

### THE BEAUTIFUL MONTH OF ELUL

## TBT CHAI LIGHTS SO, NU?

We are entering the beautiful month of ELUL where we celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A new year, a renewal, repentance, and review of the past year and how we will go forward with our contract with God and ourselves and community.

In Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days. The word "Elul" is like the root of the verb "search" in Aramaic. Jewish sources from the 14th century and on write that the Hebrew word "Elul" can be understood to be an acronym for the phrase "Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li" – "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine", referring to one's relationship with God. Elul is seen as a time to search one's heart and draw close to God in preparation to the High Holy Days.





#### TEMPLE SERVICES FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 2023 7:00 P.M. TBT** 

FIRST DAY R.H: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### **TIMES & LOCATIONS:**

**SUNRISE SERVICE AT TBT STARTS AT 7:00 A.M.** 

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S AT 8:15 A.M. 2735 BAY AREA** 

MORNING R.H. SERVICES: SERVICES BEGIN AT 10 AM AT TBT

#### **YOM KIPPUR:**

KOL NIDRE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023 6:45 P.M. SHARP!
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2023 WITH BREAKS IN BETWEEN SERVICES

**10:30 A.M. MORNING** 

3:45 P.M. STUDY SESSION

5:15 P.M. YIZKOR - PLEASE BRING PICTURES OF YOUR LOVED ONES

6:30 P.M. NE'ILAH

7:15 SHOFAR - BREAK THE FAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - TASCLICH AT CLEAR LAKE PARK 10 A.M. 5001 NASA PARKWAY THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARK.

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<u>SERVICES WILL BE ZOOMED BUT NO SHARED SCREEN THIS YEAR!</u> Joe and Myrna will send out more information as we get closer to the High Holy Days.

RABBI MARCY GREENE will be officiating along with our musicians from last year!



#### Its a busy month at TBT!

Our CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on <u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup></u> AT NOON: BAGELS, COFFEE AND if you want to bring some nosh with you it will be appreciated. PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING! THE NEW SLATE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BUDGET WILL BE VOTED ON. JOE WALLACK SENT OUT A PROXY FOR ALL TO SIGN IF YOU CANT BE THERE. THIS WILL ALSO BE ZOOMED. SEE JOE'S EMAIL.

# IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD, WE DO HAVE OPENINGS.

**SLATE:** 

PRESIDENT JOE WALLACK

RITUAL/VP MYRNA REINGOLD (only thru the High Holy Days

and occasional services but this position is OPEN)

SECRETARY: STUART EISEN

FINANCES: JOE WALLACK/CHARLES SOUTH

**BUILDINGS/GROUNDS OPEN POSITION** 

**EDUCATION** OPEN POSITION

COMMUNICATION MELISSA STEWART

MEMBER AT LARGE SHERRY HAWN

SISTERHOOD NANCY SCHWARTZ

I would personally like to thank Melissa Stewart for taking over Chai Lights I know she will enjoy it as much as I have the past 3 years. Deb Nowinski

And also again this IS YOUR TEMPLE, please step up to help us out.



Some one will be sending out a sign up sheet for Break the Fast and also our ONEG for EREV ROSH HASHANAH NIGHT. For the Oneg, we are looking for Apples and Honey, Cakes, and sweets for this Oneg.

For Break the Fast please contribute to our delicious meal after a long day of fasting on Yom Kippur. Everyone is invited to bring a dish.

## THE BRIDE OF THE EARLY BY

Carol Zucker has been sending out wonderful emails on upcoming book club dates. The next one is in October. Everyone is invited to attend at TBT.

The book is "The Librarian of Burned Books" by Brianna Labuskes. It is a captivating WWII era novel about the intertwined fates of three women who believe in the power of books to triumph over the very darkest moments of the war. The book was recommended by Judith, who will lead the discussion.

Feel free to bring lunch or a snack.

I look forward to seeing you on October 1st.

Quote:"I can tell you that banning books, burning books, blocking books is often used as a way to erase people, a belief system or culture."

**Brianna Lebuskes** 



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH!

While at TBT, please walk through the halls near the classrooms and see how Joe Wallack has turned it into our own little art gallery celebrating Jewish artists. Some of the paintings have been donated by Joe's family.

Thanks to Joe for creating this "Art Hall of Fame" by supporting our heritage and celebrating Jewish artists. Stop by and take a look!

We would like to wish each of you a happy, healthy renewal in 5784.



The High Holy Days are also a time for Tzedakah. You can make it to honor someone, or in remembrance.

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