Justice Shabbat on Climate Change
Friday, November 10, at 7:30 PM

The ancient Jewish concept of Tikkun Olam calls upon us as Jews to do our part to repair the world. Life on our planet is threatened by the effects of climate change and it is critical for us to respond to this crisis before it's too late. To inform and inspire our response, the Social Action Committee is sponsoring a Justice Shabbat service on November 10th, that will focus on the impacts of climate change, local, state and national efforts to address it and what we as a congregation and as individuals can do to help. Speakers for the event are Congressman Jimmy Panetta, California Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird and Santa Cruz County Supervisor Bruce McPherson. At the oneg following the service, the conversation will continue with our speakers and members of various local climate change action groups.

Rock Shabbat
Friday, November 3, 7:30 PM

Magical, Musical, Spiritual!

Sponsored by Carolyn and Curt Coleman, Amy and David Harrington, Bob Katz and Leola Lapides, Judi and David Novik, Carol Skolnick.

Chanukah Story Time
With Billie Harris

November 30, 5:30 PM
at Bookshop Santa Cruz
1520 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz

Come Join the TBE Young Families Project for Chanukah Story Time at Bookshop Santa Cruz! On Thursday, November 30th, at 5:30 PM, Billie Harris, our beloved story teller, will share some Chanukah books and stories with our young families. This is always a special way to explore the holiday and celebrate with friends. Bookshop Santa Cruz brings in beautiful Chanukah books for your family to purchase and enjoy. This is a free event. Please come and invite your friends to learn about our community and traditions in a fun and casual space.

Salon on Interfaith Climate Strategies: Working for Climate Change Solutions as an Interfaith Community
Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 PM
At the home of Amy & David Harrington

Continuing the community conversation started at the Justice Shabbat on Climate Change on November 10th, this salon will focus on coming together as an interfaith community to find concrete actions we can take to advocate for climate change solutions. Rabbi Marvin Goodman, member of the steering committee for California Interfaith Power and Light and the executive director emeritus of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, will speak at this event. This salon will be open to members of all faith groups.

Donation $18. RSVP to sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

Beth El Bim Bam

Friday, November 17
5:45 PM
Vegetarian family Potluck Shabbat singing dinner
6:30 PM
Fabulous engaging Shabbat activities for children of all ages—including PJ Our Way activities for children ages 9-11.
Spirituality/Synagogue News

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI PAULA

Shomrei Adamah—Guardians of our Earth

As I write this column, we are still waiting to hear about how we can help support efforts to rebuild structures at Camp Newman, our beloved URJ Summer Camp, where many of us and our children have forged meaningful relationships and engaged in vibrant Jewish life. Most of the structures were burned down as more than a dozen wildfires rage across Northern California. So many memories of meaningful camp experiences have been evoked by this latest tragedy.

Each of us probably has stories about relatives who have been evacuated or lost homes during the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas. During our Yom Kippur service, I saw a woman crying and after services when I asked her how she was doing, she said she was crying for all of the synagogues that were flooded in Houston. It seems like between the fires and storms, we are heading down a treacherous path of destruction.

If you look in the Torah, the first human being, Adam, is placed in the Garden of Eden and he is told that it is his job—humanity’s job—to tend it and guard it. We weren’t created merely to fulfill our own personal desires. We have a role to play in this amazing creation we call earth. We are to be Shomrei Adamah—guardians of our earth.

This is one reason we as Jews care about climate change. The issues surrounding global warming and the environment are deeply rooted within Judaism and particularly in the concept of creation. From a spiritual perspective, one could say that God created a good world and the human responsibility is to steward that world and to take care of it.

At our Climate Change Shabbat Service on November 10th, we’ll be learning from our elected officials what is being done on our local, statewide and national levels to address the issues of climate change. Please join us as we hear from Congressman Jimmy Panetta, California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird, and Fifth District Supervisor Bruce McPherson about how we can do our part to fulfill our obligations as shomrei adamah.

–Rabbi Paula Marcus

Rosh Hodesh
Kislev

Join us for the women’s celebration of the new moon. All women are welcome. Bring a friend! Our theme this month is “What are you thankful for?” We all need to find joy and thankfulness in our lives in these troubled times. See you November 21, 7:00 PM.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

The TBE Gift Shop is open on Sundays from 9:30 AM–12:00 noon and Wednesdays 2:30–6:00 PM.

Our Jewish art calendars can’t be beat. Our Israeli imports, jewelry, ritual items and gifts will delight everyone.

Welcome back, Temple school parents. Drop in to the gift shop and see what’s new, while your children are in class. Our Wednesday and Sunday hours were designed with you in mind!

Can’t make Sunday or Wednesday? Call us to open the shop for you! Shirley 685-2710 or Ruth 476-1154.

Pine Ridge Reservation New Coat Project

The Children of the Pine Ridge Reservation New Coat Project is collecting new coats for children living on the reservation. The project is headed by Linda Six-Feathers and locally by Shaina Hall. All coats collected go directly to the Pine Ridge Reservation for distribution to children. The reservation is in South Dakota where they experience sub-freezing temperatures for most of the winter months. The reservation is also located in the poorest county in the United States. The collection barrel at the temple is located adjacent to the business office. We request coats from sizes 4–16. If you have any questions about this wonderful cause, please contact Shaina Hall via email at shainajbhall@hotmail.com.

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TEMPLE SCHOOL NEWS

You may have heard me mention that the theme for Temple School this year is “total physical response learning.” Teachers will be looking for opportunities this year to get students out of their seats and doing fun activities as much as possible at Temple School. I love it when parents tell me that their child protesters when the family has an obligation and they have to miss Temple School. This is the goal. Of course, it is impossible to please everyone, but we have made great strides in making temple school a joyful and engaging experience. In 6th grade, for example, students go rock climbing to launch a discussion about bravery and heroism in the Tanach. When I asked students afterward what the point of the activity was, they were not only able to summarize stories in the Tanach and articulate issues they raised, in addition they were happy to engage with me in further discussion. I am hearing more and more from students who look forward to Temple School, Rock Shabbat or youth group activities and offer to help out with the younger classes because they feel at home at TBE. By enhancing the enjoyment of Temple School, we hope to set the scene for a lifetime of Jewish connection.

Temple School is off to a great start. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at my parent tea, the Temple School Picnic, Rock Hashanah and Jr. Congregation. Thank you for all you do to support Temple School, including donations to our scholarship fund.

Blessings, Rabbi Shifra Weiss

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Simcha Dedicates our Playground with our Sukkot Celebration

We started our new year at Simcha celebrating the beginning of the Jewish New Year and our annual Sukkot celebration and family potluck, along with a special dedication of our beautifully redone playground. This year was extra special as we all squeezed together inside of our brand new playground Sukkah—thanks to the hard work of the Brotherhood, who funded the permanent structure, Wally and Harry who put it together and the children who decorated it! We look forward to giving special thanks to our honored guests who helped make the playground become a reality including: the TBE Board, Brotherhood, Amy Harrington, George and Gail Ow, as well as Wally Brondstatter who shepherded the project through every step of the way and Harry Reinert who did so much of the hard work. Rabbi Paula led us in song and celebration including sharing the etrog and shaking the lulav, lighting the Shabbat candles and sharing delicious food together. We will all remember this very special Sukkot!
Youth/Recognition

Mazel Tots
Sunday November 12, 9:45‒11:15 AM, at Temple Beth El

Mazel Tots is fun activities for children 5 years & under with their families. Just drop-in—no reservation is necessary. A $5 donation is suggested. TBE members and non-members are welcome. Please bring a healthy snack to share.

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

2018 Woman of Valor Chosen!
Congratulations to Sandra Cohen, the 2018 Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor honoree. Save the date to honor Sandra and all her contributions to the community at the Candy Coonerty Woman of Valor ceremony and celebration on Friday, March 9, 2018.

PJ Library Supplies Santa Cruz Children with over 20,000 Jewish Books!

I want to share with you the tremendous impact that PJ Library is having on our Santa Cruz community.

PJ (for pajamas!) Library is an international program started by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that engages families in their Jewish journey by giving free Jewish books and music to children ages six months through eight years. Harold Grinspoon is a noted philanthropist.

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PJ Library has done so much for Jewish youth within our community, whether they are temple members or not. If your children are not already PJ Library or PJ Our Way subscribers, I encourage you to join via their easy to navigate web site: https://pjlibrary.org/home. And, whether or not your children benefit, I encourage you to use the donation button on the web site to help the Grinspoon Foundation continue their important work. If you want to make a significant contribution to PJ Library, please contact Mary Horrocks at mhorrocks@hgf.org.

Please join me in thanking Harold Grinspoon, PJ Library, and PJ Our Way, for enriching the Jewish experience of our children.

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Free Forum on Medicare Options for 2018

Medicare open enrollment is from October 15 through December 7. Now is the time for Medicare beneficiaries to compare plans, make sure they have the right prescription drug coverage for 2018—and potentially save money.

Find out what all your options are for Medicare in 2018 and what you need to know to protect yourself from becoming a target of Medicare fraud by attending the November 9, educational forum, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, in the TBE Social Hall.

This forum, presented by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Senior Network Services, is free and open to the public. No reservations required.

For a complete schedule of the HICAP Medicare open enrollment forums throughout the county during Medicare open enrollment, call 462-5510 or go online at www.seniornetworkservices.org

Has Genetic Medicine Arrived?

All are invited to the Brotherhood’s bagel brunch on Sunday, November 19, 10:00 AM, at TBE. UC Santa Cruz Professor Jordan Ward, will present: "Has Genetic Medicine Arrived! The story of CRISPR Gene Editing." For more information, login to Facebook and go to Temple Beth El Brotherhood.

Beginning at 10:00 AM, we’ll nosh on a delicious all-you-can-eat bagel brunch, take care of a little Brotherhood business, followed by Professor Ward’s talk at 11:00, concluding around noon. Recommended donation is $3 for Brotherhood members and $5 for non-Brotherhood members.

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- Register at sclarkson@tbeaptos.org. Forms available at TBE, on our website, and in the Temple Weekly.

Learn Some Hebrew with The Virtual Florentine Graffiti Tour
with Guy Sharet from streetwisehebrew

Thursday, November 2, 7:30 PM
Guy has a unique way of teaching Hebrew that is engaging and fun. He shares a PowerPoint presentation with photos that he took all over Tel Aviv in the last 12 years. Through analysis of the textual graffiti, stickers, lost pet ads and manhole covers, we read, translate, understand the Hebrew, talk about old and new, about changes in our writing system, but also about religion, politics, society, and immigration. Donation $18. Sponsored by Temple Beth El and Congregation Kol Tefillah.

Salon on The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us
with Rabbi Richard Litvak
Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 PM
at the home of Amy & David Harrington
Rabbi Rick will explore this new book by Bruce Feiler, revealing a journey across four continents and 4,000 years. The book explores how Adam and Eve introduced the idea of love into the world and how they continue to shape our deepest feelings about relationships, family, and togetherness. The book is available but not required. Donation $18.

Deepening Connection: An Introduction to Jewish Meditation
with Etiel Herring
Tuesdays, November 21 & 28, December 5 & 12, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Explore the basics of this ancient practice which also prepares you to join our Tuesday evening drop-in meditation circle. Cost is $36 for the series. Minimum 4 participants—please register early! Co-sponsored with Chadeish Yameinu. For more information, call (831) 426-9432

Save the Date

1st Night of Chanukah, Family Chanukah Celebration and Dedication of the Litvak Wing
Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 PM

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

Simcha Breakfast & Books
Sunday, December 17, 9:00 AM

Rosh Hodesh Tevet
Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 PM

Wise Aging Information for 70+ Seniors
with Rabbi Richard Litvak
Monday, November 13, 3:30 PM
This information meeting is for the community to choose the day of the week and time of day for this five-week exploration of the aging journey.

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**Who acts from love is greater than who acts from fear.**  
—Talmud, Sota


Hanukkah Extravaganza

Friday, December 15

5:00 PM Dinner

We have a treat this year. Our Chanukah meal will include a wide range of wonderful food, provided and prepared by Zeena, 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, $10.00 per child 6 years and older. Please use the registration form below.

6:30–7:30 PM Rock of Ages

Our inspiring service with the Rock Shabbat Band and the Junior Rock Shabbat Band will include traditional and brand new Hanukah music. There will also be traditional Hanukah games for kids 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.

Hanukkah Extravaganza Dinner Reservation Form

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Hannukah Dinner ~ Friday, December 15, 5:00 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 Hanukkah Celebration Dinner $__________

Please bring a dessert for 12 to or more.

Fruit and gluten free foods will be welcomed.

Bring your menorah if you wish.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Beautiful artwork made by the 5th Grade Temple School class for the Simchat Torah Celebration on October 13th.