

# *ChaiLights*

The monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Tikvah

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## Rabbi's Blurb

Happy Fall!

I am writing this the evening of our TBT garage sale, the brain child of our devoted congregant Denise Gabino who worked tirelessly for months to bring this idea to fruition, in order to help raise money for our congregation. I appreciate Jed Login stepping up to the plate over the past several weeks to help Denise and each person who volunteered, including the Leboe's, Stuart Eisen, Steve Levy, Autumn Torres, Mardy Schweitzer, Scott Vickers and Shelly Frank, and Denise's family. Thank you to everyone who donated items. Please see pictures below. For those of you who aren't aware, Denise cleans our temple every other week, saving us

money on the cost of our cleaning service, with Arlene helping her out. We so much appreciate our members stepping up to the plate to help us in any way they can!

The ERJCC Jewish Book and Arts Festival begins November 2nd at 8 pm with Isaac Mizrahi speaking about his book, I.M.: A Memoir. For a complete list of authors and events please go to the erjcc website. I look forward to attending a number of these exciting events and hope you will make the time to do so as well... it's worth the drive to Houston!

Finally, November 22nd is our next joint service with Shaar HaShalom at Shaar HaShalom beginning at 7:30 pm. This will be in place of our Shabbat service at TBT that evening. It's always nice when our communities pray together.

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. It is a MUCH less dense read than Rise and Kill First, our last book, but quite thought-provoking. We will meet twice to discuss it, the first time, Saturday morning December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10 am, provided enough people who would like to join us will be in town. Please let me know if you are interested and available at [rebdeb18@comcast.net](mailto:rebdeb18@comcast.net).

As we will be celebrating Thanksgiving later this month, let's use this time to reflect on the blessings in our lives that we sometimes take for granted.

We keep Jean and Emily close to our hearts and deep in our prayers for complete healings as they continue undergoing their cancer treatments. Hugs and love to them and their families.

Hindy Pearson has been reaching out to various Jewish communities to bring attention to cat overpopulation. Her goal is to start a large scale spay/neuter initiative in order to reduce breeding, and end the suffering of Jerusalem's street cats. She is working on a

program with the Jerusalem Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (JSPCA), and has attached a link to a detailed article she wrote about the project.

<https://animalrescueisrael.org/jerusalem-the-city-of-gold-has-lost-its-shine/>

Warmly,

Rabbi Deborah

## Interfaith Council of Greater Clear Lake Event

Jill MacGregor, Social Action Chair

After last January's MLK Day Interfaith Service at the Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, several clergy from our area were talking and realized that while there is a large Interfaith Council up in Houston, there was nothing like that in the Clear Lake Area. They contacted all those who'd been in attendance at the MLK Day service, TBT included, and in April held the first meeting of what has now become the Interfaith Council of Greater Clear Lake. The Council currently consists of over 12 faith communities in the Greater Clear Lake Area (including League City). Our mission statement is as follows:

"The Interfaith Council of Greater Clear Lake is a gathering of representatives of faith-based communities and individuals, dedicated to promoting respect, support, and understanding. We celebrate our spiritual and cultural diversity as we engage, partner, and respond to each other."

The group decided that the best way to introduce itself to the community would be to hold an event within the community that will bring people of different faiths together to learn about each other, discover what we have in common, and embrace and respect our differences. Probably every faith community has some form of "The Golden Rule" that they follow – essentially, to do unto others as you'd have them do to you. With that theme at the center, the Interfaith Council of Greater Clear Lake will hold their community kickoff Celebration of Living by the

Golden Rule on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm at the League City Civic Center (400 West Walker St). Please come join us!

The Golden Rule event will be a FREE kick-off event will include lively presentations from many religious communities, discussion, food, music, and activities for children. Also, consider bringing two non-perishable food items for the ICM food pantry.



## President's Blurb

This year is just flying by! Before you know it, we'll all have 2020 vision. The highlights of October were the High Holidays. Thank you so much to everyone who helped prepare and execute these most important days of our Jewish year.

This includes everyone who did a reading, Aliyah, and other bimah honors, as well as those who brought food for the oneg and break-fast, and served at the check-in table. Eljay kept the trains running on time, as usual. Joe Wallack organized all of the honors, and Mardy Schweitzer assured that we had plenty of plastic-ware and paper goods. Finally, Rabbi Deborah and Cantor Francyne provided us with meaningful services that were appreciated by all.

Speaking of Francyne, it seems that the vast majority of people I talked to at HHD services really enjoy having her with us, and so the board voted to ask everyone to contribute "double chai" (\$36) to help offset some of the cost of having a cantor of her caliber serve our congregation. This is a suggested contribution level; if you can contribute a bit more, it would be appreciated. Look for this as a one-time charge on an upcoming dues invoice.

A huge thank you goes out to Denise Gabino, who organized our recent yard sale. She had great help from several people who are mentioned in the rabbi's column, so I won't repeat them. Putting the sale together was a huge undertaking, and the work is truly appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed items to be sold.

This month, our services will be led by several folks. November 1st will feature our ISJL intern, so let's have a good showing! I am sure that she will lead us in a family-oriented service of some sort. The following week will be our usual music service with Myrna (and maybe Jon?), followed by a service led by Myrna and Deb Nowinski. November 22 will be our next service combined with Shaar Hashalom (at CSH) and the final Friday will be led by Rabbi Deborah. So, we will surely have something for everyone!

I hope to see you all at services in the near future! If I don't see you, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving! I'm hoping to spend my holiday in Cleveland with my family.

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 November Dates

### **Anniversaries:**

November 7th- Adam and Jennifer Baker

November 14th- Robert and Leslie Wells

### **Birthdays:**

November 1st- Harold Levine

November 1st- Neal Wallach

November 2nd- Amanda Vermillion

November 3rd- Jovan Morales

November 10th- Corinne Blancas

November 16th- Stuart Eisen

November 17th- Maury Klann

November 19th- Yuri Kahn

November 20th- Arlene Leboe

November 22nd- Bob Rivesman

November 26th- Elliot Leboe

November 27th- Hannah Philibert

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## **Shabbat Services**

### **November:**

November 1st- Family Shabbat  
and Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM

November 2nd- Tattoos and  
Piercings, Still Taboo for Jews?  
at 1:00 PM

November 8th- Shabbat at 7:00  
PM

November 15th- Shabbat at  
7:00 PM

November 22nd- Joint Shabbat  
with Shaar HaShalom at 7:00  
PM

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