



# The Light

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☆ Today...and for Generations ☆

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## Sending Our Kids to College with Strength and Wisdom



As many of our families prepare to send children off to college, our hearts are filled with pride, excitement, and naturally, a bit of anxiety. This milestone marks a time of growth, independence, and discovery for our young adults. Yet, in recent years, we have also seen rising concerns about antisemitism on college campuses—incidents that can challenge our children's sense of safety and identity. As a community rooted in Jewish wisdom, how do we prepare our kids to navigate this new chapter with resilience and pride in who they are?

The Torah teaches us, "*Chanoch l'na'ar al pi darcho*" (Proverbs 22:6)—"Train a child according to their way." As our children head to college, we have an opportunity to equip them with tools to face challenges, including antisemitism, while staying grounded in their Jewish identity. Here are some ways to help "inoculate" our kids, assisting them in standing tall as Jews in any environment.

**Strengthen their Jewish identity at home.** Before they leave, foster a deep, positive connection to Judaism. Share stories of Jewish resilience—whether it's the courage of Jewish Biblical heroes or your own family's history. Encourage practices that feel meaningful to them, such as lighting *Shabbat* candles, studying a

Jewish text, or volunteering for a *tikkun olam* project. A strong sense of self as a Jew, rooted in joy and pride rather than fear or shame, serves as the best shield against those who may seek to diminish them.

**Teach them to recognize antisemitism.**

Antisemitism can take many forms—overt hostility, microaggressions, or even well-meaning but harmful stereotypes. Encourage open conversations about what they might encounter, such as biased comments in class, anti-Israel rhetoric that crosses into antisemitism, exclusion from social spaces, or anti-Israel protests in public squares. Share resources such as campus Hillel (<https://www.hillel.org/>) for solidarity, or Stand with Us (<https://www.standwithus.com/>), Camera (<https://cameraoncampus.org/about-us/>), or the Anti-Defamation League (<https://www.adl.org/resources/research-analysis>) to help them discern when criticism crosses the line into hate. Empower them to trust their instincts and to name what feels wrong.

**Provide them with responses.**

Not every situation calls for confrontation, but our kids should feel prepared to respond in ways that align with their values. What might they say if a professor makes an unfair generalization about Jews? How might they address a friend who shares an antisemitic meme? For example, they might say, "I hear your perspective, but that comment perpetuates a harmful stereotype about Jews. Can we talk about this?" Encourage them to seek allies—friends, faculty,



or campus organizations—who can amplify their voices.

**Connect them to Jewish campus life.**

Before they arrive on campus, help them locate Jewish communities such as Hillel, Chabad, or student-led Jewish groups. These spaces provide social connections and support during challenges. Many campuses feature vibrant Jewish life—encourage your child to join a *Shabbat* dinner or a Jewish learning event early on. These communities can be essential, offering a sense of belonging and resources if antisemitism occurs.

As parents, we can't shield our children from every challenge, but we can send them forth with the tools to shine as Jews in the world. This summer, engage in these conversations, no matter how difficult they may seem. Our synagogue is here to support you. We have spent the last 12 years of their schooling trying to equip them with Jewish literacy and instill a sense of pride in them.

May our children go from strength to strength, carrying the light of Torah and the warmth of our community wherever they may go.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Judy Chessin



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Sarah Adams, Hagen Blimbaum, Bob Buerki, Deb Char, Arlene Graham, Jonathan Graham, Melissa Guadalupe, Neil Kahn, Benjy Klein, Ruth Schumacher, Laurie Verson, and Peter Wells.

Temple Beth Or extends its deepest sympathy to:

Bill and Stephanie Kirtland and Family on the passing of Stephanie's father, Dr. Ron Solomon.



## Send in Your Grads!

Temple Beth Or would like to congratulate members who are graduating! Please send info and a photo of your grad to [thelight@templebethor.com](mailto:thelight@templebethor.com)

## June 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.

### June 6

Bernard Berks 6/4  
Seymour Miller 6/4  
Dewey Reich 6/4  
Arnold Jefferson Rosenkranz 6/4  
Joseph Schleizinger 6/4  
Roslyn Sureck 6/6  
Janet Binstein 6/8  
Esther Browman 6/8  
Herbert Bromberg 6/9  
David Jacobs 6/9  
Anita Rendler 6/9  
Robert Merritt 6/10

### June 13

Margot Fried 6/11  
Joseph Briskin 6/12  
Elizabeth Kruke 6/12  
Bess Kruke Newburger 6/12  
Mandy Rendler 6/13  
Frances Levine 6/14  
Eugene A. Kleinman 6/15  
Mary Scott 6/15  
Nancy Self 6/16  
Jennie Walder 6/16  
Ann Cuttler 6/17  
Mary Lemon 6/17

### June 20

Hank Adler 6/18  
Sam Fiddler 6/18  
Leah Gross Green 6/18  
Oscar Green 6/18  
Rabbi Uriel D.H. Smith 6/18  
Herman Sherline 6/19  
Sarah Zirkle 6/19  
Edgar Slotkin 6/21  
Edward Reich 6/22  
Joseph Zendlovitz 6/22  
Henry Rochelle 6/23

### June 27

Harris Burte 6/26  
Steven M. Cohen 6/26  
Donna Yagley 6/27  
Ruth Franklin 6/29  
Frederick L. Rieger 6/29  
Paula Shaiman 6/29  
Miriam Reich Blumberg 6/30  
Joanie Horwitz 6/30  
Richard Sachs 6/30

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*In Memory of:*

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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.



## "Lettuce' do a Mitzvah"

It's time to gather once again at the Dayton Foodbank.

It's the usual drill. Please promote the event to your fellow congregants, friends and colleagues to volunteer with us. We need 20 people, age 16 or older.

**We are scheduled to volunteer on June 11, 2025 (Wednesday)**

1-3 p.m. (Please arrive by 12:45pm)

The Foodbank at 56 Armor Place, Dayton, OH

**RSVP by June 6, 2025**

Sign up by reply email to: [bonnie.jjysp@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.jjysp@gmail.com)

Must wear closed-toe shoes.

**Thank you all so much for your proven commitment to this community effort.**

**It's been a wonderful way to meet new people across our respective synagogues/organizations!**

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## June Chai-Lights

### Friday, June 6, 6:15 p.m. In Person & Streaming

"Rock of Ages" *Shabbat*: Marc Rossio rocks the house as he and Rabbi Judy Chessin lead a creative and Musical *Shabbat* Service followed by *Oneg Shabbat*.

### Friday, June 13, 6:15 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Family *Shabbat*: Join us for Family *Shabbat* led by Rabbi Chessin with theme snacks included.

### Saturday, June 14, 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, June 19, 6:00 p.m. In Person

Navigating Loss: Visit [Templebethor.com](http://Templebethor.com) for information and to RSVP.

### Friday, June 20, 5:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Musical *Shabbat* Service with Choir: Pre-neg at 5:30 p.m. followed by 6:15 p.m. *Shabbat* Service led by Rabbi Judy Chessin, featuring the Temple Beth Or Choir under the direction of Mary 'Mahira' Rogers.

### Friday, June 27, 5:30 p.m. In Person

*Shabbat* Service: Temple Beth Or's Annual picnic. Outdoor (weather permitting) *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service followed by cookout. Temple will provide hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers. You bring side items and desserts.

### Saturday, June 28, 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.

