



the shofar

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Rabbinic Roundtable

Please join the Senior Connections community for its 10th Annual Luncheon and Rabbinic Roundtable on Monday, June 6. The topic for this year's panel is: The Wisdom and Honoring of Our Elders in Judaism and Jewish Tradition.

Schedule:

12:00–1:00 PM - Luncheon

1:15–3:30 PM - Rabbinic Roundtable Panel

June 2 is the deadline for the luncheon reservation and payment. Advance reservations and payment are required. Contact Marlene at (831) 818-4809.

Attend the Rabbinic Roundtable—no reservation or fee.

Please Note

- There will be no Meditation in June or July.
- Beginning in June, Torah Study and Primary Resources are on hiatus. They will return in the fall—the exact date to be announced.
- The Shofar doesn't publish in July and August. It will resume with an issue for September.
- July 1 is the time to renew your membership for 2016/17!

Pride Shabbat

June 10, 7:30 PM



Hear from special guest speaker Rabbi Susan Goldberg, Rabbinic advisor to the Amazon series "Transparent," a funny and loving melodrama.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service during PRIDE MONTH. Bring a friend!

Also, be with us as Santa Cruz County says good bye to Rev. Tino Cordova. He has been a *wonderful asset to our broader Santa Cruz County community since arriving two years ago*. They will miss him at his church. We will miss him in Out In Our Faith.

For more information contact Kathy Ruiz Goldenkranz at k.ruiz.goldenkranz@gmail.com.

Board Installation Shabbat

Please join us for the Board of Directors installation at the Shabbat service on June 17th. Scott Roseman will be sworn in as our new president, and Jim Atkins will be installed as the new vice president of membership development. We will also mark the end of Gus Gold's extended tenure on the board, and it will be Rabbi Rick's last Shabbat as our Senior Rabbi.

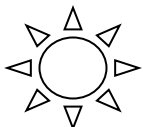
Welcome New Executive Director Ryvenna Lewis

We are happy to welcome Ryvenna Lewis onboard as of June 1st as our new executive director. Ryvenna (pronounced Raveena) comes to us after two years as administrator at a conservative congregation in Foster City. Ryvenna is passionate about Judaism and the Reform Movement's newer philosophies, such as relational Judaism and voluntary dues structures. She has a master's degree in public policy, with an emphasis in policy analysis and public management, which she is eager to use to aid us in strategic planning and data-based, fact-based constituency analyses. Ryvenna will be living in Los Gatos with her husband, Joe, and two-year-old daughter, Olivia. Come meet Ryvenna at the board installation Shabbat, June 17th.

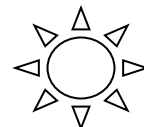


We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Adrienne Muscat Swedlove who has served us well as executive director during a challenging year and will be retiring and moving to San Antonio with her family at the end of the month.

Call Now While There Are Still Openings!



Simcha Preschool
Where Learning And Fun Come Together! ☆



Simcha Preschool still has some openings for fall 2016. Please call or e-mail Silvia Ferguson, the Director, for more information and to schedule a visit.

Our NAEYC accredited program was

voted #1 by the Best of the Good Times for the second consecutive year. We feature an intimate, family-centered program that offers a stimulating play-based and Jewish curriculum with excellent staff-to-child ratios. Varied

schedules are available, with half and full day options.

Silvia Ferguson
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simchadirector@tbaptos.org
(831) 479-3449



“Thanks a Million Rabbi Rick”

Endowment and Major Gifts Campaign | 2015 and 2016

As we honor Rabbi Rick and consider the remarkable growth and achievement of our Temple community during these past 40 years, let us seize the moment to reach for yet another major accomplishment – an Endowment Fund of \$1 million whose income supports our congregation forever forward.

The Temple Beth El Endowment Fund is invested with the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. Once the Fund reaches the \$1 million mark, the income on the principal will be directed to the Temple Beth El general fund. Until that mark is attained, the income will be reinvested with the Fund.

With pledges received in 2015 and 2016, we are at \$800,000.

**Your pledge to the Endowment NOW can help us
reach the \$1 million milestone this year!**

Endowment Fund Gifts and Pledges | 2015 and 2016

Letty and Lane Bess - \$100,000

Ed Newman - \$100,000

Jasmine Berke and Scott Roseman - \$50,000

Margaret Gordon - \$10,000

Amy and David Harrington - \$10,000

Expansion Major Gifts and Pledges | 2015 and 2016

Ed Newman - \$900,000 (*for the Litvak Wing*)

Esther and Gerry Levandoski - \$10,000 (*for future expansion*)

Ow Family Fund - \$100,000 (*for future expansion, Simcha*)

For information on making Endowment or Expansion pledges contact: Amy Harrington, Vice President for Fund Development or Margaret Gordon, Fund Development Committee.

Spirituality

REFLECTIONS FROM RABBI RICK



Rabbi Rick

Forty Years of 100
Blessings A Day =
1,460,000 Blessings

The very first prayer in the traditional prayer book is "Modeh Ani—I am grateful." The first words that are supposed to come out of our mouths when we wake from sleep are words of gratitude. As I mentioned at the High Holidays, research in positive psychology has established that regardless of financial resources, the most important differential between people who report they are happy and those who say they aren't is whether or not they live with a core attitude of gratitude. Noted psychologist Rick Hanson, of the Greater Good Science Center, has explained the basis of the wisdom of noticing, pausing to savor the blessings in our lives and actually verbally acknowledging them and uttering thanks for them. His research has demonstrated that these are the ways we connect the neurons and activate the neurotransmitters that generate both feelings of happiness and an underlying sense of contentment. The rabbis understood this centuries ago when they wisely said we should recite 100 blessings a day.

One of the greatest blessings in my life has been the chance to study and appreciate the wisdom of the Torah, to share it with you, my congregants, and thereby be helped to know it and live by it in my life. Each day of the last forty years has been filled with more than a hundred blessings, many of which came from the meaningful experiences that came from being your rabbi. The wonderful celebration of my becoming your Emeritus Rabbi has been the opportunity to remember many of those blessings experienced over the years, to savor them and to feel the wonderful blessing of your expressions of appreciation.

Now I want to thank all who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful celebration weekend for me, my family and for the entire congregation. Thank

you to all who sponsored the celebration and made donations to the many important funds and projects of the Temple in honor of my years of service. Thank you to all who took time to attend the Friday night service, Saturday night gala and Sunday festivities. Thank you to all of you who sent fond recollections for my remembrance book and sent notes and took out ads expressing your gratitude.

I have had the chance to savor my blessings and I want to now take this opportunity, in my last Shofar article as Senior Rabbi, to express my deep gratitude to all of you for 40 great years of sacred partnership, friendship and love. I suppose one thing that I am thankful for as I retire and become Emeritus Rabbi of the congregation, is your indication that while my role will change, I will still be one of the rabbis of Temple Beth El. One of the great things about being a rabbi is that while one retires from one's working career, one is always a rabbi. I look forward to continue to teach from time to time and to share some of the wisdom of Judaism, to officiate at life cycle ceremonies when invited by you to do so, to participate in some of the social justice activities of the congregation, and to enjoy providing counsel and guidance while keeping up the rich relationships with all of you as I hang out in my wonderful office in the new Litvak wing. I look forward to the continued growth and development of our congregation and to playing a small part in its continued success. Thank you for 40 great years. I feel blessed to now look forward to the blessings of retirement and continuing to be your Emeritus Rabbi.

Todah Rabbah—thank you.
Rabbi Richard Litvak, Senior Rabbi

SEPTEMBER 2016 SHOFAR DEADLINES

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Celebrate Shavuot

A Creative Evening Studying
the Book of Ruth
Saturday, June 11, 7:30 PM at TBE

The Book of Ruth, chosen for the holiday commemorating the giving of the Torah, is also the occasion of the annual reading of the Book of Ruth. The story is the first recorded conversion to Judaism in history. It echoes the Shavuot theme of choosing Judaism.

The Book of Ruth is a surprisingly modern and relevant book. Packed into four brief chapters are issues of intermarriage, illicit sex, complex interpersonal relationships, sexual politics, poverty and social justice, the value of loyalty, the roots of Jewish messianism and the workings of God in human lives.



We'll be joining with Rabbi Eli and Chadeish Yameinu to explore these topics in interactive ways as they are fascinatingly found in the Book of Ruth.

Schedule for the evening:
7:30–8:00 PM - Graze on cheese blintzes, cheese cake, fruit, vegetables, sweets and Sunset Havdalah to bring the Shabbat to a close and to welcome Shavuot.

8:00–10:00 PM - Interactive study with Rabbi Rick, Rabbi Paula and Rabbi Eli, with a break in the middle for eating and schmoozing.

10:00–past midnight - This will be a time for those who want to stay later and participate in the tradition of Tikkun Leil Shavuot, of studying past midnight. Congregational members will teach on various interesting Jewish spiritual and ethical topics.

Shavuot starts Saturday night this year, so most of you don't have to get up and go to work the next morning. Come for any part you want to and enjoy the food, the sense of community, and learning about the stimulating subjects in this small but important book in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Synagogue News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Adrienne Swedlove

I write this, my last column for the Shofar, with mixed emotions. I came to Aptos one year ago, filled with anticipation about the work I was about to begin and the people whom I would meet. How was I to know all that was in store for me and for my family

once we arrived here? It was a year of challenges and deep personal loss, but it was also a year of doing important work, making connections and developing relationships that I know will last far longer than my tenure as your executive director. I thank all of you for your support and kindness. A song we used to sing at Camp Swig has been going through my head the past few weeks. I leave you with some of its words:

*When I am gone may my wish linger on,
and its echo fall soft on your ears
May your wishes increase and your joys
never cease
And your happiness grow every year,
my friends, your happiness grow
every year.*

Adrienne Muscat Swedlove
Executive Director



Planning Meeting For Rabbi Paula's Installation Celebration

We are having our first meeting of members who would like to be involved in planning the installation celebration for Rabbi Paula. It will take place on Thursday, June 16, 7:00 PM, at TBE.

If you are interested but cannot attend, please RSVP so we can continue to keep you posted on the celebration activities.

—Amy Harrington, VP of Fund Development

—Wilma Gold, Program Council

Chaverware is Here!

After many months of transferring data, our new synagogue management system is being rolled out in the temple office. Please be patient as we work out any kinks in the system. In order to ensure that our information is correct, please fill out all of your information in the membership renewal packet that you will be receiving any day...even if you think we already have it. We want to make sure that we are able to correctly notify you of your yahrzeits and that you receive notice of temple announcements. Along with our new system comes a new design for our website. Look for improvements and new features over the next weeks and months!

TBE KITCHEN REGULATIONS/ETIQUETTE

In an effort to comply with health department regulations as a licensed, commercial kitchen, our kitchen committee has approved new regulations regarding taking food from the kitchen after temple events. Please do not enter the kitchen or take any food (for your own consumption or for others) unless invited to do so by our kitchen supervisor or other person in charge of the event. It is likely that the leftover food is already spoken for by another temple event, so don't assume that it is there for the taking. Your compliance with these new regulations will assure that we keep our high health department grade. Thank you.



Membership

This new feature highlights a TBE group, how it welcomes new members and what to expect when attending. By Carolyn Coleman as told to Marilyn Breiling.

DO YOU KNOW THAT AT NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS...

You are welcomed by friendly Temple members who live close to you in your part of town. There are almost always interesting connections to be made, lively conversation, and of course delicious food! You can check in with the host to see if it's a potluck or maybe just show up ready to make new friends and/or enjoy being with those you already know.

My favorite part of our Seabright/Eastside neighborhood brunch is when we take a break from visiting and noshing to gather around, introduce ourselves and share about our favorite part of where we live. It might be a special walk, a restaurant, talent to share, or neighborhood shopping

secrets. Of course we all think we live in the best part of Santa Cruz!

The gatherings are hosted by members who volunteer their home within a specific zip code. Chairperson Amy Harrington and her committee, with the help of Adrienne Swedlove, is working hard to get information out to membership.

Some neighborhoods are gathering this year. Beginning in 2017, the gatherings will all be in the spring and fall.

One last thing about neighborhood gatherings is that they foster a more intimate connection in your area—so that if you want to go to a Temple event with someone, need a helping hand nearby, or just appreciate seeing familiar faces at Shoppers Corner (my personal favorite grocery store!)—you feel part of the circle of community created by being a Temple member.

Now you know!

Youth/Calendar Highlights

TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS



Rabbi Shifra

We are always innovating here at Temple School and this year we held our first *All School Open House*. We had 20 potential new students attend with their parents. The 6th graders acted as ambassadors, explaining their favorite things about temple school. I wish you could have been there to hear the wonderful things they had to say. I was quite moved by how many of them reported that their time here at Temple Beth El is so important because it is a safe place for them to be themselves—like a second home. In fact, many parents report to me that their kids refuse to miss Temple School when given the opportunity. I'm sure this doesn't apply to all of our students, but it is certainly our goal that they will choose to come here, and that they will fall in love with their Jewish heritage.

This was a wonderful year at Temple School and I can hardly believe it is over. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Temple School Opening Day at the Community Wide Picnic on September 11th. Please help spread the word about our program to parents of potential students that you may know by inviting anyone who may be interested to come to the picnic, where they can meet the teachers and students, and try out Temple School. Temple School fosters a love of Jewish learning in a joyful, engaging and supportive community. Thanks for all that you do to make this possible. As always, I welcome your input. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

—Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Gift Shop Hours

June Gift Shop hours will be:
Sunday 9:30 AM–12:00 PM,
Wednesday 2:30–6:00 PM. Or
contact Shirley at 831-685-2710
to make an appointment.

Simcha Celebrates Passover

Carrying on the Tradition



Rabbi Paula led us in a beautiful Children's Seder in honor of Passover. Gaby Litsky, our beloved substitute and past Simcha teacher, shared her puppets to tell the Passover story. Many families came to celebrate with their children savoring the matzah balls and haroset made by the children. This year we have two parents who were themselves past graduates of Simcha, Sarah Cowan and Ben Ow. It was so special to have them here with their children—the next generation sharing in the Simcha Passover tradition!

Young Families Project

The Young Families Project is on vacation until the fall. We are looking for a few folks who would like to be on our committee to plan next year's events. There are meetings three times during the year (July–May). Please contact Shira Coleman at 831-588-2541 or shiracoleman@gmail.com. Have a great summer!

—Wilma Gold and Shira Coleman

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Tuesday, June 7

6:30 PM

(please note the early start time)

According to the Babylonian Talmud there are seven Prophetesses in Jewish tradition. "The rabbis taught: Forty-eight prophets and seven prophetesses preached to Israel... Who were the seven prophetesses? Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Huldah, Esther." (Tractate Megillah)

Please join us on Tuesday, June 7, as we herald in the month of Sivan and take a look at our Seven Prophetesses. Contact Chai for more information at 831-475-3313.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz will be on Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 PM.

Senior Connections

June 6

Rabbi Roundtable: The Wisdom and Honoring of Our Elders In Judaism and Jewish Tradition

See the cover for event information.

June 27

UCSC's Bruce Thompson - Jewish Comedy Revisited

American culture has no shortage of great humorists, from Benjamin Franklin in the eighteenth century to Mark Twain in the nineteenth and Will Rogers and W.C. Fields and many others in the twentieth. But the Jewish contribution to American comedy over the last century has been astonishing: from Broadway to Hollywood, from vaudeville to television, from the most intellectually satisfying New Yorker cartoons to the most popular stand-up comedians of our time. How do we account for this incredibly rich contribution to our culture? How have Jewish writers and entertainers converted the woes of Jewish history into the cathartic therapy of laughter? Beginning with some classic Jewish jokes, we'll examine some of the best recent theories of Jewish comedy and its sources in Jewish history and culture.

Programs are on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, 2:00–3:30 PM. (Come at 1:30 to nosh & schmooze.) Open to the public. Free.



Save the Date

Independence Day

Monday, July 4

Offices will be closed

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Wednesday, July 6

Jewish Identity through Modern Art

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Details in Temple Weekly & on the website.

Recognition

Nachas

BECCA COLEMAN, daughter of Carolyn & Curt, received her master's degree in Education from Mills College, and was honored as Outstanding Educator for the year at Hillside Elementary School in San Leandro where she is in her 4th year as a second



The Mazon Project provides dinner to the Santa Cruz Homeless Shelter every Sunday of the Year, on behalf of Temple Beth El!

Our wonderful May volunteers were: Penny Chesluk & Chavurah Chaverim, Rachael Katz (5X), Dennis & Cheryl Caspe, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Zena Krakowsky (2X), Leora Fromm, Lenny & Geri Wolff, Deborah Jacobson (2X), Martha Jacobson (4X), Alison Gold, Andrea Yanowitz, Renee Lion, and Richie Solomon.

Sign up for the Mazon Project at the Mazon *SignUpGenius* link at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa4ac23a02-please>.

As we end the 2015-2016 year, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to two highly respected leaders of the Temple Board of Directors—Gail Levine and Gus Gold. Gail is now completing three years as board president, having graciously agreed to stay the extra year when her two-year term was over. Her leadership skills, her wonderful sense of humor, and her ability to get along with all types of people have made her a uniting force in the congregation. She has given generously of her time and resources to attend Temple leadership and committee meetings, services, events, and Union for Reform Judaism training and Biennials. Most recently, she worked diligently to support the events to honor and celebrate Rabbi Rick. Gail has already given 12 years to service on the Board of Directors and, fortunately, will be continuing on in the position of immediate past president as Scott Roseman becomes our new president.



Gus Gold, however, will be leaving the board after serving for the past 9 years. He, too, served a third year as president, before moving into the past president's position. Gus gave substantial energy and attention to the care of the Temple building and our cemeteries. His experience on the board and his institutional memory—which he's able to access in precise detail at a moment's notice—have been invaluable in board discussions. Gus has been a force for making the board's work transparent to the congregation and involving congregants in important decisions. He's one of the friendliest people around with an ability to listen to and get along with the wide range of people in our congregation. He, too, has been generous with his time and resources, offering his home for temple-related events and traveling to URJ Biennials.



Both Gail and Gus have overseen this unprecedented, pivotal moment in our congregation's history, with Rabbi Rick ending his 40-year tenure as Senior Rabbi and all that that's entailed—and our congregation is even stronger and more vital as we engage in this transition.

To Gail and Gus, we thank you both for your heart, your wisdom, your friendship, and your devotion to Temple Beth El.



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Robert Melvin Savasky, father of Paul, Dan, and Ellen (z"l)

Lucille Dorothy Pine, mother of Amy and Pamela Pine, mother-in-law of Bob Campbell, grandmother of Lena, Risa and Max

James Kaplan, step-brother of Larry and Karen Kaplan

Stephen Aron, Temple Member, husband of Elida Aron and father of Elizabeth Aron

Charlotte Primack, mother of Ellen Primack, Sara Friedlander and Mark Primack; mother-in-law of Eric Schmidt, Cliff Friedlander and Janet Pollock; grandmother of Sasha, Eva and Luka

Anne Richman, daughter of Temple member Chaim Richman & Betty Richman (z"l); sister of Catherine Richman Cooper, Stephen Richman and Jeff Richman; sister-in-law of Robert Cooper; aunt of David Cooper

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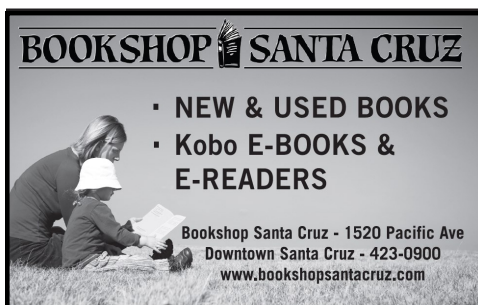
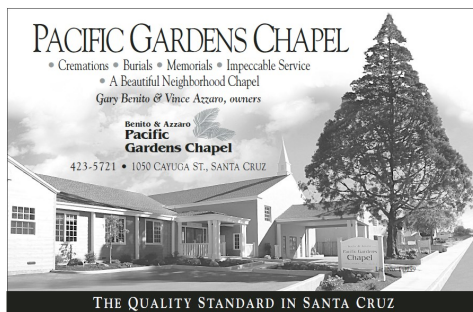
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As we write these words for our fantastic community newsletter, the *Shofar*, we have not actually experienced the full and varied weekend of activities to honor Rabbi Rick. However, there are a few things we can say:

These celebrations brought together so many people from our Temple community—and beyond;

There has been an astounding outpouring of support to honor Rabbi Rick—funds that will contribute to the financial stability of our Temple community, now and into the future through the Endowment Fund;

Many, many volunteers and staff gave so much of themselves to imagine and create a weekend of wonderful events to honor Rabbi Rick and Nancy.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank ALL of you for your contribution to this unforgettable weekend.

Toby Alexander, Sheila Baumgarten, Lauren Goldstein Schaeffer, Eddie Scher
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June 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Camp Kayetz Parent Meeting 7:00pm Mussar Class 7:30pm	2 Library Open 3:00pm	3 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Retreat (out)  8:05pm	4 Shabbat Unplugged Morning Service (Bechukotai) 10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Retreat (out)
5 B'nai Mitzvah Retreat (out)	6 Rabbi Round Table Luncheon 12:00pm Rabbi Round Table Panel 1:15pm	7 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 6:30pm	8 Healing Circle, Rabbi Paula 12:30pm Mussar Class 7:30pm	9 Library Open 3:00pm	10 Pride Shabbat Service 7:30pm  8:09pm	11 Shabbat Morning Service (Bamidbar) w/ Chadash Yameinu at TBE 10:00am Erev Shavuot Program 7:30pm
12 Shavuot	13	14	15 Parent and Student Prayers & Blessings Information Meeting 7:00pm Mussar Class 7:30pm	16 Library Open 3:00pm	17 Board Installation Shabbat Service 7:30pm  8:11pm	18 Shabbat Morning Service (Nasso) 10:00am
19 Anne Singer Memorial—Followed by Meal of Consolation 10:30am Father's Day	20 Camp Kayetz	21 General Board Meeting 7:00 pm Camp Kayetz	22 Healing Circle, Rabbi Paula—Last Gathering Until the Fall 12:30pm Prayers & Blessings Class 7:00pm Mussar Class 7:30pm Camp Kayetz	23 Library Open 3:00pm Camp Kayetz	24 Simcha Preschool Graduation 5:45pm Simcha Preschool Graduation Dinner 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  8:13pm Camp Kayetz	25 Shabbat Morning Service (Beha'alotcha) 10:00am
26	27 Senior Connections 1:30pm Camp Kayetz	28 Camp Kayetz	29 Prayers & Blessings Class 7:00pm Camp Kayetz Camp Kayetz Camping Trip	30 Library Open 3:00pm Camp Kayetz Camp Kayetz Camping Trip	1 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00pm  8:13pm Camp Kayetz Camp Kayetz Camping Trip	2 Shabbat Unplugged Morning Service (Shelach) 10:00am

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