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HAPPY HANUKKAH

As winter approaches, we once again brighten our homes by lighting the candles in our Hanukkah menorah. This year, like every other, we continue to bind together in community, illuminate the dark nights with our collective flame, and honor our traditions together.

Continuity is a key theme of the Hanukkah season and a key organizing principle of our TBH community. Throughout this pandemic, our continuity as a Jewish community, a Jewish home and family for the South Sound region has guided our steps without falter.

We continue to pray together, we continue to meet together, and we continue to learn together (even it is still on Zoom and Facebook). And we continue to celebrate life's *simchas* together and we continue to grieve together.

The continuity of TBH's light is more important than ever. [Please consider an end of year pledge](#) that will help us continue to support new and established members of our community, and offer the broad range of activities, spiritual opportunities, and educational breadth that are the hallmark of TBH as Center of South Sound's Jewish Community.

Last year your incredible generosity meant that our Hanukkah Appeal reached historic success. Together, we raised over \$20,000 to sustain our congregation throughout the year. That money funded

pilot programming for our congregation's Family Life and Learning program, new speakers and presenters from around the globe, and support for our staff.

Your meaningful contribution is once again crucial for our continued communal strength. We plan to return to our building this coming year as safety allows, and we will need to invest in our staff, facility, and technologies to keep our community vibrant and accessible to all.

And, we continue to offer membership and program scholarships to create equitable opportunities for engagement for all. Financial requirements at our congregation should never be a barrier to membership or participation. In order to foster this type of inclusion, we need your help.

You can directly subsidize these communal measures with your meaningful year-end contribution. We're asking you to consider a year-end donation to TBH that keeps the luminescence of our Jewish community brightly lit in the months to come and accessible to all.

Thank you for your generous support of TBH, and for being a part of the TBH community. The TBH Board joins me in wishing you and your family a happy and joyous Hanukkah.

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It's Time to Consider the Alternatives

Working with a local landscape architect, the New Property Improvements Team (NPIT) at TBH has put together three alternative concept master development plans for expansion of the courtyard and improvements to the newly acquired parking lots. Each alternative presents a distinct development theme.

Three Alternatives

The NPIT tasked our landscape architect with creating three themed plans. They are:

1. [A Base Plan](#) that aims to meet the commitments made during the parking lot capital campaign and the courtyard FEMA grant submittal at the minimum capital cost and maximum net parking lot revenue.
2. [A Dedicated Spaces Plan](#) that aims to identify specific places to put the varied land uses identified during the community meeting stages of the capital campaign.
3. [A Flexible Open Plan](#) that aims to incorporate as many ideas as possible from the community meetings, while providing larger undefined spaces that are suitable for multiple uses.

How to Get Involved

There are three important dates to know about:

December 5: Starting at 4pm, the poster-sized plans will be in the Hanukkah Tent for review and comment. Members of the NPIT will be present to answer any questions or listen to your preferences.

December 7: At 7pm there will be a TBH Member Zoom meeting to present the three alternatives, identify costs and financing options, answer questions and understand preferences.

December 10: Deadline for submitting questions and comments to the alternatives is noon on Friday, 12/10.

Finally, Gary Schneider and Daniel Farber are co-leading the NPIT. Feel free to contact either of them with any questions or comments if you are not able to make the meetings above.

Upcoming Steps

The NPIT is scheduled to meet to review all the feedback it has received from the community and prepare recommendations to the TBH Board. The Board will be hearing the NPIT recommendation initially at its December meeting, and a final decision by the Board on the design, development phasing, and financing of the plan is expected in January. It is likely that the project will be completed in several phases, with the first project possibly starting as early as this coming Spring.

Green Burial Survey

Natural (also referred to as green) burial grounds are becoming more available for family and friends to come to honor and remember their loved ones versus the more traditional cemetery settings. Spurred on by environmentalists to address and better support our earth's health, these burial grounds continue to be established with increasing frequency throughout the country.

Among them are twelve Jewish cemeteries that include natural burial. (What distinguishes natural burial practices from our local current Jewish burial practices are that no cement liner is required, and the body of the deceased is buried no deeper than 4 feet allowing for a more effective return to the earth.) A group has formed to explore natural burial options in Olympia, and invites participation in this survey: <https://forms.gle/tkA6TrfhLod95VRn8>

All adults are invited to participate.

Immigrant & Refugee Task Force Updates

It seems that everyday brings a new refugee crisis. The needs of people coming to the United States for safety and security can feel overwhelming. It helps to remember the instruction from Pirkei Avot: *"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."*

Sometimes just the number of great organizations and the amount of incoming information can be overwhelming. Who has the time to read every relevant email in the inbox? Some of us on the Task Force find it useful to focus on the info from one or two organizations. There are several Jewish organizations addressing immigrant and refugee issues, including HIAS and Jewish Family Services in Seattle (You can find an Amazon wish list for JFS's work with resettling refugees from Afghanistan at jfsseattle.org)

Another great and local organization is the **Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW**. This group has formed "to create a strong Jewish voice on immigrant justice by raising the level of activism and advocacy." **JCI-JNW** has an amazing online newsletter that pulls together information and suggests actions on both a national and local level. The provided links make taking action, donating or getting more information easy! Here's an example: "How to shine light on immigrant justice this Hanukkah with 8 nights of action!"

- * One [Hanukkah Solidarity Day @ the NW Detention Center](#) on December 5th from 12-1:30pm. The Jewish Coalition joins with Never Again Action to support La Resistencia's powerful organizing for migrant justice.
- * One [letter to your members of Congress and the White House](#) to include green cards as permanent relief in the "Build Back Better" reconciliation bill.
- * One contribution to the [Fair Fight Bond Fund](#) to bond someone out of detention.
- * One jacket to [AIDNW](#) for someone released from detention.
- * One [letter to Congress and President Joe Biden to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act](#) to give evacuees a pathway to permanent safety and not just temporary protection.
- * One needed household item for Afghan family resettlement in Seattle listed through [Jewish Family Service](#) or [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#).
- * One chance to support [What We Carry](#), a documentary featuring Magdiel, who spoke at the Jewish Coalition's last Bond Fundraiser, and his family's immigration journey as part of the migrant caravan from Honduras to the United States.
- * One opportunity to recall and retell your family's immigration story if relevant to rekindle our compassion for those coming to a new land.

The TBH Task Force encourages anyone who is interested in immigrant and refugee issues to [sign up for this newsletter](#) and maybe even get involved with the JCIJNW advocacy group. They do not have website but can be contacted through [Facebook](#) or [email](#). **Let's take action together and take a stand for immigrant rights!**

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR OUR SANCTUARY GUESTS

Maria and her son took sanctuary in our Temple beginning in September 2019, when they were faced with deportation to Guatemala. Due to both COVID and an improved environment for immigrants, the family is no longer housed at TBH. Both continue to express appreciation for all of us, especially the volunteers, and to have positive feelings about the time spent in the Temple.

However, they have continued to need some financial support and we are so thankful to those of you who have contributed. We now realize that monthly assistance of \$1000.00 will be needed for some time.

We are reaching out to you now to pledge what you can on a monthly basis. To be clear, this is not a request from TBH. It comes from the TBH Immigration and Refugee Task Force, providing support through an account at Interfaith Works. Contributions are tax deductible.

If you are unable to make a monthly donation at this time, one-time donations are welcome as well. [Please click here to donate](#). If you have questions, contact Beth Halpern bethhalpern360@gmail.com

Erev Shabbat Services

1st FRIDAY, DEC 3/JAN 7

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

2nd FRIDAY, DEC 10/JAN 14

6:00 pm Shabbat Salon@Home

3rd FRIDAY, DEC 17/JAN 21

6:00 pm Growing Shabbat

4th FRIDAY, DEC 24/JAN 28

7:30 pm Hybrid Shabbat Service

registration required for in-person attendance

5th FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

Erev Shabbat Zoom>>

Shabbat Day Services

1st SATURDAY, DEC 4/JAN 1

10:00 am Tot Shabbat (in person)

2nd SATURDAY, DEC 11/JAN 8

10:00 am Torah Study

3rd SATURDAY, DEC 18/JAN 15

10:00 am Mussar

4th SATURDAY, DEC 25/JAN 16

10:00 am Talmud Study

5th SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

No programming

Shabbat Morning Zoom>>

UPCOMING EVENTS

This is only a partial calendar. Please see the [weekly email](#) for a complete list of upcoming events and programs, and for any Zoom links.

Hanukkah Party!

Sunday, December 5, 4:00pm

Community candlelighting & celebration in our outdoor tent!



Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, Dec. 7 & 21, 12:00 pm

The first Tuesday of the month will be an in-person Schmooze and the third Tuesday will be an online gathering only. Come to either or both!

Congregational Discussion

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00pm

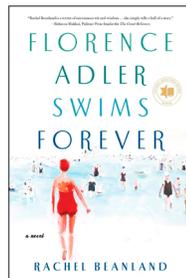
See page 2 for details

Advancing in Hebrew

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Healing & Havdalah

Saturday, December 18 7:00 pm



Book Group

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm

Florence Adler Swims Forever - Rachel Beanland
[See the full book group 21-22 reading list here.](#)

Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, Jan 4 & 18, 12:00 pm

Healing & Havdalah

Saturday, January 15, 7:00 pm-

Family Tikkun Olam

Saturday, January 16, time tbd

Book Group

Tuesday, January 18, 12:00 pm

Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel - Matti Friedman

Advancing in Hebrew

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 pm

December Salon@Home:

Andrée Aelion Brooks

Friday, December 10, 6:00 pm



Join us for our monthly Shabbat Salon@Home. Erev Shabbat Service will begin on Zoom at 6:00 pm, and our featured presentation will begin at

approximately 7:15 pm. This month's speaker will be TBH member Andrée Aelion Brooks, presenting *The Evil Eye, Amulets, Ghosts and Demons: exploring Jewish superstitions and mystical practices through the ages.*

[Dinner provided by Nineveh is available for pre-order](#), and you can pick it up at TBH on Friday afternoon.

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ANACHNU - Harriet Strasberg



Submitted by Tikva Glantz. Anachnu means “we” or “us” in Hebrew. This column highlights marvelous members of our congregational community!

Harriett Strasberg and her husband Steve Hodes, (also an active TBH member), moved to Olympia in 1989, and we have been enriched by their participation ever since!

Harriet is an attorney in private practice. She represents employees in workplace matters, including educators and the Washington Education Association. TBH has benefitted from Harriet’s legal expertise, and her commitment to social justice, in numerous ways.

According to TBH Board President Allyson Brooks: “Working with Harriet is the equivalent of working with a social justice warrior. Whether in her practice, or as part of our synagogue as a volunteer, Harriet mirrors her values and seeks to find justice and safety for those that are in need”.

Harriet served on the TBH Board from 2015 until 2019. As Board Secretary, she introduced the use of Dropbox for Board documents. Prior to that, there was no central electronic location for Board members to access documents. Subsequent Boards have continued to expand the use of Dropbox, which has greatly improved efficiency.

Harriet’s crowning achievement during her Board tenure was updating the TBH Bylaws to better reflect current practices. She led the Board and congregation through this effort, assisted by past TBH President Barnett Kalikow, (also a practicing attorney). As part of this project, the existing TBH Constitution and Bylaws were combined, allowing a more streamlined approach to TBH governance.

In addition to her Board service, Harriet is active on our Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, and recently joined TBH’s Homelessness Task Force. She is also a long-time Blintzapalooza volunteer.

When asked why she chooses to dedicate her time to TBH, Harriet responded, “I love engaging with the other members of TBH as well as working with our wonderful Rabbi. I get a lot back from being part of the TBH community.”

Today Rabah (thank you very much), Harriet, for all that you do for TBH! We are fortunate that you are willing to share your talents and expertise with us.

JEWISH FAMILY LIFE & LEARNING PROGRAMS (JANUARY - MARCH)

Tot Shabbat: Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 5 at 10:00 am

Growing Shabbat: Jan 21, Feb 5, Mar 18 at 6:00 pm

Family Tikkun Olam Activity – Celebrate the convergence of Tu B'Shevat and MLK day of service with a tikkun olam activity Sunday January 16th. Details TBD.

Family Havdallah craft and songs – join us to braid your own havdallah candle and havdallah Saturday, February 26th at 6pm. Cost: \$10 per family (one candle)/\$5 per extra candle. [Register>>](#)

Family Purim play and learn – learn about Purim through games and crafts Sunday, March 13th. Details TBD.

Where in the World? An exploration of Jewish life around the globe – designed for 7-10 age range

A Jewish artifact has been stolen! We're looking for sleuths to help us seek out the clues to find it! We'll be putting clues together while exploring Jewish communities worldwide. This group will have four weekly meetings - January 23 & 30 and February 6 & 13 at TBH.

Cost: \$36 [Register>>](#)

Hebrew Havurah – designed for the 9-12 age range These small groups of 3-4 kids learn Hebrew with the assistance of a group leader. Groups are currently meeting in person on Mondays and Wednesdays but can expand to other days or remain entirely virtual, depending on the needs of the families. Cost: \$90 [Register>>](#)

PJ Our Way Book Club – designed for the 9-12 age range This book club is an opportunity for our kids to strengthen their Jewish friendships while discussing books with Jewish themes and values. This group will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons. [Register>>](#)

B'Mitzvah study - B Mitzvah study is coordinated individually with the rabbi. Students who are planning to include Torah reading as part of their b mitzvah should sign up for Hebrew Havurah. Additionally, all students in the b mitzvah year will be joining together for the Moving Traditions B Mitzvah Curriculum, time TBD.

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	What service is right for us?	What programming is geared for us?	What else should we know?
Children up to 4 years old	Tot Shabbat is for younger kids and their families	PJ Library sends books and activities home to kids to enjoy with their families	All families are welcome at holiday or family activities not specifically designated for one age group
Children between 4 and 9	Tot Shabbat is appropriate until school age kids transition into the Friday evening Growing Shabbat	PJ Library continues to send books and activities home to kids and TBH builds monthly activities focused on the same Jewish values and traditions.	
Children between 9 and 13	The Growing Shabbat service is appropriate unless kids are preparing for B-Mitzvah and should attend adult services	- PJ Our Way sends selected books home monthly and TBH has a book club for tweens to support the development of Jewish identity and connection - Hebrew Havurah groups teach kids who choose to learn Hebrew - Some 12 year olds will choose to do a B-Mitzvah study with Rabbi Seth	Upcoming family events: January - Tu B'Shevat/MLK tikkun olam activity February - Havdallah candle making March – Purim Play and Learn
Teens	Adult services are appropriate unless teens are acting as role models for kids in the Growing Shabbat services	- Better Together is a Jewish teen group focused on strengthening Jewish identity through building bonds with Jewish elders. - Madrichim are teen helpers who support programming by assisting group leaders	***Look for our Purim celebration on March 16th - details TBD ***

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Better Together Teen Group – designed for ages 13-18. This teen group will come together to discuss current issues, leadership and Jewish values while also drawing wisdom and connection from interactions with our community’s seniors. This group will meet twice monthly, on Sunday afternoons, once with and once without the seniors. Because this program is already funded, there is no fee involved. Some programming with seniors may count as community service hours. [Register>>](#)

Madrichim – designed for 14-18 age range
Teens interested in very part time work or community service hours can [email Catherine directly](#) to be matched with a task that fits their need and aptitude.

December/January Birthdays

Yom Huledet Sameach

DECEMBER	3	Matt Kennelly	
3	Stephen Hodes	3	Phyllis Neff
3	Martin Bard	4	Lydia Beth Leimbach
7	Laura Hurtado-Webb	4	Mark Bean
9	Carl Wolfhagen	4	Heather Rudich
10	Susan Poplack	5	Laura Jean Gallin
10	Daniel Asher	7	Traci Moran
12	Karen Janowitz	9	Morton Shecter
14	Ruby Stein-Citrin	10	Lisa Strange
15	Frank Herman	12	Beth Dubey
16	Gary Franklin	13	Harriet Strasberg
18	Mark Weiss	13	Craig Wallace
19	Alan Kamen	14	Fred Turkheimer
19	Liz Prince	20	Ellen Young
20	Kassie Koledin	21	Richard Court
20	Michael Blum	22	Meg Weiss
23	Diana Schwartz	24	Tim Ramos
25	Eliana Stockwell-Ferber	24	Anne Patterson
		24	Lisa David
25	Joe Puchot	24	Rebecca Kamen
25	Eric Stein	26	Nathaniel Proffitt
27	Joceile Moore	26	Linda Baron
27	Paul Alig	29	Coyote North
29	Jacqueline David	29	Iila Kennelly
		29	Shaun Montoya-Lewis
JANUARY			
3	Kyle Goldman-Walker	30	Bill Dole, Jr.
3	Keona Goldman-Walker	31	Milo Halofsky
		31	Dan Shear

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WELCOME New Members

Andrée Aelion Brooks
Laura & Patrick Bourland

The Short Schrift is moving to a bi-monthly format! Please continue to check the weekly emails for calendar updates and news.

DECEMBER & JANUARY YAHRZEITS

4	Earl Bean	18	Rosemary Coufal	1	Irving Hanig	18	John B. Vincent
4	Dallas Cline	20	Pearl Rubin	1	Suzanne Haiby	18	Meta Williams
5	Joanne Royer	20	Margaret Barnes	1	Morton Saul Poplack	18	Nathan Shenfeld
6	Karen "Rosemary" Snyder	21	Helene Grossman	3	Philip Frank	20	Sarah Goldberg
6	Harry Robinson	22	Iris Karger	3	Mark Kogan	20	Wilma Timian
6	William Schragar	23	Ron Stein	4	Ralf Herman	20	Sylvia Strasberg
6	Minnie Cohn	23	Arthur Weiss	5	George Bamberger	21	Hayyim Leizerman
7	Gregory John Neff	23	Helen Stein	5	Bill Stockwell	21	Leah Boyd
7	Billie Wolf Hanig	24	Jeremiah Ruben	7	Coleman Gershuny	23	Celia Friedman
9	Lenore Greene	26	Ellen Hecker Whitting	9	Sophie Scheier	24	Nina Grauer
10	Ben Gale	26	Shirley Lamm	10	Dorothy Ebner	24	Jacqueline Silva
10	Jacob Lieber	27	John Victor Kaydus	10	Jacob Weiss	25	Dena Bank
11	Beatrice Neff	28	Shirley Hacken	10	Esther Robinson	25	Adina Rosenthal
11	Atara Hertz	28	Rachel Kogan	12	Walter Furman	26	Ruth Weiss
12	Esther Reiner	29	Jacob Goldberg	12	Kenneth Edgan	26	Sylvia Shelan
13	Kathryn Dole	29	Maurice Rubenstein		Goldstein Gale	26	Barbara Sapsowitz
13	Sidney Shapiro	30	Edward Reiner	13	Stanley Blum	26	Bob Perretz
14	Sidney Schwartz	30	Henry Matis	15	Abraham Stern	27	Dorothy Feigelman
14	Richard Schneider	31	Max Bach	17	Marguerite Connors	27	Morris Cohen
16	Evelyn Bean Bercovitz	31	Patricia Marie Greene	17	Chaim Leib	28	Joyce Goldstein
17	Ted Strange	31	Goldie M. Reiner	17	Maurice L. Halpern	28	Alvin Posner
				18	Leonard Finkel	29	Louis Rubenstein

*These names will be read from the bimah at Shabbat services before and after the yahrzeit. **Bold type** denotes those inscribed on a plaque on our Memorial Wall. Please send any corrections and additions to the Yahrzeit listings to tbh@bethhatfiloh.org!*

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