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Rabbi’s Message

The highlight of May was having Page, Rachel, Zach, Dana, and Hannah join us for Friday night services on May 19. What a wonderful reunion of dear TBTers who are physically distant but remain emotionally close.



Myrna would like to share her love of Jewish prayer and song with you. Please see her announcement on page 5.

Rabbi Johnny from TORCH will be rejoining us for a second series of classes on five Sundays during the summer. Our first class was June 4. We will also meet on June 11, July 9, August 13, and August 20. Classes will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the fee is \$10 per session or \$36 for the full series. If you are paying by check, please make out checks to TORCH. Thank you for RSVP’ing to me at rebdeb18@comcast.net if you are planning to attend. Rabbi Johnny is a dynamic, engaging teacher and if you haven’t attended one of his classes, you owe it to yourself to join us!



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June Events

June 9 - 7pm Shabbat service with Rabbi Schloss and special travelers. Farewell to those members going to Eastern Europe and Israel. Special Polish oneg to follow.

June 16 - 7pm Torah service with Rabbi Schloss

June 23 - 7pm musical service with Jon and Myrna

June 30 - 7pm lay-led Shabbat service

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

All events are held at TBT unless otherwise stated.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Yahrzeits

We would like to start a TBT list of special dates. If you would like to include a birthday, anniversary, yahrzeit, or other special event in the ChaiLights, please e-mail [Erin Moeller](mailto:Erin.Moeller).

Donations

Donations can be mailed to TBT at 12411 Park Shadows Trail Houston, TX 77058

If you would like to donate to a specific fund, please indicate it on the memo line of your check.



Our sendoff service for TBT's Jewish roots of Eastern and Central Europe will take place on June 9 at 7:00 pm. We will have a special blessing during services and an oneg featuring food items from these parts of Europe. Please bring a dish to share. Also this evening we will celebrate Deb Nowinsky for receiving the Barbara Jordan medal for empowerment of people with disabilities. Please join us as we celebrate Deb during our launch to Europe service!



As you can see from the picture above, our religious school children enjoyed a fun-filled last day of religious school. Thank you to Cori Novy and each of our teachers for a wonderful school year! Congratulations to our children for completing the school year and wishing everyone a relaxing, fun-filled summer.

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah



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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

President's Message



Thank you to the members who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM). Beginning a 2-year term in July are: Deborah Nowinsky (Ritual), Nancy Harris (Membership), Erin Moeller (Communications), Joe Wallack (Fundraising), Charles South (Treasurer), and Jill MacGregor (Member-At-Large).

The Executive Vice President is an extremely important office. The duties, basically, are to chair board meetings in the absence of the president, and to perform other duties assigned by the president. The Executive VP has traditionally been a "training ground" for the next president. It is my intention to serve out the remainder of the current term (through June 2018) and to run for another two-year term at that time. So, the Exec. VP would have at least three years to learn what the presidency entails. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role at TBT, please let me know. Steven Levy will continue to serve in this position, but would like someone to step up who really would like to be president in the future.

The membership also passed the budget for fiscal 2017-2018. The budget will balance, if we can raise an additional \$10,000. That sounds like a huge amount, but if every member family increases their dues commitment by just \$15/month, we can reach our goal of balancing the budget. Members attending the ACM were asked to do just this, and we have already raised over 10% of the goal. Please consider increasing your dues by at least \$15/month.

Rabbi Deborah, Don Maierson, and I recently met with Captain Hitzman and Lieutenant Nguyen of HPD, along with Dena Marks of the ADL. Captain Hitzman is the new commander of the HPD Clear Lake substation, and just wanted to have a get-to-know-you meeting. Although TBT is not in HPD's jurisdiction, Hitzman felt it was important to see our facility and meet some of us. Thanks to Dena and Don for arranging the meeting.

June will be an exciting month, with Audrey Dunegan representing our religious school on an expedition to Israel for educators, and about 15 other congregants exploring our Jewish roots in Central and Eastern Europe. All of the travelers will be honored with travel blessings at our service on June 9. Please try to attend!

Rabbi Johnny will be joining us again, for five sessions that began June 4. His sessions are sure to be interesting and thought-provoking.

Installation of the new board will take place on July 7, which will also be our monthly family service.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your president.
Stuart Eisen



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Sisterhood Summer Events

June 9 - Come for Shabbat services and join us in congratulating our very own, Deborah Nowinski for receiving the Barbara Jordan medal for empowerment of people with disabilities

June 9 - During Shabbat services, those traveling to Europe for the Jewish History tour will receive a special prayer. In anticipation for the trip, the travelers will host the oneg spotlighting food from the region. Please let us know if you're planning to join us.

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 - 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 event - For the second year in a row, we will participate in Texas Restaurant Weeks. Judith Oppenheim is hosting this event which means she'll research our options, survey our group, and then make reservations for those of us who wish to attend. This event is open to bringing spouses or other guests. More details from Judith in the August ChaiLights.

ANNND last but definitely not least, it's never too late to wish Audrey Dunegan Congratulations on her STRONG completion of her first Ironman Triathlon last month.

🎂 Happy Birthday to the following Sisterhood members! 🎂

June

6 - Deidre Gerow

July

12 - Julie Roven First

13 - Jeanne Sheinberg

August

5 - Shelly Frank

29 - Nancy Schwartz

Shalom,
Nancy Schwartz, [832-725-8062](tel:832-725-8062)



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Men's Club

There will be no TBT Men's club during the month of June. Our next meeting will be July 9 10:30 AM.

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.

Book Club



The June 25 Book Club meeting will be at Cafe Express on Bay Area Blvd at the Gulf Freeway, starting at 11 a.m. Over brunch, we will work out the schedule and reading list for the next 6 to 9 months.

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

Make a Joyful Sound!

Calling our members for evenings of learning and joy.

A song, shir. A psalm, mizmor.

Sing of faithfulness and justice, Psalm 101:1.

Sing to the Lord, based from Exodus 15:21, Psalm 96:1, Psalm 98:1.

In short, joyful adult education, "chinuch l'bogrim."

Starting Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Have you wanted to learn the songs we sing? Do you sing in the shower? Have you wanted to lead a song? Or do you simply enjoy music and song? We are starting Joyful Wednesdays, beginning at 7 p.m. on June 7, 2017. Later dates will be discussed at this kickoff meeting. All are welcome - singers, musicians, and persons who wish to participate in this program. Please notify Myrna Reingold if you would like to attend.

ChaiLights Submissions



Do you have a photo, event, achievement, write-up, etc., that you want to see featured in the next ChaiLights? If so, please e-mail your inputs to Erin Moeller, erinmoe11@gmail.com by the third Friday of the month.



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