

## "She's Everything and She's Everywhere"



The tagline for this summer's blockbuster Barbie movie claims, "She's everything, and she's everywhere."

And as we've long speculated, she is Jewish.

Barbie's heritage has been at-

tributed to her Jewish inventor Ruth Handler. Ruth was the 10th child of Polish-Jewish immigrants who never spoke English. Raised by her eldest sister, Ruth married her childhood sweetheart Elliot Handler, and together they founded the Mattel Toy Company in a friend's garage in 1944.

Handler noticed that the only dolls produced in the 1940s were baby dolls. Ruth realized that little girls wanted to play at being big girls, so she tried to get toy designers to create a model of a doll that girls would like to grow to become. The exclusively male toy executives refused, saying mothers would NEVER buy their daughters dolls with breasts!

On a European trip, Ruth found the perfect prototype – a European "adult" doll named "Lili" modeled after a cartoon character in a German tabloid newspaper. Ruth brought the doll back to America, and Lili became the model for Barbara Millicent Roberts. Barbie was released on March 9, 1959.

"My whole philosophy of Barbie was that through the doll, the little girl could be anything she wanted to be," said Handler. "Barbie always represented the fact that a woman has choices." Originally, Barbie was a

teen fashion model. Her outfits included 'Friday Night Date" and "Sorority Meeting." Later Barbie sported a Jacqueline Kennedy bob, and during the civil rights movement, Mattel created Barbie's first black friend named "Colored Francie." By the 1970s, as feminists criticized Barbie's disproportionate figure, the doll's anatomy changed, as did her career choices. Nurse Barbie became Surgeon Barbie in 1973. She swept the Olympics games in skating, skiing, and gymnastics in 1975. Barbie joined the army and ran for President in 1992! Today's doll line boasts 176 dolls with nine body types,

35 skin tones, and 94 hairstyles. Other recent additions include Barbies wearing hijabs, dolls with prosthetic limbs, hearing impairments, and hald heads

While to many, the original Barbie symbolizes an Anglo-Saxon woman with blonde hair and an unattainable figure, others have seen her as a Jewish icon, and the doll has even been a target of antisemitism.

In 2003, Saudi Arabia outlawed the sale of Barbie dolls. The state's religious police wrote: "Jewish Barbie dolls, with their revealing clothes and shameful postures, accessories, and tools, are a symbol of decadence to the perverted West. Let us beware of her dangers and be careful."

Even the cast of the Barbie movie includes some MOT (members of the tribe). British Jewish actor Kingsley Ben-Adir will play a Ken doll. Kingsley adopted the Hebrew name



Ben-Adir (son of the mighty) when he, his mother, and his brother converted to Judaism. Ariana Greenblatt will play a human named Sasha. Her Jewish heritage comes from her father's side, while her mother is Puerto Rican. Ana Cruz Kayne plays a Jewish Supreme Court Justice Barbie in the image of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and Hari Nef plays Dr. Barbie. She was born to a Jewish family in Philadelphia. Nef is an actor, writer, and activist and the first trans model to be signed by IMG Models.

So while Barbie, may not be explicitly Jewish, you can order a Barbie *Shabbat* set and Jewish-themed clothes and accessories on Etsy. And if you stretch it, you can claim that seeing the movie is a Jewish experience, as well!

*Shalom*, Rabbi Judy Chessin



### THE LIGHT

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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: Madalyn Ammons, Arlene Graham, Benjy Klein, Dave London, Carla Scherr, Ron Solomon, Laurie Verson, and Peter Wells.

The Congregation extends its deepest sympathies to: Ruth Schumacher and family on the passing of her husband Kenneth.

The congregation sends a hearty *Mazel Tov* to:

Dr. Marty and Martha Moody Jacobs on the birth of granddaughter June Elizabeth born to Samantha Skurdahl and Simon Jacobs this June.

Dave London was named Volunteer of the Year by the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Dave offered over 1,200 volunteer hours constructing. maintaining, and improving museum exhibits. His portrait now hangs near the museum entrance. May he go from strength to strength.

## July & August 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.

Helene Albert 7/5 Phil Friedman 7/6 Morris Kapustein 7/6 Charles Swerdlow 7/6 Richard Gruber 7/7 Hyman Lerner 7/7 Morris Ostrow 7/9 Koleman Schneidman 7/9 Rose Landerman 7/10 Katharine G. Rieger 7/10 Ann Lehrner 7/11 Sydell Merl 7/11

July 14

Sondra Zendlovitz 7/12 Meta Nathan 7/13 Harry N. Stein 7/14 Sam Cramer 7/15 Segundo Guadalupe 7/15 Nathan Nelson 7/15 Sanford Atkin 7/16 Morris Sureck 7/16 Rose Berks 7/17 Stuart Fickler 7/18 Nathan Rosengarten 7/18

July 21

Dr. Edward Fickler 7/20 Yetta Spaeth 7/20 Edwin Klein 7/21 Stanley Michelson 7/21 Paul Rachlin 7/21 Lorraine Schiff 7/21 Gennady Katz 7/22 Marcia Goldberg 7/23 Sylvia Ostrow 7/23 Judson Schuman 7/23 Harold Wise 7/23 Leon Lehrner 7/24 Albert Youra 7/25

July 28 Florence Fickler 7/26

Irwin Grossman 7/26 Carole Horwitz Lehrer 7/26 Irma Chamovitz 7/27 Suzanne Krull 7/27 Beverly Cearley 7/29 Doris Schuman 7/29 David Bernie 8/1 Eric Schiff 8/1 Leonard Solganik 8/1

August 4 Joseph Nalepka 8/2

Tillie C Rosengarten Nelson 8/2 Israel Berman 8/3 Shirley Hoffman 8/3 Samson M. Weckstein 8/3 Anne Skiller 8/4 Jack Groveman 8/5 Scott Kabakoff 8/5 Julia Grunbaum 8/6 Samuel Calig 8/7 Edith Holroyd 8/7 Robert Siegel 8/7 John D. Auldridge, Sr. 8/8

August 11

Harry Levenson 8/9 Charles L. Meyer 8/10 Lillian Meyers 8/10 Fanny K. Alcus 8/11 Samuel Silverman 8/11 Jeffrey Koerner 8/12 Stella Klein 8/14 Sylvan Holstine 8/15 Joanne Long 8/15 Judy Potasky 8/15 Shae Rosenblatt 8/15

August 18

Marc Low 8/16 Arthur Layman 8/17 Otto Farnbacher 8/19 Hannah Scheiner 8/19 B. Frank Scherr 8/21 Dora Solganik 8/21 Sarah Wagner 8/21 Renee Diamond 8/22 Morris Fishman 8/22 Irma M. Grant 8/22

August 25

Beatrice Schiffman 8/23 Blanche Holstine 8/24 Aaron Horwitz 8/24 Marlene Spalter 8/24 Sarah Berman 8/25 Lionel Levant 8/25 Theresa Merritt 8/25 Herbert Wagshul 8/25 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



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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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*In Memory of:* 

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In Memory of: Edgar Slotkin Ellen Lauber



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.

## Special Thanks to Lay-Leaders



Temple Beth Or thanks our lay-leaders for hosting services this summer:

Dr. Marty Jacobs Renee Peery Mary 'Mahira' Rogers The Temple Beth Or Choir Bill and Claudia Fried Ira Segalewitz

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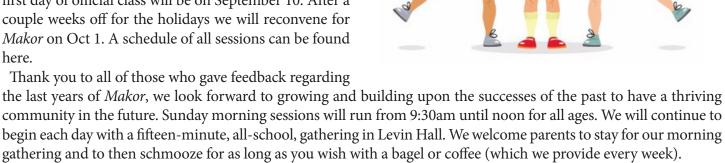


Dear Makor Students, Parents and Families:

*Makor* 2023-2024 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! Please visit https://templebethor.com/makor-religious-school/ to be taken to our online registration form. If you prefer a paper form, please contract Rabbi Azriel and we will be happy to provide one!

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 27, when we will be having 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 official class will be on September 10. After a couple weeks off for the holidays we will reconvene for *Makor* on Oct 1. A schedule of all sessions can be found here



We are excited to be working on parents' group programming three times throughout the year. Our first parents' group with be on October 29 from 9:45 to 10:45am. We will also meet on February 4, and April 21.

#### **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 and end at 1:30PM (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. \*\*

**Register for Makor:** https://templebethor.com/makor-religious-school/

Looking forward to enjoying another amazing year ahead!

*B'shalom*, Rabbi Azriel



# **Makor Whiph**

# 2023-2024 Makor Calander

# Fall 2023 Semester

August 27

September 10

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5

November 12

November 19

December 3

December 10

December 17

# Spring 2024 Semester

January 14 (↑↑ MLK Special Program ↑↑)

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January 21

January 28

February 4

February 11

February 25

March 3

March 10

March 17

April 7

April 14

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April 21

April 28

(↑↑ Passover Special Program ↑↑)

May 5

# **Breaks & Days Off**

September 3 (Labor Day)

September 17 (Rosh Hashanah)

September 24 (Yom Kippur)

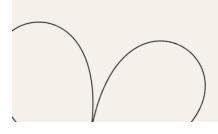
November 26 (Thanksgiving)

December 24 & 31 (Winter Break)

January 7 (MLK Observed)

Febuary 18 (President's Day)

March 24 & 31 (Spring Break)









**Abigail S. Frank** graduated from Clemson University. Daughter of Debbie Frank, Granddaughter of Caryl and Don Weckstein.



**Benjamin Guadalupe** graduated from the University of Rhode Island with majors in Psychology and Biology, and a minor in French. He will be applying to graduate programs in Psychology this fall. Son of Harold and Melissa Guadalupe.



Emma Lindsay graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She also completed the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program as a distinguished military graduate. Emma was commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant. Emma is the daughter of Karen and Matt Lindsay.





Justin N Weckstein graduated from Mason High School and will be attending OSU in the fall. Son of Jerry and Caryn Weckstein, Grandson of Caryl and Don Weckstein.



Sara Zendlovitz graduated in from Ohio Wesleyan University with a degree in exercise science from the department of Health and Human Kinetics. After graduation she began her job as Aquatics Manager at the Antioch College Wellness Center. Daughter of Deb Zendlovitz and Cheryl Meyer.



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# MAKOR SUMMER SHINDIG

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 10AM - NOON

BRUNCH

TZEDAKAH CARNIVAL PROJECT GAMES





## **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**

# **Afterthoughts: National Underground Freedom Center**

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, sixteen of us toured the National Underground Freedom Center in Cincinnati. Our tour was ably led by expert guide and architectural historian, Mary Ann Olding. Mary Ann regaled us with story after story about the Center's beginnings and its featured exhibit, the Slave Pen. The Adult Education Committee is already planning the next "field trip"! We invite you to consider joining us. Field trips are open to congregants of Temple Beth Or, their friends from the Dayton area, and beyond. Below are some comments from those who attended this trip.

"What a powerful experience! I have been in the area for six years, yet hadn't had a chance to visit the National Underground Railway Freedom Center. I am so grateful to have learned the difficult truths surrounding slavery and emancipation in U.S. history. Thankful to have visited with other historical truth sojourners for this harrowing experience."

"I had a great time on the excursion to the Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Learned lots of new information, met a great group of people, and enjoyed the lunch and socializing. I look forward to the next one. Thanks for the fun day."

"The museum tour was fantastic and made more meaningful by our guide Mary (Ann), who provided us with



fascinating background stories of many of the exhibits. Not to mention the wonderful lunch at the Yard House afterwards."

"Visiting the Freedom Center should be on everyone's list of things to do. Having the opportunity to hear from someone who played an essential role in its founding made the experience even more momentous. So glad we were able to be part of the group."

"I really enjoyed the museum trip and want to revisit it so I can experience it all. I learned many things I didn't know and want to learn more."

"Physical plant very impressive, the stories were mesmerizing, well worth the effort"

## **Music is Prayer**

In March, Adult Education at Temple Beth Or began something new. Each month, the Committee provides a link to a musical selection related to Judaism that we find compelling. We hope you will take a few minutes each month to listen. Go to https://templebethor.com/adult-education to access the music. August's selection is KD Lang's 2006 rendition of Hallelujah (composer: Leonard Cohen); So many artists have sung this, but KD Lang is among the best. Enjoy!



Enjoy! Additionally, the Committee is interested in your feedback to this initiative. Please take a few minutes to email the Committee with your thoughts about any selections you listen to ruth.schumacher@wright.edu. Thank you.

"Music is prayer."

Ludwig Boerne (German-Jewish political writer and satirist, late 1700's, early 1800's)

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!

## **Adult Education**

## Chai Mitzvah August 10th 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

(Designed to "grow your Judaism")



Due to generous financial underwriting from Rabbi Chessin, Adult Education at Temple Beth Or has been able to host *Chai Mitzvah* for a couple of years. Adult Education is pleased to offer a new *Chai Mitzvah* program that honors and celebrates each month of the year, as well as a woman of the Bible, whose life illustrates that month's focus. The heart of all *Chai Mitzvah* programming is respectful, honest discussion that values diverse viewpoints. You are encouraged to register for as many monthly discussions as you can make time for. Let's talk together to grow our Judaism individually. To register, call 937-435-3400, or visit: https://templebethor.com/adult-education

## An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story August 23rd

Please join the Zoom discussion, on August 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each month's discussion will center on one short story that has Jewish content or is written by a Jewish author. We intend to have fun and learn from each other's understanding of the stories. You are encouraged to register for one session or as many monthly discussions as you would like. To register, call 937-435-3400 or visit: https://templebethor.com/adult-education



# Salvador Dali: A Look at Some of His Jewish-Themed Works -- Can we separate the man from the art?



Join us for a night of fun.

Wednesday, August 30th in Levin Hall.

6:30-7:00 Refreshments (Cheese Tray, Fruit, Wine, and Soft Drinks)

7:00-8:00 Presentation by Carol Salus, art history professor emerita, Kent State University Dali is known for his works with their detailed, dream-like imagery. With the rise of anti-Semitism in the 1930s, the artist painted several works which show interest in Hitler. He was exiled from the Surrealists for his flirtation with Nazism. Decades later, he was selected by the State of Israel to create works for its twentieth anniversary. His works for this celebratory event are striking in their treatment of Biblical and contemporary history. Also, Dali admired Freud and met him in London where the artist painted a portrait of this intellectual giant. He also created Famous Men, a series of lithographs. The series included portraits of Moshe Dayan, Freud, Einstein, Ben Gurion, and JFK.

This talk raises the question of how to evaluate his radiant Jewish-themed works and his feelings about Jews.

Can we separate the man from the art?

To register, call 937-435-3400 or visit:

https://templebethor.com/adult-education

## **Adult Education**

## Friends and Family CPR and Stop the Bleed Courses



# SAVE A LIFE

## Sunday, August 27th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Levin Hall

The Adult Education Committee is pleased to offer the Friends and Family CPR/Choking/First Aid and Stop the Bleed Courses. The courses will be taught by Scott Henry, Washington Township's Fire Department Public Information Officer and CPR/First Aid/Stop the Bleed Instructor. These courses are being offered at NO CHARGE to participants.

The American Heart Association's Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of Adult hands-Only CPR, Adult CPR with breaths, Child CPR, Adult and Child AED use, Infant CPR and choking relief for Adults, Children, and Infants. Basic First Aid will also be included. This course lasts approximately two hours.

The CPR/Choking/First Aid course is designed for people who want to learn CPR, but DO NOT need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life.

The Stop the Bleed course lasts approximately one hour and is a grassroots national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

No matter how fast professional emergency responders arrive, bystanders will always be first on the scene.



A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore it is critical to quickly stop the blood loss. Participants will learn multiple ways to control bleeding in an emergency, including applying direct pressure, packing the wound with bleeding control gauze and applying a tourniquet.

This offering is limited to 15 participants. You may attend one or both courses and will receive a separate Certificate of Attendance for each class attended. Visit http://templebethor.com/adult-education to register.

Light refreshments will be available. Contact Karen Granby, Adult Education member, for questions at craceby@aol.com or (937) 286-6902.

## **Please Return Your Member Support Forms**

This year's member support commitment forms were mailed out in July. Please return your form promptly and update your contact information, if that has changed.

# August Chai-Lights

## Friday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Bill and Claudia Fried.

## Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

*Chai Mitzvah*: You are encouraged to register for as many monthly discussions as you can make time for. Let's talk together to grow our Judaism individually. Please see page 9 for details.

## Friday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Renee Peery.

## Friday, August 18, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Mary 'Mahira' Rogers and Renee Peery. Featuring the Temple Beth Or Choir.

## Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. On Zoom

Apocryphal Study: Join Rabbi Chessin and our study group.

## Wednesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom

An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Please see page 9 for details.

## Friday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Lay-led *Shabbat*: Join us for a Lay-led *Shabbat*, led by Ira Segalewitz.

### Saturday, August 26, 10:30 a.m. In Person

Bat Mizvah of Mila Gelbert.

## Sunday, August 27, 9:00 a.m. In Person

Friends and Family CPR and Stop the Bleed Courses: Please see page 10 for details.

#### Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 p.m. In Person

Salvador Dali: A Look at Some of His Jewish-Themed Works -- Can we separate the man from the art?: Please see page 9 for details.

## Friday, September 1, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming

"Rock of Ages" *Shabbat*: Marc Rossio rocks the house as he and Rabbi Azriel lead a creative and musical *Shabbat* service.



## It's not too early to think about the New Year!

If you are willing to help sweeten our *Rosh Hashanah* evening reception (Friday, September 15), sign up here:

bit.ly/451zcVa0

## Opportunities to Support Temple Beth Or

## **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 brick 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
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- Name read at Yom Kippur



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