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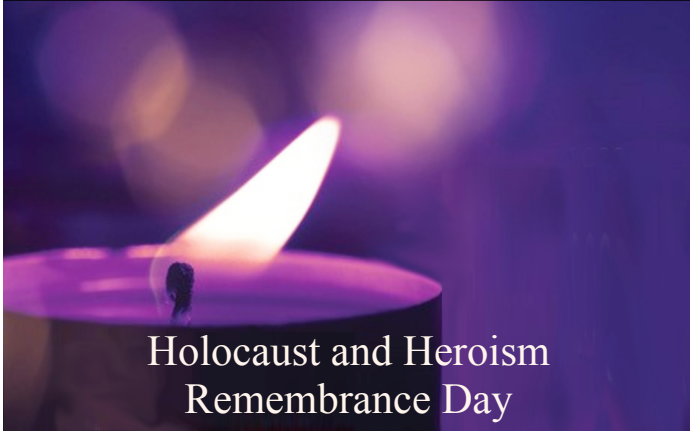


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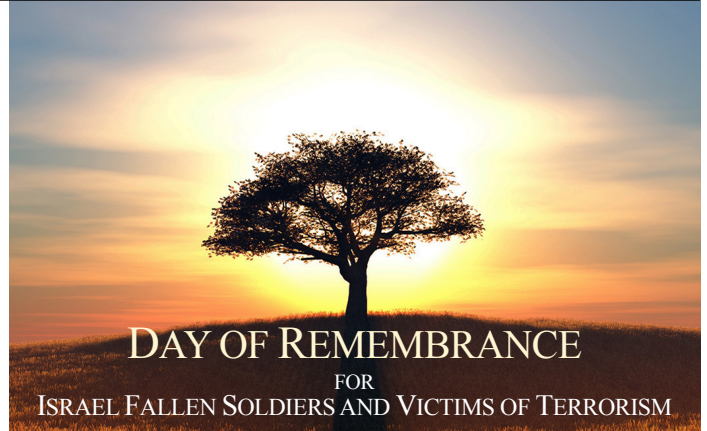
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Holocaust and Heroism  
Remembrance Day



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
FOR  
ISRAEL FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

## Yom HaShoah & Yom HaZikaron observances Saturday, May 11



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## Family Shabbat & Yom HaAtzmaut observance Friday, May 17





## A time to grieve

## Rabbi's Corner

A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven:  
 A time for being born and a time for dying,  
 A time for planting and a time for uprooting the planted;  
 A time for slaying and a time for healing,  
 A time for tearing down and a time for building up;  
 A time for weeping and a time for laughing,  
 A time for wailing and a time for dancing...  
 A time for loving and a time for hating;  
 A time for war and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-4; 8)

Many Jewish leaders and academics have called the past few decades of Jewish life a “Modern Jewish Renaissance.” Jewish institutions thrived. At least in America, antisemitism was at an all-time low. Jews held prestigious positions in governments and institutions. Israel, the “Startup Nation,” had a vibrant economy and the terrorism that disrupted life in the late 1990s and early 2000s had subsided. While *Kohelet*, the Book of Ecclesiastes, notes that there are good times and difficult times, hardship seemed to be behind us; a history to study and not our lived experience.

Our situation as a Jewish people has radically changed over the past six months. These are not easy times to be Jewish - in America, in Israel and around the world.

This is not the first time our people have suffered hardship. We can look to the wisdom of those who came before us to help navigate the hardship we are living through. Our Rabbinic sages who led the Jewish community after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem used the calendar as a tool to reframe Jewish life without a central gathering place and system of sacrifices that the Torah described. These Jewish leaders chose to focus on collective Jewish memory as opposed to collective Jewish offerings. For example, the Torah simply describes the upcoming holiday of Shavuot as an agricultural holiday, while our sages link Shavuot to the historical event of revelation at Sinai. After the destruction of the Temple, our sages not only created space in our Hebrew calendar to mark celebratory events in our history, they made space for us to mourn difficult times, too.

Perhaps with the exception of the modern holiday of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), in past years, I tended to highlight the celebratory days in our Jewish calendar and downplay dates dedicated to remembering hard times and events. During these tough days we find ourselves in as a Jewish people, I am inclined to lean into the dates on our Jewish calendar that are reserved for us to recognize loss and take time to grieve.

While the hardship of being Jewish is a new experience for many of us, our sages remind us that suffering has been a large part of our people’s 3,000-year history. If you add together the days the rabbis mark for celebration and the days they mark for collective mourning, the calendar is weighted toward the latter. We observe this in the spring holiday cycle we are in the midst of right now. The days dedicated to celebrating our Exodus from Egypt and the giving of Torah at Sinai are bookends to the forty-nine-day period of the counting of the Omer. While the Torah simply explains the Omer as an agricultural count, our rabbinic sages, in the aftermath of the destruction of the Temple, suggest that these seven weeks should be ritualized by mourning practices similar to those instructed after the loss of a close relative.

There is much for us to grieve as a Jewish people right now.

The Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7 were the worst attack on Jews since the Shoah. War is being waged against Israel on multiple fronts. Antisemitism in America and around the world is rampant. The war between Hamas and Israel has caused division in our Jewish communities and families. As we hold onto our people’s pain, our hearts are heavy responding to the extreme loss of life and humanitarian crisis for Palestinians in Gaza, too.

While it is my typical nature to focus on the positive, this spring I feel compelled to embrace the wisdom of our sages and take time to mark loss and grieve as a community. As I lead you in counting the Omer at Shabbat services this month, in addition to the traditional blessing and count, I will pause and share a reflection on collective grief. The past few years, I have highlighted the celebration of Lag BaOmer in our Temple Beth Or calendar. This year, I will highlight the modern Jewish observances of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day for soldiers and victims of terror). I hope you will join me for a special Shabbat service on Saturday, May 11, where we will honor Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron with special poetry, music and our *El Malei Rachamim* memorial prayer.

“There is a season set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

We pray for times of peace and tranquility, but must take time to recognize the loss we have experienced as a Jewish community. Looking at the many terrifying times our Jewish people have faced throughout our three millennia history offers comfort to us too. We are reminded that while we have faced horror, we have remained resilient as a people.

*Rabbi Rachel Kort*  
 Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

*From our VP of Community  
& Engagement*

Guest column



## The TBO Strategic Plan and you

The demographics of our congregation are broad no matter how you slice or dice it: age, number per household, kids/no kids, raised in the faith or embraced it later, interfaith family or not, gender identity, types of employment, etc. It's often difficult to know how to meet the needs of all our congregants, given our diversity.

In 2019/2020, members wrote a new Temple Beth Or Strategic Plan. The group worked over a year and a half using focus sessions for each of three topics (Community Building, Programming and Activities, and Facilities) to solicit input from our general membership. A congregational survey on Facilities was also completed.

What happened to that roadmap for our future? Well, we've spent the last four years focused on the Facilities part of the plan. With strong support and commitment from our members, we've made great progress, including developing architectural drawings, applying for necessary permits, and successfully raising over \$2 million to realize this dream. We hope to break ground this year on a fabulous new facility. Our collaborative work on the building project is a strong testimonial to what we can do when we work together.

What about the other parts of the Strategic Plan? Your Governing Board wants you to know we haven't forgotten about all the other great ideas in the plan. The Board met for a special session in late March to review the Community Building and Programming sections of the plan. We're in the process of prioritizing action items from those two sections.

And this is where you, our membership, come in. Look at the Strategic Plan. What one action item resonates with you? Is there something there that excites you? Can you help us implement an action item? In many cases, implementation won't require joining a new committee. Instead, the Board would like to try to use small teams for implementation. How might you help TBO accomplish this one thing by joining a couple of like-minded members to work together and get things going?

Your TBO Board wants to fill our new building with programming and community-building activities that meet your needs. We want our programming and activities to reflect who we are and to provide you with stimulation, learning and support. Will you help us? Please contact **Wanda Bresnick** (President) or **Nancy Rosen** (President-Elect) with your offer to help implement the single item from the Strategic Plan's Community Building or Programming sections that moves you most.

View the Strategic Plan at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/TBOStratPlan>.



Jeff Napp, VP Community & Engagement

Thank you to the members of the 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force:

**Paul Vexler** (ז"ל, Chair), **Vinaya Chepuri**, **Michelle Douglass**, **Ron Green**, **Mila Lowery**, **Julie Mackoff**, **Glen Pickus**, **Vicki Schwartz**, **Eldon Wexler**, and **Peter Zieve** for your dedication to our community.

# May Shabbat services



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](https://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](https://templebethor.org/service-registration).

## Creative Shabbat



**Friday, May 3, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and Rabbi CB Souther (in-person and online)**

Our third TBO Creative Shabbat will be dedicated to the theme of Growth. This special service will uplift our theme with traditional prayers, plus poetry, meditation, contemporary music and creative practices. The service will include an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer.



**Guests** - Register at [templebethor.org/service-registration/](https://templebethor.org/service-registration/). Registration ends May 3, 3:00 pm.

## Shabbat Morning Service including Yom HaShoah & Yom HaZikaron observances



**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel 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 Torah reading, and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer. In addition to our Shabbat observance, we will honor Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) with special poetry, music and our *El Malei Rachamim* memorial prayer. This service is geared towards our adult and our *b'nei mitzvah* student community and will last around 90 minutes.



**Guests** - Register at [templebethor.org/service-registration/](https://templebethor.org/service-registration/). Registration ends May 10, 3:00 pm.

## Family Shabbat & Yom HaAtzmaut observance



**Friday, May 17, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Rachel 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. This service will honor Shabbat and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) with songs, prayers and a story. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer and we will use our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. The service will last less than an hour.



**Guests** - Register at [templebethor.org/service-registration/](https://templebethor.org/service-registration/). Registration ends May 17, 3:00 pm.

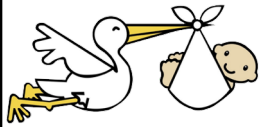
## Shabbat at home



**Friday, May 24, 7:00 pm, lay led with Doug Wallis 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. Consider lighting Shabbat candles with us on screen to help transform the Zoom gallery into a sacred space of Shabbat. This service is great for all ages and was designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person. It will last under an hour.





Mazel Tov  
to Grandma  
Marla Phippen

## Membership Committee news



Jake Phippen (son of Marla) and his wife, Zoe Li became parents on March 3 when Elliana Li arrived. Weighing 5 lbs. 3 oz and 18" long, this tiny bundle of sweetness is bringing much joy to her parents and grandma, Marla.



A shoutout of appreciation to **Marilyn and Mike Glosser** for offering to coordinate TBO's college outreach!

This month, we acknowledge the following members on the anniversary of their joining our community. Happy TBO Anniversary to:

- **Ron Green and Carolyn Henri** (26 years)
- **Stan Sussman and Geri Friend** (18 years)
- **Casey McCallister** (10 years)
- **Pattipeg Harjo** (2 years)

Please welcome our new member family, Elias, Arlo and Abel Kass. Dad Elias is a naturopathic doctor specializing in pediatrics. In his spare time, Elias enjoys growing berries, fruits and vegetables. Arlo is 9 and in third grade; he enjoys Minecraft. Abel is 5 and will go to kindergarten next year. He likes riding his bike, Legos and he speaks Chinese. The Kass family lives in Seattle; you'll see them at Religious School on Sundays.

## Office notes

### Office closed June 1-10

**Sarah Davis** will be on vacation and will have limited access. If you have special needs or projects, please reach out to the office as soon as possible so she can accommodate you prior to her vacation. If your matter is not time-sensitive, email [office@templebethor.org](mailto:office@templebethor.org) and your email will be returned as soon as possible when the office reopens.

If you require assistance while the office is closed and your matter is time-sensitive, contact the following people:

Financial questions: [vpfinance@templebethor.org](mailto:vpfinance@templebethor.org)

Communications: [communications@templebethor.org](mailto:communications@templebethor.org)

Bereavement: [bereavement@templebethor.org](mailto:bereavement@templebethor.org)

Mitzvah Corps: [mitzvah@templebethor.org](mailto:mitzvah@templebethor.org)

Calendar/Zoom link requests: <https://templebethor.org/calendar-submission/>

Youth Education/Religious School: [religious.school@templebethor.org](mailto:religious.school@templebethor.org)

Miscellaneous urgent needs: [president@templebethor.org](mailto:president@templebethor.org)

### Drop box

Did you know we have a drop box in the lobby? If you would like to leave a payment or any documents with sensitive information, please use the drop box instead of leaving it in the office for **Sarah Davis**. This helps protect your privacy since the office is used by others over the weekend.

### Name tags

Would you like a new name tag? We've cleaned up and reprinted name tags that have been damaged.

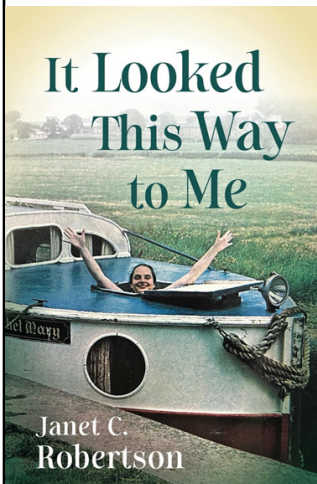
If you would like a new name tag that includes your pronouns, name change, or nickname, the office is happy to assist. Fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/nametagsTBO> and the office will email you when your new tag is available.

You also may have noticed that our name tag boxes look a little different. In an effort to keep name tags better organized, we ask that you remove the clip and lanyard on your tag before returning it to the box.



## Moadon Kriya Book Club

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, May 19 at the home of TBO member **Janet C. Robertson**. Janet is also the author of the book that we will discuss, *It Looked This Way to Me: A Memoir*. It is available on Amazon in Kindle and paperback formats. Questions? Please contact **Wyndi Russakoff**, the new chair of the Book Club, taking over from **Nancy Rosen**.



Goodreads: “Growing up in the 1940’s in New York’s Jewish community, Janet Cohen, an only child, struggled to come to terms with the WASP world that she encountered at Radcliffe College. When she married James Robertson, she found both a lasting love and a different world. In this memoir she recounts the stories of her life.”

## Mah Nishtanah at TBO Religious School the morning of April 14

The Four Questions, Experience Passover Project style:

1. Why on this morning did we have a seder plate as large as a hula hoop and wear silly cards on our heads?
2. Why on this morning did we use matzah as a canvas to portray our artistic scenes from the Passover story?
3. Why on this morning could you spot nearly thirty kids bedazzling a wine glass?
4. Why on this morning did we explore building pyramids, not just one, but THREE different ways?

If you were one of the lucky ones in the room at the Religious School's second annual Experience Passover Project, you know the answer to all these questions and more. Learning happens best when it is experiential and hands-on, and this Passover program was chock-full of just that. Another amazing part of the morning was the many new faces that joined in the fun - we had ten new children join us for the program! A big, matzah ball-sized Todah Rabah to our Youth Education chair **Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson**, all the parents and grandparents who stepped in and volunteered, and our wonderful RS faculty **Dana Sanders, Roland Roth** and **Sophie Klein** for helping the morning be such a success!

**Stefanie Somers**  
Director of Youth Education



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## Save the date!

TBO's annual Donor Dinner will be Saturday, June 8, at Emory's on Silver Lake. Watch your mailbox for invitations the first week in May.

## Next Chapter at the Seattle Art Museum Calder exhibit



## Save the date for the Next Chapter event in July

### Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour

Sunday July 21, 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 each.

Reservations are due by July 1.

Full details next month, or contact **Michele Goodmark**.





Temple Beth Or's Experience Passover Project





## From our Social Action Committee

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for April-June is the NAACP of Snohomish County.

The NAACP is our nation's foremost, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Their mission is to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality for all persons, and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The NAACP works through civic engagement, youth development/support and promoting voter mobilization. Visit [naacp-snoco.org/](http://naacp-snoco.org/) for more info.



### Every Voice, Every Vote

The Reform Jewish movement is partnering with the Center for Common Ground's Reclaim Our Vote campaign to engage under-represented voters through nonpartisan postcarding efforts in key states. To volunteer to write postcards, please connect with this organization through the Religious Action Center website [rac.org](http://rac.org), or through Center for Common Ground at: <https://www.centerforcommonground.org/reclaim-our-vote>.



### 2024 Pride events in Snohomish County

While TBO won't have a booth at any of the Pride events this year, we still want to spread the word of the local events. **Rabbi Kort** will be at Everett Pride on June 15 from 12:30 - 3:00 pm, and it would be great if we had a good turnout of TBO members joining her.

- **Saturday, June 1:** Stanwood-Camano Pride @ Freedom Park from 12:00 to 4:00 pm  
Snohomish Pride @ 105 Cedar Ave from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **Sunday, June 2:** Arlington Pride @ Legion Memorial Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Saturday, June 8:** Lake Stevens Pride @ Lundeen Park from 12:00 to 6:00 pm  
Lynnwood Pride @ Lynnwood Event Center from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
- **Sunday, June 9:** Monroe Pride @ Skykomish River Park from 12:00 to 4:00 pm
- **Saturday, June 15:** Everett Pride @ 2927 Wetmore Avenue from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, June 22:** Edmonds Pride @ Civic Center Playfields from 2:00 to 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, June 29:** PrideFest Capitol Hill @ Cal Anderson Park from 12:00 to 8:00 pm
- **Sunday, June 30:** PrideFest Seattle Center @ Seattle Center from 12:00 to 8:00 pm



### Safety & Security Committee: TBO affected by buffer zone designation

Beginning April 1, 2024, the Temple location is part of a "service facility buffer zone" created by the city of Everett. We're in the zone because we are within two blocks of Andy's Place - Compass Health Permanent Supportive Housing.

A "buffer zone" is a tool the City of Everett has created to better focus outreach and law enforcement near certain locations. Sitting or lying on city property is now illegal in the zone, which means that it will affect people who sometimes camp in "our" alley and on the sidewalks. We don't want this to be a "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) solution, but a real way for the city to do a better job of helping the unhoused. Also, it should make people feel safer walking to our door from their parking spaces on the street.

In addition, distributing goods or services in the zone will require a permit. This will allow the city to understand who is providing assistance, and to what degree. We don't think this will impact TBO in any way, but we are checking with Everett's Homeless Response Coordinator, Ben Breeden, who is managing this project.

A word about Andy's Place, our neighbor to the south at 3301 Lombard Avenue. Andy's Place, which opened in 2021, is part of Compass Health. It provides permanent supported housing for those with "behavioral health challenges," according to Compass. There are 81 studio units, each with a small kitchen, complete with cooking equipment, a bathroom, and windows that open – many with a beautiful view. In addition, there is a common kitchen and dining room as well as a community center and courtyard. One of the goals of the project is to provide community.

To learn more about buffer zones, see [everettwa.gov/bufferzones](http://everettwa.gov/bufferzones).

Nancy Rosen



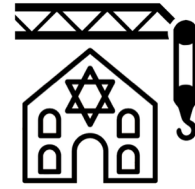




## May Yahrzeits



5/3	Beatrice Dayan	Aunt of Barb Ingram
5/3	Peter Linsky	Cousin of Nancy Sosnove
5/3	Harvey Sable	Uncle of Debra Henry
5/4	David Romero Dash	Son of Harold Dash & Vicky Romero
5/4	Steven Ticho	Grandfather of Rand Miller
5/4	Paul Tucker	Father of Andrea Tucker
5/5	Shirley Rosenzweig	Grandmother of Tony Roon
5/5	Anna Wolff	Grandmother of Steve Wolff
5/6	Richard Rubin	Grandson of Solly Rubin
5/8	Phil Cahan	Temple Beth Or Family
5/8	John Cowick	Uncle of Dan Paquette
5/8	Moe Michelson	Temple Beth Or Family
5/8	Irving Waldman	Grandfather of Kendra Julien
5/9	Nettie Karpf	Grandmother of Reynold Karr
5/9	Minnie Smilovitz	Grandmother of Suzan Halle
5/10	Leonard Nathan Friend	Father of Geraldine Friend
5/11	Benno Neuman	Father of Pamela Spitzer
5/12	Sherman Watstein	Uncle of Jennifer Cail
5/13	Virginia LeMaster	Grandmother of Victoria Henry-LeMaster
5/13	Marilyn Ann Siegel	Sister of Carolyn Wexler Aunt of Koby Wexler
5/14	Fav Witenberg	Uncle of Suzan Halle
5/15	Eloise Rhonda Haskins	Aunt of Eldon Wexler
5/17	Sylvia Linsky	Aunt of Nancy Sosnove
5/17	Arthur Pickus	Father of Glen Pickus
5/17	Abe "Al" Wexler	Father of Eldon Wexler Grandfather of Koby Wexler
5/18	Herman Cohen	Grandfather of Carolyn Wexler
5/22	Manney Berman	Temple Beth Or Family
5/22	Joy McCready	Mother of Carol McCready-Cohn
5/23	Tillie Schaff	Temple Beth Or Family
5/24	Kenneth Berger	Temple Beth Or Family
5/25	Charles Friend	Grandfather of Geraldine Friend
5/25	Abe Spitzer	Father of Richard Spitzer
5/26	Ethel Conlisk	Aunt of Naomi Katsh Barger
5/27	Marilyn Lauber	Grandmother and Parental Figure of Jessica Hill
5/28	Avrom Josef Friedman	Grandfather of Geraldine Friend
5/28	Sharlee Friedman Friend	Mother of Geraldine Friend
5/28	Bill Oberleder	Grandfather of Sandy Voit
5/28	Donald Raymond	Grandfather of Steven Russakoff
5/29	Joe Cohen	Great Uncle of Carolyn Wexler
5/29	John Galambos	Father of Tobae McDuff
5/29	Robert Samuel Wolff	Father of Steven Wolff
5/30	Lita Kaplan	Temple Beth Or Family
5/30	Doris Zacky	Wife of Mendel Zacky
5/31	Sharron Black	Sister of Norm Black Aunt of Cece Black



## Remodel news

On Thursday, April 4, the City of Everett conducted an online public hearing related to our Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. Testimony supporting our application was provided by **Glen Pickus** and **Jeff Napp**. Other members of the Remodel Task Force joined the hearing as observers. There were no other public comments received. On April 22, TBO was granted a CUP. This clears the path for us to apply for the other required permits, including a building permit and a utility permit.

On Sunday, May 5, Glen Pickus and **Melanie Field** will host an informal remodel update session during Religious School, starting at 10:00 am. All members and RS families are welcome. Very brief remarks will be shared followed by time for Q&A. Questions can be sent in advance to Glen and/or Melanie.

The Remodel Task Force has provided input to the Safety and Security Committee for consideration in the Homeland Security Grant application.

The Task Force has also submitted recommendations to the board regarding the HVAC system.

## High Holy Days planning

Our first High Holy Days planning meeting will be Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you would like to participate in planning for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, please reach out to the office for the Zoom link.

## Higher education scholarships and loans

Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Washington State is taking applications for interest-free loans. Students who are pursuing higher education are invited to apply.

### Student Access Fund (SAF) loans for higher education

Interest-free, no-fee loans up to \$7,500

Applications available May 1-May 30

For more information about HFLA, visit their website:

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





# Leadership News

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

1. In lieu of an opening prayer, **Rich Spitzer** shared a d'var that he gave to his previous temple community which related to Passover. Board members shared what is most meaningful to them about Passover.
2. Estate update – **Wanda Bresnick** shared that she is still waiting for a couple of final bills to clear the estate account. Then the money from the estate will be transferred into the Temple account. No decision will be made regarding use of that money until we have the actual cost of the Temple remodel. Finance and the Board will determine how that money will be used. Temple members can provide input into this decision by reaching out to Wanda or **James Feinberg**.
3. HVAC System – Wanda shared that the HVAC system has a coolant leak that is impacting its effectiveness. The Board considered three options: replace the HVAC system (Remodel Task Force recommends against this for a variety of reasons); repair the system, which could be expensive; or live with using the baseboard heaters that have been reconnected and are currently in use. The Board voted to continue using the baseboard heaters until the remodel begins.
4. Buffer Zone – **Nancy Rosen** explained that Temple Beth Or is part of a buffer zone that the Everett Police Department recently set in place. She clarified the purpose of the buffer zone and implications for TBO (see article page 8).
5. Strategic Plan next steps – The Board reviewed the list of ideas generated at the Board retreat. These ideas came from our most recent Strategic Plan. We talked about next steps in implementing recommendations from the plan.
6. Finance report was presented by James Feinberg.
7. A draft of next year's budget was presented by James. For the third year in a row, we have a significant deficit budget, which is concerning to Finance and the Board. The Board discussed increases to sacred commitments, potential ways to cut costs, and ways to generate more income.
8. The Board voted to approve a request from a member to use Temple Beth Or as a workspace during the work week until the remodel begins. The member will be making a donation to the Temple for each day they work at the Temple.

## AED training for the Board



### Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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College & Military Outreach: Marilyn & Mike Glosser

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Dana Sanders

Fundraising: Vacant

HHD (Rosh HaShanah): Pattipeg Harjo

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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*ORacle* Publisher: Rich Spitzer

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Remodel: Harold Dash & Melanie Field

*Ruach* and Ritual: Janis Warner

Safety and Security: Mark Bresnick

Social Action: Naomi Katsh Barger &

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

Youth Education: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	2 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	3 Liaison meeting 10:00 am Creative Shabbat 7:30 pm	4
5 Governing Board meeting 9:00 am Remodel update 10:00 am	6 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	7 Office closed Social Action Committee meeting 7:00 pm	8 Office closed <i>Ruach</i> and Ritual Committee meeting 7:30 pm	9 1 Iyar Office closed	10 Office closed	11 Shabbat Morning service 10:00 am Sanctuary in use 12:30 pm
12 No Religious School	13 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 <i>ORacle</i> deadline	16 HHD planning meeting 7:00 pm	17 Family Shabbat & Yom HaAtzmaut 7:00 pm	18
19 TBO Tots Massa 9:30 am Book Club 10:00 am	20 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	21 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	22 Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:00 pm	23	24 Office closed Shabbat at home 7:00 pm	25
26 No Religious School	27	28	29 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	30 Sanctuary in use 5:00 pm	31	

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

[templebethor.org/calendar-submission](https://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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### 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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