



ChaiLights

The monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Tikvah

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ATTENTION:

SERVICE WILL NOW COMMENCE AT 6:30 PM AS OF DECEMBER 6TH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WE ARE TESTING THIS NEW TIME TO SEE IF THIS IS MORE CONVENIENT DUE TO THE CHANGE OF SEASONS AND LACK OF DAYLIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Houston Aliyah Drop-In

Are you thinking about Aliyah? Drop in for an informal group discussion with our Aliyah advisors and a Q&A about the opportunities awaiting you in Israel: Communities, Jobs, Government benefits, Education, Healthcare, and more. This event will occur on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Center of Houston located at 5601 S. Braeswood. Don't hesitate to register at:

NBN.ORG.IL/HOUSTON and/or call 1-866-4-ALIYAH.





YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL FAMILY SERVICE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH – 7:00 P.M.
WE ARE GOING TO JUMP START THE HOLIDAY SEASON EARLY
WITH OUR WONDERFUL STARS IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
“WE’RE LIT UP FOR CHANUKAH!”

When two children don’t understand the meaning of the holiday, the Chanukah
candles tell the story of the miracle of lights through their eyes!

Come support our TBT kids!

Play – Music – Food!

Special Time – 7:00 P.M.

Written by Deborah Nowinski

Performed by Our TBT Religious Students!

Let’s kick off this season with our TBT Family!

We hope to see you there!



TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH INVITES YOU TO
THE ANNUAL
SPECTACULOUS MIRACULOUS CHANUKAH CELEBRATION, 5780

B.Y.O MENORAH for the group LIGHTING of candles
Live MUSIC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY OUR LAVISH, LUSCIOUS, LATKE ONEG
12411 PARK SHADOWS TRAIL, (BETWEEN BAY AREA BLVD AND
MIDDLEBROOK)



Rabbi's Blurb

Hi, hoping you had a Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, delicious food, and gratitude for each blessing in our lives!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Marsha and Tom Henderson on the passing of their kind and gentle nephew Gregg Thayer, Jerry Cahn on the passing of his beloved wife Jean, Harriet Hayes on the passing of her dear mother, Gail Herman, and Maury Klann on the passing of her cherished father Seymour Beck. Marsha, Tom, Jerry, Harriet, and Maury, your TBT family is thinking about you, especially during this time of year, which can be especially difficult.

I will be away from Dec 5 to 18. Rabbi Dan Gordon will be on call

for me in case of any emergency. He can be reached at 281-216-2558. Also, if you need/would like to reach me during that time best way will be through WhatsApp.

Our adult education study book, thanks to Stuart Eisen's recommendation, will be The Art of Inventing Hope, Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel, by Howard Reich. We will meet twice to discuss it, the first time, Saturday morning December 21st, at 10 am at TBT. On December 21st, we'll look at our calendars and set up our second time. Please let me know if you are interested and available at rebdeb18@comcast.net.

We have two special opportunities to share in the joy of Chanukah this year! With heartfelt thanks to Deb Nowinski for writing an adorable play for our children about Chanukah which will take place during our family service on Friday December 6th. And we will celebrate Chanukah together during our Chanukah service on Friday December 27th. Please remember to bring your hannukiot (menorahs) along with Chanukah candles!

Warmly,

Rabbi Deborah



President's Blurb

Who wants turkey? That's probably a question that will be met with s
everyone had a nice, quiet Thanksgiving, centered on what is import
we head into Chanukah, I would like to remind everyone to visit and

Sisterhood Gift

Shop. They are stocked with a wide range of holiday items, from decorations and gifts to Judaica. The shop will be staffed every Friday night through the 20th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays through the 15th, from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Speaking of Chanukah, on December 6th, our kids will be presenting an original play by Adam Nowinski, about the holiday. Any time our youngsters are involved in something, it is assured that this will be an equally entertaining event. Please join us on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and the play, followed by our usual pot-luck dinner. By the way-this is NOT the actual Chanukah. No menorahs needed! At our November meeting, the board considered a suggestion to move service times up during Daylight Savings Time.

So, as an experiment, we will begin ALL Shabbat services at 6:30 p.m., starting this Friday. If you like it, we can do it through the spring, and revert to our 7:00 start times. If not, we will keep the time at 6:30 indefinitely. Let us know what you think.

On December 21 Rabbi Deborah will be starting a new book-study on "The Art of Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel" by Howard Reich. Here is a link to the book:

https://www.amazon.com/Art-Inventing-Hope-Intimate-Conversations/dp/1641601345/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3GAR3CNJQ2UIA&keywords=hope&pldnSite=1&qid=1574874568&srefix=Howard+Reich%2Caps

Speaking of Amazon- If you have not done so already, go to AmazonSmile and link your account. Every time you log into Amazon (with smile) and make a purchase, a portion of your purchase will be donated to TBT. It costs you nothing, and TBT benefits. Also, don't forget to do the same at smile.com. There, you can link to hundreds of sites, all of which will make a donation to TBT on your purchase through them.

Finally, our Chanukah service will be held on December 27 th (at 6:30 PM). It's always a beautiful service, as we have dozens of menorahs available, donuts, applesauce, etc. for the oneg afterwards!

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our December events

Stuart

Coming Soon!

Save The Date for the Sisterhood's 18th Annual Soup Cook-Off on Sunday, January 12th, 2020 from 11 AM to 1 PM. There will be a variety of soups, ranging from chicken, to vegetarian, to international soups with food and drink included. This event is open to the public, with a \$5 cover charge for those 12 and up. Kids under 12 will be admitted free!

TBT December Dates

Anniversaries:

December 28th- Stuart and Leah Eisen

Birthdays:

December 1st- Erin Moeller

December 2nd- Elyssa Klann

December 2nd- Devon Login

December 4th- Forest Levy

December 5th- Katelin Zelon

December 6th- Christine Paul
December 10th- Charles South
December 11th- Blake Levy
December 13th- Allen Buchner
December 13th- Katherine Stein
December 19th- Emma Maierson
December 20th- Julian Morales
December 22nd- Cindy Lou Henderson
December 23rd- Jean Cahn
December 23rd- Shawn Dunegan
December 25th- Evelyn Brass
December 27th- David Salinsky
December 29th- Joan Gittleman
December 29th- Alice Levy
December 29th- Adam Maierson
December 31st- Marsha Henderon

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Shabbat Services

December 6th- Chanukah
Play/Family Shabbat service
6:30 PM

December 13th- Shabbat
service 6:30

December 20th- Shabbat
service 6:30

December 27th- Chanukah
Service 6:30

Oneg Sponsorship

The TBT Oneg Fund provides catered onegs for musical shabbats and occasions when there is no sponsor.

To sponsor an oneg or donate to the fund, please contact [Joe Wallack](#).