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From the Rabbi..... M. Scott Peck insightfully remarked, "There can be no vulnerability without risk; there can be no community without vulnerability; there can be no peace, and ultimately no life, without community."

Stuart and I are pleased to announce that we have been working with the leadership of the Clear Lake Islamic Center (CLIC) to create meaningful interfaith programs for our two communities. The first one will take place at Temple Beth Tikvah on Friday April 7th, when members of the CLIC will join our family service beginning at 6:30 pm for prayers and learning, followed by a joint pot luck meal. During our service we will be sharing some similarities between our two faith traditions. We hope that there will be at least as many participants from TBT as from CLIC!

Adult Education continues while religious school is on spring break on March 12th and 19th, and on March 26th. Hebrew is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. On March 12th Judaica class is from 10:30 to noon and on March 19th and 26th Rabbi Johnny from TORCH will teach from 10:30 to noon. All are invited to attend!

We look forward to having you join us and participate in our Purim service on Friday March 10th. Please let Cory or Audrey know that you would like to participate by reading/acting/summarizing a chapter or more of Megillat Esther.

Please plan to attend our Friday March 17th 7:00 pm service when Rabbi Schloss will be leading services with a new cantorial soloist, Stew Zuckerbrod. We encourage you to attend as we seek your feedback about him!



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TBT gratefully acknowledges the following donations

- For Religious School Teacher training in Israel
 - Schloss, Deborah & Eljay
 - Nancy Schwartz
 - Neal & Susan Wallach
 - Cinnamon& Mike Howell
 - Steve & Lisa Levy
 - Mark& Tabitha Maierson
 - Jessica & Jovan Morales
 - Jean & Jerry Cahn
 - Paul Hamer
 - Arlene & Harvey Leboe
 - Wilson, Daniel & Cori-Novy
 - MacGregor, Rob & Jill

Thank you for your cards, calls, texts, and e-mails about Eljay, who remains in the hospital as I write this, but hopefully not for too much longer. We appreciate your care, concern, and support for us always, especially during this difficult time for our family.

Thank you to Judith Oppenheim for organizing the blood drive in honor of Eljay, details which can be found below.

Warmly, Rabbi Deborah

Message From The President.....

There are so many great things happening at TBT! February just ended with another successful Chicken Soup Cook-Off. March will kick off with our annual Purim Carnival, held at Shaar Hashalom, on March 5th. This great event is shaping up to be the best one, ever, as there will be new activities for everyone, including all of us BIG KIDS! Congregation B’nai Israel, in Galveston, will also be participating this year. Come join us for an hour or two. A huge “thank you” goes out to all of those who helped to plan these two events . And speaking of Purim, check the calendar for the date of our Purim service and come out and “shake your gregors”.

Rabbi Deborah and I recently visited with the leadership of the Clear Lake Islamic Center. We will be exploring activities that we can do to bring our two communities together. They truly want to develop friendships with us, and, I hope, the feeling is mutual.

The board continues to find ways to spend our money more efficiently. Paul Hamer has done amazing things, coming up with huge cost-savings, including cutting our insurance premiums by nearly 50%.

I also want to remind you that our start-times for services have changed a bit. The first Friday of each month remains a “Family Service” which begins at 6:30 and last about 30 minutes, followed by a pot-luck oneg. All other Friday night services now begin at 7:00 p.m. Come and join us-we won’t bite!



- Sullivan, Rick & Susan
- Baker, Jennifer & Adam
- Charles South
- Allen Buchner
- Hayes, Erik & Harriet
- Wells, Robert & Leslie
- Eisen, Stuart & Leah

- For the Oneg Fund
 - Anna Oliver
 - Mel Bogus

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 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.

March Events.....

*****Note the new service start times of 7pm!*******

Mar 3 – 6:30pm Children's service Children's services will only be 30 minutes in length followed by a potluck dinner.

**Mar 5 – No Religious School
Purim Carnival 10:30am - 1:30pm at
Shaar Hashalom**

Mar 10 – 7pm Purim Service w/Megillah reading led by Rabbi Schloss.

**Mar 12 – Spring Break - No Religious School
9:30am Adult Hebrew
10:30am Judaica Class**

Mar 17 – 7pm Torah service led by Rabbi Schloss.

**Mar 19 – Spring Break - No Religious School
9:30am Adult Hebrew
10:30am Torch Class**

Mar 24 – 7pm Lay-led Shabbat service

**Mar 26 – 9:30am - 12:00pm Religious School
9:30am Adult Hebrew
10:30am Torch Class
12:30 - 2:30pm Book Club Meeting at
Susan Steinberg's home.**

Mar 31 – 7pm - 8pm Musical Service led by Jon &



Myrna.

All events held at TBT unless otherwise stated

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

Note: There will be no Religious School on March 5th so that everyone is able to attend the Purim Carnival.

Additionally, there will be no Religious School on Sunday March 12th and no Religious School on Sunday, March 19th due to the Spring Break holiday. Religious School will resume on Sunday, March 26th.

Mid-Year Financial Report

Thanks to all of you who raised your dues; who made donations; who supported our fund raising events; and to our cost conscious board who keep expenditures in check, I'm happy to report that for the first seven months of this fiscal year our total income is \$1,248 more than our expenses for the same period.

With your continued support I'm cautiously optimistic that this year's projected budget deficit of \$17,850 will not be fully realized and that we remain fiscally healthy.

Respectfully,

Paul Hamer, VP Finance

TBT Congregational Passover Seder

It seems crazy to be thinking about Passover already when we haven't even made it to Purim yet, but we figured we'd get an early start so you'd have plenty of time to make your plans and get registered. Our TBT Congregational Seder will be held on Friday, April 14th at 6:00 pm at the Bay Oaks Country Club. (Please note this is also Good Friday). See the registration form at the back of this newsletter.

We are requesting that registration forms and payment be received NO LATER THAN April 5th. There is a place on the form to request seating preferences of 8-10 per table if you would like to sit with a specific group. Don't get PLAGUED by guilt over missing out on this wonderful event! Non-members always welcome, so bring your friends and relatives!

Please respond to me, Jill MacGregor ([281 684-0109](tel:2816840109)), with any questions. Thank you!



TBT Men's Club:

TBT Men's Club welcomes 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.

TBTMen@jlogin.e4ward.com

Book Club News:

3/26 Susan Steinberg *The Kidnapping of Edgarto*

Mortara by David Kertzer

4/30 Jean Cahn *Call it Sleep* by Henry Roth

5/07 Shalom Aleichem program at JCC

[http://www.ericchouston.org/arts/an-afternoon-with-sholem-aleichem-](http://www.ericchouston.org/arts/an-afternoon-with-sholem-aleichem-commemorating-his-yahrzeit/)

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6/25 Judith Oppenheim (one of the following: *Trouble in the Tribe: The American-Jewish Conflict over Israel* or *Travels with Myself and Another*)

Sisterhood News.....

Soup Cook Off and Silent Auction... Success

16th or 17th annual... What's most important is that it was once again a fun filled, family event that brought out some of our most creative cooks as well as those who enjoy tasting all the flavors!

The Silent Auction was a wonderful addition for the second year in a row, which now makes it a permanent part of this annual event!

Tremendous thanks to Nancy #1 Harris for organizing the cook off those who entered the cook off and to those who came out to eat soup, vote for the People's Choice and shop the auction too. It's always great to see the temple crowded with smiling faces, laughter and joyful chatter!

The Sasiene family challenged everyone ahead of time, so, you knew they were coming out to win...and that they did! Congratulations for holding the record of most awards at the cook off. Joe Wallack and his crew did not make it easy for any other booth/soup either. Between those two families, a few new competitors might have run scared. But noooo, our newbies used this year to just get warmed up, yet they too, earned awards! Thanks to all and look out for 2018!



March and April Birthdays



March 6 - Harriet Hayes

April 7 - Rabbi Schloss

Please let us know if we missed someone's birthday for these months.

Healing Prayers for



For information about book club please contact Judith Oppenheim judopp@aol.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 be able to benefit, as it has already to the tune of \$ 189. Just imagine how much money could come in to our 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!

Julie Roven First

Marsha Henderson

Myrna Reingold

Eljay Waldman

We also continue to keep our wonderful BOD member, Paul Hamer, close to our hearts. It's hard to believe it's been a year since his (our) beloved Edith passed away.

Much love is extended to all of you during your healing process - whether physical or emotional healing, or both. We care about you and are here to support you.

March means Spring Break in our area. If you're traveling this month, have fun, be safe and we look forward to seeing you in April.

Ahhh yesss, **Sisterhood's April activity** has been hosted annually by Harriet Hayes for as long as I can remember. Bring your apple peeler(s)/corer(s), a snack, wine or whatever "cores your apple". ("float your boat" just didn't seem to fit). We laugh, chop, sip, laugh, sip,sip, core, snack, sip... smile... you get the idea. We'll be making the Haroset for TBT's Passover Seder (Seder is Friday evening April 14 at Bay Oaks Country Club). Kiddos old enough to peel, chop etc... are welcome to join us in this wonderful tradition.

Harriet's Happy Haroset Night

Date: Thursday April 13th

Time: 6 PM and any time...until we're done

Place: Harriet Hayes' kitchen

Call or text Harriet for directions: [832-689-7707](tel:832-689-7707)

Sisterhood Spring Social

Please open your calendar and look at these two Sundays, May 7 and May 21st. Which one will



work for you to meet for a Sisterhood Social luncheon/meeting? Now, text, call or email me to let me know your vote. Respond now please. Okay, you're not able to do it right now...deadline

is February 28th



Shalom and Hugs,

Nancy Schwartz

[832-725-8062](tel:832-725-8062)

Oneg Column

March 3 - 7:30pm Potluck dinner. Please consider bringing an entree since we are usually long on sides and short on entrees and entrees are more interesting. Does not have to be a large quantity. Consider a family favorite.

March 10 - 8:00pm Hamentashen buffet.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purim#Food_gifts_and_charity

"The Book of Esther prescribes "the sending of portions one man to another, and gifts to the poor" ([Esther 9:22](#)). According to [halakha](#), each adult must give two different foods to one person, and two charitable donations to two poor people.^[41]The food parcels are called [mishloach manot](#) ("sending of portions"), and in some circles the custom has evolved into a major gift-giving event.

To fulfill the mitzvah of giving charity to two poor people, one can give either food or money equivalent to the amount of food that is eaten at a regular meal. It is better to spend more on charity than on the giving of *mishloach manot*.^[41] In the synagogue, regular collections of charity are made on the festival and the money is distributed among the needy. No distinction is made among the poor; anyone who is willing to accept charity is allowed to participate. It is obligatory upon the poorest Jew, even one who is himself dependent on charity, to give to other poor people.^[41]"

Please bring Hamentashen for a Hamentashen buffet and one dry good for charitable donation to fulfill the Rabbinical requirement of Charity for Purim. TBT will provide specialty Purim items from



Three Brothers Bakery.

March 17 - 8:00pm Ice Cream Buffet sponsored by Nancy Schwartz in memory of her father who loved ice cream w/Harvey Leboe on call.

March 24 - 8:00pm Oneg - SPONSOR NEEDED

March 31 - 8:00pm Oneg following Musical service with Jon and Myrna, catered by Kenny & Ziggy's featuring bagels and lox. Trust me, you won't want to miss it. If you feel like this is a little too much and you may not deserve it, please consider sponsoring the 3-24 Oneg. If you are willing to sponsor but prefer check writing to schlepping, you can send a check to TBT for \$ 50.

Joseph Wallack, Oneg Director, JoeWallack@gmail.com



MARVEL-OUS



Purim Carnival



Sunday March 5, 2017

10:30am-1pm

Congregation Shaar Hashalom

16020 El Camino Real



Lots of Fun Games and Exciting Rides!
Special Appearances by Iron Man & Captain America
Magic Show by Professor Chrome Dome

Tickets on sale February 6, 2017



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 !!!!**



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**

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March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 6:30 Children's Service/Potluck dinner	4
5 10:30-1pm Purim Carnival at Shaar HaShalom. No Religious School	6	7	8	9	10 7pm Purim Service with Megillah reading	11
12 Spring Break - No Religious School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 10:30 Judaica	13	14	15	16	17 7pm Torah Service w/Rabbi Schloss	18
19 Spring Break - No Religious School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 10:30 Torch	20	21	22	23	24 7pm Lay-led Shabbat Service	25
26 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Adult Hebrew 10:30 Torch 12:30 Book Club	27	28	29	30	31 7pm Musical Service w/Jon & Myrna	





GIVE BLOOD .ORG

Save lives, like Eljay's! Recently, he received multiple transfusions as part of his medical treatment at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Eljay, a treasured member of our temple, and his family are very grateful for your *Commit for Life* donation in his honor for all patients.

Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

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Temple Beth Tikvah

Blood Drive

In Honor of Eljay Waldman

February 27 – March 13

To donate in honor of Eljay, please visit our:

Clear Lake Donor Center

1153 Clear Lake City Blvd., Houston, TX 77062

Call (281) 447-0053 for hours and appointments.

Visit www.giveblood.org for our other donor center locations and times; and local blood drives.

Credit donation to Group Code: **R417**

All blood donations are in honor of this patient and will go into the general blood supply for all patients in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. FDA policy requires blood donors to be unpaid volunteers. No individual may receive a financial benefit or credit from your blood donation today.





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Soup Cook-off
2nd place
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HOW the SIGNS

changes that disrupt daily life

planning or solving problems

completing familiar tasks

with time or place

visual images and spatial relationships

words in speaking or writing

losing the ability to retrace steps

poor judgement

lack of social activities

personality

Association

Texas Chapter

272-3900 (24/7)

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteer recruitment flyer featuring photos of people and text.

2016 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

CAUSE OF DEATH	5 MILLION
1 IN 3 SENIORS	1.8 MILLION
HOUSING OF UNPAID CARE	EVERY
ADULT HAS	\$236 BILLION

Alzheimer's Association logo and website information.

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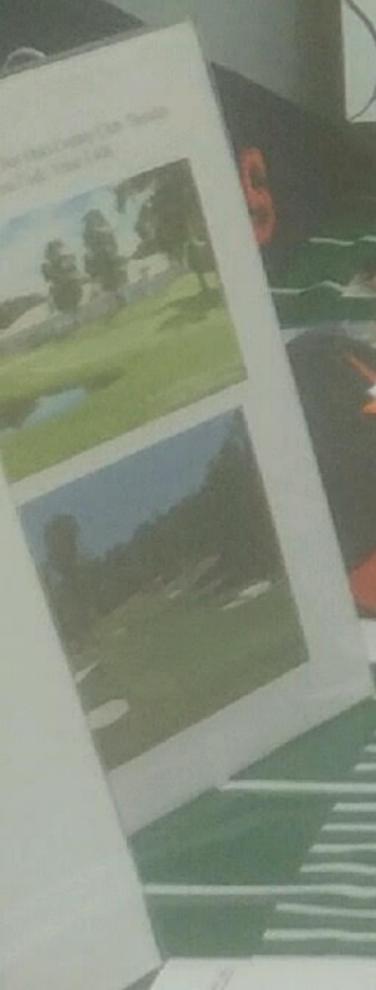
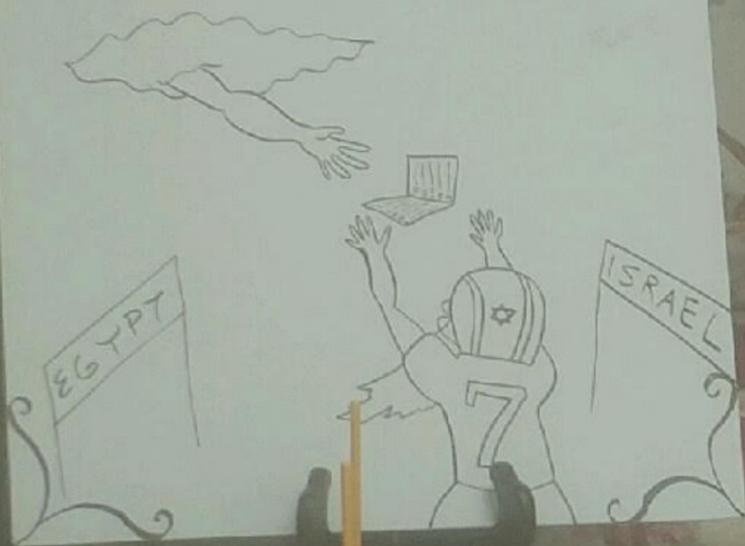
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SILENT AUCTION -
SPORTS TABLE



A long table covered with a green and white patterned cloth, serving as a silent auction table. The table is cluttered with various items including:

- Multiple white auction sheets with text and small images of items for sale.
- Several orange pencils.
- A clear plastic bag containing red and white items.
- A dark blue box.
- A red and white striped hat.
- A small sign that says 'TEXAS'.
- A small sign that says 'TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH'.





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Murderous Lentil Soup



