

Summer 2024

☆ Today...and for Generations ☆

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Celebrate the Joys of Being Jewish



After a year of "oys", it's important to take this summer to celebrate the many joys of being Jewish. Our heritage is not just about overcoming trauma and drama, but it also enriches

our lives with moments of joy, satisfaction, and resilience.

Let us begin a thread and see how long we can make it. I will start by sharing 50 Joys of Judaism:

1. The smell of *challah* baking or warming on Friday.
2. It's the nod and smile of recognition in the street when wearing a *chai* or Star of David necklace.
3. Drawing the warmth of the festive candles to me with my hands.
4. Singing Debbie Friedman songs.
5. Never mourn alone.
6. Summer camp.
7. Comparing Sephardic and Ashkenazic recipes for holidays.
8. How bright the table looks on the 8th night of Hannukah.
9. A good *kvetch* (complaint)
10. Crossword puzzles with Yiddish answers.
11. The satisfaction of doing things for over 3500 years.
12. The sense of pride that Gal Gadot is one of "us."
13. The feeling you get when you dance with the Torah scrolls on *Simchat Torah*.
14. How everybody cares to set you up (you're always seen as worthy of love

and companionship).

15. Old wine drops on last year's *Hag-gadah*.
16. Seeing the shape of the moon and guessing the Hebrew date.
17. Your people invented the weekend.
18. You don't have to be religious to be long.
19. You argue when you talk, but it's love.
20. You are supposed to ask questions.
21. You always have something to do. *mitzvot* (commandments) rituals and traditions.
22. Throwing candy at the *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* student.
23. You don't run out of grandmothers.
24. Recognizing Hebrew on the Yale Logo.
25. The Torah is a song.
26. Dancing is prayer.
27. Knowing that "*Abracadabra*" is Aramaic for "I create as I speak."
28. Purim drinking
29. The taste of apples and honey at the New Year
30. The obligation to learn, ask questions, debate, and reconsider one's opinions.
31. The beautiful way Hebrew script looks in the Torah.
32. Knowing that Jewish doesn't look one way or another.
33. The wisdom and passion for justice in every Jewish text.
34. There is room for differences of race, sexuality, and political party.
35. Comedy and humor aren't accidental; they are essential.
36. *Lamed-Vavniks*

37. Ramps so that people who rely on wheelchairs can participate in services
38. Singing a *niggun* (wordless melody) with a large group.
39. There is a blessing for a successful trip to the bathroom.
40. Saving a life takes precedence over almost everything.
41. You are aware of the seasons in a vibrant way
42. Giving *tzedakah*, food drives, collecting socks, because...justice.
43. Chopped liver (even mock).
44. *Afikoman* goodies
45. Every Jewish home has books.
46. We have a new year of trees and animals.
47. *Adon Olam* can fit almost any melody
48. Kosher grape juice tastes better than Welches.
49. Building the *Sukkah* and eating and singing in it.
50. Praying for healing for each other.

And there are many, many more. Let's keep this list going throughout the coming year, sharing our experiences and strengthening our sense of community. Jewish tradition tells us to find 100 blessings daily for gratitude. Help me grow this list and our appreciation of being Jews.

Shalom,
Rabbi Judy Chessin



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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!

The congregation sends prayers of *Refuah Shlema* to:

Arlene Graham, Benjy Klein, Susan Klenke, Ron Solomon, Laurie Verson, and Peter Wells.

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Safferman.

July/August 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.

July 5

Juliet Simon 7/4
Helene Albert 7/5
Richard Gruber 7/7
Hyman Lerner 7/7
Morris Ostrow 7/9

July 12

Katharine G. Rieger 7/10
Ken Schumacher 7/10
Ann Lehrner 7/11
Sydell Merl 7/11
Harry N. Stein 7/14
Segundo Guadalupe 7/15
Nathan Nelson 7/15
Sanford Atkin 7/16
Morris Sureck 7/16

July 19

Rose Berks 7/17
Bessie Briskin 7/20
Joseph Bloomberg 7/21
Edwin Klein 7/21
Paul Rachlin 7/21
Lorraine Schiff 7/21
Gennady Katz 7/22
Marcia Goldberg 7/23
Morris Kapustein 7/23
Sylvia Ostrow 7/23
Judson Schuman 7/23
Harold Wise 7/23

July 26

Leon Lehrner 7/24
Irwin Grossman 7/26
Suzanne Krull 7/27
Rose Landerman 7/27
Beverly Cearley 7/29
Doris Schuman 7/29
Sondra Zendlovitz 7/29
Meta Nathan 7/30

August 2

Eric Schiff 8/1
Leonard Solganik 8/1
Shirley Hoffman 8/3
Samson M. Weckstein 8/3
Anne Skiller 8/4
Jack Groveman 8/5

August 9

Samuel Calig 8/7
Edith Holroyd 8/7
Robert Siegel 8/7
John D. Auldridge, Sr. 8/8
Charles L. Meyer 8/10
Lillian Meyers 8/10
Fanny K. Alcus 8/11
Albert Youra 8/11
Jeffrey Koerner 8/12

August 16

Sylvan Holstine 8/15
Shae Rosenblatt 8/15
Marc Low 8/16
Arthur Layman 8/17
Otto Farnbacher 8/19
Hannah Scheiner 8/19
David London 8/20

August 23

Dora Solganik 8/21
Sarah Wagner 8/21
Renee Diamond 8/22
Irma M. Grant 8/22
Beatrice Schiffman 8/23
Blanche Holstine 8/24
Marlene Spalter 8/24
Lionel Levant 8/25
Theresa Merritt 8/25
Paul Krochmal 8/27
Stanley P. Levine 8/27

August 31

Dan Weckstein 8/28
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Rosalie Weckstein 8/29
Allen Beckerman 8/30
Roberta Gordon 9/1
Beatrice Grossman 9/1
Faye Siegel 9/1
Martin Robins 9/2
Lewis Plotkin 9/3
Adam Spalter 9/3

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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.

Makor מִקּוֹר

Dear *Makor* Students, Parents and Families:

Makor 2024-2025 is around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome you back for another year of amazing Jewish education.

We are happy to welcome all those who haven't registered yet, to do so now!

If you are new to *Makor* and are interested in learning more about our philosophy, curriculum and faculty, I am eager to chat. Feel free to email me at rabbiazriel@templebethor.com to set up a time to talk.

Please scan the QR code on this page to be taken directly to our registration and calendar links. If you prefer a paper form, please contact Rabbi Azriel and we will be happy to provide one!

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th, when we will have a drop-in, welcome-back brunch, song session, and activities, along with the opportunity to register for anyone who might still need to. Our first day of class will be on September 15th. A schedule of all sessions can be found by scanning the QR code.

Thank you to all of those who gave feedback regarding the last years of *Makor*, we look forward to growing and building upon the successes of the past to have a thriving community in the future. Sunday morning sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. until noon for all ages. We will continue to begin each day with a fifteen-minute, all-school, gathering in Levin Hall. We welcome parents to stay for our morning gathering and to then schmooze for as long as you wish with a coffee and snack (which we provide every week).

We are excited to be working on parents' group programming three times throughout the year. If you have any specific topics you would like to discuss, we are eager to focus on the topics important to our parents. Please email Rabbi Azriel at rabbiazriel@templebethor.com with any suggestions.

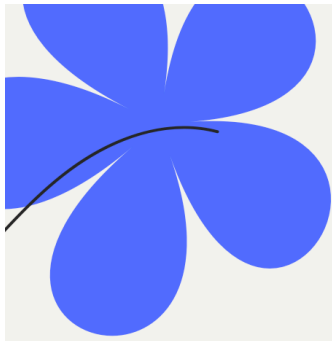
HEBREW

Students and families will be able to choose either in-person Hebrew education or online one-on-one lessons. In-person Hebrew will follow *Makor* and end at 1:30 p.m. (pizza lunch included). Families who wish to do Hebrew with Zoom one-on-one Hebrew will be invited to do so. We will be working on scheduling these sessions as soon as we have determined the number of families interested. There is a \$200 fee for Zoom one-on-one lessons, in addition to regular tuition. ** All third-grade students will be exposed to Hebrew each Sunday morning, in addition to choosing either Sunday afternoon or Zoom lessons. **

Looking forward to enjoying another amazing year ahead!

B'shalom,
Rabbi Azriel





2024-2025 Makor Calendar

Fall 2024 Semester

- September 8
- September 15
- September 22
- September 29
- October 6
- October 20
- October 27
- November 3
- November 10
- November 17
- November 24
- December 8
- December 15

Spring 2025 Semester

- January 12
- January 19
(↑↑ MLK Special Program ↑↑)
- January 26
- February 2
- February 9
- February 23
- March 2
- March 9
- March 16
- April 6
(↑↑ Passover Special Program ↑↑)
- April 20
- April 27
- May 4

Breaks & Days Off

- October 13 (Yom Kippur)
- December 1 (Thanksgiving)
- December 22 & 29 (Winter Break)
- January 5 (MLK Observed)
- February 16 (President's Day)
- March 23 & 30 (Spring Break)
- April 13 (Passover)





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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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MAKOR REGISTRATION OPEN

[TEMPLEBETHOR.COM/MAKOR-RELIGIOUS-SCHOOL](https://templebethor.com/makor-religious-school)



SABA Fund Application Deadline: October 1st!

The Nelson Burstein Educational Scholarship Fund, known as the SABA Fund, provides financial assistance for Temple Beth Or education fees, including *Makor*/religious school, Hebrew school, *bar* and *bat mitzvah* training, high school, and preschool. The SABA Fund may be used for up to 50% of the family's total educa-

tion fees and is dependent on the amount available in the Fund. Requests for financial assistance for the current school year will be accepted until October 1. All information will be handled with discretion. The application form and additional information are available from the Temple website or the Temple Office.

Download the SABA Fund application here:

<https://templebethor.com/nelson-burstein-scholarship-fund-info-and-application>



July 1, 2024

Dear Temple Beth Or Member,

Our Congregational family, Temple Beth Or, is privileged to be led by Senior Rabbi Judy Chessin, Assistant Rabbi and Educator Ben Azriel. Together, they provide guidance, leadership, and inspiration on our Jewish journey. Our temple caters to various needs, recognizing that everyone is at a different point along their spiritual path.

We understand that everyone's financial circumstances are unique. Therefore, we encourage our members to take ownership of their financial support for Temple Beth Or and contribute at an acceptable and reasonable level.

The Sustaining Level of Support covers our planned expenses for the upcoming year.

You are the most crucial part of our Temple. The rabbis, the board, and all our committees consistently strive to create events, programs, and services that are meaningful to you and your family.

We are unwavering in our commitment to making our temple the best it can be.

We are deeply grateful for your past support and your role in our Temple. As we move forward, please complete the enclosed Annual Commitment Form and choose a level of support that best fits your family. Thank you for all that you do for our Temple Beth Or!

Regards,

Mark Gruenberg

Marc Siegel

Stephanie Kirtland

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Temple Beth Or Music Night at Levitt Pavilion

Date: July 13 **Time:** 7:00 to 9:00

Meet at 4th and Main between 6:30 and 6:45

Musician: Alexander Star

Series: Henny Penny Indie Vibe Series

Genre: Indie Pop | Hip-hop

Location Details:

You can bring in lawn chairs or blankets as well as outside food and beverage – including alcohol (glass prohibited). Lawn chair rental available for a \$5 donation.

Food and beverage vendors are onsite.



Alexander Star is an Emmy®-nominated songwriter, performer, and impact activist based in South Florida. Star is committed to using his music as a vehicle for positive change and is proud to be considered a modern-day “Impact Artist.”

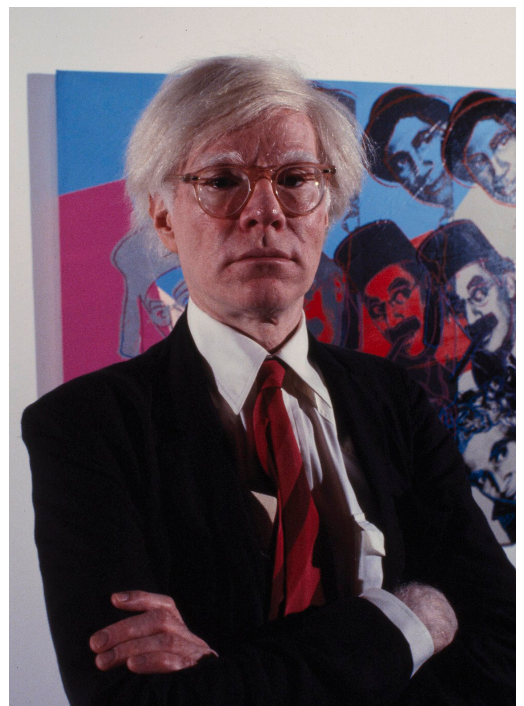
Alexander Star tours with his 5-piece live band The Golden People. In addition to their headline shows, A. Star & TGP have opened for Earth, Wind & Fire, Black Violin, and Koffee. The band’s familiar originals and playfully modern interpretations of hits spanning half a century make Alexander Star & The Golden People a sought-after performance experience.

The Life and Art of Andy Warhol: Thursday, July 18th

Temple Beth Or Members and the community are invited to join the Adult Education Committee for an upcoming lecture examining artist Andy Warhol’s life.

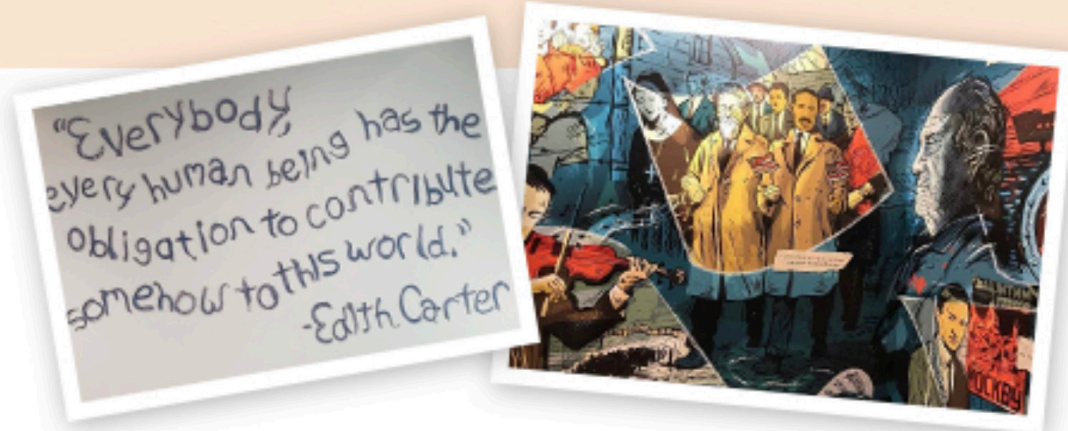
Carol Salus, professor emerita of art history at Kent State University, will present “The Life and Art of Andy Warhol” Thursday, July 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Levin Hall at Temple Beth Or (5275 Marshall Road). Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Drinks and Hors-D’oeuvres, 7:00 p.m. for the presentation.

At the age of 8, Warhol contracted Chorea—also known as St. Vitus’s Dance—a rare and sometimes fatal disease of the nervous system that left him bedridden for several months. It was during these months, while Warhol was sick in bed, that his mother, herself a skillful artist, gave him his first drawing lessons. Drawing soon became Warhol’s favorite childhood pastime. He was also an avid fan of movies, and his mother bought him movie magazines. She bought him a camera at the age of nine, he took up photography as well, developing film in a makeshift darkroom he set up in their basement. From these beginnings, to the artist we know, Warhol continues to fascinate the public long after his premature death.



Museum Field Trip

at the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center



Museum Field Trip August 20th

JCC Adults in partnership with the Beth Abraham Synagogue Program Committee, Beth Jacob Programming Committee, Temple Beth Or Adult Education Committee, and Temple Israel Adult Education Committee invite you and your friends to explore the first of several museums in our area! (age 16 and over are welcome)

Museum Field Trip

Tuesday, August 20

11 AM - 3 PM

**Lunch & Tour at the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center Union Terminal
(1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, 45203)**

- Meet at Temple Beth Or at 10 AM or Beth Jacob Synagogue at 9:30 AM, or at the Holocaust & Humanity Center in Cincinnati at 11 AM.
- 90-minute docent-led tour at the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center
- Cost for the tour is \$10 per person upon registration (includes a parking pass). Carpools will be arranged. More event details to follow.
- Lunch after the tour at a nearby restaurant (TBD – cost on your own).

RSVP by Friday, August 16 to Stacy Emoff at semoff@jfgd.net or call 937-610-5513.

Adult Education

Chai Mitzvah Thursday, July 11th 7:00 p.m. On Zoom (Designed to “grow your Judaism”)



What is Chai Mitzvah? Chai Mitzvah is a personal Jewish journey to share with friends. Groups exist in 39 states and 6 countries. The new curriculum is entitled, "Because We Were Slaves: The Jewish Struggle for Justice in Making America Home." In this time of grief over war in the Middle East, and seemingly increasing polarization in the USA on a variety of important issues, this study provides an opportunity to take time to examine our history in America as a people and ourselves as we try to live Jewish core values.

What is involved? Reading a short overview of the topic and then participating in a group ZOOM discussion.

What is the cost? Nothing -- Temple Beth Or's Adult Education Committee (AEC) is delighted to offer this to you without charge.

How does the group function? You are welcome to register for one or more sessions. We take turns facilitating the discussion (with a partner if preferred).

How do I register? Visit <https://templebethor.com/chai-mitzvah/> or call 937-435-3430

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: July 24 & Aug. 28

Welcome to a brand new year of Jewish Short Stories (and we mean short)! Please join the Zoom discussion from 7:00-8:30 pm the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Discussion will center on one short story that has Jewish content and/or is authored by a Jewish writer. We intend to have fun and learn from each other's understanding of the stories. You are encouraged to register for as many monthly discussions as you can make time for. A big WELCOME to new participants—come check us out!

A hearty WELCOME BACK to each and every participant who will continue to participate!

To register visit <https://templebethor.com/adult-education>.

To download content: Visit: <https://templebethor.com/an-exploration-of-the-jewish-short-story/>

Questions? Contact (Ruth Schumacher 937-672-3368; ruth.schumacher@wright.edu)



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 bricks 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*

Summer Chai-Lights

Friday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Led by Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and friends in honor and memory of Lorraine Fortner's (z"l) birthday. A light summer *Oneg Shabbat* will follow.

Saturday, July 6, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Zoom

In-person Apocrypha Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group at Temple Beth Or. Bring a pot-luck breakfast item to share. LIVE and ZOOM.

Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom

Chai Mitzvah: Please see page 10 for information.

Friday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Renee Peery.

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Zoom

In-person Apocrypha Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group at Temple Beth Or. Bring a pot-luck breakfast item to share. LIVE and ZOOM.

Saturday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. at Levitt Pavillion

Temple Beth Or Music Night at Levitt Pavillion: Please see article on page 8 for more information.

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. In Levin Hall

The Life and Art of Andy Warhol: Please see article on page 8 for more information.

Friday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and the Temple Beth Or Choir for a special '*Shabbat in the round*', in person, Summer service at 6:30pm. A light *oneg Shabbat* will follow.

Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Please see page 10 for information.

Friday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*. If you are interested in leading this service, please contact the office.

Friday, August 2, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*. If you are interested in leading this service, please contact the office.

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Zoom

In-person Apocrypha Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group at Temple Beth Or. Bring a pot-luck breakfast item to share. LIVE and ZOOM.

Friday, August 9, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Martin Jacobs.

Friday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and the Temple Beth Or Choir for a special '*Shabbat in the round*', in person, Summer service at 6:30pm. A light *oneg* will follow.

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Zoom

In-person Apocrypha Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group at Temple Beth Or. Bring a pot-luck breakfast item to share. LIVE and ZOOM.

Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 p.m. at Dayton Art Institute

Look at Us: A celebration of Jewish artists from the area.

Friday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*. If you are interested in leading this service, please contact the office.

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Please see page 10 for information.

Friday, August 30, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join Mary 'Mahira' Rogers for a special '*Shabbat in the round*', in person, Summer service. A light *oneg Shabbat* will follow.





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