



**Wishing all a healthy, happy, and sweet New Year!**  
**The Temple Beth Or Governing Board**

**See page 11 for updated HHD information. As Delta COVID-19 information evolves, we are committed to making the safest decisions we can to ensure a meaningful, safe High Holy Days for all.**

## **Membership Meeting Planned for September 26**

Join us on Zoom on **Sunday, September 26, at 10:00am** as we continue the process of making decisions about our facilities. This meeting will include a vote on bylaws amendments that would accommodate virtual and/or hybrid meetings with extended electronic voting. In addition, other clarifying and updating language is proposed. This meeting will also include an update about our facilities decision making process and timeline. Watch *ORbits*, Facebook (FB), and the website for additional information.

Be sure to check out the new area on our website dedicated to our facilities work. You can read updated information, ask a question, or share your thoughts. This special section of the website can be found at: [templebethor.org/facilities-planning](https://templebethor.org/facilities-planning). It is password protected, if you need help with the password, contact the office. See page 7 for more information.



## From Our Rabbi

### Reflection and Growth as Individuals and Community

During this Hebrew month of Tishrei, the time of our High Holy Days, we focus on the theme of *teshuvah*. This concept encompasses return, repentance, and repair. In our Jewish tradition, we are invited to engage with the difficult and broken parts of our lives with the hope of moving forward in strength.

During the High Holy Days our individual work of *teshuvah* is supported by the space of community. Our Jewish tradition not only invites us to engage in reflection and repair as individuals, it values this work within our communal context too. While most of us would prefer to avoid engaging in conflict, our rabbinic sages have praised it. When conflict arises in our Jewish community and we seek to address the conflict with respect and patience, Rabbinic tradition calls this conflict a *Machloket l'Shem Shamayim*—Conflict for the Sake of Heaven. Our sages believed that God

delights in heaven when we are able to work together in sacred partnership to address communal challenges.

Reflecting on this past year, I am incredibly proud of the leadership of our community. So many individuals have dedicated themselves to guiding our community through COVID-19 and our facilities work. Our community is willing to tackle challenges with courage, values, and esteem. The 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian scholar, Bertinoro, explains: “people who engage [and don’t avoid] conflict will endure and will not be lost” (*Avot* 5:17). In other words, the work of addressing challenges helps to ensure that the community thrives into the future.

It seems appropriate that the Torah readings for this time of year revisit our people’s past through a reflective lens. As we complete the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses

reflects on the difficult experience of the wilderness. As Moses retells his experience of breaking the tablets of the Ten Commandments upon seeing the sin of the Golden Calf, our rabbinic sage, Rabbi Yosef, explains that “both the [new] tablets and the fragments were kept in the Ark of the Covenant” (*Talmud Bavli, Bava Batra* 14b). The Midrash teaches us that both sets of tablets, the broken and the whole, are holy and worthy of our attention and respect.

Wishing our community and each of you as individuals the strength to embrace both “the broken and the whole” as sacred tools so that we may enjoy strength and peace in the coming year and years ahead.

*Rabbi Rachel Kort*

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](mailto:RabbiKort@TempleBethOr.org)

Rabbi Kort’s sermons and writings can be found on the TBO website under “About Us/Our Rabbi.”

### HHD Prayer Book Loan Program and NEW Information Regarding Flip Books

If you have reserved High Holiday prayer books, please check your registration general information packet for pick-up and drop-off information.

The CCAR Press has made a last minute change to offer HHD flip-books again this year. Full information is available at: [www.ccarnet.org/publications/hhd-2021/](http://www.ccarnet.org/publications/hhd-2021/)

## *From Our President*

### **Beyond Welcoming**



We at TBO pride ourselves on being a warm and welcoming community. It is even included in our mission statement – “warm, compassionate, vibrant, spirited, inclusive . . .” When new people come to services or an event, historically we would greet them, introduce ourselves, ask about them and how they found us, and so on. That is warm and welcoming.

Now as we begin to have in-person opportunities, especially during the High Holy Days, I encourage you to resume this practice to the extent that you are “COVID comfortable.” Many of us are probably a little rusty at this and might need some practice to regain our old schmooze confidence back. That’s to be expected after over a year in semi-isolation. Give it your best shot and I am certain that it will come back to you in no time. It should be noted that we have added new members during our virtual time, so there will likely be people that you have never met or seen before, at least in person. Introductions are a great first step.

I also want to inspire you to try to go further. I’ve heard conversations about the difference between feeling welcomed and feeling like you belong. I want us to aim for creating a space where people feel like they **belong** in our community. Think about a situation when you have been warmly welcomed someplace but did not feel like you belonged. What could have been done differently to make you feel more included?

Now think about how we can do this. It definitely starts with being welcoming, and then you do a bit more. Do what you would want someone to do for you to make you feel like you belong. Ask them to meet for coffee or a walk. Figure out any common interests and plan an adventure that you would both enjoy. Share your story and ask them to share theirs. Be sure to really listen to what they have to say. Make them feel heard and valued.

It is a little trickier in these challenging COVID times, but with some creativity and our lovely late summer weather you can come up with something that would start to make a newer member feel truly included in our community. What a wonderful way to greet the new year – making someone else feel seen and included and perhaps giving yourself the gift of a new friend.

*L’ shanah tovah,*  
*Melanie*



**To our TBO family,**  
**Sending wishes for a healthy, peaceful,**  
**and joyous year ahead.**

**The Field/Cheपुरi Family**

## *K'hilah/ Mishpachah — Family and Community*

### **Welcome New Members to Our Community!**



It is with great pleasure that Temple Beth Or welcomes **Lauren Baras** and **Jonathon Koerber** who became new members in May of 2020. They had attended several Shabbat services and felt the warm and welcoming atmosphere as well as being drawn to Rabbi Kort which helped them make the decision to join. They both enjoy outdoor activities, especially rock climbing; however, that has been put on hold for the time being since the arrival of their baby son, **Dov**. Lauren is a physician at The Everett Clinic and Jonathon teaches chemistry in high school. Their fondest memories of Temple Beth Or are the naming and bris of Dov and the virtual High Holy Days services. What they enjoy the most are the Shabbat services and Jonathon has also joined the Mitzvah Corps and hopes to become more involved in TBO when time permits.

*L'shanah Tovah Umotukah*

*A sweet and good year!*

*Eldon and Carolyn Wexler*



### **TBO Book Club**

Are you a bookworm? An avid reader? Or would you 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 10:00am-12:00pm. Our book for this **October 17 is *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro.**

We'll hopefully soon be gathering again in members' homes. To learn more or to join us, please contact **Julie Maltos**.

## *K'hilah/Mishpachah — Family and Community*

### YOUR LEGACY, THEIR FUTURE

*L'Shanah Tovah* from the Legacy Committee. This new year consider making a gift that will positively impact our Temple Beth Or community for generations to come.



*Aileen, Koby, Ethan, Carolyn, Benji, and Eldon Wexler*

Join your fellow congregants who are already part of TBO's LIFE & LEGACY program:

### WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Anonymous 19  
Selma Balk  
Naomi Katsh Barger  
Norm Black and Janis Warner  
Mark and Wanda Bresnick  
Michael and Susan Cross  
Harold Dash and Vicky Romero  
Timothy Downie  
Leslie and Tom Elsemore  
Melanie Field and Vinaya Chepuri  
David Fine and Beth Burstein  
Albert Friedman and Vicki Schwartz  
Judith Friedman

Gerry Friend and Stan Sussman  
Michael and Marilyn Glosser  
Robert and Michele Goodmark  
Kaye and Michael Gorlick  
Debra Henry  
Deborah Halliday  
Ellie Hochman and Sandy Voit  
Andrea Holsten  
Janet and Reynold Karr  
Jeff Napp and Sheryl Shapiro  
Deborah Nedelman and  
Melvyn Trenor  
Dan and Amy Paquette

Marla Phippin  
Harold Piel  
Heidi Piel  
Tony and Kathryn Roon  
Nancy Sosnove and David Roberts  
Jeffrey St. George  
Paul Vexler and Sonia Siegel Vexler  
Carolyn and Eldon Wexler  
Koby and Aileen Wexler  
Peter Zieve

A legacy gift with Temple Beth Or's LIFE & LEGACY program is easy to arrange. For more information, please contact: **Harold Dash, Bob Goodmark, Sonia Siegel Vexler, or Eldon Wexler.**

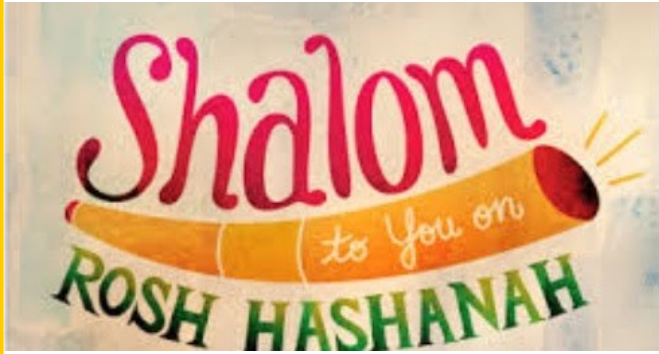


**Wishing all a year of harmony, growth,  
and health.**

**Harold Dash and Vicky Romero**



## *K'hilah/Mishpachah — Family and Community*



*Shanah Torah*  
*from*  
*The Elsemore Family*

### **BOTY Updates!**

We are excited to announce the return of **Eian Snyder** as our Youth Director for the Fall! Starting with the Rosh HaShanah celebration at Camp Kalsman on September 7, there will be lots of opportunities for our teens to have social activities and volunteer with our Religious School. We are also working with the URJ on a pilot program to connect with other small synagogues in the area for social activities. We are looking at partnering with the synagogues in Bellingham and on Bainbridge Island for youth group activities. Please join us on Rosh HaShanah and keep a watch out for activity updates!



### **Jewish Summer Camp: Back and Better than Ever**

*Rabbi Rachel Kort*

It was a privilege to serve as a camp rabbi at URJ Camp Kalsman last month. I not only helped lead *T'filah*—Prayer and Jewish programs, I also got to schmooze and swim and enjoy camp with members of our TBO community. Five of our TBO students, three of our alumni, and our youth group advisor, **Eian Snyder**, were up at camp when I was there. Before I left Kalsman, I wrote notes to greet our handful of campers arriving the next session. Kudos to our member, **Julie Maltos** for serving as camp nurse earlier in the summer.

The immersive space of Jewish summer camp is always magical, but especially this year. After 18 months of mostly being stuck at home with parents, it was incredible to see kids thriving with their peers at Camp Kalsman. Camp was one of the first times since COVID hit where I have been able to sing our sacred songs in person, in beautiful harmony. The special singing and dancing that happens at camp moved me to tears.

Thank you to our community members who help support our TBO students through camperships. I plan to be at Kalsman next summer with even more of our students. Parents, don't hesitate to reach out and ask if you have any questions about Jewish summer camp opportunities.

## *K'hilah/Mishpachah — Family and Community*



### Our Newly Re-Designed Website

If you haven't had a chance to check out our newly redesigned website, DO IT! It is beautiful, accurate, easy to navigate, and has a wealth of useful, interesting information! A **perfect** example:

All Temple members are encouraged to take advantage of our new web resource, developed by **JonaRose Feinberg**, for updates about new developments and opportunities for participation in the process of making critical facilities decisions for our future. The Facilities Planning resource page is at [templebethor.org/facilities-planning](http://templebethor.org/facilities-planning). Access to this area requires a password, which was emailed to TBO members. For additional assistance accessing this resource contact the office.

# Wishing our Temple Beth Or family a good year!



♥ **Al Friedman & Vicki Schwartz**

### Youth Education Committee

Welcome to the Youth Education Committee! The co-chairs are **Tina Roth** and **Mila Lowery** and as school starts up again in the fall we'd like to include all parents of Religious School students. We are excited to get back in person and to join in a pilot program with the URJ! This new program will bring together other small synagogues in our area for in-person and remote activities. To start, we are working with Kol Shalom on Bainbridge Island. We are excited about new curriculum which will allow us to do both in person and remote learning and switch between the two if it becomes necessary. We will also need our usual parent volunteers to keep everything safe. Join us for Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman for our children's programming on **September 7** and we'll see you back at TBO on **Sunday, October 3**.



# Shanah Tovah

**The Cail Family**

# *K'hilah/Mishpachah — Family and Community*

## **Gam Zeh (This too)**

Your voice matters.



### **Facilities Town Hall Meetings**

We are planning a series of informational sessions/town hall style meetings related to the upcoming facilities decisions in the coming months. We'd like to highlight and further explain specific topics that members of the congregation want more information about. For example, do you feel you need more information about feasibility studies — what they are/how they work/how much do they cost/how long do they take, etc.? If there are areas that you would like to see included in the series, please share your topic ideas with Melanie Field. We will do our best to cover as many of the ideas as we can. We appreciate your input!

*Sending out love and best wishes for a healthy and sweet year to our TBO family!*

*Deb Henry*

### **Voluntary Vaccination Status Reporting**

We are still requesting everyone to complete the vaccination reporting form. The form consists of one question and one form can be used for the whole family. If you are uncomfortable sharing your vaccination status you are able to indicate on the form that you do not wish to share your information. To complete the form, please go to [templebethor.org/vaccine-reporting](http://templebethor.org/vaccine-reporting). Winners of the completed form contests were **Nancy Adler-Jones** and **Jonathan Hill**. They each won a gift card.

### **HELP!**



We have a missing walkie talkie that didn't come back after the outdoor Shabbat service. Please check and see if you inadvertently took it home and let Sarah know if you have it.

Thanks!

### **Just a Reminder...**

Our wonderful office maven, **Sarah**, is a notary. If you need anything notarized, contact her and she would be happy to find a time for you to come in.



Many thanks to the committees and members who helped support the *ORacle* and Temple by sending HHD greetings and wishes in this edition.



# *Torah — Lifelong Learning*

## **September Supplemental HHD Program** **Register at: [templebethor.org/hhd-supplemental](https://templebethor.org/hhd-supplemental)**

### **Living a Life in 10 Days with Heidi Piel, Sunday, September 5, 10:00-11:00am**

Our HHD take us from birth/beginning to death and as the sun sets, birth again. We will trace the journey together and find places to enhance meaning along the way — maybe some of these moments will bring new depth and meaning to our lives the rest of the year. This program is on Zoom only.



### **Services Greeters Wanted!**

Remember when we used to have community greeters? 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.

### **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:** Class will meet on Zoom on **Sundays from 7:00 - 8:30pm 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](mailto:rabbi@bethhatfiloh.org).

**Shanah Tova to all  
TBO members**



**Janis Warner & Norm Black**

## *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 registration packet.

You are very much needed to help make the day a joyous and meaningful expression of our TBO family/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: 8:00-10:00am, 12:00-1:00pm, 4:00-5:30pm.
- Governing Board members will be greeting participants upon arrival at the registration table from **9:15-11:15am and 1:15pm (before Tashlich)**. They will provide every family with a campus map and introduce people to a CK guide.
- Thirteen "ushers," aka CK guides, to volunteer for two-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, a **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 email Cheryl Waldbaum or Sarah Davis in the Temple office to sign-up.

### **Multi-Access Yom Kippur Concluding and Havdalah Services**

While we cannot all be together in our sanctuary on Yom Kippur, we wanted to create multiple modes to conclude the Yom Kippur Holy Day together in community. Our 90 minute Concluding Service (4:30 - 6 pm) will include *Havdalah*. For members who cannot be with us in our sanctuary or would prefer a more interactive online experience, you are invited to Community *Havdalah* from 6-6:30 pm. We'll use Zoom Pro which features the gallery view. Please note, there are two separate Zoom links for these two services.



*Wishing everyone a healthy, happy  
New Year*

*Geraldine Friend & Stanley Sussman*

# *Avodah — Worship*

## High Holy Days Worship Services



### **Registration Required for all HHD Services**

Services are virtual unless otherwise indicated.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATED INFORMATION**

**Last minute links will not be available. Refer to your HHD Registration Packet for more information.**

**Registration closed August 31: [templebethor.org/hhd-member-form/](https://templebethor.org/hhd-member-form/)**

#### **Erev Rosh HaShanah**

Monday, September 6, 7:00-8:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin, interactive online Zoom experience

#### **Rosh HaShanah**

Tuesday, September 7, in person programming 10:00am-4:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin at Camp Kalsman; the 11:00am-12:30pm; service will also be on Zoom

#### **Shabbat Shuvah**

Saturday, September 11, 9:30-10:30am, with Rabbi Kort and Bernie Busch,  
**on Zoom only** — Note: this is a change from information in the HHD Packet

#### **Shabbat and HHD Family Program**

Saturday, September 11, 11:00am-12:00pm, park location to be decided

#### **Cemetery Service**

Sunday, September 12, 3:00pm, with Sheryl Shapiro, at the GAR Cemetery,  
Note: no pre-registration necessary. Streaming will not be available.

#### **Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidrei**

Wednesday, September 15, 7:30-9:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin,  
with limited **pre-reserved** seating at TBO and on Zoom

#### **Yom Kippur Morning**

Thursday, September 16, 10:00-11:30am, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin,  
with limited **pre-reserved** seating at TBO and on Zoom

#### **Yom Kippur Torah Study**

Thursday, September 16, 12:30-1:30pm, with Heidi Piel on Zoom

#### **Yom Kippur Yizkor Service**

Thursday, September 16, 2:00-3:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin, on Zoom

#### **Yom Kippur Youth Service**

Thursday, September 16, 3:30-4:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin, interactive online Zoom experience

#### **Yom Kippur N'ilah/Concluding Service and Havdalah**

Thursday, September 16, 4:30-6:00pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin,  
with limited **pre-reserved** seating at TBO and on Zoom

**Yom Kippur Havdalah (for those not attending in person N'ilah)— See page 10 for more information**

September 16, 6:00-6:30pm, with Rabbi Kort and Cantor Dreskin, on Zoom, interactive online Zoom experience

#### **Sukkot Celebration**

Saturday, September 25, time TBD, with Rabbi Kort

#### **Simchat Torah Celebration**

September 28, time TBD, with Rabbi Kort, interactive online Zoom experience

## *Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah/Social Justice*

**Your Social Action Committee wishes  
everyone  
a year of justice and peace.**



### **Diversity Equity Inclusion**



It is time to register for Temple Beth Or's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce's and the Social Action Committee's 6-week equity challenge. The program starts **Monday, September 13**, with your first week's challenge of reading and/or watching. Our first community conversation will be on **Sunday, September 19 at 5:00 pm**. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/deichallenge> to register. A confirmation email will be sent to you upon registration.

We will learn more about: Systemic Racism in Education, Inequities in Healthcare, the U.S. Justice System, LGBTQ+ Rights and Discrimination, Allyship, and Voter Suppression. The content is appropriate for those who have become b'nei mitzvah.

As individuals and as a group we will take a closer look at the inequities that are deeply rooted in our systems and institutions. Topics and dates are listed below.

If you have questions, please contact Sonia Siegel Vexler.

Topics	Dates of Conversations
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

**Sending wishes for a  
sweet and healthy  
upcoming year  
Mark and Wanda Bresnick**



## *Tikkun Olam — Tzedakah/Social Justice*



# The Shmita Project Northwest

This upcoming 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/](http://bethshalomseattle.org/shmita-project-northwest-partners/).

## **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”) 0800705

Mail to:

Common Power

PO Box 51125

Seattle, WA 98115



# COMMON POWER

Further Together

EIN: 87-

**Religious Action Center**  
of Reform Judaism



We encourage people to take advantage of all the information on the Union for Reform Judaism 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

In July the Governing Board had two meetings, the regularly scheduled one (July 11) and a special one (July 25). Here's what it did:

1. The Board discussed upcoming meeting dates. See the website and *ORacle* calendars for revisions.
2. The insurance company granted TBO a one year extension regarding a decision on disposition of the duplex property. There will be a meeting on **September 26** to vote on proposed amendments to the bylaws and share the intended timeline. Given the extension a new timeline will be developed.
3. Logistics for services on July 17 and August 13 were reviewed. Shabbat tracker has been revised to have color coded greeters for in-person and virtual greeters.
4. The Board was introduced to the Spirituality and Ritual Committee by the new chair, Heidi Piel. Heidi shared lots of fun ideas for new creative service models. They are looking for new committee members.
5. The Board approved the annual Rabbi's parsonage.
6. Wanda Bresnick presented a voluntary vaccine status reporting program being suggested by the Regathering Task Force. The Board made suggestions and then approved implementing this program.
7. The Board discussed the proposed Membership Summer Picnic and decided that due to COVID concerns it was cancelled.
8. The Board heard an update on the facilities process, including the July 20 Shuster Report presentation, a discussion about the modifications needed to the bylaws, a tour of the really neat new webpage dedicated to facilities info, and learned about the new weekly facilities email updates and the facilities communication workgroup. Kudos to **Jona Feinberg** for creating and maintaining these fantastic new tools. (Check out the website at <https://templebethor.org/facilities-planning/>)
9. The Board also talked about the financial feasibility study and the consultant interviews in the works. Norm Black is scheduled to present information about this at the August 22 board meeting.
10. The Board considered having a series of information sessions and town hall meetings to prepare the congregation for the vote. The Board discussed revisiting the values that are driving these decisions and having sessions to discuss that.
11. **James Feinberg** updated the Board on enhancing of the tech systems.

## Temple Leadership Rabbi

Rachel Kort

## Governing Board

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## Committees & Task Forces

Adult Education: Vacant

Alternative Options TF: David Fine

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Book Club: Julie Maltos

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

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Fundraising: Michele Goodmark

High Holy Days: Jerry and Cheryl Waldbaum  
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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: Heidi Piel

Re-Opening TF: Wanda Bresnick

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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

# September 2021

## Elul — Tishrei 5781-82

**NOTE: REFER TO YOUR HHD INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION REQUIRMENTS FOR SERVICES**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Prayer Book pick up 1-3:00pm	3	4
5 The Nosh 8:00am Prayer Book Pick Up 10:00am-noon Living a Life in 10 Days 10:00am	6 Erev Rosh HaShanah  ERH Service 7:00pm	7 Rosh HaShanah <b>Office Closed</b>  Rosh HaShanah at Camp Kalsman 10:00am-4:00pm	8 Legacy Committee 10:00am	9	10	11 Shabbat Shuvah 9:30am Shabbat and HHD Family Program 11:00am
12 Cemetery Service 3:00pm  ORacle Submission Due Date	13 Communications Committee Mtg. 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00pm	14	15 Erev Yom Kippur  Erev Yom Kippur Service 7:30	16 Yom Kippur <b>Office Closed</b> YK AM Service 10:00am Youth Service 3:30pm Adult Learning 12:30pm Yizkor 2:00pm Concluding Service 4:30pm Havdalah 6:00pm	17 Office Closed	18
19 The Nosh 8:00am DEI Challenge 5:00pm	20 Erev Sukkot Membership Committee Mtg. 5:00pm Prayer Book drop off 11:00am-1:00pm	21 Sukkot-1st Day <b>Office Closed</b>	22	23 Prayer Book drop off 1-3:00pm	24	25 Sukkot Celebration Time TBD
26 The Nosh 8:00am <b>General Membership Meeting 10:00am</b> DEI Challenge 5:00pm	27	28 Simchat Torah Celebration online 7:00pm	29	30		

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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).