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☆ Today...and for Generations ☆

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"Hadran Alach"



June is graduation month, and our social media accounts are filled with pictures of our youth in caps and gowns. We smile through tears as we offer them congratulations on their milestones.

While it is surely time for them to move on, bidding them farewell is painful. It is a tumultuous time to head off to college campuses, and of course, having them leave us is bittersweet, at best.

What shall we say to them? Rabbi Jack Reimer once suggested two phrases of blessing as they go on their ways. First, we say "goodbye." This phrase, often used in leave-taking, carries a deeper meaning. 'Goodbye' is the contraction of the words "God be with you," which originated in the 16th century. In those times, embarking on a journey was perilous. Sea travel was risky, disease was rampant, and the chance of being detained was likely. So, wishing someone God's protective presence was not just a formality, but a heartfelt prayer for their safety and well-being.

A second contribution by Rabbi Ben Greenberg might be less final and fearful, who proposed that we instead wish farewell with a lesser known and more positive phrase. At the conclusion of studying a tractate of Talmud, an Aramaic prayer is said called "hadran." The student who has carefully gone through the entire volume and has finally mas-



tered it says the "hadran" or "a promise to return." The prayer states: "הדרן עלך / hadran alach," which means "we will return to you, and you will return to us." In other words, we will never forget all we learned from this volume. Though we are moving on to further tractates, the teachings of this volume will stay with us and be the filter by which we will master all other materials. We may or may not come back physically to this book, but we will emotionally and spiritually have it with us for all time.

What a beautiful sentiment and how much more future-oriented this seems than tearful goodbyes. Our summer

partings could be a bit sweeter with a "hadran alach." While we may be parting from our friends from camp, our school mates, our parents or our children, the good memories and formative lessons attained here will not just stay with us, but they will shape our very futures. They will be the guiding light in our journey, the filter through which we understand and navigate the world. Thus, we wish our graduates not only "goodbye" but "hadran alach / הדרן עלך."

Shalom,
Rabbi Judy Chessin



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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:

Deb Char, Scot Denmark, Arlene Graham, Benjy Klein, Susan Klenke, Ron Solomon, Laurie Verson, and Peter Wells.

Mazel tov to Jessica Blimbaum and Dan Sweeney for being recognized by the 2024 Dayton Business Journal in the Forty under 40.

Alex and Lyuda Fishman on the marriage of their daughter Natalie to Reid Palumbo.

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 7

Roslyn Sureck 6/6
Mona Briskin 6/7
Janet Binstein 6/8
Esther Browman 6/8
Herbert Bromberg 6/9
Anita Rendler 6/9
Robert Merritt 6/10
Margot Fried 6/11

June 14

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
Hank Adler 6/18
Sam Fiddler 6/18
Leah Gross Green 6/18
Oscar Green 6/18
Rabbi Uriel D.H. Smith 6/18

June 21

David Jacobs 6/19
Herman Sherline 6/19
Sarah Zirkle 6/19
Edgar Slotkin 6/21
Joseph Briskin 6/22
Henry Rochelle 6/23

June 28

Harris Burte 6/26
Steven M. Cohen 6/26
David Klein 6/26
Mary Lemon 6/27
Donna Yagley 6/27
Ruth Franklin 6/29
Frederick L. Rieger 6/29
Paula Shaiman 6/29
Joanie Horwitz 6/30
Richard Sachs 6/30
Joseph Zendlovitz 7/2



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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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Notice:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the original donation list for the June Light was lost.

If you sent a donation and do not see it listed here, please call the office and we will list it in the next issue of The Light.

We sincerely appreciate every donation, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

Thank you to our Donors!

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A Successful *Makor* Year



As the school year ends, I find myself reflecting on the incredible year we have had. This year has been filled with significant achievements, positive growth (for me, students, and teachers), and a strengthened sense of community.

We are immensely proud of our students, grateful to our parents, and deeply appreciative of our dedicated teachers. Watching students grow year after year is an incredible part of our journey together, and we are excited to have had another year end successfully.

First, a heartfelt thank you to our incredible students. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment have been the heart of our school. Your eagerness to learn is a reminder to all of us about the bright future of our students.

To our parents, we express our deepest gratitude. Your support and involvement have been invaluable. I recognize the effort and time to bring your students to *Makor* is not easy. I am grateful for your partnership. Your trust in us to provide meaningful Jewish education does not go unnoticed.

Most importantly, we extend an enormous thank you to our extraordinary teachers. Your passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our students are at the foundation of *Makor*. You have imparted knowledge while fostering a love for connecting to Jewish culture and traditions. Your lessons, patience, and personal attention have impacted each student. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated team of teachers.

As we look ahead to the next year, we are excited. We are already planning new and engaging programs, enriching our curriculum, and organizing more opportunities for community involvement.

This year at *Makor* has been a remarkable journey, made possible by the collective efforts of our students, parents, and teachers. We are deeply grateful for your contributions and look forward to continuing this journey together next year. Have a wonderful summer; we can't wait to see you all in the fall!

B'shalom,
Rabbi Ben Azriel

**A big thank you and
best wishes for a
super summer!**



Personal Security



THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE

--AN INTRODUCTORY (VIA ZOOM) SESSION COVERING JEWISH TEACHINGS ON SELF DEFENSE. (WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19)

--Two sessions of practical training including
Session 1 (June 23)

--Warm up; Situational Awareness; Learning vulnerable points of the body;
--Use of hands/arms/elbows/legs/knees

Session 2 (June 30)

--Review of Session 1

--Blocks; Integration of blocks(defensive moves) and hands/legs (offensive moves)
--Response to choking/headlock

--Augmented weapons--umbrella, jacket, keys (BRING A LONG UMBRELLA)
--Response to knife/gun

Dress and shoes should be comfortable and safe for physical movement. No special skills are needed; training focuses on protecting yourself. You will be asked to sign a standard liability release since physical movement is involved in all sessions.

RABBI KOZBERG IS A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE OF JEWS LEARNING HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST PERSONAL ATTACKS AND ASSAULTS AND HAS BEEN TEACHING THIS COURSE FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

Please sign up at Templebethor.com or call the office at 937-435-3400



Calling all singers: Amateur and professional are welcome!

Have you ever listened to the music programs at Temple Beth Or and thought to yourself, "I'd like to do that?" Or heard a piece of music and thought "that would be a great song to do at a *Shabbat* service?"

Well here's your chance to have a 'voice' and 'use' your voice as a member of the Temple Beth Or Choir!

Through out the year, one *Shabbat* service per month features the *Ruach* (spirit) and talent of our loyal choir group, so for just a few hours per month, you can join us too.

And for High Holy days; we all have the opportunity to join our voices together for the holiest time on our Jewish calendar.

An ability to read music is not necessary, although if you can sing on pitch, enjoy singing, and enjoy singing with others, contact Mary 'Mahira' Rogers at: maryrogers2017@yahoo.com or call 303-810-4849.



Adult Education

Chai Mitzvah Thursday, June 13th 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: June 26

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)



Temple Beth Or's Annual Picnic

Friday, June 28, 5:30 p.m.

Casual *Shabbat* Outdoor Service*,
Picnic to Follow *weather permitting

Burgers & Hot Dogs Provided
Bring a Side Dish to Share



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June Chai-Lights

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Streaming
Bar Mitzvah of Charles Robbins.

Sunday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. In Person & On Zoom
All the Best Annual Meeting in Levin Hall. Brunch catered by All the Best. 9:30 a.m. doors open for food, 10:30 a.m. meeting. See details in next column.

Friday, June 7, 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, June 8, 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, June 12, 3:00 p.m. In Person @ Youngs
Shavuot Service and Family Outing: Interactive *Shavuot* Experience at Young’s Dairy Farm, Yellow Springs. See back cover for more details.

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom
Chai Mitzvah: Please see page 6 for information.

Friday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Shabbat service welcoming Dave Morter to the Jewish people.

Saturday, June 15, 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.

Friday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Shabbat Service with Rabbi Chessin and the choir under the direction of Mary ‘Mahira’ Rogers. We will honor Spring and Summer birthdays.

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Streaming
Bar Mitzvah of Johnny Dinsmore.

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. On Zoom
An Exploration of the Jewish Short Story: Please see page 6 for information.

Friday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. In Person
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 29, 10:00 a.m. In Person & Streaming
Bat Mitzvah of Aven Kirtland.

Friday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. In Person & Streaming
Led by Mary ‘Mahira’ Rogers and friends in honor and memory of Lorraine Fortner’s (z”l) birthday. A light summer *Oneg Shabbat* will follow.



Temple Beth Or Annual Meeting

June 2nd, In Person and Streaming

**All the best congregants deserve
all the best! Come to the Annual
Meeting & stay for brunch, catered
by All the Best Delicatessen!**

Doors open @ 9:30 a.m.
Meeting begins @ 10:30 a.m.

Website: <https://zoom.us/>
(select “join a meeting”)

Meeting ID: 868 1509 9187

Password: 181818

An email meeting invitation will be sent via Plan-It before the meeting. You may also contact Donna at the Temple Office, 937-435-3400, to be sent the link.

Join us for the announcement of election results and for a Q&A session about the past year! Please review the mailed committee reports and posted video reports prior to the annual meeting.

Nominees for Board of Directors

Three to be Elected (* denotes first term):

*Eric Pachman • *Phil Hoffheimer • Mark Gruenberg

Ballots accepted (mail or email) until Wednesday, May 29th

Continuing Board Members:

Scot Denmark • Stuart Merl • John Granby
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We thank departing Board members, Jake Elder and Shara Taylor, for their service on the Board!

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Send in Your Grads

Temple Beth Or would like to congratulate members who are graduating! Please send information and a photo of your graduate to:

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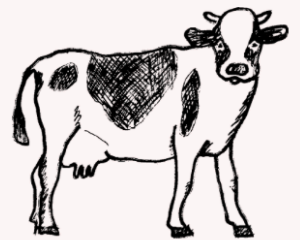


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WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 2024 @ 3 PM

JOIN US FOR AN 'UDDERLY' AMAZING AFTERNOON OF
CELEBRATING SHAVUOT WITH MOSES, MILKING,
AND A VISIT TO THE CREAMERY

