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Rabbi Paula’s Installation Celebration

November 18-19

We are very excited about Rabbi Paula’s Installation Celebration weekend.

Installation Ceremony at Rock Shabbat on Friday evening, November 18, at 7:30 PM. The TBE Sisterhood will host the Oneg. If you would like to bring something please contact Cathy Levy Imboden at drimboden2@aol.com or Amy Harrington at amykrosa@gmail.com. We welcome your donation to the Oneg. Brotherhood will help with setup and cleanup. Thank you so much to these two groups.

Special Shabbat Morning Services Saturday at 10:00 AM. Following services there will be kiddush and a special luncheon at 12:30 PM, to which all are welcome. Please RSVP by November 10th if you would like to attend the luncheon by sending an email to Melody Randel at melodymath@gmail.com.

Scholar’s Sessions 1:00 PM, Saturday. Esteemed guests offer teachings in the sanctuary, all are welcome. No RSVP necessary.

Saturday Evening Celebration 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 and Havdalah will begin promptly at 7:00. The evening will continue with music and dancing with the theme of “Joy and Giving.” Wine and delicious savory and sweet snacks will be served. All are invited to attend. Make your reservation by November 10th, with your RSVP to Ryvenna Lewis at rlewis@tbeaptos.org or call her at (831) 479-3444.

We look forward to seeing you for this special weekend.

Hanukkah Extravaganza

Brotherhood and Sisterhood Present the Temple’s Annual Holiday Dinner and Musical Celebration

Friday, December 16

5:00 PM • Dinner
Delicious chicken that only the Brotherhood can whip up, Brotherhood’s scrumptious latkes and Sisterhood’s incredible vegetables, salad, and assorted beverages. You are welcome to bring your own wine if desired.

6:30–7:30 PM • Rock of Ages
Rock Shabbat and Hanukkah celebration. Of course, what would Hanukkah be without our own Junior Rock Shabbat Band providing the beat that is Hanukkah? Naturally, there will be lots of traditional sufganiyot (donuts).
Cost: $12 per adult/13+ years; $6 per child 6–12 years, free for children 5 years and under. Please bring a dessert to share.
Reservations are required for the dinner. No reservations are needed for those attending only the holiday celebration. Use the RSVP form on page 15. Please mail your RSVP form to Richie Solomon, 218 Elena Dr., Ben Lomond, CA, 95005. Or you can bring your form to the TBE office. RSVP forms need to be received no later than Monday, December 12.

For questions contact Richie Solomon at (831) 336-1642 or Shelly Nadelman-Douglass at (831) 428-6208.

Young Families Project

Upcoming events on November 17, December 4, 9 & 13. Read all about them on page 5.
REFLECTIONS FROM RABBI PAULA

I can’t begin to express how grateful I am to this community for the support and love I felt between and among our members during the high holidays. I witnessed caring, warmth, tears, joy and openness that I know comes from the depths of our hearts and the core teachings of Jewish tradition. I am inclined to want to hold on to this feeling.

And now the planning for my celebration is well under way. Again, I am filled with gratitude by the generosity of time, talent and financial resources flowing from the hearts of so many. As the time for this celebration approaches, I can sense the excitement building for the precious 24-hour Shabbat during which we will join with members, family and friends to share our joy and express our caring for our community. I know that the time together will fly by.

And soon after the celebration we will be preparing for Hanukkah, our holiday of miracles.

It’s amazing to me that the Hanukkah candles we use to make known the miracle of the holiday are small. They are thin candles that usually burn for less than an hour! When I light the Shabbat candles they are still burning before I head off to bed. And yahrzeit candles burn for 24 hours.

This is the nature of miracles, and often the nature of celebration; if we’re not paying attention, they disappear before we even notice them.

If we pay attention to the miracles of our lives, we extend the light, the candles of our hearts continue to burn. During this season I hope we can find ways to extend our appreciation for all of the blessings in our lives. While the candles burn, may the light they cast remain in our hearts and minds, guiding us through the days of our lives.

–Rabbi Paula Marcus

ShabbASANA

10:00–11:30 AM
Gentle Yoga
with Katie Jacobson
All are welcome!

Saturdays
November 12th
and
December 10th

Rosh Chodesh

7:00 PM

Feel free to bring a snack to share (optional). One of our Rosh Chodesh traditions is to share food. Chodesh Tov!

Kislev

Thursday, December 1st

Kislev is the month of the winter solstice and Hanukkah—a time to bring light into the dark of winter. Bring a candle holder and single candle, perhaps in your favorite color, and join us in the blessings of light.

Tevet

Thursday, December 29th

We welcome the month of Tevet this year on the sixth night of Hanukkah. Bring a Hanukkah menorah and candles and we will honor our mothers and daughters in a Hag HaBanot (The Festival of the Daughters) ritual.

Spirituality, musical, magical!

7:30 PM

Rock Shabbat

November 18
Rockin’ Rabbi Paula Installation

Rock of Ages Shabbat

December 16

Beth El Bim Bam

formerly Tot Rock Shabbat

Please join us for our new Shabbat program for families with young children

Friday, December 9

5:45 PM - Vegetarian family potluck Shabbat singing dinner

6:30 PM - Fabulous engaging Shabbat activities for all ages that include family story time and child-friendly hands-on Jewish activities

Meet and schmooze with other Jewish families with young children at this new fun community Shabbat event.

Potlucks at TBE are kosher style. We do not serve meat and milk together and we don’t serve pork or shellfish.

The program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Sarah Clarkson sclarkson@tbeaptos.org to save your place at dinner.

A special thank you to PJ Library www.pjlibrary.org.

Save the date for future Beth El Bim Bam programs to be held on Fridays, March 17 and April 28, 2017.

FLUTE LESSONS
Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Students

Barbara Beerstein
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I’m very excited to see our Temple Board off and running into this new year with three major goals to work toward:
• determining a clergy/staff leadership model that best meets the needs of our congregation
• overcoming the geographical factors that create hardships for folks not living in or near Aptos to connect with our temple community
• developing a plan to improve our building and our grounds surrounding the temple that will provide us all with a facility and space that enhances our experiences at Temple Beth El

Clergy/Staff Leadership. Last year, Rabbi Paula and the Board agreed upon a plan to have Rabbi Shifra assume the role of Associate Rabbi while continuing to oversee the temple’s educational programs. The plan also included upgrading Sarah Clarkson’s position to full-time with more responsibilities, that would also allow Rabbi Shifra to devote a good portion of her time to congregational rabbi duties such as leading worship, performing life-cycle events, and doing pastoral counseling. The board, in partnership with the Clergy and the congregation, will be engaging in a process to assess how this plan is working. We will explore what opportunities we may have to restructure (or not) in ways that would better serve the congregation and look at options for how to move forward.

Overcoming Geography. The challenge of Highway 1 is evident to all of us. It is particularly evident to those folks who live on the westside, in the San Lorenzo Valley, or just about anywhere north of Aptos, who want to attend Friday night services or get their children to Temple School on Wednesdays. We need to address this by creating more programs outside the temple walls, and by looking for creative solutions to ease this burden.

Improving Building and Grounds. We are so excited that the construction has begun on the new Litvak wing that will provide our community with a youth lounge and a coffee/tea hang-out space (as well as an office for the Rabbi Emeritus). And we want to look at further ways in which we can take the property we own and create outdoor spaces both in front of the building and behind that might provide our congregants with a beautiful place to just be, or to worship, or for our children to play and perhaps garden. We also have to make sure that our 25- plus-year building gets the attention it needs to continue to function for us.

This is not all the work that the Board will be doing. We still need to oversee the fiscal health of the organization. We will also be continuing to focus on ways for people to connect with each other. And we will look to the ways in which congregants want to engage in their Jewish lives.

—Scott Roseman, Board President

End-of-Year Donations for 2016 Taxable Deductions

If you want your end-of-year donation to be tax deductible in 2016 mail your check before December 31. The IRS determines the donation date as the postmark date on the envelope not the date on the check. You may also drop off your donation to the temple office by December 23 to qualify for a tax deduction in 2016. Please keep in mind that the office is closed for the holidays from December 24 through January 1. Donations during that time need to be sent by mail or you may donate via your credit card on the TBE website before 3:00 PM on December 31. After 3:00 PM the banks post online donations on the next business day and therefore they will be recognized as a 2017 donation.

Board Report

Three members of the Board of Directors have now assumed new roles for the coming year. Amy Harrington moved into the newly created position of Executive Vice President, Teresa Leopold moved to Vice President of Fund Development, and Nathaniel Deutsch is now the Congregant Facilitator.

The board has set three top operational goals for the coming year, which are listed by President Scott Roseman on this page.

At the October board meeting, several other projects were approved:
► The temple will be purchasing a used service truck to be operated for cemetery and building maintenance projects.
► A bid from K and D Landscaping was accepted to upgrade the Simcha play yard, both to address some safety issues and to improve the learning experience for the children. The bid of approximately $36,000 will cover major infrastructure work on the project. Further fundraising is under way to add various play features. Work will likely begin after the rainy season.
► The construction of the Litvak Wing has begun and is moving along. Some other building upgrades—our security camera system, part of the flat roof, and the alarm panel—will likely be addressed while the construction is under way so that the work will fit together seamlessly.

Program Council Update

The Program Council and the Board of Directors held a joint meeting in October to set common goals and a plan for moving forward. The board indicated that the engagement of temple members, which can include a wide variety of types of participation and connection, should be a top priority across Temple committees and programs for the coming year. Each Temple committee is now aligned with one of the board members who will serve as a liaison to that committee. This addresses the issue that some committees lost their vital connections with the board when the board reorganized several years ago.
As Thanksgiving approaches and we focus on gratitude, it is a good time to get out your Hanukkah decorations, menorah and dreidels. By decorating our houses and lighting our menorah and placing it in the window for all to see, we illuminate the presence of miracles in our lives and give thanks that spirit can still triumph over might. In my mind, there can never be too much hype about Hanukkah. Hanukkah inspires us to miraculously find light in times of great darkness, and is one of our many holidays that emphasize the joy of Judaism, especially for Jewish children. The first night of Hanukkah is December 24th, so if you are traveling, be sure to pack a menorah!

Temple School really gets into Hanukkah! We hope that your children will build many wonderful memories from Hanukkah at TBE, and we are planning a multitude of fantastic celebrations. We hope that everyone, of all ages, comes to the Hanukkah Extravaganza on December 16th with “Rock of Ages,” the Shabbat service celebrating Hanukkah with the Rock Shabbat band. On December 14th, our sixth graders make latkes and our fifth graders make Hanukkah cookies for us all to share when our fourth graders return to Temple School from Aegis, where we go every year to share Hanukkah with the elderly residents that live there. Hebrew High will also celebrate Hanukkah on that night with a latke party and a few surprises for Hanukkah fun. Finally, on December 18th, our annual Hanukkah rollerskating party brings the whole Temple School community together before our winter break.

―Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Simcha Celebrates Sukkot

The children had fun creating and decorating their very own sukkah on our big playground. It was a special treat to move outside to celebrate Shabbat together in such a cozy, special place. For our annual Sukkot Potluck we moved into the Temple Sukkah to sing and celebrate with Rabbi Paula and some of our families. We all shared a beautiful Shabbat dinner and celebrated this holiday time of year together.

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

November
Wednesday, November 2
4-6, KEF, Hebrew High
Sunday, November 6
Yad B’Yad, K-6, Jewish Parenting Class
Wednesday, November 9
4-6, KEF, Hebrew High
Sunday, November 13
K-6, Jewish Parenting Class,
Kindergarten Parent Participation
Wednesday, November 16
4-6, KEF, Hebrew High
Sunday, November 20
No Temple School, Teacher in-service
Wednesday, November 23
No Temple School—Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, November 27
No Temple School—Thanksgiving Break
November 30
4-6, KEF, Hebrew High
December
Sunday, December 4
Yad B’Yad/Jewish Parenting Class
“Competing with Santa—being Jewish in December” with Ryvenna Lewis
Wednesday, December 7
4-6, KEF, Hebrew High
Friday, December 9
Beth El Bim Bam
Sunday, December 11
K-6, Jewish Parenting Class, 6th Grade Parent Participation
Wednesday, December 14
4th Grade Field Trip to Aegis, 4-6, KEF Hebrew High (fall term ends)
Friday, December 16
Rock of Ages
Sunday, December 18
Roller Skating at the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium, 11:30-1:30
December 21-January 4
Youth/Recognition

Young Families Project

Ongoing programs for families with children birth to 11 years old meeting out and about Santa Cruz County. Events are free and everyone is welcome!

On November 17, we will meet at Wonderland Toys and Classroom Resources, located at 4101 Soquel Drive, at the corner of Soquel Dr. and 41st Ave. Temple member Hannah Stubblefield co-owns and operates Wonderland Toys and has invited the Young Families Project to come for story time and craft making at the store. Many of us were sad to see Kaleidoscope go and thanks to Hannah's efforts we have a new, beautiful, thoughtful toy, and classroom resources store in Santa Cruz! The theme will be Shabbat and activities. We will begin at 3:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM.

Our December 13 activity will be a Hanukkah Story Hour with the amazing professional storyteller and Santa Cruz favorite, Billie Harris. The reading will take place at 5:30 PM at Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1520 Pacific Ave. Many thanks to Casey Coonerty Protti and the Coonerty family for years of wonderful memories, beautiful books, and events at Bookshop Santa Cruz! This will be our third Hanukkah Story Hour at Bookshop Santa Cruz and it’s always a wonderful event—celebrating a favorite holiday for many of us, being with our community, and getting in the spirit! Meet with friends downtown for dinner, invite someone to your house afterward, or make new connections.

Also mark your calendar for December Yad b’Yad activities with a Hanukkah theme on Sunday, December 4. On December 9, there will be a Beth El Bim Bam potluck Shabbat dinner at 5:45 PM, with fabulous engaging Shabbat activities for all ages starting at 6:30 PM.

Book Reading & Crafts ~ November 17 with a Shabbat Theme 3:30-5:00 PM
Come to Wonderland Toys and Classroom Resources located at 4101 Soquel Drive, in Soquel, on the corner of 41st and Soquel Dr.

Yad B’Yad ~ December 4
Hanukkah Theme 9:45–11:15 AM at TBE
Beth El Bim Bam at TBE ~ December 9
5:45 PM - Vegetarian Family Potluck Shabbat Singing Dinner
6:30 PM - Fabulous engaging Shabbat activities for all ages

Hanukkah Story Hour ~ December 13
with Billie Harris, 5:30 PM at Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1520 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz

Want to get all of the Young Families Project Events on a Google calendar?
Contact Sarah sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

In The Temple

NEW MEMBERS
Louise Caraco
Karen and Alex Corscadden
Thomas Fox
Melissa and Jeff Grudin
Ruth and Ari Schifrin
Judi Wyant

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING
Kathy Ruiz Goldenkranz, wife of Andrew, mother of Max and Suzie
Rich Persoff, husband of Ann Bornstein

SRFY

Thanks to all of you who celebrated the High Holidays with us at the teen service and for all your help passing out bags and collecting food. Those acts make a big difference in our community both here at TBE and in Santa Cruz.

Be sure to visit our table at the Hanukkah Extravaganza latke dinner.

Mark your calendar now to save the date for our one and only snow trip January 6-8, 2017—more information to come soon.

Thanks all and have a great couple of months!

–Kate Hochler, SRFY Advisor

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MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: An Essential Tool for Spiritual Practice and Personal Well-Being

This series, with Aryeh Nanas, is appropriate for both new meditators and experienced practitioners. The sessions will be both experiential and didactic. There will be opportunities to explore ways in which meditation and mindfulness practice can be integrated into our Jewish practice. Cost is $60 for the series. Sliding fee available.

Thursdays, November 3 & 17, December 12, 7:00-8:30 PM

JUDAISM AS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

This class is an exploration of our people’s and our individual spiritual journeys, led by Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias. Participants will need Michael Strassfeld’s “A Book of Life.” Cost is $50. Sundays, November 13, December 4 & 11, January 22 & 29, February 5 & 12, 12:00–1:30 PM. Please bring lunch items to share. If you have questions or are interested in our Adult B’nai Mitzvah program, please contact Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias swp@tbeaptos.org.

JUDAISM & ISLAM, JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY—THE COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Explore three major faiths, their origins, similarities and differences and how they have evolved. This discussion will be led by Nathaniel Deutsch, Temple member and UCSC professor. The salon is a new format for us. The program will be held in the comfortable home of Suzanne and David Silverglate, 162 Archer Dr. on the west side of Santa Cruz. RSVP to the Temple Office at (831) 479-3444. November 10, at 7:00 PM

HEBREW

Learn Hebrew in this class co-sponsored by Temple Beth El & Chadeish Yamienu. For details & to register, contact Rabbi Eli at rebelisbcglobal.net. Cost is $30–$50 for members of CY or TBE, $55–$75 for the general public; no one will be turned away.

Wednesdays, November 16 & 30, December 7, 14 & 21, 11:00 AM–12:15 PM, at Temple Beth El.

THE JOYS & OYS OF YIDDISH

A four-part series on the colorful language of Yiddish—background, expressions, teachings and stories & songs, co-sponsored by Chadeish Yamienu & Temple Beth El. Series cost is $25–$40 for members of CY or TBE, $45–$60 for the general public. For December 14, with Reb Irwin only, cost is $15–$20 for members of CY or TBE, $25–$35 for the general public. Register at rebelisbcglobal.net or (831) 295-8467.

Two Wednesdays: November 16 & 30 and two Wednesdays: December 7 & 14 (special guest speaker Reb Irwin Keller) 7:00 PM, at Temple Beth El.

THE JOYS OF LEARNING TO SPEAK YIDDISH

Intermediate level, co-sponsored by Temple Beth El & Kol Tefillah. For dates and information contact Ilana Goldstein at ilana.goldstein@gmail.com. Cost is $250 for 10 lessons.

LUNCH AND LEARN

This study group is an opportunity to discuss the lessons from each week’s Torah portion and other primary Jewish texts with Rabbi Paula or Rabbi Shifra.

Tuesdays, ongoing, 12:00–1:00 PM

PARENTING CHILDREN

Rabbi Paula will continue this very popular discussion group. This is appropriate for first-time participants and for those who have enjoyed the group in the past. For more information contact Rabbi Paula at pmarcus@tbeaptos.org.

Sundays, ongoing, 9:45 AM

November 14
Reviving Evergreen Cemetery, a lecture by Sibley Verbeck Simon who is helping to restore Santa Cruz’s oldest public cemetery

November 28
Lunch, a 2012 documentary about comedians meeting over a 40-year period, 78 mins

December 12
Drones for Good: Their Recreational Use with demos by Allen Ginzburg and Drones for Inspecting Wind Turbines, Solar Farms and Utility Transmission Lines with CEO Chris Bley of InspectTools

December 23
A Reading of The Merchant of Venice

TBE Book Group

December 6th
Our next book group selection will be “The Merchant of Venice” by William Shakespeare. Murray Baumgarten will preside and has requested the following of participants: Please prepare one speech! Also select a character and then read some of the play aloud with a friend reading some of the other parts.

We will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at the home of Vicki Hendin, 745 Escalona Dr., Santa Cruz 95060. Our discussion starts promptly at 7:30 PM. We ask that you arrive a little earlier, about 7:15, to leave time to settle in.

Adult Education Fall Classes

December 6
A Book of Life—The commonalities and differences in origins, teachings and stories of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity

December 7
Becomming a Better Reader: A Workshop with Etiel Herring

December 8
Introduction to the Study of Hebrew

December 9
Learning Hebrew in this class co-sponsored by Temple Beth El & Chadeish Yamienu. For details & to register, contact Rabbi Eli at rebelisbcglobal.net. Cost is $30–$50 for members of CY or TBE, $55–$75 for the general public; no one will be turned away.

December 16
Meditation with Etiel Herring

December 17
Book Group Meeting

December 20
Parenting Children with Rabbi Paula

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Calendar Highlights/General News

**Save the Date**

**SRFY Ski Trip**
Friday to Sunday, January 6–8

**New Member Rock Shabbat Service**
Friday, January 20, 7:30 PM

**Tent of Abraham Gathering and Tree Planting**
Sunday, February 12, 2:00-5:00 PM

**Woman of Valor Shabbat**
Friday, February 24, 7:30 PM

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**Elissa Altman to Speak at Bookshop Santa Cruz**

Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 PM

*Washington Post* columnist and James Beard Award-winning author Elissa Altman (*Poor Man’s Feast*) will discuss and sign her wonderful memoir, *Treyf* at Bookshop Santa Cruz.

Elissa Altman’s kaleidoscopic memoir tells a story of tradition, expectations, religion, and rule-breaking that defined her childhood—from the dinner table to the synagogue in 1940s Brooklyn, to 1960s and 70s Queens, to present-day rural New England.

*Co-sponsored by Temple Beth El.*

For more information google Bookshop Santa Cruz, select events, then go to November 30th on their calendar and click on the event.

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**Gayle’s Bakery & Rosticceria**

**Thanksgiving Menu**

**COMPLETE DINNERS**

Free Range Diestel Turkey & Gravy
Tuscan Green Beans
Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes
New! Mom’s Sourdough OR Cornbread Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Butterflake Rolls
Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Serves 2, with sliced turkey breast ......................... 80.00
Serves 3-4, with a half roasted turkey ..................... 175.00
Serves 7-8, with a whole turkey ........................... 350.00

**Dinners available November 23rd & 24th.**

Everything available a la carte. Order early for best selection.

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**Our own Marla Stone Lyons is “Star La’Moan!”** with *The Kitchenettes* will be playing *Don Quixote’s*, Highway 9, Felton. Solstice, December 21, 7:30 PM. Presale tix: $10. Goes to the band when you buy from her. Call (831) 247-9527.

[www.stonelyonsproductions.com](http://www.stonelyonsproductions.com)

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**Publications and Submission Deadlines**

Now that we are publishing every other month, each issue will include two months of information, please note the new schedule:

- January/February 2017
  Submissions are due by November 21
- March/April 2017
  Submissions are due by January 25
- May/June 2017
  Submissions are due by March 27

Email articles and any questions to Marcia at [mstein@tbeaptos.org](mailto:mstein@tbeaptos.org).

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General News

Santa Cruz Hillel

Relationship-Based Engagement

One of our greatest theologians, Buber, believed that God is found in connecting to the holy spark within each other. Santa Cruz Hillel is all about engaging in those relationships. We hold one-on-one conversations with students about their Jewish journeys. We bring them soup when they’re sick. We greet every student by name when they walk into Hillel. We host programs based on student interest and are student-led. We connect students to each other and provide them everything they need to host Shabbat in their homes.

We see our investment in relationships pay dividends in student outcomes. Only three weeks into the semester, we have:

- Engaged 200 students
- Supported 13 programs
- Hosted over 100 students each Shabbat
- Mentored 11 student interns
- Connected pro-Israel student groups to aid collaboration

I hope you find an opportunity to visit our Hillel and see our vibrant community for yourself! Please feel free to call me to schedule a visit or spend Shabbat with us!

‒ Sarah Cohen Domont, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Hillel

Sisterhood News

We extend a sincere thank you to Sisterhood members who helped support our meaningful High Holiday services. Michelle Simon headed the committee who prepared the apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah. Julie Lorraine and Melissa Ross assisted with the juice and challah for the break-fast on Yom Kippur.

Thanks also to all of you who have renewed your Sisterhood membership this fall. It is never too late if you haven’t had a chance yet to do that. Membership forms are available in the TBE office.

One of Sisterhood’s goals this year is to plan activities that bring our membership together with the other temple groups to create stronger bonds within our temple community while continuing our mission to support our youth and the efficient functioning of our kitchen.

Sisterhood joined with Rosh Chodesh members to share a potluck dinner and warm company under the Sukkah on Sunday, October 23.

Sisterhood supports the monthly Wine and Cheese Wednesdays which bring Hebrew High parents together for an informal gathering during the Hebrew High hours of 7:00–9:00 on Wednesday evenings.

In February we plan to work with SRFY to create Purim gift baskets of sweets (mishloach manot) which can be purchased to send to family and friends. Traditionally, mishloach manot are sent to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors.

Important volunteer opportunity: On November 18 and 19, the temple will be celebrating the installation of Rabbi Paula Marcus as our Senior Rabbi. Sisterhood is organizing the Oneg after Friday’s Shabbat service. We are asking volunteers to support us by either bringing snacks to the Oneg or attending a baking day which will be on Sunday, November 13, from 2:00–5:00 PM. We will enjoy each other’s company as we prepare together for this temple community event. Please RSVP to Cathy Levy Imboden if you can help at drimboden2@aol.com or 430-9317.

On December 16, Sisterhood and Brotherhood will again be working together on the festive Hanukkah Extravaganza dinner. Volunteers are sought for preparing salad and vegetable dishes, helping with serving and, of course, the all-important cleanup after this very popular evening. Please contact Shelly Nadelman-Douglass to be a part of this at sheilyanadelman@gmail.com or 687-0567.

Looking forward to celebrating our temple community with all of you!

‒ Melissa Ross, Sisterhood Treasurer

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Supporting the Library

Many of you have let us know how much you appreciate the work going into rebuilding the temple library and have asked how you can help. One way the community can support the library is through building the collection. We have a “wishlist” of items we are interested in adding to the collection. Please take a look and let us know if you are able to supply any of the titles listed at our site: https://sites.google.com/site/tbeaptoslib/home/wishlist. Please note that the top of this list includes items we believe were once in the collection, but were borrowed and never returned. If you have any temple library items hiding on your shelves, it would be very helpful to have them returned as soon as possible.

If you have other books you would like to offer the Temple library, please contact us so that we can arrange for your donation. While we appreciate your willingness to bring in boxes of books, limited space means we cannot store or process book donations without prior arrangement. Contacting us first helps make sure your gifts are managed appropriately. You can send an email to Lee at leejaffe54@gmail.com.

And as always, donations to the temple Library Fund allow us to quickly add new titles and fill in critical gaps in the collection. Any amount can help. Do you have book store credit slips you aren't going to use? We can find ways to make even small amounts benefit the temple library.

Thank you,
The Library Team

Gift Shop News

Throughout November and December we will be open on Sundays 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, and Wednesdays 2:30–6:00 PM. Or you can call Ruth at 476-1154 to make an appointment.

Extended hours for Hanukkah will be from Sunday, December 4, thru Friday, December 30. Weekdays from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Open until 6:00 PM on Wednesdays and closed on Saturdays.

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Judaism teaches every person is made b’tzelem Elohim—in G-d’s image. In embracing the godliness of those around us, we accept a responsibility to them, and to addressing their struggles. In honor of this fundamental Jewish commitment regarding the poor and hungry, our congregation provides weekly, Sunday dinner for the Santa Cruz River Street Emergency Shelter (since 1988). Under the auspices of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, each congregant signs up in advance to contribute just one dish to the meal. Find sign-ups and information for this mitzvah on the TBE website under Social Action. Participation in MAZON brings love and spiritual sustenance to both givers and receivers via the mystical power of home-cooked food. Participation also enhances our community connection.

In 1985, MAZON (“food” in Hebrew) was founded by Leonard Fein, who was inspired by the famine in Ethiopia. He created this national, nonprofit organization to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. It remains the only national Jewish organization dedicated exclusively to this cause. MAZON was designed to bridge the relative abundance of the American Jewish community and the desperate need of millions of hungry people around the world. MAZON began by encouraging American Jews to donate a portion of the cost of life-cycle celebrations—a modern interpretation of the ancient rabbinical tradition of not allowing a celebration to begin until the community’s poor and hungry were seated and fed.

I deeply value the sacred Jewish traditions of Mitzvot, Tzedakah, and Tikkun Olam, and recognize that they are integral to righteousness, peace, and justice. Yet, I am challenged to find practical ways to incorporate them into my life. TBE’s MAZON Project facilitates another meaningful, modern interpretation of these fundamental Jewish rituals in the absence of traditional means [e.g., Pe’ah (corners) should be left at the very end of the field so that the poor may gather (the crops left in the corner) in anonymity]. Additionally, I find tremendous beauty in the edict, “When you give food to the hungry, give them your best and sweetest food.”

MAZON co-chair, Chris Goldstein adds, “Doing something tangible to help the needy is so worthwhile. This is why I’ve participated as a MAZON contributor and coordinator. When my kids were younger, they helped cook and bring food to the shelter. This put a face on the reality of hunger—empowering them to become informed advocates; (6) Youth engagement at Jewish summer camps and other youth educational opportunities; (7) A Hunger Seder, including Passover Haggadot; (8) Donations of a portion of the cost of (or proceeds from) life-cycle celebrations; (9) MAZON Tzedakah boxes—for all special occasions; (10) Congregants’ employer participation in matching gifts and corporate giving; (11) Amazon matching donations of 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to: MAZON whenever you shop on Amazon.com, by signing up online via: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2624532.

As we bring food to the hungry, I hope MAZON will provide our congregation much food for thought in return.

By Robin Belkin, MAZON project co-chair, as told to Marilyn Breiling.

Do You Know The MAZON Project?

Thank you to our October Mazon participants!

Jonah Smith, Ari and Kate Avraham, Alison Gold, Lin and Roger Wapner, Rachel Katz chavurah, Marc and Nancy Yellin, Margaret Brose, Cheryl Caspe, Penny Chesluk, Susan and Stephen Karon, Gwen Kaplan, Marcia Meyer, Susan Karz, Cartherine and Bob Cooper.
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed people can change the world.”

– Margaret Meade

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RSVP forms need to be received no later than Monday, December 12.

If your mailing label is not on the reverse side of this page, please include your contact information.

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Hannukah Dinner - Friday, December 16, 5:00 PM

RSVP forms and payment must be received no later than Monday, December 12. Payment must accompany the RSVP. Make checks payable to TBE Brotherhood.

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#______ of adults (age 13 and over) at $12 each

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