

# Temple Beth Torah

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May 2017 IYAR - SIVAN 5777



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### **CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 69<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH CANTOR TUNITSKY MAY 5, 7:15 PM**

The first week of May is always a time to honor Israeli Independence Day, which occurred May 14, 1948. Come to Temple Beth Torah as Cantor Vadim Tunitsky will be leading a special musical Shabbat service paying tribute to the spiritual homeland of the Jewish people. Please join us after for a special Oneg provided by the TBT board of Directors with Israeli and Jewish foods.

### **Temple Beth Torah Honors Education! A Morning of Music, Learning, and Stories To Honor All of Our Students and Teachers**

**Sunday, May 21, 9:00 AM**

9:00 – 11:00 Bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice

9:00 – 10:30 Class time

10:30 Outdoor games

11:00 – 11:30 Program and awards in the sanctuary, for all to attend,  
honoring our students of Religious School and Adult ED

Featuring the music of Cantor Vadim Tunitsky  
and the stories of Rabbi Dan Gordon

**This special event is for ALL adults and children!!!**

If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact Carrie at  
[education@tbthumble.org](mailto:education@tbthumble.org)

### ***SAVE THE DATE:***

***Safeguard your home and Temple against attackers: be  
prepared and know what to do.***

***SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 11:15 AM***

Today, it is especially important to be prepared for the unexpected. Sunday, June 11, Temple Beth Torah member Chris Baur will give a presentation on security preparedness at home and in the Temple. Registration and snacks at 11:15 am, with the presentation following. Questions and answers will follow the presentation. Please let us know if you would like to attend, but reservations are not required. Please email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org). Childcare will be available at no charge, but reservations for childcare must be made by June 5 by emailing [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

This program could save your life.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Beth Torah is a congregation that embraces the philosophy and values of Judaism in the following ways:

Spiritually, by celebrating the richness and traditions of Torah, prayer, holidays and life cycle events;

Educationally, by encouraging learning, increasing Jewish knowledge and enriching understanding for children, teenagers and adults;

Compassionately, by caring for our members and others in the Jewish community in times of need while also fostering positive relationships with our non-Jewish neighbors.

Temple Beth Torah embraces the spirit of inclusion for Jewish individuals and families who represent a variety of backgrounds and family compositions.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I was talking with some friends the other day and experienced an epiphany. The assassination of President Kennedy is as ancient to a teenager today as the presidency of Woodrow Wilson was to me in my teen years. I remember the assassination very clearly. Today's teen has only read about it in history books. So why talk about that now?

The founding of the state of Israel was a transformative event as was the assassination of President Kennedy. It didn't just happen. It was the result of years of struggle - political and military - and sacrifice. The struggle continues today with some of Israel's geographic neighbors calling for its destruction. As Jews we need to keep the memory of the sacrifices that our forefathers made fresh in our minds. I hope you all will join us on May 5 when Temple Beth Torah celebrates Israel Independence Day during our Shabbat service.

**JEFF KAUFMAN**

## Shabbat Services in May

Friday, May 5	7:15 PM Shabbat Service with Cantor Vadim – Israeli Independence Day
Friday, May 12	6:00 PM TOT Shabbat
Friday, May 19	7:15 PM Shabbat Service
Friday, May 26	7:15 PM Shabbat Service
Friday, June 2	7:15 PM Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Abraham Ramirez

## New Entry Procedure for Temple Beth Torah During Shabbat Services

To provide Temple Beth Torah members and guests with safety and comfort during Shabbat services, a new system for entry to the Temple has been initiated. When services begin, both the front and rear doors will be locked. A sign on the front door instructs individuals arriving when the door is locked to ring the doorbell, which activates a small receiver carried by a designated congregant, who then goes to the door and admits the member or guest. A sign on the rear door directs individuals to the front door. We appreciate your cooperation.

## TEMPLE BETH TORAH OUTING AT THE ASTROS GAME JULY 16, 1:10 PM

TBT will be having an outing at Minute Maid park on Sunday afternoon July 16 at 1:10 pm sponsored by the Men's Club. You don't need to be a men's club member to come. The last time we did this we had a great time. We'll have field box seats on the 1<sup>st</sup> base side. Tickets are \$42 each. Contact Bruce Pollard to reserve tickets, at [treasurer@tbthumble.org](mailto:treasurer@tbthumble.org)

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Battling Anti-Semitism – Beyond “Hating the Haters”

There has been a lot of focus on Anti-Semitism lately. Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, always reminds us of the most horrible times of racism and bigotry. The same week that Israel and the world commemorated the Holocaust, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) came out with disturbing results of a recent survey. According to statistics, Anti-Semitism is on the rise worldwide and at home. 14% of Americans harbor some sort of negative feelings about Jewish people. At a recent meeting of rabbis that I attended, Dayan Gross, Executive Director of the Southwest Region of ADL, said, “Anti-Semitism and hatred will always be here. It’s our job to be aware and make sure that people don’t act on their hateful feelings.”

When I looked at the survey questions and answers (available at [www.global100.adl.org](http://www.global100.adl.org)), it brought up my own skepticism about statistics in general. The 3000 people willing to answer the phone surveys were asked a series of questions about their own feelings about Jewish people. If participants answered a particular way, they were considered Anti-Semitic. For instance, 84% did not think “Jews have too much power in business” and the same percentage responded to “Jews have too much power in international finance markets.” 90% did not believe that “Jews have too much control over global affairs,” and 66% do not believe that Jews are more loyal to Israel than their country of residence. Depending on whether you are reporting the negative or the positive, the statistics can be more or less disturbing.

Statistics can only tell us part of any story. An actual conversation with real people tells us much more. There are many ways to combat hatred. Sometimes I feel that the more we call attention to hate-filled actions, the more some people might feel a kinship with those ideas. I have yet to see statistics about the numbers of interfaith dialogues that promote tolerance and understanding; the local pulpit exchanges that help people of different faiths understand each other; the combined efforts of respectful people who go beyond theological and political views to help one another. Recently, a number of Jewish institutions and cemeteries experienced vandalism. Christian AND Muslim groups came out to assist their Jewish neighbors to restore the vandalized property. These acts of loving-kindness do not make the headlines nearly as much as the original hateful act. Even more significant is the fact that when the Christians, Muslims and Jews were working together on a shared goal, they learned more about each other as *people*; not theology or philosophy or politics...just the humanness of raising children, paying bills and living life. When we get to know the person behind the label, we find the shared humanity that GD created.

Eli Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, author and Nobel Prize Winner said, “The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.” Hate-filled extremists can cause a lot of damage. Those extremely passionate about righteousness can do a lot of good. Most of the world is indifferent. Battling hatred does not have to always be a battle when “we” and “they” can get past being “us” and “them.”

Casey Stengel, the Hall of Fame baseball manager for the Yankees, seemed to understand a little bit about indifference when it came to managing a baseball team. He said, “There are 25 guys on my team. 4 or 5 would run through a wall for me. 5 or 6 hate my guts. The rest are undecided. All I gotta do is keep the ones who hate me away from the ones who are undecided.”

That’s where we can make a difference. Perhaps, those who hate will always hate. But we can influence the “undecided,” or even the apathetic. All we have to do is get close enough to one another to demonstrate true righteousness. Someone’s bound to catch on. Many already have.

L’shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### Lunch & Learn *with Rabbi Dan*

**Wednesday, May 17, 12:30 PM**

**Nourishment for the Body, Mind and Soul**

**Once a Month**

Rabbi Dan Gordon facilitates a relaxed discussion on a variety of topics, including mitzvot, Torah, holidays, current events and Jewish Practices.

Each month is a different topic and everyone gets a chance to participate. Bring your own lunch, and get ready to nourish both your mind and your body!

No RSVP necessary, feel free to just show up!

### ONEG INFORMATION NEW FOR 2017

Thank you to everyone who has provided an oneg recently. They have been delicious and a highlight to every Shabbat. Thank you also to those who have sponsored an oneg with your generous donations. Preparing an oneg is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event. It is also a way to commemorate a yahrtzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, please leave a message for Carrie Keith at 281-446-5611. Or visit our signup genius site at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a9ad23a31-shabbat1>

## Bar Mitzvah of Abraham Ramirez Friday, June 2 - 7:15 PM

Everyone is invited to attend Shabbat services on Friday, June 2 at 7:15 PM as Abraham Ramirez is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Abraham is the son of Meida and Felipe Ramirez.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

The school year is quickly coming to a close. It has really gone quickly.

Our schedule for May is a bit different as we celebrate the end of a great year. We will have class as usual on May 7<sup>th</sup>, no school on May 14<sup>th</sup> (Happy Mother's Day to all our TBT moms!) and a special schedule on May 21st.

For our last day of class on the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will begin at 9:00 am with breakfast available for everyone. Our tot class will begin at 9:30am, taught by Rachel McConnell. Parents are welcome to stay and schmooze for the morning and at 10:30am we will have outdoor games followed by Sanctuary time at 11:00am. We will sing songs with Cantor Vadim and students will receive their school certificates. The school day will end at 11:30am.

Our annual Religious School Pool Party will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The pool party will be held at the Oaks Pool in Atascocita from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

We are planning Camp Ruach for July and are setting up classes for next school year. Look for details to come soon.

*Carrie Keith*

## TOT Shabbat Friday, May 12, 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun, kid friendly Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dan. Then bring a kid friendly food item to share for our pot luck following service. Please RSVP to Rachel McConnell at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

## CONGRAULATIONS to all our TBT Graduates this Spring

**Will Pollard** from Kingwood High School, will be attending the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in History and Education

**Bradley Heller** from Kingwood High School, going to University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in Finance

**Adalberto Velasquez** from Home School, going to Lone Star College in Kingwood

**Maddy Johnson** from Kingwood High School, going to Colorado School of Mines, majoring in Engineering

**Abby Johnson** from Kingwood High School, going to Colorado State University, interested in Veterinary Medicine

**Allison Levy:** Texas A& M with a Masters of Business Administration in Accounting

**Ty Fields:** University of North Texas with a Masters of Biomedical Science

**Peter Myers:** Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance, Cum Laude and Honors

**Rachel Pollard:** University of Boston with a Masters in Occupational Therapy

### “TBT Cares”

April has been a month focused on helping feed those in our community. Cooking, caring TBT members helped prepare meals for families at a local shelter for victims of domestic violence. The regular cook at The Door had to take a few weeks off and TBT members stepped in to provide 2 dinners for about 20-25 women and children. They had two, tasty home cooked meals and we had a good time cooking together. We were pleased to be able to help out. The Meals on Wheels program is going well with about 16 TBT volunteers delivering meals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. We also bring a designated food (such as cereal or pasta) on the day we deliver. Several TBT members deliver meals individually on other days as well.

We continue to collect food for the Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) at temple. April has been the month for canned vegetables and cereal. Food donations tend to drop off as the we move into the summer so please don't forget to help us feed those who don't have enough. Anybody who is interested in being part of TBT Cares, please contact Susan Pollard at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org) for more information.

**Get Ready for the Big Gig**  
**Seth Meyers comes to Houston for the Jewish Federation**  
**No Joke: May 21, 2017**

**BIG GIG TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE**

[www.JFedBigGig.com](http://www.JFedBigGig.com)

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO TO THE BIG GIG?**

**FREE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING AVAILABLE**

Once you buy your tickets please email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) to sign up for the bus from TBT to the event. We need to know by May 4th

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston as it presents the "Big Gig" with Seth Meyers and opening act, the Maccabeats.

This first-of-its-kind event is expected to be the largest social gathering of the area's Jewish community in 2017, with a crowd of more than 2,000 people expected to attend at the new Smart Financial Centre in Sugar Land.

Tickets available for \$50 (no joke). VIP seats are available at \$250 and \$500.

**Reserve your seats now at [www.JFedBigGig.com](http://www.JFedBigGig.com).**

You can also find more information at the website. Please note that since seats are assigned by Ticketmaster at the time of purchase, tickets for those who would like to sit together should be purchased in the same transaction. You will need to enter the names of all individuals you are purchasing tickets for on the Federation's website in order to gain access to the link to purchase tickets (this serves as a security measure for the event). Once the names of attendees are submitted, the confirmation will display a link to Ticketmaster to complete the transaction.

**SPIRITUAL TRAVELERS CONTINUE THE  
JOURNEY BOOK DISCUSSION**  
**Continuing with "GUIDE TO FORGIVENESS"**  
**Continues through May**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 11:15 A.M.**

Sunday mornings, after the Torah study class with TORCH, another group of learners gathers in the sanctuary to discuss spiritual topics while exploring their personal connections to religious concepts. For the past several weeks, the group used *Rabbi Rami Shapiro's Guide to the Spiritual Traveler* as a basis for the discussion. They have recently completed *Rabbi Rami's Guide to God*, and are ready to begin *Rabbi Rami's Guide to Forgiveness*.

Greg LaCour facilitates the discussion group, which is open to all. The book is available on Kindle, and for those who do not have access to Kindle, we will make copies available (Rabbi Rami has given us permission to make copies for the purpose of study). The group will meet May 7, 21 and 28, not on the 14<sup>th</sup> for Mother's Day.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro, author of over 30 books including poetic translations of Jewish sacred texts, visited Temple Beth Torah as Scholar-in-Residence in 2012. For those who wish to know more about him, please visit [www.rabbirami.com](http://www.rabbirami.com)

**ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH**

**(TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)**

Start your Sundays with Adult Learning at TBT. Come at 9:15 AM for bagels and coffee and then join us for class at 9:30 AM led by Rabbi Wolbe from TORCH. Each session a different Torah portion will be discussed. Participants may come to as many as they can. There is no charge for the class and optional gifts of tzedakah are welcome.

<b>Sunday, May 7,</b>	<b>Parsha Emor</b>
<b>Sunday, May 14,</b>	<b>Parsha Behar - Bechikotai</b>
<b>Sunday, May 21,</b>	<b>Parsha Bamidbar</b>
<b>Sunday, May 28,</b>	<b>Parsha Naso</b>

**MAZEL TOV!!!!**

Congratulations to Jennifer Ofsowitz and Tony Sullivan on the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> baby. A boy.

**Fischer Michael Sullivan.**  
We can't wait to meet him!!

## TBT Donate a Brick Campaign On Going

As many of you know, Will Pollard has built a brick path in front of our Sukkah as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are now giving everyone an opportunity to donate an engraved brick for the path with **all donations** going to support Temple Beth Torah!

This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor a friend/family member. You can also use it to commemorate an occasion, like a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding anniversary or a memorable birthday.

Each brick can be inscribed with 3 lines and 20 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation and other keyboard symbols are considered characters). Various approved clip art designs can be made available for an additional \$20 donation per brick. If clip art is used, the text is limited to 15 characters per line.

All brick donations will be at these special prices:

1 Brick=	\$100
2 Bricks=	\$180 @ \$90/each
3 Bricks=	\$240 @ \$80/each
4 Bricks=	\$280 @ \$70/each
5 Bricks=	\$300 @ \$60/each
6 or more Bricks=	\$50 a brick

We hope you will be interested in participating in this mitzvah to support TBT!

**This is an ongoing fundraiser. We have submitted our second order!! When we receive at least 5 brick orders we will submit the next order.**

Questions? Please contact Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Please see the order form at the end of the newsletter on page 11.

## Security article continued from the front page.....

Chris Baur is a Graduate of several schools and programs at the US Treasury Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

His experiences include time as an officer in the US Army Military Police, as a criminal investigator with the US Customs Service, as a Federal flight deck officer with the Department of Homeland Security, and as Chair of the Security Committee of the Air Line Pilots Association. He is a licensed private investigator.

Chris has been recognized and decorated for achievements by federal, state and local agencies for arrests, seizures and heroism in the line of duty, including the Medal of Valor from Attorney General Janet Reno.

## ORDER MEMORIAL PLAQUES NOW FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

Now is the time to place your order for memorial plaques on the wall of the sanctuary. Synagogues all over the country put their orders in over the summer so the plaques will be ready for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The company that makes the plaques is overwhelmed with hundreds of orders, so please get your order in now if you want the plaque to be here in time.

The cost of the plaque is a minimum \$300 donation, made out to Temple Beth Torah. Once you have sent in the donation, please email

[rabbidangordon@gmail.com](mailto:rabbidangordon@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. English name as you wish it to appear on the plaque
2. Hebrew name if known
3. Date of death

**Deadline to place the order, in order for it to be ready by Rosh Hashana is June 20, 2017.**

## *Simchas in May*

### Birthdays

1	22
Vicky Aizenberg	Sara Bleiberg
Susan Pollard	Brandon Curtis
Adam Waxman	Emmanuel Miller
2	24
Tony Curtis	Zachary Bleiberg
5	25
Diana Hambrecht	Andrea Miller
Leslie Witkov	Stephen Levy
8	27
Sydney Baur	Bart Myers
Allan Carroll	29
12	31
Iris Weinberger	Hiedi Bassett
17	
Ethan Hambrecht	
21	
Sally Kullman	

### Anniversaries

15
Jonathan and Sarah Couch
16
Vitaly and LiJuan Aizenberg
17
Tom and Iris Graf
18
Dan and Shawna Kullman
21
Greg and Mindy LaCour
23
Jim and Susan Meinholz
27
Bruce and Susan Pollard
28
Lawrence and Sharon Heyman
29
Michael and Susan Cahn

## **Food for HAAM**

TBT collects food for HAAM on an ongoing basis. Whenever you attend services, classes, or events at TBT, please remember to bring nonperishable items with you to help stock HAAM's pantry. Every item helps!

Thank you for your support.

## **Torah Portions for May 2017**

*Compiled by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **May 5-6, Acharay Mot-Kedoshim, Leviticus 16:1-20:27**

This double portion includes the "Holiness Code," which includes, among other things, the instructions for the Day of Atonement. A goat was used by the High Priest to take our sins away for us; the beginning of the term "scapegoat." It also includes a list of sexual prohibitions, primarily those related to incest. Continuing with the Holiness Code, Kedoshim begins with "You shall be holy, because I, the LORD your G-d, am holy." Most of these regulations are related to morality, including fair business practices and treating others with kindness. It repeats these themes multiple times, such as "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Treat the stranger as one who resides with you, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." This portion reminds us that kindness to others is not merely a nice thing to do, but a sacred commandment from G-d.

### **May 12-13, Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23**

Emor begins with instructions for the priests, who were considered separate from others. Priests could not have any blemishes, and had to refrain from any activity that could potentially contaminate their purity. Several rituals are described, including setting aside a portion of "cake" as a burnt offering. In modern times, this burnt offering is still practiced by many who bake challah. We are also given instructions for harvesting our fields. We are to leave the corners for poor people to be able to glean what they need without the embarrassment of having to ask.

### **May 19-20, Behar/Bechukotai, Leviticus 25:1-27:29 (double portion)**

Just as people and animals must observe a Sabbath every seven days, the land must have a Sabbath every seven years. The land will produce enough in the sixth year to provide for the seventh, so no harvesting shall take place. In the fiftieth year, on Yom Kippur, a jubilee is celebrated. Debts are reduced and slaves are freed. The Torah portion ends with a reminder of the prohibitions of idolatry and the obligation to observe the weekly Sabbath. This reminds us that freedom always comes with responsibility, and the Jubilee year is no exception. In Bechukotai, G-d promises that there will be great rewards for following the proper path of the commandments. Not only will the rain come at the proper times and produce our necessary food, but we will also live without fear of enemies. G-d will remember the promises made to Jacob, Isaac and to Abraham (curiously listed here in reverse order) to help us maintain our homeland. We're also commanded to tithe, donating ten percent of all we gain, realizing that all our gifts come from G-d.

### **May 26-27, 2017 Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20**

At the beginning of the Book of Numbers, Moses is instructed to take a census of the entire Israelite nation. Each of the tribes is listed with their descendants, and a number is assigned to each. Each tribe is given specific tasks. Aaron and his sons prepare the sacred objects and curtains connected to the Ark of the Covenant, where the tablets of the Ten Commandments are carried throughout the desert.

## DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND –

*Andrew and Brenna Stark*

*Raymundo and Gloria Mendez*

*Shirley Sanders –*

*in memory of Max Sanders and Karen Finn*

*Nancy Prince*

*Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon –*

*in honor of Grace Theriot's Bat Mitzvah, granddaughter of Castine Theriot*

*in honor of the conformation of Josh Hambrecht and Brandon Curtis*

*in honor of our High School graduates; Bradley Heller and Will Pollard*

*in honor of Abraham Ramirez' Bar Mitzvah*

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND –

*Wesley Goble – In memory of Barry Liss*

### TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND -

*Wesley Goble – In memory of Barry Liss*

*Tony and Carole Curtis – in honor of their son Brandon Curtis on his confirmation*

### TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND -

*Wesley Goble – In memory of Barry Liss*

## May Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during May to acknowledge those who have passed away who were connected with our community. If there are mistakes or omissions, please e-mail the temple at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Morton Wallack, David Auerbach, Evelyn Lovitt, Cliff Thomas Smith, Ernest Graf, Mary Beth Graf, Irving Biegel, Robert Kharasch, William Hulland, William L Denbina, Lester Nussbaum, Sadie Nussbaum, Ruth Gerhardt, Edythe Levy, Riva Kremer, Harold J Gordon, David Sayovitz, Roz Wolf, Philip Salkin, David Rosenberg, Jolan Halpern, Victor Rosen

## THE CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee can help in stressful times, such as family illness, death, birth, etc. We can provide a meal and offer sympathy, transportation, childcare, or congratulations for simchas. If you know of a congregant who could use a little caring, contact Joy Fields by e-mailing [tbtcaringcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:tbtcaringcommittee@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

## DONATIONS

Making a donation to TBT is a perfect way to honor a joyous occasion, like a birthday, anniversary, wedding/engagement, new home, job change, or retirement. It is also appropriate to honor someone who has passed away with a donation in his/her memory at the time of the passing or on the yahrtzeit (anniversary) of the passing. All donations to Temple Beth Torah are tax deductible. You can choose where you would like your donation to be applied.

### GENERAL FUND

Any donation that is not specified to another specific fund goes to the General Fund, which helps maintain the operating budget of the temple. Building expenses, insurance, staff salaries and all program expenses that are not underwritten come out of the General Fund, as well as support for the Religious School.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This separate tzedakah fund enables the rabbi to make confidential contributions to help individuals and causes that may be in crisis. The rabbi may also use this fund to help support unbudgeted programs that will benefit the temple or community.

### BURT LEVY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books. Our library, located in the back of the sanctuary, is named after TBT's founding president, Burt Levy, who was a major inspiration in starting Temple Beth Torah.

### TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

This fund provides scholarships to Jewish summer camps for children and for educational conferences for teachers. It also helps support special educational programs that are not in the general budget. The fund honors Tracy Tobin Johnson, who was an active TBT member, volunteer and teacher before passing away at a young age.

### TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

This fund supports special dynamic programs, often related to the arts. It is named after Tom Theriot, a lover of the arts, who was a constant presence at TBT and supported every cause.

### DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now make donations online for any fund donation except for dues payments and the Building Renovations Fund. Now there is an easy way to honor the memory of loved ones or acknowledge a joyous occasion by giving tzedakah. Tell your friends and family to visit our newly named website, [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org), to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 9

*Please consider making a donation to support Temple Beth Torah's many worthy endeavors. You can indicate which fund you would like your contribution to support on the form below, as well as the names of those you wish to honor or remember.*

*You may contact the Temple by calling 281- 446-5611 with any questions.*

*THANK YOU*

**Please mail your donation and form to the Treasurer at:  
Temple Beth Torah 320 Shallow Drive Humble, TX 77338**



**TEMPLE  
BETH TORAH**

Donation Form

*Thank You!*

From: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of       In memory of

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please apply donation to (check one):*

- General Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Burt Levy Memorial Library Fund
- Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund
- Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund

*Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# MAY 2017

# IYAR - SIVAN 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					<b>Shabbat Service with Cantor Tunitsky – Israel Independence Day Celebration 7:15 PM</b>  <i>Oneg: TBT Board</i>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>9:00 AM Religious School</b> <b>9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH Class</b> <b>11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion</b> <b>11:30 AM Hebrew School</b>					<b>TOT Shabbat and Pot Luck 6:00 PM</b>  <b>Shabbat Service 7:15 PM</b>  <i>Oneg: Debbie Swaim</i>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>NO Religious School</b> <b>9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class</b> <b>Mother’s Day</b>			<b>Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan 12:30 PM</b>		<b>Shabbat Service 7:15 PM</b>  <i>Oneg: Ann Rubin Dominick</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Religious School</b> <b>9:30 AM – Tot Class</b> <b>9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH Class</b> <b>11:00 AM Program Honoring Education for Adults and Kids</b> <b>11:30 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion</b>					<b>Shabbat Service 7:15 PM</b>  <i>Oneg: Merissa Stein</i>	
28	29	30	31	June 1	2	3
<b>NO Religious School</b> <b>9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class</b> <b>11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion</b>	<i>Memorial Day</i>				<b>Shabbat Service 7:15 PM</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Abraham Ramirez</b>  <i>Oneg - TBT Sisterhood</i>	

# Temple Beth Torah Donate a Brick Campaign

TBT member Will Pollard has built a brick path in front of our Sukkah as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are now giving everyone an opportunity to donate an engraved brick for the path with **all donations going to support Temple Beth Torah!**

This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor a friend/family member. You can also use it to commemorate an occasion, like a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding, an anniversary or a memorable birthday.

Each brick can be inscribed with 3 lines and 20 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation and other keyboard symbols are considered characters).

Various approved clip art designs can be made available for an additional \$20 donation per brick. If clip art is used, the text is limited to 15 characters per line.

## Brick donations are:

**1 Brick= \$100**

**2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each**

**3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each**

**4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each**

**5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each**

**6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick**

Please send your check with the engraving information to TBT:  
320 Shallow Drive, Humble, Texas 77338.

Questions? Please contact project coordinator Jeremy Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Brick 2:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_



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