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☆ Today...and for Generations ☆

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The Tilted *Mezuzah* and the Timely *Shabbat*



Why is the *mezuzah* tilted? Almost 1,000 years ago, the great medieval commentator *Rashi* taught that a *mezuzah* should be placed vertically. Fifty years after *Rashi*, his grandson,

Rabbeinu Tam, taught that a *mezuzah* should be placed horizontally.

Eventually, a compromise was reached, and, to this day, the optimum way to hang a *mezuzah* is at a 45-degree angle. We pass this symbol of compromise every time we enter our homes or synagogues. It reminds us of God's presence and the need to compromise.

Deciding what time to begin our *Erev Shabbat* service requires such careful adjudication. Each of us has unique needs and preferences regarding *Shabbat* observance. Some members believe our services are too early to have dinner and get to Temple. Others say Temple Beth Or's *Shabbat* celebration is too late for their children to enjoy, and they can't wait to eat dinner after *Shabbat*. We have taken all these factors into account in our decision-making process.

Traditional Friday *Kabbalat Shabbat* was meant to be a short service before sunset, followed by families attending homes to celebrate all night at their dining table. The early Reform movement moved services to late Friday night for a longer, fuller liturgy when Saturday morning *Shabbat* services were not well attended. In the congregation where I



grew up, *Erev Shabbat* services began at 8:15 pm, a uniform time in most Reform Congregations. Urban legend states that the quarter hour accommodated those Cincinnati Reform Jews who would go from synagogue to Music Hall since it was a fifteen-minute walk between Plum Street Temple and Music Hall.

In the spirit of our Reform forebearers and the ancient concession to compromise, Temple Beth Or will begin all our 5785 Friday night services at 6:15 pm, preceded or followed by food. This new schedule is not just about the timing of our services but also about coming together as a community to share in the joy of *Shabbat*. The schedule will be as follows:

First Friday of the month: 6:15 pm Rock of Ages *Shabbat* with Marc Rossio followed by an *Oneg Shabbat*

Second Friday: Family *Shabbat* dinner at 5:30 pm followed by 6:15 pm service led by our *Makor* Students

Third Friday: "*Pre-neg*" *Shabbat* reception at 5:30 pm, followed by 6:15 pm service featuring our choir (led by Mary "Mahira" Rogers).

Fourth Friday: Potluck *Shabbat* dinner, 5:30 pm *kiddush*, candles, hors d'oeuvres, 6:15 pm service, and dinner to follow.

Fifth Friday 6:15 pm service.

We hope to invigorate our *Oneg Shabbat* and "*pre-neg*" reception hosting. We ask only for a simple tray of fruit, cheese, or cookies. The Temple will provide *challah*, wine, and juice. It would be lovely if our members would choose a date and remember a beloved for *yahrtzeit* or mark a happy occasion, birthday, or anniversary. Please call the Temple office if you would like to celebrate or commemorate with your Temple Family.

Shalom,
Rabbi Judy Chessin



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Our Lives

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:

Sarah Adams, Arlene Graham, Neil Kahn, Benjy Klein, Ron Solomon, Laurie Verson, and Peter Wells.

The congregation extends a hearty *Mazel Tov* to:

Stuart and Mimi Rose on the marriage of daughter Tanya to Kyle Mecca.
Marni Flagel on the marriage of her daughter Aly Flagel to Ken Smith.

Our Adult Hebrew class is sad to announce the passing of our classmate and Temple Beth Or supporter, Susan J. Klenke.

Honorable *Mensch-en*

We send congratulations to:

Scott Segalewiz on his outstanding achievement of being awarded the Frederick J. Berger Award at this year's American Society of Engineering Education annual conference. We are proud of you, Scott!

Ira Segalewitz for receiving the Robert A. Shapiro Award from the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

Joan and Peter Wells, who received the Joe and Elaine Bettman Tzadik Award.

Dan Sweeny who was installed as the new Board President of JFGD.

September *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.

September 6

Gustav Carsch 9/4
Thelma Karp 9/4
Mary Seidenschmidt 9/4
Scott Nelson 9/5
Eddie Rose 9/6
Isadore Schwarzvart 9/6
Tom Carsch 9/7
Abraham Moltz 9/7
Max Reich 9/7
Mindy Ross Lakin 9/8
Kurt S. Farnbacher 9/9
Howard Kolodny 9/9
Aaron Lauber 9/9
Ellie Waldbaum-Baier 9/9
Martin Cauper 9/10
Randal Knight 9/10

September 13

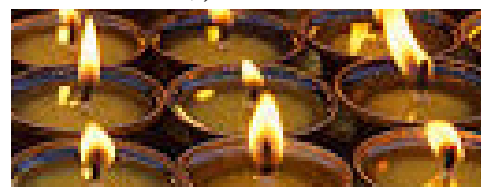
Richard Lyden 9/11
Max Scheiner 9/11
Isaac Kruke 9/12
Jerome Sherman 9/12
Radene Goldberg Stump 9/12
Numa Lavy 9/14
Jean Shwartz 9/14
Freda Swillinger 9/14
Miriam Burte 9/15
Kayla Klein 9/16
Sol J. Weiner 9/16

September 20

Cecelia Spiegelman 9/20
Malcolm Block 9/21
David Shapiro 9/22
Maria Weissblat 9/22
Pasha Bettman 9/23
Senia Katz 9/23
Tina Marie Kleinman 9/24

September 27

Tina Marie Kleinman 9/24
Stanley Goldberg 9/25
Gus Holstine 9/25
Pat Factora 9/26
Ruth Penn 9/26
Lori Etta Ellman 9/27
Ted Halasz 9/27
Bill Lanham 9/27
Sam Novick 9/27
Paul Molnar 9/28
William Alfred Clark 10/1
Martin J. Dicker 10/1
Leo Finkelstein, Jr. 10/1



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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In Celebration of:

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Sylvan Holstine

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Blanche Holstine

Gary Holstine

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Paula Gessiness

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By: Marni Flagel

thank
you!

Todah Rabba

A special thanks to all those

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Shabbat services:

Mary 'Mahira' Rogers

Renee Peery

Marty Jacobs

Stuart Merl

Addie Dillon

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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





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Makor מקור

WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

DROP IN: 10AM - NOON

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SESSION

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JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

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>

Adult Education

Chai Mitzvah Thursday, Sept. 12th 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 September 25

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)



Veterans' Brunch September 15



Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America

In honor of Labor Day, JWV post 587 will be hosting a Veterans brunch event on Sunday September 15. It will be held at Temple Beth Or (5275 Marshall Rd. Dayton, OH 45429). Veterans, partners of veterans, family members of veterans and individuals who have an interest in Jewish Veterans affairs are invited to attend. The event will kick off at 10:30 am. The speaker will be Ehud Borovoy. His topic will be the war in Israel, soldier/citizen perspective. Reservation required. RSVP to Ira Segalewitz at isegalewitz@gmail.com or 937-287-2948 Cost is \$10 a person.

Information About JWV Post 587

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) is a premier voice for Jewish uniformed service members and veterans in the United States. Our mission is to honorably serve and advocate for all service members, fight anti-Semitism, and support the State of Israel. We believe that Jewish men and women serve heroically in the military forces during peacetime and war.

Contact Information:

Phone: 937-430-3611

Email: neilkahn54@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.jwv.org/>

Contact Person: Neil Kahn, Commander, Post 587

September Chai-Lights

Friday, September 6, 6:15 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. Followed by *Oneg Shabbat*.

Saturday, September 7, 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, September 12, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom
Chai Mitzvah: Please see page 6 for information.

Friday, September 13, 5:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Family *Shabbat* & Dinner: Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Family *Shabbat* Service at 6:15 p.m. led by our *Makor* students.

Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. In Person
Veterans' Brunch: Please see page 6 more details.

Friday, September 20, 5:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Musical *Shabbat* Service with Choir: Join us for a "Pre-neg" *Shabbat* Reception, hosted by our Adult Hebrew Class in honor of Cynthia Simmons joining the Jewish people, at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Musical *Shabbat* Service at 6:15 featuring the Temple Beth Or Choir, led by Mary 'Mahira' Rogers.

Saturday, September 21, 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, September 25, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom
An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Please see page 6 for information.

Friday, September 27, 5:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Potluck *Shabbat*: Join us at 5:30 p.m. for Kiddush candles and hors d'oeuvres, 6:15 *Shabbat* Service, and Potluck Dinner to follow.



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

In-person and live streaming services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, Oct. 2

7:30 p.m. In-Person and Live Streaming

Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, Oct. 3

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Live Streaming

12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Family Interactive Service

Kol Nidre, Friday, Oct. 11

7:30 p.m. In-Person and Live Streaming Service

Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 12

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Live Streaming Service

12:00 p.m. Family Interactive Service

2:00 p.m. The Heart of Israel Society:

Reflections from Rabbi Azriel's Recent Journey in Israel

4:30 p.m. *Yizkor* Service, In-Person and Live Streaming

5:30 p.m. *Ne'ilah*, In-Person and Live Streaming

Break the Fast to follow

Visit templebethor.com for service times & updates



Help Make Our New Year Sweet!

If you are willing to help sweeten our *Rosh Hashanah* evening reception (Wednesday, October 2), sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/shana-tovah>



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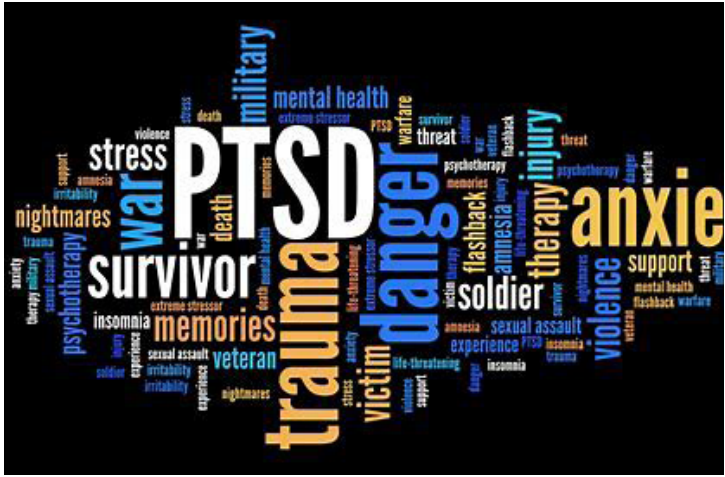
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Honoring Veterans, Healing Wounds: PTSD Awareness

Temple Beth Or is honoring the Greater Dayton Veterans' Community on Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 9:30 AM - 12 Noon with an important and timely program on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD affects thousands of our Veterans and can be a result of a single (or multiple) traumatic event and injuries. The effects of PTSD on our Veterans are long-lasting and frequently debilitating. Veterans' families can also be adversely affected.

This PTSD program will describe the causes, symptoms, and treatments of this condition. Also, this program will explore community and national resources available to support veterans and their families. The presentation will review how citizens can support our veterans and their families as they cope with the effects of PTSD.

Our speaker is Dr. Steve Taylor who is a Psychiatrist working for Kettering Health/Beavercreek Behavioral Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Taylor helps individuals afflicted with PTSD. Dr Taylor also served for 16 years in the United States Air Force and served in many different locations worldwide.



This program is free and open to the public. To register, please visit the Temple Beth Or Adult Education page:

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

Refreshments will be provided.
There will be several raffle prizes for our veterans.