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March 2018 ADAR - NISAN 5778



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PURIM IS HERE

MARCH 2, 6:30 PM at TBT
EARLY SERVICE - COSTUMES, FUN FOR ALL

Come and celebrate with TBT on **Friday, March 2nd** to celebrate Purim and Shabbat with TBT. The service will start at 6:30 PM to accommodate those with early bedtimes.

Dress in costume and be ready to yell BOO!!

We will also be celebrating the baby naming of Jennifer Ofsowitz and Tony Sullivan's children Joanna and Fischer. MAZEL TOV!

Our young members will start with a **potluck Shabbat dinner** at **6 :00 PM**. Please contact Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org if you are coming for the pot luck and what you plan on bringing.

TBT's Annual PASSOVER SEDER – 1st NIGHT Friday, March 30 at 6:00 PM

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to share in the annual **Temple Beth Torah Community Seder**.

We will be celebrating on the First night of Passover at
Strawbridge United Methodist Church

The Seder will begin promptly at **6:15 pm**

(Doors open at 5:45 PM - Please check in by 6:00 PM)

Please return the Reservation Form at the end of the newsletter on page 12

We hope to see you on March 30th for a most memorable Seder

So, mark your calendar and please **R.S.V.P. with payment by March 20.**

Please Note – Reservations will **NOT** be accepted after this date.

If you need further information or have a special meal request, please contact
Stacey Blumin 281-446-5611 sblumin@tbthumble.org

Shabbat Services in March

Friday, March 2	6:00 PM	Kids Pot Luck
	6:30 PM	Purim Shabbat Service
Friday, March 9	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, March 16	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, March 23	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, March 30	6:00 PM	Passover Seder at Strawbridge United Methodist Church in Kingwood (no service at TBT)

SAVE THE
DATE

Yom HaShoah
Holocaust
Remembrance
Day Service
Friday, April 13 at
7:15 PM

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

If you've been at Temple in the last couple of weeks or if you read the email I sent out a few weeks ago you will know that we have instituted a police presence at our Friday night worship service and at religious school on Sunday.

There has been no specific threat to TBT. The Board of Directors elected to do this in response to a growing wave of antisemitism in the country and because our facility is in an area that is normally almost deserted on Friday night and Sunday.

Detective Will Domilos of the Humble Police Department will be the primary officer on duty. Will's presence will be a potent deterrent to any anti-Semitic or anti-social activity during our presence at TBT. I hope that our members and our kids get to know Will when he is helping to protect us.

I also want to use my newsletter space to give a shout out to Strawbridge United Methodist Church. They are allowing us to use their facility for our community Passover Seder on Friday March 30 (much more on the Seder in this newsletter). Finding a venue for the Seder in our area was made more difficult this year due to the effect of Hurricane Harvey. Strawbridge has stepped up, as they have in the past, to help us. I hope to see you there.

JEFF KAUFMAN

Meet Officer Will Domilos

There is a new face greeting all those coming to Temple Beth Torah for Friday night services and Sunday morning Religious School. Will Domilos, a detective in the Humble Police Department, will be on duty to provide our community with added safety. He will do periodic patrols of the area around the temple and will be available for our protection before services and school classes begin and will remain until everyone has left the building. Detective Domilos has over 19 years experience with the Humble Police. He and his wife of over 20 years have three children. He has already gotten to know several of our members, and is kind, personable and trustworthy as well as a strong presence.

We are able to provide this regularly scheduled security guard at the temple due to some generous contributions, notably from: The Bauer Family, Judy Coleman, The Houston Worship Center and Howard Arner. We are happy to accept sponsorship from those who would like to contribute. Each shift is approximately \$150, and those who wish may send donations in multiples of \$150 to the temple to designate sponsoring a Friday or a Sunday.

Special thanks to temple Vice President and Security Chair Marty Lorin for setting us up with such a fine officer!

On Sunday morning, March 4 at 10:45am, Officer Will will meet with students and parents in the sanctuary so you can get to know him a little better.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

IN LIKE A PARTY, OUT LIKE A FESTIVAL

When I lived in the north, we had an expression about the month of March: "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." This, of course, referred to the weather, when the beginning of March is still in the midst of a harsh winter, and the end of the month marks the beginning of springtime. This year, the Jewish calendar makes March particularly interesting, as it begins with Purim and ends with Passover.

These are arguably two of the most popular holidays in Judaism. Coming exactly one month apart, it also feels like a progression. Both present stories that include enemies who sought our destruction. In both stories, the Jews are in danger of elimination, and in both, we emerge victorious. Also, both include an aspect of revenge. The Purim villain, Haman, is hung from the same gallows he had planned to hang Mordecai. In the story of the Exodus, Pharaoh loses his son during the 10th plague and his soldiers are drowned when the Sea of Reeds closes up after the Jews crossed into safety.

But the way we celebrate Purim and Passover is very different. Purim is a one-day, minor holiday that includes four *mitzvot*: giving gifts of food, giving *tzedakah* (charity), participating in a festive meal and hearing *Megillat Esther* (the Book of Esther). We've enhanced the celebration of Purim with costume parties, funny songs, humorous re-enactments, triangle pastries (*hamentashen*) and even the suggestion of imbibing in alcohol to excess. Passover lasts a full week and commemorates our defining moment as a people: the Exodus from Egypt and receiving the Ten Commandments. Part of observing Passover includes many restrictions on the food we consume. When it comes to alcohol, Passover specifies four cups of wine; Purim does not propose a limitation, but actually suggests getting into a drunken state so extreme as to be unable to distinguish between the phrases "Blessed is Mordecai" and "Cursed is Haman."

There is another significant distinction between the observances of these holidays. On Passover, we make a point to diminish our alcohol even more by pouring out ten drops from our second cup of wine to acknowledge the ten plagues visited upon the Egyptians. We are taught not to rejoice at the hardship of our foes. A Talmudic story recounts angels in Heaven breaking out into song when the Egyptians drowned in the sea. G-d silenced them, declaring, "How dare you sing for joy when My creatures are dying!" (Talmud, Megillah 10b and Sanhedrin 39b) In the Purim story, revenge extends well beyond Haman, and the Jewish people kill thousands in the name of defending themselves against a potential threat. Despite the necessity of the killing, Purim customs suggest no diminishment of any joy, but raucous celebrations about the deaths of many who may not even have participated in the Haman's violent plan.

Why do we acknowledge the suffering of Egyptians during Passover, but not the Persians during Purim? Perhaps that is part of the maturity of a people. Even though Passover happens long before Purim in the chronology of time, Purim comes before Passover on the calendar. While we are still fighting off winter, the survival instinct takes over. We celebrate without inhibitions during Purim, with no thought about those who were killed to insure our survival. By the time springtime comes for Passover, we have learned that vengeance is not the only way to survive. We acknowledge the suffering of others and even impose limitations on our own celebration. While we understand that violence is sometimes necessary to further the cause of justice. Passover indicates that we are growing up as a people, and ready to receive the obligations of the Ten Commandments. Perhaps Purim, the holiday of fun and games and costumes, is the time of our adolescence. It comes before Passover in the calendar, giving us a chance to mature into the people who are destined to become "A light unto the nations." (Isaiah 49:6)

I look forward to celebrating these and all the holidays with you!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

What an exciting February at TBT. Here are some of the highlights. Our Pre- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students through Confirmation attended a dinner with guest speaker, Anita Bonano. She spoke to the students and parents about living with a disability and overcoming obstacles to be a successful individual. She then sang and spoke at our Shabbat service.

The students participated in a wonderful Tu B'Shevat/Shabbat service. It was amazing to see almost all of the Religious School students in attendance to sing along with Cantor Vadim and Rabbi Dan. It was an incredible Shabbat service.

At Purim, there are four mitzvot that each person should try to fulfill. These are to give gifts of food (shaloch manot), do mitzvot, eat and hear the story of Queen Esther in the megillah. All the students and teachers had a great time at our Purim celebration on February 25th completing these commandments. Every student, from the toddlers to the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, made hamentaschen, groggers, crowns, and masks.

The students also filled zip lock bags with a variety of toiletry items to donate to FamilyTime and HAAM. Thank you to everyone who donated items. We filled 38 bags!!

Thank you to Shari Ellsworth, Sharon Heyman, Meida Ramirez, Susan Pollard and the teachers for helping each student roll out dough, cut circles, fill, shape and bake delicious hamentaschen. Wonderful smells filled the building as the students put together boxes of goodies to take home to family and friends. We all enjoyed eating a few hamentaschen as Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim told the Purim story. Several students acted out the roles of King Ahashuerus, Mordecai, Queen Esther, soldiers, ...and Haman-BOO.

It was a great day!

We are looking forward to an exciting Passover Experience on March 25th. We will begin the day with the Matzah Factory presented by Living Legacy Educational Programs from Chabad Outreach of Houston. The Toddler class and all parents are invited to attend our day of celebration beginning at 9:15 am with the Matzah Factory.

Carrie Keith

ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH (TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)

Start your Sundays with Adult Learning at TBT. Come at 9:00 AM for nosh and coffee and then join us for class at 9:30 AM led by Rabbi Wolbe from TORCH. The class has studied every portion in the Five Books of the Torah and is now moving on to another sacred text. Each week will include new ethical issues from *Pirke Avot*, *The Ethics of our Ancestors*. Participants may come to as many as they can. There is no charge for the class and optional gifts of tzedakah are welcome.

- Sunday, March 4** God as your Advocate
- Sunday, March 11** The Power of Plurality
- Sunday, March 18** Can We Really Have it all?
- Sunday, March 25** Pesach: A Primer

SPIRITUAL TRAVELERS CONTINUE THE JOURNEY BOOK DISCUSSION Continuing with The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 11:15 A.M. at TBT

"The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness" is the current book being discussed. This is a program developed by Rabbi Rami Shapiro to help bring people together in conversation. Frank Levy, a partner of Rami who lives here in Houston, joins us weekly as we explore insights of Perennial Wisdom and how it can change the way we view our lives. For more information please contact Greg LaCour at admin@tbthumble.org.

TOT Shabbat Pot Luck Before the Purim Service Friday, March 2, 6:00 PM

Join us for Purim Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dan at 6:30 PM. But before the service we will have a Pot Luck for the little ones, so they are fed before service. Bring a kid friendly food item to share for our pot luck. Please RSVP to Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org if attending, and what you plan to bring. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Wednesday, March 21, 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!

Upcoming Dates: Wednesday - Apr 18

Sisterhood News

Matzo Ball Soup Making

Saturday, March 24 at 2:00pm at the Temple.

Please join the sisterhood at Temple Beth Torah on Saturday March 24th as we come together to make Matzo Ball Soup. We will deliver the soup to our neighbors who are not able to attend our community Seder. If you know someone who can benefit from this service, please send names to Shari Ellsworth at admin@tbthumble.org. If you are able to join, please let us know. Bring a friend.

Temple Beth Torah Children Receive Free Jewish Books Celebrate Jewish values, culture, and tradition

Every month, PJ Library sends free Jewish books to more than 500,000 families around the world with children 6 months through 8 years old. PJ Library shares stories that celebrate Jewish values, culture, and tradition, all at no cost to families. Go to www.pjlibrary.org to sign up.

Free Jewish chapter books for 9-11-year-olds are available at [PJ Our Way](#).

TBT CARES

As many of you know Temple Beth Torah has been supporting 2 local agencies, FamilyTime and Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) in several ways. I wanted to tell you more about what each of those agencies have been doing to reach out to our community and how TBT has been a part of that. FamilyTime provided shelter to 643 people and answered over 17,000 calls on their crisis helpline during 2017. They benefitted from more than 1700 volunteers donating their time, among them several TBT members who did magic, crafts and played games with the kids that FamilyTime serves. In addition, we have donated school supplies for the children at the shelter and personal hygiene items since families often come to the shelter with just the clothes on their back. TBT member, Susan Meinholz is president of the FamilyTime board, so we have enjoyed an even closer connection over the last several years.

HAAM provides a variety of services and support to those in the Lake Houston area. One of the newer programs is Meals on Wheels. About 16 TBT members deliver meals on the 4th Friday of every month. Last year HAAM delivered 12,000 meals to homebound seniors. The food TBT collected for the Seasons of Sharing helped feed over 1300 families. Our ongoing food collections help support the food pantry HAAM runs. The religious school children put together hygiene bags so that people who don't have access to a regular shower can come to HAAM, use their facilities and take their new hygiene supplies with them.

If you ever wonder whether you are making a difference in our community, please know that everything you do does reach someone who needs it. We are helping to feed those in need, to spend time with those who are in the middle of a very difficult situation and to provide material support to both FamilyTime and HAAM. If you would like to get more involved or find out more about what you can do personally, email Susan at spollard@tbthumble.org. Thank you for all your support!

Classroom Paint Party Made Possible by Kennedy Family Donation

The TBT Men's Club has repainted two classrooms in the TBT Synagogue. John Kennedy combined with his daughter, Amy, provided us with excellent Sherwin Williams paint, rollers and brushes to do the job up right. Thanks to Jeff Kaufman, Brian Eoff, Alan Solovay, Bruce Pollard, Leslie Witkov and others for their rolling and brushing mitzvah.

Scholarships for Camp

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston is once again offering grants and scholarships for children seeking to attend overnight camp or to participate in trips to Israel. For all local Jewish children, the Federation provides two forms of need-based scholarships for overnight camp and Israel experiences: general financial assistance, and scholarships for campers whose families were affected by Hurricane Harvey. For families whose children are not currently enrolled in a daily Jewish educational program (such as a Jewish day school), the Federation's One Happy Camper program offers \$1,000 incentive grants that are not need-based for first-time campers attending for 19 or more consecutive days, and \$700 grants for first-time campers attending for 12-18 consecutive days. For questions regarding One Happy Camper grants, contact Devorah Cohen at dcohen@houstonjewish.org. For questions regarding scholarships, contact Elizabeth Garza at egarza@houstonjewish.org or 713-729-7000 x309.

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 or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

Charitable Donations from IRAs

For those of you who have Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) you're probably aware that starting at age 70 ½ you are required to withdraw money from your IRA every year (called Required Minimum Distributions or RMDs). That becomes part of your adjusted gross income and you must pay tax on those withdrawals.

There is a lesser known provision of the tax code that was designed to encourage people to donate to qualified public charities. It allows you to donate directly to a qualified charity from your IRA and that counts as part of your RMD. The good part about it is that it is not included in your adjusted gross income, so you don't pay tax on that part of your RMD. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Temple Beth Torah is a qualified charity (Called a 501.c.3 charity) as are many other very worthy charitable organizations.

So, if you are of the age where you are required to take an RMD think about donating directly to a charitable organization AND save some money on your income taxes. Please check with your tax advisor to see if this is suited for you.

For HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)

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.

Simchas in March *Birthdays*

4	<i>Ellen Stapleton</i>
7	<i>Joni Levy</i>
18	<i>Lael Daniels</i>
21	<i>Andrea Eoff</i>
25	<i>Rachel McConnell</i>
29	<i>Lauren Rhines</i>

Anniversaries

8	<i>Stephen and Barbara Heller</i>
9	<i>Brian and Andrea Eoff</i>
16	<i>Aaron and Donna Karash</i>
19	<i>Mark Boyll and Ann Dominick</i>
25	<i>Barry and Tina Sachs</i>
28	<i>Joe and Karen Wadsworth</i>

March Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during February 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 or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Elsie Keith Jarrell, Sadie Miller, Rebecca Winter,
Mary Kharasch, Jules Troxclair, Alfred Bieler,
Wilfred Kullman, Marion Spencer, Julius Kharasch,
Marisa Weirnick, Barbara Bernstein,
Joseph Bernstein, Paul LaCour, William Klemz,
Arline Rambo, Lorraine Gotfried, Charlie Litt,
Emily Anne Mandell, Dell Amos, J.Q. DeLap Sr.,
Donald Plumb, Emmanuel Storey,
John Greenbaum, Thelma Gordon,
Rose Weintraub, Leo Auerbach, Elinor Arner

Torah Portions for March 2018 *Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

March 2-3, 2018, Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35

This is one of the most dramatic Torah portions, which includes the Israelites losing faith and building a Golden Calf to worship. Moses pleads with G-d to show mercy, and then his own anger causes him to break the tablets. Those who are not willing to come back to the LORD are killed. But the Torah portion includes reconciliation, as G-d instructs Moses to construct a new set of tablets "like the first." The first set were written by G-d; the second by Moses, empowering a human, and in turn, humanity, to maintain the commitment and the covenant.

March 9-10, 2018 Vayakhel/Pekude Exodus 35:1-40:38

This double portion brings us to the end of Exodus. Vayakhel describes the specifics of the wood and other items required in building the tabernacle. But it begins with a reprise of the commandment to rest on Shabbat. This teaches us that, even a highly important task like the tabernacle is not more important than our weekly day devoted to rest and rejuvenation. "Pekude" means "records" and refers to the accounting of the gold, silver, copper and yarn that were used to make the Tabernacle. In this last portion of Exodus, the presence of the Lord fills the Tabernacle. Traditional rabbinic commentators have compared the building of the Tabernacle to the creation of the world itself.

March 16-17, 2018 Vayikrah Leviticus 1:1-5:26

"Vayikrah" is both the name of the book, which in English is translated as Leviticus, and the name of our Torah portion. While the book contains sacrificial practices, which are completely out of date, the issue of the proper form of atonement for modern Jews is a contemporary one. According to some rabbinic commentators, prayer has replaced sacrifice for the modern Jew. The description of what constitutes sin in Leviticus demonstrates the ethical principles of our tradition. In Judaism, each individual must take responsibility for making amends to God: no person can sacrifice her or his life for another's.

March 22-23, 2018 Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

G-d instructs Moses to teach Aaron and his sons the rights and duties they will take on in becoming priests. They, and their descendants, will be the ones to offer the sacrifices in the Sanctuary. A fire on the holy altar must be kept burning at all times in preparation for the sacrifices. The Kohanim (priests) must learn the variety of different offerings for peace, sin and guilt, and practice very specific rituals regarding each. Aaron and his sons remain in the sanctuary compound for seven days, and Moses initiates them into the priesthood.

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

- *Chris and Alyce Baur*
For Security
- *Howard Arner*
For Security
- *Nigel Singh*
"Give a Gift to TBT"
- *Cynthia Godoy*
- *Mary Lou Haidnick*
- *Raymundo and Gloria Mendez*
- *Jason and Cherrie LaCross*
For the complete healing of Sam Peak, Illene LaCross, Sean, Chance, Lisa Steck, myself and my husband
- *Lenny and Karen Simmons*
In Honor of Wesley Goble
- *Bruce and Susan Pollard*
For the Inclusion Service

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Carole and Steven Lichtenstein
In memory of Michael Mahan
- Stephen and Ellen Stapleton
In memory of Samuel Weiss
- Michael Stark
- John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Give a Gift to TBT! A Fundraising Program at Temple Beth Torah is Underway!

A fundraising initiative has begun at Temple Beth Torah: **"Give a Gift to TBT!"** Please look for items needed by TBT on the **bulletin board in the synagogue's foyer**. Take the paper with the item you would like to donate and bring the item to TBT. It's that simple!!

Some of the needed items are **kitchen/bathroom supplies, Oneg supplies, and office/school supplies**. Items can be left in the kitchen to the right of the stovetop. Please place a note on your item so you can be acknowledged.

We will even take checks to defray some of our **ongoing expenses**. These needed donations will also be listed on cards on the bulletin board. Checks for monetary donations can be made payable to Temple Beth Torah.

Please contact admin Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org with questions or suggestions. We hope you will be interested in participating in this program of "tzedakah" and help our synagogue.

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, 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
- Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

TEMPLE BETH TORAH 320 SHALLOW DRIVE HUMBLE, TX 77338

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MARCH 2018

ADAR – NISAN 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6:00 PM Kids Pot Luck 6:30 PM PURIM Shabbat Service Baby Naming of Joanna and Fischer Sullivan	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion 11:30 AM Hebrew School					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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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.

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 _____

Temple Beth Torah 2018 Passover Seder

First Night of Passover

Friday, March 30, 2018

Strawbridge United Methodist Church
5629 Kingwood Dr., Kingwood, TX 77345

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to share in the annual
Temple Beth Torah Community Seder.

We will be celebrating on the First night of Passover

The Seder will begin promptly at **6:15 pm**
(Doors open at 5:30 PM - Please check in by 6:00 pm)

The menu will include:

Gefilte Fish, Matzo-Ball Soup, Garden Green Salad
Chef's Specially Prepared Chicken, with Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert
Wine, Grape Juice, Iced Tea and Coffee

Please return the Following Reservation Form with your Check made payable to
Temple Beth Torah to:

Stacey Blumin 320 Shallow Dr. Humble, TX 77338

We hope to see you on March 30th for a most memorable Seder
So, mark your calendar and please **R.S.V.P. with payment by March 20th.**
Please Note – Reservations will **NOT** be accepted after this date.

If you need further information or have a special meal request, please contact
Stacey Blumin 281-446-5611 sblumin@tbthumb.org

-----Reservation Form-----

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Members

_____ @ \$45.00 Each (Adults)

_____ @ \$25.00 Each (Children 12 and under)

_____ @ Complimentary (Children under 3
with no meal)

Guests

_____ @ 50.00 Each (Adults)

_____ @ 30.00 Each (Children 12 and under)

_____ @ Complimentary (children
under 3 with no meal)

Credit Cards accepted with a fee of \$1.50 per person for adults and \$1.00 for Children

We would like to help sponsor those who cannot afford the Seder with a Passover Donation: \$ _____

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

We would like everyone to be able to attend our Community Seder.
If you are unable to afford the full price, please contact Rabbi Dan Gordon
At rabbidangordon@gmail.com or 281-446-5611
Your request will be handled confidentially



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