

# Temple Beth Torah

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### Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs Joins Rabbi Dan Gordon For a Musical Shabbat Friday, June 4 7:00 pm

TBT welcomes back Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs as she joins Rabbi Dan for a musical Shabbat service on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Cantor Francyne is a native Houstonian who completed her cantorial training at Gratz College in Philadelphia in 2002, honored as the valedictorian of her class. She has been a Shabbat and High Holiday cantor at several synagogues around Houston, including Beth Yeshurun and Congregation Beth Shalom in Bryan, Texas. She served as the High Holiday cantor for Temple Beth Tikvah in Clear Lake for the past several years. Cantor Francyne teaches music to all ages, and currently serves as president of the Women Cantors' Network. The link for the service can be found in your weekly email or contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

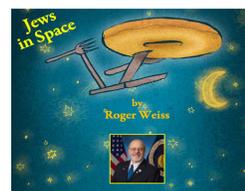


### Nashville singer/songwriter Ellie Flier Joins Rabbi Dan on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Ellie Flier returns to TBT to join Rabbi Dan in a special Shabbat service on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Ellie has become a TBT favorite with her passion for Jewish music and her inspiring melodies. The link for the service can be found in your weekly email or contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).



### Evening Learning on June 16 at 7:00 PM - See page 4 for more information.



### TBT Congregational Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Each June, TBT holds a congregational meeting to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on July 1.

Information regarding the meeting and an opportunity to vote by proxy will be sent to all members in early June. This meeting is an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions. President Hy Penn will also review what's ahead for TBT in the second half of his administration.

The meeting will be held via Zoom and a link will be sent to members.

## 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.

## Shabbat Services and Events in June

Friday, June 4	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service with special guest Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs See article on the front page
Friday, June 11	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan
Sunday, June 13	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Drive By—Drop Off at TBT See the article from TBT Cares for the items we need on page 5.
Wednesday, June 16	7:00 PM	EVENING LEARNING – Jews in Space See article on page 4.
Friday, June 18	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service with special guest Ellie Flier See article on the front page.
Wednesday, June 23	12:00 PM	LUNCHTIME LEARNING with Rabbi Dan
Friday, June 25	7:00 PM	Virtual Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan

## Reopening Plans for TBT

TBT is gearing up to reopen our doors August 13. We are following CDC and local recommendations closely and we will have specific information for you in early August regarding our protocol for reopening. We are planning to continue to offer virtual services when we do start in person worship.

We will have virtual Shabbat services in July and early August while Rabbi Dan is on vacation. So far, TBT has arranged for Ellie Flier and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs to fill his shoes while away.

Funds are needed to support our guest Shabbat leaders in July and early August. Contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) if you are interested in making a contribution.

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

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### *When Time Doesn't Fly*

So often, when May turns to June, we find ourselves completing one cycle and beginning another. The school year is ending, Rosh Hashana is around the corner, and we sometimes say, "Where has the time gone? The year has flown by so fast!"

This year, I'm not hearing that phrase so much. This year seems to have dragged on, with the continuous questions about, "When will life get back to normal?" or "Will life *ever* get back to normal?"

One phrase I *have* heard quite a bit is the term "a new normal." Yes, week after week, we've experienced things we never dreamed we would have to do. Experiencing life on a computer screen was completely new to most of us. We zoomed through worship services, classes, school, job interviews, psychotherapy, funerals, weddings, birthday parties, bar/bat mitzvahs, family reunions and more. For most of us, this new normal was quite an adjustment.

I'll speak for myself. At first, I had a really hard time adjusting. While I still look forward to sharing worship and social time in person, face-to-face, I did get used to Zooming. I was encouraged that some community members who did not attend regular Shabbat services became regulars on Zoom. We also had some out-of-town participation, some former members tuning in, family members in other cities and people from outside our geography, all getting to experience Temple Beth Torah. By continuing our services, religious school, and adult learning opportunities, we stayed connected. Some people chose not to participate in the computerized programming, while others embraced it. We expect that when we finally are able to have in-person services, we will still provide a live stream so that those who are more comfortable participating at home will have that option. But it *has* felt like a *very* long wait, and for most of it, we have been in the dark about when that wait would end.

I couldn't help imagining the journey that our ancestors experienced when they left Egypt for the Promised Land. It was certainly a mysterious time schedule. They had to adjust to a new lifestyle, nomadically travelling in a desert wilderness. Not only did they have to learn how to live, eat and travel, but their relationships with each other and G-D took on whole new meanings. While receiving the Ten Commandments and learning the obligations of *mitzvot*, the Israelite people also had to understand how to live as a new nation after having their lives dictated by slave masters for so long. The forty years between slavery and the Promised Land were certainly a "new normal," that probably felt very abnormal to so many.

With every twist and turn life gives us, perhaps we can find blessings in embracing new challenges. We would not have chosen to have a worldwide pandemic that forces us into becoming a virtual synagogue. But we can take what we've learned to enhance our present and future community. As Rabbi Alvin Fine eloquently expresses in his poem, *Life is a Journey*: "not looking backwards or ahead, we see that victory lies not at some high point along the way, but in having made the journey, step by step, a sacred pilgrimage..."

Our journey together is sacred. Let's embrace all the challenges as we prepare for a New Year.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

## **Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan Wednesday, June 23 at Noon**

Join Rabbi Dan for a lively discussion on a topic of interest to everyone. Watch for the link in your weekly emails or contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) to obtain.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston Presents:  
“Gaza, Understanding the Facts and Answering the Myths.”  
Briefing for the Houston Jewish Community by Neil Lazarus  
Sunday, June 6 at 11 am**

**Internationally acclaimed expert in the fields of Middle East politics and public diplomacy, Neil Lazarus joins our Houston community for a talk specifically about the current situation in Israel entitled, “Gaza, Understanding the Facts and Answering the Myths.”**

**Click here to register through the Jewish Federation for this program:  
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvc-tpqj0tHdK9OscJCIEe-XD6YCzIkGTe>**

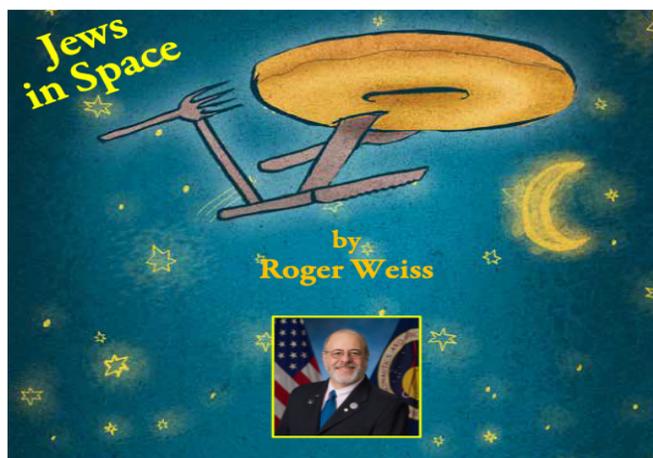
**JEWS IN SPACE  
presented by Roger Weiss  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Ever see a dreidel floating and spinning in microgravity aboard a rocket flying above Earth? Or hear the Torah read by an astronaut orbiting our precious planet? Over the last 60 years, Jewish men and women have played a significant role in exploring space, and some have brought some Judaism with them amidst the twinkling stars. You'll learn about these super cool cosmic Hebrew heroes and amazing factoids, and relive the joy of their memorable experiences to elevate your own pride to infinity...and beyond!

Roger Weiss has been proudly supporting the International Space Station (ISS) Program at NASA/Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX, since 2000. As Technical Integration Lead with contractor Barrios Technology, he leads an ISS Research Client Service+Satisfaction Team that interviews scientists and engineers about their space station research experience with NASA and also monitors the ISS Research Client Helpline among other responsibilities.

Roger's everlasting passion and enthusiasm for all things space—especially the ISS and its research benefits for humanity--allow him to engage, educate, and inspire people of all ages about NASA.

Roger and his family are longtime members of Congregation Shaar Hashalom in the Clear Lake area.



## **Drive By and Drop Off at TBT** **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

This month we are collecting:

### **For the women and children at FamilyTime**

- Peel off face masks
- African American hair products
  - Curl creams
  - Deep conditioner packets
  - Sulfate free shampoos and conditioner
- Kids shoes and slippers (clean and gently used)
- Body Wash
- Summer Plus size clothing

### **For Humble Area Assistance Ministries**

- Boxed Pasta (mac and cheese or any other boxed meal pastas)
- Boxed Cereal
- Dried Beans in 1- or 2-pound bags
- All nonperishable foods

If you would like to donate but aren't able to come in person, please email Susan at [spollard@tbthumble.org](mailto:spollard@tbthumble.org) to make other arrangements.

Thank you to those who donated 3 very full shopping carts of food and supplies last month!! We want to thank The Blumin Family, Neil Davis, Wes Goble, The Hellers, Pat Klemz, The Kaufmans, The Keith Family, Jeanne Mandell, The Penn Gordon Family, Roger Poser, Castine Theriot, The Pollards, The Simmons, Dale Vine and Leslie Witkov.

## **Membership Renewal Forms Be Sent Soon**

TBT members will be receiving their membership renewal forms in mid-June. We hope we have your continued support as members of our TBT family. Although forms are due by July 1st, we are asking everyone to submit them by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Your financial support of our synagogue is appreciated!

Interested in becoming a member of Temple Beth Torah? Contact membership chair Jeff Kaufman at: [membership@tbthumble.org](mailto:membership@tbthumble.org)

## **Order a Yahrzeit Plaque Now.**

If you are interested in ordering a yahrzeit plaque to remember a loved one that will hang in our sanctuary, now is the time to order so that it can be displayed at our high holiday services. Lock in at our current price before the next increase. Contact Rabbi Dan at [rabbi@tbthumble.org](mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org) for more information.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

### **The shining light of the Shabbat candles...**

*This summer, Lynn and I will celebrate 33 years of marriage. We have travelled around the world including 3 trips to Israel, celebrated many simchas and have had so many wonderful experiences together. One thing that we had NEVER done is light the Shabbat candles at home, because so often we were at TBT lighting candles together with the community. The first time we lit the candles was at the TBT Zoom Shabbat 14 months ago. What is more amazing is that we have kindled the Shabbat candles every single Shabbat since that first Zoom service! If you would have asked me 18 months ago if our Shabbat candles would be "pinned" on Zoom almost every Friday evening, I would have asked you "what is "Zoom and what does it mean to be pinned? Speak to me in English!"*

*The light of the Shabbat candles is very powerful. It fills the room with a special glow to help us contemplate the week that was and to anticipate the week ahead. The light creates a calming feeling that can penetrate one's soul. We are taught that it is not enough to simply light the flame, but we must ensure that the flame can burn on its own. Rabbi Moishe Traxler, of Chabad Outreach of Houston, explains that this teaches us that "when we positively affect another, it must be to the extent that they shine on their own giving forth their special light!" We all can have wonderful influences on each other, and I have seen this happen over and over again in our TBT family.*

*The light from our Shabbat candles can hopefully now be seen at the end of the pandemic tunnel. We don't know what stumbling stones will impede our journey through life, but we do know that our Shabbat candles can burn brightly each week filling our world with warmth and calm as we reflect on what was as well as what will be our next adventure.*

*Rabbi Dan's good friend and our recent Lunchtime Learning speaker, Rabbi Dovid Goldstein of Chabad West Houston, said it best, "we are all important in bringing more light into this world." Every single one of us.*

*Taking on this one new mitzvah has made a difference to Lynn and me. If every person or family unit chose one new mitzvah in the coming year, I imagine it would make a huge difference in the world.*

**Hy Penn**

## **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 Yedidyah 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 <mailto:admin@tbthumble.org> with any questions.

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER**

It has been a terrific year! Thank you to all of our Judaica teachers: Rebecca Shuman, Amy Nossal, Andrea Miller, and Shari Ellsworth, and thank you to Rachel McConnell for being our tech and **Zoom** coordinator for Religious School. A special thank you to Andrea Miller for being our Hebrew Coordinator and Hebrew teacher along with Rabbi Dan, Rebecca Shuman and Paige Daniels. A big thank you to our ISJL fellow, Rena Lubin for her creative ideas and lessons. And as always, thank you to Rabbi Dan who brings the stories and joy of Judaism to life for all of our students, teachers and parents.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person for school this August.

Have a Wonderful Summer

And

READ A GOOD BOOK, TAKE A LONG WALK  
AND MAKE A NEW FRIEND!!

*Carrie Keith*

## **Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

TBT is always proud to honor our students who have graduated from high school and college. We wish all of you much success in the future!! If we missed one of your graduates, please let us know and we will list their name in our next newsletter.

### **High School:**

Paige Nossal  
Paige Daniels  
Rebecca Shuman  
Abraham Ramirez

### **College:**

Beth Adler  
Will Pollard

## **Thank You to Our TBT Religious School Teachers and Principal From Your TBT Family!**

TBT is fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who go beyond the call of duty to teach our students. They give their Sunday mornings plus preparation time in order to give our children a wonderful Jewish education. What an amazing group of dedicated people under the direction of our principal, Carrie Keith. Carrie continues to do a beautiful job leading this group of exceptional educators.

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

The Sunday Discussion Group is open to all and is discussing: "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson. Please join us for interesting conversations.

If you have questions, 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 or contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org)

## **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.

## *Simchas in June*

### *Birthdays*

1	Hy Penn
8	Carmen Auerbach
8	Carrie Keith
10	Jeff Kaufman
13	Tina Sachs
19	Ronon Bormaster
24	Aaron Karash
28	Julia Rhines
29	Ellen Winter
29	Landon Zweifel
30	Emma Brawn
30	Joshua Zevallos

### *Anniversaries*

4	Chris and Alyce Baur
9	Felipe and Media Ramirez
11	Bernard and Hannah Lewis
27	Shannon and Shari Ellsworth

## **June Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during June 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.

***Betty Ryder, Hannah Rosenberg Schalet, Shirley Rosenfield, Lester Kennedy, Mary Hirsch, Emma Mounger, Leon Bluhm, Shirley Silverman, Bill Avery, Sydney Lovitt, Michael Masterov, Charles Carney, Irving Hauptman, Ilse Julie Ballin, Doris Klein, Robert Rose, Cindy Ann Tabor Harrison, Lester Eidelhoch, Martha Sonnenfield, Rose Kharasch, Samuel Kharasch, Sara Kharasch, Isidore Kharasch, Elenor Kharasch, Ethel Berger, Perry Pollard, Sandy Pollard, John Ruskis, Max Sussman, Robert Greenfield, Henry Wellner, Charles Deutsch, Rosa Auerbach, Robert Arner, Jeanette Kestin, Harold Liss, Edith Katz, Richard Greenbaum, Nat Sussman***

## **Join a Committee!**

Have you thought about becoming more active at TBT? One way is to join a committee. Some of our committees include the building, ritual, social, membership, fundraising, education, social justice and safety & security committees.

A new committee that is being brought back is the caring committee. This committee is designed to remember members on special occasions, help with meals if ill, and brighten people's lives.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or for more information, please contact Hy Penn at [president@tbthumble.org](mailto:president@tbthumble.org).

## **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.

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## Torah Portions for June 2021

*Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon*

### **June 4-5, 2021 Shelach-Lecha Numbers 13:1-15:41**

After hearing that the land of Israel is filled with giants, the people tell Moses and Aaron that they want to go back to Egypt. God furiously threatens to disown them and create a new nation, but Moses appeals to God's concern for His own reputation and God pardons the ingrates. Two of the twelve spies, Joshua and Caleb, give an optimistic report that shows their faith in God. Moses tells the people that the "ger" or stranger is to be treated like an Israelite, the Sabbath must be observed and *tzitzit* (fringes) must be worn to remind them to observe all the commandments.

### **June 11-12, 2021 Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32**

Korach is a relative of Moses and Aaron. He joins a group of followers to challenge the leadership of Moses and Aaron. Moses responds to the challenge by calling upon God's support, and the ground swallows up Korach and other participants of the rebellion. This story is often troublesome to scholars, who may feel that Korach's questions were justified "Does God talk only to you? Doesn't He speak to all of us?". Perhaps the story of Korach helps us to understand a saying of R. Elazar HaKappar in **Pirke Avot** (4:28): "Envy, irrational cravings, and honor take a person out of the world." Ultimately, Korach's ego became his downfall.

### **June 18-19, 2021 Chukkat, Numbers 19:1-26:35**

This portion includes the mystery of the red heifer, and the purification rituals connected with it. Water plays a major role in the description of purification procedures. Miriam, who throughout the desert journey had helped the people find water, dies. Fearful that without Miriam, they will have difficulty finding water, the people cry out to Moses and Aaron. Moses, still recovering from his sister's death, hears the instructions from God about how to provide water. God instructs him to speak to a rock, but in anger, Moses strikes the rock twice. The water comes forth, but Moses failed to do it the way God had instructed. This is ultimately one of the reasons why Moses is denied entry into the Promised Land.

### **June 25-26, 2021 Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9**

While in the wilderness, we learn the story of a king (Balak) who fears the Israelites and wants to place a curse upon them. He sends a servant, Balaam, who wonders if it might be more appropriate to offer a blessing. While trying to follow orders, Balaam's donkey refuses to help him fulfill the mission. The donkey surprises Balaam by speaking to him to tell him why he is preventing the curse and encouraging the blessing. Overwhelmed by this development, Balaam and Balak come to understand God's connection to the Israelites, and how a good blessing can trump a bad curse!

## In Sympathy...

### **John Bassett**

Longtime TBT member John Bassett passed away on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 65. John was the husband of Hiedi Bassett and the father of Justin (Jennifer) and Lee and the grandfather of Patience and Ayden. John was always eager to help at TBT whenever asked and his easy-going temperament will be remembered. Our hearts are with Hiedi and her family.

### **Raymundo Ramirez**

Sympathy to Meida Ramirez and her family on the recent loss of her father Raymundo Mendez on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the age of 91. He was the father of 10 children, 22 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Raymundo and his wife Gloria were married over 60 years and recently converted to Judaism. They were frequent visitors to TBT.

### **Lois Daniels**

Lois Daniels, mother of TBT member Allan Daniels, passed away Friday, May 28 after a prolonged illness. She was laid to rest near her home in California on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Condolences to Allan, Lael, Paige, Dylan and Sydney.

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis*

*Dale Vine*

*J.Q. and Ellen Delap- in honor of Rabbi Dan Gordon's 60th birthday*

### GENERAL FUND

*Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn –*

*In memory of John Bassett*

*In memory of Raymundo Ramirez*

*In honor of TBT teachers*

*In honor of our TBT graduates*

*Castine Theriot–*

*In memory of Rosalind Mandell*

*Thank you to Cantor Vadim Tunitsky for donating sound equipment to TBT.*

### SPONSORS OF SHABBAT SERVICES

*Wes Goble – in memory of Harold Liss*

### TBT CARES – SOCIAL ACTION

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

*If you would like to sponsor a TBT Zoom event in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).*

## 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.

## 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.

You can now make a donation online to any of our funds. Tell your friends and family to visit our website, [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org), to make a donation or see the donations form in this newsletter.

### 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.

### LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY

TBT's Legacy Giving Society is a group of visionary donors who have committed themselves to the future of Temple Beth Torah. Legacy gifts are easily to establish, cost nothing during your lifetime, and make a difference for our community. Contact [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) for more information.

### SCOTT ERIC KAUFMAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

This fund helps support the technology needs of TBT including computers, screens, and cameras and will help with our virtual programming. The fund was established in memory of Dr. Scott Eric Kaufman.

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

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*Please consider making a donation to support  
Temple Beth Torah's many worthy endeavors.  
You can indicate which fund you would like your contribution  
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# JUNE 2021 SIVAN – TAMMUZ 5781

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
					7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group					7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group  3:00PM – 4:00PM Drive By and Drop Off			EVENING LEARNING 7:00 PM JEWS IN SPACE		7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with Ellie Flier	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group			LUNCHTIME LEARNING 12 noon with Rabbi Dan		7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
10:00 AM Adult Ed – TORCH class  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group		TBT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 7:00 PM Via Zoom			7:00 PM VIRTUAL Shabbat Service	