



**XPERIENCE**

**Bringing Temple Beth Or members, friends, and family together through meals, learning, and experiences, at the same time raising funds for TBO!**

Sign-ups are underway for many great programs. Don't miss out on participating by delaying your registration! Additional catalogs are available at Temple Beth Or or on the TBO website. If you have questions please contact Barbara Black, Elaina Rose, or Janis Warner.

Here are the offerings for this month. You don't want to miss...

- **Who Are You and Why Do You Bug Me?! — Saturday, May 11, 6:00-8:00 pm at Temple Beth Or**

Learn about the four types of communication styles and how they interact with both positive and negative results.

- **Preparing for Social Security and Medicare — Monday, May 13, 7:30-9:00 pm at Temple Beth Or**

In the confusing world of Social Security there are almost 2,700 ways to apply for different benefits! Find out how to navigate these and what Medicare covers. Important information for those approaching "a certain age."

- **Tex-Mex Dinner — Saturday, May 18, 6:00 pm in Mill Creek**

Enjoy a delicious, festive meal, complete with Margaritas and sangria, exclusively for TBO adults.

**Save the Date!**

**General Membership Meeting June 23, 10:00 am at TBO.**



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## Our Rabbi

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# Our Diverse Experiences Help Create the Torah's Unity

Perhaps my greatest delight as your rabbi over these past few months has been witnessing members find their voice of Torah. I love afternoon meetings with our b'nei mitzvah students, supporting them as they craft their teachings that each will share as bar and bat mitzvah this summer. In addition to our emerging adults teaching Torah at Beth Or, I am in awe of the adult participants in our leadership development series, *Atidaynu*: Our Future, who begin each session by sharing their teachings of Torah.

It did not take long for *Atidaynu* participants to discover the worth in looking at Torah through their own unique point of view as opposed to relying solely on our classical commentators. I remember an "aha" moment for the class at an early session when Amber Walbaum shared her words of Torah in the form of a Haiku. Before she recited her poem, Amber shared how her teaching came to fruition. Amber enlisted the help of

her eleven-year-old daughter, Maddy, who was learning about different forms of poetry in school. Amber's teaching revealed her unique face of Torah not only through the words that she shared but because she infused her experience as a mother with the ancient text of Torah. In the *Atidaynu* sessions that have followed, we have seen Torah infused with personal experiences, professional experiences,

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family experiences, and artistic expressions too!

I hope you can join us for a special Shabbat service on Friday, May 10, as we honor our *Atidaynu* participants' completion of their 8-month course. The participants have not only learned more about Temple Beth Or and the greater Jewish community by participating in *Atidaynu*, but each individual has explored



their authentic voice as a Jewish leader and teacher of Torah. The Shabbat service will infuse these adults' diverse voices of Torah throughout the service.

Finding and sharing our own take on Torah helps make Torah more authentic in our community. Our sages teach that the Torah has an

infinite number of faces.\* It is the beautiful diversity of our interpretations of Torah, the ability to see our own face in Torah and see others' too, that creates the Torah's sacred unity.

L'shalom,

*Rabbi Rachel Kort*

\*Bamidbar Rabbah 13:15-16

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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](mailto: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 Members!

The Membership Committee is excited to welcome three new member families to our Temple community!

Rachel Gorlick and Karl Haberlach

Rachel is the daughter of Michael and Kaye Gorlick and sister of Josh Gorlick

Cynthia Withers, Chad Byers,  
and their daughters, Shoshannah and Satya

Jennifer Mendelson and Ray Jarol and daughter Lilian Jarol (age 12)

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Reminder: If your family wishes to opt out of being in pictures of TBO events, you may get the new **Temple Beth Or Photo and Video Opt-Out Form** from the office.

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## LIFE & LEGACY Donors' Testimonial

Why we are leaving our savings to Temple Beth Or?

We currently have some savings and no particular plans to spend it, as we may need it later in life. On the other hand we may not need it or at least not need all of it. Then the question becomes, "What to do with it?"

We talked about it. We do have relatives who, we hope, will outlive us. But, on the other hand, will they need it, "need" being the operative word? If not them, who?

We're founding members of TBO and have had so much joy, help, companionship, and real life instruction from this community. And this community does need it. There's so much to do, so little time, and we know every penny will be put to good use. Our Temple was founded to carry on the generations of Jews in Everett. Good idea. We simply couldn't think of a better place to leave it.

*Nancy Sosnove and David Roberts*

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## Library News

Many thanks to all who have donated books. Special thanks to those who have helped organize all of our books, with special thanks to Cheryl Waldbaum, Carolyn Henri, Judy Wallis, Amy and Dan Paquette, Heidi Piel, Pam Lonergan, and our newest library maven, Sue Halle.

***The Temple library has reached capacity for now. We will not be able to accept any more books, magazines, etc. Please do not leave them at the Temple.*** If you have a special book, consider donating it elsewhere or keeping it for your own collection.

As we go through the process of strategic planning, we will consider how best to utilize our current space, including making the library more accessible to all. For now, please enjoy books at the Temple or check them out to take home for a while, but do not leave any more books for the library.

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## Next Generation of Temple Beth Or: Spotlight on Our TBO Families

For this month's *ORacle* article we want to highlight some fun facts and amazing involvement of our Religious School families!

We have 25 families that comprise our Beth Or Religious School. At least one member of these 25 families is involved in the following:

- *Atidaynu*: Our Future
- Temple Beth Or Governing Board
- Teachers
- Purimspiel cast and crew
- Safety and Security at Religious School (ongoing door greeters)

Committee Leadership: We have families represented on the following committees:

- Safety and Security
- Library
- Social Action
- High Holy Days
- TBO Retreat Committee
- Membership Committee
- LIFE & LEGACY Committee
- Finance Committee
- Bereavement Committee

We are so thankful for all the time and energy our families put into Temple Beth Or and all of the volunteers that make our synagogue so awesome.

*Amy Paquette*

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## TOT SHABBAT at Temple Beth Or

*Saturday, May 11, 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 our second special Shabbat at Beth Or designed specifically for the youngest children in our community. As we did at our last successful Tot Shabbat, 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 Children's Museum.

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

Questions? Contact Rabbi Kort: [RabbiKort@TempleBethOr.org](mailto:RabbiKort@TempleBethOr.org)

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 be recognized in the Orbits (received by email) approximately every two months.

## Service Schedule

### For May

Friday, May 3  
Family Shabbat  
and  
Yom HaShoah  
Service  
7:00 pm  
Led by  
Rabbi Kort  
Music Leader  
Noah Zeichner

Friday, May 10  
Evening Shabbat Service  
Honoring our *Atidaynu*  
Graduates  
7:30 pm  
Led by  
Rabbi Kort  
Music Leader  
Bernie Busch

Saturday, May 11  
Tot Shabbat Service  
10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi Kort

Saturday, May 18  
Morning Shabbat Service  
10:00 am  
Led by  
Rabbi Kort  
Music Leader  
Neil Weinstein

Friday, May 24  
Evening Shabbat Service  
7:30 pm  
Led by  
Doug Wallis  
Music Leader  
Bernie Busch

## Resist Hate

The fight against hate and the rise of white nationalism is most effective when like-minded people and organizations join forces. That's why Temple Beth Or, along with the Snohomish County Executive and Sherriff's Offices, the City of Everett, the Communities of Color Coalition, the Faith Action Network, and the Anti-Defamation League, are hosting **Eric Ward, human rights expert and Executive Director of Western States Center**. Mr. Ward's presentation is titled, *Resist Hate: Strengthening Our Response to the Rise of White Nationalism*.

**The event will be held Wednesday, May 15, at the PUD Auditorium, 2320 California St., Everett, at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm).**

Mr. Ward has nearly 30 years of expertise in community organizing and philanthropy. He will speak for about one hour then after a short break he will take questions from the audience. He is a national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, governance, and inclusive societies.

Originally from Los Angeles, Mr. Ward began his civil rights work when the white nationalist movement was engaged in violent paramilitary activity that sought to undermine democratic governance in the Pacific Northwest.

Over the years he has worked with government leaders, civil rights campaigners, business leaders, and law enforcement officials to establish over 120 task forces in six states to expose and counter hate groups and respond to bigoted violence.

For more information about Western States Center see the Tzedakah Box Recipient article below.

## Tzedakah Box Recipient

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for April-June is the **Western States Center**, a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect and build the power of community organizations to achieve racial, gender, and economic justice. The Center is based in the Pacific Northwest and Mountain States but works nationwide to strengthen inclusive democracy so that all people can live, love, and work free from fear. They challenge the growth of white nationalism while strengthening communities' skills and determination to withstand the attack. Their vision is to achieve a just society where we all can flourish in sustainable, caring, and connected communities.

For more information visit their web site at  
[www.westernstatescenter.org/](http://www.westernstatescenter.org/).

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# Leadership Nus

## Nus from the Governing Board

At the April Governing Board (GB) meeting the following business occurred:

1. Security updates are in process.
2. The By-Laws Committee requested input and provided an update in preparation for the General Membership Meeting on June 23.
3. The 2019-2020 annual budget is continuing to be honed and discussed in preparation for the General Membership Meeting.
4. We have a new renter in the south property house.
5. The *Oneg* charge policy for those not participating was clarified.
6. The Membership Committee continues to adopt new ways to welcome new members and visitors.
7. Terri has decreased her time in the office to 3-partial days a week. This schedule will be evaluated in relation to hiring a new person in August or September.

## REQUESTS FROM THE TBO OFFICE

If you have recently changed your mailing address or email address, please email or call Terri. It would help her keep our data current.

If you need to go to the Temple office during Terri's work week (Mon-Wed), please call in advance to let her know you are coming and about what time. This way she can rearrange any errands she might otherwise be doing for us. It is also a layer of security for her to know to expect someone at the door.

## KEEP TBO WARM AND SAFE

Temple Beth Or asks you to sign-up on our new Shabbat Volunteer Google Sheet as a community greeter. As community greeter you can engage in our community by welcoming members and guests and offer added security to our services. The Shabbat Volunteer Google Sheet incorporates complete Shabbat service information.

Thank you for helping to make Temple Beth Or a warm, welcoming, and secure community space.

## 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

#### Rabbi

Rachel Kort

#### Governing Board

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#### Committees

Adult Education

Heidi Piel

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Susan Cross

Calendar

Janis Warner

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Al Friedman

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High Holy Days

Carolyn Henri

Mitzvah Corps

Vicki Schwartz

Next Chapter

Sonia Siegel Vexler

ORacle

Vicky Romero

Religious Practices

Phyllis Busch

Social Action

Naomi Katsh

#### Staff

Religious School Principal

Amy Paquette

Administrative Assistant

Terri Schweigert



# May 2019

## Nisan — Iyar 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Yom HaShoah</i>	2	3 Family Shabbat and Yom Hashoah Service 7:00pm	4 Annual Donor Dinner 6:00pm <i>Off site</i>
5 Religious School Governing Board Mtg. 10:15am-12:15pm At the PUD Bldg.	6 Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30-8:30pm	7	8 <i>Yom HaZikaron</i>	9 <i>Yom HaAtzma-ut</i>  By-Laws Committee Mtg. 7:00-8:30pm	10 Evening Shabbat Service, Honoring <i>Atidaynu</i> Graduates 7:30pm	11 Morning Tot Shabbat Service 10:00am Eat-Learn- Experience Event 6:00-8:00pm
12 Book Club 10:00am <i>Offsite</i>	13 Eat-Learn- Experience Event 7:30-9:00pm	14	15 Strengthening Our Response to White Nationalism 7:00pm at the PUD Bldg.	16	17	18 Morning Shabbat Service 10:00am Kef Club Party 12:00pm Eat-Learn- Experience Event 6:00pm
19 Religious School	20	21	22	23 <i>Lag BaOmer</i>	24 Evening Shabbat Service 7:30pm	25
26	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](mailto: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).