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Our Learning Will Be Sweet



For most Jews, education is a top priority. That is one of the reasons Temple Beth Or's efforts are focused so intensely on our *Makor* religious education program. A significant part

of our Temple budget and personnel resources create a comprehensive preschool - 12-grade experiential learning environment. The Hebrew word *Makor* (the name of our religious school) means "source," chosen because Temple Beth Or believes that creating literate, active, moral, and resilient children is the source of Jewish continuity. We aim to give an excellent moral upbringing for our children grounded in Jewish values, create an environment with Jewish friends in a supportive, active community, and prepare students with Hebrew skills not just for *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* but to become literate Jews who will be comfortable in any synagogue setting they may encounter.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (z'l) speaks of passing Jewish literacy as an inheritance akin to a stately home to the next generation. "You live in it, but you don't really own it. It's handed on to you by your ancestors, and it's your task to hand it on to future generations intact, preserved, if possible beautified, and enhanced, and you do so willingly because you know that this is your legacy. It's what makes your family different, special. To lose



it, sell it, or let it fall into ruins would be a kind of betrayal."

As we dealt with the pandemic these past two years, *Makor* remained active, creative, and flexible. While attendance on Zoom was phenomenal, we also enhanced our youth's engagement with outdoor, socially distant programs. This year, we opened our weekly *Makor* sessions in person with masks and adjustments for health and safety.

So now, as Temple Beth Or reopens, it is time to celebrate our students and educators at an in-person *Shabbat* Service. We have not been able to honor our Consecrants (our newest students), our Confirmants (our tenth-grade students), our High School Graduates, or our Teachers for the past two years in our synagogue. Thus, we anticipate a joyous

live **Shabbat Service of Recognition, Initiation, and Graduation** on Friday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. We hope that the older students will share their wisdom with our youngest learners and that all our *Makor* learners can share gratitude for their teachers. The service of song, celebration, and congratulations will be followed by a Graeter's Ice-cream bar in Levin Hall so that "our learning will be sweet."

Makor is the source of our Temple's most significant efforts. We strive to create knowledgeable students who will carry their Jewish identity with pride. Judaism is our legacy, "stately home," and a gift we strive to hand down to our children. Let us recommit to this critical mission together "now and for generations."

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.



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Temple Beth Or owns burial plots in Temple's peaceful, beautiful and serene section of David's Cemetery. These plots are available for purchase by Temple members in good standing.

**PURCHASE YOUR BURIAL PLOT PRIOR TO THE
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Call Temple at (937) 435-3400 for additional information and assistance.

Makor...A Year in Review



On May 13th, we will rejoice in the Consecration and the Confirmation of many students whose deserved day of celebration has been put off because of the pandemic. Celebrating with all of our young students and our high school classes is a day I look forward to every year. Marrying these two celebrations into one event is sure to be an exciting evening where older students can reminisce about the days when they were just young students. Meanwhile, our little ones can look up to our High Schoolers as a model for what it means to be a part of our *Makor* community. I know that the joy this day will bring is what sustains me throughout the year as I plan, evaluate, educate and administer the *Makor* program.

In addition, on May 13th, we will honor the hard work and dedication that all of our *Makor* teachers have put into the past school year. Many of our teachers have been with us for years and years; they can attest to the fact that teaching in *Makor* in 2021-22 is nothing like they have ever had to do before. In ensuring our students' safety, our teachers have taken on the heavy burden of creating lessons and programs which provide each of our students with a meaningful Sunday morning. From Hebrew to Bible to History to Media, our teachers



have been an outstanding group of dedicated staff. They rightfully deserve our gratitude both in this article and that we will show on May 13th.

To all of our teachers: Scott Beckerman, Deb Char, Rachel Dillon, Sophia Goldberg, Annette Nathan, Alicia Ostrow, Renee Perry, Mary Rogers, Esther Weiss, Evan Weiss, Jay Weiss, and Sarah White, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all that you do every Sunday morning to make *Makor* the warm and exciting learning environment that it is. As our tagline says, *Makor* is "not your Bubbe's Sunday School," which is true because of the thought you put into all that you do.

I also want to thank Donna Brodnick and Gayle Jenkins for all of their work behind the scenes to make *Makor* happen. Donna is behind me every day of the week,

getting all the administration of *Makor* in line. In addition, Gayle constantly helps me by creating fantastic graphics, flyers, websites, and all things visual. *Makor* (and I) thank you sincerely.

Of course, Rabbi Chessin is instrumental in creating not just the High School program but being a resource for all of our teachers and for me to whom we can turn.

And finally, to our *Makor* students and their families: we know that giving up a Sunday morning week after week is not always top of mind. But your dedication to our community and Judaism is felt every time you walk through our doors. As we close this school year and look toward the next, we anxiously await your return in the fall of 2022.

Until then, we say *L'hitratot*, see you later!

Rabbi Ben Azriel

Corned Beef Sandwich Sale “Hit It Out of the Ballpark”

Thanks to the hard work of the Temple Beth Or family, this year’s Corned Beef Sandwich Sale hit it out of the ballpark, raising nearly \$8,000. This was our third “annual” sale. We managed to get the Second Annual Sale in under the wire in early March of 2020. Holding the sale in 2021 was not an option. However, we came back big and strong this year.



Thank you to the very committed and loyal Corned Beef Sale Committee. These Temple Beth Or members planned for months to make sure that the sale was a success: co-chair Jake Elder, Scott Segalewicz, Caryl Segalewicz,

Paula Gessiness, Jane Pearl, Bill Fried, Claudia Fried, Marc Siegel, Teri Halasz, Susan Diamond, David London, and Corky Katz. Thanks to their planning and preparation, this year’s sale ran like a well-oiled machine.

No undertaking this large can happen without the support of many volunteers. Thank you to Marni Flagel, Wendy Rachlin, Roger Pankake, Ruth Schumacher, Rachael Booth, Shara Taylor, Ira Segalewicz, Andrea Abrams, Gary Holstine, Gina Kahn, Neil Kahn, Miriam DeLaCruz, Mark Gruenberg, Caryl Weckstein, Don Weckstein, Matt Lindsay, Karen Lindsay, Cadi Polk, Robyn Buelte, Marissa Sucusky, Stephanie Kirtland, Summer Pachman, Eric Pachman, Ellen Lauber, Alex Briskin, Leslie Buerki, Alex Pearl, Phil Dreety, Barb Mendoza, Barb Cantwell, Hindy Gruber, Dena Briskin, Rachel Gilbert, Karen Granby, John Granby, Elissa Dinsmore, Helen Markman, Scott Beckerman, Marilyn Marx, Eva Clair, Maxine Halasz, Helene Adler, Jay Holland, Melissa Guadalupe, Harold Guadalupe, Ed Wolff, Mary 'Mahira' Rogers, and Deb Zendlovitz. I apologize if you volunteered and I failed to thank you in this list. Please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

A special word of thanks goes out to the Halasz family. Teri is on our committee and Mike has been a sponsor every year. Jerry Halasz kindly promoted the event on the radio. A big shout out to Rachel Halasz who baked ALL of the delicious brownies that were included in the lunches. Thank you!

Of course, thank you to Rabbi Chessin and Rabbi Azriel. Thank you to Donna Brodnick for keeping track of all of the moving parts. Thank you to Gayle Jenkins for helping us to promote the event.

A heartfelt “Thank You” to our very generous sponsors and donors. We could not have done this without them.

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Hope to see you at next year’s Corned Beef Sandwich Sale!

Jane Briskin, Committee Co-chair

Adult Education

Chai Mitzvah Returns May 5th at 7:00 p.m. 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.

We invite you to register online and join us for *Chai Mitzvah* – a personal Jewish journey to share with friends. *Chai Mitzvah* has groups in 39 states and 6 countries.



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

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!



Governor Mike DeWine invites you to join him for the 42nd Annual

GOVERNOR'S HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION



Featuring a conversation with **Rebecca Erbelding**, historian, archivist, and curator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and author of *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*

Monday May 9, 2022 | 1:30 PM
Zoom webinar

Also including:

- Holocaust Survivor Conrad Weiner
- Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services Director Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenurst and liberator Henry Armstrong
- Remarks from Ohio House Speaker Robert Cupp
- Remarks from Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman
- Benediction by Rabbi Judy Chessin, Temple Beth Or, Dayton

In partnership with Ohio Jewish Communities and the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center



May Chai-Lights

Thursday, May 5, 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 page 6 for more info.

Friday, May 6, 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, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

Minch-Havdalah Bar Mitzvah of Jake Buetel.

Monday, May 9, 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

Governor's Holocaust Commemoration: Please see page 6 for more information.

Friday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Consecration, Confirmation, Graduation with Rabbis Azriel and Chessin and Mary 'Mahira' Rogers. Join us in celebrating our oldest and youngest students in a wonderful program which will bring together both of these important ceremonies. Ice cream bar and special gift from Rabbis Chessin and Azriel to follow.

Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees.

Friday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Shabbat Service celebrating the life of Joe Bettman with choir.

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees.

Friday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. Streaming

Join Rabbi Judy Chessin and Rabbi Ben Azriel for a pre-recorded, streaming Shabbat Service.



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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>

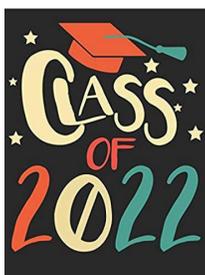
Commemorative Opportunities:



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*



Send in Your Grads

We are so proud of our graduates and what they have accomplished!

Temple Beth Or would like to congratulate members who are graduating this year in the June issue of *The Light*.

Please send information and a photo of your graduate to thelight@templebethor.com by May 18. Include the next step they plan. College graduates and non-traditional students are welcome too!



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