



ChaiLights

The monthly newsletter of
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From the Rabbi.....

Sunday mornings during religious school adult education continues. Rabbi Deborah's Hebrew class will be working on Hebrew reading skills and prayer book vocabulary. If you know the Hebrew alphabet but your reading skills are a bit rusty, now is a perfect time to join our class. We warmly welcome new participants! Classes will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 on January 8th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th, and 12th.

In addition we will be adding a TORCH class with Rabbi Johnny from Torah Outreach Resource Center Houston on January 8th, 22nd, February 5th and 12th beginning at 10:30. He will teach a 4 part series exploring the fundamentals of character development in Judaism, also known as mussar. We will examine such topics as Anger management, relationships, productivity, potential realization, and more!

There is no charge for either class. **Simply sign up for either class by emailing Rabbi Deborah at rebdeb18@comcast.net by January 5th.**

May the secular year 2017 be a good one for each of us, our families and the world in which we live,

Rabbi Deborah

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Religious school getting ready for Hanukkah.



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Upcoming Event:

Chicken Soup Cook-off Sunday, February 12 at 11:30am.

Family event for everyone to participate - It's never too early to gather your team AND plan your theme
More info and entry forms to come.

January Events.....

Jan 6 6:30pm – Potluck Shabbat. Shabbat service followed by a 7:30pm Potluck dinner. Please bring an entree or side dish to share.

**Jan 8 9:30 am Hebrew Noon? – Men’s Club
10:39 am – Torch Class**

Jan 13 7:30pm – Musical Shabbat with Jon Zelon and Myrna Reingold

Jan 20 7:30 pm – Torah service with Rabbi Schloss

**Jan 22 9:30 am – Hebrew
10:30 am – Torch class**

Jan 27 7:30 pm – Shabbat service with Rabbi Schloss

**Jan29 9:30 am Hebrew
12:30 pm – Book Club @ home of Jeanne Sheinberg**

All events held at TBT unless otherwise stated.

Temple Beth Tikvah Silent Auction Sunday February 12th, 2017.

We are in need of Gift Baskets for the Silent Auction. Previous hugely popular Gift Baskets were a Beer Gift Basket (Wheelbarrow-really) and Cat Gift Basket. If you are willing/interested/curious in constructing one please contact Joe Wallack JoeWallack@gmail.com. If you want to take the easy way out you can contribute \$ 18 (or more if you insist) to TBT and notate that it is for The Silent Auction.

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Sponsor an Oneg

The TBT Oneg Fund pays for the catered onegs for our Musical Shabbats and when no one has volunteered to provide the Oneg. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg or donate to the Oneg Fund or even if you would not like to but know that I would like you to, please contact me at JoeWallack@gmail.com

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Book Club News:

After taking off the month of December, TBT's Book Group is scheduled up for the next 6 months according to the list of dates and books, below. Consider this article your invitation to join us. We typically meet on the last Sunday of the month from 12:30 to 2:00pm. And, we also attend reviews and other topical programs around the Houston Metro Area (e.g. ERJCC Book Fair, Inprint Author Series, UHCL Continuing Studies Book Reviews).

1/23 Inprint Author Series: Annie Proulx

1/29 *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx @ home of Jeanne Sheinberg.

2/26 Rabbi Deborah *The Pearl that Broke its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi

3/26 Susan Steinberg *The Kidnapping of Edgarto Mortara* by David Kertzer

4/30 Jean Cahn TBD

5/07 Shalom Aleichem program at JCC <http://www.erjcc-houston.org/arts/an-afternoon-with-sholem-aleichem-commemorating-his-yahrzeit/>

6/25 Judith Oppenheim (one of the following: *Trouble in the Tribe: The American-Jewish Conflict over Israel* or *Travels with Myself and Another*)

For information about book club please contact Judith Oppenheim judopp@aol.com.

TBT Men's Club:

TBT Men's Club meets the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 8 possibly Noon to 1:30 PM. Please RSVP to Ed Sheinberg or Jed Login TBTMen@jlogin.e4ward.com to confirm the time. We welcome new members.

Send Jed Login an email if you have ideas for an activity, suggestions, questions or concerns. The men's club encourages suggestions for speakers to present at some of our 2017 meetings. Looking forward to seeing everyone next month.

Honor your departed loved ones.....

Members can honor their dear departed loved ones with the purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque which would be mounted on our Yahrzeit board in the sanctuary. There is a one-time charge of \$300 and the plaque will be an everlasting tribute to your family member. Contact David Salinsky at Djs1122@aol.com for more information.

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Sisterhood Calendar **Sisterhood News**

Saturday January 14 - Grand Old Opry's presentation of "**Wiesenthal**", spouses and guests welcome



For information regarding hosting an event, contact Nancy Schwartz, 832-725-8062

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TBT gratefully acknowledges the following donations

- Jimmy Benz to Oneg Fund
- Paul Hamer to Oneg Fund in appreciation of Joe Wallack
- Hamer Family to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in appreciation of Eljay Waldman

☆Sisterhood's annual "Chicken" Soup Cook Off is Sunday February 12 - Plan to cook a soup or just come to enjoy eating soup. Either way, it's a good time. There are typically many vegetarian choices and at least one gluten free soup to taste. Nancy Harris is will have the registration forms available for you soon.

☆In addition to the cook-off, Joe Wallack is coordinating a silent auction to occur the same day as the cook-off. Joe is kindly asking for help to put together baskets in advance of the events of that festive day. If you can help, please contact him directly at: joewallack@email.com or 713.408.2355

☆If there are events for which you are aware that are coming up this spring, please let me know. We have yet to plan for March, April or beyond, Please share your ideas for Sisterhood to get together for group activities.

☆Your TBT Sisterhood membership of double chai, \$36.00, helps to support our temple and our Sisterhood activities. Some of the money collected in the dues you pay are used for the following (just to name a few):

- Pay for our Sunday School teachers to attend classes every spring
- Purchase(d) artwork that hangs in the hallway outside the classrooms
- Pay for supplies for events such as the double baby shower we had for "the Jessicas"
- Contribute toward supplies for events that are hosted by an individual vs. when we go out together and pay for ourselves
- Contribute toward supplies for our temple kitchen and restrooms
- Purchase gift for Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Purchase items (hopefully recoup our \$\$) for, and to grow, our gift shop
- Purchase decorations (remember the beautifully decorated tables for the Yom Kippur breakfast this year - thanks to the help of Deidre Garow and Deborah Nowinsky for shopping for us)

**If you haven't paid your dues for the fiscal year (August through August), it's never too late. Please contact Mardy Schweitzer (Sisterhood Treasurer or me). Cash and checks are accepted. Sorry, we cannot process credit cards for Sisterhood dues. However, you CAN pay your temple dues with a monthly auto-payment from your credit card (Yeah baby, those help to build air miles for travel). Happy Holidays to all! Stay warm with the upcoming freeze- what a great time to practice making a soup for the cook off! Nancy

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January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 6:30 pm Potluck Shabbat	7
8 9:30 am Hebrew 10:30 am TORCH class Noon? Men's Club	9	10	11	12	13 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat	14 8 pm Weisenthal
15	16	17	18	19	20 7:30 pm Torah Service	21
22 9:30 Hebrew 10:30 am TORCH class	23	24	25	26	27 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	28
29 9:30 Hebrew 12:30 pm Book Club	30	31				

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