

THE BEACON-ETTE

March 2026



Temple Beth Ohr is turning 70—and our community is getting ready to celebrate!

For seven decades, TBO has been a home for learning, prayer, friendship, and Jewish life—shaped by the dedication of our members and the generations who built this congregation with love.

With our 70th Anniversary “Jewbilation” just weeks away, now is the perfect time to be part of this historic moment. Whether by attending the event or contributing a message to our commemorative tribute book, every member has an opportunity to help honor our past and shape the next chapter of Temple Beth Ohr.

As we reflect on the journey that brought us here, we are reminded that our greatest strength has always been one another. The relationships we’ve built, the traditions we’ve shared, and the milestones we’ve celebrated together are what make Temple Beth Ohr truly special. This anniversary is not just a date on the calendar—it is a celebration of the spirit that continues to guide us forward.

This milestone belongs to all of us, and we look forward to celebrating together.

Find more info about events and temple life at tbolm.org

Message from Our Co-Presidents

We are happy to announce that the Board of Directors has approved a new contract for Rabbi Muroff. As per our by-laws, the contract will be sent out prior to our April General Membership meeting, April 20, 2026, where it will be voted on.

Thank you to Rita and Eleanor, Co-Chairs of our Adult Education Committee, for starting our year off with some wonderful, inspirational speakers. Continue to check our website for upcoming programs.

Our traditional Passover second night seder is taking place on Thursday, April 2nd. Please go to our website to RSVP.

Hope everyone has received their invitation for our 70th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 18th. The Ways & Means Committee has been working hard to put on a gala “Jewbilation.” On the back of the invitation are opportunities to be a sponsor or write something in the commemorative book.

Hope to see you at services,



Joe Telles & Sharon Kravitz
Co-Presidents, TBO

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Leadership Begins with Presence



Brotherhood Man of the Year: Ryan Jackson

I am deeply honored to be recognized as the Man of the Year by the Men of Reform Judaism. This recognition means so much because it reflects the values I care deeply about—community, service, and a strong commitment to Jewish life.

As a proud member of Temple Beth Ohr, I have had the privilege of becoming rooted in a congregation that truly feels like family. In just a few short years, I have grown through involvement, leadership opportunities, and meaningful relationships. Whether helping with Brotherhood initiatives, supporting synagogue programs, or simply showing up, I believe that leadership begins with presence and participation.

For me, being part of this community is about strengthening connections across generations and ensuring our Jewish traditions remain vibrant and relevant. I am passionate about fostering camaraderie, welcoming new members, and helping create experiences that bring people together in faith, friendship, and purpose.

I accept this honor with gratitude and humility. I could not have done this without the support and help of my wife, Jodi. This recognition is not just about me—it reflects the incredible community that inspires me every day. I look forward to continuing to serve, grow, and contribute to the future of our congregation and Jewish life.



Standing Together in Faith

Rabbi Len Muroff

The Fire and Its Impact

The arson attack on the [Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, Mississippi](#) occurred in the early morning hours of **Saturday, January 10, 2026**. The fire caused extensive damage to the synagogue's library and administrative areas. It echoed a similar antisemitic attack at the synagogue in 1967, which was seen as an act in opposition to the efforts of the then rabbi to have equality for Black Americans.

This struck close to home, as the Temple houses the offices of the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, the organization where my daughter Shira serves as the Director of Cultural Programming.

The congregation and ISJL have received much support from area churches and Jewish communities across the country. For example, Northminster Baptist Church offered their sanctuary for Friday night Shabbat services, which was the site of the first post-fire service and Adult Bat Mitzvah, just six days after the fire. That is also where the Torahs which were damaged by soot are being air dried and cleaned. A neighboring Episcopal church has offered conference and meeting rooms to facilitate gatherings close to the Temple.

More of the community's adults and children have participated in Temple services and activities as a sign of their commitment to living proudly as Jewish people, despite the malicious act of hatred directed towards them.

With 140 families as members, Beth Israel, founded in 1860, is an intimate yet vibrant hub for central Mississippi's Jewish community.



Temple Beth Ohr Responds

I am proud of the actions of our Temple community who has assisted in helping the small community heal. Under the direction of our Education Director, Alyssa Freedman-Finch, and with the support of all the Religious School teachers, the students wrote supportive letters to the children of Beth Israel's children on the day after the attack. They were sent to my daughter, who delivered them to the School Director, Rachel Myers, who gladly and gratefully accepted them on behalf of her students.



Resilience & Responsibility

On a recent visit to Jackson, I delivered ten Tallitot/Tallises/prayer shawls to Ben Russell, the Student Rabbi and Soloist of Congregation Beth Israel. They were given to me by some private individuals in Long Beach and Los Angeles, and our Sisterhood. They replaced the tallises of Beth Israel that were lost in the fire which destroyed the congregation's library.



Mr. Russell shared his immense gratitude for our gracious act which permits their Shabbat morning services to be more complete.

In the Purim and Passover stories, our People stood up to oppressors who sought to delegitimize us; Mordecai, Esther, Moses, Aaron and Miriam refused to let others define our futures. They fought to allow our people to thrive and to live freely. It is our responsibility to continue their work.

We must live active and more involved Jewish lives and actively celebrate our cultural and spiritual strength.

Temple Beth Ohr has been around for 70 years. We are doing the work to continue to bring beauty and hope into the community. Let's continue to live our Jewish values.



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. 🎉📺

Message from Brotherhood President – Howard Lavoot

Congratulations to Ryan Jackson - as TBO Brotherhood Man of the Year! We have 20 people attending the Annual Man-of-the-Year Dinner. RSVP by March 13th.

Thank you for attending the congregational Tu'bish'vat dinner.

Thanks to all who attended the Super Bowl Party where we watched the Seahawks beat the Patriots by the score of 29 to 13. Congratulations to all the football squares winners!

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and participation in our recent and future Brotherhood events.



28th Annual Man-of-the-Year Dinner

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Temple Beth Hillel
12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village, California 91607
Cost: \$50.00 per person (The Honoree will be our guest)

Thank you to everyone who attended Sisterhood's Galentine's Brunch!

Our March event will be Tai Chi with Diane Globerman on 3/11. Hope to see you all there!



Thank you to those who called, texted, emailed and sent cards sending their condolences on the passing of my former mother-in-law, Gertrude Berger

I love my TBO family!

♥ Leslie

I wish to thank all of my wonderful TBO friends who called, emailed, texted and sent cards to cheer me while I recuperate from shoulder replacement surgery.

You guys are the best!

♥ Helene

For more information on Brotherhood and Sisterhood events, please see the flyers that are posted on our website, weekly e-blasts, Beacon-ette and on the counter in the social hall.

This Month's Events at TBO

M A R C H 2 0 2 6						
Date	Time	Event	OS	Z	YT	Other
3/1	Sun	2:00pm	Adult Education Presents Dr. Steven Windmueller	OS		
3/2	Mon	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z	
3/3	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	
3/3	Tue	7:00pm	Sisterhood Board		Z	
3/3	Tue	7:00pm	Outreach Sub-Committee Meeting		Z	
3/4	Wed	7:00pm	Religious Committee		Z	
3/5	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
3/5	Thu	4:00pm	Sydney Bennett Memorial & Celebration of Life	OS		
3/6	Fri	6:00pm	Bring Your Own Shabbat Dinner	OS		
3/6	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship: Camryn J. Bat Mitzvah	OS		YT
3/7	Sat	10:00am	Camryn J. Bat Mitzvah	OS		
3/9	Mon	7:00pm	Finance Committee		Z	
3/10	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z	
3/10	Tue	1:00pm	House Committee Meeting	OS		
3/10	Tue	7:00pm	Safety & Security Meeting		Z	
3/11	Wed	10:30am	Adult Education Committee	OS	Z	
3/11	Wed	6:30pm	Sisterhood Social & Program	OS	Z	
3/12	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
3/13	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
3/16	Mon	7:00pm	Board Meeting	OS	Z	
3/17	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	
3/17	Tue	7:00pm	Siddur Study		Z	
3/18	Wed	10:30am	ICR/Social Action Committee		Z	
3/18	Wed	6:15pm	Brotherhood Dinner Program & Meeting	OS		
3/19	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
3/19	Thu	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z	
3/20	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
3/21	Sat	10:00am	Shabbat Prayer, Torah Study, Lasky Baby Naming	OS	Z	
3/21	Sat	6:00pm	Brotherhood Man of the Year			X
3/24	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z	
3/24	Tue	7:00pm	Membership Committee		Z	
3/25	Wed	11:00am	Brotherhood Dineout at Silver Palace			X
3/26	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
3/27	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship with Guest Speaker	OS		YT
3/30	Mon	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z	
3/31	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	



March Anniversaries

8th Shaul & Rivkah Saulisbury

14th Lynn & Gary Sanders

15th Myra & Don Ford

25th Jennifer & Jon Bonvillain

28th Harry & Christine Gunther

March Birthdays

4th Lynette Austin

5th Michael Globerman

5th Noah Sneward

6th Gene Fox

6th Camryn Johnson

6th Sylvia Schmidt

10th Eileen Haber

11th Les Braunstein

11th Steven Grossman

11th Rivkah Saulisbury

12th Marci Levins

17th Lynda Morris

17th Jackson Rochweg

18th Paul Kirz

22nd Morris Rochweg

23rd Mela Tsyrlin

24th Brad Greenbaum

25th David Saine

26th Navon Garcia-Chavez

26th Nancy Hom

28th Mark Kudler

28th David Morrison

29th Stephanie Lasky

30th Penni Lavoot

30th Estelle Lemus



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

MITZVAH CORNER

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



The Ronald McDonald House and Family Room

The Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room programs provide a comforting home away from home for the families of children who must be hospitalized for their treatment.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a place for parents to stay overnight when they live far away from the hospital. It enables them to get some rest so that they can focus on their child's health and not worry about grocery shopping, cleaning and cooking. Transportation is provided from the house to the hospital.

The Ronald McDonald family room, located inside the hospital, is a place where parents can find a respite while still being near their child.

Both programs are staffed with volunteers to help serve and comfort those who use these facilities. Our own Temple member, Terri Lavoot, has served as one of the volunteers in the Orange County facility. She has a collection box for pop tabs located in the Temple lobby, which will help support the Ronald McDonald House charities.

Please click on the links to learn more about how you can support the programs or how to access them if you are in need.

<https://www.rmhcsc.org/orangecounty>

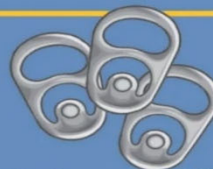


<https://www.rmhcsc.org/orangefamilyroom>



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.



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!

H S C E L E B R A T I O N T C T O N O T X	ANNIVERSARY
B U Q B S Z R K K O R Z G I J U O U J J V	BROTHERHOOD
Q C R N S I S T E R H O O D E I R N G E B	CELEBRATION
A B B Q V J K V F Q J V X F T P T E F W Q	COMMUNITY
N N P R C S Y E A D Z R H I Y G Q V E B S	GRATITUDE
Q M Q Z O X H J I N Y X D Y Q T A L L I T	JEWBILATION
G T N X M T N U T A T A M L O D P S K L F	LEADERSHIP
R W I D M R H M H L R O A K E W R K V A L	MITZVAH
A E M T U O G E J T A T Y R P G S E U T E	PASSOVER
T F I J N F U F R Q I G E R P R A B C I A	PURIM
I E T J I F K Q V H P V D F N U T C V O D	SHABBAT
T G Z T T Q O T H Y O D U I G Y R T Y N E	SISTERHOOD
U K V L Y Y A M Z S T O G B Z U P I W X R	TALLIT
D Y A M Y B A Q S D H U D D G Y K J M T S	TEMPLE
E R H W B H A A D B Z T E M P L E L U Y H	TRADITION
J Z V A D N P T E C L J K Q W Y K E S T I	LEGACY
W W H J L E M G E N E R A T I O N S V G P	FAITH
J S E A N N I V E R S A R Y H G S V W Z W	GENERATIONS



Giving Back to our Community

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

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