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The wisdom of trees: Interfaith Tu BiShvat celebration

Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm

Rabbi Rachel Kort, Temple Beth Or

Peter Nordlund, Community Christian Fellowship

Ramin Yusufov, Pacifica Foundation

Ken DeRoche, Guitar

In honor of the Jewish New Year for trees, Tu BiShvat, we'll gather as Jews, Christians and Muslims to share and glean wisdom from our traditions' sacred texts about trees.

- Guided conversation with interfaith neighbors
- Tu BiShvat seder (and playing with your food!)
- Music, desserts and community

Hosted by TBO Social Action Committee



Purimspiel Casting Call

Actors needed! TBO Members **Nancy Sosnove** and **David Roberts** wrote a *30-Minute Megillah* for our upcoming Purim party on March 23 at 7:00 pm.

The principals have been cast but we are still in need of additional actors – palace ladies and princes, assassins, beauty pageant contestants, and Secret Service agents.

No singing is involved, and no acting experience needed.

It's a quick 30-minute production. This is a great chance to have fun and get to know fellow TBO members.



This event is 21+. Rehearsals will be February 25, March 10, and March 17 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Please contact Director Nancy Sosnove or the office for more information.



Navigating end of life, death and loss

As a rabbi, one of my roles is supporting people around the end of their life, or the end of life and death of a loved one. Over the years, I have learned that one of the things that frightens people most about death stems from being unfamiliar with it. A midrash imagines Adam's first experience facing darkness and his mortality:

As the sun set in the Garden of Eden on the first day of Adam's existence, he believed the world and his life were coming to an end. He did not know that the sun would rise again. To help ease his fears, God provided two pieces of flint for Adam to produce fire and provide him with light and warmth. Upon one stone was written the Hebrew word "*afeilah*" which means "darkness" and on the other stone was inscribed the Hebrew word "*mavet*" which means "death" (*B'reishit Rabbah* 11:2).

Adam was totally unfamiliar with darkness and death. While God will not shield Adam from experiencing death and darkness in his future, God does provide Adam with a tool to help him to navigate darkness and provide comfort.

Each of us will navigate a significant loss in our lives. Each of us will die. Despite the universal experience of death, it is an area of life that many of us avoid thinking about or talking about. Having conversations about death is important.

"Gaining clarity on how we wish to live as we approach death is a vital conversation; none of us will survive death, but all of us have the chance to live well."

– Melanie Levav, a Jewish hospice chaplain in New York

Bereavement Series, Thursdays, February 8, 15, and 29, at 7:00 pm over Zoom

Zoom link: <http://tinyurl.com/tbobereavement>

Meeting ID: 857 7004 8280 Passcode: 174989 (253) 205-0468

This month, I am offering a three-part series on bereavement, designed to help you "gain clarity" on end-of-life decisions through a Jewish lens. In addition to exploring traditional Jewish rituals around death and mourning, we will also look at contemporary practices like death with dignity and human composting. This series is worthwhile for any adult at any stage of their life. Topics include:

1. End of life, February 8
2. Honoring the dead, February 15
3. The mourner's path, February 29

I encourage you to attend all three sessions, but you are welcome to participate as you can. To enhance your learning, please consider watching the YouTube documentary "Last Flight Home 2022" (<http://tinyurl.com/LastFlightHome>), in which a Reform Jewish family navigates the physician-assisted death of their 92-year-old father.

I understand that sometimes a group setting may not be a comfortable space to explore such an emotional topic. I am available to have conversations about end of life or navigating grief with you one-on-one or with a partner or family.

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

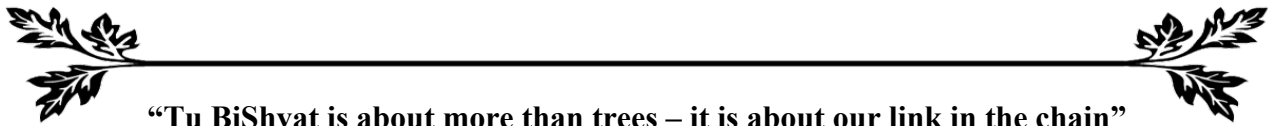
Rabbi Kort's sermons and writings can be found on the TBO website under "About Us/Our Rabbi."

From our President



Tu BiShvat: Helping our members to grow

Recently I came across the article below on Tu BiShvat. I loved the author's message of stepping back to allow others to grow. In many settings, whether as parents, coworkers, or Temple members, we sometimes need to make room for others to step up so they too can grow. At TBO, it is exciting seeing the many ways our members, including our youth, stretch themselves by taking on new roles which allow them to expand their skills.



"Tu BiShvat is about more than trees – it is about our link in the chain"

Written by Tamar Zaken, Jewish Educator

I was born in the Jewish month of Sh'vat, the month in which we celebrate the New Year for the trees. At one of my childhood birthday parties, maybe when I was 6 or 7, my mom bought small plants as party favors for my friends in attendance.

I remember arguing with her about which plants we would give to my friends and which we would keep. I loved them all.

My mom was adamant: Guests come first.

So I begrudgingly passed out those plants to my friends, very jealous and frustrated that I didn't get my way.

Kids usually don't realize when they are experiencing one of those "teachable moments" that parents provide. Thirty-plus years later, this moment of grievance with my mom stays with me, especially now that I also have a daughter with a winter birthday like me.

I am sure my mom didn't realize how much this short altercation with her daughter would stick and shape the ways I think about the world and the ways I teach. While I fully acknowledge that my mom thought she was teaching me about *hachnasat or'chim*, the Jewish value of welcoming in guests, I understand her message differently now.

At that moment, my mom was giving me a tool for life, a tool I use every day.

Her actions taught me that there are times in life when we are not the center, times when we need to step back and give each person "their plant," a place to be themselves, to share their voice, the space to grow.

In order to support meaningful learning experiences, I, as an educator, need to step back and make space for the voices of those learning with me. Throughout my adolescence and early adulthood, I internally criticized my mom for always being selfless, for stepping back and giving space to others. I wanted to hear her voice. But, over time, I have learned about the power of this selflessness and how to use my voice while at the same time giving others a place to learn and develop.

Stepping back to allow for growth is a major theme of Tu BiShvat, the Jewish birthday of the trees. We plant trees knowing that we might not enjoy their shade or their fruits. It is a selfless act that reminds us that there is more to the world than us. When they gave us this tradition, they had to step back, to give a little space for us to claim our link in the chain.



I hope many of you will join our Tu BiShvat celebration.

Wanda

Wanda Bresnick, President (she/her)

February 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.

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.

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- Guided conversation with interfaith neighbors
- Jewish holiday ritual (Tu BiShvat seder), which is an invitation to honor trees by eating fruit and even playing with your food
- Music, desserts and community

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends February 2, 3:00 pm.

Family Shabbat with TBO Religious School



Friday, February 9, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Kort and musician Ken DeRoche (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. 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 February 9, 3:00 pm.



Shabbat morning service



Saturday, February 17, 10:00 am, with Sheryl Shapiro and musician Neil Weinstein (in-person and online)

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

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends February 16, 3:00 pm.



Shabbat evening service



Friday, February 23, 7:00 pm., with Rabbi Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh (in-person and online)

Join Rabbi Kort 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 our *Kaddish* prayer. It will last about an hour.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends February 23, 3:00 pm.



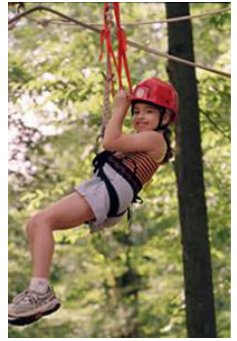
Camperships

There is no experience more thrilling or transformative than Jewish overnight summer camp. Jewish camping is one of the most powerful ways to build strong Jewish identity and commitment in young people. Camp creates lifelong friendships and unbreakable bonds to Judaism and the Jewish community. Teens who have attended residential camp as children tend to stay connected to their Jewish communities as adults.



We at Temple Beth Or believe in the positive impact of Jewish summer camp and its ability to sustain Jewish communities.

We also know that camp is expensive. If you want to send your child(ren) to Camp Kalsman and you need financial assistance, send in the Camp Kalsman application now and let them know you will be applying for both a Temple Beth Or and Jewish Federation campership. All Temple Beth Or first-time campers qualify for \$100 off tuition. You need to apply for this discount when you fill out the TBO campership application. TBO will then pay the camp the first \$100.



Campership applications are available online at tinyurl.com/CAMPERSHIP2024. If you need additional assistance please contact the Temple office. TBO campership applications are due February 29, 2024. There are no extensions to this date.

TBO's next Next Chapter *chavurah* will have a private, docent led tour at the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum at Paine Field (3407 109th St. SW, Everett). This unique museum is a rare collection of vintage military aircraft, tanks, and combat armor. Every plane and piece of armor on display is restored and maintained to the highest standards, and many are in working condition.

Registration is required so we can get an accurate headcount. To attend please sign up at the link below. Tickets are \$18 for seniors (over 65) and \$25 for all others. Tickets can be purchased online at the museum

website or at the museum upon arrival (not at TBO). We will meet in the museum lobby at 2:00 pm (with your ticket in hand). Our group will gather after the tour, about 4:00 pm, to enjoy food and beverage at Cabernet & IPA Restaurant in Mukilteo. All Next Chapter participants are welcome to attend both the museum and restaurant, or just the museum, or just the restaurant! Feel free to contact Norm Black or Janis Warner for more information.

Please register by February 7. Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/tborustyrelics>

Next Chapter: Rusty Relics Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum Saturday, February 10, 2:00-6:00 pm



Membership survey results

Thanks to members who responded to the Membership Committee survey in late October/early November. Thirty-seven out of about 180 members participated. A few conclusions from the survey are:

- General satisfaction with existing programming, but a need to offer additional adult education opportunities
- General satisfaction with the connections congregants make when they attend Temple events and services, yet we can always do better to be inclusive and reach out to all congregants and visitors
- Members generally have positive connections to our community. These connections are supported by interactions with other members at events, through our Mitzvah Corps and Bereavement Committee, and through the *b'nei mitzvah* process (both adult and youth).

Want to join a new
Adult Ed Committee?
Call **Wanda Bresnick**
or **Sarah Davis**.

Survey results were shared with the Governing Board. The Board will be looking for ways to increase opportunities for Adult Ed, as well as looking for additional event opportunities to bring members together. If you have questions or comments regarding the survey, please contact **Leslie Elsemore** or **Jeff Napp** before the end of February.

The full results can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/tbomembershipsurvey> or at this QR code.





Say hello to Benjamin

Victoria, Patrigna and Niles Murphy welcomed **Benjamin Arron Murphy** on October 5, 2023, at 3:26 am, weighing in at 3 lbs 2.5 oz, and 16.9 inches long. Like Victoria, he was in a big hurry to get into the world and so spent a little extra time at the hospital. He joined the rest of the family at home on November 30. His Hebrew name is Benyamin Aharon. Everyone is doing fine, and Victoria loves having a little brother!



Temple Beth Or members gathered to eat Chinese food, shmooze, and play games on December 25.

Painting at the TBO estate house (David Roberts, Nancy Sosnove, Jonathan Roselle, Jeff Napp, Dana Sanders, Roland Roth)



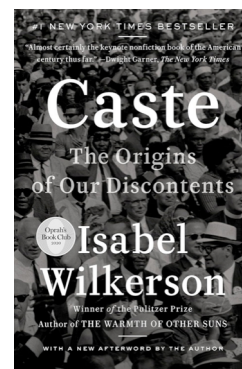
Social Action Committee

The January - March *tzedakah* box recipient is Cocoon House. Cocoon House provides services for teens and young adults experiencing housing instability and homelessness. Their mission is "To empower young people, families and the community to break the cycle of homelessness through outreach, housing and prevention." For more information, go to cocoonhouse.org.



The Washington State Legislature is in session. Faith Action Network is a great advocacy group that works on supporting legislative actions in the areas of economic, environmental and social justice. Their website has information on these legislative priorities and how to comment on bills so your legislators know where you stand. The Social Action Committee encourages everyone to check out the Faith Action Network website fanwa.org for more information. The state legislature website also has helpful information. Go to leg.wa.gov. You can make a difference!

To continue to educate ourselves on issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion, we recommend a newly released film, *Origin*. This is a biographical drama written and directed by Ava DuVernay. It is based on the amazing book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson, which describes racism in the United States as an aspect of a caste system.



Mitzvah Corps - Our Caring Community

Temple Beth Or's Mitzvah Corps (Caring Community) has been a hallmark of our congregation. We are the support system for Temple families in times of need. It takes a village to provide a safety net when something turns your life in unexpected directions due to injury, accidents, health issues or family upsets, to name just a few. The Mitzvah Corps also works closely with the Bereavement Committee and our Rabbi.

At times, we all find ourselves in need of support. You don't need to know the people you are helping, and your first introduction to them can be when you are reaching out to provide support. Sometimes, these strangers will later become close friends. As a volunteer for the Mitzvah Corps, you will never be expected to do more than you can. Many people volunteer once or twice a year and that's it. Here are a few examples of how the Mitzvah Corps has offered help in the past:

- Preparing meals and deliveries
- Sending cards and making phone visits
- Visitations in homes, hospitals or care facilities

How to join: Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/TBOMitzvahcorps> and click on "Join This Community." You will be asked to fill out a short form. You'll then receive a welcome email that will request that you confirm your participation by clicking on a confirmation link. Once confirmed, you will automatically receive occasional emails notifying you of Mitzvah Corps needs.

Please contact **Carolyn Wexler** if you have any difficulties with how to join, or if you have needs or questions. Thank you.

Volunteering to help immigrants

Some members of Temple Beth Or have been doing volunteer work through Refugee & Immigrant Services NW (RISNW) to help Ukrainian refugees with basic living supplies. Funding comes from RISNW, local philanthropic foundations, and generous donations from the Assistance League of Everett. Most of the volunteers come from church groups and TBO. The number of Ukrainian families served at the Senior Center since March 2022 (when records started being kept) is approximately 990, representing 3,500 individuals.

Washington State is expected to receive about 144,400 refugees from many different countries in 2024, with 28,800 coming to Snohomish County. This population will be more diverse. RISNW has decided to begin serving all these groups, no matter where the refugees are from.

We will need many more volunteers at the Senior Center beginning in February. Tasks done by volunteers:

- Fill bags with supplies
- Help with distribution of the bags
- Organize donated clothing

Please contact **Vicki Schwartz** by email if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.



**REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT
SERVICES NORTHWEST**

Serving refugees and immigrants since 1977

Bereavement Committee

The Temple Beth Or Cemetery is part of GAR Cemetery in Snohomish. GAR has an exciting new online feature, called Chronicle. It allows you to view the entire cemetery, including our section. It shows which plots are occupied, reserved, or vacant. For the occupied plots, you can see a picture of the headstone and print out a pdf report showing the location of the plot. You can also search by name, date of death, or date of interment.

The public has access to this site using the QR code here, or you can go to the website:

<http://tinyurl.com/GARcemeterymap>.

Another interesting option is to create a “Life Chronicle” (pictures and stories) for an individual plot for a one-time price of \$49.

Contact **Susan Cross** if you have any questions or need help navigating the website.



Office notes

Friendly reminder regarding checks

Please remember to leave checks only in the secure dropbox outside the office and not in the office.

If you have any questions please reach out to **Sarah Davis**, office@templebethor.org.



2023 tax donation receipts

2023 tax donation receipts were mailed or emailed the first week of January along with your quarterly statements.

If you did not receive yours or misplaced it, please contact the office for a replacement.

Statements by email: an easy way to help TBO



It may not seem like much, but with postage now \$0.68, 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.



February Yahrzeits



2/1/24	Anna Poliakowsky	Grandmother of Cheryl Weight
2/1/24	Mabel Massin	Mother of Michele Goodmark
2/3/24	Ruth Busch	Mother of Bernie Busch
2/4/24	Floyd Les Warner	Father of Janis Warner
2/4/24		Grandfather of Cece Black
2/7/24	Isadore Goralnick	Father of Mark Goralnick
2/8/24	Phillip Webster	Father of Phil Webster
2/8/24	Jerry Schwartz	Mother of Marilyn Glosser
2/8/24	Benjamin Hull	Father of Rebecca Hicks
2/9/24	Jesse Roon	Uncle of Tony Roon
2/10/24	Luz Marina Navarrete	Mother of Patrigna Murphy
2/12/24	Birdie Dash	Mother of Harold Dash
2/13/24	Murray Moshe Lev Quartin	Father of Nancy Rosen
		Grandfather of Mirs VonAschen-Cook
2/14/24	Preva Gurian	Grandmother of Anne Gurian
2/14/24	Jerome Herz	Father of Jackie Spieler
2/14/24	Joseph "Sonny" Narkier	Brother-in-Law of Robert Goodmark
2/15/24	Lloyd Taplin	Temple Beth Or Family
2/16/24	Arlene Carol Taplin	Temple Beth Or Family
2/16/24	Jane Sable	Grandmother of Debra Henry
2/17/24	Nan Sarb	Temple Beth Or Family
2/17/24	Gertrude "Gari" Silverstone	Temple Beth Or Family
2/17/24	Dora Robinson	Grandmother of Glen Pickus
2/17/24	Remy Jaffe	Father of JonaRose Feinberg
2/19/24	Lillian Poliakowsky Kessel	Mother of Cheryl Weight
2/19/24	James David	Brother-In-Law of Pamela Spitzer
2/20/24	Edith Dichter	Sister of Rosalie Kosher
2/21/24	Sam Engbar	Grandfather of Amy Paquette
		Grandfather of Ellis Engbar
2/21/24	Raymond Krantz	Uncle of Eldon Wexler
2/22/24	Mary Michelson	Temple Beth Or Family
2/22/24	Leonard Gurian	Father of Anne Gurian
2/23/24	Jack Heller	Temple Beth Or Family
2/25/24	James V. Cecilian	Father of Kathy Pickus
2/25/24	Alan Bresnick	Father of Mark Bresnick
		Grandfather of Kelsey Bresnick
2/25/24	Daniel Goodmark	Father of Robert Goodmark
2/25/24	Frank Anker	Father of Leslie Elsemore
2/26/24	Abraham Edelstein	Father-in-Law of Mim Edelstein
2/26/24	Esta Spitzer	Mother of Richard Spitzer
2/27/24	Ray Keith Henry	Father of Debra Henry
2/28/24	Robert Klein	Brother of Hanna Schwarz
2/28/24	Kathryn Romero	Mother of Vicky Romero
2/28/24	Rebecca Napelbaum	Grandmother of Jeff Napp
2/28/24	Ted Horowitz	Stepfather of Judy Magidson



Remodel news

Since last month, here's what's happened related to the building remodel project:

- The Remodel Task Force welcomed **Jonathan Roselle** at his first meeting as a new member of the team.
- The Conditional Use Permit application, which was submitted to the City of Everett last fall, is being processed. We are anticipating our public hearing in the coming weeks.
- Our Ignition Grant application resulted in an award of \$6,000 from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle to add hearing enhancement technology in the sanctuary. **Vicki Schwartz** is researching best options for the hearing loop system.
- We have signed a contract with our architect authorizing them to begin the next phase of the work. This includes preparing construction drawings.
- **JonaRose Feinberg** and **Melanie Field** have begun researching alternate space to be used for our services, activities and Religious School during the time that the building will be closed during construction. Storage needs are also being considered. They presented their work to the Board and requested further guidance.
- **Rich Spitzer** has agreed to serve as liaison to the Board from the Remodel Task Force. Thanks, Rich!

ORACLE ARTICLES

Thank you to everyone who submits articles for the *ORacle*. For those who don't submit regularly, I thought it would help to review some guidelines:

Submission - Articles should be sent to me (Publisher) and to **Kathie Roon** (Editor). Please keep them to under a half page (about 300 words). Exceptions are the Rabbi and President, who each have a full page. If you're referencing an outside organization, I will probably be able to find an appropriate graphic to enhance the look, space permitting.

Deadline - The deadline is usually around the 15th of each month. However, if you feel your article will require extra editorial review, please get it to us earlier.

Pictures - I love including photos of our congregants! If you're at a shul activity, please take a few pictures and send them to me. Note that photos of children will be reviewed for compliance with TBO's privacy policy. Also, if you want to take pictures during formal services, you will need prior approval from the Rabbi or President.

Rich Spitzer



To everyone who donated to the Hanukkah Fundraiser, thank you for lighting the way for our different programs.

Sonia Siegel Vexler



Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on January 7, 2024, the Board did the following:

1. The Board met in person at the Temple, which allowed us to join the Religious School for *K'hillah*.
2. **Susan Cross** from the Bereavement Committee shared information with the Board about the new management at the cemetery. They have a new website which maps the cemetery. Our area will be labeled Temple Beth Or. (See article on page 8.)
3. Remodel Team update - **Melanie Field** announced that **Rich Spitzer** will now be the liaison between the Remodel Task Force and the Board. Melanie and **JonaRose Feinberg** made a presentation on steps being taken to secure spaces for all aspects of TBO during the remodel when we cannot be in our building. They have met with the Rabbi, **Sarah Davis**, Membership Committee, *Ruach* and Ritual, and Religious School to determine our various needs. They also compiled a list of possible spaces that we could explore to see what best meets our requirements. It is likely that more than one space will be needed. The Board should work with Finance and the Capital Campaign Task Force to develop a budget for renting space. The Board also needs to determine our priorities in looking at space to see what will work best for us.
4. The Board looked at the results of our fundraiser, Eight Nights of Giving.
5. **Wanda Bresnick** shared that she wants to have a Board retreat to review our Strategic Plan and look for ways to continue moving forward on the recommendations listed in the Strategic Plan. We are looking at whether we can add Stop the Bleed training to the retreat or if we will need to find another time for that. The Board retreat will be on March 17 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
6. **Jeff Napp** shared the results of the Membership survey, which the Board discussed. He will be writing an *ORacle* article to share the results with our congregation. (See article on page 5.)
7. **James Feinberg** provided an update on the budget, which is on track for this point in the fiscal year.

Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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Financial Administrator: Norm Black

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Fundraising: Vacant

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HHD (Yom Kippur): Julie Mackoff

Life & Legacy: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Membership: Leslie Elsemore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Oneg Coordinator: Janet Karr

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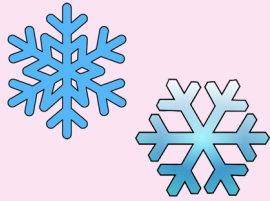
Social Action: Naomi Katsh Barger &

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Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson
& Kiah Webster



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	2 Liaison meeting 10:00 am Tu BiShvat 7:30 pm 	3
4 Governing Board meeting 9:00 am TBO Tots	5 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	6 Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	7 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	8 Bereavement series 7:00 pm	9 Family Shabbat with TBO RS 7:00 pm	10 1 Adar I Next Chapter: Rusty Relics 2:00 pm at Paine Field
11	12 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm	15 Bereavement series 7:00 pm ORacle deadline	16	17 Shabbat morning service 10:00 am
18 NO Religious School	19 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	20 Office closed	21 Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:30 pm	22	23 Shabbat service 7:30 pm	24
25 Purimspiel rehearsal 7:00 pm	26	27	28 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm Exec Board meeting 7:00 pm	29 Bereavement series 7:00 pm Campership application deadline		

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.

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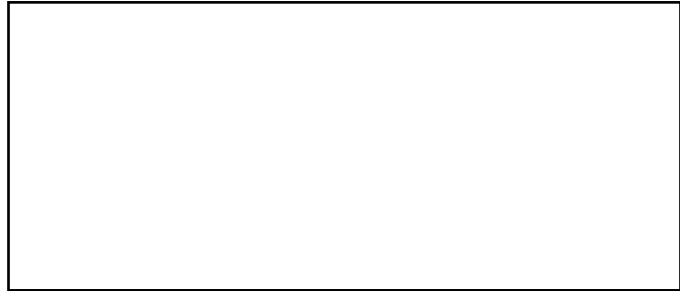
Note: Appointments are no longer required for visiting the building. During office hours, advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building (425-259-7125 x1). Office Hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am -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

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Temple Beth Or Mission Statement

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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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