

# Temple Beth Torah

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December 2020 KISLEV - TEVET 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)

### Tot Shabbat

#### Friday, December 4, 6:30 PM

Please join Rabbi Dan at 6:30PM on December 4<sup>th</sup> right before our Shabbat Service for a fun Tot Shabbat program. Same Zoom link as every Friday. Rabbi Dan will lead the kids in a fun and creative service with some learning too. Any questions please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

#### Enjoy the Afterglow of Hanukkah With Ellie Flier and a Musical Service Zoom Service, December 18, 7:00 PM



Nashville Singer/Songwriter, Ellie Flier has become a favorite spiritual leader for Temple Beth Torah, Houston and many synagogues around the United States and Europe. And she's coming back to TBT for a special all-musical service filled with both traditional and new music. Her original compositions have gotten rave reviews, and she brings a unique spirit to both traditional prayer and the music of other modern Jewish artists. You won't want to miss this very special Shabbat.

### CELEBRATE THE FIRST TWO NIGHTS OF HANUKKAH WITH TBT

BRING YOUR MENORAH TO BRIGHTEN YOUR ZOOM BOX

DECEMBER 10 – MULTI-SYNAGOGUE CONCERT

DECEMBER 11 – SHABBAT AND HANUKKAH TOGETHER WITH RABBI DAN 7 PM BOTH NIGHTS

Hanukkah is always a special time for TBT. This year, each of the first two nights will include special Zoom programs, where we can light candles together and enjoy the holiday together. On the first night, Thursday December 10, TBT will join the Institute of Southern Jewish Life and several other southern synagogues in a lively concert with Julie Silver, one of modern Judaism's most creative, dynamic performers. Julie regularly performed with the late Debbie Friedman and has created her own beautiful compositions that bring an exciting level of spirit to the music.

The next night, on Shabbat, December 11, we will have our own Hanukkah/Shabbat service. A great way to start a most special time of year. Zoom links will be sent in the weekly emails. **See the articles on Page 4.**

## 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.

## Ner Tamid Award Honoring Dr. Hy Penn SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 3:30 PM with Virtual Tour of Holocaust Museum Houston There is still time to join the event!

Tickets are available through Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and donations will be accepted in honor of Hy Penn through Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 4 for more information, or you may visit [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org).

To register for the event visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-temple-beth-torah-ner-tamid-award-tickets-125561683375> and donations may be made at <http://www.temple-beth-torah.org/giving/>

Get your Chanukah shopping done at our online auction which includes many Chanukah themed items. The auction runs from Sunday, Dec 6 – Friday Dec 11.

## Shabbat Services and Events in December Please note different times

<b>Friday, December 4</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Tot Shabbat Virtual Shabbat Service
Friday, December 4	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service
<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>NER TAMID AWARD EVENT</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 10</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Julie Silver in Concert</b>
<b>Friday, December 11</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Hanukkah Shabbat Service
<b>Sunday, December 13</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, December 18</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service with Special Guest Ellie Flier leading Service
<b>Friday, December 25</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Virtual Shabbat Service

## **RABBI'S MESSAGE**

### *A Light that Lasts*

Hanukkah comes “early” this year...and not a moment too soon! If ever there was a time when we can use a little extra light, it's this year. Technically, Hanukkah begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar, which is set by the moon. With the full moon coming in the middle of the month, Hanukkah is designed to be during the darkest days of the darkest month.

We all know about Hanukkah. The Hanukkah menorah is one of the most recognizable symbols of Judaism, and because of its proximity on the calendar to Christmas, Hanukkah is one of the most widely celebrated holidays we have. Children can't wait for Hanukkah because of the expectation of presents. We enjoy our dreidel games, our latkes, our songs, and our candles while remembering the Maccabees' unlikely victory over a powerful empire that tried to eliminate the Jewish religion. We light the candles for eight nights, celebrating a miracle that teaches us that even limited resources can last as long as we need them to last...when we have faith.

I suggest that Hanukkah is much more than the gift-giving that has made it popular, and even more than the story of a military victory. The most powerful image, for me, is shining a light into the darkness. Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as the beloved “Rebbe” to millions, taught, *“In a hall of perfect darkness, totally dark, if you light one small candle, its light will be seen from afar; its precious light will be seen by everyone.”* This teaching inspired his students and many others to find metaphorically dark places that needed some special light. When we think about darkness and light, we know we can bring rays of sunshine and droplets of light that will shine brightly. These lights are about bringing cheer to a lonely, ill, or elderly person, sending a card or note to brighten someone's day, and reminding loved ones that they are loved.

These times, not just the calendar of December or Kislev, are potentially very dark times. Our social and family connections are limited. Our country has just completed a contentious election. We are worried about the near and distant future and we're trying our best to stay safe and healthy. It's even hard to see a friendly smile beneath our protective masks. This is the time that just a little bit of light can truly last.

In the classic story of Hanukkah, the valuable resource that provided light was olive oil. No matter how much oil we have, there is always a chance it can run out. Our most valuable resource is the light we have inside our hearts that we can share with others. The light of human kindness can transform any dark time or dark place into a burst of sunshine. And that is a much more precious gift than any presents we can buy.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **PJ Library's "Love, Light and Latkes" Kit available for purchase**

**PJ Library's "Love, Light and Latkes" Kit** will be rolled out to the community to help share the light of Chanukah. Each kit will have 3-yard signs, dreidels, gelt and Chanukah activities -- enough to surprise three families. Keep the kit as is, or add whatever else you would like, cards, latkes, jelly doughnuts, challah, candles, flowers etc. Here is the link if you'd like to join in the fun! Register to reserve yours today <https://form.jotform.com/203244300157038>

**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.

# Julie Silver in Concert!

The **FIRST** night of Hanukkah  
Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM



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. Check the News from TBT weekly emails for the zoom link. Any questions please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).



**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



**Drive By and Drop Off  
Auction Pickup And  
Chanukah Shopping!!**

**Sunday, December 13 from 3pm – 4:30pm at TBT**

This month we are collecting: For the women at FamilyTime

1. Loose fitting pajamas – adult sizes
2. Leggings- adult sizes
3. Sweatpants- adult sizes
4. Sweatshirts- adult sizes

For HAAM we are collecting canned foods and Peanut Butter such as

1. Canned Soup
2. Canned Fruit
3. Canned Vegetables
4. Peanut Butter

If you haven't had a chance to get your Chanukah gifts you are in luck! Items from the Sisterhood Gift Shop are still on display on the TBT website. You can email Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org) with the items you would like to buy and we will have them ready for you. We will also have our socially distanced "shopping table" for your convenience. You can pay at pick up (exact change or check preferred).

If you would like to donate or pick up Chanukah items but can't join us on December 13 please email Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org) to make other arrangements.

**A very big thank you** goes out to those that donated last month. We collected over 250 pounds of food for HAAM and supplied lots of toys for FamilyTime's clients! We want to thank, The Bours, The Blumins, The Brawns, Neil Davis, Wes Goble, Lauren Herman, Pat Klemz, The Keith Family, The Kelley-Weisberg Family, The Lurie Family, Jeanne Mandell, The McConnell Zweifel Family, The Penn Gordon Family, The Pilman Family, Roger Poser, The Pollards, Stephanie Stover, The Simmons Family, The Shadian Family, Dale Vine, The Weiss Family, and Leslie Witkov.

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

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who has been driving through TBT to donate items for HAAM and Family Time. We will have another drive through donation on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4:30.

We had a fun virtual visit from our ISJL Fellow, Rena Lubin in November. She worked with our youngest and oldest students this time. Everyone had a great visit, and we look forward to Rena coming back in January to share with the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class and 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> class.

This month we have two very special virtual Hanukkah celebrations. Zoom with us on Thursday, December 10 for a wonderful concert to kick off Hanukkah with singer, songwriter Julie Silver. She is amazing!! Then we will have our virtual school celebration for TBT students on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for more email information to come about this fun zoom day.

Have a safe and happy Hanukkah and New Year's. Class will resume virtually on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00

**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.

**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.

**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.

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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)

## **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.

## **Discussion on Transgender Roles and a Jewish Approach to Diversity Monday, December 21, 7:00 PM**

Traditional gender roles and identification have been evolving for the past several years. More individuals have been open about identifying as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, and questioning. This has brought with it a new diversity in some family structures as well as terminology that may be unfamiliar to many. On December 21, we will engage in a candid discussion of these issues as well as what Judaism teaches and its impact on the Jewish community.

Cantor Sheri Allen will be our guest speaker. Cantor Allen has been Spiritual Leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Arlington for over 11 years. She has been a leader in developing interfaith relationships in Arlington and is also a passionate advocate for LGBTQ rights. Cantor Allen and her husband, Richard, have three adult children, who all identify as LGBTQ. Cantor Allen will speak about her personal experiences as well as a Jewish approach to diversity.

This adult conversation will be held over Zoom at 7 PM on Monday evening, December 21. You will receive a link in the weekly email update.

## **TBT Members TIME TO ELECT A NEW BOARD FOR 2021**

**Congregational Meeting  
Wednesday, December 30, 6:00 PM**

Even if you plan to attend, please send in your proxy. Things happen, and we would like to count your vote.

Please email to [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or send your proxy via mail to the temple.

Members will receive the 2021 slate of officers by email – if not, please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## *Simchas in December*

### *Birthdays*

1	<i>Emilio Velasquez</i>
1	<i>Ariela Velasquez</i>
2	<i>Martin Lorin</i>
2	<i>Mark Boyll</i>
5	<i>Sarah Couch</i>
5	<i>Rebecca Shuman</i>
9	<i>Lillian Eoff</i>
9	<i>Stephen Stapleton</i>
9	<i>Castine Theriot</i>
12	<i>Jennifer Ofsowitz</i>
13	<i>Mylie Pous</i>
14	<i>Ruth Spiel</i>
18	<i>Shae Ellsworth</i>
23	<i>Aaron Blumin</i>
26	<i>Loren Gordon</i>
26	<i>Marcia Shultis</i>
28	<i>Gail Tobin</i>

### *Anniversaries*

6	<i>Stephen and Ellen Stapleton</i>
16	<i>Arnold and Manette Farber</i>
21	<i>Paul and Janet Sisler</i>
21	<i>John and Marcia Shultis</i>

### **December Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during December 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 Glaser, Hans Auerbach, Edward Furst,  
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Robert Wolfsohn, Bob Grayson, Sylvia Lurie,  
Kenneth Benham, Sylvan Davis*

## **Torah Portions for December 2020**

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **December 4-5, Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43**

Jacob has left Laban's land after 20 years of service. Along his journey home, he prepares to meet Esau for the first time since their bitter argument. The night before their meeting, Jacob wrestles with a "man," who turns out to be a messenger from G-d. He is injured in the fight, and receives a new name, Israel, meaning, "one who wrestles with G-d." Jacob and Esau reunite, with Jacob humbling himself before his brother. Jacob's only daughter, Dina, is raped by a neighboring prince. Simeon and Levi, in an attempt to avenge their sister's honor, kill all the males. Jacob informs them that their reaction was too severe, bringing dishonor to the family.

### **December 11-12, Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23**

Joseph, through Jacob's favoritism and his own boastfulness, has created a jealous situation between him and his brothers. When he comes to check on their work, they toss him into a pit and conspire to kill him. Instead, they sell him to traveling slave traders, and he ends up in Egypt. He rises to become the head servant of Potiphar's household, until Potiphar's wife falsely accuses him of trying to rape her. He is imprisoned and develops a reputation in jail for being able to interpret dreams.

### **December 18-19, Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17**

Joseph successfully interprets Pharaoh's dreams and becomes a powerful man in Egypt. The famine in Canaan forces Joseph's brothers to come begging for food, and they don't suspect his identity. Joseph tricks his brothers into coming back again with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Benjamin is found with a stolen (planted) goblet, and the brothers fear that, if anything happens to Benjamin, it would be too much for Jacob to handle.

### **December 25-26, Va-Yigash Genesis 44:18-47:27**

After a stolen goblet is found in Benjamin's bag, Judah asks that he be held prisoner in his brother's place. Joseph cannot hide his identity anymore and has a tearful reunion with his brothers. He invites the whole family to move to Egypt, where he has achieved power. On the journey to Egypt, God speaks to Jacob in a vision. He solidifies that Jacob will now be known as "Israel," and promises to be with his people in Egypt and to eventually bring them home. The entire tribe migrates to Egypt, where they are permitted to live peacefully.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis*

*Dale Vine*

*Anonymous – In appreciation for Rabbi Gordon's helpful kindness*

*Stephen and Ellen Stapleton - In memory of Mrs. Wilma Moore*

### GENERAL FUND

### TBT CARES – SOCIAL ACTION

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

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM FUND

### SPONSORS OF SHABBAT SERVICES

*The Keith Family*

*In memory of Mildred Denbina*

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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**



**TEMPLE  
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Donation Form

*Thank You!*

From: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of       In memory of

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please apply donation to (check one):*

- General Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Burt Levy Memorial Library Fund
- Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund
- Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		DEC 1	2	3	4	5
					6:30 PM TOT SHABBAT – Virtual  7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00 AM Religious School  10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group  3:30 PM - NER TAMID AWARD EVENT				7:00 PM Hanukkah Concert with Julie Silver	7:00 PM VIRTUAL Hanukkah Shabbat Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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					7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with Ellie Flier	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group	7:00 PM Discussion on Transgender Roles and a Jewish Approach to Diversity				7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service  <i>Shabbat Sponsored by The Keith Family In Memory of Mildred Denbina</i>	
27	28	29	30	31	JAN 1	2
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class			7: 00 PM CONGREGATI ONAL MEETING VIRTUAL		7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	