



ChaiLights

The monthly newsletter of
Temple Beth Tikvah

April 2017

Temple Beth Tikvah

12411 Park Shadows Trail
Houston, TX 7705
281-286-1717

www.tbthouston.com

Board of Directors

President – Stuart Eisen
Executive VP – Steven Levy
Past President – Joe Wallack
Ritual – Audrey Dunegan
Finance – Paul Hamer
Education – Cori Novy
Membership – Cinnamon Howell
Treasurer – Charles South
Communications – Erin Moeller
Building/Grounds – Mike Howell
Fundraising - Joe Wallack
Member at Large – Jerry Cahn
Secretary – Scott Vickers
Men’s Club – Ed Sheinberg
Sisterhood – Nancy Schwartz

Spiritual Leadership:

Rabbi Deborah Schloss

rabbi@templebethtikvah.org

Office Hours by appointment

Contents

Rabbi’s Message.....1
Birthdays.....2
April Events.....2
President’s message.....3
Sisterhood News.....4
Men’s Club.....4
Book Club.....4
TBT Passover Seder.....5



Photo by Rabbi Deborah

Our TBT kids had a great time making tzedakah boxes at religious school on April 2.

Rabbi’s Message

Friday April 7th we will be hosting an interfaith service beginning at 6:30 with our friends from the Clear Lake Islamic Center (CLIC). Ibrahim Ezghair, Associate Imam, will join me in speaking about several similarities between our religious traditions. We look forward to getting to know one another more closely during a joint potluck following services. Please label your food item dairy, vegetarian or meat (beef or chicken). This is the first of several interfaith events which Stuart and I are helping plan with the CLIC.

I’m excited to share that our congregant Deborah Nowinski's book, "Your Role in Inclusion Theatre: The guide to integrating actors with disabilities and nondisabled in your school and theater" was awarded the prestigious Barbara Jordan Award in the book category.



Birthdays

April 8 – Rabbi Deborah

April 24 – Mariana Buchner

We also wish a belated happy birthday to Tracie Bein on **March 25!**

If you have a birthday in May, we don't know about it! Please notify Nancy Schwartz at nanceschwartz@gmail.com if you have a May - August birthday.

April Events

April 7 - 6:30pm Interfaith service and Potluck dinner

April 14 - 6pm Passover Seder at Bay Oaks country club

April 21 - 7pm Torah service with Rabbi Schloss

April 28 - 7pm Shabbat service with Rabbi Schloss

**Please note our new service start times of 7pm!

All events held at TBT unless otherwise stated

Do you shop online at Amazon?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to TBT.

if you ask. You just have to go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select Temple Beth Tikvah as your preferred charitable organization from the list of 501c charities, before you begin shopping. Be careful to select Temple Beth Tikvah in

The award is for movies, articles, or books that positively highlight people with disabilities. Deborah will be awarded April 13th in Denton, Texas at UNT during the 34th Annual Barbara Jordan Media Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Apogee Club at UNT Apogee Stadium.

One of Texas' most distinguished citizens and spokesperson, Barbara Jordan was a Houston native and U.S. congresswoman. Known as a remarkable orator who broke barriers and built bridges, Jordan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. To register please go to <http://www.cvent.com/d/m5qk9q>. If you plan to attend, please let me know. Deb's book can be bought through Amazon.com. Way to go Deb~ you make us proud!

Adult Education continues with Hebrew and Judaica Sunday mornings April 9th and 30th.

We have a guest lecturer, Aaron Howard Sundays May 7th and 21st from 10:30 to noon who will be teaching us about The Jews in Poland. The first class will be about Polish Jewry before and during WWII and the second class will be about modern Polish Jewry. This is to give those of us attending our TBT Jewish roots of Eastern and Central Europe trip some helpful background information and it's open to all whether joining us in Europe this June or not.

Eljay continues to grow stronger and looks forward to returning to work this month. It was a thrill to recently have him return to our Friday night service.

Eljay and Priya join me in wishing you a happy and healthy Passover and we look forward to celebrating together at our community seder!

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah



Photo by Erin Moeller

Stay tuned for information on NEW summer classes with TORCH's Rabbi Johnny.



Houston as there are other TBTs in California. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to us.

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

Shop Online with IGIVE

If you do, you can help TBT, financially, at no additional cost to you! Just go to <http://www.igive.com/welcome/lp16/cr63b.cfm?c=> Register and select Temple Beth Tikvah as your charity of choice. Then, whenever you log in to IGIVE and shop at one of the hundreds of online stores linked to IGIVE, a portion of your purchase price, from .8%-10%, will be donated to TBT.

Better yet, **install the IGIVE Button on your browser**, so that if you shop at an IGIVE store or business even without going through IGIVE, TBT will still benefit, as it has already to the tune of more than \$186. Just imagine how much money could come in to our

President's Message

We had a fantastic month of March! The Purim Carnival, although dreary on the outside, was full of fun and enthusiasm on the inside. A HUGE thank you is deserved from all of us to the committee of Jack Sasiene, Cinnamon Howell, David Salinsky, David Taylor, and Nancy Harris! Additional thanks go out to all of the volunteers who helped at the Carnival, and all of those who sponsored games.

The Purim Service was a smashing success, due to the leadership of Audrey Dunegan and with the help of all of the participants. The kids were amazing and so funny! And speaking of Audrey and Shawn, another big thank you goes out for donating the Keurig machine, along with some K-Cups. What a wonderful gift that is!

It was wonderful to have Eljay back with us at services! He looks great, and we all continue to hold him in our thoughts and prayers as he travels the road back to full health.

The third installation of our TORCH seminars was intellectually stimulating and fun. The final session of this series will be held on April 2, from 10:30-12. Feel free to join us, whether you have been to any previous sessions or not. The board and Rabbi Schloss will be looking at another series of TORCH talks in the fall. Watch for more information about that series in the coming months.

April will hold more interesting events, including our Pot-Luck service on April 7, which will feature a comparison of our religious symbols to those of Islam. Our neighbors from the Clear Lake Islamic Center will be joining us for this service. Our annual Community Passover Seder will be held on April 14. A link to the reservation form: <http://www.tbthouston.com/images/Passover-Seder-Ad-2017-3.pdf>. I hope to see lots of you, there!

Our Men's Club is working on having a Dinner/Dance in the fall. Look for more info soon!

Finally, we are always looking for members who would like to become more involved in the workings of our synagogue. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let me or any other board member know. With that in mind, I would like to thank Erin Moeller for recently taking over the task of putting together this newsletter.

Have a great month!
Stuart Eisen



coffers if we all took advantage! And at no extra cost to any of us. Do your part and register today. Oh, and USE the service! Thanks!

Men's Club

TBT Men's Club will meet Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the back classroom on the right. Please remember that we always welcome new members!

Send Jed Login or Ed 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. If you'd like to volunteer to pick up bagels or contribute any other way drop Jed a line at TBTMen@jlogin.e4ward.com.

Book Club

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

Chailights Submissions

Do you have a photo, event, achievement, writeup, etc., that you want to see featured in the next Chalights? If so, please e-mail your inputs to Erin Moeller, erinmoel1@gmail.com by the 3rd Friday of the month.

Sisterhood News

Harriet's Happy Hour

It's time for Passover...and that means it's time to make Haroset for our TBT Seder. Harriet graciously welcomes us to her home for this evening filled with apple peeling and chopping, sipping wine, laughter, sipping, chopping, sipping, laughter...well, you get the idea.

This is a wonderful tradition and great time to make lasting memories for everyone. Children old enough to help in the kitchen are welcome to join in this Passover tradition.

- When: Thursday April 13, 6 PM - until we're done
- Where: Harriet Hayes' home, South Shore Harbour, text/call Harriet for directions: 832-689-7707
- What to bring: potato/apple peeler, preferred beverage and noshes
- Sisterhood will provide some wine and snacks

***Super thanks in advance if you're available to help set up table decorations on Friday at Bay Oaks Country Club. Please call me to confirm time. 832-725-8062

**Information about TBT Sisterhood's events can be found here, in the monthly ChaiLights and also on our Temple Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Facebook page. If you are a TBT/Sisterhood member, search for our FB page and request to be added. Our secretary, Corinne Blancas, or I, will add you to the group.

☀Spring Social and Meeting Sunday April 23☀

Join us for some girl time! We'll have lunch together, eat, visit and take care of Sisterhood agenda items for upcoming events. Let me know if you plan to bring a dish to share. We'll meet at TBT to accommodate those who have kiddos in, or who are teaching, Sunday School. Please RSVP to me to let me know if you're coming. Meet at 12:30 in the library. Moms might consider ordering pizza and playtime for kiddos who will be with them. That makes it fun for your kiddos to stay and play so you can enjoy YOUR time. Looking forward to seeing you!

Sisterhood Dues

If you have been meaning to pay your sisterhood dues but just keep forgetting, it's not too late. Write a check for \$36.00 to TBT Sisterhood and either mail it to the temple or contact Mardy Schweitzer or Nancy Schwartz. Dues pay for various Sisterhood events including professional education classes for Sunday school teachers, art and decorations for the various holidays, gift shop items for your shopping convenience, paper goods for the temple, and more. Thank you for your dedication to supporting your Sisterhood and temple!





TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH CELEBRATES
PASSOVER
 WITH ITS CONGREGATIONAL SEDER
 FRIDAY, April 14, 2016 @ 6:00PM
 Bay Oak Country Club



All are welcome to our celebration, members and the general public too, are invited to make reservations for this event. Come and share in an evening with a traditional Jewish Passover Seder, ritual foods, and the telling of our exodus out of Egypt. This celebration will be held at Bay Oaks Country Club and conducted by Rabbi Deborah Schloss with singing by Myrna Reingold and Jon Zelon on Keyboard.

Limited seating ~ so get your reservations in NOW!

A Buffet Dinner will be provided consisting of:

- Matzah Ball Soup, Bay Oaks Signature Salad,*
- Pecan Crusted Tilapia with Mango Pico, Passover Brisket*
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Roasted Garlic Fingerling Potatoes*
- Desserts provided by Sisterhood and TBT Members*

WINE AND GRAPE JUICE **PROVIDED BY CATERER**



Bay Oaks Country Club located at 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd
 Houston, TX 77059 (832) 224.5009

Correct catering must be arranged so be courteous. DON'T DELAY, FILL THIS OUT NOW AND SEND BACK !!!!

(detach here)

Name: _____ Member _____ Non Member

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Adults: _____ @ \$48 per member = \$ _____

_____ @ \$54 per non Member = \$ _____

Children (6-13yrs): _____ @ \$18 per child = \$ _____

Kiddies (under 6yrs): _____ @ no charge = \$ _____

Total # _____ Total \$ _____

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS ISSUED. CHECK-IN WILL BE AT THE DOOR FOR SEATING. Pre-payment required to reserve your seats. **SEATING: IF YOU WISH TO SIT WITH A GROUP...MUST PROVIDE 8-10 NAMES TO RESERVE A TABLE, OTHERWISE SEATING WILL BE ASSIGNED.**

FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS or SPECIAL NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Jill MacGregor: jill.macgreg@gmail.com 281-684-0109

Complete your reservation: Make check **payable to:** Temple Beth Tikvah DUE by: **April 5th No exceptions**

RETURN TO: Temple Beth Tikvah c/o Ritual; 12411 Park Shadows Trail; Houston, TX 77058

