

# Temple Beth Torah

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### High Holidays Are Approaching!

Join Us In-Person or Virtually for  
Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Mark your calendars for the upcoming High Holiday season.

We hope to see as many of you as possible in person!

Rabbi Dan Gordon and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs will be officiating.

#### 2023 High Holiday Schedule

Friday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 pm: Rosh Hashanah Eve/A dessert Oneg will follow.

Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 am: Rosh Hashanah morning

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 pm: Kol Nidre

Monday, Sept. 25 at 10:30 am: Yom Kippur morning service

Monday, Sept. 25 at 3:30 pm: Yom Kippur afternoon and concluding services/  
A Break-the-Fast meal will follow.

Our Children's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services will be held at 9:30 am on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In Person Only

**Members:** All TBT members wishing to attend in person, please join us! Please make sure your 2023-2024 membership is current and filled out before Rosh Hashanah. If you will be attending virtually, all members will receive the link prior to the holidays.

**Guests:** If you are not currently a member of TBT, please call 281-446-5611 or email Stacey at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) to register to attend our in-person or virtual High Holiday services.

Suggested donation for those not yet members of TBT: Individuals: \$175 Families: \$350

Donations can be made by sending a check to Temple Beth Torah or submitting payment online under the "Donation" tab at [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org) and clicking on "High Holidays." Donations received for the High Holidays can be applied to future dues if you decide to join the temple.

**NOBODY IS TURNED AWAY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS** – Please make the gift that works for you.

## 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 September

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|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Friday, September 1  | 7:00 PM             | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan<br>In Person and Virtual  |
| Friday, September 8  | 7:00 PM             | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan<br>In Person and Virtual  |
| Friday, September 15 | 7:30 PM             | Rosh Hashanah evening Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne<br>In Person and Virtual – special tickets<br>Required for guests   |
| Saturday, Sept. 16   | 9:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | Childrens Service – In Person ONLY<br>Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne<br>In Person and Virtual – special tickets<br>required for guests.  |
| Friday, September 22 | 7:00 PM             | Tashlich Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan<br>In Person   |
| Sunday, Sept. 24     | 7:30 PM             | Kol Nidre Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br>In Person and Virtual – special tickets<br>required for guests.   |
| Monday, Sept. 25     | 9:30 AM<br>10:30 AM | Childrens Service – In Person ONLY<br>Yom Kippur Morning Service with<br>Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br>In Person and Virtual – special tickets<br>required for guests. |
|                      | 3:30 PM             | Yom Kippur Concluding Service with<br>Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne– I<br>n Person and Virtual – special tickets<br>required for guests.                                   |

Watch your weekly email updates for information on special programs for Tashlich, September 22, Sukkot, September 29 and Simchat Torah, October 6.

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DUE NOW!

**ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO ROSH HASHANAH.  
PLEASE DO IT TODAY!**

If you need a membership form, please contact Stacey [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org). If you have questions about membership, email Stacey or call (281) 446-5611 and she will put the appropriate person in contact with you.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Making the New Year New

Why is this year different from all other years? Yes, this is like the opening of the Four Questions of the Passover Seder. On Passover, we say, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" But Passover is a week, not a night. It is a week that we remember our oppression and appreciate our freedom. Likewise, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are not merely singular days on the calendar. They are meant to inspire us, not for a day, or even ten days...but all year long. Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, a man who began life as a Hasid and later motivated a generation with his music, composed the following song as a way to begin a year:

*Return again...return again...return to the land of your soul.  
Return to who you are; Return to what you are; Return to where you are...  
Born and reborn again...return again...return again...*

This song focuses on the Hebrew concept of *teshuvah*, which we understand to mean "repentance," but literally means "return." In the traditional liturgy on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we wonder, "Who shall live and who shall die?" We plead for G-d's mercy, hopefully stating that "*tefilah, tzedakah, v'teshuva* – prayer, charity and repentance – will temper a severe decree."

If repentance and return are synonymous, to what are we returning? In Rabbi Carlebach's song, we return to our soul and to our past, somehow starting over again. The slow, pensive music he composed implies that this *teshuvah*, this return, is an ongoing, never-ending process. The liturgy implies that our actions make a difference in the way G-d delivers justice and mercy. I suggest that it might be more about our own behavior than about G-d's actions. If we are hoping to "temper a severe decree," maybe it's not about avoiding severe circumstances; it's about embracing even the most difficult times with a kind of peace and calm that helps us through.

As I've been mentally and emotionally preparing for the New Year, I've been thinking about this concept of return. Our normal way of aging is to move forward, not backwards. We hope to grow and change for the better. We want to learn from our mistakes and become better people based on what we have learned. Where is there room for a return?

Children help us remember that level of return. Remember the excitement of marveling at something new? I'm taken back to my youth when I hear a question I've never heard before, or see that "aha!" look when a child "gets it." Bar and bat mitzvah students often amaze me when they discover an aspect of Torah I hadn't before considered. We might think "There is nothing new under the sun," as suggested in the Book of Ecclesiastes (1:9), but every day someone – often a child – uncovers a new truth. When the Jewish Americana musician, Joe Buchanan led a service at Temple Beth Torah, he said, "This exact combination of people and voices has never before been together and never will be again." Each moment is a new, unique opportunity.

On Yom Kippur, we contemplate where we've sinned and how we've fallen short of complete goodness and innocence. Perhaps the return we long for is a return to the innocence of our youth. Return to remembering to what it's like to find something new, to learn something exciting and invigorating, making us want to shout, "Wow!" Rediscovering the innocence we had when assumed that each new person we meet is a potential friend, and not someone who might be out to get us.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

*As we quickly approach our High Holiday season, I think it is important that we are reminded of our responsibility as Jews to reaffirm our covenant with God and continue our traditions, while we stay diligent in teaching our children and the generations to come. I am reminded of the poem "first they came " and I want to be more dedicated to tikkun olam. I pledge to focus on helping others and continue to be active in helping repair the world, especially in this time that we are recuperating from the chaos of the last few years. The new year is a time to rededicate ourselves to our Judaism and envelop each other in love. I wish you much peace and joy for this new year!*

Sincerely,

*Shari Ellsworth  
TBT President*

## 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 11. 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) for more information.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS

The Ritual Committee is looking for people who would like to help with High Holiday services. Making phone calls, helping to set up/clean up, acting as an usher are just some of the needs we have. Please contact [amiller@tbthumble.org](mailto:amiller@tbthumble.org) if you are interested in seeing how you can help out for this special time or if you are interested in being part of the Ritual Committee in general.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) and [rabbi@tbthumble.org](mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org) to be added.

## **Rabbi's Message Continued.....**

Robert Fulghum, a Unitarian minister and author, wrote:

All I ever really needed to know I learned in kindergarten.

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school. These are the things I learned:

- *Share everything.*
- *Play fair.*
- *Don't hit people.*
- *Put things back where you found them.*
- *Clean up your own mess*
- *Don't take things that aren't yours.*
- *Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
- *Wash your hands before you eat.*
- *Flush.*
- *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
- *Live a balanced life.*
- *Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.*

Our lives may be more complicated than the lives of five-year-olds. But there is certainly a lot of simple wisdom in the wonder of childhood that can lead us to a beautiful return; returning to embrace the wonder and newness of life. Shana Tova – Happy New Year! I look forward to sharing it with you.

L'shalom,

***Rabbi Dan Gordon***

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS – by Carrie Keith - Principal**

September brings us once again to Sunday mornings at TBT. Our first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Parents, please come into the building to sign your child into and out of class. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us each week for Sanctuary time starting at 11:00.

A new year at Religious School is always exciting. All of our teachers have a wonderful year planned that is filled with lessons on Jewish traditions, history, Israel, prayer, Torah, and Hebrew. Our confirmation class (8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade) will study ethics and their Jewish place in the world. We will also offer a once-a-month toddler class.

Over the next few weeks, the classes will focus on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The students will learn the traditions and meanings of these important holidays. Each class is also working on Hebrew skills from learning the alef bet to reading Hebrew. Prayers and bar/bat mitzvah preparation is the goal for our Hebrew class which follows Religious School for students 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and get involved in their child's Jewish education. We need parents to help with our Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover activities. So come in, visit and volunteer.

See everyone on September 10

Shana Tova,

***Carrie***

*It Takes a BIG HEART to Shape So Many Little Minds*



**TEMPLE BETH TORAH**  
**4TH ANNUAL NER TAMID AWARD**  
**HONORING CARRIE KEITH**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2023**  
**SEE ATTACHED FLYER**

## TBT SISTERHOOD

Our event **Fun, Fellowship and Flowers** will be **Wednesday, October 25, 7pm**. Please mark your calendars! Details will be sent closer to the date.

Keep an eye out for an email with a sign-up sheet for our **Applicious Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg!**

Congratulations to our "sister" **Carrie Keith** for being chosen as the **2023 TBT Ner Tamid honoree!**

*Join Temple Beth Torah as we  
Break our Fast  
Monday, September 25*

*Everyone is invited to a community "pot-luck" break-the-fast meal following the Yom Kippur service and Havdalah. There will be a wonderful spread of delicious foods from which to choose. Please plan to bring something—the signup board will be available during Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur morning services.*

*We always need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated.*

### *Save the Dates*

*Tashlich  
Friday, September 22nd  
Special Tashlich Program to be announced.*

*Sukkot  
Friday, September 29th  
Special Sukkot Program to be announced.*

## Condolences

Dr. Bernard Lewis passed away on August 3, 2023, one month shy of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bernard and his wife, the late Hanna Lewis, were members of Temple Beth Torah for decades, even though they lived most of that time several miles away in Cleveland, Texas. Bernard and Hanna were married for 72 years, prior to Hanna's death in 2022. He practiced optometry in Cleveland for nearly 50 years.

Bernard and Hanna had four children, including TBT member Ellen Grayson, as well as seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Bernard will be laid to rest beside his wife, Hanna in a private ceremony at Beth Yeshurun Cemetery. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 8 at 10 AM at Kingwood Funeral Home, 22800 Highway 59, Kingwood, Texas, 77339.

**Temple Beth Torah**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Award**

**A Program honoring Carrie Keith**  
**Benefiting Temple Beth Torah**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**6:15 PM– 9:00 PM at Temple Beth Torah**

*Including a Wine and Cheese Reception at the beginning of the evening  
and a Dessert Reception at its conclusion*

**Congratulations TBT 2023 Ner Tamid Honoree**

***Carrie Keith***

Our longtime, devoted educator, Carrie Keith, has been the heart and soul of Temple Beth Torah's Religious School for over three decades, while also providing leadership to almost every aspect of the TBT community.

She joins previous honorees **Hy Penn**, **Joni Levy** and **Jeff Kaufman** (of blessed memory) in this distinguished group of TBT leadership. This year, we have the opportunity to show our appreciation for the countless numbers of people who Carrie has touched. Please visit [www.tbthumble.org](http://www.tbthumble.org) for a schedule for the evening, a more complete biography of our deserving honoree and opportunities to honor Carrie by donating to this annual fundraiser.

**TICKETS:**

**ALL IN-PERSON GUESTS ARE INVITED TO THE WINE & CHEESE AND DESSERT RECEPTIONS**

**Gold Level:** \$250/person donation includes a ½ page ad in the program and a ticket for wine at the reception

**Silver Level:** \$100/person donation includes a ¼ page ad in the program

**Bronze Level:** \$50/ person donation

**Zoom Only:** \$25/ person donation gives access to the program via Zoom.

To contribute, please visit [www.temple-beth-torah.org/4th-annual-ner-tamid](http://www.temple-beth-torah.org/4th-annual-ner-tamid)

Or send a check to 320 Shallow Drive, Humble, TX 77338 noting NER TAMID in the memo line. Please feel free to share this information. For more information, please contact Stacey Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org) or call (281) 216-2558.

## *Simchas in September*

### *Birthdays*

- 2 Karen Simmons
- 7 Pete Brawn
- 11 Roy Bleiberg
- 15 Sophie Rhines
- 16 Idalis Ramirez
- 17 Kim Levy
- 22 Wesley Goble
- 23 Howard Arner
- 23 Dennis Keith
- 25 Ellen Klager
- 25 Jacob Rhines
- 26 Rosie Brawn
- 28 Adam Curtis
- 28 Paige Daniels

### *Anniversaries*

- 6 Larry and Lauren Rhines
- 15 Dennis and Carrie Keith

## September Yahrzeits

The following names will be read each week during September 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.

Annie Minkes, Clyde Blumin, Amerigo Strizzi, Maxinne Davis, Sarah Winsberg, James Cliff Smith, Marsha Schneps, Jack Ballin, Amy Shalom, Jeff Reed, Tracy Tobin Johnson, Edith Kharasch, Lester Nussbaum, Karen Finn, Mathew Mounger, Joseph Lewis, Scott Sard, Rose Saslaw, Ruth Merki, Barney Gordon, Rildah Royal, Stephen Stapleton Jr., Stephen Stapleton Sr. Joseph Gordon, Rose Weiss, David Kestin, Lee Salkin, Tom Theriot, Harry Preusse, Wanda Preusse, Martha Weisberg, Carol Winter, Faye Cohn Graham, Jacob Halpern

## Yahrtzeit Memorial Plaques

The minimum donation for one memorial plaque to be placed on the wall in the sanctuary remains \$300. However, those purchasing two plaques at the same time can do so for \$500, a savings of \$100. It usually takes at least a month for a plaque to be engraved and sent back to the temple. There are three memorial boards in the sanctuary, and there are very few spaces left. *Thanks to the generosity of the Kaufman family, a new memorial board has been ordered, and will be installed sometime after the High Holy Days.* You may consult with the rabbi for the Hebrew name and date by emailing Rabbi Dan Gordon at [rabbi@tbthumble.org](mailto:rabbi@tbthumble.org). Checks must be sent to TBT prior to the plaque being ordered.

## 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

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 Yahrtzeit 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 September 2023

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

### September 1-2, Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

The *parshah* begins with a description of a ceremony to commemorate the occupation of the land. Some of every first fruit of the soil will be given to the priest as the exodus experience is retold. A tenth of the yield must be set-aside for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. Blessings and curses, some extremely graphic, are recited to motivate the people to observe the covenant.

### September 8-9, Nitzavim / Va-Yelech Deuteronomy 29:9-31:1-30

*Nitzavim* is read twice a year: once on its calendar date and once on Yom Kippur. It is no mere recapitulation but instead is a talk about the future. Moses' speech to the Israelites just before they enter the Land of Israel reveals that in Judaism, belief flows from behavior. The actions – rituals as well as deeds of kindness – help inspire our faith. Moses reminds the Israelites that G-d's words, teachings and spirit are not meant to be distant, but are close to us, in our hearts.

In *Vayelech* Moses announces to the Israelites that at one hundred and twenty years old, he is no longer active. He publicly transfers his authority to Joshua and empowers the Levites to bring the Teachings of the Torah into the Ark of Covenant. Moses warns the Israelites to remember all of G-d's commandments by re-reading the teachings even after his own death.

### September 15-16, Rosh Hashanah – Bereshit 1:1-2:4

The beginning of the year and the beginning of the world! On Rosh Hashana we relive G-d's plan of creation. At the beginning of the first week of creation, resources are brought into the world: light, land, water. The second part of the week focuses on those things that use the resources: stars and planets, birds and fish and mammals, including human beings. With human beings, we find the first examples of free choice (eating the forbidden fruit) and emotional actions (Cain's murder of Abel). We start the year contemplating the choices we plan to make in the future.

### September 22-23, Ha'Azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Moses, nearing the end of his life, uses poetry and song to recount the journey in the desert. At the conclusion of the song, G-d instructs Moses to climb to the top of Mount Nebo, overlooking the Jordan River. This is where Moses will die, able to see the Promised Land, but not enter it. G-d explains this is because Moses broke faith with Him when he struck the rock. Moses is 120 years old.

### September 29-30, Sukkot Torah Reading, Exodus 33:12-34:26

The Torah reading on Shabbat during the intermediate day of Sukkot includes the dramatic story in which Israelites form a Golden Calf when Moses is taking a long time to return from Mount Sinai. Despite this action, G-d instructs Moses to construct a new set of tablets, since he smashed the first set. According to Torah, while G-d wrote the first set of tablets, Moses must make the second set himself. On Sukkot, shortly after we have experienced Yom Kippur, it is a good lesson of second chances, and taking responsibility for our actions. Moses behaved in an angry manner when he smashed the tablets and took responsibility by making the second set.

## 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](mailto: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:

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Coffee cups with lids      | Dessert size plates |
| Sandwich Size Ziplock Bags |                     |
| Copy paper                 |                     |
| Coffee Creamer             | Bottled water.      |
| Rolls of Paper Towels      |                     |

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

## DONATIONS

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Brian Eoff*

*John and Bobbylee Ruskis*

*The Acosta Family*

*Patty Magid-Volk - In appreciation of Rabbi Gordon's help with the funeral for Marilyn Magidson Cordovi*

### GENERAL FUND

*Patricia Klemz - In Memory of Lorraine Klemz*

*From Family and Friends - In Memory of Alexander and Mary Pollak*

*Alice and Jeffrey Kaufman - for the purchase of a new memorial board for the sanctuary.*

*Jay Hamburger, Marvin Sussman and Bob Horowitz- Contributing to the Facebook Fundraiser for Donna Sallee's birthday*

*Hy Penn and Lynn Gordon - In Memory of Bernard Lewis*

*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).*

## 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 AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND

This fund maintains the library and helps purchase new books, as well as other cosmetic improvements to the temple's interior. 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.

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

The Sunday Discussion group reads a new book every couple of weeks. New members are always welcome. 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.

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**Please return this form no later than September 16**

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 September 25th at the Memorial Service.**

Listed below are the full  
names of the departed:

Date of Death:

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**Or** **There are no changes from last year.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remembered by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address/Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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

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

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

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

**6 or more Bricks= \$50 a brick**

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

Questions? Please contact project coordinator Jeremy Blumin at [admin@tbthumble.org](mailto:admin@tbthumble.org).

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

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

Engraving details (please print):

## Brick 1:

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

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

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

## Brick 2:

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

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

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

*Please consider making a donation to support  
Temple Beth Torah's many worthy endeavors.  
You can indicate which fund you would like your contribution  
to support on the form below,  
as well as the names of those you wish to honor or remember.*

*You may contact the Temple by calling 281- 446-5611 with any questions.*

*THANK YOU*

**Please mail your donation and form to the Treasurer at:  
Temple Beth Torah 320 Shallow Drive Humble, TX 77338**



**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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# SEPTEMBER 2023 ELUL 5783 – TISHREI 5784

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|------|-----|-------|---|--|
|  |   |      |     |       | SEPT 1  | 2  |
| MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DUE NOW! ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO ROSH ASHANAH. PLEASE DO IT TODAY!   | Contact Stacey at <a href="mailto:admin@tbthumble.org">admin@tbthumble.org</a> with questions.  |      |     |       | 7:00 PM<br>Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan - In Person and VIRTUAL                                 |  |
| 3  | 4   | 5    | 6   | 7     | 8   | 9  |
| 10:30 AM Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual<br>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual  |   |      |     |       | 7:00 PM<br>Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan - In Person and VIRTUAL                                 |  |
| 10   | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14    | 15  | 16   |
| Religious School Begins<br>9:00 AM – 11:15 AM Hebrew<br>11:30 AM – 12:15 PM<br><br>10:30 AM Adult Ed TORCH - Virtual<br>11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual |   |      |     |       | 7:30 PM<br>Rosh Hashanah Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br><br>In Person and VIRTUAL | 9:30 AM Children’s Service<br>In Person ONLY<br><br>10:30 AM<br>Rosh Hashanah Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br>In Person and Virtual Luncheon served after |
| 17   | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21    | 22  | 23   |
| NO Religious School<br><br>NO TORCH<br><br>NO Discussion Group   |   |      |     |       | <i>Shabbat/Tashlich - details to be announced - watch your emails</i>                             |  |
| 24   | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28    | 29  | 30   |
| NO Religious School<br><br>NO TORCH<br><br>NO Discussion Group<br><br>7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br>In Person and Virtual             | 9:30 AM Children’s Service<br>In Person ONLY<br><br>10:30 Yom Kippur Morning Service with Rabbi Dan and Cantor Francyne–<br>In Person and Virtual<br><br>3:30 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service<br><br>Break the Fast After |      |     |       | <i>Shabbat/Sukkot - details to be announced - watch your emails</i>                               |  |
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