

CHAILIGHTS

May 2020-Iyar-Sivan 5780

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A Word or Two from our Rabbi

Shalom. Stuart and I have been very pleased seeing so many of you (or your phone numbers!) at our Friday night ZOOM services. Although not as satisfying as seeing one another in person, it has become a beautiful new ritual that Eljay, Priya, and I look forward to on Friday night. No matter how tired we are, we get spiritually rejuvenated being with our TBT family. It was fun welcoming my friend from Minneapolis, Cantorial soloist Wendy Goldman. And this past Friday, what a thrill to reconnect with Cantor Francyne! Thank you to Audrey for leading services several weeks

ago and to Mike and Cinnamon for hosting our ZOOM services. I also appreciate Myrna who is always happy to sing some prayers for us each Friday night.

We certainly celebrated a unique congregational Seder on the first night of Passover and it was joy to have so many join in. Please feel free to continue to share our ZOOM information to your family and friends. We are always happy to widen our circle.

This Friday night beginning at 7 p.m. we will be honoring OUR PETS and have a special blessing for them. I look forward to

seeing as many of your pets as possible!

Our heartfelt condolences go out to **Bob Rivesman** on the passing of his beloved wife, **Jeannine** and to **Charles South** on the passing of his uncle, **Robert South**. IT is especially challenging to mourn during this time of social distancing. Bob and Charles we keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers at this time. **Emily**, we are grateful you completed chemo. We can't wait to be a part of a joyous gathering IN PERSON to celebrate **YOU!**

May each and everyone of us remain safe and healthy.

Rabbi Deborah



Stuart Speaks- President TBT

It certainly has been odd to say the least. With most businesses shut down and everyone practicing social distancing, I know I have come to appreciate in-person contacts. I've been fortunate that I have been able to continue to work, although scaled down. I still can connect with some folks, but many have simply been shuttered in, working from home, and dealing with their kids' distance learning. (I hear that many of you have a new respect for teachers!)

Our ZOOM services have been

very well attended averaging 30-35 logins for each service. We think it's fantastic! I want to thank the Rabbi who has seen this as an emergency and has gone far beyond her contracted duties to lead most of the services! Cantor Francyne will continue being with us twice a month until we go back to "in person" services.

I am exploring options for holding our **congregational meeting** in **June**. We can do it by ZOOM but need a way to conduct votes. Other options include limiting to having one family member come to the

Temple (social distancing) or hold it outdoors. We will have a better idea of how to proceed as we get further guidance from state and local authorities.

As we continue to work through these unprecedented times, I wish all of you good health and safety. If you haven't joined in on our Zoom services, please do. I'll continue to remind you of the login info, each week.

Take care and I look forward to "seeing" you, soon.

Stuart

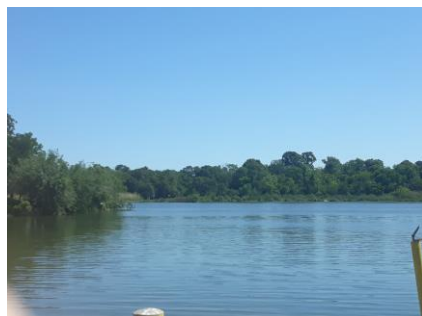
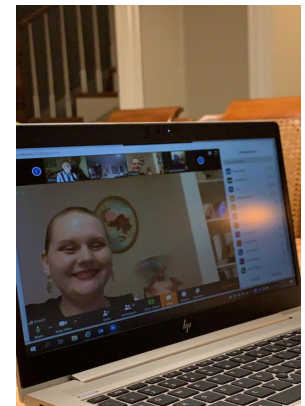
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CELEBRATING EMILY!



Pica's picture of Armand Bayou to go along with her wonderful story:
THE NEW NORMAL.



THE NEW NORMAL – by K. PICA KAHN

The Virus

By K Pica Kahn

It was a day like any other at Armand Bayou in Bay Area Park. There were kayakers, anglers fishing off of the pier, parents pushing baby carriage strolling along the lake, just enjoying the warmth of this beautiful day.

How different the park looked after weeks of being closed. Most of us have been inside our homes for over a month due to the virus. I took it for granted that our parks would always be there, welcoming

me any time I wanted. It is a spot I visit often, sitting on the edge of the water, meditating and starting my day, peacefully surrounded by the serene setting. I seemed to have taken for granted the lush greenery, the trees, the cattails and water lilies. I never gave it a thought that there would be no people, no cars, no dogs at the dog parks, no picnics at the picnic tables and no children on the playground. When empty, my park seemed like a sad and forlorn piece of mother nature, that I had too often just assumed it would

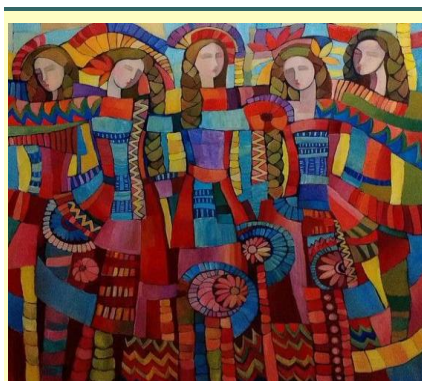
never change. Construction of condos stood framed and forgotten, as workers were laid off. I passed schools with no students and strip centers with barely any cars.

Synagogues, churches and mosques stood locked up and empty, during this most important time of Easter, Passover and Ramadan. I was reminded of the sight of the Pope praying in the Basilica to an empty audience, and Andrea Bocelli singing Amazing Grace alone. A man with a sign I couldn't make out, yelling, "The end is near. We are all going to die," A tear. It was just the new normal.

SISTERHOOD – Nancy Schwartz

Happy April birthdays to Rabbi Schloss and Mariana Buchner! Due to COVID 19, I don't expect any Sisterhood gatherings any time soon, which means our 3rd Annual celebration of Mother's Day (hosted by Marsha Henderson) has been cancelled. Aunt Rita celebrates her birthday in May on the 7th. I will seek permission to share her phone number so we can call or text her. If you know

any Sisterhood members that have birthdays in May or June, please tell me.



There is a Dave Matthews Song "Everyday" where a man in the video is trying to give away a hug. He does not give up until he hugs everyone he encounters, and all walk away with smiles.

Through this time of "reset" the one thing I miss most is the human hug from family and friends. I sometime dream of hugging everyone – whether I know them in real time or

something out of my imagination. When I speak to people (on the phone of course!) they often say the same. "Oh man, when this over, I will be ever so grateful for the human touch. It definitely has been not only a trying time but a time to try to figure out how we are going to treat each other when the time comes. And how we can fix things for a better tomorrow. And it

Book club on May 17th has also been cancelled until further notice. Please continue to stay home, stay healthy and work safely, too. We will communicate via email and hopefully through "seeing each other" for Friday Shabbat services. Please don't hesitate if you need help getting on ZOOM, we are here to help you! Thanks to ALL who contributed meals for Bob Rivesman and his grandson – and thanks to Jill MacGregor for always being a wonderful organizer! You can still contribute meals – it means so much!!

will. One day. In the meantime, I'm sending you a CYBER HUG and prayers that all is well on your side of the computer screen

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JOIN us for our Friday Night Services beginning at 7 p.m. on ZOOM- Stuart Eisen will send out information. Need help connecting on ZOOM? Nancy Schwartz and Cinnamon Howell are here to help you – connect:

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May Schedule:

May 1st – Bless Our Pets – 7:00 p.m. Rabbi

May 8th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

May 15th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

May 22nd – 7 p.m. ZOOM

May 29th – 7 p.m. ZOOM



MAY CELEBRATIONS!

ANNIVERSARIES

May

4th – Allen & Mariana Buchner

9th – Jerry & Jean Kahn

**15th – Mark & Tabitha
Meierson**

18th – Ed & Jeannie Sheinberg

20th – Erik & Harriet Hayes

26th – Scott & Shelly Vickers

29th – Michael & Kitty Kahn

29th – Harry & Maury Klann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

4th – Jed Login

4th – Jon Zelon

7th – Jerry Kahn

13th Michael Harris

14th Steve Levin

22nd Marie Rivesman

22nd David Stein

26th Skyler Nowinski

29th Elena Gittleman

31st Sarah Schweitzer

