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The monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Tikvah

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Services are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Services begin at 7 p.m. on all other Fridays.

Oneg Sponsorship

The TBT Oneg Fund provides catered onegs for Musical Shabbats and for occasions when there is no sponsor. To sponsor an oneg or donate to the fund, please e-mail Joe Wallack.

Rabbi's Message



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and finding ways to stay cool from our blistering heat. We had a special installation service for our TBT board of directors several weeks ago. Welcome to our new board members!

Please mark your calendars for these dates in August:

August 11 ~ I'll be leading services and during services we will have a special treat! **Audrey Dunegan** will be speaking about her trip to Israel with other Houston area Jewish educators. After recently getting together with Audrey to hear about her impressions from her first trip to Israel, I know that you will enjoy hearing her address our congregation.

August 13 ~ Adult Education with Rabbi Deborah from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by Rabbi Johnny from TORCH from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

August 18 ~ We will have an open house for perspective members beginning at 6 pm, followed by our Torah service. Please let me know if you are available to join us before services to help showcase TBT 😊.

August 20 ~ Adult Education with Rabbi Deborah from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by Rabbi Johnny from TORCH from 10:30 a.m. to noon.



Come to adult education with Rabbi Johnny Ouzzan of TORCH on Aug. 13 and Aug. 20 at TBT!



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12411 Park Shadows Trail
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specific fund, please indicate it on
the memo line of your check.



Men's Club

Please remember that we always
welcome new members!

Send Jed Login or Ed Sheinberg an
e-mail 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.

And maybe you don't have High Holy Days on the forefront of your mind yet, but Deb Nowinski, our Ritual Director and I certainly do! Erev Rosh Hashana is Wed, evening September 20. We will have a congregational dinner before services and a festive oneg with your help after services. Rosh Hashana services continue Friday morning September 21. Kol Nidrei is Friday night September 29 and Yom Kippur services Saturday September 30, followed by our congregational break fast.

A heart-felt thank you to **Deb Nowinski**, **Myrna Reingold**, and **Jon Zelon** for leading services several times over the summer!

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah



President's Message

The heat of summer is upon us, but the A/C at TBT is working great! We have great things happening, thanks to **Rabbi Deborah** and the members of your board of directors.

Do you know a member of our Jewish community who is not affiliated with a congregation? Perhaps someone in an interfaith marriage who feels they would be unaccepted in a synagogue? Well, TBT will be hosting an open house for potential new members on August 18 at 6 p.m. prior to services. Please feel free to invite anyone you might know who might want more information about our temple.

Mark your calendars to attend services on August 11, when **Audrey Dunegan** will share highlights of her trip to Israel. I'm sure it will be very interesting. Audrey was part of a delegation of teachers from Houston.

There are many spaces available on our Yahrtzeit Memorial Board. Have you considered memorializing a loved one? Purchasing a plaque for our board is a wonderful way to remember members of your family who have passed, as well as supporting Temple Beth Tikvah. For more information, e-mail [David Salinsky](mailto:David.Salinsky).

Finally, there has been some unusual and suspicious activity in the area, lately. I am taking our security very seriously and have taken steps to do what we can to help ensure our safety, within our financial constraints. The most visible and least costly (free!) thing that I have done is to ask the constable's office for increased patrols of our property. If you see police cruisers in our parking lot, take a minute to thank them for being there. If you happen to see something suspicious, please do not put yourself in jeopardy, but do call the Pasadena Police Department or the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable. Thanks for your help, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Hoping to see everyone, soon!
[Stuart Eisen](mailto:Stuart.Eisen)

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You can **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!

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On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select Temple Beth Tikvah in Houston as your preferred charitable organization before you begin shopping.

"Our Story" – TBT Trip to Central and Eastern Europe



TBT congregants, family, and friends gather for a photo at the Warsaw, Poland Jewish Community Center, where they received a tour and a presentation from local Jewish artists.



TBT's new Board of Directors was installed during services last month. Please welcome our new and returning board members, and feel free to contact them with any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you have regarding TBT.

Sisterhood Summer Events

August 19, 6pm at Merlion in Seabrook (www.merlionrestaurant.com):
Houston Restaurant Weeks Sisterhood Dinner outing - All are invited.
Please [e-mail me](#) your reservation if you want to sit at our table.

August 27, 11:30 a.m. at Judith O's home: **Review of Sholem Aleichem short stories, Chava and Tallit Koton** (Tevye the Dairyman and Railroad Stories)



Happy birthday to the following Sisterhood members!

August 5 – **Shelly Frank**

August 29 – **Nancy Schwartz**

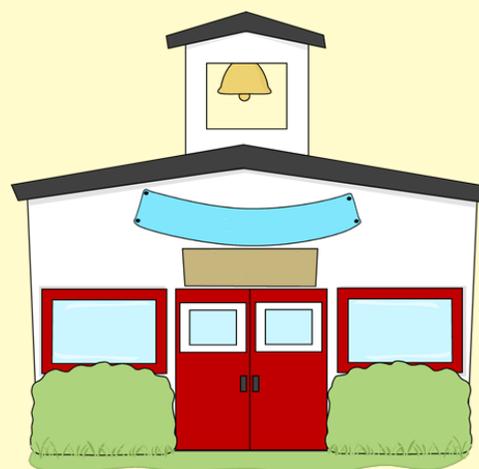


Religious School News

by Cori Wilson

As a benefit of joining the Institute of Southern Jewish Living, TBT is assigned an education fellow. For each year that TBT maintains its membership, TBT will have a fellow assigned to our temple. Education fellows assist teachers in implementing ISJL's religious school curriculum, will visit TBT three times per year, can lead Shabbat and holiday services, create religious school programming, organize and direct an annual education conference, assist with community and cultural programming, and much more.

This year, our fellow is **Rachel Fraade**. Rachel came to the Institute of Southern Jewish Life from Duke University, where she studied sociology. Her background in Jewish education includes leading monthly junior congregation, teaching sixth and seventh grade religious school, and two years as a camp counselor at Camp Ramah in New England. In addition, she has held various jobs and leadership positions furthering social justice, interfaith relationships, and Jewish community. Rachel's passions lie in the intersection of religion and social movements, and she loves serving the communities of the South as an Education Fellow. In her spare time you can find her running, reading, cooking, and knitting.



Ritual News - Register Now for the High Holy Days

Dear TBT family,

Soon August and its heat will melt away and we look forward to Fall and the High Holy Days. (Do I dare ask for better temps?)

- Rosh Hashana this year is Wednesday, September 20 (evening) and Thursday, September 21.
- Tashlich will take place after our Thursday service.
- Yom Kippur is Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.

Our congregation dinner will be on September 20 before we begin our 10 days of awe. The location is currently TBD due to an unforeseen complication with the original restaurant.

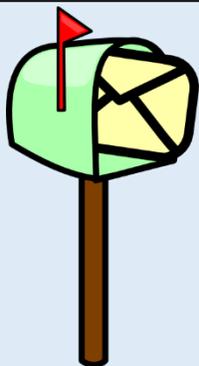
The [form to reserve your High Holy Days seats](#) is linked here (and on the TBT Web site). Please return this form to me before September 5!

If you have any questions, please [e-mail](#) or call me. I look forward to spending the High Holy days with the TBT family!

Also, those who want to participate - either reading English or Hebrew, please email me! It makes the holidays more alive when everyone participates!!!

I wish you a wonderful (hurricane-free) August!

Best,
Deborah Nowinski



ChaiLights submissions

To submit photos, simchas, or other write-ups to the ChaiLights newsletter, please [e-mail your entry](#) by the third Friday of the month.