



## Chanukah FIRST NIGHT

**Thursday, Dec. 10  
at 6:30pm**

**Please join us for our  
annual community  
wide candle lighting.**

This will be an outdoor, socially distanced in-person event, so dress warmly! We will light the menorah and sing all our favorite Chanukah songs, and there will be yummy Chanukah treats to take home.



It was Thursday morning, November 5 and we were waiting. We were waiting to hear about the results of the election. I had spent a good portion of the last two evenings with *TBE* members and folks from the *Inner Light Ministries* community. **Rev Deborah Johnson** was at *Inner Light* and she joined us on Zoom from time to time.

One of the big topics in our conversations was a question about hope and faith. This question surfaced as we acknowledge how challenging it is for us humans to live in not knowing. There has been so much unknown this year.

As the virus continues to spread, we worry about ourselves and our loved ones. When will there be an effective vaccine? Will it be safe? When will we be able to resume our gatherings in the sanctuary? When can we safely travel to visit ageing relatives?

This is so hard...and there are no easy answers.

When we search for answers, faith can be the power of listening in new ways, of invoking our imagination. What may be possible...



*Robbi Paula*

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## Sisterhood Gift Shop

**HOLIDAY HOURS** for in-person shopping:  
Mon. Wed. Fri. 12:00pm to 5:00pm  
Sun. 10:00am to 2:00pm,  
or by appointment call Ruth  
831-476-1154, or  
Shirley 831-685-2710



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Our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah had faith when they answered the call to leave behind all that was familiar. They heard the call to begin a journey of faith. They didn't know where they were going. They put their faith in the power of a new way of being in the world. This foundational story is so profound, because the words they hear are Lech L'cha. This phrase is translated in a number of ways because it's not a common grammatical form in Hebrew. Most translations read, "go forth" but some mystical teachings render the translation of this phrase as "go to yourself". Go inside and listen to the voice that is guiding you forward. Pay attention to what you hear when you go to yourself.

When we find ways to take a break from the many forms of information we are subject to, and calm the inner chatter of our busy minds, we might be able to hear that same voice Abraham and Sarah heard. This is a pathway towards faith.

The Jewish Buddhist teacher, **Sharon Salzberg** teaches that faith is "the willingness to take the next step, to see the unknown as an adventure, to launch a journey...With faith we move into the unknown openly, meeting whatever the next moment brings..."

## In the Temple Family

### Welcome to New Members

*Please check your online directory for their information*

**Kelly Arbor**

**Todd Bank and Kristin Pfothauer**

**Wendy Cohen**

**Andria Gordon**

**Lynn Gordon and Dennis Midthun**

**Glorai Heistein**

**Sharon Hoffman**

**Judith Levin**

**Sarah Skilne and Ian Slattery**

**Rachael Sugarman**



### May their memories be for a blessing

**Les Scher**, beloved brother of Eddie Scher, brother in law of Lori, uncle of Abe and Roxanne and Chris and great-uncle of Kyle

**Sandy Linzer**, temple member, beloved partner of George Botwinick mother of Jeff, Rick, Meryl, Deb and Dan.

**Frances "Francie" Michaelson** temple member, beloved mother of Steve Michaelson and Linda Israel and mother in law of Ron Israel, grandmother of Debby de Castro.

**Steven B. Seplow**, father of Laina Jacobs, father-in-law of Robinson and grandfather of Magnolia and Summer

**Shirley Hope Mann**, grandmother of Nicole Karon, great-grandmother of Moe and Mabel.

**Hope Mosheim Jaffe**, beloved mother of Roberta (Robbie) Jaffe

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or Shirley 831-685-2710.

**HUGE SELECTION** of Chanukah candles,  
fun socks, gifts for everyone, and M-O-R-E!

*Masks are mandatory and we observe socially distant interactions*



Click [here](#) to see photos.



# Note from the Temple President

As a relatively new President, I learn things about temple management every day. One syndrome shared by most temples and synagogues is the six weeks of punting called “we’ll deal with it after the High Holidays.” Well, here we are, and our administrators, Board, and committees are now back, rolling up sleeves with renewed effort.

**Tanya Lorien**, our *Executive Director*, and the Board will be reviewing the status of our budget during our November meeting. Preliminary numbers suggest that while we will be running a bit short on the income lines for *Simcha Preschool* and *Temple School*, our hope that many members would step up their membership dues to “uphold our community” during this difficult year has been sweetly realized. What a beautiful reflection of the collective Us. If the pattern continues for 15% of members yet to renew, we will be in OK shape for the year, overall.

And with this renewed confidence in our membership, we hope to address some longstanding needs in the building now, so as to create dust during the time of closure, rather than when we re-open. Makes sense, right?

The biggest of these projects is refurbishing our bathrooms. (I am imagining loud cheers as you read this.) Designs have been finalized, and a group of us are putting together a playful “Put the Temple on Your Chanukah List” campaign to raise necessary funds. I trust that you will soon find yourselves visiting our “Chanukah Registry” page, as you choose your gift (a toilet, some tile, a faucet or two, better ventilation – more cheers on this one --or, maybe an entire bathroom.)

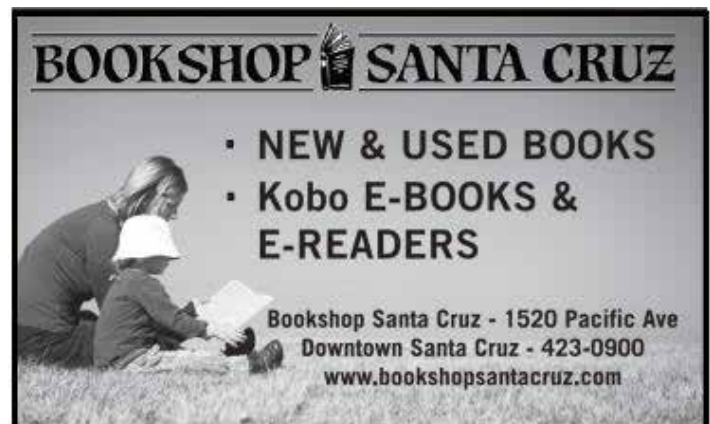
A small techno-brilliant ad hoc committee has delivered its recommendations of equipment and software to help the Temple launch itself into a “hybrid future” that includes the ability for members and friends to join our live services, meetings, and events remotely, once we return to gathering in our facility. We envision that this effort will be funded by a few members who share passion for this new adventure. If you are one such donor, I invite you to stand up and contact me (pandemic distancing will protect you from the barrage of kisses that would otherwise come your way, and you will have a warm feeling every time you see the technology up and running).

Our *Buildings and Grounds Committee* and Board are teeing up conversations on how to create comprehensive designs, so that smaller projects, such as repair of the floor in our social hall, will be consistent with a larger vision for our sanctuary and our social hall. There has also been interest in creating more usable outdoor space. We hope to take on these efforts down the road, once we have replenished our building fund. During design development, we look forward to a hearing your ideas.

Of course, while our building is important, it is just a warm shell for worship, study, celebration, and mutual support through hardship and grief. Thus, I am so appreciative of yet another group of members who are discussing ways to further our goal of manifesting a community of “audacious hospitality,” so that all of us will feel fully welcome and appreciated at *Temple Beth El*, wherever we identify on the spectra of race, gender, sexuality, spiritual practice, and political belief.

With limited space this month, I look forward to thanking everyone involved in these projects in future notes. For now, I wish to highlight the dedicated efforts of one member, **Paul Jacobson**. Paul is transitioning out from his service as our *Treasurer*, as he passes the financial baton to **Cary Sunberg** (thank you, Cary!) There is no position on our Board that demands more time and expertise. During his years of service, Paul has been tireless in his work with our *Executive Director*, *Finance Committee*, and *Bookkeeper* to transform our business operations into an efficient and reliable structure. As much as I have tried, my efforts to thank Paul feel inadequate. To compensate, please extend your own gushing appreciation when you see him next.

**Josh Karter**  
[josh@tbeaptos.org](mailto:josh@tbeaptos.org)







# Happy Autumn from Simcha Preschool, TBE Community

We're starting to bundle up as the leaves change colors and fall in the cooler autumn breezes. The children have had a good start to Fall learning about and celebrating Sukkot.

*I feel thankful that the Simcha community has stayed mostly healthy. We have focused on health and hygiene precautions as guided by the CDC and the State and County Health Departments.*

Teacher **Jan** (TK/K), Teachers **Caitlin** and **Nathan** (PreK) and Teachers **Grace** and **Selah** (Preschool) have been working hard and with vim and vigor as they plan fun

emergent and play-based curriculum for the *Simcha* children.

Together, we celebrated Teacher Caitlin's 10-year work anniversary of teaching at *Simcha Preschool*. Mazel Tov, Caitlin!

Our bittersweet news is that Teacher Selah is moving to San Diego to live near her family and her dear grandmother. We will be hiring a new Preschool Co-Teacher to start in December to work alongside the amazing Teacher Grace.

Take good care!  
~Lisa Mendez, Director



# Temple School

Whether you spell it Chanukah or Hanukkah or any of the other ways it can be spelled, Chanukah means "rededication" referring to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled by Antiochus and the Assyrians. It is the perfect holiday for this moment in history. A few members of our congregation are literally rededicating their homes after the fires. It is time to celebrate and rededicate our democracy too, after what feels to many of us to have been a period of defilement.

How will we celebrate Chanukah during a pandemic? We have already started with our online Chanukah preparations; cooking, singing and making Chanukah art, and we are planning a multitude of fantastic in-person and online celebrations. One of our chavurot is involved in constructing a huge outdoor menorah in memory of **Ziva Mitnick**, which we will light outside on each of the 8 nights of Chanukah. On the first night, please join us for our annual community wide candle lighting **Chanukah, Thursday Dec. 10th at 6:30pm**. We will light the new menorah and sing all our favorite Chanukah songs, and there will be arts and crafts and,

## What is the TBE Move-a-thon?

**From November 17 to December 5, we will 'move'.** We will walk, jog, hike, dance, bike, swim or hoola-hoop. We will host Yoga, biking trips, hoola-hoop contests, and walking groups. We will 'Move' our bodies together, in socially distanced but socially satisfying manners.

Some will 'Move' on their own, and others while Face-Timing a friend. Some will meet in person to engage together while still being COVID-safe. Participants decide how they want to be physically active over the three weeks. Sponsors support their efforts in both fundraising AND being active by making a pledge. Prizes will be awarded to the participants in each age category who collect the largest number of sponsors.

Information about how to be a sponsor or a participant is on our website, or contact **Bonnie Holmer-Orange** [bjholmerorange@gmail.com](mailto:bjholmerorange@gmail.com).



of course, yummy Chanukah treats to take home. We are hoping the weather is nice on **December 12 for a Rock of Ages** outdoor Chanukah concert with the Rock Shabbat band. Space will be limited, so please watch your email and our website for more information about how to register for this and our other upcoming Chanukah events.

Many thanks to **Bonnie Orange** spearheading our **Move-a-thon fundraiser** for TBE Youth programs, and we would love your help. Please be a sponsor or a participant.

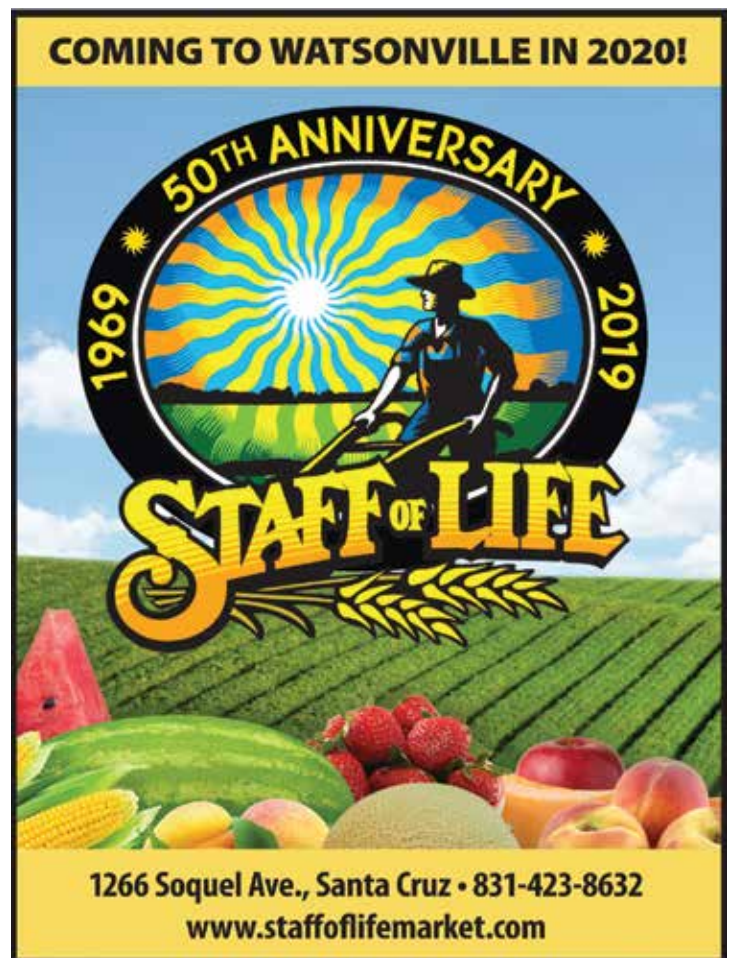
Rabbi Shifra-Weiss Penzias

## Havdallah — YFP (Young Family Project)

**December 5, 5:30pm - 6pm – Zoom event with Cantor Alisa and Sarah Tziporah.**

Bring your havdallah set (havdallah, candle, spices, and juice) and zoom in for this young family zoom celebration.

Contact [sclarkson@tbeaptos.org](mailto:sclarkson@tbeaptos.org) for the zoom link.







# COPA Highlights

*COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action)* is a regional non-profit organization consisting of 27 faith institutions, schools, and non-profit organizations across Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties. COPA institutions work together to address the issues affecting families in our community, including affordable housing, healthcare access, safety, immigration, education and economic development. TBE is COPA's only Jewish member institution.

Since Covid, COPA has achieved some major successes in making life more equitable for low income, marginalized and undocumented members of our community. COPA and its sister organizations in California pressured the State to extend the Earned Income Tax Credit to include undocumented workers and their families. (Undocumented workers pay an estimated \$3.2 billion in state and local taxes, yet they were not eligible for the federal stimulus checks or unemployment insurance.) COPA succeeded in having the *Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors* approve \$1.1 million in stimulus funds for an *Emergency Rental Assistance Program* and an extension to the moratorium on evictions. COPA then organized an informational workshop for renters and landlords.

COPA hosted a *Virtual Candidates Forum* for *Santa Cruz County District 1* and *Monterey County District 4* that several TBE members attended. *Monterey County Supervisor Candidates* **Steve McShane** and **Wendy Aske** and *Santa Cruz County Supervisor candidates* **John Leopold** and **Manu Koenig** answered questions on access to healthcare, behavioral health, broadband access, rental protection and access to Covid testing.

COPA obtained commitments from the *Watsonville Police Department* and *City Council* to participate in ten discussion sessions to listen to residents' stories and concerns about policing. Hosted by COPA, two of these meetings have taken place so far.

To find out more about TBE's involvement with COPA, or to join our work, please contact **Rose Ashford**: [rose@ashfields.net](mailto:rose@ashfields.net)

# Every Voice, Every Vote:

## Celebrating TBE's 2020 Voter Engagement Campaign

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

– Margaret Mead

In this year of pandemic and sheltering-in-place, many of us at *Temple Beth El* have adapted to living in virtual reality, communicating, sharing, and praying together on Zoom. Few of us could have imagined that we'd be coordinating a get-out-the-vote campaign in the most turbulent national election of our lives from the isolated realm of COVID-19 social distancing. 25,000 postcards, hundreds of texts, nearly two dozen e-mail messages, and several Zoom events later, the *TBE Social Action Committee* has a lot to celebrate!

Way back in May and June, the *Social Action Committee* (SAC) linked up with the *Reform Movement's Religious Action Center* to participate in its nation-wide *Every Voice, Every Vote* Voter Engagement Campaign. Together, we began reviewing ballot propositions supported by *RAC-California*, attending online forums, and learning about the efforts of the grassroots organization, *Reclaim Our Vote*. In mid-May, we shared one member's story of participation in the 1964 *Freedom Summer* voter registration drive to kick off our effort and inspire the congregation to get involved. Our goal was to become a 100% voting congregation.

By early July, ten members of the *Social Action Committee* volunteered to take on and lead different tasks in TBE's *Every Voice, Every Vote* campaign. SAC chair, **Judi Sherman**, **Andrew Goldenkranz**, **Bob** and **Michele Kibrick**, **Cindy Rubin**, **Jerry Frank**, **Rose Ashford**, **Susan Freeman**, **Wendy Strimling**, and **Wilma Gold** spent the next four months coordinating a series of initiatives to inform, inspire, and mobilize *Temple Beth El* members. We tracked our tasks on an ever-changing, color-coded spread sheet and worked closely with **Rabbi Paula Marcus** and **Melissa Sunberg** to plan and communicate the various projects.



**Our campaign centered around three pivotal projects to inform and engage voters:**

## Postcard and texting campaigns

We celebrate the dedicated leadership of **Andrew Goldenkranz**, **Jerry Frank**, and **Wilma Gold**, who took on organizing a massive postcard writing effort to reach infrequent or disenfranchised voters in Texas, Georgia, Arizona, and North Carolina. Andrew and Jerry kept us supplied with a steady flow of postcards from Reclaim Our Vote and other sources, and personally wrote over 15,000 cards! Jerry delivered packets of postcards and mailing addresses to *TBE* members all over the county, and Wilma organized an online postcard party and created a flier (thanks, Gus, for being our GOTV poster boy!)

Andrew reflects on the massive mobilization effort: “All those months of work, running *TBE* teams of postcard writers, phoners, and texters into places like Clayton County, Chatham County, Cobb County, and DeKalb County in Georgia, and Pima County in Arizona; they seemed like just names on a list. Now, we’re watching as election results in Georgia and Arizona come in, realizing, “hey, those were our counties!” A truly meaningful moment to feel useful in a world that can feel overwhelming.” *TBE* sent out over 25,000 postcards.

## Electoral/Get Out the Vote Education and Community Outreach

2020 turned the familiar process of voting on its head. Learning the new norms of mail-in voting and the complicated details of Santa Cruz County’s new election protocols required leaders with first-hand knowledge and understanding. Big thanks go out to Bob and Michele Kibrick, who have participated in an official capacity in many Santa Cruz County elections, and Andrew Goldenkranz and Wendy Strimling, who work closely with RAC-CA on state propositions. Together, they

- Gathered and shared detailed information to help *TBE* members make sense of the complex California ballot, new voting procedures, and how to track our ballots,
- Hosted *Voter Engagement Forums* with **Gail Pellerin**, *Santa Cruz County Registrar of Voters*, and **Sandy Warren**, from the *League of Women’s Voters*,
- Facilitated *TBE’s October Zoom Ballot Party*, a lively, non-partisan forum on California propositions and the voting process.

Wilma Gold led our outreach to the *Tent of Abraham* and Rose Ashford, one of the *TBE* representatives to COPA, *Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action*, connected *Temple* members with a *Virtual Candidates Forum* COPA hosted for Santa Cruz County District 1 and Monterey County District 4 candidates. (See Rose’s report on COPA in this issue of *The Shofar*.)

## Message Coordination

Through pandemic, fires, and the High Holidays, our whole voter engagement team played a pivotal role in providing the congregation with up-to-date information, bringing folks together to learn about and discuss key issues in the 2020 election. As our GOTV tasks expanded, we needed to coordinate all the messaging that went out to *Temple* members. More often than not, thanks to the amazing collaboration of our team, the process felt like Tinker to Evers to Chance, a perfectly timed double play with all of us working in synch to get from rough draft to your computer or cell phone screen.

The team drafted dozens of messages with crucial election information and news of *TBE*-sponsored events. Susan Freeman, *Messaging Coordinator*, juggled and edited everyone’s rough drafts, crafted them into articles and colorful email blasts, and coordinated their timely arrival on *TBE Membership Experience* and *Program Manager* Melissa Sunberg’s desktop. Melissa’s heroic efforts got the word out to the entire *TBE* congregation over and over again, week after week. We could not have succeeded without Melissa!

And Rabbi Paula, **Rabbi Shifra** and *Rabbinical Intern Sarah-Tsiporah* shared messages with the congregation at Shabbat and High Holiday services, in classes and with parents. We hope our efforts helped to inform and inspire.

We celebrate all the hard work the *Social Action* team put into this passionately energetic and collaborative effort, and we thank all the members of our congregation who participated with us in ensuring that democracy is alive and well at *Temple Beth El – a 100% Voting Congregation!*

By the time you read this, we’ll have information on how we can plug into the Georgia Senatorial run-off in January, as well as an outlook for legislation and action in 2020.



# Temple Beth El ~ Jewish Community Center | December 2020

Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center ☆ KISLEV/TEVET 5781

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
<a href="#">Link to site for Calendar details</a>  <a href="#">Temple School &amp; Youth Education Information</a>		<b>1</b> <b>Move-A-Thon</b> 9:00am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10:00am Pilates	<b>2</b> <b>Move-A-Thon</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop Temple School	<b>3</b> <b>Move-A-Thon</b> 9:00am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10:00am Pilates 12:00pm Lunch and Learn 7:30pm Spiritual Uplift	<b>4</b> <b>Move-A-Thon</b> 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop 5:45pm Kaddish Call 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Vayeilech</a> <b>Move-A-Thon</b> 10:00am Shabbasana 10:00am Saturday Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu 5:30pm Young Family Havdalah 7:00pm Havdalah
<b>6</b> 9am Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 10am to 2pm Gift Shop 10:45 Brotherhood Brunch Temple School 5:30pm Schmooze with Rabbi Paula	<b>7</b> 9am Yoga 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop	<b>8</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates 7pm TBE Book Club 7pm Social Justice Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop Temple School	<b>10</b> <b>Erev Chanukah</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 12pm Lunch and Learn 5pm to 7pm Gift Shop 6:30pm First Night of Chanukah Candle Lighting Live Event at TBE	<b>11</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop 5:45pm Kaddish Call 6:00pm SRFY Junior Youth Group Chanukah Party 7:30pm Erev Shabbat and Chanukah Service	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Vayeilech</a> <b>Chanukah</b> 10am Shabbasana 10am Saturday Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu 2pm Rock of Ages – weather permitting
<b>13</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 9am Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 10am to 2pm Gift Shop Temple School 5:30pm Chanukah Candle Lighting and Schmooze with Rabbi Paula	<b>14</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 9am Yoga 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop 7pm Darkness & Light Poetry and Candle Lighting with Sarah-Tziporah	<b>15</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates 7pm Candle lighting with Cantor Alisa	<b>16</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop Temple School 7pm Rosh Hodesh 7pm Sufganiyot Making and Candle Lighting with Mimi Stein	<b>17</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10:00am Pilates 12pm Lunch and Learn 5pm Chanukah Candle Lighting & Story Time 7:30pm Spiritual Uplift & Candle Lighting with Cantor Alisa	<b>18</b> <b>Chanukah</b> 12pm to 5pm Gift Shop 5:45pm Kaddish Call 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>19</b> <a href="#">Mikeitz</a> 10am Shabbasana 10am Saturday Morning Service with Chadeish Yameinu
<b>20</b> No Temple School 9am Judaism as a Spiritual Journey 5:30pm Schmooze with Rabbi Paula	<b>21</b> 9am Yoga	<b>22</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates 7pm Board Meeting	<b>23</b> No Temple School 10:30am Chair Yoga	<b>24</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates 12pm Lunch and Learn 7:30pm Spiritual Uplift	<b>25</b> Temple Office closed 5:45pm Kaddish Call 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> <a href="#">Vayigash</a> 10am Shabbasana — canceled
<b>27</b> No Temple School 9am Judaism as a Spiritual Journey — canceled 5:30pm Schmooze with Rabbi Paula	<b>28</b> 9am Yoga 1:30pm Senior Connections	<b>29</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates	<b>30</b> No Temple School 10:30am Chair Yoga	<b>31</b> 9am Chi Gong 9:30am Chair Yoga 10am Pilates Strength. 12pm Lunch and Learn		





# Contributions | August 14 — November 5, 2020

## BUILDING FUND

Amy and David Harrington  
Barbara and Steve Neil in honor of  
Rabbi Paula Marcus, Thank you for  
officiating at the wedding ceremony  
of our son and daughter in law,  
Jeff and Lauren Neil. It was a beautiful  
ceremony and appreciated very much  
Jeff and Lauren Neil thanking you Rabbi  
Paula for an incredibly meaningful  
and beautiful wedding ceremony

## BROTHERHOOD

John and Merry Oppenheimer  
in memory of Edgar Feldman

## CAMP KAYETZ

Steven and Miriam Guiney in memory  
of Jacob and Ruth Guthartz

## CANTORIAL FUND

Deborah Baseman thanking you Alisa  
and Kimball for your beautiful music  
Dr. Martin and Betty Fineman

## CEMETERY

Ruth Rabinowitz in honor of David  
Charles Rabinowitz  
Michael and Toby Alexander in loving  
memory of Lillian and William Levin,  
Toby's parents  
Douglas Robinson in loving memory of  
Howard F. Robinson  
Diana Rothman in honor of Terry Spodick

## CHOIR FUND

Olive Pechner in memory of Alan Serlin

## ENDOWMENT FUND

Edward and Lori Scher in loving  
memory of Les Scher brother of Eddie  
Scher and brother in law of Lori Scher,  
uncle of Roxy and Chris Tracy, and  
Abe Scher and grand-uncle of Kyle  
Tracy  
Edward and Lori Scher in loving  
memory of my mother Hannah Scher  
Barbara Beerstein and George Badger  
in loving memory of Les Scher,  
brother of Eddie Scher, brother-in-  
law of Lori Scher and Uncle of Roxie  
Scher Tracy and Abe Scher and  
their families

## FILM FESTIVAL

Nina Koocher and Bernard Elbaum  
Judi Sherman and Rachel Bickert

Jacob Sidman and Kris Sidman-Gale  
Kelly Arbor  
Jane Cohen

## FIRE RELIEF FUND

Morty and Barbara Cohen in loving  
memory of Abe and Sophia Cohen  
Raymond and Rebecca Almeter  
Steven Goldenkranz in honor of  
Betty Jean Goldenkranz and our  
68th Wedding Anniversary  
Melissa and Tracey Weiss in loving  
memory of Deborah Weiss  
John Leopold and Teresa Buika Leopold  
thanking you for offering a means  
to help our community  
Lori Klein and Irene Reti in honor of  
Jenny and Ray Kaupp  
James Engelman and Claire Witherspoon  
in loving memory of Joseph Engelman  
Ken and Anita Lande in honor of Leta  
Miller for hosting us in her home  
during our evacuation from the CZU  
fire.  
Irene Reti in honor of Lisabeth Kaplan  
Tamara Ellis in loving memory of  
Moritz Barsion  
Ted Goldstein and Jessica Bernhardt  
in honor of Murray and Sheila  
Baumgarten  
Marcia Meyer in memory of my  
husband, Richard Meyer  
Paul and Gwen Steinberg thinking  
of you our dear friends in the North  
County communities, our hearts and  
prayers are with you  
Andrew Goldenkranz thanking you  
Rabbi Paula and Aryeh, and thanks  
to Scott and Jasmine for their generosity.  
When times get tough, we stand up  
Nathaniel Deutsch and Miriam  
Greenberg in honor of Sarah  
Clarkson for all the wonderful work  
she does on behalf of the synagogue  
The Bear's Heart Fund (Schwab  
Charitable) in honor of Sheila and  
Murray Baumgarten  
John and Merry Oppenheimer in loving  
memory of Stanley L Mayer  
Esther and Gerard Levandoski  
Ronald and Linda Israel  
Jeff and Deborah Roisman  
Scott Roseman and Jasmine Berke  
Margaret Gordon

Carolyn Siegel  
Paul and Carol Berman  
Amy Bayersdorfer  
Sharon Levin  
Jerry Dubin and Debbie Israel  
Lori and Jim Kearney  
Steve and Corinne Miller  
Barbara Carey  
Sandra Cohen  
Charles Sutton  
Ronna Schulkin  
Diana Rothman  
Barbara Robinson  
Teall and Cynthia Messer  
Julie Lorraine and Barry Marks  
Rebecca Gottfried  
Elena Nini Cohen and Steve Ritz  
John and Merry Oppenheimer  
Lloyd Benjamin and Martha Posey  
James and Elise Atkins  
Mary Bushman  
Jessica Breheny  
Amy and David Harrington  
Howie Schneider  
Carolyn Freedman and Daniel Marcus  
Marilyn Rigler  
Michelle Dennis  
Carole and Lawrence Birndorf  
Ysraelya and Miles Dolinger  
Alison Gold  
Ivan Rosenblum  
Cecily Ruttenberg and Shahir El-Shaieb  
Syd and Marsha Weiss  
Miryam Sharon A Khorsandi  
Gloria Heistein  
Chelsea Ganan and Seth Gold  
Nicole and Eli Karon  
Carolyn Rosevelt and Susie Polnaszek  
Nye Roberts  
Renee and Dave Roberts  
Paul and Susan Karz  
Lisa Delan and Wynn Hausser  
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# From the Executive Director

## Irony

I have a friend who says, "It's funny. Irony can be so ironic." It is true. Here we are in the 10th month of the first ever full-blown pandemic and – when you look closely – there are some things going well... ironically.



Tanya Lorien

First, we have been saying for a looong time that we needed videoconferencing to enhance our committees and programming. Coming up with a hybrid solution where we have video and live is tricky – so tricky in fact that we have a task force working on identifying and analyzing solutions for post-pandemic that will be both. However, in the meantime, we are video only. This gives the TBE professional team and the committees practice with the video only platform, which is both an easier place to start than hybrid and gives everyone experience with the technology.

Secondly, we know sometimes simply getting to Porter Gulch Road can be a challenge – but now (virtual only) a larger number of us/our community are attending more programs at more times than ever before. And, I should mention *Senior Connections* here; did you see what they were up to over the summer? They had a speaker almost every week. Not to mention our ongoing offerings day and night by the clergy from poetry with our rabbinic intern, to Spiritual Uplift with **Cantor Alisa**, schmoozing with **Rabbi Paula** and our ever evolving Judaism as a Spiritual Journey with **Rabbi Shifra**.

I feel as though the more difficult it is to be together physically, the more we yearn for it, the more we get together virtually and – it definitely is not everything – but it is something. It is THIS community coming together to share joy and sorrow, to learn and grow, and to continue; continue to BE. (Hmmm...I just realized "to Be" is ToBE.) I wish you all a very happy Hannukah and look forward to dancing together next Hannukah!

Be Well,

**Tanya Lorien**

Executive Director

## Candle Lighting & Story Time

Thursday, December 17 at 5:00pm  
*8th Night of Chanukah Zoom*



*Young Families Project* Chanukah Story Time with **Sarah Clarkson** and singing with **Cantor Alisa**.

Get your Chanukah candles and menorah ready for this Zoom event!

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## Brotherhood Zoom Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10:45AM

*The UCSC Molecular Diagnostic Lab:  
a Covid Testing Resource for the Santa Cruz  
Community*

As we've learned in this terrible coronavirus pandemic, testing is key. It's only with the availability of rapid tests that we will be able to move forward with diagnosis and contact tracing. Fortunately for our community, UC Santa Cruz researchers stepped up and developed our own local testing laboratory. Known as the *Molecular Diagnostic Lab*, this facility applied the most sophisticated approaches for detecting active coronavirus infection. At the head of this lab is **Professor Michael Stone**, TBE member and expert in RNA research. Please join our next *Brotherhood Zoom Brunch* to hear directly from Michael how he and his colleagues (**Professors Olena Vaske, Jeremy Sanford, and Isabel Bjork**) responded to this dire need, and what the future holds for testing/tracing in our community. **Zoom session will begin at 10:45am** with Brotherhood kibitzing and business, with **Michael's talk starting at 11:00am**. *Brotherhood* will publicize the Zoom invitation to TBE members as we get closer to the December 6 brunch. Please join us for this important and informative session.



Michael Stone



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# Chanukah Events

**Dec. 10 at 6:30pm** First Night candle lighting  
*in-person, outdoors at TBE*

**Dec. 11 at 7:30pm** Erev Shabbat Chanukah  
Service – *Zoom event*

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Service – *Zoom event*

**Dec. 12 at 2pm** Rock of Ages Rock Shabbat  
– *in-person outdoors weather permitting*

**Dec. 13 at 5:30pm** Schmooze and candle  
lighting – with Rabbi Paula – *Zoom event*

**Dec. 14 at 7pm** Darkness and Light Poetry  
Share and candle lighting with Sarah-Tziporah  
– *Zoom event*

**Dec. 15 at 6:30pm** Candle Lighting with Cantor  
Alisa – *Zoom event*

**Dec. 16 at 7pm** Sufganiyot making and candle  
lighting – *Zoom event*

**Dec. 17 at 5pm** Chanukah Storytime and  
Singing with Sarah Clarkson and Cantor Alisa  
– *Zoom event*

**Dec. 17 at 7:30pm** Reflections, Torah, and  
Talmud with original song and Chanukah candle  
lighting with Cantor Alisa – *Zoom event*



# What's on *your* Chanukah List?

We are improving the bathrooms at TBE

**We need your help!**

Please visit the TBE website  
to “purchase” an item for the...



[Link to TBE Restroom Chanukah Registry](#)

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in raising money to help low-income  
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## Holiday Diaper Drive!

**Saturday/Sunday,  
December 19 and 20 at TBE**



**1) Drop off:** Diapers (all sizes), baby  
wipes, bath and cleaning supplies,  
nonperishable food, socks, and new or  
gently used and clean clothing are all welcome.

**2) Gift Cards:** If it's more convenient to buy a gift card,  
stores like Target, Costco, or all purpose gift cards  
are most welcome. Send them to TBE and note the  
envelope as “TBE Diaper Drive” to make sure we can  
keep track of it.