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Rabbi’s Message



What a wonderful TBT Passover seder we shared together! A heart-felt thank you to Jill MacGregor for organizing the table arrangements, taking our payments, and working with Bay Oaks to ensure a successful event! Thank you to Harriet Hayes for opening her home and to her and her wonderful helpers for making delicious haroset. Thank you to Brent Erenwert for donating the fruit for our seder, and to Nancy, Harriet, Rebekah, Sydney, Audrey and Jeanne for setting up and/or helping in the kitchen before seder at Bay Oaks. Thank you to Jon and Myrna for the lovely music! Once again, it takes a village and we appreciate each person who gives the gift of their time and energy to make our temple and events as special as they are.



Rabbi Deborah Schloss leads TBT’s pre-bar and bat mitzvah children during the congregation seder at Bay Oaks Country Club on April 14, 2017



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May Events

May 5 – Children’s service and potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 12 – Lay-led Shabbat service at 7 p.m.

May 19 – Torah service with Rabbi Schloss at 7 p.m.

May 26 – Shabbat service with Rabbi Schloss at 7 p.m.

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

All events are held at TBT unless otherwise stated.

The Chosen – Performance at JCC

We would like to wish each of you a happy birthday (and in a timely manner) so please, let me know the date of your birth...NOPE, I didn't ask you for the year you were born.

If anyone is interested in getting a group together to see the play *The Chosen*, from the novel by Chaim Potok, please contact Rabbi Deborah. It will be performed at the ERJCC during the following times:

Thursday, May 11 | 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 13 | 8:00 PM
Sunday, May 14 | 3:00 PM
Thursday, May 18 | 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 20 | 8:00 PM
Sunday, May 21 | 3:00 PM

General Reserved Seating \$22
Premium Seating \$32

Adult education continues in May Sunday mornings May 7th and 21st. Hebrew begins at 9:30 and on both of these Sundays we have a guest lecturer, Aaron Howard 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.

Following Adult Ed on May 21st beginning promptly at noon is our Annual General Meeting. We hope everyone will be able to attend!

Also on May 21st beginning at 4:30 pm, women from both our temple and the Clear Lake Islamic Center (CLIC) will meet at the ERJCC on 5601 S. Braeswood in Houston to view Laurie Wohl *Birds of Longing: Exile and Memory in the Deutser Art Gallery*. This exhibit interweaves Muslim, Jewish, and Christian poetry and spiritual texts from the 8th to 15th centuries in Spain and from contemporary Middle Eastern poets. This interfaith exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for the women of our temple and the CLIC to experience this together. This exhibit goes until June 2nd. Please RSVP to rebdeb18@comcast.net if you plan to attend. You can view the brochure for this exhibit on our TBT welcome desk.



You are invited to our 4th Annual...

Join us for a special evening of keynote speakers, conversation, and dinner!

Ramadan Community Dinner

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 @ 6pm
Clear Lake Park Community Center

Please RSVP at the link below
https://mas_fourth_ramadan_dinner.eventbrite.com



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[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](#).

[Donations](#)

TBT gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

- Oneg fund:
Allen Buchner
- To pay down the mortgage:
Myrna Reingold

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.



Erin and Daniel Moeller and I attended an enlightening talk by Johanna Wycoff, author of *Dancing in Bomb Shelters* at Shaar HaShalom. The three of us found her talk so compelling that we are in the process of reading her book. We highly recommend it!



Photo courtesy of Rabbi Deborah Schloss

TBT members attended the Yom Hashoah service at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on April 23, 2017, and listened to a lecture from Johanna Wycoff, a Holocaust survivor and author of the book, Dancing in Bomb Shelters, the diary of her experiences as a 14-year-old girl in Holland during World War II.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Deb Nowinsky and her mom Flo, on the recent passing of Lou Citarel, Flo's husband and Deb's stepfather of many years.

Please mark your calendar for Friday June 9th when we will have a farewell service including a special blessing for those of us attending the Jewish roots of Eastern and Central Europe congregational trip. Please bring a dish to share for oneg containing the cuisine of Eastern and Central Europe. Perogies anyone?!

Mazel tov to Audrey Dunegan for completing the Woodland's Ironman on April 22nd. We are so proud of your accomplishment Audrey and your commitment to hard training leading up to your momentous day!



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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



Photo courtesy of Audrey Dunegan

Team Dunegan went out to support Audrey at IRONMAN Texas in the Woodlands on April 22, 2017

Rabbi Johnny from TORCH will be rejoining us for a second series of classes during the following Sunday mornings over the summer: June 4 and 11, July 9, and August 13 and 20. Classes will be held from 10:30 to noon and the charge for each class is \$10 or \$36 for the series. Please RSVP to me at rebdeb18@comcast.net if you are planning to attend.

Finally, our High Holyday cantorial soloist Dr. Stewart Zuckerbrod, will be joining fellow singers Julia Lazkowski, Patti Rabaza, and Craig Stevens performing a program of uplifting songs that will take place Saturday evening June 17th and Sunday afternoon June 18th at a private home in the Memorial area. Tickets are 40\$ and include appetizers and champagne. If you are interested in attending please contact Dr. Stew at docz13@yahoo.com for further information. I am planning to be there Saturday night and would be happy to reserve some seats if you'd like to join me.

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah



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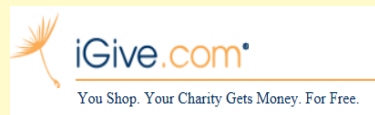


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President's Message



We continue to do wonderful things at TBT! Religious School continues to keep our students engaged and happy. Many thanks go out to Cori Novy and her teachers. The four-session series of lectures by Rabbi Johnny Ouzzan came to an end, but not before he expressed interest in coming back to do another series during the summer. If you haven't attended in the past, try to come to at least one of the next talks, to be announced soon.

The interfaith service conducted with members of the Islamic community was a success, with good food and conversation after the service. We will be announcing more events with our new friends.



Photo provided by Rabbi Deborah Schloss

TBT conducted an interfaith service with members of the Clear Lake Islamic Center on April 7, 2017. See the Jewish Herald Voice article about this service at <http://jhvonline.com/breaking-down-stereotypes-at-a-jewishmuslim-shabbat-p22595-96.htm>.

The Passover Seder was fantastic! Rabbi Deborah led a service that was just the perfect length. Myrna and Jon provided lively musical accompaniment, and the kids added lots of additional entertainment. Thank you to Jill McGregor for organizing the seder, even though she knew from the start she could not attend. That is real commitment! Also, thank you to Nancy Schwartz and the many others who took time to come early and get the tables set with Haggadot and "plagues." And, thanks to the staff of Bay Oaks Country Club, where the food was back to its usual standard of excellence.



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Men's Club

The next meeting will be May 21 at 10:30 in one of the back classrooms.

Please remember that we always welcome new members!

Send Jed Login or Ed 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.

Sisterhood Birthdays

🕎 Please join me in wishing the following Sisterhood members a Happy Birthday 🕎

May

It's hard to believe we don't have any May birthdays...c'mon, speak up!

June

6 - Deidre Gerow

July

12 - Julie Roven First
13 - Jeanne Sheinberg

August

5 - Shelly Frank
29 - Nancy Schwartz

If your birthday falls in one of these months (or you haven't shared your birth date with us yet), don't hesitate to call us now. 📞 ☎



Photo by Rabbi Deborah Schloss

The TBT kids pose with the afikomen, found by Michael Harris, at the annual congregational seder at Bay Oaks Country Club.

A few highlights coming up this month: On May 7 and 21, Aaron Howard, of The Jewish Herald Voice, will be presenting talks on the history of the Jews in Poland. All are welcome to attend, and especially those who are going on our trip to Europe, in June. The May 21st is also the last day of Religious School, with plenty of celebration planned. AND on May 21, we will be holding our annual congregational meeting to elect officers for the upcoming 2 years. Please plan to attend this most important meeting of the year. See the calendar for the start-times of each of these events.

Have a great month, and we'll see you at TBT!
Stuart Eisen

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood met for a spring luncheon and meeting on Sunday, April 23. Thanks to all 9 ladies who attended. Of course we had a variety of salads and plenty of it with leftovers to spare! We missed having the infamous sangria that Nancy (#1) typically makes for us! We discussed many topics and they are included in the minutes of the meeting that were e-mailed to all Sisterhood ladies on Monday, April 24.

Celebrations and Support



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Book Club



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

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.

Another big round of applause goes out to Audrey Dunegan for her determination in training for and completing Ironman Texas 2017. This event took place in the Woodlands on Saturday, April 22. It involves swimming 2.4 miles, then transitioning to riding her bike for 112 miles and then to top that off, she then had to run a marathon. She did it! There is no doubt she deserves to be among those who earned their title as Ironwo-man!!

By the month...

May

No Sisterhood activity scheduled. Christine is working with the Men's Club to organize a picnic for everyone to enjoy together. It might be in May but most likely will take place in the summer or fall.

June

6 – Galveston Art Walk, 6-9 PM downtown Galveston. We'll meet at 4 PM in League City at Cracker Barrel to carpool and have dinner in Galveston before strolling through the downtown district. Contact Nancy S. if interested. [832-725-8062](tel:832-725-8062).

July

This is technically TBT's end/beginning of the new fiscal year, thus it's time for our elections of the three officer positions. Every year prior to, and at our annual meeting, I have asked if anyone wishes to serve in any of the three positions we utilize for our Sisterhood; President, Treasurer and Secretary. As your current president, I encourage you to become more involved and volunteer to serve in one of these capacities. I think a new president can bring new ideas to the group and I welcome you to bump me outa' your way! 😊 We have planned many wonderful events/activities together. Let's see what the next few months have in store for us...

23 – 11 AM brunch, location TBD. It's a brunch, thus adult beverages will be served... 🍷🍹 Mimosas and Bloody Marys...maybe some of Nancy #1's Sangria?! Please send me your preference to hold this gathering at one of the following: TBT, a restaurant, or I welcome everyone to come to my home in Clear Lake Shores. Majority of votes rules... 🗳️

August

🍴 Restaurant Weeks falls in August. Last year we had a lovely dinner at Maggiano's with some spouses who joined us as well. Keep your eyes out for the list of restaurants who'll be participating this year so that you can vote for where you wish to go to dinner for this year's event.

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



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Jewish Family Service Mental Health Coalition* Meeting

Join us

to hear about JFS's recent efforts and future plans
to provide programming and education to the
community.

Wednesday, May 17th from 8:30 am-10:00 am

at Jewish Family Service 4131 South Braeswood Blvd (entrance on Linkwood)

Breakfast will be provided

For any questions or to RSVP
please contact **Elyssa Gottheim, LCSW**
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