



Chai Lights

The monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Tikvah

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Friday Services

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](mailto:JoeWallack).



Rabbi's Message

It's starting to feel a bit like summer...so in order to provide you with some wonderful indoor air-conditioned learning and other opportunities read on!

Our next adult education Hebrew classes will take place Sunday May 6 ~ 10 am for prayer book Hebrew followed by 10:30 to noon for Modern Hebrew. At this time we will determine our summer adult education Hebrew schedule.

Continuing the tradition of doing occasional joint services with Shaar HaShalom, they will join us for our May 18 service at Temple Beth Tikvah at 7 pm. We hope you can join us; I would prefer that they don't outnumber us in our house of worship ☺ and planning ahead, we could use extra oneg foods for this occasion.

Shavuot, the Jewish holy day celebrating the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, begins Saturday evening May 19. If you'd like to join me at Brith Shalom in town for a fun evening of Jewish learning and traditional dairy treats, please let me know at rebdeb18@comcast.net so I can send you information when it becomes available.

Stew Zuckerbrod, our cantorial soloist for our High Holy Days last year, is performing at an intimate night club in Houston for two performances with some of his friends. Please see flyer below for more information!

Please mark your calendar for my class on Jewish Customs Surrounding Death and Dying beginning at 9:30 am June 10 at TBT, prior to our Annual General Meeting. There is no thematic connection between these two gatherings. If you have a question that you would like me to address during the class please email me at rebdeb18@comcast.net to enable me to devote enough time to speak about what you are most interested in learning!

Mitze Chavitz, a funeral director in Austin, who along with her husband Nelson, joined us on our second congregational trip to Israel, is available to show us a unique green cemetery in Bastrop one Sunday morning this summer. Green funerals are becoming more popular as a natural burial opportunity. This will be a wonderful follow up to my class on June 10. If you are interested in a Saturday night out at Esther's Follies in Austin followed by this 2-hour presentation Sunday morning, please email me at rebdeb18@comcast.net so we can coordinate a date among ourselves and with Mitze. We can carpool and I'm available to help arrange a place to stay in Austin Saturday night.

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah

President's Message



As we celebrate the month of May, with its fair weather and blooming flowers, we also celebrate with Jerry Cahn, who on May 5th, will be a Bar Mitzvah-boy, for the second time. It is traditional to have a second Bar Mitzvah on the 70th anniversary of the first. To my recollection, Jerry will be the second member of TBT to do so. What an inspiring achievement!

Please note that as Jerry's Bar Mitzvah will be on May 5, there will be no services on Friday, May 4.

Although the deadline to receive a discount on the TBT trip to Israel, registration is still open and available. Visit <http://proposals.authenticisrael.net/preview/zMnjbbbbc> to see the itinerary, and follow the link within the itinerary to go to the registration page. This is going to be a fabulous trip, and the number of spots is limited.

Our next joint service with Shaar Hashalom will be on May 18, at TBT. These have been a wonderful opportunity to join in prayer and socializing, as a larger Clear Lake area Jewish community.

There is still time to let me know if you would like to participate on the Board. Positions open include Executive VP, Parliamentarian, and Social Action Chairperson. Mark your calendars for June 11 at 11:00 a.m. The annual congregational meeting will take place on that date.

Thank you to Cori Novy and our Religious School faculty for a year in which our kids seemed to be engaged and having a great experience!

Also, thank you to Mike Howell for replacing the lights along the tree line, and hanging the first aid kit in the kitchen.

Thank you and yasher koach to Audrey Dunegan and Myrna Reingold for leading the services in the rabbi's absence.

Have a great month and I hope to see you at TBT!
Stuart Eisen

Donations

TBT gratefully acknowledges the following donations

- Mardy Schweitzer to the religious school and prayer book funds.
- Dr. & Mrs. Howard E. First in memory of their beloved son, Dr. Kenneth R. First.



Men's Club

Please remember that Men's Club 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 2018 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.

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH WANTS YOU!



The EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT shall be the 1st Vice President. The duties of the EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT shall be to aid and assist the President in the fulfilling of the presidential duties. The EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT shall run meetings in the absence of the President. The EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT must be Jewish.

It shall be the duty of the PARLIAMENTARIAN to provide guidance to the Board on etiquette and procedures in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian is a non-voting position.

It shall be the duty of the CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE to oversee social action activities of the Temple and report to the board.

Ritual News



It's May!

Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun. ~Kahlil Gibran

Ah Spring has finally Sprung!!

Here is the schedule for services this month – and I hope to see you there! If you haven't come in a while, come on home!

May 4 – **NO FRIDAY SERVICE**

Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m. – Jerry Cahn's Second Bar Mitzvah. Instead of our usual Friday night services, we will celebrate together on Saturday morning in honor of Jerry's second bar mitzvah, with oneg to follow, sponsored by Jerry and Jean Cahn.

"Among some Jews, a man who has reached the age of 83 will celebrate a second bar mitzvah, under the logic that in the Torah it says that a normal lifespan is 70 years, so that an 83-year-old can be considered 13 in a second lifetime.[25] This ritual is becoming more common as people live longer, healthier lives.[26]"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bar_and_Bat_Mitzvah#Alternative_ceremonies

May 11 – 7:00 p.m. Musical Service – come sing with us!

May 18 – 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Schloss/Torah Service

May 25 – 7:00 P.M. Rabbi Schloss – Come join us as we go into Memorial Weekend!

*Shaar Ha'Shalom has also invited us to their musical service featuring Cantor Tunitsky if anyone is interested – this is not a shared service, just an invite to anyone who may be interested. 7:30 p.m. at CSH.

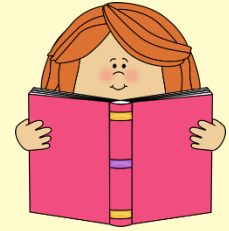
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Book Club

The Book Club Schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- **The May 6 meeting is canceled.** We will still read the book, *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright, but it will be discussed in another month TBD. If you are available/interested to help out with this review, please reply to this e-mail. Here's wishing Pica a "Get Well Quick"; we miss you.
- **The June meeting will be a planning meeting.**
When: Sunday, June 24 at 11am
Where: Whiskey Cake restaurant at Baybrook Mall
Who: All interested in choosing our list for the next 6 to 9 months
How: We will work off of our What we are Reading List



Shalom,
Judith Oppenheim

Sisterhood News

Upcoming Events:

Sunday May 6 @ 12:30 p.m. - "Mother's Day" celebration and "Aunt" Rita's Birthday surprise! (with brief meeting). Cafe' Express (northeast corner area of Bay Area and I-45), Host: Please RSVP to Marsha Henderson 832-425-6245.

I have received interest from 3, maybe 4 people regarding the self-defense class. I need at least 10 people to hold the class. If interested, please do reply immediately. Ladies, do you have any friends that might also like to attend? The instructor grew up in Israel and served in the IDF. He is an expert in his field and was an outstanding instructor. I learned a great deal about how to be prepared to defend yourself if necessary while presenting yourself as only attempting to diffuse the situation. This class is for women and men so husbands and friends of both sexes are invited to attend. This course is also available for children at a different time if there's interest. Please contact me asap to let me know if you are seriously interested in attending one or more sessions. I would like to schedule sessions (maybe 3 or 4 Sunday afternoons at TBT) this summer. If we have several sessions over a couple months we are more likely to practice and make this part of our muscle memory...meaning we'll use it if needed without having to think about what to do!! I need to schedule this with the instructor well in advance so I wanted to find out the level of interest first. The cost will depend on the number of sessions to wish we commit. I will tell you that the fee is reasonable, especially for what you get out of the short sessions.

We have an opportunity to shop and tour Celebration Company in Houston. I had a private tour recently and am now hooked on shopping there - great gifts and you're contributing to our Jewish Community in many ways. This is a MUST DO...reallllly! Let's go for brunch then tour and shop, or shop then have lunch...who's interested? Contact me...Nancy Schwartz 832-725-8062, text, call or email me at nanceschwartz@gmail.com

How about more jewelry making - beading jewelry or making glass mezuzas...again, let me know of your interest. We have some talented beaders now and I have someone who teaches small groups how to make beautiful mezuzas. AND, we might be overdue for another rock painting party for adults. Please respond asap if interested and I'll get some optional dates back to you.

Shalom and be well,
Nancy Schwartz

Happy birthday

To the following sisterhood members:

May 7 - Our (Mardy's) Aunt Rita

Any other birthdays in May?

We wish you a wonderful day, week and year ahead!



To submit a photo or article to next month's ChaiLights newsletter,

please e-mail Erin Moeller by Friday, May 25.



TBT is going to Israel this December!

Join your TBT family for another unforgettable trip.

For more information, please see

<http://proposals.authenticisrael.net/preview/zMnjbbbbc>

BLUE SKIES...



...A program of song featuring -

Julia Laskowski

Melissa Medina

Craig Stephens

Stewart Zuckerbrod

and Rob Seible, accompanist

Saturday, May 12, 2018 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 13, 2018 4:00 PM

Ovations Nightclub

2536 Times Blvd. Houston Texas 77005

Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

For Tickets Contact

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