

# Temple Beth Torah

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September 2018 ELUL - 5778



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SPIRITUAL LEADER

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### *High Holidays 2018*

### *Join us at Temple Beth Torah*

*Officiated by Rabbi Dan Gordon & Cantor Vadim Tunitsky*

#### *Rosh Hashanah*

*Sunday, September 9th @ 7:15 PM: Evening Service – NOTE the Earlier Start Time*

*An Oneg Sponsored by The TBT Sisterhood Will Follow*

*Monday, September 10th @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service*

*A Special Children's Service Will Begin @ 9:30 AM*

*Everyone is invited to a KIDDUSH LUNCHEON following the service*

*Sponsored by TBT Board of Directors*

#### *Yom Kippur*

*Tuesday, September 18th @ 8:00 PM: Kol Nidre*

*Wednesday, September 19th @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service*

*A Special Children's Service Will Begin @ 9:30 AM*

*Discussion after the morning service: What will you do to help repair the world?*

*Join us for a discussion of ways to put tikkun olam into action.*

*@3:30 PM: Afternoon, Yizkor, Neila & Havdalah Services*

*Everyone is invited to a Community "Pot-Luck" Break-The-Fast Meal*

*Immediately following the conclusion of the service.*

*Childcare will be provided with a reservation*

*See the flyer on page 12 for additional information*

### **SIMCHAT TORAH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, September 30, 11 AM (following Religious School classes)**

**SIMCHAT TORAH CONCERT, FEATURING RABBI/CANTOR ROBBI SHERWIN  
of the musical group, SABABA**

**Also: A Consecration to welcome our youngest students to Jewish learning**  
This spirited concert is for adults, children and everyone else! **Robbi Sherwin**  
has long been a favorite performer at TBT, and will get us dancing, clapping  
and singing along. Young children new to Religious School will receive their  
first practice Torah. Following the concert, EVERYONE is invited to lunch!

***The Simchat Torah program and lunch are sponsored  
by the Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund of Temple Beth Torah.***

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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

Welcome to the beginning of a new year - 5779! We will soon be joining together to worship for the high holidays. It's a time of reflection and consideration of our personal goals for the new year.

As a board of directors for the Temple it is time for us to think about our goals as a synagogue. Our mission statement sets our overall purpose - to celebrate the richness and traditions of Torah, prayer, holidays and life cycle events, to encourage learning to increase Jewish knowledge for all ages, to care for our members and others in the Jewish community in times of need and to foster positive relationships with our non-Jewish neighbors. We embrace the spirit of inclusion for Jewish individuals and families. For the board of directors, the challenge is to make this mission statement translate into real life. Although we are a small congregation, you would never know it by looking at our calendar of events. We have a full calendar of religious observance, education opportunities for kids and adults, a dedicated social action program, and outreach to the community. I encourage all of our TBT members to participate in these activities.

*Jeff Kaufman*

## MORE HOLIDAYS – JUST AS HIGH - THE CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are not the only days to celebrate in September. TBT has a full month of exciting celebrations and ways to enjoy the holidays and each other.

### **Friday, September 14, 6:30 PM – Shabbat/Tashlich Service and Dinner**

#### **NOTE: *Alternate Location***

On the Friday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we will meet at a member's home for a Shabbat dinner, a brief service, and time to "cast our sins upon the waters." This ancient tradition comes from a teaching from the prophet Micah. We throw bread crumbs in the water to symbolize throwing away all those aspects of the previous year we would like to change. Following the prayers will be a delicious Shabbat dinner, graciously catered by our host. Information and directions will be available at Rosh Hashana services or by emailing [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or calling (281) 446-5611.

### **Friday, September 28– Shabbat/Sukkot – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:15 PM Service**

Join us for "Pizza in the Hut" as we celebrate Sukkot in the Keith/Denbina Family Sukkah.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Essential Thoughts for the New Year

Of all the confessions we make on Yom Kippur, I have a minor one to share: I have not read all the books on my bookshelves, either at home or at the temple. Sometimes, I get a book because I like the title, or someone recommends it, or I read a book review and think, "I can really learn something from that book." And then, life gets in the way and I don't get around to finishing reading it; sometimes I don't even start. But there it is on my shelf, ready for when I'm ready.

As I prepare to start each New Year with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I often look toward this reading material for inspiration. Sometimes I try to get inspired for sermons or writing, but sometimes, it's just to get "in the mood" for a new spiritual beginning. I don't always need to read the whole book to find tidbits that will help my preparation of mind and heart. Sometimes, just the title can provide interesting food for thought. One of my favorite book titles, that has a built-in lesson is *You Don't have to be Wrong or Me to Be Right*, by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. The subtitle is *Finding Faith without Fanaticism*. Rabbi Hirschfield gives many examples from his own life, but you almost don't have to read it all to try to take the book title as a motto. I find that when I live by the notion expressed in that statement, I can maintain my own sense of truth without having to dispute someone else's...leading to peaceful communication and acceptance.

This year, I found on my shelf a book I hadn't yet read by a favorite author. Rabbi Harold Kushner's best known work is *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Written in 1983, it was, in part, a response to the death of his 14 year-old son, Aaron. Aaron had an incurable illness that gave him limitations his entire life. Kushner, through his own grief, tries to focus on what Aaron COULD do, rather than what he COULDN'T do, trying to embrace the fourteen years of a dynamic, loving relationship with his sweet, funny and insightful son rather than continue to lament about "what could have been." He admits that it is far from easy.

Now over 80 years old, Rabbi Kushner's most recent publication (most of his 14 books are bestsellers) is called *Nine Essential Things I've Learned from Life*. As I read this man's wisdom with pen highlighter ready, it occurred to me that each of the nine chapters includes a title that is worthy of thought. Kushner provides quite a bit of scholarly information, but also gives personal reflections to make it real. I began to think about how these topics are real for me. Whether or not you ever read this book, contemplating the topics of the chapter titles will give you an interesting way to look at your own past and future. Here's what Rabbi Kushner got me thinking about, the nine chapter titles of his own "essential" nuggets of learning:

1. Lessons I've learned along the way.
2. God is not a man who lives in the sky.
3. God does not send the problem; God sends us the strength to deal with the problem.
4. Forgiveness is a favor you do yourself.
5. Some things are just wrong; knowing that makes us human.
6. Religion is what you do, not what you believe.
7. Leave room for doubt and anger in your religious outlook.
8. To feel better about yourself, find someone to help.
9. Give God the benefit of the doubt.

By just contemplating one or more of these topics, relating the idea to our own lives and philosophy, we can begin the New Year with a deeper connection with God and with each other.

L'shalom and Shana Tova, for a sweet beginning and an inspirational New Year,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

## Lunch and Learn (*without the Lunch*)

Yom Kippur afternoon  
Approximately 1-2 PM

Pirke Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) teaches, “the world stands on three things: Torah learning, worship and deeds of loving kindness.” (Pirke Avot 1:2) We sing these words when we parade the Torah around in the sanctuary. On Yom Kippur, we spend the day in worship and learning; we also pray to be inspired to perform “deeds” throughout the year.

The past several years, during the break between the morning and afternoon services, we have included some form of learning/discussion group, and those who stay have always felt their day enriched. This year, we will focus the discussion on ways to serve the community, bringing the “deeds of loving kindness” aspect to complete our day of worship and learning. TBT members are involved in many programs that bring to light the Jewish concept of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). Susan Pollard will lead an interactive, experiential discussion about how individuals can find their own path to personally fulfilling service.

The monthly “Lunch and Learn” programs with Rabbi Dan that DO include lunch will resume in October.

## Interfaith Discussion including Rabbi Dan Gordon

Please join us as the Northeast Houston Interfaith Council hosts its first interfaith chat on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The topic is Family Values from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim perspectives. TBTs own Rabbi Dan will be providing from the Jewish perspective! Come at 6:30pm for refreshments, the talk begins at 7:00pm. The address is Lakeside United Methodist Church, 14303 West Lake Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77044.

## Events in September

Friday, September 7	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 9	7:15 PM	Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10	10:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah
	9:30 AM	Children’s Service
Friday, September 14	6:30 PM	Tashlich Service and Dinner - at a Members House <b>TEMPLE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, September 18	8:00 PM	Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19	10:00 AM	Yom Kippur
	9:30 AM	Children’s Service
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Discussion
	3:30 PM	Memorial / Afternoon Service Break the Fast Meal
Friday, September 21	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, September 28	7:15 PM	Sukkot / Shabbat Service – Pizza in the Hut
Sunday, September 30	11:00 AM	<b>SIMCHAT TORAH CONCERT, FEATURING RABBI/CANTOR ROBBIE SHERWIN of the musical group, SABABA</b>

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the new school year! The first day of class is Sunday, September 16. There will be bagels and coffee for all parents at 9:00. We will then have a brief Religious School meeting at 9:15 to discuss the upcoming year. Please remember that we are asking parents to come in each Sunday to sign students in and out of school. This is to ensure the safety of each child coming and going from Temple Beth Torah.

We have a calendar full of exciting events for the year. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us each Sunday from 10:50 – 11:15 for Sanctuary time with Rabbi Dan. In addition, parents are encouraged to participate with their students throughout the year.

Some upcoming events:

**September 23rd:** We will decorate the Sukkah. Please send in real or plastic fruits, gourds, or decorations to hand in the Sukkah

**September 30th:** EXCITING CONCERT with ROBBI SHERWIN

We will begin Religious School at our regular time of 9:00 am. At 11:00 am everyone is invited for our Simchat Torah celebration in the sanctuary with outstanding performer and musician, Robbi Sherwin. It will be an extraordinary concert!!

Lunch will follow at 12:00. There will be no Hebrew school that day.

**Friday night, October 26 and Saturday, October 27:** BarMitzvah of Andrew Shuman

**Friday, November 2:** All the Religious School students will participate in creating a unique Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim.

Mark your calendars with these events and be sure to check weekly emails for updates, information, and new events.

Join us for an exciting year,

*Carrie Keith*  
*Religious School Principal*

## SPIRITUAL TRAVELERS CONTINUE BOOK DISCUSSION

**Continuing with Open Secrets**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 11:15 A.M. at TBT**

"Open Secrets" is the current book being discussed. This is a program developed by Rabbi Rami Shapiro to help bring people together in conversation. Join 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 Howie Arner at [ritual@tbthumble.org](mailto:ritual@tbthumble.org). No meeting on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us on the 30<sup>th</sup> for our Simchat Torah Celebration, Luncheon and Concert.

## 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, Sept. 2 – High Holiday's: A Primer

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Rosh Hashanah Eve - **No class**

Sunday, Sept. 16 – Jewish Destiny and Jewish Birthright

Sunday, Sept. 23 – Sukkot Eve – **No Class**

Sunday, Sept 30 – Hoshanah Rabbah – **No Class**

## Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

**Tuesday, October 9, 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!

***Future dates – Tuesdays, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>***

**Humble Area Assistance Ministries**  
**(HAAM)**  
**Seasons of Sharing**



Please help us help our community as we collect boxes of Cornbread Mix for HAAM to distribute as part of the Thanksgiving Dinners given to their clients. Last year HAAM provided the fixings for holiday meals to over 5000 individuals so our donations are very important. As you come to temple for the Open House, Shabbat services, religious school, adult education and High Holidays please consider bringing Cornbread mix (or other non-perishable food.) Thank you!

### TBT Cares

TBT Cares has been very active this month. We held a “Back to School Bash” for families who are living at the FamilyTime shelter (helping victims of domestic violence). We had games and crafts for the children and the mothers got to sit and relax, enjoy lunch and visit with each other and with TBT members. Our own “Doc Marty”- the Magician entertained everyone with a magic show. We sent the families home with school supplies that TBT collected for the children. Thank you to all who helped; Barbara Heller, Carrie Keith, Marty and Nadira Lorin, Debye Lurie and Bruce and Susan Pollard. Thanks to Patti Tristan of FamilyTime for coordinating things at the shelter and bringing the families to us.

The Meals on Wheels program continues to provide meals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month with a roster of about 16 volunteers. TBT is very pleased to cover all the routes once a month! In addition the volunteers usually bring a “donation of the month” to add a little extra to their helping out. Lynn Gordon coordinates the volunteers and if you are interested in helping out email [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org). TBT volunteers have put in 107 hours at HAAM this year and most of that is with the Meals on Wheels!

### Safe and Secure – Sponsorship Opportunity

By now, you’ve noticed that we have a regular security presence at Temple Beth Torah on Friday nights and Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session. Detective Will Domilos, of the Humble Police Department, has been doing a wonderful job of helping our members feel safe, as well as patrolling the grounds before and after temple functions to make sure all is secure. As we’ve stated before, this is not a response to any actual threat, just a wise precaution.

You can be part of the team that provides security by sponsoring one or more shifts. Each shift is \$150 and sponsoring one weekend is \$300. Sponsors will be acknowledged unless they request anonymity. Simply send the donation to Temple Beth Torah and put SECURITY in the memo line or in a separate note. It will be greatly appreciated.

### 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 Stacey Blumin by e-mailing [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

### KROGER card to support TBT

Kroger has recently upgraded their Community Rewards system and as a result TBT has a new account number- VE980. Please use this new number when linking your Kroger card to TBT so we can receive a percentage of your Kroger purchases. It’s an easy way to help TBT earn some money. While the previous number will continue to be associated with our organization, it will not be visible to members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either VE980 or Temple Beth Torah. If you are a Kroger shopper please link your Kroger card to TBT at no cost to you.

## *Simchas in September Birthdays*

- 2 Karen Simmons
- 2 Andrew Shuman
- 3 Craig Gotfried
- 5 John Bassett
- 6 Leya Nossal
- 7 Bernard Lewis
- 7 Pete Brawn
- 11 Roy Bleiberg
- 13 Hayley Heyman
- 15 Sophie Rhines
- 16 Merissa Stein
- 17 Kim Levy
- 18 Sophia Gerszen
- 23 Howard Arner
- 23 Dennis Keith
- 25 Ellen Klager
- 25 Jacob Rhines
- 26 Noellee Cole
- 26 Mitch Holyfield
- 28 Adam Curtis
- 28 Page Daniels

## *Anniversaries*

- 4 Joe and Sally Kullman
- 6 Larry and Lauren Rhines
- 15 Dennis and Carrie Keith

## **September Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during September 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.

*Faye Cohn Graham, Mathew Mounger,  
Tom Theriot, Carol Winter, Jacob Halpern,  
Annie Minkes, Tracy Tobin Johnson, Lee Salkin,  
Martha Weisberg, Joseph Lewis, Barney Gordon,  
Karen Finn, Sarah Winsberg, Jack Ballin,  
Amerigo Strizzi, James Cliff Smith,  
Jaime Szereszewski, Jeff Reed, Edith Kharasch,  
Stephen Stapleton Jr., Harry Preusse,  
Wanda Preusse, Lester Nussbaum, Ruth Merki,  
Rildah Royal*

## **Torah Portions for September 2018**

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **Aug. 31-September 1, Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8**

The *parshah* begins with a description of a ceremony to commemorate the occupation of the land. Some of every first fruit of the soil will be given to the priest as the exodus experience is retold. A tenth of the yield must be set-aside for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. Blessings and curses, some extremely graphic, are recited to motivate the people to observe the covenant.

### **September 7-8, Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20**

The Torah portion for this week is the same one we read on Yom Kippur, and it includes a special speech from Moses. He addresses “those who are here and those who are not here,” and makes certain that we are all included in receiving the message. The message is also for future generations that we have a choice: to follow the Holy One’s commandments and prosper, or to stray to other ways and suffer. He assures us that the task is not difficult or distant, but close to us, in our hearts.

### **September 14-15, Vayelech Deuteronomy 31:1-31:29**

Moses tells the Israelites that, after the forty-year journey as their leader, he will not be accompanying them to the Promised Land. He acknowledges some of his actions which led G-d to make this decision, and passes the torch of leadership to Joshua. It is interesting that as we transition into a New Year, we learn from Torah about transitions that include reminiscing, loss and a vision for the future.

### **September 21-22, Haazinu Deuteronomy 32:1-32:48**

Moses, nearing the end of his life, uses poetry and song to recount the journey in the desert. At the conclusion of the song, G-d instructs Moses to climb to the top of Mount Nebo, overlooking the Jordan River. This is where Moses will die, able to see the Promised Land, but not enter it. G-d explains this is because Moses broke faith with Him when he struck the rock. Moses is 120 years old.

### **September 28-29, Vezot Ha-Beracha Deuteronomy 33-34 and Bereshit Genesis 1:1-6:8**

On the holiday *Simchat Torah*, we traditionally read the last verses of the Torah, and then go back to the beginning to begin the year’s cycle. In the last section of **Deuteronomy**, each of the tribes of Israel receives a special blessing, and Moses has the opportunity to ascend Mount Nebo to see the Promised Land that he will not enter. The Israelites mourn following Moses’ death, and prepare for a new life with a new leader, Joshua. **Genesis** gives us our beginnings, G-d’s creation of the world, and our first human mistakes. Adam and Eve are entrusted with the Garden of Eden but choose to eat the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad. They accept the consequences and begin new lives outside the garden. Cain and Abel enter the world as jealousy and rivalry brings a tragic end to Abel’s life. As people continue to embrace evil, G-d decides to destroy the world and start over with a new generation.

The *Simchat Torah* celebration continues with a joyous concert for all, Sunday morning, September 30 at 11 A.M. sponsored by the Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund of Temple Beth Torah.

## DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

*Gloria and Raymundo Mendez*

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis – for Yard Maintenance*

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*Allan and Lael Daniels – in honor of Rabbi Dan being an exceptional Rabbi*

*MaryLou Haidnick*

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Wesley Goble*

*Raymundo and Gloria Mendez*

*Mike and Marilyn Bloom – in honor of Rabbi Dan Gordon beginning his 21<sup>st</sup> year with Temple Beth Torah*

### TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

*Castine Theriot – In memory of Tom Theriot*

*Wesley Goble – In memory of Barry Liss*

## Give a Gift to TBT!

“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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) with questions or suggestions. We hope you will be interested in participating in this program of “tzedakah” and help our synagogue.

## ONEG INFORMATION

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 yahrzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, or find out dates available, please leave a message for Stacey Blumin at 281-446-5611. Or email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

## 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 yahrzeit (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

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- General Fund
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# SEPTEMBER 2018

# ELUL 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>AUG 31</b>	<b>1</b>
					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
7:15 PM – Rosh Hashanah Service	9:30 AM Children’s Service 10:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Service Luncheon after			Book of Remembrance Forms due	6:30 PM – Tashlich Shabbat Service TEMPLE CLOSED	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
11:00 AM – First Day of Religious School  9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion  11:30 AM – Hebrew School		8:00 PM Yom Kippur Service	9:30 AM – Children’s Service  10:30 AM Morning Yom Kippur Service  1:00 PM Afternoon Discussion  3:30 Afternoon Service  5:30 PM Break the Fast Pot Luck Meal		7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
9:00 AM - Religious School  11:15 AM – Adult Ed Book Discussion  <hr/> <b>30</b>  9:00 AM - Religious School  11:00 AM – Simchat Torah Concert and Lunch					6:30 PM - Sukkot Shabbat Service – “Pizza in the HUT”	

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Celebrate the High Holidays***

## ***Temple Beth Torah***

**Join us at Temple Beth Torah for the High Holiday Services  
Officiated by Rabbi Dan Gordon & Cantor Vadim Tunitsky**

### **Rosh Hashanah**

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 PM: Evening Service**

An Oneg Sponsored by The TBT Sisterhood Will Follow

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service**

A Special Children's Service Will Begin @ 9:30 AM

**Everyone is invited to a KIDDUSH LUNCHEON following the service  
Sponsored by TBT Board of Directors**

### **Yom Kippur**

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM: Kol Nidre**

**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service**

A Special Children's Service Will Begin @ 9:30 AM

**Discussion after the morning service:** What will you do to help repair the world?  
Join us for a discussion of ways to put tikkun olam into action.

**@3:30 PM: Afternoon, Yizkor, Neila & Havdalah Services**

**Everyone is invited to a Community "Pot-Luck" Break-The-Fast Meal  
Immediately following the conclusion of the service**

**Guests of TBT** interested in worshipping during the High Holidays should contact the temple at **281-446-5611** or e-mail TBT administrator Stacey Blumin at **admin@tbthumble.org** to reserve a space.

**Suggested donation for guests: Individuals: \$180 Families: \$360**

Donations received for the High Holidays can be applied to future dues if you decide to join Temple Beth Torah.

**Our services are open to all regardless of ability to pay.**

**Childcare** will be available at no charge, but you **must** contact the temple to reserve a space at least 2 days prior to the service. If you do not reserve a space, we cannot guarantee childcare.

Anyone interested in **Sponsoring** part of the High Holiday experience, or to volunteer to help please contact, Howie Arner at [ritual@tbthumble.org](mailto:ritual@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at the temple.

# *Simchat Torah Celebration*

Including a consecration ceremony  
welcoming our youngest students  
to Jewish learning

*with longtime TBT favorite*

**Robbi Sherwin**

*She's a Rabbi! She's a Cantor!  
She brings Torah to Life through song!*

**Sunday, September 30**

11:00 am, following regular Religious School classes

*Come sing and dance with the Torah.*

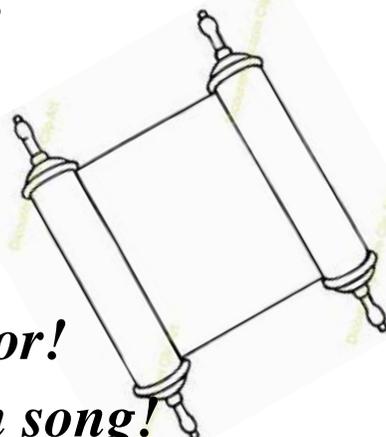
*A fun exciting time for all ages*

***Congregation and Community invited***

**NO CHARGE**

*Luncheon for all follows the concert*

*rsvp for lunch to [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) by Sept. 23*



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**Rabbi/Cantor Robbi Sherwin** has performed many times over the years at TBT. In addition to her musical group, *Sababa*, Robbi currently serves as spiritual leader of Wood River Jewish Community of Ketchum/Sun Valley, Idaho.

The *Simchat Torah* celebration and luncheon are sponsored by the **Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund of Temple Beth Torah.**

Tom was an active member and supporter of TBT, who greatly loved his family, his synagogue, Jewish music and all children. After his untimely death in 2008, his wife Castine and her family established this fund to bring quality programming to Temple Beth Torah, for children and adults to find joy and inspiration together.

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