



Summer 2020

✧ Today...and for Generations ✧

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## Surely God is in This Place



Temple Beth Or's clergy, staff, and board have been vigilant about upholding our community's highest priorities of sustaining life and health during the current

COVID-19 crisis. Through Zoom gatherings, online worship, and continuing education programs, we have remained in touch during these trying times. We thank you for continuing to support our Temple family with your time, energy, resources, and efforts to keep yourself a part of our community even while we need to remain apart.

You should know that the Temple has engaged a committee of experts in health, safety, and education to determine when and how to open our building again safely. Under the direction of Dr. Scot Denmark, this group assesses the local and national health statistics and trends daily to find the safest path forward in these uncharted waters.

As I indicated at the annual meeting, every expert agrees that the pandemic's first wave has not yet ended. Therefore, Temple Beth Or has decided to keep our building closed for worship experiences, including the High Holy Days for the



beginning of the 5781 year. Later fall plans for in-person Shabbat worship and Temple engagement will be re-evaluated based on the pandemic's shifting nature.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Azriel and I have found creative ways of gathering in our parking lot for innovative, safe in-person celebrations together. But we will also create online options for those who need or prefer to experience the High Holy Days in their own homes.

Of course, this difficult decision means that High Holy Day worship will feel different than anything we've ever done. Nevertheless, we are committed to providing creative, deeply spiritual, and meaningful alternatives to our traditional sanctu-

ary services.

When the patriarch Jacob found himself outside of his home for the first time, he was surprised to discover the Divine even far away from his customary spiritual abode. He exclaimed: "Surely, God is in this Place, and I did not know!" Temple Beth Or is far more than a building. It is a community of resilient and caring individuals and families. Regardless of our location, we can support one another, pray together, grow together, and find God in our world and in our times for the coming year and beyond.

*Shalom,  
Rabbi Judy Chessin*





# 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 summer.

## July 3

Beatrice Michelson 7/3  
Juliet Simon 7/4  
Helene Albert 7/5  
Bessie Briskin 7/6  
Phil Friedman 7/6  
Charles Swerdlow 7/6  
Joseph Bloomberg 7/7  
Hyman Lerner 7/7

## July 10

Morris Kapustein 7/9  
Morris Ostrow 7/9  
Koleman Schneidman 7/9  
Katharine G. Rieger 7/10  
Ann Lehrner 7/11  
Sydell Merl 7/11  
Rose Landerman 7/13  
Harry N. Stein 7/14  
Sam Cramer 7/15

## July 17

Segundo Guadalupe 7/15  
Nathan Nelson 7/15  
Sondra Zendlovitz 7/15  
Meta Nathan 7/16  
Morris Sureck 7/16  
Rose Berks 7/17  
Stuart Fickler 7/18  
Nathan Rosengarten 7/18  
Yetta Spaeth 7/20  
Edwin Klein 7/21  
Stanley Michelson 7/21  
Paul Rachlin 7/21  
Lorraine Schiff 7/21

## July 24

Gennady Katz 7/22  
Dr. Edward Fickler 7/23  
Marcia Goldberg 7/23  
Sylvia Ostrow 7/23  
Judson Schuman 7/23  
Harold Wise 7/23  
Leon Lehrner 7/24  
Irwin Grossman 7/26  
Carole Horwitz Lehrer 7/26  
Irma Chamovitz 7/27  
Suzanne Krull 7/27  
Albert Youra 7/28

## July 31

Beverly Cearley 7/29  
Florence Fickler 7/29  
Doris Schuman 7/29  
David Bernie 8/1  
Eric Schiff 8/1  
Leonard Solganik 8/1  
Joseph Nalepka 8/2  
Tillie C Rosengarten Nelson 8/2  
Israel Berman 8/3  
Shirley Hoffman 8/3  
Samson M. Weckstein 8/3

## August 7

Dorothy Elhardt 8/5  
Julia Grunbaum 8/6  
Samuel Calig 8/7  
Edith Holroyd 8/7  
John D. Auldridge, Sr. 8/8  
Harry Levenson 8/9  
Charles L. Meyer 8/10  
Lillian Meyers 8/10  
Fanny K. Alcus 8/11  
Samuel Silverman 8/11

## August 14

Stella Klein 8/14  
Sylvan Holstine 8/15  
Joanne Long 8/15  
Judy Potasky 8/15  
Shae Rosenblatt 8/15  
Arthur Layman 8/17

## August 21

Otto Farnbacher 8/19  
Hannah Scheiner 8/19  
B. Frank Scherr 8/21  
Dora Solganik 8/21  
Irma M. Grant 8/22  
Beatrice Schiffman 8/23  
Blanche Holstine 8/24  
Aaron Horwitz 8/24  
Marlene Spalter 8/24  
Sarah Berman 8/25  
Morris Fishman 8/25  
Lionel Levant 8/25  
Theresa Merritt 8/25  
Herbert Wagshul 8/25

## August 28

Paul Krochmal 8/27  
Stanley P. Levine 8/27  
Shimon Goldstein 8/28  
Perry Ross 8/28  
Dan Weckstein 8/28  
Marjorie Haffner 8/29  
Rosalie Weckstein 8/29  
Allen Beckerman 8/30  
Sylvia R. Moss 8/30  
Edward Nieman 8/31  
Lillian S. Cream 9/1  
Roberta Gordon 9/1  
Faye Siegel 9/1  
Lillian S. Cream 9/1  
Roberta Gordon 9/1  
Faye Siegel 9/1

## September 4

Lewis Plotkin 9/3  
Gustav Carsch 9/4  
Mary Seidenschmidt 9/4  
Adam Spalter 9/4  
Scott Nelson 9/5  
Eddie Rose 9/6  
Tom Carsch 9/7  
Abraham Moltz 9/7

## September 11

Kurt S. Farnbacher 9/9  
Aaron Lauber 9/9  
Ellie Waldbaum-Baier 9/9  
Martin Cauper 9/10  
Stanley Goldberg 9/11  
Richard Lyden 9/11  
Max Scheiner 9/11  
Isaac Kruke 9/12  
Jerome Sherman 9/12  
Jerome Sherman 9/12  
Radene Goldberg Stump 9/12  
Hilda Davis 9/13  
James H. Fortner 9/13  
Jean Shwartz 9/14  
Freda Swillinger 9/14  
Miriam Burte 9/15  
Gilbert Cramer 9/15

## September 18

Kayla Klein 9/16  
Sol J. Weiner 9/16  
Joel L. Bernstein 9/18  
Malcolm Block 9/20  
Cecelia Spiegelman 9/20  
David Shapiro 9/22  
Sam Simon 9/22

## September 25

Pasha Bettman 9/23  
Senia Katz 9/23  
Frank Steiner 9/23  
Ann Arnoff 9/24  
Richard Clair 9/24  
Tina Marie Kleinman 9/24  
Gus Holstine 9/25  
Pat Factora 9/26  
Jerome Lehrer 9/26  
Melia Levine 9/26  
Ruth Penn 9/26  
David Fishman 9/27  
Leah Gerber 9/27  
Ted Halasz 9/27  
Sam Novick 9/27  
Robert Fortner 9/28  
Paul Molnar 9/28  
Herbert Strauss 9/28

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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.

# Treasurer's Message



My name is Marc Siegel, Temple Beth Or's Treasurer. I am excited to take over the role this year. Along with my wife Carrie and daughter Olivia we have been members here at Temple Beth Or for three years. We are excited about the opportunities and Jewish Community we have found here. Now more than ever it is important to recognize and support the parts of our community that are integral parts of our life. Therefore, I would like to remind everyone how you can help support Temple Beth Or.

## Member Support

Temple Beth Or runs off Member support. Each year we ask our members to make a commitment based on your comfort level. While we have recommended levels of support, we encourage everyone to support Temple at a level that is comfortable for you.

Member support forms for 2020-2021 were mailed in August. This mailing contained member support information, answers to frequently asked questions, and your member commitment form.

Completing and returning these forms helps us to be able to plan and continue to provide the innovative programming at Temple Beth Or.

## Shop

Did you know you can support Temple by shopping at your favorite stores? Amazon Smile, Kroger and Dorothy Lane Market. Select Temple Beth Or as your charitable organization and provide support while you shop. See [templebethor.com/support/](http://templebethor.com/support/) for additional details.

## Fundraising

Temple Beth Or's fundraisers are being reimaged for this year to ensure safe experiences. Please keep an eye out for updates for the Artisan Fair/Brisket Lunch, Corned Beef Sale and Party Time events as we move through the year. If you have new ideas or want to help, we would love to hear from you.

## Join In

Most of all we want our members to feel welcome. We do not want financial challenges to stop you from attending Temple functions and being a part our Community. If you or another member of the congregation is in need of assistance, reach out to the Temple Office, Rabbis or Board. We are here to support you.

Thank you! Questions? Email [treasurer@templebethor.com](mailto:treasurer@templebethor.com)

## Remember to Renew Your Shoppers Cards

If you shop at Kroger or Dorothy Lane Market, it's easy to support Temple Beth Or!

Register your Kroger Plus Card online, designating Temple Beth Or as your charity of choice. Our organization number is 81170. Then, every time you scan your Plus Card at Kroger for groceries, gas or gift cards, Temple will earn a percentage donated back to us.

Temple Beth Or participates in Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program. To participate, just register your DLM Club Card at [www.dorothylane.com/goodneighbor](http://www.dorothylane.com/goodneighbor). Our organization number is 215. Dorothy Lane Market also offers reloadable gift cards (sometimes known as SCRIP). Visit the customer service counter at your favorite store and ask for it to be applied to Temple Beth Or, organization number 1033. Reload these cards before you shop!

You must re-enroll in these programs annually so log in and check that your contributions are coming to our Temple.

## Presidents' Message

Temple Beth Or is embarking on its 36<sup>th</sup> Year! Unfortunately, we are celebrating double-*Chai* in a pandemic. So, time to rethink our incredible Rosh Hashanah *oneg* (sorry, Karen Granby), Rabbi Chessin's High Holy Day surprises, our in-person *Makor* experience, a founding families gathering, a Temple-wide gala, Party Times and other events.

But no worries! Temple Beth Or is doing what it does best: providing a warm, welcoming home for our Temple community ... and we are doing so in innovative ways. We have posted continuous "Daily Connection" posts on FaceBook, 135 of them as of August 20 and counting! Thanks to our rabbis and lay leaders, we've provided virtual weekly Friday night services; some of our long-time members who moved away have come to join us. Rabbi Azriel and the Education Committee have revamped *Makor* to provide a blended online education model with opportunities for in-person, parking, and socially-distanced family education programs. Rabbi Chessin and Rabbi Azriel are working tirelessly to provide a unique and satisfying High Holiday experience. Other annual events and 36<sup>th</sup> year celebratory events may look a little different this year, but we'll strive to make them as meaningful.

We may not be physically together, but Temple Beth Or is here for you. We look forward to an interesting and unforgettable year -- and celebrating life (twice over) -- with you! *L'Shanah Tovah!*

Co-Presidents John Granby & Karen Lindsay

## Some Giving Strategies Can Save Tax Liability

Giving to Temple Beth Or reaps many benefits, including potential tax savings for the giver.

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) are a unique tax strategy that allows individuals who are at least 70 ½ and have traditional or inherited IRAs to distribute up to

\$100,000 per year directly from their IRA to Temple Beth Or with no federal income tax consequences.

QCDs are not included in your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) so using this strategy can lower your income and may decrease the tax you pay on your Social Security in-

come.

The process is easy. The financial institution holding your IRA just makes the check payable directly to Temple Beth Or.

If you have questions contact your financial advisor or call the office at 937-435-3400.

### 2020-21 Member Support Forms

It is time again for you to submit your Member Support Commitment Form.

Member support forms for 2020-2021 were mailed at the beginning of August. The mailing contained member support information, answers to frequently asked questions, and your member commitment form. Please complete the form and mail it back as soon as possible. If you did not receive the mailing, please call the office to get one. Thank you! Questions? Email [treasurer@templebethor.com](mailto:treasurer@templebethor.com)





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## Legacy Giving Ensures Temple's Longevity



Harold Grinspoon Foundation as part of the Life and

Everyone, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, has the ability to leave a legacy to sustain Temple Beth Or. Temple has partnered with the Jewish Foundation of Greater Dayton and the

Legacy Program.

Life and Legacy provides support to Temple in organizing a strong planned giving program which increases our Endowment. Temple Beth Or is eligible for incentive grants if it receives enough Letters of Intent. To date, we have 23.

For more information, contact Rabbi Judy Chessin or Dan Sweeny. Call the Office at 937-435-3400 and we will help you make the connection.




**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

- Now - Application for Absentee/Vote-by-Mail available on-line or by mail
- Absentee applications will be mailed to all Ohio registered voters
- Week of September 7 - Absentee/Vote-by-Mail ballot applications will be mailed out
- September 8, 2020 - Voting begins for Overseas and Military
- October 5, 2020 - Deadline to change address
- October 5, 2020 - Deadline to register to vote
- October 6, 2020 - Absentee/Vote-by-Mail begins
- October 6, 2020 - Early-in-person voting begins
- November 2, 2020 - Absentee/Vote-by-Mail ballots postmark deadline
- November 2, 2020 - Early in-person voting ends at 2:00pm
- November 3, 2020 - Election Day Polls open from 6:30am-7:30pm. Drop off for Absentee/Vote-by-Mail ballot to Board of Election Office by 7:30pm



ABSENTEE/VOTE-BY-MAIL

[voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov)  
For more information, visit [jewishdayton.org/vote](http://jewishdayton.org/vote)



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# School in Session -- *Makor* in Motion



I am so excited to be joining the amazing family and community that is Temple Beth Or. The *Makor* program is an amazing source of Jewish education and

inspiration, and I am overjoyed to begin working with all the teachers and students in the program. Being offered the opportunity to continue building upon that passion at Temple Beth Or was and continues to be a true joy.

In early June, the Education Committee and I began discussing every contingency in order to bring *Makor* to your homes safely and without sacrificing educational quality. We started the planning process by ensuring we would still be able to have synchronous learning with live interactions between students and teachers. It has become more and more apparent that in-person classes, taking place as they have in past years, are not in the best interest of the health of our students, teachers, parents and stakeholders of the school. For that reason, we are announcing that *Makor* will continue in a blended online education model with opportunities for in-person, parking lot, family education programs, which will take place outside in a socially distanced fashion.

Our first day of *Makor* is September 13, 2020. It was initially planned for August 23rd, but in order to give families more time to accommodate online education and your day-school schedules, we have decided to delay the opening. On September 13th, we will have our first parking-lot program to kick off the High Holiday season. This exciting program will be filled with safe family activities, *Tikkun Olam* opportunities, live (distanced) music, and opportunities to fill out *Makor* registration forms (if not already done so) starting at 10:00am.

In addition to transitioning to online

educational opportunities, we have decided to change how we deliver classes to capitalize on shorter experiences online. We are so excited that we will be instituting a “big-school” model, which will begin every Sunday session with a short 20-minute lesson created by Rabbis Chessin and Azriel. Following this tv-show style lesson, all students will break out into smaller age groups and have short social/religious/musical experiences led by one of our amazing teachers. The schedule will be:

- 10:00-10:20 All school program with Rabbis Chessin and Azriel (all ages)
- 10:20-10:25 Transition to breakout Zoom rooms
- 10:25-10:40 Class & Music for Pre-K to 2nd grade
- 10:25-10:50 Class for 3rd-5th grade
- 10:25-11:00 Class for 6th grade and up

For students 2nd grade and below the entire Sunday School online experience will be less than 40 minutes, for 3rd through 5th grade, our school time will not exceed 50 minutes and all older students will be in class for no more than an hour. Our online sessions will begin at 10am and will start on October 11th.

As a part of our educational model this year, Temple Beth Or wants to ensure families’ abilities to take part in Jewish education on their own schedule. All families registered for *Makor* will be given access to an online education platform with hundreds of games, stories and activities for kids to watch and play on any device. This program should be a priceless resource for engaging students throughout the year when we cannot be in person.

Finally, our Hebrew program will undergo a change of its own. All Hebrew students will be offered 30-minute one-on-one lessons once a week. These lessons should provide ample opportunity to learn, maintain and advance Hebrew skills. After registering,

we will work together to determine a suitable time for both your family and our Hebrew tutors. Through the use of textbooks and online Hebrew platforms, we are striving to bring Hebrew alive and teach it just as well as we can in person. In addition to the one-on-one lessons, students will have the opportunity to practice skills online on multiple game and educational platforms which tutors can monitor.

The Education Committee and Board of Temple Beth Or recognize that our change in education comes with a need to consider the financial model and registration fees. Even though our expenses remain very similar, we have decided to reduce the registration fees for *Makor* this year. We have also chosen to charge per semester as we may have the ability to change our model in the spring, should it be safe to do so. The registration fee schedule is as follows:

- Students in Hebrew education - \$250 per semester
- Non-Hebrew Students - \$100 per semester

These fees will include access to all our online platforms, parking-lot family education experiences, and online live teaching on Sunday morning. Please note, we value education over any fee charged -- if the registration fee is burdensome to you and your family during at this time, we are happy to work out a plan or look at scholarship opportunities for your student(s). In addition, if you are in a place to support the congregation over and above the new registration fee, your support does not go unnoticed.

I want to thank you for your time and continued dedication and interest in *Makor* and bringing Jewish education alive. Our registration is live and can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/MakorReg](http://www.tinyurl.com/MakorReg). As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

*B’bracha* (with blessings)  
Rabbi Benjamin G. Azriel  
[rabbiazriel@templebethor.com](mailto:rabbiazriel@templebethor.com)





## **Makor Fall 2020 Schedule**

\*\*\*All programs at 10AM unless otherwise indicated\*\*\*

**September 13** – Family Education Parking Lot Program

**September 19** – Rosh Hashanah Parking Lot Shofar Concert & Service (11:30am)

**September 28** – Intergenerational Parking Lot Yom Kippur Family Service (1:00pm)

**October 11** – Online Education

**October 18** – Online Education

**October 25** – Online Education

**November 1** - Family Education Parking Lot Program

**November 8** – Online Education

**November 15** – Online Education

**November 22** – Online Education

**December 6** – Tikkun Olam Project

**December 13** - Family Education Parking Lot Program



# Adult Education

## Chai Mitzvah Begins September 3<sup>rd</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, beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Cost: \$40 (printed materials) or \$18 (PDF materials)

Questions: Contact Jan Maharam at 937-361-8157

## "Prosecuting Evil" September 8th

"Prosecuting Evil" tells the gripping story of the young lead prosecutor, Ben Ferencz, at the Nuremberg trials, who said, ". . . the only way we can stop injustice in the world is with justice." Ferencz' lifelong desire for justice is seen by many as altering the rule of law.

The Adult Education Committee (AEC) of Temple Beth Or and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton are pleased to invite you to join your fellow Temple Beth Or congregants and worshipers from Congregation Anshai Emeth in Peoria, IL for a ZOOM interactive discussion about the film, "Prosecuting Evil" on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Register at <https://templebethor.com/upcoming-adult-education-events/> by September 6<sup>th</sup> and you will be sent the link to see the film at no cost, through the generosity of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Dayton. A huge thank you to Jane Hochstein!

You will be able to view the film between the dates of Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 8.

You will also receive a few potential discussion questions to promote reflection. You are encouraged to bring your own ideas and questions to add to our discussion. Marcy L. Paul and Ruth Schumacher will facilitate and look forward to welcoming you to the conversation on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



## Tanach Study

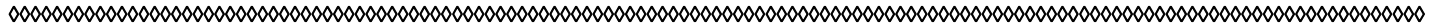
We will continue to hold our *Tanach* Study Sessions on Zoom on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Currently, we are studying the books of Chronicles, the final books of the Hebrew Scriptures. This will wrap up our decades long verse by verse study of the Hebrew Bible. If you were there at the beginning, you may want to call into Zoom to hear the exciting conclusion of our holiest of books. Look for links in the weekly Plan-It Beth Or.



Join Rabbis Azriel and Chessin and music director Mary 'Mahira' Rogers as they participate in a Community-wide *Selichot* service to usher in the High Holiday Season on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 p.m. The virtual Zoom service will stream live and feature Dayton Rabbis and the Dayton Jewish Chorale leaders. Register to be in Zoom with us: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_POyAs601RxeXkEoGc0HL\\_w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_POyAs601RxeXkEoGc0HL_w)



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**This year our greetings will be in video format!**

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*Suggested Donation Minimum \$18*

**Greetings: (Wish family, friends and congregants a Happy New Year.)**

<https://templebethor.com/greetings>

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**Memorial Book: (Memorialize Your Loved Ones)**

**This year our Memorial Book will be in digital format!**

Please visit the link below to submit your names and memorials.

*Suggested Donation Minimum \$10 per name*

<https://templebethor.com/memorials>

**Temple Beth Or Must Receive Your Submissions By September 14, 2020**







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# Together but Apart

Temple Beth Or invites you to join us  
for the High Holy Days.

We offer virtual and parking lot services  
for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

***Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 18***

LIVE Streaming New Year Seder, 6:30p

***Rosh Hashanah Morning, Sept. 19***

Daytime Streaming Service, 9:30a  
LIVE Parking Lot Shofar Service, 11:30a



**High Holy Days 5781  
with Temple Beth Or**

***Kol Nidre, Sept. 27***

Streaming Service, 6:30p

***Yom Kippur, Sept. 28***

Daytime Streaming Service, 9:30a  
LIVE Parking Lot Family Service, 1p

*Yizkor* Streaming Service, 5p  
LIVE *Ne'ilah* & BYOBreak Fast,  
on Zoom, 6:30p

Services will also stream Live on  
Facebook, YouTube  
& Templebethor.com