

Temple Beth Sholom Presents

Our Voices - A Monthly Newsletter

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Assistance and Events

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Torah Study | Held each Saturday online through Zoom.

Services | Shabbat Evening Services will be offered online through livestream and Facebook Live.

June 10 | 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom.

June 12 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. – "Beep, Honk, and Wave! It's a Drive-By Shabbat Parade!" Join us as we usher in Shabbat with a drive-thru. Register for your free challah on the website and enjoy some music from Cantor as you pick it up.

For a Complete List of Event Links Please Visit <https://www.tbsoc.com/>

Worship at TBS

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about how we create sacred spaces in a virtual space—a room that doesn't have any real walls, and yet where we all are gathered within. Whether it is Zoom, Facebook Live, or other digital platform, this is a question that I think we all should be asking ourselves. For, in the reality of the moment and the foreseeable future, we are in a partnership to create these new sacred spaces together. How do we capture the spiritual feelings we have when we are sitting in our sanctuary, chapel, or outside on the patio and bring them to the sacred space we are creating online? We are joining online services and study sessions looking for inspiration and enlightenment, and I think we are finding it in new, unpredicted ways. This is a turning point in history, and we must remind ourselves that just because we haven't always done it this way, doesn't mean it isn't going to work.

I am personally inspired when I travel virtually from coast to coast, often on an afternoon just prior to Shabbat. I have joined parts of services from New York and the east coast and I recently had the joy of catching my hometown rabbi (now retired and rabbi emeritus) leading services at my home congregation in the Chicago suburbs. Because of technology available to us today, I enjoy what other communities are doing (something that I was also doing in person when I was on sabbatical). While every community is doing what works best for them, it makes me feel more connected knowing that we are all experiencing this together, literally nation and worldwide. We can learn from each other, and one day, when all of this has passed over, we will be renewed through what we have experienced and learned during this time.

-Cantor David Reinwald | cantor@tbsoc.com | (714) 654-2945

President's Message

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming Board members. The Board and I look forward to working with Mike, Nancy, and John in the upcoming year to bring *shalom bayit* and a renewed partnership with the congregation in which we focus on Temple Beth Sholom as a center for life, learning, and connections.

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Mike Winston – Executive Vice President | Mike has been a part of TBS since the age of two. In his youth, he attended Temple Beth Sholom for preschool, day camp, religious and Hebrew school, bar mitzvah, and confirmation classes. Later in life, Mike and his wife, Mimi, were married at TBS in 2005 by Rabbi Stephen Einstein and Rabbi Shelton Donnell. As a teen, Mike served on our OCTY (Orange County Temple Youth) board of directors. He was also a CIT (Counselor-In-Training) at Camp Swig and has served as guitar-playing song leader for many of the above-mentioned organizations. In addition, Mike attended TALIT—Teacher Aide and Leader in Training—where he and Mimi met. Together they keep up with their kids Izzy, 6 years-old and Ethan, 8 years-old. Mike serves as soccer coach for both his children's teams.

Mike comes from an active TBS family. His mom, Caron, has served in many Board capacities and was also our summer day camp director. Mike's dad, Jeff, has also served in many Board positions including President. Their commitment to TBS was instrumental in our Living Legacy Campaign. The entire Winston family helped with fundraising and worked with Berliner Architects, Del Amo Construction, and subcontractors for years before and after our 2015 kitchen fire.

During the day, Mike leads a global technical sales force for Safran Passenger Innovations. Please join me in welcoming Mike to this leadership role at TBS.

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Nancy Fidel – Sisterhood President | Nancy, her husband Barry and their family have been members of TBS since 2011, which they chose as their spiritual home for its commitment to equality and inclusivity. Over the years, the Fidel's have celebrated many simchas at TBS including Nancy's B'nei Mitzvah in 2015, both of her granddaughters, Ava and Leia's B'nei Mitzvot, and their grandson Benjamin's involvement in the TBS preschool.

Nancy has devoted herself to TBS Sisterhood serving on numerous committees as the VP of Religion and as our Executive Vice President in preparation for assuming her new role as Sisterhood President. She has worked on numerous Sisterhood and Temple committees including the 75th Anniversary, two separate temple survey committees, Purim Carnival committees and organizing many Shabbat Onegs.

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John Bornstein – Director of Financial Development | In 1950, John Bornstein immigrated to the United States from Shanghai, China with his parents and was raised in the city of Long Beach. He graduated college with an M.S. Degree in Business Management from Long Beach State University. He worked in the furniture industry for over 40 years after selling his company of 21 years in 2013. He thereafter changed businesses and began working in the nutritional supplement industry where he is currently employed in an upper management capacity. His strengths are in manufacturing, plant and equipment layout and high-level vendor negotiations. He joined Temple Beth Sholom in 2009 and has been active on the Brotherhood board for several terms.

-Mitch Cohen, TBS President

Brotherhood | Community - Fellowship - Action - Service

TBS Brotherhood held its first Zoom Speaker Series on Sunday, May 17th. We welcomed Igal Zaidenstein, who represented the Israel Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center (IICD). It was a great experience for all in attendance.

Our second Zoom Speaker Series will be held on **Sunday, June 14th**. Our own Joel Kotkin will be speaking on The Urban Future in the Covid Era. Joel, an internationally recognized authority on global, economic, political, and social trends has just released his latest book, The Coming of Neo Feudalism, a warning to the global middle class. Once again, this series is open to all at no charge and will be held at 10:00 a.m. Please refer to the TBS website for Zoom links.

Just a reminder that Brotherhood is offering (4) \$500 scholarships to high school seniors going on to college next semester. We encourage applications. Contact Mark Borovay at mhborovay@hotmail.com for more info or to apply.

As Zoom becomes an ever-growing part of our lives, I would like to hear from men who are interested in joining a Shabbat Zoom glass of wine or cocktail with Brotherhood members for 30 to 40 minutes before Shabbat service each week. Share a few laughs, stories or whatever. Contact Sylvan Swartz at sylvan@swartzcre.com.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and not rushing out without following proper protocol. Until next time.

-Sylvan Swartz, Brotherhood Director of Membership

Sisterhood

Sisterhood has been working hard to stay connected to their members. We started with a phone tree in which Sisterhood board members made phone calls to the Sisterhood membership, reaching out, checking in, offering assistance and a way to pass a few minutes of the day chatting with a friend. Thank you to Nancy Fidel for organizing the phone tree and all the board members who made phone calls. And thank you to the Sisterhood members who warmly received the phone calls giving us a chance to catch up with you.

We also were able to organize outreach via the US Postal Service. Sisterhood mailed out masks to their membership along with good wishes and phone numbers to be used to “phone a friend.” A big thank you to Barbara Swartz who spearheaded this program and the Sisterhood members who helped with the mailing or offered to lend an ear.

-Brenda Beck, TBS Sisterhood President

TBS Word Puzzle #2

Congratulations to our Word Puzzle Winners from Issue 2: First Prize goes to Doris Bachman. Runner-up awards go to Heather Canedy and the Salvatierra Family. Great job!

How many words can you make out of the letters in Shabbat Shalom?

Submit your list of words to riving@tbsoc.com by June 15th. Participants from ages 0-10 can submit words of 2 letters or more. Participants from ages 10+ can submit words of 3 letters or more.

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This newsletter is also made possible by the generous contributions of Patti Widdicomb, Barbara Ulmer, the Escoe Family, the Borchard Family, and Leonard & Susan Silberman

Camp, ECC, and Our Youth

TBS ECC reopened our doors on June 1st for the children of essential workers. Shortly thereafter, on June 15th, we will begin our summer camp program.

Our children will face a world where the pitch of their teachers' voices and the warmth in their teachers' eyes will hint at smiles obscured by facemasks. Our children will be asked to learn the language of social distancing, in truth the antithesis of why they are at preschool.

We can succumb, shrug our shoulders, and get on with the hourly fumigating of everything we touch, or we can look at new, innovative ways to create meaningful educational experiences for our children. Children need human contact and interaction to flourish. They need to be hugged when they are hurt. Babies must be rocked and held close when fed. These are fundamental human requirements. The teachers and I will spend the next few months negotiating a tightrope to ensure the emotional as well as physical wellbeing of our children. As we put our heads together to produce the best possible environment, I am most looking forward to the sounds of childish laughter penetrating the closed doors of the Early Childhood Center.

-Tamara Levin, Preschool Director

Membership

Our synagogue is more than a building, school, or set of programs. Temple Beth Sholom is about being part of one family. As part of the Membership Committee, it has been my goal this past year to make sure our members feel a sense of belonging and connection. We have made many calls, hosted New Member Shabbats, had tasty Cupcake Wars, delivered challah to new members, made more calls, and had the best Pajama Party ever!

It has been beyond challenging during this crazy time to stay connected with all of you, but we are ready to get back in the swing of things, even if we must be physically distant. That is why on **Friday, June 12th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** we are planning a Drive-By Shabbat Parade where congregants can reserve a challah in advance, drive-thru and pick it up at temple. You'll even get a friendly (distant) wave from the membership committee and hear some live music from Cantor! Please look for details in upcoming weekly emails and on the TBS website. This free event is made possible in part by a generous donation from the Wenneberg family in honor of Bonnie's father, Leo Cohen, on his yahrzeit. "Beep, Honk, and Wave! It's a Drive-By Shabbat Parade!" *-Mary Gonzalez, VP of Membership*

Voices of TBS

We are excited to announce our new program called *TBS Inspires!* Share a video of your musical talents. Do a dance. Read something you have written or a poem or short story that you love. Show us a short film you have created. Inspire TBS! See the TBS website for more information on how to record and send us a video that will be shared with the congregation. Open to anyone of any age. We can't wait to hear your voices and see how you inspire us all! (Contact Cantor Reinwald for assistance or with questions.)

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“Mom – I don’t know how to do this assignment!” “Oops – I spilled the paint.” “When will you be done working so you can play with me?” “Will we ever be able to play with our friends again?” The needs and questions from my 8 and 5-year-old seem endless these days. It has been difficult to find ways to keep our children entertained, learning, and feeling safe during the pandemic—while also trying to work. Though I certainly have moments where I feel I can’t take another second of being “stuck at home”, I’ve also appreciated the ways our Jewish community has come together to support one another.

My youngest is at TBS preschool, and it’s been such a relief to have daily Zoom classes with her teachers and school friends. We’ve also been taking advantage of the religious school Zoom “hangouts” and classes. Thanks to these resources, our family has celebrated Israel’s 72nd birthday by dressing in blue and white and learning more about Israel. We also had our own “bonfire” made from colored paper and had a picnic in our living room to celebrate Lag BaOmer. And I don’t think I’ve ever looked forward to Fridays as much as I have during the pandemic! This is because we have time to prepare, come together, and think about Shabbat like never before. My kids and I have been baking challah from scratch on Friday mornings thanks to Stojana’s baking classes and many in our temple community offering to share that much-sought-after yeast! We gather around the computer to sing songs, pray, and hear stories during the ECC Shabbat service. Yes, my children may be jumping on the bed during much of the service, but they’re listening!

And after dinner and bedtime, I often get back on the computer to play a bit of Mah-Jongg online, sometimes over a glass of wine with some of my TBS friends! We may not get to be in-person, but through participating in the offered activities and finding some fun ways to be social, we have been able to stay connected to our temple community while enhancing the way we “do Jewish”.

-Rachel Benson, TBS Member and Religious School/ECC Parent

Social Justice

Committee reports: update on Religious Action Committee of the URJ (see their website), further collection needs, Education (see websites of United to End Homelessness and Illumination Foundation). Currently, the relationship between the religious school and Skyview Elementary, Orange County’s school for homeless elementary age children is on pause, hopefully to return in the fall when school reopens.

Len Silberman and Susan Jasper will coordinate with Ruth Irving to support congregants with grocery gift cards who need assistance at this time.

If you would like to join the Social Justice Committee or have ideas for projects, please contact Len or Rhea. Next meeting will be held on **June 15th at 6:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

-Paula K. Pitluk, Social Justice Member

Prior to the Coronavirus epidemic we renewed our Mitzvah of the Month program to support Thomas House in Garden Grove. Currently there is a stack of children's clothing on a table in the TBS living room that is waiting to be distributed. In the meantime, mandatory confinement has its benefits. It has given me the opportunity to "cleanse" my various cabinets. I no longer bake so extra measuring spoons and cups, muffin pans, cookie sheets and molds began my journey through the house. I gathered sheets and pillowcases, towels, and window dressings, which I rewashed and folded neatly and then moved on to the clothing closets. We had two small bar stools we don't use and a small, round table. Our car was on overload. There are 22 apartments at Thomas House ranging from studio to 3 bedrooms and when we arrived, we were met by eager, grateful helpers. We noted a lovely, large sofa in the courtyard awaiting a new owner and a variety of items neatly displayed for residents to take what they need.

If you have any questions about Thomas House or have items to donate, please call me at 949 458-8732 or email sovtall@gmail.com.

-Monica Engel, Social Justice Member

Enjoy!

Shabbat Crossword Puzzle

Down

- 1 Skullcap
- 2 Sabbath greeting
- 3 "Receiving," as in the Sabbath
- 5 Weekly Torah portion
- 6 Braided loaves of bread
- 10 Saturday's traditional stew
- 12 Baked noodle or potato casserole
- 14 When a boy comes of age
- 15 Three of these mean it's nightfall
- 17 What we do when we rest on Shabbat
- 20 Challah is _____ with at least three strands
- 21 Sewn satin or felt cap, Yiddish
- 23 Wine for kids
- 24 "Shalom"
- 26 "Separation"
- 30 Challah dipped in this is extra sweet
- 33 Oneg or kiddush lunch staple
- 34 Airline that doesn't schedule flights on Shabbat

Across

- 4 Meat, dairy and _____
- 7 Sink or floater
- 8 Can be sprinkled over challah
- 9 Collected in a box
- 11 "Holy"
- 13 The blessing over bread
- 16 Collective members of a Jewish house of worship
- 18 Prayer shawl
- 19 Aromatic spices
- 22 See candlelight reflected in these
- 25 Hand-written parchment scroll
- 27 613 in the Torah
- 28 Traditional meat dinner
- 29 "Sanctification"
- 31 Book of Moses that first mentions Shabbat
- 32 Commonly used word to describe a Jewish house of worship
- 33 Shabbat is referred to as this woman in white
- 35 Social Shabbat gathering

