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Join **Rabbi Kort** and musician **Noah Zeichner** for a musical Shabbat worship service celebrating LGBTQIA+ Pride. The service will include special readings and reflections honoring the movement for LGBTQIA+ equality and inclusion.

Friday, June 7, 7:30 pm
(in-person and online). Details on page 4.

Semiannual Membership Meeting Sunday, June 9

Join us at Temple at 10:00 am for food and schmoozing. Meeting begins at 10:30 am in-person and online. Details on page 6.



Shavuot study and celebration Wednesday, June 12

Blintzes, Bourekas, and the Book of Ruth, with **Rabbi Kort**

11:30 am blintz brunch at TBO.
Study session 12:00-1:00 pm (in-person and online).
Details on page 2.



Don't forget to rest this summer

Summer days in the Pacific Northwest are almost endless. There are countless ways to enjoy the extended daylight. While summertime is invigorating, the frenetic pace of summer can be exhausting. Scientists note that longer daylight hours negatively affect our sleep patterns.

A dear friend whom I have known since rabbinical school was in town for a visit from New York last month. The weather was just gorgeous, and she could not get over how much daylight we enjoy here this time of year. We spent two days doing everything outside: walking, biking, kayaking, eating and drinking. I apologized to my friend that I had to work all day Saturday. Of course, being a rabbi, she understood. I left her with a long list of things to do on a sunny day in Seattle. When I returned at the end of the day, she was snuggled up on the couch reading. "Rachel, even though it was so beautiful outside, what I really needed today was a *Shabbos shluf!*" (That is Yiddish for "Shabbat nap.")

The original purpose of the Shabbat nap was not rest, but spiritual connection. Rabbi Isaac Luria remains the most influential teacher of Jewish mysticism. He was the leader of the Jewish community in Safed in the 16th century that introduced the custom of welcoming Shabbat with psalms and songs known as *Kabbalat Shabbat*. On Saturday afternoon, after celebrating Shabbat with singing, communal prayer, Torah study and festive food, Rabbi Luria was known to take a nap. Not just a twenty-minute cat nap. Rather, he would sleep for several hours. Luria's student, Chaim Vital, recorded the teachings of his master in the book *Pri Etz Chaim* (Fruit from the Tree of Life) and shared that his teacher once said to him "even if I were to teach you for eighty years straight, day and night, it would not suffice for me to relate all the secrets of the Torah that you can perceive during a nap of Shabbat afternoon."

The city of Safed is located in the hills of the northern Galilee and is the highest city in Israel. Since the time of Isaac Luria, the buildings there have been painted light blue. The city blends in with the sky, making it hard to differentiate between heaven and earth. On the one hand, that spiritual feeling of "flying high" can be exhilarating. On the other hand, it can be disorienting.

So too are our summers in western Washington: exhilarating and disorienting. While Rabbi Luria suggested a nap for mystical reasons, I would like to suggest taking a nap during the summer, not only on Shabbat, as a way to feel more grounded. We need to pause and rest in order to fully enjoy the abundance and activities of summer in the Pacific Northwest.

Happy summer and happy napping!

Rabbi Rachel Kort
Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

Blintzes, bourekas, and the Book of Ruth Shavuot study and celebration with **Rabbi Kort**

It is a tradition to read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. Ruth is considered the first convert to Judaism, and her acceptance of Judaism corresponds nicely with the giving of the Torah in the desert to all of humanity. There are a variety of reasons we eat a dairy meal on Shavuot instead of a typical holiday meal that includes meat. We'll not only learn about this custom, we'll enjoy traditional Shavuot food representing the cultural diversity of our people: blintzes (Ashkenazi) and bourekas (Sephardic).

Note: For folks attending in person; enter through the downstairs alley entrance only.

Registration: All attendees must register in order for us to have an accurate headcount for food. Please register by Friday, June 7, 3:00 pm if you would like to attend in person. No registration needed for those participating on Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/tboshavuot2024> Meeting ID: 832 7443 7750 Passcode: 602589

From our President

Let's talk about money



Here at Temple Beth Or, we do many things well. We are welcoming to visitors and new members, we have a vibrant Religious School and an outstanding Rabbi, and we have engaging multigenerational programs. Additionally, our Mitzvah Corps helps those in need, and our Bereavement Committee compassionately supports members during times of loss. We “rock” in so many ways. One area where we struggle is talking about money. In our desire to be inclusive, we never want anyone to feel less valued based on their financial ability to give. As a result, we have difficulty as a community engaging in conversations about finances. However, it is time to talk about money.

A strong value of TBO is that we live within our means. Where other temples have struggled during financial downturns, our belief in a balanced budget has helped us weather lean times. Despite our intention to have a balanced budget, the past two years we have had a significant deficit and have needed to dip into our reserves to balance the budget. Once again, the Board will be presenting a deficit budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. While we have had small deficits in past years, we have not had deficits over \$10,000 in consecutive years. Clearly, ongoing deficit budgets are not sustainable, so we need to turn this trend around.

As a Board, we have discussed factors contributing to these deficit budgets. While our membership has remained stable, our costs continue to rise as the cost of living increases. During COVID-19, several members faced additional financial challenges, and our Finance Committee made a decision to not increase our Sacred Commitments. Additionally, for the past two years we have been in the midst of our Capital Campaign, so we have limited other Temple fundraising efforts in order to encourage members to give generously toward our remodel. All these factors have resulted in TBO spending more than we are bringing in.

Our Board continues to grapple with what to do about our deficit. We have a very lean budget with 86 percent going to pay monthly bills and necessities. That leaves very little to cut from the budget. Together the Finance Committee and the Board have agreed to a 5 percent increase in Sacred Commitments and to reduce cleaning of the building to every two weeks instead of weekly. All budgets prepared by committees have been trimmed to bare bones. Despite these changes, we will again have a deficit budget.

We need to come together as a community and work to balance our budget. You may be asking, “How can I help?”

- Financial literacy is key to financial well-being. Please take time to educate yourself on our budget, which was recently sent out to all members.
- Come to our Semiannual Membership Meeting on June 9 (in-person and online) where we will be presenting and voting on the budget.
- At the meeting, if you are able to do so, you will have an opportunity to help balance last year’s (2023-24 fiscal year) budget.
- Offer to help with planning and implementing fundraisers. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please share it with **Dana Sanders**, who is now chairing our Fundraising Committee, or with another Board member.

If we all work together, I am confident we can balance our budget and live within our means.

Wanda

Wanda Bresnick, President (she/her)

June 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
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.

Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 7, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Noah Zeichner (in-person and online)



Join Rabbi Kort and Noah Zeichner for a musical Shabbat worship service using our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. During the service we will celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride, and honor the movement for LGBTQIA+ equality and inclusion with special readings and reflections. The service will include a *d'rash* (sermon) and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer. This service is geared toward our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student communities and will last just over an hour.



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

Shabbat Service and bar mitzvah of Micah Mendelzon

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Neil Weinstein (in-person and online)



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



Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends June 14, 3:00 pm.

To attend the service on Zoom, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/barmitzvahMM>.

Meeting ID: 868 4810 3729 Passcode: 227862

Outdoor Shabbat

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Noah Zeichner (in-person only)



Join us for a multigenerational, musical Shabbat worship experience outside in our yard where there is plenty of space to dance, play and pray. There will be an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer. We will use our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. This service is great for all ages and will last about an hour. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on (we'll have some extras, too).

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends June 21, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat at home

Friday, June 28, 7:00 pm, lay led with Ellis Engbar 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 is designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person. It will last under an hour.

Membership Committee news

Please welcome our newest members, **Jake, Zoe, and Elliana Hippen!** Jake became bar mitzvah and was confirmed at TBO along with his brother **Matthew**. Zoe and Jake were married in 2017 and welcomed Ellie in March. Louie and Brewsky, their poodles, round out the family. Zoe is an ICU nurse, on leave to care for Ellie, and Jake is an HVAC Service Manager for BelRed. They are looking forward to being part of our TBO community, meeting old and new friends.

Jake and **Koby Wexler** have been lifelong friends. Jake has special memories of Purim, Hanukkah and Passover.

In addition to spending time together and caring for Ellie, they enjoy kayaking, Zoe also likes hiking while Jake likes snowboarding and playing computer games with his brother.



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

- **Mickey Wolff** (25 years)
- **Aaron, Kayln, & Willow Kauffman** (12 years)
- **Ella Lonergan** (12 years)
- **Rebecca and Scott Hicks** (6 years)
- **Naomi Dietrich** (1 year)



Micah Mendelzon is becoming bar mitzvah!

Micah, son of **Adam Mendelzon** and **Cari Goldman**, is in eighth grade at Everett Montessori Academy, where his favorite subjects are science and geography. Some of his favorite extra-curricular hobbies are aviation and astronomy. Micah was especially pleased with being able to see and photograph the aurora borealis right from his own home this May!

At Temple and at home, Micah enjoys cooking and making Jewish food (he made hamantaschen).

Leading up to his bar mitzvah, Micah attended the February BOTY event, helped at the community garden event for Tu BiShvat, attended the Purimspiel, and participated in the community seder, among other activities.

Micah thanks his cat, his parents for helping him, his tutor Danielle Price, and of course **Rabbi Kort**.



Massa trip update

We are finally getting close to the Massa trip to Spain and Portugal. After two years of scholarship and friendship with our partners at Congregation Beth Israel in Bellingham, our four TBO teens and their fearless chaperone will be taking off for a cultural and historical exploration of the Iberian Peninsula. **Tommy Cail, RJ Jacobson, Laila Lowery** and **Caris Webster** will be visiting Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Grenada, Gibraltar and Lisbon, partially thanks to the generosity of TBO fundraising to the tune of \$4,225.96. We'll be visiting Jewish historical sites, as well as sites important to the Muslim and Christian populations. We'll also see the architectural wonders of Gaudi, attend a flamenco performance, and so much more! Look for updates when the group gets back! A big thank you to **Amber Waldbaum** for spearheading the fundraising efforts and being our liaison with the tour company.



Jennifer Cail



Are you interested in marketing?

The Governing Board and Communications Committee are looking for one to several members with experience writing a marketing plan. The volunteer(s) will constitute a directed team, working for about a year or less in coordination with the Communications Committee, our Rabbi, and the Director of Youth Education. The goal is to produce a flexible, action-oriented, five-year marketing plan to help attract unaffiliated Jews in Snohomish County. The plan will complement other strategic initiatives at TBO (e.g. completion of our building project, efforts to grow our Religious School, and improve member programming options). If interested, please contact our President **Wanda Bresnick** or President-elect **Nancy Rosen**.

- Members without direct experience, but with a high level of interest and the ability to learn through self study, are also encouraged to apply.
- Volunteers for this opportunity are only being asked to write the plan and are not expected to implement it.



Semiannual Membership Meeting

10:00 am in-person
10:30 am online

- Opening Remarks by **Rabbi Kort**.
- Hear what is happening in our vibrant Religious School.
- Learn about our progress toward implementing recommendations from our 2020 Strategic Plan.
- Update on Rabbi Kort's sabbatical.
- Remodel Team presentation, which will include information on our progress, the current building plan, the timeline, and our planning for when we can no longer be in the building.
- The Finance Committee will present the 2024/25 budget for discussion and approval by our membership.
- Pledge cards available to help balance the 2023/24 budget deficit.
- Learn about our College Outreach program.
- Hear about upcoming events and various opportunities for involvement in our TBO community.

Food and schmoozing!

If you would like to attend via Zoom, visit <https://tinyurl.com/tbogenmtgune>.



Next Chapter invites you to the Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour

A group of 25 will have the pleasure of viewing six beautiful gardens and 100 unique quilts in the Mukilteo area. We will meet on **Sunday, July 21, 12:30 pm**, at Rose Hill Community Center in Mukilteo to start the tour. It will end around 4:00. Between 4:00 and 4:30, we'll gather for an early dinner at a place to be determined closer to the tour date.

Register no later than June 28, 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each, paid to the TBO office in advance of the event. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/gardensandquilts>.

For more info, contact **Michele Goodmark**.



Next Chapter is a *chavurah* (friendship group) for adults who are approaching the post-middle age stage in their life and are seeking to form a social community with others who are experiencing a home without children. The group comes together to learn, socialize and have fun.

TBO held a community seder at the Everett Firefighters Hall on April 28. A good time was had by all!



Interfaith gathering
Friday evening, June 14,
in Edmonds (time TBD)

Our friends and neighbors from the Community Christian Fellowship of Edmonds have invited Temple Beth Or and the Pacifica Foundation for an evening of conversation, community building, and a shared meal. RSVP to **Rabbi Kort** if you would like to attend.



BRCA gene mutations and people of Ashkenazi Jewish descent

BRCA1 and BRCA2 are two genes that are important to fighting cancer. These tumor suppressor genes, when working normally, keep breast, ovarian and other types of cells from growing and dividing too rapidly or in an uncontrolled way, helping to prevent cancer. When a mutation occurs in the BRCA gene, it prevents it from working normally, which increases the risk for breast and ovarian cancers.

One in every 500 women in the United States has a mutation in either her BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene. However, one in forty Ashkenazi Jewish women has a BRCA gene mutation. If your mother or father has a BRCA gene mutation, you have a 50 percent chance of having the same gene mutation.

Not every woman with the BRCA gene mutation will get cancer, but having it significantly increases the risk:

- Fifty percent of women with a BRCA gene mutation will get breast cancer by the time they turn 70 years old, compared to 7 percent of women in the general U.S. population.
- Thirty percent of women with a BRCA gene mutation will get ovarian cancer by the time they turn 70 years old, compared to fewer than 1 percent of women in the general U.S. population.

If either of the following are true, you should consider genetic counseling about whether to get tested for the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations:

- Any first-degree relative (mother, daughter, or sister) has been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer.
- Two second-degree relatives (grandmother, aunt, or niece) on the same side of the family have been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer. These can be relatives on your mother's or father's side of the family.

Courtesy of **Ron Green**. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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-snoc.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, 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



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 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

Communications: communications@templebethor.org

Bereavement: bereavement@templebethor.org

Mitzvah Corps: mitzvah@templebethor.org

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

Youth Education/Religious School: religious.school@templebethor.org

Miscellaneous urgent needs: president@templebethor.org



June Yahrzeits



6/1	Lauren Samara Weinstein	Cousin of Sheryl Shapiro
6/2	Barbara Middleton	Grandmother of Sarah Davis
6/4	Donald LeMaster	Grandfather of Victoria Henry-LeMaster
6/5	George Dash	Brother of Harold Dash
6/6	Sarah Levine Katsh	Grandmother of Naomi Katsh Barger
6/7	Sibyl Heller	Temple Beth Or Family
6/9	Harry Friedman	Father-in-Law of Mendel Zacky
6/9	Lillian Ruimi	Mother of Mendel Zacky
6/10	Anna Rokulis	Mother of Anita Goralnick
6/10	Bernett Rubin	Father of Solly Rubin
6/10	Sidney Wald	Grandfather of Shannon St. George
6/11	Joanne Klarman	Mother of Barry Klarman
6/12	Benjamin Glosser	Father of Michael Glosser
6/13	Jake Balk	Father-in-Law of Selma Balk
6/13	Roberta "Bobbe" Green	Mother of Ron Green
6/14	Jean Marie Pintus	Stepmother of Pam Pintus
6/15	Jerome Michelson	Temple Beth Or Family
6/16	Bernard Black	Grandfather of Cece Black Father of Norm Black
6/16	Paul Lichtman	Father of Helen Grossman Grandfather of Miriam Wnuk Aunt of Tony Roon
6/19	Sherry Fabrikant	Mother-in-Law of Mendel Zacky
6/19	Frances Friedman	Temple Beth Or Family
6/20	Ethel Miriam Baron Haet	Grandfather of Debra Henry
6/20	Barney Sable	Grandfather of Dan Paquette
6/22	Harry Paquette	Mother of Marla Phippen
6/23	Meryl Klein	Grandfather of Howard Schoenfeld
6/23	Max Schoenfeld	Grandmother of Geraldine Friend
6/24	Minnie Friedman	Temple Beth Or Family
6/26	Ben Berns	Father of Rabbi Kort
6/27	Bruce Kort	Grandfather of Steven Russakoff
6/28	Joe Russakoff	

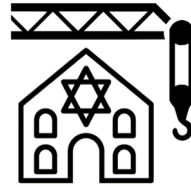


Bereavement Committee

Do you have a cemetery plot in the Temple Beth Or Section of the GAR Cemetery in Snohomish?

No? If you are interested in learning more, contact **Susan Cross** at bereavement@templebethor.org

Yes? There is a new opportunity available from GAR Cemetery. You can now prepay the interment fee directly to GAR Cemetery. The fee must be made in one payment, either by check or credit card. Locking in a price now will save you money when prices increase. If you change your mind, your payment will be refunded, minus 30%. For more information, contact Daryl Girnus, Manager at GAR Cemetery, at 360-568-4090.



Remodel news

On Sunday, May 5, **Glen Pickus, JonaRose Feinberg** and **Melanie Field** hosted a remodel update session during Religious School (RS). Topics included floor plan designs, research for alternate locations for RS during construction, and mechanisms for communication with RS families. There was a lively discussion with lots of Q&A.

The insurance company extended the deadline on our claim to October 29, 2024.

The hearing enhancement system funded through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle was installed in May and is being tested. Additional sound equipment is being purchased with grant monies to further improve our sound system. For more information, see the article below.

Members of the Remodel Task Force continue to provide support for the Homeland Security Grant application.

Hearing enhancement info

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle granted TBO an Ignition Grant to improve services for people under the ADA umbrella. We chose to request funding for a system to enhance hearing options for those with decreased hearing, and have purchased a program called Listen Everywhere. This system will work throughout our current building and our future enlarged space, and will include the outside space around the temple as well.

The Listen Everywhere system is for people with any kind of hearing aid, or anyone who does not yet use a hearing aid but could use some amplification. It is a Bluetooth system with a phone app for those who have that capability on their phones.

In addition, we have purchased sound enhancement devices that interface with the system for those without hearing aids or without a phone that can support the Listen Everywhere app. These specialized items include bluetooth earphones and a device which hangs around the neck and will improve the listening experience.

To further improve sound production, we have also purchased, with grant money, new wireless microphones to replace the microphones in the sanctuary. These can also be used anywhere else in the building, or outside, where sound amplification is needed. The new hardware for this system has been installed, and it should now be fully operational.

Vicki Schwartz



Leadership News

During the Governing Board meeting on May 5, 2024, the Board did the following:

1. Approved the minutes from the April Board meeting.
2. Planned for the June Semiannual Membership Meeting. Discussed the agenda and the logistics of the meeting. The Board will supply the *oneg*, and a sign-up list will be emailed to all Board members. Plans will be finalized at the June Board meeting.
3. **Wanda Bresnick** shared with the Board that the money from the estate has been transferred from the estate account into TBO's bank account. The amount transferred was \$516,000. Once the final attorney bill has been paid, that money will be invested.
4. Wanda gave an update from the Remodel Task Force. The Conditional Use Permit has been approved. The Listen Everywhere device, which we purchased using grant money awarded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, will be installed this week (see article on page 9). We are currently waiting for the architectural drawings, which will then be sent to CPM, our contractor, who will provide us with a current cost of our remodel. The Task Force decided to move forward on applying for our public works permit since that is not dependent on the building plans.
5. The Everett City Council will be acknowledging Jewish Heritage Month at their council meeting on May 15. **Rabbi Kort** has been asked to speak briefly at that meeting.
6. We continued looking at our Strategic Plan and ways to move forward on this plan. We agreed to pursue a marketing plan and will be looking for Temple members to help with this. We also will focus on teen programming and adult education.
7. **James Feinberg** gave a finance report. We will again have a deficit for this budget year. The size of the deficit is currently not clear. Because of timing, we will have a second donor dinner in this budget year, which will help some.
8. After much discussion, the Board approved the budget for 2024-25 which is again a deficit budget. Measures are being taken to reduce the deficit by increasing Sacred Commitments, scaling back cleaning to every other week, and looking at whether we need to charge a small amount for some programs. We also discussed the need for an additional Religious School teacher and looked at ways to fund this.

Please help us stay tidy

Due to budget constraints, we are changing our cleaning cycle to every other week, starting in June. Please help us stay tidy by cleaning up thoroughly after events or meetings, and taking out the trash after services or events that generate food waste. Thanks for doing your part!



Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Last day of RS TBO Tots	3 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	4 Office closed Governing Board meeting 7:00 pm	5 Office closed <i>Ruach</i> and Ritual Committee meeting 7:30 pm	6 Office closed Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	1 Sivan 7 Office closed Liaison meeting 10:00 am Pride Shabbat 7:30 pm	8 Annual donor dinner 6:00 pm
9 June Semiannual Membership Meeting 10:00 am at TBO 10:30 am Zoom	10 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	11	12 Office closed Shavuot 11:30 am brunch 12 noon study	13	14 <i>ORacle</i> deadline July/August Interfaith gathering	15 Shabbat service and bar mitzvah of Micah Mendelzon 10:00 am
16	17 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	18 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	19	20	21	22 Outdoor Shabbat 10:00 am
23	24	25	26 Maasa trip begins Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:00 pm	27	28 Shabbat at home 7:00 pm	29
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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.

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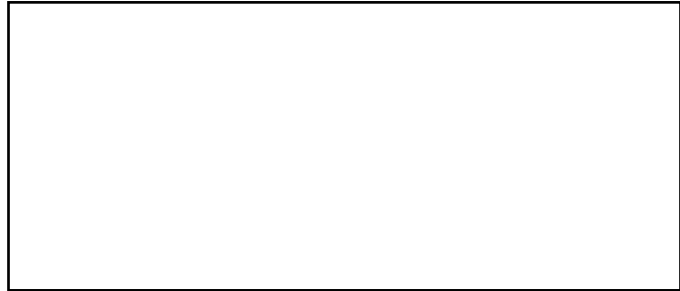
Note: Appointments are no longer required for visiting the building. During office hours, advanced notification of building access is requested for safety and security reasons. Please contact the office prior to entering the building (425-259-7125 x1). Office Hours are Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am-4:30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