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**Honor Rabbi Paula’s 60th Birthday with a $60 Donation**

Our beloved Rabbi Paula turns 60 in November! The Board of Directors would like to honor her by giving her a special birthday contribution: extra funds to enrich the temple in any way she likes. We’re calling this the **$60 for 60 Campaign**.

We’re asking all congregants to consider donating $60, or more if you are able, to her birthday campaign. All amounts are welcome! You can donate online, on the TBE website homepage, [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org), or by check (please write **$60 for 60 Campaign** on the memo line).

A few of our congregants have already made leadership gifts to jumpstart the **$60 for 60 Campaign**, ranging from $600 to $6,000. We are so grateful for their generosity. If you are interested in considering such a gift, please contact Margaret Gordon at mgordon@ucsc.edu.

The **$60 for 60 Campaign** will wrap up at the November 16th Rock Shabbat, where we’ll have a joyous Oneg Shabbat and a delicious gluten-free birthday cake for Rabbi Paula, and we’ll present her with a virtual check.

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**Shabbat Services**

**Friday, November 2**
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, November 3**
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

**Friday, November 9**
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, November 10**
10:00 AM ShabbATANA
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu (out)
10:00 AM Chizinsky Bar Mitzvah

**Friday, November 16**
5:45 PM Beth El Bim Bam
7:30 PM Rock Shabbat

**Saturday, November 17**
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

**Friday, November 23**
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, November 24**
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

**Friday, November 30**
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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**Vote November 6. Contact Rose Ashford if you need a ride, rose@ashfields.net**
Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) of Kislev begins the evening of November 7. In the Torah portions read during the month of Kislev, we find most of the dreams mentioned in the Torah. Nine dreams appear in the Torah portions of Vayeitzei, Vayeishev and Mikeitz, all read during the month of Kislev. There is rabbinic teaching that one should “live with the times” and the rabbis are encouraging us to find a personal connection with the weekly Torah portion.

The first of these nine is found in the story of Jacob fleeing from his brother Esau. He falls asleep and dreams of a ladder: ‘set in the earth, and its head reached the heavens, and behold, angels of God were going up and down on it...’ (Genesis 28:12)

But the most famous dreamer in the Torah is Joseph. Joseph, Jacob’s son, dreams that he’s binding sheaves of wheat with his brothers in the field, when suddenly his sheaf stands straight, while his brothers’ sheaves bow down to him. Joseph shares his dream with his brothers, and they are seriously unimpressed with what they believe to be his ‘delusions of grandeur.’ (Genesis 37: 5-7) Joseph has another dream, along the same lines: this time, he sees the sun, moon and 11 stars bowing down to him. Joseph tells his dream to his father, Jacob, who isn’t too thrilled with the symbolism of the whole family, including himself, bowing down to Joseph.

The next two dreams occur in the dingiest Egyptian prison, where Joseph ends up, after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, and then being falsely accused of trying to seduce his master’s wife. 10 years’ after Joseph’s been sitting in prison, two royal ministers show up and each has a dream that they need Joseph’s help to interpret. He correctly interprets that Pharaoh is going to execute his official baker but reinstate his official wine steward—and so it comes to pass.

The last two dreams in the Torah belong to Pharaoh, the ruler of the ancient world. Interestingly, Jewish sources explain that Pharaoh actually had the same two dreams night after night for two whole years, before he actually remembered them after waking up. In the first one, he dreams that seven fat cows emerge from the Nile River, that the Egyptians worshipped as a deity and that was a powerful symbol of Egyptian wealth, but are then swallowed up by the seven emaciated cows that follow them.

Next, he dreams that seven fat, plump kernels of grain are somehow swallowed up by the seven flimsy ears of grain. Pharaoh wakes up quite agitated and starts searching the kingdom for someone to interpret his dreams. The wine steward remembers how Joseph helped him out when he was in prison, and Pharaoh has him rushed to the palace. Joseph correctly interprets the dream for the king, and Pharaoh is so impressed that he makes this formerly unknown Israelite his right-hand guy.

There are many commentaries on each of these stories. But this year, I wonder how we can uncover the power of our dreams. The ones we have when we are awake and the ones we have when we sleep.

Judaism has always considered dreams to be meaningful. In fact, there’s a Talmudic statement that dreams are considered to be 1/60 of prophecy. Dreams play such an important role in this first book of the Torah, it leads me to think that God wants us to dream big. The Divine is calling us to dream of a world that’s prosperous and at peace, and where people are living a fulfilled, holy and happy life. And the more we look for the messages for change, inspiration and growth that God is hiding in each of our own dreams, the more that dream will become a reality.

–Rabbi Paula Marcus

Rosh Hodesh Kislev
Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM

For the month of Kislev, we will be talking about and learning the Jewish prayer for protection at night. It’s called BeShaym HaShem, or The Angel Prayer. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the archangels that protect as at night. Everyone gets to take home a free Dream Pillow Case.
MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I begin to “wind-down” as your Interim Executive Director, I would like to share a few observations about this joyous and compassionate congregation. I have been deeply moved by the commitment so many of you have made to bringing about tikkn olam—healing our world—by registering voters, bringing food for the food bank and cooking on Sundays for the homeless, organizing across the religious spectrum around affordable housing, immigration reform and health care, and working to sustain our earth. The prophetic voice of Reform Judaism is alive and well here in Aptos!

I have enjoyed working with scores of our long-time members and volunteers to support our Temple School, Simcha Preschool, our B’nai Mitzvah program and our Lifelong Learning curriculum. And I feel blessed to have learned so much from our clergy—Rabbi Paula and Rabbi Shifra have inspired me as I fulfill my personal calling to strengthen our Jewish community by offering direction and leadership to synagogues in transition. Temple Beth El is a unique synagogue—iconoclastic, individualistic, an unusual mixture of progressivism and multi-denominational ritual. You all are blessed to be part of such a community. As I say this, I know that many of our congregants have yet to find their own ways to connect with each other and with the temple. I know that financially, we still face challenges: an aging building with inadequate office and program space; a staff that is dedicated but often overwhelmed as they meet the needs of our 500+ households; and a voluntary commitment system that honors the gifts of every member, regardless of size, but doesn’t address the increasing costs of maintaining and serving our congregation.

I suggested, in September, that you each think of one single way to contribute to the life and vitality of Temple Beth El. Many of you came forward during the High Holy Days and offered your unique “gifts.” I urge you, again, to share your talents and, yes, your dollars, so that this congregation can grow and thrive for you, your children and your children’s children, in the years to come.

By the time you read this, the TBE leadership may have hired a new, permanent Executive Director. During a two-week transition, I will hand over the reins of leadership to a skilled and experienced synagogue professional. I am confident that you will welcome her with as much warmth and care as you showed me. Know that Temple Beth El will always be in my heart as one of my spiritual homes and may you go from strength to strength.

–L’shalom, Esther Herst
Temple School fosters a love of Jewish learning in a joyful, engaging and supportive community.

As I write this, last Sunday was the Temple School Opening Day Picnic at De Laveaga Park, we have had two Wednesdays of Hebrew High and one Wednesday of 4th through 6th grade so far. Walking around and observing all of the dynamic activities and the joyful and excited young people meeting, eating, playing, learning and building friendships is truly inspiring to me. I want to highlight just a few of the wonderful volunteers who make all this possible: First and foremost, Gus Gold drove the inaugural van ride to Temple School last Wednesday. When the students came in to the temple from the van happy and laughing together, it lit up the building. This is such an amazing service that Gus is offering. Not only do parents coming to temple from the west side not have to sit in traffic or figure out how to get their kids to Aptos during their work day, the students are bonding on their way to us. Gus, you are gold! Every year I can’t thank the Brotherhood enough for what the picnic offers to temple school. Great food, fun games and the magic of being in a sunny park with our Jewish community. Thanks also to the Sisterhood, especially for figuring out a delicious gluten free dessert, and to all of the teachers and parents who help out, and our wonderful students who helped make our annual picnic such a success.

This year our theme at Temple School is derech eretz. Loosely translated this means manners, or simply being considerate of others. We will be sprinkling in discussions of the value of derech eretz and how it finds expression in cleaning up after ourselves, being careful not to damage or break things, and being careful, not only to not hurt other people’s feelings, but to actually try to help other people feel comfortable, welcome and cared for. As I mentioned in my Erev Rosh Hashana sermon and at Jr. Congregation, the direct translation for derech eretz is “the way of the land”—in other words, the pervasive culture. Together, we can ensure that we create a pervasive culture at TBE of helping others feel comfortable, welcome and cared for. And I believe in the potential for ripple effects from our derech eretz to reach far beyond our community.

—Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Camp Kayetz Winter Overnight

Save the Date!
January 3, 2019

Camp in the great indoors with your Camp Kayetz friends! Campers (K–7th grade) and CITs (8th–10th grade) will arrive at TBE at 3:00 PM and enjoy games, snacks, crafts, songs, dinner, a movie, sleepover and breakfast the next morning before pick up at 10:30 AM. Cost: $65/camper, $55/discount rate (sibling, first-time camper, referred another camper). Contact Mimi and Sarah at smrapp@ucsc.edu to register your child.

Mazel Tots

Sunday, November 4
9:45 to 11:15 AM
at Temple Beth El

Join in fun activities for children five years and under with their families. Members and non-members welcome. Free. Bring a healthy snack.

Simcha Preschool

Simcha Preschool’s 2018/2019 schoolyear is well underway. We enjoyed a successful Sukkot potluck dinner with thanks to Nita, Eloy, Kim and Lori for their beautiful set-up and support.

Toddlers are learning their daily routines and enjoying their time outdoors. Preschoolers are building and pretend playing they are community helpers. Prekindergarten had apple tasting and have an interest in beading and painting.

Please mark your calendar for November 14, to go to Pizza My Heart. If you mention Simcha Preschool, we will receive 30% of the proceeds to help fund our play-based, NAEYC accredited program.

If you’re interested in becoming one of our newest substitute early childhood teachers, please submit your resume to me via email at lmendez@tbeaptos.org or stop by the office and drop one by.

—Lisa Mendez, Director

Temple School CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4
TS Grades K–6, 5th Grade parent participation/cemetery field trip, Mazel Tots, Jewish Parenting Group (JPG)

Wednesday, November 7
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

Sunday, November 11
TS Grades K–6, Brotherhood Brunch

Wednesday, November 14
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

Friday, November 16
Beth El Bim Bam, Rock Shabbat

Sunday, November 18
TS Grades K–6, 3rd Grade Parent Participation

Wednesday, November 21
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Sunday, November 25
NO TEMPLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 28
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade & Hebrew High

TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS

Youth
Calendar Highlights

**Sisterhood Sunday Matinee**

Sunday, November 4, 1:00 PM

*Now is the Time*, a documentary produced by Laurie Simons and Terry Sterrenberg, will be screened with guest facilitator Sally Satterlee, RN. While the Affordable Care Act has helped some people, many of us are feeling the pinch of rising costs and narrowing networks. Through interviews, animations and exposé, *Now is the Time* tells the story of the drama, struggle and success of the movement toward health care equity. This 70-minute documentary explores key questions: Why has a single-payer system not passed the US Congress, or even been considered? How does a single-payer system save money? What is being done to clear the misperceptions that keep us from moving forward? Watch the trailer at [www.nowisthetimemovie.com](http://www.nowisthetimemovie.com).

**Senior Connections**

**November 12**
Dr. Sharon Tapper discusses her palliative care program at Palo Alto Medical Foundation

**November 26**
UCSC Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn will speak about the Middle East as she sees it.

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.

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**A God That Could Be Real in the Scientific Universe**

with Nancy Abrams

Is there room in today’s scientific cosmology for God? Yes—if we don’t assume or insist that God be what ancient scriptures describe but instead let the nature of scientific reality open our minds. A God that is real could become a unifying idea. Thursday, November 29, 7:00–9:00 PM, at the home of Steve & Susan Karon.

Art & Play in the Pre & K!

November 14, 9:30 am

Parents of toddler, preschool, and kindergarten age children are invited to come for a morning of activities and fun experiences with your child(ren) at the preschool/kindergarten.

For information contact: benna.dimig@mountmadonaschool.org or 408-846-4042

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Brotherhood Brunch
Sunday, November 11, 10:00 AM
Speaker: Professor Bruce Thompson, UCSC Historian
A Retrospective on the Korean and Vietnam Wars in Honor of our Veterans

Professor Thompson is a member of UCSC’s Dept. of History and its Jewish Studies Program, and teaches courses in the fields of environmental history, intellectual history, and the history of espionage and intelligence. November 11, falls on Veterans Day weekend. In addition to Professor Thompson’s presentation, we welcome any TBE veterans who wish to attend or share their experiences. If you do wish to speak, please contact Glenn Millhauser at glennm@ucsc.edu. As usual, our brunch begins with our delicious lox and bagel feast and short discussion of Brotherhood business, followed by Professor Thompson’s talk.

Recommended donation is $5 for Brotherhood members, $7 for non-Brotherhood members. Come help celebrate this important holiday and honor our vets!

Brotherhood Hikes
Nisene Marks
Open to all TBE members
Saturday, November 17, 10:00 AM

Join Brotherhood on a hike through The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park. Park Interpretive Aid and Brotherhood member Paul Karz will lead us through the old growth Founder’s Grove and Twisted Forest. It’s a beautiful moderate-level hike, perfect for family members of all ages. We’ll pause for a short brunch and nature talk by Paul, so be sure to bring something light to eat and drink. The hike will take roughly 90 minutes to two hours. We’ll leave the entry kiosk promptly at 10:00 AM. Be sure to leave yourself a little extra time to park and meet at the kiosk. Parking is available inside the park boundaries at $10 per vehicle. We recommend carpooling for our gathering. Please join us on this inspiring walk into the park’s history.

Any questions, please contact Paul at karzpr@aol.com or Mike at mike@reinlaw.net.

Chevra Kaddisha Training
with Holly Blue Hawkins and Rose Ashford
New Date: Sunday, November 18
11:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00–4:00 PM

This class offers training in Tahara (ritual purification), both for those wishing to become Tahara volunteers and those interested in learning more about this traditional Jewish ritual that honors the deceased and prepares them for burial. The morning session focuses on Tahara and the liturgy used for the ceremony. The afternoon practicum includes a complete Tahara demonstration. Questions? Contact Rose Ashford at rose@ashfields.net. Cosponsored with Chadeish Yameinu.

Erev Chanukah
December 2

First Day of Chanukah Community Candle Lighting
Sunday, December 2, 6:30 PM

Chanukah Story Time at Bookshop Santa Cruz
Tuesday, December 4, 5:30 PM

Jewish Night at the Santa Cruz Warriors
Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 PM

Chanukah Extravaganza & Rock of Ages Shabbat Service
Friday, December 7
5:45 PM Dinner & 7:15 PM Service

Women’s Song Circle
The Women’s Song Circle now meets twice a month—on the first Thursday at the home of Judy Yokel and the third Monday at the home of Beverly Meschi. Always at 7:00 PM, this month the dates are Thursday, November 1, and Monday, November 19. Contact Melissa at msunberg@tbeaptos.org or 479-3444, for the address. We look forward to singing with you!

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“Tzedakah and acts of kindness are the equivalent of all the mitzvoth of the Torah.”

Jerusalem Talmud, Pe’ah 1:1
General News

**VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT!**

Election Day is November 6. We want all registered voters to vote. If you are not registered to vote by mail and cannot get to your polling place, TBE is offering you a ride. Please contact Rose Ashford at rose@ashfields.net or call (831) 661-5014 prior to Election Day to coordinate a ride.

**Library Wish List**

“Of the making of books, there is no end ...” ‒ Kohelet

We are constantly refreshing the library collection, adding new books and filling in gaps. For those interested in helping build our Temple library, and in understanding where we’re heading, please take a look at the latest version of the “wish list” of books we hope to add at [https://www.tbeaptos.org/wish-list.html](https://www.tbeaptos.org/wish-list.html). We invite you to browse this list and, if you have any of these books—especially any of those titles missing from the shelves—and are able to send them along, please contact us at librarytbe@gmail.com.

**Staff Spotlight**

**SUSAN MCANERNEY**

Susan processes Accounts Payables, Payroll, ACH’s (automatic check clearing) and makes bank deposits for Temple Beth El and Simcha Preschool. She also helps to process membership and Temple School paperwork as well as posting payments and donations. And Susan reports needed information to the Bookkeeper to assist with closing out each month. Additionally, she helps assure that the front office runs smoothly by assisting with the phone, front door and mail, maintains supplies and equipment, and provides support as needed to the Rabbi’s and the Executive Director.

Susan has been married to Darren Houser for 26 years. They have a son, Connan, 22, who attends the University of Richmond, VA. And a daughter, Alicia, 19, who attends Muhlenberg College, PA.

Susan likes walking on the beach with her dog Elly and looking for sea glass and sand dollars. She loves to go to Lake Tahoe any season and she relishes snow skiing. Since her children left for college Susan has enjoyed traveling more. She had never been back east and now with the two children attending schools there, she goes a couple times a year, taking in new sights each time.

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Ruth and Shirley, the Amazing Gift Shop Duo

Among the many volunteers who help keep our community vibrant, there are some among us who have taken this spirit of contribution and generosity to another level altogether, and this spirit is epitomized by Ruth Solomon and Shirley Ginzburg. They completely run the gift shop business, researching and ordering the quality merchandise that they are proud to offer for sale, designing the look for the shop, working every week in the gift shop, being on call for clients, training and managing volunteers, maintaining records, scouring stores for after holiday sales to buy merchandise at the best prices. They spend many hours every week managing the gift shop—and they have been doing it for 18 years!

While individuals contribute membership funds to Sisterhood, the gift shop is the heart and soul of what Sisterhood is able to accomplish for Temple Beth El. Through Ruth and Shirley’s immense and loving dedication in the gift shop, the majority of Sisterhood’s funds are raised in support of its goals, primarily for the youth of the temple and for the kitchen. When you are at Temple Beth El, take a moment to stop by the gift shop to thank Ruth and Shirley, and to get to know the interesting histories of these remarkable, talented, and delightful women. Ruth Solomon and Shirley Ginzburg, the Temple Beth El Gift Shop mavens, were honored at the Shabbat service on October 12th.

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I want to thank all of our members who have renewed their commitment to Temple Beth El since July. In this issue we want to especially recognize the members who sustain us and help to ensure that everyone is welcome whatever their financial contribution.

We are so grateful to our donors who give at the Pillar, Benefactor, Sponsor and Sustaining levels, without whom we would not be able to maintain our temple and pay our clergy and staff. We thank all of you for your generous contributions to TBE.

I hope to see you all at Rock Shabbat and for Rabbi Paula’s birthday celebration on November 16. If you have not yet contributed to the $60 for 60 Campaign, it’s not too late. Just drop off a check or go to www.tbeaptos.org and make your donation online.

I love our community and appreciate each and every one of you and the wonderful gifts you bring to us.

-Shalom, Amy Katzenstein-Harrington

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If your name has been omitted by accident, please accept our apologies and contact Melissa Sunberg at msunberg@tbeaptos.org so the correction can be made.

Donor Spotlight

Letty and Lane Bess

Our temple is of and by our members, and as such, our members have the sole responsibility of keeping it running by giving of their time and financial support.

We are starting a column to recognize those who significantly contribute to our temple community. Letty and Lane Bess are one of those special TBE families who have given generously, not just to the temple, but also to the larger Santa Cruz community. They exemplify the true spirit of tzedakah!

The Bess family are longtime members, having seen all three children go through religious school and B’nai Mitzvahs, their youngest having started at Simcha. Among Letty’s favorite ways to participate in temple life is by volunteering in the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Lane has fond memories of helping to build the Sukkah with the Brotherhood. Reliving about Purims spent with her kids and the Rabbis’ hilarious costumes, are still some of Letty’s best memories. To this day, some of their best friends were made at the temple.

Letty says, “It makes us happy to help” and we feel blessed to be able to do so. Lane remembers that once, “we were like others struggling to make ends meet and balance our needs with giving.” They both feel that the temple has supported them in their successes and now they reciprocate by giving back. Letty believes that “it is important to continue to support the temple financially, ensuring that it represents us in the community and that Temple Beth El continues to be there for us and others.”

Thanks to many people, and the Bess Family especially, Temple Beth El continues to be there for so many people. Thank you Letty and Lane!
Gus Drives The Bus!
(okay, van)

Gus and Wilma can and have done it all for Temple Beth El, or so we thought... And yet they share another talent—Gus is driving our TBE van for Temple School and Youth Group events. The kids love him! We are extremely grateful.

SAVE THE DATE

February 23, 2019
Simcha Preschool Fundraiser

CASINO night

Contact Lisa Mendez at lmmendez@tbeaptos.org for sponsorship opportunities.

Opening Day Picnic

Simchat Torah