Temple Beth Torah

NEWS FOR YOU

NOVEMBER 2026 CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5787



Rabbi Dan Gordon
SPIRITUAL LEADER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Debra Swaim
PRESIDENT

Sarah Miller
VICE PRESIDENT

Linda Stewart
TREASURER

Adi Quick
SECRETARY

Brain Eoff
DELEGATE

Debye Lurie
DELEGATE

David Acosta
DELEGATE

Carrie Keith
EDUCATION

Wes Goble
BUILDING

Elahn Quick
RITUAL

Sarah Miller
SOCIAL

Emily Simpson
MEMBERSHIP

Michael Miller
PAST PRESIDENT

Susan Meinholz
SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Stacey Blumin
ADMINISTRATOR AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I recently returned from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where I visited my alma mater, Franklin & Marshall College, for my 50th reunion. (Yikes! How did that happen!!) Franklin & Marshall is a small college of approximately 2,000 students. During my time there my friends and I were actively involved in Hillel. I even served on its board at one point. At the time, Hillel operated out of an old house where rooms on the upper floor were rented to non-Jewish students, while the Jewish community had access to the first floor. I remember celebrating some Jewish holidays and helping to plan a few programs, although the limited space made growth and larger gatherings challenging.

About 18 years ago, the original building was replaced by the Klehr Center for Jewish Living. The beautiful new facility includes a kitchen, meeting rooms, classrooms, and a library, with no residential space. It was truly impressive to see how much Jewish life on campus has flourished as a result. Today, the center hosts regular Friday evening services followed by Shabbat dinner, weekly Sunday bagel brunches, challah baking, holiday celebrations, and cultural programming. I went to the Sunday bagel brunch and I had the opportunity to visit with students, alumni, and the center's director. The atmosphere felt wonderfully familiar, with the same warmth and sense of community that I experience at TBT. I noticed many similarities between the two organizations: both are small but vibrant, friendly and welcoming, supported by active volunteers, and committed to offering a wide range of programming.

The visit reminded me that these are exactly the kinds of communities I value being part of. It was heartwarming to see how Hillel at Franklin & Marshall has grown and evolved over the past 50 years, from a small house with limited space to a thriving center for Jewish life. It has also been wonderful to see how TBT has grown and evolved over the past 37 years that I have been here. I am proud to have been part of that community and equally proud to be part of TBT today.

L'shalom,

Debbie Swaim
President, Temple Beth Torah

Youth and Family Shabbat Service
With Potluck after
(Formerly Tot Shabbat)

Friday, November 13 at 6:00PM

Join Rabbi Dan for a kid friendly Shabbat Service with stories and songs.
Please let Stacey know if you can attend and what food item you will bring.
admin@tbthumble.org
Our Regular Shabbat Service will be at 7PM – normal time

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.

Remembering Steve Smith

Longtime Temple Beth Torah member, Dr. Steven J. Smith died peacefully in his home on Tuesday, September 22, surrounded by family, after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 76 years old.

Steve was born in Houston in 1950, but spent most of his growing up in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from medical school, he returned to Texas to open his own dermatology practice, which he kept for 46 years until a few weeks before his death. He loved his job and his patients, and his patients loved him, many staying with the practice for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Roslyn Smith. He is survived by his sister, Elaine Pockmire (James), his children, Emily and David (Olivia) Smith and partner Judy Packard.

Steve was laid to rest on Friday, September 25 in the Shalom Baruch cemetery on the grounds of Rosewood Memorial Park in Humble.
The family graciously requests anyone who wishes to make donations in Steve's honor to direct them MD Anderson or Temple Beth Torah.

Advocating For Safe Spaces for Worship

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Southwest Region, will be lobbying in Austin at the state's legislative session in February. While TBT does not take official stands on political issues, there are two key issues coming up that affect synagogues and other houses of worship. One is to establish official safe buffer zones around houses of worship, so participants are not subject to harassment when entering their prayer space, by protesters or people distributing leaflets that may express hateful attitudes and be disturbing to our community. The other issue is to provide increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. TBT has received grants in the past that have provided for our parking lot gate and other security measures. We are grateful that TBT has NOT had the kind of issues we have seen on the news at other synagogues. We have stayed safe and free from unwelcome visitors. The ADL advocacy program hopes to help make this safety a priority for the state legislature.

There is an advocacy training program in Houston on Sunday, November 8 from 12-4, with lunch provided. Then, on Thursday, February 18, a group from Houston will join together to go to Austin to advocate for these important programs.

If you are interested, please contact Randi or Lisa at the ADL rsonenshein@adl.org or lstone@adl.org

TBT SISTERHOOD

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

Friday, Nov. 6: Oneg for Arya Miller Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, Nov. 8: at **1:00 pm** – Be at TBT for a most delicious demonstration from **TBT's FAVORITE CHEF, WES GOBLE** as he shares his secret recipe for his amazing **CHEESECAKE!** Rumor has it there will be an opportunity to sample the finished product!

RSVP to Susan at sisterhood@tbthumble.org by November 6 **to make sure you get a slice!**

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Playing God, Calling God

At times, when people act as if they have total control over a situation, they can be accused of "playing God." In the movie industry, actors have also had that role. Morgan Freeman played God in *Bruce Almighty,* quite elegantly, wearing a white suit and speaking with his beautiful, resonant voice. He even reprised the role in *Evan Almighty*, hinting for younger generations a consistent image. Val Kilmer played the voice of God from the burning bush in the animated *Prince of Egypt*. He was also Moses' voice, which fits with a *midrash* that says God sounded like Moses to make Himself feel comforting and familiar to Moses. Charleton Heston did the same thing, playing both Moses and the voice of God in the epic *Ten Commandments* movie. And even comedians Whoopie Goldberg and Rodney Dangerfield tried out the roles in lesser-known movies.

My favorite portrayal is George Burns, whose character in *Oh God*, was so popular he reprised it in two sequels, *Oh God, Book II* and *Oh God, You Devil*. In the original, God's character appears as an old man in casual clothes and a fishing hat to a grocery store clerk played by John Denver. He instructs him to become a modern-day prophet and get people to change their ways. I remember seeing it as a teenager, and sensing the whole theater around me had people glued to their seats, eager to hear messages from this fictional God.

In these imaginative movies, God calls upon people to help Him. According to Biblical teachings, God approaches multiple characters. He tells Noah to build an ark, Abraham to leave his father's house (and also to sacrifice his son, Isaac), speaks to Moses from a burning bush, offers King Solomon the gifts of wealth and wisdom, instructs Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh, and numerous other examples. In prayer, communication seems to be only one way. One common blessing we use while praising God, is to say *shomayah t'fillah* – "the One who hears our prayer." We assume we are being heard.

And how do we know we are addressing the Deity correctly? At the beginning of the Torah, God is referred to as *Elohim*. By the second chapter of Genesis, we are introduced to four letters which are knows as the tetragrammaton: yud – hay – vav – hay י - ה- ו - ה We generally don't pronounce these letters, regarded as God's sacred, unpronounceable name. Some have used "Yahweh" or "Yehovah" as attempts to pronounce it, but in Hebrew prayer and teaching, we substitute "*Adonai*," or "my LORD." Elsewhere, we learn of different names – *Shadai* (the Almighty), *Ribbonno Ha-Olam* (Master of the World), *Ha-Shem* (the Name), *Shekhinah* (Divine Presence), and several others. But our most sacred teaching, the *Shema* emphasizes One God.

One God with many names and many attributes. The Merciful One, the Omnipotent, the All Knowing, All Powerful, etc. In Shema, we have two names together, like in most blessings: *Adonai Eloheinu* – usually translated as The LORD our GOD. The ancient rabbis taught that *Adonai* was the God of mercy, compassion and love. Eloheinu represented justice, law and accountability. According to Midrash Rabbah, in creating the world, God said, "*If I create the world with (only) the attribute of mercy, sin will be plentiful; and if I create it with (only) the attribute of justice, how can the world exist? Therefore, I will create it with both attributes, mercy and justice, and thus may it endure*." And we bring those attributes together on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur when we pray to Avinu Malkeinu, Our Father, Our King – a compassionate parent and the ultimate judge.

Many people choose not to spell out the name of God out of respect, using G-D or some variation. This is mindful, but, in my opinion, not necessary. The four-letter tetragrammaton YUD-HAY-VAV-HAY in the Torah and prayerbooks utilizes the same letters as the verb "to be." So, in many ways, it could also be translated as "Being;" which can be a noun OR a verb. Rabbi Ed Feinstein of California uses the verb "Godding" to teach that mitzvahs, sacred actions, are our attempts to be God-like. So, what's the best name to use in prayer? God only knows! I like to think that however we call upon the Almighty, the Holy One or any other name, God knows what we mean.

I return to the movie with George Burns. At the end of the movie, when he (or He) exits, the grocery clerk is sad to see him go. He asks, "What if I want to talk to you?" And the old man says, "I'll make you a deal. You talk. I'll listen."

Baruch Atah Adonai, Shomayah T'fillah – Blessed are You, God, who hears our prayer.

Keep on Godding!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Friday, November 6	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Arya Miller In Person and Virtual *Oneg sponsored by the TBT Sisterhood in Honor of Arya Miller*
Saturday, November 7	10:30AM	Bat Mitzvah of Arya Miller Luncheon to Follow
Sunday, November 8	1:00PM	TBT Sisterhood Event – Cooking Demonstration by Wes Goble – How to make his famous Cheesecake
Friday, November 13	6:00PM 7:00PM	Youth and Family Shabbat Service with Potluck after - RSVP to Stacey Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual *Oneg sponsor needed*
Sunday, November 15	11:00AM	Temple Clean UP – MULCH and Outside Lights Luncheon to Follow – RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org
Friday, November 20	7:00PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual *Oneg sponsorship needed*
Friday, November 27		NO SHABBAT SERVICE at TBT HAPPY THANKSGIVING

TBT SUPPORTS THOSE IN NEED WITH SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE AND SOCK COLLECTIONS

Sisterhood president, Susan Meinholz and Sisterhood once again led a successful High Holiday food drive to support the food pantry at Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM). It was part of a city-wide "Competing in Goodness," campaign coordinated by the Bridges Organization. Bridges is an multi-faith collaborative, whose mission is "to help people of faith become better neighbors, envisioning a world where celebrating people of faith is the norm rather than the exception." TBT was one of about 50 different organizations throughout the city, including seven synagogues and a Jewish day school that participated. The event will be celebrated with an **Interfaith Potluck Sunday, November 15, 1:30-4:00 PM** at Chapelwood Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay Street in Houston. No cost for the potluck – "bring a dish and a smile!" For more information and to register go to https://interfaithpotluck.org/ For more information on Bridges, visit https://joinbridges.org

TBT collected an amazing **700 food items for donation**. Many thanks to our Sunday School students for counting up all the items and to Stacey Blumin for making the delivery to HAAM and TBT also got a specific request for cereal, so of the 700 food items, several boxes of cereal were donated to **Second Servings of Houston**, which is a non-profit organization that distributes both perishable and non-perishable to those in need, often by receiving fresh food that was leftover from banquets or grocery items that were mislabeled and can't be sold. You can learn about Second Servings by visiting https://secondservingshouston.org/

In addition to helping with food, many unhoused people living on the streets of Houston will be needing clean, dry socks to get through the winter. **The Medallion Senior Living**, through their Executive Director, Loren Gordon (yes – related to our rabbi by marriage) organized a **"Soctober"** collection of new socks. TBT is donating the socks just in time for winter to Jay Hamburger, who drives through the streets of downtown Houston every Sunday distributing food he makes himself, donated food and other items to unhoused people.
Way to go, TBT! Our small temple is making a big impact!

Help Needed at Temple Beth Torah
To place
New mulch for the playground
New light fixtures for the outside

Sunday, November 15, 2026
After Sunday classes
We need adults volunteer .....
We need kids to volunteer .....
Adults who can physically replace the old outside light fixtures located under the eves of the Temple Building.
Adults who can work with the children to place new rubber mulch in the children's playground. There are plenty of other ways to help around the building. Come enjoy lunch with the community while helping to beautify the temple before Hanukkah.

There will be a blessing prayer by Rabbi Dan
Finishing with a picnic lunch
Hotdogs, potato salad, 3 bean salad, chips
Iced tea, lemonade, ice water
Homemade cookies, candy popcorn, ice cream cups

Please rsvp by November 12th to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org to be part of this event

For HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)
WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER

TBT is a covenant member of Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM). As a covenant member, we partner with area churches to provide financial support and community insight that help HAAM serve the needs of our local community**. We are looking for someone to serve as TBT's representative to HAAM. HAAM holds quarterly meetings on Tuesdays at noon, with lunch provided**. These meetings provide updates on HAAM's programs, initiatives, and impact in the community. If you are unable to attend a meeting, information and updates will be provided afterward.

TBT also participates in several food drives throughout the year to support HAAM. Our representative would serve as the point person for coordinating these efforts and helping keep TBT connected with HAAM. While this role does not require a significant amount of time, it is an important way for TBT to maintain a visible presence and meaningful involvement in our community.

If you are interested in representing TBT with HAAM, please let Debbie (president@tbthumble.org) or Stacey (admin@tbthumble.org) know. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENNINGS

Our PreK – 5th grade students had a fun-filled field trip to Old McDonal's Farm in Humble on October 18 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 and subsidizing the cost this event for TBT Religious School students and parents. All the families had a wonderful time.

On Sunday, November 1, our students will be learning about Shabbat. The students, with the help of Dr. Rachel McConnell will be baking challah bread.

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 1, 8,and 15 to collect corn bread. It will be delivered to HAAM after November 15.

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

We are all excited to celebrate with Arya Miller and her family as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on November7. She will also participate in Shabbat services on Friday night, November 6th. Sisterhood will provide a wonderful oneg in celebration. All students are encouraged to attend in support of Arya on this wonderful life cycle achievement.

It is an exciting November!!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Carrie Keith
TBT Religious School Principal

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:

Dessert size plates - Clorox Wipes - Forks Copy paper
Bottled water Decaf Coffee

Torah Portions for November 2026

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

November 6-7, 2026 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 13-14, 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.

November 20-21, 2026, Vayeitzei, Genesis 28:10-32:3
Along his journey, Jacob experiences G-d's presence through dreaming of a ladder with angels ascending and descending from heaven. He pledges himself to G-d and continues to his uncle Laban's home. He falls in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel and asks to marry her. He promises to work for Laban for seven years to marry his daughter, but is surprised to find the older sister, Leah, in his wedding bed. Laban informs him it is customary to marry the older child first, so Jacob pledges another seven years of labor to marry Rachel. Leah is more fertile, bearing six sons and a daughter. Rachel pleads to G-d for children and eventually bears Joseph and Benjamin.

November 27-28, 2026, Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43
Jacob has left Laban's land after 20 years of service. Along his journey home, he prepares to meet Esau for the first time since their bitter argument. The night before their meeting, Jacob wrestles with a "man," who turns out to be a messenger from G-d. He is injured in the fight, and receives a new name, Israel, meaning, "one who wrestles with G-d." Jacob and Esau reunite, with Jacob humbling himself before his brother. Jacob's only daughter, Dina, is raped by a neighboring prince. Simeon and Levi, in an attempt to avenge their sister's honor, kill all the males. Jacob informs them that their reaction was too severe, bringing dishonor to the family.

Simchas in November

Birthdays

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
19	Jack Peyton
21	Arthur Aizenberg
21	James Eoff
23	Chris Baur
23	Alice Kaufman
27	Mindy LaCour
27	Daniel Schwartz
30	Eden Quick

Anniversary

2	Joel and Karen Heller
8	Marvin and Maxine Sussman
8	Ken and Bernice Troxclair
28	Bob and Debbie Swaim

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.

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 or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Freda Rae Cahn, Marie Rackmil,
Joseph Schwartzberg, Nathan Lee Rubin,
Myron Gross, Jerry Wolf, Gene Sachs, Morris
Penn, Tony Sulpezio, Michael Hirsch,
Evelyn Haidnick, David Polavsky, Murray Adler,
Scott Eric Kaufman, Simon Rubin,
Charlotte Kimmel, Maurice Glaser, Frances Rubin,
Esther Kaufman, Lenore Greenbaum,
Frances Strizzi, Morris Schalet,
Dr. Marvin P. Farber, M. Paul Farber,
Arnold Kharasch, Freda Kharasch, Billie Pollard,
Frances Greenbaum, Alfred Lubin, Louise Post,
Barry Liss, Norman Berger, Melvin Weiss,
Marlene Ertingshausen, Burton Sorkin,
Fredric Ofsowitz, Rita Bleiberg,
Erlen ben Shabsah v'Gitla

Join a Committee!

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.

The 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
John and Bobbylee Ruskis
Allen Skopp and Robin Skopp - In Honor of Rabbi Dan with thanks and gratitude

GENERAL FUND

Suzanne Weiner
Greg and Mindy LaCour – In Memory of Steve Smith
Jim and Susan Meinholz – In Memory of Steve Smith
David Smith - in Memory of Steve Smith
Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn – In Memory of Steve Smith
Debbie Boniuk – In Memory of Steve Smith
Sean Miller – In memory of Steve Smith

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.

ONEG INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has provided an oneg recently. **The Peyton Family and the Ofsowitz-Sulivan Family**. 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/20F084BAEAA22A2FB6-65544556-copy

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 easy 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):

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES – WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR DETAILS

- Friday, December 4 7 PM – First Night of Hanukkah. Bring your Menorahs!
- Sunday, December 6 – Celebrate Hanukkah on the Green, at the Memorial Garden at Kings Harbor in Kingwood. 4-6 PM
- Friday, December 11. 6 PM Eighth night of Hanukkah and Legacy Shabbat with dinner sponsored by Houston Jewish Community Foundation
- March 5-7 – Sacred Threads – a multi-faith, multi-arts festival hosted by Temple Beth Torah, Congregation Jewish Community North and Strawbridge United Methodist Church, sponsored in part by the Houston Jewish Community Foundation.

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
- ☐ Children's Music Education Fund

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:
Name _____
Address _____

TEMPLE BETH TORAH 320 SHALLOW DRIVE HUMBLE, TX 77338

(281) 446-5611 WWW.TBTHUMBLE.ORG

November 2026 CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5787

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					7:00 PM **Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Arya Miller** **In Person and Virtual** *Oneg sponsored by the TBT Sisterhood in Honor of Arya Miller*	**10:30 AM** **Bat Mitzvah of Arya Miller**
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM Religious School **11:30AM Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual** **1:00PM Sisterhood Cooking Presentation with Wes Goble**					**6:00 PM** **Youth/Family Shabbat (TOT Shabbat)** **7:00 PM** **Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan** **In Person and Virtual** *Oneg sponsor needed*	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM Religious School **11:00 AM MULCH AND LIGHT INSTILLATION – Luncheon to Follow** **11:30AM Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual**			**12 noon Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan**		**7:00 PM** **Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan** ***In Person and Virtual*** *Oneg sponsor needed*	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO Religious School **11:30AM Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual**				***Happy Thanksgiving***	**NO SHABBAT SERVICE**	
29	30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5
NO Religious School **11:30AM Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual**					**7:00 PM** **Shabbat/Hanukkah Service with Rabbi Dan** ***1st Night of Hanukkah*** **In Person and Virtual** *Oneg sponsor needed*	