



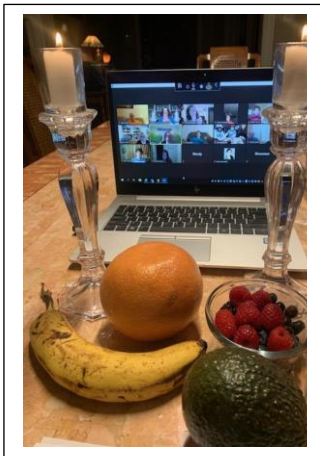
Shevat – Adar 5781

TBT CHAILIGHTS

So, nu?

It was a Fruity Tu’bshvat

By request of the Rabbi, some of our members spoke of their favorite fruits in honor of Tu’bshvat! Enjoy some of these pictures!



THE RABBI SPEAKS

Thank you to all who participated in our TuBeshevat seder~ it was a joy to be able to hear from so many of you, including some of our youngest members and those who are young at heart! We will celebrate Purim with B'nai Israel in Galveston, during Friday night services February 26th from the comfort of our homes. Please fasten your seat belt and get ready to laugh loudly as our talented Deb is writing a Purim spiel for the children and perhaps other members of our synagogues to perform for us!

For those of you who are interested in learning more about Jewish art please consider signing up for these free classes listed below. I took an on-line paper cutting session with other Jewish clergy led by Jeanette and it was wonderful. My Jewish Learning and Jeanette Kuvin Oren are partnering for a series of classes on various Judaica arts, including the huppah, ketubah, mosaics, and needlepoint. Most of the classes will include an optional hands-on component. You are welcome to join any one, or all of the sessions. Dates and times can be found below.

Zoom link for all sessions: <https://70facesmedia.zoom.us/j/81491416804>

Wednesday Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. ET: Judaic Art and Meet the Artist

Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. ET: Art for Your Passover Seder

Monday April 19 12 p.m. ET: The Art of the Huppah

Tuesday May 11 at 12 p.m. ET: The Art of the Ketubah

Monday July 12 at 7 p.m. ET: The Art of Jewish Mosaics

Thursday, June 10 at 12 p.m. ET: The Art of Jewish Needlepoint

Questions? Please email community@myjewishlearning.com

See their website for upcoming online events:

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-hub/>

Stay safe and remain healthy, Rabbi Deborah



The Prez Sez.... Deb Nowinski



I LOVE PURIM! One of our "happier" holidays where we can dress up, celebrate an actual happy ending, and according to the Rabbi's get drunk – without guilt!

I always likened it to our very own Jewish Mardi Gras in a way.

Sadly, we won't have our annual carnival with Sh'ar HaShalom due to Covid. BUT..., this year, I am happy to announce our PURIM papalooza will be shared with Congregation B'nai Israel! I will be writing our play for our combined Religious School stars called:

'THE MASKED QUEEN'

I hope you can join us (via zoom!) on this very JOYOUS occasion:

Friday, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 6 P.M.

(CBI is the host this evening...PLEASE MARK DOWN THE TIME!)

The cast will consist of kids in each Temple – we tried to be very fair with casting! So, bring your graggers, hamantaschen, masks and let the good times roll!



Joe Wallack – Ritual Director

The Fore Skins Game

The Pope met with the Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Ariel Sharon, the leader of Israel. "Your holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr.Sharon wants to determine whether Jews or Catholics are superior,by challenging you to a golf match."

The Pope was greatly disturbed, as he was getting on in years, was not in the best of health and had never held a golf club in his life. "Not to worry," said the Cardinal, "I happen to know that Jack Nicklaus, the famous American golfer, is a devout Catholic. We'll call America and talk to him, offer to make him a Cardinal, and then ask him to play Ariel Sharon as your personal representative. We can't lose!"

Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made and, of course, Jack was honored and agreed to play. The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the result.

"I have some good news and some bad news, your Holiness," said Nicklaus.

"Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus" said the Pope.

"Well, your Holiness," said Nicklaus, "I don't like to brag, but even though

I've played some pretty terrific rounds of golf in my life, this was the best I have ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accurate and purposeful, and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous."

The Pope was excited by this good news. "And the bad news?" he asked.

Nicklaus hesitated and then said, "I still lost to Rabbi Woods by seven strokes".

Sister HOOD

Nancy Schwartz and Harriett Hayes

If anyone is interested in a lovely mosaic class...

I am scheduled to go to a Mosaic making class on February 20 in the afternoon. Being very Covid-19 cautious, the instructor has it set up with seating in the garage with the door open, separate rooms if you'd rather be inside (pending weather), and seating with spacing in the same room for safety as well as wearing a mask. I will attach a couple pics.

I can bring up to 4 people, first to register with me... The class is \$40.00, and she provides all the materials, ideas etc... or, you can bring your own clay pot, picture frame or whatever you might want to mosaic if you have something in mind. Let me know asap if interested. Please email Nancy at nancyaya14@gmail.com

BOOKCLUB

Our next meeting will be Sunday February 14th at 12:30 on Zoom. The book we are reading is *Other's People's Pets* by R.L. Maizes. It's about "La La Fine, raised by her father to be a burglar and who takes care of pets in the homes she robs." The book was Hadassah's One pick in October.

I am pleased to tell you that the author Rachel Maizes has graciously agreed to come to our meeting on 2/14. She plans an informal meeting; we can ask questions about the book, her writing and offer our thoughts on the book. I think this will be a special meeting and hope you will attend. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Jeanne.Sheinberg@gmail.com



Some beautiful mosaics by Nancy Schwartz

SCHEDULE AND THIS AND THAT

FEBRUARY SERVICES:

- 5th- Myrna 7 p.m.
- 10th – Board Meeting -7 p.m.
- 12th- Rabbi at 7 p.m.
- 14th – Book Club at 12:30 p.m.
- 19th- Myrna at 7 p.m.
- 26th – PURIM with CBI “The Masked Queen” and services 6 p.m.

Would you like to attend a Board Meeting and bring your ideas or thoughts? You can you know. Email me at tbtpres@gmail.com and I'll get you on the list prior to starting our meeting. It's YOUR Temple.



Birthdays!

- 7th – Sonia Hamer
- 8th – Brook Levy
- 12th Zachary Baker
- 14th Ruth Maierson
- 17th- Leah Salinsky
- 21st –Paul Hamer
- 21st –Pica Kahn
- 23rd- Evan Corning
- 24th- Shari Maierson
- 26th Leah Blair
- 27th –Rob MacGregor

Anniversaries!

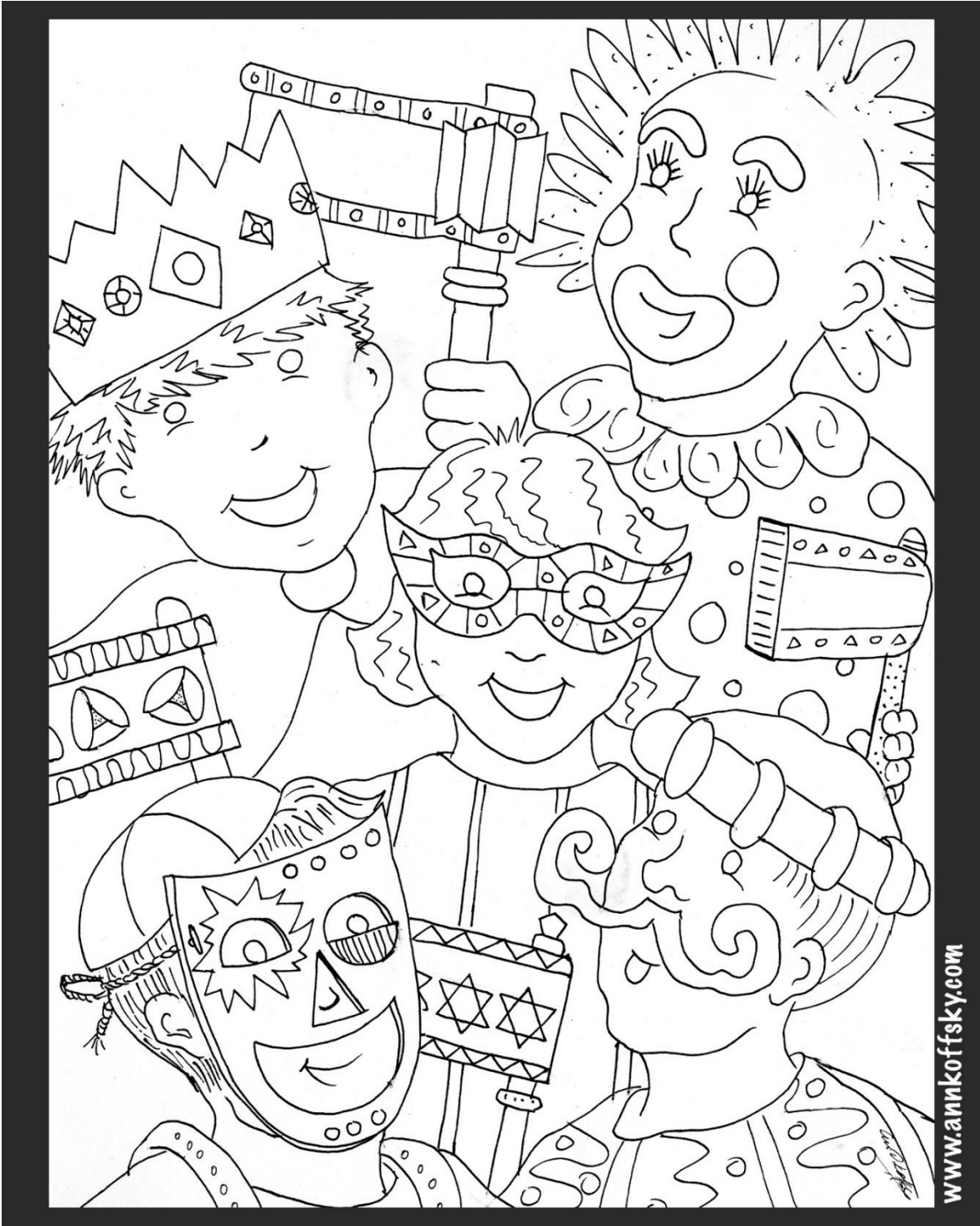
- 11th- David and Rhonda Salinsky
- 12th –Mark and Joan Gittleman

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