



# the shofar

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## Shabbat Services

Saturday, June 1

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, June 7

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 8

10:00 AM ShabbASANA

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  
with Chadeish Yameinu (out)

Friday, June 14

7:30 PM Pride Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 15

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  
10:00 AM Perkins Bat Mitzvah

Friday, June 21

7:30 PM Board Installation Shabbat

Saturday, June 22

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  
10:00 AM Kashnow Bar Mitzvah

Friday, June 28

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 29

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

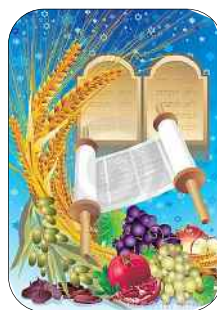
## Shavuot

### TBE & CHADEISH YAMEINU CELEBRATE SHAVUOT

#### THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SPRING HARVEST AND THE GIVING OF THE TORAH ON MOUNT SINAI

Temple Beth El and our friends from Chadeish Yameinu Jewish Renewal come together to celebrate Shavuot, the Festival of First Fruits and Revelation on Saturday, June 8, starting at 7:00 PM. We will be at the Chadeish Yameinu shul in The Galleria, located at 740 Front Street, Suite 170, Santa Cruz.

Join us for an evening of exploring new insights into Torah as we open ourselves to possibilities. You are invited to bring a vegetarian dish to share. Fruits and dairy are traditional, vegan cheesecake is divine! All are welcome!



### Torah Tales in the Trees Shavuot Through the Senses

#### Family Camping at Little Basin State Park

21700 Little Basin Road,  
Boulder Creek, 95006

4:00 PM, Saturday, June 8,  
to 11:00 AM, Sunday, June 9

Join us for an evening of Torah stories in the redwood forest, Havdalah, holiday snacks, and lots of hands-on interactive Jewish family outdoor activities. Families will provide their own tents, dinner, breakfast, and snacks. Children of all ages are invited. Carpooling is recommended.

**Registration and payment extended to May 31.** Contact Sarah at [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org) if you have questions. To register, go to June 8 on the temple website calendar, [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org).



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# Spirituality

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

## Mishkan HaNefesh—Sanctuary of the Soul

Thank you to all who have purchased the new *Mishkan HaNefesh*, high holiday prayer books, and donated to the 60 for 60 campaign so that we have been able to purchase some for our congregation. If you haven't bought one yet, we have them for sale. I encourage you to buy these books so that you can take them home and spend time with the new, inspiring prayers and readings as a way of preparing for the New Year. This set of *machzorim* (High Holiday prayer books) was published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 2015. I am excited about joining the hundreds of other Reform synagogues who have been celebrating the holidays with prayers, songs, and poetry that will guide us through the Days of Awe.

These holidays can inspire us on our communal and our personal spiritual journey. When we come together as a community, we also have our own individual experience. *Mishkan HaNefesh* can engage us on both of these levels. As with our Shabbat evening siddur, *Mishkan Tefillah*, these new *machzorim* include meditations for personal reflection, as well as historical and philosophical commentary on the bottom of each page. I encourage you

to explore the richness of these additions to our liturgy.

Another reason I like these books is the diverse images of God and inclusive approach to theological ideas. We find some texts that can help us navigate traditional themes and metaphors that may feel outdated or uncomfortable, engaging us in the ongoing question of what it means to be a Jew in our contemporary world.

I can't list all of the reasons why I am excited about using *Mishkan HaNefesh*. One I will share is that it's LGBTQ+ inclusive. Instead of references to "bride and groom" we have mention of "couple," there's a new non-binary pronoun, pieces by gay and lesbian poets are included, and those who died in the Holocaust because of their sexual orientation are honored.

In the words of Rabbi April Peters, who designed teaching tools for *Mishkan HaNefesh*, "The layout, the translations, and the additional readings all reflect a desire to create a text that all worshipers can find a place for themselves within. Through their direct encounter with the new text, they(sic) will come to feel a level of ownership that will allow them to participate actively and meaningfully in their High Holy Days worship, no matter their different beliefs or approaches to Judaism."

—Rabbi Paula Marcus

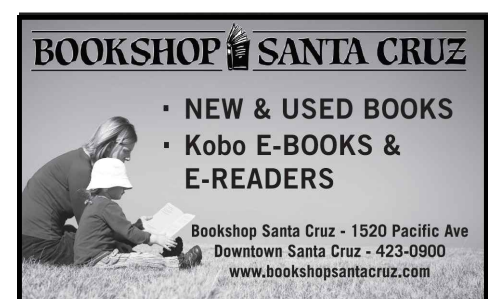
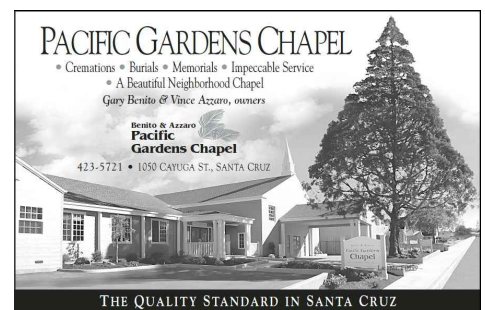
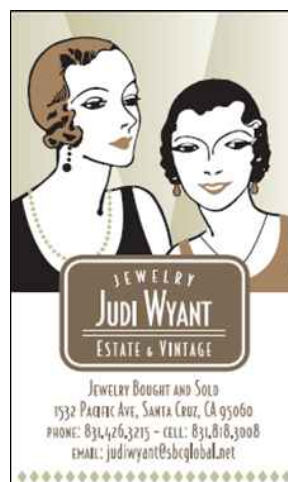
## Rosh Hodesh Sivan



Wednesday, June 5  
7:00 PM

A special blessing ceremony for a mother-to-be and her baby, who is due in June.

Mark your calendar for upcoming Rosh Hodesh celebrations: Tuesday, July 2; Monday, August 5; Tuesday, September 3.



# Synagogue News

UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Tanya Lorien

Temple Beth El's annual meeting, on May 5th, was full of heart and thoughtfulness. It was both informative and joyful. Reports of the state of the temple were punctuated by presentations by our Temple School classes, showing what they are learning and as well as methodology. Board President Amy Harrington introduced the slate of new board members to be installed on June 21: Gus Gold for VP of Operations, Ziesel Saunders for VP of Social Action, and Josh Karter as Executive Vice President. I want to take a moment to acknowledge Judy Yokel who stepped in mid-term as Secretary, and thank Lauren Goldstein for her service as board Secretary; and thank Jenny Kaupp for her service as VP of Social Action. For me, the high point of the morning was when I, like everyone in the room, was touched straight to the heart by the children/teens/adults/seniors/community seen in the slideshow of the year-in-pictures lovingly compiled by our VP of Communication Michelle Dennis. It was also shown at Rock Shabbat on May 17, and we hope to have it available at various events

throughout the year.

Temple Beth El's heart and soul also shine through in its dedication to its values of accessibility and inclusion. While our *initial* vision for creating increased accessibility to the Bima has encountered insurmountable barriers at the permitting level—undaunted, it has opened our eyes to new exciting, innovative and inspired solutions. We are deep in the throes of investigating what options, avenues and methods are still open to us in the remaining window of opportunity this month. We are rethinking and re-imagining our sanctuary, and doing so on an ever-tightening timeline. We are committed to doing everything possible to make this happen. We are doing what temples do best; working to blend tradition with our ever-evolving community and society, and interweaving it with our values and goals, making the seemingly impossible happen.

With excitement I look forward to what is in store. It is the heart and love in this community that makes projects like the Accessibility Project continue to push forward no matter the hurdle. The Beth El community continues to amaze me. I am so grateful to have been invited to be a part.

—L'Shalom, Tanya Lorien

## In The Temple Family



April 1–30

### NEW MEMBERS

Carl & Karla Sanders  
Saarin Schwartz

### MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



Louis Sloss, beloved father of  
Tony Sloss, father-in-law of Debra  
Sloss

Bertha Taub, beloved mother of  
Phyllis Taub Greenleaf

Irving Brager, beloved father of  
Stuart Brager

Michael Shikora, beloved son of  
Lenore Hindin and her partner,  
Joseph Shearer, his father Jerry  
Shikora, step-mother, Sherry  
Dolin, brother of Glen Shikora  
and Lisa Saunders, brother-in-law  
of Mark Saunders

Emily Freund, beloved mother of  
Andrea Freund

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# Synagogue News/Todah Rabah

GET TO KNOW

## Scott Sandler

It is time to get to know Scott Sandler, a very familiar face around TBE! A member since 2002, Scott has headed the Ritual Practices Committee, is currently a second and seventh grade teacher in Temple School, and sings in our choir. Scott has a real passion for education. When not at the temple, he teaches composition, literature, and creative writing at Galivan Community College in Gilroy. Scott describes his Jewish education in Encino as

“Conservadox,” where Jewish values were heavily stressed, especially those of social justice and tolerance. “It was important to me when moving to Santa Cruz, that I

join a synagogue that shared the same values that I grew up with, and that is what I found in Temple Beth El,

In Scott’s seventh grade Tolerance class, he has brought in guest speakers who are Holocaust survivors and Japanese internment camp victims. One class highlight Scott recalls was of working with Kathy Goldenkranz (z”l) and Stuart Rosenstein from the Queer Youth Task Force, to create a display at the Aptos Library to raise awareness of what it was like to be homosexual during the Holocaust, and to honor the voices and stories of victims and survivors.

One of his favorite TBE experiences is also one of our newest and most popular events—Shavuot Camping/Torah in the Trees. And of course, Scott gets emotional watching his once second graders become Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. “I listen with wonderment and awe as they take on their leadership roles and become *our* educators.” As Scott says, “At our temple, relationships are foundational to who we are, and that is something that I wholeheartedly treasure.” And we treasure you Scott.



## Changes on the TBE Board of Directors

Thank you to our outgoing board members Jennifer Kaupp, Vice President of Social Justice and Doug Sommerville, Vice President of Operations, for their service. We welcome Ziesel Saunders as VP of Social Action, Gus Gold as VP of Operations and Josh Karter as Executive Vice President.

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## Volunteers Made Mitzvah Day Wonderful



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Mitzvah Day 2019 a huge success! We could not have done it without you.

We had a great Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 28. There were over 102 participants. The majority of people went to clean up Rio Del Mar beach with Save Our Shores. We made over 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless that went to the River Street Shelter. A lot of people stayed at TBE to help in our Community Garden, to spread sand and mulch on the Simcha playground, and place labels in our new High Holiday books. Again this year, we had a letter writing campaign with TBE’s Green Committee helping people sign postcards to various politicians.

We especially want to thank our sponsors: *Temple Beth el Board of Directors, North Coast Orthodontics, Staff of Life, Branding Out, The Bagelry and Sunridge Farms.*



**THE MAZON PROJECT IS  
TEMPLE BETH EL’S LONGEST-RUNNING  
SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM.**

Thank you to our compassionate congregants who have generously provided dinner to the Santa Cruz River Street Homeless Shelter every Sunday of the Year, since 1988, on behalf of Temple Beth El!

**Our awesome April volunteers were:** Nancy and Marc Yellin (2X), Martha Jacobson (4X), Cheryl Caspe, Susan & Stephen Karon, Rachel Katz & Friends (5X), Catherine & Robert Cooper, Elijah Skalsky, Shira Coleman (2X), Jacqueline Tuttle, Gaby Litsky and Marcia Meyer (3X).

**Our magnificent May volunteers were:** Elijah Skalsky, Nancy Yellin, Julie Lorraine, Susan & Paul Karz, Rachel Katz & Friends (5X), Marcia Meyer (2X), Jacqueline Tuttle, Penny Chesluk, Vicki Halil, Wilma Gold (3X) and Shira Coleman (2X).

# Youth

## Young Families Project Hike

Tuesday, July 16, 9:45 AM to noon  
Henry Cowell State Park

Meet in front of the Book Store  
and Environmental Center  
by the parking lot.



Enjoy the redwoods and explore with other Jewish families with young children. Everyone is welcome. The trail is stroller accessible. Please wear layers and comfortable shoes, and bring a snack and water for you and your child(ren). RSVP's are helpful to [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org).

## Temple Beth El's Jewish Day Camp — Camp Kayetz —

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP**  
Camp starts Monday, June 17!

These are the final few days to register your children or grandchildren. Give them a great summer of engaging, fun-filled experiences—sports, art, music, drama, the beach, camping—and it supports our kids' Jewish identities at the same time! Go to the Camp Kayetz page on the TBE website to get registration and other information.



## Simcha Preschool

What a year we've had at Simcha Preschool! Thank you to all those who mentored me in my first year as the Director: Esther Herst, Shani Ginsburg, Wilma Gold, Rabbi Shifra, Rabbi Paula, Tanya Lorien, and the Simcha Preschool Parent Committee. I have appreciated getting to collaborate with Sarah Clarkson and Melissa Sundberg on day-to-day happenings.

We're looking forward to the June 28, 5:45 PM, Pre-Kindergarten class graduation and community potluck. All class levels are invited to celebrate the children who are graduating to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten.

Each class planted "starts" in their garden plots in the Simcha big yard. The toddler class is growing a pumpkin patch. The preschool class has a variety of veggies growing. The pre-Kindergarten class is cultivating a flower garden. We look forward to the plants growing and then getting to harvest edibles during the summer and autumn months. Thank you to all the families who donated the soil and plants this spring!

I hope you have a wonderful summer. We look forward to sharing more Simcha Preschool happenings in the fall.

—Lisa Mendez, Director

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Bechukotai) 10:00am  B'nai Mitzvah Retreat
<b>2</b> Santa Cruz Pride Parade 11:00am (out)  B'nai Mitzvah Retreat	<b>3</b> Baby Bunch 11:00am	<b>4</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Caregiver Support Group 7:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>5</b> Chair Yoga 12:30pm Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:00pm Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm	<b>6</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm Women's Song Circle 7:00pm (out)	<b>7</b> Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm   8:11pm	<b>8</b> Shabbat Service with CY (Bamidbar) 10:00am (out) ShabbASANA Yoga 10:00am Torah in the Trees Family Camping Trip 4:00pm (out) Erev Shavuot with CY 7:00pm (out)
<b>9</b> Torah in the Trees Family Camping Trip—ends at 11:00am (out) Aptos East Neighborhood Gathering 10:00am (out) 95010 Neighborhood Gathering 1:00pm (out)  Shavuot	<b>10</b> Baby Bunch 11:00am Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>11</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Men's Writing Group 2:30pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Chair Yoga 12:30pm Lifelong Learning Planning Mtg 7:00pm Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm	<b>13</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm	<b>14</b> Pride Shabbat Service 7:30pm   8:15pm	<b>15</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Nasso) 10:00am Perkins Bat Mitzvah 10:00am
<b>16</b>   Father's Day	<b>17</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Baby Bunch 11:00am Women's Song Circle 7:00pm (out)	<b>18</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Caregiver Support Group 7:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>19</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm	<b>20</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm	<b>21</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Board Installation Shabbat Service 7:30pm   8:17pm	<b>22</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Beha'alotcha) 10:00am Kashnow Bar Mitzvah 10:00am
<b>23</b> Lower Westside Neighborhood Gathering 4:00pm (out)	<b>24</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Baby Bunch 11:00am Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>25</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Men's Writing Group 2:30pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm General Board Meeting 7:00pm	<b>26</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm	<b>27</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm Social Action Committee Mtg 7:00pm	<b>28</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Simcha Graduation 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm   8:17pm	<b>29</b> Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Lori (Sh'lach) 10:00am
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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Baby Bunch 11:00am Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>9</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Pilates Class 10:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Men's Writing Group 2:30pm Caregiver Support Group 7:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>10</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Women's Writing Group 10:30am Simcha Pizza My Heart Fundraiser 4:00pm Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm	<b>11</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Pilates Class 10:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm	<b>12</b> Camp Kayetz 9:00am Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  8:14pm	<b>13</b> Shabbat Service with CY (Chukat) 10:00am (out) ShabbASANA Yoga 10:00am
<b>14</b> Upper Westside Neighborhood Gathering 4:00pm Sisterhood Speaker Series—Gender Issues 1:00pm	<b>15</b> Baby Bunch 11:00am Women's Song Circle 7:00pm (out)	<b>16</b> Young Families Hike 9:45am (out) Pilates Class 10:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>17</b> Women's Writing Group 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm	<b>18</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Library Staffed 3:00pm	<b>19</b> Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  8:10pm	<b>20</b> Shabbat Morning Service (Balak) 10:00am
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Baby Bunch 11:00am	<b>30</b> Pilates Class 10:00am Mah Jong 12:00pm Jewish Meditation 7:00pm	<b>31</b> Chair Yoga 12:30pm Summer Prayers & Blessings 7:00pm Introduction to Kabbalah 7:00pm			

Activities are subject to change...



# Calendar Highlights

## Have a Yummy Pizza Dinner and Support Simcha Preschool



Wednesday, July 10

4:00–9:00 PM

Pizza My Heart, 2180 41st Ave.

Take Out or Dine In

**Be sure to mention Simcha Preschool!**

## Senior Connections

### June 10

Artistic Director of Santa Cruz Shakespeare, Mike Ryan, offers a preview of their summer 2019 season.

### June 24

*Our Wildest Neighbors*: Naturalist and photographer Katharina Pierini shows breathtaking footage captured on a motion sensor camera of cougars, bobcats, eagles, etc., and tells stories of her time in the hills north of Davenport.

### July 8

Film Screening of *Praying with Lior* - 2008, 1hr. 27 mins.

### July 22

Film Screening of *Leaving Memel - Refugees from the Reich* - 2018, 42 mins. and Q & A with Producer/Director Fred Finkelstein.

### August 12

Film Screening of *Raise the Roof* - 2015, 1hr. 25 mins.

### August 26

Film Screening of *Itzhak* - 2018, 1hr. 22 mins.

*Programs are 2:00–3:30 PM in the TBE library. Come at 1:30 PM to nosh & schmooze. Open to the public. Free.*

## Join Us for Mah Jong



There is a lively group that comes on Tuesdays for Mah Jong in the temple library from 12:00–4:00 PM. Why not join us? Everything is set up for you. We even have snacks! Your first time (and every time if you are over 80) is free, for everyone else it's \$3.50 each time. Please contact Julia Cornblatt at 687-0509 to let her know that you are coming.

## Please Note

### SHABBAT SERVICES IN AUGUST

Throughout the month of August, all Friday night Shabbat services will be at 6:15 PM, with a pre-Oneg at 5:45 PM. The service on August 16 will be at the home of Susan and Stephen Karon.

### SIMCHA PRESCHOOL

Simcha will be closed the week of August 26-30 for staff training.

### ROCK SHABBAT 2019/20

*Mark your calendar for Rock Shabbat services throughout the coming year.*

September 30, 2019 Rock Hashana

October 25

November 15, with Beth El Bim Bam

December 20, Rock of Ages Chanukah Extravaganza Dinner

January 24, 2020

February 28, with Beth El Bim Bam

March 20

April 17

May 15

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## Introduction to Kabbalah

Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:30 PM  
June 19 to August 14  
with Peter Cardilla

An introduction to the subject of Kabbalah: its origins and development, its influence on religious and secular thinking. We'll cover a brief history and discussion of the content and symbolism of Kabbalistic writing, with emphasis on Kabbalah's central work, The Zohar, and its parts. Students are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book we will be using, *Kabbalah: A Very Brief Introduction*, by Joseph Dan.



## Lifelong Learning Planning for Fall 2019

We look forward to providing more outstanding programs for our community. Your input makes that possible. Join us at our first planning meeting for the fall on Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 PM, at TBE. We would love to hear new ideas for programs. What are you interested in? Who do you know that we might contact to teach, lead a discussion or facilitate an activity? Please contact Wilma at [wilmagold@gmail.com](mailto:wilmagold@gmail.com). The intent is to offer both Jewish content and general programs of interest. In talking to folks about what they are interested in, one thing we learned is that there is a desire for programs for parents on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons/evenings during Temple School. What else can be offered? Check out the committee, contribute to the process. Together we create enriching programs for our community.





# Calendar Highlights/General News

## Advertise in the Shofar

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## Board Installation

Friday, June 21, 7:30 PM

Join us for a special Shabbat service to honor our hard-working board and install our new Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 year.

## Nominate a Woman of Valor for 2020

Do you know a woman of valor who merits nomination for the Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor Award? Every year, the Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor Committee gathers nominations and selects a Jewish woman who meaningfully serves the Jewish community and the community at large. The committee, made up of former Women of Valor honorees, and family and friends of Candy, would love to have input from temple members to help with the selection process. The

committee meets once each year to review the good works of all those who have been nominated, along with women who have made an impact during the past year, and selects someone to honor in the spirit of the award. Email Casey at [caseycoonerty@hotmail.com](mailto:caseycoonerty@hotmail.com) with any nominations and include a few lines about why you think they are a Woman of Valor. Nominations are accepted year round.



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# Donor Spotlight/Smart Giving/Contributions *April 1-30*



## Donor Spotlight: Toby & Michael Alexander

We would like to acknowledge longtime Temple Beth El members and generous contributors, Toby and Michael Alexander. Members since 1976, they joined when Michael finished his fellowship at Stanford and was asked to join a local medical practice here in Santa Cruz. Toby and Michael enjoy being part of this community and proudly make up one of a wonderful four generations who are current members! Belonging to this community “is important to maintain our Jewish identity,” says Toby. She fondly remembers walking our beloved Torah scrolls from the old Bay Avenue synagogue to our current home in Aptos. Michael’s favorite memory was of playing the “fun machine” for the sketch at Rabbi Rick’s 10th anniversary celebration—too bad we don’t have that picture!

The Alexander’s have also been quite involved in a variety of ways during their many years here at TBE. Toby has been a Sisterhood Treasurer as well as Treasurer of the TBE Board of Directors. She also taught eighth grade at Temple School and worked with Rabbi Rick to develop the first children’s Haggadah for Passover—in addition to helping run the community Seders. She also worked on Chanukah dinners and served on the Sisterhood’s Kitchen Committee. Michael spent years singing in the TBE choir.

Philanthropy and tzedakah are important to the Alexander’s who put a special emphasis on keeping their giving as local as possible. They live by the tenants: be kind, be thoughtful, be generous. We deeply appreciate the Alexander’s being all of those things! TODAH RABAH!

## Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Rollover

### A TAX-WISE WAY TO GIVE

As membership renewal time approaches, the Fund Development Committee suggests a tax-wise way to give for congregants who are 70½ years or older and have retirement accounts.

This approach, which lowers the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals, is even more important given the recent changes in tax laws which have eliminated the charitable tax deduction for many of us.

Here are the possible benefits from using an RMD rollover to fund your temple membership contribution:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to TBE and/or other charities
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of our beloved temple

Making an IRA rollover should be straightforward. Contact your IRA plan administrator and ask him/her to transfer the amount of your membership contribution **DIRECTLY** to Temple Beth El. Please note that the contribution must be transferred **DIRECTLY** to the temple and must not be made out to you or deposited in one of your personal accounts.

Please feel free to contact me at [mgordon@ucsc.edu](mailto:mgordon@ucsc.edu) or 831-426-0189, if you want more information on making your temple membership contribution via IRA rollover. And thank you for your generosity to the temple!

—Margaret Gordon  
Chair, TBE Fund Development  
Committee

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In memory of Yofi  
Margaret Gordon

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Happy Birthday Yetta Lippman  
Phyllis Rosenberg  
In honor of Paula Marcus  
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In honor of Bertha Taube, my great  
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