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☆ Today...and for Generations ☆

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Trick or Treat?



Some Jews are leery of observing Halloween with its pagan roots, promotion of ghosts and demons, and encouragement of greed as kids go door to door and demand treats.

Perhaps the only non-controversial feature of the day is the CANDY itself.

For Jews, candy is a year-round necessity. Our people have a confection for every occasion, whether Passover fruit jelly chews, Hanukkah gelt, or Bazooka Bubble gum with microscopic Hebrew comics.

Less than 100 years ago, Jewish-owned candy stores dotted the entire landscape of the Lower East Side of New York. In 1929 fully 80 percent of the nations' small candy



stores were owned by Jews. Many of our immigrant ancestors started selling homemade confections out of their pushcarts and only later opened storefronts.

For instance, Economy Candy just reopened last month in New York, after a year's closure due to the pandemic. The store started as a tiny candy cart. After the war, Morris (Moishe) Cohen rented a store and sold candy, chocolate, fruits, nuts,

and kosher baskets. He would drag large sacks of fruits, nuts, and penny candies outside and schmooze up his customers. Economy Candy is New York City's oldest retail candy store that is still owned and run by Jews.

In honor of the season, Temple Beth Or will observe a fully Kosher CANDY Shabbat on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. with a candy buffet, thematic songs, and Jewish candy trivia. Plan to sample and discover the Jewish background of some of your favorite sweets.

Temple Beth Or offers this hallowed Sabbath eve celebration for our youngsters to provide a Jewish outlet for their sweet tooth. And, if they choose to come in their Purim costumes, all the better. No matter what your age, or your feelings about Halloween, savor the sweet taste of CANDY Shabbat without having to weather the elements.

Shalom,

Rabbi Judy Chessin



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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.



UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES

- Effective immediately, masks are mandatory for all activities.
- If you are an unvaccinated adult, please observe *Shabbat* and holiday worship from the safety of your home. Services will be streamed on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.
- Social distancing and hand washing remain important facets of protection.

We ask that you observe these common sense recommendations so that Temple Beth Or can reopen in the safest way possible.

Makor in Full Swing!



We are back in person, and it feels so good!

Makor has started again, and we are so excited to have our students

back in our building, filling our classrooms with Jewish education, Hebrew learning, Confirmation conversations, laughter, and joy.

I want to say a few words to thank several people that have helped us get back in person. First, the *Makor* education committee — this team has mapped out what will hopefully be a very successful year ahead. In addition, to our teachers who come to *Makor* every Sunday ready to bring experiential education to life. To our *Makor* parents, we thank you for trusting your kids with us and allowing us to get to know them. And to our students, we appreciate your great attitudes, smiles, and laughter every Sunday morning.

As you may know, we take our students, teachers, and community's health as the utmost essential item. The Jewish teaching *pikuach nefesh*,



which teaches about the importance of life and the preservation of life, is at the core of everything we do this year.

That is why we want to impress upon everyone the importance of getting your vaccine when it is your turn. We hope that your younger students will become eligible very soon, giving us another tool in the toolkit to keep our students safe. In addition, masks continue to be required as the best way to prevent any further spread.

Finally, flu season is right around the corner, and we want to encourage everyone to continue to protect themselves and others by vaccinat-



ing against the flu.

We have already had a great start to our year with a stop-in from Aaron the High Priest at *Yom Kippur*, accompanied by his goat flock. And at *Rosh Hashanah*, who could forget the foam pit that helped wash us clean of our sins as we start the new year. Our *sukkah* was decorated with student art projects, and there is so much left to do.

Makor is back, and we are so excited to welcome your students back to our classrooms. We look forward to a great year ahead.

B'shalom,
Rabbi Ben Azriel



Longstanding Member Profile: The Guadalupe Family

Get to know the Guadalupe family – Melissa, Harold and sons: Jason, Adam and Benjamin. Both Melissa and Harold grew up in New Jersey but didn't meet until they were both pre-med students at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Melissa switched to clinical psychology, which brought her to Ohio to earn a PhD in child psychology from Ohio University. Harold followed to attend medical school at Wright State University, and they continued to seek post-graduate programs in the same geographic area. Today they live in Kettering. Melissa teaches a variety of psychology classes at the University of Dayton and engages in private clinical practice one day a week. Harold is an emergency room doctor at Miami Valley Hospital.



The Guadalupes joined Temple Beth Or when the boys were young and immediately became involved in the religious school; the boys as students and the parents as engaged parents and volunteers. During her sons' time in the school, Melissa joined the Board and served as chair of the Education Committee for six years. Harold participated when his work schedule permitted and they are still active. Melissa is currently on the Building Reopening Committee and helps with many events, and the entire family pitches in when the need arises.

The Covid situation threw a wrench in the elder Guadalupes' plans to be empty nesters. All three sons came home when the world shut down. For them, the situation has a silver lining. The parents are enjoying the bonus time with their boys and getting to know them as adults. Sorry, but we didn't interview the sons. Jason is working as an EMT and preparing to apply to medical school. Adam recently graduated from Miami University with a degree in music education and is working at Target until things get less crazy. Benjamin is starting his junior year in psychology at the University of Rhode Island.

The family enjoys outdoor activities and travel. Locally, they enjoy hiking and exploring trails off the beaten path. Inside activities include just hanging out together, playing board games, working jigsaw puzzles, and watching sports. One of their most memorable trips was a visit to Ecuador, where Harold grew up, followed by a visit to the Galapagos and many of the nearby islands. After being rescheduled three times, Melissa hopes her five-week teaching abroad assignment in Florence, Italy happens on schedule. Harold and the three boys are all making plans to visit.

Call For Vendors!

The Artisan Fair and Brisket Lunch is looking for vendors! Handmade items strongly preferred. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email Karen Lindsay at judaicashop@templebethor.com.



Save The Date!

Artisan Fair and Brisket Lunch

Sunday, December 5th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Torah Live! 2nd Saturday of each month IN PERSON

Starting October, Temple Beth Or will begin with a Shabbat morning Torah-focused Shabbat service. Each 2nd Saturday of the month will include an in-depth Torah reading and Parashat hashavuah (Torah study). On October 9, at 10 a.m., we will worship together and then explore the Torah portion of Noah, focusing on controversies and commentaries. Was Noah a righteous person or simply good in comparison with others? Were there 2 or 7 of each kind of animal on the ark? Did God promise never to destroy the earth again? What's with the raven and the dove? These are among the stories we will explore through the lens of ancient and modern midrash.

Adult Education

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story October 13th

Do you like to read, but don't have time, so you prefer short stories? Have we got a program for you! Once a month, or every so often, read a Jewish short story (and we mean short), and come to a follow-up discussion. You will make new friends, renew your current friendships, and deepen your understanding of Jewish life through the ages in a welcoming, engaging forum.



<https://templebethor.com/upcoming-adult-education-events/>

American Jews & Race Relations: A History of Rocky Relationships

Barb Katz will be joining us for a two part presentation on the history of the rocky relationship between American Jews and American Blacks. Barb will start with slave trade in the 17th Century and culminate with a few comments about the current situation post the murder of George Floyd. Throughout the presentations, we will learn how the two communities interacted in good times and in bad, while working to make America a better place to live. Please help the Adult Education Committees of Temple Beth Or and Temple Israel in welcoming her to our programs by joining us on October 11th and 20th from 6:30pm-8pm. This is a Zoom event and only requires one registration for both parts.

Dates: October 11th and 20th from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Registration: <https://go.oncehub.com/HistoryOfRockyRelationships>

Chai Mitzvah Returns November 4th 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.

What is *Chai Mitzvah*?: *Chai Mitzvah* is a personal Jewish journey to share with friends. Groups exist in 39 states and 6 countries. This new *Chai Mitzvah* group focuses on critical conversations (e.g., What is modern day idolatry? How do we reconcile faith in the presence of evil?)

Cost: \$0

What is involved?: Reading a short overview of the topic (which AEC will send you) on your own and then participating in a group ZOOM discussion

When does the group meet?: first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., starting Nov 4. The group will meet once a month for 5 months.

How does the group function? Participants will be asked to take turns facilitating the discussion. It's easy — discussion questions along with related reading are sent to all (to review prior to each month's meeting).

How do I get the materials?: Materials will be sent to you via email, after you register. Kindly register by October 20. Contact the ruth.schumacher@wright.edu for questions/more info.

Register Online: <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!

October Chai-Lights

Friday, October 1, 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, October 2, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees. Hear the Genesis stories in a new way!

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Streaming

Join Rabbi Chessin in the sanctuary as we spend a Sabbath focus on the *Parashat HaShavuah*. We will read and study the Torah portion Noah with a focus on commentaries and controversies.

Monday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

American Jews & Race Relations: Barb Katz will join us for a two part presentation on the history of the rocky relationship between American Jews and American Blacks. This program is offered by the Adult Education Committee (AEC). Please see page 6 for more information.

Wednesday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Read and discuss a Jewish short story in a welcoming, engaging forum. This program is offered by the Adult Education Committee (AEC). Please see page 10 for more information.

Friday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

Join the choir led *Shabbat* service under the direction of Mahira Rogers and accompanied by Diann Bromberg.

Saturday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group as we continue to explore the book of Jubilees. Hear the Genesis stories in a new way!

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

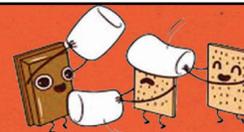
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Friday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Join Rabbi Ben Azriel for streaming *Shabbat* Service. Bring your own candles, challah and wine for blessing.

Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Pararabbi Lorraine Fortner and Mary 'Mahira' Rogers for a musical *Shabbat* morning celebration.



Party Time! S'more Fun

Roast hot dogs over a bonfire. Then step into a barn built in the 1800's where you'll find fixings and sides to make the perfect "dog". For dessert, it's back to the bonfire to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. You will be able to visit with the third owners of a circa 1840 Centerville farm.

When: Saturday, October 23rd, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Ross Family Farm, 1200 Forest Walk Drive

Cost: \$20/ adult, \$10/child 3-10 years of age, 2 and under free

RSVP: October 15th, Temple office 937-435-3400

Hosts: Marsha & Steve Goldberg and Sue & Ron Nelson

Maximum number of people: 40

Open to the public



Saturday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.: Party Time!

S'more Fun!: Roast hot dogs over a bonfire. Then step into a barn built in the 1800's where you'll find fixings and sides to make the perfect "dog". For dessert, it's back to the bonfire to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Please see flyer on this page.

Friday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

CANDY Shabbat: Learn the origins of your favorite Jewish treats and sample from our Candy Buffet with Rabbi Chessin and Mary 'Mahira' Rogers.



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