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June Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 11, 10:00 - Noon
in-person at TBO and online via Zoom

In-person Semi-Annual General Membership Meetings are back! The TBO Bylaws require that the congregation meet every June to approve our budget for the next fiscal year. Mark your calendars for the upcoming meeting on Sunday, June 11, 10:00 am - noon in-person and on Zoom. For those attending in person, please arrive by 10:00 am for schmoozing and noshing. For those attending on Zoom, the meeting portion will begin at 10:30 am.

In addition to voting on the proposed budget, our meeting will include an exciting update from our Remodel Team, updates on what has been happening at the Temple over the last six months, previews of upcoming events, and High Holy Days planning.

Note that this meeting will be recorded and available for viewing after the live meeting. Also please note that only those participating live (in-person or online) will have an opportunity to vote. Watch *ORbits* for detailed information about the meeting, including the agenda and proposed budget. Please direct any questions to Wanda Bresnick.



Zoom: tinyurl.com/tbomembershipjune2023

Meeting ID: 863 8812 3443 Passcode: 072996 Dial In: 253 215 8782

TBO Summer BBQ

Sunday, August 27, 3:00 pm – 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.





Kvell More, Kvetch Less

I have a book on my coffee table with a picture of a sourpuss little boy with the title *Born to Kvetch: Yiddish Language and Culture in All of Its Moods*. Kvetch is the Yiddish word used for complaining and, well, our Jewish people have been kvetching since the time we left Egypt. Over the summer, as we make our way through the fourth book of the Torah, *Bamidbar*, we will recount episode after episode of the Israelite people whining to God and Moses. They complain that there is no water. They want meat and fish, not just manna to eat. They think Moses is doing a lousy job as a leader. They complain that it will be too difficult to conquer the giants inhabiting the Promised Land. This generation of Israelites kvetches so much that they are not able to move forward as a people into the Promised Land.

I learned from the book, *Born to Kvetch*, that while we use the word kvetch to describe whining and complaining, it literally means to squeeze. I've learned over my 13 years serving as a congregational rabbi that too much kvetching can strangle the energy out of the folks who work hard to support and lead Jewish communities. But there is an antidote to kvetching: kvelling. To kvell is the Yiddish word meaning 'to praise.'

My colleague, Rabbi Paul Kipnes, who serves Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, California, sends out a public service announcement to his congregation at the end of Yom Kippur:

Please wait three days before passing on the kvetches [to the Or Ami professional team]. Problems with the air conditioning or the sound system, disagreement with the rabbi's topic, or preference for a different musical selection, need not be the primary communication to a group of people who worked for months to make your annual trek into synagogue holiness. If, after three days, the kvetches still seem to be important and relevant, then send them along, but only if you first sent along a message of kvelling, and then only if sandwiched between a bunch of praises, and only with the compassion worthy of a newly minted sin-free Jew.

Congregation Or Ami, a medium-large-sized congregation, is structured in a different way than Temple Beth Or, which at 125 families strong, is considered a small-sized congregation. Programming and facilities at Or Ami is all professionally led by three full-time clergy, a full-time executive director, and even more staff. All that we offer at Temple Beth Or, from High Holy Days to education to *oneg*, is driven by our volunteer leaders with the support of your part-time professional team.

I do not think I would have the chutzpah (that's Yiddish for audacity) to email you the same message after the High Holy Days. In the space of this *ORacle* article, I would like to ask you to remember the importance of kvelling more than kvetching to help nourish our incredible volunteer members. As your sacred partner and rabbi, I am in awe of the energy and care you put into creating Jewish life and community in Snohomish County.

While our ancestors might be kvetching in the Torah this summer season, as we spend time together this summer for Shabbat and community gatherings, working towards the remodel, preparing for High Holy Days, and getting ready for Religious School and BOTY in the fall, let's remember to kvell way more than we kvetch. And when you do kvetch, please do so with compassion and kvell a little too.

Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

Rabbi Kort invites you to call upon her for help, support, or just to talk. Please contact Rabbi Kort directly to make an appointment. She's working remotely and is happy to set up a virtual meeting over Zoom or by phone.

Phone: (425)954-1223; Email: RabbiKort@TempleBethOr.org

Rabbi Kort's sermons and writings can be found on the TBO website under "About Us/Our Rabbi."

Belonging

In April, I attended the Scheidt Seminar for temple presidents in Dallas. I came back inspired with some great ideas, new perspectives, and good connections with other presidents from small congregations. After hearing stories from others, I also felt such appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful sacred partnerships I have with **Rabbi Kort** and the Governing Board. I feel truly blessed by our community. A couple of people from the URJ told me Temple Beth Or is known as the “small but mighty” congregation.

This year’s theme at Scheidt was belonging. We looked at many aspects of what it means to belong, including the difference between welcoming and belonging. Belonging is the feeling of security and support when there is a sense of acceptance, inclusion, and identity with a certain group. Four elements go into belonging: I am noticed (when I am not here), I am named, I am known (some detail about me), and I am needed (have something to contribute). Belonging is a fundamental human need that is hardwired into our DNA. We all need a place to belong.

At our May Governing Board meeting, our sharing question was to talk about a time that we each felt we belonged in our Temple Beth Or community. The Board had a variety of responses, including:

- A sense of belonging through the support and love they received during life cycle events such as their child’s baby naming or b’nei mitzvah. They had a sense of being one big family.
- How overwhelmed she felt after the passing of her husband by the loving support from our community, including people she didn’t yet know.
- A sense of belonging they felt on Rosh Hashanah at Camp Kalsman when we came together in that beautiful, spiritual setting.
- A sense of belonging at the Women’s Seder where we took time to honor the women in our past.
- At the recent Lag B’Omer Celebration a sense of belonging was felt standing around the campfire singing and talking.
- At that event, one shared how wonderful it was to be able to listen to the speaker, knowing that many others were watching out for their young daughter as she ran around with the other kids present.
- Feeling a sense of belonging was a member’s first experience helping plan and prepare for a temple event. They experienced such a sense of connection as they worked side by side with others.

Engagement is an important pathway to belonging. I hope each of you will take a moment to think about a time you felt that you truly belonged in our TBO family, and I encourage you to look for ways to engage with our community. Come to services and stay for *oneg* so that we can get to know each other. Participate in our social events and have fun together. Join a committee, or work on an event so that you can feel that sense of being needed. Each of you has something to contribute to our community and we welcome you and your efforts.

Wanda Bresnick (she/her)
President



Temple Beth Or Annual Donor Dinner Saturday, July 22, 6:30 pm, Snohomish, WA (at the home of members)

Please join us for a three-course dinner with wine pairings presented by member **Chef Steven Russakoff**. Enjoy the company of fellow members and the beautiful views of the Pacific Northwest.

Invitations and more information to follow.

Please select menu choices and RSVP online by Friday, July 7.

templebethor.org/donordinner

June & July 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.



Shabbat Morning Service and Adult Bat Mitzvah of Melissa VonAschen-Cook
Saturday, June 3, 10:00 am (in-person and online)

with Rabbi Rachel Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh

Join us for a multi-generational, musical Shabbat worship experience using our prayerbook *Mishkan T'filah*. **Melissa Von Aschen-Cook** will be called to read from Torah for the first time. The service will also include an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* - mourner's prayer - and will last under 90 minutes.

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 June 2, 3:00 pm. Guests are welcome to attend on Zoom without registration. ***This service uses the standard Shabbat Zoom link***



Shabbat Service and Pride Celebration
Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm (in-person and online)

with Rabbi Rachel Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh

Join us for a musical Shabbat worship service using our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. During the service we will celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride and honor the movement for LGBTQIA+ equality and inclusion with special readings and reflections. This Shabbat service will include a *drash* (sermon) and an opportunity to remember loved ones with *Kaddish* - our mourner's prayer. This service is geared towards our adult and b'nei mitzvah student communities and will last just over 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 June 9, 3:00 pm. Guests are welcome to attend on Zoom without registration.



Shabbat At Home **Pet Blessing Shabbat**

Friday, June 23, 6:15 pm (online only)

with Rabbi Kort and Dan Steingart

Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. During this time of year, we read the story of Balaam, the talking donkey, in our Torah. In honor of Balaam and our animal companions, **Rabbi Kort** will offer a special blessing for your pets and create a space to honor the memories of pets who have passed. 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. Pets are encouraged on screen.





Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Lucie Burgamy

Saturday, July 8, 10:00 am (in-person and online)

with Rabbi Rachel Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh

Join us for our morning service led by **Rabbi Kort** and **Lucie Burgamy**. We will use our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. This Shabbat service will include a Torah reading, Torah teaching by **Lucie Burgamy** and an opportunity to remember loved ones with *Kaddish* - our mourner's prayer.

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 July 7, 3:00 pm. Guests are welcome to attend on Zoom without registration. [Zoom link to follow in ORbits](#).



Multigenerational Outdoor Shabbat

Saturday, July 15, 10:00 am (in-person only at TBO)

with Rabbi Kort and Shoshana Stombaugh

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 June 14, 3:00 pm.



Shabbat Service

Friday, July 21, 7:30 pm (in-person and online)

with Rabbi Rachel Kort, Music TBD

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 July 21, 3:00 pm.



Tishah B'Av: Reflecting on Contemporary Loss

Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 pm

Location: a waterfront park in Lynnwood/Edmonds (in-person only)

with Rabbi Rachel Kort

Tishah B'Av is our Jewish day of historical mourning where we mark the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. We as a Jewish people understand that we can grieve structures, institutions, and ways of life, in addition to the loss of loved ones. Together we will look at traditional Jewish texts and contemporary sources on loss and grief and join together in a ritual to mark our losses and move toward healing.

Registration: All participants must register. Guests are welcome. The location will be provided upon registration. Registration closes July 25, 3:00 pm



Shabbat At Home

Friday, July 28, 7:00 pm (online only)

Lay led - TBD

Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. This service will include music and a teaching or story. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish*—mourner's prayer. Please consider lighting Shabbat candles with us on screen to help transform the Zoom gallery into a sacred space of Shabbat. This service is great for all ages and was designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person. It will last under an hour.

Capital Campaign Lag BaOmer Celebration



More than 75 members enjoyed singing around a bonfire with **Noah Zeichner**, a catered lunch, and talks from **Rabbi Kort**, **Jim Dean** (Executive Director of the NW Washington Interfaith Alliance), and **Wanda Bresnick**. This included information about our history, present impact on the community, and future potential. **Sonia Siegel Vexler** told the story behind our Capital Campaign commemorative mezuzot, and pledging households received their beautiful mezuzah. Honorary Campaign Chair, **Rennie Karr**, shared exciting news with the community: TBO will receive a grant of \$250,000 from a Jewish philanthropic organization, bringing the total funds raised to date to just under \$2 million. Just as important, **over 70% of member households have pledged!** Todah Rabah!



President **Wanda Bresnick** recently returned from the Scheidt Seminar in Dallas. When she told other temple presidents what our small congregation had accomplished so far, they were very impressed. Please come to the Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 11, to hear and see exciting details about our plans to expand, secure, and make our building ADA accessible. Thank you again to all those who helped to make this a fantastic day.

Jess Burgamy & Jeff Napp
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs



Meet Steven Chaitman, Our High Holy Days Music Leader

Our team of dedicated volunteers (**Bernie Busch, Jennifer Cail, Melanie Field, Beth Fine, Alex Klarman, Mike Ingram, Amber Waldbaum, and Carolyn Wexler**), with guidance and assistance from Cantor Ellen Dreskin, conducted a thorough and deliberate search process to find a music leader for our High Holy Day (HHD) services. In consultation with **Rabbi Kort**, this Task Force recommended to the Temple Beth Or Governing Board that Steven Chaitman be offered the position of HHD musical leader. The Board approved this recommendation, and a contract was successfully negotiated with Steven.

We are very excited to have Steven join us for the HHD. He has great energy and enthusiasm. He comes to us from the Chicago area where he has been leading music and prayer for groups of all ages since 2009. His references gave glowing reviews of his musical talents and how delightful he is to work with. If you want to get a sneak peek of his singing, you can listen to an album of his original Jewish music at <https://stevenchaitman.bandcamp.com/album/awake-arise-sing>. You can also join our August 25 virtual service featuring Steven leading music.

Steven wanted to share this message with the congregation:

I am looking forward to spending a beautiful and meaningful High Holiday season with the Temple Beth Or community! I have been so impressed with and felt so welcomed by everyone I've connected with so far. I look forward to meeting everyone, and to creating a musical space that is warm, inviting, and uplifting in partnership with Rabbi Kort and Temple Beth Or leadership! See you in a few short months!

If you have any questions about HHD music or are interested in joining the HHD singers, contact **Melanie Field**.

Coffee With the Co-Chairs

We want to give a round of applause to all who helped make 2022-2023 an amazing Religious School year! Thank you to our new Director of Youth Education, **Stefanie Somers**, who didn't let starting mid-year stop her from creating some truly fun and memorable experiences for everyone; to **Jessica Hill** and **Roland Roth**, whose commitment to providing quality Judaics and Hebrew instruction is appreciated more than they know; and to **Dana Sanders**, for bringing back the TBO Tots program and making sure even our youngest students have a place to learn and grow.

Thank you to our *madrichim* for your assistance in the classrooms. Our students look up to you so much! Thank you to our guest musicians who made *k'hilah* all the more lively and joyful. Thank you to **Rabbi Kort**, for your pastoral presence and your work with preparing our teens for their upcoming b'nei mitzvah ceremonies, and with our Religious School grads on their upcoming trip to Israel. And thank you to our awesome families who were always ready to lend a helping hand, and who make Religious School a special place for so many in our TBO community.

We are committed to making sure our 2023-2024 Religious School year is just as good...and maybe even better! Because we are still transitioning and learning what life looks like in this post-pandemic environment, we want to make sure we are getting input and feedback from everyone. We want to know what worked for you and what didn't. We want to make sure that all your voices can be heard, so that our leadership can be informed and responsive to your needs.

Therefore, while our memories are still fresh, we are inviting all Religious School families for coffee and a chat. We will be scheduling 45-minute Zoom visits with each family. (In-person meetings can be arranged, too.) During that time we will be listening carefully, taking notes, and then compiling that information so that all those involved in making decisions that affect the Religious School at TBO will know what is important to you.

Kiah Webster and Mila Lowery
Youth Education Committee Co-Chairs



Register now for the 5784 (2023-2024) school year!

tinyurl.com/tboreligiousschool5784

Registrations and scholarship applications due August 1.



Mezuzah Pickup

Tuesday June 6, 9:00 am - Noon

If you were unable to pick-up your mezuzah at the Capital Campaign/Lag BaOmer celebration, pickup is available on Tuesday, June 6. There is no need to RSVP - just stop by. Please pull in to the loading zone out front and ring the bell. If you are unavailable at that time, please reach out to the office to arrange a pick up time.

If you would like a mezuzah for your home, but have not yet pledged, it is not too late. Pledges can be made through our website (templebethor.org/building/pledge).

Lucie Burgamy Is Becoming a Bat Mitzvah



Lucie Burgamy, daughter of **Jess and Will Burgamy**, sister of **Adelaide**, and granddaughter of **Sonia Siegel Vexler**, will be called to the Torah on July 8.

Lucie is a seventh grader at Twin Falls Middle School in North Bend, WA. Her favorite subject is Language Arts because she loves to read and write. Lucie enjoys playing soccer and is in her fifth year of playing recreational soccer. In her spare time, Lucie likes to bake and cook, read, and organize.

Studying for her bat mitzvah has taught Lucie that she sometimes goes a bit too fast and needs to slow down. Her favorite Jewish activities are baking challah and reading from the Torah.

For her *Tikkun Olam* project, Lucie has focused on learning about the issues surrounding equal pay for women. She has realized over the past year that not everyone is getting paid the same for the same work, especially women. Based on her

reading and interviews with women, Lucie is writing an essay about what she has learned, which she will make available to members of Temple Beth Or.

Lucie wants to thank her mom and her dad, **Debbie Massarano**, and **Rabbi Kort** for helping her prepare for her bat mitzvah.

Tzedakah Box



The April - June *Tzedakah* Box recipient is Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund. This is an independent, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to improve our understanding of the causes of gun violence and help to reduce it by conducting groundbreaking original research, developing evidence-based policies, and communicating gun safety knowledge to the American public. Two of their programs are:

- Everytown for Safer Cities - provides grants and training for community-based violence intervention programs aimed at reducing gun violence in cities; and
- Be SMART - a public education campaign which educates parents and other caregivers on secure gun storage to prevent children from accessing a gun.

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.



Leadership News

During the Governing Board Meeting on May 8, 2023, the Board did the following:

1. Approved the minutes from the April 16, 2023 Governing Board Meeting.
2. Each Board member shared a time they felt like they truly belonged to our TBO community.
3. Planned for the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, which will be in-person and on Zoom.
4. **Wanda Bresnick** shared her experience at the Scheidt Seminar for temple presidents. She came back with some good ideas and a couple of items for TBO to address at a later date. She received a lot of positive feedback on the success of our Capital Campaign and on how well we function as a congregation.
5. Discussed the beginning planning for HHD services. **Robyn Klarman** will be returning as Rosh HaShanah Coordinator. **Julie Mackoff** will be our Yom Kippur Coordinator with the assistance of **Pattipeg Harjo**.
6. **Melanie Field** gave an update from the Remodel Task Force. The Conditional Use application should be submitted by the end of May. The architect will then turn his attention to the construction drawings. A subgroup of the TF will be interviewing contractors.
7. Reviewed and approved the 2023-2024 budget, which will be presented for a membership vote at the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on June 11.

Volunteering

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.

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. There may be some other opportunities over the next few months. Please let **Vicki Schwartz** know if you are still interested in working with RISNW.

Interfaith Gathering and Potluck BBQ Saturday evening, June 17 (Offsite)



Join our neighbors from the Pacifica Foundation and Community Christian Fellowship of Edmonds for an evening of conversation and community building. Space is limited. Please contact **Rabbi Kort** (rabbikort@templebethor.org) if you are interested in attending and she will share more information, including location address.

Temple Leadership

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Building: Koby Wexler

Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

College and Military Outreach: Sarah Davis

Capital Campaign: Jessica Burgamy & Jeff Napp

Combined COVID-19: Adam Goldstein

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First Chapter: Dana Sanders

Fundraising: Vacant

HHD (Rosh HaShanah): Robyn Klarman

HHD (Yom Kippur): Julie Mackoff

Life & Legacy/Endowment: Harold Dash

Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Membership: Leslie Elmore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Remodel Team Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Liaison Mtg 10:00 am	3 Shabbat Morning Service & Adult Bat Mitzvah M. VonAschen-Cook 10:00 am MASSA Retreat
4 Governing Board Mtg 9:00 am	5 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	6 Mezuzah Pickup 9:00 am - Noon	7 Exec Board 7:00 pm	8	9 Liaison Mtg 10:00 am Pride Shabbat 7:30 pm	10
11 General Membership Meeting 10:00 am	12 Communications Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Interfaith BBQ
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	20 (1 Tamuz)	21	22	23 Shabbat at Home with Pet Blessing 6:15 pm	24
25	26	27	28 Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 pm Safety & Security Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	29	30	

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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2	3 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7 Liaison Mtg 10:00 am	8 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of L. Burgamy 10:00 am
9	10 Communications Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12 Legacy Committee Meeting 10:00 am Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 pm Governing Board Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Remodel Team Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 Outdoor Shabbat 10:00 am
16	17 ORacle Submission Deadline Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 (1 Av)	20	21 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	22 Donor Dinner
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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).