

# Temple Beth Torah

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### **The Jewish Night of Why** **Saturday, February 11** **6:00 PM Potluck Dinner,** **followed by Havdallah and a group discussion.**

Prior to Covid, “The Jewish Night of Why” was one of Temple Beth Torah’s most popular annual events. It is simple, fun and engaging! The title of the evening is based on Alfred Kolatch’s book series called, *The Jewish Book of Why*, which is a wonderful addition to every Jewish library. Kolatch’s books give simple answers to hundreds of questions about Jewish ritual, holidays, practices, and customs with a technical scholarly perspective.

When TBT gathers, we discuss some of these questions, but also focus on many of the philosophical issues that are part of the Jewish world today as well as our own community. It is a personal way for us to learn from each other. Participants pose their questions anonymously, by placing written questions in a “hat.” Rabbi Dan’s philosophy is that there is often a variety of possible reasons why Jews do what Jews do! He will offer his perspective about what’s on your mind, and others will be able to discuss other possibilities. In the classic Jewish way, we will learn from each other!

There will be a movie for the kids in the Children’s Classroom, while the adults are having their discussion.

Prior to the discussion, we will share a “potluck” dinner. Please be mindful of TBT’s Kosher Style – not mixing meat and dairy in the same dish and no pork or shellfish products.

***Please use the sign up genius to select your choice of food items to bring***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ACAD2BA3FF2-night>

Any questions please contact [admin@tbthuble.org](mailto:admin@tbthuble.org).

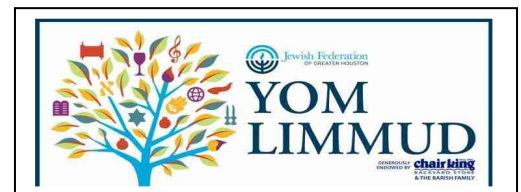
### **Yom Limmud – A Jewish Day of Learning**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

**Congregation Beth Israel, Houston**

**5600 North Braeswood**

**9 am- 3 pm**



**We hope you can attend Yom Limmud 2023—a Jewish Day of Learning on February 19, 2023. This in person event is provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and will take place at Congregation Beth Israel. The theme is “OUT OF THE BOX.” The Federation hopes you will join for some exciting and innovative new programming!**

**More details and registration information can be found by clicking on the link:**

<https://www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud/>

## 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.

## Worship Services in February

Friday, February 3	6:00 PM	Tots to Teens Shabbat Service and Potluck - In Person ONLY
	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual
Contact Rabbi or Stacey For Date and Time	TBA	Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual
Friday, February 10	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual
Friday, February 17	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual
Sunday, February 19	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	See article on the front page.
Friday, February 24	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

*This week I heard a speech regarding the balancing act of family verses career. Because of my constant worry about finances, I often put my job before my family. This was challenged this week when I had to rush my husband to the hospital on Wednesday and spent 13 hours waiting to find out what we needed to do for his health. I did not worry about my job during that time but as soon as we headed home, I realized something that I was supposed to complete that day. This is a real struggle for me. I hear from my job "Family First" but I don't always believe that is truly acceptable. I have also heard the old adage that on our death bed we will never say "I should have worked more." That is why I find our congregation so indispensable. You are a part of my family and it is you that helps me stay focused on what is truly important in our lives. I love my family fiercely and know that I need to put more effort in focusing on them. I am reminded that not only do I need to give my love, but time is also the most precious thing to give. So as we go into the month of Valentine's day remember not to just love your family but to give them your time.*

Sincerely,

*Shari Ellsworth - TBT President*

## Save The Date

TBT's 1<sup>st</sup> Night of Passover Seder  
Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM  
more information to come.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### *Branching Out with Growth*

Whether by divine design or curious coincidence, the Jewish calendar gives us multiple opportunities to explore spiritual growth. After the darkness of winter is brightened by the sparks of the Hanukkah lights, there is a brief pause in Jewish holiday observances. We are currently in the month of Shevat, which includes the holiday of Tu Beshvat, also known as the Birthday of Trees, or Jewish Arbor Day. The progression of each month builds with different personalities. Shevat leads to Adar, the month with the joyous merriment of Purim; Adar leads to Nisan, and the freedom celebration of Passover.

We often think of Jewish holidays with historical importance, but for us to truly connect with the concepts, we must find a modern significance. Tu Beshvat, a celebration of trees, has great magnitude for the agricultural society of the past. The Torah actually forbids destroying trees in war: *"When you capture a city, you must not destroy its trees. You may eat from them, but do not cut them down."* (Deuteronomy 20:19) Even in more modern history, with the establishment of the state of Israel, observing Tu Beshvat includes rebuilding the desert Jewish homeland to fill it with green growth. When I was a child, every year there would be a "tree drive" in which we would collect dimes on a card until we reached enough coins to plant a tree. We were taught the desert needed to be replenished to ensure Israel's survival. But Israel is now 75 years old, and has become a modern country, leading the world in technological advances. What enhanced role can Tu Beshvat have in the modern world?

While remembering the importance of trees, this is a good time to also look philosophically at both what trees provide in the physical world and what lessons we can derive. Physically, of course, trees have great value. Cultivated efficiently, trees provide us with wood for shelter, paper for learning and oxygen for breathing. There are many reasons that trees are absolutely necessary for our very existence. But this season is also a good time to contemplate other aspects of growth. A famous story from the Talmud describes a sage named Honi who sees an elderly man planting a carob tree, which would take 70 years to bear fruit. Honi asks the man *"Why plant this tree when you will never see the fruits of your labors?"* The man responds by saying, *"There were trees in this world when I was born. I plant for the future generations."*

The seeds we plant and the growth we experience are not just about trees. We plant seeds of understanding and wisdom, knowledge and ideas. Just as the tree needs water, space and fertilizer in order to thrive, a community needs nurturing to reach its potential. When we set an example for others by encouraging thoughtful discussion, we provide that nourishment. When we inspire each other to utilize our resources to enhance the world, that is also nourishment. We can reach out and stretch our metaphorical branches to include a wide variety of individuals and ideas. Sometimes, our branches provide shade and comfort; other times, seeds that are planted by our own fruit could inspire surprising innovations. The Jewish calendar gives us Tu Beshvat to honor trees. Let us also allow ourselves to think about how we can develop our own individual growth to create a beautiful and thriving forest.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Dan Gordon*

**Tot to Teen Shabbat  
Friday, February 3, 6:00 PM  
In Person ONLY**

**Join us for a Children's Service followed by a  
Potluck for the kids and parents after.**

Led by Rabbi Dan, this service is not just for tots! Join us for this family-friendly Shabbat service with singing, engaging prayers and child-friendly teachings. Our regular Shabbat worship We will then have a Potluck dinner for the families after from 6:30 – 7pm. Please bring a kosher style item to share.

**Please RSVP to Stacey Blumin at  
[admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).**

**Lunch & Learn with  
Rabbi Dan  
In Person and on Zoom**

**Please Contact**

**[admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or**

**[rabbidangordon@gmail.com](mailto:rabbidangordon@gmail.com)**

**TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
DATE**

***Nourishment for the Body, Mind and Soul***

Rabbi Dan Gordon facilitates a relaxed discussion on a variety of topics, including mitzvot, Torah, holidays, current events and Jewish Practices. Each session is a different topic, and everyone gets a chance to participate. Bring your own lunch and get ready to nourish both your mind and your body! For those who cannot attend in person, a Zoom link will be provided upon request.

**Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Blumin  
Saturday, February 25 at 3:00 PM  
At Temple Beth Torah**

We are very excited to celebrate with Rachael Blumin and her family as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Celebrate with her as she leads prayers on Friday, February 24 at 7:00 pm and then leads services and reads from the Torah on Saturday. Rachael has worked diligently to prepare for the milestone event so please come to show your support for all she has accomplished.

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

The Sunday Discussion group is reading "Judaism without Tribalism: A Guide to Being a Blessing to All The Peoples of the Earth" by Rabbi Rami Shapiro. Rabbi Rami's books are always thought provoking and generate interesting discussions. If you are interested in joining the discussion or have any 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.

**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.

## ***RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER***

Congratulations to Vicki Aizenberg for doing an excellent job of reading from Torah and leading services as she became a Bat Mitzvah. We are all so proud of her accomplishment.

Our students will celebrate Tu B' Shevat this month on February 12. The classes will plant vegetable seeds in our garden, plant a tree and flowers. The students will also have a Tu B'Shevat Seder as they learn about different types of foods from trees that we enjoy eating. There is no class on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

February 19 is Yom Limmud, a Day of Jewish Learning, at Beth Israel. Yom Limmud's program is all about learning 'outside the box!' Featured this year is actress and singer **Lainie Kazan of Broadway and My Big Fat Greek Wedding fame**. Plus, the Federation's first ever Yom Limmud bus tours showcasing mural street art in Houston. The cost for Yom Limmud is \$18 per person (includes lunch), \$25 at the door. If you want the bus tour it is \$40. Space is limited so sign up early.

The Children's program is "Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Jewish Tale" Shadow Puppet Assembly Program. Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of *Firelight Shadow Theater*. After first introducing audience members to the art of shadow puppetry, Daniel will perform shadow puppetry versions of best-loved folktales from the Jewish tradition. The audience will be encouraged to participate throughout the program, and volunteers will be invited up to the shadow screen to help perform the shows. Event is free, registration required.

Visit the Federation website at [www.houstonjewish.org](http://www.houstonjewish.org) for registration forms, links and class lists. The topics are always interesting and varied from cooking classes to political discussions. There will be classes for young children at Brith Shalom and classes at Beth Israel for teens and adults. Presenters from the Houston area and worldwide will be teaching.

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Purim is just around the corner on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Class begins at 9:00 followed by an exciting Purim Festival at 10:00.

**Sing and Dance along with Motzy. His performance begins at 10:00.  
Stay for a delicious Lunch!!**

As part of our Purim celebration and Social Justice Projects, we will again have ***Shoes for Shushan***. Please start bringing in gently worn shoes and also new sneakers for HAAM to support their Sneaker Doodle program for families in our area. Remember there are teens in need of shoes, also. Gift cards are also appreciated. These may be dropped off at TBT for all of February, March and April. They will be donated to HAAM and FamilyTime this spring. We will continue to also collect non-perishable food for families in need in our area.

***Carrie Keith  
Religious School Principal***

**Get Excited for a Festive and Musical  
Purim Weekend  
for Adults and Children  
Purim Shabbat  
Friday, March 3, 7:00 PM  
Sunday, March 5, 10:00 AM  
Enhanced with MUSIC BY MOTZY**

The festival of Purim is among the most joyful times of the year. Children enjoy the boisterous celebration, and adults enjoy moments when we can act like children! Costumes, food, music and levity enhance both worship and parties. The Talmud suggests that we get so caught up with the fun of Purim that we cannot tell the difference between the villain, Haman, and the hero, Mordecai (from Megillah 7a). Temple Beth Torah has invited popular Israeli musician "Motzy" (Moshe ben Basset) to bring his joyous, dynamic talents to both our Shabbat service and a family celebration during Religious School on Sunday.

Motzy's participation is being sponsored by the Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund in loving memory of Tom Theriot. Tom sadly passed away in 2008, but he and his wife Castine have been loving supporters of TBT for decades. Tom particularly loved music and Purim. He always dressed up for the holiday and cherished seeing children and adults rejoicing by having fun with Judaism's special observances.

Prior to Tom's premature death from brain cancer at the age of 59, he would continually repeat, "I've been blessed." Family was more important to him than anything; and he considered Temple Beth Torah to be part of his extended family. The Tom Theriot Memorial Program Fund was established by Castine and her family to honor his legacy by providing programs that help people enjoy Judaism in fun, dynamic and inspiring ways. In this way, Tom continues to be a blessing for us all.

Have some fun and enjoy Purim with TBT as we celebrate Purim together.

**Last Call For Volunteers!  
Kulanu: Synagogues in Action  
Against Antisemitism  
The Anti-Defamation League  
Names Temple Beth Torah as New  
Partner**

Kulanu, Hebrew for "all of us," is dedicated to empowering congregations to address antisemitism and hate in their communities through education, community engagement, and advocacy. We are excited to announce that TBT has been accepted to participate. There are only 11 synagogues in the state of Texas involved and we are one of them! During the program, we will join a network of congregations to build bridges of understanding across communities. ADL will provide resources to develop and implement engaging and impactful programming through interactive webinars with ADL experts and guidance from ADL professionals.

If you would like to be part of TBT's planning team, please contact Hy Penn by February 7-- our first meeting will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

**TBT's New Beautification  
Committee**

We are excited to announce the formation of a Beautification Committee for TBT!!! Our objective is to update the Sanctuary.

Step one: We have contacted a carpenter to make two new lecterns. These lecterns will be state of the art (more high tech)!!

Step two: Purchasing four new Bima chairs, and Step three will be painting the sanctuary. Some housekeeping duties include having the

carpets cleaned and rearranging the pictures in the building. Please consider making a donation to the temple designated for this committee. We will compile a list of items either to be purchased or donated so that renovations can be coordinated.

We hope you are as excited as we are!! Please contact Marsha Weiss at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) if you would like to help or make a donation. Thank you.

## *Simchas in February Birthdays*

6	Allison Levy
13	Barry Sachs
14	Greg LaCour
17	Alyce Baur
17	Jonathan Couch
19	William Pollard
20	Jim Meinholz
25	Donna Karash
25	Rebecca Cohen
26	Iris Graf
27	Lynn Gordon

### *Anniversaries*

22     *Stephen and Kim Levy*

## **February Yahrzeits**

The following names will be read each week during February 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.

*Harold Minkes, Vesta Amos, Karen Arner,  
Kenneth Watterston, Carolyn Katz, Harry Schnitzer,  
Anna Polavsky, Marjorie Liss, Mary Beth Graf,  
Allan Berger, Marilyn Lapman Jerome Kharasch,  
Arlene Starr, Harry Rapoport, Nathan Mandell,  
Kathleen Dolan, Julie Jones, Ben Myers,  
Barbara Teichner, Linda Penn, Jacqueline Bitterman,  
Jacob Haidnick, Beatrice Sayovitz, Sheelah Smith,  
Ellis Caplan, Shirley Solomon, Bob Theriot,  
Irving Weisberg, Joseph Kolichstein, Aaron Markowitz,  
Susanne Witt Wiener, Stanley Simrin*

## **For HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)**

HAAM is collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene items: They are in need of canned beans, canned fruit (low sugar), canned chicken and tuna and canned vegetables (low sodium). If you prefer to donate hygiene items they need toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shampoo, and conditioner. Thank you for your support!

## **ONEG INFORMATION NEW FOR 2023**

Thank you to everyone who has provided an oneg recently. They have been delicious and a highlight to every Shabbat. Thank you also to those who have sponsored an oneg with your generous donations. Preparing an oneg is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event. It is also a way to commemorate a Yahrzeit for a loved one. If you would like to do an oneg, please leave a message for Carrie Keith at 281-446-5611, or email [education@tbthumble.org](mailto:education@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.

## Torah Portions for February 2023

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

### February 3-4, 2023, Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16

Finally set free by the Pharaoh, the Israelites depart from Egypt, only to be pursued by the ambivalent Pharaoh. God instructs Moses to lift his staff, and the Sea of Reeds parts for the Israelites to walk through on dry land. When Moses and the Israelites see the Egyptians drown in the Reed Sea, they sing a song of praise to God. Bitter reality of their journey causes them to complain to Moses their leader. In response, God sends manna to appease their hunger.

### February 10-11, 2023, Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23

*Yitro*, the portion named for Moses' father-in-law, begins with the Midianite priest's stunning confession that "the Lord is greater than all gods." Wise Jethro sees that Moses is taking too much on his own shoulders, and counsels his son-in-law to delegate his authority. The Ten Commandments are given by God in *Yitro*, amidst thunder and lightning, through Moses' voice. These commandments begin our relationship as a people with a special covenant with God that includes special responsibilities. They are not referred to as "Ten Commandments" at this point, and later called in Hebrew "*Aseret Dibrot*," or "Ten Words/Utterances." How the ten are divided differs between Judaism and Christianity, as well as within some Christian denominations.

### February 17-18, 2023, Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18

"*Mishpatim*" means "rules," "laws" or "ordinances," and seems disorganized to the modern reader because the rules were meant to be remembered through hearing rather than reading. Both ritual and ethical laws are given in *Mishpatim*. Some of the most important laws concern ethical treatment for the stranger, the widow and the orphan. The first laws given after the Ten Commandments include treatment of slaves. While we were not forbidden to have slaves, we were commanded to treat them in a certain manner, which included offering freedom after seven years. It is a valuable lesson to remember, since we had just come out of slavery. Sometimes, we are expected to do the opposite of the examples of what we've observed from our experiences. In this case, we're expected to treat servants how we would have liked to have been treated, rather than how we were treated.

### February 24-25, 2023, Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

We receive an elaborate description of how the Tabernacle is to be constructed, from the kind of wood used to the fabric for the drapes. Even though the construction is described in very elegant terms, we are encouraged only to make offerings from our hearts. A center piece in the Tabernacle will be the seven-branched menorah, which will be kept lit in an eternal light, signifying God's constant presence.

## 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@tbthumb.org](mailto:giveagift@tbthumb.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:

Coffee cups with lids	Dessert size plates
AA Batteries	9-V batteries
Hand wipes	Copy paper
Bottled water	Paper Towels
Gallon and Quart Size Ziplock Bags	
Black trash bags	Coffee creamer
Tall White Trash bags	

## 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@tbthumb.org](mailto:president@tbthumb.org)

## 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)



## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Brian Eoff*

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis*

*Vitaly and Lujuan Aizenberg – In Honor of Vicki's Bat Mitzvah*

### BURT LEVY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

*Ann Dominick and Ellen Delap – In Honor of Joni Levy's Birthday*

### GENERAL FUND

*Patricia Klemz*

*Vitaly and Lujuan Aizenberg – In Honor of the TBT Sisterhood for providing the Oneg for Vicki's Bat Mitzvah*

*If you would like to sponsor a TBT service or 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**

**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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

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

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

Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

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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

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# FEBRUARY 2023 SHEVAT - ADAR 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			FEB 1	2	3	4
					6:00 PM TOT to TEEN SHABBAT In Person ONLY  7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan – In Person and VIRTIAL	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NO Religious School and Hebrew  10:00 AM – Adult Ed TORCH – Virtual  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group -Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan – In Person and VIRTIAL	6:00 PM JEWISH NIGHT OF WHY and Potluck
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00AM – 11:15AM 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School and Hebrew  10:00 AM – Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group -Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan – In Person and VIRTIAL	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
YOM LIMMUD  NO Religious School  NO Adult Ed TORCH  NO Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan and Rachael Blumin - In Person and VIRTIAL	3:00 PM Rachael Blumin’s Bat Mitzvah
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
9:00AM – 11:15AM 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Religious School and Hebrew  10:00 AM – Adult Ed TORCH – Virtual  11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan – In Person and VIRTIAL	