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#### Feast and Fellowship

Join us for a spaghetti dinner and Shabbat spirit!

> Friday, August 2, 6:30 pm Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread provided Last Name A-M: please bring drinks Last Name N-Z: Please bring a dessert

RSVP: admin@tbthumble.org by August 1

# Sing in a New Year with Temple Beth Torah 5785 is around the corner!

Nashville Musician, Singer, Song Leader and Cantorial Soloist



#### Ellie Flier

Returns to Temple Beth Torah for Open House Weekend, August 16-18

- Shabbat Services, Friday August 16, 7:00 PM
- Community Concert, Saturday evening, August 17 6:00 PM
  - Open House Festivities, Sunday, August 18 10:00 AM Watch emails for times and reservation opportunities for Saturday and Sunday programs.

Ellie Flier is one of the most popular Jewish prayer and song leaders in the country. Her talent and passion for Jewish music is truly inspirational, and she has become a TBT favorite through both Zoom services and in person.

You can learn more about Ellie at www.ellieflier.com

Ellie Flier's participation in our Open House Weekend

llie Flier's participation in our Open House Weekend is made possible by a generous gift from the **Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund**.



Tom Theriot was a life-long Methodist who spent his adult life as patriarch to a Jewish family. He and his wife, Castine were in the front row at Temple Beth Torah nearly every Friday night. He especially enjoyed the music, often saying how peaceful he felt when listening to Shabbat music. His son Matthew and daughters Leah and Lauren became bar and bat mitzvah at TBT. Family was more important to him than anything, and he considered Temple Beth Torah to be part of his family. When he died prematurely at the age of 59, Castine and her family established this fund to honor his legacy by providing programs that help people enjoy Judaism in fun, dynamic and inspiring ways. In this way, Tom continues to be a blessing for us all.

Those interested in contributing to this and future programs may visit the temple's website.

## 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.

Worship Services in August							
Friday, August 2	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner Service IN PERSON ONLY					
Friday, August 9	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual					
Friday, August 16	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Elie Flier In Person and Virtual					
Saturday, August 17	6:00 PM	Musical Concert and Havdalah Service with Ellie Flier and Dinner - Event for All Ages					
Sunday, August 18	10:00 AM	OPEN HOUSE – Concert, Lunch and Meet and Greet					
Friday, August 23	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Cantor Francyne In Person and Virtual					
Friday, August 30	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual					

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Oh, what a month July turned out to be! For everyone impacted by the Hurricane, I hope and pray that you are getting back to normal. For all those who went without power for so long, know that you were in our thoughts and prayers. Our family was lucky and escaped any major damage to the house and no flooding. That being said, like many of you, we were without power for 9 days. Luckily my cousin had power on the other side of Baytown, so we sent the kids over there while my wife and I took care of the house and dogs. Thanks to the kindness of a neighbor, we were able to run a power cord over and get our fridge hooked up after a few days. So, all in all, things were ok with the Millers.

It always amazes me, that when catastrophes like this happen, how people come together. Without electricity, I was unable to watch the news or keep up with what was going on in the world around me. But in the past, I've often I seen people flood in to help, even when they have experienced some hardship themselves. I remember when Katrina hit New Orleans, I was at the Astrodome with a bunch of volunteers from Shell. We set up networks and computers to get databases online and track families so people could find each other. I remember the joy and hope I felt seeing a parking lot filled with line trucks getting ready to go out for the day. It always makes me appreciate the human spirit when I see people coming together in times of need. I also feel that way on Friday nights when I see people come to the temple and worship together and listen to the lessons of Torah with the Rabbi and/or Cantor. We are there to spend time together, visiting and noshing and just spending time with each other. The community that we have with TBT is very special to me. Everything that happened in July caused me to reflect on how much I appreciate our community. Thank you all for being part of it. I hope you came out ok and that life is getting back to normal for you. And if you're still experiencing challenges of any kind, remember, we're here for each other. Sincerely.

Michael Miller - TBT President

#### RABBI'S MESSAGE

#### **Socrates, Pope Francis and the Tongue**

Rabbinic sages, both ancient and modern, give us countless lessons about how to live in modern life. Much of this wisdom is collected in both the Torah and the Talmud. *Pirke Avot* (Ethics of our Ancestors) and the books of Psalms and Proverbs provide quite a bit, as do individual scholars from the distant past, the recent past and even the present. When we combine the wisdom of our Jewish sages with lessons from other cultures, we can broaden and enhance our own knowledge and practice.

I recently read a story from Pope Francis, the current leader of the Catholic world. In it, he references the great Greek philosopher, Socrates. According to the story, a man approached Socrates to share some "news" he had just heard about another person. "Before you tell me," said the philosopher, "I would like to test it with three sieves." The three sieves, according to Socratic teaching are:

#### Is it TRUE? Is it KIND? Is it USEFUL?

If you are unsure of the answer to any of these questions, we should ask ourselves the question, "why say it?" Are we sharing this news because it is fun? Are we trying to make ourselves look good by making someone else look bad? Pope Francis states that gossip "fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us."

The Jewish concept is called *Lashon Ha-Rah*, or the evil tongue. Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, also known as the *Chofetz Chaim* (pursuer of life), details many aspects of gossip, teaching that it is a sin as strong as murder. It is suggested that gossip kills three people: the person who speaks it, the person who hears it and the person about whom it is told. The teachings about gossip forbid speaking *and* hearing it. If we accidentally hear negative gossip, we are not supposed to believe it, or even investigate to see if it is true. This is both about preventing harm to others and protecting our own soul from the poison. Many teachers from various traditions have suggested that the resentment incurred with carrying a grudge is like taking poison and expecting someone else to die.

Why is this so much on my mind as we prepare for New Year? Many of us have felt the poison of judgment based on little information or misinformation. While we acknowledge God as the one True Judge, it is only human to form our own judgments, and we are often influenced by what we hear. If we can try to use the filters suggested through the Greek, Catholic and Jewish philosophy (as well as many others), we can come closer to keeping our own hearts pure and loving. Polite, respectful disagreements are much different than spreading gossip. One of my biggest red flags is when I hear someone express what another person thinks or feels. In addition to TRUE, KIND and USEFUL, I would suggest another filter: is this MY information, or does it belong to someone else?

A story from the Iraqi/Jewish tradition begs the question, "Which part of the human body is most important?" While the body parts vie against each other, the tongue refuses to speak, and when it does, tells a falsehood. The story concludes with acknowledging that every part is important, but the tongue can, without much effort, make things a whole lot better or a whole lot worse.

As we prepare for a New Year, let's resolve to be careful about what our tongues say and what our ears hear. We can use words to tear others down, but wouldn't we rather build each other up? That's one of my primary goals for the New Year, and I hope you'll share it with me.

L'shalom.

#### Rabbi Dan Gordon

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENNINGS - by Carrie Keith - Principal

We have an exciting Open House Weekend with Nashville's Jewish folk musician, Ellie Flier on August 16-18. Join Rabbi Dan and Ellie for Shabbat, a fun-filled Saturday get together, and Open House on Sunday. On Sunday there will be information about temple activities, High Holidays and Religious School. Enjoy a beautiful concert with Ellie, meet the teachers, and have a delicious lunch.

The first day of Religious School will be Sunday, August 25. Class will begin at 9:00. Parents are encouraged to come in, visit, fill out forms, and enjoy bagels and coffee.

The Temple Beth Torah teachers are:

Vicki Aizenberg and Rachael Blumin teaching PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Andrea Miller teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Michael Miller and Craig Lira-Waguespack teaching 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

We are looking forward to Manny Miller, Owen Brawn and Caleb Brawn serving as our madrichim this school year.

Andrea Miller is Temple Beth Torah's Hebrew Coordinator. She, Craig

Lira-Waguespack, and Rabbi Dan will continue to provide excellent Hebrew instruction for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Religious School hours are 9a-11:15a followed by Hebrew 11:30a – 12:15p. Students need to bring a supply box with 2 glue sticks, 2 sharpened pencils, 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons, 1 box of 8 watercolor markers, an eraser, a dry eraser marker, and a box of Kleenex. Please label all items. Each child will also need to bring a healthy snack and a labeled water bottle with a pull up top (no open water bottles, please. They spill!!)

We are all very busy planning fun and meaningful instruction for all of the students. We will have several programs throughout the school year for our families to participate in such as Chanukah, Purim, and Passover. Parents are encouraged to come into the synagogue to visit and to participate in sanctuary time each Sunday at 11:00a.

It is going to be a great year!

See you all for Open House on Sunday, August 18 and the first day of Religious School on Sunday, August 25.

#### SISTERHOOD GATHERING AUGUST 11 at 1:00PM

Craving a Knish? Pining for Pastrami? Longing for lox?

Join Sisterhood at Kenny & Ziggy's August 11 @1:00pm -Let's catch up and enjoy good food and fellowship! Please RSVP by August 8 admin@tbthumble.org

**SAVE the Dates for Upcoming Sisterhood Events** 

October 2-Applicious Oneg for Erev Rosh Hashanah October 2-12 High Holiday Food Drive

# High Holidays are Around the Corner! Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs to Officiate Our In-person and Virtual Services

Rosh Hashanah evening service: Wednesday, October 2 Rosh Hashanah morning service: Thursday, October 3

Kol Nidre service: Friday, October 11

Yom Kippur morning and afternoon/Yizkor/concluding services: Saturday, October 12

A children's service will be held prior to each morning service.

Watch for more details soon.

#### **Book of Remembrance**

The High Holiday season is a time we remember loved ones that are no longer with us. A Book of Remembrance is printed and distributed during our Yizkor/ memorial service on the afternoon of Yom Kippur and the names are read at that time.

Please submit your names by Rosh Hashanah to ensure they will be included. Please find the form to complete on page 8. Donations can be by check made payable to "Temple Beth Torah" or online under the "Donation" tab at our website and clicking the "Book of Remembrance" button. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> for more information.

#### 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 our Caring Committee at <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> or leave a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

## Support TBT and Make a High Holiday Donation

Beautiful and meaningful High Holiday services are being planned at Temple Beth Torah. We are looking for individuals and families to help underwrite our experience this year. Donations are needed to help especially with music and security for our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Contact admin@tbthumble.org for more information.

## Submit Healing List Names at the First of Each Month

Our healing list will now be updated at the first of each month. If you know of someone who is on the list who should remain on the list, please let us know. This list is important, but also can get quite lengthy, so we want to make sure all the names we read are timely. Please email <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> and <a href="mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org">rabbi@tbthumble.org</a> to be added.

#### MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DUE NOW!

There are a couple ways to turn in your membership form – google drive, mail and email.

If you need a membership form, please contact Stacey <u>admin@tbthumble.org</u>. If you have questions about membership, email Stacey or call (281) 446-5611 and she will put the appropriate person in contact with you.

#### Simchas in August Birthdays

- Clint Perez
- 2 Jeanne Mandell
- 5 6 Susan Cahn
- Rachel Couch
- 8 Meida Ramirez
- Stacev Blumin
- 9 Michael Cahn
- 11 Donna Sallee
- 21 Stephen Heller
- 21 Michael Miller
- Rebeca Ramirez

#### Anniversaries

- Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon
- lan and Judi Adler 18
- 19 Ritchard Shadian and Michelle Dechene
- Mike and Andrea Miller 20

#### **Yahrtzeit Memorial Plaques**

The minimum donation for one memorial plague to be placed on the wall in the sanctuary remains \$300. However, those purchasing two plaques at the same time can do so for \$500, a savings of \$100. It usually takes at least a month for a plaque to be engraved and sent back to the temple, but in the summer months, it can take longer because many synagogues are purchasing plaques to be ready for High Holidays. You may consult with the rabbi for the Hebrew name and date by emailing Rabbi Dan Gordon at rabbi@tbthumble.org Checks must be sent to TBT prior to the plaque being ordered.

#### For HAAM (Humble Area **Assistance Ministries**)

HAAM is collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene items: They are in need of canned beans, canned fruit (low sugar), canned chicken and tuna and canned vegetables (low sodium). If you prefer to donate hygiene items they need toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shampoo, and conditioner. Thank you for your support!

#### **August Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during August 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.

Arthur Abrasely, Rodney Abrasely, Juanita Adams, Irene Sara Macaluso, Ana Maria Ijac, Lucy Mueller, Marion Delores Carson Baur, Lillian Blumin, Jetchen Cahn, Gerald Hein, Rhoda Davis Hart, Estella DeLap, Col. Leonard Farber, Jaime Szereszewski, George Gerszen, Samuel Szereszewski. Abraham Marcus. Marjorie Heller, Marylyn Cash, Dana Kharasch, Olive Bricker, Lorraine Klemz, Marshall Solomon, David Rapoport, Jacob Berger, Samuel Rosenfield, Irving Simmons, William Belofsky, Marlene Salkin, Leon Bluestein, Walther Weintraub, Susan Hensley Christman, Rose Pauline Lerner, Dale Vine, Neil Davis, Karen Melhenbacker, Harriet Feld

#### 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 Yahrtzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, please leave a message for Carrie Keith at 281-446-5611, or email education@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.

# Celebrate Simchat Torah in Folk/Country Style! Joe Buchanan brings Americana with a Jewish Soul back to TBT In Person and Virtual October 25, 7 PM

On Friday, October 25, Joe Buchanan returns to Temple Beth Torah to help us celebrate the most festive of Jewish holidays. He brings with him his unique style of music that includes a little country, a little bluegrass and a lot of Jewish soul! Rabbi Dan and Joe have shared their musical storying together at TBT several times in the past, always with exciting results. Dance and clap and tap your toes as we celebrate the circular year of learning, from Genesis to Deuteronomy and back!

TBT is looking for a few good sponsors to bring this festive and wonderful event to TBT. Please contact Stacey at admin@tbtumble.org or any board member to give what you can and keep great performers coming to TBT.

# TEMPLE BETH TORAH'S SOLIDIFYING COMMITMENT TO INTERFAITH FAMILIES BY JOINING NATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Temple Beth Torah has been selected to join other Houston area organizations in a year-long training program focused on developing programs and support for interfaith families. The "cohort" of organizations includes other synagogues, Hebrew schools, Jewish day schools, summer camps, etc. It is being led by the national organization called **18Doors**, formerly known as Interfaith Family.com, which has been a valuable resource for the Jewish community since 2001. The mission of 18Doors is to empower those in interfaith relationships – individuals, couples, families and their children – to engage in Jewish life and encourage Jewish communities to welcome interfaith families as part of the diverse nature of the Jewish world.

18Doors has successfully implemented the program **B'Yachad** (together) in several cities, and is now bringing their experience and expertise to Houston. **Rabbi Dan Gordon** and **Emma Brawn** applied and were interviewed by 18Doors and were enthusiastically accepted to be part of the program beginning in September. Participation will involve two meetings in Houston and monthly webinars, as well as ongoing support.

If you have an interest in being part of this exciting program, you can join Rabbi Dan and Emma to help fill out the team! By mid-August, we will be informing 18Doors who the team members will be. ANYONE who has an interest is welcome, but there is a limit of 2-3 other participants. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, spouse or friend, this is an exciting opportunity to mix with both the Houston Jewish community and learn from 18Doors experiences with other cities.

Please write to <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> or <a href="mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org">rabbi@tbthumble.org</a> if this interests you in any way.

#### **Torah Portions for August 2024**

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

## August 2-3, Matot-Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13 (double portion)

Moses resolves a land dispute and provides further instructions for dividing land among the tribes. He teaches the Israelites to set up cities of refuge where those accused of involuntary manslaughter may find justice.

#### August 9-10, D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

The beginning of the fifth and final book of the Torah is "Devarim," or Hebrew for "words." Moses begins a lengthy recounting of desert journey. He reminds the Israelites of their times of doubt and how God has helped them reach the brink of the Promised Land. God decrees that none of Moses' generation will enter the land, and that Moses, himself, will not enter the land. Joshua has been delegated as the new leader, and a new generation of people, born in freedom, will undertake the challenge of settling in the land that was promised.

#### August 16-17, Va'Ethchanan, Deuteronomy 2:32-7:11

Moses recounts the Israelites' experience in the desert and their connection with God. He reminds them that God had given Ten Commandments to live by, and also a series of rules, regulations and teachings. He repeats the Ten Commandments for all to remember. Shortly after the repetition of the Commandments, Moses pronounces what has become arguably the most sacred sentence in the whole Torah: "Hear, Oh Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is one." This sentence (Shema, Deut. 6:4) is immediately followed by a paragraph (V'Ahavta) expressing our love for God and our commitment to instill this love in our children. Moses warns about the dangers of prosperity, and the risk of becoming complacent. We are encouraged that by following these teachings, all will be well for us throughout the generations.

#### August 23-24 Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

As the Israelites prepare to cross the Jordan River, Moses recounts events that brought them to this point. He reminds the people that they were tested by hardships, but also given help. They were hungry, but received manna, because "man does not live on bread alone" (Deut. 8:3). We should be prepared to be tested again. Moses also retells of the journey to bring G-d's tablets, breaking then when seeing the Golden Calf, and bringing a new set as the people repent. We are reminded of the rewards that come from loyally fulfilling the Commandments.

## August 30-31, Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

This Torah portion reminds us that we have a choice, to follow good or evil. Following good will bring blessings and life; following evil will bring curses and death. "Choose life," we're taught. Appropriately included in this section is the obligation to tithe a portion of our earnings to the poor. We are also taught to be generous to those in need when it comes to lending money. The seventh year is one of freedom; we are commanded to forgive debts and free slaves in the seventh year. The three festivals of pilgrimage, Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot are described in detail.

#### Give-a-Gift to TBT An Easy Way to Help TBT

TBT is in need of the following items this month. If you would like to donate any of these items, please send a message to giveagift@tbthumble.org to ensure we do not get too many of a needed item. The items can be brought to TBT whenever we are open, or we may be able to arrange for a pick-up.

#### Items needed this month:

Coffee cups with lids
Forks
Copy paper
Coffee Creamer
Rolls of Paper Towels
Dessert size plates
Copy paper
Bottled water

#### Join a Committee!

Have you thought about becoming more active at TBT? One way is to join a committee. Some of our committees include the building, ritual, social, membership, fundraising, education, social justice and safety & security committees.

A new committee that is being brought back is the caring committee. This committee is designed to remember members on special occasions, help with meals if ill, and brighten people's lives.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or for more information, please contact Shari Ellsworth at president@tbthumble.org

#### **DONATIONS**

#### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Brian Eoff John and Bobbylee Ruskis Steve Lee

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Bruce and Susan Pollard – In memory of Shannon Ellsworth

Wayne Lazarus, Esq.

If you would like to sponsor a TBT service or event in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact Stacey at <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a>.

## SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP SUNDAYS at 11:30 A.M.

The Sunday Discussion group meets every Sunday at 11:30 AM virtually. Books are read and discussed. The books chosen are always thought provoking and generate interesting discussions. If you are interested in joining the discussion or have any questions, please email Susan at <a href="mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org">spollard@tbthumble.org</a>. The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH**

(TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)
SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

TORCH Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe leads a discussion of **Pirke Avot** (Ethics of the Fathers). All meetings will be through Zoom. Any questions please contact <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a>. The Zoom links are sent out in the weekly email.

#### **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.

You can now make a donation online to any of our funds. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, <a href="https://www.tbthumble.org">www.tbthumble.org</a>, to make a donation or see the donations form in this newsletter.

#### **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 AND BEAUTIFICATION**

**FUND** This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books, as well as other cosmetic improvements to the temple's interior. 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.

#### **LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY**

TBT's Legacy Giving Society is a group of visionary donors who have committed themselves to the future of Temple Beth Torah. Legacy gifts are easily to establish, cost nothing during your lifetime, and make a difference for our community. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> for more information.

#### SCOTT ERIC KAUFMAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

This fund helps support the technology needs of TBT including computers, screens, and cameras and will help with our virtual programming. The fund was established in memory of Dr. Scott Eric Kaufman.

#### **TEMPLE BETH TORAH**

320 SHALLOW DRIVE HUMBLE, TX 77338 281-446-5611

#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

#### Please return this form no later than October 4

Please inscribe the following names in our "Book of Remembrance" which the synagogue is publishing for the Day of Atonement in honor and memory of our loving family.

	o our departed ones, I/we are enclosing \$ a gift for the beloved souls who are remembered on October 12th at the Memorial Service.					
Listed below are the full names of the departed:	Date of Death:					
Or	There are no changes from last year					
Remembered by:						
Address/Phone/Email:						

Thank you for your donation. Yahrzeit plaques for the memorial board are available. Call 281-446-5611 for more information.

#### **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 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 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Brick 2: Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

	From:					
	☐ In honor of ☐ In memory of					
$\checkmark$	Name					
TEMPLE						
BETH TORAH	Please apply donation to (check one):					
	☐ General Fund					
Donation Form	☐ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund					
	☐ Burt Levy Memorial Library Fund					
Thank You!	☐ Scott Eric Kaufman Technology Fund					
	☐ Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund					
	☐ Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund					
	☐ Temple Security Fund					
	Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:  Name					
	Address					
	TEMPLE BETH TORAH 320 SHALLOW DRIVE HUMBLE, TX 77338					
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## **AUGUST 2024 TAMUZ- AV 5784**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DUE NOW! ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STARTING PLEASE DO IT TODAY! Contact Stacey at					6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner – In Person ONLY See article for details	
admin@tbthumble.org with questions.						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 AM Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan - In Person and VIRTUAL	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 AM Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual  1:00 PM – TBT Sisterhood					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Elie Flier – In Person and VIRTUAL	6:00 PM Musical Concert, Havdalah and Dinner with Ellie Flier
Luncheon at Kenny & Ziggy's						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 AM – TBT Annual Open House – guest singer Ellie Flier 10:30 AM Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Cantor Francyne – In Person and VIRTUAL	
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00 AM Religious School Starts 10:00 AM – Adult Ed TORCH – Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan – In Person and VIRTUAL	
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual						