



the shofar

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High Holidays 5777

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins the ten-day period known as the High Holidays. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the ability of people to change and grow, as it is a time for deep thought, self-examination, and prayer.

Get the schedule of services on page 2.

Simchat Torah

Kindergarten Consecration
First & Fourth Grade Welcoming
Followed by Israeli Folk Dancing



Friday, October 28th at 6:30 PM

Join us for a very special Simchat Torah celebration and consecration service. We will begin our service at 6:30 PM, consecrating our Temple School kindergarten and first grade students and honoring our fourth graders as they begin their formal Hebrew studies. Then, we will move into the Social Hall, where we will all help to unroll the whole Torah in a huge circle so that we can have the unique opportunity to glance at the Torah's entire glorious cycle. Then, with our own variation of the joyous Simchat Torah traditional *hakafot*, the whole congregation will dance around with the Torah with fabulous Israeli dance teacher Ilana Goldstein (also a Temple School Hebrew teacher). Sleepy children (and adults) will be able to leave early, but those who stay will *nosh* (snack) and *schmooz* (chat) together as we wrap up the celebration with a delicious oneg.



Please read important
additional news on page 8.

Young Families Project Makes TBE Feel Like Home

Pajama Havdalah—October 22, 6:00 PM

The goal of the Temple Beth El Young Families Project (YFP) is to create inclusive programming for families with children ages 0-11. All are welcome to YFP events no matter your age! We are excited for a new year of wonderful programming including events on the west side of Santa Cruz and at our temple in Aptos. Check the website or pick up a flyer at the temple.

Saturday October 22nd we are inviting families to stay overnight at the temple sukkah! Beginning with a Pajama Havdalah service, we will celebrate, hang out, have fun, and enjoy a pancake breakfast in the morning on Sunday. The last sukkah sleepover was so much fun. The children loved camping at the temple! They set up a “kids-only tent” and many of the “big kids” chose to sleep there instead of next to their parents. They really had some fun bonding time with s'mores and songs. The adults enjoyed wine, food and conversation after the children were asleep and had some quality time to make real connections and catch up with friends. The weather was dewy overnight so bring a tent if you don't want to sleep inside the sukkah itself. Come to the

Brotherhood Ushers for the High Holidays

John Oppenheimer is once again organizing the Brotherhood ushers to help out at the High Holiday services. Brotherhood members provide a much-appreciated welcome to congregants and guests, help the rabbis and Temple staff run the services, and keep an eye out for all of us. Ushers will be on duty for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Erev Rosh Hashanah is Sunday, October 2, and Kol Nidre is Tuesday, October 11. If you are interested, please contact John as soon as possible at jm5843@aol.com or (831) 247-4709.



Pajama Havdalah even if you won't be spending the night!

This is a wonderful opportunity to just have fun at temple and help it feel more like home, both for us and our children. It is always so lovely to me when my children feel ownership/membership at temple. I know the more fun we have there, the more they embrace their Judaism and the more they feel connected to their community, values and traditions. In fact... it does the same for me!

This event is free. RSVPs are helpful so we know who is planning on sleeping over. RSVP to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

I do hope to see you there. To get to know more young families, to share the ups and downs of parenting and to connect with people who share Jewish values and tradition.

B'ahava Shira Coleman

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

High Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, October 2

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
8:00 PM

Monday, October 3

First Day Rosh Hashanah Service
9:30 AM

Concurrent Childcare (ages 2–5) and
Children's Programs (grades 1–8)
9:15 AM–ending

Junior Congregation Family Service
9:30–10:45 AM

**Programming for 7th & 8th Graders
and SRFY**
9:30–11:45 AM

Young Family Service (ages 7 & under)
3:00–3:45 PM

Tashlich Service at Ben Lomond Dam
5:00 PM

"Rock Hashanah" Service with the
Rock Shabbat Band—all ages
No tickets required. Bring your friends.
7:00–8:30 PM

Tuesday, October 4

**Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service
and Potluck Lunch**
10:00 AM–1:30 PM

**Tashlich Services at Rio Del Mar
Beach & Natural Bridges Beach**
6:00–6:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 11

Kol Nidre Service
8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12

Yom Kippur Service
9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Concurrent Childcare (ages 2–5) and
Children's Programs (grades 1–8)
9:15 AM–ending

Junior Congregation Family Service
9:30–10:45 AM

**Programming for 7th & 8th Graders
and SRFY**
9:30–11:45 AM

Yiskor Service
1:15–1:45 PM

Brief Afternoon Mincha Service with
Jonathan Marx
1:45pm–2:15pm

**An Afternoon of Meditation &
Contemplation** with Aryeh Nanas
2:00–4:30 PM

**A Reading of the Book of Jonah & Text
Study** with Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias
4:45–6:00 PM

Tot Family Service (ages 5 & under)
4:15–4:45 PM

School Age Family Service (ages 6–11)
5:00–6:00 PM

Neilah Concluding Service
6:15–7:00 PM

Break-Fast Options see page 3



Yom Kippur Afternoon

**Yiskor Service, A Sacred
Remembrance • 1:15 PM**

Remembrance of the dead is a sacred aspect of Yom Kippur. This afternoon service provides an opportunity for personal prayer and remembrance of beloved dead in the companionship of others who mourn and remember. See your High Holiday packet for a form to have your loved ones included in the Yiskor Book.

**Afternoon Meditation &
Contemplation • 2:00 PM**
with Aryeh (Richard) Nanas

When it is invested with awareness, Yom Kippur, the day itself, has the power to heal. We will parallel some Yom Kippur practices to meet our meditation practices. There will be periods of sharing, and walking meditation for those who are keeping silent. The focus will be on *Tshuvah*, reconciliation and facing the inevitability of the end of life.

**Reading of the Book of Jonah • 4:45
PM** with Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

What does the story of Jonah teach us about prayer and redemption? Rabbi Shifra will once again lead an in-depth discussion about an aspect of the *Book of Jonah*. Whether or not you are familiar with the text, this discussion is sure to bring insight and inspiration to your Yom Kippur experience.

"Rock Hashanah"

Monday, October 3 • 7:00 PM • with the Rock Shabbat Band

Everyone is invited to "Rock Hashanah." Partly mystical, always musical and somewhat magical, a High Holiday version of Rock Shabbat. Childcare will be in the library. Tickets are not required. *Spread the word.*

Sponsored by Judi Wyant, in memory of her husband Larry Franich; Marilyn Rigler, in memory of her husband David Rigler; and Marcia Meyer, in memory of her husband Richard Meyer.

Three Tashlich Opportunities on Two Different Days

Tashlich services will be held at Ben Lomond Dam on Monday, October 3, at 5:00 PM. *Tashlich* will also be held at Rio Del Mar Beach and Natural Bridges Beach on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:00 PM.

For centuries, Jews have gone to the nearest body of free-flowing water to cast a few small crumbs of bread into the water as they recite the words of the prophet Micah, "You will cast all your sins into the depths of the seas." Join us as we come together to joyfully begin the task of searching our souls and casting out the failures and transgressions of the past year.

Spirituality/Membership/Recognition

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

Jews love playing with words, but did you know that we also play with numbers and words together. Gematria is the practice of calculating numerical values of Hebrew letters and

finding words that relate to the numbers.

This New Year is 5777 and one of the words related to this number is erech. When translated into English this word means patience. What a great word for this new year!

With all of the changes in our community, this is a really good word for us to remember. We are becoming a larger and more diverse community and we try to meet everyone's desires and preferences as best we can. Our High Holiday services will feel different this year. We'll be experimenting with new prayers and poetry, more congregational singing and shorter Torah services. Some of these changes might work really well for you and in some cases you might wish we had stayed with what we've been doing for years.

The word erech can also be translated as long, and it's oftentimes combined with the word apayim, which means nostrils—long nostrils. This is what happens when we take a long breath in and a long breath out, our nostrils lengthen—we are breathing fully and usually this helps us become more patient. When we take the Torah out of the ark on the holidays we recite the 13 attributes of God, and one of them is erech apayim—God knows how to breathe, how to be patient with us.

As we enter into this High Holiday season, I hope we will find ourselves breathing together. As we join together in the sanctuary, I hope we remember that if we don't like this melody or this prayer makes us cringe, maybe it's exactly what my neighbor finds delightful.

Shanah Tovah—May this New Year be filled with health, joy, and patience!

—Rabbi Paula Marcus, Senior Rabbi

Break-Fast Options

After Neilah

Wednesday, October 12th



OPTION ONE: The Young Yids (a new group sponsoring events for 20-30 year olds) will be hosting a beach bonfire potluck at Twin Lakes Park. Families with children are welcome to attend! If interested, please contact Leah Shapiro at leah@santacruzhill.org.

OPTION TWO: Two families are opening their homes to host a total of 26 individuals. If interested, please email your name, number, email, and address to Marilyn Breiling at marilynbreiling@gmail.com. Please note that not all dietary needs can be accommodated.

In The Temple Family



NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Ofer and Adina Licht

Brian Wiese and Danielle Krigel
Ronen & Shane Wiese

Beverly M. Meschi

Larry and Michelle Rachleff
Eva Rose and James Detroit

Bill Wax and Nadine Gassner
Isaac, Rebecca, and Reuben Wax

Greg and Sara Kaufman

Naomi Williams and John Williams
Gabriel, Jessie and Rhys

Seth M. Rubin and Erendira E. Rubin
Violet and Naima

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



Joe Rosenberg, husband of Edith,
father of Mark Rosenberg, father-in-law of Robyn Slater and grandfather of Matthew and Dylan

Kate Ransohoff, mother of Sigrid Snitzer, mother-in-law of Susan Beck and grandmother of Asher Snitzer-Beck

Kelsey Janet Ramage, friend of Susan Beck and Sigrid Snitzer, grandmother of Asher Snitzer-Beck

Gayle Smith, mother of Leslie Smith

Herb Smith, father of Leslie Smith



THE MAZON PROJECT IS TEMPLE BETH EL'S LONGEST-RUNNING SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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

OUR WONDERFUL JULY VOLUNTEERS WERE: Wilma Gold (2X), Diane Grunes, Zena Krakowsky (2X), Geri Wolff, Eve Eden, Martha Jacobson (3X), Margaret Brose (2X), Gaby Litsky, Fay Levinson, Susan Hammer, Erica Sowder, Deborah Jacobson, Catherine & Bob Cooper.

OUR FABULOUS SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS WERE: Martha Jacobson (2X), Fay Levinson, Gaby Litsky, Zena Krakowsky, Rachael Katz and friends, Havurah Shem Tov, Penny Chesluk, Margaret Brose (2X), Jennifer Ellis, Catherine and Bob Cooper.

To sign up for the *Mazon Project*, please use the *SignUpGenius* link listed under "Mazon Project" in the "Social Action" pull-down menu on the Temple Beth El website or contact committee co-chairs, Chris Goldstein at orongold@aol.com or Robin Belkin at Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com.

*If you offer your compassion to the hungry
And satisfy the famished creature
Then shall your light shine in darkness
And your gloom shall be like noontide.*

—Isaiah 58:10

Synagogue News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ryvenna Lewis

This is my first piece of writing for *The Shofar*. As you crack open this edition, our High Holiday preparation is well under way, leading us into my favorite time of the year as

a Jewish professional. Behind the scenes, months of planning go into the Days of Awe, and the result always leaves me, well...awed. For the High Holidays, the entire staff and a host of volunteers work together as a team to put on programming and services that aim to include and inspire everyone within our community.

Temple Beth El is a special place, and one that I know will endure. My two-year-old daughter, Olivia, loves coming to see me here. She jumps from stone to stone in the courtyard fountain, and then eagerly asks to see the "beautiful room," TBE's Sanctuary. Seeing her dance in the rainbows

shining through the stained glass windows and peeking over at the ark fills me with pride. Watching Rabbi Paula read stories and sing songs with our Simcha kids to greet Shabbat is truly special. Knowing that these young faces will someday think of all of us as outdated and unhip is exactly what I aim to achieve: rooms filled with young Jewish kids looking to take what we've done and make it better.

My favorite moment in any Jewish community is about an hour before services on Erev Rosh Hashanah. I look out across the sea of empty seats and imagine the people soon to fill them. I am so thankful for this gracious community that has quickly become my home, full of smiles and laughter and an enthusiasm for Jewish life that makes my work a pleasure.

Let me be one of the first to wish you (yes, you!) a *Shanah Tovah*. I wish you and yours a lovely, sweet, and joyous New Year. If we haven't met yet, stop by and see me. My door is always open. See you in 5777!

—Ryvenna Lewis, Executive Director

Gift Shop

October Hours
Sundays 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Wednesdays 2:30–6:00 PM
Not open on holidays.



For additional times call Ruth at 476-1154. See our selection of Shofars, and Holiday greeting cards.

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Rabbi Paula's Installation Celebration November 18–19

The celebration planning group has met twice and work is well under way to create a fantastic weekend to celebrate Rabbi Paula as our senior rabbi. Shabbat evening will be a Rock Shabbat service with a beautiful ritual and guest speaker Daryl Messinger, president of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Saturday will be filled from morning to night with meaningful and joyous events. Shabbat morning services will be followed by a special Kiddush lunch open to all, then Torah study sessions with Rabbi Paula's teachers and colleagues.

Saturday evening there will be a dance and music fundraiser at the temple to honor Rabbi Paula and all that she has done and continues to do for our community. The event is free and open for all Temple members to come and celebrate.

Watch for more details and invitations in the mail. If you would like to help please contact Wilma Gold at wilmagold@gmail.com or Amy Harrington at amykrosa@gmail.com.

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TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS



Rabbi Shifra

As I write this, we have just held the Temple School Opening Day Picnic at DeLaveaga Park. Walking around and observing all of the dynamic activities and the joyful and excited young people meeting, eating, playing, learning and bonding was really fun for me. Thanks to the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood, all of the teachers and parents who helped out, and our wonderful students— everything went beautifully. We are off to a great start, with more new students registered than ever in the 11 years I have been Educator.

We are experimenting with holding class at the Friends Meeting House located off the Morrissey freeway exit on Wednesday afternoons. Efforts like this not only save parents from spending time sitting in traffic, they reduce our collective use of fossil fuels. We need to be creative to find

ways to work around the peak traffic times, and we want to know if holding some classes in the center of the county will attract new families.

There are many ways to stay connected and involved with what we are doing. The Sunday morning “Parenting Class” is a great way for parents to connect during Temple School and to find support meeting the challenges of raising Jewish children. I strongly encourage you to attend Tefillah every Sunday at 11:25 AM and to come to our Family Participation Days, class picnics, Beth El Bim Bam and Rock Shabbat. The dates for all of these meetings and events are on the temple calendar. Thank you for all you do to support Temple School, including donations to our scholarship fund.

—Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Shanah Tovah from Simcha Preschool



The sounds of happy children busily engaged in play are integral to daily life at TBE. At this time of year we are all getting our fill of honey and apples as we welcome the New Year. Our challah is baking in the kitchen for Shabbat, and Rabbi Shifra and Rabbi Paula are teaching us songs for the holidays. We love having Rabbi Shifra also come join the classrooms once a week in the afternoons to share more Jewish culture, through music and stories with the children. All of this happy learning and exploration is occurring in such aesthetically pleasing environments created with love by a very dedicated staff of early childhood teachers! We are off to another very special year!

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 2, Sunday

No Temple School

October 3, Monday

Rosh Hashanah Children’s Program

October 5, Wednesday

No Temple School

October 9, Sunday

No Temple School

October 12, Wednesday

Yom Kippur Children’s Program

October 16, Sunday

Yad B’Yad, K–6, Jewish Parenting Class

October 19, Wednesday

4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High, 7th grade parent meeting

October 23, Sunday

K–6, Jewish Parenting Class, after school BYO picnic in the Sukkah

October 26, Wednesday

4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th grade & Hebrew High

October 28, Friday

Simchat Torah, Kindergarten

Consecration, 1st & 4th grade welcoming

October 30, Sunday

K–6, Jewish Parenting Class, 3rd grade parent participation

Free Jewish Books

You can now sign up for Free Jewish books sent to your home. Grandparents can sign up grandchildren as well!



For families with children ages 6 months–8 years old go to www.pjlibrary.org. Sign up today!



Brand new to our Santa Cruz community, PJ Our Way is available for families with children ages 9–11 years old. Free Jewish chapter books, selected monthly online by your child. Go to www.pjourway.org. Sign up today!

Questions about PJ Library or PJ Our Way can be directed to Sarah Clarkson at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

SRFY

Welcome back SRFY!

For all you current ninth graders, I am looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming events. There are a number of awesome events coming up so mark your calendars now. The super famous ski trip will be January 6–8, 2017. We will be having a team-building, kick-off event in the first couple weeks of November, location and exact days are TBD. Also remember High Holidays are a great time to reflect with your fellow teens at our teen services on Rosh Hashanah Day, October 3, and Yom Kippur day, October 12. You and your family can also contribute by filling up bags with food to donate. If you want more information about any of these events please email me at SRFY@tbeaptos.org and keep your eyes and ears open for more details. Thanks and see you all soon!



—Kate Hochler

Calendar Highlights

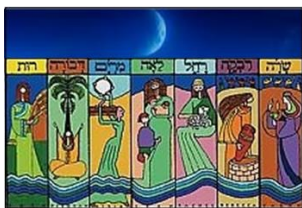
Brotherhood Erects the Sukkah Once Again

Calling all folks handy with a ladder and a hammer to help Brotherhood once again construct the Temple's Sukkah! We'll meet outside the Social Hall at 9:00 AM sharp on Sunday, October 16. It's actually fun, according to the guys who have helped in past years (maybe it's the free food that causes that reaction). If you are interested, let Dan Iuster know at dan@iuster.com.



Sisterhood and Rosh Chodesh Women's Sukkot Celebration

October 23, at 5:00 PM



Join us as we honor the end of the "Season of our Joy" with a potluck dinner and get together in our sukkah. We will sing, share stories, eat and relax. In accordance with sukkot practice, we will welcome our matriarchs, the women who have come before us and inspired us. Let's create a banner representing these women and the important part they have played in our lives, whether from a personal relationship or a more public or historical figure. If you would like to contribute, please bring something symbolic (and small) to attach.

To avoid the problem of mixing milk and meat, please bring a vegetarian item to share for our dinner (veggies, milk, egg ingredients are okay). RSVP to drimboden2@aol.com. Any questions? Contact Cathy at 831-234-7838 or drimboden2@aol.com after October 1.

Co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Rosh Chodesh. All women are welcome!

Senior Connections

October 10

Voting Rights: From Selma to Santa Cruz and Beyond

Senior Connections presents "Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot," a moving new film from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) featuring students and teachers in the voting rights demonstrations of 1965. The 40-minute film will be followed by an interactive discussion and Q & A led by longtime SPLC member Erica Lann-Clark and civil rights activist Maria Gitin. Representatives of TBE's Social Action Committee, the Santa Cruz County Elections Department and NAACP will offer information about volunteer opportunities and voting rights activities.

There will be information tables and a hosted reception from 3:20-4:00 in the foyer. For more information about the program contact Maria Gitin at msgitin@mariagitin.com.

October 24

A Discussion with Mas Hashimoto—his early years in a Japanese Internment Camp in Arizona during WWII.

Programs are on the second & fourth Mondays of each month, 2:00–3:30 PM in the TBE Library. (Come at 1:30 to nosh & schmooze.) Open to the public. Free.

Save the Date

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 PM

Social Justice Shabbat Service

Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM

Yad B'Yad with a Shabbat Theme

Sunday, November 6, 9:45 AM

Book Reading & Crafts with Shabbat Theme

at Wonderland Toys
Thursday, November 17, 3:30 PM

A Review of the November Ballot Propositions

On October 18, 1:00 PM, at TBE, the League of Women Voters will review the pros and cons of the November ballot propositions in an unbiased manner. Presented by Hadassah—all are invited.

Brotherhood Brunch

10:00 AM, on Sunday October 23
All of TBE Invited

Professor Vicki Auerbuch Stone will speak about **Antibiotic Resistance: Are We Facing a Plague of Superbugs?**



The discovery of penicillin in 1928 ultimately led to the broad use of life-saving antibiotics. From common ear infections to critical post-operative care, antibiotics are essential for controlling opportunistic bacteria. However, the overuse of common antibiotics leads to resistance, and the emergence of superbugs that only respond to yet newer and more powerful antibiotic treatments. As you've probably heard from your physician, we are now running out of new antibiotics, and if we do, the results could be catastrophic—widespread, life-threatening infections with no treatment. Brotherhood's October brunch will feature Dr. Vicki Auerbuch Stone, TBE member and UCSC Associate Professor of Microbiology. Professor Auerbuch Stone will explain the current state of antibiotic treatments, engage us in activities showing how resistance develops, and provide insight into what the future holds. Beginning at 10:00 AM, we'll enjoy our always delicious all-you-can-eat, *antibiotic-free* bagel brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by Dr. Auerbuch Stone's talk at 11:00, and concluding around noon. Recommended donation is \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$5 for non-Brotherhood members.



And may your days be filled with joy and your hearts
with peace. L'shanah tovah!

October 2016

Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center

Elul 5776–Tishri 5777

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Shabbat Unplugged Morning Service (Nitzavim) 10:00am
2 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00pm No Temple School	3 Rosh Hashanah Services—see page 2 for schedule Tashlich Service Ben Lomond Dam 5:00pm Rock Hashanah 7:00pm Office & Simcha Closed	4 Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service and Potluck Lunch 10:00am Tashlich Services Natural Bridges Beach & Rio Del Mar Beach 6:00pm Simcha Closed	5 No Temple School	6 Library Open 3:00pm	7 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  6:24pm	8 Shabbat Morning Service (Vayelech) with CY 10:00am (out) ShabbASANA Shabbat Yoga with Katie Jacobson 10:00am
9 No Temple School	10 Senior Connections 1:30pm	11 Kol Nidre Service 8:00pm	12 Yom Kippur Services— see page 2 for schedule	13 Library Open 3:00pm	14 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  6:14pm Shofar Deadline	15 Shabbat Morning Service (Ha'azinu) 10:00am
16 Sukkah Building with Brotherhood 9:00am Temple School 9:45am Jewish Parenting Class 9:45am Yad B'Yad 9:45am Social Justice Sukkot Dinner & Program 5:30pm	17 Minyan in the Sukkah 10:00am Sukkot	18 Review of November Propositions, League of Women Voters 1:00 PM General Board Meeting 7:00 pm Meditation 7:00pm	19 Temple School KEF 4th- 6th Grade 4:00pm 7th Grade Parent Meeting 6:45pm 7th grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	20 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Open 3:00pm Twice Blessed Sukkot Potluck 6:30pm	21 Simcha Sukkot Dinner 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service 730pm  6:05pm	22 Asher Dolinger Bar Mitzvah 10:00am Shabbat Morning Service (Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot) 10:00am Pajama Havdalah in the Sukkah 6:00pm
23 Brotherhood Brunch 9:00am Temple School & After School Picnic in the Sukkah 9:45am Jewish Parenting Class 9:45am Rosh Chodesh & Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah 6:00 PM	24 Shemini Atzeret with CY in the Sukkah 10:00am Senior Connections 1:30pm	25 Simchat Torah	26 Temple School 4th-6th Grade 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	27 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Open 3:00pm	28 Temple School Simchat Torah Celebration & Consecration and Erev Shabbat Service followed by Israeli Dancing 6:30pm  5:57pm	29 Benjamin Yanowsky Bar Mitzvah (B'reisheet) 10:00am Young Yids Drumming Circle 7:30pm
30 Temple School & 3rd Grade Parent Participation 9:45am Jewish Parenting Class 9:45am	31					

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Additional Information

The Shofar Will Publish Every Other Month

Starting in November, there will be one issue of the Shofar every other month. Each newsletter will include information for two months. So the November Shofar will include information for November and December.

Because the High Holidays fall in early October, the deadline for the November/December Shofar has been pushed back to Friday, October 14. This will result in the newsletter coming out in early-to-mid November.

Some November information is included on this page.

NOVEMBER TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 2, Wednesday

4-6, KEF, Hebrew

November 6, Sunday

Yad B'Yad, K-6, Jewish Parenting Class

November 9, Wednesday

4-6, KEF, Hebrew

November 13, Sunday

K-6, Jewish Parenting Class, kindergarten parent participation

November 16, Wednesday

4-6, KEF, Hebrew

November 20, Sunday

No Temple School, teacher inservice

November 23, Wednesday

No Temple School—Thanksgiving break

November 27, Sunday

No Temple School—Thanksgiving break

November 30, Wednesday

4-6, KEF, Hebrew

Annual Social Justice Shabbat

Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM

Join us for our Social Justice Shabbat service, Oneg Shabbat, and Readers' Theater. *Hell is a Very Small Place, If the SHU Fits, and Other Voices from Solitary Confinement* will feature Temple Beth El members, persons formerly incarcerated in solitary, and family members of formerly incarcerated. Up to 100,000 people are in solitary confinement in U.S. prisons, plus untold numbers in juvenile facilities, jails, and detention centers. The UN prohibits over 15 days in solitary, but in CA Security Housing Units (SHU's, one kind of solitary) there "is a systematic use of torture by the state for years and decades." "In the SHU you don't experience human contact. My visits were non-contact, behind the glass. ...I would wake up at night, because the cells are so small, and I would feel like I couldn't breathe." -Dolores Canales. Watch youtube video, [Dolores Canales at Temple Beth El Social Justice Shabbat | 11.20.15.](#)



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Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center
Tishrei–Cheshvan 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan 7:00pm Meditation 7:00pm	2 Temple School 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	3 Library Open 3:00pm	4 Social Justice Shabbat Service 7:30pm  5:49pm	5 Jonah Smith Bar Mitzvah 10:00am Shabbat Unplugged Morning Service (Noach) 10:00am
6 Temple School 9:45am	7	8 Meditation 7:00pm	9 Temple School KEF 4th-6th Grade 4:00pm 7th Grade & Hebrew High 6:45pm	10 Library Open 3:00pm	11 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm  4:43pm	12 Shabbat Morning Service with CY (Lech Lecha) 10:00am (out) Albert Comblatt Bar Mitzvah 10:00am Shabbat Yoga with Katie Jacobson 10:00am

Calendar Highlights

Why is Changing Direct File Important to Jews?

What is Direct File?

In 2000, California voted to pass Proposition 21, giving prosecutors the power to “directly file” or charge and prosecute youth as young as 14 years of age as adults. Prior to 2000, a juvenile court judge, after careful review of the circumstances of a youth’s life, their likelihood to successfully rehabilitate, and the crime for which they are being charged, determined whether to prosecute a youth in the juvenile or adult court system. Data shows that the law has been used to prosecute thousands of teenagers in the most punitive manner possible.

What is Proposition 57, the Public Safety & Rehabilitation Act of 2016?

Governor Brown and Reform CA, an affiliate of the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism, have joined with juvenile justice advocates

on a statewide voter initiative to address the arbitrary prosecution of youth as adults and to provide a mechanism for people convicted of non-violent crimes to be eligible for parole.

Why Prison Reform is a Jewish Issue.

1) As Jews, and especially during the High Holiday season, we are called upon to facilitate *teshuvah* and healing. Rather than sending our youngest citizens to adult prisons without access to education and rehabilitation, we need to consider how to help them repair what has been broken in their hearts and minds.

2) We are not immune. Young Jews also make mistakes, get arrested, and spend time in jail and prison.

3) More and more members of our community are Jews of color. Given the racial inequities in California’s juvenile justice system, youth of color

are more likely to be arrested and charged as adults.

4) The memory of our own history of discrimination and targeted violence enables us to have empathy for, and work in alliance with, youth and adults who experience discrimination and unfair treatment.

How Can You Engage in this Conversation at TBE?

On October 16, the TBE Social Action Committee is hosting a Sukkot celebration with a dialogue on Jewish values and our relationship to juvenile justice reform. Please join us in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM for lively conversation and delicious food in our temple sukkah.

Contact Merle Lustig at merlelustig@gmail.com if you have questions or want to join the work.



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Geraldine Brooks to Speak at Bookshop Santa Cruz

Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM

Join Bookshop Santa Cruz as they host best-selling author Geraldine Brooks for the paperback release of *The Secret Chord*.

The Secret Chord, September's selection for the Temple Beth El book group, traces the arc of King David's journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier and from hero to traitor.

Geraldine Brooks is the author of four novels—the Pulitzer Prize winning *March* and the international bestsellers *Caleb's Crossing*, *People of the Book*, and *Year of Wonders*.

Co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Institute for Humanities Research. For more information go to the Bookshop Santa Cruz website, select events, then go to October 19th on their calendar and click on the event.

ShabbASANA



Gentle Shabbat yoga with Katie Jacobson on Saturday, October 8, 9:00–10:00 AM, at TBE. All are welcome! Contact Katie for more information at (831) 247-1635.

Please note:
Healing Circle resumes
October 19

Women's Wine & Cheese



Sisterhood invites you to "Women's Wine and Cheese Wednesdays"—an informal get together for women to bond with their TBE sisters. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, 7:00–8:30 PM. Drop-ins are more than welcome. RSVPs to Sarah Clarkson at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org are helpful. If you are driving kids to seventh grade and Hebrew High, we would love for you to join us for a schmooze.

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

Save the Date for the 17th Annual Candy Coonerty



Friday evening Shabbat service and community oneg.

Please save the date to celebrate Margaret Gordon and Amy Harrington as this year's honorees. The Woman of Valor award commemorates the legacy of community service exemplified by Candy Coonerty's life. Read more about these remarkable women honorees in future issues of the Shofar.

The nomination process is open and continuous for future years. The Woman of Valor committee would appreciate input from Temple Beth El members to help with the selection process. Email caseycoonerty@hotmail.com with any nominations. Include just a line or two about why you think this person is a Woman of Valor.

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General News

Building the Library: Dewey or Don't We?

One of the cornerstones of the work rebuilding the Temple library is the creation of a catalog of our holdings. After evaluating what was on the shelves and the old catalog list, we decided to start from scratch. That meant researching and selecting online cataloging, deciding on an organizational scheme, and then cataloging each and every book in the collection—more than 3,000 of them.

After careful review, we selected LIBIB as the Temple's library catalog service. It's a small start-up that provides a simple user interface, an easy means of loading records, and top-notch technical support, all for a reasonable annual fee.

As part of our planning, we decided to reorganize the collection according to the Weine Classification system, an adaption of the familiar Dewey Decimal System developed for Jewish libraries. The books in the Temple collection are being assigned new shelf numbers using the same format you see in the public library. Subject headings are being added to provide more ways to search and identify items in the collection.

Most of the library's collection is now entered into LIBIB and we are proofreading and editing the entries for accuracy and consistency. At the same time, we've begun relabeling the collection according to the new scheme, a process that will take several more months. Then comes reshelfing the entire collection. (Look for a call for help with that project sometime this winter!)

Throughout this process, it has been important to keep the books on the shelf where we can find them: we cannot catalog or label items that are not there. We appreciate the community's support and patience during this period while borrowing has been curtailed. We plan to restore circulation—automated, self-checkout—as the next stage of the process.

In the meantime, we invite you to visit and explore the TBE's library catalog, to become familiar with the new system, as well as see what the library has to offer. Go to <https://tbeaptos.libib.com>.

The Library Team

Hillel Santa Cruz Announces New Executive Director

After four years as executive director of Santa Cruz Hillel, re-invigorating Hillel as a vibrant, stimulating place supporting students at UC Santa Cruz, Jim Atkins decided to move on to other professional challenges. Santa Cruz Hillel is grateful to Jim for his dedicated service.

Santa Cruz Hillel is pleased to announce Sarah Cohen Domont as its new executive director. Sarah brings more than a decade of nonprofit and Jewish communal experience to Santa Cruz Hillel. As executive director of Santa Cruz Hillel, Sarah will oversee an organization that connects more than 2,000 Jewish students to Jewish learning, social justice, repairing the world, and Israel.

Most recently, Sarah served as

associate director, statewide, at North Carolina Hillel. Prior to working at NC Hillel, Sarah was the Director of Student Life for Santa Barbara Hillel, held previous positions as a Jewish educator in Los Angeles, and was a development and administrative professional in the Jewish community in Seattle. Sarah completed her MBA in Nonprofit Management and Master of Arts in Education at American Jewish University. She is a current participant in Accelerate, Hillel's prestigious executive director training program.

Sarah was raised in Southern California and is thrilled to be back on the West Coast. Sarah and her husband, Noah, are proud parents to two energetic boys, Julius and Arlo. As a family, they are looking forward to hiking the trails, shopping at farmers markets, and finding new adventures in the Golden State.



Brotherhood Joins Facebook

When Brotherhood Board members Robert Feldman and Glenn Millhauser slipped into this year's B'nai Mitvah Retreat and conferred with the fathers of TBE's b'nai mitvot students, they learned that many of these young dads wanted to keep up with Brotherhood on Facebook. Voila! Thanks to the help of one of the dads, Victor Dubin, we are proud to unveil the link to our new Brotherhood Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282550208758686/>. Please join! We will use this, along with our more traditional email lists, to broadcast upcoming events. Please feel free to make comments and post! We look forward to seeing your feedback on Facebook and seeing you at upcoming events!

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