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Investing in our Future: Imagine the Possibilities



Temple B'nai Or



MICHAEL SATZ

RABBI



Traditionally every morning after getting out of bed and thanking God for our life, there is a passage in the siddur (our prayerbook) taken from the Talmud, so to start the day with study:

These are the things of which a person enjoys the fruit in this world while the principal remains in the World to Come—they are:

Honoring one's father and mother,

Engaging in deeds of compassion,

Arriving early for study, morning and evening,

Dealing graciously with guests,

Visiting the sick,

Providing for the wedding couple,

Accompanying the dead for burial, being devoted in prayer,

And making peace among people.

But, the study of Torah encompasses them all.

At Temple B'nai Or, we have our B'nai Mitzvah chant these words as they lead the Shabbat morning services because these words are a good summary of how we strive to live as individual Jews and how TBO strives to serve its members as a community. I could write an essay about any one of these acts, but I want to look at the opening lines and the financial language they use. The ancient Rabbis are saying that by doing these mitzvot, these acts of love, we get rewards now, we get the interest from the endowment that we are building for the next world. Yes, implied here is a statement about the afterlife (also another essay), but I want to look at it this way: Living a life of goodness pays off right now, but it is also an investment for the future.

By being a member of Temple B'nai Or you are investing in our future—the future of our specific Jewish community in Morris County and in the future of the Jewish people. You of course invest in us with your money through annual giving and other donations. One obvious example is our “Imagine the Possibilities” campaign that just paid off our mortgage. And, by being a member who lives a Jewish life in community with others, you are investing in the future because the acts of Jewish living grow by inspiring others to live this way and by raising new generations of Jews.

Temple B'nai Or is a place of learning for all generations, it is a place of caring for all generations, and it is a place where our corner of the Jewish world will continue because we have all made the investment.

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**OUTGOING
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Greetings, TBO Community:

As my tenure comes to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation for allowing me the honor of serving as your Co-President over the past two years. It has been a privilege to work alongside an outstanding and dedicated Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Clergy, Staff, and countless Volunteers — all of whom have taught me so much.

I hope that, together, our accomplishments have helped place TBO in a stronger position for both current and future congregant families. At the end of the day, TBO represents all of us — working together to fulfill our mission.

I am especially proud of several key achievements, including:

- Enhancing the effectiveness of the Board and Committees
- Investing in the development of our Staff and Clergy
- Upgrading and improving our grounds and facilities
- Expanding programming and engagement opportunities
- Strengthening our financial position by eliminating our long-standing mortgage debt, enabling us to reinvest in meaningful and exciting initiatives

I strongly encourage each of you to find your own way to get involved and connect with others in our community. Our staff works incredibly hard, but they cannot do it alone. I hope you are as inspired as I am by the stories shared by several of our volunteers at the annual congregational meeting.

Despite facing significant headwinds, TBO continues to meet challenges with courage and bold action. That's why it's so important to keep one eye on the present and one on the future. From where I stand, our future as a community remains bright.

Although I am “retiring” from the Co-President role, I will continue to stay active as your Immediate Past President and look forward to seeing you all in the months ahead.



BRIAN DICKER

PRESIDENT



I have thought quite a lot about how we can “Imagine the Possibilities” for our Kehillah. I am deeply proud of how we have addressed the physical needs of our Temple (security, infrastructure), the financial needs (mortgage campaign, securing grants), and our education needs (new programs in our Pre-School, fabulous events for the Religious School children). However, the thing I am most proud of was our ability to increase engagement opportunities for our Temple family members.

We hired a Manager of Membership Engagement (Samantha Berman) who has begun thinking about ways that we can find meaningful interaction opportunities for all the members of our diverse community. Among the early “wins” in this area was the re-vitalization of our Renaissance group with fabulous programs on current events and areas of Jewish cultural interest. We also created a diverse set of Adult Education programs led by Rabbi Satz, congregants with expertise in Jewish issues, and outside speakers discussing the current state of Israel, antisemitism risks, and other critical issues facing our community. In addition, we created many great social events (including my favorite Coffee House!) and the TBO Expo, which allowed members of TBO and members of the greater Morristown community to better understand all the opportunities that our synagogue offers. Lastly, we conducted a comprehensive survey of our members so that we can better understand the needs and wants of our community. We have used the findings to craft our programming to be more relevant and meaningful.

While I am proud of all these accomplishments, I am also proud of all the great volunteers who led these efforts. Our Temple community is strong, but this is only because so many dedicated and talented individuals have given of themselves to make it work. I will not single out any individual as there are too many to name; however, if you participated in creating any of our programming this year, I deeply thank you! Equally important, if you chose to spend your valuable time participating in programs, events, or services at TBO this year, I am also thankful. It is important to remember that by participating, you allow others to participate. It is my commitment to find ways to create as many meaningful experiences as possible for our Kehillah, and I hope that each member finds some things that add value to their unique Jewish journey.



GALIT DADOUN-
COHEN

CANTOR



חור-הבגמ חור-קרא בוט ותישארמ רבד תירחא בוט

The end of a matter is better than the beginning of it. Better a patient spirit than a haughty spirit. (Ecclesiastes 7:8)

It pleases me when the stars align, and I can write a reflection coinciding with returning from an inspiring Cantors Conference. Gathering with colleagues and sharing days immersed in music, learning, prayer, and community is nothing short of sacred and a gift to the soul. There were moments that offered fresh, creative ideas, while others offered comfort grounding us right back in our beautiful ancient tradition.

These gatherings always spark something new. They help to shake off old useless habits that may no longer serve us and help us step back to see the bigger picture with more light. Ultimately, time spent learning, praying, singing, and listening is time that fills the soul, reminding us again and again that music is simply magical.

Music enters viscerally into our heart and our gut where the expression of words is limited. Music has the power to align our energy, heal our brokenness, soften a hardened heart; it can crack a heart open. It allows light, sensation, and emotion to soar beyond the world of ideas.

In a time fraught with heavy emotions, uncertainty, fear, and disconnection, music can direct us to open and care for our hearts ... and it may awaken our feelings and deep commitment to those around us.

As this season marks many culminations, graduations, appreciation, and recognition of our various accomplishments, it is also a time to acknowledge our disappointments, our losses, and, more importantly, to recognize and express gratitude to those in our circles who have dedicated time, wisdom, and effort to move us forward.

The most important, finite resource we have is time. Time continues forward regardless of how we spend it. As the summer season approaches and we naturally wish to slow down, we must take a moment to note where we've invested our own time and acknowledge the people who generously invested their precious time in us.

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VOLUNTEERS



LISA DIAZ

VOLUNTEER



In the almost two years I've been a member of Temple B'nai Or, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as a volunteer. We are all a part of OUR community, OUR synagogue. So no matter how much time we have, that time is always welcomed here.

Volunteering is interwoven with the life path that led me to join TBO. Growing up, my experiences attending services did not leave the best impression on me. For a variety of reasons, I did not feel like I belonged. So, when I was old enough to make my own choices, I chose to stay far away from any synagogue and from anything that reminded me of being Jewish.

In October of 2023, when I reached out about TBO membership, I was nervous about showing up as a Jewish woman who did not attend Hebrew or religious school, but I wanted to explore what my Jewishness meant to me.

TBO welcomed me from the beginning. Thank you, Rabbi Satz, for the educational programming opportunities you have provided. Thank you, Barbara, for introducing me to Shirley and Eva, who welcomed me to sit with them at my first Shabbat in decades. I felt instantly like I had found my home to explore and grow my Jewish faith. This was MY synagogue, and I was impassioned to give back and help. Whether it was for five minutes at a time, or as part of a committee that interested me, volunteering became a significant and fulfilling connection to TBO.

Feeling connected to our community through volunteering and engagement brought many gifts I did not expect or realize that I had waited a very long time to experience. One example: My dad passed 20 years ago, and this last February, for the first time in those 20 years, I got to stand here for the Yizkor for my dad. First time.

The opportunity to volunteer is a big reason why I am grateful to be connected to all of you here. I will certainly miss everyone when we move out of state at the end of June. Being a part of committees comprised of so many passionate people to learn from and grow with is one reason why I will always remember Temple B'nai Or as a place that I can call my first Jewish home-away-from-home.



SNEH PATEL

**PRESCHOOL
DIRECTOR**



To me, investing in our future means investing in our children. Each day, I have the honor of providing the foundation of education for our youngest learners at Temple B'nai Or Preschool. Many of our students are stepping into a school environment for the very first time. My team and I work diligently to ensure they feel nurtured, loved, and safe from the moment they arrive. We also support parents in building meaningful connections with one another—connections that often blossom into lasting community ties.

Our preschool is a vibrant and active place, open most days and hours of the week. We take great pride in knowing that our students are growing and thriving.

When I began my journey as Preschool Director in 2022, I was asked to help grow our Brody Program. At the time, we had just two classrooms and 13 students. I envisioned a toddler program for children as young as 18 months, and I'm deeply grateful to the Board for supporting that vision.

This school year, we received a new state license allowing us to welcome toddlers. Thanks to this milestone, we brought in 15 new students and their families. We spent the summer constructing a safe and compliant evacuation route, a project overseen with great care by Greg Pine, our VP of Education. Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome another 12 toddlers and families in the 2025–2026 school year.

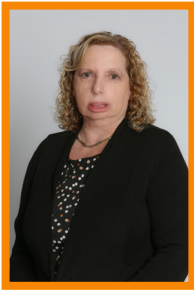
With our continued growth, we now have five public classrooms, and 45 students enrolled. As a result, we added 12 new educators to our team—each bringing valuable experience, passion, and energy to our community, evident every day.

Another highlight of the year was our continued partnership with Esther and the Torah Explorers program for young families. Together, we made history by hosting the first-ever joint Purim Carnival with our Religious School and Preschool, a celebration of community and Jewish tradition drawing 400+ guests.

As my guru, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, once said, "The future is bright." With all my heart, I believe that the future is in the hands of our precious students.

More volunteers and committee members are needed as we plan exciting things ahead. Next school year, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Frances and Herbert

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ESTHER BENARI-
ALTMANN

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
AND FAMILY
EDUCATION**



“Learning, Growing, Connecting, and Caring B’yachad (Together) – Our Jewish Journey Starts Here!” is our new Religious School slogan.

Our goal for the coming school year is to focus not only on learning, but also on connecting.

We have learned from the last Temple survey that our families are looking to connect and build personal ties with each other. Therefore, we are planning to create more family education programs for each grade that will allow families to introduce themselves and learn together. Social events connected to our Jewish holidays like Hanukkah, Purim, or Sukkot will be another way to bring our families together.

We have already seen some good results from our amazing program – Torah Explorers B’Yachad – a program for our young families with children. A new Havurah is being created by families who met at this program and now are ready to take it a step forward and create more social opportunities for themselves.

We want to establish more social opportunities for our teens as well. Our goal is to attract more teens to join our High School and continue their studies while also forming long-lasting relationships. We are planning to hire a part-time Youth Director who will help organize informal activities for our teens.

Last summer, I participated in a three-day workshop related to Israel curriculum, sponsored by Federation, and I am happy to share that I am writing a new curriculum that will engage the learning about Israel through various Judaic topics, that are part of our school curricula. I am thankful to the Federation for allowing me to be part of this special project.

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments and are looking forward to building, connecting, and learning together with you.

Wishing you a safe summer!



BARBARA KAVADIAS

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**



We have spent a lot of time over the past few years exploring what it is to create and support community, but sometimes, we have to step back and ask, why are we doing this?

We have been asking these questions lately of leadership, of you in our surveys, and in small discussion groups. One of the answers that came through loud and clear: We all want to ensure an enduring presence in this community. We want to make sure that there is a Jewish community here for our children and grandchildren. And we want to make sure there is a Jewish future for our families and community.

How do we make sure this community endures? By investing in our future, with our vision, our hearts, our money, and our time.

And that is just what we have done.

When I became your executive director, I knew this was a community with a proud history and a lot of heart. So many people have poured their love and attention into TBO. At the same time, there were weak spots. For a community our size, we had almost no endowment. We did not know how much money we needed to maintain the building in the coming years. And our mortgage would need to be reset in a few years and the interest rates would be higher.

So, we put our thinking caps on. We envisioned what it would take to sustain ourselves and be even better. We imagined what our possibilities were, where we wanted to go, who we wanted to be.

We now have an endowment of over \$1M that will help fund not only RS scholarships, but family programming. We have invested in our board and board operations to generate excellent planning and oversight. We set up a regular program of building investment and improvement, to not only maintain our building, but make it work better for us. We have retired our mortgage with your investment and used the savings to hire a membership engagement and development manager to invest in you, our members, and we plan to hire a youth director to further invest in our next generation.

None of this would have been possible without you. Your time. Your heart. Your vision and your money. Whether you contribute \$360 or \$360K, ten or hundreds of hours, you are a part of making our future possible. Thank you.

ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE



LORI WEINTRAUB

**VP OF
ENGAGEMENT**



We on the TBO Board recognize that in order to remain a vibrant and thriving congregation, it's imperative that we continue to bring in new members and ensure that current members feel engaged in meaningful ways.

Our current membership is 409 families, slightly up from last year, including 719 adults, and 417 "children" under the age of 26. These numbers don't include the extended community of families who are not members but participate in our toddler programs, pre-school, and religious school.

Our engagement efforts this past year have been very focused and intentional. Last summer we did a comprehensive congregational survey to determine exactly how you, our members, are feeling about your TBO experience. In all, 209 members responded. We are using the information collected as we plan the coming year and have launched some significant initiatives as a result.

A direct benefit of paying off our mortgage is that we were able to hire our new Membership Engagement and Development Manager, Samantha Berman. One of her first priorities has been to revitalize our Renaissance group. Sam is also working to engage our millennials and Gen Z members in their 20s and 30s.

In April, we held our first-ever TBO Expo! Current and prospective members showed up to learn about all the ways to get involved at TBO. We're expecting a number of the prospective members to join, and even more importantly, our current members are excited about the programs they weren't already aware of.

At the Expo we announced a new initiative called TBO Tribes where small groups of people will get together on a regular basis around a common interest, whether it be a hobby, a cause, or a stage of life. This gives temple members an opportunity to forge relationships as they spend time together. They will have a foundation of friendships that help them feel more connected. Stay tuned for more information and a chance to sign up.

Meanwhile our marketing team is working to improve how we communicate all the amazing things happening at TBO. We're currently updating the website home page with improved calendar functionality. Once this is in place, we will be able to streamline

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SAMANTHA
BERMAN

**MEMBERSHIP
ENGAGEMENT &
DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER**



In 2024, Temple B’nai Or received a Grotta grant, which, along with savings from beginning to pay down the mortgage, allowed Temple B’nai Or to hire me as the Membership Engagement & Development Manager. The goal of this position was to invest in our members and help them -- you -- get more out of membership.

Our goal in the coming year is to help each of you find ways to better engage, get more involved, and think of TBO as your second home, because we value you and all your continued support. Further, your support does not simply come from your wallet, but more importantly, it comes from your time.

Many of you have gotten much more involved. This resulted in part from our TBO Expo, where you were able to learn the many ways members can become active, find passion points, and contribute back.

The Engagement Committee’s goal is to help you engage and equip you with the tools to impact our Kehillah’s future, because it’s in your hands.

What does it mean to you to be Jewish? What do you want to see more of? How can you best engage -- and where can you volunteer your time? We want people to not only engage in current projects, but also new ones. We are looking forward to a new initiative, “L’dor, V’dor,” where, in collaboration with the Brody Preschool and our Religious School, Renaissance/New Directions members can volunteer to work with our next generation.

At the Expo, many of you signed up for groups you had never been a part of in the past. Caring Community saw seven new members sign up, which has allowed this group to extend its level of care for those in need.

We are grateful to each of you and know that without your support, none of this would be possible. There are so many opportunities here! We encourage you to reach out to me to see how you can find your people and your place—every time you help, we grow, no matter how big or small the task may be.

Please accept my utmost gratitude for allowing me to serve you and this wonderful community. I look forward to garnering even deeper relationships in the coming year!



MARY FERNANDEZ

**CHAIR OF
PHILANTHROPY**



Our Emerging Culture of Giving & Philanthropy

The success of the Imagine the Possibilities campaign is due to the extraordinary generosity of 93 families. In addition to retiring our \$1.7M mortgage, one outcome is an emerging culture of giving and philanthropy. This culture begins and ends with our members' desires to make an individual and personal impact.

During the two-year campaign, our committee sat down with potential donors, asked them how and why Jewish life matters to them, and listened intently to their responses. This process allowed donors to express their Jewish values and to align their gift with those values. As a result, Rabbi Satz and our committee established deeper connections with these donors.

The purpose of the Giving & Philanthropy Committee is to provide opportunities, based on knowledge about you, to express your charitable aspirations and desire to strengthen our Kehillah. Every member of our community can be a philanthropist because it is about your values, not the size of your gift.

The act of providing financial resources to support our communities is deeply rooted in our Jewish heritage. Our hope is that by getting to know our members on a deeper personal level and understanding your desires and wishes, we are providing another opportunity for you to express your Jewish experience and journey.

My former professor Rabbi Jacob Neusner taught, "The act of tzedakah by definition is holy. When you work for tzedakah, you are doing the equivalent of prayer or study or keeping the Sabbath or carrying out any other mitzvah."

My thanks to our committee — Brian Dicker, Samantha Berman, Barbara Kavadias, Heather Le Var, Rabbi Michael Satz, Rick Simon (FY26 chair), and Jim Wiviott — for engaging in this holy work.

We look forward to learning why Jewish life and our kehillah matters to you and welcome you reaching out to share your interests.



We are pleased to introduce you to the expanded services of the Caring Community, made possible by a large influx of new volunteers, and a long-standing dedicated group of volunteers committed to supporting our congregants during times of need. Whether you're navigating a personal challenge, recovering from illness, or simply feeling a little isolated, the Caring Community is here to help.

Rooted in the values of kindness, compassion, and connection, the Caring Community offers a variety of services to help lighten the load and remind you that you are not alone. These services include:

*Coffee and Conversation – Sometimes, all we need is someone to sit with us over a cup of coffee and chat. Our volunteers are happy to meet for warm, informal visits to offer companionship and a listening ear.

*Phone Check-Ins – A friendly voice can make all the difference. If you or a loved one would benefit from regular calls, our volunteers are available for comforting check-ins.

*Meal Delivery – Whether you're recovering from surgery or dealing with a family emergency, we can arrange for home-cooked or thoughtfully provided meals delivered to your door.

*Doctor Appointment Companionship – Facing a medical appointment alone can be daunting. A volunteer can accompany you, providing both practical support and a reassuring presence.

*Transportation for Urgent Errands – When an urgent need arises and you can't get there on your own, the Caring Community can help you get where you need to go.

If you or someone you know in our congregation could benefit from these services, or if you'd like to volunteer and be part of this mitzvah, please contact Samantha Berman, our new membership engagement manager. Please be assured that all inquiries and requests for support will be handled with the utmost respect and confidentiality.

Linda Grandis
Blatt Gallery



EVE TAUB

ART GALLERY
COMMITTEE



The Linda Grandis Blatt Gallery of Temple B'nai Or recently held an inspiring 2025 Spring art show that highlighted the exceptional talents of three artists: Alice Harrison, Patti Kaufman, and Linda Schulman. Their captivating works brought vibrancy and joy to everyone who passed through the gallery, creating a communal space for celebration and appreciation of the arts.

The Gallery Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to the artists for sharing their creativity and passion with the community. A highlight of the event was a lovely reception where attendees had the opportunity to hear the artists share personal insights about their creative processes and artistic histories, fostering meaningful connections between artists and art enthusiasts alike.

As we look ahead, the Gallery Committee has issued a call for artists for the upcoming Fall show. See below for the exciting opportunity to showcase more incredible talent!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

TBO is looking for artists interested in showing 3-5 pieces of their artwork with the theme: **"Sacred Time and Seasons"** to bring joy to our community. Show to run August 2025 through January 2026
\$18 Submission Fee

ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME

If you or anyone you know is interested, please fill out this form for submission by July 18 and email Eve Taub with questions.



CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS

TBO is looking for artists interested in showing 3-5 pieces of their artwork with the theme **"Sacred Time and Seasons"** to bring joy to our community. Show to run August 2025 through January 2026
No Submission Fee for Students

ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME

If you or anyone you know is interested please fill out this form for submission by July 18 and email Eve Taub with questions.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Tanya Simon & Judy Stein-Loewenthal

CO-CHAIRS, SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



We have Co-Chaired the TBO Social Action Committee for about 10 years and during our chairmanship, we have created opportunities for the TBO community to give back to the broader Morristown community and nationally. We are proud of the things that we have done, ranging from providing coats during Sukkot, to marching for safer gun laws, to hosting multiple food drives, to cleaning up local waterways.

The High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry has been an annual event at TBO for more than 40 years. The TBO Social Action Committee has organized the drive since 2017, but the format has changed during our time. When we first started, we solicited the donations of paper bags from Kings, organized teams to staple the requested food list to the bags, recruited volunteers to place the bags in the pews before each Rosh Hashana service, and recruited more volunteers to staff the collection sites in the parking lot during the Yom Kippur services. During COVID, we organized a “drive-thru” food drive where volunteers collected bags of food from the trunk of cars, avoiding all contact with the donors.

Since COVID, our process is a little bit different, and we think it has become better. We no longer provide paper bags and therefore bags are not distributed throughout the pews. Instead, we prepare and distribute flyers about the food drive that are handed out with the prayer books by the High Holy Day ushers. The food is donated generously by our TBO community using their own reusable bags, and the TBO Social Action Committee volunteers collect the bags of food from the cars as they arrive on Yom Kippur.

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NICOLE BERMAN

TRUSTEE



The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is the global parliament of the Jewish people, a platform for Jews from around the world to engage in Israel's actions and values. Temple B'nai Or recognized the importance of this democratic institution and led a campaign to rally the congregation for the vote.

Key to TBO's success was fostering understanding of the WZC's role. A learning session with Rabbi Josh Weinberg, a WZC leader, explored Israel's history and politics, and included deep discussions on Zionism. His insights left attendees motivated and informed them to take action.

TBO deepened personal connections by sharing congregants' stories of their ties to Israel including a rich multicultural family. These narratives emphasized voting as a way to honor Jewish heritage and secure its future.

Congregants turned out enthusiastically, driven by love for Israel, progressive Reform Zionist values, and Jewish unity. The WZC Election Results Are In – Historic Victory for Reform Movement! Vote Reform won a commanding victory!

Our slate received more votes than any of the 22 slates by a wide margin. We obtained the largest number of votes in the history of the WZC, and we did so by running a fair, honorable campaign and upholding our Reform Jewish values. Thank you to everyone who participated.



NICOLE BERMAN

CHAIR OF
KULANU



Temple B'nai Or embarked on its first year of participation in the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Kulanu program, an initiative to help congregations across the country arm themselves in the fight against antisemitism. Members of the committee participated in ADL webinars and community events, gaining valuable insights and resources to address antisemitism and foster understanding. We proudly hosted our 2nd annual college panel discussing antisemitism on campus, featuring five TBO college students and Rutgers Hillel Rabbi. The candid conversations shed light on challenges faced by Jewish students and reinforced the importance of seeking community and education.

TBO members also attended ADL's "Never Is Now" conference, further enriching their understanding of combating hate and discrimination. Looking ahead to next year, plans are underway to host engaging events, such as a movie screening and speaker engagements, and participate in Diversity Day in Morristown to share Jewish culture and raise awareness in the broader community.

If you are passionate about fostering inclusivity and fighting antisemitism and wish to join the Kulanu committee, please reach out—we welcome your involvement!



CANTOR

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This summer, let us invest in family -- our immediate one and our wider communal one. Let us spend time together and engage in thoughtful conversation and honest connections. Let us build ourselves and each other through meaningful experiences. Let us open our hearts.

May we gather with the people we love, celebrate the joys, reflect on the lessons, and sit tenderly with the disappointments. May we listen closely to the moments that matter, and slow down enough to feel them. In this season, we invest in what is most sacred -- our time spent with one another. Let us write our story so that in a future reflection, we can look back and be gladdened by our wise investment – a life well lived.

PRESCHOOOL DIRECTOR

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Brody Preschool with a special celebration and fundraiser. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out to me directly.

ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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the weekly Chai Lights newsletter, making it quicker to find what you're looking for. Plus, you'll be able to click to learn more and register when something piques your interest.

There's a lot going on in the Engagement space!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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This past year we collected so much food that we were invited to attend a ceremony at the Interfaith Food Pantry for the unveiling of their giving tree wall of appreciation, recognizing donors with a leaf on the tree. It was an honor to be recognized by an organization that serves the local community by providing healthy food to those in need. The TBO Social Action Committee will continue to invest this time and effort in furtherance of our commandment of tikkun olam!

**AT TBO, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE
ENDLESS!**



We hope the Oracle inspires and engages you.

Imagining the Possibilities both personally and as a community.

As we wind down the school year, settle into summertime, and think ahead to the High Holy Days and the year 5786, we all tend to Imagine the Possibilities.

Please use this page to jot down some notes, your thoughts on what you have read in this edition of the Oracle and share them with the board and the executive director:

- What are your hopes for the future?
- What dreams do you have for the community that you hope to see invested in?
- What types of possibilities are you willing to invest in with your time, money, and heart at TBO?

TBO & Renaissance Present

Afternoon Lunch & Matinee, Feature Film: iMordecai

Sunday, June 22, 2025

12:30 -
3:30pm

Temple B'nai Or, 60
Overlook Rd.,
Morristown, NJ 07960

Members Price, \$15
Non-Members, \$20

Lunch, Film Screening & Theater Style
Concessions!



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Join TBO at
DIVERSITY DAY

TOGETHER WE THRIVE IN 2025!

Sunday, July 20

Morristown Green
12 - 5 pm

Interfaith worship service,
followed by a FREE festival
of multicultural music, ethnic
foods, and universal FUN!

TBO will have a display
table. Join us to represent
our community!



ISRAELI DANCING WITH JODI'S CIRCLE

We've been keeping the rhythm alive weekly at Temple B'nai Or with Jodi's vibrant dance circle!

No classes are planned for June.

July - We dance on July 3rd, 10th, and 24th

August - We dance on August 7th, 14th, and 28th



In loving memory of Jodi Levy Yissachar

Israeli Dance class

Led by Reut Segall

We dance on Thursday nights
For dates and more info
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7.00 - 7.45 - Workshop

7.45 - 8.30 - Harkada



TEEN JEWS OF COLOR FELLOWSHIP

The Teen Jews of Color Fellowship is a transformative experience for 11th and 12th graders that offers an inclusive and vibrant space for participants to explore and engage with all their intersecting identities, form community, cultivate leadership skills, and create meaningful projects based on their learnings. We welcome teens with a range of diverse Jewish identities including (but not limited to) mixed race Jews, transracial adoptees, Asian, Black, Latine, Sephardic, Mizrahi, Persian Jews, and many others.

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The five-month Teen Israel Organizing Fellowship offers an incredible opportunity for teens to join a community of 9-12th graders who are curious about Israel, eager to gain tools to speak about it with clarity and complexity, and ready to engage deeply with the issues they care about most. This is a great opportunity for teens who are passionate about social change, leadership, and Israel!

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