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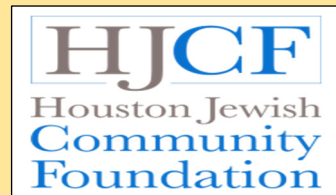
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Please join us for a special
LEGACY SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, January 31, at 7 pm



Temple Beth Torah (TBT) invites you to a meaningful evening honoring our Legacy Society members and celebrating the dedication of two beautiful new stained-glass windows at the front of our sanctuary. Both windows include a banner with “Beth Torah” in Hebrew letters. One window says “Shalom” in Hebrew with a picture of a burning bush underneath, and the other says “Shema Yisrael” with a picture of a shofar. The vertical rainbow is consistent with the existing stained glass windows that were created by TBT members Simon Wellner and Jack Moss (of blessed memory), the father of current Sisterhood President Susan Meinholz.

These stunning windows were made possible through after-lifetime legacy gifts from **Dale Israel Vine** and **Jeffrey Kaufman**, of blessed memory, along with contributions from recent B’nai Mitzvah families. The families of **Victoria Aizenberg, Samuel and Sydney Baur, Rachael Blumin, Owen and Caleb Brawn, Adam Grayson, Barbara Heller, Manny Miller and Landon Zweifel** all contributed to this project. Commemorative plaques will be placed by the two windows, appreciating the donations and informing future generations of the kindness of these families and individuals.

Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs will join **Rabbi Dan Gordon** in leading this special service, featuring heartfelt remembrances from key members on TBT’s history. We will hear from three generations. **Mike Cahn** was a founding member of the temple in 1983, later served as President, and is now an active participant in the weekly “Cup of Wisdom” book study group. **Sarah Miller** became bat mitzvah at TBT in 1999, and now brings her two children to Sunday School. **Rachael Blumin** represents our strong future. She grew up at TBT, became bat mitzvah in 2023, and now volunteers as a teacher in our Religious School program. For over 40 years, Temple Beth Torah has been building a strong foundation for the Jewish community in the northeast area of Houston. During the Legacy Shabbat service, we look forward to celebrating the past, present and future!

The Houston Jewish Community Foundation is generously sponsoring the cantorial music and Oneg Shabbat refreshments, and we will be welcoming the talented professionals who help manage the Legacy funds.

What is a Legacy Gift? Temple Beth Torah and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation are working together to secure the future of a vibrant Jewish community in the northeast suburbs. Legacy gifts allow individuals to include TBT in their after-lifetime plans—through a will, retirement account, or other means—ensuring their impact lives on. No immediate action is required, just the decision to leave a legacy.

Join us for Legacy Shabbat! This is not a sales pitch, but a celebration of TBT’s impact and an opportunity to envision a bright future together

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Always Celebrate Life

One of the greatest honors of being a rabbi is when I am asked to officiate a ceremony for someone whose life has ended. This may come as a surprise; it was to me. When I first began my rabbinic journey, I knew that life cycle events would be a big part of my responsibilities. I was very comfortable embracing the *simchas*: weddings, naming babies, bar and bat mitzvahs, anniversary blessings, etc. Some might think that funerals and memorial services are a necessary annoyance, and the fewer the better. But while some people might not have a bar/bat mitzvah, some might not get married or have children, *everyone* is going to die. It is the great equalizer. I feel very blessed to learn about people's lives from their loved ones. When the deceased is someone who I knew, I learn things I never realized. When they are someone who I did not know, or only met briefly, I have the extraordinary blessing of getting to know someone posthumously. I can tell you; I have met some incredible souls after their transition from this world into the world to come.

In recent years, many have adopted the custom of calling the event a "celebration of life," rather than a funeral or memorial. I believe this is very consistent with Jewish philosophy. While American custom is to make big celebrations and even commemorations about birthdays, in Judaism, we acknowledge the *yahrzeit*, or anniversary of a death, rather than the birthday. Perhaps this is because when we are born, we have not accomplished anything yet, but when our loved one dies, we have a whole lifetime to remember. When we recite the Mourner's Kaddish, we are not lamenting our loss, we are praising God for bringing loved ones into our lives. Of course we are sad about the recent loss, but that sadness is only possible because of the preciousness of what we had before. As written in the Book of Job: "The LORD gives, the LORD takes away, blessed is the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21).

When we celebrate a life, we keep alive a legacy. And when we delight in the gifts that our loved ones gave, it also helps others connect with similar blessings they may have received from their own loved ones. When I hear or read someone extolling virtues, it gives me the opportunity to think of others. "Yes, my uncle was kind of like that." Or "That reminds me of what a friend once said to me." It may even make us think about those we never met, but perhaps have some kind of connection to our future. I personally had very little experience with any of my own grandparents, having all died before I got to know them. But they were part of who I am, whether I can identify individual qualities or not. When I learn about the elders in other people's families, I can imagine the legacies that are part of me. When I think of my own teachers, and study about my teachers' teachers, my own philosophy becomes enlightened.

At the end of this month, we will celebrate legacy. We will hear a little about the beginning of our temple community, past, present and future. We will also dedicate two new stained-glass windows, provided by current bar/bat mitzvah families and by legacy gifts made by two members, who thought to include Temple Beth Torah in their final wishes. **Dale Israel Vine** was only with the temple a short time. He came to the temple in 2019 and chose to convert to Judaism when he was in his late sixties, already battling cancer. Dale passed away in 2022, and in those three years, the temple meant so much to him that he wanted to continue to support us after his death. **Jeffrey Kaufman** had a more noticeable impact in the temple story. He and his family were members – and still are – for over 25 years. He served in many capacities on our board, including president, treasurer, membership chair and chair of safety and security. He and his wife, Alice, renewed their wedding vows on our pulpit, and their grandchildren attend our Religious School.

Dale and Jeff are just two examples of the many who have an impact on our community. Every legacy is worth celebrating! Please join us on January 31 to honor Temple Beth Torah's many flavors of legacy. And if you cannot make it that evening, come look at the windows and think about those who have influenced your life and how you would like to be remembered.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

P.S. Many thanks to the estates of Dale Vine and Jeff Kaufman and the Bar/Bar Mitzvah families for funding the stained-glass windows and to the Houston Jewish Community Foundation for inspiring the Legacy program and sponsoring the January 31 service.

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.

JANUARY EVENTS

Friday, January 3		NO Shabbat Service
Friday, January 10	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by</i>
Friday, January 17	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Family and Youth Service (Tot Shabbat) and Potluck Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by The Shadian Family</i>
Sunday, January 19	9:30 AM	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan
Tuesday, January 21	12::00 PM	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan
Friday, January 24	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by</i>
Friday, January 31	7:00 PM	SPECIAL LEGACY Shabbat Service with Cantor Francyne and Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual Installation of New 2025 TBT Board of Directors <i>The Service and Oneg are sponsored by The Houston Jewish Community Foundation</i>

Adult Learning with the Rabbi at TBT

What do Jews think about...?

Sunday, January 19, 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 21, 12 noon

*Informal discussion covering a wide range of topics
Everything you always wanted to know about Judaism but
were afraid to ask!*

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 spollard@tbthumble.org. The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear TBT Family,

As we step into the new year, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the incredible strength of our community. Amid the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to forget what truly binds us together. But at TBT, we are more than just a congregation—we are a family.

This past year, we've witnessed the power of connection in so many meaningful ways. From our joyful celebration honoring Anita Bonanno with the 5th Annual Ner Tamid Award to our quiet moments of support, we've been there for each other through both triumphs and challenges. It's this bond—this deep sense of belonging—that sets our temple apart. Each of us brings something unique to this family, and together, we create a tapestry of faith, love, and shared purpose.

As we look ahead to the year to come, I encourage you to carry this sense of community with you. Let us continue to support one another, lift each other up, and share our blessings. Whether it's through a simple prayer, a helping hand, or a warm smile, we each have the ability to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

In the coming months, we will have many opportunities to come together— for services, events, or simply sharing a moment of connection. Let's embrace these moments with open hearts, knowing we are not alone on our journeys. Our temple family is here, walking beside us every step of the way.

May this new year bring peace, joy, and strength to each of you. Together, we will continue to build a community that reflects the love and unity at the core of our faith.

Shalom and best wishes for a blessed year ahead,

Michael Miller
TBT President

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENNINGS

by Carrie Keith - Principal

Happy 2025!!

I hope everyone had very happy holidays with family and friends. Our first Religious School class of 2025 will be January 5th. All classes begin at 9:00. Hebrew class will follow.

Thank you to Shari Ellsworth, Media Ramirez, Rachel McConnell and expert latke flipper, Landon Zweifel who helped the students make latkes for our Chanukah party on December 15. All the parents and teachers made our Chanukah celebration fun for the students at TBT. We had latkes, opened gifts, made travel menorahs, played games and sang lots of songs. Thank you also to those that sent in gifts for children in our area so that they could also have a happier holiday. The volunteers at HAAM were thrilled to receive the toy and gift card donations from TBT.

The teachers are looking forward to the Spring semester with lots of great activities and lessons planned for all of our TBT students.

A Very Special Thank You to everyone who donated to the 2024 Temple Beth Torah 5th Annual Ner Tamid Program

Gold Level

Brian Eoff
Wes Goble
Rabbi Dan and Loren Gordon
David Harris
Robert Horowitz
Greg and Mindy LaCour
Joni Levy
Jeanne Mandell
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Jane Shapiro
Steve Smith
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Syd Waldman

Silver Level

David and Lori Acosta
Chris and Alyce Baur
Wendy Botnick
Marsha Cayton
Terry Friedman
Sonia Horowitz
Carrie and Dennis Keith
Lisa Levy
Jim and Susan Meinholz
Michael Miller
Bruce and Susan Pollard
Rodney and Robin Roth
Jeff and Joanie Spalter
Bob and Debbie Swaim
Cantor Vadim Tunitsky
Morton and Ellen Winter

Bronze Level

Deborah Abadie
The Blumin Family
Donna Glaser
Iris Graf
Steve and Barbara Heller
Kirk Hickey
Rozalie Jerome
Debye Lurie
Barry and Tina Sachs
Lenny and Karen Simmons
David Wolf

ZOOM

Suzan and Lorenzo Bocciarelli
Meredith Fulton
Lisa Hill
Wendy Mons
Robin Roth
BobbyLee and John Ruskis
Debra van Opstal

We would like to thank the following supporters who generously donated to our silent auction. We encourage you to patronize these businesses!

Alley Theatre
Brick House Tavern and Tap
Brooklyn Pizzeria
Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Humble
Chili's Grill and Bar Atascocita
Chili's Grill and Bar Humble
Chuck E. Cheese Humble
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The Clubs of Kingwood
Cosmic Air Humble
Crumble Cookies
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Starbucks Kenswick
Supercuts
Teriyaki Madness
Texas Roadhouse
Three B's Grill
Tin Roof BBQ
Tour 18 Golf Course
Carlos Uzategui
Tune Up-The Manly Salon

Simchas in January Birthdays

- 5 Bob Swaim
5 Felipe Ramirez
7 LiJuan Aizenberg
7 Ginny Skold
8 Judi Adler
8 Bobbylee Ruskis
8 Ann Dominick
8 Ellen Delap
10 Benjamin Ramirez
16 Grayson Miller
16 Lori Acosta
27 Ian Adler
28 Lenny Simmons
30 Rachael Blumin
30 Alexander Zweifel

Anniversaries

- 25 Lauren Herman and Ginny Skold

JANUARY Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during January 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.

Spurgeon Dunnam, Erwin Cahn, Molly Rosenberg, Marvin Charak, Charles Curtis, Harold Rubin, Alfred Heyman, Catherine Heller, Joseph Rabin, David Kharasch, Joseph Abbell, Leah Denbina Wexler, Mary Judith Keith, Ann Wolfsohn, Mike Kelley, Louis Silverman, Bernard Kullman, Elsie Kullman, Sara Solomon, Goldie Bernstein, Samuel Levy, Blossom Levy, Henry Lesser, Ella Eidelhoch, Robert Angrus Campbell III, Magdalena Rauba, Joseph Samuels, Harry D. Smith, Stanley Sonenfield, Shirley Weiss, Helen Gordon, Ruby Bluestein Kemble, Robert Vine, Shirley Lubin, Rose Katz, Dr. Jacob Belofsky, Roslyn Wolf, Joyce Ammons, Arnold Farber, Jan Heller, Joseph Rabin, Rosalin Kaplan, Mary Ellen Allen, William Schwartz

Yahrtzeit Memorial Plaques

The minimum donation for one memorial plaque 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!

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

Please sign up at this link to prepare an oneg – thank you in advance

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084BAEAA22A2FB6-51181610-tbtoneg#/>

THANK YOU to the Shadians and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation for honoring loved ones by sponsoring an Oneg in January

Torah Portions for January 2025

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

January 3-4, 2025, Va-Yigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

After a stolen goblet is found in Benjamin's bag, Judah asks that he be held prisoner in his brother's place. Joseph cannot hide his identity anymore, and has a tearful reunion with his brothers. He invites the whole family to move to Egypt, where he has achieved power. On the journey to Egypt, God speaks to Jacob in a vision. He solidifies that Jacob will now be known as "Israel," and promises to be with his people in Egypt and to eventually bring them home. The entire tribe migrates to Egypt, where they are permitted to live peacefully.

January 10-11, 2025 Va-Y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26

Jacob, at 147 years old, blesses his grandchildren, Ephraim and Menasseh, blessing the younger before the elder. He makes Joseph promise to have him buried with his forefathers in Canaan. Jacob calls all his sons to him, and tells each what he thinks of them. After his death, Jacob's sons take him to Canaan for burial and then returned to Egypt. Joseph dies at 110 years old, after reconciling with his brothers again. The Biblical family is at home in Egypt as Genesis ends.

January 17, 18, 2025 Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

We begin the Book of Exodus with the sons of Israel (Jacob) and their families settled in Egypt. But a new king arises who does not honor the relationship Joseph had established. Because of Pharaoh's fear of a revolt, male Hebrew babies are ordered to be killed. With the help of conspiring midwives, Shifra and Puah, Moses' mother saves him by putting him in a basket where he is later found by Pharaoh's daughter and adopted. Moses kills an Egyptian taskmaster and flees to Midian. He marries, and while watching his father-in-law's sheep, G-d appears to Moses out of a burning bush that is not consumed. G-d reveals His plan to free the Israelites, and sends Moses and his brother Aaron to speak to Pharaoh about freeing the Hebrew slaves.

January 24-25, 2025 Va-eira Exodus 6:2-9:35

G-d reveals His sacred name to Moses, and tells him that he is the first one to know it. G-d assures Moses that He will be with him as he negotiates with Pharaoh. The plagues begin: blood, frogs, vermin, locusts, cattle disease, boils and hail; but each time, Pharaoh's heart is hard, and he does not free the Hebrew slaves.

January 31-February 1, 2025 Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

The plagues continue with Pharaoh's lack of response predictable, as G-d reveals to Moses, *"I am hardening Pharaoh's heart in order to increase My wonders - so you will tell your children and grandchildren how I toyed with Egypt, and the wonders I put in them. And they shall know that I am God."* (Exodus 10:1-2) For years, scholars and commentators wonder why ten plagues were necessary. The Torah suggests that the plagues had to be memorable enough for us to continue to retell the story. The Israelites receive instructions to place blood above our doorposts as a sign for the angel of death to "pass over" our homes, and the Torah reveals laws about how to remember Pesach/Passover in the future.

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.

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	Dessert size plates
Forks	Copy paper
Coffee Creamer	Bottled water
Rolls of Paper Towels	Togo Containers
Zip Lock Bags	

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

Chris and Alyce Baur

Hannah Holloway - Aucter

Alice Kaufman

Mike Weisberg – In Memory of Iris Kelley

Daniel Lioznyansky – on behalf of the Lioznyansky Family

Steve Lee – in appreciation of Rabbi Dan

Moira Sacks – in appreciation of healing blessings for the family

Herbert Sacks – In honor of wife Moira's 80th Birthday

GENERAL FUND

Briana Lorber – Porter

Jason and Rebecca Cohen – In Honor of William and Mollie

Alice Kaufman – In Honor of Cameron and Sarah Miller and family

Edith and Bernard Stolbun Foundation

Linda Silverman – In Memory of Iris Kelley

Arlene Guefen – In Memory of Ruth S. Herman

Paul Peyser – In Memory of Ruth S. Herman

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LEGACY FUND

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Grayson Family

SCOTT AND JEFF KAUFMAN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION FUND

Alice Kaufman – In memory of Jeff and Scott Kaufman

BUILDING FUND

The Acosta Family

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 admin@tbthumble.org.

DONATIONS

Making a donation to TBT is a perfect way to honor a joyous occasion like a birthday, anniversary, wedding/engagement, new home, job change, or retirement. It is also appropriate to honor someone who has passed away with a donation in his/her memory at the time of the passing or on the yahrzeit (anniversary) of the passing. All donations to Temple Beth Torah are tax deductible. You can choose where you would like your donation to be applied.

You can now make a donation online to any of our funds. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, www.tbthumble.org, 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 easy to establish, cost nothing during your lifetime, and make a difference for our community. Contact admin@tbthumble.org for more information.

SCOTT ERIC KAUFMAN AND JEFFREY KAUFMAN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION FUND

This fund helps support the technology needs of TBT including computers, screens, and cameras and will help with our virtual programming. It also supports other educational pursuits related to technology. The fund was established in memory of Dr. Scott Eric Kaufman and his father, Jeffrey Kaufman.

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 2 _____

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**



**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
- 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 _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JAN 1	2	3	4
					NO Shabbat Service	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>9:00 AM Religious School</p> <p>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual</p>					<p>7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan</p> <p>In Person and Virtual</p> <p><i>Oneg sponsored by</i></p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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