



Future of TBO Facilities: Congregation Decides to Remain on Lombard

The results are in! With strong participation, our direction has been made clear. 60% of Temple Beth Or voters support remaining on Lombard Avenue.

Now that this decision has been made, it's time to take the next steps. We will hire an outside consultant to conduct a financial feasibility study. This study will begin in January and will take 3-5 months. The results will enable us to match the size and scope of the project to our fundraising potential. With that information, we will refine and finalize architectural plans and embark on a fundraising campaign.

We will continue to post updates on the Facilities Planning page on our website, and will keep the congregation informed of the next steps as they develop. Members will be asked to approve a construction contract sometime in 2022.

Thank you to all of the members who engaged so thoughtfully with this critical decision. Out of 199 eligible voters, we had turnout of 76% - an excellent demonstration of our shared commitment to the Temple Beth Or community.

B'nei Mitzvah: Not Just At Thirteen



Note about language: 'bar mitzvah' means "son of the commandment"; 'bat mitzvah' means "daughter of the commandment." B'nei mitzvah is the plural form and is also used as gender inclusive and nonbinary. B-mitzvah can also be used as gender inclusive and nonbinary.

This winter, I'm excited to officiate *b'nei mitzvah* ceremonies for Jonathan Hill and Alex Klarman that were postponed due to COVID-19. Working with two teens who are a little bit older than thirteen, I found myself wondering why are *b'nei mitzvah* ceremonies typically held at thirteen?

For a people whose history spans three thousand years, *b'nei mitzvah* is a relatively new ceremony. Until the middle ages, young children regularly participated in rituals like leading prayer, reading Torah, and fasting on Yom Kippur. Rabbinic attitudes towards children's ritual leadership changed over time and children were prohibited from certain practices until adulthood, which the Talmud defines as thirteen for boys. Bar mitzvah ceremonies were created as special celebrations around boys reading Torah and wearing *tefillin* for the first time on their thirteenth birthday and became widespread in the 17th century.

COVID times have been incredibly challenging for families preparing for *b'nei mitzvah*. As families navigated uncertainty and moved beyond thirteenth birthdays, the values surrounding *b'nei mitzvah* became more prominent. *B'nei mitzvah* is not a significant birthday celebration, rather a celebration of Jewish life, learning, connection to the community, and living life as a mensch.

Last month, former House Representative Gabrielle Giffords became a bat mitzvah at age 51. Giffords had begun to explore her Jewish ancestry in the early 2000 with her local Tucson rabbi. Despite limitations from the gunshot wound she survived in 2011, she continued her Jewish studies. But she needed the support of a learning community to help her achieve becoming bat mitzvah; Giffords recruited two friends to be a part of an adult *b'nei mitzvah* class.

B'nei mitzvah can be a meaningful experience beyond thirteen. We hope to begin an adult *b'nei mitzvah* class in the spring of 2022, with a ceremony taking place in spring/summer 2023. The experience will be an opportunity to engage in deep Jewish learning, be a part of a learning community, and participate in a *b'nei mitzvah* ceremony at Temple Beth Or. This course is not limited to first time Torah readers. If you had a bar, bat, or *b'nei mitzvah* at an earlier age, you are welcome to participate and "renew your covenant."

Please join me for an informational session on Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm over Zoom.

Mazel tov to Jonathan, Alex, and Gabby Giffords too.

*Rabbi Rachel Kort
(she/her)*

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."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy Secular New Year!

One of the many benefits of being Jewish for me is that I get to make a fresh start twice each year. We Jews all get to start a new year together in the fall on Rosh HaShanah. Then I get to make another set of intentions for myself (often very similar ones) on the secular New Year, January 1. How lucky to get a clean slate two times!

Sometimes hitting the reset button is exactly what we need to be motivated to become our best selves. While we usually think of this in terms of individuals, I think that might be true for our community as well. At the time of this writing, we are still in the midst of our voting process for our facilities decision. By the time you are reading this, I am hoping that a course of action will have been chosen and we will be heading down that path. For our community, in a lot of ways, making this choice (whichever choice it is) is a golden opportunity for us to make a set of intentions for ourselves and to hit the reset button.



During our first Town Hall Meeting we were asked to identify what we are most afraid of in this process. A response that came up over and over again was a fear that the congregation would be split by this decision, become divided. My sense is that this process has in fact made us a stronger, more connected congregation and that we have not become divided.

As we move forward as a congregation, I hope that whichever course of action we have chosen, we will continue to embrace the same openness, attentive listening, and respectful discourse we have had over the last several months. For those whose first choice was not selected, I want us all to hear how we as a community can address any outstanding or residual concerns those folks have in proceeding down the selected path. How can we reduce their qualms and make them more comfortable with the option selected?

Now that we have completed this phase of our facilities process, let's be sure that we continue to be open minded and sensitive to everyone's perspective, and strive to incorporate input from all of our members as we implement the selected course of action.

L'shalom,

Melanie (she/her)
President



Light Up the Night - *Havdalah* & Hanukkah

TBO Celebrates Hanukkah



TBO celebrated Hanukkah with luminaries, dreidel games, songs, stories, *Havdalah*, and lots of schmoozing. We even had *sufganiyot* (donuts) from Top Pot to take home.

Thank you, Rabbi Kort for a lovely service, Sarah for all her help making it happen, to the Membership Committee and to all who came and enjoyed celebrating together.



New ORacle Features

Welcome to the first *ORacle* of the year! I want to again thank Vicky Romero for her years of service and hard work on this publication.

I wanted to see what I could do to make *ORacle* more accessible and tech user friendly and took the opportunity as the new (interim) editor to make some changes. I welcome your feedback. I am here Tuesday - Friday with any questions you may have.

Happy New Year,

Sarah Davis (she/her)

Office Administrator



New Features:

- Starting in January, all regular Shabbat services will be accessed using the same Zoom link. We will still use unique links for *b'nei mitzvah* and special events. Zoom link and info on page 11.
- QR codes have been added to help make things more accessible. Simply open your smart phone/tablet camera, point it at the QR code and it will take you to the web address listed next to the QR code. You may also use a QR code reader app if you have one installed on your phone/tablet.
- Icons have been added next to services and events so you can easily spot important information such as: in-person at TBO, offsite, outdoors, streamed online, interactive online, ADA accessible, and pre-registration needed.

Vaccine Status Update

Has your vaccine status changed? Are you or your child newly vaccinated or have you receive your booster? Please update your status.

Per our COVID-19 protocols, all who are eligible to be vaccinated must be vaccinated in order to attend any in-person services or events. This includes eligible children who must have their first vaccine by December 5.

Your vaccine status is kept confidential and secure and is used only by Temple leadership on a need to know basis.

<https://tinyurl.com/vaccinereporting>



Jonathan Hill -

The Newest Adult Member of Our Community



Jonathan (he/him) will become the newest adult member of our community when he becomes bar mitzvah on January 15. He is supported in this journey by parents Jessica and Tim Hill, and siblings Tyler and Isabella.

Jonathan is in 9th grade at Arlington High School where his favorite subjects are math, P.E., and choir. "I really enjoy music and like that I get to challenge myself by singing, especially in musicals," observed Jonathan.

For extracurriculars, Jonathan enjoys playing basketball, baseball, and guitar. He has also really enjoyed participating in BOTY events and connecting with others in the TBO community.

On his *Tikkun Olam* Project:

"For my *Tikkun Olam* Project, I was the High Holy Days Singers Coordinator. I contacted anyone who I thought would be interested in being a singer to help form a group of singers to sing songs during both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Also, as part of my project, I worked with Cantor Dreskin and Rabbi Kort choosing music for the services. "

A Thanks from Jonathan:

"I would like to thank my parents for bringing me to school every Sunday for 8 whole years. Also, I would like to thank all of my teachers for teaching me about my heritage and religion. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to have my mom as my teacher. I would also like to thank my tutor Ellis and Rabbi Kort for helping me to prepare for my bar mitzvah. There are too many to name but I appreciate and am thankful to all of the people who have helped to get me here. Thank you."

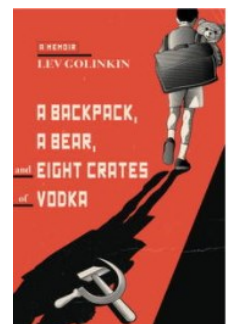


Book Club Selections for February

The TBO Book Club will be meeting next on Sunday, February 20 at 10:00 am. If you would like more information please contact Julie Maltos.

February Book Selection:

A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir
by Lev Golinkin



Applications for the
Eisendrath Legislative
Assistant Fellowship
ARE NOW OPEN.

Apply at
[RAC.org/LA](https://rac.org/LA)



Eisendrath Legislative Assistant Program 2022-2023

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's (RAC) Eisendrath Legislative Assistant Program is a year-long fellowship for recent college graduates or individuals with equivalent academic and professional experience, who are interested in Judaism, social justice, and policy.

The program is designed as a training opportunity for new professionals interested in learning about and contributing to the work of Jewish social justice. Legislative Assistants are at the heart of every aspect of the Reform Movement's social justice work.

The Legislative Assistant plays a pivotal role in the RAC's social justice and public policy work by:

- Leading legislative advocacy on a wide portfolio of issues such as racial justice, immigrant justice, LGBTQ+ equality, criminal justice reform, environmental justice, gun violence prevention, and more;
- Representing the values of the Reform Jewish Movement in diverse coalitions and with elected officials on the state level and on Capitol Hill;
- Drafting advocacy communications materials and disseminating our message to decision makers, coalition partners, and Reform Jews;
- Developing innovative social justice programming and educational materials;
- Planning and running weekend social justice conferences for teens; and
- Working with congregational and grassroots leaders across the Reform Jewish Movement



Applications can be found at the link below and are due on **February 28, 2022**.

<https://tinyurl.com/elap2022>

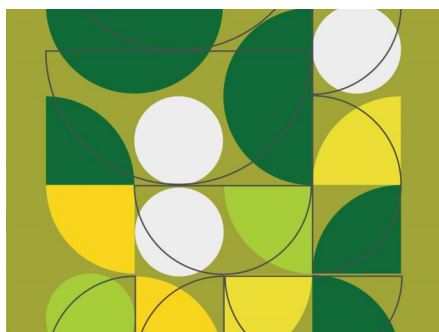
Welcome David and Milina

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome our newest members - David Slepak and Milina Kushner.

Milina is a nurse and David is in business development. They are planning their wedding and moving to a new home in Lake Stevens.

Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.





BEYOND THE COUNT:
PERSPECTIVES AND LIVED EXPERIENCES OF JEWS OF COLOR
 Jews of Color Initiative

Beyond the Count

For the past few years, Jews of color in the United States have been counted and recounted. Hard data from the most comprehensive survey of Jews of color ever carried out (link below) has been released. Now their own voices have emerged.

Responses from more than 1,100 people in the study reveal a deep engagement with Jewish identity that has often come with experiences of discrimination. In some cases, Jews of color said they are ignored. In others they are casually interrogated about their race and ethnicity. Respondents said white Jews will sometimes presume a need to educate them about Jewish rituals or assume they are present in synagogues or schools as nannies and security guards rather than community members. Some 80% of respondents said they have experienced discrimination in Jewish settings.

Titled “Beyond the Count,” the study out of Stanford University corroborates with data and the anecdotes of racism in the Jewish community that have been widespread for years. Its 1,118 participants were found through an online survey. The study was not designed to be a statistical representation of all Jews of color but as an in-depth sampling of their views. Interviews with 61 of the participants provided additional texture and nuance.

Approximately two-thirds of the respondents were raised Jewish and a similar percentage have at least one Jewish parent. About 40% said they converted to Judaism.

“Jews of color are anything but monolithic, but there are common, prevalent trends about the places and moments when they are not fully embraced by the community or made to only bring a part of themselves to a program or congregation,” said Dalya Perez, a member of the research team who works as an equity strategist for Microsoft.

Nearly 40% of participants said they had no close friends who are also Jews of color and half said talking to other Jews of color about their experiences was very important. Jews of color can have a sense of belonging among white Jews, the survey said, but only about half said they have felt they belong. Defining exactly what the term “Jew of color” means is a challenge that the researchers and the wider Jewish racial justice movement have grappled with for years. Some were referring to belonging to a racial group as is common in the United States. Others use the term to capture their national, geographic, or ethnic heritage, as in the case of certain Iranian, Ethiopian, or Sephardic Jews.

As the title “Beyond the Count” suggests, the new study’s authors want to turn the focus away from past debates and move toward a deeper understanding of Jewish diversity. Asked how they express their Jewishness, the participants offered five main responses. Three out of four said that working for justice and equality was very important to their Jewish identity. About two-thirds selected passing on their Judaism, honoring ancestors, remembering the Holocaust and celebrating holidays as very important expressions of Jewishness.

Edited from Researchers unveil massive study on Jews of color, boosting fight for racial justice with hard data. By Asaf Shalev August 12, 2001

<https://jewsofcolorinitiative.org/what-we-do/research-field-building/>



SCAN ME

Covenant of Membership



Did you know that TBO has a Covenant of Membership? We do! Joining a congregation is entering into a covenant - a sacred partnership. Just like in a family, we share our successes and disappointments. The vitality and vibrancy of our community is dependent upon the involvement of our members.

Our covenant can be found below:

We invite you to become partners with us in creating a community that will be rich with Jewish spirit. We want our synagogue to be a place where we give thanks to God, explore the richness of our heritage, and remind ourselves that we are members of a people whose mission is to work toward perfecting the world. We aspire to make our synagogue an extended family, to be there for one another and our community. We want our synagogue to be a place where we create memories for our children so that they will seek to pass them on to their children and their children's children. We invite members to participate actively in the life of our community.

Temple Beth Or's mission rests on four pillars:

K'hilah (community) **Mishpacha** (family): nurturing our interactive multigenerational extended family. As a community we celebrate joyous occasions and provide support during times of difficulty and loss.

Torah: lifelong learning, searching for meaning and seeking comfort and healing. Our community values learning to nurture the soul and guide our lives. Engaging in learning deepens our understanding of Jewish beliefs, rituals, traditions, and values. We support the educational staff and their efforts to teach Jewish culture and values.

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 hasadim* (acts of loving kindness). As a community we strive to do our part to help make the world a better place.

Additionally, as the community of Temple Beth Or we:

- participate in Temple life;
- honor Temple obligations and help support the Temple financially and, as possible, through participation in areas of interest; and
- fulfill our member responsibilities of hosting *Oneg* and serving as a greeter.



Do you have a *simcha* to share with your TBO community?

We'd love to include it in the *ORacle*!

Special Events



Tu BiSh'vat: Winter Garden Work Party and Celebration

Sunday, January 23, 10 am
Eagle Ridge Community Garden, Lake Stevens

The holiday of Tu BiSh'vat, our New Year for Trees, helps connect us to agriculture, ecology, and anticipate spring. The Social Action

Committee and Religious School community invite you to join us at the Eagle Ridge Community Garden to clean up beds in preparation for spring planting. The garden's produce helps support local food banks. In addition to gardening, we will celebrate Tu BiSh'vat with a creative service and mindfulness walks in the adjacent trails. The garden is ADA accessible. We hope you can join us.



Pre-registration is required for attendance. Registration opens on 1/18 and closes registration on 1/21 at 3pm.

<https://templebethor.org/service-registration/>

Religious School Families - Please note we are meeting at the Eagle Ridge Community Garden in lieu of school at TBO on 1/23.

Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Information Session with Rabbi Kort

Tuesday, January 25 at 7 pm over Zoom



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Zoom: tinyurl.com/adultbmz

Meeting ID: 864 4509 1187

Passcode: 550241

Dial in: (253) 215-8782





January Service Schedule

Starting in January, all regular Shabbat services will be accessed using the same Zoom link. We will still use unique links for *b'nei mitzvah* and special events.

Shabbat Zoom: tinyurl.com/tboshabbatzoom

For Dial In Users: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 837 4187 0594 Passcode: 531760



K'hilah Community Shabbat

A Musical, Multi-Generational Shabbat with Rabbi Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh

Friday, January 7, 5:45 pm

Join us for a multi-generational, musical Shabbat worship experience that includes community, candle lighting, singing, and a story. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish*—mourner's prayer. We will use our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. This service is great for all ages and will last about 45 minutes.



STREAMED
ONLINE



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REGISTER



IN PERSON

Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Hill

with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 am

Join us for our morning service led by Rabbi Kort and Jonathan Hill. We 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*.

Pre-registration is required for in-person attendance. Registration for families with *yahrzeits* opens 1/6, general registration on 1/11. Registration closes at 3pm on 1/14.

<https://templebethor.org/service-registration/>



Zoom: Check your ORbits for Zoom link



INTERACTIVE
ONLINE

Shabbat Service

with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner

Friday, January 21, 7:30 pm

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



ONLINE

Pre-Recorded Shabbat Offering

Friday, January 28

Rabbi Kort will prepare a pre-recorded Shabbat offering. Please check your *ORbits* for more information.

Tikkun Olam — *Tzedakah*/Social Justice

The Social Action Committee welcomes new members and input from the congregation. Please contact Melissa VonAschen-Cook or Naomi Katsh Barger with questions or your thoughts about social justice issues.

***Tzedakah* Box**



**REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT
SERVICES NORTHWEST**

Serving refugees and immigrants since 1977.

The *Tzedakah* Box Fund recipient for January - March is **Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest**.

Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest (RISNW) is a refugee-led, multi-ethnic, and multicultural organization.

The mission is to empower refugees, immigrants, and their families to become self-sufficient, and healthy contributing members of society. Based at Everett Community College, this non-profit organization serves refugees and immigrants living in Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, and Island Counties. RISNW needs help to provide necessary services. Help can be financial or by volunteering to help resettle refugees.

Ways to help:

- Mail a check or Target gift card directly to RISNW (not accepting online donations)
- Mail a check to TBO so we can keep track of donations by our generous congregation members
- Offer your time and volunteer - call (425) 388-9307 for more information

RISNW
2000 Tower St.
Rainier Building 228, M/S 41
Everett, WA 98201
RISNW.org



Additional Local Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers of America Food Bank can use help with sorting and packaging food for distribution.
www.voaww.org/volunteer

Interfaith Family Shelter needs volunteers for their Learning Hour, helping children who live in the shelter with their school work. Adults are welcome, but this is a particularly good opportunity for high school students 16 years and older.

interfaithwa.org/howtohelp





It Takes a Village

Your TBO village is in need of volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Serve as a Community Greeter (needed at most in-person services)
- Spearhead the Policy Project
- Be High Holy Days Coordinator
- Edit the *ORacle* Newsletter
- Chair Fundraising Committee
- Organize or help with a fundraiser
- Volunteer to help with tech
- Join a committee (Youth Ed, *Ruach* & Ritual, Safety & Security are all particularly in need of members)

If you can be of assistance, please contact Melanie Field or Sarah Davis in the office.



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Interest-free lending with dignity.

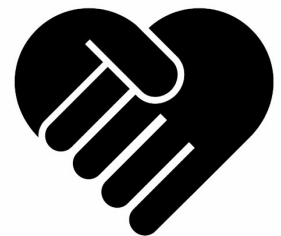
Hebrew Free Loan Association

Hebrew Free Loan Association is able to assist families and individuals with:

- Medical Expenses
- Food Security
- Rent & Utilities
- Making Ends Meet
- Childcare Expenses
- Disability & Special Needs
- Education
- Transportation
- Appliance failures
- Purchasing a first home
- and so much more...

If you need help, don't wait to contact us at office@hflawa.org or (206) 397-0005.

Mitzvah Corps — The “Heart” of Our Congregation



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. Here are a few alternative options:

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 There are also 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. Thank you!

Carolyn Wexler for the Mitzvah Corps

Leadership News

During the December 5 Board meeting and associated email Board meetings the following happened:

1. Three policies were re-affirmed/passed - the Website Posting, Authorization and Access, the Environmental Policy, and the *ORacle* Policy. Four old policies were deleted - Advertising in the *ORacle*, Access to Modify the Temple Website, Website Posting and Environmental.
2. The voting period for the electronic voting was set as starting after the membership meeting at 7:00 pm on December 11 and ending at 11:59 pm on December 19.
3. The updated Membership Sacred Commitment and Membership Policies were approved. The changes made were all related to updating terminology and correction of typos. There were no substantive changes made.
4. Upcoming meeting logistics, dates and content were discussed.
5. Bob Goodmark shared an update about the financial feasibility assessment. The review committee has interviewed an additional consultant who may be contracted to conduct the financial feasibility assessment, in the event that the congregation votes to stay in place and remodel.
6. The Board voted to support the appointment of Jeff Napp to the position of Vice President Of Community and Engagement in the event that Wanda Bresnick is elected to serve as President-Elect, creating a vacancy in this position at the end of the year.
7. The Rabbi shared a presentation about the JCRC (Jewish Community Relation Council) Consensus Statement on Racial Equity. The Board voted to support it.
8. The recommendations from the DEI Task Force to the Board were reviewed and follow-up to each item was planned.
9. An explanation about the electronic voting process was shared.
10. The Board discussed how to proceed with the policy work that Vicky had started (A volunteer is still needed to complete this work).
11. The Board had a discussion about whether and how to share the Board meeting agendas with the community in advance of our meetings. It was agreed that a system should be figured out to accomplish this. Melanie will ask Communications to develop a strategy for implementing this.
12. Finance Report highlights - Sacred commitments are on track for this point in the year and general donations are behind.
13. Melanie shared a year end report showing the accomplishments of the year.
14. Melanie thanked the outgoing/retiring Board members present (Bob, Deb and Tina). Happy that they are all staying engaged in a variety of ways in the community.

Temple Leadership

Rabbi

Rachel Kort

Governing Board

President

Melanie Field

VP of Community & Engagement

Jeff Napp

VP of Finance & Facilities Management

James Feinberg

VP of Jewish Life

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Assist. VP of Community & Engagement

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Assist. VP of Finance & Facilities Management

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Assist. VP of Jewish Life

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President-Elect

Wanda Bresnick

Committees & Task Forces

Adult Education: Vacant

Bereavement: Susan Cross

Book Club: Julie Maltos

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

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant

High Holy Days: Vacant

Life & Legacy/Endowment: Harold Dash

Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Membership: Leslie Elmore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

New Facilities Planning: Paul Vexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler

ORacle: Sarah Davis

ORbits: Lori Wolff

Ruach and Ritual: Ellis Rose Engbar

Safety and Security: Mirs VonAschen-Cook

Social Action: Naomi Katsh and

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Mila Lowery and Tina Roth

Staff

Office Administrator: Sarah Davis


Youth Group: Eian Snyder



January 2022

Tevet - Sh'vat 5782



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Happy New Year!
2 Religious School Winter Break	3 Finance Committee Mtg 7 pm	4 Social Action Committee Mtg 7 pm	5 Executive Board Mtg 7 pm	6	7 Liaison Mtg 10 am <i>K'hilah</i> Community Shabbat 5:45 (Online)	8
9 Religious School Governing Board Mtg 9 am	10 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Communications Committee Mtg 7pm	11 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	12 <i>ORacle</i> Submissions Due Combined COVID-19 TF Meeting 7 pm	13	14	15 Shabbat Morning & J. Hill Bar Mitzvah 10 am (Online/In-Person w/registration)
16 Religious School	17 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Tu BiSh'vat MLK Day	18 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	19	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed Shabbat Service 7:30 (Online)	22
23 Religious School @ Tu BiSh'vat Garden Party 10 am (open to all) ----- 30 Religious Sch Greeter Training 2pm	24 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm 31 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm	25 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15pm Adult <i>B'nei</i> <i>Mitzvah</i> Info Session 7 pm	26 Rabbi Kort Vacation (1/26-28)	27	28 Pre-Recorded Shabbat Offering	29

Fill out the Calendar/Event Submission form to add an item to the calendar &/or set up a Zoom meeting. This includes all committee meetings.
Please submit a form even if you are using a private Zoom. Thanks.
templebethor.org/calendar-submission



Reminder: Appointments are still required to access the Temple to assist with contact tracing and limit the number of people in the building at one time. We are also requiring those who enter to sign in and self-attest to the COVID-19 health questions.

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).