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Shabbat Service and Rabbi Installation

Friday, February 22, 2019 7:30 pm

Please join us as we honor and formally install

Rabbi Rachel Kort.

Rabbi David Fine will give the installation blessing.

The 2019 Governing Board will also be installed
and new members welcomed!

Festive *oneg* will follow.

Please RSVP to TBO office to assist in planning.

Rabbi Kort requests that donations honoring the occasion of her
installation be sent to Temple Beth Or's General Fund.

**Save the date — The world-renowned TBO Purimspiel is
coming your way Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24!**



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Returning to My Roots

Planting Together for Our Future

The motto of my rabbinic school was "Do what you love."

When people ask, "How did you decide to become a rabbi?" I instantly think of the loving Jewish community that helped raise me. Growing up, I saw my community caring for one another, learning and praying together, enjoying one another's company, and most of all, collectively caring for the children in our community.

One of my favorite stories from the Talmud is one you may know.

It's a Jewish Rip Van Winkle tale. Honi the Circle Maker went for a walk and saw an old man planting a tree. "Why would such an old man plant a tree?" Honi wondered, "It takes a very long time to grow. He might not even be around when the tree is big enough to produce fruit." As Honi walked on past the man planting, he began to feel very tired, so he decided to stop and take a nap. When Honi awoke, he noticed a beautiful mature carob tree and someone was picking the fruit. "Excuse me sir, did you plant this tree?" Honi asked.

"Not me, my grandfather planted it seventy years ago."

Sometimes returning back to the Pacific Northwest after 20 years away feels like I have only just awoken from a really long nap. Working in the Jewish world and having my daughter attend preschool at the synagogue where I grew up, I run into someone I haven't seen since I was a child about once a week. They rub their eyes, standing in amazement. The shy young girl they knew seems to have grown up into

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a rabbi just overnight. They share their pride that a child that they helped raise in their community is now a Jewish leader in the Pacific Northwest.

On Friday, February 22, our community will come together for a special Shabbat. I will have an opportunity to offer our Board leadership and Beth Or's new president, Vicky Romero, a Blessing of Installation, and the



community will offer me your Installation Blessing as well. As rabbi of Temple Beth Or, I truly get to "do what I love" as my profession. While there are many blessings I get to enjoy in the moment, I am excited to have this opportunity to move back home and join with you as a community in continuing to strengthen Jewish life here in Western Washington. While I am enjoying this special time being your new(ish) rabbi, I look

forward to being together for many years to come. I imagine being together with you in the distant future, rubbing our eyes, and standing in awe and pride of the Jewish community and leaders we have worked to grow together.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Rachel Kort

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Rabbi Kort invites you to call upon her for help or support, or just to talk.

Office Hours: Please contact Rabbi Kort directly to make an appointment. She is typically available to meet in Everett on Wednesdays and the Fridays when she is leading Shabbat Services.

Phone: 425-954-1223; Email: rabbikort@TempleBethOr.org

Rabbi Kort's sermons and writings can be found on the TBO website under "About Us/Rabbi."

Welcome to TBO's Newest Member, Janet Robertson

TBO members with children aged 25-32 who are interested in becoming members, please contact Rabbi Kort or Leslie Elsemore.

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Life & Legacy Temple Beth Or's Future

When I was president of the Temple, I chose *L'Dor va Dor* as a theme for my term in office. We founded Temple Beth Or not simply to have an organized religious presence in Snohomish County. We founded it for our children. Over the years I have wondered if TBO will survive to be there for future generations. We are too small to create and manage our own endowment program. Now, with the support of The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, we can build an endowment that will help guarantee that TBO will be there for our children and our children's children. I have structured my will so that a portion is designated for TBO through the Life & Legacy program. There are other ways besides a will to leave a legacy for the Temple. Please join me and follow the path of *L'Dor va Dor*.

Next Chapter Goes Snowshoeing

If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Come take a guided snowshoe walk and find peace and tranquility out in the snow on Saturday, February 16, at Lake Wenatchee State Park. Our hike will begin at 1:00 pm. Carpools will be arranged. There are a limited number of snowshoes for rent at the park but they must be reserved ahead of time. REI in Alderwood also rents snowshoes. To reserve your spot and get more information, contact Sonia Siegel Vexler either by email or phone.



Next Chapter is a *chavurah* (from the word *chaver* which means friendship) for adults seeking to form a social community with others who are at the same stage of life, experiencing a home without children, and for people looking to build a friendship community with others that don't have young or teenage children at home. The group will come together periodically to learn, socialize, and have fun.

Our Temple Beth Or Funds provide a beautiful way to acknowledge or remember someone special, and at the same time ensure that Temple Beth Or continues honoring the past and building the future. The generosity of our donors helps to support the overall well-being of our congregation. Your donations to our Temple Beth Or Funds will appear in the *Orbits* (received by email) approximately every two months.

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Time to Think About Summer Camp!

Shalom! Even though snow is falling in the Cascades, it is time to start thinking about registering for summer camp.

We realize that providing your child(ren) a Jewish camping experience can be expensive. Luckily for us so did the Sturman Family. They wanted to help the children of Temple Beth Or attend an accredited Jewish sleepover camp. Therefore, the "Billy and Mary Sturman Campership Fund" was established. We are greatly indebted to Billy and Mary's children for establishing this fund in honor of their parents. We thank them for their generosity and congratulate them for their vision in supporting our youth. They have recognized the lifelong benefits of Jewish camping and that quality camping experiences can be very costly. Members of Temple Beth Or are also invited to donate to the Campership Fund.

To apply for a Temple Beth Or campership, parents/guardians of children wishing to attend camp should fill out the application which every family should have received via mail. The application and policy are also posted on the Temple website. **Applications are due by Thursday, February 28.** If you have questions, please contact Sonia Siegel Vexler.

Camperships are also available at:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle: Camp scholarships are live now and are need-based. The first round of applications is due on Tuesday, March 5 and the deadline for round two is April 16, 2019. For more information, visit <https://www.jewishinseattle.org/investments-in-jewish-life/scholarships/> or contact Claire Baskett at claireb@jewishinseattle.org or 206.774.2259.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle also manages the One Happy Camper Incentive Grants for first-time campers. Use the above contact information.

Camp Kalsman has limited funds available for families in need of financial help. Contact the Camp Office at 425.284.4484.

We are excited about being able to help your child have an experience of a lifetime.



Service Schedule

Friday, February 1

Family Shabbat

Service

7:00 pm

Led by

Rabbi Kort

Music Leader

Noah Zeichner

Saturday, February 2

Tot Shabbat Service

10:00 am

Led by

Rabbi Kort

Friday, February 8

Evening Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Led by

Rabbi Kort

Music Leader

Josh Niehaus

Saturday, February 16

Morning Shabbat

Service

10:00 am

Led by

Doug Wallis

Music Leader

Judy Magidson

Friday, February 22

Evening Shabbat Service

7:30 pm

Led by

Rabbi Kort

Music Leader

Al Friedman

Rabbi Installation

led by Rabbi Fine



TOT SHABBAT at Temple Beth Or

Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am

Do you have a baby, toddler, or early elementary school child in your life? If so, we hope you can join us for a special Shabbat at Beth Or designed especially for the youngest children in our community. We'll enjoy Shabbat songs, stories, and a taste of challah at the Temple. We'll extend our day of joy just minutes away at the Everett's Imagine Museum.

Please feel free to share this invitation with friends and family; we are trying to grow our 'Families with Young Kids' community at Beth Or.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Kort: rabbikort@templebethor.org

Social Action News

Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington Family Shelter:

At least five volunteers are desired to help prepare dinner for about 30 people at the shelter Sunday, February 10, 5:00 pm. Don't despair if you want to perform this *mitzvah* but are not able to do so on Feb. 10. There will be other opportunities as we would like to be able to perform this *mitzvah* several times in 2019. Please contact Social Action Committee members Nancy Wilkinson or Naomi Katsh Barger if you can help out on February 10 or some other time in 2019.

The family shelter typically has about 20 people living there at any one time. Most days the families prepare their own meals but the Association would like to provide them a break by recruiting volunteers to do dinner preparation on weekends. The food is provided by the Association. Volunteers coordinate with the Association to find out what food is available for their dinner to help them decide what the menu would be. An Association staff member will be on site to provide support with the meal preparation. Ideally, at least 2-3 volunteers would work on each meal. Volunteers not only prepare the meal but then enjoy the fruit of their efforts by sitting down with the shelter residents to eat the dinner, making this an excellent opportunity for families to volunteer as a unit.

If cooking isn't your thing, there are other volunteer opportunities at the shelter. One specific need is for volunteers to help with the shelter's after school homework club which takes place 4:30-5:30 pm Monday-Friday. This is an opportunity to help elementary and middle school-age students who live at the shelter. Once again, contact Nancy or Naomi if you're interested in helping out.

Tzedakah Box Recipient: The Tzedakah Box recipient for January through March 2019 is the **Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington**. To learn more about this community resource go to: interfaithwa.org.

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Message from the President

Hello! I am very pleased to be serving as your TBO President for the next term. For those of you who don't know me, I've served on many committees, under several board presidents, and served three terms as Temple president in the early 2000's. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in this coming year!

L'shalom,
Vicky Romero

Temple Parking Lot Changes

Construction work has begun on the property across the alley from the Temple parking area. While this project may disrupt traffic in and out of the alley, we have the opportunity to take advantage of our under-utilized parking area. The construction company has leased 12 of our 16 parking spaces for their use during the week – Monday morning through Friday. We will maintain full use of the parking lot from Friday after 5:00pm through Sunday. Services and all Sunday activities will not be interrupted or inconvenienced. We will be compensated nicely for this use of our space. The Goodmarks' space will be made available during the week for those attending weekday meetings, if they are not attending those meetings. The president's space will be available for the year to those with handicapped placards. The Wexlers' space will be available January 25—March 15. Committee chairs holding meetings during the week are asked to specify whether the meeting is upstairs or downstairs so those with physical limitations can park accordingly. Also, our lease agreement specifically excludes mid-week High Holy Days. While there may be some inconvenience related to this one-year arrangement, the Governing Board is confident that it will be well worth the compensation and positive relationship it will engender.

Nus from the Governing Board

The 2019 Board had its first meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2019, beginning with a Board orientation. During the Board orientation and meeting the following business was conducted:

Governing Board meeting dates were set as the 1st Sunday of the month at 10:15 am at the PUD building in Everett.

We received an installation plan update.

A provisional contract to re-hire Cantor Dreskin for the HHDs was approved.

Modification of the check-signing policy and authorized check signers was approved.

Temple Leadership

Rabbi

Rachel Kort

Governing Board

President

Vicky Romero

VP of Finance

Steve Center

VP of Membership

Tim Douglass

VPs of Programming

Heidi Piel

Assist. VP's of Finance

Bob Goodmark

Robyn Klarman

Assist. VP's of Membership

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Mark Bresnick

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Adult Education

Heidi Piel

Bereavement

Susan Cross

Calendar

Janis Warner

Communications

Al Friedman

Financial Administrator

Norm Black

Mitzvah Corps

Vicki Schwartz

Next Chapter

Sonia Siegel Vexler

ORacle

Vicky Romero

Religious Practices

Phyllis Busch

Social Action

Naomi Katsh

Religious School Principal

Amy Paquette

Administrative Assistant

Terri Schweigert



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Family Shabbat Service 7:00pm	2 Tot Shabbat Service 10:00am
3 Religious School Governing Board Mtg 10:15-12:15 At the PUD Bldg.	4 Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30-8:30pm	5 Purimspiel Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	6	7	8 Evening Shabbat Service 7:30pm	9
10 Religious School TBO Book Club 10:00 offsite Purimspiel Rehearsal 2:30-4:00pm	11	12 Purimspiel Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	13 <i>Atidaynu</i> 5:30pm (by invitation only)	14	15	16 Morning Shabbat Service 10:00am
17 No Religious School Purimspiel Rehearsal 2:30-4:00pm	18	19 Purimspiel Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	20	21	22 Shabbat Service, Installations and New Family Welcome 7:30pm	23
24 Religious School Purimspiel Rehearsal 2:30-4:00pm	25 PTSA Meeting 6:00pm	26 Purimspiel Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	27	28		

Please note: In order to inform our membership and prevent scheduling conflicts,

please email our calendar guru at calendar@TempleBethOr.org

to place a meeting or event on the official TBO calendar.



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Temple Beth Or Mission Statement

Temple Beth Or is a warm, compassionate, vibrant, spirited, inclusive, and participatory Reform Jewish community.

We are religiously and geographically diverse,
serving the northern Puget Sound region of Washington State.

As God's covenantal partners in fulfilling mitzvot, our priorities are:

- ***K'hilah*** (community)/***Mishpachah*** (family) — nurturing our interactive, multigenerational extended family;
- ***Torah*** — lifelong learning, searching for meaning, and seeking comfort and healing;
 - ***Avodah*** — worship and celebration through the observance of meaningful, creative, and traditional rituals;
- ***Tikkun Olam*** — transforming ourselves and our world through *tzedakah* (fairness), social justice, and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness).