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…

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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…”

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**In the Temple Family**

**Welcome to New Members**

Please check your online directory for their information

Kelly Arbor
Todd Bank and Kristin Pfotenhauer
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 Debbby 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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**Temple Beth El**

**Sisterhood Gift Shop**

**HOLIDAY HOURS** for in-person shopping:

Mon. Wed. Fri. 12pm to 5pm
Sun. 10am to 2pm,

or by appointment call Ruth 831-476-1154, 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.
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

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).
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, 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 for the zoom link.

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.
**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 Askew 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

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**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, phoneers, 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 sync 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.
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Miketz

10am Shabbasana

10am Shabbasana -- canceled

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Jeff and Lauren Neil thanking you Rabbi
Paula for an incredibly meaningful
and beautiful wedding ceremony

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in memory of Edgar Feldman

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and Kimball for your beautiful music
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memory of my mother Hannah Scher
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Anita and Ken Lande on behalf of All those who came thru the CZU fire with no losses and in support of those who lost property, family, or friends in the fire. May this coming year be a better one

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Harold and Francine Raphael in loving memory of Frances Michaelson
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From the Executive Director

Ironic

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.

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. (Hmmmm….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!
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.
**Join local nursing students**

in raising money to help low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities living at Mercy Housing sites in Santa Cruz afford gifts this holiday season!

**Donation Information:**

- Mercy Housing California, a 501© 3 not-for-profit corporation. Tax ID #: 94-3081666
- Donations can be mailed to Jose Ibarra (Mercy Housing Resident Services Manager) 125 Sycamore St, Santa Cruz CA 95060, checks should be made out to Mercy Housing.
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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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**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

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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.

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**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