



When we welcome new babies "into the tribe," we announce their Hebrew name with a beautiful blessing. We wish for each new child a life filled with *Torah, Chuppah, and Ma-asim Tovim*: Learning, Love, and Good Deeds. I have been thinking a lot about this blessing during these challenging times. So many moments of pain and anger, connection and caring, tears and inspiration, fear and confusion....



Robbi Paula

It's been a time filled with **learning**. Our staff has learned very quickly, to find ways to move our programs online. Rabbi Shifra has nurtured a community of exploration and insight with her nightly Omer counting group and now through Judaism for Rebels. Melissa Sunberg is now a Zoom specialist. Who knew?

And we are all learning some ugly truths about systemic racism and violence in our country.\* Every day we find more and more stories of Black people murdered by police, and protesters beaten, and tear gassed. The number of Black people who have died from Covid 19 is staggering. We are on a steep **learning** curve.

And we have also seen incredible acts of **love**. Young people caring for elders during shelter in place. Families zooming together from all over the US and in some cases, other parts of world. We know it's not the same as being face to face, but many have shared that they feel closer to friends and family who don't live nearby. I've seen this in our weekly kaddish calls. Through observing a yahrzeit together, the shared **love** of a family member who has died, is bringing people together online.

Solidarity with Black Lives Matter and willingness to look at the daily micro-aggressions Black people experience is also an act of **love**. Our tradition teaches us "*al ta'amod al dam reyecha*-to not stand by the blood of our neighbor" and "*v'ahav'tah reyecha camocha*-to **love** our neighbor as ourselves." When we see or hear something wrong, it is upon us to speak up. I encourage each of us to further our understanding of the struggle our friends and family members who are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) experience so that we can be better allies. This is an expression of **love** in action.

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Nurses and doctors, hospital staff, grocery workers, post-office employees and others preform **good deeds** every day. We are grateful to all of them for sustaining our communities. And it's up to us to return these good deeds by ensuring they are cared for with equity of pay and medical services.

And it's also up to us to ensure equal access to voting in all parts of the country. We have seen how voter suppression hurts our democratic values, which are national values, and Jewish values. Our congregation is joining with Reform synagogues all over the country in the "Every Voice, Every Vote" campaign. **Ma'asim tovim-good deeds.**

Just as we welcome new babies into our tradition with the blessing of *Torah, Chuppah and Ma'asim Tovim*, may we be role models for each other in fulfilling this blessing.

\*Please find a list of resources to learn more about systemic racism on the TBE website

Rabbi Paula Marcus

## Temple Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop

**Shirley and Ruth, the TBE Gift Shop mavens, will cheerfully fill phone orders and provide curbside pickup at TBE.**

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## In the Temple Family

**Amy Barr**, daughter of Chuck and Nancy and **Ben Dance** were married on April 5th in their backyard near Nashville with immediate family present.



## May their memories be for a blessing

**Karen Weill**, beloved sister-in-law of Julie Lorraine, Barry Marks and Estalee Weill, and aunt of Ellison and Laurel

**Nancy Majors Ostrander**, beloved mother of Molly Jaffe and mother in law of Lee

**Jerry Goldstein**, beloved father of Jodi Goldstein, Peter Goldstein and Marni Zweig, father-in-law of Brian and grandfather of Gabriel, Nathan and Jillian

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**Dan Seftel**, beloved father of Marc Seftel, father in law of Francoise and grandfather of Pauline and Zachary

**Pearl Marchick Rosenthal**, the beloved mother of Gwen Kaplan and mother in law of Doug



## Note from the Temple President

Dear Community,

I thank you (truly) for the privilege of service as Temple President for the next two years. For me, it means opening the gate from the comfort of sweet rural (Bonny Doon) semi-seclusion into community. A good thing.

When I think of my three dozen predecessors, including some absolutely remarkable recent past-presidents, I know I have big shoes to fill. In this regard, Amy Harrington certainly deserves one more round of thanks as she moves on to her role as "Immediate Past-President." I have been awestruck by the extent to which she knows (and loves) just about everybody. What a remarkable woman, who has accomplished so much in her "tour of duty!"

I am aware that the coming year will be "rich" in unexpected challenges. Here is what I predict:

- As a spiritual community, we will emerge from the COVID chapter stronger than ever.
- We will celebrate the joy of being back together in our sanctuary and social hall, enriched by the new connections we have made remotely. We will benefit from our experience and move to a model where our in-person offerings will be much more available to those at a distance. "Hybrid" seems to be the operative word.
- We will find better and better means to support our families and our youth through this period.
- We will love the enhancement of our worship and teaching as we get to know our new Cantor, Alisa Fineman, and our rabbinic intern, Sarah Tziporah Moser.
- Together, we will find the means to weather current financial uncertainties. How? First, we have a Board and a Finance Committee that each have talented and dedicated members with excellent expertise, creative ideas, and a recent track record of considerable harmony. While some in our congregation will not be in a position to renew their membership as generously as in the past, others who are still financially secure will step up to uphold our community. (A precedent: as we

transitioned to the model of members setting their own dues level, the Temple's trust has been more than rewarded).

This vision can only be achieved through concrete short-term steps. So, what is on our (your) plate for this summer?

First, I suggest that we flip our pattern of summer "vacation" from temple activities to one of deepening our ties in July and August. Do make a point of checking out our many online activities. If you have not done so, I really hope that you join Rabbi Paula some Sunday afternoon just to schmooze, or check out Rabbi Shifra's evening sessions, especially if you are feeling that a dollop of rebelliousness will be joyful during these days. This is a good time to join in Torah study, in our social action efforts, our senior connections, our Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and other ways we care for each other and for our world. See what inspires you from the list of possibilities that find their way to your in-box every day (thank you Melissa.)

We in temple leadership want to listen more this summer. If you are part of any group at the Temple, e.g. a havarah, neighborhood gathering, etc., we would love to be invited to your meeting for all or a small part of it. Just let me know: [josh@tbeaptos.org](mailto:josh@tbeaptos.org).

Of course, we encourage you to join our clergy in worship and to let us know how we can make services more meaningful to you as we connect remotely.

Most important, this is a time where we must actively reach out to members who may be isolated. Since these folks may be reluctant to ask, please let us know of anyone you think may need some extra TLC.

Let us not socially distance as we physically distance.

Wishing you summertime joy,

*Josh Karter*



## Temple School News

Many parents have told Sarah and me that they want Temple School to create as many safe ways for their kids to get together with their TBE friends as possible, as soon as possible.

Every morning I wake up and ask myself "How can I safely get these kids together? What will Temple School do in the fall? Is it going to be all online, all in-person, a combination? What is going to happen with everything that was scheduled? When are we all getting back to normal? What will the financial picture look like?" Lately I think I should have become a prophet instead of a rabbi.

There are a few things about all of this that I believe I have a grasp on, so I will share my thought process with you. Number one, I take the responsibility of keeping our children safe VERY seriously. This virus can be life-threatening, even for children. You may already know all of this, but just to spell it out, here is what I am considering.

I attended a two and a half hour lecture on Zoom about what is known medically about Covid 19. I can sum it up in two words; not enough. But here is a summary of what was presented.

Covid 19 is transmitted more easily from human to human contact than from touching objects. More

from being indoors with someone than outdoors. If someone has the virus, they may be contagious and not know. Moisture droplets in the breath of someone who is contagious transmit the virus. Singing may exacerbate this. The more time spent with people who are contagious, the more likely one is to be exposed to enough of the virus to contract it. The safest way to get together with people is outdoors, staying 6 feet away. The safest way to get groups together indoors is with masks on, staying 6 feet away, washing hands, not touch the face, and keeping it brief.

With all this in mind, we are beginning to plan a few outdoor events (check the website and weekly e-mail for details.) We are hoping to have a hybrid of in-person and online Temple School in the fall, and plan to announce the details in mid-August. In the meantime, I have been spending lots of time with students online, and enjoying that connection tremendously.

I long to see everyone together again. I can barely wait. But waiting is better than doing something dangerous that we may later regret, so we are taking baby steps. Getting plenty of advice. And looking for the safe, creative and fun ways to show TBE kids that their community is still here for them.

Blessings, *Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias*

## *An Invitation...*

### *From the Women's Rosh Hodesh Group of Temple Beth El*

Each month we come together at the New Moon to deepen our understanding of our own spirituality and relationship with Judaism as women—through literature, scripture, art, and music. We create sacred space, midrash, song, and study, as we make friends and strengthen our identity as Jewish Women, and take a moment to fill our heart, minds, and souls.

### **In July and August our meetings will be:**

#### **Rosh Hodesh Av**

**Wednesday July 22, 6:45 PM** by Zoom

In Av, we celebrate Tu b'Av, the Grape Harvest. The Season of the Flower fades.

#### **Rosh Hodesh Elul**

**Thursday August 20, 6:45 PM** by Zoom

In Elul, we begin to prepare for the new year. This is the Time of the Fruit.

Contact [Melissa](#) for the Zoom link

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Dear TBE Community,

I hope this message from Simcha Preschool finds you safe and healthy, during these unique and uncertain times. While our March closure took us (and everyone) by surprise, we are thankful to be moving towards an August reopening and to welcoming children, families, and teachers back to our wonderful play-based program that infuses Jewish values into the curriculum.

**We celebrated our 2020 Simcha PreK Graduates on 6/27/2020** with a fun parking lot (social distancing) graduation event. Our graduates walked beneath a free-standing chuppah in a meaningful walk as they transitioned from PreK to TK or Kindergarten.

**We are excited to announce that Simcha Preschool will be reopening to children and families on August 17, 2020.** Our Preschool, PreK, and new Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten (TK/K) will be shifting to a fun outdoor experience for much of the day to be in the sunshine and fresh air. We have limited spots available in these three classrooms so contact me with your interest at [lmendez@tbeaptos.org](mailto:lmendez@tbeaptos.org) or 831-479-3449. Our toddler classroom will not reopen, at this time.

We are elated to be welcoming back five Simcha teachers, as well as Michelle, our office administrator.

Preschool: Teachers Grace and Selah

PreK: Teachers Caitlin and Nathan

TK/K: Teacher Jan

Thank you to Founders Wilma and Gus Gold for helping us schlep and deliver a classroom full of furniture for the TK/K. Thank you to Architect Teall Messer, who crafted the plans and facilitated the conversation with the county, to add sinks and a dishwasher to our new TK/K. Your help and guidance has been supportive and invaluable.

Best,  
Lisa Mendez, Director



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To help our community find and enjoy books and reading resources while physical collections are beyond reach, we're publishing a continuing guide to author talks, book groups and literary events, as well as sources for books and reading lists, available online. Check out <https://www.tbeaptos.org/library/corona> to see what's coming.





## From the Executive Director

It feels like a lifetime since my last Shofar Article. I hope this issue of our newly redesigned Shofar finds you well and abreast of all the fantastic remote programming TBE has been offering. Although glad we have been able to make/keep us connected, we miss you in person at TBE. We miss everyone popping in and out and the hustle and bustle of life inside our building. We miss people coming and going on whatever their TBE business is, or just dropping in for no reason at all; and – of course – we miss the children's voices drifting down from Simcha. However, in spite the fact that the building remains closed, it is a quiet din of daily activity.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Chris Irvine, who has been hired this June as our Building and Custodial Lead. Besides a great background in both figuring out mechanical issues (having worked in the industrial vacuum system repair industry) to catering – a perfect mix for TBE – he brings a positive “just do it” attitude. And – very important at this time – he is flexible and has come on part-time – which we hope to be able to expand as the year unfolds financially and in regard to the health crisis.



Tanya Lorien



Chris is becoming very familiar with Simcha; he is working with Lisa and the changes needed as we drive towards reopening the preschool. Chris is also becoming acquainted with every nook and cranny of the building while working with the Fire Marshall on our annual compliance needs – as well as coming up to speed on what is needed for quarterly inspections, which Chris will be able to do for us moving forward after September. In addition to these things, he is working on those myriad little things in the building that always need attention.

He is fitting well into the team. Bringing Chris on has been a great step in helping the Temple Beth El team get done the numerous things we are working on to prepare for being back together again.

Be well, Be Safe, Respectfully,

Tanya Lorien, Executive Director



The Family Mitzvah Kit, a project of PJ Library in Santa Cruz in partnership with Doing Good Together™, **contains eight hands-on Mitzvah activities that nurture kindness and make difference in the lives of others** while safely distancing at home.

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Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center ☆ Adar Nissan 5780

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<a href="#">Link to site for Calendar details</a>			<b>1</b> Women's Writing Group 9:15am Chair Yoga with Suzi 10:30am Summer Prayers and Blessings 7:00pm	<b>2</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Pilates Strength Training 10:00am Lunch and Learn 12:00pm Fund Development Meet 1:30pm	<b>3</b> Temple Office closed Kaddish Call 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>4</b> Independence Day Havdalah with Sarah-Tziporah 8:30pm
<b>5</b> Zoom with Rabbi Paula 5:30pm Film Festival Discussion 7:00pm	<b>6</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>7</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Pilates Strength Training 10:00am	<b>8</b> Women's Writing Group 9:15am Chair Yoga with Suzi 10:30am Summer Prayers and Blessings 7:00pm	<b>9</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Lunch and Learn-ZOOM 12:00pm Social Action Committee 7:00pm	<b>10</b> Kaddish Call 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>11</b> Shabbasana 10:00am Saturday Morning Service 10:00am New Member Havdalah 7:00pm
<b>12</b> Zoom with Rabbi Paula 5:30pm Film Festival Discussion 7:00pm	<b>13</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>14</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am	<b>15</b> Women's Writing Group 9:15am Chair Yoga with Suzi 10:30am Summer Prayers and Blessings 7:00pm	<b>16</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Lunch and Learn 12:00pm	<b>17</b> Kaddish Call 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>18</b> Shabbasana by Zoom 10:00am Saturday Morning Service 10:00am Havdalah with Sarah-Tziporah 8:30pm
<b>19</b> Zoom with Rabbi Paula 5:30pm Film Festival Discussi. 7:00pm	<b>20</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>21</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Nightly Conversations 8:30pm	<b>22</b> Women's Writing Group 9:15am Chai Yoga with Suzi 10:30am Rosh Hodesh 6:45pm Summer Prayers and Blessings 7:00pm	<b>23</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Lunch and Learn-ZOOM 12:00pm	<b>24</b> Kaddish Call 5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>25</b> Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Lori 10:00am Shabbasana by Zoom 10:00am Havdalah with Sarah-Tziporah 8:30pm
<b>26</b> Zoom with Rabbi Paula 5:30pm Film Festival Discussi. 7:00pm	<b>27</b> Senior Connections 1:30pm	<b>28</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am General Board Meeting 7:00pm	<b>29</b> Women's Writing Group 9:15am Chair Yoga with Suzi 10:30am	<b>30</b> Chair Yoga with Suzi 9:30am Lunch and Learn 12:00pm	<b>31</b> Kaddish Call 5:45p Erev Shabbat Service 7:30pm	



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# Social Action Committee News

## "Every Voice, Every Vote"

It's our obligation to speak for the community: "*Bekhol kol taluy hakol—everything depends on each voice*". Voting is a necessary part of how we speak up for our values.

"If kids could vote, there'd be more playgrounds". This line from Truffaut's *Au Revoir Les Enfants* has stuck with me since I first heard it as a teenager. Our community and larger society is shaped not just by voting, but by who actually votes.

Did you know that in Hebrew, the words "voice" and "vote" translate as the same word—kol, or (plural) kalot?. If we truly believe that all voices are important in building our community, then we have to ensure that all voices can be heard and expressed. It's our obligation to speak for the community: "*Bekhol kol taluy hakol—everything depends on each voice*". Voting is a necessary part of how we speak up for our values.

In 2018, TBE participated enthusiastically in a national effort called 100% Voting Congregations. We raised our turnout from 76% in 2014 to 96% in 2018, helping to mobilize more than 150,000 votes nationally.

Sadly, we're seeing unprecedented attempts around the country to prevent or deter people from voting. These efforts to suppress the vote focus on low income communities of color and are designed to reduce the rights and opportunities of marginalized people, maintaining older, often racist power structures. While in California we have a voting structure that makes it easy to vote – extensive voting by mail and same day registration are just two examples –voter suppression efforts in other states skew the voting population in dangerous ways.

That's why TBE is partnering with other local faith institutions and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in a call to action called **Every Voice, Every Vote**. As a faith institution, we have to

remain completely nonpartisan and will not endorse candidates. But we will participate to educate our members and neighbors about important issues that are relevant to our Jewish values.

### This effort combines three core actions:

1. Continuing to mobilize our own voters and partnering with allied local organizations to increase turnout;
2. Partnering with Reclaim our Vote <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/reclaim-our-vote-signup> to specifically target infrequent voters in swing states that are vulnerable to voter suppression, including Arizona, Texas, Georgia, and North Carolina.
3. Special efforts to energize and empower young people, starting with our own families.

Because of COVID, the 2020 election will look very different, with more extensive use of technology.

We'll be

- postcarding
- texting
- emailing
- phone banking
- sponsoring voter parties

We know that many of you are already involved in outside efforts along these lines, and that's great. If so, we simply ask you to keep track of the number of voter contacts you make, so we can report out our community's efforts.

**Every voice, every vote. You can be the difference this November.**

For more information, contact [Judi Sherman](#).

*Andrew Goldenkranz*