“Shabbat at Home”

Friday, October 23

Starting in October, we’ll be having an early service (6-7pm) on the fourth Friday of the month. We hope that people will then enjoy a relaxed Shabbat meal with friends, family, and community members. This is a chance to share challah with people that you may not yet know, as well as to renew old friendships.

Last spring we had several discussions about Shabbat and what emerged was an interest in celebrating Shabbat at home. By moving the service time to 6, and shortening the service (no oneg!), we hope that everyone can have their service and eat a leisurely Shabbat meal as well!

This month Nancy Snyder has volunteered to help link hosts and guests, so everyone can find a seat at the table. Please get in touch with her (snyderoly@aol.com) if you would like to host or attend a Shabbat dinner.

A packet of songs, blessings and discussion questions, as well as candles, wine or juice, and a challah will be available for hosts to use as they wish.

Shabbat Shalom,

Julie
Sukkot Tisch

Friday, October 2, 6pm

Potluck in the Sukkah (if raining we’ll go inside)

We will meet in the sukkah for song, food, and celebration with the drinking of the Rabbi’s award-winning Etrog Vodka. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

A Tisch is an alternative Shabbat celebration in which, rather than gather in the sanctuary, we sit around a table to share food, drink, story and song.

Film Series: Sukkah City

Sunday, October 4, 7pm

Inauguration of the large screen in the Sanctuary

Come to celebrate the end of Sukkot and the move of the film series back upstairs to the sanctuary!

Watch the movie, have cookies, and help de-decorate our Sukkah.

Sukkah City chronicles the architecture competition created by bestselling author Joshua Foer and Roger Bennett (Reboot co-founder) that explored the creative potential of the ancient Jewish sukkah. The film tracks the competition from jury day, as an all-star cast of architects, academics and critics debate the merits of the 600 submissions, to the construction, installation and exhibition of the twelve winning structures in Union Square in the heart of New York City. (67 minutes)

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 5, 6pm

Simchat Torah is the annual celebration during which we end the yearly Torah reading cycle and start over. It’s a festive time for singing and dancing, and we’ll unroll the entire Torah scroll!

Please join in celebration as we consecrate our new Beit Sefer students and honor our new Ivreet and B’nai Mitzvah students.
Shanah Tovah and Hello,

It is great to see you all here tonight. During this time of year there is much hubbub with school starting, and High Holidays coming. Here’s what I have been thinking about:

*the Invisible sweetness of Rosh Hashanah and that it exists all year long.*

Do you know the book, *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared*, by Alan Lew? Early on in the book the author tells of a conversation between R. Buckminster Fuller and his students.

They asked him to name the most influential figure of the 20th century. Without hesitation he said Sigmund Freud and his reasoning was that Freud had introduced the single idea upon which all significant 20th century developments rested:

*that the INVISIBLE is more important than the visible.*

We would never have had Einstein or nuclear physics without it. The author talks about the Jewishness of this idea, that there are forces at work in our world that we cannot see, and that though we have many daily activities in our lives, our important inner experience is invisible.

If we extrapolate this into our community, we all, in our own way, participate in the activities which create the visible and tangible aspects of TBH. We put up and take down the sukkah, and party inside of it in between. During Hanukkah we light the candles and eat latkes, we sing with *Fiddler on the Roof*, make grogger noise at Purim, raise the paddle at the auction, read out loud and even sing at the seder, and vote before - or at - the annual meeting.

We work to make these events come together each year. And, we do all of this in the company each other.

Lew talked about the invisibility of God, the invisibility of an individual’s internal experience. I think there is at least one more invisibility, *that is the sweetness* – the ties that bind, the warmth, and connection we each feel with one another built over years of involvement in the community.

- For instance the honey of recognition when we are tagged by Lori Kishimoto on Facebook. I feel great appreciation for Lori’s chronicling our times.
- the maple syrup of service and connection we feel when sharing the touch of the Torah with one another as we carry the scrolls around the sanctuary,
- the agave syrup of fulfillment or comfort having sat shiva together,
- the brown sugar of joy and expectation having welcomed and befriended folks new to our community, or
- one of my favorites, the scent of honeysuckle appreciation or satisfaction felt by a committee of people as a successful event or celebration comes to a close.

I invite each of you to look around tonight and throughout the holiday and note some of the invisible sweetness you feel when you are here or reflecting about your TBH related experiences.

I wish you all much sweetness and a Shanah Tovah.

Julie
FOOD DRIVE

We collected 50 boxes of food. That is less than in years past, so start planning now for your donation next year so we can break our record!

Mitzvah Morning Breakfast and Projects

Mitzvah Morning began with a bagel breakfast in the social hall, a nice way to start the day and get to know each other. We then split up into 4 work parties.

- Food bags were schlepped to the food bank where they were sorted. We then filled 450 bags for the FORKids program. The Food Bank delivers 2000 of these bags each week to kids who face food insecurity on the weekends!!
- Others of us stayed at TBH to make soup. If you are in need of some prepared soup due to illness, injury, or just because, it is in the freezer for you.
- At Priest Point Park, we attacked the ivy that is taking over the vegetation.
- And, at GRuB, we helped with fall garden chores.

We numbered close to 60 volunteers of all ages! If you didn’t join in the fun this year, please plan to do so next year!

FORKids Packing, October 13, 3:30-5:30pm

!!!WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!

Last month only two TBHers showed up to help fill bags for the FORKids program. We desperately need more volunteers, so PLEASE mark your calendar to help on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Pick one or two months (or more), mark your calendar, and COME! We really need you.

The packing is now at the Food Bank’s Tumwater warehouse near SPSCC (2260 Mottman Road). If you haven’t yet made it to the new location, it’s way nicer than downtown for filling bags. Please bring family members including children, siblings and friends with you. If you have any questions, contact Elie Halpern at ehalpern@aol.com.

Meet the Bat Mitzvah: Albany Nelson

Saturday, October 10  10:00 am

Albany Nelson, daughter of Jayne’ Nelson and Vince McClure, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 10.

Albany is a 7th grade student at Jefferson Middle School in Olympia. Outside of school, she spends many hours at Blackhills Gymnastics. She is a level 4 gymnast and loves her sport and teammates.

In addition to competitive gymnastics Albany enjoys music. She plays flute and has tried an oboe. This year she will join the Jazz band at school. She is an avid Elvis Presley fan.

Animals are an important part of Albany’s life. Our house is shared with three cats and a dog. For her project Albany volunteered at Thurston County Animal Services. She enjoyed interacting with the animals and looked forward to each of them finding a permanent home.
Once again I have the privilege of introducing our team of Beit Sefer teachers to the community. Many of them are familiar, although the work they will be doing this year may vary from previous years. All are excited to be a part of this community and will make a tremendous impact on the children as the year moves forward.

**Bernie Friedman** continues to teach Alim (our 5-7th graders) on Sundays and prayer book Hebrew on Wednesdays. Bernie says, “I have been a member of Temple Beth Hatfiloh for over 35 years. I was President for five years and a teacher in our Beit Sefer for over 25 years. It all started when my twin sons (now 42 years old) were preparing for their Bar Mitzvah. We had no Beit Sefer in Olympia at that time. For three years I worked with my sons to be able to read from Torah and lead a Shabbat Service. I realized at that time the importance of passing on our Jewish heritage to our youth. I’m excited to teach our 10 - 13 year olds again this year. We have a great Beit Sefer, an incredible leader, Catherine Carmel, and I always have the best students. We are Alim!”

Our Anafim class (3 & 4 grades) will be taught by **Rochelle Rinn**. Rochelle also teaches this same group Hebrew on Wednesdays. Rochelle began teaching for Beit Sefer when her kids were young. Having completed her teaching certification, Rochelle is expanding her commitment to the Beit Sefer program. Rochelle says, “My name is Rochelle Rinn and I am excited to announce that I am starting my 18th year teaching at TBH. This year I have decided to join the Sunday team as well. My main purpose in teaching at TBH is to be part of our children’s education about their traditions and culture and watch them bloom into our future adults in the Jewish community. I welcome the 2015-2016 inquisitive group of up and coming Anafim-ers.”

The newest member of our team this year is **Ariel Adereth**, who after just one day of teaching has made friends among the teachers and parents alike. Ariel will be teaching the Geza’im class (1 & 2 graders). Ariel says, “My name is Ariel Adereth, and I am thrilled to be teaching at TBH this year! I was born in Tel Aviv and moved to NYC at age four. As a child, I remained involved in Jewish culture and religion through my parents, who stressed the importance of speaking Hebrew at home and celebrating holidays together. I was intrigued mostly by the history of Judaism and all the stories. Though I sometimes struggled to connect with them religiously, I always found it incredible that these stories could connect so strongly with me personally. As I grew, I realized that one of the most fulfilling ways to contribute to our communities and our faith, is to help spark intrapersonal relationships between the youth and Judaism.”

Last, but certainly not least, is our Shorashim group, taught once again by **Marlee O’Neill**. Marlee says, “Shalom! My name is Marlee O’Neill, and I am excited to be teaching Shorashim (Roots). This is my second year leading the Shorashim class. Teaching Beit Sefer allows me to share my Jewish knowledge and enhance my Jewish knowledge. At the end of the year, I always wonder if the kids learned as much as I did! During my time away from Beit Sefer, I enjoy spending time with my family and rooting for the Seahawks and Mariners.”

Of course, **Rabbi Seth** and I will still be teaching the teens, **Brad Smith** will be teaching trope and we have some awesome volunteers who help things run well also. **Evan Hirsh** and **Julie Kinn** lead music for us and **Yaela Ettlinger** has joined us as the children’s librarian. Together we make a great team! L’shalom

Family Life and Learning Director Catherine Carmel
Shabbat Morning Activities

**Erev Shabbat Services at 7:30pm**
(except October 23rd which starts at 6pm)

The service on October 23rd (4th Friday) will be from 6 to 7pm, with no oneg following the service.

**Shabbat Morning Activities**

**TOT SHABBAT**

1st Saturday, October 3  
9:30am - 10:30am

All tots (ages 0-6) and their grown-ups, friends, and families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together with song, story, movement, and prayer. Tot Shabbat usually runs about 45 minutes, with snack following.

**MUSSAR MORNING & SERVICE**

3rd Saturday, October 17  
Mussar 9:30 - 10:30am

Mussar is the Jewish school of thought which seeks to root personal character development and right behavior in Jewish tradition and text. We meet monthly to share some food and learn more about this tradition and how it may benefit our lives.

**Service 10:30am - 12pm**

Following Mussar study, we hold Shabbat morning services with Torah reading and discussion. This service is often lay-led. Contact Rabbi Seth if you would like a role in the service.

**JEWISH WITH MEANING**

1st Saturday, October 3  
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us to explore, expand, and develop your connection with spirituality within the Jewish tradition.

Bring something to share for the potluck brunch if you are able. All are welcome. For more information contact Nancy Snyder at snyderoly@aol.com.

**TALMUD STUDY**

4th Saturday, October 24  
9:30 - 11:30am

The Talmud is a compendium of law and lore that is the basis on which biblical interpretation and contemporary Jewish practice rest. Rabbi Seth will lead us as we dive deep into this complex text. No background required.

**BAT MITZVAH: ALBANY NELSON**

2nd Saturday, October 10  
10am - 1pm

Join us for Shabbat mornings services and to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Albany Nelson. A lunch will be served following the service. All are welcome.

**TORAH STUDY**

5th Saturday (this month only),  
October 31, 10am - 1pm  
(Meditation at 9:15 a.m.)

Prayer and study are equally holy activities and we will do both, we’ll share a Shabbat brunch and study the Torah together. Food is provided. All are invited. No experience is necessary!
Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, October 6, noon

Seniors (define yourself!) are invited to meet at noon in the Social Hall on the first Tuesday of each month.

Rabbi Seth will be providing the lunch and dessert, and the program will be on Jewish Vienna and will be presented by Tikva Glantz. We do not currently have a program for the first Tuesday of November, nor do we have anyone signed up to provide dessert in November. Please get in touch with Elie Halpern at ehalpern@aol.com to volunteer.

Happy Birthday,
Yom Huledet Sameach

October

1 Mark Peckler
2 Maya North
3 Barnett Kalikow
4 Hannah Rubenstein
5 Keiko Paros
6 Michael Paros
7 Minnie Levinson
8 Bruce Godwin
9 Adolph Goldstein
10 Joan Aronovitch
11 David Cohn
12 Susan Alexander
13 Beatrice Adams
14 Rona Ruben
15 Paul Parker
16 Faina Kogan
17 Nathan Levy
18 Thomas Stevenson
19 Benjamin Robinson
20 Doreen Miley Holder
21 Sidney Klevens
22 Eva Robinson
23 Jess Speilholz
24 Leonard Snyder
25 Al Hodes
26 Linda Silverman
27 Milton Bean
28 Diana Crystal
29 Minnie Levinson
30 Samuel Soule
31 Thomas Stevenson
32 Arthur Sigmund
33 Todd Brabant
34 Jane Pate Eastham
35 Eva Robinson
36 Melville Crystal
37 Minnie Levinson
38 Samuel Soule
39 Arthur Sigmund
40 Todd Brabant
41 Jane Pate Eastham
42 Benjamin Robinson
43 Doreen Miley Holder
44 Barbara Soule
45 Mary Stevenson
46 Susan Alexander
47 Rona Ruben
48 Paul Parker
49 Laura Chartoff
50 Arnold Goldberg
51 Mike Mondress
52 Frederick Goldberg
53 Tim Lipski
54 Bernie Friedman
55 Rick Hahn
56 Barbara Soule
57 Mary Stevenson

Yahrzeits

October

4 Hannah Rubenstein
4 Ivens Siegel
5 Irving Aaron Bloch
8 Bruce Godwin
8 Elsie Sahanan
9 Adolph Goldstein
9 Honora Zimmerman
11 David Cohn
13 Beatrice Adams
13 Faina Kogan
13 Nathan Levy
15 Todd Brabant
15 Thomas Stevenson
16 Jane Pate Eastham
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23 Frederick Goldberg
23 Tim Lipski
25 Bernie Friedman
27 Rick Hahn
29 Barbara Soule

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.

Bridge Club

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Experienced players of all levels welcome!

For more information, contact Jane Blustein at mjhh2000@comcast.net

Thank You Volunteers

Database: Judith Barnes
Finances: Judith Barnes, Gary Schneider
Oneg Coordination: Gail Pollock
Torah Study Oneg Host: Myra Paul
Senior Schmooze Dessert Hosts: Mellie Melville
Senior Schmooze Presenter: Joan Wirth
FORKids Volunteers: Bernie Friedman, Laura Schrager

Short Schrift Editor: Laura Schrager
Office: Judith Barnes, Jane Blustein, Eliana Stockwell-Ferber, NJ Progar-Hayes, Laura Schrager, Erin Syversen
Friday Night Oneg Hosts: Lori Kishimoto, Laura and Sam Schrager, Len Trabka, Craig Wallace
The Memorial Plaque serves as a permanent memorial to our community members and loved ones. The plaque was created by local artist Simon Kogan.

To purchase a space on the plaque, you can fill out a form available either from the office or on our website at bethhatfiloh.com/memorial-plaque.

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**Thank You for Your Contributions**

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Enclosed is my gift of:

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- $36
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- $108
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- $360
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