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Rabbi's Message

TBT member featured in Jewish Herald-Voice

What a fabulous article about Rachel Sasiene and her family that Pica Kahn wrote for the Jewish Herald Voice! If you have not seen it yet, please click on the link. We wish Rachel a wonderful experience in Israel this summer, and our other TBT youth and young adults a fun and meaningful summer.



Last month Mardy Schweitzer, her Aunt Rita, Nancy Schwartz, the Harris family, and I attended the Ramadan gathering with the Clear Lake Islamic Center and heard an array of interesting speakers. At the end of the program they gave out community recognition awards and our synagogue received one thanking us for our kindness in welcoming them to our synagogue for our interfaith service and potluck.





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Friday Services

Services are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

On all other Fridays, services begin at 7 p.m.

Donations

TBT gratefully acknowledges the following donations toward the budget shortfall:

- •Allen Buchner
- Adam Baker
- Audrey Dunegan
- •Stuart Eisen
- •Paul Hamer
- •David Hamer
- Deborah Nowinski
- •Myrna Reingold
- Nancy Schwartz
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If you would like to donate to a specific fund, please indicate it on the memo line of your check.



The highlight of the past couple of weeks for 14 TBTers, including myself, was our Jewish roots of Eastern and Central Europe trip. A few pictures are included in this newsletter. We are excited to share our experiences with you!



We are also thrilled that **Audrey Dunegan** is representing TBT on a Federation educators' trip to Israel and look forward to her sharing the highlights of what she learned and experienced during an upcoming Friday night service.

Just a reminder that Rabbi Johnny's TORCH adult education class will continue on August 13 and 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Finally, we are sad to bid a temporary farewell to **Jessica Morales**, her husband **Jovan**, and sweet son **Julian**. They will be relocating to Puerto Rico for the next 2 years. This move will enable Jovan to spend more time with his family. We already look forward to their return to Houston and Temple Beth Tikvah.

Warmly, *Rabbi Deborah*





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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

President's Message



WOW! What an experience we had on our journey exploring our Eastern/Central European roots. I am sure that everyone who went on this trip will be sharing their thoughts on how they were moved and inspired. I want to give a huge "THANK YOU" to **Rabbi Deborah** and the folks at **Authentic Israel** for putting together an amazing trip. It was also great to spend

time with our TBT friends, and the folks who joined us from other parts of the country who are now a part of our family. (I count **Jackie and Larry Sklars** as a part of our TBT family, even before the trip!) Also, a big shout out to **Jon Zelon**, **Myrna Reingold**, and **Deb Nowinski** for keeping services going while we were gone.







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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@ilogin.e4ward.com.

Our new TBT officers will be installed on an upcoming Friday night. Stay tuned for the exact date. I hope that you will join us for this and all of our services. Remember, services start at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and 7 p.m. on all other Fridays.

Hoping to see everyone, soon! *Stuart Eisen*

Sisterhood Summer Events

July 15 - Art Walk in Galveston, anyone??

July 22 – Mark your calendar for an evening event at Chabad. Watch for a Sisterhood e-mail during the beginning of July with more details.

July 23, 11:00 a.m. – We will hold our annual meeting to elect officers and plan for the months ahead. Please plan to join us for this brunch/luncheon at my home. Consider participating as our Sisterhood President, Secretary or Treasurer. Please let me know if you plan to bring a dish to share. We want to be sure we have a variety of food for all taste buds.

August 19, 6 p.m. – Sisterhood Houston Restaurant Weeks Dinner (everyone invited!): August 19, 6 p.m. (Restaurant to be announced)

August 27 - Book Club meeting (rescheduled from July 29) – **Judith Oppenheim** reviews two Sholem Aleichem short stories, Chava, and The Tallis Koton.

Happy Birthday to the following Sisterhood members! 🛓

July

12 - Julie Roven First

13 - Jeanne Sheinberg

August

5 - Shelly Frank

29 - Nancy Schwartz

Shalom,

Nancy Schwartz, <u>832-725-8062</u>



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