

#### MARCH 2021 - NISAN 5781

#### **TBT CHAILIGHTS**

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#### THE RABBI SEZ

Dear TBT family,

We are about to mark one year since COVID entered the world and our lives, forever altering our landscape on multiple levels. We have also just surpassed 500,000 American deaths and over 2.5 million deaths worldwide due to COVID. We will ritually mark this time during this Friday night's service March 5 th beginning at 7 pm. If you have something you would like to express regarding this incomprehensible time, there will be space for you to do so during this service.

Our service will follow our children's service beginning at 6:15.

The first night of Passover is Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate our seder on Zoom, as we did last year, beginning at 6 pm. Your family and friends are invited to join us!

Congratulations to Deb for putting together a sweet Purim spiel for our religious school children and CBI's. The kids were great and were the highlight of our joint Purim service!

Planning ahead, we look forward to our next joint service with Shaar HaShalom Friday night, April 30th .

A hearty mazel tov to Mardy on becoming a grandmother, and to her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Brendan on becoming parents to the adorable Max Archer on Feb. 17 th in the middle of Texas' snow and ice storm. Please enjoy the sweet pictures below!

Warmly, Rabbi Deborah REBDEB18@COMCAST.NET



# A HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO MARDY SCHWEITZER ON BECOMING A GRANDMOTHER TO MAX ARCHER BORN ON FEB 17<sup>TH</sup> IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR TEXAS SNOWSTORM! AND A HUZZAH TO OUR WONDERFUL ACTORS IN OUR PURIM PLAY "THE MASKED QUEEN!"









**Our Esther, Julia** 



Matthew was Haman



Ayden Cohen the kool King





Zachary played Anathrax the King's Aide



Keylah played Haman's wife, Zeresh

Joellane and Aylah played the Persian Beauty Queens







# The Prez Sez

My beloved 93-year mother decided to uproot herself from Michigan and become a Texan. It took courage and faith to leave her "homeland" and come to a family that will care and love her. She definitely has fallen in love with our food!

Prior to leaving she heard "Lech Lecha". The words spoken by G-d to Abram to "go forward." This was not the G-d that prior to this command, wiped out sinners with floods and the Tower of Babel, this command was one of mercy. It was a moment of impact on our Jewish history.

We have all moments in our lives where we had to move, no matter our age. We had to forge a new path, a new adventure. Although we are no Abraham or Moses, our moving forward in our own small way makes an impact on ourselves and those around us. I believe "going forth" is embedded in our Jewish DNA.

I am so excited she is here and she is looking forward to playing piano at TBT once we are open! I hope you all will welcome her and she will have a home at TBT.

Finally, after our snowmaggedon, hearing the children perform "The Masked Queen" at our Purim service with CBI was the balm we needed it. Their laughter and joy reenacting a happy time in our history, was just what we needed. I was honored to write this play for them.

# FYI: We SPRING FORWARD on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>- so don't forget to move your clock an hour ahead!

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Hello Ladies,

I've been working full time outside my home since the freeze, and still have plenty to do when I find time to tend to my plants that are hanging on by a leaf and a root. We have two TBT Sisterhood members who could benefit from our prayers and support.

Leah Eisen, wife of our past president, Stuart Eisen, is having surgery tomorrow/today, Wednesday March 3. Stuart's working full time (more than full time when you include some long travel times).

It would be very comforting and helpful for Leah to have company during the day time hours while she's home alone. During this first week after her surgery, it's most important to have someone there to assist her and be sure she eats lunch. If you can sit with her any time within the next week or two, please let me know the day and time you're available.

I'm also very sorry to report that Denise Gambino has contracted Covid-19. So far, I'm told it's affecting her mildly. However, she cares for her husband and might not be able to cook for him. If y9ou're cooking for your family and can add a couple extra to your meal plan, I know they would be very grateful. I also understand they like the homestyle restaurant, Kelly's. If interested in purchasing or contributing to gift cards so they can order meals to be delivered, please contact me.

Thanks in advance for stepping up to help our TBT Sisters.

Shalom and hugs, Nancy



Hello to all, I hope everyone is doing OK after the freeze. We had a fun meeting on 2/14 with a visit from R. L. Maizes the author of "Other People's Pets". She gave us some insight into to her thoughts and feelings while writing the book. If you haven't read the book and are an animal lover I think you would enjoy it. Having the author

with us made it a special meeting. She mentioned that she likes magical realism, a new concept to me but utilized in the book.

**Our next meeting is Sunday March 14 @ 12:30 on zoom**. The book is "Broken for You" by Stephanie Kallos, recommended by Phyllis who will lead the meeting. Phyllis shared that there is also some magical realism in this book.

So if you believe in magic- as the song goes, we will see you in March.

Everyone is invited. If you would like to join us please email me at <u>Jeanne.Sheinberg@gmail.com</u>

## **March Schedule**

5<sup>th</sup>- Children's Service 6:15 P.M. Adult Service – Covid Memorial 7 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup>- Music with Myrna 13<sup>th</sup>- Set your clocks an hour ahead! 14<sup>th</sup> -Book Club at 12:30 19<sup>th</sup> Rabbi – 7 p.m. 26<sup>th</sup>- Julian from ISJL 17<sup>th</sup> -PASSOVER SEDER AT 6 P.M.

## ALL SERVICES WILL BE ON ZOOM



- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheri Leboe
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Benjamin Vickers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Levy
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Harriet Hayes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Joy Blair
- 6<sup>th</sup> Susan Bialer Sullivan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ashley Henderson
- 9<sup>th</sup> Harry Klann
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Karen Taylor
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Michele Moliver
- 17<sup>th</sup> Emily Hamer
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Mike Kahn
- 24<sup>th</sup> Brandon Dunegan

- 25<sup>th</sup> Leslie Wells
- 25<sup>th</sup>- Simon McDonald
- 27<sup>th</sup> Graceanne Becker
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Mark Maierson
- 28<sup>th</sup> David Dante

#### Anniversaries

17<sup>th</sup>- Shawn and Audrey Dunegan 28<sup>th</sup>- Steven and Lisa Levy Kids Coloring Corner

