

# Temple Beth Torah

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### IT'S MEGILLAH TIME!

### PURIM AT TEMPLE BETH TORAH FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 7:00 PM FIND YOUR INNER CHILD

Come one, come all, and enjoy the frivolity of the fun holiday! Take a break from the problems of the day and sing your way to happiness and joy! On Purim, we re-live the story of freedom, how courage and bravery triumph over antisemitism, ignorance and hatred! There are four mitzvot related to Purim:

1. Give gifts of food
2. Give charitable gifts (*tzedakah*)
3. Have a festive meal
4. Hear the story of the Book of Esther

Please bring some non-perishable food gifts for Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) and consider making a *tzedakah* donation to Temple Beth Torah or another charity of choice. And be prepared to “nosh some hamantaschen!”

### Temple Beth Torah Welcomes the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston CEO, Renee Wizig-Barrios on Friday, March 28

**Service will be Led by Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs  
Shabbat dinner at 6 pm and Service at 7 pm**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston does so much for Temple Beth Torah, and we are so excited that the Federation's CEO, Renee Wizig-Barrios will be making her first visit to our synagogue to share Shabbat with us on Friday, March 28. The service will be led by Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne. Ms. Wizig-Barrios will be speaking from the pulpit.

Dinner will begin at 6 pm followed by the service at 7 pm. An Oneg reception will follow.

Please email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) if you would like to attend the dinner before services catered by Italianos – the cost for dinner is \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family.

RSVP by Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> to Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## 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.

## MARCH EVENTS

Friday, March 7	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by Debra Miller in Memory of her mother, Sylvia Brodofsky</i>
Friday, March 14	7:00 PM	Purim Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg open for sponsorship</i>
Friday, March 21	6:00 PM	Family and Youth Service (Tot Shabbat) and Potluck
	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by Shari Ellsworth</i>
Tuesday, March 25	12::00 PM	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan
Friday, March 28	6:00 PM	Congregational Dinner with Federation see RSVP on 1 <sup>st</sup> page
	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan Welcome the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg prepared by Debbie Swaim and Wes Goble</i>
Sunday, March 30	9:30 AM	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan

### Youth and Family Shabbat (Formerly Tot Shabbat) Friday, March 21, 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun, kid friendly Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dan. Bring a kid friendly food item to share for our pot luck following the service. Please RSVP to Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) if attending, and what you plan to bring. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

### Adult Learning with the Rabbi at TBT

*What do Jews think about...?*

*Tuesday, March 25, 12 noon*

*Sunday, March 30, 9:30 AM*

*Informal discussion covering a wide range of topics*

*Everything you always wanted to know about Judaism but were afraid to ask!*

# RABBI'S MESSAGE

## *Pondering Purim*

Purim is in the middle of this month. Oddly enough, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, this year, is also the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar, so the Gregorian and Hebrew calendars match up exactly, as they rarely do. I look forward to a multi-generational group celebrating at our Beth Torah Purim/Shabbat service on Friday, March 14. Though many of our children are on Spring Break, I am hoping for costumes, groggers and revelry for all.

It is a mitzvah on Purim to give gifts of food, to enjoy a festive meal and give tzedakah for the needy. It is also a mitzvah to hear the Book of Esther in its entirety. Sometimes, I wish it weren't. There are parts of the Book of Esther that are painful to remember, especially now, when there are hostages in Gaza who are being released (finally) after being traumatized for over 500 days, hostages who are still in captivity, and hostages who are being returned in coffins. And the retaliation continues as there seems to be little choice.

It's hard to read the story of hatred and ignorance. How one person with a grudge, Haman, was able influence a powerful king, Ahasuerus, to make it legal and proper to kill Jews. It's hard to read how Jewish lives were threatened so mercilessly because of Haman's whim, the king's ability to be manipulated and the public's willingness to follow along. And even how a heroine, Esther, infiltrated the palace, deceptively hiding her identity while building up the courage to oppose her husband's plan to carry out Haman's wishes.

Even our victory is hard for me to read this year. How we, the Jews, became necessarily empowered to murder tens of thousands because of the fear that they would try to murder us. If you read the book to the end, you see us celebrating our murders, just as we are horrified to see others celebrate Jewish suffering.

Oded Lifschitz, age 88, was the uncle of an Israeli man who lives in Huffman, Texas, not far from our community. Mr. Lifschitz was a journalist and a peace advocate, who drove sick Palestinians to hospitals in Israel for treatment. He and his wife of over 60 years, Yocheved, had been taken hostage by Hamas from the kibbutz they helped found. Yocheved, as an elderly woman, was separated from her husband when she was one of the first hostages released. She did not know what happened until Oded was returned to Israel in a coffin on February 19.

The word HAMAS in Hebrew, means violence and chaos. If you substitute an N for the final S, Hamas becomes Haman. Are we reliving Purim? Is Hamas the new Haman?

The Shabbat before Purim is called Shabbat Zachor, or the Sabbath of Remembrance. It includes the story of the Golden Calf in Exodus, and then we add an extra Torah reading from Deuteronomy.

*Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey after you left Egypt. Undeterred by the fear of God, he surprised you when you were famished and weary and cut down the stragglers in the rear...(and when you settle in the land)...you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. DO NOT FORGET! (Deuteronomy 25:17-19).*

Scholars have suggested that Haman was a descendant of the Amalekites, and obliterating the memory is why we make noise to drown out hearing Haman's name while reading the Megillah. It is confusing, though. The same Torah passage teaches us to both *remember* Amalek and *obliterate the memory* of Amalek. Within three verses, we are instructed to **remember, to blot out the memory**, and then **do not forget!** How can we do both? When I first studied this passage, I thought it was suggesting genocide, ridding the world of a people. I was very troubled, as this is the very fear we have endured throughout history when others want to obliterate Jews. But a friend pointed out to me that, perhaps, obliterating Amalek isn't about killing people, but killing concepts. We can put our energies into obliterating the *attitude* of Amalek; the hatred and ignorance that causes people to treat humans in inhumane ways.

While celebrating Purim, we rejoice in our survival. Personally, I don't like that it took death threats and retaliation to ensure that survival. So, we dress in costumes, make noise, laugh and sing, eat cookies and (for some) get drunk enough to remember while forgetting. Heroes and villains become blurred. Without forgetting the dangers of ignorance, we can remember our survival, our fortitude and our faith. We must continue to be careful and cautious while also opening our hearts to the possibility that people *can* learn when given the opportunity. The Book of Esther gives us permission to proactively protect ourselves. Modern sensibility can lead us to develop the kind of relationships with others that lead to obliterating ignorance. Our world will be much better when there is no need for violent reactions.

**Fighting hatred with hatred rarely works in anyone's best interests.** As Martin Luther King said, "*Love is the only thing that can turn an enemy into a friend.*" Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker added his own teaching. In January 2022, the rabbi and three congregants were held hostage by a gunman for 11 hours at Congregation Beth Israel in Conway, Texas. Adding to Dr. King's comment, Charlie said, "*If we live by that rule, we will have many more friends with whom we disagree. But we will have a lot fewer enemies!*"

We must remember – to do our part to make the world free from hatred, violence and ignorance. We CAN and we MUST!

L'shalom,

***Rabbi Dan Gordon***

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

March finds the teachers and students at TBT  
\*Busily practicing for our student led Shabbat coming up in April with Cantor Francyne.  
\*Learning about Passover traditions and Seder.  
\*Tending our plants in the garden so we can have parsley for Passover.

Also in March, the Gimmel Class taught by Mike Miller and Craig Lira-Waguespack will visit the Holocaust Museum Houston. This field trip for Jewish students across the Houston area is arranged by the museum and The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

Then later in March, our confirmation students with Rabbi Dan will participate in preparing and delivering meals to the homeless with Mr. Jay Hamburger.

Last month, we were so excited to have celebrated with Aaron Blumin and his family as he became a Bar Mitzvah. He did an amazing job and is a wonderful role model for upcoming students. Way to Go, Aaron!

The Religious School celebrated Purim in February due to Spring Break this month. Thank you, Rachel McConnell, for baking hamantaschen with all the students. We had chocolate chip, Nutella, cherry, and blueberry hamantaschen this year- yum!!

As part of our Purim celebration and Social Justice Projects the students put together 24 bags of bean soup ingredients which will be donated to HAAM. This will feed 24 families in our area. Great Job, TBT Kids! We will continue to collect *Shoes for Shushan* through the end of the school year as part of our Social Justice Purim Project. Please bring in gently worn shoes, new sneakers or gift cards for HAAM to support their Sneaker Doodle program for families in our area. Remember there are teens in need of shoes also. We will continue to also collect nonperishable food for families in need in our area.

Put April 4 on your calendars for our special student-led Shabbat service.

*Carrie Keith*  
TBT Religious School Principal

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear TBT Community,

As we step into this vibrant season, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for our upcoming Purim celebration. Purim is a time of joy, unity, and reflection — a moment to come together as a community to honor our traditions with festive spirit. Our celebration will be filled with fun, laughter, and the timeless story of Esther, reminding us of the power of courage and faith.

In addition to preparing for Purim, we are also taking important steps to maintain and improve our beloved temple. Plans are underway to begin repairs to the skirting around the roof of our building. This work is essential to preserving the structure and ensuring a safe, welcoming space for all who walk through our doors. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we move forward with these much-needed updates.

Your dedication and generosity continue to make a difference in our community. Whether through volunteering, participating in events, or contributing to our ongoing projects, each act of kindness strengthens our temple family.

Looking forward to celebrating Purim with all of you and continuing our journey together.

With gratitude and warm wishes,

*Michael Miller*  
TBT President

## 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 Mike Miller at [president@tbthumble.org](mailto:president@tbthumble.org)

## ***PASSOVER IS COMING***

First Night Community Seder – At Temple Beth Torah  
Saturday, April 12, 6:00PM  
Catered Seder in our OWN HOME at TBT

Please see the RSVP form at the end of the Newsletter and submit your payments asap.  
Space is very limited.

For more information, if you would like to donate to offset the cost to the Temple or if you would like to help plan,  
please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## **FIRST FRIDAY – SHABBAT ON THE GREEN FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 4:00 PM**

SHABBAT / PURIM STORYTELLING WITH RABBI DAN GORDON  
BEFORE TBT SERVICES AT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GARDEN AT KINGS HARBOR  
4501 MAGNOLIA COVE DRIVE, KINGWOOD 77345 (free parking in garage)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [WWW.HRA18.ORG](http://WWW.HRA18.ORG)

## **ANGELS AND MESSENGERS: A NEW PROGRAM FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE**

How much prejudice begins with misunderstanding? Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to connect a human face with those philosophies that we don't understand? How about being able to help those who are unfamiliar with the Jewish community begin to learn more about us?

Angels and Messengers is a way to informally share with each other. In addition to focusing on commonalities, we can also delve into differences and unique perspectives. By exploring these differences openly, we have the potential to break down stereotypes, challenge biases and build stronger bridges of understanding.

Beginning with dialogue and visiting each other's houses of worship, we can lead the way! The program has already begun in Houston, and is now ready to branch into the northeast suburbs. With the support of the Minaret Foundation – [www.minaretfoundation.org](http://www.minaretfoundation.org) – the plan is to have three meetings: one at a Christian church, one at an Islamic mosque and one at Temple Beth Torah. It is important for the same group to commit to three meetings, dates to be determined.

Please contact Rabbi Dan if you have any interest. We need a core of open-minded community members who will enjoy representing the Jewish community while learning about others.

## **CUP OF WISDOM A VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB AND DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING EACH SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM ON ZOOM**

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



## *Simchas in March Birthdays*

- 4 Ellen Stapleton
- 5 Samuel Shadian
- 7 Joni Levy
- 9 Lauren Herman
- 11 Michelle Dechene
- 25 Rachel McConnell
- 26 Jonathan Schwartz
- 29 Lauren Rhines

## *Anniversaries*

- 8 Stephen and Barbara Heller
- 9 Craig Lira-Waguespack and Guy Waguespack
- 16 Aaron and Donna Karash
- 19 Mark Boyll and Ann Dominick
- 25 Barry and Tina Sachs
- 27 Lenny and Karen Simmons

## **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](mailto: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!

## **MARCH Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during March to acknowledge those who have passed away who were connected with our community. If there are mistakes or omissions, please e-mail the temple at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

*Dell Amos, Elinor Arner, Christian "Micky" Baur, Alfred Bieler, J.Q. DeLap Sr., Naomi Joy Sorkin, Lorraine Gotfried, Steve Grayson, Walter Heller, Florence Herman, Mary Kharasch, Julius Kharasch, Elsie Keith Jarrell, Marion Spencer, William Klemz, Wilfred Kullman, Donald Plumb, Sadie Miller, Barbara Bernstein, Joseph Bernstein, Paul LaCour, Emily Anne Mandell, Emmanuel Storey, Leo Auerbach, John Greenbaum, John Levy, Raymond Poser, Sylvia Brodofsky, Rildah Benham, Thelma Gordon, Belle Weiss, Mazie Crosney, Jessie Gordon, Arline Rambo, Jules Troxclair, Rose Weintraub, Marisa Weirnick, Julius Weiss, Rebecca Winter, Charlie Litt, Legui Simcha Cohen de Pilman, Elaine Rose*

## **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 Stacey Blumin at 281-446-5611, or email [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

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

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

## Torah Portions for March 2025

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

### February 28-March 1, Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

We receive an elaborate description of how the Tabernacle is to be constructed, from the kind of wood used to the fabric for the drapes. Even though the construction is described in very elegant terms, we are encouraged only to make offerings from our hearts. *“Every person whose heart is willing shall make an offering to Me.”* (Ex. 25:2) The Tabernacle is to be built with a blend of obligation and voluntary giving. A center piece in the Tabernacle will be the seven-branched menorah, which will be kept lit in an eternal light, signifying God’s constant presence.

### March 7-8, 2025 Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20-30:10

This Torah portion describes the elaborate procedure involved in ordaining the priestly family, Aaron’s descendants, who will be known as *“Kohanim.”* Their clothes and their lives distinguish them as servants of both God and the people. They must take their roles extremely seriously, as they represent their sacred rituals will represent the Israelites to God. The portion begins with instructions for the *“ner tamid”* or Eternal Light, that reminds both of God’s everlasting presence and our eternal relationship and devotion.

### March 14-15, 2025 Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11-34:35

This is one of the most dramatic Torah portions, which includes the Israelites losing faith and building a Golden Calf to worship. Moses pleads with G-d to show mercy, and then his own anger causes him to break the tablets. Those who are not willing to come back to the LORD are killed. But the Torah portion includes reconciliation, as G-d instructs Moses to construct a new set of tablets *“like the first.”* The first set were written by G-d; the second by Moses, empowering a human, and in turn, humanity, to maintain the commitment and the covenant.

### March 21-22, 2025 Vayakhel Exodus 35:1-38:20

Vayakhel describes the specifics of the wood and other items required in building the tabernacle. But it begins with a reprise of the commandment to rest on Shabbat. This teaches us that, even a highly important task like the tabernacle is not more important than our than to spend one day each week devoted to rest and rejuvenation. From this portion, the Talmud derives the 39 prohibited acts on Shabbat; because the work of the Tabernacle was paused for Shabbat, all actions related to its building are also prohibited.

### March 28-29, 2025 Pekude Exodus 38:21-40:38

"Pekude" means "records" and refers to the accounting of the gold, silver, copper and yarn that were used to make the Tabernacle. In this last portion of Exodus, the presence of the LORD fills the Tabernacle. Traditional rabbinic commentators have compared the building of the Tabernacle to the creation of the world itself. The Book of Exodus concludes with God’s continuous presence, night and day, comforting us and helping us determine the next stage of our journey. When the cloud was present, we knew to stay put and prepare ourselves for the next stage of our journey. This is a lovely segue to the Book of Leviticus, where we will learn in more detail how to honor the LORD through our actions.

*As each book of the Torah concludes, we announce  
“HAZAK, HAZAK, V’NIT-HAZAYK –  
or “Be strong and we will be strengthened!” This  
reminds us that we can be strengthened by the  
teachings of Torah, with each new reading giving us  
more strength.*

## **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.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Mike Weisberg – in Memory of Iris Kelley*

### GENERAL FUND

*Clint and Patricia Perez*

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*Briana Lorber-Porter*

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*Anonymous*

*Michael and Annette Hluza*

*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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).*

## 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](mailto: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	

## 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](http://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 easily to establish, cost nothing during your lifetime, and make a difference for our community. Contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto: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 2025 Passover Seder

## First Night of Passover Saturday, April 12, 2025

Temple Beth Torah  
320 Shallow Dr.  
Humble, TX 77338

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**  
(Please check in by 6:00 pm)

The menu will include:

**A traditional Jewish seder with all the fixings, catered by New York Deli**  
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 12th for a most memorable Seder.

So, mark your calendar and please **R.S.V.P. with payment by April 4th.**

**It will be first come first served, as space at the Temple is limited.**

If you need further information or have a special meal request, please contact:

Stacey Blumin 281-446-5611 [sblumin@tbthumble.org](mailto:sblumin@tbthumble.org)

*Passover is one of our most important community holidays, and we want to make it affordable for everyone. We are attempting to keep costs down for our membership. Private donations are needed to keep the cost down. If you are able to sponsor one or more participants, please contact [rabbi@tbthumble.org](mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org) or [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).*

*Also, if you would like to attend the seder, but the published cost is beyond what you can pay, contact the rabbi confidentially to request a discount. This will be a very special seder, and lack of funds should not prevent anyone from participating.*

-----Reservation Form-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1 – (NO FOOLING!)**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 Each (Adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 for the First Child  
(Children under 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 for each additional Child  
(Children under 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ Complimentary (Children under 3  
with no meal)

### **GUESTS (MEMBERS PAY GUEST PRICE AFTER APRIL 1)**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ 60.00 Each (Adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ 30.00 for the First Child  
(Children under 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ 25.00 for each additional Child  
(Children under 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ Complimentary (children under 3 with no meal)

We would like to help sponsor those who cannot afford the Seder with a Passover Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

# 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).

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## Brick donations are:

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| <b>1 Brick= \$100</b>              | <b>4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each</b>    |
| <b>2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each</b> | <b>5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each</b>    |
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Please send your check with the engraving information to TBT:  
320 Shallow Drive, Humble, Texas 77338.

Questions? Please contact project coordinator Jeremy Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Brick 2:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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*THANK YOU*

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of       In memory of

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*Please apply donation to (check one):*

- General Fund
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*Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:*

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# MARCH 2025 ADAR - NISSAN 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>MARCH 1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<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 Debra Miller in Memory of her mother, Sylvia Brodofsky</i></p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p>NO 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 open for sponsorship</i></p>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p>NO Religious School</p> <p>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual</p>					<p>6:00 PM Family Shabbat and Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan</p> <p>In Person and VIRTUAL</p> <p><i>Oneg sponsored by Shari Ellsworth</i></p>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<p>9:00 AM Religious School</p> <p>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual</p> <p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Religious School</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Education with Rabbi Dan</p> <p>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual</p>	<p>.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>	<p>12 noon Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan</p>			<p>6:00 PM Dinner before service – see article</p> <p>7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan</p> <p>In Person and VIRTUAL</p> <p><i>Oneg sponsored by Debbie Swaim and Wes Goble</i></p>	