

# Temple Beth Torah

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November 2019 CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5780



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SPIRITUAL LEADER

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### RABBI'S MESSAGE

#### A New Look at Gratitude

The entire month of November builds toward the season of Thanksgiving...and Thanksgiving is a good time to focus on our values related to gratitude. We visualize images of sharing a grand meal with beloved family members and friends and put a pause on diets to indulge in the most delicious foods. Many will also take time to offer appreciation of the abundant gifts we've received from the Blessed Holy One. Thanksgiving begins the season of gratitude, leading toward the rest of the "holiday season" that may include vacation time, parties and the giving and receiving of more human and material gifts.

It is important to acknowledge that the classic vision of Thanksgiving does not appear for everyone. Some tables may include empty spaces that were once filled by loved ones who are no longer present. Perhaps the person who brought the family together has passed away, and things just aren't "the same." Adult children may have moved away and have their own families to visit. Some families have experienced such strife that a holiday gathering doesn't work like it might have in the past. Some families have been separated by strong disagreements and feel too estranged to get together. Or perhaps financial hardship or health situations make any kind of expected celebration produce more stress than joy. For one reason or other, this time of that is designated for togetherness could be a very lonely time.

During difficult, lonely times, it is not easy to look at what we have versus what we lack. One of the most complicated books of the Bible is Job. When things were wonderful for Job, he praised G-d. When everything fell apart, he praised G-d. "The LORD gives, the LORD takes away; blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21) We learn from Job that everything that is precious is temporary. That is a hard lesson, especially because Job's abundance was SO abundant, and his hardships were SO hard. Despite his suffering, Job became content with how his life had changed. This Biblical tale is cryptic in nature, but with careful study, it's possible to find connections to real and personal situations.

I have found myself repeatedly inspired by a book called *The Beggar King and the Secret to Happiness*. The author, Joel ben Izzy, mixes in his personal true story around a legend about King Solomon. In the *midrashic* story about the wise king, Solomon is mysteriously thrown out of his kingdom and wanders the world as an anonymous beggar. Nobody he encounters believes he is the king, and he suffers beatings and abuse until he acquiesces to finding legitimate work and struggles as a laborer. After a journey of many surprisingly difficult years, he finds his way back to his kingdom. A changed person from the experience, Solomon rules much differently as the ruler who knows what it is like to suffer. Ben Izzy was a successful professional storyteller/performing artist who lost his voice to throat cancer. No longer able to use the talents he had been blessed with, he had to find other ways to communicate. At first, like Solomon, he felt he had lost his sense of self because his identity was wrapped up in his role. Like Solomon, Joel ben Izzy was able to find his voice in other ways to develop a different self that was enhanced by his experiences.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, if our celebrations are filled with joy, perhaps we can find ways to include others who may not be feeling the same way. And if holiday time feels more stressful than joyous, perhaps we can look at the lessons we learn from changes in our lives. Whether or not these changes are welcome or expected, we can evolve an identity and sense of self to create new ways to be grateful.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

## 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 an exciting time it's been – and continues to be – at Temple Beth Torah. From Rosh Hashana through the end of October, we've had one major program after another. We've prayed together, learned together and eaten together. We cast our sins out into the waters for *Tashlich* before sharing a wonderful feast. We enjoyed Pizza in the Hut during Sukkot and then sang and danced with folk singer Joe Buchanan during Simchat Torah. We also remembered the sadness of last year's tragedy in Pittsburgh, while being strong in our determination to further our Jewish identity, continuing the battle against prejudice to promoting tolerance and understanding for all.

And now, on to the rest of the year. Jewish involvement isn't just seasonal; it's part of our lives. As we move on from High Holy Days, it's time to develop our friendships and our community. Every week there are opportunities for Shabbat celebration, as well as learning for adults and children. The advantage of a small synagogue is that we have lots of opportunities to get to know each other. Nobody is anonymous who doesn't want to be. This is OUR synagogue, and we need members who are excited about what we can create together. Everyone in our community has something to offer, and we can all find ourselves enhanced by our participation. Don't be shy; think about what you have to offer and what you'd like to receive. A lot of people can each make a little bit of difference, as our community continues to flourish. Let's do it together!

L'shalom,

**Brian Eoff**

## SAVE THE DATE

### HANUKKAH AT TBT!!

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Bring your Menorah and candles as we light up for the 5<sup>th</sup> night of Hanukkah. Cantor Vadim will join Rabbi Dan for a fun and festive Hanukkah. Celebration at an earlier time of 6:30 PM.

## Shabbat Services and Events in November

<b>Friday, November 1</b>	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
<b>Friday, November 8</b>	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
<b>Friday, November 15</b>	6:00 PM	TOT Shabbat
	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
<b>Friday, November 22</b>	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
<b>Friday, November 29</b>	<b>NO SHABBAT SERVICE - Thanksgiving</b>	

## 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. Email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) Thank you!

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

It is almost Thanksgiving and it is finally beginning to feel like fall. We have lots of exciting things planned for November and December.

Our first ISJL weekend with Rena Lubin was October 18th through 20th. She gave a very interesting d'var torah for our Sukkot Shabbat. We had a fun day at Lake Houston Wilderness Park. Students went on a Sukkot Scavenger Hunt. The results are on the Religious School bulletin board at TBT. We did more Sukkot activities with Rena on Sunday and then enjoyed a Simchat Torah concert with Joe Buchanan.

We are collecting food for HAAM especially now during this holiday season for the families in need in our area. Please send in packages of corn bread mix with your children. We will see who how tall our corn bread mountain gets at TBT. We are also collecting gifts between now and Dec.15th for children in need that live in the Humble area. While you are out shopping, please pick up a small gift suitable for a boy or girl. Bring it to TBT and we will make sure it gets to families in our area to help make the holidays happy for as many kids as we can.

The ADL is presenting a special program for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders – Confirmation students on November 10. This is always an excellent program for students to deal with hate and bullying in their lives. It leads to thought provoking discussions that parents may want to continue at home. Our theme this year is Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, and combating hate is a huge part of that concept.

Get ready for December, Our Chanukah Celebration for the Religious School will be on December 15. If you would like to help with making latkes, Chanukah crafts, and games contact Carrie at [education@tbthumble.org](mailto:education@tbthumble.org). Students will have a gift exchange in their classrooms on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Send in a wrapped gift under \$10.00 suitable for a girl or a boy.

Kids, save those Torah Bucks from Shabbat services to get a prize from the Torah Buck bin, 5 Torah Bucks or more!!

Have a wonderful, warm, Thanksgiving with family and friends. Remember all the wonderful things in our world for which we are thankful.

**Carrie Keith**  
**Religious School Principal**

## TBT CARES

TBT supports the community in a variety of ways. This fall we provided over 300 boxes of cornbread mix for Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) Thanksgiving meals! Thank you to all who donated. That is a wonderful way to help out those in need.

A dedicated group of TBT volunteers; organized by Lynn Gordon, delivers Meals on Wheels the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. For those who don't know, Meals on Wheels is a program run by Interfaith Ministries in partnership with HAAM that provides one meal each day to homebound seniors in the Humble Kingwood area. As an added bonus for HAAM, Lynn chooses a food item every month for the volunteers to donate to the food pantry. TBT is one of the few groups of Meals on Wheels volunteers that cover all the routes on their day.

As some may know the FamilyTime shelter flooded during Tropical Storm Imelda. They will be reopening soon and will need to restock a variety of supplies (food, personal hygiene items, baby items, etc.) Watch the weekly newsletter as we have a drive to support them.

Thank you for all your support! If you would like to be more involved in these volunteer activities or have some ideas about how TBT can help in our community email Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org).

## Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

**Wednesday, November 20 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, November 15, 6:00 PM**

This month we will have Tot Shabbat on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)



## JEWISH BOOK AND ARTS FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 2-13 IN HOUSTON

Houston's Jewish community has long been known for putting on one of the nation's top Jewish Book and Arts Festivals. 2019 marks the 47<sup>th</sup> year of dynamic and entertaining authors, music, theater and film, all at the ERJCC in Houston at 5601 South Braeswood. Beginning with fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi on opening night November 2 and closing on November 13 with Alana Newhouse's *The 100 Most Jewish Foods* (with an optional dinner by Kenny & Ziggy's), there is something for everyone. Highlights include films about Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the making of Fiddler on the Roof and the Marx Brothers, local authors, self-help books and even a Family Fun Day on November 10. The JCC's main auditorium transforms into a giant book store, and it is THE place for Jewish culture. Find everything you need at [www.erjchouston.org](http://www.erjchouston.org)

## SPECIAL APPRECIATION EVENT FOR TBT'S LEGACY LAUGHTER AND LEGACY WITH COMEDIAN AVI LIBERMAN

The Houston Jewish Community Foundation is hosting a **COMPLIMENTARY** event (\$100 value) to everyone who has signed up for to be part of the Legacy program. Being part of the Legacy program means you have filled out a form indicating that some portion of your future estate will be left to Temple Beth Torah. If you haven't yet joined the Legacy program, it's easy to do! There are forms available at [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org) as well as hard copies at the temple. If you have any questions about it, you can contact Steve Heller (chair), Hy Penn or Rabbi Dan Gordon.

The NIGHT OF LAUGHTER AND LEGACY includes kosher food and entertainment Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 PM at the InterContinental Hotel – Medical Center, 6750 Main Street. It is free, but RSVP is necessary for catering. Please RSVP before November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hicf-thank-you-celebration-tickets-74440149491> to sign up.

## A QUICK DIP TO REFRESH YOUR SOUL



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 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, initially \$36, but that may change depending on response.

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.

Special thanks to Wes Goble, Marty Lorin, John Ruskis and Dale Vine for making contributions to enable the temple to purchase the Dip Jar, enabling others to also participate in this simple *mitzvah*.

## **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.

### **ONEGS**

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

Mike Stark – For hosting Taslich and Oneg

The Blumin Family – In Memory of Uncle Clyde Blumin

Leslie Witkov and Stephanie Stover

### **ONEG INFORMATION**

**We still need people to prepare an oneg for the 2019 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

### **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](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org).

### **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. We are doing a 2-week review of Chapter 1, 2 and 3 when we come back from the high holidays break. If you are interested in joining please purchase the book and email Mike Miller with any questions, [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto: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&sprefix=hebrew+for+be%2Caps%2C172&sr=8-6](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&sprefix=hebrew+for+be%2Caps%2C172&sr=8-6)

### **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.

## *Simchas in November Birthdays*

- 1 Arya Miller
- 2 Vitaly Aizenberg
- 2 Luke Brawn
- 7 Mike Stark
- 9 Donna Glaser
- 9 Brian Eoff
- 10 Larry Rhines
- 10 Mike Weisberg
- 17 Bradley Heller
- 21 Arthur Aizenberg
- 21 James Eoff
- 23 Chris Baur
- 23 Alice Kaufman
- 23 Emily Levy
- 27 Isaac Couch
- 27 Mindy LaCour

## *Anniversaries*

- 8 Marvin and Maxine Sussman
- 8 Ken and Bernice Troxclair
- 28 Bob and Debbie Swaim

## **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.

## **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.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis*

*Pastors Kristin Galle and Brent Hampton –  
20 years and Counting with Rabbi Dan Gordon*

*Jeff and Alice Kaufman*

*Craig and Mary Anne Hergert*

*Stacey Tamulinas*

*Linda and Ira Levine  
in appreciation of Rabbi Gordon's kindness to  
Celebration Company and its participants*

### SECURITY FUND

*Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon*

### GENERAL FUND

*Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon –*

*In Honor of Wes Goble*

*In Honor of Mike Stark hosting TBT's Tashlich  
Dinner/Oneg*

*In Honor of Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Vadim  
Tunitsky*

*Stephanie Stover – Yard Maintenance*

*Herb and Jema Mendelsberg – The Electric Bill*

## 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.

## 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 9



## Torah Portions for October 2019

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **November 1-2, 2019 Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32**

Noah's story is about new beginnings. Noah, having been "righteous in his day" gains G-d's trust, and his family becomes the sole survivors of the Great Flood. The evil world is washed away, and Noah and his family were given the opportunity to rebuild and repopulate. In a new sign of things to come, G-d establishes a special relationship with mankind with a unique promise: to never again destroy the world. The multi-colored rainbow becomes the everlasting symbol of this promise. As the rainbow is both filled with color and mysteriously impossible to touch, we might contemplate our mysterious relationship with G-d that has many different facets. As the generations of Noah lead to Abraham, we establish the tradition of promises and covenantal relationships.

### **November 8-9, Lech L'Cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27**

G-d speaks to Abram for the first time, establishing both blessings and covenants. Abram shows his faith to G-d by leaving his home and following G-d's plan. It is unclear from the Torah why Abram was chosen, but *midrashic* stories hint about a special a special connection, with Abram believing in the one true G-d in a world of idol worshippers. To solidify a promise, G-d changes his name to Abraham, which means "father of many," and declares that he will be blessed by all nations, and will have a legacy of many offspring.

### **November 15-16, Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24**

There are many tests in this Torah portion. Visitors come to see Abraham, and he welcomes them with extraordinary hospitality. Sarah and Abraham learn that, despite their advanced years, they will have a son together. G-d consults with Abraham about His plan to destroy Sodom and Gemorrah, and Abraham negotiates a plan to try to save the city. Later, Abraham is tested by being asked by G-d to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham is prepared to make this ultimate sacrifice before an angel of G-d stops him.

### **November 22-23, Chaya Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18**

Almost immediately after the near-death of her son, Sarah dies at 127 years old. Abraham wants to make sure she has an honorable burial. Though the landowner offers to give him burial land for free, Abraham insists on paying the full price. He then sends his servant to look for a wife for Isaac. Rebecca, a distant cousin, is chosen because her kindness to humans and animals indicates a unique sensitivity.

### **November 29-30, Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9**

The most volatile sibling rivalry since Cain and Abel begins with the twins, Esau and Jacob, battling in the womb. Mother Rebecca is told by G-d that the greater of the two shall serve the younger. Esau sells Jacob his birthright for some soup, and Jacob collects the blessing of the firstborn with Rebecca's help. Having built a brotherly relationship based on trickery, deceit and manipulation, Jacob and Esau realize that the town isn't big enough for both of them. Both brothers go to uncles. Jacob travels to Rebecca's father's house (where he will marry both of Laban's daughters), and Esau finds himself a wife from the daughters of uncle, Abraham's eldest son, Ishmael.

## November Yahrzeits

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

Anna P Abrasley, Freda Rae Cahn,  
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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](http://smile.amazon.com)

## For HAAM - (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)

TBT collects food and items for HAAM on an ongoing basis. **This Month is cornbread.** We have started our cornbread tower. 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.



*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# November 2019 CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					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 Club 11:30 AM - Adult Hebrew					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew					6:00 PM TOT Shabbat 7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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		7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew				Thanksgiving	NO Shabbat Service Temple Closed	
DEC 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club NO ADULT HEBREW						

# 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@tbthumb.org](mailto:admin@tbthumb.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 \_\_\_\_\_