

## Good News about Facilities!

Thanks to **Bob Goodmark** and **Koby Wexler** for meeting with our insurance company, Church Mutual. They have agreed to give us a one-year extension for accessing additional insurance funds resulting from the duplex fire to support a new construction project on site. This will give us adequate time to more fully consider the various aspects of facilities issue. **As a result of this change in our situation, the congregational membership meeting that was scheduled for August 8 has now been postponed to after the High Holy Days.** In the interim, we will be developing bylaws revisions to allow for “in person and/or virtual attendance using video conferencing platforms,” along with other considerations.

All Temple members should take advantage of our **new tool**, developed by **JonaRose Feinberg**. This password protected webpage includes regularly updated facilities related information, space dedicated to questions and answers, and a discussion forum.

The web address is [templebethor.org/facilities-planning](https://templebethor.org/facilities-planning). If you need assistance with the password, contact the office. Also be on the look out for the weekly Tuesday email updates about the facilities planning process.

## Vaccination Status Request



After months of virtual gathering, we are finally able to begin to regather in person. As we look forward we are considering next steps in our regathering process and knowing the community vaccination rate will be useful in our planning. This information will be used for distributing service honors, joining the HHD choir, eligibility for shofar blowing, and parameters for our future events.

We are asking all members to please go to [templebethor.org/vaccine-reporting](https://templebethor.org/vaccine-reporting) and if you are comfortable, let us know your vaccination status. If you are not comfortable sharing this information, you may indicate that you do not wish to share your status. Vaccinated or not, everyone is welcome at our services.

We started to gather with our outdoor service in July and are moving to indoor services later this month. Currently masking and social distancing are required to keep us safe and allow all to come together. We hope that soon we will be able to gather safely with fewer restrictions. Knowing the vaccination rate could help make that possible. If you are comfortable participating in this voluntary effort, we appreciate your sharing this information to help move us forward.



See page 4 for an opportunity to wish your community a *shanah tovah* in next month's *ORacle*! You can also order online at [templebethor.org/HHD-greetings](https://templebethor.org/HHD-greetings).



## *From Our Rabbi*

### **Blessings for Regathering**

What is the best way to greet someone you have not seen since before the pandemic hit? Of course, the Talmud tackles this very question. Rabbinic Sage Yehoshua ben Levi said, "One who sees a friend for the first time after 30 days recites the *Shehecheyanu* blessing, "Blessed is the One who gives us life, sustains us and has allowed us to reach this moment." But after twelve months, one recites 'Blessed is the One who revives the dead (*mechayei hameitim*)" (*Talmud Bavli, Berakhot 58b*).

I do not know about you but I felt a bit like I had been revived from the dead when I first started seeing folks in person after more than a year in my family bubble. My social skills were rusty. Like many of you I have eased back to in-person life as Washington State restrictions eased, first regathering with close family and friends and then with members of our Beth Or family for pastoral visits and life-cycle events. I have found that with each in-person encounter I feel a bit more like myself and a bit less like an awkward zombie.

I would like to suggest that we do not follow the School of Yehoshua ben Levi and greet one another as if we have risen from the dead. I think a simple Jewish greeting is most appropriate for our regathering: "*Shalom aleichem*--peace be unto you." The grammar of this phrase is interesting. The word "*aleichem*—unto you" is in the second person plural instead of singular. Our mystical tradition teaches that the use of the plural is to remind us that when we come together with another individual, even if our opinions are different, we should approach that interaction with a goal of peace and unity.

I hope you will consider joining our first Shabbat service in our sanctuary on **Friday, August 13**, and mark the beginning of the High Holy Days with ***Selichot* on Saturday evening, August 28**. It is not just the prayers we offer during our worship services that create the sacred. Coming together for the sake of creating peace and unity among our beautifully diverse community is our sacred purpose.

*Rabbi Rachel Kort*



### **High Holy Days Greeting Order Form**

We are once again offering members the opportunity to put your own High Holy Days greetings to the community in the *ORacle*. Send a greeting to your Temple friends and family! Do you want to wish your Religious School friends a Happy New Year? You can do it through the *ORacle*! Simply pick a graphic (shown on page 4) and include a short message (5-6 words). Your approximately 1/4 page message is only \$18.00!

Order online at [templebethor.org/HHD-greetings](http://templebethor.org/HHD-greetings) or complete the order form on p. 4 and send the completed order form along with payment to Temple Beth Or, 3215 Lombard Ave, Everett, WA 98201 by **August 10**. Your greeting will appear in the September *ORacle* in color!

## From Our President



# Flourishing as You Emerge From COVID-19 and Prepare to Start a New Year!

I recently heard an interview with Dr. Corey Keyes, professor of sociology at Emory University, in which he discussed the topics of languishing and flourishing. New studies show that many of us are stuck in an in-between place, not the same as depression, but just kind of blah. Experts call this languishing. Ideally, people should be flourishing. Particularly, during our time of COVID-19 precautions and isolation, people who previously had had good mental health were slipping into languishing.

Dr. Keyes discussed some key activities that help people to get beyond languishing into the realm of flourishing. He had six; I am adding one more that I truly believe in to make it a nice round seven. He suggested that you should try to do these every day. They are:

- Exercise
- Play
- Socialize
- Learn something new
- Engage in spiritual activity
- Help another person

- And my add on: Go outside – even if the weather isn't perfect (unless it is too smokey)

Thinking about these elements it occurred to me that participation at TBO could facilitate engaging in any of these activities. TBO members make excellent exercise buddies. I walk regularly with several of my TBO friends, as do many others. If you ever want to go for a walk with me let me know. Others hike, golf, or kayak together. There are also people in the community who play games together including Mah Jongg. To join the Mah Jongg group, reach out to **Vicki Schwartz**. Socializing, that one is easy! Any time we are together, even on Zoom, we have the opportunity to socialize.

Learning is a central part of our Jewish tradition and every service has a teaching. Plus we have other learning-related activities such as the DEI Equity Challenge (soon to restart), our ongoing book club, or our upcoming Elul High Holy Days (HHD) classes. For more information about book club, contact **Julie Maltos**. Checkout the Elul

offerings in your HHD information packet. Engage in spiritual activity – that is what synagogue is all about! Join us in prayer or reach out to the Rabbi for other spiritual resources. Helping another person is a mitzvah and our Mitzvah Corps can help you to do that, too. To join our Mitzvah Corps contact **Carolyn Wexler**.

Going outside, well, you don't really need TBO to do that, but you can certainly join us at upcoming outdoor services, like *Tashlich* at Camp Kalsman on Rosh HaShanah or later in the fall for Sukkot.

I hope that as we all emerge from the isolation of COVID-19 we will find ways to flourish. Wishing all of you a new year filled with exercise, play, socializing, learning, spirituality, helping others, getting outside, and good mental health.

*L'shanah tovah,*  
**Melanie**

## First In-Person Friday Shabbat Service in the Sanctuary!

Join us as we come together for our first Friday night Shabbat in the sanctuary in over a year! **Friday, August 13 at 7:30 pm**, Rabbi Kort and song leader, **Noah Zeichner**, will lead this Shabbat. In keeping with our currently approved procedures, advance registration, sent by email, **is required by 3:00 pm Friday, August 13** to facilitate chair set up and contact tracing. Attendance is limited to 55 people and registration opens on Tuesday, August 10. Those with *yahrzeits* will be able to pre-register starting on Friday, August 7. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. If registration is full when you try to register please contact the office so that you can be given priority at the next service and/or be placed on a waiting list. When you register you need to list all the names of your family group. If two households are attending together, please register as one family group. If you are unable to register online, please contact the office. Masks and social distancing, along with responding to self-attestation questions, will be required for entry to the building. Please arrive early to ensure we get everyone settled in time for services to begin promptly. These services will also be live streamed over Zoom. Links for the streaming will be available through *ORbits* and Facebook.

# K'hilah/Mishpachah — Family and Community

## Simchahs to Share with the Community!



**Aaron Cook** graduated from Mariner High School in the Mukilteo School District on June 11. He plans to attend Edmonds Community College in the fall. This summer he is hoping to have the opportunity to volunteer at the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie. Mazel tov, Aaron!

**Mitch Moses**, son of Kellye and Ken, and brother of Alysia and Shelby, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on August 21, 2021. He is going into the 8th grade at Skyview Middle School. His favorite subject is math because it “makes me think in a way other subjects don’t.” Mitch’s favorite extra-curricular activities are playing games and hanging out with friends. He also plays AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) basketball. His favorite Jewish activities are spending Hanukkah and Passover with his whole family. When asked what studying for his bar mitzvah has taught him Mitch said it “taught me that I can do anything I put my mind to.” For his special *Tikkun Olam* project he worked with Tomorrow’s Hope to make a toy donation drive for kids in poverty (more info in *ORbits*). He has always felt strongly about this because he could not imagine what they are going through. Mitch would like to thank everyone who has helped him on his journey so far.



## TBO Book Club

Are you a bookworm? An avid reader? Or would like to make some new connections? Then Temple’s Book Club is the place for you. We read all things Jewish: themes, authors, fiction and non-fiction, and we’d love your fresh ideas and perspective!



Our group meets every other month October-June on the 3rd Sunday, from 10:00 am-12 noon. We’ll soon be gathering again in members’ homes. To learn more or to join us please contact Julie Malto.

## High Holy Days Greeting Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Message (5-6 words): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Graphic (circle choice above)

Order MUST be received by August 12, 2021.

Suggested donation: \$18.00

## *Avodah — Worship and Celebration*



### **High Holy Days 5782**

The High Holy Days Committee, together with **Rabbi Kort** and **Cantor Dreskin**, and the guidance of our Governing Board, COVID-19 and Regathering Task Forces, Communications Committee, and **Sarah Davis** (our highly esteemed office administrator) are finalizing plans for our community to celebrate the beginning of a new year! Thanks to our Rabbi, **Heidi Piel**, and a number of other wise and wonderful educators, we have some incredible study opportunities sprinkled throughout the weeks of Elul and Tishrei.

Your High Holy Days (HHD) registration packet should have arrived in late July. If you did not receive it please contact the office. Please look over our offerings for the season; the first begins on **August 9**. Register as soon as possible! We look forward to greeting you all and being together virtually and in-person for study, services, and celebration as a community!

COVID-19 protocols will be updated as needed, possibly several times, to ensure the safest possible environment for our worship as a community. **It is very important that you stay current with all communications from TBO and be prepared for any changes in our plans.**

You are encouraged to invite guests to register for our online HHD experiences free of charge. Guests are also welcome to register and attend Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman with no registration fee. As we currently have limited capacity in our synagogue, in-person attendance for Yom Kippur services is limited to members. However, visiting and local immediate family members who are non-members may be able to attend Yom Kippur services as space allows. Look for additional information about this the registration packet and in the coming days.

There are a number of opportunities for you to participate in our HHD services, study, and celebrations. The opportunities for service participation and singing (virtually and in-person), and our need for your presence and a bit of volunteer time is great, particularly for Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman. See volunteer opportunities on the following page and in your HHD registration packet. Please contact one of us or call the Temple office with any questions.

*L'Shanah Tovah,*  
Rabbi Rachel Kort  
Melanie Field, President  
Cheryl & Jerry Waldbaum, Rosh HaShanah Chairs  
Doug Wallis, Yom Kippur Chair

### **Spirituality and Ritual Committee**

As the new chair of the Spirituality and Ritual Committee I want to say how thrilled I am to be a part of creating exciting and meaningful Jewish experiences for our congregation. I want to thank Vicki Schwartz for all her work in this position over the past year. She played a major role in making sure our virtual experiences were full of both *avodah* and *ruach*. I want to thank everyone helping with High Holy Days and covering me for this first year. And I want to thank Bernie Busch who has decided to step down after 19 years on the committee. Bernie brought so many innovative and thoughtful aspects to our spiritual and ritual programs and projects. I am excited to start working with the committee and looking toward as yet unimagined possibilities for our worship services.

*Heidi Piel*

## *Avodah — Worship and Celebration*

### **Help Make Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman Our Most Special Ever!**



Volunteering on Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman (CK) on September 7 is a great way to begin your Jewish year! The Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman schedule is in your HHD registration packet.

You are very much needed to help make the day a joyous and meaningful expression of our TBO family and community! We would like our volunteers to act as "TBO

Ambassadors," introducing themselves to anyone who is new, helping anyone who looks lost, or to be ready to stop for a friendly greeting or quick chat. Please consider giving an hour or two or more, if you are able to assist us in the following ways:



- Extra hands to help with set-up and clean-up! Here are some time blocks for your consideration: 8-10:00am, 12:-1:00pm, 4-5:30pm.
- Governing Board members will be greeting participants upon arrival at the registration table until just before *Tashlich*. Four volunteers are needed to assist with check-in from 9:15-11:15am. They will provide every family with a campus map and introduce people to a CK guide.
- Thirteen "ushers aka CK guides" to volunteer for 2-hour blocks throughout the day between 9:30am-4:00pm. Our CK guides will help with parking, providing information, and directing or escorting people at camp.
- Seven "schmooze-worthy" members to lead walks/hikes or **social** activity of your choice (i.e. Mah Jongg/board games/BYO knitting) 2:00-3:00pm.
- Post-b'nei mitzvah youth and other young-at-heart members may volunteer to assist during our parallel programming for children and youth throughout the day.

If you are able to help make this a warm and memorable beginning to the coming year, please contact **Cheryl Waldbaum** or **Sarah Davis** in the Temple office by email to sign-up.

Yom Kippur and *Selichot* volunteers are also needed. Please see Orbits for details.

### **HHD Supplemental Programming in August**

Below are some of the wealth of opportunities available this month. Please see detailed descriptions and information about these offerings in your HHD registration packet.

- **Asking the Right Questions/Setting Your Intention**, with Heidi Piel, Monday, August 9, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- **Influential Women**, with Sonia Siegel-Vexler, Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- **Number Our Days**, with Rabbi David Fine, Tuesday, August 17, 7:30-8:30 pm
- **Lion's Honey; the Myth of Sampson**, with Doug Wallis, Monday, August 23, 7:30—8:30 pm
- **Challah Baking For High Holy Days**, with Leslie Elsemore, Sunday, August 29, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



## *Avodah — Worship*

# Virtual Shabbat and Worship Service Offerings in August

Please find Zoom invitation links in *ORbits*.

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

Meeting IDs and Passcodes are included below.

### **Shabbat Candle Lighting Online with Doug Wallis**

**Friday, August 6, 5:45 pm**

Join our Temple Beth Or family virtually as we welcome Shabbat with a healing prayer, candle lighting and *Kiddush*. This service is great for all ages and will last less than 30 minutes.

**Meeting ID: 847 9934 5134 Passcode: 775988**

### **Shabbat Service with Rabbi Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh**

**\*\*RSVP to join in-person in our sanctuary or join online\*\***

**Friday, August 13, 7:30 pm**

Join us for a more formal 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*. This service is geared towards our adult and b'nei mitzvah student community and will last just over an hour.

**Meeting ID: 870 9806 2421 Passcode: 533938**

### **Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Mitch Moses with Rabbi Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh**

**Saturday, August 21, 10:00 am**

Our Shabbat morning service will be led by Mitch Moses 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 physically be together, Mitch will share his leadership and Torah virtually.

**Meeting ID: 848 5363 3186 Passcode: 634207**

### **Shabbat Candle Lighting with Ron Green**

**Friday, August 27, 5:45 pm**

Join our Temple Beth Or family virtually as we welcome Shabbat with a healing prayer, candle lighting and *Kiddush*. This service is great for all ages and will last less than 30 minutes.

**Meeting ID: 835 0895 1460 Passcode: 635100**

### **Selichot: Welcoming Each Other, Welcoming the High Holy Day Season**

**Saturday, August 28, 7:30-8:45 pm**

**\*\*RSVP to join in-person in our sanctuary or join online\*\***

Enjoy good company and good music. Schmooze time will be followed by a reflective *Havdalah-Selichot* service. More details to follow.

**Meeting ID: 879 1755 2486 Passcode: 766270**

# *Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah/Social Justice*

## **Mitzvah Corps — The “Heart” of Our Congregation**

### ***Mitzvah Corps Evolves***



Have you ever really wanted to help with a meal for Mitzvah Corps and been unable to prepare one yourself or perhaps delivery is a challenge? Maybe you live in Seattle and the family lives in Arlington. A few alternative options are below.

There may be an opportunity to partner with someone by funding food costs while a partner prepares and delivers. You may wish to buy a gift card to the recipient's favorite restaurant for take-out food. Some people like to use a service like [www.ubereats.com](http://www.ubereats.com). There are gift cards for these services.

I will help facilitate by keeping track of those who would like to fund and connecting those individuals with others who love to cook and deliver. I will learn which restaurants families enjoy frequenting in case the delivery service or gift cards would be appreciated.

We continue to find new and creative ways to be a caring and compassionate community and we are grateful for your volunteerism. Please send more suggestions to [mitzvah@templebethor.org](mailto:mitzvah@templebethor.org). Thank you!

*Carolyn Wexler* for the Mitzvah Corps

## **Diversity Equity Inclusion**



Temple Beth's Or Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce and the Social Action Committee (SAC) will be offering a 6-week equity challenge.

Come together as a Jewish community to share learning and growth. Each week you will be provided with a selection of content to read or watch, in addition to weekly conversations about content. Registration material will be sent out in August.

Our end goal is to educate the Temple Beth Or community so that we can understand our own biases and the ways we benefit from privilege.

As individuals and as a group we will take a closer look at the inequities that are deeply rooted in our systems and institutions. The content is appropriate for those who have become b'nei mitzvah. The topics and dates are listed below.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date</b>
Systemic Racism in Education	September 19, 2021
Inequities in Healthcare	September 26, 2021
Justice System	October 3, 2021
LGBTQ+ Rights and Discrimination	October 10, 2021
Allyship	October 17, 2021
Voter Suppression	October 24, 2021

*Sonia Siegel Vexler*

# *Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah/Social Justice*

## Social Action Committee News



### **Tzedakah Box**

The **July-September 2021 Tzedakah Box** Fund recipient is **COMMON POWER**. This organization works to “foster, support, and amplify a democracy that is just and inclusive.” They do this by educational lectures, training advocates and volunteers, partnering with other community organizations, and investing in the next generation of leaders. The current focus is ensuring the safeguarding of voting rights.



Donations can be made online at <http://commonpower.org> or mailed to their 501(c)(3) charitable partner, Fuse Innovation Fund. Make checks out to Fuse Innovation Fund (add in the notes line “for Common Power”) EIN: 87-0800705.

Mail to:

Common Power

PO Box 51125

Seattle, WA 98115

### **Advocacy**

Here is information and a suggestion from a congregant who is also a concerned citizen. A big part of our civic responsibility toward democracy is communicating with elected representatives about how we feel they should vote. One current debate is over the filibuster in the Senate, which essentially makes it impossible to pass legislation without 60 votes. Passing legislation is rarely happening with the Senate split 50/50. Many folks say the only way to get legislation to advance is to end the filibuster, which is not in the Constitution. It was designed to placate slave states to get them to join the Union in the early days of our country. The website, Talking Points Memo, just published a list of where different senators stand on eliminating the filibuster. Our two fine Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, both favor reforming the filibuster, but NOT eliminating it. Do you agree? Please contact the Senators and tell them how you feel on this issue. Patty Murray’s website is <https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactMe> and Maria Cantwell’s website is <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/> where you can leave an email message. As long as the filibuster remains the government is deadlocked, which is the point of it. But we need progress! Contact your Senators today.

The Social Action Committee also urges everyone who is concerned about the state of our democracy to educate themselves about gerrymandering and the impact this has on fair representation. Look at the website: [allontheline.org](http://allontheline.org) for clear information.

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

## What Happened at the June Board Meeting?

1. The Board discussed the upcoming greeter needs as we move to a hybrid of in-person and streamed activities. The idea of a greeter committee, not just board members, was suggested. This should be explored further.
2. The Board reviewed the calendar of summer meetings and decided to cancel the August Board meeting, unless a crisis comes up between now and then. Many would be unavailable and reaching a quorum might be difficult. Given the timing of the HHD, we will likely have an August/September meeting in late August.
3. **Jennifer Cail** updated the Board on the plans for RS and youth programming for the fall.
4. **Bob Goodmark** shared information about the Feasibility Study related to the viability of a capital campaign needed to finance our potential remodel.
5. The Board was introduced to the Safety and Security Committee by **Miriam VonAschen-Cook** and trained on how to use the new Incident Report Form. Greeter training was June 27 in person at TBO at 10:00am. All who attended were fully vaccinated. Those who could not participate that day can join in a similar training planned for the fall for the RS staff.
6. There was a presentation about the need for a Child Safety Policy. **Julie Mackoff** and **Tina Roth** will be spearheading this effort.
7. **JonaRose Feinberg**, chair of the Communications Committee, summarized the results of the Congregational Communication Survey. We also discussed the *ORacle* and the options of going digital and/or in color including use of opting in or opting out to reduce mailing unwanted copies. The Communications Committee will prepare a recommendation for the Board on this topic.
8. A discussion about the upcoming August bar mitzvah resulted in approving a motion adopting the protocol requested by the family.
9. Discussion of the June Membership Meeting logistics, the May financials and the President's report were moved to future email or other discussions.
10. Tim Douglass resigned from the Board. His last participation was at the June 13 Membership Meeting. He was thanked for his service. Note: Wanda Bresnick has since been appointed to fill Tim's position as Vice President of Community and Engagement.

### 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  
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Vacant

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: Ellie Hochman

Building: Jeff St. George

Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

College and Military Outreach: Sarah Davis

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

COVID-19: Ron Green

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

Hybridization: Glen Pickus

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

Re-Opening TF: Wanda Bresnick

Security: Miriam VonAschen-Cook

Small Groups: Rebecca Hicks

Social Action: Naomi Katsh and

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Spirituality & Ritual: Heidi Piel

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Mila Lowery and Tina Roth

### Staff

Office Administrator: Sarah Davis  
Youth Group: Eian Snyder

# August 2021

## Av — Elul 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Religious Sch. Registrations due Religious Sch. Scholarship Applications due Executive Brd. 9:00am	<b>2</b> Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:45pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Communications Committee Mtg. 6:30pm <b>Asking the Right Questions/Setting Your Intention</b> 7:30pm	<b>10</b> HHD Greeting Orders Due	<b>11</b> <b>Influential Women</b> 7:30pm	<b>12</b> ORacle Submissions Due for Sept. Edition	<b>13</b> Shabbat Service 7:30pm <i>** Reservations required for in-person attendance</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Membership Committee Mtg. 5:00pm	<b>17</b> <b>Number Our Days</b> 7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Shabbat Service and Mitch Moses Bar Mitzvah 10:00am
<b>22</b> The Nosh 8:00am GB Mtg. 9:00am	<b>23</b> <b>Lion's Honey: The Myth of Sampson</b> 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Executive Brd. Mtg 7:00pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:45pm	<b>28</b> <i>Selichot</i> Service 7:30pm <i>See page 7 for details</i>
<b>29</b> The Nosh 8:00am <b>Baking Challah for HHD</b> 10:00am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**All Activities are virtual except where noted as of this publication.**

**Links are in *ORbits*.**

Temple Access By Appointment Only - In order to limit the number of people in the Temple at one time and to facilitate contact tracing measures access to the building is limited at this time to appointment only. This includes after hours and members with fob access. To make an appointment please contact the Temple office. Thanks for helping to keep our community safe!

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



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Return Service Requested



**If you prefer to read the *ORacle* online only please contact the Temple Beth Or office to be removed from the postal mailing list.**

### **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).