

# Temple Beth Torah

July 2026 Bulletin

## Special Summer Shabbat Services in July



**Rabbi Dan Gordon**



**TBT Sisterhood**

TBT is so honored to have our TBT sisterhood lead one of our Friday evening Shabbat services while Rabbi Dan Gordon takes some much-deserved time away. There is also a fun Potluck planned. We hope to see you at our in-person or virtual services. An Oneg with delicious treats will follow each in-person service.

The link to attend virtually can be found in our weekly emails. Contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or call 281-446-5611 to obtain the link if you are not on our email list.

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| <b>Friday, July 3:</b>             | <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! No Services at TBT</b>                                                                |
| <b>Saturday, July 4:</b>           | <b>Potluck July 4<sup>th</sup> Get together – 4PM – 7PM</b>                                                            |
| <b>Friday, July 10 at 7 pm:</b>    | <b>Shabbat Service -Lay led by TBT Sisterhood - In-Person and Virtual</b>                                              |
| <b>Friday, July 17 at 6:00 pm:</b> | <b>Potluck Dinner at TBT – In Person ONLY</b><br>Details will be announced in the weekly email, With a sign-up genius. |
| <b>Friday, July 24 at 7 pm:</b>    | <b>Shabbat service with Rabbi Dan</b><br>Virtual/ In-person – Oneg provided by the Acosta Family                       |
| <b>Friday, July 31 at 7 pm:</b>    | <b>Shabbat service with Rabbi Dan</b><br>Virtual/ In-person – Oneg provided by Leslie, Iris and Jose                   |

## **Adult Education Ongoing Programming:**

### **Sisterhood**

**We hope you will join us for the upcoming Sisterhood events!**

- Friday, July 10: Sisterhood Shabbat Service**
- Sunday, July 12: 10 am Brunch at La Madeleine in Kingwood**  
**Please RSVP to [sisterhood@tbthumble.org](mailto:sisterhood@tbthumble.org)**
- Sunday, August 2: 1 pm Lunch at Kenny & Ziggy's**
- Friday, Sept. 11: Erev Rosh Hashanah Appilicious Oneg**
- Friday, Nov. 6: Oneg for Arya Miller Bat Mitzvah**
- Sunday, Nov. 8: Holiday Cooking Demo with Wes**

### **TBT Sunday Book Discussion Group at 11:30 am. Virtual Only.**

**The Sunday Discussion Group is open to all. If you have any questions, please email Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org). The link can be found in the weekly email. Come and try the group out!!**

### **Membership Forms are now due**

**Our fiscal year begins July 1. Please send your form and payment by July 15. Do you need a form? Contact Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or call 281-446-5611.**

### **Sponsor a Service or Underwrite a Special Guest or Program**

**Help us continue to bring excellent Shabbat worship leaders and speakers to TBT. This is an excellent way to honor someone or remember a loved one. Contact our administrator at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).**

### **Prepare an Oneg**

**Let us know if you would like to prepare an Oneg after one of our in-person services.**

### **Food for HAAM**

**Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Humble Area Assistance Ministry's food pantry when visiting TBT. There are so many people in our community that need our help.**

## **Volunteers needed**

There are so many volunteer opportunities at TBT. Let us know and we will find a way you can help! Please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) to find out more.

The Ritual Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the High Holidays! We need people willing to make phone calls, organize events, and help with assorted tasks that will come up. Please contact the Ritual Chair, Elahn Quick ([admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)), if you are interested.

## **Are you receiving all our emails?**

Because new things are happening all the time, you should be receiving at least one email a week with login information about Shabbat and other programs.

Some members have reported that they do not always receive emails. We have learned that sometimes, the email gets diverted to another folder, like SPAM or PROMOTIONS. Please check your other folders, or if you feel you are missing some information, contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## **TBT Donate a Brick Campaign**

A wonderful way to honor or remember someone. Please visit the website at [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org) to download the form. Celebrate a birth, death, marriage or other mitzvah.

## **Order Your Memorial Plaques NOW**

Now is the time to place your order for memorial plaques that are displayed on the walls of our sanctuary. The cost of the plaque is a minimum \$300 donation for 1 and \$500 for 2; checks can be made payable to Temple Beth Torah.

Once you have sent in the donation, please contact Stacey [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) with the following information:

English name as you wish it to appear on the plaque

Hebrew name if known

Date of Death.

## **DONATIONS:**

### **GENERAL FUND**

Hannah Holloway-Auchter

Debra and P. Lee Miller in memory of Phil Sacks

### **RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Brian Eoff

Rabbi Mark Novak and Renee Brachfield of Minyan Oneg Shabbat– In Honor of Rabbi Dan

## **SIMCHAS IN JULY:**

### **Birthdays**

2 Ken Troxclair  
4 Gabrielle Garrett  
5 Bernice Troxclair  
5 Briana Christman  
6 Shari Ellsworth  
9 Bruce Pollard  
9 Morton Winter  
13 Sarah Miller  
23 Maxine Sussman  
23 Avery Acosta  
31 Ellen Grayson

### **Anniversaries**

6 Morton and Ellen Winter  
29 Ron and Lorna Hill  
30 John and Bobbylee Ruskis

## **YAHREZITS IN JULY:**

The following names will be read each week during July 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.

*Maurice Schneps, David Heller, Thomas Graf, Shimshon Pilman, Bertha Serlin, Rabbi Erwin Halpern, Marc Fontanot, Leila Fern Camp, Sylvia Lesser, Lena Getz Lewis, Arthur Wiener, Helen Myers, Esther Spalter, Arthur Bricker, Murray Cuppy Rosenberg, Morris Kaufman, David Eynard, Ruth Nodler Schnitzer, Morris Blumstein, Marvin David Brand, Helen Wallack, Jack Stark, John Swaim, Cal Garcia, Maurine Swaim, Max Sanders, Joshua Lee Thomas, Joan Zinda, Hazel May Woods Tabor, Charles Lerner, Evelyn O'Rourke, Martha Houlihan, Lyuba Perelman, Ilse Ballin, Joseph Lappen, Bea Moss, Joan Weiss, Robert Wilson, Leah Jennie Weiss, Andrew Ford, Joe Ginsberg*

## **TORAH PORTIONS for JULY 2026**

*Compiled by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

**July 3-4, 2026**

**Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1**

Pinchas, a grandson of Aaron, kills an Israelite man and a Midianite woman who had entered a tent together, and this act, considered heroic, saved the Israelites from a plague. God rewards the zealot, Pinchas with a covenant of peace and promotes him to Priesthood before his time. To the modern reader, it may seem unusual that someone who took the law into his own hands is made into a hero. This occurred toward the end of the journey through the desert, and there was a desire to enter the Promised Land with purity. Ancient rabbis teach that it is Pinchas' passion to fight for God's laws. The portion also includes calendar instructions for Rosh Hashana, occurring "on the first day of the seventh month." According to Torah, the first month of the year is Nissan, because it includes Pesach, and what we now consider the beginning of the year is actually the seventh month from Nissan. The tenth day of Tishrei is Yom Kippur, "a sacred occasion in which you practice self-denial." And the fifteenth day of the month is the description of Sukkot, in which each of the eight days is designated for a different kind of sacrifice.

**July 10-11, 2026 Matot-Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13 (double portion)**

Systems of governance take on more shape, as Moses delivers God's instructions to the heads of the tribes. He begins with laws surrounding the obligation to follow through with keeping vows. These two portions at the end of Numbers – BaMidbar (in the desert) include battles with other tribes and their results. The Israelites are given instructions about how to enter the Promised Land, and how to deal with adversaries. It also includes rulings on the death penalty, explaining that one witness is not sufficient to impose death, but multiple witnesses are needed to make sure nobody can be wrongly executed. Cities of Refuge are established, where those accused of killing someone unintentionally can escape to avoid retribution from the victim's family. Masei ends this fourth book of Torah with a famous legal distinction for women. The daughters of Zelophehad claim they should have the right to his inheritance because he died with no male heirs. Although it contradicts the law at the time, God tells Moses that their claim is just, and the daughters are awarded the inheritance. Toward the end of the portion, God also informs Moses that he will not enter the Promised Land and Joshua will be his successor. Moses prepares to recount the entire journey, which will be heard in the final book of Torah, Deuteronomy.

**July 17-18, 2026, 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.

**July 24-25, 2026 - V'Etchanan, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11**

Moses pleads with God to enter the Holy Land, but God's instructions are clear. Moses is to ascend to the top of the mountain to gaze upon the land, but to transfer the mantle of leadership to Joshua. Moses reviews the Ten Commandments, followed by *Shema*, the declaration of one God, and *V'ahavta*, the declaration of Israel's love for God and the obligation to teach it. The people are reminded they are a chosen nation, but a small one, and warned about the dangers of assimilation.

**July 31-August 1, 2026 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.