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NOVEMBER 2024 TISHREI – CHESHVAN 5785



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SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING MUSIC

**FREE AND EXCLUSIVE FOR TBT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 11:00 AM WITH BRUNCH**

Climbing the Mountain – a Musical Journey

Ten years ago, Temple Beth Torah fell in love with Doni Zasloff as “Moma Doni,” a unique singer/songwriter who blended her love of children and Judaism with her creative talents. Partnering with the equally talented and versatile musician, Eric Lindberg, the two delighted TBT members at Shabbat services and a special *havdallah* concert in different years when they visited Texas. They collaborated with our own Rabbi Dan Gordon to tell enlightening and memorable musical stories both at Temple Beth Torah and at Congregation Jewish Community North.



Along the way, Doni and Eric fell in love, got married, wrote more music, produced several albums and have now travelled the world as the Jewish Bluegrass group *Nefesh Mountain*. The Hebrew word “*nefesh*” means “the spirited soul.” On Saturday, November 9, Doni and Eric will be **BACK AT TBT** for a special Shabbat morning song session and learning just for us! In addition to hearing some of their old favorites and new music, we will learn about the journey of Jewish musicians, and how the prayerful soul inspires the spirit. The couple will be touring in Houston and Spring throughout the weekend, and because TBT was very special to them when they were starting out, they wanted to spend Shabbat morning with their favorite Humble temple!

Thanks to generous donations to the **RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND**, the Nefesh Mountain Shabbat morning program and brunch are free of charge – optional donations will be welcome. Let us know you’re coming with an RSVP to admin@tbthumble.org. Don’t miss this special opportunity!

Want more of **Nefesh Mountain**? They will also be performing **Sunday, November 10 at 6 PM** at **Congregation Jewish Community North, 5400 Fellowship Lane, Spring, Texas 77379**.

Advance sale tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth 8-18 and free for children under 8.

TICKETS THE DOOR are \$36. For tickets and information call (281) 376-0016.

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.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Friday, November 1	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan, Cantor Francyne and the Religious School Students In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by Religious School Families</i>
Friday, November 8	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual
Saturday, November 9	11:00 AM	SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING MUSIC Luncheon Following In Person ONLY
Sunday, November 10	12:30PM	Latke Cook-off TBT Sisterhood Event
Wed. , November 13,	12 noon	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan At TBT – Bring your Lunch
Friday, November 15	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by Debye Lurie</i>
Sunday, Nov. 17	9:30 AM	Adult Education with Rabbi Dan
Friday, November 22	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by the Schwartz Family</i>
Friday, November 29		NO Shabbat Service – Happy Thanksgiving

Adult Learning with the Rabbi at TBT

What do Jews think about...?

Wednesday, November 13, 12 noon (bring your own lunch)

Sunday, November 17, 9:30 AM

*Informal discussion covering a wide range of topics
Everything you always wanted to know about Judaism
but were afraid to ask!*

Annual Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Award

A program honoring Anita Bonanno
Benefiting Temple Beth Torah

Saturday, December 7, 2024

See the article and information on tickets on page 7

RABBI'S MESSAGE

BREAKING NEWS: *Chai Holidays Don't End in October!*

I can hardly think of a time when the beginning of the Jewish New Year was more exciting. The spirit of the holidays, particularly Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, brought our community together beautifully. After the "Covid years," it was great to have so many back in the sanctuary, singing along with Cantor Francyne and being practically "blown away" by the powerful blast of the final shofar blast from Brian Eoff. In the middle of the day, about two dozen worshippers congregated for an experiential discussion about compassionate communication. When we gathered closely for havdallah, and then some wonderful schmoozing with each other at the break-the-fast, I felt a true kinship. And joined by the Zoom community, it felt like a great beginning.

And it didn't end there. The next week, Huffman neighbors Suzanne and Hanan welcomed close to 30 of us to their home on the lake, where we cast away the problematic aspects of 5784 into the water and enjoyed a relaxed Shabbat dinner. Sukkot brought about 50 people to shake the *lulav* in the Sukkah and enjoy a casual pizza dinner together, and country boy Joe Buchanan brought his musical spirit to Simchat Torah, as we danced to celebrate the festivities of new beginnings. Whatever parts of the High Holidays you were able to share, I hope you found them an enriching way to move forward into 5785.

So, what's next? Do we just wait around until Hanukkah for more rejoicing and connecting? Not TBT! As November includes Thanksgiving, it is appropriate for us to devote this month to gratitude. We'll begin the month *kvelling* with our Religious School students leading services, and on Shabbat morning, November 9, we'll be treated to an intimate song session with the internationally beloved *Nefesh Mountain* Jewish bluegrass group. In between that time, some of our members will be sharing an interfaith potluck with other faith-based organizations who participated with TBT in the "Competing in Goodness" food drive that received so many contributions from our members (close to 300 food items donated by TBT alone!) And the excitement is growing for our FIFTH ANNUAL NER TAMID event (see pages 5-6). I can hardly wait to honor such a deserving presence as *Anita Bonanno*, who, despite her blindness, has helped further TBT's vision with her musical leadership.

And while these special programs are exciting, every moment at TBT has the potential for the unique connections that come with sharing song and prayer, or an adult discussion group or just some relaxed time at the end of the week to be with others. This is community. And this is what makes me grateful. That we have a community that feels like family.

Of course, as usual, I'm looking at the best parts of what we have to offer, and I realize that not everyone has been able to enjoy the whole of our people and activities as much as I have. Our busy lives make it hard to prioritize synagogue participation. But I can tell you this: the diverse community we have formed at Temple Beth Torah is enhanced by every person's participation. When you come, you have the chance to be enriched by others, but also to enrich somebody else. As Rabbi Hillel said, "If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? and if not now, when?" Our world is made better by your presence.

The High Holiday liturgy teaches that on Rosh Hashana the Book of Life is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed. Some suggest that the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the most important days of the year. And yet, it can also be said that the days between Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana are just as important.

Let's make ALL these days special...together!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Dan Gordon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Shalom,

As we enter November, we find ourselves in a time of gratitude and reflection. With the season of Thanksgiving upon us, it's an opportunity to appreciate the blessings in our lives and the community we have built together.

This month, let us take a moment to reflect on the values of kindness and generosity that are central to our Jewish tradition. As we gather with family and friends, may we remember those in our community who may be in need and consider how we can extend our hands and hearts to support them.

While Hanukkah is just around the corner in December, let us look forward to the festival of lights with anticipation. It's a time to celebrate resilience and hope, and to remember the importance of spreading light in our community.

Also look forward to our December Ner Tamid award ceremony celebrating Anita Bonanno. I look forward to seeing everyone there as we honor her as this year's recipient.

May this month bring you peace, joy, and meaningful connections with family, friends, and our temple community.

With warm wishes,

*Michael Miller
TBT President*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS by Carrie Keith - Principal

Temple Beth Torah's Religious School students had a very busy October filled with Jewish traditions and holidays. Students enjoyed apples and honey for the High Holidays. We celebrated Sukkot with beautiful decorations in the sukkah, shook the lulav and thought about those people we wished could join us.

The students have also worked the past few weeks preparing for their student Shabbat service on Friday, November 1st with Cantor Francyne and Rabbi Dan. Join us for this fun night of songs and prayers.

Also, this month, we will be collecting corn bread mixes for HAAM. HAAM supplies Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need in the Humble, Kingwood, Atascocita area. Please pick up a few boxes the next time you go shopping. Let's build a tower of corn bread mix boxes!!

Chanukah is just around the corner. The school Chanukah celebration will be on Sunday, December 15. Parents are welcome to help with latke making, dreidel playing, and holiday fun! We will continue our tzedakah donations with unwrapped new gifts or gift cards to donate to HAAM for the holidays.

Hope to see lots of members for our student Shabbat. Please keep our tzedakah projects in mind this holiday season

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

Food Drive is a Big Success!

Thank you to all who donated items for our High Holiday Food Drive in partnership with the Minaret Foundation. TBT collected 732 Items to donate to HAAM's food pantry. Way to go TBT!!

Sisterhood Latke Cook off

Sunday, November 10 12:30 @ TBT

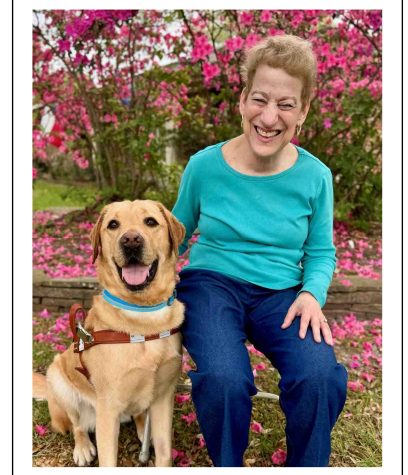
There are a latke ways to cook up latkes!

.Join us at TBT on Nov. 10 at 12:30 and enjoy latkes prepared by TBT members Marsha Weiss and Shari Ellsworth
Applesauce and sour cream will be provided.

Bring your favorite latke (or Chanukah) memory as we share around the table.

Please RSVP to Susan at admin@tbthumble.org

Temple Beth Torah
5th Annual Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Award
A program honoring Anita Bonanno
Benefiting Temple Beth Torah
Saturday, December 7, 2024



Evening's Celebration

(Silent Auction available throughout the evening. Final bid at 8:45 pm)

6:15 – 7:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception

7:00 – 8:15 pm Program

Welcome by Rabbi Dan, Master of Ceremonies

Havdalah Service

Toasts to our honoree

Entertainment

8:15 – 9:00 pm Dessert Reception

Congratulations to this year's Ner Tamid Award honoree Anita Bonanno

Anita was born in Dallas, Texas, the child of Holocaust survivors. She began singing at the age of 5 and majored in Music at the University of North Texas, with a concentration in voice. Blind from birth, Anita had many challenges in completing her education. In 1976 she came to Houston for training as a clerk typist at the Lighthouse of Houston. In the fall of 1995, while she was a guest artist at the Lighthouse International, in New York City, Anita learned about Guiding Eyes for the Blind and their Specialized Training Program. She applied to the program and after what seemed an interminable wait, Anita met and fell in love with Illy, her first guide dog. Since Illy, Anita has been back to Guiding Eyes and worked with guide dogs Nemo, Ephram, Magee, and now Loki.

Anita has been a past member of the Graduate Council for Guiding Eyes for the Blind and board member of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She was awarded the Peter F. Campbell Award in 2002 by Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She was a High Holiday cantorial soloist at TBT for several years and continues to sing at the TBT Holocaust Remembrance service. She has been a vocal soloist for various religious and civic events in the greater Houston area. Anita is a former professional member of Mu Phi Epsilon, a professional music fraternity, and a performing member of the Houston Tuesday Musical Club. In June 2004, she released a CD entitled "Friends Forever" which raised funds for the Specialized Training Program at Guiding Eyes. Anita is married to Emil Bonanno, a retired computer technician.

Anita was in the ensemble for Sweeney Todd at Main Street Theater in Houston in 1992. Other shows included Into the Woods, and Toad of Toad Hall. She was also in Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris and The Land Where the Good Songs Go, a Jerome Kern Retrospective, both at the Evelyn Rubinstein Jewish Community Center in Houston. In 2021, Anita and two other graduates of Guiding Eyes released another CD to benefit the Puppy Raiser Regions at Guiding Eyes. Anita continues to support and advocate for others with visual impairments and always seeks the best for every individual.

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

Tickets: Gold Level: \$250.00 per ticket includes admission, a ½- page ad in the program, and a glass of wine

Silver Level: \$100.00 per ticket includes admission, ¼- ad in the program, and a glass of wine

Bronze Level: \$50.00 per ticket includes admission and a glass of wine

Additional glasses of wine are available at the wine and cheese reception with a suggested donation.

Zoom Only: \$25.00 per ticket for Zoom access.

To purchase tickets, visit the Temple Beth Torah Donation page at [TBThumble.org](https://tbthumble.org) or click [HERE](#).

Or, send a check to TBT 320 Shallow Dr. Humble, TX 77338 noting Ner Tamid in the memo.

We would like everyone at Temple Beth Torah to have the opportunity to honor Anita. If finances are a concern for attending in person or on Zoom, please contact Rabbi Dan at rabbi@tbthumble.org or any board member.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone you think may be interested in attending.

For additional information, please contact Stacey Blumin at admin@tbthumble.org or 281-446-5611.

Please RSVP by November 18, 2024

What is Ner Tamid?

Honoring Temple Beth Torah and Anita Bonanno

The Eternal Light, which shines above the Ark at Temple Beth Torah and in every synagogue, was first mentioned in the Torah:

“And you shall instruct the Children of Israel to bring clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly. Aaron and his sons shall set them up in the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain, which is over the Ark of the Covenant, to burn from evening to morning before the LORD. This shall be done in every generation, for all time, by the Children of Israel.”

-- Exodus 27:20-21

This light, now usually electric instead of olive oil, is a constant reminder that a spark, no matter how strong, can light up the darkness. In 2020, at the height of Covid, Temple Beth Torah established the Ner Tamid Award to honor a different congregant each year who has brought light to our community. Each recipient has offered a unique spark that has helped brighten our synagogue and our community.

2020 – Hy Penn. Hy and his wife, Lynn, were active members since 1985. Hy held almost every board position (including multiple terms as president) and has often been regarded as the “heart of TBT,” encouraging membership and helping to keep our facilities beautiful. Both a pediatrician and a magician, Hy has cared for our children, entertained our community, and helped Temple Beth Torah become a shining light.

2021 – Joni Levy. Joni and her husband Burt were founding members of TBT, with Burt serving as the first president. Joni has been in the middle of many volunteer activities, and is always a welcoming presence at the temple. Her willing spirit and her consistent participation set an example for a generation of TBT families.

2022 – Jeff Kaufman (of blessed memory). Jeff also had multiple terms as president of TBT, and served many other positions, including several years as treasurer and membership chair. His calm presence and experience as a project manager helped in infinite ways behind the scenes. Whenever the temple had difficult moments that could have been disastrous, Jeff seemed to be one who helped right the ship.

2023 – Carrie Keith. Carrie has been devoted to three primary things her entire adult life: her own children and family, other people’s children, and Temple Beth Torah. A life-long educator in the public schools, specializing in kindergarten, Carrie brought her skills and dedication to the temple for decades. She has helped be an inspiration for education, as many of her TBT students (including her own children) became teachers in the program. Also fulfilling various board positions including president and even newsletter editor, Carrie’s light is one that will last for generations!

2024 – Anita Bonanno. “Cantor Anita” has brought her skill as a singer, her beautiful voice, and her devotion to Jewish worship to Temple Beth Torah for close to 30 years. As our primary High Holiday soloist, temple worshippers were inspired for new beginnings every Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The child of Holocaust survivors, Anita continues to enhance the temple’s service for the annual Holocaust Remembrance Service. Never letting her disability as a blind woman get in her way, Anita also delighted our congregation by bringing her guide dogs with her, and her new dog, Loki, brings a special spirit! This year’s Ner Tamid is truly a very special light.

Please plan to join us in a wonderful honor on December 7!

Simchas in November

Birthdays

1 Arya Miller	2 Vitaly Aizenberg
2 Luke Brawn	7 Mike Stark
9 Brian Eoff	9 Donna Glaser
10 Larry Rhines	10 Mike Weisberg
17 Bradley Heller	19 Guy Waguespack
21 Arthur Aizenberg	21 James Eoff
23 Chris Baur	23 Alice Kaufman
23 Emily Levy	27 Isaac Couch
27 Mindy LaCour	27 Daniel Schwartz

Anniversaries

2 Joel and Karen Heller
8 Marvin and Maxine Sussman
28 Bob and Debbie Swaim

NOVEMBER 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 or leave a message at 281-446-5611.

Anna P Abrasley, Frances Strizzi, Freda Rae Cahn, Morris Schalet, Nathan Lee Rubin, Simon Rubin, Frances Rubin, Dr. Marvin P. Farber, M. Paul Farber, Bill Gaile, David Polavsky, Maurice Glaser, Burton Sorkin, Barry Liss, Norman Berger, Arnold Kharasch, Freda Kharasch, Scott Eric Kaufman, Esther Kaufman, Yakov Royzengurten, Lenore Greenbaum, Billie Pollard, Frances Greenbaum, Gene Sachs, Evelyn Haidnick, Michael Hirsch, Melvin Weiss, Marlene Ertingshausen, Fredric Ofsowitz, Tony Sulpezio, Marie Rackmil, Louise Post, Alfred Lubin, Joseph Schwartzberg, Lena Wallach, Richard Perwien, Myron Gross, Jerry Wolf, Morris Penn, Murray Adler, Charlotte Kimmel, Amelia Perwien, Deana Zakes, Irving Field, Irving Slotnick

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, but in the summer months, it can take longer because many synagogues are purchasing plaques to be ready for High Holidays. You may consult with the rabbi for the Hebrew name and date by emailing Rabbi Dan Gordon at rabbi@tbthumble.org Checks must be sent to TBT prior to the plaque being ordered.

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

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!

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 November 2024

Summarized by Rabbi Dan Gordon

November 1-2, 2024 Noah, Genesis 6:9-11:32

Noah's story is also about new beginnings. Noah, having been "righteous in his day" gains G-d's trust, and his family becomes the sole survivors of the Great Flood. The evil world is washed away, and Noah and his family gave the opportunity to rebuild and repopulate. G-d makes everlasting promises to mankind. The rainbow tells us that G-d will never again destroy the world, and Noah's line will lead us to Abraham, with whom G-d will connect the eternal covenants.

November 8-9, 2024 Lech L'Cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

G-d speaks to Abram for the first time, establishing both blessings and covenants. Abram shows his faith to G-d by leaving his home and following G-d's plan. It is unclear from the Torah why Abram was chosen, but *midrashic* stories hint the Abram had a special connection, believing in one G-d when others worshipped idols. In one popular midrash, young Abraham smashes idols in his father's shop to prove they are not gods. G-d changes his name to Abraham, which means "father of many," and promises that he will be blessed by all nations, and will have a legacy of many offspring.

November 15-16, 2024 Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24

There are many tests in this Torah portion. Visitors come to see Abraham, and he welcomes them with extraordinary hospitality. Sarah and Abraham learn that, despite their advanced years, they will have a son together. Sarah laughs at the possibility, leading to the child being named Isaac ("she will laugh"). G-d consults with Abraham about His plan to destroy Sodom and Gemorrah, and Abraham negotiates a plan to try to save the city. Later, Abraham is tested by being asked by G-d to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham is prepared to make this ultimate sacrifice before an angel of G-d stops him, and a ram is sacrificed instead of his son.

November 22-23, 2024 Chaya Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

Almost immediately after the near-death of her son, Sarah dies at 127 years old. Abraham wants to make sure she has an honorable burial. Though the landowner offers to give him burial land for free, Abraham insists on paying the full price. He then sends his servant to look for a wife for Isaac. Rebecca, a distant cousin, is chosen because her kindness to humans and animals indicates a unique sensitivity.

November 29-30, Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

The most volatile sibling rivalry since Cain and Abel begins with the twins, Esau and Jacob, battling in the womb. Mother Rebecca is told by G-d that the greater of the two shall serve the younger. Esau sells Jacob his birthright for some soup, and Jacob collects the blessing of the firstborn with Rebecca's help. Having built a brotherly relationship based on trickery, deceit and manipulation, Jacob and Esau realize that the town isn't big enough for both of them. Both brothers go to uncles. Jacob travels to Rebecca's father's house (where he will marry both of Laban's daughters), and Esau finds himself a wife from the daughters of Uncle Ishmael.

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:

Coffee cups	Dessert size plates
Forks	Copy paper
Coffee Creamer	Bottled water
Rolls of Paper Towels	Togo Containers
Zip Lock 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@tbthumble.org

DONATIONS

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Brian Eoff

John and Bobbylee Ruskis

Wes Goble – In Memory of Iris Kelley

GENERAL FUND

Adalberto Velasquez

The Brawn Family – sponsor of Joe Buchanan's visit

The Swaim Family – sponsor of Joe Buchanan's visit

Thelma Douglas

Donna Sallee – In Memory of Jeff Sallee

Leslie Witkov – In Memory of Iris Kelley

Joyce Marston – In Memory of iris Kelley

Chris Brannon – In Memory of Iris Kelley

The Feinman Family – In Memory of Iris Kelley

JQ and Ellen Delap – In Memory of Iris Kelley

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Castine Theriot – Security and Flowers

Joni Levy – Flowers

Sherryl Davis - Flowers

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

The Sunday Discussion group meets every Sunday at 11:30 AM virtually. Books are read and discussed. The books chosen 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. The discussion group meets through Zoom. The link remains the same each week and is sent out in our weekly emails.

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 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 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.

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.*

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NOVEMBER 2024 TISHREI – CHESHVAN 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					NOV 1	2
					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabb Dan, Cantor Francyne and the Religious School Students - In Person and Virtual <i>Oneg sponsored by</i> <i>The Religious School</i> <i>Families</i>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 AM Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and VIRTUAL	SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING MUSIC 11AM <i>Climbing the Mountain –</i> <i>a Musical Journey</i> <i>Light Luncheon to follow</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 AM Religious School 12:30 PM Latke Cook-off – TBT Sisterhood 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual			Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi Dan 12 noon		7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and VIRTUAL <i>Oneg sponsored by</i> <i>Debye Lurie</i>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Discussion with Rabbi Dan 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual					7:00 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Dan In Person and VIRTUAL <i>Oneg sponsored by</i> <i>The Schwartz Family</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
NO Religious School 11:30 Adult Ed – Sunday Discussion Group-Virtual				Happy Thanksgiving!	NO SHABBAT SERVICE	