

# THE BEACON-ETTE

March 2025

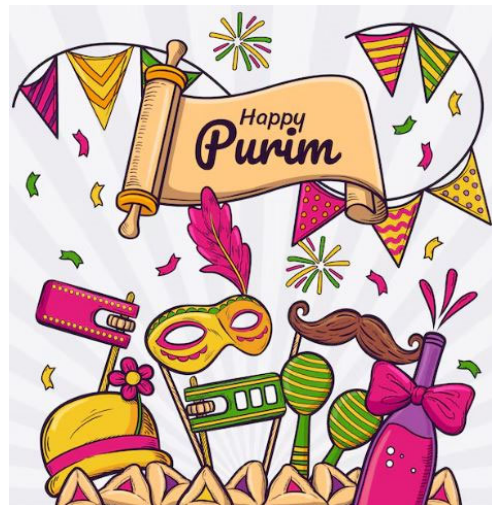


## Celebrate Purim with Joy and Laughter!

Purim is just around the corner, bringing joy, laughter, and celebration! This vibrant holiday commemorates the heroic story of Queen Esther and Mordechai, who saved the Jewish people from Haman (BOO!) and his wicked plot. It's a time to rejoice, dress up in colorful costumes, and make some noise with groggers as we read the Megillah!

Join us as we celebrate with festive meals, lively music, and joyous laughter. Whether you come dressed as Esther, Mordechai, or even a silly clown, everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Mark your calendars and get ready to shout, "Chag Purim Sameach!" (Happy Purim!) We can't wait to celebrate together!



## Upcoming Festivities & Feasts

**Temple Beth Ohr of La Mirada**  
Presents  
**A Purim Celebration**

Friday, March 14, 2025 @ 6PM

*Kabbalat Shabbat*  
*Corned Beef Dinner*  
*Megillat Esther Reading*

Free to Members, \$20 for Non-members

RSVP to [office@tbolm.org](mailto:office@tbolm.org) by March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Contact [David\\_Yungman@yahoo.com](mailto:David_Yungman@yahoo.com) for more information

**TBO Community**  
**2nd Night Seder**

— Happy Passover —

**Sunday, April 13th @ 6pm**

Temple Beth Ohr Social Hall

**\$48 adult early bird** (by April 4th)  
**\$58 adult** (on/after April 5th)  
**\$58 non-members**  
**\$25 children 4 - 11**  
**FREE for children 3 and under**

\* Must RSVP by 4/9 \* Sponsors are welcome \*

## From the Rabbi's Scroll



My favorite memories of Purim when my daughters were young were dressing up and imagining that we were other people, acting as if we were characters from another person's life. We wore masks to hide our usual identity, something I feel we do metaphorically, regularly in our daily lives.

The story of Purim is recounted in the Book of Esther, whose well-known heroine, plays the leading role in saving her people from a massacre planned by the book's villain, Haman. The word Purim means "lots" and refers to the mechanism by which Haman chose the date for the Jews' destruction. The holiday is traditionally celebrated with wild abandon—costumes, drinking, feasting, revelry—and by reading the Megillah and giving gifts to friends and the poor.

Some of the questions that I ponder when I think of Purim's message for us today are: What masks do we wear each day? How do we hide our real selves and why is that the case? Are there ways we can become more comfortable in our own skin that will benefit us?

Other questions are as follows: Are we more like Mordechai, who saw danger and immediately took steps to rectify the situation, or are we more like Esther, who initially declined Mordechai's plea to get involved in the efforts to save the Jewish People? Much like Moses, who minimized his capacity to enact real change, Esther did not think that she had what it took. She thought she would be safer masking her identity as a Jewish woman. She thought she could hide in the palace. Moses hid in the palace until he found he could no longer watch as his People suffered. Esther came to the same realization.

To me, Purim is clearly about having fun and being silly. It is also quite clearly about key people working diligently to change the course of history. They worked hard to ensure the Jewish people would survive. They chose action, not silence. We must do the same. We clearly must relish lighter moments at Temple even while carrying the intensity of what is happening in Israel and elsewhere.

What we cannot do is hide from the reality facing us all as Jewish people.

I look forward to seeing you at our Purim celebration on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Rena Stober will be back to add singing and levity to the service, the Shpiel and the Megillah reading.

- Rabbi Len Muroff  
[rabbimuroff@tbolm.org](mailto:rabbimuroff@tbolm.org)

### Be the First to Say Shalom!

Volunteer as an usher to greet members and guests with warmth before Friday night Shabbat services. For more info contact [security@tbolm.org](mailto:security@tbolm.org)



No YouTube broadcast for Shabbat services on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

### Save the Date

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Mostly Kosher  
Concert

Details to follow.



## Mark Your Calendar for Joy and Laughter: This Month's Events at TBO

### ♣ MARCH 2025 ♣

Date		Time	Event	OS	Z	YT	Other
3/2	Sun	9:00am	Adult Ed: Bus Trip to Boyle Heights and Jewish LA				X
3/3	Mon	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z		
3/4	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z		
3/4	Tue	7:30pm	Sisterhood Board		Z		
3/5	Wed	7:00pm	Religious Committee		Z		
3/6	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
3/7	Fri	6:00pm	Shabbat Across America Dinner	OS			
3/7	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT	
3/8	Sat	6:00pm	MRJ Man of the Year Program				X
3/9	Sun	9:45am	Youth & Education Committee	OS	Z		
3/10	Mon	7:00pm	Finance Committee		Z		
3/11	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z		
3/11	Tue	7:00pm	Safety & Security Meeting		Z		
3/12	Wed	10:30am	Adult Education Committee	OS	Z		
3/12	Wed	6:30pm	Sisterhood Social & Program	OS	Z		
3/13	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
3/13	Thu	5:30pm	A&A Finance Meeting		Z		
3/14	Fri	6:00pm	Purim Celebration Dinner	OS			
3/14	Fri	7:30pm	Purim Spiel / Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT	
3/15	Sat	10:00am	Shabbat Prayer, Torah Study & Potluck Lunch	OS	Z		
3/16	Sun	12:00pm	Purim Carnival at JCC Long Beach				JCC
3/17	Mon	7:00pm	Board Meeting	OS	Z		
3/18	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z		
3/19	Wed	10:30am	ICR/Social Action Committee		Z		
3/19	Wed	6:15pm	Brotherhood Dinner Program & Meeting	OS			
3/20	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
3/21	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT	
3/22	Sat	5:00pm	BOLTY Event				X
3/24	Mon	7:00pm	Membership Committee		Z		
3/25	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z		
3/26	Wed	11:00am	Brotherhood Dineout at Silver Palace				
3/27	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
3/28	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship: Eliana K. Bat Mitzvah	OS			
3/29	Sat	10:00am	Eliana K. Bat Mitzvah	OS			

♣ **Please note that dates are subject to change**, check the website [tboim.org](http://tboim.org) for updates.

♣ Event Location: OS (On-Site), Z (Zoom), YT (YouTube), JCC (Alpert JCC, Long Beach), X (other: check website)

♣ If an RSVP is required, go to the TBO website and click on the calendar or event flyer link.



# Crowning Achievements

Eliana Kudler will be called to the Torah on March 29, 2025, as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Ohr. She follows in the footsteps of her brother, Jacob Kudler.

Currently, she is a 7th grader at Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School in La Habra. She excels in her school studies by earning straight A's and has outstanding positive character marks. Her favorite class is art.


Eliana has been a Girl Scout since Kindergarten and is currently working on her Silver Award. Last year she got to serve as a volunteer for the younger Girl Scouts in summer day camp and loved being a positive role model. She currently plays volleyball through the city of La Mirada and has a killer serve. She also enjoys spending quality time with friends, creating her own unique artwork, and playing with the family's two dogs-Luna & Skye.

She loves animals and has devoted her Mitzvah project to making blankets for shelter animals. She is currently accepting any donations of toys, blankets, or pet supplies from the community. These items will be donated to Cathey's K-9 Rescue which serves to find forever homes for homeless dogs and cats.




*Mazel Tov, Eliana!*

## Royal Proclamations

An illustration of two golden trumpets and a purple banner with a yellow and orange chevron design. The banner has the text 'Temple Beth Ohr' written on it.

Thank you to everyone who sent love to us for our anniversary! It was so appreciated.

XOXO—Sharon & Mike Kravitz

A circular photograph of a woman (Izzy Fregoso) and a man (Sergio Argumedo) smiling together.

We are happy to share that we are engaged and can't wait to begin this new chapter of our lives together!

Izzy Fregoso ♥ Sergio Argumedo

## *Greeting from the Palace!*



Sharon Kravitz  
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Joe Telles  
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We want to thank all the congregants who voted on the Rabbi's contract. At the General Membership meeting on February 17, 2025, the contract was approved. We also want to THANK the board, who took time and care writing the contract based on input from all of you.

Please SUPPORT all our activities and events, keep checking our website TBOLM.org. If you have other ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

## **Gifts of Generosity**

Our TBO community came together to sponsor ten Shabbat kits for victims of the recent wildfires, bringing light, hope, and comfort to those in need. Each kit was thoughtfully prepared to help families welcome Shabbat with warmth and tradition, even during challenging times.

Debby Singer (right), Director of PJ Library, and Assistant Director Naama (left) were deeply moved and grateful to receive the kits, which were personally delivered by Rabbi Muroff. These small acts of kindness remind us of the power of community and the importance of supporting one another.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful initiative. Your generosity has truly made a difference.

May we continue to spread light and hope together.







A new puzzle each month to test your knowledge of Jewish culture, temple life, and Torah trivia. It's all about fun and connection. Grab a pen and join the challenge— maybe even earn some bragging rights!



**Word List**

- PURIM**
- ESTHER**
- HAMAN**
- MORDECHAI**
- MEGILLAH**
- COSTUMES**
- FEASTING**
- REVELRY**
- LOTS**
- MASKS**
- GIFTS**
- TEMPLE**
- ISRAEL**
- IDENTITY**
- CHANGE**

*Giving Back to our Community*



- ♣ Sponsor erev Shabbat flowers (email [office@tboldm.org](mailto:office@tboldm.org))
- ♣ Sponsor an Oneg (email [religion@tboldm.org](mailto:religion@tboldm.org))
- ♣ Shabbat Greetings (email [fundraising@tboldm.org](mailto:fundraising@tboldm.org))
- ♣ Tree of life (email [office@tboldm.org](mailto:office@tboldm.org))
- ♣ Framed Torah portions (email [office@tboldm.org](mailto:office@tboldm.org))
- ♣ Donation to general or specific fund (<https://tboldm.shulcloud.com/payment.php>)

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