their children Cassidy, Isaac and Gabriel. The whole family has a philosophy of living tzedakah. Dan explains that when they have more, they give more. Bonnie describes their process: “First you have to take care of the entities that take care of you: your temple; your schools; and your clubs, like scouts. Then you look to support your politicians; support those people who have a voice you agree with or those who are doing good work. Then you think about causes. We let the kids choose what causes speak to them or to us as a family—nationally, internationally, and locally. Then they research which organizations do the best work.”

Bonnie and Dan also set an example for their children by being regular participants on Mitzvah Day. Bonnie volunteers running the Mazel Tots program, they have sponsored game booths for the Purim Carnival, and paid for a security guard at High Holiday Services! As Bonnie and Dan put it, “TBE does not request a lot, you give what you feel is right, and we feel it is right to pitch in a little extra when the temple needs something extra. We love this temple, we love the Rabbis. This is home for us!”

Bonnie came to be at TBE, Simcha Preschool specifically, in 1987. She started when not-yet-Rabbi Paula stopped teaching to have a baby. All three children have been through religious school and celebrated their b’nai mitzvahs here. Cassidy is now teaching first grade and Gabriel performs with the Jr. Rock Shabbat Band. The whole family volunteers outside of the temple as well. We are grateful for the dedication and generosity this wonderful family exemplifies!
Contributions  November 11–30

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    Rabbi Richard and Nancy Litvak
    Mimi Stein

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    Marc and Francoise Seftel

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In honor of Rabbi Lori Klein
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In honor of Marcia Meyer
    Maria Gitin

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In loving memory of Julius Surkus
    Margaret Gordon
In memory of Herbert Hain
    Jack Hain and Linda Donovan
In memory of Jeanette Carl (Cheryl’s Mother)
    Dennis and Cheryl Caspe
In memory of Jeane and Abe Eugene Rosenberg, my beloved parents
    Susan Struck
In memory of Molly Silversone, Rene’s mother
    Renee Winter and Paul Roth
In memory of Marilyn Roseman, mother of Scott
    Melissa and Cary Sunberg

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    Marc and Nancy Yellin
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    Laura Dannehl-Schickman and Joe Schickman
In loving memory of Claire Pottish, mother of Shelly Pottish May
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Young Families/Youth

Mazel Tots

Sunday, January 12
9:45 to 11:15 AM
at Temple Beth El

Join in fun **Shabbat themed** activities for children five years and under with their families. Members and non-members welcome. Free. Please bring a healthy snack.

Simcha Preschool’s “Breakfast and Books” was fun for families and also raised funds for our New Books and Literacy Fund. Thank you to the parents who donated books and food items, helped with making breakfast, led family-fun music and movement, and to Genoa Brown from Musical Me for leading a music session. Thank you to Aptos Safeway, Aptos Natural Foods, and the Bagelry, who made generous food and gift card donations for the event.

On Thursday, January 23, 6:30–8:30 PM, Heidi Winig, parent educator and TBE member, will facilitate a parent education training about “Babies, Boundaries and Bodies: How to Talk with Your Young Children about Sex.” Topics will include gentle ways to talk to preschoolers about bodies and boundaries, and how young children understand gender. This event is open to Simcha Preschool families, Temple School, and the public, so invite families you know.

Childcare ($20 for 2 hours) and dinner ($5/child) will be available for children. RSVP to Lisa Mendez at lmendez@tbeaptos.org for childcare and dinner. Purchase your tickets for the event at [https://tinyurl.com/y528wd45](https://tinyurl.com/y528wd45).

Warm regards,
–Lisa Mendez, Director

**Beth El Baby Bunch**

Monday, January 27
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 at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

**Challah Making**

Thursday, January 23, 3:30 PM
New Leaf Market
1101 Fair Ave.,
West Side Santa Cruz

Make challah with Temple Beth El’s Young Families Project at New Leaf Market’s West Side kitchen. We will have helpers, all the ingredients and the recipe! Take home the dough to bake the simple one bowl recipe, and a little challah to enjoy. The kitchen is at the back left corner of the New Leaf Market on Fair Ave. Bring your little chef(s) and the Shabbat spirit!

RSVPs to Sarah are helpful: sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

**Simcha Preschool Pizza Fundraiser**

January 8, 4:00–9:00 PM
at Pizza My Heart
2180 41st Ave. in Capitola

Take out or dine in. Be sure to mention Simcha Preschool and they get 30% of your sale!

**Temple School, Hebrew High & Young Families Program Calendar**

- **Wednesday, January 1**
  NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

- **Sunday, January 5**
  NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

- **Wednesday, January 8**
  TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

- **Sunday, January 12**
  TS grades K–6, Mazel Tots

- **Wednesday, January 15**
  TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High, 10th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

- **Sunday, January 19**
  NO TEMPLE SCHOOL (MLK Day)

- **Wednesday, January 22**
  TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

- **Thursday, January 23**
  Challah Making at New Leaf Market West Side

- **Friday, January 24**
  Rock Shabbat

- **Sunday, January 26**
  TS grades K–6, Residential Camp Fair, B’nai Mitzvah Parent/Student Meeting

- **Wednesday, January 29**
  TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High, 7th Grade Parent Meeting

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Activities & Events

Antisemitism and Antizionism
A Salon with Nathaniel Deutsch

Wednesday, January 22
7:00–9:00 PM
at the home of George Ow and Gail Michaelis-Ow

We are seeing both antisemitism and antizionism in our fraught political discourse, but they are separate entities. With his wide-ranging knowledge on this subject, Professor Deutsch will help us understand the differences between the two and how it affects us as Jews.

Kavod Café
Advanced Care Directive Workshop

Monday, January 27, 7:00–8:30 PM

Have you completed an Advance Care Directive? If not, we will help you get past the speed bumps so you can get it done. Co-sponsored by Chadeish Yameinu.

CASA: A Voice for Children at Risk
with speaker Jimmy Cook, CASA Program Director and Youth Advocate

Sunday, January 5, 10:00 AM

Every year nearly 400 children in Santa Cruz County are involved in the Juvenile Dependency Care System (foster care) due to abuse or neglect. The cases with the most critical needs are referred to CASA to be matched with a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate. Jimmy Cook was a Social Worker Supervisor with Santa Cruz County Health and Human Services for six years before joining CASA in 2012. He is now an instrumental part of a four-county pilot program in California that intends to provide youth in the Juvenile Justice System with advocates. Hear inspirational stories of how just one person contributing a few hours per week can make a significant impact for children and youth affected by trauma.

We will enjoy our always delicious bagel and lox brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by Jimmy’s talk, concluding before noon. Recommended donation is $5 for Brotherhood members and $7 for non-members.

BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH

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Movie at Inner Light

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Activities & Events

Senior Connections

January 13
Michael Alexander:
Cancer Immunotherapy:
The Premiere Advance of the 21st Century

January 27
Happy (250th) Birthday, Ludwig!
An afternoon of Beethoven’s works and his influences with UCSC’s Chia-Lin Yang (piano), San Francisco’s Conservatory of Music’s Elbert Tsai (violin) and students.
Free and Open to the General Public!
Come at 1:30 to nosh & schmooze.
Program begins at 2:00.

Camp Kayetz Winter Overnight
Thursday, January 2, starting at 3:00 PM

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). If you haven’t registered yet, contact Mimi or Sarah at smrapp@ucsc.edu.

Save the Date

Mazel Tots
Sunday, February 2, 9:45 AM
Tu B’Shvat Family Hike at Henry Cowell State Park
Sunday, February 9, 9:45 AM
Beth El Baby Bunch
Monday, February 24, 11:00 AM
Beth El Bim Bam
Friday, February 28, 5:45 PM
Rock Shabbat
Friday, February 28, 7:30 PM
Woman of Valor Shabbat
Friday, February 21

Campus Tour
January 23, 10:30am
Join us for the tour and stay for a preview show of PIPPIN
Performances January 24 at 7:00pm and January 25-26 at 2:00pm
Tickets on sale at: mms-Pippin.brownpapertickets.com

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New Year’s Day
Temple Office Closed
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General News

How Can I Help!?!?

Arizona Voter Registration
by Wilma Gold

SHAPE tomorrow
REGISTER and VOTE

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.

Perception vs. Reality: Israel in the Media and Beyond

FEATURED AWARD-WINNING ISRAELI JOURNALIST MATTI FRIEDMAN

Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 PM (check-in at 7:00)
At Congregation Beth Am. In Los Altos Hills

Matti Friedman’s presentation will focus on the portrayal of Israel in the media and will also touch on various developments that have shaped modern-day Israel in ways that could not have been anticipated in 1948.

For questions or more information, please contact the AIPAC Pacific Northwest Office at (415) 989-4140.

Registration is required. Make your online reservation at www.aipac.org/FriedmanCA.

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.

Have You Seen Our New Information Screen?

Check out the rotating slide show of temple activities, events and photographs on the big screen in the entrance vestibule. No more easels with pieces of paper on them. An esthetic improvement, don’t you think?

Nachas to Asher Dolinger

Asher made starting point guard on the San Lorenzo Valley Varsity Basketball Team as a freshman!
The World Zionist Congress (WZC) Elections are Coming Soon

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections are coming up and our congregation’s participation is critical to maintaining a large Reform presence, both in Israel and here at home.

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is a representative body of the world’s Jewish people. Established by Theodor Herzl in 1897, the Zionist Congress (as it was originally known) was the legislative body of the Zionist Organization (ZO), a non-governmental entity that promotes Zionism. Today, the two bodies are known respectively as the World Zionist Congress (WZC) and the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The WZC, also known as the Parliament of the Jewish People, comprises 500 delegates and meets in Jerusalem every five years. It enables delegates to exert ideological influence on both Israeli society and the global Jewish agenda, as well as allocate financial and other resources to various organizations—including the Reform Movement—in Israel.

The 38th World Zionist Congress is scheduled to meet in Jerusalem in 2020. The elections to determine the size of the various delegations that will attend are scheduled to be held from January 21, to March 11, 2020 (MLK Day to Purim).

Find more information about how to get involved and how to vote on the URJ website: www.urj.org and search “World Zionist Congress (WZC) Elections.”
Chanukah Story Time at Bookshop Santa Cruz

Temple Beth El is Represented at the 2019 URJ Biennial
Tanya Lorien, Miles Dolinger, Rabbi Shifra, Judy Yokel, Scott Roseman and Sharon Papo