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Chag Purim Sameach

Join Us to Celebrate Purim TBO Style!

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Family Purim Party hosted by our Youth Education Committee (In-Person and open to all)

Join us for a family Purim celebration for kids preschool through elementary school with games, prizes, groggers, and fun! The morning will conclude with a special Purim song session led by Noah Zeichner. We'll have bags of hamentaschen for each family to take home, too.

Costumes welcome!

No registration needed for Religious School students and parents. Pre-registration required for others attending. Please submit a registration for any children in the family who are not registered in school.

Registration is open now and closes 3/11 at 3:00 pm. Please visit

templebethor.org/service-registration/ to register.



Purim 1927 at Montefiore
(original congregation in TBO building)



Sunday, March 13, 10:00 -11:00 am

Adult Purim Learning with Ellis Engbar (In-Person -TBO portable building)

More information to follow.

Pre-registration required for attendance. Registration is open now and closes 3/11 at 3:00 pm.

Please visit templebethor.org/service-registration/ to register.

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 am

Great Temple Beth Or Hamentaschen Bake-Off (In-Person)

Calling all bakers and cookie eaters! You are invited to participate in our very first TBO Hamentaschen Baking competition.

- **Wednesday, March 9, 11:59 pm** - Sign up deadline
- **Sunday, March 13, 10:00 am** - Drop off and pick up hamentaschen at TBO
- **Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm** - Winner announced at Online Purim Celebration

Drop off hamentaschen at 10 am on Sunday, March 13; take-home bags will be ready to be distributed around 10:30 am. We hope you'll stick around for our Sunday Purim Party and Adult Learning opportunities from 10:00 - 11:30 am. **Register to bake or eat at:** tinyurl.com/tbobakeoff



Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 -8:00 pm

Purim Celebration with Rabbi Kort and Friends (Zoom)

Don your comfy pants, favorite mask, and make yourself cozy to "Zoom and chill" for a special Temple Beth Or Purim. Rated G for all ages. Our lineup for the night includes:

- The *M'gillah* featuring *Schitt's Creek's* Eugene Levy and actress Catherine O'Hara
- The Great TBO Bake Off featuring your delicious hamentaschen and guest judges: Josh Gorlick and Rachel Gorlick (TBO members, siblings, and professional chefs)
- Project Shushan featuring Vashti's Comfy Pants and your most creative masks

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/purimattbo>



Adar: Spreading Light and Laughter this Spring

A few weeks ago, Dan and I went to a live stand-up show. The headliner was a friend of a friend from when we lived in Brooklyn, Myq (Mike) Kaplan. Myq not only told explicitly Jewish jokes, his jokes were self-referential, just like a page of Talmud. It is not surprising that I was the person who laughed the loudest in the audience. "I can't believe other folks laughed so much." I commented to Dan. "I don't think they would have if you hadn't been laughing so hard," Dan responded. Laughter is contagious.

It was refreshing to think of myself as patient zero spreading laughter after two years worrying about spreading COVID-19. Neurobiologists in the 1990s found that mirror neurons are the contagion of laughter. Mirror neurons are the nerve cells that allow us to imitate behavior and they promote empathy and our connection with others. While I don't have scientific data to support this theory, it has been my experience over the past two years leading programming virtually that while it is possible to activate mirror neurons over Zoom, things like laughter, joy and empathy are just more contagious in-person.

I want to invite you join me in-person with your Temple Beth Or community this spring to laugh, sing, celebrate, and connect. We have in-person services on Fridays, March 4 and April 1, and Purim festivities for all ages on the morning of Sunday, March 13. Our Sages teach us that it is a mitzvah to be happy during the month of Purim, the month of Adar. Let's come together this spring and spread "light, celebration, happiness and enrichment" (Esther 8:18).

*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

Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* & Covenant Renewal

Beginning April 5, Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm



B'nei mitzvah can be a meaningful experience beyond thirteen. Our adult *b'nei mitzvah* community will meet twice a month for dynamic Jewish learning with Rabbi Kort (1st and 3rd Tuesdays). Our member and master educator, Nancy Rosen, will teach the Hebrew section three times per month (1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday). The class will culminate with a special ceremony taking place in spring 2023. This 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.

Please contact Rabbi Kort if you are interested in participating.

Rise Up: Bat Mitzvah At 100 National Commemoration

Thursday, March 17, 4:00 pm

Join SAJ: Judaism that Stands for All, Jewish Women's Archive, and The Marlene Meyerson JCC of Manhattan for this national commemoration of 100 years of bat mitzvah. (This will also be the focus of our Shabbat service on March 19.)

For more information and to register, please visit:
saj.nyc/event/100th-anniversary-of-the-bat-mitzvah-commemoration/



What is Community?



What is community? It can have different meanings in different situations. According to the New Oxford Dictionary, it means:

- “1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common;
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals;
3. (Ecology) a group of interdependent organisms of different species growing or living together in a specified habitat.”

But what does it mean in the context of Temple Beth Or? Yes, we all live, more or less, in the same place and share the intention of engaging with the Jewish people of our region. Yes, we have a sense of fellowship centered on the values of *k'hilah*, Torah, *avodah*, *tikkun olam*, as described in our mission statement. Yes, we are interdependent organisms . . .

For me, it means so much more than those three definitions listed above. It means that we take care of each other. We work together towards common goals; appreciating what each one of us has to offer; sharing what we can; respecting each other; pitching in a little extra when we can and accepting support from the others when we are in need. Like a family, we are all in this (whatever “this” may be) together.

COVID -19 is a great example of how this works. The pandemic has both challenged us and given us an opportunity to rethink how to stay connected. While we have had to adapt the way we interact due to restrictions and precautions required by federal, state, and local health officials, we have also had the chance to really look after our more vulnerable members. Volunteers made phone calls, did shopping, sent cards and provided a variety of support to those individuals.

Our community includes those who are fortunate enough to be young, strong and healthy, have convenient access to vaccines and boosters for their entire extended family, and have good control of their work and school environments. The community also includes those who may be vulnerable for a variety of reasons. There may be family members who are not eligible for vaccines, are immune-compromised, elderly, or have other health risks. It also includes those who might have higher levels of anxiety about the pandemic and those who work or study in more exposed/risky environments, such as our dedicated medical professionals and emergency responders.

While the strong and healthy may feel confident that COVID-19 will not harm them, they can choose to take additional steps, such as continuing masking, frequent hand washing, and social distancing, in order to protect the more vulnerable members of the community. Those that are more vulnerable can be re-assured knowing that the others are doing a little bit extra to help protect them. We look after each other and are willing to put up with some inconvenience to help out other members of our community who are more at risk.

The entire congregation has really stepped up to create an environment where we have respected our protocols and recommendations to help protect these more vulnerable folks. I am grateful to everyone for their patience and cooperation in making that happen.

I would like to ask our entire TBO family to keep this sense of community in mind going forward, regardless what others are doing. Recognize that we should all think about taking care of everyone, not just ourselves. We are more than just a collection of individuals; we are interdependent organisms – we are a community.

Note: this article was prepared in mid- February. Who knows what has happened since then with respect to COVID-19. This situation is very fluid. . . . That doesn't change that we are still a community!

Melanie (she/her)
President



K'lal Yisrael: Update on TBO Participation in the Jewish Community Relations Council

One of my charges as your Rabbi is to help connect our Temple Beth Or *mishpachah* (family) to the greater Jewish *k'hilah* (community). It is a core Jewish value, *k'lal Yisrael*, to engage with the larger Jewish community and take collective responsibility for each other's wellbeing. One of the ways that TBO participates in larger Jewish community in our Puget Sound region is through the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

The JCRC includes organizational members representing the spectrum of religious and political diversity among our local synagogues, Jewish organizations, and constituencies. Despite the differences among JCRC members, we have been able to respectfully and patiently work together on the JCRC's core goals:

- Combating antisemitism, bigotry, and racism
- Supporting a peaceful, secure, Jewish, and democratic state of Israel
- Fostering positive and meaningful relations with other communities and public officials
- Strengthening our Jewish communities through building cohesion and civil discourse

Over the past few months TBO, with the support of our Governing Board, has signed onto two statements composed by the JCRC on [Racial Equity](#) and on the February report by [Amnesty International UK with regard to Israel](#). The statements are nuanced and capture a diversity of perspectives while stating shared beliefs of our Jewish community. I'm proud that TBO is adding our strength to our larger Jewish community and living our value of *k'lal Yisrael*.

Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

<https://tinyurl.com/jcrcreport>

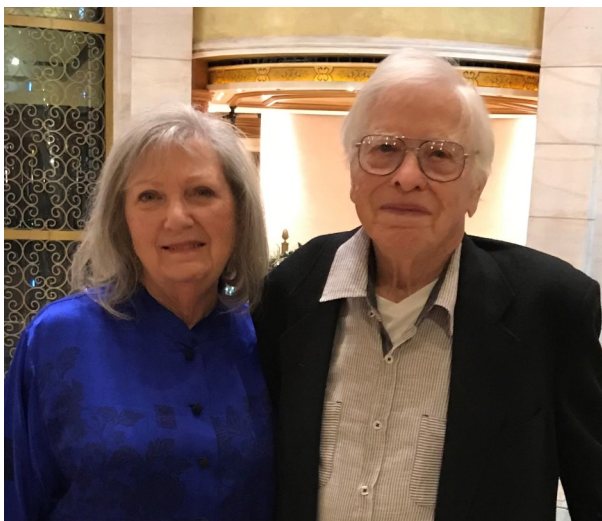


<https://tinyurl.com/jcrracialequity>



Welcome Nancy Rosen and Don Snitz!

Temple Beth Or is proud to welcome new members Nancy Rosen and Don Snitz. They have come from Tulsa, Oklahoma to be near their family, the VonAschen-Cooks, and have settled in Edmonds.



Nancy has two children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She is not idle and so has jumped into the TBO community with full force having joined the book club, and has taken on the position of Secretary of the Governing Board. A retired educator, she speaks three languages and has taught in a language immersion elementary school as well as having taught French on the college level both in the USA and in France. Nancy enjoys walking and cooking among other hobbies.

Don was a WWII Navy Pilot. He owned Globe Clothiers, founded in 1907, and the Exodus Shop in Tulsa. He is an avid golfer and has been a member of the Elks, the Masonic Order, and Tulsa's Akdar Shrine for more than 70 years.

Nancy and Don enjoy opera, ballet, and going out to dinner when possible. They also enjoy having Shabbat dinner with the family.

March Service Schedule



All regular Shabbat services are now 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



Friday, March 4, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner (In-person and Streamed over Zoom)



Join Rabbi Kort and Noah for a musical Shabbat worship service using our prayerbook *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a *drash* (sermon) and an opportunity to remember loved ones with *Kaddish*. This service is geared towards our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student communities and will last just over an hour.



Pre-registration required for in-person attendance. Registration for families with *yahrzeits* opens on 2/25. General registration opens 3/1. Registration closes 3/4 at 3 pm. Please visit templebethor.org/service-registration/ to register.



Friday, March 11, 5:45 pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting with Rabbi Kort and Dan Steingart (Zoom)

Join our Temple Beth Or family 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.



Sunday, March 13 & Wednesday, March 16

Purim Celebrations

Please see front cover for more information and links



Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am

**Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner (Zoom)
Celebrating 100 Years of Bat Mitzvah**

Join our community Shabbat worship service using our prayerbook *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a *drash* (sermon), and an opportunity to remember loved ones with *Kaddish*. This service is geared towards our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student communities and will last just over an hour.

Beth Or will join Jewish communities across North America to celebrate the 100th anniversary of bat mitzvah! When Judith Kaplan became the first American girl to have a bat mitzvah ceremony on March 18, 1922 she had no idea that her actions would change Jewish communal life forever. But something unexpected happened along the way. As increasing numbers of girls ascended the bimah, girls and women began to expect—and demand—access to ritual honors and synagogue leadership. Bat mitzvah firsts were a catalyst for expanding all women's participation in Jewish life and paved the way for people of all genders to mark their coming-of-age in new and inclusive ways.



Friday, March 25, 7:30 pm

Lay Led Shabbat with Ellis Engbar (Zoom)

More information to follow. Please check your ORbits or the website calendar for the most up to date information.

Re-Envisioning and Reconnecting with *Ruach* and Ritual



The *Ruach* and Ritual committee (formerly Spirituality and Ritual) is looking for partners in building inspiring and meaningful religious expression at Temple Beth Or.

The combination of *Ruach* and Ritual is about connection: connection to God through the very breath of creation, connection to Torah, tradition and prayer through religious study and practice, connection to the Jewish people and the Jewish faith through a shared history, connection to our congregation, and our connections to each other. These connections are what bring us spiritual meaning, a sense of

belonging, and a base upon which to build inspiring Jewish programs, services and holiday celebrations.

It is my intention to build a *Ruach* and Ritual Committee with connections at the center rather than tasks. We will start with what connects us, moves us and inspires us and grow our purpose and possibilities from there.

If you are interested in finding ways to connect and enhance the *R* & *R* in your life and the desire to create experiences to enhance the *R* & *R* in the life of our congregation, please contact me to learn more.

Ellis Engbar (they/them)

Chair, *Ruach* and Ritual Committee

***Ruach* and Ritual Kick Off Event with Cantor Ellen Dreskin** **Sunday, April 3 at 4:00pm (Zoom)**

We have the honor and great joy of featuring an afternoon with Cantor Ellen Dreskin. She will help us set the tone, springboard interest, share ideas, engage, and inspire. Cantor Dreskin is our High Holiday Cantor, a nationally renowned artist-in-residence, worship consultant, and spiritual director. She will guide us from the spiritual experiences we seek to the practical Jewish possibilities of their expression as we explore together the themes of:

What is spirituality? What is prayer?

Bring your prayer questions and desire for spiritual connection. The session will be about 75 minutes.



Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/tborandr>

Meeting ID: 861 7217 9058 Passcode: 725881

Camp Kalsman



Camp Kalsman Information Session

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 pm

Attend a virtual zoom session and learn more about Camp Kalsman and get ready for the best summer ever!

Camp Open House (New & Prospective Families)

Sunday, March 13, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us at camp for the first open house of the spring! Meet the year-round team, Summer 2022 Leadership Team members, and check out our beautiful facilities. We will show you around, enjoy camp activities, and answer questions. Snacks provided!

Taste of Kalsman (New & Prospective Campers Current Grades 1-4)

Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23

Join us for an overnight with songs, games, s'mores, new friendships, and so much more! This is a great way for your child to meet new friends and get comfortable at camp before the summer begins!

For more information on these programs and other upcoming Camp Kalsman programs, please visit:

campkalsman.org



**Camp Kalsman now hiring
for Summer 2022.**

**Please see the website for
more information!**

Tzedakah Box

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



**REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT
SERVICES NORTHWEST**

Serving refugees and immigrants since 1977.

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.

RISNW.org



Other Ways to Help Afghan Refugees

Hundreds of Afghan refugee families are expected to resettle in our region in the coming months. Here are some other ways to show support:

- Donate household goods such as pots and pans, utensils, melamine dishes, tea kettles, rice cookers, and clothing. This drive is sponsored by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The donation drop box is located outside Snohomish County Corrections at 3025 Oakes Ave, Everett, and will be open Monday – Friday 8am to 6pm
- Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) Redmond is seeking volunteers <https://mapsredmond.org/wahelpafghans/>
- World Relief Seattle has information on their website about items needed for Welcome Kits for Afghan families. tinyurl.com/reliefwelcomekit
- Washington Department of Social and Health Services has information about supporting refugees including hosting families. tinyurl.com/dshsafghans



Greening Congregations



Temple Beth Or has an exciting opportunity to become a Greening Congregations Partner with Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light (WAIPL)! Earth Ministry/WAIPL is the local branch of an inter-denominational/multi-faith organization that encourages faith-based environmental stewardship and sustainability. Becoming a Greening Congregations Partner would help us engage in the vital work of environmental action as a congregation.

This collaboration helps us live our Jewish values of sustainability and leaving behind a better world for those who will come after us, *L'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation. In addition we can make connections with other faith groups who are doing good work. Our congregation gets to decide our primary areas of interest in this endeavor and may include worship, education, building and grounds, community engagement, and/or advocacy.

A Relatively Easy and Very Meaningful Volunteer Opportunity

Writing letters to voters is one of the most effective ways to improve election turnout. Please consider volunteering (from home!) with Vote Forward or other organizations that help get out the vote. Go to votefwd.org for more information and to volunteer.





Microaggressions vs. Microaffirmations: Welcoming Others at the "Micro" Level

*Adapted from the original article in ReformJudaism.org
by Chaim Ezra Harrison*

Psychology professor and author Derald Wing Sue explains microaggressions as “constant and continuing reality of slights, insults, invalidations, and indignities visited upon marginalized groups by well-intentioned, moral and decent family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, students, teachers, clerks, waiters....”

Perpetrators of microaggressions are often not even aware they’re committing them – but the result is that individuals on the receiving end of these actions may feel unwelcome, alienated, or unsafe in the spaces where they belong.

In Judaism, such actions may be considered *lashon hara*, or “bad speech.” According to the Talmud, “Anyone who humiliates another in public, it is as though [they] were spilling blood...after the humiliated person blushes, the red leaves [their] face and pallor comes in its place, which is tantamount to spilling [their] blood (*Bava Metzia* 58b:12).” Even in cases when our actions are unintended, they still may have the impact of real pain for the other.

Examples of microaggressions are when Jews of Color are often asked how they are Jewish and when or why they converted to Judaism – questions that incorrectly assume that all Jews of Color are converts. They may be told that they don’t “look Jewish” or hear statements of surprise, i.e., “I can’t believe you know this much about Judaism!”

Jews with disabilities often encounter false assumptions about what they can or cannot do as a result of their disability; their needs for accommodations aren’t always taken into consideration; and they may receive unsolicited, anecdotal “advice” from people without disabilities.

People in interfaith families are often asked “how Jewish” they and their families are, and whether they intend to raise their children as Jews.

If the negative impact of microaggressions often goes unnoticed by those who use them, then the solution is to not only become more aware of the negative ways in which we interact with our communities, but to also invoke positivity instead. This is where microaffirmations come into play.

If microaggressions are an example of *lashon hara*, then microaffirmations would be considered *lashon tov*, or “good speech.” In fact, the Talmud even goes as far to say, “A person’s disposition should always be empathetic with humankind, and treat everyone courteously (*Ketubot* 17a:1).”

Each time we utilize microaffirmations, we move our Jewish communities toward a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable future.

Microaffirmations can include simply telling community members on the margins that you’re glad to see them, asking whether they enjoyed the event you both attended, and putting yourself out there both as a resource and as a friend in the community. It’s even as simple as having conversations that don’t implicitly focus on their ethnicity, culture, disability status, or gender/sexual identity, or religious affiliation.

Microaffirmations also include correcting others when they perform microaggressions, with the intent of helping them understand the impact of their words and to make better choices going forward.

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters Now Required

Everyone who is eligible for vaccination and booster(s) must be fully vaccinated and have received a booster to attend in-person events. Those who are not yet eligible are also welcome to attend. Please update your vaccine status so you are ready to go for our next in-person event.

Please update your vaccination status at: <https://tinyurl.com/vaccinereporting>



Sarah's Schtick: Gluten Free Vegan Challah

Notes from your friendly local Office Administrator

I have been experimenting with gluten free (GF) challah recipes over the last few months. Through trial and error I came up with my own. In our adult *b'nei mitzvah* class meeting, someone said they were looking for a vegan GF challah. Challenge accepted! It turned out just as delicious as our standard GF challah. Please let me know how it goes if you give this a try.



- 2/3 cup water (110°)
- 4 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup Just Egg (or 3 eggs if not vegan)
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (300 g) White Gold GF Bread Flour Blend (Walmart)
- Just Egg wash and sesame, nigella, or poppy seeds
- Cooking spray

Tips:

- Make sure to use this flour blend. It solved a lot of the problems I was having with getting the texture right. I have only found it locally through Walmart.
- Don't leave out the baking powder. It really helps with the rise since gluten free dough is fussy.
- Use a challah mold. Trying to braid GF dough is nearly impossible

Special tools needed: 1-2 silicone challah molds (approx. \$6 each on Amazon), parchment paper

Mixing: Add yeast to water, stir and set aside 10 minutes. Mix flour, salt, and baking powder and set aside. Whisk sugar, oil, and Just Egg until thoroughly combined. Alternate adding flour mixture and water/yeast mixture to the oil/egg mixture. Mix on low speed with dough hook if available. Over mixing GF flour will make it gluey. Spray challah mold(s) with cooking spray. I prefer to make 2 smaller challot but it will work in a single mold. Spoon batter in mold(s) and set in warm place for 1 hour to rise. GF doesn't rise as well as regular flour but don't despair, the baking powder will help make up the difference.

Baking: Preheat oven to 400°. Bake challah for 12 minutes. Remove from oven and flip challah out of the mold and on to a parchment lined cookie sheet. Brush the top with Just Egg and sprinkle with sesame, nigella, or poppy seeds. It's also really good with za'atar (Israeli spice blend). Bake an additional 15 minutes.



Cycles of Rest, Release and Liberation: Antiracism and *Sh'mita* as Spiritual Practice

This four part online learning series from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and Yavilah McCoy combines Jewish text, anti-racism teachings and opportunities to reflect. The emphasis is on the sabbatical year that invites us to participate in ensuring an equitable, just and healthy society for all.

The first session of the series was January 12. However, the program can be joined at any time. The next sessions are March 30, May 11, and a final gathering on June 15.

To sign up please visit: tinyurl.com/shmita2022

The Institute for Jewish Spirituality has many additional offerings throughout the year. Please visit www.jewishspirituality.org for more information.



Leadership News

During the governing Board meeting on February 13 the Board did the following:

1. Approved the minutes from the January 9th meeting.
2. Scheduled the in-person Board greeter training for March 20, 2:00- 4:00 pm.
3. Discussed signing up for greeter duties, using the Shabbat Tracker.
4. Rescheduled the June Board meeting for June 1 at 7 pm. This meeting will be with Rachel Maxwell and will include a preview of what she will be reporting at the June membership meeting.
5. Talked about upcoming Safety and Security training opportunities.
6. Listened to a budget process update.
7. Approved two policies - the Financial Administrator and the Financial Audit policies.
8. Reviewed the updated December financial reports.
9. Heard a quick update on the Capital Campaign.
10. Reviewed the COVID-19 Notification Protocol and the steps taken to remind folks of their obligation to notify us if they get COVID-19 within 5 days following attending a TBO in-person function.
11. Participated in a presentation by Rachel Maxwell of Stewardship for Us about our financial feasibility assessment process.
12. After the presentation was complete, Board President, Melanie Field shared with the Board that they should be on the lookout for two items that Jeff Napp has been working on. One is a proposed performance review process and the other is the public vs private sharing of service/activity information and links.

Town Hall Meeting #6 with Rachel Maxwell Sunday, March 27 2:00 - 4:00 pm

On March 27, Rachel Maxwell with Stewardship for Us will be presenting her initial findings to the congregation regarding our Capital Campaign. Rachel is the consultant that we hired to help us lead a successful fundraising effort for our building remodel project. The first step in her process is an assessment of our readiness to embark on a Capital Campaign. She will share the results of this first phase of her analysis during this meeting and share with the community the next steps in the process. **Zoom:** tinyurl.com/tbotownhall6



Free Ways to Support TBO

Fred Meyer Rewards Card Program: Earn money for TBO by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to our TBO account at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Our account number is **94444**. TBO will receive a quarterly donation of a percentage of your purchases. Most grocery, clothing, and household purchases are eligible. There is a list of ineligible purchases on the website. Signing up for this program will not affect earning rewards points, fuel points, or rebates. It's a win-win situation for both of us!

Amazon Smile Program: Designate Temple Beth Or as your non-profit recipient of Amazon donations. Place your order on the Smile Amazon site and Amazon will donate a portion of the your eligible purchases to TBO. tinyurl.com/tboamazon

Temple Leadership

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High Holy Days: Vacant

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Membership: Leslie Elsemore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

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ORacle: Sarah Davis

ORbits: Lori Wolff

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March 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	2	3	4 (Adar II 1, 5782) Liaison Mtg 10 am Cap Fundraising Mtg 10:30 am Shabbat Service 7:30 pm (Online/In- -Person w/ registration)	5
6 Religious School Governing Board Mtg 9 am	7 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	8 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm Social Action Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	9 Hamentashen Bake Off Registration Due Legacy Committee Mtg 10 am	10	11 Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:45 pm (Online)	12
13 Religious School Purim Party, Bake Off & Adult Ed Class 10:00 am Daylight Savings	14 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Communications Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	15 <i>ORacle</i> Submissions Due Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	16 Purim Celebration (Online) 7:00 pm	17 Purim Rise Up Bat Mitzvah National Commemoration 4:00 pm	18 Capital Fundraising Mtg 10:30 am	19 Shabbat Morning 10:00 am (Online/In-Person w/registration)
20 Religious School Board Greeter Training 2:00 pm	21 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Membership Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	22 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	23	24	25 Lay Led Shabbat 7:30 pm (Online)	26
27 Religious School Town Hall Meeting #6 2:00 pm (Online)	28 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm	29 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	30	31		

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.
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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.

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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).