TBE and Chadeish Yameinu
Celebrate Purim

Monday, March 9, 7:00 PM

Join us for our annual hilarious Megillah reading with our Rabbis in costume, freshly baked hamantaschen, and other Purim refreshments. Fun for all ages!

Children’s Purim

MEGILLAH READING, COSTUME PARADE, AND CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 8

Grades K-3 (and families with young children)
Adults accompany their children
9:45 AM ~ Megillah reading and costume parade
10:30 PM ~ Carnival Games and Prizes

Grades 4-6
9:45 AM ~ Classroom activities
11:00 AM ~ Megillah Reading and Costume Parade
11:30 PM ~ Carnival Games and Prizes with Adults

MAKE LIFELONG MEMORIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

Support Jewish teen activities (SRFY) by helping sponsor the Purim Carnival; be a carnival sponsor for only $50, or a game sponsor for $136. Make checks payable to TBE and note “Purim Carnival Sponsorship” in the memo. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities—we’ll need a lot!

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with Reb Simcha Raphael
Friday and Saturday, March 6-7. Read about the programs on page 3.

Shabbat Services

Friday, March 6
7:30 PM Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 7
10:00 AM Yarbrough Bar Mitzvah

Friday, March 13
7:30 PM Confirmation Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 14
10:00 AM ShabbASANA
10:00 AM Mendivil Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 20
7:30 PM Rock Shabbat
Saturday, March 21
10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
With Chadeish Yameinu

Friday, March 27
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Saturday, March 28
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One of the most frequent questions I am asked is, “What is the Jewish view of what happens after death?” We all know the easiest response is that different Jews have different ideas about this topic. In answering this question, I have mentioned that some Jews believe in reincarnation, referred to as *gilgul hanefesh*—the cycling of the soul. People are often surprised to hear this because it is discussed in Kabbalistic esoteric mysticism. This concept is not discussed in the Bible or the Talmud. The idea is that there is a *gilgul*, “rolling,” the soul “rolls” through time from one body to a different body.

I hope that in raising this question, I have sparked more interest in understanding Jewish views, (emphasis on the plurality of opinions) about death and after-life. From Friday night, March 6, through Saturday evening, March 7, Rabbi Simcha Raphael will be our Scholar-in-Residence.

Temple Beth El and Chadeish Yameinu are co-sponsoring a Shabbaton on Judaism and the Mysteries of Life, Death, and the World Beyond. On Friday evening, during our Erev Shabbat service, Rabbi Simcha will give the d’rash about *Joseph’s Bones and the Jewish Tradition of Memory*.

On Saturday morning during the Shabbat service, Rabbi Simcha will teach about the “Afterlife Journey of the Soul in Kabbalah.” This will be at Chadeish Yameinu.

On Saturday evening, Rabbi Simcha will be sharing *Tales of the World Beyond: Stories of Ancient Ancestors, Wandering Spirits, and Reincarnating Souls*. This event will be at 7:00 PM, at Pacific Gardens Chapel.

I hope you will join us in learning about this important and fascinating area of Jewish thought. For more details please go to [https://bit.ly/2SCCrij](https://bit.ly/2SCCrij).

*− Rabbi Paula Marcus*
Spirituality

Join Us As We Celebrate the Confirmation of Our 10th Graders

You are cordially invited to attend Temple Beth El’s Confirmation Shabbat on Friday, March 13, 7:30 PM

Please join us for a special Shabbat service in celebration of the Confirmation class. An Oneg Shabbat to congratulate the confirmands and their parents follows the service.

Confirmation is the affirmation from our students of their intention to live their lives as Jews and as part of the Jewish community. It is also the community’s commitment to our students to always be there to support their Jewish lives. Our 10th graders will lead a creative service. They will give speeches about what their Jewish identity means to them. It is always a very moving and fun service. Please join us to celebrate this momentous occasion in the lives of our youth. Everyone is invited!

Brook Allen Brower – Miranda Allen Brower and Matt Brower
Albert Cornblatt – Maurice and Glen Cornblatt
Dalia Dubin – Victor and Jocelyn Dubin
Jordyn Edelstein – Scott and Kerry Edelstein
Rowan Kern Jones – Sheryl Kern-Jones and Michael Jones
Meghan Kearney – Lori and Jim Kearney
Talia Orzech – Shoshanah and Joshua Orzech
Kyra Phelan – Shana Rosenfeld Phelan and Peter Phelan
Jonah Smith – Leora Fromm and Brian Smith
Benjamin Yanowsky – Mark and Rebecca Yanowsky

Judaism and the Mysteries of Life, Death, and the World Beyond

A Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with Reb Simcha Raphael

Friday evening, March 6
7:30 PM at Temple Beth El
Erev Shabbat Services/Dvar Torah
Joseph’s Bones and the Jewish Tradition of Memory.

Saturday morning, March 7
10:00 AM at Chadeish Yameinu, 740 Front St., Suite 170, Santa Cruz
Shabbat Services/Noon Lunch N’Learn:
Afterlife Journey of the Soul in Kabbalah.

Saturday evening, March 7
7:00 PM at Benito & Azzaro Pacific Gardens Chapel, 1050 Cayuga St., Santa Cruz.

Reb Simcha Raphael, PhD is the founding director of Da’at Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training, and an adjunct professor of religion at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

Presented by Chadeish Yameinu–Jewish Renewal of Santa Cruz and Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center; co-sponsored by Benito & Azzaro Pacific Gardens Chapel.

Passover Preparation and Family Fun

March 22, 1:00–2:30 PM

Passover will be here before we know it! Join TBE’s Young Families Project as we learn together about the holiday of Passover through interactive games and activities. We will make and bake matzah, check out some great Passover books, learn more about the items on the Seder plate, and meet other Jewish families at this fun, festive Passover preparation event. This FREE activity is for children of all ages. Special PJ Our Way activities will be included for ages 9–12. Come take the Matzah Challenge!

Interfaith Easter-Passover Dialog

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 PM, at TBE
Join us for our annual Interfaith Passover Study with Rabbi Paula and Deacon Patrick Conway.
Synagogue News

A THOUGHT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I write this article, it is still February. We are awash in the Democratic primaries and the California primary is on the horizon. I find Purim to be so appropriate to this moment—a moment where the country is focusing on what divides us. But what if we could strip away all the artificial constructs that separate us, as we are instructed for Purim celebrations, and respond to each other humanely as humans. What a different place the world would be. The Temple Beth El community stands as a shining example of what can happen when people support one another through personal struggles and the struggles that face our nation and planet. We find ways for these things to bind us together, teaching us, and finding our joys and seasons together. This not only strengthens us personally, but also financially and is the stimulus to our nation and planet. We find ways of what can happen when people support one another through personal struggles and the struggles that face one another.

We are an energetic and fun group, and we are looking for more people to join us. Currently, we meet one Friday morning a month, but are moving toward a more flexible meeting schedule, including electronic meetings.

If you are interested in helping out with any of these activities (even if you don’t want to go to any meetings) or if you want more information, please email Denise Miller at denisej199@gmail.com or Andrea Yanowitz at andrea@yanomedia.com.

In The Temple Family

NEW MEMBERS

Eden Mendel Holt and Graham Holt
Janice Rose

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

Warren Phillip Weinstock, beloved father of Diane Levin, father-in-law of Larry Levin, and grandfather of Kimberly, Jeremy and Annie.

Gladys Gilbert, mother of Korrine Fitz, mother-in-law of Terry Fitz, and grandmother of Savannah and Gabriella Fitz.

TBE Membership/Engagement Committee

Building community has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Temple Beth El. Ever wonder how that community got built? Do you want to participate in the continued building? The Membership/Engagement committee works toward involving all of our temple family to strengthen bonds and increase connections.

Our committee works on programs ranging from greeting people at Shabbat services to coordinating temple events—including neighborhood gatherings, long-term member events, new member events—and everything in-between.

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Sisterhood Gift Shop

Wednesdays, 2:30-6:00 PM
Sundays, 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

PASSEOVER HOURS

Beginning Monday, March 30
Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, open to 6:00 PM on Wednesdays
Sundays, 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

APRIL 2020 SHOFAR DEADLINES

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GET TO KNOW

Eloy Sanchez

This month’s “Get to Know” is a Temple Beth El staple: custodian Eloy Sanchez. A fixture for 11 years now, Eloy often works six days a week doing everything from cleaning, to computer and sound system set-ups, to general repairs and maintenance.

His days consist of prepping preschool and religious school classrooms, Shabbat and holiday services, luncheons and dinners, celebrations, meetings, and a wide variety of programs—as well as cleaning and maintaining those spaces every single day. Arriving before anyone else and staying well after the last member leaves, Eloy is dedicated to keeping our facility clean and functional.

In addition to working at TBE, Eloy has a full-time position at UCSC as well. In his minimal free time, he likes to listen to all types of music, especially violin music. He also likes to shop for his family; his wife of 26 years and three children ages 14 to 25 who all moved back to Mexico several years ago. They manage to keep in daily contact through calls and video calls; “a lot of calls,” he explains. Eloy has a strong work ethic and prides himself on never calling in sick or taking a day off. He uses all of his vacation time to visit his family. Executive Director, Tanya, commends him and uses these two words to describe him; “unparalleled reliability!” Eloy describes himself as a “very organized person, dedicated and a good daddy.” Rabbi Shifra adds that she also respects his intelligence and commitment. “My family were immigrant workers. I can identify with him and respect him. I am really glad that he enjoys working here, he does a lot for the temple and for Temple School!”

Thank you, Eloy, for your long service and dedication to Temple Beth El!
General News/Donor Recognition

TBE Building Just Communities

Nine TBE members travelled to San Francisco in January for the Northern California regional gathering of the RAC. The RAC (Religious Action Center) is the political arm of the Reform movement, a joint effort along with the CCAR (representing Reform rabbis).

At this gathering we worked to strategize around issues including gun violence prevention, affordable housing, climate and environmental justice. We also organized around a voter engagement campaign for 2020 similar to what we did in 2018, in which our congregation achieved a 96% voting rate!

Voting and political engagement is a strong Jewish tradition and we’re proud that so many of our congregants are involved locally, statewide, and nationally. We are aiming to be a 100% voting congregation in 2020.

As a religious non-profit, we are strictly nonpartisan and do not endorse candidates, but we do ask each person to vote your conscience consistent with our Jewish values.

We have been asked to conduct a town hall on the upcoming schools and communities first ballot initiative, which would modify Proposition 13 by reassessing commercial properties while continuing Proposition 13 protections for residential properties. We will not be asking for a statewide endorsement, rather a way to raise the issue and allow for all voices to be heard on this issue.

Nationally, the RAC has five issue cohorts which we are all invited to join:
• Environmental Justice
• Gun Violence Prevention
• Racial Justice
• Immigration Justice
• Reproductive Rights and Justice
You can find out more at: https://bit.ly/39orO9d. Come to a Social Action/Social Justice committee meeting to learn more about this work and get involved.

Gift Card Thank You Presentation: ‘Nest’ Program for Migrant Kids at the Border

Gaby Litsky thanks those who donated to the Hanukah Gift Card Drive for your support. A portion of that fund went to the Nest, an early childhood center for migrant kids living in a shelter across the street in Tijuana. She spent time volunteering there in late December and will share slides and talk about her experience on Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 PM, in the temple lounge. Snacks will be provided. Get information about the “Nest” program for migrant children at https://bit.ly/2Sb6Yob.

Donor Spotlight: Marlene Pitkow

In this month’s Donor Spotlight, we would like to acknowledge and thank extremely long-time volunteer and the engine behind Senior Connections, Marlene Pitkow! Marlene began putting this hugely popular program together with a group of other wonderful women back in 2006 because they saw a lack of programming aimed at this segment of our community. Using her PhD in Performance Studies, and her experience working in arts management, Marlene has cultivated a plethora of engaging events showcasing music, theatre, film, comedy, academia, literature and rabbinical roundtables.

Programs are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, are free, and open to the entire community! All programming is funded solely through donations made to the Senior Connections fund and Marlene, who personally has contributed thousands of hours over the years, planning and guiding the almost 300 programs to date. Recently, their events had to be moved from the temple Library into the Social Hall due to the growing audience size. A typical Monday may welcome 45 people and more popular topics can draw more than 80!

Senior Connections is always open to new topic ideas, new guests, and of course, new donations! Anyone can join the committee or even lead a program or two. In the future, the plan is to add field trips and other special programming to the schedule. Mark your calendars for May 4th—their annual fundraising luncheon, featuring a delicious catered lunch and delightful entertainment by a Klezmer Trio.

Marlene enjoys giving—she gets a lot out of it personally too; “It’s very nourishing for me to do this and it’s important!” When Marlene and her family moved here from Paris and NY, Temple Beth El took the place of her family so far away and she wanted a way to give back. We are so very blessed that Marlene has given of her time and talents so generously over so many years, contributing to our knowledge, our enjoyment, and our community! Thank you so much Marlene Pitkow!
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Allison and Jacob Pearl

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In honor of Gail Michaelis-Ow for all your contributions to TBE and the greater community!
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In honor of Emily Sinclair and Vlada Moran
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Thanking you for the Ivan Rosenblum concert
Margaret Gordon

JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT FUND
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mordecai Coleman
Julie Lorraine and Barry Marks

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In memory of Martin Hindin
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In honor of Jerry Ruben and Rolla Ruben, my brother and sister-in-law Adelle Tomash
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In memory of Nehemiah Piller and Paul Benevento
David and Sara Benevento

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- Rose Ashford and Felix Fields
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- Morty Cohen and Barbara Almeter-Cohen
- Kate and Lindsay Connor
- Nicole and Eli Karon
- Barry and Phyllis Katz
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One Earth, Many Peoples, One Family

How do the stories and parables from our religious traditions call us to serve? Come, gather under the Tent. Through education and dialogue, we aim to help create a world where people of different faiths, or no faith, can live in harmony and peace.

Sunday, March 1, 2:00-5:00 PM
Peace United Church of Christ
900 High Street, Santa Cruz

Presenters will be Rev. Robin Mathews-Johnson, Watsonville United Methodist Church; Rabbi Paula Marcus, Temple Beth El; Bruce Burnett, Islamic Center Watsonville; and Erica Aisha, Islamic Center Santa Cruz. Childcare will be available for children aged five and up.

Save the dates for future events:
August 16 and October 18.

Judaism as a Spiritual Journey

with Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias
Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 19, from 12:30-1:30 PM.

This class explores our people’s and our individual spiritual journeys, using A Book of Life by Michael Strassfeld.

Simcha Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 11
4:00-9:00 PM
at Pizza My Heart
2180 41st Ave. in Capitola
Take out or dine in.
Be sure to mention Simcha Preschool and they get 30% of your purchase!

Senior Connections

March 9
Research Astronomer at University of California Observatories/Lick Observatory, Robert Kibrick: Challenges to Democracy (insecure voting systems, gerrymandering, voter suppression, electoral college) and current efforts to address each challenge

March 23
UCSC Instructor Bruce Thompson: Jews and ‘The Wizard of Oz’

Free and open to the general public! Come at 1:30 PM to nosh and schmooze. Program begins at 2:00 PM.

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TEMPLE BETH EL

Presenting:
Ivan Rosenblum, Anya Ismail,
Elizabeth Neff, Tatyana Rekow
and the Music of Women’s Lives

Featuring musically varied pieces drawn from classical, popular and Jewish styles. Followed by a wine and chocolate reception.

Sunday, May 3, 3:30 PM

Sponsorships for this amazing event start at just $100, or feel free to come and make a donation at the door (suggested donation is $20). 100% of all donations to benefit Temple Beth El programs. A wine and chocolate reception will follow.

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Activities & Events

Whole Food Plant-Based Nutrition
with Dr. Elise Atkins
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00-9:00 PM
at the home of Suzanne and David Silverglate

If you are interested in taking steps to prevent diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, or in gaining control over chronic diseases you already have, then whole food plant-based nutrition may be just the tool you’re looking for. In addition to better health, plant-based eating benefits our planet. Join Dr. Elise Atkins for an evening of discussion about the why and how of using food as medicine.

Chevra Kadisha Training
March 22, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 2:00-4:00 PM, at TBE

This all-day class offers training in Sh’mira and Taharah, both for those interested in becoming volunteers, and for those who want to learn about these traditional Jewish rituals that honor the deceased and prepare them for burial. The morning session is informational and open to the community. We will break for a potluck lunch and table conversations. The afternoon session includes a Taharah demonstration for those considering joining the Chevra Kadisha. For reservations or more information, please contact: chevrakadishasantacruz@gmail.com.

BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH
New Initiatives at Cabrillo College

With speakers:
Cabrillo Trustee Adam Spicker and President Matthew Wetstein
Sunday March 29
10:00 AM

Cabrillo College, our next-door neighbor, is an academic jewel of our county. As a community college, Cabrillo serves current high school students, high school graduates, re-entry students, and offers an impressive array of practical courses tailored to the needs of Santa Cruz’s diverse population. On the horizon, Cabrillo administrators are looking at new initiatives to reduce the burden of tuition, deal with housing insecurity, streamline academic placement, enhance professional development, and modernize facilities. Beginning at 10:00 AM, we’ll enjoy our always delicious lox and bagel brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by our speakers’ presentation at 11:00, concluding before noon. Recommended donation is $5 for Brotherhood members and $7 for non-members.

Save the Date

Interfaith Seder with Resurrection Catholic Church
Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM

Second Night TBE Community Seder
Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM

Senior Connections Presents:
Rabbi Shifra and Friends Celebrate Jewish Music
Monday, April 13, 1:30 PM

Rock Shabbat
Friday, April 17, 7:30 PM

Mitzvah Day
Sunday, April 19, 9:00 PM

Challah Making
Thursday, April 23, 3:30 PM

Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival Opening Night Reception
Saturday April 25

Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival
Saturday, April 25 to Thursday, April 30
# March 2020

**Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Adar–Nissan 5780**

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

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Young Families and Youth

Mazel Tots
Sunday, March 15
9:45 to 11:15 AM
at Temple Beth El

Simcha Preschool
Spring is bringing new learning at Simcha Preschool. Friendships are blossoming among even our youngest children in the toddler classroom. The preschool children love playing together as a large group. The Pre-K children are creating a “kindness wall,” learning how to be more inclusive, and expand their groups of friends.

We would like to welcome new preschool teacher, Jan Wald-Viera, who has three decades of experience in early childhood education with a passion in science, math, and art for young children. She will join seasoned preschool co-teacher Lori Grantham in the preschool classroom for 3- to 4-year-olds. They have already had a warm, positive, and constructive “meeting of the minds” about curriculum planning and their classroom environment.

We are looking forward to our Monday, March 30, Simcha Seder lunch, with Rabbi Shifra facilitating the Passover ritual aspects of the meal. Simcha parents, extended family and friends, are invited to join us at 12:00 Noon for a community meal.

On March 11, from 4:00–9:00 PM, please be sure to mention “Simcha Preschool” at Pizza My Heart on 41st Avenue in Capitola, and our thriving, play-based preschool will receive 30% of the proceeds from your purchase.

And finally, we’re excited to announce that we’re opening a new program in Room 6 this fall. If you or someone you know has a child turning five years-old in July–January 2020, and are interested in a play-based Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program with kindergarten-readiness academics, please have them contact Director Lisa Mendez at lmendez@tbeaptos.org or 831-479-3449.

—Lisa Mendez, Director

Beth El Baby Bunch
Monday, March 23, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Quality social time with parents and babies birth to age 3, here in the TBE coffee lounge. Questions? Contact Sarah at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

Temple School, Hebrew High & Young Families
Program Calendar
Sunday, March 1
TS Grades K–6

Wednesday, March 4
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade and Hebrew High, 6:30 PM Pizza

Sunday, March 8
Purim—see the front cover for details
Monday, March 9
Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 11
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade and Hebrew High, 6:30 PM Pizza

Friday, March 13
Confirmation

Sunday, March 15
TS Grades K–6, First Grade Parent Participation, Mazel Tots

Wednesday, March 18
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 7th Grade and Hebrew High, 6:30 PM Pizza

Friday, March 20
Rock Shabbat

Friday to Sunday, March 20 to 22
NFTY CWR Spring Conclave for 9th–12 Grades

Sunday, March 22
TS Grades K–6, Second Grade Parent Participation, Passover Preparation and Family Fun

Wednesday, March 25
TS grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, Passover Model Seder, 7th Grade and Hebrew High, 6:30 PM Pizza

Sunday, March 29
TS Grades K–6

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Opening Night at TBE—schmooze, nosh, buy some raffle tickets, and enjoy films with friends and fellow film lovers. Nu, what could be more fun? Be a Film Festival donor! Sponsor or co-sponsor a film! The Film Festival needs your generous support. Log onto the TBE website, www.thetbeaptos.org, for donor levels or to donate online. Checks can be made out to and mailed to TBE with a note in the memo section marked for the Film Festival. Contact Marcia Meyer at marmey26@comcast.net if you’d like to be a film sponsor or co-sponsor. Watch for the Film Festival Program in the April Shofar.

TBE Moves Forward with TK/K Program!

For the 2020/2021 school year, Simcha Preschool will be adding a TK/K (Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten) classroom! This new class will create an academic bridge from Pre-K to kindergarten. Children who would otherwise attend TK or would be a younger kindergartener (July-January five year-old birthdays) are welcome to apply to our new, exciting program. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about Simcha Preschool’s new five-day TK/K program, please have them call Lisa Mendez at (831) 479-3449 or email her at lmendez@tbeaptos.org.