

A Message from the TBO President: Updated COVID-19 Protocols

The Combined COVID-19 Task Force (TF) has met to revisit the TBO COVID-19 protocols and the Governing Board (GB) has voted to approve the updated recommendations. The revised recommendations outline how our congregation can safely gather now that statewide mask mandates have been lifted and health official guidelines have reduced restrictions as a result of decreased case numbers, rates of hospitalization, and deaths. Required precautions will be tied to Snohomish County case rate figures (average new cases per day per 100,000 population, calculated based on published weekly figures). If this value is at or below 25, these updated protocols will be in effect. If the value exceeds 25 new cases per day per 100,000 population or other considerations warrant it, more protective measures may be necessary. The recommendations are summarized below. The full text of the recommendations can be found on the TBO website templebethor.org/covid/.

General:

- Protocols will be re-assessed and reviewed frequently and may change as warranted as conditions change.
- Anyone not feeling well or experiencing symptoms should not attend in-person services, activities or events.
- TBO will continue to encourage and support vaccination and booster shots for all who are eligible.
- The metric that we will be using to determine the mode of operation is the Snohomish County Health District new cases per day per 100,000 population. If this value is at or below 25, these updated protocols will be in effect. If the value exceeds 25 new cases per day per 100,000 population or other considerations warrant it, more protective measures may be necessary. This case information is available at [/www.snohd.org/546/Local-Case-Counts](https://www.snohd.org/546/Local-Case-Counts).
- Religious School (RS) will continue to follow the protocols that have been in place (including masking, symptom checks, distancing, and notifications) through the end of the school year. Others at the Temple during RS will also be required to follow the RS protocols, including refraining from eating and drinking at the Temple.
- In addition to in-person services, we will continue to offer services and congregational meetings virtually whenever possible.

For All:

- Masking will be optional during non-RS hours. Making this choice will be an individual decision and either way will be respected.
- Sign in and out will be required for safety and security reasons, as well as contact tracing.
- Appointments are no longer required for using the building. During office hours advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building.
- Social distancing will not be enforced, limits on numbers of attendees at services will not be restricted due to COVID-19. (Fire code restrictions and other appropriate number limits will still apply.)
- *Kiddush* and *oneg* will be allowed at services.

For Members:

- Pre-registration will not be required to attend services.
- All attendees will need to be fully vaccinated and boosted **or** fully vaccinated and have a negative COVID-19 test. (See full recommendation for specifics.). Please update your status at: tinyurl.com/vaccinereporting.

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For Non-Members:

- Pre-registration will still be required.
- Proof of vaccination and booster will be required in advance.

Off Site Activities:

- Protocols will be set by the event coordinator in accordance with current guidelines.
- Protocols will be clearly communicated to participants so they can make informed decisions about attending.

I would like to extend gratitude to members of both the TF and the GB for their thoughtful and thorough consideration of this issue. I would also like to thank all of you in the congregation for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate this virus with the best of intentions to keep our community safe and connected. If you have any questions about these protocols, contact Melanie Field or Wanda Bresnick .

It Is Spring!

Even though the weather has been a little bit cooler and damper than usual for this time of year, the tulips and longer days are a sure sign that it really is spring. Lots of folks use the spring, and especially Passover, as a signal to do some deep cleaning.

Recently a congregant shared an article from the Seattle Times with me that suggested that this year, in addition to tidying closets and cleaning out the garage, we might want to consider cleaning up our use of words and work towards a more positive approach to our communication ([tinyurl.com/tbospringcleaning](https://www.tinyurl.com/tbospringcleaning)). Many have also noticed that things seemed to have gotten more unruly since COVID-19



hit. Perhaps it is the result of isolation, losses, disappointment or other consequences of the virus. Regardless of the cause, it cannot be denied that people seem rudier and less civilized - crazy drivers, inconsiderate shoppers, moody store clerks, demanding travelers - it's everywhere.

Let's take the opportunity to use the arrival of spring to help us work towards a more positive, constructive and pleasant way of living with others. As we gather more at our Temple we can practice those same skills as we welcome back those we have been missing. I hope to see you in person at our building in the coming days and happy spring!

Melanie (she/her)
President

TBO Membership Committee wants YOU!

Please consider joining our TBO Membership Committee. As we begin to open and gather again, we are looking for ways to re-connect as the warm and welcoming community we've always been. We're looking for new ideas to help create community and build relationships. As a committee we plan events, send birthday cards to members, recruit new members, and support current members with the goal of keeping members happy and engaged.

The Membership Committee is currently working on two events, a Lag BaOmer celebration (see page 4) and our traditional summer BBQ/picnic.

We meet via Zoom the third Monday of the month. Please contact Leslie Elsemore via email at membership@templebethor.org if you'd like to become part of this vibrant team!



Lag BaOmer: Emerging from Isolation to Community

Lag BaOmer is a minor holiday celebrated with major fun. Bonfires and barbeques are the tradition in Israel and at TBO this year too. While I know our community will enjoy s'mores together at the beach, we can glean deep wisdom from the holiday too. Lag BaOmer is said to be the *yahrzeit* of the second century sage Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai who found safety from the Romans by hiding in a cave. The Talmud (*Bavli, Shabbat 33b*) tells the tale of his rough re-entry into society after more than a decade of isolation.

After the destruction of the Second Temple, Jews in the Land of Israel responded to this trauma in different ways. Some refused defeat (the story of Masada) while others conceded to life under Roman rule and adapted Jewish practices to center on prayer and learning instead of sacrifices at our central Temple. Transitioning away from trauma and an established way of life is difficult.

Shimon bar Yochai would not hold his tongue from speaking out against Roman rule and fled for safety with his colleague, Eleazar. They barricaded themselves in a cave where, miraculously, a carob tree and a spring appeared and sustained them through twelve years of total isolation. None other than Elijah the Prophet came to tell Shimon and Eleazar that the emperor was dead and they could emerge back into the world but their re-entry into society went terribly wrong. They saw a Jewish man ploughing a field, going on with his life as though the Temple had never been destroyed! This enraged Shimon and Eleazar. They looked at this farmer with a gaze so fierce that the farmer was immediately burnt up! This prompted the Divine Voice of God to call out "go back into your cave!" They stayed in the cave for another year. When they emerged for the second time, they saw a person preparing for Shabbat with a practice that was unfamiliar to them. This time, instead of responding with rage, they recognized the practice as beautiful and offered praise.

Like Shimon bar Yochai and Eleazar, our first response to the trauma and isolation of these past two years might be anger. Outbursts of rage seem to be all around us: on airplanes, at award shows, and maybe even at work. Many of us are just starting to enjoy in-person community again. Things will feel different because our world has changed and we as individuals have changed. Let's glean wisdom from Shimon bar Yochai and Eleazar by taking time and energy to process the big feelings that come with our transitions from isolation to community in order to embrace and enjoy the beauty in the world around us.

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

TBO Celebrates Lag BaOmer

It's a tradition to mark this holiday dedicated to spiritual light with bonfires.

Please join us Saturday, May 14, 3:00 - 5:00 pm for a bonfire on the beach. This is a wonderful opportunity to schmooze with TBO friends, enjoy our beautiful Pacific Northwest scenery, and come together as a community.

For security reasons the location will be disclosed upon registration. For registration specifics please see page 4.



May Service and Event 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

Meeting ID: 837 4187 0594 Passcode: 531760

For Dial In Users: (253) 215-8782



In the event of Zoom link errors, please join the meeting by manually entering the Meeting ID and Passcode into the Zoom app or website.

Pre-registration for in-person services: Members are no longer required to pre-register for services (please see pages 1-2 for updated COVID-19 protocol). Non-member guests must still register to attend.

To register please visit: templebethor.org/service-registration.

Note: Please keep in mind that COVID-19 related protocols and weekly metrics are subject to change. For the most up to date in person service information please see *ORbits* or the website calendar.



Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service (in-person and streamed over Zoom)

with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner

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.

In-person guest registration: Registration opens May 3 and closes May 6 at 3:00 pm.



Friday, May 13, 5:45 pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting (interactive online via Zoom)

Lay Led

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.



Saturday, May 14, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Lag BaOmer Bonfire

Please pre-register for location details.

Join your Temple Beth Or friends for schmoozing around a beautiful beach bonfire. Please check upcoming editions of *ORbits* for more information.

For security reasons pre-registration is required to attend (including for Religious School families).

Registration opens May 1 and closes May 13 at 3:00 pm. To register please visit:

templebethor.org/service-registration.



Saturday, May 21, 10:00 am

Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Ruby Jacobson (in-person and streamed on Zoom)

with Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner

Join us for our morning service led by Rabbi Kort and Ruby Jacobson. 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 *Kaddish*.

In-person guest registration: Registration opens May 17 and closes May 20 at 3:00 pm.

Zoom Link: The Zoom link will be available in an upcoming *ORbits* or by contacting the office.



Mazel Tov Ruby Jacobson

Ruby Jacobson (she/her) will be called to the Torah at Temple Beth Or on May 21.

Ruby attends Cascade Community School in Shoreline where her favorite subjects are Washington State History and English Language Arts. In her spare time Ruby enjoys drama, writing, drawing, and fencing.

For her *tikkun olam* project Ruby chose to volunteer and raise funds for Pasado's Safe Haven, a charity in Sultan that works to prevent animal neglect and cruelty. She also works to support clubs and students who are struggling at school.

In preparation for her bat mitzvah Ruby has had the opportunity to lead Shabbat blessings during services. She has been surprised at her own aptitude for reading Hebrew. This experience has taught Ruby that she is ready to take responsibility for herself.



Ruby wishes to thank her parents Erin and Alan Jacobson, Rabbi Kort, and Ellis Engbar for their amazing support.



TBO's Own Cecelia Black Competes at the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships

Cecelia (Cece) Black recently competed in the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships in Rockford, Illinois playing for Seattle Slam. This is the first time in five years that the team made the championships.

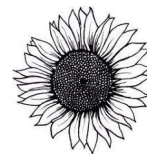
Wheelchair rugby is a co-ed sport for athletes with limited function of upper and lower extremities. It is full contact, noisy, and action-filled. As Cece recently told KIRO-7 News, "It's crazy. I love it. Because anyone watching can understand the athleticism in the sport."

Temple Beth Or friends Elise Wolff and Molly Katsh Barger, who both now live in the Chicago area, went to support Cece and our Seattle home team.

(Left to right: Molly Katsh Barger, Cece Black, Elise Wolff)



Supporting Ukraine



TBO joins Interfaith Call to Expedite Refugee Efforts for Ukrainians

Temple Beth Or joined over 375 Jewish and other faith-based groups and organizations from around the U.S. co-signing a letter urging President Biden to take immediate steps to welcome refugees from Ukraine and reunite families. The effort was coordinated by the Jewish Federations of North America.

“The Jewish community and our faith partners across the United States urge you take immediate steps to help Ukrainian civilians, including by expediting the resettlement of Ukrainians who are already in process to come to the United States thanks to their close family ties here,” the letter states.

For more information on this effort please visit: tinyurl.com/interfaithforukraine

Giving Through Direct Aid

Many of us are eager to provide assistance in a meaningful way to the brave people of Ukraine. Here is a great opportunity to give direct aid thanks to Temple member Nancy Sosnove's cousins (Marlene and David Bohn). They have been working with a Jewish agency in Ukraine for years.

You can donate items below or send a check (Ukrainian Aid in the notes) to Marlene Bohn (12 Baldwin Drive, Sharon, MA 02067) and she will purchase items to send. Amazon items may also be shipped directly to Marlene. Another Jewish agency in Boston is paying for shipping to Ukraine. Requested items include: diapers, formula, baby wipes, medical supplies (especially wound care bandages and blood clotting products), non-perishable food, flashlights and emergency/hand crank radios (no batteries are allowed to be shipped).

Jewish Charities Aiding Ukraine



Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Funds collected by the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle for Ukrainian relief will support emergency efforts by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and World ORT (*Obshchestvo Remeslenava Truda* or Association for the Promotion of Skilled Trades). Please visit tinyurl.com/jewishseattleukraine.



World Union for Progressive Judaism Ukraine Crisis Fund

The Religious Action Center (RAC.org), the social justice arm of the URJ, also recommends World Union for Progressive Judaism's Ukraine Crisis Fund. The RAC website also has links to a recorded prayer service and additional information regarding advocacy work. tinyurl.com/wupjukraine.

Tzedakah Box

The *Tzedakah* Box Fund recipient for April - June is HIAS Ukraine Crisis Fund. HIAS (previously known as Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) works around the world to protect refugees who have been forced to flee their homelands because of who they are. This includes ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities. For more than 130 years HIAS has been helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. The Ukraine Crisis Fund will help organizations in Ukraine and Poland work together with HIAS focusing not only on providing support for immediate needs but will also work on establishing a basis for sustained efforts.



You can help by writing a check to Temple Beth Or and noting “*tzedakah* box” in the memo or donating directly to HIAS at [HIAS.org](https://www.hias.org) (HIAS, PO Box 97077, Washington, DC 20090-7077).

Poverty

A message from the Temple Beth Or Social Action Committee

One injustice that afflicts our present day society is poverty.

We have all heard and read how the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects on families' abilities to make ends meet, get health care, and put food on the table. The pandemic has exacerbated the deeply rooted economic and racial injustices that occur in our nation.

Unemployment, hunger, and housing insecurity have risen steeply these past two years, with families of color facing the most severe hardships.

Did you know...

- Today 80 million Americans struggle with food insecurity? This number has doubled since the pandemic.
- 15 percent of rural households, nearly 25 percent of Native American households, and 40 percent of single mother households struggle with hunger?
- That 12.5 million American children are living in poverty as of January 2022?

Some thought questions:

- How do we as individuals and as a Jewish community grapple with the economic injustices of today?
- What kind of help would you expect to get or need to get to escape poverty?
- How do we inspire people to take action against poverty?

Social Action: Community Building in North Everett

As we move forward with the rebuilding of Temple Beth Or, the Social Action Committee has been thinking about ways to potentially work together with our neighbors or other community groups to help our neighbors or improve our neighborhood. Please send an email to Melissa VonAschen-Cook or Naomi Katsh Barger if you have ideas about community engagement.



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 **[vote4wd.org](https://www.vote4wd.org)**.

Greening Congregations



Temple Beth Or has an exciting opportunity to become a Greening Congregations Partner with WAIPPL (Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light) 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.

We are looking to form a Green Team, made of two or three individuals, who would be our contact with Earth Ministry/WAIPPL and would formulate a plan to move forward with the greening of Temple Beth Or. To express your interest or for more information please contact Melissa VonAschen-Cook or Naomi Katsh Barger.

LIFE & LEGACY Committee

Did you know that philanthropic consultants recommend that in order to remain financially healthy 20% of a non-profit's operating budget come from income generated by an endowment? In 2016 TBO had about \$21,000 in endowment funds and no income from them. The Governing Board then constituted TBO's Legacy Committee to help oversee our endowments. To build our endowment, we joined the LIFE & LEGACY program, a national program founded to help build endowments in Jewish communities. Since then, 59 Temple members have made a bequest to TBO. Thanks to all of you who have made a commitment to the LIFE & LEGACY program in support of TBO's future. In recognition of your participation and the Legacy Committee's work these past six years, the Foundation sponsoring LIFE & LEGACY has given TBO \$26,500 in incentive grants, including \$2,000 last month. Yet, we have much work yet to do. The endowment program is still in its infancy.



If you have not yet committed to LIFE & LEGACY, please consider doing so. It is easy to do, and we can help you through the process. Please contact Harold Dash, Bob Goodmark, Sonia Siegel Vexler, Eldon Wexler, or Sarah Davis at the Temple office for more information. You can help ensure that TBO is here for your children and their children. *L'dor vador.*

Student Access Fund - Loans For Higher Education

from the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Washington

To be eligible for a SAF loan the borrower must be 18 years or older and enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education. **Open enrollment is May 1 - 31.** For more information please visit: www.hflawa.org/saf.



First Chapter Plant Potting Party

Sunday, May 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Do you have young children at home? Are you interested in joining a *chavurah* and participating in activities for parents and their young children? Temple Beth Or's First Chapter is back and will meet on Sunday, May 22 at a home in Everett to plant and play in the dirt. Please bring a kid's size shovel and a change of clothes. This event is rain or shine and you're welcome to drop in for any amount of time. Please contact Dana Sanders or the office for more information.

The Next Chapter Bagel Walk

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 am

Take a 3.5 mile walk through some beautiful Capitol Hill real estate and stop at three bagel places. The walk will include some hills and uneven sidewalks. Bring money for bagels (\$2 -\$2.50/bagel without schmears) and drinks. You choose what kind of bagel/schmears (or no schmears) you want. You get to decide which one fits your palate and compare it to your go-to favorite. The bagels come in bags so you can have a taste and save room for the next stop.

Bagelries we will visit: Eltana, Dingfelder's (sourced from Blazing Bagels), and Rubensteins.

We'll meet at the south entrance of the Volunteer Park Water Tower. There is parking in the park and nearby streets. Don't park where there is a 2 hour limit (just in case). If you get there early you can walk the 106 steps to the top of the Water Tower.



Please RSVP to Lori Wolff by Monday, May 16.

Update on the Remodel Project/Capital Campaign

Since our last issue a lot of work has been done to move us forward on this project. The congregation has had two opportunities to engage in this effort in April - a Town Hall Meeting and on site/in-person remodel building tours. We have also shared the Next Steps Review prepared by our consultant, Rachel Maxwell. Just to review, here's a summary of the pathway for this project and where we currently are in the process. Keep in mind, future dates are estimates as schedules can shift due to unforeseen circumstances.

Preparation - What do we want to do?

2021 - The congregation conducted a robust decision-making process, culminating in a vote to approve remaining in our current location and pursue remodeling our facilities.

Phase 1 - Next Steps Review

January 2022 - Our consultant, Rachel Maxwell, began the Next Steps Review, to assess our readiness for embarking on a Capital Campaign.

March 2022 - The Next Steps Review was completed. Results were shared with the congregation and can be found at: templebethor.org/facilities-planning/. We are ready to begin Phase 2!

Phase 2 - Financial Feasibility Assessment (We are here now!)

April 2022 - The Capital Campaign Task Force and Rachel Maxwell began the Financial Feasibility Assessment. Invitations to participate in interviews have been sent to a representative cross-section of the congregation.

May 2022 - Financial Feasibility Assessment interviews will be conducted.

June 2022 - Results of the Financial Feasibility Assessment will be shared with the congregation at our Membership Meeting (June 12). The congregation will have the opportunity to vote to support moving onto the Capital Campaign.

Phase 3 - The Capital Campaign

Summer 2022 - Begin the Leadership/Quiet portion of the Capital Campaign.

Fall 2022 - Launch the full Capital Campaign, finalize the design, and contract with the architect.

Winter 2022/2023 - Complete the Capital Campaign.

Phase 4 - Preparing to Remodel the Building

2023 - Congregational vote to commit to the remodel, authorizing funds to proceed.

2023 - Working with architect to finalize plans, obtain permits, etc.

Financial Feasibility Assessment Information

What's a Financial Feasibility Assessment (FFA) and how does it work? The FFA is a process conducted by our consultant, Rachel Maxwell, to help us get a sense of how much money we might be able to raise during our Capital Campaign. Knowing this information will help us decide how extensive a remodel is within our reach and will guide the development of final plans for the remodel project.

Rachel will conduct private confidential interviews with 25 TBO households during the month of May. These households were selected somewhat randomly but also specifically chosen to represent the full range of the demographics of our membership including founding, long term, newer, older, and younger members, those with children of varying ages, retired, those who live close, and those who live farther, etc. The full range of economic situations is also covered by this sampling. The identified interview candidates were sent invitations to participate in April. If you were invited to participate, please respond promptly and schedule your interview time slot. Whether or not you are a participant in this part of the process, not to worry, you will absolutely be invited to join in the full Capital Campaign!

After the interviews are completed Rachel will review and process the data collected. This information will be shared with the congregation at the June 12 Membership Meeting. If you have questions about this process contact Norm Black for more information.

Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on April 10 the Board did the following:

1. Approved the minutes from the March 6 meeting.
2. Discussed coverage for Safety & Security Committee during May, including grant application work.
3. Signed up for greeter duties, using the Shabbat Tracker, and discussed tech training/apprenticeship going forward.
4. Reviewed the logistics for the April 20 congregational meeting.
5. Were introduced to the Life and Legacy Committee and heard a full presentation on their program from Harold Dash. Discussed our role.
6. Was introduced to the Finance Committee by James Feinberg.
7. Examined the draft budget shared by Tom Elsemore and James Feinberg.
8. Considered the latest recommendation from the Combined COVID-19 Task Force. The Board approved the recommendations. (See page 1.)
9. Talked about the possible *oneg* on April 23.
10. Heard a quick update on the Capital Campaign and plans for April 20 & 23 congregational opportunities.
11. Heard an update from James Feinberg about the South Lot rental property.
12. Reviewed the February financial reports.
13. Heard highlights of the President's Report including: RH Coordinator recruited (Robyn Klarman), potential relaunching of the donor dinner, participation in the Seattle Jewish Community Ukraine Challenge, and reminder about upcoming calendaring meeting.

Support TBO When You Shop on Amazon

If you use Amazon at all, you can designate TBO as your Amazon Smile recipient and every time you spend money there, TBO gets a percentage. Just go to **smile.amazon.com** and log into your account. Choose Temple Beth Or Everett, WA as your recipient and then just make sure to buy things from **smile.amazon.com** (instead of just **amazon.com**). If you use the app on your phone you can also easily change it so that you are automatically donating to TBO. As of the end of March, TBO has received **\$1,506.55 from Amazon Smile since the start of the program.**

Important Note To All Key Fob Holders

We have been working to update the information on file for each electronic key fob (opens Temple doors) to maintain a higher level of security. Please contact the office and arrange a time to come in and have your fob scanned. **Any fobs that have not been verified by May 15 will become inactive.** If you have a fob and no longer wish to be a fob holder, please contact Sarah to arrange drop off.

Free Hanukkah Supplies

TBO received a donation of Hanukkah wrapping paper, ribbons, and various party supplies originally from Joann Fabrics. There is a large box in the lobby. Please help yourself after services or Religious School or call the office to arrange a time to drop by.

Temple Leadership

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Adult Education: Vacant

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Book Club: Julie Maltos

Building: Jeff St. George

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Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

College and Military Outreach: Sarah Davis

Capital Campaign: Norm Black

Combined COVID-19: Melanie Field

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

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Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Dana Sanders

Fundraising: Vacant

High Holy Days (RH): Robyn Klarman

High Holy Days (YK): Vacant

Life & Legacy/Endowment: Harold Dash

Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Membership: Leslie Elsemore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler

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Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Mila Lowery and Tina Roth


Staff

Office Administrator: Sarah Davis

Youth Group: Eian Snyder

May 2022

Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Religious School Omer: 15	2 (1 Iyar, 5782) Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	3 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm Adult BMZ Class 6:30 pm	4 Yom HaZikaron Exec Board Mtg 7:00 pm	5	6 Liaison Mtg 10:00 am Shabbat Service Honoring Yom HaAtzma-ut 7:30 pm	7
8 Mother's Day Religious School	9 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Communications Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	10 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm Adult BMZ Class 7:15 pm	11 Legacy Committee Mtg 10:00 am <i>Ruach</i> & Ritual Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	12	13 Cap Fundraising Mtg 10:30 am Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:45	14 Lag BaOmer Bonfire 3:00 pm 
15 Religious School Governing Board Mtg 9:00 am <i>ORacle</i> Submission Deadline	16 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm Membership Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	17 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm Adult BMZ Class 6:30 pm	18 Next Chapter Bagel Walk 10:30 am	19 Lag BaOmer	20	21 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of R. Jacobson 10:00 am
22 Last Day Religious School First Chapter Plant Potting Party 2:00 pm	23 Hebrew School - Bet 4:30 pm	24 Hebrew School - Aleph 5:15 pm	25 Safety & Security Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	26	27 Cap Fundraising Mtg 10:30 am Lay Led Shabbat	28
29	30 Memorial Day Exec Board Mtg (June) 7:00 pm	31 (Sivan 1, 5782) Omer: 45				

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

Note: Appointments are no longer required for using the building. During office hours advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building (425-259-7125 x1). Office Hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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



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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).