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Community seder

Sunday, April 13, 4:45 pm (in person only)

Location: Everett, offsite (to be provided when your registration is processed)

Service leader: Vicki Schwartz, Music leader: Noah Zeichner

Temple Beth Or celebrates our ancient path to freedom as a community on Sunday, April 13. Join in as we tell the story of Passover, eat ritual foods, and sing fun and moving songs. Our Congregation has often celebrated this holiday together.

It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with old acquaintances and to meet new TBO members.

It takes many hands to bring this event together. Please consider signing up to help on that day as well as adding food to our dinner.

All ritual items will be provided by TBO. Attendees are asked to bring a non-dairy, kosher for Passover dish to share. Food guidelines will be emailed to those who register.

Cost: \$10 per person over age 10, \$30 maximum per family.

Registration: All participants must register to attend. Register at templebethor.org/service-registration by Friday, April 4, 3:00 pm.

This event is limited to members and guests from Pacifica Foundation and Unity in Lynnwood.



TBO turns **40!** See page 6.

Because of a failure with the copier, we could not send this issue by mail as originally intended. Effective with this issue, we are sending the *ORacle* primarily through email rather than in printed form, and we ask you to print out the edition at home. For those members who require a mailed printed copy, fill out the form at tinyurl.com/oracleoptin. However, mailed editions will be in black & white rather than color. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding.

From our President

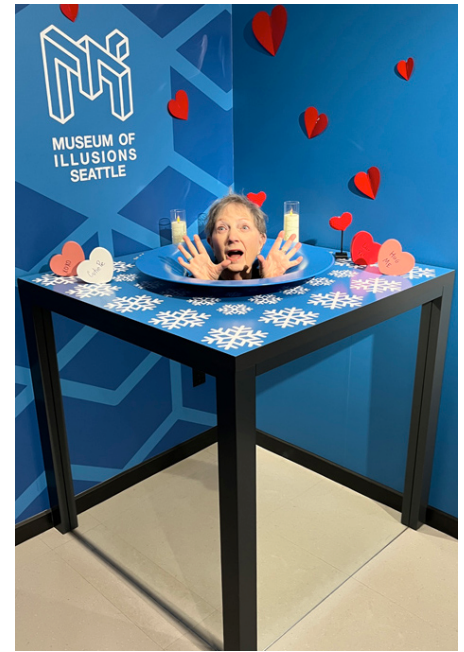
It's just an illusion...

Don't be alarmed! As I write this, my head is attached to my body; it is not on a platter! **Rich Spitzer** took that photo of me during Next Chapter's visit to the Museum of Illusions on February 23, organized by **Sonia Siegel Vexler**. The outing was educational and so much fun, and a large group of us enjoyed the trip down via light rail, the visit to the museum and dinner together. I have been thinking about illusions and things that we don't see ever since the trip.

At TBO, when we are at services, *onegs*, dinners, Religious School, and other activities, if everything goes smoothly, as it usually does, we have succeeded in creating the illusion that it "just happened." But of course, that is an illusion. Much goes on that is not immediately visible. I have been trying to create a list of all the TBO members who make our community what it is: a vibrant, loving, inclusive community joined by a commitment to Jewish values and to one another. Creating that list was impossible, but here are a few shout-outs.

I want to thank the Governing Board, the committee chairs and committee members, the greeters, all who send their sacred commitments and make financial contributions to the remodel and other funds, those who contribute time and thought to the remodel, and the painters who prepared the Marysville house for sale. Have you served as a door monitor during Religious School, or helped to clear the table after dinners and *onegs*? Thank you. Did you turn on the heaters in the bathrooms before others arrived? Have you contacted someone who has been ill, or sent a condolence card or an email or text to someone who could use a hug? Thank you. Did you give someone a ride to TBO? Thank the song leader or service leader for something you particularly enjoyed? Did I mention taking out the trash or nailing back that broken board outside the Religious School portable classroom? Thank you.

One thing that is not an illusion is the warmth and comfort we derive from belonging to the wonderful TBO family. Thank you.



Nancy

Nancy Rosen, President (she/her)

Next Chapter visits the Museum of Illusions, Seattle

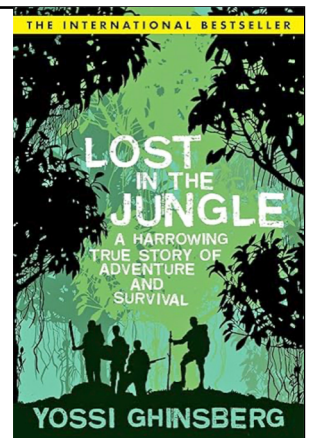


Moadon Kriya Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting is April 27, 10:00 am - noon, at my home in Shoreline. We will be discussing *Lost in the Jungle* by Yossi Ghinsberg.

Yossi Ghinsberg is a Jewish Israeli author. *Lost in the Jungle* is a nonfiction book about his experience in the Amazon rainforest, where he was forced to survive for weeks alone after an accident. This book also goes by the title *Jungle: A Harrowing True Story of Survival in the Amazon*.

Contact me for the address if interested in attending.



Wyndi Russakoff



Remodel news

Such a busy time - it is really tough to keep up! A huge number of people have been working really hard to get us ready for construction. Be sure to thank them all.

- Our library, HHD books and other items were moved into storage at the **Elsemores'** home. Thanks to **Rich Spitzer**, we have an agreement with a storage facility and have hired movers to help with the big move out on March 28.
- Arrangements are made to store our Torahs at other Jewish institutions. They will be accessible for special occasions, like *b'nei mitzvah* and High Holy Days. Thanks to **Rabbi David Fine** and **Janis Warner** for spearheading this effort.
- We have used *ORbits*, Facebook, *ORacle*, *ORkids* and announcements to share information about how and when to help. Lots of volunteers have stepped up. Thank you!
- The construction contract with our contractor, CPM, has been signed.
- Responses to City of Everett comments on our outstanding permit applications have been submitted. We have also submitted an additional building permit application for our stormwater detention vault.
- We received an additional extension on our insurance claim until July 15.
- Contracts have been signed with all our alternate locations for services and Religious School. See also the article below.
- Additional packing events have taken place, including packing up art with the **Gorlicks** on March 23, packing the kitchen with Leslie Elsemore on March 24, and packing up ritual items with Janis Warner also on March 24.
- **Wanda Bresnick** and her crew coordinated a wonderful community groundbreaking celebration on March 23. See photos on page 7.
- The Communications Committee is working on a second groundbreaking event tailored for the media and dignitaries.
- **Deb Henry** is coordinating our effort to move out our surplus stuff. She organized items for member pre-sale by donation and then a garage sale/giveaway for the public on March 30.
- **Sarah Davis** has moved the office into the offsite temporary location - her home - and is up and running smoothly. She is continuing to check the mailbox and receiving USPS sent to TBO. Package deliveries have been suspended.
- Design Group co-chairs Leslie Elsemore and **Michael Gorlick** had their first meeting with CPM to clarify their role. This team will be responsible for selecting flooring, paint, trim, appliances, countertops and cabinets that meet our budgetary constraints.
- Our goal is still to be fully out of the building the first week of April so construction mobilization can begin.

If you have questions or want more information about how you can help, feel free to contact **Harold Dash**, **Melanie Field**, **Glen Pickus**, **Rich Spitzer**, or the other individuals listed above.

Where will services be while we are out of the building?

We are happy to share that we have signed contracts with a few venues that will be our homes away from home for services in the months ahead. Most of our indoor services will be held at **Unity in Lynnwood**, located at 16727 Alderwood Mall Parkway, Lynnwood (across from Fred Meyer). This is an accessible, bright, secularly decorated building with a large kitchen and social hall and lots of parking. In-person services held here will be streamed for those who prefer to join us online. Our first service conducted at this location will be on Friday, April 25, and will include an *oneg* and social time after the service. We are looking forward to a rich and warm collaboration with this community, including joint programming and attending each others' events and services. Check out what they have going on at unityinlynnwood.org. Note also the interfaith dinner on April 5 (see page 10).

Some services will be at alternate locations. On Saturday, April 19, we will have our first service away from TBO at **Everett Unity Center for Positive Living**, just around the corner from TBO at 3231 Colby Ave. It's also an accessible space, and street parking is available, including handicapped parking spaces just in front of the building. This service will also be streamed. An *oneg* will follow the service in the large and comfortable social hall.

Our Pajama Shabbat on Friday, May 30, will be held at the **Alderwood Boys and Girls Club** in Lynnwood. More information will be shared about this fun Shabbat service in next month's *ORacle*. To see other service dates and their locations, please check the TBO calendar on the website.

April services

Shabbat from Israel

Friday, April 11, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort

Join us from the comfort of your own home as Rabbi Kort leads an abbreviated Shabbat worship experience. The focus of this evening together online will be Rabbi Kort sharing a taste of her experience in Jerusalem, where she is currently on sabbatical.



Everett Unity Center
for Positive Living

Shabbat morning service

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 am, with service leader Sheryl Shapiro and musician Miriam Blau



Our community worship service will include a Torah reading and *drash* (sermon). This service is geared toward our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student community, and will last around 90 minutes.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends Friday, April 18, 3:00 pm.

Unity in
Lynnwood

Shabbat service

Friday, April 25, 7:30 pm, with service leader and musician Rabbi CB Souther



Join Shabbat services with our special Rabbinic leader Rabbi CB Souther. This is time to explore the season of Yoms. Which one will be significant to you this year - Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom HaAtzma-ut, or Yom Yerushalayim? Rabbi Souther will guide us through this web of holidays with an insightful message and beautiful music. This service will last about one hour.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends Friday, April 25, noon.

Shabbat Zoom: tinyurl.com/tboshabbatzoom
Meeting ID: 837 4187 0594 Passcode: 531760
Dial-in users: 253-215-8782



AT TBO



ONLINE



OUTDOOR



OFFSITE



ADULT EDUCATION

A pre-Passover soul retreat

Preparing our hearts for Passover in reflection and connection

Sunday, April 6, 4:00 -5:30 pm



Event Leader: Rabbi Jessica K. Marshall

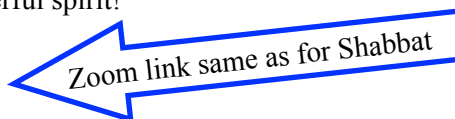
This retreat guides us to spiritually prepare for Passover as we explore the theme of our Promised Land.

In sacred community, we will:

- Receive the spaciousness to listen inward. We each hold so much inner wisdom. Together, we'll have an opportunity to connect with that still, small voice pointing us toward our truest values and dreams.
- Share a ritual to release that which no longer serves us, anything creating barriers to our Promised Land.
- Receive ideas for bringing these themes and discussions to your Passover seder table.

This experience is for all in the TBO community who feel called to explore this program, whether spiritual practices are a new experience for you or you have a background in contemplative practices. This gathering offers gentle ways for beginners to engage, and deeper invitations for those who are ready. The practices and tools are invitations - we celebrate whatever engagement feels most aligned for each participant. This experience is crafted to be accessible and inspiring to all.

Please bring a journal/notebook and pen, and your wonderful spirit!



Rabbi Jessica K. Marshall

A passionate facilitator of sacred community, Rabbi Jessica K. Marshall leads a virtual spiritual community, transformative retreats, premarital wedding support, and one-on-one guidance to bless the love and spirit present in each chapter of life's journey.



Her work champions spiritual inclusivity, bringing together creative rituals, intentional reflections, the wisdom of the natural world and a healthy dose of playfulness and humor - to reveal the depth of meaning that awaits us within our inner connection.

She joyously served Temple Beth Or from 2009-2017 and is thrilled to be back for this pre-Passover program.

Find out about her virtual gatherings at: rabbijessicamarshall.com and on Instagram: @rabbijkm.



From our Director of Youth Education

Purim recap: record attendance, record laughs and record cotton candy ingestion! All enjoyed our "Very MadLib Purim" spiel starring madrichim and faculty. The carnival was tops, led by **Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson** and **Rani Linarelli** with **Ariel Topletz Erickson** as our new Volunteer Coordinator and decorator extraordinaire. Pre-Purim class mitzvah projects were a big success, too. More kudos to Purim mitzvah coordinators: the **Davis family** (*mishloach manot* - food baskets) and **Talia Cronk** (*matanot l'evyonim* - gifts to the poor). Everett Food Bank is 65 pounds heavier because of TBO. I'm still feeling that Purim high!

Stefanie
Stefanie Somers (she/her)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL'S PURIM CELEBRATION & CARNIVAL 2025



CAST: A VERY MADLIB PURIM



BEST MADRICHIM EVER!



HENNA BY NORAH



INCREDIBLE DECOR THANKS TO ARIEL TOPLETZ ERICKSON



PARENTS FEELING THE PURIM SPIRIT



AMAZING YE CO-CHAIRS:
RANI LINARELLI &
MEGHAN LEFRANCOIS-HANSON



GO QUEEN ESTHER!



Temple Beth Or turns 40!

In May of 1981, **Rennie and Janet Karr** and **Tony and Kathie Roon** attended a medical meeting in Victoria, BC. Relaxing at the end of the day in the hotel's hot tub, Rennie and Tony discovered they were both from New York and as kids had gone to Camp Cejwin, a Jewish summer camp. That discussion led to their hopes for a Jewish community in Snohomish County for their families. That was the beginning of Temple Beth Or.

Four years later, on February 10, 1985, Rennie and Janet hosted a meeting at their home with others who were interested in forming a Jewish community. Rennie was chosen as president, **Marcia Goldberg**, vice-president, **Cheryl Waldbaum**, secretary, and Tony Roon, treasurer. Plans were made for a Passover seder in April, and more organizational meetings followed. We were fortunate to have strong support from the UAHC (now URJ). **Rabbi Harold Saperstein** (z"l) came in May, led services, and helped us choose our name - Temple Beth Or, House of Light. **Rabbi David Ellenson** (z"l) led our High Holy Days services that year and for several years after. Religious school began in October, with classes every other Sunday morning. We were on our way.



SUSTAINING FOUNDING MEMBERS

Joan and Leonard Gurian
Sibyl and Jack Heller
Janet and Reynold Karr
Naomi Katsh and Stu Barger
Tobae and Russ McDuff
Deborah Nedelman and Mel Trenor
Vicky Romero and Harold Dash
Kathie and Tony Roon
Vicki Schwartz and Al Friedman
Sonia Siegel Vexler and Paul Vexler
Nancy Sosnove and David Roberts
Cheryl and Jerry Waldbaum

We Gratefully Acknowledge
The Generous Contribution
Of The Montefiore Members

Founded in 1985

In 1987, the Orthodox Montefiore Congregation contacted us. They owned the synagogue at 3215 Lombard Avenue in Everett, founded in 1913. Their membership was dwindling and they had been watching our growth. Rennie Karr, **Paul Vexler** (z"l), and **Al Friedman** (z"l) negotiated a deal with them, and Al gave them a \$1 bill to purchase the building and two Torah scrolls. We were now the owners of Temple Beth Or. During the next few years there was a large renovation project led by Paul Vexler to tear down the condemned dance hall at the back of the building, build classrooms, and update the sanctuary.

Lots has happened at TBO in the last 40 years, and it has remained the center of Jewish life in Snohomish County. We just celebrated the groundbreaking for a remodel to meet our growing needs, and our hopes for the future are bright!

See more at templebethor.org/about-us/our-history/.



Please welcome the Rossman family to TBO

Say hello to the Rossman family - Brian, Jessica, Lylah, Sophia and Jonah Rossman. They also have two dogs that are a very important part of their family.

The family now lives in Snohomish, having moved from California. What brought the Rossmans to TBO? Two reasons: Brian liked the casual environment when meeting our Rabbi, and they feel comfortable during services.

The whole family keeps busy working/going to school, bringing kids here and there, going to the theater, traveling and snow tubing. They look forward to participating in TBO events, especially outdoor ones.

When asked what the family's favorite holiday was, Jessica said that Hanukkah of 2024 was amazing. She and the kids went on a cruise and learned about traditions from other Jewish families that were also on the ship. Jessica and the kids have very good memories from this Hanukkah cruise.

If you see one of the Rossmans, ask them about their dogs and their dogs' names. Also ask them about that wonderful cruise.

Welcome Brian, Jessica, Lylah, Sophia and Jonah to our TBO community!

*Happy TBO Anniversary!
We appreciate your being
a part of our community:*



- Jeff Napp and Sheryl Shapiro - 33 years
- Melanie Field and Vinaya Chepuri - 30 years
- Sherrie Cooper - 23 years
- Marvin and Jane Blustein - 5 years
- Reggie Melech Gillins, Sr. - 4 years
- Gwen Campbell - 2 years

Temple Beth Or happenings



Barry Klarman shares experiences from his three weeks in Israel

Membership dinner with guest speaker from Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW



Check out where the library went - to the **Elsemores'** place. But don't try to check out a book!

Deb Henry sent 18 excess TBO menorahs to victims of the LA fires. They were greatly appreciated by members of the Santa Monica and LA Jewish community.



I got the box. Incredible that you did this. They're really lovely, some of the nicest we've gotten. Thank you for making it happen.



Groundbreaking celebration. YAY!



Social Action Committee news

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for April-June is the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, America's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice. Last year, in preparation for Passover, **Rabbi Kort** and a TBO member, **Reggie Melech Gillins**, led a discussion about reparations for African Americans as a first step in repairing the devastation inflicted by slavery and racial discrimination. Until there is a systematic way of providing reparations, consider a symbolic donation to this worthwhile organization. Donations can be made online through the Temple Beth Or website or directly at www.naacpldf.org.



Making our voices heard

Our elected officials want to hear from us on all topics of concern. A helpful website to facilitate contacting our legislators is 5calls.org. Protest rallies and marches are other ways to express your opinion. Some organizations that help organize people to peacefully defend our democracy are Snohomish County Indivisible (snocoindivisible.org), Actionnetwork.org, and fiftyfifty.one.

The Social Action Committee, along with other Jewish organizations such as The Worker's Circle, Religious Action Center of the URJ, Jewish Voice for Peace, J Street, Zioness, Jewish Council for Public Affairs and Bend the Arc, strongly condemn the arrest and detention of Mahmoud Khalil, a legal U.S. resident, for exercising his First Amendment rights. We support freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest. A quote from J Street: "We are appalled by the dangerous precedent set by his arrest. Our community can and must stand up for constitutional rights for all, even those with whom we may strongly disagree."

Book list

How do regular people speak their truths to power? Protests. Throughout history, the collective energy generated by people coming together in the streets, on bridges, at lunch counters and in front of businesses has held unjust governments to account and brought about social change. In the United States, the right to protest is usually recognized as free speech. And yes, it is that, but also much more. It's the universal right of freedom of expression. It's the right to peacefully assemble. It's the right to be free from arbitrary arrest or detention. It's the right to have hope for a better world.

Below are some books that might open doors for family discussions around protest.

- *Sometimes People March* by Tessa Allen (ages 3+, highly recommended for all ages)
- *We March* by Shane W. Evans (ages 2+)
- *My Mommy Marches* by Samantha Hawkins (ages 3+)
- *The Youngest Marcher* by Cynthia Levinson (ages 7+)
- *If You're Going to a March* by Martha Freeman (ages 7+)
- *March* (graphic novel trilogy) by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin (ages 12+)

For more recommendations for readers at all levels, visit Teaching for Change's curated list of books on a variety of topics at socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/.

WZO impacts you - VOTE!

Until May 4, 2025, American Jews will vote for their delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress, the "parliament of the Jewish people," which will convene in Jerusalem in October 2025. Voting in the election is the most powerful opportunity you have to make your voice heard in Israel, make an impact in Jewish communities worldwide, and stand up for Zionism. The representatives who are elected, with one-third of them coming from the United States, will make key decisions on allocating over \$1 billion annually to support the most pressing needs across Israeli society and the Diaspora.

The elected delegates include the 152 who fill American seats within the Congress. The larger the voter turnout is, the more the American Jewish voice is heard. URJ recommends we vote for slate #3 - VOTE REFORM. Learn more about this recommendation at vote4reform.org.



ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית
WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION



Go to AZM.org to vote. Voting is online and costs \$5. There is also a quick exit survey. Please complete it.



April *yahrzeits*



4/2	Wink Cissell	Uncle of Sarah Davis
4/2	Bronislava Kazhokina	Grandmother of Mila Lowery
4/3	Leone Hyman	Sister of Glen Pickus
4/3	Naomi Jean Cooley McKay	Temple Beth Or Family
4/4	Jessie Canady	Grandfather of Autumn Halliwell
4/4	Ruby Canady	Grandmother of Autumn Halliwell
4/4	David Magidson	Father of Judy Magidson
4/5	Dwight Haskins	Cousin of Eldon Wexler
4/5	Joseph Pickus	Grandfather of Glen Pickus
4/5	Mary Stoneman Smith	Grandmother of Jane Blustein
4/6	Lola Williams	Mother of Autumn Halliwell
4/6	Maynard Williams	Father of Autumn Halliwell
4/8	Benjamin Gorlick	Father of Michael Gorlick
		Grandfather of Joshua Gorlick
		Grandfather of Rachel Gorlick
4/9	Ruth Cross	Mother of Michael Cross
4/9	Beatrice Cross Wasser	Mother of Barb Ingram
4/9	Annie-Kate McDuff	Mother of Russ McDuff
4/9	Max Smiley	Uncle of Suzan Halle
4/10	Hyman Massin	Father of Michele Goodmark
4/11	Laura Bohn	Aunt of Nancy Sosnove
4/11	Meyer Deburle	Uncle of Helen Grossman
		Great-uncle of Miriam Wnuk
4/11	Sheldon Lewis	Temple Beth Or Family
4/12	Rose Cohen	Aunt of Mim Edelstein
4/12	Howard Klein	Nephew of Hanna Schwarz
4/12	Cameron Trenor	Father of Mel Trenor
4/13	Robert Baldwin	Uncle of Nancy Sosnove
4/13	Judith Littman	Grandmother of Jeff Napp
4/13	Rose Resnick	Temple Beth Or Family
4/13	Mariette Siegel	Aunt of Carolyn Wexler
4/14	Goldie Goldberg	Aunt of Suzan Halle
4/14	Esther Sadacca Nedelman	Mother of Deborah Nedelman
4/15	Edith Lewis	Temple Beth Or Family
4/16	Nathan Cohen	Father of Phyllis Busch
4/16	David Danielov	Uncle of Aileen Wexler
4/16	William Fabrikant	Uncle of Tony Roon
4/16	Min Siegel	Mother of Sonia Siegel Vexler
		Grandmother of Jess Burgamy
4/17	Bruce McCready	Brother of Carol McCready-Cohn
4/19	Eva Galambos	Mother of Tobae McDuff
4/19	Herman Poliakowsky	Grandfather of Cheryl Weight
4/20	Margaret Stoneman Clough	Mother of Jane Blustein
4/20	Michael Henry	Brother of Debra Henry
4/20	Joseph Kosher	Temple Beth Or Family
4/20	Anne Nassau	Mother of Rosie Tatel
4/20	Darlene Siegel	Aunt of Carolyn Wexler
4/20	Margaret Warner	Mother of Janis Warner
		Grandmother of Cece Black
		Great-grandmother of Melissa VonAschen-Cook
4/21	Lawanda Posten	Husband of Janet Robertson
4/21	James O. Robertson	Grandfather of Jessica Hill
4/22	Morris Lauber	Temple Beth Or Family
4/22	Robert Nathan	Cousin of Nancy Sosnove
4/23	Peter Linsky	Mother of Helen Grossman
4/24	Lilly Lichtman	Grandmother of Miriam Wnuk
		Mother of Dan Paquette
4/25	Elizabeth Paquette	Sister of David Fine
4/26	Sharon Ruth Fine Alpert	Uncle of Sarah Davis
4/26	Dan Cissell	Father of Jane Blustein
4/26	Glen Ennis Clough	Sister-in-law of Mendel Zacky
4/26	Julia Gitlitz	Mother-in-law of Hanna Schwarz
4/26	Else Schwarz	Mother of Mike Ingram
4/27	Margaret Ingram	Temple Beth Or Family
4/28	Pam Dotson	First husband of Rosie Tatel
4/28	Barry Stankevich	Grandfather of Naomi Katsh Barger
4/29	Israel Finkelstein	

What is LIFE & LEGACY?

LIFE & LEGACY® is a partnership program which helps communities such as TBO build endowments to provide long-term stability and support to sustain Jewish life. LIFE & LEGACY encourages individuals to plan for after-lifetime giving. Periodically, we'll answer some questions about LIFE & LEGACY.

Why should I/my family participate?

Being part of an active and supportive Jewish community is more important today than in recent years. We are a small part of the general community, so when we support each other we are stronger together. Our children learn that they are not alone; there are other Jewish families to join with and celebrate our faith, our traditions and our futures. *L'dor vador* - from this generation to the next, may we ensure a place for Jewish connection, education and prayer.

This is meant for major donors, right?

The benefit of LIFE & LEGACY is that we each have the opportunity to participate in our own way, in our own capacity, with an eye on the future. We do not need to be wealthy, we do not need to commit to hard dollars, and we do not need to struggle to find extra funds in our budget today.

Please contact a committee member to learn more...

Bob Goodmark
Debbie Halliday
Deb Henry
Eldon Wexler
Sonia Siegel Vexler



Congregation Kol Shalom
presents a musical
scholar in residence weekend
Bainbridge Island, WA April 4-5



Featuring D. Zisl Slepovitch

Join a special weekend of music, learning and Yiddish culture with D. Zisl Slepovitch, PhD, a renowned ethnomusicologist, composer and klezmer musician. Experience interactive workshops, multimedia concerts and communal gatherings that celebrate Yiddish music and history. To register and learn more, visit


www.kolshalom.net/scholar.

This event is made possible by an Ignition Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.



Leadership news

During the Governing Board meeting on March 2, 2025, the Board did the following:

- **Sonia Siegel Vexler** conducted a Life & Legacy training session.
- **Bob Goodmark** gave an update on the remodel.
- **Rich Spitzer** gave an update on the move-out.
- The Board agreed to hold the TBO seder at the Carl Gipson Center in Everett.
- **James Feinberg** reported that the budget is on track.
- **Ron Green** reported that **Noah Zeichner** is retiring as Religious School music leader at the end of this school year and **Shoshana Stombaugh** will be his replacement next year.
- The Board agreed to move Director of Youth Education (**Stefanie Somers**) and Office Administrator (**Sarah Davis**) to the top just below the Rabbi and remove the word “staff” on the TBO letterhead and in the *ORacle* Temple Leadership sidebar. 
- The Board passed a motion to approve signing contracts with Everett Unity Center for Positive Living for April 19, Alderwood Boys and Girls Club for May 30, and Unity in Lynnwood for all other TBO religious services between April 1 and December 31, 2025, except Rosh Hashanah.

Interfaith Dinner *Breaking Barriers Together*

Saturday, April 5, 2025

16727 Alderwood Mall Parkway, Lynnwood

Check-in at 5:45 pm

6:00 - 8:00 pm vegetarian dinner

\$5 registration fee

Full details and registration at:

interfaithdinner.bpt.me

**Come with an open heart,
leave with a deeper connection.**



Sponsored by: Northwest Interfaith, Unity in Lynnwood, Interfaith Community Sanctuary, Call of Compassion NW



Temple Leadership

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Rachel Kort

Director of Youth Education

Stefanie Somers

Office Administrator

Sarah Davis

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Wanda Bresnick

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Assist. VP of Community & Engagement

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Adult Education: Pattipeg Harjo

Bereavement: Susan Cross

B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator: Pam Spitzer

Book Club: Wyndi Russakoff

Building: Vacant

Calendar: Sarah Davis

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Capital Campaign: Jessica Burgamy & Jeff Napp

College & Military Outreach: Marilyn & Mike Glosser

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Vacant

Fundraising: Dana Sanders

High Holy Days Coordinator: Wanda Bresnick

HHD (Rosh HaShanah): Robyn Klarman

HHD (Yom Kippur): Gwen Campbell

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HHD planning meeting 7:00 pm	2 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 Shabbat on your own - <i>parashah Vayikra</i>	5 Interfaith dinner 6:00 pm
6 TBO Tot's Governing Board meeting 10:00 am Pre-Passover soul retreat 4:00 pm RS	7 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	8 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 7:00 pm	9 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm	10 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	11 Shabbat from Israel 7:30 pm	12  First night of Passover
13 Passover community seder 4:45 pm No RS	14	15 <i>ORacle</i> deadline	16 <i>Ruach</i> & Ritual Committee mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18	19 Shabbat morning service 10:00 am
20 No RS	21 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	22 Office closed	23 Office closed Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm Safety & Security Committee mtg. 7:00 pm	24 Office closed	25 Office closed Shabbat service 7:30 pm	26
27 RS	28	1 Iyar 29	30			

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

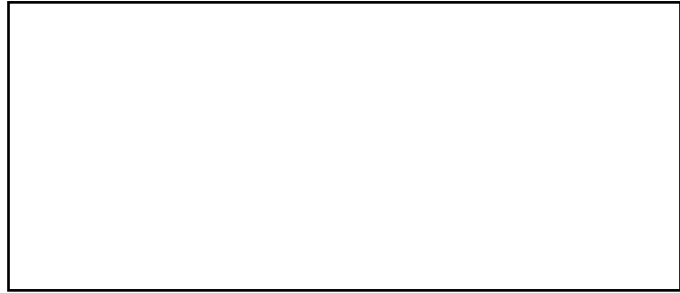
The Temple office is now closed for all in-person business. Sarah Davis is working offsite and can assist you Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The temple mailing address, phone, and office email remain the same.
office@templebethor.org

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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).