Managing Expectations and Thinking of the Future....

Last month a member of the congregation was trying to reach me but unfortunately had sent an e-mail to an old Pres@ address that was no longer being used. A week later the member wrote to my regular Gmail address wondering why I hadn’t responded. Well… I had never received the first e-mail because I didn’t even know a Pres@ email account existed. Generally, when I get an e-mail I try to respond the same day or at least the next day. So… if you do not hear from me please feel free to write me again or even call! And please use my Gmail address. The Pres@ account has not been in use for a very long time. But I check my Gmail account frequently throughout the day. And if you still don’t hear from me in a reasonable amount of time please do not hesitate to contact me again!

In other news, at one of the subcommittee meetings we began discussing the nature of membership in the 21st century and how Millennials and Generation Z view their relationship to Judaism. It made us realize that it was probably time to develop a long range strategic plan for TBH. So, after we resolve the issue of the adjacent lot I will be reaching out to the Board about developing a strategic plan and of course, any planning will also include all of you! So stay tuned this spring and hopefully we all start working on the future of TBH as we continue into the 21st century!

As always, thank you all for being dedicated and involved members. Feel free to reach out to me at allysonbrooks@gmail.com or call my cell! My phone number is listed in the directory.
Family Hamentaschen Baking
Sunday, February 21, 2:00 pm
We will be making easy peasy hamentaschen! Zoom link coming soon!

Purim Drive-Thru
Sunday, February 21, 10 am - 12 pm
TBH members are invited to pick up Mishloach Manot—a traditional Purim gift—complete with homemade hamentaschen! Drive-thru pick-up in the TBH parking lot. Come in costume and have your photo taken for our Megillah montage (if you want to participate), and bring your canine friends—we will have special Purim dog treats as well!

Purim Party
Thursday, February 25, 6:00 pm
It was a year ago that Purim was our last in-person event! With the virus closing in, we were able to hold our regular Purim celebration before everything shut down. This year, our Purim will be virtual, but no less fun! Two events this year to celebrate this topsy-turvy holiday:
6:00 p.m. Megillah Reading! Put on a costume, grab a noisemaker, and fire up the computer. We will tell the story of Purim as well as tell jokes, sing songs, do mad-libs and play trivia! For the whole family!
7:00 p.m. Purimshpiel (adult-oriented…see below)

Purimshpiel : Doikayt Now!
Thursday, February 25, 7:00 pm
Mark your calendar! Ereiv Purim, Thursday February 25 at 7 pm, tune in for Doikayt Now! A Purimshpiel for the Current Moment, with characters based on current political figures. Don't miss your own Rabbi Seth as Shushan's "Uncle Morty," fighting the 1% for the good of the people. Written and directed by Nomy Lamm. We're still looking to fill a couple roles:
• An artist to do a portrait of George Washington to represent King Ahashueros, and a voice actor to play the part.
• A drag queen to play Queen Vashti.
Email nomylamm@gmail.com if you're interested!

Board Launches Capital Campaign for Adjacent Property Purchase
At a January 13 special meeting held exclusively for that purpose, the Temple board unanimously authorized the official start of a capital campaign to raise funds for the purchase of the property adjacent to the synagogue. The property is currently used as a parking lot.

In preparing for that decision, the Board was provided a report (see full PDF here) and a recommended action by the Ad Hoc Parking Lot Acquisition Committee (PLC). President Brooks had formed the PLC last summer to prepare for TBH decisions on this issue. The report:
1. Property Assessment: Described the condition of the existing property and what financial liabilities or obligations TBH would be taking on above and beyond the purchase price.
2. Community Voice and Visioning: Described how the PLC engaged the TBH community in an exploration of potential uses for the new property, both for the near- and long-term future.

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Erev Shabbat Services

1st FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
7:30 pm    Shabbat Service with Choir

2nd FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6:00 pm    Salon@Home
more information below

3rd FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
6:00 pm    Shabbat Service

4th FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:30 pm    Shabbat Service

Shabbat Day Services

1st SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
10:00 am    Tot Shabbat

2nd SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
10:00 am    Torah Study

3rd SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
10:00 am    Mussar
more information below

4th SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
10:00 am    Talmud Study

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Salon@Home: Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg
Friday, February 12, 6:00 pm

Rooted in her Moroccan heritage, Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg was introduced to the meaning of dream and dream interpretation from an early age. She will teach about traditional Jewish teachings about dreams and provide contemporary practices to engage with our own. Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg is the rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami in Woodinville, WA (and is the wife of Rabbi Seth Goldstein).

Dinner provided by Nineveh is available for pre-order here, and you can pick it up at TBH on Friday afternoon. Erev Shabbat services will be at 6:00 pm, after which we will hear from our featured speakers, beginning at 7:15 pm. You do not need to purchase a meal to attend, please join for all or part. Consider being a “Salon Sponsor!” Includes 2 meals, challah, and wine.

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MUSSAR
Saturday, February 20  10:00 am

We will study T’rumah--Exodus 25:1-27:19. The middah/soul trait for this parshah is Generosity/N’divut: The generous heart gives freely!

Please join Michele & Richard Jackman on Zoom for an engaging Mussar discussion of this Torah portion and Mussar practice.

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Welcome
New Members

Vanessa Blandino Blandino & Kenneth Malapote
Rachael Jamison
Tish Levee
**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Senior Schmooze**
Tuesday, February 2, 12:00 pm
Our Senior Schmooze on the first Tuesday of the month!

**Havdalah B’Yachad**
Saturday, February 6, 6:30 pm
It's time to celebrate in style — camp-style! Camp Solomon Schechter, in partnership with community partners around the PNW, will be hosting a virtual Havdalah on February 6th at 6:30 pm. So grab your candles and spices and get ready to celebrate Havdalah, sing some of our favorite camp songs, and connect with community members throughout the Northwest and beyond!

**Salon@Home: Rabbi Kinberg**
Friday, February 12, 6:00 pm
Read more on page 3.

**Green Team**
Tuesday, February 16, 6:00 pm
Our next Green Team meeting will take place by Zoom on Tues. Feb. 16th at 6:00. Everyone is welcome. Contact tbh@bethhatfiloh.org with any questions or information. See the Green Team update on page 5.

**Book Group cont.**
engineer and rocket enthusiast who marries a troubled Jewish survivor from France and lives a challenging, wandering life in postwar America. Chabon tells the story using a mixture of memoir and creative fiction writing. The narrator functions as a proxy for the author, Chabon See the full book group 20-21 reading list here.

**Join Zoom>>**

**Havdalah & Hang-Out**
Saturday, February 20, 7:00 pm
We will schmooze, connect with old friends and make new ones. Every 3rd Saturday!

**Join Zoom>>**

**Advancing In Hebrew**
Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm
This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots.

**Join Zoom>>**

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Come pick up your home-made hamantaschen made by master rabbinic pandemic baker Rabbi Seth Goldstein and his sidekick. See more on page 2.

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**MARCH EVENTS PREVIEW**

**Senior Schmooze**
Tuesday, March 2, 12:00 pm

**Shabbat Salon@Home**
Friday, March 12, 6:00 pm
Andrew Geibel, Policy Counsel at HIAS will join us for our March Salon@Home as presenter. Dinner by Nineveh will be available for pre-order.

**Book Group**
Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 pm
Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home - Nora Krug.

**New Member Welcome Havdalah**
Saturday, March 20, Time TBD

**Passover Community**
Seder@Home
Sunday, March 28, Time TBD
We will have a delicious Passover meal prepared by Nineveh with an optional seder plate foods, and a Zoom seder to gather in virtual community. Planning is underway, please watch for updates in the March Schrift and weekly email!
This is a time of hope for the Immigration and Refugee Task Force and our country. President Biden has already taken several actions to improve regulations related to immigrant and refugee rights. These include a halt to most deportations for 100 days, an end to the "Muslim travel ban", and an immediate suspension of any new enrollments in the "remain in Mexico" plan (where asylum seekers are subject to horrendous conditions in the border towns). Making long term humane and just changes to our immigration and asylum system is going to take a lot of time and advocacy. Biden has sent an Immigration Bill to Congress to start this process.

One organization working for immigration change is HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). TBH signed onto HIAS’ Welcome Campaign a few years ago, as an affirmative statement in support of welcoming refugees to the U.S. Soon, we will have the wonderful opportunity to hear directly from HIAS. As part of the celebration of National Refugee Shabbat, the Rabbi has arranged for a HIAS speaker to present at our March Salon. This Salon will be on March 12 with Andrew Geibel, Policy Counsel at HIAS, on zoom of course. This will be a really interesting and informative event and we hope you all can come.

HIAS is one of over 200 organizations that endorse a "2021 Immigration Action Plan". For those who are interested, it can be found at this link.

Our Sanctuary family continues to do well and we continue to support our guests in many ways. With the help of our Faith Network partners and donations, this includes financial assistance for basic needs, as the guests do not have other resources. Congregants who have met our guests will not be surprised that they express deep gratitude for this support.

The President's executive orders and the Congressional bill do not immediately affect our guests' situation, but they indicate a commitment to much more humane and just immigration and asylum policies, which in the long run could be very favorable for our guests and thousands of other people fleeing dangerous, life threatening situations and persecution.

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FROM CATHERINE CARMEL:
JEWISH FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING

As we approach Purim, I am reminded of the Purim party last year. The last two weeks we met in Beit Sefer and were putting all the pieces of the party in order we were wondering if we were going to be able to continue and how we were going to keep everyone safe. We made it through the Purim party and closed down days later. For months, there were Purim party relics all around the building. Now we're planning the next Purim party. This one is virtual. We're going to hold on to as much of the familiar as we can, adding a few virtual games in as well. I hope to see you all there!

There are four mitzvot connected to Purim. We hear the Megillah read, we give mishloach manot baskets, we give to the poor and we have a Purim feast. We only began to think about how to do those things during a pandemic last year. Fortunately, Zoom suffices to hear the Megillah read. We will do that during our party. Gifts of tzedakah can also be done online. Food banks are struggling with the weight of need created when people lost income due to COVID. Donating money allows the food bank to purchase food often at a cost lower than what we pay. It's a great time to see how your tzedakah dollars can help.

In previous years, the Beit Sefer kids would make hamantaschen to give to select TBH members in Mishloach Manot baskets. It was a great way to connect those who have children in the program with those who did not. This year's hamantaschen baking will be a virtual venture (join us on February 21st) and how you determine a way to give a gift of food to a friend is up to you. If you do though, share with us what you did when we come together for the party.

Last, but not least, the Purim feast. The pizza slices offered at the Purim party are a nod to the triangle shaped foods preferred for the holiday. It's not feast food for everyone though! Hamantaschen is good; but not a meal. Lentils are common for a number of reasons. Esther was vegetarian and with the story set in Persia, Persian foods would be obvious for their historical relevance. What is your feast tradition for Purim?

In addition to the Purim party, we have our camp havdalah, Havdalah B'Yachad, on February 6th at 6:30. We have a Family Shabbat Service on February 19th at 6pm. February 21st at 2pm we will be making easy peasy hamantaschen! Shalom Chaverim meets most Sunday mornings at 10:30. Keep an eye out for more information and events as they come together. We love seeing everyone!

I'shalom,

Catherine
Capital Campaign for Adjacent Property, continued.

3. Legal and Financial Analysis: Conducted sufficient legal and financial research and analysis to recommend appropriate levels of capital to be raised for property purchase, appropriate legal structure for ownership of the properties, and adequate operating cash flows.

4. Capital Campaign: Proposed, for Board approval, capital campaign goals for money to be raised and campaign timing.

   The Board’s action established a goal of securing $730,000 in contributed revenue no later than April 15, 2021, for the purpose of purchasing the adjacent properties, completing known and necessary maintenance, and leaving a small contingency for yet undetermined uses.

   At the conclusion of the campaign, the Board will reconvene to judge its success and make a recommendation to the congregation on whether to purchase the property. A congregational vote is likely in early May.

   Community members wishing more details on the project are encouraged to go to the TBH website at https://www.bethhatfiloh.org/lot.html. The website also provides options for contacting PLC members with any questions, comments or suggestions.

   Congregational members and other community supporters should expect to hear within the next month from campaign supporters requests for participation in this TBH legacy capital campaign.

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February Birthdays

Yom Huledet Sameach

1. Patricia Barr
2. Hilarie Hauptman
3. Sonja Dordal
4. Evan Hirsch
5. Rebecca Lewis
6. Melissa Meade
7. Samantha Sacks
8. Gordon Pabst
9. Phyllis Mandel
10. Eva Lee Breuer
11. Estelle Marchand
12. Donna Mollan
13. Lawrence Goldstein
14. Sarah Levin
15. Sue Goldstein
16. David Scherer Water
17. Stephanie Hoffman
18. Marcia David
19. Melinda Holman
20. Cora Littauer
21. Larry Poplack
22. Valerie Kolarik
23. Ruby Martin-Franklin
24. Cathy Wasserman
25. Adele Youdin
26. Betty Blum
27. Elaine Gross
28. Bertram Hacken
29. Nancy Phillips Lidman
30. Marion Perretz
31. Joseph Mollan
32. Pearl Janowitz
33. Donald Schwartz
34. Sam Alfasso
35. Tillie Bard
36. Raymond Franklin
37. John Billingsly Clough
38. John Turner
39. Frances Reichlin
40. Gretchen Neff
41. James Wolfhagen
42. Norman Dolgin
43. Helen Wolfhagen
44. Saul Reichlin
45. Harold Greene
46. Rose Kamenetzky
47. Betty Stockwell

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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