



# Temple Beth Or Annual Meeting

## Sunday, June 13, 2021 via Zoom



Join for conversation @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting begins @10:30 a.m.

Website: <https://zoom.us/> (select "join a meeting")

Meeting ID: 881 5349 2727

Password: 181818

An email meeting invitation will be sent via Plan-It Beth Or before the meeting.  
You may also contact Donna at the Temple Office, 937-435-3400, to be sent the link.

Join us for the announcement of election results  
and for a Q&A session about the past year!

### Nominees for Board of Directors

Four to be Elected (\* denotes first term):

Jake Elder • Mark Gruenberg\* • Caryl Segalewitz • Shara Taylor\*

Ballots will be accepted (mail or email) until Friday, June 11, 2021

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Jane Briskin • Scot Denmark • Marni Flagel • John Granby

Stephanie Kirtland • Marc Siegel • Dan Sweeny

Thank you to departing Board members, Karen Lindsay  
and Jessica Simpson, for their service on the Board!

**Temple Beth Or Today...and for Generations**



## THE LIGHT

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## Our Lives

*Do you have news or need prayers? Contact the Temple office at 937-435-3400 to share a birth, marriage or seek get-well wishes. Your congregation cares about you!*

Congregation extends its deepest sympathies to:

Rabbi Judy Chessin and the entire Chessin-Cook family on the passing of Rabbi Chessin's husband, Rabbi Michael Cook.

Scott Beckerman on the passing of his mother, Jill Beckerman.

## Yahrzeit Remembrances

Temple Beth Or remembers our loved ones on the Sabbath nearest the anniversary of their passing or *yahrzeit*. The following names will be read during services this month.

### May 7

Margaret Carsch 5/5  
Lily Heuman 5/5  
Anna Kupersmidt 5/6  
Sylvia Steiner 5/6  
Phillip Schwartz 5/7  
Eloisa De La Cruz 5/8  
Richard M. Elhardt 5/8  
Herman Dlott 5/9  
Yetta Schwartz 5/9  
Dr. Bob Ewing 5/10  
Pearl Lemberg 5/10  
Jill Wadleigh 5/11

### May 14

Mona Briskin 5/12  
Morris Sherman 5/12  
Lila Kahn 5/13  
Davida Block 5/14  
Ed Colton 5/14  
Gerald Jacoby 5/14  
Lillian Tepper 5/14  
David Sterling Margolis 5/15  
Melba Meister 5/16  
Gertrude Rendler 5/16  
Arnold Schwartzbart 5/16  
Herb Solomon 5/16  
Jeff Markman 5/17  
Beatrice Moore 5/17  
Molly Schear 5/17

### May 21

Ashland Crace, Jr. 5/19  
Barbara Jane Fried 5/20  
Manny Rose 5/20  
Dr. Frank Villani 5/22  
Edith Bookhamer 5/24  
Erika Garfunkel 5/24  
David Jacobs 5/24  
Rita Molnar 5/25

### May 28

Philip Horowitz 5/26  
Ruth Weiss 5/26  
Joseph Briskin 5/27  
Cyril J. Pearl 5/27  
John Seidenschmidt 5/27  
Stratos George Vlahos 5/27  
Joey Weiner 5/27  
Edith Simpkins Schneidman 5/28  
S. Herbert Moss 5/29  
Martin Spritzer 5/29  
Sally Farnbacher 5/30



## Presidents' Message

It's Spring! As the weather gets warmer, the flowers bloom, and the grass turns green, it's starting to feel like we are getting closer and closer to being able to join together as a community in person. We are all eager for that to happen. It will likely happen in stages, and we will keep you informed as we reach each one.

The reopening process brings with it new opportunities. Just as the pandemic inspired us to innovate, reopening will allow us to evaluate what innovations we want to keep and what traditions we wish to reestablish. For example, do you like streamed *Shabbat* services or Zoom committee meetings, or would you rather gather in person, or have both? We would love to hear your thoughts! Please email us at [president@templebethor.com](mailto:president@templebethor.com) to share your vision for Temple Beth Or.

John Granby & Karen Lindsay,  
Co-Presidents

# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Temple Beth Or could not accomplish anything without teamwork. Thanks to every contribution of prayer, time and funds, we can fulfill our mission of being a warm, welcoming place for ALL.

## Financial Donations

### General Fund

*Best Wishes to:*

*Joan and Art Greenfield in their new home*

Louisa and Phil Dreety

*In Memory of:*

*Max Gutmann*

Max and Darlene Gutmann

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*In Appreciation of:*

*Rabbi Azriel's help in securing Covid  
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*In Memory of:*

*Rabbi Michael Cook*

Anne Mintz

### Education Fund

*In Memory of:*

*Rabbi Michael Cook*

Sharon and Izzy Guterman

### Campership Fund

*In Memory of:*

*Rabbi Michael Cook*

Jonathan Adland

Paula and Lee Manders

Dena Briskin

Bonnie Ullner

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Temple's many funds provide a meaningful way to mark the life cycle events we all experience. From a birth to a graduation, from the recovery from an illness to a promotion or marriage, we all experience joy and sadness throughout our lives. To express your caring and concern, please send your tribute card and minimum \$10 donation to the Temple office. All donations are tax deductible.

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# A MaJor MaKor Success!



It has been a unique year for *Makor* students and teachers, a year filled with opportunities, challenges, and learning that we likely would

never have imagined would need to take place. Nonetheless, it has been a successful year of growth for teachers, students, parents, and me (maybe even our excellent security staff, too!).

Allow me first to give a massive acknowledgment to our teachers. Many of our faculty members have been teaching year after year and can pull out a lesson at a moment's notice. However, this year, they accomplished a colossal feat of teaching our students while rarely seeing them in person. Our teachers are at the top of their game and accomplished this challenge with mastery. I want to extend my most profound appreciation to them for all the work they did.

Also, a hearty *mazel tov* to all our students who came to class online, despite the challenges that the virtual world presented. To each of our students, thank you for your dedication and patience in classes. I genuinely hope you grew throughout the



year, and we will be able to build upon this year in our next (normal?) school year.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents; we felt your patience and commitment to Jewish education every week that we met. I am grateful to have a group of parents dedicated to our mission, and without you, we would have never seen such great success.

Our students, from our youngest Pre-K to our *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* aged to our High Schoolers, have spent the year focused on core Jewish values, history, and holidays. They have had the opportunity to learn from Rabbi *Chesed* (loving-kindness) and Rabbi *Tzedek* (justice). We have seen Rabbi Count Van *Mispar* (number) show up many times. We have had great opportunities for outdoor yard programs and drive-through events, and we have enjoyed singing together. All of this, we have done, despite our year in the Covid-19 pandemic.

As we soon put an end to this

year, we look ahead to our 2021-22 school year in hopes that we will be able to return to school, in-person, indoors, and together. We will begin looking at options to make this happen successfully and smoothly in the weeks and months over the summer and look forward to rolling out details just as soon as we have them.

In the meantime, on behalf of myself, Rabbi Chessin, and our *Makor* staff, thank you to all who played a role in our successful year at *Makor*. May your summer be filled with joy and happiness, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

*B'shalom,*

Rabbi Benjamin G. Azriel

## Send in Your Grads

We are so proud of our graduates and what they have accomplished!

Temple Beth Or would like to congratulate members who are graduating this year in the June issue of *The Light*.

Please send information and a photo of your graduate to [thelight@templebethor.com](mailto:thelight@templebethor.com) by May 15. Include the next step they plan. College graduates and non-traditional students are welcome too!

## Photos From Our *Makor* Parking Lot Program



## New Member Spotlight: Sher-Serota Family



Please welcome the Sher-Serota family to Temple Beth Or. Katherine, Jared, and daughter Sadie, 1, moved from Houston, Texas to Dayton in May 2020 and settled into their home in Washington Township. They were accompanied by their 6-year-old black lab named Izzy. Jared transferred to Reynolds and Reynolds Kettering facility to manage their software development group and Katherine found a position in occupational therapy.

Moving to a new city where you don't know anyone during the pandemic presented a unique set of opportunities. Katherine was undeterred. She contacted the Jewish Community Center of Greater Dayton who connected them with a Realtor, helped them identify neighborhoods in which to focus their housing search and introduced her to Kate Elder for information on services and day care for Sadie.

Now, almost a year later, they have settled in. The southwest Ohio summer was a pleasant relief from Houston summers. So, they spent as much time outdoors as possible. The winter was a bit of an eye-opener for Jared, who is a Houston native and completed his degree at Arizona State University Online. Katherine is no stranger to winter. She was born in St. Louis and graduated from the University of Michigan and Creighton University in Omaha. They enjoy the Dayton craft beer scene. Eudora's patio is a particular favorite since the whole family (including Izzy) is welcome. Recently they started learning golf and hope to work on their skills in the months and years to come. Katherine and Jared like to cook and enjoy eating foods of different cuisines. They were pleasantly surprised to learn of the rich diversity of locally owned restaurants offering varied dining experiences.

Right now, they are staying close to home waiting out the pandemic and Izzy's recovery from ACL surgery. Temple Beth Or is a landmark on Katherine's drive to work and they look forward to the building's reopening so they can meet people including any Michigan grads.

## Longstanding Member Profile: Kahn Family

Meet the Kahns: Gina, Neil and sons Sam (21) and Daniel (20). The senior Kahns moved to the Dayton area in 1993 when the Air Force transferred Neil from the DC area to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Gina chose to separate from the service to move with Neil. The Air Force had planned to send her to California. Neil retired in 1997 and spent 20 years working in the defense industry. Neil is now happily retired. Gina is originally from the Cincinnati area and has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. Neil is a Jersey boy and has a degree in political science from Rutgers University.



Immediately upon moving to Dayton, the Kahns joined Temple Beth Or. Bill Fried may have had something to do with that. Neil met Bill when the two of them were stationed at Hanscom Air Force and when Bill learned they were moving to Dayton, he invited them to *Shabbat* services. They were warmly welcomed into our Temple family and immediately became involved. So involved, that even though they did not yet have kids, they came on Sunday morning to participate in the breakfasts and lend a hand wherever it was needed. Neil and Gina have both served on the Board of Directors. Then Sam and Daniel came along and there were four Kahns at Temple most *Shabbats* and Sundays. Fun Fact: Sam and Daniel were two of the earliest attendees of the JCC Pre-School when it opened in the facility on Versailles Drive.

Baseball, bowling and golf are the Kahn family sports. The family spent the boys' high school years attending games and matches around the state. Currently, Sam is waiting to go into the Army and Daniel is studying at Sinclair with plans to transfer to a school that offers a 4-year engineering degree.

Covid put a damper on the family's travel plans. First up is a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate Daniel's 21st birthday. They started planning this when Daniel's Junior Gold Bowling Tournament was canceled due to Covid. Gina and Neil have booked a Caribbean cruise for February 2022 and are looking at destinations in Europe for later trips. In the meantime, Gina is getting back into sewing and crafts and Neil is working on his golf game and enjoying target shooting. Maybe someday they will move to a place where it is warm in the winter. But right now they are enjoying retirement right here.

# Adult Education

## Chai Mitzvah Continues May 6<sup>th</sup> on Zoom

Temple Beth Or is pleased to offer and help underwrite a third *Chai Mitzvah* course. *Chai Mitzvah* is a Jewish engagement program designed to help people grow their Judaism through text study and social action. This year's course explores "how each commandment provides us with beliefs, principles, and standards of behavior which can guide and challenge our identity and behavior." *Chai Mitzvah* class meetings are facilitated by enrollees on a rotating basis. Learning materials are provided via source books designed to develop a framework for meaningful discussion and personal growth.



Dates: First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Questions: Contact Jan Maharam at 937-361-8157

## An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story May 12<sup>th</sup>

Do you like to read, but don't have time, so you prefer short stories? Have we got a new program for you! Once a month, or every so often, read a Jewish short story (and we mean short), and come to a follow-up discussion. You will make new friends, renew your current friendships, and deepen your understanding of Jewish life through the ages in a welcoming, engaging forum.

The Adult Education Committee (AEC) of Temple Beth Or is pleased to offer An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story, via Zoom, on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come every month or drop in as you can. Co-facilitators are Rebecca Carlson of Congregation Anshai Emeth in Peoria, IL and Ruth Schumacher of Temple Beth Or in Dayton, OH. (The two facilitators are sisters!) The registration deadline is two days prior to each month's discussion. Once you register, you will receive the short story we will be discussing when we meet.

<https://templebethor.com/upcoming-adult-education-events/>

## Hope in the Face of Despair; Courage in the Face of Danger

The Adult Education Committees of Temple Israel and Temple Beth Or are pleased to host a two-part program about human trafficking. Part One was a discussion of award-winning author, Talia Carner's novel, *The Third Daughter* (available through Amazon), which is designed to increase your awareness of a painful part of Jewish history. Part Two is a presentation by front line workers, designed to increase your understanding of the scope of the problem as well as current eradication efforts in the Miami Valley. Participation in the April book discussion is not a prerequisite for attendance at the May presentation. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://go.oncehub.com/HumanTraffickingPresentation>

## You Are A Super Hero!

The Adult Education Committee (AEC) of Temple Beth Or believes that congregants represent a rich set of skills, abilities and interests that can benefit others. What is one of your superpowers that you would be willing to share? Please contact the AEC ([ruth.schumacher@wright.edu](mailto:ruth.schumacher@wright.edu); 937-672-3368). We want to support YOU!

## A Very Special Thank-You!

Temple Beth Or gives a special thanks to Adam and Lauren Baumgarten and Bernstein's Fine Catering for the delicious Passover Seder meals, and to all of the volunteers who helped make our (2nd) Second Streaming Seder a huge success. Thank you to Melissa Guadalupe, Mary 'Mahira' Rogers, Scott Beckerman, Beverly Farnbacher, Helene Adler, and Stephen and Marsha Goldberg.



# May Chai-Lights

## Sunday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Family Activity Sunday and online Hebrew.

## Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

*Chai Mitzvah*: Join us as we explore how each commandment provides us with beliefs, principles, and standards of behavior which guides us.

## Friday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Rock of Ages *Shabbat*: Marc Rossio rocks the house as he and Rabbi Chessin lead a creative and musical *Shabbat* service. Bring your candles, wine and challah.

## Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Read and discuss a Jewish short story, make new friends, renew your current friendships, and deepen your understanding of Jewish life through the ages in a welcoming, engaging forum. This program is offered by the Adult Education Committee (AEC). Please see page 6 for more information.

## Friday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Join Rabbi Ben Azriel for a family friendly *Shabbat* Service.

## Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

*Tanach* Study: Rabbi Chessin and our study group begin study of the Apocrypha on Zoom.

## Sunday, May 16, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Or

*Shavuot* Sundaes in the Park(ing Lot): Join us as we celebrate the festival of *Shavuot* in our Temple Parking Lot with Ice Cream Sundaes and a special reading of the 10 Commandments. This will also be our final session of *Makor* for the year. All of our students and all of our Temple family are welcome to join Rabbi Azriel and Chessin as we celebrate the Festival of First Fruits. We ask that participants wear masks.

## Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Hope in the Face of Despair; Courage in the Face of Danger Part 2, Presentation: The Adult Education Committees of Temple Israel and Temple Beth Or invite you to a presentation by front line workers, designed to increase your understanding of the scope of the problem as well as current eradication efforts in the Miami Valley. Participation in the April book discussion is not a prerequisite for attendance at the May presentation. Please see page 6 for information.

## Friday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Join Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and the Temple Beth Or Choir in worship. Sing your way through the service. Just have candles, challah and wine for blessing.

## Friday, May 28, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Streaming *Shabbat* Service.

## Saturday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. Bar Mitzvah Live Stream

Dr. Heath and Rachel Haug Gilbert invite the congregation to tune in via live stream as their son, Avi Ross, is called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah*. Avi is a seventh grader at Watts Middle School in Centerville. He is big brother to Chava, Zeke, and Livy; grandson of Sue & Ron Nelson, Ron & Shirlee Gilbert, and Gary Haug & Vera Warner, all of Dayton, Ohio. Avi loves all types of athletic shoes, so raising donations for the organization Shoes 4 the Shoeless, Inc. for his *mitzvah* project was a "perfect fit." Shoes 4 the Shoeless is a local non-profit that provides new, correctly fitting gym shoes and socks to Dayton area children in desperate need. If you would like the link for the *bar mitzvah* live stream, please contact the office.

## Monday, May 31, Office Closed

The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

## Opportunities to Support Temple Beth Or

### Shop and Support Opportunities

Temple Beth Or participates in on-going shop-and-support opportunities with **Kroger**, **Amazon Smile**, and **Dorothy Lane Market (DLM)**. It's easy! Select Temple Beth Or as your charity of choice, then shop at the stores as part of your everyday shopping. If you haven't selected Temple Beth Or as the organization you would like to support, you can do so on the store's website. Please visit the link below to find links and information on how to sign up and support Temple Beth Or when you shop:

<https://templebethor.com/support>

### Commemorative Opportunities:



**Paver Bricks:** Paver brick are a lasting way to commemorate a person or an event. Bricks are available in two sizes and can hold three or five lines of text, respectively. Small/rectangular bricks are \$100; Large/square bricks are \$200. Contact Donna at the Temple Beth Or office for an order form.

**Yahrzeit Plaques:** *Yahrzeit* plaques are available for \$500. Payment for the Plaque includes:

- Name mentioned at yearly Service
- Name plaque illuminated in Memorial Stand yearly
- Notification sent to family members of yearly Service
- Listing in *Yom Kippur* book
- Name read at *Yom Kippur*



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# Shavuot Sundae

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