

THE BEACON-ETTE

August 2026



Summer is still in full swing, and TBO is buzzing with excitement! August is filled with wonderful opportunities to connect, and it marks the beginning of a new chapter for Temple Beth Ohr as we welcome our Interim Rabbi.

From our First Friday Potluck Dinner to our Sisterhood Dine-Out fundraiser, there's no better time to gather with friends, enjoy a meal, and celebrate community. Be sure to check out all the exciting events planned for the month. We can't wait to see you around the table.

Whether you've been away enjoying summer adventures or have been with us every Shabbat, there's always a place waiting for you here. Every gathering strengthens the friendships that make Temple Beth Ohr feel like home.

We look forward to celebrating a wonderful August with you!

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WELCOME — OUR — NEW INTERIM RABBI!

Get to Know Him!



From our Co-Presidents

We appreciated everyone who attended our General Membership meeting and voted to approve Rabbi Mayersohn's contract. His first official service at TBO will be Friday, August 7th.

A special Thank You goes out to our Religious Committee & Lay Leaders- Alyssa Freedman-Finch, Dena Jastroch, Ryan Jackson & Joe Telles, for our services in July.

Have you seen our new, updated website? If not, check it out! Thank You to Leslie Berger for all the time, effort and detail you have put in. It looks wonderful, especially how easy it is to see all our photos.

High Holy Days are just around the corner and we are very happy to let everyone know that Ariele (Goldfarb) Martingale will be our Cantorial Soloist.



Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Joe Telles & Sharon Kravitz

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By way of introduction: Straight to the point... I will be serving as Rabbi of Temple Beth Ohr for this synagogue year. It is my honor to be your teacher, guide and spiritual leader. Together we will explore Jewish teachings from the Torah to modern Jewish writings.

I have served congregations in Massachusetts and here in Southern California. Coming to Temple Beth Ohr is, for me, a renewed immersion into Jewish communal life, the role of rabbi among you. My goal is to be your teacher, for us together in various settings, to learn and share the teachings of our writings and people. The Jewish community has been the home of scholars, teachers and leaders for generations. We will have the opportunity together to learn from them. It is my hope that the learning will bring us closer to each other and to God's presence in the world.

– **Rabbi Michael Mayersohn**

Soak Up Summer at TBO

AUGUST 2026

Date	Time	Event	OS	Z	YT	Other
8/3	Mon	7:00 PM	Ways & Means Committee		Z	
8/4	Tue	10:30 AM	Knotty Ladies		Z	
8/4	Tue	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Board		Z	
8/5	Wed	7:00 PM	Religious Committee		Z	
8/6	Thu	10:00 AM	Mah Jong Club	OS		
8/6	Thu	7:00 PM	A&A Finance Meeting		Z	
8/7	Fri	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner	OS		
8/7	Fri	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
8/10	Mon	7:00 PM	Finance Committee		Z	
8/11	Tue	9:00 AM	House Committee Meeting	OS		
8/11	Tue	10:30 AM	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z	
8/11	Tue	7:00 PM	Safety & Security Meeting		Z	
8/12	Wed	10:30 AM	Adult Education Committee	OS	Z	
8/12	Wed	12:00 PM	Brown Bag & Books		Z	
8/13	Thu	10:00 AM	Mah Jong Club	OS		
8/14	Fri	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
8/16	Sun	10:00 AM	Education Planning Meeting	OS		
8/17	Mon	6:00 PM	Board Meeting & Dinner	OS	Z	
8/18	Tue	10:30 AM	Knotty Ladies		Z	
8/19	Wed	10:30 AM	ICR/Social Action Committee		Z	
8/19	Wed	7:00 PM	Brotherhood Meeting		Z	
8/20	Thu	10:00 AM	Mah Jong Club	OS		
8/21	Fri	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
8/23	Sun	10:30 AM	Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Event	OS		
8/25	Tue	10:30 AM	Knotty Ladies	OS	Z	
8/25	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Committee		Z	
8/26	Wed	All Day	Sisterhood Dine-Out at Norms Restaurant Whittier			X
8/27	Thu	10:00 AM	Mah Jong Club	OS		
8/28	Fri	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Worship	OS		YT
8/29	Sat	6:00 PM	Brotherhood Angels Game			X

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



August Anniversaries

7th Eleanor & William Richman
 9th Henry & John Aguirre
 13th Richard & Marcy Fry
 14th Howard & Penni Lavoot
 18th Ralph & Cathy Rudd
 21st Howard & Sharon Koenig
 26th Hilda & Michael Sugarman

August Birthdays

1st Joyce Kessler
 2nd Joe Manriquez
 2nd Jeffrey Winston
 4th Sam Sivertsen
 5th Carol Volen
 7th Sharon Gorin
 11th Michael Stastny
 12th Dena Jastroch
 14th Barry Davis
 14th Celia Goldstein
 17th Raul Almada
 17th Shoshana Rosenberg
 17th Evelyn Spaber
 19th Ryan Greenbaum
 20th Richard Fry
 20th Francheska Gelbart
 20th Ruth Malkin
 21st Mara Milhandler
 21st Danielle Tucker
 21st Blake Ulves
 24th John Aguirre
 30th Mikael Sneward



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

Thank You! Thank You!

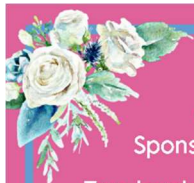
I would like to thank everyone who came out and worked the fireworks booth and supported the Temple. We had one of the greatest years ever!

All made possible by the efforts and hard work of everyone involved:

Art Hess, Ashley Kravitz, Blake Ulves, Bob Rubin, Chance Stastny, Charles Mignella, Chris Fregoso, Chris Jastroch, Cindy Tessler, David Yungman, Debbie Holland, Dominic Valencia, Doug Kotkin, Eileen Mignella, Eric Tessler, Harry Jacobs, Henry Aguirre, Howard Lavoot, Izzy Fregoso, Jacob Kravitz, Karen Yungman, Kerri Ramgren, Laura Milhandler, Leslie Berger, Lillian Mignella, Lorri Rosenfeld, Penni Lavoot, Rick Fry, Rita Rubin, Robert Freedman-Finch, Sergio Argumedo, Sergio Sanchez-Gutzman, Sharon Kravitz, Steve Weisel, Ted Singer, and Victoria Jacobs.



Mike Kravitz



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livestream service on YouTube.





Join us for TBO Sisterhood's
Pajama PARTY

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP EVENT
Come in your PJ's or loungewear for a morning of fun.

BRUNCH & GAMES

AUG 23 @ 10:30-1:00

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**TEMPLE BETH OHR OF
LA MIRADA SISTERHOOD**

MAKE CARING THE NORM

*20% of all pretax sales from August 26th, 2026 will be donated directly to Temple Beth Ohr of La Mirada Sisterhood. Gift card purchases are excluded from fundraising totals. Fundraiser guests are required to present an official flyer (printed or electronic) to the cashier with each order to receive credit. We also accept flyers shown on a phone. Dine-in or To-go will be credited. Orders on NORMS.com and third-party delivery apps will not be credited. Flyers cannot be distributed inside our stores or within the vicinity of our stores, including the parking lot, before or during the event. **Valid only at NORMS Whittier.**

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Religious School & Hebrew Lab Are Almost Here!

We're getting ready for another wonderful year of **learning**, **friendship**, and **Jewish discovery**.

Stay tuned—we'll be sharing all the details soon!

Mitzvah Corner

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

The RAC-CA



The **Religious Action Center** is the advocacy arm of the **Union for Reform Judaism**. In California, we have the **RAC-CA** which works on state campaigns and national issues.

The **RAC-CA** seeks “to educate, inspire and mobilize the Reform Jewish community to advocate for social justice” based on Jewish values and the vision of *tikkun olam*—repairing the world.

If you are interested in advocating for social change or just want to learn more about these topics click on the link below. You will see how easy it is for you, **on your own, as an individual**, to make your voice heard.

= *Social Action is just a click away!* =



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Giving Back to our Community

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- ✧ 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.

