Chanukah Extravaganza

Friday, December 15

5:45 PM
Dinner

We have a treat this year. Our Chanukah meal will include a wide range of wonderful food provided and prepared by Zena, the Sisterhood and of course, the Brotherhood’s famous latkes. Assorted beverages will be included as well. You’re welcome to bring wine to enjoy with dinner. And as we always ask, please bring a dessert to share with 12 people or more. (Fruit and gluten free goodies are always welcome.) Reservations are required for dinner. Please remember to reserve early as we usually have to turn folks away due to our limited space. The RSVP Deadline is Tuesday, December 12. The cost: $18.00 per adult—ages 13 and over, and $10.00 per child ages 6–12. Free for children 5 and under. Please use the registration form on page 11.

7:00 PM
Rock of Ages

Our inspiring service with the Rock Shabbat Band and the Junior Rock Shabbat Band will include traditional and brand new Chanukah music. There will be childcare available in the library. If you wish to, please bring your menorahs! No reservations are required for those attending only the service.

For questions contact Richie Solomon at (831) 336-1642 or solomonzoo@comcast.net.

First Night of Chanukah and Dedication of the Litvak Wing

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 PM
Chanukah Menorah Lighting Celebration

Bring your menorah to Temple Beth El on the first night of Chanukah for a celebration of Chanukah with music, sufganiyot (doughnuts), dreidl, Israeli dancing and community candle lighting.

7:30 PM
New Litvak Wing Dedication

Chanukah means dedication. What better night to open the doors to our beautiful new Litvak wing. Please join Rabbi Rick and Nancy Litvak along with Ed Newman and the Expansion Committee to dedicate our new wing and toast all of the people who have tirelessly worked to make this dream a reality.

Simcha Preschool Breakfast and Books Fundraiser

Sunday, December 17, 9:30–11:30 AM

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast—suggested donation $5–$20 per family—along with a book sale of gently used children’s books. Your children get to choose books they want for $1.00 each. Everyone is welcome to this fun-filled, child-centered event. Welcome Chanukah with your family and promote early literacy!

Support our sister congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia. See the annual appeal on page 10.
Chris Hurst was a former TV news anchor whose girlfriend, Alison Parker, a reporter at the same station, was murdered on live television by a mentally ill former colleague in 2015. Soon after, Chris quit his job to run for office as a way of honoring her memory.

On November 7, he won the 12th House District seat in the Virginia state’s Legislature. Chris Hurst was not a career politician and he was honestly a bit surprised by his victory. In an interview, soon after the results were announced, he said that he was thinking about what Alison would have to say about the change in his career from journalist to politician. Wouldn’t she be proud of him for stepping up, for his convictions?

Mr. Hurst described himself as a gun owner and supporter of the Second Amendment, but said that he was intent on trying “to reduce gun homicides, suicides and accidental deaths.” He doesn’t want others to suffer the loss he experienced when Allison was killed. When he first decided to run for office, he didn’t know he would win, it actually seemed like the odds were against him, but he was willing to take a risk because he felt he had to lead from his convictions.

This is what it might have felt like for the Maccabees, a small band of rebels confronting the occupying power of the Syrian Greek army. They too stepped up for the cause of religious freedom and till today, we celebrate their courage and faith in their convictions.

May we find ways to act upon this Chanukkah message, kindling the flames of hope and action in our homes and in the world.

―Rabbi Paula Marcus
Synagogue News

Announcing: Al HaShulchan—On the Table

Have you heard the one about the two Jews who walk into a bar? Well they have three opinions, 10 stories and an insatiable appetite for conversation. Something like that... We as a people for centuries and as a congregation now, have a wealth of life experiences, opinions, knowledge and wisdom to share with each other. So, let’s get to know each other a bit better by sharing some of those stories, those experiences, that wisdom, and yes, those opinions!

The Shulchan Aruch (the Set Table) is a collection of Jewish Law. It is the most widely consulted of the various legal codes in Judaism. It was compiled by Rabbi Joseph Karo in 1563. The face of Judaism has changed a great deal since then but the process of debating and arguing about important issues has continued. We would like to create a virtual “table” and see what you have to add to the meal!

Go to the TBE website at tbeaptos.org. On the Table is on the home page, under the slide show, in the section with a blue background.

Board Changes

With deep appreciation and thanks, the board accepted the resignation of longtime Treasurer, Andrew Goldenkranz. Andrew has been a hard-working member of our board for more than five years. While the board is saddened to say goodbye to Andrew, he assures us that he will remain active throughout the temple, especially on issues of social justice.

We are pleased to welcome Paul Jacobson as our new Treasurer and board member. Paul and his family have been very dedicated temple members for over twenty years and Paul brings an extensive portfolio of business expertise.

Woman of Valor Celebration

Plan to join us in celebrating Sandra Cohen, the 2018 Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor honoree, on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 7:30 PM.

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TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS

Temple School Fosters a Love of Jewish Learning in a Joyful, Engaging and Supportive Community.

Right about the time when you receive this Shofar will be the perfect time to get out your Chanukah decorations, menorah and dreidls. By decorating our houses and placing our menorah in the window for all to see, we illuminate the presence of miracles in our lives and give thanks that spirit can still triumph over might. In my mind, there can never be too much hype about Chanukah. Chanukah inspires us to miraculously find light in times of great darkness and is one of our many holidays that emphasize the joy of Judaism, especially for Jewish children.

Temple School really gets into Chanukah! We hope that your children will build many wonderful memories from Chanukah at TBE—we are planning a multitude of fantastic celebrations. We hope that everyone, of all ages, comes to the Chanukah Extravaganza on December 15th, with Rock of Ages, the Shabbat service celebrating Chanukah with the Rock Shabbat band. On December 13th, our sixth graders make latkes and our fifth graders make Chanukah cookies for us all to share when our 4th graders return to Temple School from Aegis, where we go every year to share Chanukah with the elderly residents who live there. Hebrew High will also celebrate Chanukah on that night with a latke party and a few surprises for Chanukah fun. Then, on December 17th, our annual Chanukah roller skating party brings the whole Temple School community together before our winter break. May the light of Chanukah illuminate our lives, and may we in turn, spread light.

―Blessings, Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias

All-School Roller Skating Party

Sunday, December 17
11:30 AM–1:30 PM
At the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium
1606 Seabright Ave.

Come skate to Jewish music, eat pizza, and have fun with the Temple School Community. This replaces regular Temple School.

The cost is $12.00 in advance and $15.00 after December 13th, including at the door. If you want to rent inline skates there is an additional $3.00 charge. Please contact Rabbi Shifra if cost is a problem. For questions contact sclarkson@tbeaptos.org. See the Temple Weekly or website for more information and the sign-up sheet.

The Simcha Community Shares Jewish Traditions

At Simcha, all families are welcome whatever their religious affiliations. Families often consciously choose to send their children to our program because they value their children’s exposure to Jewish culture, traditions and values. One value we foster is coming together as a community, often leading to lifelong friendships among children and families alike.

Having shared Sukkot together, Simcha is looking ahead to Chanukah and our annual Breakfast and Books on Sunday, December 17th. We will once again have the opportunity for our families to come together to eat, share and purchase inexpensive gently used children’s books. Anyone with young children is invited to join us.

TEMPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3
TS Grades K–6, 2nd Grade Parent Participation

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

Sunday, December 10
TS Grades K–6, Mazel Tots

Tuesday, December 12
First Night of Chanukah Candle Lighting

Wednesday, December 13
TS Grades 4–6, KEF, Hebrew, 4th Grade Field Trip to Aegis Living & Chanukah Party, 7th Grade & Hebrew High & Chanukah Party

Friday, December 15
Chanukah Extravaganza & Rock of Ages Shabbat

Sunday, December 17
Roller Skating Party at the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium, 11:30 AM (instead of TS)

Wednesday, December 20
Winter Break Begins—No Temple School

Sunday, December 24
No Temple School

Wednesday, December 27
No Temple School

Sunday, December 31
No Temple School

Friday-Sunday, January 5–7
SRFY Snow Trip
Youth/General News

Chanukah Story Time and Craft
December 1st, 10:30 AM
Wonderland Toys and Classroom Resources
4101 Soquel Drive, on the corner of 41st Ave. & Soquel Drive

Join the TBE Young Families Project, PJ Library, and Wonderland Toys and Classroom Resources for a morning of Chanukah stories and Chanukah themed crafts provided by Wonderland Toys. Wonderland is a TBE family-owned business and welcomes our young families to this fun event. This will be a great way to explore the meaning of the holiday and a great place to meet friends and make new ones. Hope to see you there!

Toda Rabah

The terrific October MAZON volunteers were: Catherine and Bob Cooper, Fay Levinson and Joe Vela, Gaby Litsky, Marcia Meyer (2X), Margaret Brose, Melinda Iuster, Penny Chesluk, Rose Ashford, Rachel Katz and friends, Wilma Gold, Susan Karz and Gwen Kaplan.

Our marvelous November MAZON volunteers were: Ken Wagman and friends (5X), Rachael Katz and friends (5X), Suzanne Silverglate (2X), Penny Chesluk, Zena Krakowsky (2X), Catherine & Bob Cooper, Kerith Koontz, Amanda Jackson Miller (2X), and Dennis & Cheryl Caspe.

To sign up for the MAZON Project, please go to the MAZON SignUpGenius link at: http://bit.ly/2vGEWUT.
General News/Calendar Highlights

SISTERHOOD

On Sunday, October 22, fifty plus women gathered at TBE to see the remarkable film, She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry. The film dealt with the growing pangs and the hardship behind the Women’s Liberation Movement of the 1960’s and 70’s. Noshes and a feeling of sisterhood were enjoyed by all.

Appreciation goes out to Rabbi Paula who has been the driving force in the resurgence of Sisterhood. Thank you to Amy Harrington, Gail Levine and Eleanor Hilberman who helped organize and prepare for this event. It was Amy and Gail who learned of the movie while attending a Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Convention. WRJ is an empowering organization of Jewish women that is committed to the future of all Jewish Sisterhoods. They do this through education, scholarships, and symposiums. Thank you also goes to Sarah Clarkson for arranging childcare. We will do our best to continue to provide childcare at future Sisterhood events.

This was the first of a series of “Sisterhood Sunday” events. We expect to have another event in January or February of 2018. If you have any suggestions for future films, events, or if you have questions about joining Sisterhood, please contact Shelly Nadelman-Douglas at (831) 687-0567.

Library Lending is Here

The new, automated lending system is now up-and-running. Members may borrow books from the collection any time the library is available using the new self-check station and their library cards. We’ve enrolled most Temple members in the online catalog and library cards have been distributed via member badges. If you didn’t find a library card slipped into your name badge, contact us at librarytbe@gmail.com.

Audacious Hospitality for New Members

On November 3rd, a delicious dinner and evening of audacious hospitality was enjoyed by new members, board members, the Membership Committee and more. As inspiration, the program included a number of our movers’n’shakers in a ‘pass-the-mic’ face+name+activity presentation. Zena extends special thanks to her New Member Dinner Committee and 31 enthusiastic volunteers. It takes a village.

Extended holiday hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, open to 6:00 PM on Wednesdays, and 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Sundays. After December 20th, we will be open by arrangement until Temple School resumes in January. To make an appointment call Shirley at (831) 685-2710 or Ruth at (831) 476-1154.

Gift Shop

Holiday Hours & Beyond

Marla Stone Lyons
18 Star La’Moan
with Tammi Brown & the Kitchenettes!
Performing at Don Quixote’s
December 20th
7:30pm
Pre-sale tickets $13, call Marla (831) 247-9527. $15 at the door
Calendar Highlights

Katie's Kitten & Puppy Adoption Fair

My name is Katie and I am hosting a dog and kitten adoption fair on Sunday, December 3rd, at Temple Beth El. This is my Bat Mitzvah project and I am not “kitten around” when I say I love animals and these animals need homes.

We will have kittens and dogs coming from the Santa Cruz SPCA and the Feral Cat Foundation. Please join us starting at 11:45 AM to either adopt a pet, or donate to either foundation. You can also sign up to become a foster family or just get some licks and kisses.

Senior Connections

December 11
The Theme of Love in Opera presented by retired UCSC Professor Miriam Ellis

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.

Song Circle Meetup Group for Temple Women

We are excited to begin a new Song Circle Meetup Group for Temple Women! Our goal is to have fun and build community by lifting our voices together in song. We are using the Rise Up Singing Songbook (15th Anniversary Edition) as our guide and will be focusing on folk, traditional, folk-rock, blues and other types of songs. You do not need to be an experienced singer—a love of singing is all that is required! So far we have one guitar/mandolin player, but would love to have more acoustic instruments and hand percussion to liven things up. So if you play, please bring your guitar, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, hand percussion, or whatever else you like to play to support singing! Instrumentalists should know the basic chords that are used for most folk-type songs.

Please join us at our first meeting on Wednesday, December 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the home of Judy Yokel, 944 Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz. Bring your copy of Rise Up Singing (15th Anniversary Edition) if you have one.

To RSVP, please email Judy Yokel at judyclaireyokel@gmail.com or call 588-5378. If you don’t RSVP, it is still ok to show up. We look forward to singing with you!

Save the Date

Office and Simcha Closed
Monday, January 1

No Temple School
Wednesday, January 3

SRFY Ski Trip
January 5-7

Simcha Pizza My Heart Fundraiser
Wednesday, January 10

Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat
Friday, January 12

Beth El Bim Bam and Rock Shabbat
Friday, January 19

Salon on Kosher Sex
Thursday, January 25

Residential Camp Fair
Sunday, January 28

The TBE office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

Temple School is closed for winter break from December 20–January 3.

Simcha Preschool is closed for winter break December 22–January 5.
**December 2017**

**Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center • Kislev—Tevet 5778**

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.

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HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION
A gift
Janet Kornblum
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ILSE ROWE HEBREW SCHOOL ASSISTANCE FUND
In memory of Lena Gerson, Julies's grandmother
Julie Lorraine & Barry Marks

JANET ROTHCHILD ROCK SHABBAT FUND
Sponsorship of Beth El Bim Bam In honor of my 70th birthday
Lynn LeRose
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In memory of Aaron & Ethan Marlee
Julie Lorraine & Barry Marks

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In memory of Louis Seftel
Daniel & Lucienne Seftel

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A gift
Jim & Elise Atkins
In memory of William Kliger, David's father
David & Rachel Kliger
In memory of Risa Merwede, David's niece
David & Rachel Kliger

LIBRARY FUND
In honor of Lee Jaffe's vision and hard work on our library
Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak

LIFELONG LEARNING
A gift
Debra Dolsberry

MINYAN FUND
In memory of Etta Phyllis Hindin, my mother
Lenore Hindin

ONEG FUND
In memory of Bea Sherman, beloved mother & grandmother
Judith Sherman & Rachel Bickert
In memory of my beloved brother-in-law, David Pescosin
Nita Lamendola

OPA FUND
In memory of Nathan, Kate's son
Ari & Kate Avraham

RABBI LITVAK DISCRETIONARY FUND
In memory of Bernard Laden
Shirley Marcus

RABBI MARCUS DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of Belle Grudin
Melissa & Jeffrey Grudin
In honor of Anita Kessler
Diana Rose
In memory of a beautiful Rosh Hashana service
Paul Frommherz
In memory of the yahrzeit of my mother Helen Rosenblum
Ivan Rosenblum
In memory of Louis Heit
Alan Heit
In memory of Maria Stolz
Howard Stolz

RABBI RICK AND NANCY LITVAK CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FUND
In gratitude for including the names of our loved ones in the Yizkor memorial booklet
Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak

RABBI WEISS-PENZIAS DISCRETIONARY FUND
A gift
Paul Frommherz
In honor of Rabbi Shifra and Peter Weiss
Bernard & Eleanor Hilberman

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Rabbi Rick & Nancy Litvak
Gail Levine
In honor of Gilda Zelin, artist and friend
Gail Levine

SHOFAR DONATION/SPONSORSHIP FUND
In honor of Harvey Stein, my father who raised me, taught me and is always there for me
Marcia Stein
In memory of Donald Shiff, my father who died when I was a baby
Marcia Stein

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Tzedakah for our Sister Congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia

Many of the Jews in this community are very poor and elderly Holocaust survivors. Please mail this form with your donation to TBE, 3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos, CA 95003. Please include your contact information below.

First & last name ____________________________________________________________

Phone # ____________________________________________________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________________

Each $65 donation buys one gift basket of fresh food for the Adain Lo Jewish Family Center.

Please write Adain Lo in the memo. Gift amount is $ _________
 Chanukah Extravaganza Dinner Reservation Form

Please mail your RSVP form and payment to Richie Solomon, 218 Elena Dr., Ben Lomond, CA, 95005. Or you can bring your form and payment to the TBE office. If your mailing label is not on the reverse side of this page, please include your contact information.

First & last name ____________________________________________________________

Phone # _________________________________________________________________

Email Address ____________________________________________________________

Chanukah Dinner ~ Friday, December 15, 5:45 PM

RSVP forms and payment must be received no later than Tuesday, December 12.

Payment must accompany the RSVP.

#_______ of adults (age 13 and over) at $18 each

#_______ of children (ages 6-12) at $10 each

FREE for children 5 and under

Space is limited so get your RSVP in early!

Total payment for the Chanukah Celebration Dinner $ _________

Please bring a dessert for 12 or more.
Fruit and gluten free foods will be welcomed.

Bring your menorah if you wish.

We look forward to seeing you there!

7:00 PM Rock of Ages

Our inspiring service with the Rock Shabbat Band and the Junior Rock Shabbat Band will include traditional and brand new Chanukah music. There will also be traditional Chanukah games for kids in the library. If you wish to, please bring your menorahs!

No reservations are required for those attending only the service.
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