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TBO Summer BBQ

Sunday, August 27, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, Snohomish

Location provided when registration is confirmed.

Come one, come all to our TBO Summer BBQ sponsored by the Membership Committee! There will be burgers, dogs (vegan and gluten-free too) and all the fixings. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Last names A-M please sign up to bring a side or salad, N-Z please sign up to bring a dessert. We'll have fun and games for the kids and kids at heart. Nonmembers who are interested in potentially joining our community are also welcome.

Please sign up to attend and let us know what you will be bringing at:
templebethor.org/service-registration/.

Registration closes Thursday, August 24, 3:00 pm.



High Holy Days 2023/5784

The High Holy Days will soon be here and we have been hard at work preparing. Information regarding registration and programming will be going out the first week of August. For a preview, please see page 8.

Our High Holy Day programming will include:

- A return to our annual Rosh HaShanah Festival with some new afternoon activity options, including apple cider tasting and a community art project.
- A special late afternoon *Kol Nidrei* service just for families with kids including the *Kol Nidrei* melody played by violinist and TBO member **Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson**.
- Cellist Rebekah Hood-Sava from the Pacifica Chamber Orchestra will return this year to play *Kol Nidrei*.
- **Rabbi Kort** and **Steven Chaitman** will offer new, creative, spiritual space on Yom Kippur afternoon, infusing a traditional chanting and translation of the Book of Jonah with contemporary music, art, and an optional hands-on project.
- Sermons from **Rabbi Kort** exploring: *The Need to Be Seen*; *AI: The New Golem*; and *The Blessing of a Blank Canvas: Creativity and Repentance*.





The Pursuit of a Just Judicial System in Israel

As Israel marks its 75th anniversary, the largest protest movement in the country's history has been raging since March. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his coalition that includes ultranationalists and ultra-Orthodox allies have proposed a series of bills that would limit the Supreme Court's oversight powers and push Israel towards a more authoritarian rule. These legislative proposals have inspired hundreds of thousands of Israelis to hit the streets and protest for democracy. As I write this article in mid-July, protesters recently responded to the passing of a contentious bill with a *Day of Disruption* that shut down major roads and transportation hubs, including Ben Gurion International Airport.

While many view the current divide in Israeli society along religious and secular lines, the pro-democracy movement in Israel is embracing a core Jewish value that our judicial system must be fair. In this month of August, we read in the Book of Deuteronomy the iconic words: Justice, justice you shall pursue — *tzedek, tzedek tirdof* (16:20). The Torah places this charge to pursue justice in the context of leadership and settling and thriving in the Land of Israel.

You shall appoint magistrates and public officials for your tribes, in all the settlements that Adonai your God is giving to you, and they shall govern the people with due justice. You shall not judge unfairly, you shall show no partiality, you shall not take bribes — for bribes blind the eye of the discerning and upset the plea of the just. Justice, justice you shall pursue — tzedek, tzedek tirdof — that you may thrive and occupy the land that Adonai your God is giving you. (16:18-20).

Nachmanides, the famous 13th century Torah commentator, taught “the reason for the repetition [of the word ‘justice’] is to indicate that the judges should judge the people with righteous judgment, and you must also pursue justice constantly.”

The Torah teaches that ordinary citizens must pursue every avenue to ensure that public affairs are run on a basis of righteousness. The pro-democracy movement in Israel is living these words of Torah as they fight for a righteous and fair judicial system in the State of Israel.

There are ways for us to pursue justice and democracy in Israel while living thousands of miles away:

- **Advocate** - Write to the Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest, Marco Sermoneta (456 Montgomery St., #2100, San Francisco, CA 94104) and let him know you oppose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's judicial overhaul.
- **Give Tzedakah** - Support a Jewish and democratic State of Israel by helping fund the work of the Israeli Religious Action Center.
- **“Pray with Your Feet”** - Join a local (Bellevue) protest organized by UnXeatable, a grassroots movement launched by Israel expats in support of a democratic Israel (seattle@unxeatable.org).

For more resources, please visit: tinyurl.com/urjisaeldemocracy.

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.

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.”

Summer Days

I hope you are all enjoying our beautiful Northwest summer. As I am writing this, the weather is sunny and not too hot, a perfect day! We are in those lazy days of summer where it feels good to relax and move at a slower pace. Not only does it feel good, but health benefits exist from resting more, as it allows our bodies to mentally and physically recharge. This helps us all perform to our fullest capacity, access our creative potential and enjoy ourselves. I hope you are all finding the time to slow down and rest.



Yet, as I encourage you to rest, I am aware that at Temple Beth Or, many people have been busily preparing for fall when we have both our High Holy Days services and the start of Religious School. **Rabbi Kort** and **Steven Chaitman**, our High Holy Days Music Leader, have been working together over the summer to prepare beautiful and meaningful services. **Robyn Klarmann**, our Rosh HaShanah Coordinator, and **Julie Mackoff**, our Yom Kippur Coordinator, have been working to plan out all the details of those services. **Michele Goodmark** and her crew are planning our Rosh HaShanah luncheon. There are lots of opportunities to help with these services, so please sign up to help where possible.

Additionally, **Stefanie Somers**, **Jennifer Cail**, **Mila Lowery**, and **Kiah Webster** have been meeting and planning for an active, engaging Religious School year. They are working with **Rabbi Kort** to plan intergenerational services that embrace our whole community. The registration deadline for this school year is August 1, so it's time to get registered.

On August 16, as we enter the month of Elul and begin the process of turning inward, **Rabbi Emerita Jessica Marshall** will lead us on a journey to move forward with intention. We are blessed to welcome her back again this year to be here virtually with our community.

Because of all the hard work by so many during these "lazy days," I am looking forward to warm, meaningful, connecting, and spiritual High Holy Days and an active fall for our students. But summer is not over yet! I hope to see all of you at our TBO Summer BBQ on Sunday, August 27, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm (offsite - please see front page for registration details).

Wanda Bresnick (she/her)
President

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Recording and Writings

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class. Class members were given an opportunity to read their *d'var Torah* and reflections on their experience becoming b'nei mitzvah. For those who missed the celebration on May 20, the recording and written reflections are available at:

tinyurl.com/adultbmzreflections

tinyurl.com/adultbmzrecording

Passcode: rsTz1#c0



August Services

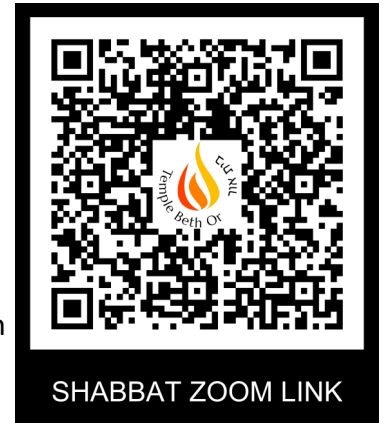
All regular Shabbat services are now accessed using the same Zoom link. We will still use unique links for *b'nei mitzvah* and some special events.

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: Pre-registration is required for in-person attendance for nonmembers only unless otherwise specified. To register, please visit: templebethor.org/service-registration.



Multigenerational Outdoor Shabbat **Saturday, August 5, 10:00 am (in-person only)** **with Rabbi Rachel Kort and Neil Weinstein**

Join us for a multigenerational, musical Shabbat worship experience outside in our yard where there is plenty of space to dance, play, and pray. 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 an hour. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on (we'll have some extras too).
Registration: Members do not need to register in order to attend. Guests - to attend in person please register at: templebethor.org/service-registration. Registration ends August 4, 3:00 pm.



Klezmer Shabbat **Friday, August 11, 7:30 pm (in-person and online)** **with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musicians Shawn Weaver & Dan Steingart**

Join us for a musical Shabbat worship service using our prayerbook *Mishkan T'filah*. This service will include a *drash* (sermon), and an opportunity to remember loved ones with *Kaddish* - our mourner's prayer - and will last about an hour.
Registration: Members do not need to register in order to attend. Guests - to attend in person please register at: templebethor.org/service-registration. Registration ends August 10, 3:00 pm.



Shabbat At Home **Friday, August 25, 6:30 pm (online only)** **with Rabbi Rachel Kort and High Holy Days Music Leader Steven Chaitman**

Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home and a special opportunity to get to know your High Holy Day Music Leader, Steven Chaitman, who will be Zooming in from the Chicago area. If you want to get a sneak peek of his singing, you can listen to an album of his original Jewish music at: tinyurl.com/StevenChaitman. No prayerbook is needed to enjoy this service. There will be music, Shabbat candle lighting, and an opportunity to remember the people you have lost with our *Kaddish* - mourner's prayer. This all-ages service is designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person in our building and will last under an hour.

Meet Our New *ORacle* Publisher: Rich Spitzer

Pam and Rich Spitzer have been members of Temple Beth Or for almost a year now, having moved to Washington last summer. After living in Michigan for 49 years, they felt it was time to settle near family. Their daughter Samantha lives in Mill Creek, and Rich has a first cousin in Bellingham.



Rich served on the Executive Committee at Congregation Shir Tikvah (Troy, Michigan) for over twenty years, including five years as President and several stints as Treasurer. In his day job, he worked for the Department of the Army as a civilian, primarily in logistics management, and also as a product manager for various military vehicles. To better communicate with soldiers in the field, Rich published a monthly newsletter, which evolved from a printed format to a web-based document. Rich has been officially retired since 2005, though he's kept busy with synagogue duties and numerous home projects.

As *ORacle* Publisher, Rich's responsibility will primarily be design and layout of the *ORacle*. He hopes to bring some new looks and ideas to the pages, while keeping it the warm, hamish (Yiddish for warm and unpretentious) newsletter we all love. Check it out, starting next month. He welcomes all comments, both good and not so good. Please note that editorial content will still be managed as before, with **Kathie Roon** as *ORacle* Editor.

National Antisemitism Strategy Released

On May 25, 2023, the Biden-Harris administration released the first U.S. National Strategy to counter antisemitism. This strategy was prepared by the Interagency Policy Committee on Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Related Forms of Bias and Discrimination, which is led by the White House Domestic Policy Council and the National Security Council. The strategy outlines over 100 new actions that Executive branch agencies have committed to take in order to counter antisemitism.



You can find a press release about the this strategy at: tinyurl.com/whitehouserelease.
You can read the full strategy document at: tinyurl.com/antisemitismstrategy.



Temple Beth Or Trip to Israel

Please contact **Carolyn Wexler** if you are interested in taking a Temple Beth Or trip to Israel accompanied by **Rabbi Kort**. The timing would likely be Fall 2024.



Tzedakah Box

The July - September *Tzedakah* Box recipient is Faith Action Network. Temple Beth Or is a member of this multi-faith partnership of over 160 faith communities around Washington state. The members of this nonprofit strive for a "just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education and courageous public action." A few of the issues FAN has worked on recently include immigration sanctuary, climate justice, and gender/sexuality equality. For more information, please visit fanwa.org.

Volunteering

Several TBO members have been volunteering with Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest (RISNW) to welcome refugees from Ukraine. There are several other faith groups involved in this effort, so not as many volunteers from TBO are needed every week.

However, we do have an opportunity to assist RISNW with a 6 week summer reading program for refugee children ages 5-11. We need more volunteers to help the children with craft projects and snack time, which are part of the program. It is held at Everett Community College on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - Noon, July 19 - August 23. Please let **Vicki Schwartz** know if you are interested in working with RISNW.

Volunteering your time is another form of giving *tzedakah*. The Social Action Committee would love to hear about where people donate their time and efforts in our community. Please contact **Naomi Katsh Barger** if you want to share your volunteer story.

Policy Updates

Given that the "emergency phase" of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, the TBO Governing Board has revisited a number of policies and procedures over the last several months. All COVID-19 related restrictions have been lifted. Two updated items remain as described below.

1. Masking - While masking is no longer required at TBO, in keeping with our value of inclusion, a masked area has been designated in the sanctuary. Out of consideration for those who are more comfortable sitting among those who are also masked, a limited section on the north side of the sanctuary (left as you face the bimah) is now reserved for masked individuals. Those who choose to mask may sit anywhere they would like but those who sit in this area should be masked. Designated seats are indicated with labels placed on the chairs by the greeters before services. Masks are available in the lobby for those who would like one. This procedure will be revisited periodically as needed. Questions about this practice can be directed to President **Wanda Bresnick**.

2. Guest Registration - While guest pre-registration to collect vaccine information is no longer warranted, our Safety and Security Committee has recommended the continuation of guest registration as a security measure. Given the rise in antisemitic activities, it is a recommended precaution. The updated guest policy has been approved by the Board. If you are inviting a nonmember to a TBO event, be sure to have them complete the guest registration form available online - templebethor.org/service-registration. In addition to the safety benefits, this registration also facilitates outreach by our Membership Committee to potential new members. The full policy can be found at: tinyurl.com/tboguest. If you need assistance with guest registration, please contact the office. Please direct policy questions to **Nancy Rosen**, Safety and Security Committee chair.

Update on the TBO Remodel Project

The people involved in the remodel project are quite busy with work happening on several parallel tracks.

Many comments received at the June Membership Meeting and in subsequent conversations have been incorporated into an updated version of the plan. The Remodel Task Force is committed to soliciting and considering additional input and comments from the community. Watch for a congregational email introducing a new password protected remodel page on our website. We will share updated information, including a video of a narrated walk-through of the most recent building plans and process, and will provide a question and answer/comment forum which can be used to share your input and suggestions about these plans. You can also email any thoughts or ideas directly to **Harold Dash**, **Melanie Field** and/or **Glen Pickus**. At this time we are soliciting input focused on the building floor plan. Comments should be submitted by August 31, in order for suggestions to potentially be factored into the plans.

Members of the Remodel Task Force are continuing to coordinate with the architect and the City of Everett Planning Department in an effort to obtain our Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Recently we negotiated the number of required parking spaces to align with our available space.

A sub-group is focused on the contractor selection process. Led by **Eldon Wexler**, this team has created a list of contractors to consider, developed interview questions and assessment criteria, and have scheduled interviews for late July. Contractor recommendations will be shared with the full Remodel Task Force in August. Following preparation of construction drawings, bids will be requested.

An interior/exterior design sub-group has also been formed and is preparing to work on the interior and exterior elements. Watch for more information from this group in the fall.

Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign group is still focused on raising the funds to make all of this possible. Once an updated cost estimate (or cost range) for the total construction costs is available, the Capital Campaign will begin a final fundraising push to close the gap between what we have raised (currently over \$1.9 million) and what it will cost to complete the project.

Questions about the building work can be directed to **Harold Dash** or **Melanie Field**, co-chairs of the Remodel Task Force. Questions about the Capital Campaign efforts can be directed to **Jeff Napp** or **Jessica Burgamy**, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign.



Phishing - Scammers Target TBO

Beware of electronic tricksters, TBO has been phished. Phishing is like fishing, even pronounced the same. A big fish (or bad person) tries to catch a smaller fish (you) to eat it (or steal your personal or TBO's information) by tempting you with something yummy or, in the case of humans, information that you will "bite" on. It could be an email from **Rabbi Kort** asking for help or a TBO member asking for a hard copy of the directory. Both of those things happened in July.

So a word to the wise: don't bite on the bait! If an email or text looks fishy, don't respond or contact the person/company directly using an email or phone number you know to be correct. If it is coming from someone claiming to be from TBO, call the Temple office before responding. If it is a phishing or smishing (via text) scam, we will log it and report it to Everett PD and the Secure Community Network at the Jewish Federation. Remember that TBO will never text or email asking you for money. Yes, these bad actors are great at what they do, so don't feel stupid if you fall for it, but DO err on the side of caution and let the office know.

High Holy Days

Join the High Holy Days Singers!

With the High Holy Days (HHD) just around the corner, it is time to warm up your voice and join our group of community singers. No experience is necessary. It's a great way to participate in the HHDs, connect with other members and get an opportunity to work closely with our new HHD soloist, **Steven Chaitman**. Music and recordings will be available in advance. You can choose which of the songs you want to sing or go all in and do them all. We have two rehearsals, one for each holy day. Please contact **Melanie Field** if you have any questions and/or are interested in becoming a member of the HHD Singers. Deadline for sign up is September 1.

P.S.: You can get a sneak peek at Steven as he is leading music for our August 25 service (info on page 4).



ORacle High Holy Days Greetings



If you would like to send a warm New Year's greeting to your Temple family and friends, please visit: templebethor.org/HHD-greetings/. Greetings are \$18.00. The deadline for greetings is August 15.



HHD Supplemental Programming

There are no registration deadlines for our online supplemental programming. Please feel free to register up until the start time

Elul Program with TBO Rabbi Emerita Jessica K. Marshall Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 pm (Zoom Only)

Each year the High Holy Days invite us to re-vision our lives in alignment with our truest essence. This is our collective invitation to journey forward with intention, creating lives rooted in our fullest expression!

In Judaism, the month of Elul before the Jewish new year is a time of turning. Turning inward and reflecting on the year that was. Returning to our truest self. Turning toward others to ask for forgiveness for ways we missed the mark. Turning forward to the coming year to ask what within us wants to be created.



We will turn inward with a *Neshama* (soul) Letters writing activity to release old fears and affirm how we will honor ourselves and our dreams this year. How is your heart calling you forward? What values are you choosing to guide your life?

Please register to join **Rabbi Marshall** for this special experience. **Registration:** tinyurl.com/rabbimarshalltbo



New Year's Apple Cake Baking with Leslie Elsemore Sunday, September 10, 3:00 - 4:00 pm (Zoom Only)

Join longtime member and baker extraordinaire **Leslie Elsemore** to bake for the new year in your very own kitchen via Zoom! The recipe will be supplied and we'll bake together and schmooze as we make delicious cake to freeze and have for your family Rosh HaShanah celebrations and for your break the fast on Yom Kippur. Registration is open up until the class start time, but please consider registering in advance to have ingredients and supplies on hand.

Registration: tinyurl.com/hhdbaking

Capital Campaign Mezuzot

These photos record how people placed their Capital Campaign mezuzot. If you have not picked up your mezuzah, please contact the office. If you haven't had a chance to donate to the Capital Campaign, it is not too late. Please contact **Jeff Napp** or **Jessica Burgamy** to talk about your pledge.

To pledge online please visit:
templebethor.org/buildingpledge.

(L to R: Tom & Leslie Elsemore, Vicki Schwartz, Vinaya Chepuri at the home of Sunita Chepuri, Eldon & Carolyn Wexler, Rich & Pam Spitzer, Joy & Milt Shefter)



Oneg and Community Greeting Responsibilities

One of the joys of being fully back in our building is our ability to have *onegs* after services. *Oneg* literally means “pleasure or delight,” and it is indeed a delight to nosh and visit with each other after services. Providing *oneg* for our community is both a mitzvah and a responsibility of membership. **Janet Karr**, our *Oneg* Coordinator, has created a schedule to provide each family in our community the opportunity to work with two other families to offer an *oneg* after a service. If you are unable to meet your *oneg* responsibility for the assigned week, please trade with another family so that each week is covered.

Since it has been some time since many of us have worked to provide an *oneg*, let's review the expectations:

- Earlier in the week, you will receive an email listing the complete *oneg* responsibilities. The list is also posted in the kitchen. Please be sure to read the list carefully.
- Coordinate food with the two other families assigned for your week.
- Arrive about 30 minutes early to set up the room and get food laid out before the start of service.
- You are also responsible for cleanup after the *oneg*. The Board greeter will lock the building when you are done with cleanup.

Another member responsibility and opportunity to connect with our members is to serve as a community greeter, which **Janet Karr** will also assign. Information on community greeting will be sent to you the week of your service.

The responsibilities of greeting include:

- Arrive 30 minutes before the start of the service.
- The Board greeter will assign you a position (either the upstairs or downstairs entrance). Welcome people as they enter. If you are at the upstairs door, please hand them a prayer book and bulletin.
- Be sure to stay at your assigned door. The door should never be propped open or left unattended.

Signing up in advance allows you to get the date that works best for you, take a moment to sign up for both *oneg* and community greeter at templebethor.org/oneg.

Providing *oneg* and being a community greeter are wonderful ways to observe a *yahrzeit* and connect with our community. Thank you for taking your turn to provide this mitzvah!

Leadership News

During the Governing Board Meetings in June and July, the Board did the following:

June 4, 2023:

1. Approved the minutes from the May 8, 2023, Governing Board Meeting.
2. Reviewed the plan for the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting (6/11) and discussed upcoming events - Donor Dinner (7/22) and BBQ (8/27).
3. **Melanie Field** provided an update about the remodel process, including that the recent increases in fundraising allow us to now focus on the four classroom design option. The Board agreed that there was no need to present the two classroom option at the Membership Meeting. All agreed that it would be a good idea to share the language of what had been approved by the congregational vote last year.
4. **Melanie Field** presented a draft of a Dietary Policy that had been created with input from **Rabbi Kort**. It was agreed that it would be discussed further at the next Board Meeting.
5. **Melanie Field** presented a draft of a Nonmember Guest Policy. The Policy was approved (please see article on page 6).
6. **Norm Black** presented general information about TBO finances, our budget and accounting system, and membership demographics. He explained the elements of the monthly finance report and reviewed the previous month's report.
7. **Melanie Field** shared information about an unexpected legacy donation. President **Wanda Bresnick** has now officially been designated as the executor of the will and will answer questions at the Membership Meeting.
8. Committee Reports highlights: need for a new chair/co-chair of the Social Action Committee to take over for **Naomi Katsh Barger** and a new *ORbits* Coordinator to take over for **Lori Wolff**.

July 12, 2023:

1. Due to a lack of quorum we were unable to approve the June Board minutes or any updated policies. These items were moved to the August Board meeting.
2. Reviewed the High Holy Days schedule and obtained Board input and questions to pass on to those planning the HHDs.
3. Reviewed the Finance and Committee Reports.
4. Discussed the Food Policy. **Melanie Field** and **Julie Mackoff** will be working to revise this.
5. **Julie Mackoff** will be working on a Code of Ethics. She received input from the Board on what values to include. This project comes at the request of the URJ for all congregations to review/update/create a policy.

Temple Leadership

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HHD (Yom Kippur): Julie Mackoff
Life & Legacy/Endowment: Harold Dash
Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook
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Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler
Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler
Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler
Oneg Coordinator: Janet Karr
ORacle Editor: Kathie Roon
ORacle Publisher: Rich Spitzer
ORbits: Lori Wolff
Remodel: Harold Dash & Melanie Field
Ruach and Ritual: Vacant
Safety and Security: Nancy Rosen
Social Action: Naomi Katsh & Melissa VonAschen-Cook
Technology: James Feinberg
Website: JonaRose Feinberg
Youth Education: Mila Lowery & Kiah Webster



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6 Governing Board Meeting 9:00 am Contractor Selection Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9 Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Remodel Team Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Office Closed 8/11 - 8/15 Liaison Mtg 9:00 am Klezmer Shabbat 7:30 pm	12
13 Contractor Selection Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Communications Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Office Closed <i>ORacle</i> Submissions Due	16 Elul Program with Rabbi Jessica Marshall 7:00 pm	17	18 (1 Elul)	19
20 Contractor Selection Meeting 7:30 pm	21 Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 pm Safety & Security Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	24 BBQ Registration Closes 3:00 pm	25 Shabbat at Home with HHD Music Leader Steven Chaitman 6:30 pm	26
27 Annual Summer BBQ 3:00 pm Contractor Selection Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	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.
templebethor.org/calendar-submission

Note: Appointments are no longer required for visiting 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).