Santa Cruz Jewish Cultural Festival
Sunday, June 11
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Come for the Food Stay for the Music!
Join the FREE FAMILY FUN—seven hours of food, music & play for all.

DELICIOUS AUTHENTIC FOOD
★ Brotherhood Jewish deli—special pastrami & corn beef sandwiches, kosher & vegan dogs & pickles.
★ Adina’s girl scouts matzo ball soup shots and a full bagel brunch bar.
★ Yaniv’s Middle Eastern fresh homemade authentic falafel, pita, hummus, tahini & Israeli salad shop.
★ Sweets from Bubbe’s Bakery including rugaleh, black & whites, coffee cake, arabic sweets & coffee.
★ The “Bar”-Mitzvah will be pouring beer, wine and Dr Brown’s Sodas.

SHOP THE “SHUK”
Visit our marketplace where over a dozen different artists offer their original work, tchotchkes and collectibles. There will also be a rare book sale and Sisterhood gently used, recycled items sale.

Come early and bring your friends to this wonderful day of fun for the entire family!

MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT
Live music starting at 11:30 AM by The Rock Shabbat Band, The Klezmackers, Aliza Hava with Dror Sinai and Eliyahu Sills & The Qadim Ensemble.
Fiddlers on the Roof and nonstop interactive entertainment including Clarinetist on the Roof with Dan Phillips and Jewish characters by Phyllis Greenleaf, Marla Stone-Lyons and Diane Grunes.

CHAI TALKS
18 minute talks by and about Jews throughout the day. Topics include: Science and God, Jewish Meditation, Chevra Kaddisha, Kosher Sex, Chanting Torah, Israeli Culture, Nazi’s “Degenerate Art” Collection and more.

MUSEUM, TOUR, ASK THE RABBIS
Our Pop-up Jewish museum, in the TBE Library, will share the wonder of Jewish culture. Sanctuary tours offer an opportunity to ask about ritual objects, symbols and art in our sacred spaces. Ask the Rabbis provides a time to ask deeper theological questions about Jewish practices and beliefs.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Teaming up with Project Pollinate we are set to have the best-ever kids and family area with singing, creative play, face painting, a bouncy castle, storytelling and a 30ft climbing wall! Also supervised childcare in the Simcha classrooms to give you some free time.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL SPONSORS (as of May 13th)

Please join them in supporting our Cultural Festival!

Volunteer:
Our festival owes its success to all our wonderful volunteers who come together to support the community. You know how satisfying it is to be part of such a fun event. Sign up on the TBE website or get in touch with Andrea at (831) 335-9503. Special appreciation gift for all volunteers!
Spirituality

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA

Jewish Cultural Festival
—A Time to Celebrate and Educate


If someone were to ask us how we define ourselves as Jews, we might add quite a few descriptions to describe our Jewish identities. It’s complicated. When asked if they are Jewish I’ve even heard some people say that they are Jewish on their parents’ side.

In our synagogue we work hard to make room for everyone who wants to identify with us. We provide a wide range of opportunities for people to connect with Jewish education, spirituality and prayer, social justice pursuits grounded in our Jewish values and life cycle observance—just to name a few.

For the most part, our parents were raised by immigrants who came to this country and dealt with the tension between assimilation and preservation of their Jewish identities. But as time has passed we now find ourselves more comfortable and we have more choice about how we live as Jews in this pluralistic society. Because we now have the freedom to choose how we identify as Jews, this identity can be quite fluid.

As we prepare for this year’s Jewish Cultural Festival I encourage us all to think about how we can reflect the diversity of Jewish identity. Our Cultural Festival is an opportunity to celebrate our culture but it is also an opportunity to educate the larger Santa Cruz community about who we are. How do you want to engage in this opportunity?

Please reach out to your friends and invite them to attend the festival. It’s not too late to volunteer your time. Please go to http://bit.ly/2qP2dne so that you can sign up online or contact Mark Abadi at mark@tbeaptos.org.

‒ Rabbi Paula Marcus, Senior Rabbi

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
Sunday, June 25, 7:00 PM

Join us for ritual, song and the special blessings from the month of Tammuz with Gaby and Miriam. Call Gaby Litsky for more information, (831) 462-9023.
Recognition/Synagogue News

Thank You/Todah Rabah to our incredible Temple educators!

This has been a banner year for education here at TBE, with Rabbi Shifra at the helm of our education programming. Under her guidance, Temple School and Hebrew High are buzzing along at full speed, with wonderful teachers and students, and an innovative curriculum. This year Sarah Clarkson has been full-time as our Congregational Learning Coordinator and thanks to her, our programs for young families are well-attended and thriving. Simcha Director Silvia Ferguson continues to run our top-rated early childhood program, staffed by gifted and loving teachers, and enrollment is up, up, up. We’re all very excited about plans for the new Simcha play yard.

Wilma Gold, Rose Ashford and team have revitalized our Lifelong Learning Program with a rich array of offerings that have been welcomed by our TBE community and beyond. And we are so fortunate that Penny Chesluk continues to chair our Education Committee with great thoughtfulness and energy. Many thanks to all of these wonderful educators, and to everyone involved with these excellent programs!

— Shani Ginsburg, VP Education

Nachas

We are excited to announce the Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation Presidential Chair for Feminist Studies at UC Santa Cruz. This endowed chair was recently established with a gift from the Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation and matching funds from the UC Regents. TBE member BETTINA APTHEKER, distinguished Professor of Feminist Studies, is the inaugural chair holder. The endowed chair will help fund research and teaching as well as graduate fellowships in Feminist Studies.

MAZON

A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

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

Our marvelous May MAZON volunteers were: Rowan Kern Jones, Deborah Jacobson, Susan & Stephen Karon, Rachael Katz and Friends (5X!), Susan Karz, Dennis & Cheryl Caspe, Wilma Gold (5X!), Zena Krakowsky, Martha Jacobson (2X), and Kerith Koontz (2X).

Membership

It’s that time again when we ask you to renew your commitment to our community. Each year we say the same thing—more true now than ever, we need your support. You support the good work of our rabbis, educators, office staff and caretakers. You create a place where Jewish life is nurtured to flourish.

Soon you’ll be receiving renewal packets, an opportunity to renew your financial commitment to Temple Beth El. Since 2010, we’ve relied on your generosity and built a sense of community through a program of voluntary membership dues. Every person who wants to be is a valued member of our community.

When you receive the renewal information, don’t hesitate. Consider renewing at a higher level, and if circumstances allow, a much higher level to support all that we cherish. Thank you for your continued support!

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It returns with a September issue.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
There will be a Pre-Oneg at 5:45 PM on August 4th, 11th and 18th.

**Adult B’nai Mitzvah Prayers & Blessings Class**

A wonderful group of adults have been taking classes with Rabbi Shifra in preparation for their February 10, 2018 B’nai Mitzvah Service. It is not too late to join! Contact Rabbi Shifra if you are interested.

The next segment of study is the Prayers and Blessings Class, which is open to anyone who would like to learn. Class will be taught by Korrine Fitz and Rabbi Shifra. It will meet every Wednesday evening 7:00 to 8:15 PM, from June 14 through August 16 (except July 5). The cost is $36.

**Senior Connections**

**June 12**
Cabrillo Music Festival’s Executive Director Ellen Primack gives a preview of the 2017 season including a discussion about its new music director, Cristian Macelaru

**June 26**
UCSC’s Bruce Thompson on Jews and the History of Espionage

**July 10**
Film screening of “Above and Beyond” (2015) 1 hour 30 minutes

**July 24**
Film screening of “The Flat” (2011) 1 hour 30 minutes

**August 14**
Film screening of “Operation Mural” (2007) 55 minutes and a discussion with Mimi Stein, who was part of this operation

**August 28**
Film screening of “Dancing in Jaffa” (2013 ) 1 hour 30 minutes

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.

**Jonathan Safran Foer Book Talk & Signing • Here I Am**

Co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and The Institute for Humanities Research

Wednesday Evening, July 12, 7:00 PM
Santa Cruz High Theatre
415 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz

Bookshop Santa Cruz presents best-selling and award-winning author Jonathan Safran Foer (Everything Is Illuminated, Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close) for a discussion and signing of his latest novel, Here I Am.

Ticket packages are $19.98: Includes two tickets to the event and one copy of Here I Am in paperback. Your ticket will also give you prioritized access to the signing line. Details and tickets available at Bookshop Santa Cruz and http://www.bookshopsantacruz.com/.

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**Share Family Judaica for Cultural Festival Museum**

The Cultural Festival Pop-Up Museum is asking congregation members to share their family menorahs, candlesticks, dreidels—anything Judaica—especially if there is a story attached. Contact Gaby Litsky 831-462-9023. Your treasures will be handled gently and kept safe. Thanks!

**Building Fund**

In memory of Janet’s father, Emma & Malika’s grandfather
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Robert & Michele Kibrick

**Shofar Classifieds**

Available for summer house sitting w/twin 8.5 sons (structured schedule.) Reliable, respectful, clean. Former TBE associates. Pet/garden care. Current CY members. Local references. Contact Nanci, Mark & Eli at nmheelnscc@yahoo.com.
### June 2017

**Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Sivan-Tammuz 5777**

All events are subject to change. Please check the Temple website, www.tbeaptos.org or call the office at 831-479-3444 to verify information.

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TEMPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks so much to Sarah Clarkson for running another fantastic Mitzvah Day, with well over 100 participants. A special thank you to our Mitzvah Day captains: Gail Levine, Mike Rein, Kerith Koontz and Dave Brodkey. The largest group (over 40 participants) went to the beach clean up with Save Our Shores (including our youth group SRFY) and it was a beautiful day to be at the beach. The lemonade stands went to Rio Del Mar beach and West Cliff and raised almost $300 for the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter. We collected lots of groceries for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project at Safeway. One of our students commented that collecting the food items for the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, “Has restored my faith in humanity.” We made about 100 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the River Street Homeless Shelter. Kol Tefillah participated by helping to set up the breakfast and deliver the sandwiches. Many volunteers stayed at TBE to landscape the garden and the Simcha playground and to help with several other jobs around the temple. All-in-all everyone who participated had a great time building community, helping others and learning about Jewish values by living them.

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 the Temple School Opening Day and Community Wide Picnic on September 10th. 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
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Jennifer Kanter

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