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RABBI DAN AND CANTOR VADIM LEAD A FAMILY SERVICE WITH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 6:30 PM

*This service is dedicated to Tree of Life Synagogue
and the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh*

Cantor Vadim has been working with the Religious school students of all ages the last couple of Sundays preparing them for this joyous night. Along with pianist Yana Didyk and Rabbi Dan Gordon, Cantor and the students will lead Shabbat evening services that emphasizes the love of Judaism, the power of music and the joyful nature of Shabbat. Adults in attendance will find themselves singing along and feeling re-JEW-venated as the music and the youthful spirit of prayer touches everyone's heart.

Following the student's portion of the evening, the Rabbi and Cantor will lead a brief memorial for the victims from the Tree of Life tragedy, who will be included with our Kaddish prayers.

HANUKKAH IN THE PARK! MENORAH LIGHTING AND CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4:00 PM



KINGWOOD'S TOWN CENTER PARK
8 NORTH MAIN STREET, KINGWOOD, TX 77339
NEAR THE CORNER OF KINGWOOD DRIVE AND WEST LAKE HOUSTON PKY
FEATURING: MUSIC BY MOTZY! AN ISRAELI WITH SPIRIT!

HOSTED BY TEMPLE BETH TORAH
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- CANDLE LIGHTING – 1ST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH
- DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS
- CHILDREN AND ADULTS WELCOME

BRING LAWN CHAIRS AND ENJOY CELEBRATING WITH FRIENDS
ENJOY ONE OF THE MOST FESTIVE JEWISH HOLIDAYS OF THE YEAR!

Join our Shabbat / Hanukkah service Friday, December 7, 7:15 PM – the 6th night – as Cantor Vadim Tunitsky joins us at our spiritual home. Bring your Menorah's and light up the night.

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

Pittsburgh, PA and Humble, TX – Oct 29, 2018 – I’m still numb. I don’t want to believe that it was real. I was at my granddaughter’s birthday celebration – a joyous occasion - when I saw the first news alerts. After I went home, I started watching the TV news reports and reading the Pittsburgh newspaper reports – I cried. There are no words to describe the horror of what happened two days ago.

There was an impromptu candle lighting memorial in Kingwood on the Sunday evening after the shooting. This was in addition to city-wide vigils in Houston, Pittsburgh and all over the country. Many Jews and other people of good will joined together. Those of us in Kingwood gathered in part to lend our small measure of support to the worldwide outpouring of support for the Pittsburgh Jewish community, in part to condemn the actions of the mad man, but mostly to comfort each other and profess our belief in the Eternal one. We recited the Shema: “Hear O Israel the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.”

We can never forget that there are lunatics in the world who in their twisted minds seek to marginalize and hate people who they have never met but who are of a different faith or different race. As Jews, our people have experienced this hatred as a constantly repeating story over the centuries. Sadly, the Pittsburgh terrorist attack is not an isolated incident...it affects us more because it was close to home. It disgusts me that social media provides a platform to spread cyber-hate.

The Anti-Defamation League tracks anti-Semitic acts reported in the US on a yearly basis and has recorded a 57 percent rise in 2017 vs 2016. We know that the world is not perfect and it’s easy for us to throw up our hands in frustration and say that there is nothing we can do...but there are positive things that we can do.

What positive things can we at TBT do to respond to this horrific attack? We respond by continuing our efforts to build a strong Jewish community in our own back yard. We need to continue to be a welcoming community where all Jews and all people of good will can gather together and worship together. We can combat fear of the “other” by continuing to be good neighbors, to learn about our neighbors and help them learn about us. We need to provide opportunities for Jews in our community not only to worship together, but also to learn about our heritage, to help educate our children and to be there for each other.

Jeff Kaufman

In Memoriam

from Rabbi Dan Gordon

Eleven worshippers lost their lives in a senseless act of hatred at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Many of you know that Pittsburgh is my hometown, and my parents still live there. While I was not personally connected to any of the victims, many friends and colleagues from my youth were members of Tree of Life and had connections with most of them. Each was a valued member of that community. When remembering these individuals, friends of mine suggested that the best way we can honor their memory is to be true to ourselves, proud of our identity, and help our own communities the way they did. We pray that this kind of violence never occurs again. We honor the memories of these dedicated souls, and will include their names in our worship Friday, November 2.

*Rose Mallinger, Melvin Wax, Sylvan Simon, Bernice Simon,
Joyce Fienberg, Daniel Stein, Irving Younger, Jerry Rabinowitz,
Richard Gottfried, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal*

RABBI'S MESSAGE

In Appreciation of Gratitude

“Why” is a most challenging question. I am always curious about deeper meanings behind customs, and I am sometimes amused to find out that the full meaning is much simpler than I suspected. Every year, we offer a day of thanks at the end of November. It is not hard to figure out the importance of saying thanks...but I wondered about the timing. I like to try figuring out my own solution before learning the “real” reason.

I guessed that November would be a good time because of the weather. Folklore teaches that Pilgrims and Native Americans enjoyed Thanksgiving together in Massachusetts. It's cold in Massachusetts in November, so perhaps the timing was chosen to bring some warmth to the community. Harvesting might have been completed in the previous months, so it might be a good time of abundance. Historically, Thanksgiving became a legal holiday established first by George Washington with various dates, and later by Abraham Lincoln, who declared the last Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt tried to move Thanksgiving to the third Thursday of November to create a longer Christmas shopping season during the post-Depression years. The nation was not unified on this issue, so in 1941, Congress stepped in to finalize the fourth Thursday of the month. So much for deeper meanings!

It brings up the whole concept of offering thanks. We spend one day a year (Yom Kippur) on the Hebrew calendar focused on our transgressions, and one day a year on the secular calendar focused on appreciation. It is often about family, food and abundance. The ideal Thanksgivings include an ideal family, free from strife, economically prosperous, getting along with each other and sharing how much they appreciate God's gifts and how much they appreciate each other. Of course, rarely are our lives ideal. There are many who are lacking in one way or another, and a holiday like this can be a harsh reminder. Some don't have the means to put together the kind of meal they would like; others are estranged from their families, or just don't have family members around. Some may have plenty of family, but dread seeing them because of past altercations. For those who recently lost a loved one, the first Thanksgiving in their absence can be very difficult. It can be one of the most joyous times for some, and one of the most troubling times for others.

It's hard to be grateful when the challenges of life can be overwhelming. I'm reminded of a story of Rabbi Israel Salanter, a 19th Century Mussar scholar, who was shocked at the price of a cup of coffee in a fancy restaurant. When he asked the owner, he was told, basically, “You pay for the atmosphere!” The owner told him that the price of the cup of coffee includes all the other things that have nothing to do with hot water and coffee beans: fancy china, professional well-dressed waiters, background music, beautiful table cloths, etc. Rabbi Salanter was delighted. He decided that every blessing he says offers appreciation for more. A simple blessing over a piece of bread can encompass all the things that have nothing to do with the bread: the air we breathe, the beauty of nature around us, the music of the birds, our very lives!

On Thanksgiving, we tend to look at those things we have for which we are most grateful: health, family, nourishment, shelter, etc. There are many other things we might take for granted. This year, perhaps, we can look at the many things in our lives that we have yet to fully appreciate...and it will probably take all year (at least) to fully give our thanks.

L'shalom,,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Tuesday, November 6, 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 – Tuesday, Dec. 4th

Safe and Secure – Sponsorship Opportunity

The whole nation is aware that the Tree of Life synagogue was the target of an Anti-Semitic attack by a gunman in Pittsburgh. Sadly, we've seen in the news various attacks in houses of worship of all faiths: churches, synagogues and mosques. Temple Beth Torah has never been such a target, and we certainly pray that we never will be. We also want to make sure all our worshippers feel safe, and that we have excellent protection. Here is a reminder of what we have in place:

Detective Will Domilos, of the Humble Police Department, is on duty prior to, and during Temple Beth Torah on Friday nights and Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session. Detective Domilos has been in contact with other members of the department as well as the Sherriff's office about the need to be aware of any potential threat. He patrols the grounds and continues to give us recommendations about how to stay safe. After programs begin, doors will be locked and late-comers will be let in either by Detective Domilos or by a member responding to a doorbell ring. He has also developed a positive relationship with our members and our students, and we know we have a highly trained officer we can trust in an emergency. He 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. His visible presence is a deterrent to any intruders.

The security at the temple has been added in the past year, and of course has an expense connected to it. Some very kind donors have helped begin the fund to enable us to have security whenever worshippers and learners are present. We need more donors so our security at the temple is not interrupted. **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.

Shabbat Services and Events in November

Friday, November 2

6:30 PM Shabbat Service with Cantor Vadim and the Religious school students

Saturday, November 3

1:30 PM Sisterhood Luncheon at Italiano's

Friday, November 9

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 10

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Youth Group Event at Main Event in Humble

Friday, November 16 - 7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, November 23 - NO Service

Friday, November 30 - 7:15 PM Shabbat Service

SAVE THE DATE – GET INVOLVED! CELEBRATING RABBI DAN GORDON'S 20 YEARS AT TBT APRIL 13, 2019

In September of 1998, when a “young” storyteller named Dan Gordon became the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Torah, nobody anticipated this would be the beginning of a generation-long relationship. Now, as his former students are getting married and having children of their own, Rabbi Dan is still continuing those relationships with community members of all ages.

April 13, we plan to celebrate Rabbi Dan's FIRST TWENTY YEARS, with hopes that the NEXT TWENTY will be just as enriching!

This will be Temple Beth Torah's first major fundraiser in several years, and there will be many opportunities to get involved in large and small ways. Let's come together to help set a foundation for the future.

More information about specifics will be shared as it is developed. Those interested in being part of a planning committee, in any capacity, can respond to admin@tbthumble.org.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

It is almost Thanksgiving and it is finally beginning to feel like fall. We have lots of exciting things planned for November and December.

The students have been working hard to prepare for Temple Beth Torah's Family Shabbat service on November 2nd at 6:30 pm. Please note the early start time. Each class will be leading prayers, songs and a Torah lesson for the congregation with Cantor Vadim and Rabbi Dan.

Our first ISJL weekend with Josh Altshuler is November 9 – 11. He will lead a d'var torah on Friday, November 9th for Shabbat services. Keep Saturday evening, November 10th, open for our fun-filled exciting **Youth Group Get Together at Main Event** in Humble from 6pm – 9 pm. All students 6th grade through High School and parents are encouraged to attend. Each student will receive a free 2-hour pass. Watch for details about this event coming home with your students from Religious School.

We are collecting food for HAAM especially now during this holiday season for the families in need in our area. Please send in packages of corn bread mix with your children. We will see how tall our corn bread tower gets at TBT. We are also collecting gifts between now and Dec. 9 for children in need that live in the Humble area. While you are out shopping, please pick up a small gift suitable for a boy or girl. Bring it to TBT and we will make sure it gets to families in our area to help make the holidays happy for as many kids as we can.

Our Hanukkah Celebration for the Religious School will be on December 9. If you would like to help with the planning, please contact Carrie at education@tbthumble.org.

Students save those Torah Bucks from Shabbat services for a treat!!

Have a wonderful, warm, Thanksgiving with family and friends. Remember all that there is for which we are thankful!

Carrie Keith
Religious School Principal

TBT YOUTH GROUP

Students ages 6th grade through High School
Saturday November 10th – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
at Main Event in Humble

The kids will get a 2-hour play card, play as many games as you can in the 2-hour time frame!!! Pizza dinner will be provided. Fun night for all. RSVP to Carrie at education@tbthumble.org

“OPEN SECRETS” SPIRITUAL TRAVELERS CONTINUE BOOK DISCUSSION ON SUNDAYS 11:15 A.M.

"Open Secrets" is the current book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT. 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.

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, November 4 – Dialogue, Debate and Disputation

Sunday, November 11 – Jewish Mediation and Introspection: A Guide

Sunday, November 18 – The Three Arenas of Life

Sunday, November 25 – A Jewish Perspective on Nature and Science

TOT Shabbat Friday, November 9, 6:00 PM

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday November 9th at 6:00 PM. Come for a fun, lively service for children under 10 years old at 6:00 PM, then stay for a kid friendly pot luck at 6:30 PM. Please let us know what you can bring so we have enough food. Parents can also eat, too. Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

Sisterhood Luncheon Saturday, November 3 at 1:30 PM Italiano's in Humble

Join fellow Ladies for an informative luncheon and learn all about events coming up at TBT. To RSVP contact Shari Ellsworth at admin@tbthumble.org.

Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) Seasons of Sharing



Our pyramid is forming. We are at 80 boxes and counting! Thank you for all you have contributed. We will be collecting through mid November.

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 Shabbat services, religious school, and adult education please consider bringing Cornbread mix (or other non-perishable food.) Thank you!

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 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.

Create Your Jewish Legacy at Temple Beth Torah

A hearty Shanna Tova to everyone, and what better way to start the New Year than an EASY way to help Temple Beth Torah remain a force in our community to inspire individuals and families to embrace Jewish values and practices that strengthen Judaism's role at home, in the synagogue, and in the general community.

Temple Beth Torah was selected to participate in the Houston Jewish Community Foundation's "Create a Legacy Program." We are one of about 20 organizations in the Houston area that were chosen to be part of this.

You can participate by simply signing the one page "Letter of Intent," which declares your intent to leave something (the amount is optional) to Temple Beth Torah at the time of your passing.

The formalization can come later, and you DO NOT have to change an existing Will or Estate plan to do this. Your IRA, 401k or Life Insurance policy is generally separate from your Will. A simple "Change of Beneficiary" form for your IRA or Life Insurance Policy document, easily obtainable at the financial institution that holds these assets, can be used to allocate any amount you choose to TBT at the time of your passing. There is no minimum.

To begin this simple process, please visit: www.tbthumble.org. Click on "Give" and choose "Legacy Giving" A letter of intent can be downloaded to fill out. You can also feel free to contact Steve Heller, Dr. Hy Penn or Rabbi Dan Gordon at admin@tbthumble.org or call 281-446-5611.

Thanks to those who have already returned their Letter of Intent—we truly appreciate your support! We met both our 2016 and 2017 goals of attaining 18 letters each year and received \$6000 from the Jewish Foundation for each year. Because five new people added their names to the list in 2018, we will be receiving another incentive grant from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. These grants and pledges are helping TBT in both the present *and* the future. Thanks to all who are lending their support today and tomorrow.

Simchas in November

Birthdays

1	Arya Miller
2	Vitaly Aizenberg
2	Luke Brawn
4	Rosalind Mandell
7	Mike Stark
9	Brian Eoff
10	Larry Rhines
10	Mike Weisberg
16	Sharon Heyman
17	Bradley Heller
21	Arthur Aizenberg
21	James Eoff
23	Chris Baur
23	Emily Levy
25	Rachel Pollard
27	Isaac Couch
27	Mindy LaCour

Anniversaries

8	Marvin and Maxine Sussman
8	Ken and Bernice Troxclair
28	Bob and Debbie Swaim

November Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during November 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.

Anna P. Abrasley, Freda Rae Cahn, Marie Rackmil, Joseph Schwartzberg, Lena Wallach, Richard Perwien, Nathan Lee Rubin, Myron Gross, Jerry Wolf, Gene Sachs, Morris Penn, Tony Sulpezio, Bill Gaile, Michael Hirsch, Evelyn Haidnick, Murray Adler, Scott Eric Kaufman, Simon Rubin, Charlotte Kimmel, Frances Rubin, Esther Kaufman, Amelia Perwien, Lenore Greenbaum, Frances Strizzi, Morris Schalet, Dr. Marvin P. Farber, M. Paul Farber, Arnold Kharasch, Freda Kharasch, Yakov Royzengurten, Billie Pollard, Frances Greenbaum, Alfred Lubin, Louise Post, Maurice Glaser

Torah Portions for November 2018

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

November 2-3, Chaya Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

Almost immediately after the near-death of her son, Sarah dies at 127 years old. Abraham wants to make sure she has an honorable burial. Though the landowner offers to give him burial land for free, Abraham insists on paying the full price. He then sends his servant to look for a wife for Isaac. Rebecca, a distant cousin, is chosen because her kindness to humans and animals indicates a unique sensitivity.

November 9-10, Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

The most volatile sibling rivalry since Cain and Abel begins with the twins, Esau and Jacob, battling in the womb. Mother Rebecca is told by G-d that the greater of the two shall serve the younger. Esau sells Jacob his birthright for some soup, and Jacob collects the blessing of the firstborn with Rebecca's help. Having built a brotherly relationship based on trickery, deceit and manipulation, Jacob and Esau realize that the town isn't big enough for both of them. Both brothers go to uncles. Jacob travels to Rebecca's father's house (where he will marry both of Laban's daughters), and Esau finds himself a wife from the daughters of Uncle Ishmael.

November 16-17, Vayeitzei, Genesis 29:10-32:3

Along his journey, Jacob experiences G-d's presence through dreaming of a ladder with angels ascending and descending from heaven. He pledges himself to G-d and continues to his uncle Laban's home. He falls in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel and asks to marry her. He promises to work for Laban for seven years to marry his daughter, but is surprised to find the older sister, Leah, in his wedding bed. Laban informs him it is customary to marry the older child first, so Jacob pledges another seven years of labor to marry Rachel. Leah is more fertile, bearing six sons and a daughter. Rachel pleads to G-d for children, and eventually bears Joseph and Benjamin.

November 23-24, Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43

Jacob has left Laban's land after 20 years of service. Along his journey home, he prepares to meet Esau for the first time since their bitter argument. The night before their meeting, Jacob wrestles with a "man," who turns out to be a messenger from G-d. He is injured in the fight, and receives a new name, Israel, meaning, "one who wrestles with G-d." Jacob and Esau reunite, with Jacob humbling himself before his brother. Jacob's only daughter, Dina, is raped by a neighboring prince. Simeon and Levi, in an attempt to avenge their sister's honor, kill all the males. Jacob informs them that their reaction was too severe, bringing dishonor to the family.

November 30-December 1, Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Joseph, through Jacob's favoritism and his own boastfulness, has created a jealous situation between him and his brothers. When he comes to check on their work, they toss him into a pit and conspire to kill him. Instead, they sell him to traveling slave traders, and he ends up in Egypt. He rises to become the head servant of Potiphar's household, until Potiphar's wife falsely accuses him of trying to rape her. He is imprisoned and develops a reputation in jail for being able to interpret dreams.

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND –

*Donna Glaser – In Memory of her father Maurice Glaser
Mary Hernandez*

*St Luke's United Methodist Church – In honor of Rabbi
Dan speaking at their interfaith panel discussion*

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Wesley Goble – In memory of Barry J. Liss

Give a Gift to TBT!

“Give a Gift to TBT!” Please look for items needed by TBT **on the easel as you walk toward the sanctuary.** 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.

ONEG INFORMATION

The 2019 calendar is available. Save your Date Today!!!!

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.

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**



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Donation Form

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Please apply donation to (check one):

- General Fund
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November 2018

CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6:30 PM Family Shabbat Service with Cantor Vadim	1:30 PM Sisterhood Luncheon at Italiano's in Humble
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9:00 AM – Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School		12:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan			6:00 PM Tot Shabbat and Pot Luck 7:15 PM Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM YOUTH GROUP Outing at Main Event
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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@tbthumb.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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