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PURIMSPIEL & PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 7:00 PM
TEMPLE BETH OR (IN-PERSON ONLY)
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER

The whole megillah! Adults and teens are invited to celebrate the Book of Esther and all the characters within!

Join us for a performance of a 30-Minute Megillah written just for us by Temple members Nancy Sosnove and David Roberts. The program begins at 7:00 pm followed by finger food, libations, karaoke music, and song! Don't forget to wear a costume; prizes will be awarded!

Registration is required for all participants in order to plan accordingly for refreshments.

Guests are welcome.

Adults & teens only please.

Please register by March 22, 3:00 pm.
tinyurl.com/PURIMTBO2024



Why reparations for slavery in America is a Jewish value

I first learned the word ‘reparations’ as a teenager on my first trip to Israel. I was surprised to see that most of the taxi cabs were BMWs and Mercedes. My dad once told me that Jewish folks should not drive German cars “because of the Holocaust,” and here I was in Israel seeing that “rule” broken. The tour guide explained that the German cars were a part of German government reparations for the Holocaust.

In 1945, Jewish leadership in Pre-State Israel began petitioning the West German government for \$1.5 billion in reparations, which they began paying to Israel in 1951. As recently as 2019, new German reparations packages have been put in place, the latest of which focus on funding social welfare of Holocaust survivors.

The concept of reparations in Jewish tradition very much predates the Holocaust. Biblical law acknowledges the practice of slavery among the Israelite community, but demands reparations for slavery, referencing Israelite enslavement in Egypt.

If a fellow Hebrew man - or woman - is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall set him free. When you set him free, do not let him go empty-handed: Furnish him out of the flock, threshing floor, and vat, with which your God Adonai has blessed you. Bear in mind that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and your God יהוה redeemed you; therefore I enjoin this commandment upon you today. (Deuteronomy 15:12-15)

In 2014, author Ta-Nehisi Coates used this quote from Deuteronomy to open his now famous article featured in the Atlantic: “The Case for Reparations: Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole.” (<http://tinyurl.com/TBOreparations>) Coates and others helped bring reparations for slavery into mainstream American conversation.

It can be difficult for us as individuals to understand how we can uphold reparations for slavery. I am grateful to our Temple Beth Or member **Melech Aggadah Reginald Gillins, Sr.** for sharing his unique perspective on how we might each contribute reparations. I encourage you to read Melech’s *ORacle* article on page 6. I hope you will join Melech and me as we engage in a Jewish conversation around reparations for African Americans during our Shabbat service on Saturday, March 16, at 10:00 am (in person at TBO and streamed).

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.”



Adar, the calendar, and Purim

With Purim almost here I thought it might be fun to learn more about the month of Adar and the calendar in which it counts. Adar is such a nice month that every once in a while we repeat it. This year we have an Adar II.

The Jewish calendar is not simple for us sunlight-day counters. How easy it is to see the sun come up (well, in the Northwest this is somewhat metaphorical) and set and count it a day.

For a lunar calendar, it is not so much the span of a day, but the changes in the moon that mark the time. Looking to the night sky (again Northwest metaphorical) one views (or does not view) the new moon. In a lunar cycle, this is the start of a new month. Then we see the moon wax and wane and full and half and quarter and sliver. And so our lives over the course of the month often wax and wane, and are full, and half and sometimes a sliver. A lunar calendar is an experience, and how appropriate that a people who love stories follow a lunar calendar.

In Judaism we are also a people who find sacredness in division, a before and after, a newness, a becoming. 1 Tishrei is the Head of the Year, Rosh HaShanah. It is the celebration of the creation of the world. It is the newness of birth, of change, very much a beginning, and ripe with becoming.

Rosh HaShanah celebrates the Head of the Year. It begins on the new moon of Tishrei. It starts in darkness, maybe harkening back to the chaotic source of creation. It is introspective, it is a time of thought and contemplation and self review. It culminates as we contemplate our own demise on Yom Kippur (10 Tishrei). Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are about our rebirth.

But in *parashah Sh'mot* 12:1-2 God calls Nisan the first month. 15 Nisan is the start of Passover and that is a full moon. Nisan is fecund with the rebirth of nature. It is the newness of spring. It is not a place of anticipation in darkness, it is the place things have begun.

Sukkot also begins on the 15th of the month, a full moon. Maybe it is not by chance that the holidays celebrated at night have the fullest moons.

And if Nisan is the first month, then Adar is the last. It is considered the twelfth month of the Hebrew calendar. How creative that we have two last months seven times in every nineteen-year cycle. This sleight of hand keeps our holidays in alignment with the same seasons each year. Other than the issue of holidays being too early or too late, it is kind of miraculous that you can slip a whole month in there, stay on track and not even feel the change.

Adar is considered the lucky month. The Mishnah says because Moses was born on the 7th of Adar, the joy increases right up to Purim. So, which month is lucky? And when do we celebrate Purim? Purim, like the aforementioned holidays, happens at an almost full moon on the 14th of Adar. Maybe, like the Purim story, light shines on many things but there are still some secrets to be discovered?

Moses' birthday and Purim are both celebrated in Adar II, as the Mishnah says that the extra month added is Adar I. The last month can't be the second to last month. Hence, the added month happens before the "actual" month. This year the *Megillah* reading and Purim are on a Saturday night, so plan to party down on March 23!

Like our holidays, Adar itself is a story. A lesson, a pause, a source for contemplation. And after Purim and Adar II are completed for the year, you can count on the next holidays being late.

Ellis Engbar (they/them)

Thank you, **Wanda Bresnick**, for letting me fill in

March 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.

Shabbat at home

Friday, March 1, 7:00 pm, lay led with Ron Green and musician Noah Zeichner (online only)



Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. This service will include songs, prayers 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 under an hour.

Family Shabbat with TBO Religious School

Friday, March 8, 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. 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 March 8, 3:00 pm.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am, with Rabbi Kort and musician Neil Weinstein (in-person only)



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

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends March 15, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat morning service featuring a Jewish conversation around reparations for African Americans with Rabbi Kort and TBO member Melech Aggadah Reginald Gillins, Sr.

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Kort 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 *b'nei mitzvah* student community, and will last just over an hour.



Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends March 15, 3:00 pm.

Klesmer Shabbat

Friday, March 29, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Kort and musician Shawn Weaver (in-person and online)



Join us for a musical Shabbat worship experience using our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. The 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 March 29, 3:00 pm.

Calling for recipes!

Do people adore your brisket? Is your babka to die for? Temple Beth Or is producing a cookbook of favorite recipes. They don't have to be "traditional" Ashkenazi fare; your enchilada casserole or gulab jamun would also be a welcome addition to the cookbook. We need all categories: soups, vegetarian or meat main dishes, vegan, cookies, beverages - you know what they are. Note if the recipe is for special holiday foods (Passover, Hanukkah, etc.); if you have a special menu for a holiday, we'd love to have that too. Feel free to include a photo of your dish; the photo may be included in the cookbook, as space permits.



Note that all recipes must be "kosher style." No pork, shellfish, mixing milk and meat, or other *treif*.

Please provide recipes, suggestions, etc., by email or hard-copy, to one of the Recipe Committee members: **Pattipeg Harjo, Kaye** or **Michael Gorlick, Mark Bresnick**, or **Sarah Davis** in the office (office@templebethor.org). Timeline for final production will depend on response.

Next Chapter is going to the Seattle Art Museum



Join TBO for a docent-led tour of the Calder exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum, on Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow the tour.

Alexander Calder was an American artist who revolutionized sculpture with his renowned mobiles and stabiles, which range from the miniature to the monumental. This exhibition celebrates a transformative gift to SAM from Jon and Kim Shirley, presenting to the public over 45 works from the collection for the first time.

Registration is required for all attendees. Please register at tinyurl.com/nextchaptertbosam by March 21, 3:00 pm.

Contact **Leslie Elsemore** for more information.



Next Chapter visits the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum

TBO Book Club/*Moadon I'Kriya*

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 17, from 10:00 am - noon at TBO in the sanctuary.

Expanding our tent is the subject of our next read. **Wyndi Russakoff** will lead a discussion of *Golem Girl: a Memoir* by Riva Lehrer. Born with spina bifida in 1958, a death sentence for most children at that time, Lehrer's parents were determined to "fix her." She underwent many surgeries and medical treatments with a view toward survival but not a "normal" life. Everything changed for her when, as an adult, Riva was invited to join a group of artists, writers and performers who are building "disability culture." Each portrait story begins to transform myths Riva's been told her whole life about her body, her sexuality, and other measures of normal. Lehrer is a writer, artist, public speaker and activist. She discussed the "way her disabled, queer, and Jewish identities intersect" during an interview with the Jewish Women's Archive. The book has earned many five-star ratings on Goodreads and won the inaugural Barbellion Prize (for disabled/chronically ill authors). It was a finalist for the 2020 National Book Critics Circle Award for Memoir and Autobiography. All TBO members and guests of members are welcome. Questions? Contact **Nancy Rosen**.



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.

COCOONHOUSE
Breaking The Cycle of Homelessness



Reparations for slavery: A Passover offering

Martin Luther King's butchering (assassination) occurred April 4, 1968. The Torah portion for that week was *Tzav* - a reading in which Torah instructs Israel to make burnt offerings to God. The guilt offering is offered at the Holy of Holies. Blood from the sacrifice is dashed on all sides of the altar and fat is burnt, all as an offering to God.

While most of us are familiar with the tradition of the seder and Haggadah to celebrate Passover, the Beta Israel, Ethiopian Jews, emigrated from the Land of Israel before these customs came into being. The sacred stories of the Beta Israel trace their Jewish heritage from the Tribe of Dan around the time of King Solomon. While Ashkenazi Jews (Jews of European heritage) refrain from eating lamb during Passover, it is a tradition of the Beta Israel to reenact the Exodus from Egypt by slaughtering a lamb and smearing its blood on the doorposts of homes.

I am an American Descendant of Slaves (ADOS). Both my mother Del Gillins and father Pete Gullah Gillins were descendants of slaves. My family is a part of the Gullah People, a community famous for preserving and upholding traditions from the continent of Africa. My Gullah family kept Sukkot. We built a sukkah in our yard. My Gullah family always prepared lamb at Passover time. Today, I see a connection between my Gullah family's traditions and the traditions of the Beta Israel community. For my entire life, my family and I have referenced the Exodus from Egypt and sacrifices we made to God in ancient Israel by having lamb at Passover time.

As we know, American Descendants of Slaves made a great sacrifice to build our beloved country. Lives were sacrificed and generational wealth was sacrificed. Reparations must be made. A modern-day guilt offering to God. But what should the monetary amount for reparations be? How can reparations be made?

The price of a lamb from Canfield Farms in the Snohomish Valley is \$380. It costs about \$400 for us Gillins Gullah to keep this practice during the feast of Passover.

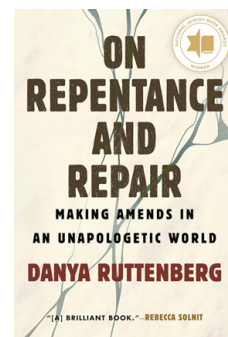
I am not telling my "captive" audience what to do, but at least consider this research and a corresponding practical payment of \$400, per family household, per year, if financially able.

Reparations are tangible offerings of Shalom. PEACE offerings. That is EXACTLY what reparations are. Reparations and Passover remind us we owe a duty to sacrificially pay ~\$400 and share that in peace with one or ones we have wronged. Our TBO Social Action Committee invites you to consider supporting in the name of reparations our local Snohomish County chapter of the NAACP: <https://naacp-snoco.org>.

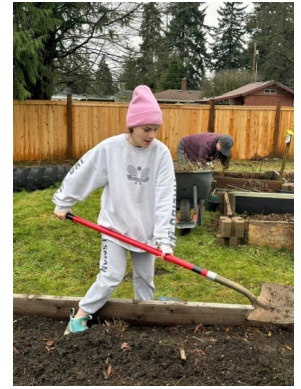
Melech Aggadah Reginald Gillins, Sr., Temple Beth Or Member

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion book recommendation

From time to time, Social Action Committee will offer recommendations for books or movies or podcasts. This month, consider reading *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World* by Danya Ruttenberg.



Social Action Committee - Tu BiShvat



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Tu BiShvat community garden work party and the Interfaith Wisdom of the Trees celebration. Now, more than ever, we need communication and connection with members of other faith groups. Todah Rabah to **Rabbi Kort** for making this happen.



Safety & Security Committee



“If you see something, say something” may apply to something as common as moss in February in Washington. We saw that our emergency exit from the sanctuary, as well as the walkway from the parking lot to the back door, were slippery because of the lovely green moss. The color is beautiful but a fall could be devastating. Thanks to **Michael Cross**, the moss has been removed.

Another common mantra is “you are the help until help arrives.” With that in mind, the Safety & Security Committee encourages TBO members to review their first-aid skills. Bleeding is a common injury that, sadly, is the most common cause of accidental death in the U.S. You can update your first-aid skills by taking this free online course: www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/. We have two Stop the Bleed kits that include gauze and tourniquets at the Temple. Any Board member will be glad to show you where they are located.

Committee members include **Mark Bresnick, James Feinberg, Barry Klarman, Nancy Rosen, Michael Tarr,** and **Phil Webster**. Please contact any of us with concerns or if you would like to join the committee.



Membership Committee



One of the goals of the Membership Committee is to retain members by staying connected and engaged with meaningful activities and opportunities to connect. We want to maintain and increase the momentum we're feeling coming out of COVID-19 restrictions. In reviewing the survey results, many people asked for more Adult Ed opportunities and multigenerational celebrations.

Some of the Adult Ed requests include:

- Beginning Hebrew
- Torah study
- Jewish history
- Jewish cooking
- Jewish holiday observance
- Mahjong

Opportunities to connect and celebrate include:

- Camp Kalsman retreat
- Hanukkah celebration
- Community Passover seder
- Dessert *Havdalah* evening

If you are interested in participating, helping and/or facilitating any of these, please contact **Leslie Elsemore**.

Membership Shabbat pasta dinner

The TBO Membership Committee invites you to share a Shabbat dinner prior to the Family Shabbat service on Friday, April 12. Join us for pasta (gluten free available, too), salad and bread. Dinner is at 5:30 pm, then join us for services upstairs at 7:00 pm.

All attendees must register to attend. Please register by April 10, 3:00 pm so we'll have the right amount of food. Registration: tinyurl.com/aprilmembershipdinner.

Please note that this event is limited to TBO members and Religious School families. For more information, contact **Leslie Elsemore**.



Congratulations to the upcoming Temple Beth Or *b'nei mitzvah* students!

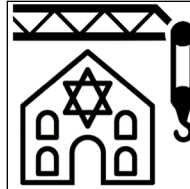




March Yahrzeits



3/1	Albert Friedman	Husband of Vicki Schwartz
3/2	Fanny Hochman	Grandmother of Ellie Hochman
3/2	Mary Rubin	Mother of Solly Rubin
3/2	Ruth Shapiro	Mother of Sheryl Shapiro
3/3	Lillian Gross	Mother of David Gross
3/3	Efrat Schwartz	Sister-in-Law of Vicki Schwartz
3/3	Mikhail Zavul	Grandfather of Aileen Wexler
3/4	David Bisen	Grandfather of Melanie Field
3/5	Lillian Gorlick	Mother of Michael Gorlick
		Grandmother of Joshua Gorlick
		Grandmother of Rachel Gorlick
3/5	Julian Littman	Grandfather of Jeff Napp
3/6	Barbara Black	Temple Beth Or Family
3/6	Rose Sebel	Grandmother of Howard Schoenfeld
3/7	Ada Balk	Mother-In-Law of Selma Balk
3/7	Ethel Engbar	Grandmother of Amy Paquette
		Grandmother of Ellis Engbar
3/7	Sarah Halle	Mother of Suzan Halle
3/8	Greta Ehrlich	Temple Beth Or Family
3/8	Lillian Karr	Mother of Rennie Karr
3/8	Reynold Karr Sr.	Father of Rennie Karr
3/10	Fannie Cohen	Grandmother of Carolyn Wexler
3/10	Kenneth Hill Cross	Father of Michael Cross
3/11	Bud Paquette	Uncle of Dan Paquette
3/11	Diana Jean Rees Kemp	Grandmother of Melissa VonAschen-Cook
3/12	Judson Napelbaum	Grandfather of Jeff Napp
3/13	Donald A. Freidel	Temple Beth Or Family
3/15	Donna Hascal	Temple Beth Or Family
3/15	John Wallis	Father of Doug Wallis
3/16	Fred Weisz	Temple Beth Or Family
3/19	William "Bill" Becker	Stepfather of Doug Wallis
3/19	Gary Alan Drapkin	Temple Beth Or Family
3/24	Selma Heineman	Aunt of Hanna Schwarz
3/24	Gretel Klein	Mother of Hanna Schwarz
3/24	Hugo Klein	Father of Hanna Schwarz
3/24	Kathleen McPherson	Mother of Kathie Roon
3/25	Joan Gurian	Mother of Anne Gurian
3/25	Reeve Lichtman	Nephew of Helen Grossman
		Cousin of Miriam Wnuk
3/26	Sarah Ann Schwartz	Mother of Vicki Schwartz
3/28	Sid Cohn	Father of Steve Cohn
3/28	Eugene I. Snyder	Father of Gwendolyn Campbell
3/29	Craig Lawson	Father of Scott Lawson
3/29	Simon Robinson	Grandfather of Glen Pickus
3/29	Linda Romero	Stepmother of Vicky Romero
3/30	Christos Corotas	Grandfather of Alexia Halle
3/30	Fanny Schott Field	Grandmother of Melanie Field
3/31	Art Bori	Friend of Debra Henry
3/31	Suzanne David	Sister of Pamela Spitzer
3/31	Byrdeen Thompson	Mother-In-Law of Shannon St. George



Remodel news

Here is this month's update on what's happening with the remodel project.

- We received our awarded funds from the Seattle Jewish Federation Ignition Grant program for our hearing accessibility improvement project. We have ordered a multifaceted system called Listen Everywhere which is compatible with any kind of hearing aid. It can also be used by anyone who does not yet use a hearing aid but could benefit from some amplification. It will be installed as soon as it arrives and will also be able to be used in the sanctuary after the building remodel is completed. Thanks to **Vicki Schwartz** for coordinating this effort.
- The City of Everett has scheduled the public hearing on our Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 10:00 am, Thursday, April 4. Anybody who wants to watch the hearing can do so online (details will be provided later). At least two weeks prior to the hearing, City of Everett land use notice signs will be posted at the synagogue, starting the official public comment period for the CUP application. Thanks to **Glen Pickus** for continuing to oversee and move this work along.
- The architect and all the subconsultants are working on the next iteration of our building plans. These plans will allow us to work with the contractor to get a more precise estimate of construction costs.
- The Marysville house bequeathed to TBO is scheduled to go on the market at the end of February.
- The Task Force is continuing to update our project timeline chart as new information becomes available.

Questions pertaining to remodel news can be directed to Task Force Co-chairs **Harold Dash** and **Melanie Field**.

Ruach and Ritual Committee

Ruach and Ritual Committee recently had a meeting. Included were **Janis Warner, Rabbi Kort, Ellis Engbar, Vicki Schwartz, Pam Spitzer, Alex Klarman** and **Judy Wallis**.

For the Purim celebration on Saturday, March 23, we encourage you to come in costume. There will be prizes, a game, and the Purimspiel.

If you are interested in helping with beverages, savory foods or desserts, please contact **Janis Warner**.

Passover is quickly approaching! TBO will host a community seder that will celebrate our diversity. Please consider sharing a special tradition, memory or story you may have with this holiday so that it can be included in the TBO seder program. Be a part of the planning of this important holiday event! Contact any of the above mentioned committee members for more information about becoming involved.

If you are interested in reading a Torah portion, or your very own *b'nai mitzvah* portion (no matter your age), please contact **Pam Spitzer** or **Judy Wallis**.



Save the date! Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm

Planning meeting on Zoom, Saturday, March 16, 7:00 pm. <http://tinyurl.com/sederplanning24>



Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on February 4, 2024, the Board did the following:

1. Each Board member shared where they most want to focus their energy this year. Various Board members will focus on enhancing Adult Education opportunities, planning for HHD services, working on the Interior Design Team for the remodel, increasing the number of events for our community, ensuring that we remain financially solid, helping our community navigate the upcoming transition out of our building, and reaching out to all of our members over this next year.
2. **Rich Spitzer** gave an update from the Remodel Task Force. Much of the discussion at the last meeting focused on safety and security plans for our new building.
3. **Wanda Bresnick** shared that the Marysville house that was bequeathed to TBO is scheduled to go on the market on February 29. She acknowledged **Jonathan Roselle** and the many Temple members who helped with the painting of the house. Final tasks are getting done this month so that the house will be ready to be sold.
4. The Board discussed priorities to consider as we look for space to use during the remodel, when we can no longer be in the building. Priorities include location, accessibility, adequate parking, the ability to stream services, and cost. These priorities have been given to **JonaRose Feinberg** and **Melanie Field**, who are working on finding space. The Finance Committee, Capital Campaign Task Force and the Board will be working together to develop a plan to cover the cost of renting space.
5. The Board passed a motion approving the creation of a Bequest Donation Fund, which will be used to process the proceeds from the sale of the Marysville house.
6. **James Feinberg** presented the Finance report. It is time for our various committees to be working on their budgets for next year.
7. Wanda shared that **Koby Wexler** has resigned as chair of the Building Committee. He has done an excellent job and will be greatly missed. We do need a replacement for him.



2024 Governing Board installation

Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

Governing Board

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Wanda Bresnick

President Elect

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VP of Community & Engagement

Jeff Napp

VP of Finance & Facilities Management

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Assist. VP of Community & Engagement

Dana Sanders

Assist. VP of Finance & Facilities Management

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Adult Education: Vacant

Bereavement: Susan Cross

B'nei mitzvah Coordinator: Pam Spitzer

Book Club: Nancy Rosen

Building: Vacant

Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Capital Campaign: Jessica Burgamy & Jeff Napp

College and Military Outreach: Vacant

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Dana Sanders

Fundraising: Vacant

HHD (Rosh HaShanah): Vacant

HHD (Yom Kippur): Julie Mackoff

Life & Legacy: Sonia Segiel 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

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: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson

& Kiah Webster



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Liaison meeting 10:00 am Shabbat at home 7:00 pm	2
3 Governing Board meeting 9:00 am Massa 11:15 am	4 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	7 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	8 Family Shabbat with TBO RS 7:00 pm	9
10 No RS Purimspiel rehearsal 7:00 pm	Adar II 11 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14 ORacle deadline	15	16 Tot Shabbat 9:00 am Shabbat morning service 10:00 am Seder planning meeting 7:00 pm
17 Book Club 10 am Governing Board retreat 1 - 3 pm Purimspiel rehearsal 7 pm	18 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	19 Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	20 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm Ruach and Ritual Committee meeting 7:30 pm	21	22	23 Purimspiel & party 7:00 pm
24 Purim at RS TBO Tots	25	26	27 Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:30 pm	28	29 Klezmer Shabbat 7:30 pm	30 Next Chapter goes to Seattle Art Museum 11:00 am
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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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Higher education scholarships and loans



Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) is starting its applications for higher education scholarships and interest-free loans in April. Students who are pursuing higher education are invited to apply.

Scholarships (up to \$6,500)

Applications available April 1 – April 30

Student Access Fund (SAF) loans for higher education

Interest-free, no fee loans up to \$7,500
 Applications available May 1 – May 30

Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Washington State strives to support Jewish students pursuing higher education through their Education Assistance Programs.

For more information go to:

<http://www.hflawa.org/educationoverview>.

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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