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## *A New Year, A New Beginning.*



### Community Shabbat & Picnic in the Park

Friday, August 24

at Garfield Park, 634 Almar Ave., SC

5:00 PM Bring Your Own Picnic

6:15 PM Shabbat Singing Service

Please join us for our end-of-summer Shabbat and picnic. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet and greet families with children of all ages, and to mingle with longtime friends. If you know of families that are new to TBE's Young Families Project or just moved here this summer, please connect them to Sarah Clarkson at [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org). Invite friends!



### S'lichot Shabbat at the Beach

Friday, September 7

6:00 PM BYO Picnic Dinner

7:00 PM S'lichot Service & Bonfire at Seabright Beach/Castle Beach across from the Santa Cruz City Museum of Natural History, East Cliff Drive, SC

A night to rekindle friendships and prepare for the High Holidays. Bring a picnic for dinner al fresco and a blanket and/or chairs. Join in as we gather around the bonfire to pray, sing and enjoy the warmth of our community. A high-spirited evening for the whole family, including Sisterhood-sponsored S'lichot s'mores!

### High Holidays 5779

Erev Rosh Hashanah  
September 9

Rosh Hashanah, first day  
September 10

Rosh Hashanah, second day  
September 11

Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre  
September 18

Yom Kippur  
September 19

*Full schedule on page 2*

### Ushers for High Holidays— Organized by Brotherhood



John Oppenheimer is once again organizing the ushers to help out at High Holidays. Ushers 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. If you're interested, please contact John as soon as possible at [jm5843@aol.com](mailto:jm5843@aol.com) or (831) 247-4709.

### Weiss-Penzias Bar Mitzvah

Jordan Weiss-Penzias, son of Rabbi Shifra & Peter Weiss-Penzias, will become a Bar Mitzvah on August 18. All are invited! Please see page 8 for more information.

### Temple School Opening Day and Temple Community Picnic



Sunday,  
September 30  
at DeLaveaga Park

9:30 AM Optional breakfast

10:00 AM Class activities for K–6 grades

11:30 AM TBE community-wide picnic  
(lunch by Brotherhood!)

12:30 AM picnic games, organized by  
Brotherhood—for everyone!

Brotherhood and Temple School are teaming up to host the Temple Community Picnic—open to all TBE members, and mark the first day of Temple School. Back-to-Temple-School activities begin with an optional breakfast, followed by Temple School classes under the trees. Brotherhood presents a yummy BBQ lunch including BBQ chicken, hot dogs, vegetarian alternatives, salad, chips, drinks, fruit and—most fun of all—Sisterhood's decorate-your-own cookies. After lunch, enjoy traditional picnic games like tug-of-war, bocce ball, three-legged races, volleyball and other kid-approved stuff. Of course everyone wins and everyone is invited. For more information about Temple School activities, contact Sarah Clarkson at [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org). If you'd like to help Brotherhood host the picnic or run the games, contact Jay Lerman at [jay\\_lerman@yahoo.com](mailto:jay_lerman@yahoo.com).

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# High Holidays

*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. It is a time for deep thought, self-examination and prayer.*

## ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 9

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**  
8:00 PM

Monday, September 10

**First Day Rosh Hashanah Service**  
9:30 AM

**Childcare for Ages 2–5**  
9:15 AM—end of adult service

**Programming for Grades 1–6**  
9:15 AM—end of adult service

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

**Program for Grades 7–8**  
9:30–10:45 AM

**SRFY Program**  
10:00–11:00 AM

**Young Family Service**  
3:00–3:45 PM

**Tashlich Service at Ben Lomond Dam**  
5:00 PM

**Rock Hashanah Service with the Rock Shabbat Band.** For all ages—bring your friends!  
7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 11

**Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services**  
10:00 AM–1:30 PM

**Tashlich Services at Rio Del Mar Beach & Natural Bridges Beach**  
5:00 PM

## "Rock Hashanah"

**Monday, September 10 • 7:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to our annual "Rock Hashanah." Partly mystical, always musical and somewhat magical, a High Holiday version of Rock Shabbat—with the Rock Shabbat Band. Childcare available in the library. Spread the word!

## Three Tashlich Opportunities on Two Different Days

*Tashlich* services will be held at Ben Lomond Dam on Monday, September 10, at 5:00 PM. *Tashlich* will also be held at Rio Del Mar Beach and Natural Bridges Beach on Tuesday, September 11, at 5:00 PM. Potluck picnic to follow at each location. Please bring food for yourself and something to share.

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.

## YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18

**Kol Nidre Service**  
8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 19

**Yom Kippur Services**  
9:30 AM

**Childcare for Ages 2–5**  
9:15 AM—end of Yizkor service

**Programming for Grades 1–6**  
9:15 AM—end of Yizkor service

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

**Program for Grades 7–8**  
9:30–10:45 AM

**SRFY Program**  
10:00–11:00 AM

**Yizkor Service**  
1:15–1:45 PM

**Meditation & Contemplation**  
2:00–4:30 PM

**Learner's Service**  
4:45–6:00 PM

**Young Family Service**  
4:45–5:30 PM

**Neilah Concluding Service**  
6:15–7:00 PM



## Yom Kippur

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

Many feel that remembrance of the dead is the most sacred aspect of Yom Kippur. This service provides an opportunity for personal prayer and to honor our beloved dead in the companionship of others who mourn and remember. Your High Holiday packet has a form for listing loved ones to be included in the Yizkor Book.

**An Afternoon of Meditation and Contemplation • 2:00 PM** with Karen Zelin, a longtime TBE member and meditation teacher since the mid-'90s. Karen currently teaches Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for Dominican Hospital and meditation classes at Insight Santa Cruz.

Yom Kippur reflections and prayers can offer deep healing and insight. Meditating as a congregation after the morning service is a compliment to the richness of the day. This session will include guided silence, small group sharing and walking meditation for those who prefer to keep silent. The focus is on Teshuvah, reconciliation and forgiveness. Everyone is welcome.

**Learner's Service • 4:45 PM** with Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

Ever wonder what Yom Kippur services are about? Why is this particular service so meaningful to so many Jews? In this service, you will not only learn about the structure, the music, the physical movements like when to stand up, sit down, awaken your heart and bend your knees, you will also explore why. Open to all.



# Spirituality



## Rock Shabbat Returns

All Rock Shabbats scheduled for 2018–19 are sponsored! But we welcome multiple sponsors or groups of sponsors for each Rock Shabbat, so if you're interested in joining other sponsors, please contact Gail Michaelis-Ow at 423-0128 or [gailmow@gmail.com](mailto:gailmow@gmail.com). The sponsorship fee is \$500. Rock Shabbat is a wonderful, inviting Sabbath experience for the entire community, and a tremendous draw for younger families and prospective members.

The magic of Rock Shabbat is made possible by the rich, creative sounds of our Rock Shabbat Band: Michael Levy (piano), Rabbi Paula Marcus (guitar, vocals), Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias (vocals), Peter Weiss (guitar, vocals), Dror Sinai (percussion, vocals), Shahir El-Shaieb (bass), Shmuel Thaler (harmonica), Anya Ismael (vocals) and guest artists. Andy Yanowitz handles the sound and light systems. The Janet Rothchild Rock Shabbat Fund is once again the generous season underwriter for Rock Shabbat. Here are the upcoming dates and sponsors:

September 10, Rock Hashanah  
Bettina Aptheker, Joel & Lisa Elliot, and Chavurah Barvazoni: Branwyn & Ken Wagman, Lauren Suhd & Wally Brondstatter, Carol & Steve Shapiro, Denise Marco, Bob & Michele Kibrick, Andrew Goldenkranz, Mimi & Steve Guiney, Dave & Sara Benevento

October 26, Rock Shabbat  
Sponsored by Ray & Jenny Kaupp and David & Helen Resneck-Sannes

November 16, Rock Shabbat 60 for 60 in honor of Rabbi Paula's birthday  
Sponsored by Scott Roseman & Jasmine Berke, Marcia Meyer, Marilyn Rigler and Judi Wyant

December 7, Rock of Ages  
Sponsored by Lenore Hindin, Rose & Felix Ashford

January 11, Rock Shabbat  
Sponsored by Chavurah by the Sea: Cytron-Thaler, Leopold, Barnes-Castro,

## THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA



Rabbi Paula

probably won't happen until Tishabuv." For example, when I asked if we could go to Florida for winter break, I would hear something like, "you can wait until Tishabuv for that..." Meaning, it'll never happen. I didn't even know what that word meant, but it was always used in reference to something I should not count on happening.

Tisha B'Av is a solemn day in the Jewish calendar. It's the day we remember the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples in Jerusalem. It's the day we recall how we lost our homeland and went into exile. The rabbis teach that these calamities happen because of infighting among the people and their alienation from God. It's a day of remembering a rupture, the shattering of relationships.

There are seven weeks between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah. Seven weeks between destruction and the opening of the gates of teshuvah—return.

On Tisha B'Av we could ask, where are the broken areas in our lives? How have we contributed to breakdowns in our community or with friends and family? Because what follows the

## From Tisha B'Av to Rosh Hashanah

When I was young, I didn't know the real meaning of Tisha B'Av—the Ninth of Av. All I heard was something like, "Oh yeah, that

observance of Tisha B'Av, are seven weeks of comfort. During these seven weeks we read special prophetic texts in the Haftarah that help us understand the nature of hope and comfort. This year, Tisha B'Av fell on July 21–22.

So why do we have these seven weeks? One answer has to do with the month of Elul, the month that follows Av in our sacred calendar. The rabbis teach that the letters of Elul in Hebrew—aleph, lamed, vav, lamed—spell out "ani l'dodi v'dodi li"—"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." What does this have to do with this time in our calendar? The teaching follows, that this is the month for returning to sacred relationship, with God as the beloved.

As we know, each of us have different ideas and maybe a wide range of reactions to the concept of God. I believe that no matter how you relate to the Divine, or don't, this is a powerful teaching.

If God is the all-powerful, force of creation in the universe, we use the month of Elul to re-align ourselves with this Divine presence. If we imagine God to be the still, small voice within ourselves, we dive deep and find our way back to hearing that voice.

As we move through the seven weeks between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah, may we rediscover, and heal our relationships with each other, and with the Source of All Life.

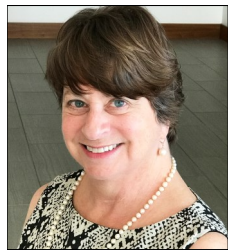
—Rabbi Paula Marcus

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# Synagogue News

OBSERVATIONS FROM YOUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Esther Herst

As I complete my third month here at Temple Beth El, I want to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity. This congregation is compassionate and deeply devoted to *tikkun olam* and to learning for all ages. I very much enjoy working with Rabbi Paula and Rabbi Shifra. Susan and Alida, our front office Administrative Assistants, are my new best friends! I couldn't do my job without their competence and caring. TBE is blessed to have smart and thoughtful board members. Special thanks to Scott, who made it possible for me to be here, and to Amy, my partner in leadership.

September marks the start of the program year for synagogues across the country. The High Holidays give our entire congregational family the opportunity to come together in prayer and community. It is a time for each of us to consider how we can offer our individual talents and time to make this temple the inclusive and supportive community we cherish. I know that for many of you, involvement in temple activities is necessarily limited. You have families, jobs, and other responsibilities that take up time and

energy. And yet, you are members here—partners in the sacred task of perpetuating and strengthening the Jewish people. I thank you for your commitment and I encourage you to take a moment to consider this suggestion:

*Think of one way—just one—that you can make a new connection with your fellow congregants at Temple Beth El or with your own personal Judaism. You can come to an additional service or a temple event. You can join a Chavurah. You can come to a board of directors meeting and share an idea you have. You can participate in Rosh Hodesh or the Book Club or a temple committee/work group. You can volunteer to help in the front office. There are scores of ways to participate and if every one of our congregants chose just a single opportunity, the joys of connecting with each other would be phenomenal.*

I look forward to seeing you at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as at other temple events through the fall. On behalf of our entire temple staff—Susan, Alida, Melissa, Sarah, Marcia, Lisa, Sossity, Harry, Aaron, Eloy, Nita and our Simcha and Temple School faculty—I wish you and your families l'shanah tovah, a year of good health, joy and peace.

—Esther Herst

## Executive Director Search Process

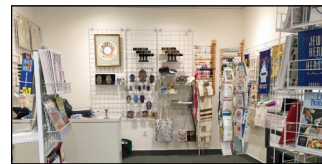
The process for recruiting and hiring a permanent Executive Director for Temple Beth El is underway. Our search committee, co-chaired by President Amy Harrington and VP for Human Resources Robyn Slater includes: Jim Atkins, Cassie Sprenger, Judy Yokel, Ellen Moir, Paul Jacobson, Josh Karter, Leola Lapides, Melissa Ross and Doron Comerchero. Rabbi Paula, Melissa Sunberg and Interim ED Esther Herst provide staff support and guidance.

The Committee met in late June to discuss the values and attributes that we consider most important for our new director and the committee's

perspectives informed the job description. We've posted the job on Jewishjobs.com and on the NATA (National Association for Temple Administration) placement list, as well as on SantaCruzjobs.com and Indeed.com.

Resumes are coming in, and the committee will begin the process of narrowing and interviewing in mid-to-late August. Our goal is to have a new executive director in place by November 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy at [amy@tbeaptos.org](mailto:amy@tbeaptos.org) or Robyn at [rslater624@yahoo.com](mailto:rslater624@yahoo.com).

## TBE Sisterhood Gift Shop



Effective September 5, the Gift Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 2:30–6:00 PM, and Sundays from 9:30 AM–12:00 PM. For special orders, or to open the shop at other times, please call Ruth at (831) 476-1154. We are happy to serve you!

**Welcome Lisa Mendez,  
our new Simcha  
Preschool  
Director**



When Silvia Ferguson retired as the Simcha Preschool Director after 11 years, she left some very big and loving shoes to fill and we were quite lucky to find such a worthy new director within our Temple Beth El Community!

Lisa has spent her career in education. She has training in early childhood education, special education, early intervention and Reggio Emilia and Waldorf traditions. Her passion is for play-based emergent curricula that offer open-ended experiences for young children to explore their creativity and learn about concepts and topics that interest them.

Lisa was raised in Peoria, Illinois at Congregation Anshai Emeth, where she had her consecration, Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation, and she jokes that she knew all of the best hiding places in the building too. Her Jewish Camp Summers were spent in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

When not working with the Simcha kids, Lisa and her husband Max are raising their young son, Elio. She is passionate about raising her garden of peas, pumpkins, sunflowers, chard and onions. Reading, dancing, photography, playing the ukulele and time spent in the redwoods and at the beach also make her happy. Please come by and welcome Lisa Mendez to the Simcha and Temple Beth El Family!

# Youth

## TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS



Rabbi Shifra

### *Temple School fosters a love of Jewish learning in a joyful, engaging and supportive community.*

Before I start writing about Temple School, I want to remind you that my son Jordan's Bar Mitzvah is August 18, and I hope you will come and sing your hearts out. If you can send me an RSVP e-mail at [swp@tbeaptos.org](mailto:swp@tbeaptos.org) by Thursday, August 16, I would love for you to join us for the lunch. After that it's unfortunately too late to be added to the count for lunch, but we would still love to see you at the service.

Now I want to share with you some new and exciting plans for Temple School. I can barely contain my excitement as I announce that **WE HAVE OUR OWN VAN!** This opens up so many new possibilities, not only for transportation to and from Temple School, but also for field trips and adventures. Here are just two examples: We will be offering an "Adopt a Grandparent" elective for KEF in which fifth and sixth graders will have the opportunity to develop

relationships with residents of Aegis, and I will be leading a five day wilderness trip for rising ninth and tenth graders next summer. We look forward to exploring all the ways that our new van can help kids form their Jewish identity through positive and interesting Jewish experiences and connection to other Jewish kids and role models.

Our goal is that our students will fall in love with their Jewish heritage. If you know someone who would like to register, or you haven't registered yet yourself, registration forms are available on our website or at the temple office.

I look forward to a great year with you and your children!

—Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

## Mazel Tots

September 30  
9:45–11:15 AM  
at DeLaveaga Park



This program of fun activities is for children five years and under and their families. We meet on Sundays once a month. Our first activity of the new year will be to join the Opening Day Picnic at DeLaveaga Park on September 30th. Drop-in; no reservations needed. Please bring a healthy snack to share. For more information or questions contact Sarah Clarkson at [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org) or 831-479-3444 ext 218. This is a great way to make friends with other young parents raising Jewish children, and for your children to make Jewish friends.

Do you want to get all of the Young Families Project events on a google calendar? Contact Sarah.

## Potluck Pajama Havdalah

In the Sukkah

Saturday, September 29, 6:00 PM

Last year's event was so much fun! We hope you join us in this new Young Families Project tradition. We will begin with a potluck, so bring something to share. We will be led in a Havdalah service and song circle and there will be Sukkot children's books for story time. This is a great way to celebrate the holiday and fulfill the mitzvah of sitting in the sukkah. Come celebrate with friends and make new ones!



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## Simcha Preschool

Hello Temple Beth El community,

Thank you for the warm and supportive welcome as I have started my tenure as the Simcha Preschool Director. Having a team of devoted mentors in Esther, Rabbi Shifra, Rabbi Paula, Sarah, Shani, Wilma, Robyn and Silvia, has my sea-legs becoming more and more stable on the Simcha Preschool ship.

With early childhood and special education at the heart of my professional life, I am thrilled to be a part of Simcha's play-based program that weaves Jewish values and culture into the curriculum. I am pleased to support children and families with all kinds of backgrounds and needs, as a partner in their early childhood and parenting experience. My three-year-old son, Elio, is attending the preschool class and has made himself at home at Simcha already.

Thanks to Congregational Learning Coordinator Sarah Clarkson, Simcha Preschool received a generous grant to implement *PJ Goes to School*, a Jewish values curriculum that includes beautiful picture books provided by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, famous for their PJ Library program. We are looking forward to sharing the *PJ Goes to School* books and curriculum.

I have been living in California since 2012. I moved here after many years in Oregon and a stint teaching in a Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool in Singapore. I dreamed of a town near the ocean and redwoods and landed in La Selva Beach with my husband, Max. We became TBE members a couple of years ago and I feel grateful for the programs for families of young children that we get to attend.

If you're interested in putting in an application for our substitute teacher list, volunteering at Simcha, or want to meet and have a conversation, please contact me at (831) 479-3449 or [lmendez@tbeaptos.org](mailto:lmendez@tbeaptos.org). I look forward to meeting more of my TBE community!

—Lisa Mendez, M.S. in Education,  
Simcha Preschool Director

# Calendar Highlights

## Grief & Growing

A healing weekend for bereaved individuals and families, November 30–December 2, 2018. This experience is professionally guided by griefcare specialists. To see the flyer, go to [www.tbeaptos.org](http://www.tbeaptos.org) and go to the Upcoming Events page. For additional information, please call (415) 750-3436. Scholarship funds are available—please contact Rabbi Paula.

## Brotherhood Assembles the Sukkah



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, September 23. It's fun, according to the guys who have helped in past years—maybe it's the free food that causes that reaction. If you're interested, let Dan Iuster know at [dan@iuster.com](mailto:dan@iuster.com).



**Jewish Parenting Group for Parents of Teens**  
Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 PM

**Lunch & Learn Resumes**  
Thursday, October 4, 12:00 PM

**Erev Shabbat Service**  
**Simchat Torah**  
**Temple School Family Service**  
**Kindergarten Consecration**  
Friday, October 5, 6:30 pm

**First Day of Temple School**  
**Rabbi Shifra's Tea**  
Sunday, October 7, 9:45 AM

**Mazel Tots ~ Torah theme**  
October 14, 9:45 am

## Senior Connexions

### September 24

Jewel Theatre's Artistic Director Julie James returns to give us a preview of the 2018-19 season and entertain us with a monologue.



*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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All events are subject to change. Please check the Temple website. [www.tbaptos.org](http://www.tbaptos.org) or call the office at 831-479-3444 to verify information.

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|  |   |  |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Shabbat Morning Service (Ki Tavo) 10:00am<br>Neighborhood Gathering at the Karon's 7:00pm      |
| <b>2</b><br><br>   | <b>3</b><br><br>Closed for Labor Day  | <b>4</b><br>Pilates Class 10:00am<br><br>First Day of Simcha Preschool   | <b>5</b><br><br>   | <b>6</b><br>Pilates Class 10:00am<br>Library Staffed 3:00pm                                | <b>7</b><br>S'tichot Shabbat Picnic at Seabright Beach 6:00pm<br>S'tichot Shabbat Service at Seabright Beach 7:00pm<br> 7:11pm | <b>8</b><br>Shabbat Service with CY (Nitzavim) 10:00am (out)   |
| <b>9</b><br>Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00pm<br><br>Erev Rosh Hashanah                                | <b>10</b><br>Rosh Hashanah First Day Services and programs—see page 2 for complete schedule<br><br>Office Closed Rosh Hashanah      | <b>11</b><br>Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service 10:00am<br>Tashlich followed by a Picnic at Natural Bridges & Rio Del Bar Beaches 5:00pm | <b>12</b><br><br>  | <b>13</b><br>Library Staffed 3:00pm  | <b>14</b><br>Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm<br><br> 7:00pm  | <b>15</b><br>Shabbat Morning Service (Vayelech) 10:00am  |
| <b>16</b><br><br>  | <b>17</b><br><br>   | <b>18</b><br>Kol Nidre Service 8:00pm<br><br>Erev Yom Kippur   | <b>19</b><br>Yom Kippur Services and programs—see page 2 for complete schedule | <b>20</b><br>Pilates Class 10:00am<br>Library Staffed 3:00pm                               | <b>21</b><br>Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm<br><br> 6:50pm  | <b>22</b><br>Shabbat Morning Service (Ha'azinu) 10:00am  |
| <b>23</b><br>Brotherhood Builds the Sukkah 9:00am<br>Sisterhood Book Swap 2:00pm                       | <b>24</b><br>Senior Connections 1:30pm  | <b>25</b><br>Pilates Class 10:00am<br>General Board Meeting 7:00pm   | <b>26</b><br>First Day of 7th Grade & Hebrew High Ice Cream Social 7:00pm      | <b>27</b><br>Pilates Class 10:00am<br>Library Staffed 3:00pm<br>Women in the Sukkah 6:00pm | <b>28</b><br>Simcha Sukkot Dinner 5:30pm<br>Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm<br><br> 6:39pm                                       | <b>29</b><br>Shabbat Morning Service (Chol HaMo'eid Sukkot) 10:00am<br>Pajama Havdallah & Sleepover 6:00pm |
| <b>30</b><br>Congregational Picnic 9:30am<br>Mazel Tots 9:45am<br>COPA Convention 3:00pm<br><br>Sukkot | <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>“Rosh Hashanah isn't just about being new, it's about a change.”</i><br/> <i>—Max Levis</i> </p> |  |  |  |   |  |

# General News

## Social Action Committee Holds Voter Registration Drive

We want to encourage every eligible voter to vote, including and especially our newly eligible young folks. Look for our volunteers who will help you with voter registration at Rosh Hashanah services. Please check the weekly email for other events at which we will be conducting this important civic action. Questions? Please contact Rose Ashford at [rose@ashfields.net](mailto:rose@ashfields.net).

## Out In Our Faith (OIOF)

The members of the OIOF Committee are representatives of community organizations and religious/spiritual leaders. Rabbi Paula, Peg Shemaria-Hedman & Gail Levine represent TBE. The OIOF Committee meets regularly to explore ways to create institutions that are welcoming to LGBTQ members and to develop models to sustain these practices. Recently, the members participated in a workshop facilitated by Jamie Joy from the Diversity Center and a Triangle speakers' panel to learn about gender identity, proper pronouns and to develop a deeper understanding of how to become an affirming space for members.

## TBE GREEN TEAM

Are you interested in protecting our environment and our planet? Advocating for climate change solutions? Finding ways for our temple and congregants to live more sustainably? Join TBE's new Green Team. At Mitzvah Day, the Green Team organized a postcard-writing drive, sending over 100 postcards to State legislators and Federal agencies in support of renewable energy and continuing the ban on offshore oil drilling on the Central Coast. The Green Team is currently investigating carpool options, electric car charging stations at the temple, onsite composting, discouraging the use of single-use plastic utensils and cups, and ways Temple Beth El and our congregants can lower their carbon footprints. For more information, contact Bob and Michele Kibrick at [kibrick@cruzio.com](mailto:kibrick@cruzio.com).

## Nachas

REBECCA GUINEY graduated Summa Cum Laude from Johnson and Wales University, North Miami Campus with her BA in Sports, Entertainment and Event Management. Mama Mimi and Papa Steve are kvelling! Mazal Tov Guiney Family!

## Toda Rabah

A big thank you goes out to volunteers Zena Krakowsky, Letty Bess and Gaby Litsky for generously donating their time by covering the front office during the new CRM training in June.

## In The Temple Family



### NEW MEMBERS

Claire Sanders  
Lester Reichel & Rima Lieben  
Judith Feinman  
Jessie Ulin

### MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



Murdo Stanley MacKenzie,  
beloved cousin of Rachel Kliger  
Jean Davis, beloved mother of  
David Davis  
Justin Hovis, friend of Nita  
Lamendola  
Gavin Levy, friend of Rabbi Paula  
Gwynn L. Simon, beloved sister-in-  
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Rachel Grad  
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## Library Check-in

While the High Holidays are a natural time for taking stock, it is especially meaningful for the TBE library. This time last year we launched our new borrowing service. Nearly 800 members are now enrolled in the system and the "new" self-checkout station and book return is a year old. Enrolled members can check out books using their email addresses or their library cards (inserted in their name badges). Those not yet enrolled can be added to the system by contacting [librarytbe@gmail.com](mailto:librarytbe@gmail.com).

Thanks to generous donations, we've added hundreds of new books, stocking the shelves with many more-recent books and core works. A new library cart features both new works—fiction and nonfiction—and our enhanced collection of mystery and detective fiction. We invite you to browse the collection in-person or online. The collection is fully cataloged online at <https://tbeaptos.libib.com/>.

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Olive Pechner  
In memory of Robert Pechner, my  
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In memory of Murdo Stanley  
MacKenzie, Rachel's cousin who died  
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Rachel Kliger

## LIBRARY FUND

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Rabbi Paula & Aryeh Nanas  
In memory of Myrna & Paul Lewis,  
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Speedy recovery to Aryeh Nanas  
Joan Levine

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In honor of my B'nai Mitzvah

Shana Rosenfeld Phelan

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In memory of my beloved father and  
Zaida

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Thank you Rabbi Shifra

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Lisa & Karl Segnitz

In honor of my B'nai Mitzvah

Shana Rosenfeld Phelan

In honor of Rabbi Shifra Weiss-  
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In memory of my beloved father,  
Abraham Rubinson

Sandra Linzer

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