



Sivan/Tammuz 5781

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Temple Beth Tikvah Chailights

The Rabbi Speaks

Hi All,

What an exciting way to begin our summer by beginning in person services at Temple Beth Tikvah on Friday night June 4 at 7 pm! I can't wait to see you in person! Please see below information about the various precautions your board voted on to keep all of us safe. At the same time we will continue having Zoom services for those not able to join in person due to our reduced numbers, for those more comfortable remaining at home during this time, and for those joining us long distance.

And to get our in person celebration off to a fun start, for those who are interested, we are meeting at Tommy's Restaurant, 2555 Bay Area Blvd beginning at 5 pm on June 4.

Thank you Jeanne for hosting a wonderful IN PERSON Sisterhood book club gathering in your patio. It was a thrill getting together with some of our Sisterhood women for the first time in nearly 1 ½ years to discuss Kate Quinn's thought provoking book, *The Alice Network*. Please see pictures below.

Our healing wishes go out to Flo Citarel, Deb's mom who is rehabilitating at Seven Acres. Flo really appreciates contact with her TBT family so feel free to give her a call through Seven Acres main number at 713-778-5700. If you would like to visit her in person, please call that number and ask for Jill Newman to arrange a day and time to visit. Flo and I had a lovely visit INSIDE Seven Acres today (too hot to be outside).

Looking forward to Rabbi Jimmy Kessler sharing his wonderful stories about Texas Jewish history at our last entirely Zoom service Friday May 28th beginning at 7 pm.

Wishing you a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend, Rabbi Deborah

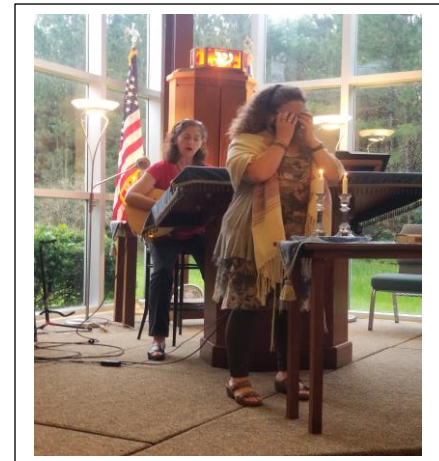
WELCOME BACK!

As the Rabbi said in her brief, we had a most **WONDERFUL** opening on Friday, June 4th. We started with a dinner at Tommy's. Hugs, smiles, overhearing "Baruch Ha-shem" went through our gathering. Words can not express how we all felt after some of us haven't seen each other for over a year! We had a lot to catch up on!

The service was just as special as the Rabbi and Myrna took their rightful places on the bimah. Our voices were raised *together (no muting here!)* with much joy and gratitude! Coming home was certainly a Shabbat to remember! We hope those who haven't been in a while, let us say: it's time to come home!



We began our Grand Opening with dinner at Tommy's Restaurant. It was a joyful time!



The Rabbi and Myrna



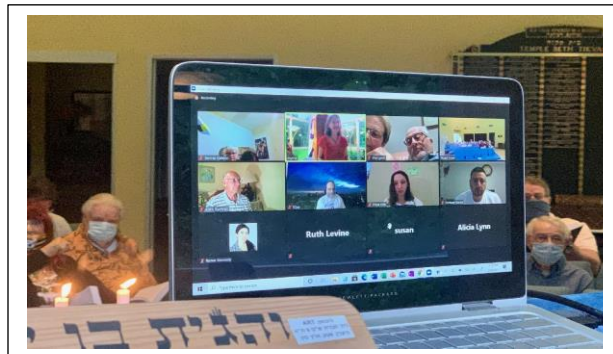
We schmoozed!



L'Chaim!



Zoomers!



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Every June 1st my mother would open the front door and recite this poem to my brother and me. It has become a ritual in our family, and we always look forward to hearing these words as it ushers in our Summer.

By James Russell Lowell

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Every being feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

May your Summer bring you joy and an abundance of sweet memories that will warm you throughout the year



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Battleground Tikvah**

“Battleground” was a 1949 war film starring James Whitmore, a young Ricardo Montalban (before he became wrathful) and Denise Darcel (for no apparent reason other than an apparent reason). The setting was the American 101st division holding Bastogne France, which was the last major impediment against the last major German offensive, a drive to the critical port city of Antwerp, which would split the Allied lines and take away the main Allied supply route from England.

The small contingent of American soldiers found themselves surrounded on all sides, outnumbered and outgunned (sound familiar?). The Germans, trying to preserve their armor all the way to Antwerp, offered a conditional surrender. Just leave the Americans’ temporary home and no one would get hurt, including civilians. No one would get hurt. The American commander’s response to the offer became the most famous response in military history, “NUTS!”.

Thousands of missiles rained down on Bastogne for days while the Americans ran out of ammunition, supplies and food until all they had left was hope. They held out just long enough though for General Patton (perhaps you heard of him) to break the siege from the South.

Sometimes the enemy’s main hope is that you give up your hope. Here though, the stopping of the German offensive at Bastogne, ended the Nazi hope. By not giving up your hope, you can end their hope.

As we come back out of our shelters and return to our home at Temple Beth Tikvah, we invite everyone to attend our home reopening on Shabbat, June 4th at 7:00 and make a stand for religious freedom (and have some Belgian chocolates on the way).

At Battleground Tikvah.

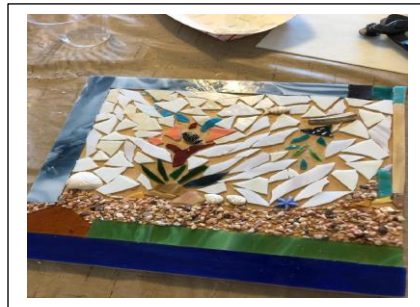
Sisterhood

Nancy Schwartz and Harriett Hayes

On May 30th, Sisterhood held a class on mosaics. Nancy Schwartz sent these pictures and wow... the talent we have at TBT! Great job, y'all!



Nancy's Mailbox



Alicia's piece



Emily's feather



Jackie's doggone cutie

If you have a creative idea you would like to do, please contact Nancy Schwartz at Nancyaya16@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

Hello to all, It was great to see everyone in person at our last meeting! It has been such a long time. We discussed the *Alice Network*, a book based on the real life of a spy during WW1.

Everyone seemed to like the book and was impressed by the courage of the women who participated in the Alice Network during those times. The book is an historical novel and we enjoyed some of the lighter moments.

Our next book is *The Flight Portfolio* by Julie Orringer, recommended by Jean Cahn a beloved member of the book club who passed away.

The next meeting will be the second Sunday in June- the 13th @ 1230 pm. I am checking to see if we can use the TBT library unless someone would like to volunteer their home. Last option would be zoom.

Suggested book for the rest of the year:

July- Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Aug: On Mystic Lake by Kristin Hannah

Sept: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Oct-Karolina's Twins by Ronald Balsom

Nov- The Orphan Keeper- by Camron W

Dec-Exodus by Leon Uris

This is an updated list. It is not written in stone- (just a little pun)- so we can discuss ideas at the next meeting. If you recommend a book, please be sure you have read it!

Quote "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain" Dolly Parton

Jeanne Sheinberg

If you are interested in joining the book club please email:

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Bookclub is part of Sisterhood but anyone can join.

Religious School Wrap Up

Jill MacGregor

Our students, on zoom this past year, paired up with our Galveston brother and sisters at Congregation B'nai Israel. It was a fun year meeting new friends and teachers. At the end of the year, there was a talent show!

Special thanks to our teachers this year who made it through Sunday School via zoom! Zoom golly golly!

Don't forget that the first Fridays at TBT at 6:15 p.m. is a Children's Service before our adult services at 7 p.m.



HOORAY FOR TALENT!

June Schedule

ALL TIMES IN JUNE AT 7 P.M.

ZOOM WILL STILL BE OFFERED

4th- We opened!

9th – Board Meeting at the Temple 7 p.m.

11th -

Torah Portion: Korach: NUMBERS 16:1-18:32

13th – Book Club 12:30 p.m. place to be determined

18th

Torah Portion: Chukat: NUMBERS 19:1-22:1

25th

Torah Portion: Balak: Numbers 22:2–25:9



1ST Emily Hayes

7th Joseph Castrosegal

11th Jimmy Benis

14th Peter Wald

19th William Wilson

23rd Liberty Dante

27th Barry Marks

28th Aiden Blancas

30th Harvey Leboe

Anniversaries

13th Arlene & Harvey Leboe

18th Eljay Waldman & Deborah Schloss



If you like to have your loved ones on our Yahrzeit list for a year, please send a donation to TBT. We observe the 30 day mourning period saying the name of your family/friend names before we say Kaddish. However, if you do want it extended, we would appreciate a donation.

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