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### Friday, November 7 – Legacy Shabbat

6:00 PM Dinner – Free catered Shabbat dinner

7:00 PM Shabbat Services with

Rabbi Dan, Cantor Francyne and special guest speakers

Sponsored by Houston Jewish Community Foundation

*Reservations Required*

Please join us for a very special evening, Friday, November 7, when we will be honoring the past and the future of Temple Beth Torah. Rabbi Dan Gordon, Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs will lead a spirited service, and members will share memories and aspirations about personal experiences about the importance of Temple Beth Torah in their lives. The Houston Jewish Community Foundation has been instrumental in helping Temple Beth Torah with investment funds and also provided the temple with various program grants over the years to enhance our educational, entertainment and spiritual pursuits. Senior staff members of HJCF will be present to share Shabbat dinner and learn more about our community.

Please RSVP to [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) by November 4, so we can plan for the right amount

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

|                     |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Friday, November 7  | 6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM | Dinner – RSVP Required<br>Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan<br>Legacy Shabbat – with the Houston Jewish<br>Community Foundation -<br>In Person and Virtual<br><i>Oneg sponsored by Houston Community<br/>Jewish Foundation</i> |
| Sunday, November 9  | 9:30 AM            | Adult Discussion with special guest                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Friday, November 14 | 7:00PM             | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan, Cantor<br>Francyne and the Religious school students<br>In Person and Virtual                                                                                                               |
| Friday, November 21 | 7:00PM             | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and<br>Bar Mitzvah of Omri Quick<br>In Person and Virtual                                                                                                                                    |
| Friday, November 28 | Tentative          | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan<br>Check back in the weekly emails for updates                                                                                                                                               |

# RABBI'S MESSAGE

*Better Already*

**Adonai natan, Adonai lakach, y'he shem Adonai m'varach  
The Holy One give, the Holy One takes away, blessed be the Holy Name.**

The Book of Job teaches us to embrace happy times and difficult times as all part of God's world. What a diversity of emotions have been flowing through our people since it appears an end is in sight to the war in Gaza!

Wonderful joy when 20 living Israeli hostages were released. Mixed with the concern of how much physical and emotional damage occurred from more than two years in captivity. And with that joy, also comes the mourning for those who were kidnapped, tortured and murdered, who did not survive. And those whose lives were forever affected by having their loved ones taken away from them. And also, all those human lives that were lost and damaged with the war that came in the aftermath, both Israelis and Palestinians; and all the human beings who left their homes and now have no home to return to. It's hard to rejoice in the midst of such tragedy and such uncertainty about the future – and yet, those living humans who returned from captivity need and deserve all the care in the world.

And to punctuate these mixed emotions, we just celebrated Simchat Torah, reciting and remembering Moses' last days and then immediately beginning again with remembering the beginning. Because the initial October 7 attack was on Simchat Torah, 2023, the day we celebrate the joy of learning will now forever be associated with the most brutal of attacks. Our Simchat Torah this year was all joy, with a record crowd of children and adults dancing around and learning from a Torah scroll that encircled the sanctuary.

And so, we begin again. Begin to heal, and begin a new year of learning from Torah.

Rabbi Daniel Gordis (his name sounds a lot like mine, but he is much more learned) writes a blog called *Israel from the Inside*. Born and educated in the U.S., Rabbi Gordis long ago made Israel his home and raised his family there. I had an opportunity to learn from Rabbi Gordis, once in Israel and once when he was a guest scholar in Houston. In his recent blog, he said that, for the last two years, if you asked someone "how are you?" the response was often a shrug of the shoulders. "How should it be?" or "For us, it's fine" (if it was). Now, the response is often "Better."

Because things *do* get better. Our people have suffered countless tragedies over the centuries, from the destruction of the Holy Temple to the Crusades to the Holocaust to the wars in Israel. Every time, we bounce back. Every time, we learn from the exercise of rebuilding, both our communities and our confidence. Hopefully, we are now at a lull in our worry. As Tevya said in Fiddler on the Roof, "I know it is quite an honor to be the 'Chosen People.' But once in a while, maybe You could choose someone else?"

Despite the uncertainty of the future, I am filled with optimism. Every Sunday, I see children eager to learn, and (again in Tevya's words) "asking questions that could cross a rabbi's eyes!" Friday nights, the children are coming more often than ever before, parading with their new mini-Torahs and demonstrating that Shabbat is real family time. And when the young people are excited about being Jewish, it's truly contagious!

Two upcoming Shabbat services put an exclamation point on the spirit of TBT. **Friday, November 7** will be "Legacy Shabbat." The Houston Jewish Community Foundation will be sponsoring a Shabbat dinner for us, as we will look toward the future and honor our members who have committed themselves to a strong community. The next week, **November 14**, our students will lead services, guided by myself and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs, who has enhanced our children's music education program immeasurably. Cantor Francyne will also be providing the music for Legacy Shabbat.

In the first chapter of Genesis, God looks at the world every day and proclaims it "good." At the end of six days, God looks at the whole world and says, "very good."

As people, it's our job to make it better. And we will!

B'shalom,

***Rabbi Dan Gordon***

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

## A Season of Gratitude

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well as we enter November. It's hard to believe the High Holidays were just a few weeks ago. The energy in our sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur was truly palpable, and it was a joy to see so many of us come together to reflect, pray, and reconnect.

That wonderful spirit continued right into our celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Seeing our community build the sukkah, share meals, and dance with the Torahs was a beautiful reminder of the joy and strength we find in our traditions and in each other.

🍂 A Heart full of Gratitude

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am filled with immense gratitude for our incredible community. A temple is not just a building; it is its people.

I want to extend a heartfelt Yasher Koach to everyone who made our holiday season so meaningful. Our spiritual leaders, Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs, were a true inspiration. They were supported by our dedicated Admin, Stacey Blumin, our Ritual Committee, led by Andrea Miller, Debbie Swaim who was a jack of all trades and coordinated our Rosh Hashanah luncheon and our Break the fast potluck for Yom Kippur, also all the volunteers, ushers, and greeters whose welcoming faces made everyone feel at home.

On that note of community, I want to remind everyone that our Caring Committee is active and available to support congregants in times of need. If you need support or wish to help, please contact [Admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:Admin@tbthumble.org)

As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the Jewish value of *Hakarat HaTov*—recognizing the good. Thank you for being a part of this special *kehillah*.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

L'Shalom,

*Michael Miller*

## TBT SISTERHOOD NEWS

Thank you to all who contributed to our Competing For Goodness Food Dive in partnership with the Minaret Foundation and other faith-based organizations.

We had an awesome response, collecting 751 items for the Humble Area Assisted Ministries (HAAM) food pantry! Taylor Guerva, HAAM's volunteer coordinator was thrilled to receive the three wagons full of food, noting that their pantry was desperately in need. Executive Director Millie Garrison was also thrilled to see all the food that was donated. Special thanks to the Sunday School for counting the items! Lisa Cashion from the Minaret Foundation expressed her appreciation and said our collection was "an incredible effort... and an impressive show of generosity and community spirit." Great job TBT!



There will be an **Interfaith Potluck** on **Sunday, November 16th, from 1:30-4:00 PM** at **Chapelwood UMC in Piney Point Village**. This special gathering celebrates the conclusion of Competing in Goodness. Focused on the real impact we've made together and continuing the conversation and collaboration long after the event ends. Contact Susan Meinholz if you would like to attend. [sisterhood@tbthumble.org](mailto:sisterhood@tbthumble.org)

By popular request, we will have another delicious lunch at Kenny & Ziggy's on Sunday, January 25th...Save the Date!  
And a special project in April for Yom HaShoah

If you are not receiving TBT Sisterhood emails, send an email to [sisterhood@tbthumble.org](mailto:sisterhood@tbthumble.org)

**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.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENNINGS

The Temple Beth Torah Religious School students enjoyed celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah in October. They made beautiful decorations and marched around the synagogue with the small torahs that have been recently donated to the temple. Thank you to Emma Brawn for printing up the names for each torah donation.

Our PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a fun-filled field trip to Old McDonald's Farm in Humble on October 26 to celebrate the story of Noah and the Ark. Thank you to Rebecca Lindenbaum, PJ Library and Community Engagement Manager with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, for organizing this event and inviting TBT Religious School to participate. Thank you also to Monica Ely for leading songs and stories with the children. All the families had a wonderful time.

On Sunday, November 2, our students will be learning about Shabbat and Havdalah. The students, with the help of Dr. Rachel McConnell will be baking challah bread. The students will also make spice bags for Havdalah.

TBT will be supplying corn bread mix to HAAM again this year for Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need in the Humble, Kingwood, Atascocita area. We will have class on November 2, 9, and 16 to collect corn bread. It will be delivered to HAAM after November 16.

## **Please send in lots of boxes of corn bread mix!!**

The students will lead Shabbat services on Friday, November 14 at 7pm. They are working on prayers, songs, and the Torah portion for that evening's service. Please mark your calendars to attend this special Shabbat service.

Then we will celebrate with Omri Quick and his family as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah on November 21.

It's an exciting November!!

Happy Thanksgiving,

*Carrie Keith*

*TBT Religious School Principal*

## **Sunday Adult Learning**

**Sunday, November 9, 9:30 – 11:00 AM**  
**Awareness and Sensitivity – LGBTQ and the Jewish Community**  
**Facilitated by Joy Villareal-Belford**

The Jewish community is blessed with a wide variety of family structures and personal identity compositions. Temple Beth Torah is committed to the spirit of inclusion, and many have commented on the warm, welcoming atmosphere of our community. We strive to make everyone feel comfortable, regardless of their religious background, economic status, education, Jewish knowledge or experience with Judaism. Learning about the entirety of our community helps us feel comfortable making others feel at home at the temple. Keshet is an international program that helps Jewish people understand the LGBTQ+ community.

Joy Villareal Belford, the southwest education manager for Keshet will be coming to TBT for a unique purpose: to help us learn how friends, family members and allies can be supportive. This Sunday morning program is free to "drop in," but we'd like to know if you are coming so the facilitator can prepare the proper materials. Please contact [rabbi@tbthumble.org](mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org) with RSVP and any questions.

## 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)

## HOUSTON'S AWARD-WINNING JEWISH BOOK & ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE JCC IN HOUSTON NOVEMBER 2-15, 2025

Inspiring and entertaining, the Ann and Stephen Kaufman Jewish Book & Arts Festival at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center annually delivers a variety of opportunities for the community to learn and experience Jewish literary, culture and the arts. The Book Festival is one of the largest events of its kind in the U.S., attracting established and emerging writers from around the world, representing a myriad of themes and drawing a large and varied audience. Bestselling authors highlight over 20 events during this two-week period, and the finest Jewish literature is available for purchase. The authors will be speaking about their recent books. Among the highlights: *Heart of a Stranger: an unlikely rabbi's story of faith, identity and belonging*, by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl. Rabbi Buchdahl is a Korean-American woman who has become one of the most respected rabbis in America.

*As a Jew: Reclaiming our story from those who blame, shame and try to erase us*, by Sarah Hurwitz. Ms. Hurwitz, a former presidential speechwriter, grew up in a very "ordinary" suburban Jewish household. Distanced from Judaism much of her adult life, she rediscovered her Jewish soul and has written extensively, including her first book, *Here All Along*.

*Raising Resilience: How to help our children THRIVE in Times of Uncertainty*, by Tovah P. Klein  
*Becoming Caitlin Clark*, by Howard Megdal

*The Prosecutor: One Man's Battle to bring Nazis to Justice*, by Jack Fairweather

*Let's Call her Barbie*, by Renee Rosen

*Two*, by Mitch Albom, best-selling offer of several novels including *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

There are books and programs for all ages. Visit [erjchouston.org/Jewish-book-arts-festival](http://erjchouston.org/Jewish-book-arts-festival) for dates, times and to purchase tickets.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ASSOCIATION AND GARDEN OF HOPE IN KINGWOOD ONGOING TOURS AVAILABLE AND NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Are you aware that there is a Holocaust Garden of Hope at King's Harbor in Kingwood? The Garden offers ongoing tours and educational programs, honoring victims, survivors and rescuers. Its vision is "to see the world inspired to stand in solidarity against persecution, prejudice, and indifference." For 15 years, the Holocaust Remembrance Association (HRA) has sponsored a "March of Remembrance," that includes speakers and awareness, and regular involvement of Holocaust survivors and rescuers. In addition, German nationals who are descendants of Nazi perpetrators participate in efforts to reconcile what their relatives had done in the past with the pledge of "Never Again."

On Friday, November 14, at 11 AM, the HRA is hosting a luncheon called "Beauty for Ashes" at the Walden on Lake Houston Golf and Country Club. Keynote speaker is author Dr. Susanna Kokkonen, former Director of Christian Friends of Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Israel) and will honor Jose Castellanos, a descendant of a Righteous Among the Nations hero responsible for rescuing over 40,000 Hungarian Jews. The luncheon is part of a full weekend conference called "Restoring Hope: Insights from the Holocaust at this critical hour."

All information about these events and others are found on the organization's website [www.hra18.org](http://www.hra18.org)

## *Simchas in November Birthdays*

|    |                  |
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| 1  | Arya Miller      |
| 2  | Vitaly Aizenberg |
| 2  | Luke Brawn       |
| 7  | Mike Stark       |
| 9  | Brian Eoff       |
| 9  | Donna Glaser     |
| 10 | Larry Rhines     |
| 10 | Mike Weisberg    |
| 17 | Bradley Heller   |
| 19 | Guy Waguespack   |
| 21 | Arthur Aizenberg |
| 21 | James Eoff       |
| 23 | Chris Baur       |
| 23 | Alice Kaufman    |
| 23 | Emily Levy       |
| 27 | Isaac Couch      |
| 27 | Mindy LaCour     |
| 27 | Daniel Schwartz  |

### *Anniversaries*

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 2  | Joel and Karen Heller     |
| 8  | Marvin and Maxine Sussman |
| 28 | Bob and Debbie Swaim      |

## **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!

## **November Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during November 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.

*Anna PAbbrasley, Freda Rae Cahn, Marie Rackmil,  
Joseph Schwartzberg, Lena Wallach, Richard Perwien,  
Nathan Lee Rubin, Myron Gross, Jerry Wolf,  
Gene Sachs, Morris Penn, Tony Sulpezio, Bill Gaile,  
Michael Hirsch, Evelyn Haidnick, David Polavsky,  
Murray Adler, Scott Eric Kaufman, Simon Rubin,  
Charlotte Kimmel, Maurice Glaser, Frances Rubin,  
Esther Kaufman, Amelia Perwien, Lenore Greenbaum,  
Frances Strizzi, Morris Schalet, Dr. Marvin P. Farber,  
M. Paul Farber, Arnold Kharasch, Freda Kharasch,  
Yakov Royzengurten, Billie Pollard,  
Frances Greenbaum, Alfred Lubin, Louise Post,  
Barry Liss, Norman Berger, Melvin Weiss,  
Marlene Ertingshausen, Burton Sorkin,  
Fredric Ofsowitz*

## **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.

## **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/20F084BAEAA22A2FB6-57857673-tbtoneg#/>

## 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.

## Torah Portions for November 2025

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **October 31-November 1, 2025 Lech L'Cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27**

G-d speaks to Abram for the first time, establishing both blessings and covenants. Abram shows his faith to G-d by leaving his home and following G-d's plan. It is unclear from the Torah why Abram was chosen, but *midrashic* stories hint the Abram had a special connection, believing in one G-d when others worshipped idols. In one popular midrash, young Abraham smashes idols in his father's shop to prove they are not gods. G-d changes his name to Abraham, which means "father of many," and promises that he will be blessed by all nations, and will have a legacy of many offspring.

### **November 7-8, 2025 Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24**

There are many tests in this Torah portion. Visitors come to see Abraham, and he welcomes them with extraordinary hospitality. Sarah and Abraham learn that, despite their advanced years, they will have a son together. Sarah laughs at the possibility, leading to the child being named Isaac ("she will laugh). G-d consults with Abraham about His plan to destroy Sodom and Gemorrah, and Abraham negotiates a plan to try to save the city. Later, Abraham is tested by being asked by G-d to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham is prepared to make this ultimate sacrifice before an angel of G-d stops him, and a ram is sacrificed instead of his son.

### **November 14-15, 2025 Chaya Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18**

Almost immediately after the near-death of her son, Sarah dies at 127 years old. Abraham wants to make sure she has an honorable burial. Though the landowner offers to give him burial land for free, Abraham insists on paying the full price. He then sends his servant to look for a wife for Isaac. Rebecca, a distant cousin, is chosen because her kindness to humans and animals indicates a unique sensitivity.

### **November 21-22, 2025 Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9**

The most volatile sibling rivalry since Cain and Abel begins with the twins, Esau and Jacob, battling in the womb. Mother Rebecca is told by G-d that the greater of the two shall serve the younger. Esau sells Jacob his birthright for some soup, and Jacob collects the blessing of the firstborn with Rebecca's help. Having built a brotherly relationship based on trickery, deceit and manipulation, Jacob and Esau realize that the town isn't big enough for both of them. Both brothers go to uncles. Jacob travels to Rebecca's father's house (where he will marry both of Laban's daughters), and Esau finds himself a wife from the daughters of Uncle Ishmael.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Brian Eoff  
Richard Weiner  
John Ruskis  
M Barton and Suzanne Baker*

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC FUND

*Lenny and Karen Simmons*

### GENERAL FUND

*Cormac and Robyn Hughes  
Norman and Marsha Weiss - IHO Susan Meinholz birthday  
Cody and Elana Safford – In Honor of their new baby boy Lev  
Marcel and Donna Aguilar*

*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 Creamer   | Dessert size plates |
| Forks            | Copy paper          |
| Bottled water    | Decaf Coffee        |
| To go Containers | Paper Towels        |

## 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.

## 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](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.

### 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**

**2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each**

**3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each**

**4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each**

**5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# November 2025 Cheshvan – Kislev 5786

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                         | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday             | Friday                                                                                                                                                     | Saturday |
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| 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School<br><br>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual                                                                    |        |         |           |                      | 6:00 PM Dinner – RSVP required.<br>7:00 PM Shabbat Service - Legacy with Rabbi Dan<br><br>In Person and Virtual<br><i>Oneg open for sponsorship</i>        |          |
| 9                                                                                                                                                              | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13                   | 14                                                                                                                                                         | 15       |
| 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School<br><br>9:30 am – 11:00AM ADULT EDUCATION at TBT With Guest Speaker<br><br>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual |        |         |           |                      | 7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne and Religious School students<br><br>In Person and Virtual<br><i>Oneg open for sponsorship.</i> |          |
| 16                                                                                                                                                             | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20                   | 21                                                                                                                                                         | 22       |
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| 23                                                                                                                                                             | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27                   | 28                                                                                                                                                         | 29       |
| 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual<br><br>_____ 30<br>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual                                           |        |         |           | Happy Thanksgiving!! | Tentative Shabbat Services – see weekly email for updates                                                                                                  |          |