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December 2019 KISLEV - TEVET 5780



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SPECIAL SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL – RSVP REQUIRED

Start December with a lovely Shabbat dinner together with our Temple Beth Torah family. This will be a relaxed, Shabbat evening, with songs and prayers blending in with enjoying a delicious catered meal. Shabbat worship will take place as part of the dinner rather than a separate sanctuary service.

All are welcome: adults, children and guests. There is **NO CHARGE** for the dinner, but RSVP is necessary to have the proper numbers and set-up. We must get numbers to the caterer, so **RSVP no later than December 3** to admin@tbthumble.org.

CELEBRATE Hanukkah and Safety

Sunday December 15th 11:00 AM

On Sunday, December 15, at 11:00 A.M., Temple Beth Torah invites the community to a pre-Hanukkah celebration entitled Motzy, Mulch and Munching. Thanks to several kind donors, and the leadership of Building Chair Wes Goble, the temple recently replaced the wood-chip mulch on the playground with a safer, long-lasting rubber surface. Article continued on page 2

A Unique Shabbat with “the other Rabbi Dan”

Friday, December 20, 7:15 PM

Come enjoy a different flavor to your Shabbat service the week before Hanukkah. Rabbi Dan Aronson will be leading the service and bring his unique style and learning for the Torah teaching.

Rabbi Aronson has been Temple Beth Torah's Hebrew Coordinator since 2018 and has made a big difference in our Religious School. The young students love learning Hebrew with him. He has made an impact on many of our children and adults.

The service on December 20 is being sponsored by **Susan and Bruce Pollard** in honor of the birth of their first grandchild, **Theodore Arnold Elumba**, whose proud parents Meredith and Missy Elumba are delighted to welcome him into the world.

Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah! BRING ON THE LIGHT

WITH RABBI DAN AND CANTOR VADIM

Friday, December 27, 6:30 PM

(note early start time)

It's the sixth night of Hanukkah, and Temple Beth Torah's sanctuary will be filled with light and warmth! Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Vadim Tunitsky will team up with music and stories, while we all enjoy the beauty of the Hanukkah lights. Feel free to bring your own menorah, as it's always exciting to see the variety as well as the flickering flames of the season. The cantor will have festive tunes to share and the rabbi will have a surprise or two up his sleeve to make it a truly memorable holiday.

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 hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I wanted to take a moment to highlight a service project that was completed just prior to our Thanksgiving break: the playground mulch and BSA service project. As many of you know we had a very successful fundraiser at the beginning of the school year to purchase new rubber mulch for the playground. We were able to raise over \$3500 in a single day! Thank you to all our generous donors! With this money we were able to purchase 3 pallets / 12k lbs. of rubber mulch that will last us over 50 years.

Just prior to Thanksgiving, Kingwood BSA Troop 1377 came to our Temple to lay down weed barrier and spread the mulch for us. They completed the job so quickly that they had time left over and wanted to help out even more. The scouts helped to level the ground at the South gate to help the back playground drain better, but they weren't done yet. The scouts then weeded and mulched all of our front flower beds!

It was amazing to have such wonderful young men and women give their time to help our synagogue. The whole project was a great team/community effort, with temple members providing financial support and the scouts providing the physical support. Many thanks to the donors: Pat Klemz, Wesley Goble, Castine Theriot, Chris and Alyce Baur, Dale Vine, Brian and Andrea Eoff, Barry and Tina Sachs, Debye Lurie, Vitaly Aizenberg and John and Bobbylee Ruskis. L'shalom,

Brian Eoff

Celebrate Hanukkah and Safety continues.....



As Hanukkah is a time of re-dedication, TBT is celebrating Hanukkah early by rededicating the playground. Motzy ben Basset, a popular local performer, will join Rabbi Dan Gordon to entertain children and adults with festive holiday music and stories. Following the program, the whole community is invited to lunch. There is no charge, but donations are accepted, and reservations requested by emailing admin@tbthumble.org by December 13th.

Celebrate the 4th Night of Hanukkah with TBT's Traditional December 25th Chinese Dinner

Wednesday, December 25th at 3:00 pm

\$10/members, \$15/guests (pay at the door)

RSVP if attending by noon on Monday, December 23rd.

Join your friends at Temple Beth Torah for a special movie followed by a delicious "traditional" Chinese dinner as we celebrate the 4th night of Hanukkah. This adult social event begins at 3 pm with a movie followed by dinner at 5 pm. Hy Penn will be coordinating the afternoon program and dinner. Interested in helping? Let us know! Please RSVP if attending by noon on Monday, December 23rd by emailing admin@tbthumble.org or leaving a message at 281-446-5611.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Gift of Hanukkah – A New Narrative

How did Hanukkah, the historic account of a difficult battle that almost destroyed the Jewish people become associated with giving gifts? The simplest (and admittedly, the most likely) explanation has nothing to do with the Hanukkah story. Hanukkah is celebrated at Christmas time, and because so much of the world – especially the American world – celebrates Christmas, it gives us a chance to be like everyone else.

But being Jewish isn't about being like everyone else. Without taking anything away from the practices that have now become the accepted tradition, I wonder if we might find a better reason than assimilated conformity.

The most accurate story of Hanukkah, the best we can re-create it, is not pretty. There is the element of discrimination and forced conversion. We also have the heroic Maccabees, who had no patience for any of their fellow Jews who might have considered exploring the Hellenistic religion. The ensuing battle desecrated the Holy Temple. Many died and many were disillusioned before the Temple was rededicated (the word "Hanukkah" translates to rededication). In some cases, Jews fought against each other because some wanted to embrace aspects of Greek culture that were forbidden by the pious and powerful Maccabees. The Maccabees were fighting to prevent the Jewish people from assimilating into Greek society. The result of the total assimilation that the Greeks wanted could have been the end of Judaism.

So, it is quite ironic for people in the modern world to think of Hanukkah as "the Jewish Christmas." The very assimilation that the Maccabees were trying to prevent can happen today. What can keep this from happening? A clearer understanding of why we do what we do.

We honor the concept of Hanukkah when we stand up for the right to be different. Not just a different religion of Judaism, but also the right to practice Judaism in the way that is meaningful to every unique individual. We honor a new concept of Hanukkah when we respect those whose practice of Judaism is different from our own. As a child, I thought that if a Jewish family had a decorated tree inside their house in December, they were denying their Jewish identity. When I lived in the winters of Pittsburgh, I was in my early 20's when a former teacher of mine, someone whom I greatly respected, told me about her tree. I was aghast. She said, "Don't look at me like that. It's cold and gray and ugly outside. I've got something that's green and pretty and smells nice inside." It didn't have to be called a Christmas Tree or a Hanukkah Bush; it was a seasonal decoration. I decided then to honor individual choices. Some Jewish people would not be comfortable with a tree because it's a symbol of another religion. That's fine. (Of course, the tradition of the tree is an old pagan custom that has nothing to do with Christianity, but that's for another article.) I've come to realize that the intentions behind our actions are just as important as the outward symbols. When we place our Hanukkah menorah in the window for all to see, we demonstrate pride in our identity. It is not diluted by sharing others' traditions. We can enjoy a holiday festivity with our neighbors without "worshipping other gods."

Perhaps the true gift of Hanukkah is being able to openly embrace who we are as well as with whom we share the world. We can learn about others without changing our beliefs. We can find our own personal and unique paths while respecting the paths of others. It's a gift you won't find on sale at the mall.

It's priceless.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Every Shabbat in December is Special

Please note different times

Friday, December 6	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service and Dinner
Friday, December 13	6:00 PM	Tot Shabbat
	7:15 PM	Regular service
Friday, December 20	7:15 PM	Special service with Rabbi Dan Aronson
Wednesday, December 25	3:00 PM	Chinese Dinner and a Movie
Friday, December 27	6:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
	6:30 PM	Hanukkah/Shabbat with Rabbi Gordon and Cantor Tunitsky

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who sent in corn bread mix for food baskets for families in need. We collected a MOUNTAIN of corn bread mixes for HAAM.

The Confirmation class and the 6th – 7th grade class joined together in November for a special interactive presentation from the ADL titled Words to Action. Thank you to the ADL for providing this program free to area synagogues.

This month we have a very special Hanukkah for all of Temple Beth Torah on Sunday, December 15th. We will begin with our regular class schedule at 9:00 am. Our class Hanukkah festivities will include a gift exchange so please send in a wrapped gift (\$10.00 or less) with your child that is suitable for a girl or a boy. The students will play dreidel, have fun crafts and make edible dreidels. The congregation is then invited to join together for our special Playground Rededication and Hanukkah Celebration at 11:00 am. **Everyone** is invited to join us in the oneg area to make a family art menorah, enjoy music and stories with Motzy, and special presentation from our Rabbi Dans. Rabbi Dan Aronson and Rabbi Dan Gordon will do a skit that all must see!! The students will get to play on the newly mulched playground. We will conclude with a delicious lunch of sandwiches and latkes. We will not have Hebrew class from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

In December, we are collecting toys for children who may not have any presents to open this year. While you are out shopping, please pick up gifts or gift cards for children in need. Bring these unwrapped gifts to Temple Beth Torah on Shabbat, during Religious School, or adult education classes. We will get these to FamilyTime on December 15th.

Have a safe and happy Hanukkah and New Year's. Class will resume on January 12th.

Carrie Keith

Religious School Principal

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Wednesday, December 11 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!

Tot Shabbat Friday, December 13, 6:00 PM

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday, December 13th at 6:00 PM. Come for a fun, lively service at 6:00 PM, then stay for a kid friendly potluck at 6:30 PM. Please let us know what you can bring so we have enough food. Parents can eat, too. Please RSVP to Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

A GREAT NIGHT FOR LAUGHS AND LEGACY

On November 19, Temple Beth Torah received an award for fulfilling all the requirements in the first four years of the Legacy program through the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. Many members of Temple Beth Torah have agreed to leave a gift to TBT after they pass away, and several have also formalized which funds will be donated. This campaign resulted in help for our temple in the future **and** the present. The Houston Jewish Community Foundation, through the Grinspoon Foundation, provided incentive grants for various milestones. TBT received each of those grants for our current needs, and the legacy gifts will help ensure that that TBT will continue to thrive for years to come. Steve Heller chaired the committee, which also included Hy Penn and Rabbi Dan Gordon.

Legacy donors were treated to an evening of entertainment by Houston-born comic Avi Lieberman. TBT members in attendance were Rabbi Dan and Loren Gordon, Iris Kelley and Mike Weisberg, Debye Lurie, Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon and Tina Sachs, with her sister, Mary Lou Haidnick. Staff members of the Foundation regularly commented how impressed they were that a small congregation like TBT met the exact same incentives as the larger synagogues in Houston. It shows a real dedication to the future of TBT.

We are still looking for people who want to let their own legacy to include Temple Beth Torah. Please contact any member of the committee to discuss. Also, for those who have already made the commitment but have yet to formalize the arrangements, December and January are perfect months to finalize your own personal records.



A QUICK DIP TO REFRESH YOUR SOUL

HALF PRICE SALE FOR HOLIDAYS!



Have you ever been at the temple and felt an inspiration to make a spontaneous *tzedakah* gift, but didn't have any cash or a checkbook with you? Well, there is a new kind of *tzedakah* box now at the Temple Beth Torah; not a "tip jar," but a "Dip Jar." Just stick your credit card in the slot, you'll hear a subtle chime, and TBT will instantly receive your tax-deductible gift. It will appear on your credit card statement as a donation to Temple Beth Torah, and the temple will be informed to be able to acknowledge the gift and keep a record for taxes. The Dip Jar will have a set, standard amount for contributions. It was initially \$36, but we're running a "half price" sale for donations of \$18. If you prefer to donate \$36, feel free to dip twice!

Why \$36? Because 18 is the numerical value of CHAI, the Hebrew word for "life." Jewish monetary gifts are often given in multiples of 18 as a lucky number. A legend teaches that there are 36 *tzaddikim* (righteous people) in the world at all times, called the *Lamed Vavniks* (for the numerical values of the letters lamed and vav). These people don't even know who they are, but according to the legend, the world is sustained because of their righteousness.

We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity for a spontaneous *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*.

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

The Golden Rule, by Rabbi Rami Shapiro, is the current book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT.

Join us on Sunday mornings 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@tbthumble.org.

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.

ONEG INFORMATION

The NEW Year is approaching!!!! It's time to sign up for your oneg date for the 2020 year.

Please Sign up 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 yearzeit 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.

AMAZON SMILE

It's the holiday season – Please make sure you are using Amazon smile for all your purchases. Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose Temple Beth Torah in Humble, TX and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT. [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

ADULT HEBREW Sundays at 11:30 AM

A new group has formed. The Adult Hebrew self-study group is meeting every Sunday when there is Sunday school. The adults can learn at the same time the children are learning. We are using The First Hebrew Primer 3rd edition and currently are up to Chapter 3. If you are interested in joining, please purchase the book and email Mike Miller with any questions,

admin@tbthumble.org.

https://www.amazon.com/First-Hebrew-Primer-Beginners-biblical/dp/0939144158/ref=sr_1_6?crid=3S6VG9CHM64JX&keywords=hebrew+for+beginners&qid=1569534443&s=gateway&srefix=hebrew+for+be%2Caps%2C172&sr=8-6

2020 Temple Beth Torah Membership Directory

Directories will be going out at the beginning of the new year. Please let us know if your information has changed since the last directory or when you filled out your membership form. Correct addresses, phone numbers, emails, anniversary and birthdates are needed. And if you would like your occupation in the directory, please let me know. Email Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org Thank you!

Simchas in December Birthdays

1	<i>Emilio Velasquez</i>
1	<i>Ariela Velasquez</i>
2	<i>Martin Lorin</i>
2	<i>Mark Boyll</i>
5	<i>Sarah Couch</i>
5	<i>Rebecca Shuman</i>
9	<i>Lillian Eoff</i>
9	<i>Stephen Stapleton</i>
9	<i>Castine Theriot</i>
12	<i>Jennifer Ofsowitz</i>
14	<i>Ruth Spiel</i>
15	<i>Tus Davon</i>
18	<i>Shae Ellsworth</i>
18	<i>Kimberly McCormick</i>
21	<i>Marcia Shultis</i>
23	<i>Aaron Blumin</i>
26	<i>Loren Gordon</i>
28	<i>Gail Tobin</i>

Anniversaries

6	<i>Stephen and Ellen Stapleton</i>
16	<i>Arnold and Manette Farber</i>
21	<i>Paul and Janet Sisler</i>
21	<i>John and Marcia Shultis</i>

For HAAM - (Humble Area Assistance Ministries) and FamilyTime

This month we are collecting a new, unwrapped toy or gift for children ages infant to 17 years. If you aren't sure what to get a teen, gift cards to Target or Walmart are appreciated. You can drop them off in the brown basket or leave the gift cards with Rabbi Dan or Carrie Keith. Please continue to also bring non-perishable food items for those in need. **Thank you!**

TBT Members **TIME TO ELECT A NEW BOARD**

Congregational Meeting **Friday, December 27, 6:00 PM** **(before our special Hanukkah service)**

Even if you plan to attend, please send in your proxy. Things happen, and we would like to count your vote. Please email to admin@tbthumble.org or send your proxy via mail to the temple. Members will receive the 2019 slate of officers by email – if not, please contact Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

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 our new Caring Committee Chairperson Sarah Miller. Sarah and her team: Alice Kaufman, Ellen Grayson and Gail Ambrose Pilman are available to assist in hard times. E-mail admin@tbthumble.org or leave a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

ONEGS

Thank you to those who prepared and/or sponsored the Oneg Shabbat refreshments in November:

November 8: Delap and Dominick Families in memory of Harold and Natha Lee Rubin
November 15: Catherine and Lizzy Zakes in memory of Dina Zakes
November 22: Stephanie Stover and Leslie Witkov

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Pastors Kristin Galle and Brent Hampton

20 years and Counting with Rabbi Dan Gordon

R.K. Lamport

Britt Larson

Kathleen Aaron

In appreciation of Rabbi Dan for speaking at The Church of the Living Word

GENERAL FUND

Dan and Shawna Kullman

In memory of Ele Amos

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 “zedakah” and help our synagogue.

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.

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 12

Torah Portions for December 2019

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

December 6-7, 2019 Vayitzei, 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.

December 13-14, 2019 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.

December 20-21, 2019 Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Joseph, through Jacob's favoritism and his own boastfulness, has created a jealous situation between him and his brothers. When he comes to check on their work, they toss him into a pit and conspire to kill him. Instead, they sell him to traveling slave traders, and he ends up in Egypt. He rises to become the head servant of Potiphar's household, until Potiphar's wife falsely accuses him of trying to rape her. He is imprisoned, and develops a reputation in jail for being able to interpret dreams.

December 27-28, 2019 Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17

Joseph successfully interprets Pharaoh's dreams and becomes a powerful man in Egypt. The famine in Canaan forces Joseph's brothers to come begging for food, and they don't suspect his identity. Joseph tricks his brothers into coming back again with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Benjamin is found with a stolen (planted) goblet, and the brothers fear that, if anything happens to Benjamin, it would be too much for Jacob to handle.

December 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.

Hans Auerbach, Edward Furst, Gary Herren,
Hyman Sukenik, Aubrey Spalter, Nadine Theriot,
Burt Levy, Ruth Levitan, Mildred Denbina,
Faye Avery, Martin Salkin,
Helen Furst Schuman, Kate Srulovitz,
William Sidney Graham, Ida Scharff,
Betty Rapoport, Marquis Graham,
Janie Elyse Campbell, Shirley Mandell,
Carol Ann Johnson, Rose Katz, Harry Sachs,
Isidor Blumin, Ellis Dworsky,
Yvonne Farber Schwartz, Nadine Smith,
Irving Kharasch, Nathan Kharasch,
Alvin Bernstein, Carol Terreri, Gloria Wood,
David Daniels, Robert Wolfsohn

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.

Get Ready for Hanukkah!



A fun-filled pre-holiday celebration at

Temple Beth Torah

for the WHOLE Community

All ages of adults and children

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Festivities begin 11:00 A.M.

*following regular Religious School classes and
TORCH adult learning*

- Dedication of the new safety mulch on the playground – thanks to several kind donors
- The Magical Music of **Motzy**
 - Songs and Stories
 - Games and Crafts
- A New Comedy presentation by the **Rabbis Dan -- Gordon and Aronson**
 - **Lunch and Latkes!!**
 - Gift shop items available for purchase
 - No charge – donations accepted



and

Friday, December 27, 6:30 PM

Hanukkah/Shabbat

With Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Vadim Tunitsky

Lighting all our menorahs together for the 6th night



TEMPLE BETH TORAH
320 SHALLOW DRIVE – HUMBLE, TX 77338
(281) 446-5611 www.tbthumble.org



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:
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December 2019 KISLEV – TEVET 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew			12:30 PM – Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan		6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner Service RSVP by Dec 3rd	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew					6:00 PM TOT Shabbat 7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:00 AM Hanukkah Program NO Adult Ed – Book Club NO Adult Hebrew					7:15 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan Aronson	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Club NO Adult Hebrew			3:00PM Chinese Dinner and Movie RSVP by Dec 23rd		6:00 PM Congregational Meeting 6:30 PM Hanukkah Shabbat Service with Cantor Vadim and Rabbi Dan	
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Club NO Adult Hebrew					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	