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MARCH 2026 ADAR – NISSAN 5786



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MARCH EVENTS

Friday, March 6	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual The Youth Group from Kingwood Methodist Church will join us <i>Oneg sponsored by Debra Miller - In memory Of Sylvia Brodofsky</i>
Thursday, March 12	12:00PM	Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan
Friday, March 13	7:00PM	Bat Mitzvah of Briana Christman and Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by the TBT Sisterhood</i>
Friday, March 20	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsorship needed</i>
Friday, March 27	6:00PM 7:00PM	Youth and Tot Shabbat – with Potluck after Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan, In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsorship needed</i>
Wednesday, April 1	6:00PM	TBT's First Night of Passover Dinner Reservations required www.tbthumble.org

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

***FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER SEDER AT
TBT***

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST - 6:00PM

DETAILS AND TICKET SALES INFORMATION COMING SOON.

***CONTACT STACEY BLUMIN AT ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG WITH ANY
QUESTIONS***

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I talk a lot about volunteering — probably because it's just always been part of my life. I started back in high school as a candystriper (for those of you who remember what that was!) at a nursing home, and I've basically never stopped. It's just part of who I am. The most surprising and meaningful moments are when, years — sometimes decades — later, someone tells me that something I did made a difference in their life. Most of the time, we have no idea how the little things we do might impact someone else. I really believe we're all making a difference in ways we may never fully see.

At Temple Beth Torah, we're lucky to have so many incredible volunteers. Together, we try to create a warm, welcoming, spiritual community — a place where people feel nurtured and connected. We recently installed our Board of Directors during a Shabbat service so the congregation could meet them. These dedicated volunteers work hard behind the scenes on every aspect of TBT life, all with the goal of creating an environment that positively touches people's lives. We also celebrated our Ner Tamid and honored the Blumin Family for their amazing service to so many parts of TBT. Our volunteer Religious School teachers do a wonderful job educating our children and helping them experience the joy of Judaism. Our tech crew makes sure services are accessible on Zoom and keeps everything running smoothly. And that's just to name a few. My hope is simple: that in some small way, what we do together makes a difference in your life. Because in the end, that's what it's all about.

L'shalom,

Debbie Swaim

President, Temple Beth Torah

Holocaust Remembrance Shabbat Service – Friday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Please join us for a beautiful service, led by Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantorial Soloist Anita Bonanno. Our annual Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Service, is one of the most memorable programs at Temple Beth Torah. The program is generously sponsored once again by Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon in loving memory Hy's parents and grandmother, Linda and Morris I. Penn and Riva Kremer.

We are blessed to welcome Holocaust survivor Edith Jucker, whose family fled Poland on a small boat to escape the Nazis when she was only two years old. Her family was captured by Russian military and sent to Siberia. Hear her story of courage, battling hunger and frozen conditions along the journey from Poland to Russia to America. This is a service we often share with our non-Jewish neighbors, emphasizing how important it is for everyone to remember the Holocaust to prevent another horrible tragedy.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Renewed Commitments – Why be Jewish?

There is a curious phenomenon that I've noticed. Without scientific data to back it up, other rabbis I know have also noticed. It seems that more non-Jewish people want to become Jewish. One of my colleagues suggested this has been happening particularly since October 7, 2023 – the date of the most horrific, violent act of antisemitism since the Holocaust. Why now? While some may jump on a bandwagon of antisemitism, perhaps others are looking at the situation in a more sophisticated manner, asking the question: What is so special about the Jews that so many people are against them? This may seem counterintuitive, but it's happening.

Converting to Judaism is not a quick or easy process. Traditionally, rabbis are supposed to deny applicants three times in order to for them to be fully sure of their decision. It usually takes at least a year, giving the candidate time to learn enough to decide if it is the right fit. Some people are choosing to convert to marry a Jewish person. Personally, I discourage that reason; I believe it must come from the heart in order to be sincere. You can be supportive of the Jewish community and family without becoming Jewish yourself. If someone is converting from another religion, I often caution them to examine if they are running away from something or running toward it. Because Temple Beth Torah is so welcoming of interfaith and multifaith households, non-Jewish family members in our community rarely feel a pressure to convert. More of the conversion candidates I work with are pursuing Judaism from the heart, without the external factor of someone else imposing that desire.

Conversion is not a graduation. There is not a final exam, but there is a concluding ritual. The candidate speaks to a "*Beit Din*," or "House of Judgment" to clarify their reasons for converting. The rabbi they have studied with is the leader of the *Beit Din*, and two others – often rabbis or cantors, but not required – interview them to clarify their intentions. Often, they write a statement expressing their desire. The final step is the mikvah, or ritual bath, immersing in water to cleanse away previous ideology and begin fresh. A convert to Judaism is a *Ger* – literally stranger or sojourner. Moses' first son was named Gershom, an indication of Moses' time as a stranger in both Egypt and Midian. The most repeated commandments in Torah are variations of "*Treat the stranger as one of your own, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*" **The *Ger* is to be welcomed and embraced, and treated no differently than one who was born Jewish.**

Recently, two of my colleagues and I officiated three conversions in the same week. As I read the statements of these people about to become Jewish, I was amazed at the depth of their hearts and the beautiful descriptions they wrote about their desire to become Jewish. It made me think: "Why don't we ask people who were born Jewish to make such declarations as adults?" Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are asked to clarify their learning and commitment, but at 13, few students have fully thought through what it means to commit yourself to Judaism for life. Those of us who were born Jewish do not have to jump through the same kind of hoops that we ask of converts. We take it for granted that because we were born Jewish, we don't have to say why Judaism is the right path for us.

What if adult Jews, periodically through our lifetimes, took time to clarify why being Jewish is important, and explain it? Theology, philosophy, values, heritage, tradition, community, culture...the list is long. And it is also different and unique for every individual.

Rabbi David Wolpe, in his 1999 book "*Why Be Jewish*," considers three primary reasons: To grow in soul, to join a people and to seek God. What are your reasons? Perhaps if each of us looked into our own personal reasons, and explained it to someone, it could renew our commitment.

As we approach Passover 2026, the holiday that brings us from oppression to commitment, let's explore how that commitment makes us who we are.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Temple Beth Torah
Sisterhood
2026 Events

Friday, March 13TH Sisterhood Oneg for
Bree Christman's Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, April 19TH Yom Hashoah
paint rocks for Kingwood Garden of Hope

Sunday, August 2ND Kenny & Ziggy's

Friday, September 11TH Applicious Oneg for
Erev Rosh Hashana

Sunday, November 8TH Holiday Cooking demo with Wes

A Special Mitzvah

Are you looking for a rewarding mitzvah that will take up very little of your time, but make a big impact? Within the Jewish community, there are elders and disabled people who are unable to make it to the temple who would love a personal visit periodically. Anyone who volunteers to be part of this kind of team would not have to commit to a specific number of visits, and not obligated to say "yes" every time. For more information, please contact Rabbi Dan Gordon, rabbi@tbthumble.org

Adult Learning with the Rabbi at TBT

What do Jews think about...?

Thursday, March 12, 12 noon

Bring your Lunch

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

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!!

Temple Beth Torah's Ner Tamid evening was a fun evening full of warmth, friendship, and entertainment. The food was terrific too. The Blumin family was truly deserving of all the accolades that they received. Thank you to all who attended and donated to make this a moment to remember for Jeremy, Stacey, Rachael and Aaron.

The committee put in many hours to make this evening possible. Thank you to Wes Goble, Jeanne Mandell and Debbie Swaim for helping to organize all the details, collecting so many terrific items for the silent auction, decorating the oneg area, and pulling all the pieces together. Thank you also to Susan Meinholz for putting the silent auction together-so much fun though I got outbid on the bagels! Thank you to David Acosta and Mike Miller for all the technology from keeping the website updated to the evening's music and zoom link up and running. Thank you to Leslie Witkov for the getting the last-minute auction items and food donations that were delicious. Please see the list of vendors who gave generously to our auction, wine and cheese reception and desserts. Visit them and enjoy their shops and goods.

Thank you to Opera Leggera for the fantastic array of songs. And finally, thank you Rabbi Dan for being the host and glue that brings this community together.

It Was a Night to Remember!

Carrie Keith

A Very Special Thank You to all our wonderful donors for our Ner Tamid Event honoring the Blumin Family.

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Zoom

Carly Miller
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Anonymous donations have also been received.

We would like to thank the following supporters who generously donated to our silent auction.

We encourage you to patronize these businesses.

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Tour 18
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Trek Bicycle Kingwood
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Wes Goble
Wild Birds Unlimited*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Springtime in Texas and spring holidays are here. The Religious School celebrated Purim on March 1 with games, songs, the Purim story and lots of hamantaschen. Thank you, Rachel McConnell, for working with the students to make this delicious and traditional pastry. The kids always enjoy choosing a filling and learning how to fold a circle into a triangle!

We are excited that Briana Christman will become a Bat Mitzvah on Friday, March 13. Please join us that evening to celebrate Bree as she leads the congregation for Shabbat service. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Casey Snyder has been helping the students with the garden to plant different vegetables and herbs. We hope to have parsley for the model Passover seder on March 29. The students will create the whole seder from making matzah ball soup to setting the table for a beautiful celebration. Rachel McConnell will once again help the students in the kitchen.

Parents, please come into the temple to help the students and teachers with all the preparations for a seder. There will be apples to peel and nuts to chop, matzah balls to be rolled and cooked, eggs to be peeled, and gefilte fish to be served. Cantor Francyne and Rabbi Dan will lead our student Passover seder with all the traditional prayers, songs, and foods.

Celebrating Jewish holidays through food, prayer and song creates memories for our kids.

Carrie Keith
TBT Religious School Principal

KOSHER CHILI COOKOFF in HOUSTON

MARCH 8 12:00 – 4:00 PM

This is the “bar mitzvah” year for the Houston Kosher Chili Cookoff! The 13th cookoff is Sunday, March 8 in the parking lot of Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut Street, Houston, TX 77096. Dozens of teams prepare their versions of home-made, kosher chili, and hundreds of Jewish and non-Jewish people stroll around to sample. All the chili is made onsite at Beth Yeshurun to ensure that it is all purely kosher. The teams include a variety of Jewish organizations, including schools, camps, synagogues and almost any Jewish organization that comes to mind. It is a great time to see the whole Jewish community of Houston in action.

At 12:00 pm, the public is invited to sample chili, mingle, enjoy children’s activities, listen to music, and simply have a great time in an outdoor, festival atmosphere. The event will conclude with the selection of the winning chili by celebrity judges. So don’t miss this “hot” event! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children, available at <https://www.houstonkosherchilicookoff.com/>

ANDREA URGENTLY NEEDS A KIDNEY DONOR



Andrea is a beloved wife, mother and aunt.
She wants to continue to be there for her family.
Kidney failure is getting in her way.

To learn more about kidney donation or to see if you are
a match, scan the QR code, visit renewal.org/RN26819,
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Renewal is a non-profit organization dedicated to
saving lives by helping kidney donors and recipients
navigate all aspects of the transplant process.

It's Miller Time for a Mitzvah Looking for Potential Kidney Donors

Acheinu kol beyt Yisrael begins a prayer dating back to 9th Century C.E. in Babylon that means, in effect, “We are all one family.” It is a central aspect of Judaism that we look out for each other. The Talmud states, “Whoever saves one life, has saved an entire world.” (Sanhedrin 4:5) And the Torah says, “Do not stand idly by while a neighbor bleeds.” (Leviticus 19:16) One of our family members, Andrea Miller, needs a kidney transplant to maintain a healthy life.

Andrea and her husband, Mike, have been valuable members of Temple Beth Torah since they first joined, over 15 years ago, shortly before their son, Manny, came into their lives. Both have served on the board for several years on the board of directors. Andrea has been treasurer and ritual chair and currently coordinates our cleaning services and bills payable. Mike has been the technology master through the Covid era, providing and setting up our popular Zoom system while also maintaining the website. For the past two years, Mike served as president of the board, leading us to our current position of strength. Both Mike and Andrea are volunteer teachers in Sunday School, and their boys, Manny and Levi, willingly help out whenever needed.

The efforts to find a kidney for Andrea are being coordinated by Renewal, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives by helping kidney donors and kidney recipients navigate all aspects of the transplant process. Testing is easy; finding the perfect match is not. There is complete anonymity with any questions. The staff at Renewal can answer any questions about the safety of being a kidney donor. Passing this information along to anyone you know will help spread the word and help Renewal have a list of potential matches for Andrea and other patients in need. Please call (718) 431-9831 Ext. 315 or email RN26819@renewal.org There is no obligation to get tested. The more people who know about this opportunity, the better are the chances to save lives.

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

Anniversary

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 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 or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

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

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/20F084BAEAA22A2FB6-57857673-tbtoneg#/>

Torah Portions for March 2026

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

March 6-7, 2026

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 13-14, 2026

Vayakhel/Pekude Exodus 35:1-40:38

This double portion brings us to the end of Exodus. 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 weekly day devoted to rest and rejuvenation. "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.

March 20-21, 2026

Vayikrah Leviticus 1:1-5:26

"Vayikrah" is both the name of the book, which in English is translated as Leviticus, and the name of our Torah portion. While the book contains sacrificial practices which are completely out of date, the issue of the proper form of atonement for modern Jews is a contemporary one. According to some rabbinic commentators, prayer has replaced sacrifice for the modern Jew. The description of what constitutes sin in Leviticus demonstrates the ethical principles of our tradition. In Judaism, each individual must take responsibility for making amends to God: no person can sacrifice her or his life for another's.

March 27-28, 2026

Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

G-d instructs Moses to teach Aaron and his sons the rights and duties they will take on in becoming priests. They, and their descendants, will be the ones to offer the sacrifices in the Sanctuary. A fire on the holy altar must be kept burning at all times in preparation for the sacrifices. The Kohanim (priests) must learn the variety of different offerings for peace, sin and guilt, and practice very specific rituals regarding each. Aaron and his sons remain in the sanctuary compound for seven days, and Moses initiates them into the priesthood.

Join a Committee!

It's a New Year – Time to Get Involved!

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 Debbie Swaim at president@tbthumble.org

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Brian Eoff

Suzanne and M. Barton Baker

Carla Bass and Lakeside United Methodist Church

GENERAL FUND

Hannah Auchter

Shirley and Bruce Stein Family

Bob and Debbie Swaim

CHILDRENS MUSIC EDUCATION FUND

Edith Jucker

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	

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

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.

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 and Beautification Fund
- Scott Eric Kaufman and Jeffery Kaufman Technology & Education Fund
- Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund
- Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund
- Temple Security Fund
- Childrens Music Education Fund

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

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(281) 446-5611 WWW.TBTHUMBLE.ORG

March 2026 Adar – Nissan 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAR 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School – Purim Celebration					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by Debra Miller in memory of Sylvia Brodofsky</i>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual				12:00 noon Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan	7:00 PM Bat Mitzvah of Briana Christman and Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg provided by the TBT Sisterhood</i>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NO Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsorship needed</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					6:00 PM Youth and Tot Shabbat Service with Potluck after 7:00 PM – Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsorship needed</i>	
29	30	31	APRIL 1	2	3	
9:00 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School			6:00 PM TBT Passover Seder		7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsorship needed</i>	