



CONGREGATION HAVURAH SHALOM



CHS NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2020

Presidents Message

Cooler temperatures and the promise of Fall have come to Texas, consigning to memory the 100-plus degree days that defined this past summer in our Sun City community. As 2020 starts to wind down, we look forward to Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and the hope for a new year that is virus-free and allows us to meet again in person.

We would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time, which has been marked by Zoom get-togethers and streaming services that while religiously supportive, do little to satisfy our need for the personal connections that are the hallmark of our Havurah.

The CHS Board has determinedly sought alternative programs and opportunities to engage us as a congregation, but it has been your participation and embrace of these activities that made the year workable. Friedrich Nietzsche had it right, "What does not kill me makes me stronger."

We are currently in the midst of the 2021 Havurah Board Election cycle. The election is being conducted online through Electionrunner.com, and a second notice has been emailed to those members who have not yet voted. Please take a moment to vote in this important election.

Despite the limitations posed by the current pandemic, Havurah has several programs planned in the final months of this year:

Thanksgiving Donations to Jewish Family Services. The Havurah Board is spearheading a November campaign in support of Jewish Family Services' Emergency Financial Assistance program. Details about this effort are explained below.

Havurah's New Member Appreciation and Annual Meeting. This year's annual meeting has been severely curtailed by the covid-19 virus. Rather than the traditional on-site event featuring wine, cheese and great entertainment, this year's meeting will take the form of an electronic Annual Report that details our accomplishments this past year, honors our volunteers, welcomes and introduces our new members, and recognizes the incoming Havurah board members. Watch your email for details about the annual report. On behalf of the Havurah Board of Directors, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, whether you are able to celebrate in person or on Zoom. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!