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## Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman

Temple Beth Or Celebrated a Unique and Beautiful Rosh HaShanah This Year





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# From Our Rabbi **Everyday Living**

This Hebrew month of *Cheshvan* which falls during

October is the only month this year without a Jewish holiday. Last month, *Tishrei*, was filled with five holidays and special things we only get to savor once a year like shofar, the sacred melody of Kol Nidrei, and the smell of the etrog. During this month of Cheshvan. I want to invite us to infuse our daily ritual with some of the insight and sweet energy we gleaned from the High Holy Days.

In the space of this October *ORacle* I would like to share five simple ways I do Jewish in my daily life. The V'Ahavtah Prayer from the Book of Deuteronomy asks us to live Torah "when we are at home and on our way, when we lie down and when we rise up." How can you infuse Jewish into your daily routine?

I recite *Modeh Ani*, the blessing of

moment for myself in the morning. While they are traditionally the first words one says in the morning, I need to wait until I've had my first cup of coffee.

I keep a *tzedakah* box in my car. The need in the area where I live is overwhelming. Each day I pass homeless encampments, folks living in RVs, transitional housing for families in the old barracks, and Magnuson Park where Galit does an afterschool program. While our sages teach us to always give when someone asks for money. I feel more comfortable making donations to organizations that support individuals experiencing homelessness and hardship. The tzedakah box in my car takes all my extra change and reminds me to "round up" for charity when the offer is made to me at a store.

A mitzvah I find particularly meaningful is *bikur cholim*, visiting gratitude for life, while taking a quiet the sick. I remember feeling support

in the form of casseroles from my synagogue growing up when my dad suffered a heart attack. I love to cook and many weeks as I prepare meals for my own family, I pack extra portions for a community meal train or deliver to friends who I know are going through a hard time.

I do my weekly house tidy on Friday mornings so the house is nice and clean and feels different for Shabbat. During the pandemic I've started cleaning my desk off too.

I know the time will come soon when Galit would prefer to read in her room before bed rather than listen to lullabies. For now, I enjoy twenty prayerful minutes each night with Jewish lullabies on a Spotify playlist.

Wishing everyone a meaningful month of Cheshvan.

Rabbi Rachel Kort



#### October Park Dates with Rabbi Kort

You are cordially invited to join me to walk and talk or sit and schmooze in one of our gorgeous local parks (Wednesday, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm). Please sign up at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/">https://tinyurl.com/</a> octoberparkdates. If you have any questions please contact Sarah in the office (office@templebethor.org). If Wednesdays don't work for you feel free to email me directly (rabbikort@templebethor.org) and we can find another time to connect.

> October 13: Everett, Legion Memorial Park October 20: Edmonds, Marina Beach Park October 27: Mukilteo, Lighthouse Park

Looking forward to spending time together in person.

Rabbi Kort invites you to call upon her for help, support, or just to talk. Please contact Rabbi Kort directly to make an appointment. She's working remotely and is happy to set up a virtual meeting over Zoom or by phone.

Phone: 425.954.1223; Email: RabbiKort@TempleBethOr.org

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

#### From Our Tresident

#### What I Have Learned About Our Congregation

I am writing this article during what I call "the between time," after the super great festivities of Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman. Could we have had more perfect weather? We are so lucky! As I prepare for the important work that comes with Yom Kippur, there is no better time for reflection in our calendar than this. So I am reflecting on many things but in particular, on what I have seen from this congregation during the nine plus months of my presidency.

The thing that strikes me the most is how so many have pulled together to keep us **safe and connected**. I shared some examples of this during my remarks on Erev Rosh HaShanah and here are just a few of those:

- 1. The members of the COVID-19 related task forces, generating recommendations and creating and updating our protocols as the situation evolves;
- The folks who worked with the Membership Committee to check in on our members to make sure

- they were doing OK and see what they needed;
- 3. The technology team who got us into the hybrid world; and
- 4. The communications people who kept getting the word out in new and interesting ways to everyone about what was happening.

There are other qualities that have emerged during these difficult times such as resilience, flexibility, creativity, adaptability, and resourcefulness. These are the same qualities that have served us well in the past. That's how we got out of Egypt (we invented matzah!), made it through the Middle Ages, survived the Holocaust, and everything before, in between, and since. We have also shown compassion and kindness, helping out some of our families as they have struggled during the pandemic.

Unfortunately, many individuals and families in our congregation have suffered during this difficult time —

that cannot be downplayed, but as a community we are holding our own. We continue to have inspiring services, engaging experiences, and festive celebrations. Our calendar is packed with meetings and events. We are gearing up for an exciting year of Religious School with a brand new curriculum and learning model. We are making good progress towards our important facility/property decision. We are integrating new members and families into our TBO mishpachah. We are trying innovative things, sometimes a little outside our comfort zone, as we embrace the array of virtual options.

I am really proud of how this community has faced the challenges of the pandemic and continued *moving forward together*. I look forward to seeing what other outside of the box things you all come up with in the days ahead as we continue to make our way to the new normal - whatever that is!

Melanie

#### Welcoming Jeff Napp to the TBO Governing Board

When Tim Douglass left the Governing Board (GB) a vacancy was created. **Wanda Bresnick** graciously moved into his spot as Vice President of Community and Engagement with GB approval, leaving a vacancy for Assistant Vice President of Community and Engagement. I am pleased to announce that **Jeff Napp** has agreed to fill the vacancy and the GB approved his appointment.

Jeff is not only interested in serving in this role for the remainder of the year, but has also agreed to be on the ballot for December to continue on the GB next year. Jeff and his family have been members of TBO for over 25 years and he has served the community in a number of capacities. He was previously on the GB many years ago. Most recently he has served on the COVID-19 Task Force and is now serving on the Combined COVID-19 Task Force (see page 10). I am sure that he will be an asset to the GB and I look forward to working with him in the coming months. — **Melavíe** 

## K'hilah | Mishpachah — Family and Community

#### Facilities Process and Timeline — Town Hall Meetings

Your voice matters.

The Facilities Communication Team has been working hard to be sure that the congregation is **prepared to vote in December** on a decision for the future of our property, building, and our future location. We encourage everyone to visit the password protected facilities planning area of the website and to read the regular congregational facilities planning emails that have been sent, updating the membership on new developments. We are excited to share the impressive work that has been done to move this decision along.

We will be conducting a number of town hall/informational meetings and workshops to provide the congregation with clarification on a number of topics and to allow for deep discussion about our values and concerns related to this decision. Below is the proposed

schedule for these sessions, all of which will be held virtually. We hope that you plan to "attend" these meetings.

Please find Zoom invitation link in *ORbits.* The link is the same for all five town hall meetings. For those who use dial in, the phone number is +1 253-215-8782 US (Tacoma).

Meeting IDs and Passcodes for all meetings are: Meeting ID: 847 7918 1449 Passcode: 496930

Sunday, 10/24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Town Hall Meeting 1 – Workshop focused on "What does the upcoming transition mean to you?" led by Fisher Oua, professional facilitator

Tuesday, 10/26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Town Hall Meeting 2 — Demographic Info Session led by Glen Pickus

Wednesday, 11/10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Town Hall Meeting 3 — Feasibility Study Info Session led by Norm Black

Monday, 11/15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Town Hall Meeting 4 — Values in Practice led by Fisher Qua, professional facilitator

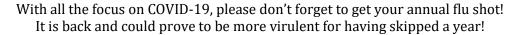
Thursday, 12/9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Town Hall Meeting 5 — Dynamic Transition led by Fisher Qua, professional facilitator

Saturday, 12/11, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Regularly scheduled December Membership Meeting with *Havdalah* and **THE VOTE** on the property/location issue

#### **Don't Forget Your Flu Shot!**







#### **TBO Book Club**

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, October 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm**. Our book for this meeting is *Inheritance* by **Dani Shapiro**. To learn more or to join us, please contact **Julie Maltos**.

# K'hilah|Mishpachah — Family and Community Our Youth



**Tommy Cail** (he/him), son of **Jennifer and Matt**, and brother of **Victoria** and **Angelique**, will be called to the Torah on October 2, 2021. He is homeschooled and in the 8th grade where his favorite subjects are archeology, paleontology, art, and baking. His favorite extra-curricular activities are "everything Legos, Transformers, and making art." He also loves creating stop-motion animation videos and developing special effects. His favorite Jewish activity is baking hamantaschen for Purim. When asked what studying for his bar mitzvah taught him about himself, he stated, "the only animal product that I cannot live without is sushi." His special

*Tikkun Olam* project is to raise money for Save the Tigers (see the message from Tommy below). He also "went vegan" for a week and learned that it was much easier than he thought it would be.

Tommy's thank yous: Thank you to my parents for being awesome parents. I would like to thank **Carolyn Wexler** for all of her help in getting me ready this summer and **Roland Roth** for being my Hebrew teacher. I also want to thank the authors Bill Watterson and Michael Crichton for helping me develop my *Tikkun Olam* project idea. **Harold Dash** and **Sheryl Shapiro** are an awesome b'nei mitzvah team! **Bernie Busch**, thank you for helping me with the Torah! Thank you to **Rabbi Kort** for all of your help with my *d'var Torah*!

A Message from Tommy Cail about his Tikkun Olam Project:

Hi, I'm **Tommy Cail** and for my *Tikkun Olam* project I'm supporting **Save the Tigers**. When I started reading my Torah portion it was all about our responsibility to take care of the earth. With fewer than 10,000 tigers left in the world it is imperative to save this magnificent species. My interest in tigers goes back as far as I can remember. As part of my project I've created a website, **tomcail.com**, to educate about tigers and link to Save the Tigers for donations. I also made a coloring book to download as a thank you for donations. Please help me by visiting my website, learn more about tigers, and donate to help protect them.

#### **Religious School Update**

Below are the COVID-19 requirements set by the Combined COVID-19 Task Force and approved by the Governing Board for Religious School (RS).

- 1. Everyone 12 and older must be vaccinated, including staff, teachers, volunteers, and parents (as we require some parent volunteers for door duty).
- 2. Everyone must be properly masked 100% of the time.
- 3. Self-attestation questions will be at the entrance to RS every week.
- 4. No food or drinks in the synagogue.
- 5. We will be using the sanctuary, the *oneg* room, and one classroom to allow for three feet of social distancing during classes.
- 6. Weekly emails will include reminders to not attend RS if students are in quarantine from secular school or not feeling well.
- 7. As children turn 12 years old they must have their first shot within two weeks and full vaccination within two months.
- 8. When vaccines are available for children under 12, there is a one-month grace period to get the first shot.
- 9. Online learning options are available.

# Torah — Lifelong Learning

#### **Names Matter**

What was once Temple Beth Or's Religious Practices Committee redefined itself as the Spirituality and Ritual Committee, which has since evolved into the *Ruach* and Ritual Committee. The universally recognized name of Religious Practices defines the idea of basing our spiritual experiences in religious tradition and then looking for a variety of ways to put those traditions into meaningful practice. Spirituality and Ritual starts with the human need for spiritual connection and meaning and then seeks to meet those needs by tying them to our rich Jewish traditions. For a profound understanding of the change to *Ruach* and Ritual (R&R), *ruach* is easier to remember than spirituality. R & R is also a rich place of alliterative spiritual exploration: rest, rejuvenation, reinvention, renewal, remembrance, reflection, reimagining, re...

I have come to believe that for individuals, names are especially important. Our name is like a personalized *Aliyah* every time someone calls us to a new moment in life. Every name is made up of variable syllabic emphasis depending on the situation, the name, and the person speaking it. Every name has its own trope and cantillation that connects with and identifies the individual. For me, finding that name, that call to my being was not a reality of my birth but something I have spent much of a lifetime listening for. The sound of my given name grated against my inner being for most of my life. I dreaded hearing it every day as my teachers took attendance, adults or friends called to me, or worst of all, I had to introduce myself. I learned to wear it but it always felt like a collar a little too tight or a pair of cheap polyester pants on a hot day; a choking and chaffing feeling.

Eight or nine months ago I began writing a novel. To this day the most interesting outcome of that process is that I connected to my main character's name, Ellis. I don't know why I had chosen that name, but each time I wrote it I wanted it. Eventually, I gave my character a different name and took Ellis for myself. For quite a while I kept it to myself, a private truth I protected. But I quickly learned that once I found a name that fit, to hear my birth name was no longer comfortable, it was like sandpaper on my skin. As I started telling people the name became Ellis Rose. I cannot say why. But since I had come that far I decided to finish the name and I am taking my mother's maiden name, Engbar. I like the sound, **Ellis Rose Engbar**. So that is who I am becoming but at the same time it is who I have always been, I just didn't know it.

Ellis Rose Engbar (previously but no longer, Heidi)

#### **Coming This Fall! Introduction to Judaism Class**

Are you Jewish and want to learn more about Jewish traditions and practices? Are you interested in exploring Judaism (and possible conversion) and are looking for a class of basic knowledge? Are you an ally and want to understand more about Judaism? The Washington Coalition of Rabbis, an organization of rabbis across the non-Orthodox denominations serving Washington State, will be offering a comprehensive, online Introduction to Judaism class beginning October 2021. This class is open to all regardless of affiliation. Benefits of this class include the fact that it is not bound by geography and each session is taught by a different rabbi. Rabbi Kort will teach several sessions.

**SCHEDULE:** Classes will meet on Zoom on **Sundays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm beginning on October 3** and run through the end of March for a total of 21 sessions. Full schedule and Zoom links will be provided to registrants closer to the start of the course.

**COST:** This class is offered for a sliding tuition scale of \$180 - \$540 and includes all books and materials. No one will be turned away for financial reasons.

QUESTIONS? Contact Rabbi Seth Goldstein, rabbi@bethhatfiloh.org.

Message From Zoom: Beginning November 1, 2021 customers will be required to update their Zoom software to ensure it is no more than nine months behind the current version at any given time. From that point on, users will be prompted to update their software when using the platform should their version fall behind this nine-month window.

## Avodah — Worship

# Virtual Shabbat and Worship Service Offerings in October



For those who use dial in, the phone number is +1 253-215-8782 US (Tacoma).

Registration information for the October 2 and 15 services will be sent in *Orbits*. Contact the office with questions about how to register.

# Musical *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Congregation Kol Shalom Friday, October 1, 6:30 pm, on Zoom

We'll come together over Zoom with our friends at Kol Shalom on Bainbridge Island who have invited us to this special monthly service with musicians from Argentina. Rabbi Kort will offer the *drash*—teaching. Click on http://us02web.zoom.us/j/928697350 to join the service.

Meeting ID: 928 697 350 Dial by your location 1 253 215 8782

**Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Tommy Cail with Rabbi Kort and Noah Ziechner Saturday, October 2, 10:00 am.** Our Shabbat morning service will be led by Tommy Cail and Rabbi Kort and will use our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a Torah reading, Torah teaching, and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish*. While we cannot all be physically together, our community will gather and Tommy will share his leadership and Torah both in-person and on Zoom. **Limited** pre-registered in-person seating will be available.

Meeting ID: 842 7698 2053 Passcode: 405858

# Shabbat Service with Rabbi Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh Friday, October 8, 7:30 pm, on Zoom

Join Rabbi Kort and Shoshana over Zoom for an online and interactive Shabbat worship experience using our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a *drash* (sermon), and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish*—mourner's prayer. This service is geared towards our adult and b'nei mitzvah student community and will last just over an hour.

Meeting ID: 838 5325 5908 Passcode: 059899

#### Shabbat Service with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner

**Friday, October 15, 7:30 pm. On Zoom and pre-registered in-person attendance at Temple Beth Or.** Join Rabbi Kort and Noah for a musical Shabbat worship service using our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a *drash* (sermon), and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *yahrzeits* and *Kaddish*—mourner's prayer. This service will last just over an hour.

Meeting ID: 833 4789 2646 Passcode: 149543

#### Fourth Shabbat: A prerecorded offering will be available in ORbits and on our website

Rabbi Kort and Ellis Engbar, chair of our *Ruach* (Spirit) and Ritual Committee will share a pre-recorded teaching, intention, and blessing for you to enjoy on your own time during Shabbat. Links and information to follow in the *ORbits* and on the calendar.

#### **Services Greeters Needed!**



As we have more in-person activities, we will need non-board members to help with greeting responsibilities. We are looking at potentially overhauling our greeter system which might include a team of trained greeters to serve regularly, in addition to our Board greeters and our community greeters. If you are interested in helping re-envision our greeting system and/or in serving on such a team please contact Melanie Field.

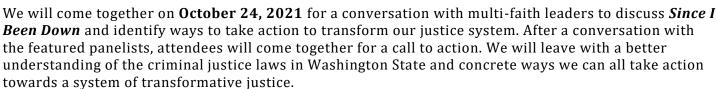
### Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah | Social Justice

# Multi-Faith Dialogue for a More Humane Justice System — A Film, A Conversation, and a Call To Action

#### Sunday, October 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

See *ORbits* to receive a private link to view the film, *Since I Been Down*, at your convenience between **October 16** and **October 19, 2021**.

You can see more information about the film at <a href="https://www.sinceibeendown.com">https://www.sinceibeendown.com</a>.



#### **Featured Panelists**

- Gilda Sheppard, Director/Executive Producer/Writer of Since I Been Down
- Tonya Wilson, Re-entry Outreach Coordinator, The Freedom Project
- Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, Herzl-Ner Tamid
- Dr. Mark Jones, The Sunyata Group
- Rabbi Rachel Nussbaum, Kavana Cooperative
- Rev. Kelle Brown, Plymouth Church Seattle

A few of the many comments about the film:

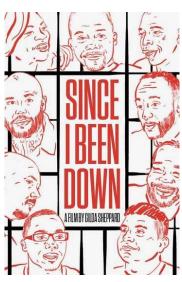
*Since I Been Down* shows the power of these children, now adults nearly forty years later, creating a true path to justice and healing from inside their prison walls. — *Director Gilda Sheppard* 

"I hope that all of you have seen the amazing film **SINCE I BEEN DOWN**. If you are not convinced of the liberatory potential of education, I guarantee you will be transformed after seeing this **film!**" — *Angela Davis*.



It is not too late to participate in the remaining Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 6-Week Challenge. If interested, contact Sonia Siegel Vexler. All programs begin at 5:00 pm.

Topics	Dates of Conversations
Justice System	October 3, 2021
LGBTQ+ Rights and Discrimination	October 10, 2021
Allyship	October 17, 2021
Voter Suppression	October 24, 2021



# Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah | Social Justice Tzedakah Box

The October-December *Tzedakah* Box recipient is **Jewish Family Service Refugee and Immigrant Services**. We have all heard about refugees from Afghanistan and the hardships they have endured. Resettlement is also difficult and the refugees will need a lot of support. Thousands of refugees are expected to settle in Washington State. In the coming weeks we are hoping to learn more about specific families and exactly what their needs are. In the meantime, please consider a donation to Jewish Family Service. For more information and a link to donate on line go to: <a href="https://www.ifsseattle.org/get-help/refugee-and-immigrant-">https://www.ifsseattle.org/get-help/refugee-and-immigrant-</a>



They have also set up an Amazon Wish List of most needed items: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/300KQF4EANM4V/guest-view.">https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/300KQF4EANM4V/guest-view.</a>

For donors who prefer to mail a check you can send it to: Jewish Family Service 1601 16th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

services/.

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This Hebrew year is a *Shmita* year. In the Torah, every seven years is the *Shmita* year and is a time when debts are forgiven and the agricultural land is given a rest. Current scholars and activists have come to look on this time as a year for addressing environmental and economic justice problems.

Congregation Beth Shalom and Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light have developed the *Shmita* Project Northwest to bring people together to work toward improving our world through

education and direct action. More information to follow. If you are interested in learning more please contact the Social Action Committee through **Naomi Katsh Barger** or **Melissa VonAschen-Cook**. Also go to bethshalomseattle.org/shmita-project-northwest-partners/.



We encourage people to take advantage of all the information on the Union for Reform Judaism Religious Action Center (RAC) website. <a href="https://rac.org/about-religious-action-center-reform-judaism">https://rac.org/about-religious-action-center-reform-judaism</a>.

Representing the values of Reform Judaism, The Religious Action Center is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization which works to "educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish Community to advocate for social justice."

#### Leadership

During the August 22 Governing Board meeting the following happened:

- 1. The Board discussed upcoming meeting dates and agreed on Executive Board meetings on 8/25, 10/3 (at TBO) and 11/7 and Governing Board meetings on 10/10, 11/14 and 12/5. Board orientation for 2022 will be on 12/12. We confirmed membership meetings on 9/26, 10:00 am and 12/11 at 4:00 pm.
- 2. The Board reviewed greeter needs.
- 3. Board members heard an update on how the two recent in-person indoor events went from the greeters Aug 13 regular Shabbat Service in the sanctuary and the Moses Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Service on Aug. 21.
- 4. **Naomi Katsh Barger**, from DEI, shared information from the Social Action Committee about the *Shmita* Project. The Board supported joining this effort.
  5. The Board was introduced to the Youth Education Committee by VP of Jewish Life, **Jennifer Cail**. The committee is co-chaired by **Tina Roth** and **Mila Lowery**. They presented an update on Religious School (RS) and youth programming planned for the year ahead. They are looking to incorporate more RS parents as committee members.
- 6. The Board approved the new Sunday morning meeting policy.
- 7. Bob Goodmark, VP of Finance and Facilities Management, presented information about paying back the PPP loan. The Board voted to apply for loan forgiveness.
- 8. The Board extensively discussed the facilities decision-making process and timeline. The materials to be distributed to the membership as part of the 9/26 meeting packet were reviewed and modified.
- 9. Information about the tour of the Unity Lynnwood was shared by those who had participated.
- 10. The Board did a further review of the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Several additional suggestions were incorporated.
- 11. The Board reviewed a proposed updated set of COVID-19 protocols that emerged from a meeting of the Combined COVID-19 Task Force. The Board approved the new protocols.
- 12. The Board discussed the recent membership resignations and the plan for exit interviews to be conducted by the Membership Committee.
- 13. The cleaning schedule was revisited, now that there is more activity in the building. Once a week cleaning is considered adequate at this time.
- 14. Finance shared information about the progress on the feasibility study consultant interviews and reimbursements from the homeland security grant.
- 15. Logistics for the 9/26 meeting were reviewed.

#### The New COVID-19 Team

Some of you may be aware that we have had two separate groups tackling the COVID-19 issues. We had a COVID-19 Task Force, led by **Ron Green**, made up of a group of folks with medical expertise, who crafted health recommendations. We also had the Regathering Task Force, led by **Wanda Bresnick**, made up of pragmatic folks, who were to develop implementation strategies for those recommendations. As time went on, it became clear that the bifurcation of these charges was not optimal and a new consolidated group was warranted. We now have one team, called the Combined COVID-19 Task Force that is continuing to address new situations and conditions related to COVID-19. Most recently this group has met to review Religious School protocols and precautions needed at the Sukkot celebration. Currently Melanie Field is spearheading this group.

#### Temple Leadership Rabbi

Rachel Kort

#### **Governing Board**

President Melanie Field

VP of Finance & Facilities Management Bob Goodmark

VP of Community & Engagement Wanda Bresnick

> VP of Jewish Life Jennifer Cail

Board Secretary Tina Roth

Assist. VP of Finance & Facilities Management James Feinberg

Assist. VP of Community & Engagement leff Napp

> Assist. VP of Jewish Life Melissa VonAschen-Cook

> > Members-At-Large Deb Henry Eric Elsemore Mila Lowery

Immediate Past President Vicky Romero

#### **Committees & Task Forces**

Adult Education: Vacant
Alternative Options TF: David Fine
Bereavement: Susan Cross
Book Club: Julie Maltos
Building: leff St. George

Building: Jeff St. George Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler College and Military Outreach: Sarah Davis Combined COVID-19 Task Force:

Melanie Field

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI): Sonia Siegel Vexler

Facebook: Deb Henry
Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Vacant

Fundraising: Michele Goodmark High Holy Days: Jerry and Cheryl Waldbaum and Doug Wallis

> Legacy: Harold Dash Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook Membership: Leslie Elsemore Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler New Facilities TF: Paul Vexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler *ORacle:* Vicky Romero

ORbits: Lori Wolff

Ruach and Ritual: Ellis Rose Engbar Security: Miriam VonAschen-Cook Small Groups: Rebecca Hicks

Social Action: Naomi Katsh and Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Website: JonaRose Feinberg Youth Education: Mila Lowery and Tina Roth

#### Staff

Office Administrator: Sarah Davis Youth Group: Eian Snyder

# October 2021 Tishrei—Cheshvan 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Kol Ami 6:30pm	Shabbat Service and Tommy Cail Bar Mitzvah 10:00am
The Nosh 8:00am Executive Board 10:00am DEI 5:00pm Intro to Judaism Begins	Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00pm	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7:30pm	9
The Nosh 8:00am Religious School Gov. Brd. 9:00am DEI 5:00pm	Communications Committee Mtg. 6:30pm	ORacle Submission Due Date	Pre-arranged Park Dates with the Rabbi in Everett	14	15 Office Closed Shabbat Service 7:30pm	16
The Nosh 8:00am Religious School Book Club 10:00am DEI 5:00pm	Membership Committee Mtg. 5:00pm	19	Pre-arranged Park Dates with the Rabbi in Edmonds	21	Pre-Recorded Shabbat Service; time at your convenience	23
24 The Nosh 8:00am Religious School Facilities Town Hall 2:00pm DEI Challenge 5:00pm	25	26 Facilities Town Hall 7:00pm	Pre-arranged Park Dates with the Rabbi in Mukilteo	28	29	30
Multifaith Dialogue 7:00pm 31 The Nosh 8:00am Religious School						

Check *ORbits*, TBO Facebook page, or the TBO website for the most up-to-date information.



Return Service Requested							

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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).