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Holocaust Memorial Service at Temple Beth Torah

Features Holocaust Survivor on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm

(note early start time)

Temple Beth Torah will honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust with a special service on Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm (please note earlier start time). Rabbi Dan Gordon will lead the service with cantorial soloist Anita Bonanno. Temple Beth Torah is honored to have Holocaust survivor, Louise Stopnicki Joskowitz, a survivor of the Krakow Ghetto whose parents were murdered in the Nazi concentration camps. Louise's eldest daughter, Pepi Nichols, Louise and Rubin's eldest daughter, will join her mother at Temple Beth Torah, and add unique insights from a second-generation survivor. Yom HaShoah was established by the Israeli government in the early 1950's to build awareness both for Israelis and the worldwide community. It is the 27th of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, a week after the end of Passover. Countless observances occur during this season to help pay tribute to the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, as well as honor those who were able to survive to tell their stories. Temple Beth Torah is fortunate to have been able to host a different Holocaust Survivor every year. The May 3rd 7:00 pm service is open to all and will combine Sabbath worship with remembering the Holocaust. The Temple will provide complimentary childcare with reservations by May 1st to admin@tbthumble.org and refreshments will be served following the service. Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon are sponsoring the program, music and refreshments in loving memory of Hy's parents and grandmother, Holocaust survivors Linda Penn, Morris I. Penn and Riva Kremer.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR ALL

SUNDAY, MAY 19 11 AM – LAG B'OMER PARTY AND PICNIC

(see flyer page 9)

There is one day between Passover and Shavuot that is set aside for celebration. TBT will be enjoying the holiday Lag B'Omer with a special day. Starting at 11 AM, we will have a tribute to all scholars, adults and children, including recognition of the Confirmation Class of **Paige Daniels, Rebecca Shuman and Morgan Wadsworth**. There will be prizes and an "art car" show with students decorating cardboard boxes. Rabbi Dan, Cantor Vadim and Bruce "the Boss" Pollard will lead festive songs and stories, the "GREAT HY-DINI" will dazzle us with magic and Chef Sergeant Will Domilos will nourish us with burgers, kosher dogs and more. Let's start the summer together, with a fun and memorable celebration. Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org so we can order enough food.

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

What a big month for TBT, our wonderful Gala celebration of Rabbi Dan's 20 years with us at Temple Beth Torah and Pesach the very next week! Thank you so much to everyone that worked so hard to put together such well executed events back to back.

As we move into May we have a more somber remembrance, Yom HaShoah. I cannot fathom the utter destruction that occurred. 70 years seems long ago to some, and the recent past to others. Victims and survivors endured unimaginable suffering; their children and the rest of the world all live in its horrible shadow.

We spend one Shabbat to listen and remember, hear the accounting, pay tribute to the victims and survivors, and teach our children. And the rest of our days, we take that spirit of remembrance and teaching to make sure that it never happens again.

We are blessed this year to welcome four generations of the Joskowitz family to Temple Beth Torah, proving the will of Jewish people lives on despite the efforts to eliminate us. Thank you so much to Dr Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon for once again sponsoring our Yom HaShoah service. Your family is a blessing to all of us.

And yet, this somber remembrance is not the only commemoration we have in May. On Lag B'Omer, we celebrate our survival! Come enjoy music and barbeque on Sunday, May 19, as we honor our community of learning. Adults and children will enjoy the day together as we remember the excitement of special times of the past and future.

Brian Eoff

Shabbat Services and Events in May

Friday, May 3

7:00 PM Yom HaShoah
Shabbat Service

Friday, May 10

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 17

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat and
Pot Luck

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, May 24

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

Friday, June 7

6:00 PM Shavuot Dinner
Shabbat Service

Give a Gift to TBT!

"Give a Gift to TBT!" Please look for items needed by TBT **on the easel as you walk toward the sanctuary.** Take the paper with the item you would like to donate and bring the item to TBT. It's that simple!!

Some of the needed items are **kitchen/bathroom supplies, Oneg supplies, and office/school supplies.** Items can be left in the kitchen to the right of the stovetop. Please place a note on your item so you can be acknowledged.

We will even take checks to defray some of our **ongoing expenses.** These needed donations will also be listed on cards on the bulletin board. Checks for monetary donations can be made payable to Temple Beth Torah.

Please contact admin Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org with questions or suggestions. We hope you will be interested in participating in this program of "tzedakah" and help our synagogue.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

COUNTING TIME AND REMEMBERING

This is a very special time. For seven weeks, from 15 Nissan-6 Sivan on the Hebrew calendar (April 20-June 8 this year) is the time marked as “counting the Omer.” An omer is a unit of measure, an amount of grain that was brought to the Temple as an offering. In the days of the Temple, counting the grain each day helped prepare for the harvest. More importantly, it is a link between Passover, which commemorates freedom from oppressive slavery in Egypt, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Passover and Shavuot are two of the three holidays that are listed in the Torah for people to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem (Sukkot is the third). Taking this time between Passover and Shavuot reminds us that redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah.

Counting grain, preparing for harvest and making pilgrimages are no longer part of our practice since the destruction of the Holy Temple; but counting the days is still part of Jewish practice. It is a time of partial mourning and reflection. During the counting of the omer, traditional Jews do not get married, don't engage in parties with dancing and don't cut their hair or shave. There are many interpretations and explanations for this. Some relate it to a plague that occurred during the time of Rabbi Akiva in the first century of the common era. According to legend, the plague ended on the 33rd day of counting. Day 33 (today called “Lag B'Omer”) became a break in the mourning – a day of celebration and picnics before returning to a spiritual preparation to receive the Ten Commandments. To this day, people commemorate Lag B'Omer with parties, picnics and some observant Jews even choose it for their wedding day! Temple Beth Torah will be having our own Lag B'Omer Barbeque on Sunday, May 19 (see page 8 in this newsletter).

Modern Israel has added another observance of remembrance during the counting of the omer. In 1951, the Knesset established 27 Nissan as Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. At TBT, we once again invite cantorial soloist Anita Bonnano, whose own parents were Holocaust survivors, to help lead our remembrance service on May 3. We are also fortunate to have *four generations* from one family of survivors who will be present. Louise Joskowitz will be joined by her daughter, Pepi, her grandson, Aaron (who was a teenage student of mine at Beth Yeshurun 25 years ago), and his three children. We mourn the devastation and the suffering of the most horrific time and celebrate that Hitler's goal of eliminating the Jewish people failed. We are honored to have Mrs. Joskowitz visit our temple with her great-grandchildren, and eager to learn from her story.

All remembrance includes the mixed emotions mourning what we've lost while celebrating what we've had. Immortal words from the Book of Job remind us “G-d gives, G-d takes away, blessed be the name of G-d.” We celebrate our freedom on Passover, while also pouring out drops of wine to honor the suffering of others. The seven weeks of the omer is a good time to remember our challenges and count our blessings at the same time.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The end of the school year is here. It has zipped by so quickly. All of our classes have experienced exciting lessons learning about Jewish holidays, history, traditions, Israel and Hebrew this year. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their volunteer efforts to make this a successful year.

We had an amazing Passover Seder led by Rabbi Aronson. The students enjoyed preparing all the foods and setting a beautiful Passover table for our celebration. Thank you to all the parents and teachers that helped to make this a wonderful experience for the students.

There are only 2 more classes this school year. May 5th will be a regular school day with Religious School at 9:00 am and Hebrew School from 11:30 – 12:30. All our students have really grown this year in Hebrew, with many thanks to Rabbi Dan Aronson, who will be returning as Hebrew Coordinator next year.

May 19th will be our last class day with a special community celebration starting at 11 am that will be a tribute to all scholars. There will be magic, music, storytelling, singing, games, and much more. Fun for all ages. There will be a special barbeque lunch prepared by our Security Officer, Will Domilos, including hamburgers, Kosher hotdogs, and sides. Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbhumble.org for lunch.

We are also delighted to honor the 2019 Confirmation Class, of Paige Daniels, Rebecca Shuman and Morgan Wadsworth. Each of these students volunteered their time in Temple Beth Torah's Religious School, learning with and from the younger students. These three young ladies are terrific role models for our young students, following in the footsteps of other high schoolers who have made such contributions to TBT. Not every busy high school student can fit Sunday mornings into their schedules, but Paige and Rebecca have agreed to return as teachers again next year!

We will begin our Lag B'Omer Day at 11:00 with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim in the sanctuary. Students will receive awards and have a special **Jewish Car Parade**. Each student is encouraged to create a cardboard car that is big enough for one child to stand in and hold up. It can be a Jewish theme car such as an Aleph Bet car, a menorah car for Chanukah, a Garden of Eden car, a Noah's ark car, a rainbow car; the only limitation is your imagination! It can be any other theme from rocket cars to unicorn cars. There are ideas online but let the students express their individual creativity. Make it fun!

It has been a terrific year! Thank you to all of our Judaica teachers: Elana Safford, Stacey Blumin, Rebecca Shuman, Paige Daniels, Sarai Stein, Andrea Miller, Shari Ellsworth, Rachel McConnell, Mike Miller and Bruce Pollard. Thank you to Merissa Stein for being our Snack Mom for the year. A huge thank you to Rabbi Aronson

who has brought joy and enthusiasm into our Hebrew Program. And as always, thank you to Rabbi Dan who brings the stories and joy of Judaism to life for all.

Have a wonderful summer.

Read a good book, take a long walk and make a new friend!

Carrie Keith

Religious School Principal

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Tuesdays, May 7th and 21st at 12:30 PM

Nourishment for the Body, Mind and Soul

Rabbi Dan Gordon facilitates a relaxed discussion on a variety of topics, including mitzvot, Torah, holidays, current events and Jewish Practices. Each session is a different topic, and everyone gets a chance to participate. Bring your own lunch and get ready to nourish both your mind and your body! No RSVP necessary, feel free to just show up!

BOOK DISCUSSION ON SUNDAYS, 11:15 A.M.

Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse is the next book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT.

Join us this month as we explore reading and discussion and how it can change the way we view our lives. For more information, please contact Susan Pollard at spollard@tbhumble.org. No class on May 19th

ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH (TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)

Classes Begins at 9:30 AM with coffee and refreshments served at 9:00 AM

Start your Sundays with Adult Learning at TBT. Come at 9:00 AM for nosh and coffee and then join us for class at 9:30 AM led by Rabbi Wolbe from TORCH. The class has studied every portion in the Five Books of the Torah and is now moving on to another sacred text. Each week will include new ethical issues from Pirke Avot, The Ethics of our Ancestors and The Mitzvah Series where each of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are examined. Participants may come to as many as they can. There is no charge for the class and optional gifts of tzedakah are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Shavuot at Temple Beth Torah: A Fun Celebration for the Holiday Friday, June 7, 6:00 PM Dinner and Learning



This holiday commemorates the receiving of the Ten Commandments. Because the Promised Land is called, “the land of milk and honey,” it is traditional to eat dairy on Shavuot. It is also connected to the teaching that the whole nation of Israel was present together to receive the Torah. Another tradition is to do some learning at nighttime.

Friday, June 7, in the spirit of gathering together for fine dairy dining, we will begin a Shabbat/Shavuot dinner at 6:00 pm. Then, there will be a fun, interactive learning activity presented by Rabbi Dan. The temple will provide a dairy entrée, and those participating are welcome to contribute with a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to admin@tbthumble.org by June 2nd so we can get a proper count for chairs, and all are welcome. We hope you’ll be able to spend this special night with us, as this is the last major holiday of year before Rosh Hashana.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

TBT CARES

This month we are helping FamilyTime help the children there. They are in need of over the counter medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen for infants and children. Please consider donations of medicines for babies and children this month. It is much appreciated. Please bring to TBT and place in the front office.

AMAZON SMILE

Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose TBT (Temple Beth Torah) and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT. [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Tot Shabbat Friday, May 17, 6:00 PM

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday, May 17th at 6:00 PM. Come for a fun, lively service at 6:00 PM, then stay for a kid friendly pot luck at 6:30 PM. Please let us know what you can bring so we have enough food. Parents can also eat, too. Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

“Twenty Years and Counting...” Gala Honoring Rabbi Dan Gordon a Big Success!

All those who attended Temple Beth Torah’s “Twenty Years and Counting...” Gala had a marvelous time. The dark skies cleared and opened to sunshine for a touching and spirited evening. Many thanks to Bruce Pollard who coordinated the event with a diligent team of volunteers this evening a very special event in TBT’s history.

The night began with a VIP dinner in the “big top” erected by Andy Stark in the parking lot where 70 people were treated to a special pre-event dinner. This was followed by amazing silent auction, including appetizers that were donated through Leslie Witkov’s efforts. Over 120 guests then enjoyed a spectacular evening of music and tributes. A lovely reception concluded the night.

The event raised substantial, much needed funds for our congregation, and everyone present felt good about honoring someone so special to our community.

Special thanks to all those who worked so hard on this successful event:

Bruce Pollard	Overall Chair
Hy Penn	VIP Dinner
Mike Stark	Special Donations
Mike Cahn	Entertainment Chair and Emcee
Donna Glaser	Auction Chair
Susan Meinholz	Auction Co-Chair
Joni Levy	Auction Committee
Leslie Witkov	Auction Committee
Jeff Kaufman	Committee Member
Wes Goble	Committee Member
Susan Pollard	Reception Coordinator
Stacey Blumin	Publicity and Ticket Sales
Marty Lorin	Security Chair

ONEG INFORMATION

**The 2019 calendar is available.
Save your Date Today!!!!**

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 yahrzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, or find out dates available, please leave a message for Stacey Blumin at 281-446-5611. Or email Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org.

Create Your Jewish Legacy at Temple Beth Torah

What better way to help Temple Beth Torah remain a force in our community to inspire individuals and families to embrace Jewish values and practices that strengthen Judaism's role at home, in the synagogue, and in the general community.

Temple Beth Torah was selected to participate in the Houston Jewish Community Foundation's "Create a Legacy Program." We are one of about 20 organizations in the Houston area that were chosen to be part of this.

You can participate by simply signing the one page "Letter of Intent," which declares your intent to leave something (the amount is optional) to Temple Beth Torah at the time of your passing.

The formalization can come later, and you DO NOT have to change an existing Will or Estate plan to do this. Your IRA, 401k or Life Insurance policy is generally separate from your Will. A simple "Change of Beneficiary" form for your IRA or Life Insurance Policy document, easily obtainable at the financial institution that holds these assets, can be used to allocate any amount you choose to TBT at the time of your passing. There is no minimum.

To begin this simple process, please visit: www.tbthumble.org. Click on "Give" and choose "Legacy Giving" A letter of intent can be downloaded to fill out. You can also feel free to contact Steve Heller, Dr. Hy Penn or Rabbi Dan Gordon at admin@tbthumble.org or call 281-446-5611.

Thanks to those who have already returned their Letter of Intent—we truly appreciate your support! Temple Beth Torah has been able to add new people in each of the last three years. This has resulted in receiving incentive grants from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, which are helping TBT in the present and the future. Because five new people added their names to the list in 2018, we will be receiving another incentive grant from the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. These grants and pledges are helping TBT in both the present *and* the future. Thanks to all who are lending their support today and tomorrow.

STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE

Jewish Family Service Houston is now accepting applications for both Nathan and Sarah Klein Fund for Interest-Free Student Loans and for the Lloyd and Morissa Parkans Scholarship Fund for the 2019-2020 academic year. **DEADLINE FOR BOTH IS MAY 24, 2019.**

Students seeking the Parkans Scholarship should be local Jewish students who will be attending a four-year college or university in the fall of 2019. These students should have demonstrated financial need, outstanding academic achievement, leadership, community involvement and admirable personal attributes. This scholarship will provide resources to enable an undergraduate student to realize his or her potential through academic achievement.

Local students seeking the interest-free student loans from the Klein Fund with demonstrated financial need, may receive assistance with educational and living expenses in undergraduate programs. Jewish Family Service, also, has cooperative control of a fund provided by the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Houston (HFLA) to provide additional resources for undergraduate, graduate, and trade school students seeking loans.

For more information on either of these programs or to **set-up and complete the required interview by the May 24, 2019 deadline**, please contact Adele Croft at Jewish Family Service, 713-986-7821 or email: acroft@jfshouston.org. Applications can be found online at www.jfshouston.org or click on this link to connect directly: https://www.jfshouston.org/admin/assets/2019_Student_Loan-Scholarship.pdf

For HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)

TBT collects food for HAAM on an ongoing basis. Whenever you attend services, classes, or events at TBT, please remember to bring nonperishable items with you to help stock HAAM's pantry. Every item helps!

Thank you for your support.

Torah Portions for May 2019

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

May 3-4, Acharay Mot, Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Following the death of Aaron's sons for apparently being disrespectful in the presence of the Sacred, G-d warns about the importance of how the Priests enter the "Holy of Holies" – the Ark of the Covenant. While the Temple no longer exists, we can take these lessons to examine our state of mind and being when we prepare to take on sacred tasks. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is talked about in this section, including the practice of the "scapegoat" to run away with OUR transgressions. Today, our lesson is that we cannot run away from our actions, nor blame someone else, but we must accept responsibility and take appropriate action.

May 10-11, Kedoshim, Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Kedoshim is the "Holiness Code." It includes a list of sexual prohibitions, primarily those related to incest. Continuing with the Holiness Code, Kedoshim begins with "You shall be holy, because I, the LORD your G-d, am holy." Most of these regulations are related to morality, including fair business practices and treating others with kindness. It repeats these themes multiple times, such as "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Treat the stranger as one who resides with you, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." This portion reminds us that kindness to others is not merely a nice thing to do, but a sacred commandment from G-d.

May 17-18, Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Emor begins with instructions for the priests, who were considered separate from others. Priests could not have any blemishes and had to refrain from any activity that could potentially contaminate their purity. Several rituals are described, including setting aside a portion of "cake" as a burnt offering. In modern times, this burnt offering is still practiced by many who bake challah. We are also given instructions for harvesting our fields. We are to leave the corners for poor people to be able to glean what they need without the embarrassment of having to ask.

Torah Portions Continued....

May 24-25, 2019 Behar, Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Just as people and animals must observe a Sabbath every seven days, the land must have a Sabbath every seven years. The land will produce enough in the sixth year to provide for the seventh, so no harvesting shall take place. In the fiftieth year, on Yom Kippur, a jubilee is celebrated. Debts are reduced and slaves are freed. The Torah portion ends with a reminder of the prohibitions of idolatry and the obligation to observe the weekly Sabbath. This reminds us that freedom always comes with responsibility, and the Jubilee year is no exception.

Simchas in May Birthdays

- 1 Vicky Aizenberg
- 1 Susan Pollard
- 1 Adam Waxman
- 2 Tony Curtis
- 5 Leslie Witkov
- 6 Caleb Brawn
- 8 Allan Carroll
- 8 Sydney Baur
- 11 Richard Shuman
- 12 Iris Weinberger
- 21 Sally Kullman
- 22 Sara Bleiberg
- 22 Brandon Curtis
- 22 Emmanuel Miller
- 24 Zachary Bleiberg
- 25 Andrea Miller
- 25 Stephen Levy
- 27 Guillermo Velasquez
- 29 JQ Delap
- 31 Hiedi Bassett

Anniversaries

- 15 Jonathan and Sarah Couch
- 16 Vitaly and LiJuan Aizenberg
- 17 Tom and Iris Graf
- 17 Mel and Ruth Spiel
- 18 Dan and Shawna Kullman
- 19 Cameron and Sarah Miller
- 21 Greg and Mindy LaCour
- 23 Jim and Susan Meinholz
- 27 Bruce and Susan Pollard
- 29 Michael and Susan Cahn

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

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KROGER card to support TBT

Kroger has recently upgraded their Community Rewards system and as a result TBT has a new account number-VE980. Please use this new number when linking your Kroger card to TBT so we can receive a percentage of your Kroger purchases. It's an easy way to help TBT earn some money. While the previous number will continue to be associated with our organization, it will not be visible to members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either VE980 or Temple Beth Torah. If you are a Kroger shopper, please link your Kroger card to TBT at no cost to you.

May Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during May 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.

Benjamin Hirsch, Tommy Mounger, Riva Kremer,
Ruth Gerhardt, Edythe Levy, David Auerbach,
Evelyn Lovitt, David Sayovitz, Lester Nussbaum Sr.,
Victor Rosen, Jolan Halpern, Morton Wallack,
Irwin Gotfried, Philip Salkin, David Rosenberg,
William L Denbina, Alice Dunnam, Spurgeon Dunnam,
Cliff Thomas Smith, Ernest Graf, Irving Biegel,
Robert Kharasch, William Hulland, Sadie Nussbaum,
Harold J. Gordon

THE CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee can help in stressful times, such as family illness, death, birth, etc. We can provide a meal and offer sympathy, transportation, childcare, or congratulations for simchas. If you know of a congregant who could use a little caring, contact Stacey Blumin by e-mailing admin@tbthumble.org or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

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 yahrtzeit (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.

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 FUND

This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books. 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.

DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now make donations online for any fund donation. Now there is an easy way to honor the memory of loved ones or acknowledge a joyous occasion by giving tzedakah. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, www.tbthumble.org, to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 14

MAY 19th, 11:00 AM – LAG B’OMER CELEBRATION
LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
Singing, Magic, Story Telling, Games and Food!!!
Everyone is Welcome!!!

FAMILY CELEBRATION & BBQ
Homemade cardboard box parade. Prizes will be awarded



RABBI DAN GORDON – STORY TELLING
CANTOR VADIM TUNITSKY– RELIGIOUS SONGS
HY PENN – MAGIC
BRUCE POLLARD – SING ALONG
DETECTIVE SARGENT WILL DOMILOS – BARBEQUE CHEF
– PREPARING HAMBURGERS AND KOSHER HOT DOGS
ON THE GRILL

RSVP TO STACEY BLUMIN AT ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG

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
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Donation Form

Thank You!

From: _____

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Please apply donation to (check one):

- General Fund
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Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

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May 2019 NISSAN – IYAR 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					7:00 PM Holocaust Remembrance Shabbat Service	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM- Adult Ed – Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School		12:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan			7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
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26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM – Adult Ed Book Discussion					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	

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:

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| 1 Brick= \$100 | 4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each |
| 2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each | 5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each |
| 3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each | 6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick |

Please send your check with the engraving information to TBT:
320 Shallow Drive, Humble, Texas 77338.

Questions? Please contact project coordinator Jeremy Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org.

Name of donor: _____

Phone number or email address: _____

Engraving details (please print):

Brick 1:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 2:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____