

ChaiLights

The newsletter of Temple Beth Tikvah
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Join us for a religious school- led family service on May 3

Please join our Religious School children as they lead our Family Service on May 3rd at 6:30. It's the first Friday of the month so it's a Potluck Dinner Shabbat as well! The children have chosen Animals as the theme of the service and decided to bring in donations for a local animal shelter as well. Please feel free to bring dog or cat food/treats, pet toys, old towels or blankets, laundry detergent/bleach, pet crates or cage you're not in need of anymore, pet store gift cards (in-store or online) or make a direct donation payable to Bay Area SPCA. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a fun and thought-provoking service!



President's Message

In the words of Alan Jay Lerner, author of the musical "Camelot": "It's May. It's May!"

I am writing this month's message, having just returned from Dallas, where I celebrated the second night of Passover with my aunt and cousins. We had a lovely Seder, filled with singing, laughing, and great food! I hope that you also had a meaningful Pesach.

Speaking of Passover—we had a wonderful first-night Seder at Bay Oaks Country Club. Nearly 100 TBT friends and families gathered together. So many people are to be thanked for making this Seder a success: Mel and Sherry Bogus secured the location (they are machers at the Club), Jill MacGregor did so much work in organizing the event, Harriet Hayes and her band of charosset-makers came through with delicious appley-goodness, Nancy Harris and Jill made our matzo balls (yummy), Myrna Reingold and Jon Zelon provided their usual wonderful music, Joe Wallack did a super-stupendous job of organizing the silent auction and all of those who bid on items (which, Joe just informed me, raised about \$2500!), Eljay Waldman did his usual great job of keeping us on track and wrangling the kids, and of course, Rabbi Deborah led us in a beautiful Seder service. I particularly had a blast, fooling the kids with the afikomen! Also special was the celebration of Tom Henderson's 85th birthday! Deb Nowinski honored him with a pesadich birthday cake. If you couldn't join us this year, I hope you will next year. (In Jerusalem?)

Rabbi Deborah announced that she is working on our next TBT international excursion: to Panama. Stay tuned for more info, as

it becomes available.

On a more serious note: Contributions to TBT are down significantly this year. There are several reasons, but the bottom line is, we either need to raise more money or make more cuts (Paul Hamer has really cut our expenses over the past two years, but more must be done.) The board voted to cut back the services of our cleaning lady to every-other week. This will save us nearly \$3500 over the course of a year. It also means that EVERYONE needs to be aware and active in keeping TBT clean. Please...if you see something on the floor, pick it up. If a toilet needs to be flushed, flush it. If a table needs to be wiped down, please do so. The other thing you can do...increase your financial contributions. Every dollar is appreciated! We, as a board, are working hard to spend your money responsibly.

Religious School will be wrapping up in a couple of weeks. A huge "thank you" to Cori Novy and her crew of teachers for their dedication to serving our TBT kids.

Finally, mark your calendars: Our annual meeting will take place on June 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. Following the meeting we will have a presentation on pre-need funeral preparations, by Jane Shapiro from Houston Jewish Funerals. HJF kindly sponsored our Purim Carnival in exchange for doing this presentation. I hope that you will all attend.

Stuart Eisen

Annual Passover seder

Happy Spring to All!

What a beautiful fun filled Seder we had at Bay Oaks Country Club. The TBT family truly enjoyed this joyous ritual of schlepping out of Egypt but really celebrating the true meaning: FREEDOM for all.

Much thanks to Rabbi Schloss, Jill Macgregor, Joe Wallach [our auction king!], Myrna Reingold and Jon Zelon. Delicious mention to Charoet Harriet Hayes and Sisterhood for chopping, peeling, laughing and togetherness. Also thank you to Nancy Harris Jill Macgregor and Harriet Hayes for the matzo balls! Please enjoy the pictures. And I hope your Passover was wonderful.

Deb Nowinski
VP Ritual

Michael Harris' Mitzvah Project

For his bar mitzvah project, Michael will be working with Bay Area Turning Point. They provide assistance and shelter to domestic violence and sexual assault victims - women, children and men. We will have a donation box at the temple to collect the items listed below. Please also see the links below to view their web site or to make a donation.

<http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org/>
<https://give.idonate.com/bay-area-turning-point/donate>

Sisterhood News

Let's start with the birthdays!



May 7 - Our lovely "Aunt" Rita

April 24 - Mariana Buchner

Other Sisterhood/TBT Dates for your calendar:

**Mother's Day Brunch -
Sunday, May 5th at 1pm at Opus Ocean Grill**

Continued healing prayers are with the following Sisters:

Susan Bialer-Sullivan

Mariana Buchner

Marsha Henderson

Our condolences go out to Shelly Frank Vickers regarding the passing of her father.

A huge thanks to Harriet Hayes for another year of hosting our Passover charoset making chappy hour in her home. We always have a great time peeling, chopping, chatting, and tasting around her kitchen island!

Book Club

May 19 meeting – canceled

Our next review will be on June 2nd at Rabbi Deborah's home. She will lead a discussion of the book "White Rose Black Forest" by Eoin Dempsey.

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