

THE BEACON-ETTE

November 2025



A Season of *Gratitude*

What a wonderful time to be part of our Temple family! As we wrap up the High Holy Days and step into the season of gratitude, our hearts are full of thanks for our community, for the blessings we share, and for the joy of being together. We give thanks for the release of Hostages and continue to pray for peace and healing for Israel and for all whose lives have been touched by the war.

As we look ahead to the lights of Hanukkah, may gratitude fill our homes and kindness guide our days. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed to our High Holy Days appeal. Your generosity keeps our Temple shining bright and helps our community continue to thrive.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and joyful **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Monthly Bring Your Own Dinner

First Friday of Every Month @ 6:00 pm

All are welcome!

Join us in welcoming Shabbat with delicious food and meaningful conversations with your TBO community.

2025

November 7

December 5

2026

January 2

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5



Share in the *Spirit of Gratitude!*

Say thank you, mazel tov, or thinking of you by sending a



Mailed to the recipient with your personal message.
Each card you send helps support TBO and spreads a little more kindness in the world.

Tribute cards are \$3 each and available through our Sisterhood Tribute Coordinator: Debbie Greenbaum at tributes.tbolm@gmail.com



Message from Rabbi Muroff: Between Gratitude and Grief

*"A man doesn't have time in his life
to have time for everything.
He doesn't have seasons enough to have
a season for every purpose. Ecclesiastes
Was wrong about that."
-Yehuda Amichai (Noted Israeli Poet)*

There really is only so much time.

We have now completed the 5786/2025 fall Jewish holiday cycle. Unlike most years, it is not clear how to feel. Do we languish in the happiness generated by the release of the Hostages? Do we focus on the two-year anniversary of the murders of victims of October 7th?

Both feelings have arrived simultaneously, and both are deserving of our attention. We have been carrying so much for so long that it is hard to know how to walk while holding two intense and traumatic and contradictory feelings.

We know we must hold both as we have done so on many occasions in our lives. Yet this time feels different in a way that is difficult to describe, and still we must move forward.

There is no reason to avoid conflicting sentiments. We must indeed hold both as best we can.

Let's celebrate and acknowledge the release of the hostages. It is indeed miraculous that they have returned. It is what we have been praying for and talking about for two years.

May it be a season of leaning into happiness and gratitude, even while holding grief and disbelief. Let's make the most of each day.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Celebrating Sukkot Together



Thank you for making last month
so memorable!

Simchat Torah: L'dor Vador – From Generation to Generation

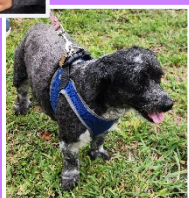
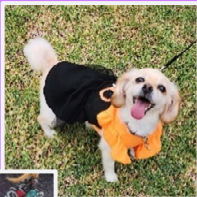


Pink Shabbat: Wearing pink & sharing strength!



Kindness, courage, and a whole
lot of heart!

Pet Blessing: Paws, prayers, and wagging tails!





High Holy Days Donations

Patricia Almada
 Victor Barabash
 Donna Berglas-Hess & Art Hess
 Helene Bergman
 Sandy Bloch
 Robert Block & Sandra Madrid
 Charlene Brotman
 Sheila Craven
 Judy Cymerman & Rabbi Len Muroff
 Gene Fox
 Rhona Gewelber
 Joy Gordon
 Green Family
 Steve & Debbie Grossman
 Sheri Held
 Howard & Fredelle Hoffman
 Debbie Holland & Dominic Valencia
 Nancy Hom
 Jodi & Ryan Jackson
 Victoria & Harry Jacobs
 Dena & Chris Jastroch
 Joyce Kessler
 Dr. Paul Kirz
 Howard & Sharon Koenig
 Kotkin Family
 Sharon & Mike Kravitz
 Courtney Kravitz & Mark Moskowitz
 Mike & Cher Krichmar
 Laurie Kudler

Lavoot Family
 Devora Lowenstein
 Betty Madick
 Fred & Ruth Malkin
 The Milhandler Family
 David Morrison
 Helene Moss
 Marlene Palmer
 Josephine Penn
 Porter Family
 Ellis & Gayle Porter
 Eleanor & Bill Richman
 Sally Romotsky
 Rubin Family
 Lynn Sanders
 Sandy Scharf
 Jeff & Wilma Scheer
 Harrison Scheer Family
 Sylvia Schmidt
 Gabrielle Senser
 Neal Shindel and Joan
 Dengrove
 Ted & Noelle Singer
 Jeff & Sandy Strauss
 Brandy Strings-Pearson
 Mike & Hilda Sugarman
 Joe Telles
 Scott Zwirn

A Message from our Co-Presidents

A very BIG thank you to EVERYONE who worked hard during our High Holy Days from the set-ups through break-the-fast. We especially want to thank all of the volunteers from the Membership and Religious Committees who helped organize, work the tables and greet everyone as they attended services.

A special Thank You to Rabbi Muroff for all the preparation, hard work and inspiring services; to Cantor Newman and Roger Green, thank you for your beautiful voice and music, which added so much to our services.

We are very pleased to announce that we reached our High Holy Days appeal! So much gratitude to everyone who donated.

Our committees try very hard to plan events and activities that you want to see or do. Keep reading the eblasts and our website as there are many events coming up! We are also working hard to communicate about events that are happening in the larger Jewish community.



Joe Telles & Sharon Kravitz
Co-Presidents, TBO

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Office Closed

Thursday, 11/27

Erev Shabbat Services

Friday, 11/7

Only in person
(no YouTube streaming)

Friday, 11/28

Zoom Only
(no in person services)

Temple Beth Ohr
ICR/Social Action Committee



Drop-off your new, unwrapped toy
donation from November 1-30

All donations will go to the City of
La Mirada. The city works
together with local organizations to
help spread holiday cheer to those
in need. Toys collected will be
distributed to local organizations
including the La Mirada Volunteer
Center, the Interfaith Food Center
and various area churches.

Latkes & More



**Saturday
December 6th
Starts @ 5:30 pm**



Bring a new
unwrapped toy



Temple Beth Ohr
15721 Rosecrans Ave, La Mirada

RSVP online at <https://tbolm.shulcloud.com/event/latkes2025>
Adults (ages 13+) – Regular \$30pp, Early Bird \$25pp if paid by 11/28
Kids (4-12 years) – Regular \$20pp, Early Bird \$15pp if paid by 11/28

[No Refunds]



Flowers

Celebrating a special occasion?
Sponsor flowers for you or your loved ones!

Two levels of fresh flower sponsorships available:

- 🌸 \$50 classic arrangement 🌸
- 🌸 \$90 deluxe arrangement 🌸

One flower sponsorship is available per
Erev Shabbat service. For more information,
please contact Ellie at (858) 923-6898
or ellieurcis17@gmail.com.



Shabbat Greetings

Spread a little cheer and support your Temple
by sending Shabbat Greetings to your
Temple family on Friday nights for

📧💙 only \$18 per week. 💙📧

Your name(s) will be mentioned and
shown on the screen during our
livestream service on YouTube.



This Month's Events at TBO

NOVEMBER 2025

Date		Time	Event	OS	Z	YT	Other
11/1	Sat	10:00am	Shabbat Prayer, Torah Study & Potluck Lunch	OS	Z		
11/3	Mon	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z		
11/4	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z		
11/4	Tue	7:00pm	Sisterhood Board		Z		
11/5	Wed	7:00pm	Religious Committee		Z		
11/6	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
11/7	Fri	6:00pm	Bring Your Own Shabbat Dinner	OS			
11/7	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship: 7th-8th Grade Class Shabbat	OS			
11/10	Mon	7:00pm	Finance Committee		Z		
11/11	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z		
11/11	Tue	1:00pm	House Committee Meeting	OS			
11/11	Tue	5:00pm	A&A Finance Meeting		Z		
11/11	Tue	7:00pm	Safety & Security Meeting		Z		
11/12	Wed	10:30am	Adult Education Committee	OS	Z		
11/12	Wed	6:30pm	Sisterhood Social & Program	OS	Z		
11/13	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
11/14	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT	
11/15	Sat	10:00am	Shabbat Prayer, Torah Study & Potluck Lunch	OS	Z		
11/16	Sun	2:00pm	Adult Education Program	OS			
11/17	Mon	7:00pm	Board Meeting	OS	Z		
11/18	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z		
11/18	Tue	7:00pm	Siddur Study	OS	Z		
11/19	Wed	10:30am	ICR/Social Action Committee		Z		
11/19	Wed	12:00pm	Brown Bag & Books		Z		
11/19	Wed	6:15pm	Brotherhood Dinner Program & Meeting	OS			
11/20	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS			
11/21	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT	
11/23	Sun	1:30pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service				Beatitudes
11/24	Mon	6:30pm	Brotherhood Event	OS			
11/25	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z		
11/25	Tue	7:00pm	Membership Committee		Z		
11/27	Thu	All Day	Office Closed - Thanksgiving				X
11/28	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship		Z		

★ **Please note that dates are subject to change**, check the website 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.



November Anniversaries

- 5th Brad & Debbie Greenbaum
- 8th Melody & Mark Volen
- 18th Justin & Rebecca Mayernik
- 21st Ted & Terri Lavoot
- 22nd Stephan & Lori Weisel

November Birthdays

- 1st Morris Spaber
- 3rd Sienna Hammer
- 3rd Victoria Jacobs
- 5th Howard Lavoot
- 5th Ted Singer
- 8th Debbie Greenbaum
- 8th Sergio Sanchez-Gutzman
- 13th Rita Rubin
- 14th Elaine Sacker
- 15th Gerald Hammer
- 22nd Eli Fenton-Strauss
- 22nd Betty Madick
- 22nd Karen Yungman
- 24th Benjamin Green
- 24th Hilda Sugarman
- 30th Eileen Mignella
- 30th Charlotte Ross



*Want to send a special birthday or anniversary greeting
in next month's issue? Email: izzyfregoso@gmail.com*

MITZVAH CORNER

The ICR/Social Action Committee invites you to learn about:



The City of La Mirada

The City of La Mirada offers many ways for people to get involved with their community. Click the link and type **volunteer opportunities** in the search bar to discover how you can make a difference by volunteering for Community Services, Public Safety, or the La Mirada Theater.

This holiday season, The City of La Mirada will be working with local organizations to help spread holiday cheer to those in need. The new unwrapped toys that Temple Beth Ohr collects will be delivered to the Community Services Department and then distributed to local organizations, such as the La Mirada Volunteer Center, the Interfaith Food Center, and various churches in the area.

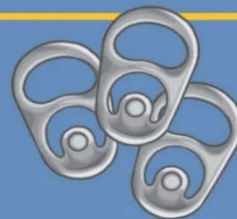


CityOfLaMirada.org



Pull together

POP TABS



Make a difference

Collecting pop tabs is one of the easiest ways to support the
Orange County Ronald McDonald House!

The little flips from soda, soup, or beer cans will make a big difference.

It's easy, ongoing, and impactful.

Drop them off anytime at the entry table or gift shop counter. Every tab counts!

Contact Terri Lavoot for more info.

THE ALEF BET Challenge

F	Z	I	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	K	P	X	M	L	N	V	G
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BLESSINGS
 CELEBRATE
 COMMUNITY
 FAMILY
 FRIENDS
 GRATITUDE
 HARVEST
 HOPE
 ISRAEL
 JOY
 KINDNESS
 LOVE
 PEACE
 TEMPLE
 THANKSGIVING



Giving Back to our Community

- ✧ Sponsor erev Shabbat flowers (email ellieurcis17@gmail.com)
- ✧ Sponsor an Oneg (email ellieurcis17@gmail.com)
- ✧ Shabbat Greetings (email fundraising@tboldm.org)
- ✧ Tree of Life (email office@tboldm.org)
- ✧ Framed Torah portions (email office@tboldm.org)
- ✧ Donation to general or specific fund
(<https://tboldm.shulcloud.com/payment.php>)

Check out tboldm.org for more information or contact us at office@tboldm.org for more information on Temple Beth Ohr committees, clubs, and other groups.