



☆ Fall 2021 ☆

ROCK OF AGES Returns to Kick Off CHANUKAH FESTIVITIES at TBE



**Sunday, November 28
- 3:30pm**

ROCK OF AGES - Outside at TBE

Join the **Temple Beth El Rock Shabbat Band** for a Chanukah Celebration! There will be amazing music, lighting of our giant menorah, a craft for the kids and a special treat at the end! *Please bring your own chair or blanket.*

Thanks so much to our generous donors to the *Janet Rothchild Rock Shabbat Fund* for *Rock of Ages* who are making this possible. *Janet* was the much beloved sister of *Gail Michaelis-Ow*. She was a former director of *Simcha Preschool* and was so dedicated to children. *Janet's* family established the *Rock Shabbat Fund* in her memory to bring joy and music to all of us.

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Friday, December 3 at 5:45pm

CHANUKAH SHABBAT - Indoors at TBE

5:45pm-6:15pm - CHANUKAH CRAFT

6:15pm - COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING
(Bring your own menorah and candles)

**6:30pm - SHABBAT CHANUKAH SERVICE
AND PUPPET SHOW**

7:15pm - END OF PROGRAM -
Take home sufganiyot (donuts)

Sunday, December 5 - 10am

MAZEL TOTS CHANUKAH - at Willowbrook Park

Sunday, December 5 - 11:20am

KINDERGARTEN CONSECRATION - at TBE outdoors

Sunday, December 5 - 5pm

LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING
at the Town Clock

Please RSVP on our website calendar <https://www.tbaptos.org/calendar> (go to the date of the event that you wish to RSVP for). **Masks and social distancing are required at all events. Indoor Chanukah Shabbat is limited to first 100 people who register. Vaccinated only for indoor service. Please dress warmly for all events (including indoor as doors and windows will be open).**



WHAT IS *Chanukah?* (and *Thanksgiving?*)

Eight years ago, for the first time since 1899, Thanksgiving fell during our celebration of Chanukah. Many of you may remember celebrating Thanksgivukkah in 2013. We had lots of fun. T-shirts and posters with “nun gobble hey shin”, latkes with cranberries, and pecan pie rugelach were just a few of the creative holiday mash ups.

This year Thanksgiving falls on Thursday November 25 and the first night of Hanukkah is Sunday, November 28. I started thinking about tzWhen I was in elementary school, we celebrated Thanksgiving by putting on skits. Some of us would dress up with pointy hats and ruffled shirts and the other kids would wear suede vests and headdresses with colorful feathers. Growing up on the East Coast, we were told that not far from our homes, when the first Pilgrims came to this land, the people who were already living here welcomed the brave and pioneering pilgrims to a celebratory feast. We were taught that the indigenous people turned America over to white people so these newcomers could create a great nation dedicated to liberty and opportunity. That’s the story we heard— Native people conceding to colonialism.

And what was I taught about Hanukkah? That a small, very brave band of Maccabees stood up and fought against Antiochus IV in a battle for their religious freedom. And when they won the battle they restored the Holy Temple, finding just a small cruse of oil to rekindle the lamp. Miraculously, this tiny remnant of oil lasted 8 nights and this is what we celebrate on Hanukkah.



Robbi Paula

But with both holidays, there are other narratives we must hear. In unpacking the history behind Thanksgiving, I realized I was not taught about the history of Native people living in the Americas before Europeans arrived in this country. When I was growing up, I never stopped to think about this. As we have now come to understand, people had already been living in the Americas for at least 12,000 years. David Silverman writes in his recent book, *This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving*, much of the story we have been telling is a myth that is filled with historical inaccuracies.

If we examine the history behind the celebration of Hanukkah, we find that the story of the miracle of the oil was a later rabbinic innovation. The most detailed

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In the Temple Family

Welcome to New Members

Please check your online directory for their information

New Members from July 1st – October 20th

Emily Antflick

Caitlin Clancy

Lauren Fein

Kristy Jolly

April & Sam Miller

Glenn Novey

Beth Rubinstein

Sarah Ruby & Mark Allen

Larry Stone

Eric Thorne & Amanda Cohen

Mason Traber

Martin Zimmerman & Karie Sutter



May their memories be for a blessing

Larry Hattis - beloved husband of *Lisa Sheridan* father of *Anna* and *Kaila*. Larry touched many students and families during his 45 years of teaching at *Soquel High*. He was a dedicated realtor, who helped so many find their perfect homes. Larry was a loving and generous husband and father.

Irving Holzberg - father of *Emily Rakow*, and *Rachel Hulst*, grandfather of *Cody*, *Owen*, and *Evelyn* and father-in-law of *Jamie Rakow* and *Peter Hulst*. Irving was a quiet, wise, and intellectual man with a generous heart. He lived his life with dignity and strength and always made his family feel safe, protected, and loved. He will be deeply missed.

Chris Goldstein - Chris was a devoted father to *Hannah* and *David*. He helped *Robin Belkin* coordinate our *Mazon* project for many years and has served as an active participant in our *Chevreh Kaddisha*.

accounts of the original story of Hanukkah are recorded in First and Second Maccabees, historical books that describe the military and political events leading up to and following the Maccabean revolt. They are not included in the Hebrew Bible but are part of the Christian Bible.

Back in the days before the Maccabean Revolt, Judea was semi-autonomous, but was firmly under the control of the Seleucid Empire, led by King Antiochus IV. The people were heavily taxed and pressured to become Hellenized, taking up the dominating culture of the day.

The Maccabean Revolt was about ridding the area of foreign rule and wiping out the wealthy, elite Hellenized Jews. The inequality led Jewish zealots to oppose the sweeping cultural changes in Judea. When the upper class, Hellenized Jews realized they were threatened, they called for the emperor's help; and the emperor did send troops to strengthen Hellenization even further. This is how the Maccabean Revolt began.

The rabbis of the Talmud were uncomfortable with the story of Hanukkah being about a military victory and even more uncomfortable about the idea that the story included the radical Maccabees rejecting the wealthier Hellenized Jews. They ask the question, "What is Hanukkah?" So, the miracle of the oil became the focus of the holiday. They shifted the theme of Hanukkah from militarism to miracles. To understand why the rabbis made this move, we must know the context. Living under the rule of the Roman Empire, their rabbinic theology, celebrated learning, and prayer over physical strength.

Equally as important, over time the Hasmoneans descendants of the Maccabees, illegitimately usurped both the priesthood (which belonged to the descendants of Zadok, one of the High Priests during the time of King David) and the kingship (destined for descendants of King David).

They proceeded to combine the priesthood and the kingship, which erased the separation between religious and political power that had been traditional in Israel.

As we move into our season of celebrations, I encourage all of us to find ways to increase our understanding of these important holidays. How can we incorporate what we might continue to learn, how might we now find joy in the miracles and the gratitude while acknowledging some of the challenging truths about our history?



Here are just a few ideas to include in our celebrations of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah this year:

- Donate to **Israeli Organization - Lifeline for the Old / Yad LaKashish** www.lifeline.org.il
- Donate to **Israel Guide Dogs for the Blind** www.israelguidedog.org
- Sign up for our **Mazon Project** to feed those in need www.tbeaptos.org/mazon-project.html
- Consider participating in this year's **Tent of Abraham** online Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 24th (details will be announced)
- Donate To **Indigenous-Rights** Organizations www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=content.view&cpid=8220

To learn more about Thanksgiving and Hanukkah:

- *This Land is Their Land* by David Silverman www.bookshopsantacruz.com/book/9781632869258
- *Hanukkah in the Christian Bible* www.earlyjewishwritings.com/1maccabees.html
- *Hanukkah in the Talmud*: www.sefaria.org/topics/chanukah?tab=sources

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Note from the Temple President

I experienced something truly wonderful over the High Holy Days: the generosity of spirit of our congregation. While the logistics were new and perhaps inconvenient (and no doubt gave everyone something to kvetch about), all I heard were words of appreciation for our Rabbis, our staff, our choir, our *Brotherhood* and *Women of Beth El* members, *Andy Yanowitz* and *Eddie Scher*.

All told, amongst the banked memories of our life as a congregation, I am sure that we will remember these High Holy Days. My personal favorite indelible image was seeing the “spiritual rock star” personas of our Rabbis emerge under stage lights in a real concert venue during the Rock Hashanah service.

And for Yom Kippur, who knew we could dress up our parking lot so sweetly? (Here special appreciation to our building staff, *Chris Irvine* and *Eloy Vaquera*.)

Now with the holidays in our rearview mirrors, your board and a goodly number of temple committees are back to rolling up sleeves to take care of all of the behind-the-scenes work that enables us to thrive as a spiritual community. One item to note: we just received the report from a study of expected facilities maintenance costs over the next thirty years. This valuable document will foster good long-term planning.

I started with thanking you for generosity of spirit, and I conclude by inviting it again.

I hope that we will be gentle with one another as we collectively seek wisdom on how best to come back together as Covid restrictions ease. We know our congregation members have differing opinions about

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— B’nai Mitzvah —



ALDEN MCIVER GLASS, brother of Beckett Glass and son of Cassie Sprenger and John Glass, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 20, 2021. He is an 8th grader at *San Lorenzo Valley Middle School*. Alden loves creating animations, playing role-playing games, and finding new and interesting topics on Youtube (and telling people about them!). Alden loves baking as well as fairness and justice. His mitzvah project was to create desserts for the *Mazon* project as well as holding a bake sale that raised funds for the *Innocence Project*.



ISLA ROSENTHAL is an eighth-grade student at *Branciforte Middle School*. She enjoys soccer, reading and playing piano (and keyboards in a rock band). Isla became a Bat Mitzvah on September 25, 2021. Isla has participated in a Spanish bilingual program from the age of five and plans to use her Spanish-speaking skills for her mitzvah project. She will collect needed supplies for families and children and deliver them to a border detention in Mexico in the spring.



LEILA VEITCH is an eighth grade student at *Branciforte Middle School*. She enjoys dancing, reading, music and spending time at the beach. Leila became a Bat Mitzvah on October 16, 2021. While she missed having many of her family and friends here to celebrate with her, she made her parents, brother and grandparents very proud! Her hard work did not go unnoticed. Leila dedicated much of her time on her mitzvah project~ cooking and delivering monthly Sunday meals to the *Homeless Shelter* downtown. She loves to be a helper and she found this to be most fulfilling.



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this – I have six or seven, myself. We have heard from a number of you who think it is high time already. Others, including the majority of members who joined High Holiday services remotely, may be more cautious. As part of the transition, we recognize that our children and teens have a special need for physical togetherness. Thus, a priority has been to re-open Temple School safely, mostly, but not entirely outdoors.

Of course, we look forward to religious services and other programming returning to our sanctuary, social hall, and library. Here, we are impatient and cautious, as we are both hungry for normalcy but deeply aware of the medically vulnerable amongst us. Our Rabbis and senior staff consult with doctors both here and at Stanford. So, as we journey back home, I do indeed invite your kind patience. We will find the way.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we kindle menorahs and welcome the Festival of Light.

Josh Karter

President, Temple Beth El Board of Directors

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Dear TBE Community,

I would like to introduce myself as *Simcha Preschool's* new director! After having taught in the preschool and the Pre-k classroom the past 11 years, I am excited to step into this new role with such a supportive, wise and thoughtful community.

Thanks to all the hard work from our dedicated and skilled staff, our 2021/2022 school year has taken off smoothly! We are back to our full programing, open Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:20pm, with 4 classrooms serving children ages 2-6.

Simcha's creative and insightful teachers have been finding exciting ways to set up the outdoor spaces for our mostly outdoor program, and the children have been exploring their environments as they build new connections and work together to develop their classroom agreements.

I am so thankful to work with such a strong team of knowledgeable individuals. I feel confident in their ability to provide quality care to the children, all while adhering to the local and national guidelines for health and safety related to the ongoing health crisis.

Simcha Preschool is so grateful for the donations that help our non-profit organization provide quality care to families from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. We are accepting your generous donations to help families who live on a low income and can benefit from financial support to attend our wonderful, play-based program.

Many Thanks,

Caitlin Clancy - Director

caitlin@tbeaptos.org





Sisterhood Changes Its Name to Women of Beth El!

Sisterhood announces that we are renaming *TBE Sisterhood* to *Women of Beth El*.

You might think that we are the same old Sisterhood that perhaps your mother or grandmother belonged to. Our goal is to acknowledge the strengths that started *Sisterhood* which include social justice and unity and create a Jewish women's organization that will be here for our daughters and granddaughters.

We welcome women of all colors, sexual orientation, ability, and age, born Jewish or not. Please join with other strong women so we can support and appreciate each other.

In November we will be initiating and publishing a *Women of Beth El Cookbook*, and we will be inviting you to contribute your favorite recipes to be published and shared with our congregation. We are putting together a *Women of Beth El Retreat at Asilomar, April 29-May 1, 2022*. We have just finished a book discussion on *Combined Destinies* and are looking forward to continuing with *New York Times* best seller, **Caste**. We are also starting a post card drive to the Senate concerning voters rights. And we will be starting a *Jewish Ritual* committee introducing us to making hamantaschen, rugulah, challah braiding, etc. Children will be included.

These are just a few *Women of Beth El* projects we are putting together. We value your input and your energy as we move into the coming year.

In Peace,

Shelly Nadelman-Douglass

Women of Beth El President

rivkanadelman@gmail.com

Rosh Hodesh

On the first day of each Jewish month, while most of the world isn't watching, women gather together to honor *Rosh Hodesh*, the celebration of the New Moon. With its slender crescent barely visible in the night sky, this is an evening historically associated with women's cycles, renewal, and celebration.

According to tradition we are told that women were blessed with the holiday of Rosh Hodesh because they did not participate in the "sin" of the golden calf. It is customary for women not to work on Rosh Hodesh.

For thousands of years *Rosh Hodesh* has been an occasion for Jewish women to mark the night with ritual, learning, spiritual exploration and to recognize life passages throughout the seasons of the year. In recent decades our monthly meetings have offered a women's space in time.

We have gathered in the *TBE* library to honor the passing of each month and the beginning of the next with prayer and song, with shared stories and crafting, with Blessings over juice and challah, with "kavana," (intention) and "chesed," (kindness).

Our next *Rosh Chodesh* meeting will feature a Havdallah service followed by a presentation of "*The Seven Prophetesses*," seven significant women in Jewish history. We will introduce these unique women and tell their stories, each on a plaque that was created by a member of our *Rosh Hodesh* group.

Please mark your calendar and join us on **Saturday, December 4th at 7:00pm** on Zoom. to celebrate *Rosh Hodesh Tevet*, to feel connected and experience the warmth.

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of Rabbi Paula officiating at our granddaughter's baby naming ceremony: Chana Leah bat Nechama Chaim (Penelope Victoria Benevento) Lauren Suhd and Wallace Brondstatter in memory of Elijah Levi Suhd

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On October 21, 2021, among many profound aspects of our grief for a friend, we lost a steadfast MAZON supporter when our Chris Goldstein passed away. His many attributes and accomplishments included his long-term participation and well over a decade-long commitment to Co- Coordinating our MAZON Project. His stalwart support will be sorely missed.

Interviewed for a *Shofar* article about MAZON in 2016, Chris Goldstein stated, “Doing something tangible to help the needy is so worthwhile. This is why I’ve participated as a MAZON contributor and Coordinator. When my kids were younger, they helped cook and bring food to the Shelter. This put a face on homelessness and taught that each of us can do something to improve the world. In all the time I’ve been involved with MAZON, I’ve felt only appreciation from people at the Shelter. Seeing the love from members of the TBE community is wonderful, and also makes our extensive participation possible.”

Pursuing Our Goal of 100% TBE Member Participation in MAZON

Temple Beth El is encouraging every Temple member household to join our **MAZON 100% Participation Campaign** whereby each of our 540 Temple households will participate in the MAZON Project once per year. This would enable everyone in our Congregation to carry out one of the most fundamental teachings of Judaism, by genuinely helping to fight the injustice of hunger with **concrete action**, and “lighting a candle in the darkness.” So far, the initial months of our **100% Participation Campaign** have elicited 27 new MAZON participants, adding to the existing 109. Only 404 more TBE households to go! For more information or to sign up, just click the MAZON link within our TBE weekly emails or click the Social Action link on the TBE website.

Thank you to the following marvelous MAZON volunteers:

AUGUST: Susie and Carolyn, Robert Morgan, Jackie Tuttle (3X!), Paul & Benny Drescher, Susan & Paul Karz (2X), Susan & Stephen Karon, Leora Fromm, Terry Grove, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Kate Avraham, Martha Jacobson (3X), Lisa Segnitz, Dan Gold, Gaby

Litsky, Rose Ashford, Margaret Gordon, Jill Tardif, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Laura Segelman (2X), Leah Sugarman (5X!), Penny Chesluk, Alden Glass Sprenger (4X!) Leila Veitch, Jennie Schindler (2X), Kristin Pfothenhauer, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Vicki Belkin-Kondo, and Elena Cohen.

SEPTEMBER: Rose Ashford, Margaret Gordon, Kerith Koontz (2X), Judi Sherman (2X), Michaeline Kiss, Susan & Stephen Karon, Terry Grove, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Alden Glass Sprenger (2X), Kate Avraham, Larry Kaplan, Dennis & Cheryl Caspe, Jackie Tuttle, Mary Fran Archer, Leila Veitch, Gaby Litsky, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Vicki Belkin-Kondo, Susan Karz, Renee Winter, Penny Cheluk, Leah Sugarman (4X!), Shira Coleman (4X!), Laura Segelman (2X), Julie Lorraine, Bonnie, Carol & Greg Morr/Skolnick.

OCTOBER: Ken Wagman and his Magnificent Men’s Group (10X!), Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Terry Grove, Melissa Weiss (4X!), Dan Gold, Dori Schack (2X), Jackie Tuttle, Jennie Sheridan Schindler (2X), Mary Fran Archer, Gaby Litsky, Juliane White, Shmuel Thaler, Leah Sugarman (2X), Stephen Karon, Meryl Selman (2X), Leila Veitch, Penny Chesluk, Gerald Frank (2X), Catherine & Bob Cooper, Katrina Lippman (2X), Kate & Ari Avraham (2X), Martha Jacobson, Susie & Carolyn, Gaby Litsky, Leora Fromm, and Melinda Iuster.

NOVEMBER: Dan Iuster and the Terrific TBE Brotherhood (10X!), Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Jill Tardif, Rose Ashford (2X), Meryl Selman, Leila Veitch, Rose Ashford, Jenny Sheridan Schindler, Mark & Cecily (2X), Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Jackie Tuttle, Penny Chesluk, Katrina Lippman (3X!), Leah Sugarman (2X), Beth Rubenstein, Gaby Litsky, Margaret Gordon, Michaeline & Lenny Kiss and Larry Levin. Our sincere apologies to several more magnificent MAZON volunteers who perhaps were missed in these acknowledgements or not signed up by the Shofar submission deadline!

One of the highest religious acts of Judaism is to share your bread with the hungry!



From Rabbi Shifra

Boy, are we folks at *Temple School* excited about Chanukah! We have already started with our Chanukah preparations, cooking, singing, and making Chanukah art, and we are planning a multitude of fantastic community celebrations. On the **first evening, November 28**, we will all rock out to the annual **Rock of Ages Service** which will be outside, weather permitting. At the end of the service, we will light our huge, sparkly, rainbow menorah that was made in memory of *Ziva Mitnick*. I will always remember *Ziva*, a bright light, a unicorn-mermaid-dancer who loved *Rock Shabbat*.

Then bring your menorah and candles to our **Shabbat Chanukah community wide candle lighting, Friday December 3rd**, with arts and crafts and music, a Shabbat service, puppet show, and of course yummy Chanukah treats to take home. The last night, we will all gather at the town clock downtown. More information about these and all of our Chanukah events is in this Shofar.



Robbi Shifra

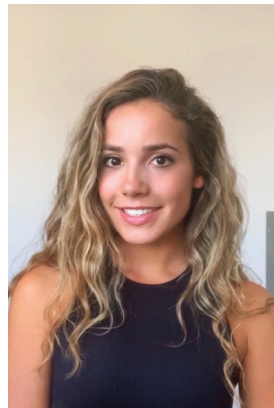
By decorating our houses and lighting our menorah and placing it in the window for all to see we illuminate the presence of miracles in our lives and proclaim our conviction that spirit can triumph over might. Our stubborn insistence on this conviction has gotten the Jewish people through some pretty difficult times. It seems to me that we particularly need this message right now. Chanukah inspires us to miraculously find light in times of great darkness, and to notice how far reaching our little lights can shine.

We hope that your family will be inspired by Chanukah at *TBE*, and may the light of Chanukah illuminate our lives, and may we in turn, spread light.

Rabbi Shifra

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Our wonderful new SRFY Youth Group Advisor, Rachel Tobin,



...grew up in our congregation and is a recent graduate from the *University of Oregon*. SRFY is off to a great start this year with a fun breakfast at *Santa Cruz Diner* and is looking forward to making Chanukah gifts at *Petroglyphs*, Ropes Course, and a San Francisco Trip! For more information contact SRFY@tbeaptos.org

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Onward: *A Report from the Executive Director*

Stepping Up

It feels like it has been years since I arrived as *Temple Beth El's Executive Director*, when in fact it has been less than three months. My first weeks, in hindsight, served as a microcosm of what was in store for me. During that initial week I penned an offer letter and assisted with the transition to our new Preschool Director; formally commenced organizing the ambitious plans for outdoor high holiday services which necessitated moving the *Temple to UCSC's Quarry*; and dealt with a broken refrigerator packed with bar mitzvah food. It was definitely a memorable start to an entirely new career.

Looking back at the weeks that followed, what made that first week truly memorable were not the challenges but rather the way the *Temple Beth El* community, staff, and volunteers truly stepped up. High Holidays was a perfect example of how so many people stepped up. Out of the woodworks came a variety of temple experts to assist with critical tasks ranging from stage management and delivery of quality sound/online experience to a peace officer guiding our security plan and leaders from the *Brotherhood* and *Women of Beth El* corralling volunteers to usher at services. We even had a temple member donate beautiful plants that adorned the stage for Yom Kippur and yet another opened their home to save me from trekking home to San Jose at night. Following high holidays, we did a survey of those who had RSVP'd and over 75 members offered their insights; the results were overwhelmingly positive. Most importantly for the staff and me, we created a space that melted into the background and allowed the beauty of the outdoors and our Rabbis to do what they do best, lift us up.

Over the weeks since Yom Kippur, (and it has only been weeks not months), this pattern has repeated itself over and over. As I learn to navigate *Temple Beth El's* 7 day a week schedule, it has become clear that to fully realize our shared desire to create a community that is Passionate about Peace & Justice, Creative about Prayer and Joyful about Tradition we will need everyone to step up in big and small ways. I will be candid, from my view of the path ahead, it is going to be challenging



My son Atticus and me upon completing a 65-mile trek at Philmont BSA Ranch....one step at a time

to realize these aspirations which far outpace our small administrative team and a core group of Temple lay leaders. On a daily basis we have lovingly been informed of forgotten priorities, projects and ideas deferred. Our list is long and growing. Building consensus and moving forward will take time and patience. ...

... As we work to continue to build and grow our vibrant Jewish community, I am committed to stepping up and I ask you to join in doing the same.

David Ginsborg
Executive Director
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Chanukkah Tzedakah

**for our Sister Congregation in
St. Petersburg, Russia**

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

This year is the 40th anniversary of the congregation. Rabbi Rick visited there in 1992 just after it was founded. Please donate in honor of 40 years of our congregation helping to keeping the light of Judaism rekindled in Eastern Europe after the Holocaust and Communist persecution. Please send a check to the temple or contact Ana in the office to make a donation by credit card.

Building and Grounds Report - *from the Executive Director*

Thanks to the work of the Building and Grounds Committee and its Chair Miles Dolinger, the Temple received a federal grant to improve security at the Temple.

Parking lot gate

A select number of employees and lay leaders have been entrusted with the arming and disarming of the superior alarm motion detection system. These individuals will now additionally be responsible for locking and unlocking a new parking lot gate when they are the first or last to arrive at the Temple. During business hours (basically, whoever is first in and last out) the gate will remain open, so this will not affect most Temple members. The gate will have a simple combination lock. The purpose of the gate is to reduce the incidences of vandalism when the building is closed. If you need to access the gate, or have not received the code, contact any member of the staff.

New Security Gate behind Kitchen and Social Hall Doors.

We have completed the installation of a new security gate behind the kitchen and social hall doors. The purpose of the new kitchen/social hall security gate is to allow the current exterior, rear doors of the hall (social hall) or the kitchen to be open when either is in use thus allowing us to safely increase ventilation without leaving the building open and unattended. When the hall (social

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hall) or kitchen building doors are open the gate must be closed. Anyone needing access should be able to easily ask someone who is in the kitchen or in the social hall to let them in. At all other times, the new kitchen/social hall security gate is to remain open. With the sole exception of active loading and unloading into the social hall or kitchen, the new security gate and the existing doors must not be both left open.



New refrigerators!

Thanks to the generosity of the *Brotherhood, Women of Beth El* and *Temple Beth El*, we have received two new refrigerators. These fridges will replace the sole working fridge which is out of warranty and has a non-fixable coolant leak and the "back up" fridge which has been broken for over a year.



High Holiday **THANK YOU!**

Thanks so much to all of our amazing volunteers who made our High Holidays so magical.

Special thanks to **Andy Yanowitz** and **Eddie Scher**, without whom we literally could not have done it. We also appreciate **Landon Gottlieb** for his security expertise. Thanks to **Dennis Caspe**, **Bob Feldman**, **Steve Greenberg**, **Lenore Hindin**, **Jenny Kaupp**, **Arnold Kragen**, **Jay Lerman**, **Larry Levin**, **Gail Levine**, **Risa Lower**, **Shelly Nadelman-Douglass**, **John Oppenheimer**, **Mike Rein**, **Carolyn Roosevelt**, **Ziesel Saunders**, **Peg Shemaria**, **Marion Tower**, **Roger Wapner** and **Arik Yonai**. And, of course, our wonderful choir. Please forgive any omissions.



Rosh Hashanah Services at UCSC Quarry Ampitheater



Yom Kippur Services at Temple Beth El

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ROCK OF AGES Returns to Kick Off CHANUKAH FESTIVITIES at TBE



**Sunday, November 28 –
3:30pm**

ROCK OF AGES - Outside at TBE

Friday, December 3 at 5:45pm

CHANUKAH SHABBAT - Indoors at TBE

5:45pm-6:15pm – CHANUKAH CRAFT

6:15pm – COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING
(Bring your own menorah and candles)

**6:30pm – SHABBAT CHANUKAH SERVICE
AND PUPPET SHOW**

7:15pm – END OF PROGRAM -
Take home sufganiyot (donuts)



Sunday, December 5 – 10am

MAZEL TOTS CHANUKAH - at Willowbrook Park

Sunday, December 5 – 11:20am

KINDERGARTEN CONSECRATION - at TBE outdoors

Sunday, December 5 – 5pm

LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING
at the Town Clock

Please RSVP on our website calendar <https://www.theaptos.org/calendar> (go to the date of the event that you wish to RSVP for). **Masks and social distancing are required at all events. Indoor Chanukah Shabbat is limited to first 100 people who register. Vaccinated only for indoor service.** Please dress warmly for all events (including indoor as doors and windows will be open).