



GOOD SHABBAT VIBRATIONS!

**Come for dinner, followed by a
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August 9, 2019

*(Dressing in your "California cool
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Dinner 5:30PM

Service: 6:30PM

**Dinner catered by none other than TBT Brotherhood!
Hamburgers, veggie burgers, kosher hot dogs,
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**\$6 Adults/\$15 per Family - RSVP must be received
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UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPENINGS

Family to Family**

First Sunday of the Month at 6:30 a.m.
DOWNTOWN VENTURA

Food Share

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
BROTHERHOOD FOOD SHARE OFFICE

Women of TBT

Crafting and Kibbitzing
Every First and Third Tuesday of each
month at 1:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH LOBBY

Mahjong

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH LOBBY

River Haven Food Drop Off

Monday, August 5 at 3:00 p.m.
TBT KITCHEN

Women of TBT Chicks and Flicks

Saturday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

TBT Jam Group

Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m.
MEISTER HALL

Choir Rehearsal

August 20, 22, 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m.
TBT SANCTUARY

MEETINGS

Trivia Night

Saturday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

AA Meeting

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Ritual Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.
BANK FAMILY LIBRARY

Brotherhood Meeting

Monday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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TBT 5779:
Jewish Community
Jewish Life
Jewish Belonging

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



Many fear every birthday with inevitable thoughts of age and aging. I never thought I'd say this, way-back-when, but I am finding age to be a positive!

My one sibling, my brother Sam, turned 63 at the end of June. After texting him a happy birthday message, he texted back: I have a "birthday thing I seem to do lately, where I try to gauge and share my accrued knowledge. At my company, someone in HR always posts birthday messages and others chime in. Here is my reply to many well wishes: 'Many fear every birthday with inevitable thoughts of age and aging. I never thought I'd say this, way-back-when, but I am finding age to be a positive! As an educator, I find that now I strive not just to teach facts but Wisdom. To make people better. A challenge to all this year: Let's make all those around us better. What greater gift, what more noble legacy is there?' "

Wait! Noble legacy, imparting wisdom, and impacting those around us for good? How could this be my same brother Sam who, when he turned 30, lamented: "My generation always said, 'don't trust anyone over 30; now I can't even trust myself!'" Age certainly has changed my brother in wonderful ways. And while I'd like to claim that

his wisdom is a family trait, the truth is- it's in the aging. Just as the Talmudic rabbis wrote that It is better to drink old wine than new, there is a depth and richness that can only come through time well-spent.

This August is a "big" birthday for me; and while it feels strange to say this new number aloud, I also know that, like Sam, I wouldn't want to roll back the decades if I had to sacrifice the wisdom acquired on the journey. In "Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience & Spirit", the two Jewish authors write: "Erik Erikson speaks of a stage in our lives when we turn inward and gather up the life we have lived, make sense of its ups and downs, wrestle with existential questions, and strive to integrate all that we have learned and experienced. This effort to reach integration and equanimity is what Erikson considers wisdom. Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi named this saging: conscious life harvesting."

Living life mindfully, reflectively, humbly assessing our strengths and areas where we still wish to grow; these are steps all on the path to wise aging and saging. I find, over this last decade, I am

more conscious of the wise women around me- so many are in this temple community. I learn about aging, growing, generosity, allocating time to others, responding to challenges of environment and health and family situations, from courageous and resilient women. So many of you inspire me. This past year, teaching Mindful Mid-dot on Sunday mornings, as we explored refining those universal inner traits, such as our capacity for joy, or anger, or peace of mind, I was cognizant that our life experiences help us get unstuck from our habits. There is no doubt, that every day feels richer now, than in the decades that were so full with child-rearing and work that there was no time for reflection, inner work, and cultivating spiritual perspectives as part of daily life.

So first, on this birthday month for me, a thank you to my community, that has allowed me to grow in so many ways, and who is filled with so many women and men who mentor and inspire my own aging. And an invitation. Wise Aging is a book that can be used in Wise Aging circles, by groups of men and women together, who are willing to explore issues like our changing bodies, how to nourish our relationships, growing spiritually, living with loss and thinking about legacy and stewardship. It does not need a rabbi, or any trained leader, just people willing to meet and share, as they read the book. "A Wise Aging group is a small, trusted circle of peers in which you will be guided to do the reflective work that enables you to come to new understanding about your life, your inner self, and your deepest values." If that sounds like a group you would like to create with some friends, let me know!

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, August 2- Parshat Matot/ Ma'asei

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:30 p.m. Shabbat in the Atrium
Followed by oneg

Saturday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Dearman-So, daughter of Lori Dearman and Jae-Chul So

Friday, August 9- Parshat Devarim GOOD SHABBAT VIBRATIONS

Summer dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Reservations need by noon, Wednesday, August 7
6:30 p.m. Shabbat in the Sanctuary
Theme clothing encouraged!

Saturday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Torah study & Kiddush to follow

Friday, August 16- Parshat V'etchanan

6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat in the Atrium
Followed by oneg

Saturday, August 17

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah of Richard Kraut, son of Ted Kraut and Karen Socher

Friday, August 23- Parshat Ekev

6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat in the Atrium
Followed by oneg

Saturday, August 24

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Torah study & Kiddush to follow

Friday, August 30- Parshat Re'eh

6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat in the Atrium
Followed by oneg

Saturday, August 31

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Bat Mitzvah of Talia McKnett, daughter of Rachel and Keith McKnett



Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner—
sign up through Torah School
6:30 p.m. Shabbat in the Sanctuary

Please RSVP by calling the Temple office
(805) 647-4181 by noon Wed., August 7

President's Message

Pam Small



My idea was turned down, but I very much respect the input and thought that went into the rejection.

I have been hearing concerns that our lobby isn't displaying our history. Rabbi Lisa has also been adamant that the lobby be a distinctly Jewish space that reflects our values. The Design Review Committee has been working on several designs, but it's a tall order to satisfy both contingencies. Some people want the commemorative tree hung back up, but to be honest, it looks rather shabby. During the Annual Meeting, I put out the trunk of the tree and a few of the acrylic panels. The trunk is made of plastic and the various names are on plastic pieces stuck on the acrylic with foam tape. We are working hard to come up with something better. Please be patient; we will have a design for your review soon. Remember, this will have to last 30 to 35 years. We want to get it right!

The House Committee is one of the hardest working groups at TBT. I hope you have noticed the spiffy paint job on our monument sign on Kimball as well as the new sign for Temple Beth Torah/Children's World off Foothill. The old fluorescent lights in the classrooms have been replaced with LED fixtures, which should save money over time. The Youth Building has undergone termite treat-

ment, dry rot repairs, and exterior painting. We are getting ready for the new school year.

We had an interesting discussion on safety during our last Board meeting. I had suggested that we start keeping the doors into the Sanctuary closed during services. To that end, the House Committee made adjustments to the hinges so the doors close quietly. The Ritual Committee and members of our Safety Sub-Committee discussed this proposal and rejected the idea. They were concerned that they wouldn't be able to respond quickly enough if the doors were closed and sounds were muffled. Closing the Sanctuary doors actually made people feel less secure. The discussion was thoughtful and all aspects were carefully considered. My idea was turned down, but I very much respect the input and thought that went into the rejection. I wanted to share this one example of a Board that works hard to always serve the best interests of this community. We are a fortunate congregation.

B'Shalom,
Pam

Brotherhood

Jay Kosoff



Ongoing and special events in the next two months will provide opportunities for all to socialize, contribute to our community and even show off our culinary skills. The first Sunday of the month (August 4th and September 1st) is the day of the Brotherhood Family to Family program on Ventura Avenue. This long running program prepares a great scratch made breakfast for 150+ hungry men, women and children. This is a wonderful activity for families with older children. Please contact Jay Kosoff at JayKosoff@aol.com for more information and to volunteer. Also let us know if you can help with the weekly Food Pantry program on Tuesday mornings at TBT. This Brotherhood program feeds 50 families on a weekly basis. We would love your participation, as you perform a real mitzvah for our community.

Saturday September 7 from 4 to 9 will be our first Craft Beer festival and Chili cook off. An

expert in all things beer will provide tastings, and an educational program on the world of beer. There will be food, and contests for the best chilies and desserts. Child care will be provided, and there will be a DJ with music, dancing and games. It will be great fun—more information is on the flyer with Shofar. Please come, have a great evening and support our Temple Brotherhood.

Sunday August 11th men and some of their significant others will be going to see the LA Dodgers at a home game. Please contact Ron Hapern as soon as possible at Rhalpern8@gmail.com for information.

Brotherhood men will cook the pancake breakfast for the first Sunday of Torah school on September 8th. Our next general meeting is Monday September 9th at 6:00 in the social hall. Please join us for our monthly meeting and dinner. We would love to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D FROM PG. 1

Board of Director's Meeting

Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.
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Women of TBT Meeting

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

House Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH ALCOVE

Social Action Committee

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.
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Hi! My name is Talia Blu McKnett, the daughter of Rachel and Keith McKnett, and granddaughter of longtime temple members, Ilene and Howard Gavenman. I live in Camarillo with my sister Teagan where I attend Monte Vista Middle School as an 8th grader. My favorite school subject is ASB because I get to help the school, have fun, and learn about leadership at the same time. I am a competitive swimmer on the Pleasant Valley Swim Team where my favorite strokes are freestyle and butterfly. I keep pretty busy, but in my spare time I like to read, write, hang out with my friends, my sister, and my family. I also love to travel especially to Hawaii. When I am older, I would like to pursue a career where I can use my imagination and be creative. Being Jewish means a lot to me because it is part of my identity and I enjoy celebrating each of the holidays with family and friends. In the future, I would like to continue celebrating Jewish holidays and carrying on with family traditions.



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A “Quick Note” from Robin

By Robin Faigin

We are now in the midst of summer as I write this. Quite honestly, there is not much news to write about, as July is a pretty quiet month here at TBT, but I couldn't miss this opportunity to put in another “plug” for our High Holy Day Choir. We will soon be starting our rehearsals – but there is still time to contact me and join us this year! We are in special need of a bass or two, but all voices are always welcome!

Our rehearsals will be Tuesday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We have posted all the rehearsal information on the TBT website. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, August 20th! If you are interesting in joining our choir, contact me at robin@templebethtorah.com so I can be sure to have a music book for you!

Our Beach Boys Shabbat preparations and rehearsals are coming along very nicely. Just to whet your appetite (or should I say “wet” since we're beach themed?) here are some of the songs we'll be singing: **California Girls/L'Cha Dodi, Fun, Fun, Fun/Mi Chamocha, Don't Worry Baby/Shalom Aleichem, G-d Only Knows/Hashkiveinu, In My Room/Oseh Shalom**, and much, much more!

One last thing – If you haven't already joined us for erev Shabbat in the Atrium this summer, you have a few more opportunities to do so! We have taken such pleasure in sitting and singing in the round, seeing the sky, clouds, hummingbirds and each other. Our Atrium services start at 6:30PM and are scheduled August 2nd, 16th, and 23rd (we will be in the sanctuary for the Beach Boys on the 9th).

Oneg Sponsors:

August 2 & 3 Lori Dearman and Jae-Chul So in honor of their daughter Shayna Dearman-So becoming a bat mitzvah

August 16 & 17 Karen Socher and Ted Kraut in honor of their son Richard Kraut becoming a bar mitzvah

August 30 & 31 Rachel and Keith McKnett in honor of their daughter Talia McKnett becoming a bat mitzvah

TRANSPARENT TBT

1. The Board is working on a budget for the possibility of two police officers for HHDS
2. Children's World is full for next year.
3. Heidi Sohn is the new board representative for Member at Large

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

With the year 5780 starting soon, it's time to make Jewish new year resolutions and I hope to tempt you to include expanding your mind with a variety of educational opportunities! The first three offerings to whet your appetite are listed below. Be sure to register by October 10 for Rabbi Lisa and Kathy Fink's Adult B'nai Mitzvah class.

WHAT FIDDLER ON THE ROOF HAS TO TEACH US ABOUT JUDAISM

Rabbi Mike Lotker

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

September 10 & 17

Although it may not be apparent on the surface, there is quite a bit of Jewish tradition, insight and depth in the music and story of Fiddler On The Roof. In this class, we will enjoy many of the scenes and songs from the movie and discuss such issues as our relationship with God, perspectives on the afterlife, superstitions, a reason for Jewish intelligence, Talmudic logic, the true meaning of "Mazel Tov," Jewish understanding of miracles, Jewish marriage customs and a lot more. It's even OK to sing along with the wonderful music!

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller and Kathy Fink

Sundays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

October 13, 20, November 17, 24, December 8, 15, January 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 19, 26, May 3, May 17

Hebrew is the beautiful key that unlocks much of the spirituality of Judaism: the ability to pray fully, sing heartily, and chant the sacred Torah words from the scroll. This year, we invite you to expand your Hebrew skills, immerse in a deep understanding of liturgy, find new comfort and ability in worship and song, and...read from Torah!

Join our 18-week Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, which is equal parts building on Hebrew reading skills to include familiarity with Hebrew prayers, and learning key Hebrew words and spiritual ideas to unlock the meaning within prayers. Co-taught by Kathy Fink and Rabbi Lisa, this Sunday morning program will culminate in an Adult B'nai Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, May 30, which is Shavuot, the celebration of receiving Torah at Sinai. You will be reading Torah! If you have participated in an adult b'nai mitzvah in the past, you may always participate again! It is open to any Temple member who has completed Kathy's Hebrew class or is of equivalent proficiency. **This program is available only to Temple members.** There is a \$50 materials fee. Please register and pay in the Temple office by October 10.

SHABBAT BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK LUNCH

Marilyn Baron, facilitator

Saturday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

October 26

Read the book and bring a non-meat item to contribute to our potluck in the TBT library. Kaddish.com by Nathan Englander

Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hatches an ingenious if cynical plan, hiring a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest.

Sharp, irreverent, and hilarious, Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity.

AND DON'T MISS TRIVIA NIGHT ON AUGUST 24— SEE THE SHOFAR FLYER FOR DETAILS

Women ofTBT

Please join **Women of TBT** at our first monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00 pm, to vote on an interim board, gather socially, and take the next steps to grow.

The monthly meetings will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (so please mark your calendars) opening with a short general meeting, followed by an activity, speaker or some kibitzing, and of course, some refreshments.

Members of the organizing committee have volunteered to serve on an interim basis (one year), but we happily invite you to step up too and submit your name for the slate or as a committee/event lead (email: womenoftbt@gmail.com)

The proposed interim slate is:

Co-Presidents: Ann Kerman and Kathy Randall
Vice Presidents: Candace Rosenbloom and Sarah Gordon

Secretary: Ilene Ramgren

Treasurer: Rochelle Oslick

Leadership Advisors: Lydia Kaplan, Reta Singer

Committee/Event Leads:

- Crafts/Knitting/Needlepoint – Rochelle Oslick
- Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup – Inessa Gelman
- Hanukah Boutique – (open)
- Mahjong – Jennifer Rosenberg
- Movie Night & Dessert – Kathy Randall
- New Member Welcome Event – (open)
- Outreach/Communications – A. Kerman/K. Randall (acting)
- Shiva Sisters – Ilene Ramgren
- Sunshine – Lydia Kaplan
- Ways and Means – (open)
- Women of TBT Shabbat – (open)
- Women's Seder – Marilyn Baron

We encourage all temple women to join Women of TBT for fun, friendship and support of TBT. For more information or questions please email us at womenoftbt@gmail.com.

Ann Kerman & Kathy Randall

The Temple Beth Torah library's shelves are bursting at the seams with generous donations from congregants, their friends, and families. To limit their number and increase their usefulness, your two hard working volunteer librarians request that in future **ALL BOOKS DONATED TO THE LIBRARY MUST HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED NO EARLIER THAN 2010.**

Many thanks,

Deborah Pollack & Pam Small



Education & Family Programs

Marisa Schrier



We will be having many interactive and engaging school programs as well as meaningful thematic classroom content.

I am excited to share with you Torah School's Theme for the 2019-2020 School Year, Living Our Mitzvot. The whole Torah School Community will be exploring some of the 613 commandments and discovering how we can practice them in our daily lives. One of the goals of having a school wide theme is so we can encourage conversations that can take place at home based on the topics covered at Torah School. We will be having many interactive and engaging school programs as well as meaningful thematic classroom content.

We will kick off the year partnering with the Social Action Committee (SAC), participating in a food and children's clothing/shoe drive that will be collected during the High Holidays. SAC is also looking for some students to volunteer before and after High Holiday services at the collection center; greeting people and accepting donations. Please contact the Torah School office for more information.

By now you should have received and returned your 2019-2020 Torah School registration packet. We can't help but be excited calculating Torah School numbers and creating classes for this upcoming year. It is important to us that your child has an enriching year full of learning. If you still need a Torah School packet, please contact, Danielle, 805-647-4181.

We are excited about being together on, September 8, 2019, for our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast. Each year our amazing Brotherhood flip pancakes for our enjoyment. This is a great way to kick off the new school year. We will be discussing our new Torah School Handbook, Grade Level Curriculum, Whole School Programs and welcoming back our returning staff.

The High Holidays are approaching fast. We will be offering programming and child care during High Holiday Services for children ages 2-11 years old. We are having one session during Rosh Hashanah, from 9:45am-1:00pm, and 2 sessions on Yom Kippur, 10:15am-1:30pm and 3:15pm-6:30pm. Please note, Children's Programming and Child Care is for the children of parents who are attending Temple Beth Torah's High Holiday services.

I am looking forward to creating a partnership with you to foster and strengthen your child/ren's Jewish education and identity. I'm available to collaborate on any suggestions or ideas that you may have. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

L'shalom,
Marisa



Hi, my name is Shayna Dearman-So. I live in Ventura with my parents, Lori and Jae Chul, and my sister, Hannah. In August, I will be starting 8th grade at De Anza Academy of Technology and the Arts (DATA). I play club soccer for Total Futbol Academy (TFA), a gold-level team and play the violin. When I am not at school, playing soccer, or practicing violin, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, going to the beach, and running. I am also a Girl Scout Cadette and have been with my troop for 7 years.

In the future, I would like to become an astronomer or an astrophysicist. I am interested in these jobs because I enjoy looking at the stars, and I think that space is super cool. At school I enjoy most subjects, but my very favorites are math and science. This year, however, I started to enjoy language arts and social

studies, too. In my opinion, the most interesting and fun part in school is making and giving presentations. I really enjoy talking to a large crowd of people and informing them about what I have researched. This year at school, I was chosen to present to a panel of judges about a business idea to reduce micro plastics in our oceans. It was a great experience, and I learned a lot. Hopefully our idea will someday become a real product.

Community service is also an area that I am interested in. This past year, I earned the presidential volunteer service gold award for doing over 100 hours of community service during one year. My volunteer hours included helping in a second-grade classroom every day before school and lots of community service projects with my girl scout troop. Some organizations that we helped at are Cheers for Children, Many Meals, American Cancer Society, Food Share, and the Victoria Care Center. I also was a part of the 2019 B'nai Mitzvah Project to raise money for Camp JCA Shalom, which burned down in the Woolsey Fire.

I am looking forward to my upcoming Bat Mitzvah on August 3rd, as I have been working very hard to reach this point in my life! Thank You!

-Shayna

IN OUR CONGREGANTS' LIVES

HaMakom yinechem etchem:

We share with you the death of Sharyn Kiner, on June 18, 2019. Sharyn was the rebbetzin at VCJC-TBT, the wife of Rabbi Ed Kiner, who served our congregation from 1982-1990. May her memory be a blessing!

Condolences to Patty and Louis Thompson and their family at the death of her mother, Marilyn Miller, on July 12.

Refuah Shlayma:

Prayers of healing to Perry Shapiro, Diane Turner, Pam Small, Seth Hochberg-Miller.

Mazel tov:

Paula Walsh and Lyle Liebreich on their wedding, August 4, 2019.

Seth and Lisa Hochberg-Miller on the wedding of their daughter Elisheva to Danna Harris, on July 27.

Lori Dearman and Jae-Chul So on the Bat Mitzvah of daughter Shayna.

Karen Socher and Ted Kraut on the Bar Mitzvah of son Richard Kraut.

Rachel and Keith McKnett on the Bat Mitzvah of daughter Talia McKnett.

Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



Go and visit a person who cannot get out of their home and bring them cookies or baked goods.

August brings back our families, teachers and staff for another exciting year of curriculum, science, art, outdoor education and socialization at preschool. Our family picnics in August bring families together on their journey in the ECE preschool world. They get a chance to meet other families, their child's classmates and have a fun lunch.

The commitment, warmth and kindness that are shown by the 18 teachers we have here are felt and shown through the acts of commitment to the young children. They indeed are the best team we could ask for at TBT. They work overtime to create dynamic classrooms, curriculum and build strong relationships among the families and staff.

As Rosh Hashanah glides in this year, the High Holy Days will be celebrated by reinforcing what the children know and what the children remember of Rosh Hashanah. It is all about family, sound of the Shofars, Round Challah, Food, Bubbe's House, Apples and Honey, Honey cake and more food and fun activities.

This beautiful holiday allows the children to bake Challah and touch the sticky honey as it drips from their mouths. They celebrate by making Shofars out of paper, tooting the plastic ones, and having the Rabbi or Marisa visit their classroom. We talk about how each year Rosh Hashanah arrives, just like our birthdays. We also discuss Yom Kippur and the act of forgiveness and how we wish to improve in the coming months by being a "Mensch" to our fellow community and family. Let's all reflect on how we can do this in the trying months to come in this shaky world of ours. STEP

up to help make it a better world.....TIKUN OLAM....

Some of the ways you can celebrate with your children or grandchildren:

Teach them to say "Shanah Tovah" as a greeting to someone; pass the shofar around with others just like you play musical chairs; bake a challah or honey bread; take a walk and collect colorful leaves; visit an apple farm, go to the super market and purchase different kinds of apples for baking; or share your favorite Rosh Hashanah recipe with another family or their school. Go and visit a person who cannot get out of their home and bring them cookies or baked goods.

Some good books for reading can be found in our library or at your local bookstore. Did you read the story "The World's Birthday", by Barbara Goldin? "The Little Leaf" by Chana Sharfstein? "The Creation" by Stephen Mitchell? How about Sylvia Rouss's Sammy the Spider books? Speaking of libraries, please feel free to borrow or donate a Jewish children's book to our library that someone can enjoy. Check out the home style library at TBT for a perfect place to read and smooze.

In the near future we will be having Visitor's Day August 16, First day of school August 19, Parent Orientation, classroom picnics, and a big BBQ in October. We continue to further diversify our curriculum by including and supporting the necessary basics for a successful transition to Kindergarten. Wishing you Shanna Tova and a sweet one at that. B'Shalom,
Marion Levin-Welch M.A.
ECE Director



My name is Richard S. Kraut. I am going to be a bar mitzvah on August 17, 2019. My parents are Ted Kraut and Karen Socher and I have an older brother, Joseph, and a dog named Harry. I live in Ventura and go to Cabrillo Middle School. I am going into 8th grade. I love playing soccer, playing the piano, skateboarding, snowboarding, and listening to music. My favorite subjects in school are woodshop and science. This summer I am volunteering as a counselor in training at Camp Haverim. I am a member of the Salty Dogs Club at Cabrillo and The Fusion Soccer Club/Academy. My career goals are to be a professional soccer player and a Natural Energy Engineer or Mechanical Engineer or an Architect/Designer or a Surgeon or a Criminal Lawyer.

To me, being Jewish means being different than 99% of the world by being part of the less than 1% that are Jewish and to be part of a people that survived many terrible things like the black death, slavery, the holocaust, walking through a desert for 40 years with no food or water. When I think about being Jewish I think about doing a good deed is a mitzvah. There is not that much of a difference from other religions, only if you make it have a big difference in your lifestyle.

My future Jewish plans are to keep on coming to temple and my family later in life being Jewish and my children having bar/bat mitzvahs and me possibly becoming part of a minyan when I am older like my great grandfather.

-Richard

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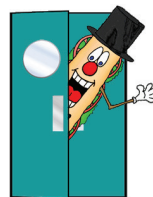
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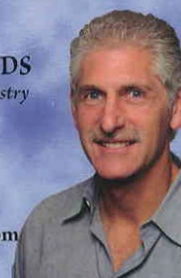
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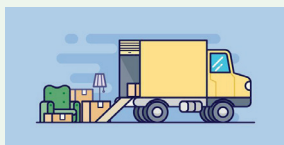
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