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AUGUST 2025 AV - ELUL 5785



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CAMP RUACH at Temple Beth Torah

AUGUST 4TH- 6TH 9:00 AM - 12 PM

for Students going into pre-K through 5th grade (4 – 11 years old)

A Fun time of learning through games, crafts and lessons

Planned by Rachael Blumin earning her Girl Scout Gold Award

Please email her at Rblumin@tbthumble.org

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

August 22, 23 and 24

Featuring guest musicians:

The Ba'al Shem Tones, Hazzan Helene and Michael Kates

will be with us on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday

Friday, August 22: 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Services

Saturday August 23: 4:00 PM Multigenerational Interactive Shabbat
learning – followed by Havdalah and Dinner

Sunday, August 24: 10:00 AM Open House, dedication of playground and
Gaga court, - musical concert, Sunday School registration and lunch!

Pre-Registration Required for Meals

RSVP to admin@tbthumble.org for each event

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Special Free Concert with Joe Buchanan

Creator of Americana with a Jewish Soul

Saturday, August 16, 7:00 PM

Gifted by Donna Sallee – see page 7 for more information.

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.

AUGUST EVENTS

Friday, August 1,	7:00PM	Shabbat Service lay led by Rachael and Aaron Blumin In Person and Virtual
Monday, August 4 – Wednesday August 6	9AM – 12PM	Camp Ruach for students 4 – 11 years old See article on page 1
Friday, August 8	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Persona and Virtual
Tuesday, August 12	7:00PM	Newish to Jewish Class with Rabbi Dan via ZOOM
Friday, August 15	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In person and Virtual
Saturday, August 16	7:00PM	Concert with Joe Buchanan In Person ONLY
Sunday, August 17	1:00PM	Sisterhood Luncheon at Kenny and Ziggy's – RSVP to Susan M
Wednes, August 20	12:00PM	Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan at TBT – In Person ONLY
Friday, August 22	6:00PM 7:00PM	Dinner Shabbat Service with rabbi Dan and The Ba'al Shem Tones In Person and Virtual
Saturday, Aug 23	4:00PM	Multigenerational Interactive Shabbat Learning followed by Havdalah and Dinner – In Person ONLY
Sunday, August 24	10:00AM	TBT Open House – see page 1 for details.
Tuesday, August 26	7:00PM	Newish to Jewish Class with Rabbi Dan via ZOOM
Friday, August 29	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In person and Virtual

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Listening for Truth

A Talmudic midrash teaches that when G-d was creating the world and announced to the angels plans to “create humans in our image,” angels took up sides. Some angels were in favor of the creation and others were not. It is written, “Love and Truth fought together; righteousness and peace combatted each other” (Psalms 85:11).

Love said, “Let him be created, as he will perform acts of love.” Truth said, “No, he will be filled with falsehood.” Righteousness said, “Yes, he will do righteous deeds,” but Peace said, “No, he will perform acts of war.”

The angels fought with each other and “Truth was thrust to the ground” (Daniel 8:11). The Holy One said, “Let Truth spring up from the earth” (Psalms 85:12) and, as the angels were distracted by their own arguments, G-d created Adam.

It's interesting to note why the individual angels opposed each other. Their differences have to do with whether or not they can be corrected once disturbed. Righteousness and peace were adversaries, because acts of justice can correct wrongs, but when peace exists, a single act of war can completely ruin it.

If a truthful person tells a lie, it makes everything they've said before suspicious. But acts of love can make difference. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Love is the one thing that can turn an enemy into a friend.”

Arguments are not surprising. The midrash suggests that even before the beginning of time, before humans entered the world, conflict already existed. The Talmud is full of disagreements and, G-d knows, human beings are bound to have different opinions.

The angels in this story demonstrate a horrible example. When the disagreements became passionate, they also became violent. Passionate disagreements can turn dangerous when there is a lack of respect for opposing viewpoints.

Today, opposing viewpoints are magnified by misinformation, partial information, exaggerations and misunderstandings. Some become willing to accept that one view is 100% right and another is 100% wrong, based on sources they trust and sources they mistrust.

The nuances of complicated issues get lost in the overwhelming onslaught of attacks. Just as bad, friendships and other relationships are jeopardized by a zeal that assumes a totalitarian opinion and an unwillingness to consider alternative ideas.

Torah's most sacred statement – Shema Yisrael – begins with the word for “listen” and ends with the word “ONE” (Echad). The word Shema, itself, starts with the letter shin, the “shhhh” of sheket (quiet) and shalom (peace). We must find the peaceful quiet so we can hear our neighbor.

As Jews, we are bound to disagree about important issues. Yet we remain ONE people. We may disagree, we may argue, and we may feel very strongly about our own views. But it is important to listen closely with open hearts, so we can remain unified in our efforts to uphold our most important values, like “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). When we respect ourselves, we can extend that to respecting others, and we truly be, as Isaiah prophesized, “A Light unto the Nations.”

It begins with listening.

Shana Tova.

Rabbi Dan Gordon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Shalom Temple Beth Torah Family,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer! As we move into August, I'm excited to share some fantastic news with you. This month, we will be holding our Temple Open House on August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th and it's going to be a great opportunity to come together, reconnect, and see some exciting new additions to our community.

Over the summer, we have been working hard to make our Temple an even more welcoming and fun place for our families. We are thrilled to announce that we've added a brand-new playground and a gaga ball pit for our kids to enjoy! These additions are more than just play spaces—they are places for our children to laugh, make friends, and build lifelong memories within our Jewish community.

The Open House will be a chance for everyone to see these improvements, meet with teachers, and learn more about the upcoming programs for the new year. It's also the perfect time to invite friends or neighbors who may be looking for a spiritual home—so please help us spread the word!

As we look ahead, we are always in need of volunteers to help keep Temple Beth Torah strong and vibrant. Whether it's lending a hand with administrative tasks, assisting during events, or helping around the building, your time and talents make a big difference. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the office—we'd love to have your support!

A friendly reminder: Membership forms for the upcoming year are now due. If you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you receive all important updates and High Holiday information.

Speaking of High Holidays—Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be here before we know it! We'll be sharing details about services and celebrations soon, so keep an eye out for announcements. These are special moments for our community, and we look forward to observing them together in meaning and joy.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, resources, and energy to make these projects possible. Your generosity and dedication continue to make Temple Beth Torah a warm and welcoming home for all generations.

I can't wait to see you on August 22nd or 23rd and share in the excitement together!

L'shalom,

Michael Miller

President, Temple Beth Torah

TBT SISTERHOOD

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

Join Sisterhood at Kenny & Ziggy's **Sunday, August 17th 1pm**

Let's catch up and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Please **RSVP by August 12th** smeinholz@tbthumble.org

SAVE THE Date for Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Sept. 22nd-Sisterhood Applicious Oneg for Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept.22nd-Oct.2nd Sisterhood High Holiday Food Drive for HAAM in partnership with Competing in Goodness community project.

Why be a part of TBT Sisterhood?

Sisterhood provides a space for the women of TBT to connect, lead, and contribute to our congregation through friendship, service and spiritual growth.

Contact Susan Meinholz at sisterhood@tbthumble.org

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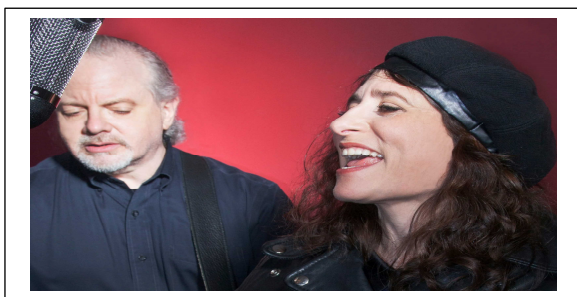
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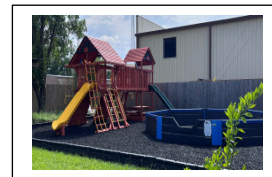


Kick off the year with an exciting Open House Weekend, featuring music, stories, learning, fun and appreciation. Helene and Michael Kates are the “Ba’al Shem Tones,” a musical group that has been performing together for 25 years. Their name is a play on words for “Ba’al Shem Tov,” also known as Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer, a Jewish mystic and healer who is regarded as the founder of Hasidic Judaism. Helene and Michael, from Atlanta, are an observant Jewish couple who bring a unique level of soul to their performances, songwriting and service leadership. Helene recently became ordained as a Hazzan (Cantor) by the Cantor’s Assembly of Conservative Judaism.

Friday night, August 22, will begin with Shabbat dinner 6 PM followed by an enriching Shabbat service with the Hazzan and her husband collaborating with our own Rabbi Dan Gordon.

Saturday afternoon, August 23, will feature a fun, interactive learning event for all ages, followed by a dinner.

Sunday is our big Open House! It will begin with a dedication of our brand-new playground and Gaga court. The Gaga court was constructed as an Eagle Scout project by Owen Brawn and his Scout troop. Gaga is an Israeli game that has become very popular in the U.S. The NEW Playground will be dedicated in memory of Albert Jules Prevot, thanks to a generous gift by his family.



The entire weekend, including meals, 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. Their three children 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. This Open House Weekend, filled with music and fun, is the perfect way to honor his memory.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENNINGS

We have an exciting Open House Weekend August 22-24 with the Ba'al Shem Tones. Join Rabbi Dan and the Ba'al Shem Tones for Shabbat, a fun-filled Saturday get together, and Open House on Sunday. On Sunday there will be time to meet the teachers, registration forms to fill out, information about temple activities, and upcoming High Holidays.

Camp Ruach for students in grades PreK-5th will be held August 4-6 from 9 am-12 pm at TBT. Rachael Blumin has planned three fun-filled days of Jewish activities for students to enjoy. Bring your 4 to 11-year-olds for FUN- FUN-FUN! Plus, camp kids get to try out our new playground!

Contact Rachael at rblumin@tbthumble.org for more information.

The first day of Religious School will be Sunday, September 7, 2025. 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:

Rachael Blumin and Dodi Velasquez teaching PreK through 1st grade

Linda Stewart teaching 2nd - 3rd grades

Andrea Miller and Aaron Blumin teaching 4th – 5th grades

Michael Miller and Craig Lira-Waguespack teaching 6th – 7th grades

Andrea Miller is Temple Beth Torah's Hebrew Coordinator.

Andrea Miller, Rachael Blumin, Aaron Blumin, Manny Miller, Linda Stewart, Dodi Velasquez, Craig Lira-Waguespack, and Rabbi Dan will provide excellent Hebrew instruction for all of our students. We begin with our youngest students learning the alef bet through songs and movement. The older students work on prayers and bar/bat mitzvah preparations.

Religious School hours are 9-11:15 followed by Hebrew 11:30 – 12:15. Students need to bring a supply box for school supplies. TBT will supply classroom supplies needed for each child to put in his/her supply box. Each child should bring a healthy snack and a labeled water bottle with a pull up top (no open water bottles, please. They spill!!)

We are excited about our new playground which includes a new climbing structure donated by our generous members and an anonymous donation. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for all of our children. And TBT also has a new gaga pit built by Owen Brawn and his Scout friends for his Eagle Scout Project. Way to go, Owen!!

We are all very busy planning fun and meaningful instruction for all of the students. This year, we will have several Sundays during the school year with Cantor Francyne who will work with each class on fun Jewish songs for holidays, working on Shabbat songs, and practicing prayers. This is an exciting addition to our curriculum. We are already looking at dates for students to lead Shabbat services for the congregation for this school year. Thank you for the generous anonymous donation to cover this wonderful addition to our school.

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 11:00 for sanctuary time.

It is going to be a great year!

See you all at Open House on Sunday, August 24 and the first day of Religious School on Sunday, September 7.

Carrie Keith

TBT Religious School Principal

Special Free Concert with Joe Buchanan
Creator of Americana with a Jewish Soul
Saturday, August 16, 7:00 PM



No stranger to Temple Beth Torah, Joe Buchanan, is quickly becoming one of the most popular Jewish musicians in the country. It is no surprise when listeners hear his personal story about his journey to finding Judaism and his soulful way of blending folk, country and Jewish music. Joe has joined with Rabbi Dan Gordon to lead several Shabbat services – but this evening is just a concert! After some refreshments and a brief Havdalah service, all are invited to sit back and enjoy!

This special bonus concert is a gift from TBT member, Donna Sallee, who won a raffle at a CD launch party in Clear Lake. The prize was a private concert, but Donna wanted to share it with the temple. “Everyone at TBT has been so nice and helpful to me, especially when I was going through hard times,” Donna said. “When my husband, Jeff Sallee, passed away almost 11 years ago, it was a real comfort to be with my TBT family. I wanted to give something back.” Donna will also be celebrating her birthday that week, so it will be a grand celebration to help end the summer.

Buchanan’s experiences at TBT make him eager to return. “I’ve had the honor of praying with Beth Torah and Rabbi Gordon in the past, and it’s such a joyful, big hearted, and open-door community! I’ve got lots of new material I can’t wait to share!”

There is no charge for the concert. Optional donations will be accepted to help pay for security and refreshments.

Adult Learning with the Rabbi at TBT

LUNCHTIME LEARNING

Wednesday, August 20, 12 noon at TBT

Informal discussion covering a wide range of topics.

NEWISH to JEWISH

Tuesdays, August 12 and 26th, 7:00 PM on Zoom

For those interested in converting to Judaism and/or to just get a refresher of some basics.

Request Zoom link or watch weekly emails.

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

Simchas in August Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

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!

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, Michael Lubel

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

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

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 August 2025

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

August 1-2, 2025 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 8-9, 2025 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 15-16, 2025 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 them 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 22-23, 2025 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.

Torah Portions Continued.....

August 30-31, 2025 Shoftim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Bribery is forbidden and honesty is valued overall. Other governmental layers are described, including priests and even, eventually, kings. Kings must not be tempted by too much money or too many wives. The king must always keep a Torah with him, reminding him that God is the ultimate authority. Refuge cities are set up for those who kill accidentally. The death penalty is for malicious murder, but only with the collaboration of two or three eye witnesses; one witness is not sufficient. In the case of an unsolved murder, the priests are to pray for atonement for the whole city. We are instructed to appoint judges, and to make sure the judges are fair with all their decisions.

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

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

Brian Eoff

Jeff Richkler

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GENERAL FUND

Howard and Ruth Tobin

Wayne Lazarus, Esq

Adalberto Velasquez

BUILDING FUND

Suzanne Prevot-Scheuner – in memory of Albert Jules Prevot

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.

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 Creamer	Dessert size plates
Forks	Copy paper
Bottled water	Decaf Coffee
To go 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, to make a donation or see the donations form in this newsletter.

DONATIONS Cont.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC EDUCATION FUND

Enables TBT's students to enrich their learning of prayer and Jewish music by having a cantor or music educator come multiple times to Sunday School and lead services with the students.

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 _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rachael and Aaron Blumin Leading In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg provided by The</i> <i>Blumin Family – In</i> <i>Memory of Joan Zinda</i>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Camp Ruach	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Camp Ruach	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Camp Ruach		7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg open for</i> <i>sponsorship</i>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual		7:00 PM Newish to Jewish Class - ZOOM			7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg open for</i> <i>sponsorship</i>	7:00 PM Concert with Joe Buchanan In Person ONLY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual 1:00 PM Sisterhood Luncheon at Kenny and Ziggy's			12 noon Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan		6:00 PM Dinner at TBT 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and The Ba'al Shem Tones In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by the</i> <i>TBT Board of Directors</i>	4:00 PM Multigenerational Interactive Shabbat Learning followed by Havdalah and Dinner In Person ONLY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00AM – OPEN HOUSE – Program and Luncheon – In Person ONLY 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual 31 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual		7:00 PM Newish to Jewish Class - ZOOM			7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg open for</i> <i>sponsorship</i>	