

THE ORACLE



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ISRAEL



During these unprecedented times when Israel is at war, we will regularly share resources with our TBO family in all ways possible. The most current information will be sent out by email and through *ORbits*.

Staying informed and being connected together in community is important right now, too. We will offer a prayer for Israel at all upcoming Shabbat services.

- **Where to go for information** - The local news can be repetitive and at times sensationalized. For an unbiased review of events happening in Israel, this newspaper's website will provide current information: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/>.
- **Talking to kids** - Keeping our youth informed without frightening them, letting our children know what is happening without the graphic details, is an important task for parents and adults. Following is an article that can guide us through these conversations with different age groups: <https://tinyurl.com/TBOtalktokids>.
- **Security at Temple Beth Or** - We are aware of the need at this time for heightened security for TBO events. We have been in contact with the Everett Police Department, which now has a list of our services and events for the remainder of the year. Our contact at EPD has committed to having police officers drive by the temple regularly during all services. Additionally, board greeters will be taking extra care in following all safety procedures currently in place. We are in daily contact with the Secure Community Network and other organizations dedicated to the safety of our community.
- **Tzedakah opportunities** - Our member **Alex Klarman**, who just returned from the URJ's high school in Israel semester, has invited us to support an emergency fund through JNF. Donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/TBO-donateJNF>. The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has opened an emergency fund to support critical care and services that the Jewish Agency for Israel, Joint Distribution Committee, and Israel Trauma Coalition are providing. You may give at <https://tinyurl.com/TBO-JNFA>.
- **Spiritual care** - Visit RitualWell.org for a selection of contemporary poems and prayers. Here is a special prayer from the Union for Reform Judaism: <https://tinyurl.com/TBO-IsraelNeedsUs>.



Rabbi's Corner

Extending prayers and love to our extended Israeli family

As I write this article in mid-October, Israel has been at war for just over a week. Personally, I am in shock and grieving the civilians killed by Hamas terrorists and Israeli soldiers killed protecting Israel. I am saddened by the death of innocent Palestinians caught amidst this conflict. I pray for the safe return of the over 200 people who Hamas kidnapped and are now hostages in Gaza. Their fate, as I write, is uncertain.

Like everyone with family and friends in Israel, as soon as the war began, I contacted everyone I know living in Israel. I would like to share one of their stories to help illustrate the magnitude of the effects of this current hostage situation. Dan and I met our Israeli friend Daphna in 2003 when we were working for the Jewish Agency for Israel. We were all participating in a program that paired post-college Americans with post-army Israelis to work as Jewish emissaries in the former Soviet Union.

In 2001, Hezbollah militants kidnapped Daphna's older brother, Benny Avraham, an Israeli soldier, while he was on duty at the Israel-Lebanon border. Daphna's father, Haim, dedicated the next three years of his life to bringing Benny home, dead or alive. In January 2004, Daphna left her work in Russia to return to Israel to bury her brother. Benny's body, along with the remains of two other Israeli soldiers, were exchanged for Israel's release of more than 400 Palestinian militants held in prison.

I remember watching news coverage of Daphna's brother's funeral from an internet café in St. Petersburg. After three years of uncertainty, I was not surprised by the emotive grief of Daphna's family at the funeral. What I found surprising, and what has touched me to my core to this day, were the hundreds of Israelis who attended the funeral to support the Avraham family, as if Benny was their own nephew, cousin or friend. The Washington Post reported at the time, "In a nation grimly accustomed to violent death, Haim Avraham's unyielding fight to bring his boy home dead or alive captivated the Israeli public. This father represents the weight of bereavement in Israeli society."

Daphna now lives outside of Tel Aviv with her husband and young daughter. On the day of the terrorist attacks, she helped organize a giant pizza delivery to police and soldiers near the city of Sderot. In the week since, she has helped organize hundreds of meal deliveries for soldiers. In addition to delivering a meal, Daphna wants to make sure that each soldier feels love from an extended Israeli and Jewish family. The love that strangers extended to her when her brother was missing and at his funeral meant so much to Daphna.

The weight of grief that Israeli society is experiencing right now is like nothing the country has experienced before. My friend Daphna is one of the few people in Israel who has lived through the trauma of having a family member kidnapped by militants. She reminded me this week that the prayers and love we extend do, indeed, mean something to those who are holding vigil for loved ones or are bereaved.

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."



Membership meeting
Saturday, December 16, 4:00 pm

From our President

Self-care in troubled times



I have struggled this week to write this article. As the High Holy Days (HHD) wound down, I felt such a sense of appreciation and gratitude for **Rabbi Kort** who led such lovely services, for **Steven Chaitman** with his beautiful voice, and for all of you who helped make the HHDs wonderful. Given that this article is for our November Oracle, I thought I would write about gratitude. Last Saturday, that all changed. How can I write about gratitude when my heart is breaking? Over this past week, I have felt such an array of emotions ranging from shock, sadness, grief, anger, helplessness to concern for those in harm's way and for those in our community who have family and friends in Israel. Additionally, I have felt a strong sense of responsibility to protect and to provide comfort to our community. I am so aware that as Jews and as humans we are all connected, and what is happening in Israel and Gaza is painful, horrific and terribly sad.

By the end of the week, I was emotionally drained and physically exhausted. I realized I could not show up for others without first caring for myself. It was a signal for me that I needed to take some time to focus on self-care. I came home from **Tyler Hill's** joyous bar mitzvah and watched the UW – Oregon football game (Go Huskies!) and just relaxed. Today, I woke up with energy and a more positive outlook. For the many of you currently feeling distress, please take time to focus on the simple things that are core to staying balanced and healthy: eat regularly even if your appetite is low, drink plenty of water, get enough sleep, and take breaks when you need to do so. It can help to give and receive hugs and to let those around you know that you are struggling with what is going on in Israel and Gaza. Getting exercise, taking walks and spending time outdoors can also help. Take a break from watching the news and from social media, as we all need time to absorb and process what is happening. Sometimes, we just need to say to ourselves, "I've seen enough, I've heard enough, now I just need to regain my equilibrium."

In these difficult times, remember that emotions are intense and raw right now. Be gentle with yourselves and those around you. Treat each other with extra kindness and grace.

And now for a pitch for gratitude. We know from research that taking time each day to acknowledge our blessings significantly improves mental health. Take time to appreciate those around you and to notice with gratitude the little things in our life that improve our mood. I encourage each of you to daily acknowledge three things for which you feel gratitude. Right now, I am looking out my window to our backyard where our tree is covered with bright leaves of gold sparkling in the sun. Nature is always restorative for me. I truly appreciate the beautiful Northwest in which we live. I am grateful for my loving family, **Mark**, Zach and his wife Kelly (and our grandson on the way), and Kelsey. And, I am grateful for our amazing TBO family.

As we focus energy on peace in Israel, I hope that you will take the time needed for self-care.

L'Shalom,

Wanda

Wanda Bresnick, President (she/her)

An important reminder from your Safety & Security Committee: Please review the comprehensive article in last month's *ORacle*. Now more than ever, it's important to have that information handy. Meanwhile, remember that in any emergency YOU ARE THE HELP UNTIL HELP ARRIVES. In that spirit, the Safety & Security Committee reminds you to change the batteries in your smoke detector when you change the clocks this month, keep enough water in your emergency stash to last a few days, check your first aid supplies, keep a few days of your medications in your "go bag," make sure that your flashlights work, and practice "situational awareness."

Do you have suggestions or concerns or want to join the committee? Please contact **Nancy Rosen**.

November 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

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

Shabbat morning service and b'nei mitzvah of Caris and Amelia Webster



Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am with Rabbi Kort and Caris and Amelia Webster (in-person and online)



Join us for our morning service led by Rabbi Kort and Caris and Amelia Webster. 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 November 3, 3:00 pm.

Creative Shabbat



Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm with Rabbi Kort and Rabbi C. B. Souther (in-person and online)



Our first TBO Creative Shabbat will be dedicated to the theme of "*shalom*" meaning "peace" in Hebrew. This special service will uplift our theme with traditional prayers and also poetry, meditation, contemporary music and creative practices. This service will include an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration. Registration ends November 10, 3:00 pm.

Tot Shabbat



Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am with Stefanie Somers and Neil Weinstein (in-person only)

This service is geared toward preschoolers and babies, but young elementary children will enjoy the experience too. The morning will include Shabbat singing and a story. Kids are encouraged to bring a special lovey/stuffie/plush toy to join them for Shabbat.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration. Registration ends November 17, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat morning service



Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am with Ellis Engbar and Neil Weinstein (in-person and online)



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

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration. Registration ends November 17, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat at home



Friday, November 24, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Kort and Dan Steingart (online only)

Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. This service will include music and a teaching or story, and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer. Consider lighting 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 is designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person. It will last about an hour.

Caris and Amelia Webster are becoming b'nei mitzvah!



Caris, child of Kiah and Phillip, sibling of Liam, Phillip and Amelia, is a ninth grade online student at Cavaleiro Mid-High School. Caris's favorite school subjects are English, foreign languages and creative writing. They enjoy rock climbing and learning Korean/Chinese. At TBO, Caris loves helping with the first and second grade kids in Religious School (they're chaotic, but really sweet).

For *tikkun olam*, Caris worked with the first and second grades at Temple. They served as a *madrichim*, starred in the Purim-spiel, participated in the HHD choir, designed two of the Temple's holiday cards, and volunteered at MASSA projects. Caris prepared food for the homeless, worked on construction projects for college students at Michigan State University, and is preparing to volunteer at a local animal shelter.

Caris is very excited about the upcoming trip to Israel (fingers crossed it still happens!). In lieu of gifts, Caris would appreciate donations to help defray the costs of the trip. Donations can be made here: <https://tinyurl.com/caris-trip>.

Caris thanks Pam and Rich Spitzer for their help in preparing to read the Torah, and their mom, Rabbi and friends.

Amelia, child of Kiah and Phillip, sibling of Liam, Phillip and Caris, is a seventh grader at North Lake Middle School, where their favorite subjects are science and physical education. Favorite extra-curricular activities include running cross-country and playing trumpet. At Temple Beth Or, they like hanging with friends. While studying for b'nei mitzvah, Amelia learned that they can actually sing!



Amelia's *tikkun olam* project included sending care packages to camp friends, preparing lunches for the homeless, doing construction projects for college students at Michigan State University, and getting involved with Temple volunteer projects (helping with Lucie's *oneg* set up, cemetery clean up, etc.). Amelia also will be preparing food for Cocoon House teens experiencing homelessness.

Amelia thanks Pam and Rich Spitzer for their help with Hebrew, Roland Roth for his teaching in Religious School, and the Rabbi for getting all of this arranged!

New Year Transitions for Religious School

Religious School is off to a wonderful start! We are elated to welcome five families that are new to RS this year. A big *todah rabah* to **Kiah Webster** and **Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson**, my Youth Education co-chairs, for such an amazing kickoff on the first day. The building was bustling with energy, warmth and new learning.

This year, we are excited to have **Danielle Price** join the TBO Religious School (RS) faculty. Danielle grew up in a small Jewish community in Columbus, Georgia, and has twenty years of experience in Jewish education. In 2016, she moved with her husband, two boys and countless pets to Washington State. Now in Shoreline, Danielle can be found gardening with her dogs, playing ukulele, decorating Pinterest-worthy cookies and tinkering with other crafty projects. In the classroom, Danielle has a reputation for engaging students through interactive projects and creative games. When you meet her, make sure you see what fun t-shirt she is wearing from her impressive collection. *B'ruchim habayim* Danielle! We are thrilled to have you as part of our RS family.

With new beginnings, sometimes there are also goodbyes. After nine years of service to our community as a teacher in our Religious School, **Jessica Hill** has chosen to move on from that role and to explore other opportunities. We are sad to see her leave our RS faculty and really appreciate all that she gave our kids over the years. We are glad to have her and **Tim** continue on as involved parents in our school community, and enjoy the whole family as valued members of our congregation. Jessica loved being a teacher, and she touched the lives of many of our TBO kids. She brought her warmth, passion for the kids, HUGE heart and dedication to teaching each Sunday to her classroom. Her bright energy and creativity led to fun projects and activities that engaged her students in Jewish learning. We are grateful for Jessica's commitment to our RS, our kids, and our community.

We look forward to a year overflowing with Jewish learning, *k'hillah* (community) and *chesed* (kindness).

Stefanie Somers, Director of Youth Education

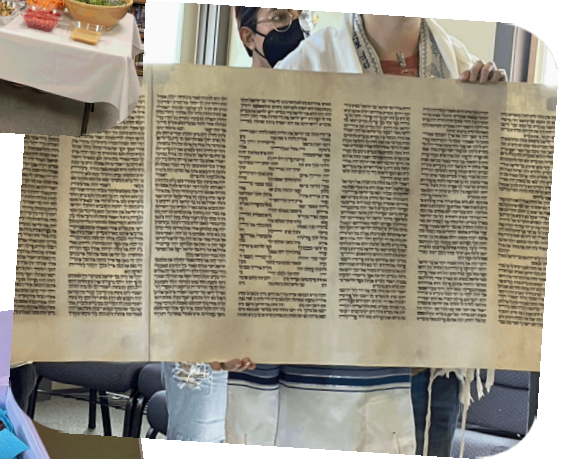
Rosh HaShanah
Yom Kippur

THE FALL HOLIDAYS



AT TEMPLE BETH OR

Sukkot
Simchat Torah



Social Action Committee

From time to time we will have recommendations regarding books, podcasts or other media to help further our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion learning. Here are some recommendations for books written for children and youth but enriching for all ages.

Indigenous History Month (November)

* *We Have a Dream: Meet 30 Young Indigenous People and People of Color Protecting the Planet*, by Mya-Rose Craig, illustrated by Sabrena Khadija: This book profiles thirty young environmental activists who are fighting for water conservation, Indigenous rights, the end to deforestation and more. Each activist shares their dream for climate justice, a healthy planet, and a fairer world for all.

* *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids*, edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith: This anthology by Native writers provides a glimpse into contemporary Indigenous life by telling the stories of different characters as they travel to the big powwow.

* *We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know*, by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac: In these pages, young Indigenous students present lessons on the tragedies and triumphs of their people's past, issues facing Native communities today, and their hopes and plans for continuing the language, traditions, and culture of their people. Each mini-lesson is followed by the refrain, "We Are Still Here!"



TBO Book Club

Historical fiction will take center stage when the TBO Book Club meets on Sunday, November 19, from 10 am - noon at the Temple. We will discuss *Safe Haven* by longtime TBO member **David Gross**. David has agreed to lead the discussion. He says that he is looking forward to talking about what got him interested in the characters, their story and the history of Jews in Andalusia. All TBO members and guests are welcome to attend. Questions? Please contact **Nancy Rosen**.

Tzedakah Box: Washington Women in Need

The October - December Tzedakah Box recipient 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 information, please visit wwin.org.



Through a **STOP THE BLEED®** course, you will learn to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. The Temple owns two Stop the Bleed kits, and the board has been trained. If you also would like some training with this life-saving equipment, please email **Nancy Wilkinson**. If we have enough interest, she will request a class for us. Thanks!



Calling all Temple Beth Or thespians



Temple Beth Or Theater Company goes to Broadway with three ten-minute Jewish plays on Saturday, December 2, 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. We will meet on Sunday, November 19, at noon for a rehearsal. Those interested in being in the play, contact **Sonia Siegel Vexler**.



The value of camp

Attending Jewish summer camp can be life-changing for our children. Here is a letter from a camper who received a campership from Temple Beth Or. Consider sending your child to Camp Kalsman.

Dear TBO Sturman Campership Committee,

I really appreciate your help in getting me to camp year after year. I love Camp Kalsman more than anything else in the world. I'm so grateful I got the experience of growing up there. The energy of camp and the closeness of the community is like no other, and I wouldn't be who I am today without Camp Kalsman. Camp means more to some kids than others, but it means everything to me. Thank you for giving me and many other kids a chance to fall in love with camp. You're changing lives.

On November 19, during Religious School, Camp Kalsman will be at TBO to talk about camp, and **Sonia Siegel Vexler** will be there to talk about camperships. Camp Kalsman registration opened Sunday, October 29, for returning families, and opens Sunday, November 5, for new URJ-member families.

Registration information plus session dates and cost can be found at campkalsman.org/summer/dates-rates/.

November 26,
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
at TBO



Fused glass chanukiyah class

Join us for a morning of fun crafting as you make your own fused glass *chanukiyah*. No prior experience is necessary. Because you will be working with sharp glass, this event is limited to ages 13 or older. Due to space constraints this is limited to 16 participants.

The cost for materials and firing is \$30 per *chanukiyah*. The office will contact you regarding payment once your registration has been received. If you have any questions regarding the class, please reach out to Dana Sanders.

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/tboglass>.

Registration closes November 17, 3:00 pm.



Remodel news

The Remodel Task Force has made a lot of progress in the last month.

- The contractor selection subgroup recommended, and the Task Force supported, the selection of CPM Construction as our preferred contractor. The next step is to negotiate a pre-construction contract with them to begin coordination with the architect and the subcontractors.
- A contract has been signed with Studio Pacifica accessibility consultants to review the design and plans for our new spaces, identify compliance with applicable codes, and suggest best practices to ensure that our building is as accessible as possible for all.
- Our conditional use permit application is in the pipeline with the City of Everett. At this time, it is considered to be "active," and various departments within the city are reviewing the application.
- Work is ongoing with the civil engineer to prepare the elements required for the utilities permitting.
- A temporary security fence has been installed on the south lot.
- We are exploring the option of applying for an ignition grant through the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.
- A session was held during Religious School on October 22 to review the plans and solicit input from meeting attendees.

The Task Force will be sharing an update with the congregation at the December membership meeting. 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.

Capital Campaign reminder

Todah rabah to all who have pledged funds to make our facility more inviting and inclusive. Total funds raised as of the middle of October are \$1,953,968. 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. It is not too late to pledge if you have not yet participated in the campaign.

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



November Yahrzeits



11/1	Lois Karp Cissell	Cousin of Sarah Davis
11/1	Leonard Michael Rubin	Son of Solly Rubin
11/2	Thomas Mahaney	Father of Janet Karr
11/3	Flora Collins	Great Grandmother of Kiah Webster
11/4	Mary Roeder	Grandmother of Jonathan Roselle
11/4	Fred Taucher	A Temple Beth Or Family
11/5	June Shapiro Cohn	Mother of Steve Cohn
11/5	Harold Sol Friedman	Uncle of Geraldine Friend
11/5	Milton Waldbaum	Father of Jerry Waldbaum
		Grandfather of Amber Waldbaum
11/6	Harry Goldstein	Grandfather of Andrea Tucker
11/6	Fred Pintos	Father of Pam Pintos
11/7	Chary Chepuri	Father of Vinaya Chepuri
11/7	Kurt Schwarz	Husband of Hanna Schwarz
11/11	Larry Littlefield	Father of Wyndi Russakoff
11/11	Louis Vexler	Father-In-Law of Sonia Siegel Vexler
11/12	Diane Brewington	Mother of Janet Rekow
11/12	Dale Alfred Halliday	Father of Debbie Halliday
11/13	RoseAnne Wager	Aunt of Dan Paquette
11/14	Melvin Edelstein	Husband of Mim Edelstein
11/14	David Sussman	Father of Stan Sussman
11/15	Harold L. Cohen	A Temple Beth Or Family
11/16	Stu Barger	Husband of Naomi Katsh
11/16	Sadie Gibson	Grandmother of Dan Paquette
11/16	Michael Lowery	Father of Ken Lowery
11/16	Aida Weiss	Mother of Randi Weiss
11/17	Barry Balk	Husband of Selma Balk
11/18	Donald Snitz	Partner of Nancy Rosen
11/18	Aaron Fineberg	Great-uncle of Nancy Sosnove
11/19	Larry Massin	Brother of Michele Goodmark
11/19	Adele Vexler	Mother-In-Law of Sonia Siegel Vexler
11/20	Sander J. Goldman	Father of Cari Goldman
11/20	Alice Riley	Grandmother of Kiah Webster
11/24	Michael Eisenkraft	A Temple Beth Or Family
11/28	Jonathan Field	Melanie Field & Vinaya Chepuri
11/29	Norma E. Cohen	A Temple Beth Or Family



Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on October 8, 2023, the board did the following:

1. Opened the meeting with a prayer for Israel.
2. Reviewed our High Holy Days. Board members gave feedback which will be shared with **Rabbi Kort** and others at our HHD wrap up meeting. The board unanimously would like to see **Steven Chaitman** return next year as our song leader.
3. Reminded board members that we are conducting the membership survey and asked each board member to be sure to complete the survey.
4. Received a Remodel Task Force update.
5. An estate update was given by **Wanda Bresnick**. The car was sold and we received \$12,000. The house has been cleared out and the issue of the smell has been resolved. The next step is to address the black mold on one wall. We are awaiting the bid for the black mold removal.
6. **Jennifer Cail** shared with the board that she is stepping down from the board at the end of December to spend more time with her family. She has one year remaining in her term as VP of Jewish Life. President Wanda Bresnick, with board support, will be appointing her replacement.
7. Jennifer Cail gave a Religious School update. The RS is off to an excellent start.
8. **James Feinberg** presented the finance report.
9. From our committee reports, Wanda Bresnick shared that our HHD food drive raised \$880 in cash and 210 pounds of non-perishable food. Thank you to our Social Action Committee for sponsoring this.



First in-person board meeting since the pandemic!

Statements by email: an easy way to help TBO

It may not seem like much, but with postage now \$0.66, the cost of mailings adds up. A simple way to help us save on postage, paper, envelopes and printing costs is to agree to receive your quarterly statements via email.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Davis in the Temple office (office@templebethor.org).



Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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Adult Education: Vacant

Bereavement: Susan Cross

B'nei mitzvah Coordinator: Pam Spitzer

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

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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: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson
& Kiah Webster



NOVEMBER 2023

Cheshvan/Kislev 5784



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Exec Board meeting 7 pm Capital Campaign mtg 7 pm	2	3 Liaison meeting 10 am	4 B'nei mitzvah of Caris & Amelia Webster 10 am
5 Religious School TBO Tot's Governing Board mtg 9 am RS parent challah braiding 9:30 am	6 Finance Committee meeting 7 pm	7 Legacy Committee meeting 7 pm	8	9 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	10 Creative Shabbat 7:30 - 8:30 pm	11
12 NO Religious School	13 Communications Committee meeting 7 pm	14 1 Kislev	15 Capital Campaign meeting 7 pm ORacle deadline	16	17	18 Tot Shabbat 9 am Shabbat service (lay led) 10 am
19 Religious School Book club 10 am Play rehearsal 12 pm MASSA online book talk 1 pm	20 Membership Committee meeting 7 pm	21	22 Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:30 pm	23 Office closed 	24 Office closed Shabbat at home 7 - 7:30 pm	25
26 NO Religious School Fused glass <i>chanukiyah</i> class 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	27	28	29 Exec Board meeting 7 pm Capital Campaign Committee meeting 7 pm	30		

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

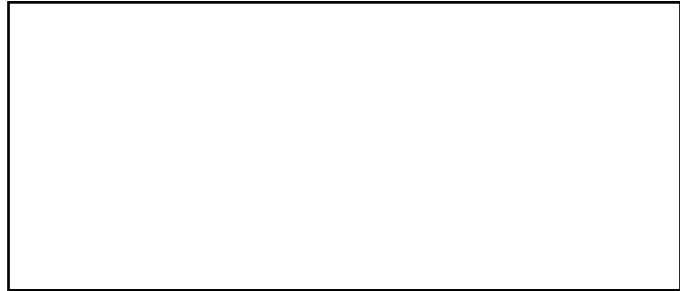
Note: Appointments are no longer required for visiting the building. During office hours, advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building (425-259-7125 x1). Office Hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am -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



Last call for membership survey responses

Do you have an opinion on what we do or don't do well at TBO? Have you returned your membership survey to provide us with programming and other feedback?

Responses to the Membership Committee survey will be accepted until Shabbat begins on November 10. So far, we have received feedback from 25 respondents.

The survey was sent to members on Tuesday, October 3, via email. A link to the short (14 question) survey is here: (<https://tinyurl.com/TBOsurvey>). Each adult member within a household can complete the survey. Responses may remain anonymous if you choose. We'll communicate the survey results later this fall.

With gratitude, the TBO Membership Committee

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).

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