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music under the stars
Friday, October 6, 6:00 pm



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Religious School
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Creative Jewish space

What do you like to do to be creative? Do you cook? Build things out of wood? Write poetry? Read poetry? Play music? Listen to music? Weave? Paint? Draw? Rabbi Adina Allen, founder of the *Jewish Studio Project*, teaches that creativity is essential in Jewish tradition.

The first three words of the Torah are *Beresheit bara Elohim* — “In the beginning, God created.” God’s first act is one of creativity. Only a few verses later we read that humans are created *b’tzelem Elohim* (“in the image of God”). If God is, first and foremost, a creator, and we are created in God’s image, then we too are created to be creators. Each of us is endowed with creative capacity simply by being human...we human beings are God’s partners in the ongoing work of creation. We need to be creative, and God needs our creativity. (“Creativity as a Spiritual Practice”)

There is a new movement in the Jewish world, ignited during the pandemic, that seeks to explore Judaism and spirituality through creative practice. In addition to Rabbi Adina Allen, Jewish art educators Nomy Lamm, founder of *Dreaming the World to Come* (who created the art for our High Holy Day Journal), Rabbi Emily Meyer of *Doodly Jew*, and Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik’s *Paper Midrash Workshops* all infuse creative practices in their Jewish teaching.

We got creative here at Temple Beth Or during the High Holy Days. Together, we explored the “Blessing of a Blank Canvas” and had opportunities to journal, enjoy a community art project on Rosh HaShanah, and experiment with hands-on creative practices during our Yom Kippur afternoon service. This coming year, I am looking forward to continuing to be creative together through programming with our *Ruach* and Ritual Committee, now chaired by our member **Janis Warner**.

***Ruach* and Ritual workshops**

Each season, we will gather over Zoom for a hands-on *Ruach* and Ritual workshop. We will learn about a central theme in Jewish spirituality by weaving traditional texts with creative practice. Our first workshop will be on **Tuesday evening, October 24, at 7pm** and will be dedicated to the theme of “*ruach*” meaning “wind, breath, and spirit” in Hebrew.

Creative Shabbat services

Following each workshop, we’ll enjoy a creative Shabbat service that uplifts the same spiritual theme with traditional prayers and also poetry, meditation, contemporary music and creative practices. Save the date for our first **Creative Shabbat at Temple Beth Or on Friday, November 10, at 7:30 pm** dedicated to the theme of “*ruach*.”

No artistic ability or talent is necessary to participate in our *Ruach* and Ritual workshops or creative services. *Beresheit*, our Jewish creation story, teaches that creativity is essential to being human. Together, we will tap into our creativity and discover new facets of Jewish tradition.

TBO *Ruach* and Ritual creative workshop

October 24, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Zoom link: tinyurl.com/ruach-ritual

Rabbi Rachel Kort
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 is happy to set up a virtual meeting over Zoom, by phone, or to meet in person.

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.”

From our President

We have a plan!

I am in the afterglow of our beautiful High Holy Days services. What an amazing time for our community! Coming together at Camp Kalsman to bring in the new year remains one of the highlights of the year for me. I loved seeing all ages engaged in a variety of activities and I appreciated being able to sing, pray and reflect in such a gorgeous and peaceful setting. Yom Kippur is a time of deep introspection and soul searching for me. I appreciated the opportunity to join with others who were also in a contemplative place. **Rabbi Kort** shared teachings that were meaningful, thought provoking and touching. **Steven Chaitman**, our talented song leader, fit so well with our community. Together, Rabbi Kort and Steven led beautiful services. A huge thank you to both of them and to **Robyn Klarman**, our RH coordinator, and **Julie Mackoff**, our YK coordinator, for creating and organizing such an amazing HHD experience.



Each year, the Days of Awe are a focal point for our community, a time when so many members engage and join in services. I was pleased to see so many of you volunteer to help in some way or another to ensure that our services ran smoothly to allow us each to be present during this deeply spiritual time. Yet, I found myself thinking that what happens in the other fifty weeks of the year results in such lovely HHD services. All year long, we have much going on in our congregation because of the engagement of our members. In my HHD address, I talked about our Strategic Plan that was developed in 2019 by a diverse task force led by **Paul Vexler (Z"L)**. This task force solicited input from our community to help formulate this plan. As a result, they focused on community building, programming and activities, and facilities. They identified goals and suggested action items.

Recently, I reviewed this plan and was happy and proud to see that we have made headway in each of these areas. Under community building, our Membership Committee continues to find new ways to reach out to our members. Each year, our Social Action Committee provides us with informative programs such as the one on the unhoused by Everett Faith in Action, and opportunities for engagement with the outside community such as our work with Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest. We also have brought back our Tots program and are increasing our focus on multigenerational services and activities.

In the area of programming and activities, Rabbi Kort brings meaningful services to our diverse community such as our Pride Shabbat and Pajama Shabbat. In the past year, we hired **Stefanie Somers** as our Director of Youth Education. We have our MASSA program for our teens which will culminate in a trip to Israel. Additional programming highlights include our adult *b'nei mitzvah* class and our women's seder. The third area of the Strategic Plan is facilities, and we have knocked this one out of the ballpark with our plans for the remodel.

As you can see, all year round much is happening at Temple Beth Or. We do have a vision and a plan for the future, and we are using that plan to guide us in our day-to-day decision making. It is my hope that we can take the positive energy and momentum of the HHDs to continue to propel us forward. Areas of our strategic plan still need to be addressed, and many ways exist for you to be a part of our efforts. I look forward to seeing our progress this coming year.

Wanda

Wanda Bresnick, President (she/her)



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.



October services and events

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

Shabbat Zoom: tinyurl.com/tboshabbatzoom
In the event of Zoom link errors, join by manually entering the Meeting ID and Passcode into the Zoom app or website.



SHABBAT ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 837 4187 0594
Passcode: 531760
Dial In Users: 253-215- 8782



IN-PERSON



ONLINE



OUTDOOR

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

Sukkot membership dinner & music under the stars

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Friday, October 6, 6:00 pm with Rabbi Kort and guitarist Ken DeRoche (in-person only, outdoor)

Enjoy time in the sukkah with our TBO community. In addition to music, Rabbi Kort will lead the community in Shabbat and Sukkot blessings and share a Sukkot folktale. **This event is limited to members, prospective members, and guests of TBO members.** If you are interested in attending and have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Temple office.



All participants must register to attend. Register at: templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends Friday, September 29, 3:00 pm.

Simchat Torah celebration

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Sunday, October 8, 11:00 am - Noon with Rabbi Kort and musician Noah Zeichner (in-person only during Religious School but open to the entire TBO community)

We'll celebrate Simchat Torah with singing, dancing, and unrolling the entire Torah scroll.

Guests - Register at: templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends October 6, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat Morning service and bar mitzvah of Tyler Hill



Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am with Rabbi Kort and musician Noah Zeichner (in-person and via Zoom)

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



Guests - Register at: templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends October 13, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat at home



Friday, October 20, 7:00 pm. Lay Led with musician Shoshana Stombaugh (online only)

Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. This Shabbat service will include music and a teaching or story, and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* 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 in our building and will last about an hour.

Family Shabbat (TBO Religious School on Shabbat)



Friday, October 27, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh (in-person and online)

Our entire Temple Beth Or community is invited to our Family Shabbat service especially designed to nurture and engage our children and Religious School community. The evening will include songs, prayers, and a story. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer and we will use our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. The service will last less than an hour.



Guests - Register at: templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends October 27, 3:00 pm.



Remodel news

It has been a super busy and productive month for the Remodel Task Force. Here is just some of what we have accomplished in the last month.

- The Conditional Use Permit application was filed on August 21 with the City of Everett.
- The contractor selection team has identified two top candidates and has requested additional information from them.
- We are finalizing an agreement with an ADA architectural consultant. She will look at our needs for full accessibility.
- We have received another extension from Mutual Insurance. The deadline for our insurance claim is now May 1, 2024.
- Representatives from Safe Washington have reviewed our plans to identify areas where additional safety and security measures can be added.
- Results of additional lead and asbestos testing have shown only very limited presence of these constituents.
- We have begun work on the Public Works Permit application, including working with a contracted civil engineering firm.
- We created and distributed a video to the congregation which included a narrated tour of the proposed remodel spaces. Thank you for your valuable input!

If you have any questions related to the work of the Remodel Task Force, please reach out to **Harold Dash** or **Melanie Field**, co-chairs.



Demolishing of the rental house south of the Temple is complete! The next step is to secure the site with a temporary cedar fence. Permanent fencing, similar to the current steel fencing surrounding the Temple, will be installed as part of the remodel project. Once the remodel project is complete, we'll evaluate future use of the property. Thanks to **Bob Goodmark** for overseeing this effort!



Capital Campaign – gratitude, a payment reminder, and updates

Todah rabah to all who have pledged funds to make our facility more inviting and inclusive. The revised plans will also improve our ability to gather to pray, learn, and celebrate *simchahs* together (<https://templebethor.org/building/>). We greatly value your generosity for the project and your dedication to our community. The Campaign has raised over \$1,900,000 in donations. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

If your pledge includes payments in 2023 and you have not yet sent them to the office, now is a great time to submit them. We want to ensure that you receive credit on your 2023 tax year donation statement from TBO. We will also be happy to receive new pledges from members who have not yet participated in the campaign.

Planning for the remodel project is gaining speed. Stay tuned to the *ORacle*, *ORbits*, Facebook and our TBO website for future updates.

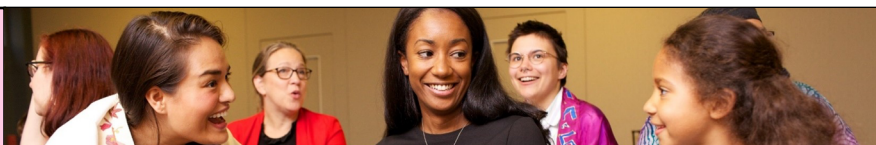
Making strides against breast cancer with Team Temple Beth Or

Please join us to fight breast cancer as a walker/fundraiser, donor, or cheerleader. Our Social Action Committee is sponsoring a Temple Beth Or team for this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k. The walk will be Saturday, October 28, at 10:00 am in downtown Everett. Fun costumes and pink gear are encouraged. If you would like to participate, please contact **Naomi Katsh Barger** or **Sarah Davis** in the Temple office. You can also register for Team Temple Beth Or at tinyurl.com/teamtbo.



Kalsman Fall Fest October 15, 2023, 1:30-4:00 pm

Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fall fun at camp and the grand opening of our new Little Free PJ Library book box! Climb the tower, cruise on the lake, create arts and crafts, Israeli dance, and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. This FREE event is in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle and PJ Library, and open to the community. To register use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/kalsmanfallfest>



Racial equity, diversity, & inclusion

URJ is hosting five educational programs on racial equity, diversity and inclusion. As we welcome the High Holy Days, return to school, and look to fall, now is the perfect time to learn concrete ways to create communities of belonging, inclusion and equity. The five programs are:

Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (REDI) 101

Wednesday, October 10-11, 9:00 -10:30 am PT

Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (REDI) working group workshop (4-Part Series)

Wed, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, and Nov. 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am PT

Microaggression & Upstander workshop

Thursday, November 2, 9:00-10:00 am PT

Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (REDI) 101

Tuesday, November 14, 5:00-6:30 pm PT

Understanding the Impact of Whiteness & White Dominant Culture (3-Part Series)

Tuesdays, Nov. 14, Nov. 28, and Dec. 5, 5:00-6:30 pm PT

A complete description of each workshop, along with registration info, is at: tinyurl.com/urj-redi-training.

If you have any questions, contact Aliza Greenberg at



Calling all Temple Beth Or thespians

Temple Beth Or Theater Company goes to Broadway with three 10-minute Jewish plays on Saturday, December 2, 2023, in the evening. We are looking for ten people willing to participate. All actors need to be over the age of 13. These are script-in-hand performances (readers theatre style). Sets will be minimal. We will meet on Sunday, November 19, at noon for a rehearsal.

Each play was written by former member, David Farkas and he will direct the plays. Jean Farkas will be our stage manager. Those interested in being in the play, contact Sonia Siegel Vexler.

Tyler Hill is becoming a bar mitzvah!

Tyler, son of **Jessica & Tim**, brother of **Jonathan** and **Isabella**, is in seventh grade at Haller Middle School, where his favorite subject is social studies. He enjoys playing saxophone and basketball. At Temple, his favorite activity is the Purim-spiel. Studying for his bar mitzvah taught him how to work hard under pressure.

Tyler's *tikkun olam* project focused on inclusivity. In this fall's *b'nei mitzvah* class, he will be teaching about the new gender-inclusive term "*bet mitzvah*." Additionally, during Pride Shabbat, he shared a reading, "Prayer Flights" – Mark J. Link, S.J., about being "different," and being accepted. Tyler also plans to bring a meal to the Cocoon House. It's important to him that ALL people in our world are included.

Tyler thanks **Ellis**, **Rabbi Kort**, and his parents for helping him through this journey.



Textile drive for TBO teens

Start the new year with less 'stuff,' and help send TBO teens to Israel!

Have you been meaning to clean out those old clothes in your closet, basement or attic? The MASSA teens are having a textile drive to raise money for their trip to Israel. If you would like to participate, please gather clean, saleable clothing and household textiles into garbage bags (either tall white kitchen bags or 30-gallon garbage bags) and bring them to TBO on one of these designated drop-off dates.



Clothing drop-off opportunities:

- **Sukkot dinner** (Friday, October 6, 7:00 pm)
- **Simchat Torah** (Sunday, October 8, 11:00 am)

Accepted items:

- Men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks
- Household textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows

Nothing torn or stained, please.

For more information, visit:

tinyurl.com/MASSA-FUNDrive. Questions? Contact **Mila Lowery** or **Amber Waldbaum**.

Safety & Security Committee: meet some of our friends

Sadly, it is common knowledge that antisemitic acts have been on the rise. We want you to know that "we're on it." Mr. Rogers said to look for the helpers, and we want to share with you some of TBO's helpers.

Every day, we depend on support from the officers of the Everett Police Department under the leadership of Chief Dan Templeman. Other organizations that work to keep us safe are SafeWashington (SafeWashington.com), the Secure Community Network (www.SecureCommunityNetwork.org), and the Anti-Defamation League-Pacific Northwest (Seattle.ADL.org). SAFE Washington is a Jewish community coalition based at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, where Andrew Chadick is Director of IT, Building Operations and Community Security. We consider all these people friends, and are most grateful for their hard work and support. We invite you to go to their websites for additional information.

On the national level, we depend on and are grateful to the US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the FBI. CISA are the folks who help identify Internet-based threats to our networks and monitor Internet "chatter" so law enforcement can stop the bad guys before they can act.

What can YOU do? If you see something, say something. If you experience an antisemitic incident, such as a flier on your car, an unpleasant email or phone call, or an unpleasant encounter for you or your child, or suspicious activity around the Temple, don't hesitate to call 911 and also report the incident to the TBO office. TBO will log the event and share it with the Secure Community Network, and work with the Everett Police in an effort to identify perpetrators, track trends, and reduce risk to our community.

If you would like to join our committee or have questions or suggestions, please contact **Nancy Rosen**.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and safe new year.

From your Social Action Committee

Tzedakah box - The recipient for October through December is Washington Women in Need. WWIN "provides scholarships and supports to help Washington women facing barriers to opportunity succeed in college and careers so they, their families and our communities can thrive." For more info visit wwin.org.

Podcast recommendation - Social Action Committee hopes to continue education and discussion about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion issues. This month we recommend the podcast "Velshi Banned Book Club". Each week, journalist Ali Velshi interviews an author of a banned book to get their perspective about issues of the day, literature in general, and why they think their books are being banned.

Volunteer story - We ask congregants to share information about the kind of volunteer work they do and why. Member **Gwen Campbell** was gracious enough to share her story.

Volunteering - by Gwen Campbell

I remember my first volunteer experience. I was in a high school French class, which partnered with a French class at a nearby junior high; we helped the students with their French lessons. My volunteer activities since then fall into a few buckets - tutoring, writing and political campaigns. Pre-pandemic, I volunteered at a library literacy center teaching basic reading and writing to adults whose first language was not English. During the pandemic, I volunteered with a local chapter of Reading Partners helping two elementary school students improve their reading skills. As an avid reader myself, I get a great deal of pleasure supporting reading learners.

I love writing. My career included writing for different communications goals. Since 2017, I've been matched by Catchafire with nonprofits seeking volunteers to write grants, marketing collateral, donor appeals and more. I've completed nine projects valued at \$34,739, according to their valuation. I recently completed my first match project with Taproot Plus, a similar volunteer platform. This volunteerism gives me the opportunity to engage with nonprofits across the country working on issues including community and economic development, housing and food security.

For two years, I wrote regular blog posts for a nonprofit providing emergency housing and related services to families. Now I'm writing for a nonprofit newsletter. Both of these projects include interviewing people who are providing and/or receiving services from the nonprofit; I enjoy these conversations.

My political campaign volunteerism includes local, regional and national candidates. I have done voter outreach via phone, text and postcard. I even appeared in a political ad for a congressional race, which was fun!



Legacy Committee

Healthy congregations don't rely only on sacred commitments/dues and donations to finance their organizations. About 20% of their operating budgets come from income generated by their endowments. With a very small endowment that did not generate income, Temple Beth Or joined the LIFE & LEGACY program in 2016, a national program founded to help build endowments in Jewish communities. Since then, over fifty TBO members have made TBO's LIFE & LEGACY program a beneficiary via a will, IRA or other retirement vehicle. Three of those members have passed, may their memories be blessings, and TBO has received their gifts.

This year, most of us have contributed to the Capital Campaign to pay for the renovation of our building. LIFE & LEGACY is about a commitment that will be made in the distant future.

We are looking forward to a beautiful, remodeled synagogue. Ten, twenty, thirty years from now, TBO will need income from its endowment to support its operations, maintain the building, and provide a vibrant community for our children and our children's children. Thank you to our congregants who have committed to the LIFE & LEGACY program to sustain TBO's future. If you have not already done so, please contact one of us to learn how you can participate. *L'dor vador*.

Harold Dash, Bob Goodmark, Sonia Siegel Vexler, Eldon Wexler



Cemetery cleanup - a huge success!

On Saturday, September 9, nineteen volunteers showed up to help with the cleanup at the Temple Beth Or section of the GAR Cemetery in Snohomish. They scrubbed headstones, washed rocks and enjoyed the sunshine.

Volunteers included: **Michael and Susan Cross, the Sanders/Lefrancois-Hanson family (Dana, Meghan, Alma, and Skelly), the Webster family (Kiah, Phil, Phillip, Liam, and Amelia), Mike and Marilyn Glosser, Naomi Katsh Barger, Sue and Sam Halle, Melanie Field, Kayln Kauffman, Andrew Silverman, and Sheryl Shapiro.** A big THANK YOU for a job well done. The cemetery looks great!



TBO friends gathered on Zoom to make an apple cake for Rosh Hashanah. It was a fun afternoon with beautiful, delicious results. Shanah tovah from the TBO bake class. Yum!



TBO summer BBQ

Thank you to all who came and helped make this year's TBO summer BBQ a success, and a special thank you to Susan and Michael Cross for opening their home. Sixty-six members of all ages enjoyed a nice afternoon schmoozing and eating.





Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on September 10, 2023, the Board did the following:

1. Approved the minutes from the August 6, 2023 Governing Board meeting.
2. Discussed upcoming High Holy Day services and what gaps still remained in coverage for greeter and ushering. Filled those in where we were able to do so.
3. Agreed to move the October board meeting to in-person at TBO on October 8. This allows board members to then participate in Simchat Torah immediately following the board meeting.
4. **Wanda Bresnick** provided an update on the estate. The house is being cleaned out and estate sales were held. Bio Management NW is in process of removing the flooring and sanitizing the house. They will then replace the subfloor throughout the house. Next step will be for the congregation to paint the house.
5. Wanda Bresnick discussed issues related to participation in hosting our *onegs* after services. As of January, we will again start enforcing the \$50 fee for those families who choose not to participate in providing their yearly *oneg*. We also discussed ways to make it easier for families to sign up to host *onegs*.
6. **Melanie Field** presented an update on the remodel team. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application was submitted in August. We will know by September 16 whether additional information is needed. **Glen Pickus** is working on the applications for Public Works permit and for the building permit. The subcommittee choosing the contractor has narrowed it down to two choices. Each of those are submitting Rough Orders of Magnitude (ROMs). A decision will then be made to select a contractor.
7. A motion to add a line item to our operating budget for the Religious School *Tzedakah* Fund was approved by the board.
8. A motion was approved to transfer \$9,000 from the Wexler Music Fund to our operating budget to pay a portion of the 2022 HHD cantor fee.
9. A motion was approved to authorize the remodel team to spend an additional \$50,000 on expenditures related to the remodel.
10. Reviewed the finance and committees reports.

Games, Games, Games!

Save Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 2:00 - 5:30 pm to play games, laugh, eat light appetizers, and just hang out with the Next Chapter *chavurah*. Space is limited so contact **Mike or Marilyn Glosser** ASAP.

The Next Chapter is a *chavurah* for adults seeking to form a social community with others who are at the same stage of life and looking to build a friendship community. The group comes together to learn, socialize and have fun.

Contact office@templebethor.org to join our mailing list.

Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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Book Club: Nancy Rosen

Building: Koby Wexler

Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Capital Campaign: Jessica Burgamy & Jeff Napp

College and Military Outreach: Sarah Davis

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

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 Elsemore

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: Janis Warner

Remodel: Harold Dash & Melanie Field

Ruach and Ritual: Janis Warner

Safety and Security: Nancy Rosen

Social Action: Naomi Katsh Barger &

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Mila Lowery & Kiah Webster



OCTOBER 2023

Tishrei/Cheshvan 5784



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Religious School first day TBO tots	2 Finance committee meeting 7 pm	3 Office closed Finance subcommittee meeting 7 pm	4 Exec Board meeting 7 pm Capital Campaign meeting 7 pm	5	6 Sukkot membership dinner and music under the stars 6 - 7:30 pm Clothing dropoff	7
8 Religious School Governing Board mtg 9 am at TBO MASSA 12:15 pm Simchat Torah 11 am Clothing dropoff	9 Communications committee meeting 7 pm	10	11	12 Remodel team mtg 7:30 pm	13 Liaison mtg 10 am	14 Bar mitzvah of Tyler Hill 10 am
15 Religious School ORacle deadline	1 Cheshvan 16 Membership committee meeting 7 pm	17 Calendar planning meeting 7 pm	18 Capital campaign meeting 7 pm	19	20 Shabbat at home lay led 7 - 8:30 pm	21
22 Religious School	23	24 <i>Ruach</i> and Ritual creative workshop 7 - 8 pm	25 Safety & Security committee meeting 7:30 pm	26	27 Religious School Shabbat and family service 7 - 8 pm	28 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer with Team Temple Beth Or 10 am
29 NO Religious School Games, Games, Games 2 - 5:30 pm	30	31				

Fill out the Calendar/Event Submission form to add an item to the calendar and/or set up a Zoom meeting; this includes all committee meetings. Please submit a form even if you are using a private Zoom.

templebethor.org/calendar-submission

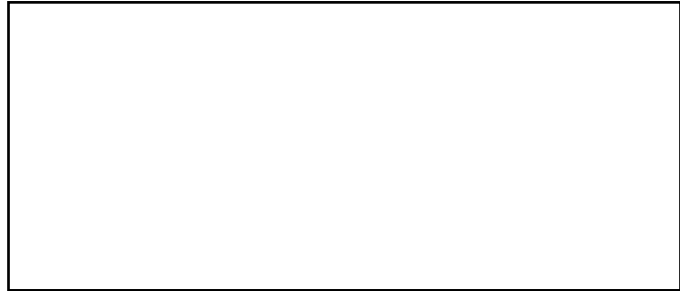
Note: Appointments are no longer required for visiting the building. During office hours, advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building (425-259-7125 x1). Office Hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am -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

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



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Return Service Requested



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).

If you prefer to read the *ORacle* online only, please contact the Temple Beth Or office to be removed from the postal mailing list.