

CHAILIGHTS

June – Sivan-Tammuz 5780

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A Word or Two from our Rabbi

Dear TBT'ers

One of the many names for G-d is

Hamakom, which means the place or space meaning that no place is devoid of G-d. G-d is everywhere, although some of us have an easier time feeling G-d's presence in our synagogue. In the words of the former chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ismar Schoresch, "As the soul fills the body, G-d's presence pervades the universe. G-d as **Hamakom**, the **Spacious One**, was meant to convey as well that one could pray in one's heart without uttering a sound and still be heard by G-d. G-d was never out of reach. We are in fact immersed in G-d's ubiquitous presence."

May we find creative ways to bask in G-d's presence during this time of uncertainty and

challenges! I'm happy to share with you some simchas in our congregational family.

Page Hundley was supposed to get married Memorial Day in North Carolina, her home state, but it's been postponed

Hillary Sullivan's marriage will take place in July 2021 in Bozeman, Mt. instead of this summer.

Danielle Salinsky's marriage this summer in Colorado has been postponed.

Ben Vicker's Bar Mitzvah for this summer has been postponed until a later date, TBA.

Riley Dunegan's Bar Mitzvah **WILL** take place July 24th and 25th, and as time gets closer, we will share those specifics with you.

I spoke this past Friday night about the song

Jerusalem of Gold and please check out the picture of the jewelry that Rabbi Akiva gave his wife. This inspired Naomi Shemer to write this beloved song that Cantor Francyne sang so beautifully.

Adult Education classes begins May 30th at 10 a.m. over ZOOM.

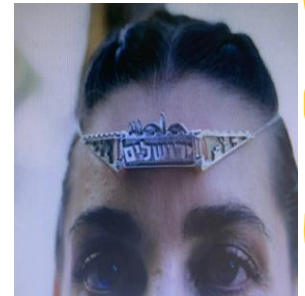
We will be discussing the first two chapters of Rabbi Neil Gillman's book "*The Way into Encountering God in Judaism*". Next class is tentatively scheduled for June 6th at 10 a.m.

Jeannine Rivesman's Memorial Service will take place Sunday, June 14th at 2 p.m. on ZOOM.

Please wear purple as that was her favorite color and have flowers near you. Jeannine loved to garden, and this will bring comfort to Bob and his family.

Please remain safe, everyone! See you on Zoom.

Warmly,
Rabbi Deborah



Stuart Says Goodbye- TBT President

I can't believe my tenure as President is coming to a close. In many ways, 42 months have flown by. I have learned so much about myself and the congregation. There are so many people to thank, and I know I can't mention them all. But many thanks to the board members that have served, and to Myrna, Joe, Deb, Audrey and Jon Z who have made themselves available to lead services. To the many teachers who have diligently taught our kids. To Eljay and Rabbi Deborah. To Allen who keeps the website updated. To past presidents on whom I have leaned.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, June 28th at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. TBT DOES NOT RUN ITSELF – it takes YOU to step up and volunteer!** We still have **BOARD POSITIONS** that need to be filled. If no one steps up, then certain services can not be provided. One example is our Religious School. The future of Judaism is dependent on our kids' Jewish education, thus we must have a school and a director. Each of you have something to offer to TBT to keep it running and successful. Your dues are important, but equally vital is the

need for folks to come forward and serve! Please contact me if you would like to help. The time commitment is minimal but appreciated!!

In other news, the Board has determined that we will continue to not use the building for services until COVID is on the decline in Houston.

In closing, I would just like to say again, that it has been a pleasure to serve as your President and I look forward to watching TBT remain vital to our community in the future!

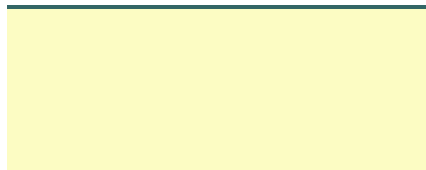
The Broom – Deb Nowinski

When I was 7 years old, I remember watching my Blessed Bubee get the kitchen ready for Passover. As she hustled and bustled about, I sat there watching her. She finally turned to me and said "Debalah, grab the broom and start sweeping!" I replied "Oh that's okay, I am fine sitting here, watching" (That was the very last time I ever said that to *her!*). She replied "you can watch me just as well with a broom in your hand. We aren't going anywhere." I swept and then went on to other little chores in the kitchen. A little bit of

cooking and baking with her and when all was said and done, we finally got to take a break. With tea and cookies on her back porch, she asked me "how do you feel?" And I said "Tired! But I'm happy tired because the kitchen smells so good." She thought a moment and said, "You went from passive to active complaining that's acceptable." In my 7-year-old mind, I had no idea what she was referring to but I thought my Bubee so holy that she spoke to G-d and He answered her back. It had to be a secret

message! It wasn't until later when I was grown and became active in organizations from my kids stuff to disability advocacy that the words finally came into fruition. It really hit home what Stuart had to say.

If you don't have the broom in hand, you can't complain. I know its hard for some to volunteer, but bringing in ideas and stepping up when asked makes the "temple smell so good" Everyone has ideas or some talent to push our TBT forward – **so, in honor of STUART and his 21 years of devoted service – please help us! Bubee would be proud.**



CHAILIGHT: By EMILY HAYES!



ON June 1st, I will be 23 years old. On August 6th, will mark my first year since the cancer was found. After a double mastectomy, 6 months of hormone therapy I will hopefully finish my surgeries and go back to “normal.” All I pray for is mental, emotional, and physical health and strength. I thank G-d that I have such amazing family, extended family and friends in my life that have been so supportive and positive.

I continue to be surprised by the kindness of those around me like the nurses I work with and those who care for me. I continue to be surprised in my ability. Just this week, I took an 8.6 bike ride with my Dad and we cooked up a storm!!!

SISTERHOOD – Nancy Schwartz & Harriet Hayes

Mark your calendars and don't forget our **ZOOM BOOK CLUB** hosted by Jeanne on **June 14th** We'll “meet” for lunch and discuss this fabulous book!

ON another note, if you have some pictures you'd like to share with us on how you've quarantined – cooking, baking, cleaning, art projects, writing, singing, dancing, etc – please send me your pictures to share! Lots of us sisters have really stepped up and done some creative things!

I had a blessing during all of this – my “cottage” is done! When everything is in place, I would love to have a luncheon. **I am looking for someone who can pour slab underneath my home and have a fence installed – if you know anyone who is good at this, please call or email me!**

Well wishes for Nancy Harris, as she recovers from her latest surgery. We are glad to hear that Pica is on the mend. We continue to keep the Hayes family in our prayers, along with Corinne and the boys. If you know of anyone who needs some extra prayers, please let me know!

We also are thinking of Bob Rivesman. The ZOOM memorial will be Sunday, June 14th. Our book club discussion will end in time for this at 2 p.m. **NANCY S**

Need a brain tease to spice things up during quarantine? Harriet sends these along!

1. Which human bones are stronger than concrete?
2. If you count how many times a cricket chirps in 15 seconds and add ____ you will get a rough estimate of the temperature in Fahrenheit
3. Babies are born without kneecaps. When do they appear? Between ____ and ____ years! GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



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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/June Schedule:

May 29th – 7:00 p.m. Myrna

June 5th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

June 12th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

June 19th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

June 26th – 7 p.m. ZOOM

We are Kveling Over our Graduates!

TBT is so proud of our graduates

The Future is looking bright!

Mazel Tov To:

PRESTON BLANCAS – graduated from League City Intermediate and off he goes to CLEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
Mom Corinne is SUPER PROUD OF HIM!

KEYLAH CASTROSEGAL not only made PERFECT ATTENDANCE K-5th Grade from Ed White Elementary School, she was also being awarded as Safety Co-Captain for 2020. She has been accepted to the SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM at Seabrook Intermediate! A future astronaut??
The Family is so PROUD of her!

Arlene and Harvey Leboe have double mazel tovs coming to them!

GRANDSONS:

PAXTON LEBOE- graduated from Texas A& M with a degree in Mechanical Engineering

PEARSON LEBOE – graduated from Clear Lake H.S. and will also go to Texas A& M – GIG 'EM!