



And One to Grow On



There used to be an American custom of birthday spanking. Birthday celebrants received as many spanks as years old they were, plus “one to grow on.” The

tradition is based upon the slap on the bottom that most infants receive at birth to start their breathing. The extra slap presumably expresses the wish for another year of breath, life, growth. The custom was meant all in good fun, but I hope it has gone by the wayside.

The idea of assessing the past year and wishing for more life-sustaining breaths ahead is a good practice not only for an individual but also for a congregation. This month Temple Beth Or celebrates its 37th year. Last year it was a kick in the pants when we had to celebrate our 36th *double chai* year entirely online. We had had so many party plans. But in hindsight (no pun intended), it allowed us to assess where we had been in the past and where we might go as we face a changing future.

As we emerge from our homes and return to our Temple for school,



worship, and socializing, we can take a deep breath and consider new ways to reach our members. Our Board is beginning an ambitious new visioning process to explore where the subsequent years of life will bring our congregation. How are we doing? How can we shift to meet the needs of a new generation of Temple Beth Or family members? How have our students changed over the years? How have our members changed? What will Jewish life and celebration look like in the next 18 years? This 37th year can become a year to grow on if we develop a new shared vision going forward.

We are all different people coming out of this pandemic, with changing practices and spiritual needs. We have created new online opportunities and found that our faith no

longer resides in our building alone. Conversely, we also discovered that only when we are together, face to face, can we be a true community and congregational family. We need each other to study, pray and grow as Jews, only together.

If you have any birthday wishes or visions for our congregation, please reach out to me, Rabbi Azriel, or any member of the Temple Board and share your thoughts and insights with us. We hope to make all your (Je)wishes come true.

Happy 37th birthday, Temple Beth Or.

Shalom,

Rabbi Judy Chessin

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.

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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.



Thank You to our *Makor* Teachers!

Makor had a fantastic semester. It was capped off with a Hanukkah celebration, complete with the magic of Hanukkah coming alive in a wonderful show. Thanks to our *Makor* Education Committee, who helped put on a fun party for all. We look forward to welcoming our students and teachers on January 9th for another amazing spring semester 2022!



Thank You to our Artisan Fair Volunteers!

Temple Beth Or's Artisan Fair and Brisket Lunch returned -- in person -- on Sunday, December 5. We had both returning and new vendors and an appreciative crowd of shoppers. Happy customers reported that the brisket was especially good this year.

As always, the Artisan Fair and Brisket Lunch relied on a team of volunteers, for whom we are most grateful.

Chopped Liver Team: Thank you to those who did the prep work in their own homes and/or came together to assemble the final product: Ellen Lauber, Helen Markman, Helene Adler, Dena Briskin, Marsha Goldberg, Marni Flagel, Claudia Fried, Karen Granby, Jane Pearl, Emily Snyder, Deb Char, Gina Kahn, Judy Chesson, and Ellen Holroyd. We sold 24 pounds of chopped liver this year!

Brisketeers: The Brisketeers gathered on Saturday to work their magic, preparing 264 pounds of meat for distribution, and managed the kitchen on Sunday. Thanks to this year's Brisketeers, including Bill Fried, Matt Lindsay, Jake Elder, Mark Gruenberg, Scot Denmark, Mike Halasz, Ed Wolff, Steve Goldberg, and Scott Segalewitz.

Artisan Fair and Cafe Or: Several people helped with Artisan Fair set-up, staffing the Temple Beth Or table at the Artisan Fair, assisting customers in Cafe Or, and tearing down after the event. Thank you to Phil Dreety, Melissa Guadalupe, Jason Guadalupe, Wendy Rachlin, Lorraine Fortner, Ellen Lauber, John Granby, Karen Granby, Matt Lindsay, Teri Halasz, Caryl Segalewitz, Rachel Halasz, Gail Moore, and Alex Pearl.

Sponsorship: Thank you to our major sponsor, WSWO FM 97.3 (Oldies 97.3), and Jerry Halasz for the publicity.

More thank yous!: Thank you to our Security and Safety Committee for ensuring the safety of our members and the community during the event. Additionally, many thanks to our staff Donna Brodnick, Gayle Jenkins, Craig Seege, Rabbis Chessin and Azriel, and our security personnel.

Thank you to all who shopped, ate, and supported our event!

Mark your calendars! Our 2022 Artisan Fair and Brisket Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2022.

Your event co-chairs, Karen Lindsay, Ellen Holroyd, and Scott Segalewitz



THANK YOU TO OUR LIFE & LEGACY DONORS!

The end of 2021 marks the formal completion of the four-year Life & Legacy planned giving program in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The Life & Legacy program enabled Temple Beth Or members to create legacy gifts to support Temple Beth Or for years to come. Thank you to Life & Legacy Committee members Dan Sweeny (Chair), Rabbi Judy Chessin, Marni Flagel, Ira Segalewitz, Martha Moody Jacobs, and Karen Lindsay for their assistance with the program.

Temple Beth Or thanks our current & former members, listed below, who submitted a Letter of Intent to make an afterlife gift to Temple Beth Or through Life & Legacy.

Anonymous*	Vicky Heuman
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While the Life & Legacy program is concluding, our commitment to Temple Beth Or's future is ongoing. Our planned giving endeavors will continue through Temple Beth Or's Donor Development Commitment. There are many different ways to leave your own legacy, and your legacy gift can be designed to match your personal circumstances. Some ways to make an afterlife gift to Temple Beth Or include will or trust beneficiary, retirement funds, life insurance, and cash or securities. Please contact the Temple Office if you need more information.

* Indicates that the gift has been formalized. Thank you again!

Adult Education

Chai Mitzvah January 6th on Zoom

In appreciation for generous underwriting by Rabbi Judy Chessin, Temple Beth Or's Adult Education Committee (AEC) is delighted to announce the formation of a new *Chai Mitzvah* group. Because Temple Beth Or has hosted previous *Chai Mitzvah* groups, the national *Chai Mitzvah* organization is waiving the cost of materials to individuals who join the group. This means that you, personally, will pay nothing for materials.

Register & Learn More:
<https://templebethor.com/chai-mitzvah/>



An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story January 12th

Do you like to read, but don't have time, so you prefer short stories? Have we got a 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.



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

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. Please contact the AEC (ruth.schumacher@wright.edu; 937-672-3368). We want to support YOU!

Third Annual Art and Music Cafe Returns February 5th

Join us for the Third Annual Art and Music Cafe fundraiser event.

This special program is in partnership with the Temple Beth Or Adult Education Committee, providing opportunities for those talented adults within the Jewish Community to showcase their artwork and music talents in this 'artsy' themed fundraiser event.



We are currently looking for a few more artists to showcase at this event,

although space allows for a limited number of presenters. If you are a painter, photographer, sculptor, wood carver, etc., contact Mary Rogers at maryrogers2017@yahoo.com or at cell 303-810-4849 for more information.

In addition, a coffee-shop style open stage at the event will provide a full evening of entertainment and opportunities to showcase both vocalists and acoustic instruments throughout the evening. Previous years events showed a wide variety of talented music guests who featured Folk, Blues, Rock, Yiddish and other popular Jewish music. We are looking forward to both returning and new music guests for this event!

Your \$25.00 ticket includes light nosh, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages (adults only please).

The Third Annual Art and Music Cafe

Sponsored by: Temple Beth Or, Adult Education Committee, Members of the Linda A. Cohen Yiddish Club, The Art and Music Cafe Committee; Marc Gilbert and Annette Nathan, Kevin and Karen Bressler, Mary and Lynn Rogers, Ugly Dog Distillery - providing a flavored-Bourbon tasting at the event

For the safety of our guests, current COVID-19 safety guidelines will be followed.

Please RSVP by January 31st to the Temple Beth Or office, or online:

<https://templebethor.com/art-music-cafe>

January Chai-Lights

Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Chai Mitzvah: *Chai Mitzvah* is a personal Jewish journey to share with friends, with groups in 39 states and 6 countries. Visit page 6 for more info.

Friday, January 7, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Rock of Ages Shabbat: Marc Rossio rocks the house as he and Rabbi Chessin lead a creative and musical *Shabbat* service.

Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees. Hear the Genesis stories in a new way!

Saturday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. at Raise Your Brush!

Join the Women of Temple Beth Or at Raise Your Brush. On Saturday, January 8, 2022 (169 N Main Street Centerville, OH 45459) at 6:30 p.m. (socializing) and 7:00 p.m. to paint either an illuminated glass bottle or 2 wine glasses. Cost is \$37*, which covers all supplies, instruction and hors d'oevers. Beverages available for purchase.

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Read and discuss a Jewish short story in a welcoming, engaging forum. This program is offered by the Adult Education Committee (AEC). Please see page 10 for more information.

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Streaming

Torah Live!: We will explore the wisdom of our sacred traditions and texts with Wise Friends, an interactive textual study for *Tu B'shevat*, the Birthday of the Trees.

Sunday, January 16, 5:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Or

Bingo Blast!: Join us for an evening of family fun! There will be good food, good friends and games of chance. Lots of prizes for people of all ages. Each person will receive one packet of bingo cards. Additional packets are available for \$2 per packet. Plus, there will be a 50/50 Raffle. Come prepared to play and to win! See back cover for details.

Friday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Ben Azriel and the Temple Beth Or Choir for a Musical *Shabbat* service under the direction of Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and accompanied by Diann Bromberg.

Saturday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees. Hear the Genesis stories in a new way!

Friday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. Pre-Recorded Streaming

Join us for a pre-recorded *Shabbat* Service with Rabbi Chessin and Rabbi Azriel.

Saturday, January 29, 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Shireinu: Sing-along Sabbath led by Para Rabbi Lorraine Fortner and Temple Music Director Mary 'Mahira' Rogers. Come learn the most updated songs we use in our *Shabbat* services.



INTRODUCTION to JUDAISM

Interested in Jewish history and ritual? Involved in an interfaith relationship? Want to learn more about your Jewish neighbors, friends, or family members? Seeking conversion?

Organized and taught by the rabbis of The Synagogue Forum of Greater Dayton. The course offers an in-depth look at Judaism from Conservative, Orthodox/Traditional, and Reform perspectives along with guest speakers who offer their insights and broaden exposure to the

Jewish community. Presented by the Synagogue Forum of Greater Dayton, Beth Abraham Synagogue, Beth Jacob Congregation, Temple Beth Or, Temple Israel - with the support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

Introduction to Judaism is held once a year between Fall and Spring quarter. Virtual classes are held one night a week

Starts January 3rd. Learn More & Sign Up:
<https://jewishdayton.org/program/intro-to-judaism/>



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FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Bingo Blast!!!

Join us for an evening of family fun! There will be good food, good friends and games of chance. Lots of prizes for people of all ages. Each person will receive one packet of bingo cards. Additional packets are available for \$2 per packet. Plus, there will be a 50/50 Raffle. Come prepared to play and to win!

Dinner is a Taco Bar followed by a Dessert Bar.

Only family friendly beverages will be served.

On-site babysitting will be available for \$2 per child.

All proceeds benefit the Temple Beth Or Campership Fund! Help send a child to Jewish Camp for an experience that will last a lifetime!

When: Sunday, January 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Levin Hall at Temple Beth Or

Cost: \$10 Per Person/\$40 Family Maximum

RSVP by January 10th to Temple office 937-435-3400

Maximum number of people: Unlimited

Open to Temple Beth Or Families and their guests

