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AUGUST 2022 AV - ELUL 5782



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Thank Goodness It's Shabbat!

SHABBAT DINNERS HAVE RETURNED AT TBT

Friday, August 5th at 6:30 pm

Please join us on Friday, August 5, to share Shabbat Dinner together at the Temple at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to admin@tbthumble.org by Wednesday, August 3, so that we know how much to prepare. We look forward to congregating safely and enjoying each other's company as we celebrate our most special time of the week.

Welcome Back Rabbi Dan... A Shabbat In-Person or Virtual Experience!

Friday, August 19th at 7:00 pm

We welcome back Rabbi Dan as he leads us in our worship service as he returns refreshed and energized from his summer vacation and sabbatical. We are all eager to worship together as a community again.

TBT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND WELCOME BACK RABBI DAN!!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST 10:30 AM

EVERYONE WELCOME! - All Members, friends and family are encouraged to attend. We will also have High Holiday and Religious School Information.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR ADULTS- Leonid Kalmanovich, Director of Security for Holocaust Museum Houston, will discuss security at TBT and lead training.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM! - Children will have a special lesson and a snack while the adults attend the program.

STAY FOR LUNCH!! - A delicious luncheon, provided by TBT, will follow the presentation.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! - RSVP if attending to admin@tbthumble.org or 281-446-5611 by August 16th.

High Holidays are Around the Corner! Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs to Officiate Our In-person and Virtual Services

Rosh HaShanah evening service: Sunday, September 25

Rosh HaShanah morning service: Monday, September 26

Kol Nidre service: Tuesday, October 4

Yom Kippur morning and afternoon/Yizkor/concluding services: Wednesday, October 5

A children's service will be held prior to each morning service.

Watch for details soon.

MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Beth Torah is a congregation that embraces the philosophy and values of Judaism in the following ways:

Spiritually, by celebrating the richness and traditions of Torah, prayer, holidays and life cycle events; Educationally, by encouraging learning, increasing Jewish knowledge and enriching understanding for children, teenagers and adults;

Compassionately, by caring for our members and others in the Jewish community in times of need while also fostering positive relationships with our non-Jewish neighbors.

Temple Beth Torah embraces the spirit of inclusion for Jewish individuals and families who represent a variety of backgrounds and family compositions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy August everyone! I hope everyone has enjoyed some summertime fun. As we begin a new school year, I would like to remind everyone that July was Membership renewal. We have many things in the works to improve our Temple and am encouraging an increase in congregation participation. I am so thankful that we will continue to have virtual services to include our out-of-town members and guests as well as those who prefer the home opportunities of video services. At the same time a few of us have worked very hard at continuing some of our treasured activities such as Oneg. There is a sign-up poster in the Temple for those to sign up to host Onegs this year. Please consider a date that can celebrate a birthday or anniversary or to honor the memory of a loved one. We also want to thank those of you who were so generous to sponsor our shabbats so that we could have guests lead our services this summer and we want to continue having guests throughout the year as well. We all know how very important TBT is and how much we want to protect it and preserve its existence. We are so very grateful to our members and to others who support us as well. Please let us know how we can help you in service as well.

*Shari Ellsworth
TBT President*

Shabbat Services and Events in August

Friday, August 5	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner at TBT – no virtual service offered
Friday, August 12	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service Virtual ONLY – with Ellie Flier
Friday, August 19	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service - In Person and Virtual with Rabbi Dan - Welcome Back!!!!
Friday, August 26	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service – In Person and Virtual Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan

Submit Healing List Names at the First of Each Month

Our healing list will now be updated at the first of each month. If you know of someone who is on the list who should remain on the list, please let us know. This list is important, but also can get quite lengthy, so we want to make sure all the names we read are timely. Please email admin@tbthumble.org and rabbi@tbthumble.org to be added.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

We have many exciting events happening at Temple Beth Torah for our Religious school. Our annual Open House to welcome back Rabbi Dan, get information about the High Holidays and Religious School will be on Sunday, August 21 at 10:30 am. We have fun activities planned for all the students while adults are participating in an active shooter workshop led by Leonid Kalmanovich, director of security for Holocaust Museum Houston. A luncheon will follow the presentation. Please rsvp if you and your children will be attending to admin@tbthumble.org

The first day of Religious School will be Sunday, August 28. The Temple Beth Torah teachers are:
Shayna Ellsworth teaching PreK through 2nd grade
Andrea Miller teaching 3rd – 5th
Michael Miller and Craig Lira-Waguespack teaching 6th – 7th Grade
Shari Ellsworth will teach our once-a-month song sessions. We are looking forward to our teens helping out in the classrooms.

Andrea Miller is Temple Beth Torah's Hebrew Coordinator. Andrea, Craig Lira-Waguespack, and Rabbi Dan will work to continue providing excellent Hebrew instruction for students in grades 4th through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Religious School hours are 9:00am -11:15am followed by Hebrew 11:30am - 12:15pm. This year all students need to bring a supply box, 2 glue sticks, 2 sharpened pencils, 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons, 1 box of 8 watercolor markers, an eraser, a dry erase marker, and a box of Kleenex. Please label all items. Each child will also need to bring a healthy snack and a labeled water bottle with a pull up top (no open water bottles, please. They spill!!)

We are all very busy planning fun and meaningful instruction for all of the students. We hope to have several programs throughout the school year for our families to come together. Parents are encouraged to come into the synagogue to visit, and to help with special projects. It is going to be a great year!

See you all for Open House on Sunday, August 21 and the first day of Religious School on Sunday, August 28.

Carrie Keith
Religious School Principal

Condolences to the Lewis Family...

Temple Beth Torah mourns the recent loss of longtime member Hanna Lewis. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Bernard Lewis and daughter Ellen Grayson as well as the rest of Hanna's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May her memory be a blessing.

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

We are currently reading and discussing "Awakening: Conversations with the Masters" by Anthony DeMello. De Mello explores "the wisdom that cannot be conveyed in human speech." Through 365 meditations, blending the mystical traditions of both East and West, he creates the lessons of a profound "master" to his "pupil," illustrating our common need for harmony and enlightenment.

If you are interested in joining the discussion or have any questions, please email Susan at spollard@tbthumble.org. The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

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

TORCH Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe leads a discussion of **Pirke Avot** (Ethics of the Fathers). All meetings will be through Zoom. Any questions please contact admin@tbthumble.org. The Zoom links are sent out in the weekly email.

Join the Fundraising Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee. There are many events that we plan throughout the year, and we would like to have a number of people involved on this team to work together. If you are interested in participating in planning an event or two during the year, please contact our President Shari Ellsworth at president@tbthumble.org or Stacey at admin@tbthumble.org. Thank you all!!!

Simchas in August Birthdays

- 2 *Jeanne Mandell*
5 *Susan Cahn*
6 *Rachel Couch*
6 *Catherine Zakes*
8 *Meida Ramirez*
9 *Stacey Blumin*
9 *Michael Cahn*
14 *Dale Vine*
15 *Dennis Klager*
17 *Jamie Nossal*
18 *Roger Poser*
21 *Stephen Heller*
21 *Michael Miller*
22 *Arnold Farber*
28 *Rebeca Ramirez*
28 *Dodi Velasquez*

Anniversaries

- 4 *Jeff and Alice Kaufman*
7 *Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon*
18 *Ian and Judi Adler*
20 *Michael and Andrea Miller*
22 *Dennis and Ellen Klager*

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.

August Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during August to acknowledge those who have passed away who were connected with our community. If there are mistakes or omissions, please e-mail the temple at admin@tbthumble.org or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Arthur Abrasely, Rodney Abrasely, Juanita Adams, Irene Sara Macaluso, Ana Maria Ijac, Lucy Mueller, Marion Delores Carson Baur, Lillian Blumin, Jetchen Cahn, Gerald Hein, Rhoda Davis Hart, Estella DeLap, Col. Leonard Farber, Jaime Szereszewski, Abraham Marcus, Gertrude Szyllwin, Marjorie Heller, Marylyn Cash, Dana Kharasch, Olive Bricker, Lorraine Klemz, Marshall Solomon, David Rapoport, Jacob Berger, Samuel Rosenfield, Irving Simmons, William Belofsky, Marlene Salkin, Leon Bluestein, Walther Weintraub, Susan Hensley Christman

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 Shari Ellsworth at president@tbthumble.org

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Shop on amazon and give tzedakah to TBT. Type this web site and log into your amazon account and choose Temple Beth Torah in Humble, TX and a percentage of your shopping will go to TBT.
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Torah Portions for August 2022

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

August 5-6, 2022 D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22The beginning of the fifth and final book of the Torah is "Devarim," or Hebrew for "words." Moses begins a lengthy recounting of desert journey. He reminds the Israelites of their times of doubt and how God has helped them reach the brink of the Promised Land. God decrees that none of Moses' generation will enter the land, and that Moses, himself, will not enter the land. Joshua has been delegated as the new leader, and a new generation of people, born in freedom, will undertake the challenge of settling in the land that was promised.

August 12-13, 2022 Va'Ethchanan, Deuteronomy 2:32-7:11 Moses recounts the Israelites' experience in the desert and their connection with God. He reminds them that God had given Ten Commandments to live by, and also a series of rules, regulations and teachings. He repeats the Ten Commandments for all to remember. Shortly after the repetition of the Commandments, Moses pronounces what has become arguably the most sacred sentence in the whole Torah: "Hear, Oh Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is one." This sentence (Shema, Deut. 6:4) is immediately followed by a paragraph (V'Ahavta) expressing our love for God and our commitment to instill this love in our children. Moses warns about the dangers of prosperity, and the risk of becoming complacent. We are encouraged that by following these teachings, all will be well for us throughout the generations.

August 19-20, 2022 Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 The Israelites may question, "How will we overtake the land (of Israel) when the other nations are more numerous?" Moses reminds them of the wonders that God guided them through when faced by Pharaoh. He then recounts the entire story about when he ascended the mountain to bring back the Ten Commandments. He includes the tale of the Golden Calf, and how God wanted to destroy the nation, but Moses pleaded with Him. Emphasizing the importance of *teshuvah* (repentance), Moses reminds the people that while God wrote the first tablets, Moses himself wrote the second set of Commandments. Moses pleads with God to enter the Holy Land, but God's instructions are clear. Moses is to ascend to the top of the mountain to gaze upon the land, but to transfer the mantle of leadership to Joshua.

August 26-27, 2022, Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 This Torah portion reminds us that we have a choice, to follow good or evil. Following good will bring blessings and life; following evil will bring curses and death. "Choose life," we're taught. Appropriately included in this section is the obligation to tithe a portion of our earnings to the poor. We are also taught to be generous to those in need when it comes to lending money. The seventh year is one of freedom; we are commanded to forgive debts and free slaves in the seventh year. The three festivals of pilgrimage, Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot are described in detail.

Give-a-Gift to TBT An Easy Way to Help TBT

TBT is in need of the following items this month. If you would like to donate any of these items, please send a message to giveagift@tbthumble.org to ensure we do not get too many of a needed item. The items can be brought to TBT whenever we are open, or we may be able to arrange for a pick-up.

Items needed this month:
Paper towel rolls
Facial tissue-square boxes
AA Batteries
9-V batteries
Hand wipes
Copy paper
Bottled water
Dessert plates
Napkins

Book of Remembrance

The High Holiday season is a time we remember loved ones that are no longer with us. A Book of Remembrance is printed and distributed during our Yizkor/ memorial service on the afternoon of Yom Kippur and the names are read at that time.

Please submit your names by Rosh Hashanah to ensure they will be included. Please find the form to complete on page 7. Donations can be by check made payable to "Temple Beth Torah" or online under the "Donation" tab at our website and clicking the "Book of Remembrance" button. Contact admin@tbthumble.org for more information.

Support TBT and Make a High Holiday Donation

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

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Brian Eoff

Mike Stark

Jeff and Alice Kaufman

Dale Vine

Paul Varner

Marla Drewinko

Marsha Snyder – In Memory of Stevel Rudd

Rachael McConnell –

In Honor of Rabbi for assisting in Landon's Bar Mitzvah

GENERAL FUND

Dale Vine

Kathleen Jaap – In Memory of Hanna Lewis

Ritchard Shadian

Morton Winter – In Memory of Lewis Winter

Dennis and Carrie Keith –

In Honor of Landon's Bar Mitzvah

Lynn Gordon and Hy Penn –

In Honor of Landon Zweifel Bar Mitzvah

In Memory of Rabbi Lloyd Goldman

In Memory of Sandra Kurlander

Dede Lillian Fox – In Memory of Hanna Lewis

SCOTT ERIC KAUFMAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

Martin and Nadira Lorin

TRACY TOBIN JOHNSON EDUCATION FUND

Rachel McConnell – In honor of Hy Penn for helping Landon prepare for his Bar Mitzvah

Gloria Mendez – in Memory of Raymundo Mendez

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 service or event in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one, please

THE CARING COMMITTEE

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

DONATIONS

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, 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 easy to establish, cost nothing during your lifetime, and make a difference for our community. Contact 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

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please return this form no later than September 30

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

As a tribute to our departed ones, I/we are enclosing \$_____
as a tzedakah gift for the beloved souls who are remembered on October 5th at the Memorial Service.

Listed below are the full
names of the departed:

Date of Death:

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

Remembered by: _____

Address/Phone/Email: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick

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

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

Name of donor: _____

Phone number or email address: _____

Engraving details (please print):

Brick 1:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick 2:

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

*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
BETH TORAH**

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
- Scott Eric Kaufman Technology Fund
- Tracy Tobin Johnson Memorial Education Fund
- Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund
- Temple Security Fund

Please send acknowledgement of the donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AUG 1	2	3	4	5	6
					6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner - Please RSVP	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group -Virtual					7:00 PM VIRTUAL ONLY Shabbat Service with Ellie Flier	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group -Virtual					7:00 PM In Person Shabbat and VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 AM TBT OPEN HOUSE and LUNCHEON					7:00 PM In Person Shabbat and VIRTUAL Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan	
28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3
9:00AM – 11:15AM FIRST DAY OF Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service	