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Rabbi's Corner

Music, loss and healing

Do you remember the last time you cried in public? For me, it often happens in my car while listening to KEXP, a Seattle public radio station dedicated to building a “compassionate world” through music. KEXP’s morning show DJ, John Richards, hosts special “Music Heals” shows where listeners call in, requesting songs that have aided their healing. As Richards notes, “I hear from listeners every day about a song or a lyric that helped them heal, process, grieve or just find the strength to go on.” These shows always move me to tears.

On Sunday, August 3, the 9th of the Hebrew month Av, we observe Tishah B’Av, our Jewish communal memorial day. This day marks historical tragedies, from the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE to modern times. Like KEXP’s healing shows, Tishah B’Av music helps the Jewish community “heal, process, grieve, and just find the strength to go on.” The biblical Book of Lamentations, detailing the First Temple’s destruction, is chanted to a haunting melody. Since the Middle Ages, new songs, *kinot*, have been composed to memorialize contemporary Jewish tragedies, from medieval expulsions to the Holocaust, and most recently, the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack.

The last time I cried in public, it wasn’t in my car, but it was still evoked by music. In April, I attended a live screening of a joint memorial service for Israelis and Palestinians who died in the ongoing conflict. This service, sponsored by the Parents Circle, represents over 800 bereaved Palestinian and Israeli families working to “transform their pain into a force for reconciliation, dialogue and peace.” For security, the private event was held at undisclosed locations in Tel Aviv and Ramallah, with 15,000 people livestreaming worldwide and watch parties across Israel and the West Bank.

My livestream experience took place in a sterile meeting room in a Palestinian neighborhood in Jerusalem. The initial mood among the mixed group of Israelis, Palestinians and foreigners was stiff. However, the energy shifted dramatically when a Jewish-Israeli and a Palestinian-Israeli began singing a simple lullaby together in Hebrew and Arabic. Many in the room, including myself, were overcome with emotion and began to cry.

While the Parents Circle’s memorial cannot end the war, for a few minutes, the music offered a shared space for Israelis, Palestinians and global onlookers to cope with grief, loss and trauma. Tishah B’Av is our Jewish community’s time to memorialize our unique history. Yet it’s vital to remember that while Jewish people have endured many tragedies, we don’t have a monopoly on pain. As my favorite radio station reminds me, both music and loss are universal. Regardless of our backgrounds, we can all use music as a tool for healing.

TBO Tishah B’Av observance - details on page 4

Rabbi Rachel Kort
Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)

Important communication note

Since I’ve been away, we have started using a new phone system at TBO. I now have remote access to a dedicated TBO line, and will phase out using my personal cell phone for TBO communications. Please call and text message me on my direct TBO line: **425-551-7624**. Thank you, Rabbi Kort

From our President

She's baaaack!

On Saturday, July 19, we enjoyed our first in-person Shabbat service led by **Rabbi Kort** since her return from her Sabbatical in Jerusalem. **Shoshana Stombaugh** was our music leader and the outdoor venue was Langus Riverfront Park in Everett. The service was well attended by adults and so many children! The bimah was on the grass, and where you would expect to see the ark and the Torah, instead we saw purple and yellow flowers, greenery, a slowly flowing river and even a kayak. We turned our backs to the river as we faced east for the *Sh'ma*. The air was a little chilly (for me) but the *ruach* was warm, as it always is at TBO events. Although we were still out of our physical space as TBO undergoes its remodel, it felt good to be together again with our TBO family outdoors on this beautiful day.



Two points stayed with me from Rabbi Kort's *d'rash*. The first was based on a classical midrash, as reinterpreted by Lawrence Kushner, in which Reuben and Shimon *kvetch* about having left Egypt but not feeling an immediate improvement in their lives. Rabbi explained that at the sea, they were stuck in the mud, not raising their eyes to see the freedom that lay ahead. The moral of the story, I think, was that even in difficult times, we must fight the tendency to focus on the mud and instead raise our heads and our spirits to see what is good around us. The second point that struck me was Rabbi's comment that on Shabbat we "pretend" that all is right with the world. I love that. We aren't saying that we are living in the best times in the best possible world - we all know that we aren't - but for just a little while we can pretend and give ourselves a "time out." Isn't that what Shabbat is about?

I am so happy to have Rabbi Kort's thoughtfulness and wisdom back with us.

See photos from the riverfront on page 10

Some history about the Union for Reform Judaism

Temple Beth Or is one of more than 860 Reform Jewish congregations, representing a million people, that are affiliated with the URJ in North America.

The first Reform Jewish temple opened in Seesen Germany on July 17, 1820. Under the leadership of Rabbi Abraham Geiger, changes that he thought would make it easier for Jews to live Jewishly within modern society included the use of German instead of Hebrew for prayer, mixed gender seating, one-day observance of holidays, and the participation of a cantor and choir.

When German reformers immigrated to America, they brought Reform Judaism with them. The first American Reform Jewish religious group was the Reformed Society of Israelites, organized in 1824 in Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston's Congregation Beth Elohim, a Sephardic Orthodox synagogue, became the first permanent Reform Jewish synagogue in the U.S. Interestingly, I prepared a student for bat mitzvah there, and at least one of our TBO families visited the beautiful synagogue this summer. You can sign up for a guided tour if you are in the area.

Twenty years after Beth Elohim was founded, Isaac Mayer Wise, an organizer of the American Jewish Reform movement, came to the U.S. from Bohemia. Rabbi Wise wrote *Minhag America (American Practice)* in 1857. It was the first siddur specifically edited for American worshippers and included both the Hebrew text and English translations.

In 2003, delegates to the Minnesota Biennial Convention of the Reform movement approved a name change from Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) to Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

I was intrigued to learn that while the Reform movement's position on Israel and Zionism has changed over the years, it has never wavered from a liberal position on social issues. Today, the RAC, the Religious Action Center of the URJ, has consistently taken liberal positions and organized actions that many of us have taken part in.

I invite you to explore the history of the Reform movement in America. Visit [URJ.org/who-we-are/history](https://www.urj.org/who-we-are/history).

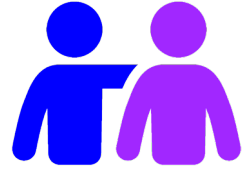
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy".

Nancy Rosen, President (she/her)

Membership news

Kvell Korner is coming

Do you have a *simchah* to share? Maybe you have a major anniversary coming up, or a family member got a new job, or there's a new child or grandchild. Send us a few sentences (maximum 50 words), and we'll publish the good news. No photos, please. Send items to **Leslie Elsemore** or use this form: <https://tinyurl.com/kvellkorner>.



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



- Amber Waldbaum - 18 years
- Barry and Robyn Klarman - 15 years
- Miriam Wnuk - 15 years
- Bob and Michele Goodmark - 12 years
- Michael and Kaye Gorlick - 11 years
- Julie Mackoff and John Bennett - 7 years
- Michael Tarr and Joy Lee - 6 years
- Dana Sanders and Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson - 4 years
- Andrea Tucker - 4 years
- Rich and Pam Spitzer - 3 years

Sunday, August 10, 4:00 pm

Annual TBO Summer
BBQ

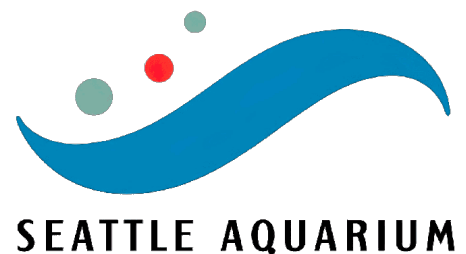


Come one, come all to our TBO Summer BBQ, sponsored by the Membership Committee. We'll have burgers, dogs (vegan friendly, too) and all the fixings. Bring a side or dessert to share; last names A-D sign up for appetizers, E-N sides or salad, O-Z dessert. Enjoy fun and games for the kids and kids at heart.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

Location will be provided upon registration. All participants must register to attend. Registration closes Thursday, August 7, noon. Register at tinyurl.com/tbobbq2025.

Save the date: September 17, noon
Next Chapter goes to the Seattle Aquarium

We will be visiting the amazing Seattle Aquarium on Wednesday, September 17. In order to finalize the cost and time, we need an estimate of how many Next Chapter participants will attend. Please contact **Janis Warner** if you are interested in this event or have questions. Full details next month, or complete the TBO registration form at tinyurl.com/NextChapterAquarium. More details will be available soon. In the meantime, visit the aquarium's website at seattleaquarium.org.



August Shabbat services

Shabbat at home

Friday, August 1, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort

Join us for a musical Shabbat worship experience from the comfort of your own home, lasting about an hour. Light 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.



BYO picnic
at 6:00

Lighthouse Park,
Mukilteo



Family picnic Shabbat

Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh

Join us for a multigenerational, musical Shabbat worship experience at Lighthouse Park, where there is plenty of space to dance, play and pray. This service is great for all ages and will last about an hour. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Come at 6:00 with a BYO picnic dinner to enjoy.

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

Shabbat service and bar mitzvah of Colin Lowery
Saturday, August 23, 10:00 am,
with Rabbi Rachel Kort and
musician Noah Zeichner

Unity in Lynnwood



Join us for our morning service led by Rabbi Kort and Colin Lowery. This Shabbat service will include a Torah reading and Torah teaching by Colin. The service is geared toward our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student community, and will last about two hours.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends Friday, August 22, 3:00 pm.

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



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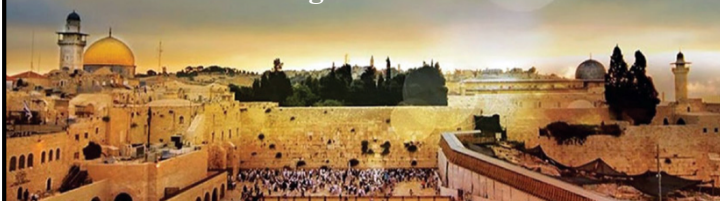


ADULT EDUCATION

Exploring Diaspora Jewish identity through
the music of Tishah B'Av with Rabbi Kort

Sunday, August 3, 10:00-11:30 am

**Private home, Mukilteo - address provided upon
registration.**



During this 90-minute interactive class, we will study and listen to a selection of music for Tishah B'Av written over 2,000 years. Through these songs, we will explore our own complex relationship with the land of Israel as Jews living in the Diaspora.

Music is the ritual centerpiece of Tishah B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem and has come to be a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history. The relationship between Jews in the Diaspora and the land of Israel is a central theme in many of the liturgical dirges composed for the holiday.

Tishah B'Av is a traditional fast day; no food will be served.

Registration closes Friday, August 1, noon. Members only. Register at tinyurl.com/templebethortba.



Colin Lowery is becoming bar mitzvah

Colin Lowery, son of **Ken and Mila Lowery** and brother of **Laila**, will be called to the Torah on August 23, 2025. Colin is an eighth grader at Heatherwood Middle School, where his favorite subjects are Art and PE. He enjoys playing sports (lacrosse, soccer and basketball), fishing, reading, and playing the cello.

Colin's favorite Temple activity is celebrating Rosh Hashanah at Camp Kalsman. Studying for his bar mitzvah has taught him that with the right support, he is a fast learner.

For his *tikkun olam* project, Colin organized a beach cleanup at Brackett's Landing Park in Edmonds and served meals for the homeless at a community kitchen in Snohomish.

Colin would like to thank his Religious School teachers **Roland Roth** and **Jessica Hill**, his *b'nei mitzvah* tutor **Pam Spitzer**, **Rabbi Kort**, and his family for their support throughout this process.





From our Director of Youth Education

TBO TOTS is growing!

After your feedback, we are thrilled to announce that TOTS will now have three additional sessions. The extra sessions will allow pre-teaching around Hanukkah, Purim and Pesach before the all-school holiday celebrations as well as more time for TOTS families to connect.

TOTS is the first experience of Religious School for our littlest learners, ages 0-5 (or until kindergarten, with an adult who loves them. Meeting on Sunday mornings, the first hour of religious school (unless there's a special program), TOTS experience the joy of Judaism through music, stories, and developmentally appropriate, hands-on activities. The program begins in September and meets 13 times thru May. Exact dates will be on the TBO website.



TBO at Camp Kalsman



Important Dates: Mark Your Calendars

- Aug. 1 - last day to register
- Aug. 1 - last day to submit scholarship
- Sunday, Sept. 7- 1st day of school (K-7th)
- Sunday, Sept. 14- 1st day of school (TOTS)

CALLING ALL TBO TEENS!

Are you a TBO teen who is in 8th-12th grade? Are you proud to be Jewish? Do you love kids? Are you a natural leader wanting to develop more leadership skills? Yes to all of these questions means you should join our Madrichim program. We are looking for responsible teens to help support our Religious School classrooms on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-12:30pm. Madrichim choose an opportunity to earn a \$180 honorarium, or community service hours. Parents, please have your teens email Stefanie at religious.school@templebethor.org by Aug. 25 if your teen would like to participate.

Stefanie

Stefanie Somers (she/her)



Remodel news

The detention vault is done and foundation construction is underway



Here's what's happening on Lombard Avenue:

- The stormwater detention vault has been completed and covered with soil.
- Excavation for the foundation of the building extension is completed, and construction is underway.
- Initial demolition at the front of the building revealed that the foyer and office did not have a foundation under them. The architect has submitted plans to the city to fix this problem. CPM anticipates that addressing this situation will result in added cost and a delay in the project of about seven weeks.
- Church Mutual has agreed to settle our insurance claim now for the fire that destroyed the adjacent duplex, rather than waiting for the Temple addition to be completed.
- The interior design team is evaluating paint colors, flooring, cabinetry for the kitchen, and appliances. They will invite members of the Religious School to participate in choosing paint colors for the classrooms.

You can follow the progress on our website at templebethor.org/building. Check it out to see more photos!



Stormwater drainage components for the parking lot. The one in the right photo is shown in place, and will feed into the detention vault. (July 16)



The green pipe goes into the hole in the side of the detention vault. (July 16)



The vault and the drain line into the vault are now complete and buried. (July 25)

Exterior progress



July 16



Foundation area

July 25



Bottom of the elevator shaft (July 25)



View from the sanctuary (July 25)



This area, south of the building, is where cement trucks dump their waste when cleaning out the chutes. It eventually will be buried under pavement. (July 25)

It was interesting to watch how CPM safely maneuvered the excavator over the trench! (July 16)



Social Action Committee news

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for July-September 2025 is the ACLU of Washington Foundation. The ACLU is the nation's premier civil rights and civil liberties organization that works tirelessly for justice in the areas of:

- Reproductive, youth and LGBTQ rights
- Mass incarceration and racial justice
- Privacy, surveillance and technology
- Immigrant rights, freedom from religious interference, and more



ACLU of Washington is our state's affiliate of the ACLU, and its foundation is primarily involved in civil liberties litigation, research and communications activities. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Donations to the *Tzedakah* Box can be made in person at services or through the TBO website, or directly to the ACLU of Washington Foundation at aclu-wa.org/give.

Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Snohomish County holds candidate forums for many of the local elections. These discussions with all the candidates are conducted virtually and are available on the League's YouTube channel. For example, the forum with the candidates for Everett's mayor was held July 9 with the four candidates - Janice Greene, Scott Murphy, Rich Ryan and Cassie Franklin - and is now available on YouTube.

Here's the link: youtube.com/lwvsnohomishcounty.

Camp Kalsman pre-registration is now open

These camps fill up quickly! By pre-registering, you get a 48 hour notice before general registration opens. If you have interest in either of these camps, you should pre-register now.



Fall Family Overnight, October 4-5, 2025

Join us for Camp Kalsman's annual Fall Family Overnight in partnership with PJ Library and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Perfect for families with young children through early elementary interested in experiencing camp for the first time. Celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot with us, and enjoy classic camp activities. It's tons of fun for the whole family! Pre-register for early access to registration at tinyurl.com/KalsmanOct25.

Spring Family Camp, April 24-26, 2026

Spring Family Camp is back again after a SOLD-OUT retreat weekend in 2025. Celebrate Shabbat with us, enjoy classic camp activities together as a family and give your kids the chance to experience camp with our amazing counselors. Find the perfect balance of family-oriented, kids-only and "adult-time" activities so parents can connect and relax, too (including nighttime supervision so you can have the evening off after bedtime). Pre-register at tinyurl.com/KalsmanApr26.



Are you interested in serving on the TBO Governing Board? We're looking for temple members who are ready to put forth their energy and wisdom to help guide our Temple. If you're interested, contact **Sonia Siegel Vexler**.



August *yahrzeits*



8/1	Eloise Gershone	Cousin of Suzan Halle
8/2	Marvin Seidman	Father of Stacey Seidman
8/2	Anne Irene Waldman	Grandmother of Kendra Waldman
8/3	Millard Habegger	Father of Robyn Klarman
8/3	Blanche Schoenfeld	Grandmother of Howard Schoenfeld
8/4	Sol Blustein	Father of Marvin Blustein
8/5	Michael David	Nephew of Pamela Spitzer
8/6	Evelyn Berman	Temple Beth Or Family
8/6	Albert Hascal	Temple Beth Or Family
8/6	Rick Shapiro	Cousin of Norm Black
8/7	Carl Dash	Father of Harold Dash
8/8	Anne Goodmark	Mother of Robert Goodmark
8/10	Robert Miller	Father of Rand Miller
8/11	Melanie Marinkovic	Cousin of Nancy Rosen
		Cousin of Mirs VonAschen-Cook
8/11	John St. George	Father-in-law of Shannon St. George
8/12	Etly Neuman	Mother of Pamela Spitzer
8/12	Rose Siegel	Grandmother of Carolyn Wexler
8/13	Craig Napp	Cousin of Jeff Napp
8/15	Connie Anker	Mother of Leslie Elsemore
		Grandmother of Eric Elsemore
8/16	Malvin Nassau	Father of Rosie Tatel
8/17	Elyse Joy Shapiro	Temple Beth Or Family
8/18	William Falconer	Father of Nancy Wilkinson
8/19	Rhoda Hilzman	Mother of Amy Paquette
		Mother of Ellis Engbar
8/19	Alex Ingram	Father of Mike Ingram
8/19	Pat Schoenwolf	Mother of Pat Azus
8/19	William "Billy" Sturman	Temple Beth Or Family
8/22	Joyce Piel	Stepmother of Ellis Engbar
		Stepmother of Amy Paquette
8/23	Harold Bockserman	Father-in-law of David Gross
8/23	Rube Hausmann	Great Uncle of Ron Green
8/24	Myra Dembrow Saper	Cousin of Nancy Rosen
		Cousin of Mirs VonAschen-Cook
8/26	Louise Welch	Mother of Wanda Bresnick
		Grandmother of Kelsey Bresnick
8/27	Mathilde Lichtman	Grandmother of Helen Grossman
8/28	Marianne Welenteychik	Grandmother of Tovah Yenna
8/28	Max Zainwel	Temple Beth Or Family
8/30	Vicki Zelda Bradley	Temple Beth Or Family
8/30	Lee Ephross	Sister of Mim Edelstein
8/30	Hyman Smilovitz	Grandfather of Suzan Halle
8/30	Rachel Sussman	Mother of Stan Sussman

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.

Do I need a will? I don't have one.

In general, everyone over 18 should have a will. This is especially important if you have minor children. For LIFE & LEGACY purposes, a will is not necessary. Most bank accounts, IRAs, investment accounts, life insurance policies and similar assets provide an option to name beneficiaries using percentages.

Do I have to promise to give money right now?

LIFE & LEGACY asks that you make a commitment now for the future. You don't have to specify a specific amount; you are just saying you will include TBO in your planning. What you choose to give is private and totally up to you.

I don't have any family, so I don't need to think about gift and estate planning.

If you have no heirs and you don't have a documented will or estate plan in place, there is a very good likelihood the state will become your de facto beneficiary. Few people like to think about their own death, yet it is important to review your assets and update your beneficiary plans throughout your lifetime.

Will asking for legacy gifts hurt our Capital Campaign?

There is no conflict between the two programs. The Capital Campaign is a drive to raise funds in a short time frame for the specific effort to update and improve our building and its accessibility. A LIFE & LEGACY gift is a pledge for the future, there is no due date, and for that reason, does not compete with the Capital Campaign's goals.

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

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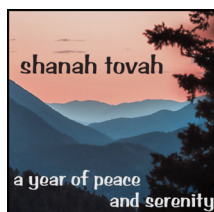


ORacle High Holy Days greetings

If you would like to send a warm New Year's greeting to your Temple

family and friends, visit:
templebethor.org/HHD-greetings/.

Greetings are \$18. The deadline for greetings is August 19.





Leadership news

During the Governing Board meeting on June 29, 2025, the Board did the following:

- Remodel Task Force Update - **Bob Goodmark** reported that the existing front of the building is on rotting wooden piers, not concrete slab per the current code. Fixing this is an unexpected change in scope, which will require additional time and cost.
- Capital Campaign Update – **Jeff Napp** mentioned that co-chair **Jess Burgamy** is stepping down, so they are recruiting for a new co-chair. The Campaign is still working on our last goal to raise \$300,000.
- **James Feinberg** provided the monthly report from the Finance Committee.
- **Rabbi Kort** Sabbatical return. Membership committee requested help making calls to encourage congregation to turn out for Rabbi's first Shabbat back on July 18. Governing Board agreed to help.
- Coverage during **Nancy's** absence July 2-9. **Wanda Bresnick** would cover in her absence, and Jeff would cover if Wanda wasn't available.



Shabbat at Langus Riverfront Park



Temple Leadership

Rabbi

Rachel Kort

Director of Youth Education

Stefanie Somers

Office Administrator

Sarah Davis

Governing Board

President

Nancy Rosen

Immediate Past President

Wanda Bresnick

VP of Community & Engagement

Jeff Napp

VP of Finance & Facilities Management

James Feinberg

VP of Jewish Life

Ron Green

Assist. VP of Community & Engagement

Dana Sanders

Assist. VP of Finance & Facilities Management

Bob Goodmark

Assist. VP of Jewish Life

Pattipeg Harjo

Board Secretary

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Members-At-Large

Gwen Campbell

Rani Linarelli

Rich Spitzer

Committees and Task Forces

Atidaynu: Sheryl Shapiro

Adult Education: Pattipeg Harjo

Bereavement: Susan Cross

B'nei mitzvah Coordinator: Pam Spitzer

Book Club: Wyndi Russakoff

Building: Vacant

Calendar: Gwen Campbell

Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Capital Campaign: Jeff Napp

College & Military Outreach: Marilyn & Mike Glosser

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry

Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant

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

Oreg Coordinator: Janet Karr

ORacle Editor: Kathie Roon

ORacle Publisher: Rich Spitzer

ORbits: Janis Warner

Remodel: Harold Dash & Melanie Field

Ruach & Ritual: Janis Warner

Safety & Security: Mark Bresnick

Social Action: Naomi Katsh Barger &

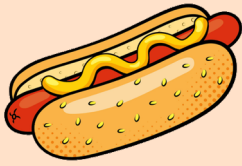
Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg

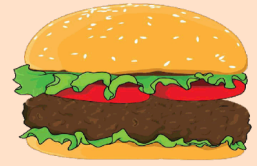
Youth Education: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson &

Rani Linarelli



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat at home 7:00 pm	2
3 Tishah B'Av programming 10:00 am	4 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	7 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	8	9
10 Governing Bd meeting 10:00 am BBQ 4:00 pm	11 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	12 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 7:00 pm	13 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 Family picnic Shabbat picnic - 6:00 pm service - 7:00 pm	16
17	18	19 ORacle deadline	20	21	22	23 Shabbat service and bar mitzvah of Colin Lowery 10:00 am
24	1 Elul 25	26 Office closed	27 Office closed Safety & Security Committee meeting 7:00 pm	28 Office closed	29 Office closed	30
31 Liaison Committee meeting 3:00 pm						

You can access this or older issues of the *ORacle* at templebethor.org/oracle.

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.

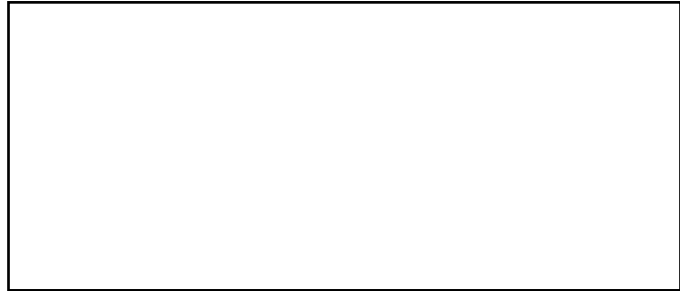
templebethor.org/calendar-submission

The Temple office is now closed for all in-person business. Sarah Davis is working offsite and can assist you Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am–noon and Friday, 9:00 am–4:30 pm. The Temple mailing address, phone and office email (office@templebethor.org) remain the same. Please do not have packages (UPS/FedEx) or overnight mail sent to the Temple. No one will be on site to accept deliveries. **Check *ORbits*, the TBO Facebook page, or the TBO website for the most up-to-date information.**



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Return Service Requested



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).