

the shofar

☆ Summer 2021 ☆



Looking Towards the Days of Awe

Celebrate with us. See High Holiday events listed on page 5 & 6

Lil'mod U'l'lamed

To Learn and To Teach

When I asked the Confirmation Class students if they had ideas about a theme for their service this year it was clear that they all agreed on what they wanted to talk about. The first student said something to the effect of, *we're still alive*. Another student said, *we should talk about healing*. The conversation moved to how grateful they were to be connected with each other during this challenging time.

Some of our students had to evacuate during the fires last summer, and one of the families lost their home and will be moving out of state. And through it all, we met on Zoom every Wednesday evening. We celebrated Confirmation outside, with some joining online, and the words they shared moved many of us to tears.

During our classes we talked about prayer, what is God, how do we know if God even exists and does it matter? These students shared their doubts and their questions. Sometimes their video was on and sometimes it wasn't. Some were just beginning to go back to in person learning. I have to say that I learned as much if not more than I taught. I always had a plan for what we would discuss, but often a whole different topic would emerge. My goal for our time together was that they would be able to hear their own

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Robbi Paula



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authentic inner voices and come away feeling nourished through the learning process. I hoped to imbue our sessions with Jewish values that they could apply to their lived experiences.

And so, I ask myself, and I ask you, a few questions.

- What Jewish values have helped us during this past year?
- As we come together to celebrate Rosh HaShanah, in person and online, what will we bring with us into this coming year?
- How can some of our practices change to reflect what we are learning about Jewish community?

I look forward to discovering answers to these questions and more during the coming year.

Rabbi Paula

In the Temple Family

Welcome to New Members

Please check your online directory for their information

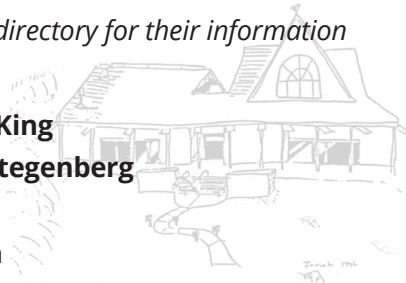
Holly & Roger Bass

Lisa Gilbert & Richard King

Deirdre Esther Lister Stegenberg

Diane Meader

Marianne & Fred Mejia



May their memories be for a blessing

Shirley Cahn - Mother of Julia Elman, mother-in-law of Ian Elman, grandmother of Olivia and Anna Elman

Yakov & Mina Kraz - Mother and father of Vladimir Kraz, mother-in-law and father-in-law of Yelena Kraz, grandmother and grandfather of Konstantin, Eugene, and Mark

Estelle Levine - Mother of Joy Spodick and Mitch Levine, mother-in-law of Kristen and Deborah and David, and grandmother of Kevin, Daniel, Rebecca, Hannah, Sydney, Lindsay and Chloe

Jeffrey Baldwin Cutter - Son of Joe Cutter and Chris Matchett, and stepbrother of Dustin Matchett



Confirmation: Ciela Diffenbaugh, Aryeh Koontz, Jordan Weiss-Penzias, Aden Sommerville, Beckett Glass, Benjamin Cornblatt, Gabriel Orange. Not pictured: Q Licht and Isaiah Ring

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Note from the Temple President

During my years in the administration of the Kirby School, I learned many valuable lessons just by observing the remarkably wonderful Board of Trustees in action. An example: as topics were discussed, there were the occasional spirited disagreements. But as soon as a prevailing viewpoint was sensed, the unspoken practice was for a dissenter to raise her or his hand to make a motion to adopt the majority's position. This not only reinforced a palpable climate of mutual respect, but it also reminded trustees that the ultimate priority was the welfare of the school and its students and that speaking "in one voice" served this goal.

I invite our temple membership to adopt a similar attitude concerning plans for the High Holy Days.

Especially with the need to choose the best of imperfect venue options, all of us may be tempted to kvetch about this or that. On Rosh Hashanah, we hope that the spectacular beauty of the setting and the joy of having the entire community together will more than compensate for unfamiliar logistics and, possibly, dressing in layers. On Yom Kippur, we trade the joy of full togetherness for the profound virtue of worship in our sanctuary.

I can reassure the community that decisions, imperfect as they are, were informed by research. While Board members and our Executive Director participated in gleaning the best practices of others, I especially want to salute our Rabbis in this regard. I have been amazed by their time spent monitoring rabbinic chat groups, attending webinars, consulting health officials, the URJ, and comprehensive spiritual advice from the Central Committee of American Rabbis. From our Rabbis, I now have a deeper understanding of the essential Jewish value of preserving each individual life. They care for those of us whose health might counter-indicate vaccination or render antibody response less than fully robust – and for our unvaccinated children.

We pray that this will be a transitional year back to normalcy and that our worship in the UCSC quarry on Rosh Hashanah will serve as a warm memory of our endurance and resilience.

I thank Melissa Sunberg who has taken the leading role in researching venue possibilities, Andy Yanowitz for his truly remarkable and upbeat "can do" attitude



when asked to address all the technical issues involving sound, lighting, and streaming in two places, and Emily Sinclair for her beautiful work with our Choir.

One encouragement in closing: please remember to renew your membership if you have not already done so, with due consideration of the appeal for a 10% increase for reasons outlined in the letter that accompanies renewal reminders.

Josh Karter

President, Temple Beth El Board of Directors

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B'nai Mitzvah



Amir Vered

AMIR VERED is a SLV Middle School grad and honor roll student. He enjoys playing and coding his own video games, biking, tennis, swimming, reading, and playing in his school band. He enjoys spending time with his friends, family, and three cats. He works as a CIT at *Camp Kayetz*. He volunteered at his local library, preparing meals at *TBE*, and for the unhoused via the *Mazon* project. He celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah on July 31st.



Henry Rudnick

HENRY RUDNICK was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 17, 2021. Henry will be an eighth-grader at *Monte Vista School* this fall. He enjoys video games, fencing, music, and acquiring knowledge. Henry enjoys sharing his knowledge with others and discussing world issues.



Kevin Alexander Allari

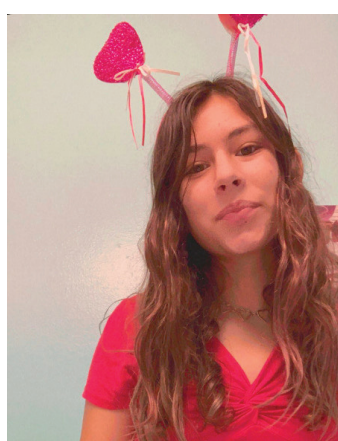
KEVIN ALEXANDER ALLARI, son of Kelly and Tim Allari and sister of Kathleen Allari, will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 2, 2021. Kevin is an eighth grader at *Aptos Junior High School*. He loves to

read, hike, and travel and he has a wonderful sense of humor. Kevin is passionate about the environment and his mitzvah project has been to work with his school's *Ocean Awareness Club*. He has attended and organized beach cleanups during the pandemic to keep our local beaches free from litter and plastic.



Natasha Tari Ackerstein

NATASHA TARI ACKERSTEIN will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 30. Natasha is passionate about water polo and bass guitar, has an insatiable appetite for books, and relishes a good argument. She loves the County Science Fair, which she's won twice, and Korean food prepared by her Halmoni. She is best described in the words of Frida Kahlo, via RBG: "Not fragile like a flower, fragile like a bomb."



Rina Sierra Goodman

RINA SIERRA GOODMAN, daughter of Ann and Jay Goodman, will be called to the Torah on July 24th. Rina will be an eighth grader at *Aptos Junior High School*. She enjoys dance, art, skiing, swimming, traveling and spending time with her amazing friends. She has three dogs and three cats and she is the best oldest sister possible to Maya.



Violet Inés Rubin

VIOLET INÉS RUBIN, daughter of Seth and Eréndira, will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 23rd. Violet is in eighth grade at *Mission Hill Middle School* and loves hanging out with her

friends, being goofy with her younger brother, and tormenting her younger sister. She is an avid water polo player and went to the water polo Junior Olympics this summer with her team, the *Santa Cruz Water Polo Club*. Her mitzvah project has been fundraising for *Alex's Lemonade Stand*, a foundation dedicated to research, awareness, and support for childhood cancer.

Looking Towards the Days of Awe



We have been waiting to celebrate together again as a congregation...

Zeh HaYom Asah Adonai, Nagilah V'nis'm'cha Bo

This is the day the Holy One has created, let us rejoice and be glad.

We are so excited to begin a New Year with our beloved Temple Beth El community.

Thanks to all of you who completed our survey about the High Holidays. In consideration of your feedback, we have decided to hold our Rosh Hashanah services at the UCSC Quarry Amphitheater and our Yom Kippur services at Temple Beth El. The UCSC Quarry has been completely renovated and meets all ADA requirements. We will be happy to work with guests who need support.

Holding services outside under the redwoods for Rosh Hashanah will not only enable us to hold our services, with the highest degree of safety, it will also provide us with a wonderful environment for being in the contemplative spirit of the holidays. On Yom Kippur we will joyfully return to our sanctuary while maintaining safety by limiting indoor attendance and requiring masks.

We are very excited to be planning a full array of in person and Zoom opportunities to celebrate beginning with Shabbat at the Beach on August 27th. With the beauty of the evening sky and the sound of the waves, Shabbat at the Beach is our Santa Cruz version of S'lichot services, which marks the beginning of our High Holiday season. It is our first opportunity to reconnect with our congregation and turn our communal hearts towards teshuvah-return to our best selves.

We are currently inviting members to serve on our High Holiday working group. There are many logistical details and plans in the works. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in helping us.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Rosh Hashanah Services will be at the UCSC Quarry Amphitheater and Yom Kippur Services will be at Temple Beth El.

Reservations are required for all services. You will be receiving an email soon to sign up.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6

Rosh Hashanah 1st day

Tuesday, September 7

Rosh Hashanah 2nd day

Wednesday, September 8

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 15

Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 16

S'lichot: Shabbat at the Beach

Friday, August 27, 6pm

Prepare for the High Holidays by attending our Shabbat at **Seabright Beach**. Bring a picnic dinner, meet new and old friends of all ages and enjoy the inspiring beauty of the sunset over the ocean as we pray together. The evening will conclude with Sisterhood sponsored S'lichot S'mores.

Rock Hashanah

Tuesday, September 7

Everyone is invited to our annual "Rock Hashanah." Partly mystical, always musical and somewhat magical, a High Holiday version of *Rock Shabbat*. Spread the word!

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PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

1st through 6th Graders

**Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday, September 7, 9:30am
at University Terrace Park**

**Yom Kippur - Thursday, September 16, 9:30am
at Temple Beth El**

We have fabulous children's programs for families and *children grades 1 through 6, beginning at 9:30am on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and concluding at the end of morning services (approximately 12-12:30pm)*. This program will take place at *University Terrace Park on Rosh Hashanah and at Temple Beth El on Yom Kippur*. The programming includes the *Junior Congregation Service* (led by **Rabbi Shifra** and **Peter Weiss-Penzias** and our TBE teens), High Holiday activities, stories, arts and crafts, games, and outdoor break time.

Parents are encouraged to attend the *Junior Congregation Service* with their children and are welcome to stay for the entire program. Children who are pre-registered may attend our program while their parents are attending adult services on Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur Morning. We will not be able to accommodate unregistered children who are unaccompanied by a parent.

We recommend you pack for change in weather, water bottle, snacks, sun protection, and a lunch for your child if you are planning on leaving your child with our childcare providers.

If you have questions you can contact Sarah at
sclarkson@tbeaptos.org.

7th-12th Graders

**Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday, September 7, 10:15am
at University Terrace Park**

**Yom Kippur - Thursday, September 16, 10:15am
at Temple Beth El**

7th-12 grade services and programs take place at 10:15am on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. 7th and 8th graders will help lead the *Junior Congregation Service* and then will join their parents in services.

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FAMILY SERVICES

We love our children and have many opportunities for families to celebrate the High Holidays with us.

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Junior Congregation Family Services

**Rosh Hashana - Tuesday, September 7, 10:15am
at University Terrace Park**

**Yom Kippur - Thursday, September 16, 10:15am
at Temple Beth El**

Led by Rabbi Shifra Weiss-Penzias and our Junior High students.

Rosh Hashanah Young Family Service

Monday, September 6, 10am at Temple Beth El

For families with children ages 7 and under, 45 minutes of singing and storytelling.

Rock Hashanah Service

Tuesday, September 7

A musical celebration for everyone.

Yom Kippur Young Family Service

Thursday, September 16, 4:45pm at Temple Beth El

For families with children ages 7 and under, 45 minutes of singing and storytelling.

Tashlich

For centuries, Jews have gone on Rosh Hashanah to the nearest body of free-flowing water: a river, lake, or ocean. There they have cast a few small crumbs of bread into the water, reciting the prophet Micah's words, "*You will cast all your sins into the depths of the seas.*" Observe Tashlich at any of these locations.

Tuesday, September 7, 5pm

Ben Lomond, at the park adjacent to the dam, with Anita Lande. (Take Hwy. 9 north to Ben Lomond and make a left-hand turn at the stop light on to Mill Street). Please bring food and join us afterwards for a potluck.

Wednesday, September 8, 5:30pm

Rio Del Mar Beach, 131 Esplanade, Aptos, with Rabbi Paula (Take Hwy. 1 south and turn off at Rio Del Mar exit, stay to the right as you exit and proceed on Rio Del Mar Blvd. to the beach).

Wednesday, September 8, 5:30pm

Natural Bridges State Beach, with Rabbi Shifra (Take Hwy. 1 north through Santa Cruz and follow the signs to Natural Bridges State Beach).



Dear TBE Community

Mazel Tov to the Simcha 2021 Graduates of the PreK and TK/K classes. We were thrilled to celebrate the PreK and TK/K children's learning, growth, creativity, and friendships at their special outdoor graduation ceremonies.



A very special thank you to PreK Teachers **Caitlin** and **Nathan** for creating an inspiring, engaging, creative and safe experience for the 4 and 5 year-olds in their class. The PreK classroom community, process-based art, exploratory science, and rich Jewish curriculum that they brought to the children was enriching.



Abundant applause and deep gratitude to TK/K Teachers **Lisa T.** and **Jan** for leading the inaugural year of the Simcha kindergarten. Their inspirational play-based activities, individualized academics, and anti-racism curriculum created a class of super heroes growing their empathy, kindness, and anti-racism accomplice skills. Lisa T., we wish you the best in your move to Sacramento and will miss you so much!

Starting in September 2021, Simcha will have all four classes operating: Toddler class for 2-year-old's, Preschool class for 3-year-old's, PreK class for 4 year-old's and K/1 for 5-6 year-old's. We will be welcoming new teaching team members to Simcha and will introduce them to you, next month!



With Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot coming up soon, we will also be starting our explorations of these important fall holidays at the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

Have a wonderful autumn and High Holidays!

Best,

Lisa Mendez

Director, Simcha Preschool



Contributions | April 1, 2021 — June 30, 2021

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Nita Lamendola in memory of my beloved uncle Jack Kaplan
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Risa Lower in loving memory of Doris Miller, my grandmother
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Joelle & Ryan Mulligan
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Carolyn & Curt Coleman in memory of David Katzenstein, brother of Amy Harrington
Lenore Hindin in memory of my son, Michael Shikora on the occasion of his second yahrzeit
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Laurie Getz in loving memory of Randy Getz
Joel & Holly Rudnick in appreciation to Rabbi Shifra and Cantor Alisa for all their attention and love given to Henry Rudnick in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah. Thank you!
Melissa Skalsky in honor of Barbara Skalsky
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Annie Millar thanking you Rabbi Paula. I appreciate your kind listening and support!

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Murray & Sheila Baumgarten in honor of Rabbi Shifra being awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree acknowledging her 25 years of service to the Jewish Community and Temple Beth El

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her ordination

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John Elman in memory of
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Elman & grandmother
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MAZON

 | A Jewish Response
To Hunger

Our **MAZON Project** has Launched Its 100% Participation Campaign Putting Our Jewish Values into ACTION — Be sure to sign up!

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

Much like our successful *Get-Out-The-Vote-Campaign* in 2020, in 2021 we have launched an ongoing, **100% Participation Campaign, this time to feed the homeless in our own community.** It's a modern way to invite the stranger to our table, share our bread with the hungry or leave the corners of our fields for the poor.

MAZON, the longest running social action project at our Temple (33 years!), officially launched its **100% Participation Campaign in June.** Thus, the remarkable, collective effort of our Temple members to provide dinner for 40 people every Sunday since 1988 is expanding substantially to meet the growing needs of the homeless in our community.

Since the River Street Shelter lost its funding in May, as of June 2021 our *MAZON Project* is committed to providing Sunday dinner every week for 70 people now, at the larger Housing Matters Homeless Shelters (*same 115 Coral St. location*). This means that rather than requiring just five MAZON volunteers, now ten MAZON volunteers are needed to provide dinner every Sunday of the year. That's 520 volunteer slots annually! So, if each of our 540 Temple member households volunteers just once per year, collectively we can constructively reach out to our local homeless shelter, **as well as all actively participate in performing the mitzvah of feeding the hungry,** once a year.

Each volunteer only needs to provide an Entrée, Vegetable, or Dessert dish to serve 18 people. For more information, practical suggestions, all logistics, and to sign up, please login to the MAZON Project webpage under SOCIAL ACTION on the Temple website. **For further information, contact MAZON Co-coordinator, Robin Belkin at: Robin@MyVeryOwnCoach.com.**

Thank you to all our compassionate MAZON Volunteers:

• May: Rose Ashford, Catherine & Bob Cooper, Gaby Litsky, Cecily Ruttenberg, Leah Sugarman (4X!), Juliana White (2X), Penny Chesluk (2X), Susan Karz, Rachael Katz & friends (5X!), Geri Wolff (2X), Wilma Gold (2X), Shira Coleman, and Laura Segelman.

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• June: Robin Belkin (2X), Melinda Iuster (4X!), Susan and Stephen Karon (2X), Penny Chesluk, Leora Fromm, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X!), Leah Sugarman (3X!), Susie Polnaszek & Carolyn Rosevelt, Amy Harrington (2X), Jacqueline Tuttle, Catherine and Bob Cooper, Michaeline Kiss and Lenny Pagorelsky, Janet Gellman and Nancy de la Pena, Cheryl & Dennis Caspe, Terry Grove, Alison Gold, Meryl Selman (2X), Jennifer Vered (2X), Susan & Paul Karz, Judi Sherman, Rachel Bickert, Gerald Frank, Larry Levin, and Jennie Schindler.

• July: Jenny & Ray Kaupp, Geri Wolff (2X), Wilma Gold (2X), Dennis Caspe, Shira Coleman (2X), Fay Levinson & Joe Vela, Jacqueline Tuttle, Rachael Katz & Friends (5X), Gaby Litsky, Jennie Schindler (2X), Juliet Goldstein, Vicki Belkin-Kondo, Jenny & Ray Kaupp, The Koontz Family (2X), The Vered Family (2X), Mary Fran Archer, Susan & Paul Karz, Penny Chesluk, Kathy Cytron, Leah Sugarman (5X!), Kate Avraham, Rose Ashford, Catherine & Bob Cooper, and Martha Jacobson.

Statewide Special Election is on September 14

Voting is one of our most important civic actions. In the last two elections, we had over 95% turnout!

In mid-August, you will be receiving (or have already received) a mail ballot for a statewide special election, due September 14. This is regarding a proposed recall of Governor Newsom. TBE does not endorse candidates, so we are not advocating how to vote, but only the importance of voting. This is how we shape our community.

It's very convenient. There is only one question: Recall YES or NO? So it will only take a minute or two to complete.

You can return your ballot by mail anytime until September 14, or at one of about 20 drop off centers around the county.

BROTHERHOOD IS BACK!!!!

BROTHERHOOD GOES TO THE BALLPARK

Sunday, August 15 at 5pm

San Jose Giants' ballpark - All TBE Invited

Like old times, Brotherhood is returning to the San Jose Giants' ballpark this summer to take in a baseball game between the Giants and the Modesto Nuts. We've reserved six-person picnic tables in a new, shaded section adjacent to shallow right field. **Tickets are \$20 each for this 5pm Sunday Aug. 15 game.** Join our caravan to the game! **RSVP to Glenn** at glennm@ucsc.edu if you want to see our Giants beat the Nuts!

BROTHERHOOD HOSTS THE BACK TO TEMPLE SCHOOL PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 26 at DeLaveaga Park

Brotherhood's amazing chefs will once again provide a scrumptious BBQ chicken and dogs lunch with all

the fixings at *DeLaveaga Park* on Sunday, Sept. 26 for Temple School students and their families and teachers. We'll offer fun (and a bit goofy) field games too. Maybe even magic tricks too! Rabbi Shifra will be sending info to students and parents soon about the annual *Back to Temple School Picnic*. **Want to help Brotherhood at this event (we'd love that!)? Contact chairperson Jay at jay.berman@yahoo.com.**

BROTHERHOOD'S (IN PERSON) BAGEL BRUNCHES RETURN!

SAVE THESE DATES:

October 31, December 19, April 3 & May 22 at 10am

in the TBE social hall. Watch for details, including another lineup of fascinating speakers. All TBE invited. As always, the food and company are tops!

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BROTHERHOOD DOES MAZON

Sunday, November 7 at noon

Brotherhood will shop, bake, prepare and deliver meals to 72 residents at *Housing Matters Homeless Shelter* in support of our Temple's wonderful *MAZON Project*. Temple members have been providing meals every Sunday since 1988 (!) to the homeless in our community. Brotherhood plans to make it a social event for our volunteers too – we'll gather to shop and cook! If this goes as well as we think, we'll plan some additional Brotherhood Sundays for MAZON. **If interested in helping Brotherhood on November 7, please contact chairperson Dan at dan@iuster.com. You can always sign up with MAZON at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa4ac23a02-please>.** Truly, it's a mitzvah!

TIME TO JOIN/REJOIN BROTHERHOOD!

We were a little quiet but never dormant over the last year. We hosted several *Sunday Zoom* speakers, established the *TBE Teaching Fellowship*, cleaned TBE's cemetery headstones, contributed funds to help TBE members hurt by the pandemic, and made other contributions to our youth. We're bringing back our popular *Bagel Brunch* speaker series. We've switched our membership year to coincide with the Temple's fiscal year (7/1 – 6/30). Many of you have already contributed Brotherhood's annual dues when you paid your 2021-2022 TBE dues online – THANK YOU!

For those who'd like to mail in your payment, you can download the Brotherhood form on the TBE website at [ABOUT US/BROTHERHOOD](#). You can also join the Brotherhood Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282550208758686/>. All men and women can join Brotherhood, whether or not members of TBE. Any amount, no matter how large or small, entitles you to a year of membership and camaraderie in the best Brotherhood around. We look forward to another grand year with our members and supporters!

— Your Brotherhood Board: **Robert Feldman, Glenn Millhauser, Dan Iuster, Jay Lerman, Jerry Dubin, Steve Greenburg, Jim Atkins, Paul Berman, Michael Rein**

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From Rabbi Shifra

The fringes on a tallit are designed to remind us of the 613 mitzvot because tradition holds that there are 613 commandments in the Torah. Each tassel on a tallit has eight threads (when doubled over) and five sets of knots, totaling 13. The sum of all numbers is 613.

The ties in our lives which connect us to the joy and support of our vibrant Jewish community brings us in from the fringes. The traditions, rituals, and rich culture that we share and develop together can be a vital anchor in our lives, especially in the lives of children during a pandemic. With that in mind, Sarah Clarkson and all of the Temple School teachers have gone above and beyond to keep these threads connected this past year, and I am excited to say that children's programming at TBE is coming back in full swing.

Camp Kayetz had an amazing group of campers and staff this summer, yielding lots of fun, and perhaps most importantly, strong community connection. It was a m'chaya (life-giving joy) to see campers at TBE again. Thanks Mimi and all the counselors and CITs who



worked so hard to overcome the challenges of camp during a pandemic.

We have great plans for Temple School, Hebrew High, High Holiday Children's Program and Young Families Project this fall. We will be able to use our classrooms (with masks on,) and will spend as much time as possible outside, allowing for those who want to take masks off to do so according to state and local safety guidelines. The details are on our website tbeaptos.org under LEARN. We need your help with recruitment. Please help us rebuild our numbers by reaching out to everyone you know, whether new or returning, and encouraging them to register.

The children in our community have gone through extraordinary emotional challenges this year. I am proud to say that TBE has served a vital role as a loving and positive presence at a time when a sense of connection was a lifeline for so many people. I am so delighted to welcome them back to our Temple home.



Rabbi Shifra



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From the Executive Director

Lehitraot,

It is with a heavy heart that I sit and write this, my last Shofar article, or as I like to call it: Shof-article.

After counting down the months, weeks and days to getting back together, it is so sad that I depart before we are fully reopen...but happy that we have had some opportunity to be together at Hanukkah, Purim, and Rock Shabbats – all of which seemed to actually be enhanced by their taking place outside.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve at Temple Beth El. The community here never ceases to amaze with its dedication to mission – environmental, social, educational, and spiritual.

I am also heartened by the team I leave behind and



know they will continue to do remarkable things. A rabbi I met once, spoke of the everyday miracles of temple staff. The team at Temple Beth El are that miracle. They realize miracles of achievement daily - performing and completing the work of twice as many – all in the changing landscape of shifting foundations – whether that be a health crisis, technology changes or more. While I am sad to leave, I am confident in the team I leave behind who will continue to serve this amazing community with good nature and competence.

However...have no doubt, I will miss you!

L'Shalom

Tanya Lorien,
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Shabbat Dinner

We were so grateful to be able to gather together for a wonderful Shabbat dinner catered by *Benjamin Flatauer*, and an inspiring service back in our beloved sanctuary. **We said thank you and a fond farewell to Tanya, our Executive Director who is leaving us in August.**



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