

# Temple Beth Torah

## NEWS FOR YOU

November 2020 CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5781



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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:president@tbthumble.org) or Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

### **Nashville Singer/Songwriter Ellie Flier Returns to TBT for a Virtual Shabbat Service Friday, November 13 7:00 pm**

*Join us for an exciting Shabbat service as Rabbi Dan will welcome us into Shabbat with singer Ellie Flier. Rena Lubin, from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life will also be a guest this evening, and will add special words of Torah. The spirit and purity of Ellie's voice have moved audiences since she was a child. Now an inspiring performer, cantorial soloist, and song leader based in Nashville, she has found her passion and purpose in writing Jewish music. Listeners can't help but feel a connection to her songs, whether calling for social justice or celebrating the Joy of Judaism. From California to Tennessee and around the globe, Ellie's original songs and poetic interpretations of traditional prayers bring a vibrant new voice that will inspire every heart. For a taste of Ellie, check out her YouTube video at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ellieflier>*

*Tonight's service is sponsored by Catherine and Lizzy Zakes in memory of their mother, Deana Zakes. Ellie Flier's appearance is made possible by generous donations to the Virtual Programming Fund.*

### **Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan – Special Guest Speaker Gregg Philipson Drawn to Action – The Art of Arthur Szyk**

**Tuesday, November 10, 12:00 PM**

Temple Beth Torah brings back by popular demand to our virtual "Lunch and Learn" programming Gregg Philipson.

Gregg will focus on the career of Polish born Jewish artist Arthur Szyk. Szyk was known for his political and religious drawings, caricatures, book illustrations, illuminated manuscripts and watercolor/gouache paintings.

Philipson will focus on the art of the artist from his early days in Poland and Paris, France to his later works in the USA.

Szyk became one of the preeminent anti-Nazi and anti-Axis political cartoonists during the period from 1933 to 1945. His political and philatelic art carried on until his untimely death in 1951.

Gregg Philipson is an avid Szyk collector and this will be an engaging presentation you will not want to miss! He is a former commissioner of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission and he and his wife Michelle have donated artifacts to Holocaust Museum Houston.

The link to this virtual event will be sent in the weekly email or contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) if it is needed.

The next Lunch and Learn will be on Thursday, November 19 at 12 noon.



**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.

**Temple Beth Torah Presents  
First Ner Tamid Award Presentation  
“AN AFTERNOON OF LOVE AND MITZVOT”  
Sunday, December 6, 2020, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Honoring Dr. Hy Penn,  
recipient of our First Annual Ner Tamid Award  
Benefiting Temple Beth Torah

We are excited to honor Dr. Hy Penn as our first recipient of the Ner Tamid Award. The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Award was initiated to honor a member of the temple who has made a significant impact on the community, and Hy Penn is a most worthy first recipient. Hy and his wife, Lynn Gordon, have been active members of Temple Beth Torah for many years. Hy has served as president, ritual chair, membership chair, and currently as vice president of the TBT Board of Directors. He puts his heart and soul into the TBT’s mission to provide Jewish worship and education not only for the Jewish families throughout the surrounding area but for the entire community.

In addition to his many roles at Temple Beth Torah, Hy serves on the Board of Trustees of Holocaust Museum Houston and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. He is a docent at the Holocaust Museum Houston and frequently performs as a magician for non-profit organizations. He recently retired after more than 38 years as a pediatrician in our community.

We look forward to your participation in this momentous endeavor. Please join us for a spectacular afternoon featuring a virtual guided tour of Holocaust Museum Houston led by Lynn Gordon, docent at the museum. Listen to stories of the past while virtually viewing a film of the newly renovated museum. Following the virtual tour, Dr. Penn will be honored with tributes, stories, music, and special surprise guests. Tickets and sponsorship information are NOW available. Please see the invitation on Page 5 for more information. Visit [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org).

**Shabbat Services and Events in November  
Please note different times**

<b>Friday, Nov 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service
<b>Tuesday, Nov 10</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan – Guest Gregg Philipson
<b>Friday, Nov 13</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service with Ellie Flier – Ellie Flier’s appearance is from donations to the Virtual Fund. Shabbat Service sponsored by Catherine and Lizzy Zakes in memory of Deana Zakes.
<b>Sunday, November 15</b>	<b>3:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Drive By—Drop Off! See the article from TBT - Cares for the items we need. Page 4</b>
<b>Friday, November 20</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service – Shabbat Service sponsored by Alice and Jeff Kaufman in memory of their son Scott Eric Kaufman
<b>Friday, November 27</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service – Shabbat Service sponsored by Wesley Goble in memory of Barry Liss

## **RABBI'S MESSAGE**

### What is a *Ner Tamid*?

*And you will command the Israelites to bring pure oil of beaten olives  
for lighting the lamps continuously. (Exodus 27:20)*

The Ner Tamid, the Eternal Light, is a significant symbol both in Torah and in modern synagogues. Of course, in ancient times, it was necessary to create oil directly from olives, and everyone remembers the popular story from Hanukkah, in which a small amount lasted for eight days. The issue was not just about the light remaining lit. There was an active role; someone had to take responsibility for making sure the light stayed lit.

Today, in every synagogue, a light remains lit over the holy ark where the Torah is kept. In most places, it is a low-wattage bulb in a decorative frame, and we count on electricity to make certain it stays on. When we walk into our sanctuary at Temple Beth Torah, the light is always on. It does not take much energy, physical or electrical.

It is just as important that we keep our spiritual flames burning. This involves more than replacing a bulb or flipping a switch. It requires being actively engaged in being Jewish. There are infinite ways to be active in Jewish life. Worshipping at religious services is just one way. Volunteering to teach in our religious school or serving on committees are other possibilities. Some congregants volunteer with Meals on Wheels or help at other institutions that need help. Others engage in private study or take advantage of the temple and other community learning opportunities. Still others focus on philanthropy. Any way you participate, whether as an individual, with your own family or in the context of a community, you are helping fan the flames that keep our Jewish world bright.

This was the reasoning when Temple Beth Torah chose to name an annual celebration the Ner Tamid Award. The award honors accomplishments of the past, but just as importantly, recognizes how continuous dedication helps ignite and inspire others. A single flame can be extinguished quickly; but when it spreads its light to another, the influence stays bright. And that is also why Hy Penn is a perfect recipient of this first TBT honor. For the past 35 years, Hy has been helping make sure our Jewish community is a bright spot. He sets an example with his presence and his efforts and inspires others to take this light into the future.

In 1982, Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary) wrote a song, *Don't Let the Light Go Out* to commemorate Hanukkah and offer strength to an Israeli nation torn over the war with Lebanon. The song suggests that even one candle can bring strength and unity while shining beautifully. Thanks to members like Hy, TBT's light is sure to remain strong. We look forward to honoring many other members who also continue to make beautiful contributions for our community.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*



## TBT Cares

### Drive By, Drop Off, and Pick Up Event: Sunday, November 15 from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm

Food for HAAM--Hanukkah Gift Shop--Give a Gift to TBT--Get a Gift from TBT--2021 Directories

#### Items needed for Humble Area Assistance Ministries and FamilyTime:

For the women at **FamilyTime** we are collecting:

1. Loose fitting pajamas and light robes
2. New Toys, Books or Games for children ages 2-17 years for the holidays.
3. Or check out FamilyTime's Amazon Holiday wish list  
at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EN9IBBWX60MP/>

For **HAAM**, we are collecting any canned/boxed foods such as:

1. Soup
2. Fruit
3. Vegetables
4. Holiday type foods like sweet potatoes
5. Cornbread Mix

As always, any non-perishable food items are appreciated

#### TBT Drive By Gift Shop!

Need a gift for Hanukkah or something special for this year's celebration? Need Hanukkah candles? The TBT gift shop will be coming virtually to you this year! Watch for upcoming emails with items that are available to purchase. You will be able to place your order in advance and pick it up at TBT during the "Drive By" Event. Questions? Contact Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org), if you would like to donate items to FamilyTime/HAAM or pick up Hanukkah items but can't join us on November 15 to make other arrangements.

#### Give a Gift to TBT!

Although TBT is not opening its physical doors yet, there are items needed for the building. Here is a list of things we need: Select-a-size kitchen paper towel, facial tissue, disinfectant wipes, masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, kitchen garbage bags, 33 gallon garbage bags, copy paper, and 2 "no touch" thermometers (contact us if you are bringing this since we only need 2).

#### 2021 Directories and Get an Early Hanukkah Gift from TBT!

The 2021 TBT Directory can be picked up when you come to the "Drive By" event. The first 25 cars to come will also receive a special early Hanukkah gift to show our appreciation!

**A big thank you goes out to those that donated last month. We collected over 200 boxes of cornbread mix in addition to a lot of non-perishable food! We want to thank The Blumins, The Bours, Neil Davis, Lauren Herman, The Kaufmans, Pat Klemz, The Lurie Family, Debra and Lee Miller, Sarah and Cameron Miller, The Penn Gordon Family, The Pilman Family, Roger Poser, The Pollards, The Swaim Family, Castine Theriot, Dale Vine, Mort Winter and Leslie Witkov.**

**Temple Beth Torah  
Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Award  
An Afternoon of Love and Mitzvot**

**A virtual program honoring Hy Penn, M.D.  
Benefiting Temple Beth Torah  
A portion of the proceeds will go to Holocaust Museum Houston**

**Sunday, December 6, 2020, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a special afternoon honoring Hy Penn for his many contributions to Temple Beth Torah.

- Introduction by Rabbi Dan Gordon, Master of Ceremonies
- Virtual Tour and Commentary of Holocaust Museum Houston
- Toasts to our Honoree
- Musical Selections by Nashville singer/songwriter, Ellie Flier
- Door Prizes

**Hy Penn** has served in almost every leadership position available at Temple Beth Torah, and his constant dedication to the synagogue has made TBT a shining light in northeast Harris County and the surrounding area. Hy recently retired after 35 years as a pediatrician in the Humble-Kingwood community. He serves on the Board of Trustees for Holocaust Museum Houston and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. Hy is also a docent at Holocaust Museum Houston and performs for non-profit groups as a magician.

**TICKET LEVELS Per Family:**

**Ner Tamid: \$500**

Full page Ad in Program, Recognition in Program and TBT Newsletter

**Gold: \$250**

Half Page Ad in Program, Recognition in the Program and TBT Newsletter

**Silver: \$100**

Quarter Page Ad in Program, Recognition in the Program and TBT Newsletter

**Bronze: \$50**

Recognition in the Program and TBT Newsletter

**General Adm: \$25**

Recognition in the TBT Newsletter

**To purchase tickets for the event, please register at Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-temple-beth-torah-ner-tamid-award-tickets-125561683375>**

**If you prefer to pay for your ticket by check, please reach out to [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) to arrange payment and we will email you an online ticket.**

**If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation in Hy's honor:**

Visit the Temple Beth Torah Donation page at [www.tbthumble.org/giving](http://www.tbthumble.org/giving) to make a donation to the Ner Tamid fund.

Or send a check to Temple Beth Torah 320 Shallow Drive, Humble TX 77338 noting Ner Tamid in the memo line.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone you think may be interested.

For additional information, please contact Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or 281-446-5611.

Please visit our online auction at [www.TBThumble.org](http://www.TBThumble.org) from 5:30 PM CST Dec 6, 2020 to 10:00 AM CST Dec 11, 2020.

If you would like to sponsor an business ad in the Program please reach out to [MMiller@tbthumble.org](mailto:MMiller@tbthumble.org) for prices and arrangements.



**Save the Date!!**

**Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm**



**Julie Silver in a Virtual Concert!**

**Join TBT and the ISJL for the First Night of Hanukkah!!**

Julie Silver is one of the most celebrated and beloved performers in the world of contemporary Jewish music today. She tours throughout the world and has been engaging audiences with her gorgeous compositions and liturgical settings, her lyrical guitar playing, her dynamic stage presence, and her megawatt smile for over 25 years.

Brought to you by donations to the TBT Virtual Programming Fund and the Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

**Save the Date!**

**Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm**



**Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Night of Hanukkah and Shabbat Service  
with Your TBT Friends**

Light your menorahs Zoom style for this special celebration of Shabbat and Hanukkah.

You will not want to miss this TBT tradition led by Rabbi Dan Gordon

## **Virtual Programming Fund and Shabbat Sponsorship**

For a small congregation, TBT has brought wonderful guests to our virtual Shabbat services and special events. From the music of Ellie Flier and the Yedidia Family Band to the comedy of Rabbi Robert Haas to the wonderful presentations and words of wisdom from Gregg Philipson, Rabbi Rami Shapiro, Rabbi David Zaslow and Rabbi Seymour Rossel, these special guests have added a special dimension to our virtual programs. Please consider giving to our Virtual Programming Fund so we can continue such high caliber programs.

You can also be a "Shabbat Sponsor" to honor or remember a loved one.

Send your donations to TBT and note that your support is to go to the Virtual Programming Fund or to be a Shabbat sponsor.

Please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) with any questions.

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

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 will be November 13th through 15th. She will give a d'var Torah for our Zoom Shabbat, present lessons to our younger students during Religious School and work with our Confirmation Class after that.

Please mark your calendars to drive by TBT on November 15<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Along with the temple food drive, we will be handing out Hanukkah Gift bags and our "December Kindness" lesson to each student. Each bag will have Hanukkah candles, a dreidel, chocolate "gelt" and a few more goodies. Make sure to come by the temple to pick up your child's gift bag and drop off needed items for HAAM and FamilyTime.

Get ready for December. Our Hanukkah Celebration for the Religious School will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Look for emails with what this year's celebration will be.

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

## **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.

## **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](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org). The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

## **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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org). The Zoom links are sent out in the weekly email.

## **Condolences...**

Condolences go out to Anita Bonanno on the death of her mother, Holocaust Survivor Irma Freudenreich, who passed away at her home in Dallas at the age of 103

## **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](https://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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or leave a message at TBT, 281-446-5611.

## Items Needed for Silent Auction

TBT will be hosting a silent auction beginning on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> and we are now asking for donations. If you have items you might want to donate, please let us know. Because of the pandemic, it is more difficult to get donations from local merchants, so we are asking all of you for help.

In our last auction, a popular item was a baby blanket that one of our congregants made and another congregant is going to knit a kippah! You may have a gift you received that you cannot use or a gift card lying around—please consider donating it. Please contact Susan Pollard at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org) with any questions.

## Events Around the Greater Houston Jewish Community

### ERJCC HOUSTON JEWISH BOOK & ARTS FESTIVAL November 1-22, 2020

48 Years of Authors, Music, Theatre & Films

In 2020 many things have changed, but the power of community has not diminished. This year, **we are going virtual through our [NEW J@ Home platform](#)** to celebrate our 48-year tradition of connecting community through authors, music, theatre and film! From the comfort of your own home or special experiences like drive-in movies, enjoy exciting content from our star-studded line-up, featuring celebrity memoirs, international authors, debut novelists, children and parenting experts. Tune in, tell a friend and connect to amazing speakers and each other.

For more information, Please go to: <https://www.ericchouston.org/arts/ann-and-stephen-kaufmanjewish-book-arts-festival/#lineup>

## Let There Be Light

*Concert with Cantor Vadim Tunitsky*

Cantor Tunitsky will help us welcome Hanukkah with familiar tunes to inspire and entertain.

Please join us!

Sunday, December 13, 2020  
1:00 p.m.



Music and Spirit Program  
of Jewish Family Service

Get your beeswax hand rolled Hanukkah candles at [www.celebrationcompany.org](http://www.celebrationcompany.org).





## *Simchas in November*

### *Birthdays*

1	<i>Arya Miller</i>
2	<i>Vitaly Aizenberg</i>
2	<i>Luke Brawn</i>
7	<i>Mike Stark</i>
9	<i>Brian Eoff</i>
9	<i>Donna Glaser</i>
10	<i>Larry Rhines</i>
10	<i>Mike Weisberg</i>
17	<i>Bradley Heller</i>
21	<i>Arthur Aizenberg</i>
21	<i>James Eoff</i>
23	<i>Chris Baur</i>
23	<i>Alice Kaufman</i>

### *Anniversaries*

8	<i>Marvin and Maxine Sussman</i>
8	<i>Ken and Bernice Troxclair</i>
28	<i>Bob and Debbie Swain</i>

### **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, Marie Rackmil, Joseph Schwartzberg, Lena Wallach, Richard Perwien, Nathan Lee Rubin, Myron Gross, Jerry Wolf, Gene Sachs, Morris Penn, Tony Sulpezio, Bill Gaile, Michael Hirsch, Evelyn Haidnick, David Polavsky, Murray Adler, Scott Eric Kaufman, Simon Rubin, Charlotte Kimmel, Maurice Glaser, Frances Rubin, Esther Kaufman, Amelia Perwien, Lenore Greenbaum, Frances Strizzi, Morris Schalet, Dr. Marvin P. Farber, M. Paul Farber, Arnold Kharasch, Freda Kharasch, Yakov Royzenurten, Billie Pollard, Frances Greenbaum, Alfred Lubin, Louise Post, Barry Liss, Norman Berger, Melvin Weiss, Marlene Ertingshausen, Burton Sorkin, Fredric Ofsowitz, Deana Zakes*

## **Torah Portions for November 2020**

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

**November 6-7, 2020, 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. Sarah laughs at the possibility, leading to the child being named Isaac ("she will laugh"). 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, and a ram is sacrificed instead of his son.

**November 13-14, 2020, 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 20-21, 2020, 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 Ishmael.

**November 27-28, 2020, Vayitzei, Genesis 28:10-32:3**  
Along his journey, Jacob experiences G-d's presence through dreaming of a ladder with angels ascending and descending from heaven. He pledges himself to G-d and continues to his uncle Laban's home. He falls in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel and asks to marry her. He promises to work for Laban for seven years to marry his daughter, but is surprised to find the older sister, Leah, in his wedding bed. Laban informs him it is customary to marry the older child first, so Jacob pledges another seven years of labor to marry Rachel. Leah is more fertile, bearing six sons and a daughter. Rachel pleads to G-d for children, and eventually bears Joseph and Benjamin.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

***John and Bobbylee Ruskis***

***Dale Vine***

***Susan Dulman***

***Eileen and Steve Stapleton –  
in Memory of Nora Stapleton and Samuel Weiss***

### GENERAL FUND

***Susan Dulman***

***In Memory of her Mother Roberta Hurwitz – and  
Grandmother to Adam Waxman***

***Dean Buck***

***In Memory of Roberta Hurwitz***

### TBT CARES – SOCIAL ACTION

***THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE  
DONATED FOR THE DRIVE BY AND DROP OFF EVENTS***

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM FUND

***Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn***

### SPONSORS OF SHABBAT SERVICES

***Pat Klemz***

***In Honor of her Birthday***

***Alice and Jeff Kaufman***

***In Memory of Scott Eric Kaufman.***

***Catherine and Lizzy Zakes***

***In Memory of their Mother, Deana Zakes***

***Wesley Goble***

***In Memory of Barry J Liss.***

*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](mailto:president@tbthumble.org) or Stacey  
at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Brick 2:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# NOVEMBER 2020 CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5781

ALL PROGRAMS LISTED ON THE NOVEMBER 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](mailto:ADMIN@TBTHUMBLE.ORG)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 AM Religious School  10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group					7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00 AM Religious School  10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group		12:00 PM Noon Lunch and Learn with Guest Gregg Philipson 12:00 Noon			7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with singer Elie Flier (Virtual Program Fund)  <i>Shabbat Sponsored by Catherine and Lizzy Zakes</i>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00M 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				12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan	7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service  <i>Shabbat Sponsored by Alice and Jeff Kaufman</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00 AM Religious School  10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group				<i>Thanksgiving</i>	7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service  <i>Shabbat Sponsored by Wes Goble</i>	
29	30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group					7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	



