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Celebrate the High Holidays At Temple Beth Torah

Join us at Temple Beth Torah for the High Holiday Services
Officiated by Rabbi Dan Gordon & Cantor Vadim Tunitsky

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29th @ 7:15 PM: Evening Service

Please note the start time

An Oneg sponsored by the TBT Sisterhood will follow

Monday, September 30th @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service

A Special Children's Service will begin @ 9:30 AM

Everyone is invited to a KIDDUSH LUNCHEON following the service

Sponsored by TBT Board of Directors

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8th @ 8:00 PM: Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 9th @ 10:30 AM: Morning Service

A Special Children's Service will begin @ 9:30 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion

Approximately 1-2:30 PM

Strangers in a Strange Land: The Spiritual Nature of Belonging

Guest Presenter: Pastor Emmanuel Jackson

@3:30 PM: Afternoon, Yizkor, Neila & Havdalah Services

Book of Remembrance form is on page 9

Everyone is invited to a Community "Pot-Luck" Break-The-Fast Meal

Immediately following the conclusion of the service

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP SERVICES AT TEMPLE BETH TORAH

If you are not currently a member of the temple, please call 281-446-5611 or email

Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org to let us know you're coming.

Suggested donation for those not yet members of TBT:

Individuals: \$200 Families: \$400 Donations received at High Holidays can be applied to future dues if you decide to join the temple.

NOBODY IS TURNED AWAY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS – Please make the gift that works for you.

Childcare will be available at no charge, but you **must** contact Stacey at

admin@tbthumble.org to reserve a space at least 2 days prior to the service. If you do not reserve a space, we cannot guarantee childcare.

Anyone interested in **Sponsoring** part of the High Holiday experience, please contact,

Jeremy Blumin at ritual@tbthumble.org or leave a message at the temple.

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

Shana Tovah and Chag Sameach!!!! A happy new year to everyone! As soon as we complete Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we get ready for the excitement of Sukkot and Simchat Torah with our ever-popular "Pizza in the Hut" on October 19 and the concert and luncheon for Simchat Torah on October 20th (see elsewhere in this newsletter) For some however, this will be a difficult season, a season of rebuilding, and a season of less. Sukkot reminds us of the temporary nature of our lives and a time of rebuilding when needed. This holiday season, it is incumbent on us to help those less fortunate than us - Tzedakah. I encourage you to give of your time to help in rebuilding efforts after the flood and your money, toys, and extra clothes to local charities like HAAM. The families they serve need our help more than ever. Consider donating toys and clothes before the holidays, not after, you could be the difference in another family's holiday this season. TBT is constantly rebuilding our programs and maintaining the safety and security in our own Jewish community, so if you are able, TBT is also a great resource for your Tzedakah gifts. I look forward to helping build a wonderful New Year with all of you!

Thank you,

Brian Eoff

BE A MEMBER AT TBT

All TBT members should have already submitted their membership forms for the 2019-20 year. If you have not, please contact Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org at this time to continue to be part of our Temple Beth Torah family.

For Membership questions please contact Jeff Kaufman, Membership Chair at membership@tbthumble.org For Financial questions, Andrea Miller at treasurer@tbthumble.org, For admin questions Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org. Interested in joining TBT? Please contact us—we would love for you to be part of our family!!

Shabbat Services and Events in September / October

Sunday, September 29	7:15 PM	Rosh Hashanah Service
Monday, September 30	9:30 AM	Children's Service
	10:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Service
Friday, October 4	7:15 PM	Tashlich / Shabbat Service and Dinner at the home of Mike Stark - TBT Building Closed
Tuesday, October 8	8:00 PM	Yom Kippur Service
Wednesday, October 9	9:30 AM	Children's Service
	10:30 AM	Yom Kippur Service (see complete schedule on page 1)
Friday, October 11	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Friday, October 18	6:30 PM	Pizza in the Hut
	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service
Saturday, October 19	11:30 AM – 2:30PM	Sukkot Wilderness Park Event for Religious School Students (see page 6)
Sunday, October 20	11:00 AM	Community Simchat Torah Concert with Joe Buchanan Luncheon for all to follow (see page 5)
Friday, October 25	7:15 PM	Show up for Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Now's the Time

Timing is important. In these days of technology, we have found ways to make time convenient. Much of our communication comes through computer or television screens. We can choose to receive instantaneous communication but being glued to “smart” device or constantly watching and listening to “BREAKING NEWS.” Or, we can turn things off, read our emails and texts when we can focus our attention, record our favorite entertainment until we can enjoy it, and designate a special time to catch up on news and social media. If we patiently wait, rather than make immediate responses and reactions, we'll probably find out that we haven't missed too much. With so much communication available at our fingertips, it's hard to be patient. But if we are constantly overwhelmed with the outside, we won't have the opportunity to explore what's inside.

RIGHT NOW is a special time. I say this knowing full well there is a difference between the time I write this message (just before Shabbat, more than two weeks before Rosh Hashanah) and when you read it (now). You might be reading it during the first 10 days of the New Year 5780...or not. These first 10 days, leading up to Yom Kippur, are designed for introspection. We take some time by the water (see TASHLICH later in this newsletter) to cast away those elements of the previous year that we do not want to repeat and open our hearts to new possibilities. We also contemplate the mysteries of the coming year, hoping for the best and praying we will be prepared for whatever comes along.

Yom Kippur is not just about spending a day in synagogue. It's not just about praying or fasting or even repenting. It's about time. It's about taking the time to remove ourselves from outside distractions and be present with ourselves and our community. We can take this time to really think about what we've learned about ourselves and how that learning will enhance the experiences ahead. Hopefully, our growth and maturity help us face all these mysteries with courage for ourselves and empathy for others. Of course, we can contemplate these concepts any time; but the calendar gives us good reason to do it NOW.

On the bulletin board in my office, I keep a reminder of the importance of time. It comes from the wisdom of Winnie the Pooh.

“What day is? asked Pooh. “It's today,” squeaked Piglet. “My favorite day,” said Pooh.

Happy New Year. It's time.

L' shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan

Thursday, October 17th 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!

TASHLICH/SHABBAT DINNER 5780 OCTOBER 4, 6:30pm

CASTING OUR SINS UPON THE WATERS
Shabbat service will be off-site in Kingwood, not at
TBT this Shabbat

TBT will gather together on the Friday night between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur at the home of Mike Stark for Shabbat and Tashlich. Tashlich is the custom during the 10 Days of Awe to connect to the teachings of the prophet Micah, who said “He (God) will take us back in love; He will cover up our iniquities. You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” (7:19) For hundreds of years, Jewish people have gathered at a body of water and tossed breadcrumbs into the water to symbolize tossing away the “crumbly” things we’ve done as we commit to doing better in the coming year. The lake behind Mike’s house serves as the body of water, which will accept our sins (breadcrumbs) and help them float away. After some Shabbat singing and worship, we will enjoy a Shabbat meal, generously donated by the Stark family, and those who wish may bring a dessert.

The evening begins at 6:30 PM. Details and directions will be available at Rosh Hashana services. For more information, email admin@tbthumble.org or call (281) 446-5611.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT WITH “PIZZA IN THE HUT” FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 PM Pizza Dinner – 7:15 PM
Shabbat/Sukkot Service

Come early and enjoy friendship and pizza as we observe Sukkot, honor nature, and bring the spirit of the Harvest Moon into our celebration. Please let us know if you plan to come for pizza. Email admin@tbthumble.org

Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion - Wednesday, October 9 Approximately 1-2:30 PM

*Strangers in a Strange Land:
The Spiritual Nature of Belonging*
Guest Presenter: **Pastor Emmanuel
Jackson**



What does it mean to truly belong? In what ways do we establish our own identity. When do we feel included and when do we feel excluded? What efforts do we make to help others feel included, and what might we do, intentionally or unintentionally, to make others feel excluded?

Emmanuel Jackson is the lead pastor of Living Word Lutheran Church of Katy, which calls itself “a perfect church for imperfect people.” A native of Liberia, Pastor Emmanuel came to the United States to fulfill his personal mission to serve God and humanity. In both his own life and as spiritual leader of a large church, he has experienced and observed the delicate nature of feeling like an “insider” and an “outsider.” During the break between the Yom Kippur morning and evening services, Pastor Emmanuel will lead an interactive discussion that will help explore actions and communications that can help strengthen community.

As we spend the morning and the evening of Yom Kippur devoted to prayers for the coming year, the afternoon will help lead us into a New Year with open hearts.

MEET YOUR NEW CARE TEAM

For as long as anyone can remember, Joy Fields has humbly and quietly managed the “Care Committee” of Temple Beth Torah. For over a dozen years, she has reached out to members when she learned about various needs for comforting during times of loss, support during times of illness, and congratulations during exciting life cycle times. As Joy graciously passes the baton, a new Caring Team has formed. **Sarah Miller**, who became Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Torah in 1999, has taken on the leadership role. Sarah is joined by **Ellen Grayson**, **Alice Kaufman** and **Gail Pilman**. If you know of a congregant who can use some caring, please email Sarah at care@tbthumble.org or Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org or leave a message at (281) 446-5611.

We are very thankful of the years that Joy has provided temple members with such kindness, and grateful to these new volunteers for stepping up so we can do our best to provide the kind of caring to others that we would like to receive ourselves.

SOUTHERN STYLE SIMCHAT TORAH
With Soulful Folk Musician, Joe Buchanan
Sunday, October 20, 11 AM with Lunch to follow
ENTIRE COMMUNITY WELCOME – NO CHARGE



The “big” High Holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are followed by the joyous festival of Sukkot, which celebrates our abundance. The full High Holiday season culminates with the excitement of Simchat Torah, a time to celebrate learning. Temple Beth Torah enjoys Simchat Torah with music, welcoming Joe Buchanan, who delighted our community last February with his concert, “Americana with a Jewish Soul.” We are lucky to have Joe close to us in Texas, as he has become a nation-wide star in the Jewish music scene. With a blend of his own compositions of musical prayer and his personal commitment to Judaism, Joe brings a unique and dynamic spirit to everything he does. All ages will enjoy this lively concert as we observe one of the most exciting times of the Jewish calendar. A delicious catered barbeque lunch will follow the concert. The concert and lunch are sponsored by the Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund of Temple Beth Torah. Tom Theriot was an active member of TBT who loved children, music and food. He was a great supporter of all temple programs. After his untimely death in 2008, his wife, Castine and her children set up this fund to help bring wonderful programs to help keep his memory alive and to bring joy to future generations. Please come honor the Theriot family and enjoy a favorite holiday with a fabulous performer.

SHOW UP FOR SHABBAT - OCTOBER 25, 7:15 PM
AN ACT OF SOLIDARITY ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGEDY IN
PITTSBURGH

On October 27, 2018, the Jewish community of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania experienced a shock. Eleven worshippers at the Tree of Life synagogue were shot and killed in an act of senseless hatred and ignorance. The following Shabbat hundreds of thousands flocked to synagogues to show their solidarity, demonstrating that peaceful prayer can and will overcome violence.

On the one-year anniversary, synagogues all over the world are participating in #ShowUpForShabbat, bringing out the best in our communities. Temple Beth Torah will host a special Shabbat service, celebrating spirit of unity. Cantor Vadim Tunitsky will join Rabbi Dan Gordon, blending music, stories, prayer and hope for peaceful times of the future.

Please join with TBT and thousands of other synagogues, standing together with pride, dedication and love.

The #ShowUpForShabbat campaign was initiated by the American Jewish Committee. For more information on the international implications, see AJC.org/ShowUpForShabbat.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

I hope to see many families at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. We are looking forward to celebrating all the fall holidays together.

Our ISJL fellow, Rena Lubin, will be at TBT to celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah with our Religious School students from October 18th to 20th. Thank you to the Pilman family for hosing Rena for the weekend.

Students in grades Gimmel, Dahlet, Hay and Pre Confirmation have a special Saturday, October 19th adventure at Lake Houston Wilderness park, 25840 FM 1485, New Caney, TX 77357. Arrive at 11:30 for lunch, Sukkot crafts, games and fun. Parents may stay with their students. Please bring, mosquito repellent, hats, sunscreen, camp chairs, Frisbees, balls and gloves. We will be through around 2:30. RSVP if you will be attending by Wednesday, October 16th.

On Sunday, October 20, Religious school will begin at the regular 9:00 AM time. the Alef and Bet classes get to have an ISJL Sukkot experience with Rena during their Religious School time. There will not be Hebrew at 11:30.

The TBT Simchat Torah Celebration and Program begins at 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 20. It will be fun for everyone- adults and students! Parents, please come into the sanctuary at 11:00 AM and join your children for an exciting time with Joe Buchanan, an amazing folk singer and guitarist. Lunch will follow the program.

Remember that our Religious School theme for the year is tikkun olam, repairing or improving the world. Each class will be discussing this through the year and working on projects to help our community. This would be a great opportunity to families to discuss what we can do at home to improve the world around us. There are really innumerable ways for us to do tikkun olam in our daily lives from enjoying a Shabbat with our family, doing mitzvot, and building friendships with people around us.

Carrie Keith
Religious School Principal

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. **NO CLASS ON OCT. 13th and 20th.**

ONEGS

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

Carrie Keith – In Honor of Dennis and Carrie's 40th Wedding Anniversary

Debbie Swaim

The Nossal Family - in memory of Glenn Nossal

Wes Goble – In memory of Barry Liss

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.

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

The Zen Commandments by Dean Sluyter, is the next 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. No class on October 20th.

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. No class on October 6th and 20th.

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 October Birthdays

- 6 *Janet Sisler*
- 9 *Susan Meinholz*
- 9 *John Ruskis*
- 11 *Abraham Ramirez*
- 17 *Sammy Baur*
- 17 *Joe Kullman*
- 20 *Irene Carroll*
- 22 *Allan Daniels*
- 24 *Marvin Sussman*
- 24 *Morgan Wadsworth*
- 27 *Patricia Klemz*
- 28 *Manette Farber*
- 28 *Barbara Heller*
- 29 *Jeremy Blumin*
- 30 *Debye Lurie*

Anniversaries

- 2 *Allan and Irene Carroll*
- 7 *Allan and Lael Daniels*
- 11 *Tony and Carole Curtis*
- 17 *Jeremy and Stacey Blumin*
- 19 *Roy and Sara Bleiberg*
- 22 *JQ and Ellen Delap*
- 23 *Pete and Emma Brawn*
- 29 *Tony Sullivan and Jennifer Ofsowitz*

THE CARING COMMITTEE

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

Create Your Jewish Legacy at Temple Beth Torah

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Wesley Goble

Marty Lorin

Dale Vine

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

SECURITY FUND

Castine Theriot

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Castine Theriot and Joni Levy - Flowers

GENERAL FUND

Rachel McConnell

Elana and Cody Safford

TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

Castine Theriot – in memory of Tom Theriot

MULCH FUND

Aizenberg Family

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

THANK YOU TO TECHNICAL SARGENT ERIC FEINMAN FOR THE DONATION OF A SHOFAR

Give a Gift to TBT!

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

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

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

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

DONATIONS

Making a donation to TBT is a perfect way to honor a joyous occasion, like a birthday, anniversary, wedding/engagement, new home, job change, or retirement. It is also appropriate to honor someone who has passed away with a donation in his/her memory at the time of the passing or on the yahrtzeit (anniversary) of the passing. All donations to Temple Beth Torah are tax deductible. You can choose where you would like your donation to be applied.

GENERAL FUND

Any donation that is not specified to another specific fund goes to the General Fund, which helps maintain the operating budget of the temple. Building expenses, insurance, staff salaries and all program expenses that are not underwritten come out of the General Fund, as well as support for the Religious School.

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This separate tzedakah fund enables the rabbi to make confidential contributions to help individuals and causes that may be in crisis. The rabbi may also use this fund to help support unbudgeted programs that will benefit the temple or community.

BURT LEVY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books. Our library, located in the back of the sanctuary, is named after TBT’s founding president, Burt Levy, who was a major inspiration in starting Temple Beth Torah.

TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

This fund provides scholarships to Jewish summer camps for children and for educational conferences for teachers. It also helps support special educational programs that are not in the general budget. The fund honors Tracy Tobin Johnson, who was an active TBT member, volunteer and teacher before passing away at a young age.

TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

This fund supports special dynamic programs, often related to the arts. It is named after Tom Theriot, a lover of the arts, who was a constant presence at TBT and supported every cause.

DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now make donations online for any fund donation. Now there is an easy way to honor the memory of loved ones or acknowledge a joyous occasion by giving tzedakah. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, www.tbthumble.org, to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 9

Torah Portions for October 2019

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

October 4-5, (*Shabbat Shuva*)

Vayelech Deuteronomy 31:1-31:29

Moses tells the Israelites that, after the forty-year journey as their leader, he will not be accompanying them to the Promised Land. He acknowledges some of his actions which led G-d to make this decision and passes the torch of leadership to Joshua. It is interesting that as we transition into a New Year, we learn from Torah about transitions that include reminiscing, loss and a vision for the future.

October 11-12, **Haazinu 32:1-32:48**

Moses, nearing the end of his life, uses poetry and song to recount the journey in the desert. At the conclusion of the song, G-d instructs Moses to climb to the top of Mount Nebo, overlooking the Jordan River. This is where Moses will die, able to see the Promised Land, but not enter it. G-d explains this is because Moses broke faith with Him when he struck the rock. Moses is 120 years old.

October 18-19, (*Sukkot*)

Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Numbers 29:12-16

On Sukkot, the Torah readings are unique for the festival. It begins with the injunction that a newborn calf must be left with its mother for seven days, and we may not slaughter a calf and its mother on the same day. We are also reminded about other festival days and observances in these Torah portions, including to hear the shofar on the first of Tishrei, to fast on Yom Kippur, and to dwell in huts for seven days for Sukkot with four species of vegetation. The lulav and etrog represent those four species. Sukkot was one of the most joyous festivals listed in the Torah because it was a celebration of the abundance of the harvest. The four species are a beautiful reminder of the importance of inclusion, as all four are important for true observance.

October 29-30, **Bereshit, Genesis 1:1-6:8**

The learning cycle for the year begins again with the first Torah portion. We receive all the reminders of creation, the strife of the First Family, and lessons to begin the year.

October Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during October 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.

*Rose Markowitz, Lawrence Wallach, Ethel Lappen,
Joseph Cohn, Jean Krafcheck Farber,
Mary Hauptman Conway, Solomon Miller,
Alvin Gerhardt, Lloyd Spalter, Bill Clark,
Jesse W Bluhm, Robert Lipstat, Harry Kimmel,
Ben Solomon, E. L. Tabor, Helen Shaw Smith, Ida
Ruskis, Jack Moss, Lee Biegel, Louis Feldstein,
Martin Greenbaum, Mary Jane Ciotta, Max Muller,
Morris Cahn, Morris Kharasch, Piotr Perelman,
Roslyn Smith, Sam Winter, Sylvia Myers, Max Glaser*

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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

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.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please return this form no later than October 2nd

Please inscribe the following names in our "Book of Remembrance" which the synagogue is publishing for the Day of Atonement in honor and memory of our loving family.

As a tribute to our departed ones, I/we are enclosing \$_____ as a tzedakah gift for the beloved souls who are remembered on October 9th at the Memorial Service.

Listed below are the full names of the departed:

Date of Death:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Or **There are no changes from last year.** _____

Remembered by: _____

Address/Phone/Email: _____

Thank you for your donation. Yahrzeit plaques for the memorial board are available. Call 281-446-5611 for more information.

*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**



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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

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

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October 2019 TISHREI – CHESHVAN 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
NO Religious School NO - Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club 7:15 PM ROSH HASHANAH (please note start time)	ROSH HASHANAH 9:30 AM Children’s Service 10:30 AM Adult Service				6:30 PM Tashlich Shabbat Service with Dinner at the Home of Mile Stark– Temple Closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club		8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service	YOM KIPPUR 9:30 AM – Children’s Service 10:30 AM Service 1:00 PM-2:30 PM Discussion 3:30 PM Yizkor, Neila & Havdallah Break the fast meal		7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 AM Religious School NO - Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew				12:30 PM – Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan	6:30 PM Pizza in the Hut 7:15 PM Sukkot Shabbat Service	11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Adventure at Lake Houston Wilderness Park
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 AM Religious School NO Adult Ed – TORCH class NO Adult Ed – Book Club 11:00 AM – Simchat Torah with Joe Buchanan and Lunch					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	
27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:15 – Adult Ed – Book Club 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew					7:15 PM Shabbat Service	

Temple Beth Torah Donate a Brick Campaign

TBT member Will Pollard has built a brick path in front of our Sukkah as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are now giving everyone an opportunity to donate an engraved brick for the path with **all** donations going to support Temple Beth Torah!

This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor a friend/family member. You can also use it to commemorate an occasion, like a bar/bat mitzvah, a wedding, an anniversary or a memorable birthday.

Each brick can be inscribed with 3 lines and 20 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation and other keyboard symbols are considered characters). Various approved clip art designs can be made available for an additional \$20 donation per brick. If clip art is used, the text is limited to 15 characters per line.

Brick donations are:

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

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

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

Name of donor: _____

Phone number or email address: _____

Engraving details (please print):

Brick 1:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 2:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____