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The seventy faces of Temple Beth Or

I think Abraham Lincoln's words at the Gettysburg Address do a nice job of describing Temple Beth Or. Temple Beth Or is a synagogue "of the people, by the people, and for the people." As a small synagogue, one of our unique attributes is that we are volunteer driven. All the gathering, learning, caring and celebrating we do as a community is dependent upon our member volunteers. The participatory nature of our community helps us live a core Jewish value that we are a "nation of priests—*mamlechet kohanim*" (Exodus 19:6); each one of us is able to offer our strength as leaders on behalf of the Jewish people.

This coming Jewish year and secular year, our *Ruach* & Ritual committee and I are focusing energy on including the diverse voices of our community at our Shabbat and holiday services. We are providing two different opportunities for folks to offer their leadership, perspective and teaching at services, which I will describe below. My upcoming sabbatical from January through June 2025 creates more space for lay leadership at services, and the *Ruach* & Ritual committee and I plan to include a diversity of voices at services that I lead, too (both before and after my sabbatical).

We have all heard the expression "two Jews, three opinions." Although we use it in a playful way, this saying encompasses ancient Jewish wisdom that is central to who we are as a people. Our Sages taught that there are seventy faces to the Torah and our job is to uncover those seventy faces (Bamidbar Rabbah 13:16). The Torah, our Jewish tradition, is meant to be multivocal.

I have spent the past 25 years immersed in Jewish learning, teaching and leadership. I have served as a congregational rabbi for fifteen years. I appreciate that my perspective is valued in our Temple Beth Or community. At the same time, as much as I do my best to be an active listener and share a variety of perspectives when I lead services and teach, it is impossible for one person and their one voice to resonate within a community as diverse as Temple Beth Or. It is impossible for my one voice to express the seventy faces of Torah.

I'm grateful to have the support of two TBO members who I know to be gifted mentors. **Pam Spitzer** will serve as our service leader mentor and **Ron Green** as our *d'var Torah* mentor. In addition, I want to thank **Janis Warner**, Chair of our R&R Committee, and R&R committee members for supporting these workshops.

Rabbi Rachel Kort
Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

Service-leading workshop with Rabbi Kort and Pam Spitzer

In-person at Temple Beth Or, Tuesday, August 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

- Learn skills needed to help lead some or all of a Shabbat service with a song leader.
- The focus of our workshop will be introducing prayers.
- No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate.

D'var Torah workshop with Rabbi Kort and Ron Green

Online over Zoom, Wednesdays, August 14 & September 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

- Learn how to write and deliver a *d'var Torah*.
 - Share workshop ideas with other TBO members.
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High Holy Days planning

Start warming up those voices and plan to join our High Holy Day singers this fall. If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Rabbi Kort.

From our Director of Youth Education

It's all in the journey...Religious School 2023-24 comes to a close

On June 2, the Religious School celebrated an amazing year with a special, music-filled end-of-year *k'hilah*. Highlights included an adorable Tots graduation, a lesson exploring journeys, the *T'filat Haderech* (traveler's prayer), a poignant moving-up ceremony for grades K-7, *tzedakah* announcements, and of course recognizing our amazing faculty. Speaking of *tzedakah*, historically, we split the funds between two organizations, one close to home and one that benefits our brothers and sisters in Israel. This year, the students voted and chose YouthCare and The Parents Circle-Families Forum (PCFF). YouthCare focuses on assisting Seattle-area homeless youth with a path to success. This year, more than ever, the students recognized the important work of PCFF, which encourages dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians who share a loss from the ongoing conflict, working toward understanding and peace.

This year has been filled with so much Jewish joy: from performing mitzvot, to creating new friendships, to fun-filled holiday celebrations, our halls have been bursting with energy. Thank you to the teachers and all the parents who have helped make this year so successful! Lastly, don't forget to register for next year and mark your calendars for the first day, September 8, 2024.

Top three places to find RS friends this summer:

1. Intergenerational outdoor services
2. Annual TBO summer BBQ - August 25
3. Camp Kalsman! Say hi to Stefanie July 14-21.



Hope to see you this summer!

Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson, Youth Education Chair
Stefanie Somers, Director of Youth Education

Why I am passionate about writing and delivering a *d'var Torah*

After I wrote and delivered my first *d'var Torah* (since my bar mitzvah) as part of **Sonia Siegel Vexler's** Atidaynu class 21 years ago, I was inspired and hooked. What an honor to participate in our 3,000-year-old tradition of Torah study by creating my own commentary! Through *d'var Torah*, I do my little part to help assure our tradition remains current and relevant, thrives and grows. Each of us has the capacity, and in this case the opportunity, to learn a bit of Torah and Torah commentary from our forebears. Then personalize a message that means something to us, to share it with our beloved and sacred community. There are no right or wrong answers here. It is all about inspiration, learning and sharing. So, want to give it a try?

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Ron Green

July/August 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



AT TBO



ONLINE



OUTDOOR



OFFSITE

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 from Jerusalem



Friday, July 12, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort (online only)

The focus of this Shabbat evening together online will be Rabbi Kort sharing a taste of her experience in Jerusalem, where she is participating in a rabbinic seminar on Jewish peoplehood and pluralism through the Shalom Hartman Institute. In addition, she will lead a prayer for peace and our *Kaddish* prayer.

Outdoor Shabbat



Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh (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 Thursday, July 18, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat morning service and bat mitzvah of Tilly Jacobson



Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Noah Zeichner (in-person and online)



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

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends July 26, 3:00 pm.

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

Meeting ID: 850 6265 2577 Passcode: 038169

Shabbat at home

Friday, August 2, 7:00 pm, with Ron Green (online only)



Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home. This service will include prayers and a teaching or story. Please 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.

July/August Shabbat services (cont.)

Shabbat morning service and bet mitzvah of Noa Russakoff

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician TBD (in-person and online)



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



Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends August 9, 3:00 pm. To attend the service on Zoom, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/betmitzvahNR>.

Meeting ID: 826 0765 6533 Passcode: 710238

Picnic Shabbat

Friday, August 16, 6:00 pm picnic, 7:00 pm service, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh (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).



Bring your own picnic dinner

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

Shabbat at home

Friday, August 23, 7:00 pm, with Steven Chaitman (online only)



Join us for Shabbat from the comfort of your own home, and a special opportunity to get to know our High Holy Days music leader, Steven Chaitman, who will be Zooming in from the Chicago area. If you want to get a sneak peek of his singing, you can listen to an album of his original Jewish music at: tinyurl.com/StevenChaitman. There will be music, Shabbat candle lighting, and an opportunity to remember loved ones with our *Kaddish* prayer. This service is great for all ages and was designed especially for folks who may not be able to join us in person in our building, and will last under an hour.

Tishah B'Av

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Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 am, with Rabbi Rachel Kort (offsite, outdoors, in-person only)



Tishah B'Av is our Jewish day of historical mourning where we mark the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. We as a Jewish people understand that we can grieve structures, institutions and ways of life, in addition to the loss of loved ones. Guided by Jewish text, Rabbi Kort will lead a conversation around loss and grief, followed by a meditative walk.



Registration: All participants must register to attend. Location will be given when the registration is processed. Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends August 9, 3:00 pm.

Membership Committee news



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

Dave and Julie Maltos - 28 years
Marla Phippen - 22 years
Ann Wennerstrom and Andrew Siegel - 22 years
Amber and Max Waldbaum - 17 years
Barry, Robyn, Alex and Elyse Klarman - 14 years
Miriam Wnuk - 14 years
Bob and Michele Goodmark - 11 years
Michael and Kaye Gorlick - 10 years
Joy and Milt Shefter - 9 years
Suzan and Sam Halle - 9 years

Rabbi Rachel Kort and Galit - 6 years
Julie Mackoff and John Bennett - 6 years
Adam, Nyda and Neomi Goldstein - 5 years
Joy Lee, Michael Tarr and Eliana and Amelia Tarr - 5 years
Jess, Will, Lucie and Adelaide Burgamy - 4 years
Dana Sanders and Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson,
Alma and Skelly Lefrancois-Sanders - 3 years
Andrea Tucker - 3 years
Rich, Pam and Ben Spitzer - 2 years
Patrigna, Niles, Victoria and Benjamin Murphy - 2 years

Tilly Jacobson is becoming bat mitzvah!

Tilly Jacobson (she/her) will be called to the bimah on July 27. Tilly is the child of **Erin** and **Alan Jacobson**, and has one older sister, **Ruby**. Tilly attends Cascade Community School and is finishing the seventh grade. Math is one of her favorite classes.

Tilly enjoys the (much more complicated than it seems) sport of roller derby and competes with the Stunflowers team in the Seattle Derby Brats League. Her Derby name is Tillrantula!

Her favorite Jewish holiday is Passover.

While studying to become a bat mitzvah, Tilly has learned that patience is a characteristic that will help her. She read the diary of Anne Frank and was fortunate to visit the exhibit of the attic while in Amsterdam in May. Tilly is appreciative of her teachers, **Roland** and **Ellis**, and the support of her parents. *Mazel tov*, Tilly!



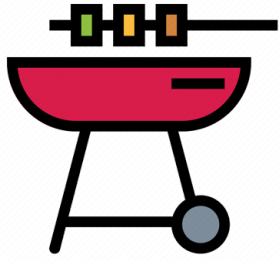
Noa Russakoff is becoming bet mitzvah!

Noa Russakoff (they/them) will be called to the bimah on August 10. Noa is the child of **Wyndi** and **Steven Russakoff**, and has one sister, **Izabell**. Noa is drawn to the arts at school, enjoying reading, music, art and creative writing. These school interests extend to extra-curricular activities too, as Noa enjoys acting and singing. When not engaged in the arts, Noa releases energy while playing hockey.

The best parts of being Jewish for Noa are singing, making challah, Passover pizza, and being with friends at Temple.

Studying for their bet mitzvah has taught Noa that even with dyslexia, they can accomplish learning other languages. Noa has been working on thirteen mitzvot projects with an emphasis in raising funds by making and selling fudge.

To quote Noa - "I want to thank my Hebrew teachers, the Rabbi, my parents, Deb my Hebrew tutor, and myself because I worked hard!" *Mazel tov*, Noa!



Annual TBO Summer BBQ



Sunday, August 25, 4:00-7:00 pm

Location of event will be provided upon registration

Come one, come all to our TBO Summer BBQ, sponsored by the Membership Committee! There will be burgers, dogs (vegan friendly, too) and all the fixings. Bring a dish to share. Last names A-D please sign up to bring appetizers, E-N sides or salad, O-Z dessert. We'll have fun and games for the kids and kids at heart. Nonmembers who are interested in potentially joining our community are also welcome.

Registration: Please register by Wednesday, August 21, 3:00 pm at tinyurl.com/2024tbo BBQ.

Important news on our finances

Sacred Commitment (dues) change

During the budget discussion at the June 9 Semiannual Membership Meeting, it was mentioned that there will be an automatic increase of 5% to your current Sacred Commitment (dues) pledge. This is NOT an additional 5%, but an increase of 5% to your existing pledge. The recommended Sacred Commitment of 2% of your annual income remains the same. As an example, if you are currently pledging \$100 this would become \$105, or if \$2,000, this becomes \$2,100. If this increase poses a financial hardship, please contact someone on the Finance Committee to request this increase not be added.

Members should regularly reassess their dues pledge as their income or their ability to pay changes. Over the last several years, our dues have not increased while our expenses continue to rise. In the last two fiscal years we collected \$162K and \$157K, and we project collecting only \$159K this year. We also note that the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) have been 5.9% in 2022, 8.7% in 2023 and 3.2% in 2024. Based on these figures we felt it was appropriate to recommend, as part of the budget review, this dues increase.

Help us close the gap

Also at the Semiannual Membership Meeting, the membership approved the 2024/25 TBO fiscal year budget with an expected deficit of about \$17,000. The Finance Committee shared that fiscal year 2023/24 will end with an approximate deficit of \$31,000.

While there is money in the reserve fund to cover this deficit, we do not want to run the reserve down more than absolutely necessary.

The Governing Board is appealing to you to "Help us close the gap." At the meeting, pledge cards were passed out and members pledged varying amounts toward our deficit. You too can help by making a pledge! To make an online pledge, go to templebethor.org/donate. Consider making the pledge in honor or memory of someone. Thank you for helping TBO remain strong and fiscally solid.



Help Us Close the Gap

TBO is in need of funds to close our budgetary gap for the fiscal year 2023-2024 (ending June 30). Please help us get the 2024-2025 fiscal year off to a good start.

I agree to pledge and pay the following amount before July 15:

Name(s): _____

Amount Pledged (please circle)

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other: _____

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of Temple Beth Or!

From our Social Action Committee

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for July-September is Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. Domestic Violence Services (DVS) is a nonprofit organization serving Snohomish County since 1976. It is the only program in Snohomish County providing emergency shelter and comprehensive, confidential services to victims of domestic abuse.

DVS provides individual and community awareness programs which can affect the social change necessary to eliminate domestic violence throughout Snohomish County. For more information go to <https://dvs-snoco.org/>



Donor Dinner at Emory's
on Silver Lake

Good food, good friends,
for a great cause!

Blintzes, bourekas and the Book of Ruth

Shavuot study at TBO



Moadon Kriya Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting is Sunday, July 21, 10:00 am-noon, at TBO.



Historical fiction and fantasy collide in July's book club book *When the Angels Left the Old Country* by Sacha Lamb.

A queer immigrant fairytale about individual purpose, the fluid nature of identity, and the power of love to change and endure.

Future book club date:
September 15, book TBD.

Wyndi Russakoff



Next Chapter: art, culture and food

Next Chapter will be visiting Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds on September 8. **Phyllis Busch**, Temple Beth Or member and Art Ambassador for the museum, will provide a tour beginning at 3:00 pm of the featured current exhibit "Building a Dream: Z. Vanessa Helder and Artists of the Inland Northwest." This exhibit features the watercolors completed by Ms. Helder of the building of Grand Coulee Dam. The tour will take no more than 45 minutes, and you will have ample time to explore other exhibits, one of which is "A Legacy Rediscovered: Northwest Women Artists 1920-1960". Admission is \$9 (purchase at the museum when you arrive). The Museum store is an added bonus. After the tour, we will eat at a local restaurant.

To allow for appropriate reservations, please let Phyllis know by September 3 if you will joining this activity for the tour, dinner or both. To learn more about the museum, go to www.cascadiaartmuseum.org.



July Yahrzeits



7/1/24	Doris Sinclair	Temple Beth Or Family
7/3/24	Dorothy Lawson	Mother of Scott Lawson
7/4/24	Eugene Arfin	Father of Julie Maltos
7/4/24	Edith (Lolly) Gardsbane	Mother of Susan Cross
7/6/24	Louie Schwartz	Father of Marilyn Glosser
7/8/24	Jane Crine	Stepmother of Deborah Nedelman
7/8/24	James McCready	Father of Carol McCready-Cohn
7/9/24	Benjamin Deburle	Grandfather of Helen Grossman
7/9/24	Clementine Goldman	Mother of Cari Goldman
7/11/24	Mabel Lyons	Grandmother of Janet Karr
7/11/24	Sylvia Merkadeau	Aunt of Steve Wolff
7/13/24	Louise Sosnove	Mother of Nancy Sosnove
7/15/24	Eron Maltos	Father of Dave Maltos
7/15/24	Abram Archie Nedelman	Father of Deborah Nedelman
7/17/24	Samuel Dash	Grandfather of Harold Dash
7/17/24	Rindall Jones	Husband of Nancy Adler-Jones
7/17/24	Estelle Roon	Aunt of Tony Roon
7/18/24	Evelyn Molotch	Cousin of Howard Schoenfeld
7/18/24	Goldie Russakoff	Grandmother of Steven Russakoff
7/18/24	Christi Schifferle	Sister of Vicky Romero
7/19/24	Blanche Bisen	Aunt of Melanie Field
7/19/24	Lacey Erin Phippen	Daughter of Marla Phippen
7/19/24	John Welch	Father of Wanda Bresnick
		Grandfather of Kelsey Bresnick
		Grandfather of Michael Glosser
7/20/24	Louis Finkelstein	Husband of Shannon St. George
7/21/24	Jeffrey St. George	
7/27/24	Lillian Witenberg	Aunt of Suzan Halle



August Yahrzeits



8/1/24	Eloise Gershone	Cousin of Suzan Halle
8/1/24	John Hiltzman	Father of Amy Paquette
8/2/24	Anne Irene Waldman	Grandmother of Kendra Julien
8/3/24	Millard Habegger	Father of Robyn Klarman
8/4/24	Sol Blustein	Father of Marvin Blustein
8/4/24	Bernice Grossman	Mother of Carl Grossman
8/5/24	Michael David	Nephew of Pam Spitzer
8/5/24	Bernie Friedenberg	Uncle of Nancy Sosnove
8/5/24	William Sosnove	Father of Nancy Sosnove
8/6/24	Evelyn Berman	Temple Beth Or Family
8/6/24	Albert Hascal	Temple Beth Or Family
8/6/24	Rick Shapiro	Cousin of Norm Black
8/7/24	Carl Dash	Father of Harold Dash
8/8/24	Anne Goodmark	Mother of Robert Goodmark
8/10/24	Robert Miller	Father of Rand Miller
8/11/24	Melanie Marinkovic	Cousin of Nancy Rosen
		Cousin of Mirs VonAschen-Cook
8/11/24	John St. George	Father-in-law of Shannon St. George
8/12/24	Etly Neuman	Mother of Pam Spitzer
8/13/24	Craig Napp	Cousin of Jeff Napp
8/13/24	Blanche Schoenfeld	Grandmother of Howard Schoenfeld
8/15/24	Connie Anker	Mother of Leslie Elsemore
8/16/24	Malvin Nassau	Father of Rosie Tatel
8/17/24	Elyse Joy Shapiro	Temple Beth Or Family
8/18/24	William Falconer	Father of Nancy Wilkinson
8/19/24	Rhoda Hiltzman	Mother of Amy Paquette
		Mother of Ellis Engbar
		Father of Mike Ingram
8/19/24	Alex Ingram	
8/19/24	Pat Schoenwolf	Mother of Pat Azus
8/19/24	William "Billy" Sturman	Temple Beth Or Family
8/20/24	Lillian Yoshida	Mother of Lori Wolff
8/22/24	Joyce Piel	Stepmother of Ellis Engbar
		Stepmother of Amy Paquette
		Grandmother of Carolyn Wexler
8/22/24	Rose Siegel	
8/23/24	Harold Bockserman	Father-in-law of David Gross
8/23/24	Rube Hausmann	Great Uncle of Ron Green
8/26/24	Louise Welch	Mother of Wanda Bresnick
		Grandmother of Kelsey Bresnick
		Grandmother of Tovah Yenna
8/28/24	Marianne Welenteychik	
8/28/24	Max Zainwel	Temple Beth Or Family
8/30/24	Vicki Zelda Bradley	Temple Beth Or Family
8/30/24	Lee Ephross	Sister of Mim Edelstein
8/30/24	Hyman Smilovitz	Grandfather of Suzan Halle
8/30/24	Rachel Sussman	Mother of Stan Sussman



Remodel news

On June 9, members of the Task Force presented an update at the Semiannual Membership Meeting. The presentation included a brief background/history of the project, design priorities, a walk-through of the most recent floor plans, what's happening now, and next steps. We also shared financial information and an estimated project timeline. Additional presentations covered the status of the search for alternate space to be used for TBO services, activities, events and Religious School during construction, and an update of our Listen Everywhere system. There were handouts provided that included an introduction, some FAQs, drawings of the floorplan, and a comparison chart showing area/sizes of some of the current and proposed spaces. If you missed the meeting, or want another opportunity to engage with these materials, you can contact the office to get links to access the recording of the meeting and the handout materials.

The Listen Everywhere hearing enhancement system and additional updated audio equipment, including new microphones, have been purchased using funds from the Ignition Grant awarded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle to TBO.

The basic system has been installed and is being tested. Additional microphones are being evaluated and will also be purchased in the coming weeks. Once the entire system is fully operational, information will be posted and shared, both onsite and through our various modes of communication, with instructions about how to use it. Special thanks to **Vicki Schwartz** for applying for the grant and overseeing its implementation, and to **Koby Wexler** for arranging for and monitoring the installation. Questions and comments about the remodel project can be sent to **Harold Dash, Melanie Field** and **Glen Pickus** at remodel@templebethor.org. We welcome your input!



Leadership News

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

1. Approved the minutes from last month’s Board meeting.
2. Planned for the June 9 Semiannual Membership Meeting. Assigned various tasks, and reviewed the agenda and various presentations planned for the meeting.
3. **Wanda Bresnick** shared that **Rabbi Kort** will be on sabbatical January 1- June 30, 2025. She will virtually lead one service each month, another will be lay led with a song leader, and one more will be professionally led. Local rabbis will be available for life cycle events as needed.
4. High Holy Day planning is in process. **Pattipeg Harjo** will coordinate Rosh Hashanah and **Julie Mackoff** will coordinate Yom Kippur. Erev Rosh Hashanah will be in person. If we are no longer in the building, a backup site has been reserved.
5. **Nancy Rosen** shared that the security grant has been submitted. **Gwen Campbell** did much of the work putting this grant together. In the fall, we will learn the results of our grant submission.
6. **James Feinberg** reviewed our financial report. We have a large deficit from this past year resulting from a significant decrease in our general donations and an error in our cost calculations for Religious School.
7. The Board spent time discussing our budget deficits from the last two years and what to do about it. In addition to a 5% increase in sacred commitments and an increase in Religious School tuition, we will be making an appeal at the Semiannual Membership Meeting asking members to help “close the gap.”

Temple Leadership

Rabbi
Rachel Kort

Governing Board

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Website: JonaRose Feinberg
Youth Education: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson

Safety & Security Committee: Free Narcan at TBO

We have a couple of doses of Narcan (also known naloxone) that are available for free to TBO members. Narcan is used to prevent opioid overdoses. If administered and the patient is not having an overdose, there are no side effects. If you would like to have one on hand for emergencies, please reach out to the TBO office.



Statements by email: an easy way to help TBO



It may not seem like much, but with postage now \$0.68, the cost of mailings adds up. A simple way to help us save on postage, paper, envelopes and printing costs is to agree to receive your quarterly statements via email.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Davis in the Temple office.

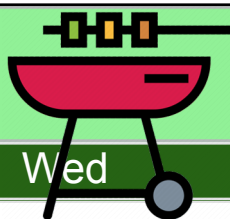
JULY 2024



Sivan / Tammuz 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	2	3 Rabbi away	4 Office closed	5 Office closed	6
7 1 Tammuz	8 Maasa trip ends Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 <i>Ruach</i> & Ritual Committee meeting 7:30 pm	11 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	12 Shabbat from Jerusalem 7:30 pm	13
14	15 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	16 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	17	18	19 Rabbi returns Office closed	20 Outdoor Shabbat 10:00 am
21 Book Club 10:00 am Next Chapter (garden & quilt) 12:30 pm	22	23	24 Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Shabbat service and bat mitzvah of Tilly Jacobson 10:00 am
28	29	30	31 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm			

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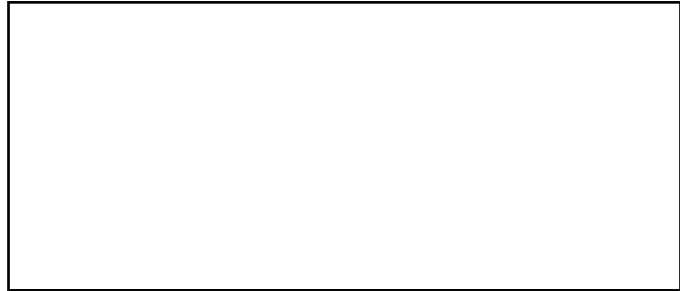
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We are religiously and geographically diverse, serving the northern Puget Sound region of Washington State. As God's covenantal partners in fulfilling mitzvot, our priorities are:

- *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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