



# 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).

## President's Message



Time is really flying by! It seems like we just had our breakfast, and here we are, ready to observe the High Holy Days, again. Please join us as we welcome in the year 5779. Our services will be led by Rabbi Deborah, along with our guest Cantor, Francyne Davis-Jacobs, and accompanist Andrea Warren.

If you would like to join us for pre-service dinner at Maggiano's (5:00), please e-mail Anna Oliver at [Windebygirl@gmail.com](mailto:Windebygirl@gmail.com). Erev Rosh Hashanah services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 9. On Monday, services will begin at 10:00, followed by Tashlich at Bay Area Park. Bring some bread to toss in the water, symbolically casting away your sins!

Kol Nidre services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18. Yom Kippur services start at 10:00 a.m. the following day, followed by services beginning at 4:00 p.m., with break-the-fast around 6:45 p.m. Please bring a yummy dish to share as we break-the-fast.

Rabbi Deborah will be continuing her series of talks about Jewish Death and Dying, with a subseries on Jewish views of the afterlife. This will begin on September 16. Watch your e-mail for more information. This is also the first day of Religious School. Be sure to get your kiddos enrolled. We will be looking forward to working with our new ISJL Fellow, Hannah, in the coming year.

We are working on having a special Havdala service on September 29 at Haak Winery, in Santa Fe. Stay tuned for more info!

Do you know some unaffiliated members of "the tribe"? Why not invite them to attend a Friday night service at TBT? We promise not to pressure anyone to join, but just come and check us out! Word-of-mouth is the best form of advertising, so spread the word!

Finally, keep your eyes on the Houston Chronicle because Temple Beth Tikvah will be featured in an article in the coming weeks. I'll let you know when I find out the publication date.

L'shana tova tikatevu,  
Stuart Eisen  
TBT President



## Religious School Starts Sept. 16

TBT hopes that everyone is looking forward to the start of our new religious school year! Classes resume on September 16. Contact [corinovy@yahoo.com](mailto:corinovy@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### The Chai Road

Before I had children, when I looked back on my childhood, the worst part was because I lived in a non-Jewish city, it took me five hours a day to go to Hebrew School. 45 minutes to be driven to the edge of the bus route. 45 minutes to be driven to school. 2 hours of school. 45 minutes to be driven to the end of the bus route. 45 minutes to be driven home. 5 Hours, 3 days a week, uphill, both ways.

My parents though always considered it their greatest accomplishment. Because I was put on the path, I had a Bar Mitzvah and maintained a Jewish identity. 20 years later I got married and had kids (actually my wife had the kids) and because I lived in Clear Lake there was a Hebrew School, Temple Beth Tikvah, 5 minutes away. My children went to Hebrew School at Temple Beth Tikvah and had B'nai Mitzvahs there which my parents witnessed. When I look back now on my childhood I think the best part was my going to Hebrew School even though it took 5 hours a day. It made me what I am today. Jewish.

You may ask, "so what, what difference does it make that you retained your Jewish identity?" A few years ago the Unitarian Church installed its first gay Minister. I was there along with several other representatives from our Temple. Would I have been there if I hadn't spent the last twenty years at Beth Tikvah? Probably not. A few years later I was at The Islamic Center of Clear Lake for an anti-hate rally with several other representatives from our Temple. Would I have been there if I did not still have a Jewish identity? No. Most importantly, now, every Friday, I help feed hungry Jews healthy food. Would I be doing that if I wasn't Jewish? I don't think so.

If it's also important to you to keep a Hebrew School in the Clear Lake area so that your children and their children and your Community's children can have a Jewish education, have B'nai Mitzvahs and maintain a Jewish identity, then I ask you to consider making a contribution to Temple Beth Tikvah in connection with High Holy Days:

1. Temple Beth Tikvah's 5779 Book of Remembrance – It's traditional and appreciated to make a donation in memory of those you choose to list in The Book.
2. Temple Beth Tikvah's HDD 5779 Pledge Drive – This is an important part of our budget and can be in honor of whoever you choose.

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth Tikvah, indicate what the check is for (in memory of/in honor of/other) and mail to:

Temple Beth Tikvah  
12411 Park Shadows Trail  
Houston, TX 77058

By doing so you will keep Judaism on the Chai Road and besides, it would (will?) have made my parents really happy.

TBT thanks the following members who have already made contributions.

- [Syd and Donna Orenstein](#)
- [Harvey and Arlene Leboe](#)
- [Allen Buchner](#)
- [Mardy Schweitzer in memory of her sister Randy and her brother Kip](#)

Joseph Wallack, Fundraising Director  
[JoeWallack@gmail.com](mailto:JoeWallack@gmail.com)

## Book Club

**When:** Sunday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Susan Steinberg's home in Friendswood

**What:** Review of Amor Towles's *Gentleman in Moscow*

Our October selection is different than what we originally scheduled. Since the JCC Book Festival is featuring Michele's book, *The Weight of Ink*, as their community read on Monday, November 5 (8pm) - the group is considering going to this lecture in lieu of (or in addition to) Michele's home on October 28. We will make our decision along with driving arrangements at our September meeting.



JCC Book Festival

November 3-13

<https://www.erjchouston.org/arts/jewish-book-arts-festival/>

Finally, we are off for the rest of November and December - resuming our schedule in January for Phyllis's review of: *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*, by Linda Hirshman on the 27.

Wishing everyone a wonderful High Holy Day season,  
Judith P. Oppenheim

## TBT membership in ISJL

This is TBT's second year as a member of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL). The ISJL promotes Judaism through programs and shared resources to communities seeking solutions where Jewish resources are limited. The ISJL also provides historic preservation and community engagement throughout the southern United States. As a benefit to being a member of the ISJL, each member temple has an ISJL fellow assigned to it. Our fellow for this year is Hannah Klegon. She is available to help with all types of programming, as she has the benefit of ISJL's library of existing programming and is also here to help us with creating new programming for our congregation. Please ask [corinovy@yahoo.com](mailto:corinovy@yahoo.com) how you can help TBT take advantage of the vast ISJL resources.

Hannah is a second year Fellow from Ripon, Wisconsin. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.A. in Jewish Studies and Education and Educational Science. Throughout college she worked as the after-school coordinator at the Madison Jewish Community Day School. Hannah grew up attending and then eventually working at OSRUI, a URJ camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and that is where she credits finding her love of Judaism. After her fellowship, she plans on going to graduate school to become a school guidance counselor.

## 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](mailto:TBTMen@jlogin.e4ward.com).

## High Holy Days - Important Information

- Community Dinner before the HHD will be at Maggiano's - Baybrook Mall  
Sunday, September 9th at 5 p.m

PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP'S TO ANNA OLIVER at [Windebygirl@gmail.com](mailto:Windebygirl@gmail.com)

- Ed Sheinberg is still looking for a few ushers. Please e-mail him at [ersheinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:ersheinberg@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### Sunday, September 9

7:30 P.M. - Erev Rosh Hashanah

### Monday, September 10

- 10 a.m. - Rosh Hashanah morning service
- Taschlich follows at Bay Area Park; please bring your own bread

### Tuesday, September 18

7:30 P.M. - Kol Nidre

### Wednesday, September 19

- 10 a.m. - Yom Kippur Morning Service
- 3 p.m. - Meditation. No speakers this year.

The Rabbi will keep the Ark open. If you want to come and pray in front of the Ark praying silently to God, this will be your time.

Psalms will also be available for reading.

- 4 p.m. - Yom Kippur Afternoon - Yizkor and Neilah  
(Please bring pictures of your loved ones that you want to remember.)
- 6:45 p.m. - Break the fast 6:45 P.M.

Please send your completed registration form to me at [denowinski@gmail.com](mailto:denowinski@gmail.com) by Sept. 1.

Looking forward to 5779.

B'shalom,

Deborah Nowinski  
Ritual VP

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION & REGISTRATION- DEADLINE 9/1/2018



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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High Holy Day (HHD) tickets are provided at no additional fee for TBT members in good standing. However, **a complete HHD reservation form is required to assist in seating calculation from all participants.** Check-in will be at door.

**Non Members** pay for one fee for all services no matter how many are attended.

**For NONMEMBERS Tickets are a package:**     \$600/family         \$300/individual

*Visiting family members, those affiliated with other Congregations, full-time college students, and active-duty military are invited at no fee....Donations are customary.*

**Babysitting is available as a package:**     \$100/child

*Babysitting is for children 10 years & younger and will not be available during children's services.*

**5778 Book of Remembrance** - Please complete the Remembrance portion to have your loved one's name(s) read aloud during the Yiskor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon. A donation to Temple Beth Tikvah for inclusion of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance is traditional and appreciated for our growing congregation. You may also consider adding your loved one to TBT's Yahrtzeit Memorial Board with a \$300 donation.

Name of Deceased (please asterisk \* the names of those who have passed since September 2016)

***If you would like to include a memory of your family member, please attach an additional sheet with the one or two line memory to share. For example: "I remember, the aromas of Bubbe's kitchen filled with delicious flavors." OR "My father's hands were rough and strong as he delicately held my child-sized hand." Please be sure to note which quote goes to which family member***

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Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets:**     \$600/family            Number adults \_\_\_\_\_    Number children(13 & below)

\_\_\_\_\_  \$300/individual    Number adults \_\_\_\_\_

\$100/child babysitting package X number children (10 & below) \_\_\_\_\_

                Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

                Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Book of Remembrance Donation    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$300 Yahrtzeit Memorial Plaque for \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***DEADLINE: September***

***1ST***

Return by mail to: VP Ritual; 12411 Park Shadows Trail; Houston, TX 77058

Or by e-mail to: **DENowinski@gmail.com**

All forms and money must be received by deadline or you must contact VP Ritual Deborah Nowinski



# September 2018 Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. Family Shabbat service	8
9 5 p.m. Dinner at Maggiano's 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service	10 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah AM service Tashlich follows at Bay Area Park	11	12	13	14 7 p.m. Musical Shabbat service	15
16 1st day of religious school 12 p.m. Adult Ed class - Jewish Views of the Afterlife	17	18 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre service	19 10 a.m. Yom Kippur service 3 p.m. meditation 4 p.m. Yizkor	20	21 7 p.m. Shabbat Torah service	22
23 Religious school	24	25	26	27	28 7 p.m. Shabbat service	29 Havdalah service at Haak Winery, time TBD
30 Religious school 10:30 a.m. Book club meeting						