



## The Light 'Lite'

Over the Summer, please enjoy the Light 'lite', abbreviated versions of our July and August bulletins



The past six months have been nonstop for many of us. It may have something to do with our pandemic bounce-back and how challenging it has been to speed up again after the pandemic slow-

down. This year of extreme busyness and return to business has been fatiguing for too many of us.

If you feel this too, I pray that the summer will give us moments to catch our breaths, enjoy the longer days, and find moments for family, nature, and recreation. Then, perhaps, we can simply employ the power to say “no” to one small tedious, and time-consuming, task. A Twitter designer, Crystal Lee, posted her “saying no to things punch card.” Perhaps we can print it up this summer and enjoy a little respite and hopefully re-jew-vination.

*Shalom,*  
Rabbi Judy Chessin



**Crystal Lee 李佳佳**  
@crystaljlee

one of my better Wednesday at 2 am design decisions



The days are long, and the light is bright as we enjoy these summer days. As July is upon us, teachers are enjoying a few extra weeks to sleep later on Sunday mornings, but not for too much longer as we begin planning the year ahead. Even though *Makor* is not in session throughout the summer, our halls are still filled with campers enjoying Camp Shalom.

**Wishing everyone a light-filled summer season filled with joy and good memories.**

*B'shalom,*  
Rabbi Ben Azriel



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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.

## President's Message

After serving three years as the President of Temple Beth Or, I will be stepping down as of July 1st, 2022. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people that have helped me over the last three years. To all the board members that have served over the last three years, your help was immeasurable and to everyone who worked tirelessly for the enhancement of the Temple. As I entered my first year, Jerry Weckstein, the immediate Past President, assisted me in understanding all the additional responsibilities the President assumes when entering the Presidency. In year two I had the honor of having an unbelievable co-president, Karen Lindsay who was invaluable with her tireless work and guidance, and finally in this my third and last year, the Board, led by our Vice President Jake Elder. A big huge thank you to our Rabbis - Rabbi Chessin who has been our rock from the very beginning of the Temple 36 years ago and our newest Rabbi, Rabbi Azriel who has offered a helping hand with a bright new perspective.

As I look back on these last three years, I think of all that we have been able to accomplish and of the challenges that we have faced. These years have been some, if not, the most challenging years in our history. The COVID pandemic forced us to alter the way we served our congregation and for close to 2 years did not allow for us to enjoy the ability to worship together in person, celebrate our High Holidays and other holidays in person or gather together for our social and fundraising events as we have done since our founding. No matter what we faced during these trying times, I believe that we were able to come together and develop ways where we could still serve you, maybe not in the traditional way but still in a way that served our congregation in a meaningful manner. We all owe a thank you to the innovative thinking of our Rabbis as they created ways that served us while we could not be physically together.

Also In the last three years, with the help our Security and Safety Committee and Temple Watch Committee, we were able to continue to develop additional safety features of our facility and enhanced the security of our congregation. Despite the COVID lock down requirements, we have been able to have virtual services, High Holy day services and even celebrate other holidays such as Passover. With the ingenuity of our committees, we have successfully continued our Artisan Fair and Brisket lunch and our annual Corn Beef sale in the spring. We have continued to enjoy musical interludes via zoom. In the last 12 months we have begun to meet in person thanks to the guidance of our COVID committee. This year we were able to do "a Hybrid" series of High Holy day services, Passover and we had a more traditional Artisan Fair and Corn Beef sale. Our Adult Education Committee has provided many educational opportunities via zoom or in person and, they have had two successful Veteran Day recognition events.

During this coming year, with the help and guidance of our Board, our Rabbis, our committees and most importantly our congregation we will be able to come together and enjoy a much more traditional temple experience, however we will still enjoy some of the changes and unique methods that we developed during COVID to broaden our ability to interact with you. We will also be doing a major strategic initiative to help guide us for the next 5-10 years and help us grow and be even more mindful and responsive to the need of you our congregants and to our Jewish community.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for allowing me to help guide you through these last three years. I know the Board and the Temple are in good hands as we go forth over the next few years.

John Granby  
President



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## July Chai-Lites

### Friday, July 1, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-Led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Summer *Shabbat* service led by Marty Jacobs

### Thursday, July 7, 7:00 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 <https://templebethor.com/chai-mitzvah> for more info.

### Friday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. TBD

Lay-Led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Summer *Shabbat* service led by Ira Segalewitz.

### Friday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Musical *Shabbat*: Join the Temple Beth Or Choir for a Musical *Shabbat* service led by Mary 'Mahira' Rogers.

### Friday, July 22, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-Led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Summer *Shabbat* service led by Renee Peery.

### Friday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. On Zoom

Rabbi-tube *Shabbat*: Join Rabbi Judy Chessin and Rabbi Ben Azriel for Rabbi-tube *Shabbat*.

