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VIRTUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Vadim Tunitsky will lead virtual services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The services will be prerecorded and streamed at the appropriate times. TBT Members will be able to participate virtually by recording readings and greetings which will be incorporated into the service.

Members of Temple Beth Torah will be getting a link to the services via email the week before Rosh Hashanah. Any members who would like to do a reading during services should contact Shari Ellsworth at ritual@tbthumble.org by September 10th.

For security reasons, TBT guests will sign up for services using Eventbrite (see link below). The process is quite simple, but if you do experience issues, please contact admin@tbthumble.org. Below is our link to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/temple-beth-torahs-high-holiday-services-registration-116816893473>

We will be having another “drive by” event on September 13 (see separate article) during which time people can pick up High Holiday prayer books, drop off Book of Remembrance forms and deliver donations of non-perishable food and other items for H.A.A.M. and FamilyTime (see article of page 4 for needed items).

As in the past, on Yom Kippur afternoon, between the morning service and concluding services, there will be a discussion group/learning session. The session will be interactive and there will be a separate Zoom link sent to members and guests who have signed up. (see article on page 5).

We look forward to joining you in High Holiday worship in this new, exciting virtual format.

VIRTUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah

- Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 18 7:30 pm
- Rosh Hashanah Morning Saturday, September 19 10:30 am

Yom Kippur

- Erev Yom Kippur Sunday, Sept 27 Kol Nidre 7:30 pm
- Yom Kippur Morning Monday, Sept 28 10:30 am
- Zoom-based afternoon discussion period 1:00 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon
- Yizkor, Concluding Service 4:30 pm

Children and Family Services

- Rosh Hashanah – Saturday, Sept 19 9:30 am
- Yom Kippur Sunday, Sept 27 9:30 am and repeated on Monday, Sept 28 9:30 am

Book Of Remembrance
Due by September 13
See Article on Page 5
Form on Page 13

Order High Holiday Challahs
See article on Page 4

Rabbi / Comedian Robert Haas
Virtual Performance
Sunday, September 6th at 7: 30 PM

See Article on Page 2

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.

Rabbi/Comedian Robert Haas to Perform Virtually for Temple Beth Torah Sunday, September 6, 7:30 PM



Rabbi Robert Haas will give a special comedy program for Temple Beth Torah over Zoom. Rabbi Haas, a native of McAllen, Texas, was associate rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in Houston for four years before becoming senior rabbi Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah Georgia. Rabbi Haas has always enjoyed using humor in his Shabbat and High Holiday sermons. A few years ago, when he was working on jokes to present at High Holidays, he was invited to do a stand-up comedy routine for a community fundraiser. “I decided I would go to an open mic to practice some of my sermon jokes,” he said. When he found people laughing with him even outside the synagogue, he decided to cultivate his act.

Rabbi Haas is no stranger to Jewish humor, having taught several adult education classes on the topic. He brings with him the tradition of old time “Borsht Belt” comedians along with laughter about modern times. “There is enough in our world that we must take seriously,” says the rabbi, who volunteered in Africa for American World Jewish Service before relocating to Georgia. “We need to take time out for laughter. It is a great way to keep our lives in balance and reduce stress. You know, the Psalms teach us, ‘He who sits in the heavens laughs.’” In 2013, Rabbi Haas was featured on a TED Talk entitled “Finding Happiness through Humor.” He has also been recognized for his work in building tolerance and understanding with interfaith groups in Savannah.

The Sunday evening performance is titled “Shalom Y’all Comedy,” and will include some teaching about the history of Jewish humor along with the comedy set. It is free and open to all. See the weekly email for the Zoom link, or by emailing admin@tbthumble.org.

Shabbat Services and Events in September

Please note different times

Friday, September 4	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service - Sponsored by Castine Theriot - In memory of Tom Theriot
Sunday, September 6	7:30 PM	Rabbi/Comedian Robert Haas Virtual Comedy Show
Friday, September 11	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 13	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Drive By—Drop Off—Pick Up Day!
Friday, September 18	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Saturday, Sept. 19	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Children and Family Services Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Friday, September 25	7:00 PM	Virtual Tashlich Shabbat Service
Sunday, September 27	9:30 AM 7:30 PM	Children’s and Family Service Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre
Monday, Sept. 28	9:30 AM 10:30 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Children’s and Family Service – Repeated from Sunday Yom Kippur Morning Service Zoom-based afternoon discussion Yizkor, Concluding Service

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Your Home is your Sanctuary

“Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” Exodus 25:8

The Torah focuses extensively on creating a *mishkan*, a dwelling place for the Ten Commandments, as well as the construction of the holy, sacred Temple in Jerusalem. It provides detail about size, structure, color, and ornamentation. The Hebrews carried the portable ark through the wilderness. Centuries later, King Solomon finished the actual building. But only the High Priests could enter the inner sanctuary. Others made pilgrimages three times a year to bring sacrifices, standing outside the inner walls while the Priests took the offerings to present to the Holy One. That was their way of worship.

When the Temple was destroyed, gradually, synagogues became houses of worship. Anyone could now find a building that housed a Torah, employed a rabbi, and had sacred literature to study. Today, there are thousands of synagogues all over the world. Some have daily worshippers, most fill up more on Shabbat, and on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, it can be standing room only.

Coming into a sanctuary gives us a sense of peace and community. But where is the heart of our connection to the Divine? In ancient times, there was an inner sanctuary that was only physically accessible to High Priests. Now, it becomes important to find our own inner connection. A building can provide a sense of atmosphere. But it is the inner heart of every person that makes the true sense of warmth.

Now is the time to find the spiritual connection inside; not inside a physical structure, but inside ourselves. The community will connect with the help of technology. But we must also find the way to create our own spiritual connection. Perhaps we can make the environment in our personal homes help ignite that spirit. For some, candles, artwork, and religious symbols could help decorate that environment, and feel like a personal sanctuary. For some, it might be the presence of family or friends in the same room, or even over a computer screen. Many will want to take some quiet time before or after the recorded service, contemplating the previous year and the next year, meditating on the hopes, dreams, expectations, and potential surprises the world offers. We take time to remember the blessings and the challenges, while trying to feel blessed by both. On Yom Kippur morning, we read:

“Surely this Teaching is not confusing or beyond your reach. It is not in the heavens, that you should say, ‘Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us and teach it to us?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who can cross to the other side of the sea and get it for us and teach it to us?’ No. This is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart.” (Deuteronomy 31)

We have many blessings and many challenges. This year, we are challenged to truly make our home a sanctuary. Let us see the Divine before our eyes, in our homes, and in our hearts. Starting from such holy hearts, holy homes, and holy minds, together, we will make it a very sweet New Year.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Celebrate Shabbat Virtually

Friday Nights at 7:00 pm with Rabbi Dan Gordon

Zoom into Shabbat virtually every Friday evening at 7:00 PM. We are having great attendance, so don't miss out!! Zoom links are emailed regularly, and the link for Friday night services is always the same. If you need the link, email admin@tbthumble.org

Several kind members have chosen to sponsor a service in honor of an occasion, a simcha, an accomplishment or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to sponsor a Shabbat service, please contact Jeremy at president@tbthumble.org or Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org

DRIVE BY, DROP OFF and PICK UP

Sunday, September 13 3pm–4:30pm at TBT

FOOD AND CORNBREAD MIX FOR HAAM AND FAMILYTIME DROP OFF - We are collecting non-perishable food for the Humble Area assistance Ministries and FAMILYTIME. We are again looking for cleaning supplies like Fabuloso, Lysol wipes and spray and paper towels. HAAM has asked us to begin collections for Seasons of Sharing so we will be collecting Cornbread mix and other non-perishable food items. If you would like to donate but can't join us on Sept. 13, please email Susan at spollard@tbthumble.org to make other arrangements.

HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK PICK UP – As you know, High Holidays will be virtual this year and we want everyone to have a prayer book! If you have not already picked up your high holiday prayer book, tell us when you get there how many High Holiday prayer books you will need and we will place them in your trunk. These books are for you to keep—feel free to make a donation of your choice! If you are not able to come by to pick up books in person—we will try to make alternative arrangements.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE DROP OFF— This is your last chance to drop off your Book of Remembrance Form (See form on page 13).

CHALLAH PICK-UP—See article in this newsletter about ordering your round plain and/or raisin challah for \$10 each from 3 Brothers Bakery in Houston. Orders and payment must be received by Sept. 8. Store them in your freezer and pull them out for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur!

DONATION DROP OFF—If you would like to make a separate donation to support our High Holiday Virtual Services, this is an opportunity to do so.

RECEIVE A GIFT—As TBT's way of saying, "thanks for coming by and supporting us," you will receive a small gift when you come by on Sunday, September 13.

Happy Challah Days at TBT—Pick Up Your High Holiday Challah Sunday, September 13 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Would you like to have a Three Brothers 1.5-pound round challah for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? Now is your chance to get one or more without driving into Houston! At our next "Drive By, Drop Off, and Pick Up" event on Sunday, September 13 between 3 pm and 4:30 pm, you will have you chance to pick up your plain or raisin challah.

Three Brothers Bakery has been in business since 1949 and was founded by Holocaust Survivors Sigmund, Sol, and Max Jucker. Sigmund's son Bobby and Bobby's wife Janice now run the bakery. For more information on the history of the bakery:

<https://3brothersbakery.com/history/#:~:text=On%20May%208%2C%201949%2C%20Sigmund,as%20it%20was%20in%20Europe.>

Round plain or raisin challahs are \$10 each. Please send your check to Temple Beth Torah at 320 Shallow Drive 77338 and enclose a note with how many plain and how many raisin challahs you would like and include your name and phone number/email address.

All orders and payment must be received by Tuesday, September 8. You will receive an order confirmation after payment is received. If you have questions, please contact Hy Penn at admin@tbthumble.org

Children and Family Virtual High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Torah

Rosh Hashanah – Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 am

**Yom Kippur -- Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 am and
repeated on Monday, September 28 at 9:30 am**

Our always popular children's services will be offered virtually this year. Each service will be led by Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Vadim Tunitsky and is geared for elementary school aged children and younger, but everyone is invited—just click on the link!

Rosh Hashanah's virtual children's service will be on Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 am. Yom Kippur's virtual children's service will be on Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 am and repeated on Monday, September 28 at 9:30 am. Each service will last approximately 30 - 45 minutes.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

High Holidays will be virtual this year and so will the publication of the Book of Remembrance. It will be available online on the TBT website or print your own copy during the service. If you would like to have a copy printed for you ahead of time please let the administrator know by emailing admin@tbthumble.org or calling 281-446-5611 by September 18th. We will only print and mail copies that have been requested ahead of time.

You can turn in your Book of Remembrance Forms and donations two ways. You can come by TBT for our "Drive By, Drop Off and Pick Up" on Sunday, September 13th from 3:00pm-4:30pm or you can mail them. Forms need to be received by Sunday, September 13th to be included. If you have questions about the Book of Remembrance please email the administrator at admin@tbthumble.org or Susan at spollard@tbthumble.org.

Support TBT and Make a High Holiday Donation

Beautiful and meaningful High Holiday services are being planned this month at Temple Beth Torah. We are looking for individuals and families to help underwrite our virtual experience this year. Donations are needed to help with music, publicity, and filming our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Contact admin@tbthumble.org for more information.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion Rabbi Jimmy Kessler – Life as a Texan Rabbi Yom Kippur Day Monday, September 28 1:00 PM

For many TBT participants, one of the highlights of Yom Kippur is the break between the morning and afternoon services. Some choose to relax and take a nap, while others have stayed at the temple to engage in discussion. We have had some fascinating guests who have inspired thoughtful discussion in the middle of the most prayerful and contemplative day. This year will be no exception. The live discussion will take place over Zoom at 1:00 P.M. after the morning service is concluded.

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler was born in Houston, and except for his years in rabbinical school in Cincinnati, has spent his whole life in Texas. He was the first director of Texas Hillel, serving college students at the University of Texas, and then served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Galveston for thirty years before becoming Rabbi Emeritus in 2014. In 1980, he founded the Texas Jewish Historical Society. He is the author of three books, including *Ramblings of a Texan Rabbi*.

Rabbi Kessler is an engaging speaker and storyteller and will brighten our Yom Kippur afternoon.

There is a separate link for this program which will be emailed to TBT members and those who have registered for High Holidays through EventBrite on the Temple Beth Torah website.

Shabbat/Tashlich – A time of transition **Friday, September 25, 7 PM**

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a very special time. After inspirational worship on Rosh Hashanah, we focus our spiritual energy toward Yom Kippur, a time of being accountable for our past and our future. The sages called this time “*cheshbon ha-nefesh*” – an accounting of the soul. It is a time to contemplate a personal commitment to the coming year, while reflecting on the past year.

The usual tradition is to go to a flowing body of water and toss breadcrumbs into the water, symbolically “casting our sins” away. While zooming from our homes, Rabbi Dan will lead a unique, creative, and interactive experience on Shabbat as we connect our inner selves and each other during this contemplative time. More details will be available in emails and at the Rosh Hashanah services.

Religious School Corner *By Carrie Keith, Religious School Principal*

Temple Beth Torah is off to a great start! We had an exciting first day of Religious School on August 30. We are so pleased to have excellent classroom teachers, madrichim helpers and Rabbi Dan to work with your children. Rebecca Shuman is the Kindergarten – 1st grade teacher, Andrea Miller is the 3rd – 5th grade teacher, Shari Ellsworth is the 6th grade teacher and Mike Miller is the 7th grade teacher. Shari is also the pre-confirmation teacher. This class will meet once a month with the first session being September 13th. Amy Nossal, Sammy Baur, Shayna Ellsworth and Andrew Shuman are the madrichim for this school year. They will be working with the classroom teachers to bring exciting Zoom activities to the students.

Our Religious School theme for the year is “A Year of Kindness” with a goal to acknowledge blessings and increase appreciation for the world around us. We would like our students to demonstrate gratitude through acts of kindness, by connecting with friends, family and community, and through meaningful prayer. Each month a family packet will be emailed with a variety of kindness activities to do for the month. September is “Be A Mensch Month” with the students decorating their “Mensch Tree” with mensch moment leaves for things they have achieved.

The High Holidays are coming up quickly. Over the next few weeks, the classes will focus on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Also, in October, we will celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah with creative Zoom lessons.

Hebrew classes for the 4th through Bar/Bat mitzvah students will begin after the High Holidays. Watch for emails for information for these classes and Zoom times.

ADULT EDUCATION - TORCH **(TORAH OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER OF HOUSTON)** **SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM VIA ZOOM**

TORCH Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe leads a discussion of **Pirke Avot** (Ethics of the Fathers). All meetings will be through Zoom. Any questions please contact admin@tbthumble.org. The Zoom links are sent out in the weekly email. There will be no class on Sept 20th and 27th. Enjoy the High Holiday time.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP **SUNDAYS at 11:30 A.M.**

Sunday Discussion Group will be watching *The Power of Myth* by Joseph Campbell moderated by Bill Moyers. We will be discussing this fascinating series. If you would like to join us please email Susan at spollard@tbthumble.org. The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

The Bible Players Were Enjoyed by All!

The Bible Players were the special guest performers at this year's Open House held virtually on Sunday, August 23rd. This nationally known Jewish improv group provided a wonderful experience for all who attended via Zoom.

Thanks to Rabbi Dan for hosting and the Institute of Southern Jewish Life for coordinating.

A very special thanks to our sponsors:

- The Brawn Family
- Carrie and Dennis Keith
- Jeanne Mandell
- Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn
- Steve Smith
- Castine Theriot

Once Again, We Filled The Car!!!!



Thanks so much to everyone who donated school supplies and food for Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM)! HAAM estimated we had about 300 pounds of food as well as much needed school supplies. Impressive! We want to thank our donors: The Adlers, The Acosta Family, The Bours, The Blumins, Neil Davis, Wes Goble, The Hellers, The Kaufmans, The Keiths, Iris Kelly and Mike Weisberg, Pat Klemz, The Luries, Jeanne Mandell, The McConnell Family, The Penn-Gordons, The Pilman Family, The Pollards, The Poser Family, The Shultis Family, The Swaim Family, The Stapleton Family, Castine Theriot, Adam Waxman, Dale Vine, The Zakes Family.

Our next donation collection will be held on September 13th. We will be collecting food for HAAM and FamilyTime. We are again looking for cleaning supplies like Fabuloso, Lysol wipes and spray and paper towels. HAAM has asked us to begin collections for Seasons of Sharing so we will be collecting Cornbread mix and other non-perishable food items.

Torah Portions for September 2020

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

September 4-5, 2020 Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

The *parshah* begins with a description of a ceremony to commemorate the occupation of the land. Some of every first fruit of the soil will be given to the Priest as the Exodus experience is retold. A tenth of the yield must be set-aside for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. Blessings and curses, some extremely graphic, are recited to motivate the people to observe the covenant.

September 11-12, 2020 Nitzavim/Va-Yelech Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 (double portion)

Nitzavim is read twice a year: once on its calendar date and once on Yom Kippur. It is no mere recapitulation but instead is a talk about the future. Moses' speech to the Israelites just before they enter the Land of Israel reveals that in Judaism, belief flows from behavior. The actions – rituals as well as deeds of kindness – help inspire our faith. Moses reminds the Israelites that G-d's words, teachings and spirit are not meant to be distant, but are close to us, in our hearts. In *Vayelech* Moses announces to the Israelites that at one hundred and twenty years old, he is no longer active. He publicly transfers his authority to Joshua and empowers the Levites to bring the Teachings of the Torah into the Ark of Covenant. Moses warns the Israelites to remember all of G-d's commandments by re-reading the teachings even after his own death.

September 18-19, 2020 ROSH HASHANAH – B'reishit Genesis 1:1-2:4

The original story of the creation of the world in six days, with G-d resting on the seventh day.

September 25-26, 2020 Ha'Azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

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.

Simchas in September

Birthdays

2	<i>Karen Simmons</i>	21	<i>Azriel Velasquez</i>
2	<i>Andrew Shuman</i>	22	<i>Matthew Zevalos</i>
3	<i>Craig Gotfried</i>	22	<i>Wesley Goble</i>
5	<i>John Bassett</i>	23	<i>Howard Arner</i>
5	<i>Deysi Velasquez</i>	23	<i>Dennis Keith</i>
7	<i>Bernard Lewis</i>	25	<i>Ellen Klager</i>
7	<i>Pete Brawn</i>	25	<i>Jacob Rhines</i>
11	<i>Roy Bleiberg</i>	25	<i>Gil Velasquez</i>
15	<i>Sophie Rhines</i>	26	<i>Noellee Cole-Baca</i>
16	<i>Merissa Stein</i>	26	<i>Rosie Brawn</i>
16	<i>Idalis Ramirez</i>	28	<i>Adam Curtis</i>
17	<i>Kim Levy</i>	28	<i>Paige Daniels</i>
18	<i>Sophia Gerszen</i>		

Anniversaries

6	<i>Larry and Lauren Rhines</i>
15	<i>Dennis and Carrie Keith</i>

September Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during September 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.

Faye Cohn Graham, Mathew Mounger, Tom Theriot, Carol Winter, Jacob Halpern, Annie Minkes, Tracy Tobin Johnson, Lee Salkin, Martha Weisberg, Joseph Lewis, Barney Gordon, Scott Sard, Karen Finn, Sarah Winsberg, Jack Ballin, Clyde Blumin, Amerigo Strizzi, James Cliff Smith, Jaime Szereszewski, Jeff Reed, Edith Kharasch, Stephen Stapleton Jr., Harry Preusse, Wanda Preusse, Lester Nussbaum, Ruth Merki, Rose Saslaw, Jack Ballin, Rildah Royal, Stephen Stapleton Sr., Joseph Gordon, Rose Weiss, David Kestin, Maxinne Davis

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

Please make sure you are using Amazon smile for all your purchases.

Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose Temple Beth Torah in Humble, TX and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT. smile.amazon.com

THE CARING COMMITTEE

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

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Dale Vine

Roger Poser

GENERAL FUND

Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn

In Honor of Mike Miller – A person that can Virtually do anything

In Honor of Rabbi Dan and Cantor Vadim

Tommy Epps

Steve and Eileen Blumin – In Memory of Lillian Blumin

SUPPORTING ONGOING ONLINE PROGRAMS

Wes Goble

Dale Vine

The Levy Family

Mike Stark

Steve and Barbara Heller

SPONSORS OF SHABBAT SERVICES

Jeff and Alice Kaufman – Aug 7

In Honor of their Anniversary

Pat Klemz – Aug 14

In Memory of her mother Lorraine Klemz

Michael and Andrea Miller – Aug 21

In Honor of their Anniversary and Mike's Birthday

A Special Thank you to those who participated and bid on items from our Auction, and to Mike Miller and Carrie Keith for coordinating it.

If you would like to sponsor a TBT Zoom event in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one please contact Jeremy at president@tbthumble.org or Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org.

DONATIONS

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

GENERAL FUND

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

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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

BURT LEVY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

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

TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

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

TOM THERIOT MEMORIAL PROGRAM FUND

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

DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now make donations online for any fund donation. Now there is an easy way to honor the memory of loved ones or acknowledge a joyous occasion by giving tzedakah. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, www.tbthumble.org, to make use of this mitzvah. Or SEE THE DONATIONS FORM ON PG 12

Temple Beth Torah Donate a Brick Campaign

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

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

Each brick can be inscribed with 3 lines and 20 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation and other keyboard symbols are considered characters).

Various approved clip art designs can be made available for an additional \$20 donation per brick. If clip art is used, the text is limited to 15 characters per line.

Brick donations are:

1 Brick= \$100

2 Bricks= \$180 @ \$90/each

3 Bricks= \$240 @ \$80/each

4 Bricks= \$280 @ \$70/each

5 Bricks= \$300 @ \$60/each

6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick

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

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

Name of donor: _____

Phone number or email address: _____

Engraving details (please print):

Brick 1:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 2:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

*Please consider making a donation to support
Temple Beth Torah's many worthy endeavors.
You can indicate which fund you would like your contribution
to support on the form below,
as well as the names of those you wish to honor or remember.*

You may contact the Temple by calling 281- 446-5611 with any questions.

THANK YOU

**Please mail your donation and form to the Treasurer at:
Temple Beth Torah 320 Shallow Drive Humble, TX 77338**



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Donation Form

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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:

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SEPTEMBER 2020 ELUL 5780 – TISHREI 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	SEPT 1	2	3	4	5
ALL PROGRAMS LISTED ON THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WILL BE VIRTUAL. LINKS TO LOG IN TO PROGRAMS ARE SENT REGULARLY THROUGH EMAIL. If you are not receiving the information, EMAIL ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG					7:00 PM Shabbat Service <i>Sponsored by Castine Theriot In Memory of Tom Theriot</i>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No Religious School 10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group 7:30 PM Rabbi/Comedian Robert Haas – Virtual Comedy Show	LABOR DAY				7:00 PM Shabbat Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00AM AM Religious School 10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:30 AM Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group 3:00PM – 4:30PM Drive By and Drop Off and Pick up					7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	9:30 AM Children and Family Services 10:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Second Day Rosh Hashanah NO Religious School NO Adult Ed – TORCH class 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group					7:00 PM Tashlich Shabbat Service	
27	28	29	30	OCT 1	2	3
NO Religious School 9:30 AM Children and Family Services 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group 7:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur Services – Kol Nidre	YOM KIPPUR 9:30 AM Children and Family Services (repeated from Sunday) 10:30 AM Morning Service 1:00 PM Zoom-based afternoon discussion 4:30 PM Yizkor and Concluding Service				7:00 PM Sukkot Shabbat Service	

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please return this form no later than September 13th

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 September 28th 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.