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**THE GALA IS ALMOST HERE!! REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN
EXTENDED TO APRIL 7th**

20 YEARS AND COUNTING WITH RABBI DAN GORDON
Saturday, April 13th 6:45 pm at Temple Beth Torah

Temple Beth Torah doesn't have a gala every year, but when we do, we do it right! And we truly have something to celebrate this year! Rabbi Dan Gordon started with TBT way back in September 1998, and after 20 years, we're still growing together. The date to register to attend the Gala has been extended until April 7th. We need your registration form and donation by this date.

Tickets start at \$25 for this important fundraiser, in which part of the proceeds will benefit our ongoing program and part will begin an endowment fund for Rabbi Dan's future retirement. Besides the pre-event dinner with the rabbi and his family, there are other special giving opportunities as well including a silent auction and a tribute book.

The date to register and receive your donation to attend the pre-event VIP dinner (for those donating \$250 or more per person) has been extended until Friday, April 5th. Space is limited, and many people are planning to come from Houston and even Pittsburgh! Temple Beth Torah members will want to sign up now to make sure to be part of it.

The Gala begins in the Social hall at 6:45 pm with appetizers and a chance to bid on wonderful items in our silent auction. We will then be entertained by an all-star team of performers, including our man Motzy (from Hanukkah in the Park), Cantors Vadim and Anita, Janice Rubin, Bruce Pollard and more. Our own Mike Cahn will act as Master of Ceremonies, and we may even get a story from Rabbi Dan himself.

For more information about this exciting event, see the registration and tribute forms on page 11 and 12 or contact Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org.

TBT's Annual PASSOVER SEDER 1st NIGHT

Friday, April 19 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 10. We hope to see you on April 19th for a most memorable Seder. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Blumin at sblumin@tbthumble.org

Holocaust Memorial Service at Temple Beth Torah Features Holocaust Survivor on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm (note early start time)

Temple Beth Torah will honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust with a special service on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm (please note earlier start time). Rabbi Dan Gordon will lead the service with cantorial soloist Anita Bonanno. Ms. Bonanno's beautiful singing will help set the tone for the evening, as the temple's annual commemorative service attracts a diverse community to pay tribute to victims and survivors of the most horrific time in history.

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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.

President's Message

We had a wonderful Purim this year, we were joined by our special guest and ISJL fellow, Josh Altshuler, who helped us with our Shabbat Spiel, helped lead Game Night with our kids, taught on Purim Sunday, and even helped evacuate the Temple when we had a fire scare on Sunday Morning! (It was a blown AC motor, no damage to the Temple beyond the AC components.) Thank you, Josh, Carrie, Rabbi Aronson, and all the teachers and parents for making the most of an exciting Purim Sunday!

And now we turn our focus and attention to Pesach, a time to renew and remember our faith in G-d.

The Exodus from Egypt was a time of great miracles and of great faith, both on the part of Moses and the Israelite people. What always strikes me about Pesach is G-d's command to place the lamb's blood on the doorway – an action and direct participation by the Israelites in our own salvation. G-d often requires our direct participation in ritual, both large and small, because He knows we need to be active participants in our faith. It binds us to Him and to each other. So, this Pesach season, I encourage you to find a new ritual for yourself and/or your family, something you do daily or weekly, nothing too big or extravagant, but something that reminds you to take a moment to think of G-d and thank Him for his blessings. It could be something simple like stopping to recognize and touch the Mezuzah as you stop and say, "Hear, O Israel", or lighting Shabbat candles, saying a morning blessing when you wake up, or anything else that causes you to take an action in faith.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout this month and especially at Pesach. Chag Sameach (a happy holiday)!

Brian Eoff

Shabbat Services and Events in April

Friday, April 5

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat
and Pot Luck

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, April 12

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 13

6:45 PM "20 Years and
Counting with Rabbi Dan"

Friday, April 19

6:00 PM Passover Seder

Friday, April 26

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, May 3

7:00 PM Yom HaShoah

SAVE THE DATE!!

Lag B'Omer

Sunday, May 19th 11:00 AM

Please plan now and save the date, to attend TBT's Lag B'Omer Celebration. The last day of Religious school for the year and a tribute to all scholars. There will be magic, music, storytelling, singing, games, and much more. Fun for all ages. There will be a special barbeque lunch prepared by our Security Officer, Will Domilos, including hamburgers, Kosher hotdogs, and sides. **Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbhumble.org**

RABBI'S MESSAGE

JOURNEYS AND NUMBERS

The month of April always makes me think of journeys. The classic journey in April (Nisan on the Hebrew calendar) is the journey of leaving the oppression of slavery toward the freedom of the Promised Land. Of course, we celebrate this journey every year with the observance of Passover. So often, the journeys in Torah include numbers. Though it is difficult to determine the exact accuracy of the numbers listed in Torah, studying the stories with their attached numbers might help us think about our own journeys.

40 is a very significant number in the Exodus story. According to Torah, Moses ascended to the top of Mount Sinai to retrieve the 10 Commandments from G-d and was gone for 40 days. The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land took 40 years. In both incidents, the number 40 is used to signify a LONG time, whether it is days or years. 40 is also considered an age of maturity and wisdom, as Jewish law recommends the study of Kabbalah only for those over 40. Later in Jewish history, King David's reign was said to be 40 years.

On a personal level, it's possible that I connect with journeys in April because it is also the month of my birth, April 23, 1961. I wasn't yet 40 years old when I first came to Temple Beth Torah in 1998, which was also TBT's 15th year of existence. And now we're talking about "20 years and counting." When we think about the 40-year journey we made through the wilderness, it feels like we may be at a half-way point.

And yet, the Israelites' journey did not end when they entered the Promised Land. Far from it! Just the tasks changed. Instead of having a temporary, focused goal with a specific destination, new tasks included establishing community, building a sacred temple and formalizing the practice of justice and traditions. As time went on, new tasks emerged, as rabbis developed the Talmud (oral law) to supplement and explain the Torah. Each generation helps mold the ever-evolving nature of our peoplehood and our practice, representing the broad spectrum of world-wide Jewish traditions and practices. Modern times have seen the emergence of different movements, like Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Renewal that help the diversity of Jewish people stay connected in ways that are meaningful to them.

Each journey involves growth and phases that involve exciting and potentially challenging times. The journeys of the Jewish people have spanned millennium; the American Judaism over decades; and Temple Beth Torah over three decades. At each new level, we celebrate the past and build toward the future. Twenty years seems like just a beginning.

Let's keep counting!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Yom HaShoah Service
May 3rd at 7:00 PM
article continued from the front page

Temple Beth Torah is honored to have Holocaust survivor, Louise Stopnicki Joskowitz. Louise was born in Krakow, Poland and lived with her parents and brother, Sol. Life changed for the Stopnicki family and their whole community on September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Life got even worse in March of 1941, when they were confined to the Krakow ghetto. Louise's parents were separated from their children and from each other by the Nazis, with her mother sent to Auschwitz and her father to Mauthausen. Both her parents were murdered in the camps, but Louise and her brother, miraculously survived. After being liberated by Russian troops in 1945, Louise met Rubin Joskowitz, another Polish survivor, in a Displaced Persons camp, and they were married for 63 years before he passed away in 2010.

Pepi Nichols, Louise and Rubin's eldest daughter, will join her mother at Temple Beth Torah, and add unique insights from a second-generation survivor. Yom Ha Shoah was established by the Israeli government in the early 1950's to build awareness both for Israelis and the worldwide community. It is the 27th of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, a week after the end of Passover. Countless observances occur during this season to help pay tribute to the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, as well as honor those who were able to survive to tell their stories. Temple Beth Torah is fortunate to have been able to host a different Holocaust Survivor every year. The May 3rd 7:00 pm service is open to all and will combine Sabbath worship with remembering the Holocaust. The Temple will provide complimentary childcare with reservations by May 1st, and refreshments will be served following the service. Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon are sponsoring the program, music and refreshments in loving memory of Hy's parents and grandmother, Holocaust survivors Linda Penn, Morris I. Penn and Riva Kremer.

BE SMART

A Conversation about
kids, guns and safety

**Join us at Temple Beth Torah on Sunday,
April 28th at 9:30am or at 11:30am**

There will be two 30-minute presentations about kids, guns and safety. Each year more than 250 children aged 17 and under gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Nearly 600 more die by suicide. This presentation will help adults navigate difficult conversations about gun storage and take responsible action to prevent harm.

This program is for adults only, for those who own guns and those who don't. This program is not political or judgmental of gun ownership; it is about safe storage of guns and keeping children and teens safe.

There will be separate activities for children so adults can participate fully. If you would like more information, please email Susan Pollard at spollard@tbthumble.org or call 281-446-5611 and leave a message. You don't need to RSVP to attend the program.

TBT CARES

A very big thank you to the TBT Religious School and all those who contributed to hygiene bags! The Religious school students put together 37 bags that contained personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap and shampoo. The bags were delivered to Humble Area Assistance Ministries and FamilyTime and much appreciated.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Our ISJL fellow, Josh Altshuler, led fun activities for the students for our Purim Weekend in March. He and Cantor Vadim debated the deliciousness of latkes and hamentashen. Several adults and children enjoyed games and pasta on Saturday. Then everyone had a great time with Purim's Project Runway on Sunday.

We are all getting ready for Passover at TBT Religious School. Our celebration will be on Sunday, April 14th. The Parents with Toddlers Class will be included in our festivities. Look for more information in upcoming emails and texts.

Israeli Independence Day will be observed on Sunday, May 5th with lots of activities and food.

Our end of the Year Celebration for Lag B'Omer will be on Sunday, May 19th. As part of the celebration for the end of the year, the students will have a homemade cardboard box car parade. Students need to start coming up with ideas for their cars.

Here are some guide lines:

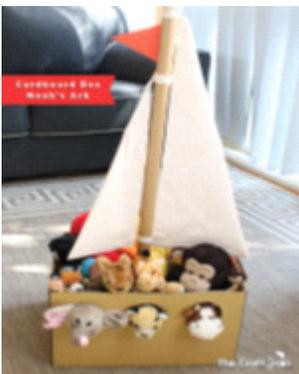
The box needs to be big enough for one child to stand in and hold up.

It can be a Jewish theme car such as a menorah car for Chanukah, a Garden of Eden car, a Noah's ark car, a rainbow caretc....

It can be any other theme from rocket cars to unicorn cars.

There are ideas online but let the kids do most of the work.

Make it fun!



Carrie Keith
Religious School Principal

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Tuesdays, April 9th and 30th at 12:30 PM

Nourishment for the Body, Mind and Soul

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

BOOK DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY, April 28th 11:15 A.M.

Siddhartha by Hermann Hess is the next book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT.

Join us on April 28th this month as we explore reading and discussion and how it can change the way we view our lives. For more information, please contact Susan Pollard at spollard@tbthumble.org.

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

Classes Begins at 9:30 AM with coffee and refreshments served at 9:00 AM

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 and The Mitzvah Series where each of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are examined. Participants may come to as many as they can. There is no charge for the class and optional gifts of tzedakah are welcome. **No class on April 21st.**

Tot Shabbat Friday April 5, 6:00 PM

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday, April 5th at 6:00 PM. Come for a fun, lively service 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

20 YEARS and COUNTING with RABBI DAN GORDON
APRIL 13, 2019 – Silent Auction at 6:45 PM
Followed by a Special Program of Music, Stories, and Tributes.

Our special celebration for Rabbi Dan is only days away!! It is going to be a great time; with a special show of songs and remembrances by some of our favorite performers led by Motzy and MCed by Michael Cahn. Are you signed up to attend, to dine or to have a message in the program? The deadline has been extended to Sunday, April 7. If you have not sent in or dropped off a registration form at the Temple, please do it today! A form for you to print and send is attached to this newsletter. We hope to hear from everyone soon.

The special program with names of all donors as well as messages for Rabbi Dan and ads priced at \$100 per page, \$50 for half and \$25 for one quarter page will go to press April 8. Don't miss your chance to add your words of appreciation. A special form to submit your contribution to a volume of memories for our Rabbi is attached, too.

Donna Glaser has been working with a team of members and supporters to create a great silent auction with some super values for everyone.

This is an important fundraiser for TBT. Part of the proceeds will benefit our ongoing programs and part will begin an endowment fund for Rabbi Dan's future retirement.

We will see you there or even if you can't make it, we will be reading your cool message in the program.

PS: Don't forget to check out the VIP dinner with the Rabbi and his family

Mazel Tov

for Mike and Susan Cahn on the birth of their granddaughter. Emma Flynn Burke joined us Friday morning March 22nd weighing 7lb. 3 oz. She is named for two of her great grandmothers, Eleanor Burke and Frieda Cahn. Proud parents are Austin and Elanna Burke.

Heartfelt Condolences

to the Claret family, former members of TBT who moved to Colorado, on the death of Tom Claret, after a three-year battle with cancer. Our hearts are with his wife, Rachel and sons, Jakob, Ryan, Ari and Evan. May his memory be a blessing.

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.

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.

2019 Temple Beth Torah Membership Directory

Directories will be going out soon. Please let us know if your information has changed since the last directory or when you filled out your membership form. Correct addresses, phone numbers and emails are needed. Email Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org
Thank you!!

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.

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.

AMAZON SMILE

Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose TBT (Temple Beth Torah) and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT.
[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

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.

Create Your Jewish Legacy at Temple Beth Torah

What better 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! Temple Beth Torah has been able to add new people in each of the last three years. This has resulted in receiving incentive grants from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, which are helping TBT in the present and the future. 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.

Torah Portions for April 2019

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

April 5-6, Tazria, Leviticus 12:1-13.59
April 12-13, Metzora, Leviticus 14.1-15.33

These two short portions are usually read on the same Shabbat, EXCEPT during a leap year on the Hebrew calendar. Seven times every 19 years, the Hebrew calendar adds an extra month called Adar II before Nisan, the month that includes Passover. During leap years, there are 13 months in calendar rather than 12. This ensures that Passover will always be in the springtime.

Both portions deal with ritual impurity, particularly skin afflictions such as leprosy. All irregularities in the skin must be inspected to keep people from doing sacred activities if they are impure. The priests determine and diagnose potential leprosy. When a person is afflicted, the priest employs specific to help them regain ritual purity and return to the camp. While the technical discussions of this Torah portion can help us relate to the importance of physical purity, it becomes a valuable lesson about maintaining a level of purity of mind and spirit as well. Physical impurities were regarded as “intruders.” Leprosy was particularly frightening because of its ability to spread to others. We can look at these teachings to make ourselves cautious about ideas or actions that might be as contagious as a disease. Some scholars use this teaching to emphasize the danger of gossiping and spreading rumors (true OR false), which can be potentially as deadly as a disease. Talmud teaches when you damage someone’s reputation, it is as if you have committed murder. The ancient lessons of impurity of body can bring us to some powerful teachings about righteous living in modern times.

April 19-20, Exodus 12:21-51 (special reading for the beginning of Passover)

When the first day of Passover (Pesach) falls on Shabbat, the Torah reading details the actual Exodus – leaving – of Egypt. G-d instructs Moses to instruct the Hebrews about the Paschal Lamb to be sacrificed with its blood placed over the doorways. While the first born of Hebrew households are spared, this tenth plague has the first born of every Egyptian household dying by G-d’s decree. Pharaoh, filled with grief and anger, tells Moses and Aaron leave immediately, with all their people and livestock. In their haste, they don’t have time to bake bread, and must take the unleavened bread with them. G-d commands that the sacrificial rituals eating of unleavened bread be continued for all time as reminders of this phenomenal liberation.

Torah Portions Continued....

April 26-27, Exodus 13:17-15:26 (special reading for the end of Passover)

On Shabbat at the end of Pesach, we read the dramatic story in which Pharaoh changes his mind and chases the fleeing Hebrew slaves. G-d did not show Moses the shortest route but led the Israelites toward the Sea of Reeds. This was to keep them away from powerful warriors, for G-d did not want the people to be frightened back to Egypt. The fearful Hebrews, seeing the Egyptian soldiers at their heels, cry to Moses, “Why did you lead us here to the dessert to die? Were there not enough graves in Egypt?” The most memorable miracle then occurs when G-d causes a great wind to split the sea and allow the Israelites to pass through on dry land. Moses recites a song that includes the familiar “*Mi Chamocha*” prayer (Who is like You, G-d, among the worshipped?) and Miriam leads the women with drumming and dancing. The freedom journey is on its way!

Simchas in April *Birthdays*

3 Owen Brawn
7 Paige Nossal
8 Carole Curtis
10 Shannon Ellsworth
11 Dylan Daniels
12 Debbie Swaim
12 Shayna Ellsworth
17 Gail Ambrose
17 Daniella Pilman
17 Lia Pilman
19 Jenna Bleiberg
20 Steve Smith
23 Dan Gordon
25 Howard Tobin
25 Leah Ramirez
29 Sydney Daniels

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

GENERAL FUND

Dan and Shawna Kullman

*The Shadian Family
For Security*

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Elias Mendez

April Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during April 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.

Ida Glaser, Naomi Joy Sorkin, Milton Rackmil,
Hubert Keith, Leslee Davis, Rose, Gennett,
Isador Gennett, Buddy Rambo, Ronnie Rubin,
Lloyd Gordon, Marilyn Chelnick, Morgan,
Abraham Eidelhoch, Lisa Ann Wellner, Mike Mandell,
Miriam Israel, Maxine Callner, Benjamin Hirsch,
Harry Babendure, Mark Summer, John B Hall,
Harry Shadrin, Frances Sussman, Eva Wellner

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. 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 website, www.tbthumble.org, to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 14

Temple Beth Torah 2019 Passover Seder

First Night of Passover

Friday, April 19, 2019

Strawbridge United Methodist Church
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 5:45 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 April 19 for a most memorable Seder

So, mark your calendar and please **R.S.V.P. with payment by April 12th.**

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

-----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

“20 Years and Counting” Registration Form

Yes, I/We will attend! number attending.

Enclosed is a contribution for (minimum donation \$25 per person to attend the event)

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other

VIP Dinner: Attendees contributing \$250 or more per person are also invited to a special pre-event dinner with Rabbi Dan and his family at 6 pm. Space is limited for the dinner so send in your donation today!! RSVP deadline for the dinner is April 5.

Yes, I/We will attend the dinner. number attending. Enclosed is a donation for \$250 or more per person.

No, I/We are unable to attend the event. Enclosed is a contribution for:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other

Underwriting opportunities:

There are many opportunities to help underwrite the event including helping offset the cost of publicity, security, entertainment, etc.

Contact us if you are interested!!

Program ads:

Place an ad to honor Rabbi Dan, pay tribute to or remember a loved one or promote your business:

\$25: 1/4 page \$50: 1/2 page \$100: full page

Contact us if interested!!

Name: _____

(Donors name will be listed in the event program if donation is received by April 5.)

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Please send your check made payable to Temple Beth Torah to:

320 Shallow Drive Humble, Texas 77338.

We ask that all reservations be received by April 5th.

For more information, contact the temple at 281-446-5611,
email us at 20years@tbthumble.org or visit our website at www.tbthumble.org.

A Tribute Book to Rabbi Dan

Thanks for the Memories!

We hope you will join us in creating a special keepsake book for Rabbi Dan filled with written messages of appreciation for his: 20 years of dedication to Temple Beth Torah.

Share a special memory... or simply say "Thanks"

Please fill out the form below:

Message: You may continue on the back of form, if needed.

_____ *Quarter Page: \$25*

_____ *Enclosed is my check for \$_____.*

_____ *Half Page: \$50*

_____ *I paid \$_____ on the TBT Website.*

_____ *Full Page: \$100*

The deadline to receive your tribute ad and payment is April 5th. Please send checks made out to TBT with this form to Temple Beth Torah: 320 Shallow Drive Humble, TX 77338 or go to the TBT website and pay by credit card. www.tbthumble.org

Please Include your phone number, and email below in case we need to contact you regarding your ad. Payment must be received before April 5th for your ad will be included in the tribute book.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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
- Temple Security Fund

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

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April 2019 ADAR II – NISSAN 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					6:00 PM Tot Shabbat and Pot Luck 7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class NO - Adult Ed – Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School		12:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan			7:15 PM Shabbat Service	6:45 PM 20 Years and Counting Honoring Rabbi Dan Gordon - Celebration Gala
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class NO - Adult Ed – Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School					6:15 PM Passover Seder at Strawbridge UMC	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO Religious School NO - Adult Ed – TORCH class NO - Adult Ed – Book Discussion					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
9:00 AM - Religious School 9:30 AM – BE SMART 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:30 AM – BE SMART 11:15 AM – Adult Ed Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School		12:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan			7:00 PM Yom HaShoah Shabbat Service	

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:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Brick= \$100 | 4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each |
| 2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each | 5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each |
| 3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/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 _____