

## A Night to Remember

Our 70th Anniversary celebration brought nearly 90 people together for an evening bursting with energy, joy, and true community spirit. From the moment guests stepped onto the red carpet, you could feel it. The excitement was real, the pride was palpable, and the room came alive. We were thrilled to welcome not only so many of our congregants, but also members of the broader community, including a city council member and pastors from neighboring churches. It was a powerful and joyful celebration of 70 years of light, leadership, and connection.

“This is the spirit of Temple Beth Ohr.”



“This is the legacy that continues to shine.”



The room was buzzing as conversations flowed and laughter filled the air while the silent auction drew incredible participation as everyone came together to support our fundraising efforts. Everywhere you looked, there were smiles, hugs, and genuine connection. We are so thankful to everyone who celebrated with us!

As we carry this energy forward, we also celebrate the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers who nurture and strengthen our community each and every day. We wish you all a very happy Mother's Day!

The celebration does not stop here. Join us, stay connected, and be part of what comes next. . .

**Help us build the next chapter of our Temple together.** Check out the calendar for upcoming events.



**Went to a TBO event?**  
**We'd love to see your photos!**  
Send them to:  
**TempleBethOhrMarketing@gmail.com**



**Be sure to share your photos with us!**



This unforgettable evening was months in the making. So much heart, creativity, and dedication went into every detail, and it showed. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to those who went above and beyond to bring this celebration to life.

From the elegant décor and delicious food to the lively entertainment and joyful atmosphere, the night was nothing short of spectacular. If you captured special moments, we would love to see them.





**Office Closed**  
**Monday, 5/24**

### Message from our Co-Presidents

THANK YOU to the Ways and Means Committee for all your hard work on our 70th Anniversary Jewbilation. It was a beautiful evening, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thank you to those congregants who attended our General Membership meeting on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, although the contract was approved, many congregants expressed concerns about the Rabbi's new contract. As of this writing, we are working on scheduling another General Membership meeting where all congregants will have the opportunity to speak.

Our Adult Education Committee has put together a Shabbaton weekend for May 22-24, with lots of good food and Israeli dancing and presenting Dr. Devin E. Naar, well-known professor and speaker on Sephardic Studies. All information, including the link to RSVP, can be found on our website.

Just a reminder that the construction of the fence around the Temple is starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, and for your safety, most events will be held on Zoom or off-site, until the construction is completed.

To everyone that celebrates, a very **Happy Mother's Day!**



Joe Telles & Sharon Kravitz  
Co-Presidents, TBO

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*Many thanks to our TBO family for your caring and for sending healing thoughts to Bob.*

*- Rita and Bob Rubin*

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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fundraising-concert-3>



# Stepping Up to the Plate:

## Navon's Bar Mitzvah



### ★ PLAYER PROFILE ★

	<b>PLAYING SINCE</b> Age 5
	<b>POSITIONS</b> Pitcher, First Base, Catcher, Outfield
	<b>FAVORITE TEAM</b> Dodgers
	<b>LEVEL</b> Youth & Travel
	<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> All-Star Selection
	<b>SPECIALTY</b> Pitching

On Saturday, May 16th, Navon will be called to the Torah, marking a meaningful and memorable occasion.

This moment is especially significant for Navon as he honors the memory of his grandmother, Nehama, who was an important part of his Jewish identity. Through this milestone, her legacy is carried forward in a meaningful way for him and his family.

Outside of family, **baseball is where Navon truly lights up.** Whether he is playing, practicing, or watching his favorite team, the Dodgers, his passion for the game is unmistakable. Over the years, he has played on several youth baseball teams, including a traveling team that has taken him to play in places like New York and Las Vegas. The game is more than just a hobby for him. It is something he genuinely loves and takes pride in, and it continues to be a central part of his daily life.

That passion carries into his mitzvah project, where Navon has taken the initiative to work one-on-one with younger players to help them build their skills. He has already worked with two kids, one alongside his dad and one on his own, focusing on fundamentals like throwing, hitting, and catching. He has helped them refine their mechanics so they can play more effectively and avoid injury. He has also taught them how to handle real game situations, such as how to block the plate on a bouncing ball. Through this hands-on effort, Navon is sharing what he knows and helping younger players feel more confident every time they step onto the field.

As Navon reaches this important milestone, we celebrate this joyful moment in his Jewish journey and the traditions that connect him to family and community.

# Mazel Tov, Navon, on this exciting, big-league day!

# MAY 2025

Date	Time	Event	OS	Z	YT	Other
5/1	Fri	6:00pm	Bring Your Own Shabbat Dinner	OS		
5/1	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship Teacher Appreciation & L'Taken	OS		YT
5/2	Sat	10:00am	Adult B'nai Mitzvah	OS		
5/4	Mon	7:00pm	Ways & Means Committee		Z	
5/5	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	
5/5	Tue	7:00pm	Sisterhood Board		Z	
5/5	Tue	7:00pm	Outreach Sub-Committee Meeting		Z	
5/6	Wed	7:00pm	Religious Committee		Z	
5/7	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
5/7	Thu	7:00pm	A&A Finance Meeting		Z	
5/8	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
5/11	Mon	7:00pm	Finance Committee		Z	
5/12	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z	
5/12	Tue	1:00pm	House Committee Meeting	OS		
5/12	Tue	7:00pm	Safety & Security Meeting		Z	
5/13	Wed	10:30am	Adult Education Committee	OS	Z	
5/13	Wed	6:30pm	Sisterhood Social & Program		Z	
5/14	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
5/15	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
5/16	Sat	9:00am	Navon G. Bar Mitzvah	OS		
5/18	Mon	7:00pm	Board Meeting	OS	Z	
5/19	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	
5/20	Wed	10:30am	ICR/Social Action Committee		Z	
5/20	Wed	11:30am	Brotherhood Paid-Up Membership Lunch			X
5/20	Wed	12:00pm	Brown Bag & Books		Z	
5/21	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
5/22	Fri	6:00pm	Shavuot Dairy Dinner	OS		
5/22	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship: Shabbaton	OS		YT
5/23	Sat	11:00am	Shabbaton	OS		
5/24	Sun	10:30am	Shabbaton	OS		
5/25	Mon	All Day	Office Closed - Memorial Day	OS		
5/26	Tue	10:30am	Knotty Ladies		Z	
5/26	Tue	7:00pm	Membership Committee		Z	
5/27	Wed	4:00pm	Brotherhood Dineout			X
5/28	Thu	10:00am	Mah Jong Club	OS		
5/29	Fri	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Worship: Confirmation Service	OS		YT

★ **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.

# Let's Celebrate

## May Anniversaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn & Morris Spaber
- 17<sup>th</sup> David & Caryn Saine
- 26<sup>th</sup> Toby & Dana Porter
- 29<sup>th</sup> Michael & Debra Rudolph
- 30<sup>th</sup> Rita & Robert Rubin
- 31<sup>st</sup> Shannon Gimbel-Hammer & Gerald Hammer

## May Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Gelmini
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lorri Rosenfeld
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hallie Pino
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fran Benveniste
- 5<sup>th</sup> Helene Moss
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alissa Rose
- 7<sup>th</sup> Hannah Green
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sheri Held
- 8<sup>th</sup> Brandy Strings-Pearson
- 11<sup>th</sup> Eddie Goldstein
- 15<sup>th</sup> Shannon Gimbel-Hammer
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ryan Morris
- 20<sup>th</sup> Elena Cienfuegos
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wilma Scheer
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sandra Bloch
- 21<sup>st</sup> Joseph Horowitz
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cathy Rudd
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cynthia Tessler
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Adriann Berger
- 24<sup>th</sup> Art Hess
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sue Rubin
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jeff Scheer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Charlene Brotman
- 26<sup>th</sup> Paola Rosenberg
- 26<sup>th</sup> Michael Sugarman
- 29<sup>th</sup> Douglas Kotkin



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

SAVE THE DATE

# ANGELS BASEBALL



TBO BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS  
A NIGHT AT ANGEL STADIUM

## Phillies vs Angels

**Saturday, August 29, 2026**  
**Game starts at 6:30 pm**

Cost per ticket is \$36  
If you are a TBO Brotherhood member  
Cost per ticket is \$18

RSVP's WITH PAYMENT BY MAY 15, 2026  
To: TBO BROTHERHOOD  
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT Howard Lavoot –  
[HLAVOOT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HLAVOOT@GMAIL.COM)  
**NO REFUNDS**



Temple Beth Ohr Adult Ed Shabbaton  
presents



**Dr. Devin E. Naar**

Isaac Alhadeff Professor in Sephardic Studies  
University of Washington



Dr. Naar leads the Sephardic Studies Program at the University of Washington, preserving and sharing Sephardic history and culture, and teaches widely on Jewish history, migration, and the Mediterranean world.

### Schedule of Events:

Friday May 22, 2026 - Shabbat dinner - 6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat services and lecture 7:30 pm - "From Shabbat to Shavuot in the Sephardic Jewish Tradition"

In person and on our YouTube channel

Saturday May 23, 2026 - Shabbat morning service - 10:00 am

"A Diaspora within a Diaspora: Sephardic Jews in America" - 11:00 am

Brunch - 12:30 pm

Sunday May 24, 2026 - Coffee and nosh - 10:30 am

"From the Ottoman Empire to Auschwitz:  
Sephardic Jews and the Holocaust" - 11:00 am

Middle Eastern lunch - 12:00 pm

After lunch, we can enjoy the Dave  
Winstone Band and Israeli Dancing with  
Israeli folkdance leader Yael Steinfeld



**RSVP @tboldm.org for all meals by May 15, 2026**

Check our website for all the Zoom links

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ICR/Social Action Committee  
PRESENTS

# HYGIENE DRIVE

for the Women and Children's  
Crisis Shelter in Whittier

The WCCS is currently in need of very specific hygiene items.  
Their mission is to provide safety, shelter, and hope to victims  
of domestic violence.

### Needed Items (new items only):

Conditioner	Feminine Wipes
Body Wash	Baby Wipes
Bars of Soap	Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
Face Wash	Toothpaste
Body Lotion	Mouthwash
Razors	Hair Mousse
Deodorant (male and female)	Hair Gel
Feminine Pads (no tampons)	Shea Butter
	Castor Oil

Drop off donations from May  
1st-31st at TBO

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# MITZVAH CORNER

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



Service Above Self

## The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club's mission is to **“provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace** through its friendships with businesses, professionals, and community leaders.”

If you are looking for an opportunity to **give back to your community**, you may want to consider joining the Rotary Club of La Mirada or Whittier. They have many projects and events throughout the year which include:

- Sponsoring dental screenings for children.
- Helping students establish butterfly gardens at their schools.
- Working with established organizations like Meals on Wheels.

[rotarycluboflamirada.org](http://rotarycluboflamirada.org)

[whittierrotary.org/](http://whittierrotary.org/)

## 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](mailto: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. 

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Drop them off anytime at the entry table or gift shop counter.

 **EVERY TAB COUNTS.**  *Thank you* Contact **Terri Lavoot** for more info.



A new puzzle 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!

## Women of the Bible

Match the women in Column A with the correct description in Column B

Column A	Column B
Names	Description
A. Sarah	1. Mother of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam
B. Rebekah	2. Wife of Jacob who was initially unloved; mother of six sons and one daughter
C. Rachel	3. A young woman who approaches the king to save her people
D. Leah	4. Matriarch who laughed when told she would have a child in old age
E. Yocheved	5. Sister who watched over a baby placed in the Nile and later became a leader
F. Miriam	6. Woman who prays for a child and dedicates him to God
G. Hannah	7. Matriarch associated with a well; mother of Jacob and Esau
H. Naomi	8. Daughter-in-law who chooses loyalty: "Where you go, I will go"
I. Ruth	9. Mother-in-law who returns home after loss and becomes the center of a redemption story
J. Esther	10. Beloved wife of Jacob; mother of Joseph and Benjamin

*Happy Mother's Day!*



### *Giving Back to our Community*

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

Check out [tbolm.org](http://tbolm.org) for more information or contact us at [office@tbolm.org](mailto:office@tbolm.org) for more information on Temple Beth Ohr committees, clubs, and other groups.