

Our Joyous Holiday Season Continues! *Join your Temple Beth Or family for:*

Sukkot, October 13, 2019

4:30-5:30 pm: Interactive Multi-Generational Sukkot Learning

Join Rabbi Kort, Director of Education Amy Paquette, and faculty from our Religious School. We'll explore the value of "welcoming" with hands-on Jewish learning and discussion. Appropriate for all ages.

5:30-6:00 pm: Singing and Service in the Sukkah

With Rabbi Kort and Al Friedman.

6:00-7:00 pm: Annual Community Dinner

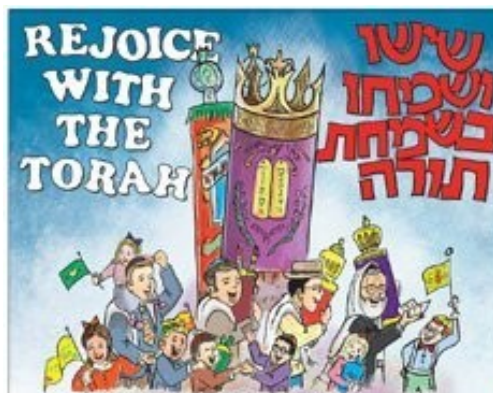
Hosted by our Membership Committee.

Please RSVP to Leslie Elsmore (elsmore.email@gmail.com)

7:00-8:00 pm: Immigrant's Rights Speaker Natalia Lopez

Hosted by our Social Action Committee.

(More information about Natalia Lopez on page 6)



Simchat Torah, October 20, 2019

4:30-5:30 pm: Inter-Generational Activity for the Entire Community

All are welcome to join Rabbi Kort

This activity is replacing the morning Religious School session for this Sunday.

5:30-6:30 pm: Community Dinner

Hosted by Religious Practices Committee (RPC), enjoy pizza, salad and fruit.

6:30-7:30 pm: Service and Celebration led by Rabbi Kort

7:30 pm: Oneg hosted by RPC

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A New Year of Learning and Growing Together

Judaism has endured for thousands of years because of its focus on the relationship between the past, present, and future. Jewish continuity is defined by static practices throughout history and an openness to adaptation. It is an openness to change and influence that has allowed for ancient tradition to remain relevant in our lives. Our Passover Haggadah teaches: "*b'kol dor vador chayav lirot et etzmo*" in every generation we are obligated to see ourselves [in our tradition]. We are called upon to engage with our tradition and make it our own.

This year, our Beth Or community will engage in learning and experiences around the theme of *Kol Dorot* which can be translated from Hebrew as either "all generations" or "the voice of generations." The theme will help us focus as a community on building bridges between different generations at Temple Beth Or. This was a community goal that the congregation

shared loud and clear as a part of the rabbinic search process that brought me to Beth Or.

Through our *Kol Dorot* theme, our Beth Or community will honor the unique voices of all generations that comprise our sacred community. This year we will focus on programming that brings us together as a multi-generation community. In addition, through learning and intentional interactions, we will explore how different generations have found meaning in ancient Jewish practice and examine how different generations have transformed Jewish practice to ensure relevance.

In the spirit of *Kol Dorot*, I hope you can join us on **Sunday, October 13**, for our Multi-Generational Sukkot Celebration (see details on front page). This Sukkot we're celebrating at Beth Or with a variety of offerings with the hope of bringing together our diverse, multi-



generational community. Join us for as many of the offerings that speak to you!

Looking forward to a year of learning and celebrating together.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Rachel Kort

Rabbi Kort invites you to call upon her for help, 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."

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Thank you to all of the participants who enjoyed one (or more) of the many programs the E-L-E fundraiser offered. We met our fundraising goal! Over **\$6,700.00** was earned to benefit the operating budget of TBO. We also met our goal of creating fun learning and eating events for TBO members and guests to enjoy together.

We especially would like to thank those people that donated their expertise, money and mostly time which created such a wonderful collection of programs. These are the people that really made the fundraiser a success: Al Friedman, Michele and Bob Goodmark, Susan & Michael Cross, Rabbi David Fine, Beth Burstein Fine, Leslie & Tom Elsemore, Dru Miller, Sonia Siegel Vexler, Paul Vexler, Carolyn & Eldon Wexler, Julie Macoff and John Bennett, Sandy Voit, Norm Black, Wanda & Mark Bresnick, Deborah Nedelman, Margaret Warner, Vicki Schwartz, and Amy Paquette.

Janis Warner, Barbara Black, and Elaina Rose

Below are some photos from one of our final, and unique experiences — DYI Shofar! Hoping to be able to hear some of these beautiful shofars during this HHD season.



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Welcome New Members!

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome new members who've joined this summer:

- * **Adam and Nyda Goldstein and daughter, Neomi Louis**
 - * **Cari Morales and daughter, Genevieve**
 - * **Michael Tarr and Joy Lee and their daughters Elianna and Amelia**
 - * **Adam Mendelzon and Cari Goldman and son, Micah**
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LIFE & LEGACY

The Temple Beth Or LIFE & LEGACY Committee would like to invite all LIFE & LEGACY participants to a non-host Cocktails and Conversation evening on Saturday, October 26 at 2:00 pm at the new Indigo Hotel in Everett. We will meet in the Jetty Bar & Grill. Please RSVP to Sonia Siegel Vexler.

If you are currently not participating in LIFE & LEGACY and are interested in learning more, contact Bob Goodmark, Barbara Black, Eldon Wexler, Harold Dash, or Sonia Siegel Vexler.

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Sarah Davis, Our New Office Administrator!

We are so pleased to introduce, Sarah, who started working in our office on September, 16. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, experience, and an enthusiastic personality!

A few things Sarah has shared with us about herself are that she:

- ◆ was raised in Maryland and the SF Bay Area;
- ◆ has been married to husband, Mark, for 15 years;
- ◆ loves to travel. She has been to over 40 countries;
- ◆ loves to knit, hike, and spend time in the gym;
- ◆ has two kitties and two turtles;
- ◆ has been part of the Jewish 20-something think tank;
- ◆ and makes a really good apple cake (and is willing to share the recipe!)

Beginning October 1, her office hours will be Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please stop by and introduce yourself when you are in the area. As always, call first. As part of her job, Sarah will occasionally be running errands for us.

Welcome, Sarah!



Service Schedule For October

Saturday, October 5
Shabbat Shuvah Service
10:00 am
Led by Rabbi Kort
Music Leader
Shoshana Stombaugh

Sunday, October 6
Cemetery Memorial Service
3:00 pm
At GAR Cemetery
Led by Sheryl Shapiro

Tuesday, October 8
Erev Yom Kippur Service
7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 9
Yom Kippur Services
Morning Service
10:00 am
Text Study 1:00 pm
Children's Service
3:00 pm
Afternoon, Yizkor, and Concluding Services
4:15-6:30 pm

Sunday, October 13
Sukkot Celebration
4:30-8:00 pm
Led by
Rabbi Kort
Music Leader
Bernie Busch

Sunday, October 20
Simchat Torah Celebration
4:30-8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi Kort
Music Leader
Neil Weinstein

Friday, October 25
Evening Shabbat Service
7:30 pm
Led by
Ron Green
Music Leader
Bernie Busch

Social Action



Our special guest speaker on Sukkot will be **Natalia Lopez, the Senior Program Officer, Volunteers & AmeriCorps, International Rescue Committee (IRC)**. Natalia oversees volunteer operations and AmeriCorps programming for Resettlement, Asylum and Integration at the International Rescue Committee, Inc. She joined the IRC in August 2010 and earlier this year was deployed to Arizona to coordinate efforts helping asylum seeking families.

Her presentation will include information about:

- History of the asylum process in the US
- Current situation of asylum seeking families being detained and released
- IRC's work with asylum seeking families
- How we can help

The IRC provides opportunities for refugees, asylum seekers, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to thrive in America. The IRC works with government bodies and local volunteers to help these individuals translate their past experiences into assets that are valuable to their new communities. In Seattle and other offices across the country, the IRC helps them to rebuild their lives.

Tzedakah Box Recipient

In honor of Ms. Lopez and in keeping with the URJ Religious Action Center's emphasis on Jewish ideals of welcoming the stranger, our *Tzedakah* Box recipient for October, November and December is the **International Rescue Committee, Local Office**.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

Are the issues of the day concerning you enough to make you want to do something about them? Do you want to take on the NRA and pressure our elected representatives to take significant steps to control the availability of weapons, but think your single voice won't matter? Had enough of the inaction on real immigration reform but don't know what to do about it? The Social Action Committee recommends you visit the Religious Action Center (RAC) website at <https://rac.org/> where you can learn how to effectively advocate on these and other issues. The RAC is the hub of Jewish social justice work. The Center's work is completely nonpartisan.

Serve Dinner on October 27 at the Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington Family Shelter

If you have been waiting for your chance to prepare and serve dinner at the Interfaith Family Shelter your next chance to do so will be on **Sunday, October 27**. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Social Action Committee members Nancy Wilkinson at nancy.f.wilkinson@gmail.com or Naomi Katsh Barger at nkbarger@gmail.com.

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. Dinner is for about 30 people and is served about 5:00-5:30 pm.

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Nus from the Governing Board

In addition to regular monthly business, the Governing Board is undergoing a review of all policies currently in the record. Many are several years old. This review, which is anticipated to take several months, will determine which policies are no longer current, which need to be modified, and which can be reaffirmed. In some cases this will result in new policies that will reflect our current practice and culture. These policies will be available for review as they become available soon.

At the September Governing Board meeting the following business occurred and information shared:

1. Review of policies: Membership Dues and Capital Assessment. Policy was refined.
2. The ad hoc art committee was established to make recommendations for art placement. Suggestions were presented.
3. Asbestos mitigation bids on the duplex are still pending.
4. The Finance Committee announced that we received preliminary approval for a grant to increase security by fencing part of the property.
5. The Governing Board determined that we need both a Fundraising Committee and a central coordinator for all activities.
6. Security will become a line item in the budget to better reflect our security-related expenses, rather than be "hidden" in other line items.

The Nominating Committee for the 2020 Governing Board has been set! Members include: Sonia Siegel Vexler, chair, Jennifer Cail, Debbie Halliday, and Dan Paquette. The Committee is looking for members to serve on the Board. Consider nominating yourself or someone in the congregation. If you have questions please contact one of us.

Credit Card Payment Now Available!

Payments can now be made with a credit card through our accounting software, Rakefet, either on the web or by calling the office. If you wish to pay on the web with your credit card, please make that request by emailing vpfinance@templebethor.org. A 3% charge will be added to all credit card payments to cover PayPal's fees.

Fund of the Month

While the Temple appreciates all donations, those made to the General Fund contribute to our annual budget and/or unexpected expenses. In addition, should you choose to direct your donation, the fund below is in the most need:

Religious School Scholarship Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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Phyllis Busch

Social Action

Naomi Katsh

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Religious School Principal

Amy Paquette

Office Administrator

Sarah Davis

October 2019

Tishrei — Cheshvan 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rosh HaShanah	2	3 Finance Committee Mtg. TBO Oneg Rm. 6:30-8:30pm	4	5 Shabbat Shuvah Service 10:00am
6 Religious School Governing Board Mtg. 10:15am- 12:00pm at PUD Cemetery Memorial Service 3:00pm at GAR Cemetery Song Leader Training 3:00- 5:00pm	7 Religious Practices Mtg. Time TBD in Oneg Rm.	8 Erev Yom Kippur Service 7:30	9 Yom Kippur Morning service 10:00am Text Study 1:00pm Children's Service 3:00pm Afternoon, Yizkor, and Concluding Services 4:15- 6:30pm	10	11	12
13 Hebrew School 3:15 -4:00pm Sukkot Celebration 4:30-8:00pm	14 Membership Committee mtg. 4:30-6:00pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 Hebrew School 3:15 -4:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration 4:30- 8:00pm	21	22	23	24	25 Evening Shabbat Service 7:30pm	26 LIFE & LEGACY Program 6:00- 8:00pm Offsite
27	28	29	30	31		

**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).