

# Temple Beth Torah

## NEWS FOR YOU

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### THE GALA IS COMING! THE GALA IS COMING!

### 20 YEARS AND COUNTING WITH RABBI DAN GORDON

Temple Beth Torah doesn't have a gala every year, but when we do, we do it right! And we truly have something to celebrate this year! Rabbi Dan Gordon started with TBT way back in September 1998, and after 20 years, we're all still growing together. Please see the registration form in this newsletter and watch your email inbox for regular updates. Space is limited, and many people are planning to come from Houston and even Pittsburgh! Temple Beth Torah members will want to sign up early to make sure to be part of it.

We will be entertained by an all-star team of performers, including our man Motzy (from Hanukkah in the Park), Cantors Vadim and Anita, Janice Rubin, Bruce Pollard and more. Our own Mike Cahn will act as Master of Ceremonies, and we may even get a story from Rabbi Dan himself.

Tickets start at \$25 for this important fundraiser, in which part of the proceeds will benefit our ongoing program and part will begin an endowment fund for Rabbi Dan's future retirement. There are VIP opportunities as well, including a dinner with the rabbi and his family, as well as a silent auction. Remember, space is limited, so sign up today (but no later than April 1). For more information about this exciting event see the article and registration form on page 11 and 12.

### A TBT PURIM!!!

**Friday, March 22, 6:30 PM -  
note early start time**

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!!!**

**Shake a grogger**

**Make some noise**

**Purim will bring forth your JOYS!**

**A Purim like only TBT can!**

**Come join Rabbi Dan and Cantor  
Vadim for a lively evening of songs  
and stories, costumes and craziness!  
Children AND adults...this is your  
chance to dress up as whatever you  
want!**

**Have fun cheering on Mordecai and  
booing the evil Haman, then laugh  
with others and enjoy some  
hamentashen!**

**Enjoy our calendar's most festive  
celebration!**

### TBT's Annual PASSOVER SEDER

**1st NIGHT**

**Friday, April 19 6:00 PM**

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to share in the annual **Temple Beth Torah Community Seder**. We will be celebrating on the First night of Passover at Strawbridge United Methodist Church. The Seder will begin promptly at **6:15 pm**. (Doors open at 5:45 PM - Please check in by 6:00 PM).

Please return the Reservation Form at the end of the newsletter on page 10. We hope to see you on April 19<sup>th</sup> for a most memorable Seder. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Blumin at [sblumin@tbthumble.org](mailto:sblumin@tbthumble.org)

## 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 wonderful month we just finished up at TBT! Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim led an inspiring Shabbat service with the Religious School students. Over 100 people attended the evening with Joe Buchanan including dinner, Havdalah and an amazing concert. Those who came were treated to a very soulful connection with Jewish entertainment. The month concluded with the wonderful B'not Mitzvah for Sarai and Hanah Stein. I must say that I was honored and blessed to be at these TBT events, but most of all to witness a wonderful Torah reading and double D'var Torah between sisters, it was truly something special to behold.*

*I continue to be honored to serve and participate in our wonderful community. We've got plenty to look forward to in the coming months – Cantor Vadim will join us for a lively Purim celebration and Passover is just around the corner. And don't forget to sign up for the April 13 Gala, "20 Years and Counting with Rabbi Dan Gordon." We'll probably be talking about it for the next 20 years!*

*I look forward to seeing you all at Temple soon. If we haven't met in person yet, please introduce yourself and let me know how I can be helpful; I'm easy to spot.*

**Brian Eoff**

## Shabbat Services and Events in March

### Friday, March 1

7:15 PM Shabbat Service  
led by Cantor Vadim

### Friday, March 8

6:00 PM TOT Shabbat  
7:15 PM Shabbat Service

### Friday, March 15

7:15 PM Shabbat Service

### Friday, March 22

6:30 PM Purim / Shabbat  
Service

### Friday, March 29

## TBT Game Night Fun for the Entire Family

Saturday, March 23rd  
4 PM- 7 PM  
at TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Join in Jewish Family Feud  
and  
Jewish Apples to Apples  
Dinner and Snacks will be  
served. Please RSVP by March  
20th to  
[education@tbthumb.org](mailto:education@tbthumb.org)

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### What about the Grownups?

This time of year, with Purim right around the corner and Passover not far behind, my mind contemplates our annual celebrations. So much of Jewish holiday celebration is focused on children. How do we keep young people engaged, interested and having fun? How do we make Judaism enjoyable enough that our children will want to remain Jewish? In today's world, of course, there is plenty of competition. We do our best to make sure our celebrations include something for the kids. Purim has costumes, games and joyous festivities. Passover has the children participate in the Four Questions early in the evening and then the hunt for the *afikomen* towards the end. We do whatever we can to make sure the children won't get bored. Can we say the same thing for adults?

In my message last month, I focused on the many adult learning opportunities we have at Temple Beth Torah and throughout Houston. Learning is an important part of engagement, but not the *only* part. Having a social group whose company we enjoy is important. All our worship and our learning is enhanced by the friendships we form. I'm reminded of the Jewish man who claimed he was an atheist. As he walked with his young son to the synagogue, his son asked him, "If you don't believe in God, why do you go to the synagogue? Don't people go to services to talk to God?" The man replied, "You're right. I'm not so sure about God. But you know my friend, Mr. Schwartz? He's a REAL believer. Yes, Schwartz, he goes to talk to God. Me? I go to talk to Schwartz!"

Personally, my favorite activities are those multi-generational events where children of all ages and adults of all ages enjoy being together. Like when 50 some TBT-ers got together for a Tu B'Shevat Nature Day in January. Many of our young people have the ability to rise to the occasion when they're included in adult activities. In the presence of youth, many elders feel rejuvenated. Other times, it's nice for adults to have their own time together, like when over 100 enjoyed Joe Buchanan's concert in February.

Showing up is just part of the equation. Engaging with others, making friends and learning about each other is what creates community. It's what inspires us to be present for each other in times of need, and to celebrate with each other for *simchas* (joyous occasions). Many of our life-long members see each other more often outside of the temple than inside, sometimes volunteering for the community and sometimes just for a game of Mahjonn or golf or tennis. That is wonderful! They've developed friendships within the community that develop into deep friendships.

Whatever age or stage, friendship is what makes for a strong community. That is something we all can celebrate.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

## **20 Years and Counting Gala Opportunities – A Chance to Get Involved**

As with everything at TBT, a group effort gives everyone opportunities to participate. This is the strength of our community...we make it happen together! Here are some ways you might want to help make this event truly memorable:

### **COME!**

It will be a fun event, with connections from all over. For a minimum donation of \$25, you'll more than get your money's worth! Those who choose to donate additional funds will have the satisfaction of helping Temple Beth Torah now and in the future.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Prior to the entertainment, we will gather at the temple for a silent auction. Items of value have already been donated: opera tickets, a private concert by Rabbi/Cantor Robbi Sherwin, artwork, etc. If you are able to make a donation or have contacts who are able to make a donation for our auction, contact [20years@tbthumble.org](mailto:20years@tbthumble.org) or call (281) 446-5611.

### **PROGRAM ADS AND MESSAGES**

For a minimal donation, you can send a special tribute that will be in a memory book. The program will feature all these messages. A business card is about ¼ of a page. Ads and messages will be sold at different prices for ¼ page, ½ page and full page. Please forward our flyer, found on page 11 and 12 to those who might be interested who might not be able to attend the event.

### **UNDERWRITING**

There are many opportunities to help defray the costs by underwriting part of the evening. Food, entertainment, decorations publicity and security are among the costs that can be underwritten. By underwriting part of the program, you help ensure that the money we collect goes directly to the cause.

### **VIP DINNER**

Earlier in the evening, there will be a special VIP dinner at the temple for those who donate \$250/person or more. Rabbi Dan and his family (including his parents, who are travelling from Pittsburgh) will have a chance to informally visit with our major donors.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

It takes many people to produce the gala we are planning, and people are needed to help make the evening a success. Please let us know if you are interested in helping. Opportunities include being on a planning committee and helping that evening. Contact [20years@tbthumble.org](mailto:20years@tbthumble.org).

Please see the registration form on page 12 of this newsletter for more information. We hope to see you on Saturday, April 13th!

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

What an exciting weekend we had at TBT on Feb. 8-10th. On Friday the students participated in a wonderful family Shabbat service. It was amazing to see so many Religious School students singing along with Cantor Vadim and Rabbi Dan. Then on Saturday, several of our older students had an opportunity to meet with our guest speaker, Joe Buchanan, before his performance. He spoke to the students about his journey to Judaism. Then these students, parents and teacher had a guided tour the next day at the Holocaust Museum Houston with Mike Cahn as our docent.

Mark your calendars for a Temple Beth Torah Game Night on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 pm – 7 pm. Our ISJL fellow, Josh Altshuler, will lead a Jewish Family Feud. There will be lots of other games to enjoy and also dinner!! Please RSVP to [education@tbthumble.org](mailto:education@tbthumble.org) by March 20<sup>th</sup> for this fun family evening.

March brings us to Purim. Our school celebration will be on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The students will be fulfilling one of our Mitzvah projects for Purim by collecting items for family hygiene packs for Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM). Please send in deodorant, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner and lotion. We will assemble the packs during our Purim celebration to be distributed by HAAM.

We have exciting learning stations planned for that day. The students will make baskets of food to take home or give to a friend. The baskets will include hamentashen that the students made along with other goodies. There will be groggers to make, masks to wear and Purim games to play. The ISJL fellow, Josh Altshuler, will organize and lead the classes in these fun Purim activities. Parents and Toddlers may join in the Purim festivities on Sunday, March 24 at 10:00.

Fun Times in March!

*Carrie Keith*  
*Religious School Principal*

## **Tot Shabbat** **Friday, March 8, 6:30 PM**

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday, March 8th at 6:00 PM. Come for a fun, lively service for children under 10 years old 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## **Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan**

**Tuesday, March 5 and Monday March 18,  
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 Hess is the next book being discussed during this lively Sunday morning get-together at TBT.

Join us weekly as we explore reading and discussion and how it can change the way we view our lives. For more information, please contact Howie Arner at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@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.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### Lag B' Omer

Please plan now and save the date, Sunday, May 19th to attend TBT's Lag B'omer Celebration. The last day of Religious school for the year and a tribute to scholars. There will be magic, music, storytelling, singing, games, and much more. Fun for all ages. There will be a special lunch including Kosher hotdogs, hamburgers, and sides. **More Information coming in the next newsletter.**

## 2019 Temple Beth Torah Membership Directory

Directories will be going out soon. 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 and emails are needed. Email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) Thank you!!

## 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) with questions or suggestions. We hope you will be interested in participating in this program of “tzedakah” and help our synagogue.

## Joe Buchanan Performs at TBT

A good time was had by all who attended the February 9th BBQ dinner and concert with musician Joe Buchanan. With over 100 RSVP's and over 40 TBT families represented, it proved to be a great evening. The food was excellent, and Joe Buchanan was a wonderful performer and storyteller as he told us his journey of finding his path to Judaism. There were even cameo appearances by Rabbi Dan and Bruce Pollard during the performance!

So many people helped to make the evening a success and we publicly thank them all now! Thanks to our coordinators: Carrie Keith & Susan Pollard—dinner, Lynn Gordon—dessert reception, Stacey Blumin--ticket sales and publicity, Marty Lorin—security, Debbie Swaim & Donna Glaser—registration, Bruce Pollard—sound engineer, and Hy Penn—event chair. Each of our coordinators had many helpers and we thank them all, too!

A special thanks to the Institute of Sothern Jewish Life for bringing our performer to TBT, Levy Funeral Directors for being our lead sponsor, and our TBT sponsors: Wes Goble, Lynn Gordon & Hy Penn, Marty Lorin, Steven Smith, and Castine Theriot. And lastly, we thank all who attended this “feel good” evening!!

## 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or by leaving a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

## 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

## 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.

## 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.smile.amazon.com)

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## *Simchas in March* *Birthdays*

4	<i>Ellen Stapleton</i>
7	<i>Joni Levy</i>
18	<i>Lael Daniels</i>
20	<i>Mel Spiel</i>
21	<i>Andrea Eoff</i>
25	<i>Rachel McConnell</i>
29	<i>Lauren Rhines</i>

## *Anniversaries*

8	<i>Stephen and Barbara Heller</i>
9	<i>Brian and Andrea Eoff</i>
15	<i>Aaron and Donna Karash</i>
19	<i>Mark Boyll and Ann Dominick</i>
25	<i>Barry and Tina Sachs</i>
27	<i>Lenny and Karen Simmons</i>
28	<i>Joe and Karen Wadsworth</i>

### **March 29-30, 2019 Shemini Leviticus 9:1-11:47**

Immediately after their seven days of inauguration into the priesthood, Aaron and his sons begin to serve in their new capacity. The two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer “a strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not.” Because of this strange fire, the two are consumed by the fire and die. Aaron remains silent. There is much discussion about why they died, and some commentaries claim the sons went beyond their roles as priests. This Torah portion also contains the laws regarding kashrut, and which animals are permitted and forbidden to be eaten.

## **Torah Portions for March 2019**

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **March 1-2, 2019 Vayakhel Exodus 35:1-38:20**

Much of this Torah portion is devoted to the building of the Tabernacle. However, the portion begins with a reminder of the prohibition of working on Shabbat, emphasizing “you shall kindle no fire on Shabbat.” By pairing Shabbat laws with the building of the Tabernacle, the Torah is cautioning us about making excuses to violate Shabbat. One might say, “It’s an important task and needs to get done; we can’t stop for Shabbat!” And yet, what could be more important to our ancient brothers and sisters than to build the Tabernacle where G-d’s presence will dwell? Beyond the very idea of respecting the laws and prohibitions, we can learn from Torah the importance of keeping Shabbat for ourselves. Shabbat is a gift to ourselves, when mind, body and spirit take a break from the mundane and devote time for holiness.

### **March 8-9, 2019 Pekudai Exodus 38:21-40:38**

"Pekude" means "records" and refers to the accounting of the gold, silver, copper and yarn that were used to make the Tabernacle. In this last portion of Exodus, the presence of the Lord fills the Tabernacle. Traditional rabbinic commentators have compared the building of the Tabernacle to the creation of the world itself. The Book of Exodus concludes with God’s continuous presence, night and day, comforting us and helping us determine the next stage of our journey.

### **March 15-16, 2019 Vayikrah Leviticus 1:1-5:26**

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

### **March 22-23, 2019 Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36**

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

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Barbara and Stuart Aaron**  
*In honor of Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### GENERAL FUND

**Barry and Tina Sachs**  
*Give a Gift Items*

**Dennis and Carrie Keith**  
*In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Sarai and Hanah Stein*  
*In honor of Isaac Couch's 1st place in the Pinewood Derby competition*  
*In memory of Mary Judith Keith*

## March Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during March to acknowledge those who have passed away who were connected with our community. If there are mistakes or omissions, please e-mail the temple at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

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

## 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](http://www.tbthumble.org), to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 14

# Temple Beth Torah 2019 Passover Seder

First Night of Passover

Friday, April 19, 2019

Strawbridge United Methodist Church  
Kingwood Dr., Kingwood, TX 77345

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to share in the annual  
**Temple Beth Torah Community Seder.**

We will be celebrating on the First night of Passover

The Seder will begin promptly at **6:15 pm**  
(Doors open at 5:45 PM - Please check in by 6:00 pm)

The menu will include:

Gefilte Fish, Matzo-Ball Soup, Garden Green Salad  
Chef's Specially Prepared Chicken, with Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert  
Wine, Grape Juice, Iced Tea and Coffee

Please return the Following Reservation Form with your Check made payable to  
Temple Beth Torah to:

Stacey Blumin 320 Shallow Dr. Humble, TX 77338

We hope to see you on April 19 for a most memorable Seder

So mark your calendar and please **R.S.V.P. with payment by April 12th.**

Please Note – Reservations will **NOT** be accepted after this date.

If you need further information or have a special meal request, please contact  
Stacey Blumin 281-446-5611 [sblumin@tbthumb.org](mailto:sblumin@tbthumb.org)

-----Reservation Form-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Members

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 Each (Adults)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 Each (Children 12 and under)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ Complimentary (Children under 3  
with no meal)

## Guests

\_\_\_\_\_ @ 50.00 Each (Adults)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ 30.00 Each (Children 12 and under)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ Complimentary (children  
under 3 with no meal)

Credit Cards accepted with a fee of \$1.50 per person for adults and \$1.00 for Children

We would like to help sponsor those who cannot afford the Seder with a Passover Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

We would like everyone to be able to attend our Community Seder.  
If you are unable to afford the full price, please contact Rabbi Dan Gordon  
At [rabbidangordon@gmail.com](mailto:rabbidangordon@gmail.com) or 281-446-5611  
Your request will be handled confidentially

# **Please Join Us as Temple Beth Torah Celebrates “Twenty Years and Counting with Rabbi Dan Gordon”**

**Saturday evening, April 13, 2019 at 6:45 pm**

- **Silent auction/Pre-show reception**
- **A dynamic show of music and stories as we honor Rabbi Dan Gordon for his 20 years of dedicated service to TBT!**
  - **Dessert reception to follow**
  - **Attire: “Temple Casual”**



**Proceeds go to support Temple Beth Torah’s programming  
and to endow a retirement fund for Rabbi Dan.**

**Space is limited so send in your donation today!  
Your support is greatly appreciated!!**

**See Registration form for details and to see how you can help honor Rabbi Dan including:**

- **Registering to attend**
- **Making a contribution**
- **Attending the VIP pre-event dinner**
- **Underwriting opportunities**
- **Placing an ad in our program**

## “20 Years and Counting” Registration Form

**Yes, I/We will attend!**     number attending.

Enclosed is a contribution for (minimum donation \$25 per person to attend the event)

\$25     \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1000    Other

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**VIP Dinner:**    Attendees contributing \$250 or more per person are also invited to a special pre-event dinner with Rabbi Dan and his family at 6 pm. Space is limited for the dinner so send in your donation today!! RSVP deadline for the dinner is April 1.

**Yes, I/We will attend the dinner.**     number attending. Enclosed is a donation for \$250 or more per person.

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**No, I/We are unable to attend the event.** Enclosed is a contribution for:

\$25     \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1000    Other

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### **Underwriting opportunities:**

There are many opportunities to help underwrite the event including helping offset the cost of publicity, security, entertainment, etc.

Contact us if you are interested!!

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### **Program ads:**

Place an ad to honor Rabbi Dan, pay tribute to or remember a loved one or promote your business:

\$25: 1/4 page    \$50: 1/2 page    \$100: full page

Contact us if interested!!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Donors name will be listed in the event program if donation is received by April 1.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check made payable to Temple Beth Torah to:

320 Shallow Drive Humble, Texas 77338.

**We ask that all reservations be received by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

For more information, contact the temple at 281-446-5611,  
email us at [20years@tbthumble.org](mailto:20years@tbthumble.org) or visit our website at [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org).

# Games

CRAZY 8'S

# Games

TABOO

PICTIONARY

CANDYLAND

LIFE

JENGA



# Games

## TBT Game Night

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

4 PM- 7 PM

at TEMPLE BETH TORAH

**Join in**

**Jewish Family Feud**

**and**

**JEWISH APPLES TO APPLES**

Dinner and Snacks will be served

Please RSVP by March 20<sup>th</sup> to

[education@tbthumble.org](mailto:education@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  
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 Fund
- Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund
- Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund
- Temple Security 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

# March 2019

# ADAR 1 – ADAR II 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NO - Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM Adult Ed – Book Discussion	12:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan				6:30 PM Purim Shabbat Service	4 PM – 7PM TBT GAME NIGHT – ALL WELCOME
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 AM - Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 AM – Adult Ed Book Discussion 11:30 AM – Hebrew School					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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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1 Brick= \$100</b>              | <b>4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each</b>    |
| <b>2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each</b> | <b>5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each</b>    |
| <b>3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each</b> | <b>6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick</b> |

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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_