

THE ORACLE



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Our new addition is taking shape!
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People of the Book

Rabbi's Corner

The Hebrew month of Cheshvan and the secular month of November share a peculiar distinction: they are the only months in their respective calendars without any major Jewish festivals. The Rabbinic Sages, perhaps missing the celebratory pulse of the preceding High Holy Days, referred to Cheshvan as the “bitter month.” During this quiet time, following a period bursting with six holidays, I like to shift our focus from big communal observances to the subtle, sweet joys our tradition offers - the daily practices that sustain us.

One of the things I love most about being Jewish is our unconditional love of literature. We are known as the “People of the Book,” a title that speaks to a profound, living, and dynamic relationship with our texts. Our Torah provides our foundational narrative and laws, and inspires us with its stories - the human triumphs, struggles, and moral quandaries of our ancestors. For thousands of years, this has fueled an extraordinarily rich and expansive literary history. Our sacred pages, from the mystical wisdom, to the poetry, and the novels of modern Jewish writers, connect us to the full sweep of our heritage, transforming our history from a static record into an ongoing, intimate conversation.

In the spirit of this rich literary tradition, and to honor the quietude of Cheshvan, I encourage you to make reading and study an intentional part of your Jewish life this month. I was fortunate to have more discretionary time while on sabbatical last winter and spring and, for once, outread my mother, a librarian who devours books. I managed more than a book a week! After the busy work of returning to the PNW and preparing for the High Holy Days, this month is the perfect time to cozy up with a Jewish book, a warm cup of tea, and some fancy bittersweet chocolate.

In this space, I would like to share two of my favorite Jewish books from sabbatical and a new one I’m currently reading.

Favorite sabbatical reads:

- *The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family* by Joshua Cohen (2022 Pulitzer Prize winner). Like a Philip Roth novel, this book is raunchy and absurd yet somehow manages to address serious topics relevant to American Jews today, including antisemitism and our complex relationship with Israel and Zionism.
- *Living with Our Dead* by Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur (2021). Rabbi Horvilleur makes Jewish theology around death and loss approachable and understandable through her masterful storytelling and pastoral experience. This book is so good it was turned into a French television series, “Reformed,” streaming on HBO Max.

What I am reading now:

- *Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi’s Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging* by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl (2025). A stirring account of one woman’s journey from feeling like an outsider to becoming one of the most admired religious leaders in the world. As a bonus, she grew up right here in Tacoma!

Rabbi Rachel Kort
Rabbi Rachel Kort (she/her)



Adult Education with Rabbi Kort: promoting coexistence

Sunday, November 16, 9:45-11:00 am

Location provided upon registration

As we publish the November *ORacle*, there is a tentative ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Now is an opportunity for Israelis and Palestinians to focus on healing and lasting peace. While living in Jerusalem last winter and spring, I spent time learning about different organizations that promote coexistence between Jews and Arabs. I would like to tell you about these groups and share resources I have found helpful to better understand this complicated conflict. And because I believe food and culture bring people together, I’ll share some of my favorite treats and photographs from Jerusalem with you too. Limited to TBO members and TBO Religious School parents.

Registration: All attendees must register at templebethor.org/service-registration/.

Registration ends Friday, November 14, 3:00 pm.

From our President

A mindset of abundance



Sonia Siegel Vexler, who has been a member of Temple Beth Or since February 1985, recently presented several training sessions to your Governing Board about “a mindset of abundance.” It’s a little like saying that we can see the glass as half full or half empty, but it’s more than just that cliché. It is a call to action and a prescription for how to respond to situations and challenges that we face, expected and unexpected. Recently, members of Temple Beth Or have demonstrated how successfully we have embraced a “mindset of abundance” when we could have just said, “*oy, vey.*” Let me name three examples.

It was time to welcome Rosh HaShanah with our traditional Erev Rosh HaShanah service at our not-so-traditional venue, Unity in Lynnwood, our home away from home during the remodel. So there we were, early, greeters at the ready, but another group, large, with sound equipment, was set up in the sanctuary! A snafu resulted in the space being double-booked. No one’s fault, but there we were. Phone calls were made, soothing conversations were held, and without missing a beat - well maybe one or two - the situation was resolved so that I am sure many people attending the service didn’t even know that anything was amiss. The service started a few minutes late, but just a few, and everyone was calm, centered, and ready for the wonderful service that followed. Oh, and the other group needed to use the room where we had planned to have our *oneg*. Our *oneg* hosts responded with aplomb and joy, and we had a lovely *oneg* in an alternate space in the building. Again, if there was stress, it wasn’t visible to our TBO family, who enjoyed the lovely time together and delicious treats. So we definitely exhibited a mindset of abundance that night.

Then there was Sukkot with no sukkah. I am sure I’m not the only one who loves Sukkot and our sukkah, but first of all, our sukkah was inaccessible in storage while our building is being remodeled, and second, the Unity site isn’t suitable for putting up a sukkah. I was so disappointed. But **Rabbi Kort** and **Noah Zeichner** led a beautiful Sukkot service and everyone had an opportunity to shake the *lulav* and smell the *etrog* and say the appropriate blessing. Afterward, the Membership Committee served a truly delicious full-course dinner in the social hall at Unity, and the Social Action Committee organized the showing of “No Place to Grow Old,” a documentary about the homelessness crisis that older people are facing. The film, created by Davey Schaupp, featured homeless people telling their own stories. It ended with a lovely woman, formerly homeless, sitting in her new home, a small apartment, saying that she just loves turning the water on and turning the water off, over and over again, in her own home. If that doesn’t make you appreciate where you live, I don’t know what would. It was truly a memorable Sukkot that beautifully demonstrated what the holiday is about.

We have also demonstrated a mindset of abundance while fundraising for the Temple Beth Or remodel. At the beginning of the process, our fundraising consultant told us how much money we could expect to raise in a best-case scenario. And we raised more! Yes, we aren’t quite there yet, as you will read further on in the *ORacle*, but we are so close. And it is quite astounding that we will have our remodeled building, elevator and all, without having to take out a mortgage. How absolutely wonderful.

So that’s three. May we continue to demonstrate a mindset of abundance and continue to be a resilient and inclusive community at the heart of who we are.

With gratitude for our community and best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving,


Nancy Rosen, President (she/her)

SAVE THE DATE

Semiannual membership meeting



November Shabbat services

Family Shabbat and Consecration ceremony for new Religious School families

Unity in Lynnwood



Friday, November 7, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Neil Weinstein

Our entire Temple Beth Or community is invited to our Family Shabbat service especially designed to nurture and engage our children and Religious School community. The evening will include songs, prayers and a story, and will last less than an hour.

Guests - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/.
Registration ends Friday, November 7, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat morning services, November 15, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Shoshana Stombaugh

Unity in Lynnwood

Tot Shabbat, 9:00 am

This service is geared toward preschoolers and babies, but early elementary youth will enjoy the experience too. The morning will include Shabbat singing and a story. Kids are encouraged to bring a special lovey/stuffy/plush toy to join them for Shabbat.



Special Shabbat service, 10:00 am See description on the right



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

Shabbat at home

Friday, November 21, 7:00 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort and musician Noah Zeichner



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.

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



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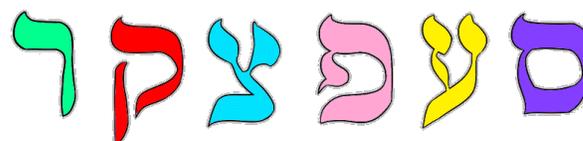
ADULT EDUCATION



What is Consecration?

Jewish communities worldwide celebrate the start of Jewish learning in different ways - sometimes with the sweet symbolism of licking honey from a Hebrew slate. Many American Reform congregations mark this milestone with Consecration. At this Family Shabbat service, we will celebrate new students and their families who have joined our TBO Religious School over the past two years.

Families will receive a special blessing and small gift from **Rabbi Kort** and **Stefanie Somers**, our Director of Youth Education.



Special Shabbat morning service: The *how* and *why* of Shabbat morning service ritual

Saturday, November 15, 10-11:30 am

Service leader: Rabbi Rachel Kort

Musician: Shoshana Stombaugh



Reform Judaism puts special emphasis on the *why* behind our rituals. Understanding the *why* adds a depth and significance that truly connects us to our past, makes meaning of the present and gives the desire to pass our rituals on to the future. To give us a deeper understanding of *why*, the *Ruach* & Ritual Committee invites you to a special opportunity to learn about the connection of the *how* and the *why* of our Shabbat morning service.

Please join us on Saturday morning, November 15, for a Shabbat service (including Torah reading) and an opportunity to examine and ask questions about specific Shabbat service rituals. It is our hope that whether you are a lifelong practitioner of Judaism, a student, or wherever you are in your religious life, you will learn something new as we attempt to unpack the *why* behind our rituals.

This service is geared toward our adult and *b'nei mitzvah* student community and will last around 90 minutes.



From our Director of Youth Education

Sukkot: honoring nature with new eyes

A few weeks ago, Religious School took our learning outside to Lynndale Park - an ideal setting to explore Sukkot, one of Judaism's most nature-centered holidays.

Sukkot invites us to spend time outdoors and build a sukkah, decorating it with fall foliage and fruit, honoring the land. Together at *K'hilah*, students also learned that some traditional rituals, like importing *lulavs* and *etrogs* from faraway places, have an environmental cost. What once grew locally now travels thousands of miles, using energy and creating pollution.

To rethink this tradition, students went on a nature walk and created their own symbolic *arba minim* (four species) using native plants - three branches and one fruit or seed. Their selections were creative and meaningful, showing how we can stay rooted in tradition while caring for the Earth.

We still shook the traditional *lulav* and *etrog*, but did so with a new perspective. Maybe next year, you'll try incorporating a sustainable twist into your Sukkot, too - honoring the land you live on in a way that's both joyful and just.

Stefanie
Stefanie Somers (she/her)



Shake, shake, shake...



Sustainable lulav and etrog
K-2nd grade



Edible sukkah,
lulav and etrog

Sukkot learning in the great outdoors



Sustainable lulav and etrog
3rd-4th grade



Sustainable lulav and etrog
5th-7th grade



Shake, shake, shake...



Remodel news



If you haven't driven by Lombard Avenue recently and seen the progress with the remodel of the Temple, take a detour and have a look. The early work on the foundation, stormwater drainage system, grading and HVAC improvements in the existing building has been largely invisible. Now the framing of the building extension is rising from the new foundation. Excitement mounts in anticipation of a future space for all of us to share and enjoy for prayer, learning, and community gatherings.

Construction:

- Framing is fully underway. See photos on page 1.
- The electrical vault has been installed and approved by PUD. They estimate they will be able to provide 3-phase electrical service to us within the next 30 days.
- We've caught up on fixing the newly discovered deficiencies in the existing building, so our efforts are now re-focused on implementing the plans.
- The new foundation installation is resulting in an additional storage area under the front of the existing building, which will be long enough for storage of the sukkah as well as other items.

Other progress:

- The Design Group made final decisions regarding flooring, and narrowed down paint choices and countertop options. They are also reviewing cabinet bids and evaluating fabric for the Kwik-Wall moveable wall.
- The Site Plan Workgroup is preparing a proposal for Board approval of the exterior amenities, including the Religious School play space, a garden, a legacy monument and an area for the sukkah.
- Outstanding 2025 and upcoming 2026 pledges were reflected in the statements that went out in October to encourage folks to get funds in as soon as possible. This way, we can delay the timing and reduce the amount of a bridge loan to minimize interest costs.
- The Remodel Task Force is preparing a detailed presentation for the December 6 semiannual membership meeting.

Bumps in the road

There have been a few bumps in the road that have added to the cost of the project. The city of Everett delayed review and approval of the final building plans for so long that we asked our contractor to submit its bid before we received final approval from the city. The final approval resulted in some added cost.

Whenever there is a remodel to an existing building, construction often reveals issues with the existing structure that were not apparent initially and require remediation. Such was the case with the foundation of the building. Or perhaps, we should say the absence of a foundation. There was no foundation at the front of the building under the foyer and administrative office. In addition, the contractor discovered rotting wood that had to be replaced. The added cost to repair these deficiencies was substantial.

What else has added to the cost of the remodel?

- The city approved plans for a stormwater catch basin that was too small. Fortunately, the discovery was made prior to installation, but the larger basin has added significant expense.
- We were told we would have to pay for special inspections.
- The city added a requirement for additional landscaping. We are meeting with the city to see if we can revise the requirement downward.
- PUD informed us that we had to pay for the installation of 3-phase electrical power close to the building.
- The cost of the security system was unknown at the time the project was bid.

The added expenses have increased the cost of the remodel by approximately \$200,000. These changes have resulted in a shortfall of about \$45,000 to complete the contractor's work and another \$200,000 to add items (including the kitchen) that were removed from the initial bid. We will have a detailed report about these costs at the semiannual membership meeting on December 6.

The Remodel Task Force will continue to work with the contractor to find ways to reduce costs wherever possible. Our expectation is that any more bumps in the road will be minimal.

THE FALL HOLIDAYS AT TEMPLE BETH OR



Social Action Committee news

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for October-December is Project Girl Mentoring Program. The vision of this local, nonprofit organization is to create change by building the voices of young women of color through mentoring and tutoring. They help girls and young women flourish and reach their goals. After-school tutoring is a crucial part of Project Girl. The girls arrive with their own textbooks and homework instructions in their backpacks, so that the tutor knows just where to begin.

Donations to this worthwhile organization can be made through the physical *Tzedakah* Box at services, on the TBO website, or directly to Project Girl at project-girl.com.



Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) guidelines for bystanders and observers

It's important for all of us to know our rights and what is legal when we observe ICE activity. Please follow this link to learn what you can do: waisn.org/bystander-and-observer-guidelines/.

Food drive

This year, TBO generously contributed 115 pounds of food and \$804 to the Volunteers of America Food Bank. The need in the community is especially great now, as military families and other federal employees may not receive a paycheck. In addition, there have been cutbacks to food assistance programs such as SNAP. If you did not have a chance to contribute during the HHD food drive, please consider donating to Volunteers of America Western Washington at voaww.org. In addition to the local food banks, Volunteers of America also helps people find housing and jobs, and runs programs that support adults with developmental disabilities.

Sukkot recap

On Sukkot, after a great meal prepared by the Membership Committee, we watched a poignant documentary called "No Place to Grow Old." This film told the stories of three unhoused senior citizens and the general issue of the increasing number of seniors among the unhoused population. There are several agencies in Snohomish County who work with the unhoused, and several TBO congregants volunteer with two of these organizations - Housing Hope and the Interfaith Family Shelter. The Social Action Committee would love to highlight volunteer work that TBO members are involved with. Please contact **Naomi Katsh Barger** if you are willing to share what kind of volunteer work you do.

Membership news

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



- Mim Edelstein - 23 years
- Pam Pintus - 20 years
- Tim and Jessica Hill - 14 years
- Rand Miller - 14 years
- Judy Magidson and Angela Riggins - 14 years
- Nancy Wilkinson - 8 years
- Brian and Tovah Yenna - 4 years



Members of TBO's Life & Legacy circle gathered at the **Wexlers'** home for food, spirits and good conversations. See also the article on page 9.





November *yahrzeits*



11/1/25	Sadie Grubin Kliger	Grandmother of Leah Kliger
11/1/25	Lois Karp Cissell	Cousin of Sarah Davis
11/1/25	Leonard Michael Rubin	Son of Solly Rubin
11/2/25	Jacob Siegel	Grandfather of Carolyn Wexler
11/2/25	Thomas Mahaney	Father of Janet Karr
11/2/25	Rae Baroh	Family Member of Suzan Halle
11/3/25	Flora Collins	Grandmother of Kiah Webster
11/4/25	Fred Taucher	Temple Beth Or Family
11/4/25	Sylvia Siegel	Mother of Carolyn Wexler
11/4/25	Mary Roeder	Grandmother of Koby Wexler
11/4/25	Benjamin Kliger	Grandmother of Jonathan Roselle
11/4/25	Benjamin Kliger	Grandfather of Leah Kliger
11/5/25	Milton Waldbaum	Father of Jerry Waldbaum
11/5/25	Sarah Deburle	Grandfather of Amber Waldbaum
11/5/25	Harold Sol Friedman	Grandmother of Helen Grossman
11/5/25	Joseph Edwin Field	Uncle of Geraldine Friend
11/5/25	June Shapiro Cohn	Grandfather of Melanie Field
11/5/25	Harry Goldstein	Mother of Steve Cohn
11/6/25	Harry Goldstein	Grandfather of Andrea Tucker
11/6/25	Fred Pintus	Father of Pam Pintus
11/6/25	Sharon Roth Dunn	Father of Roland Roth
11/7/25	Kurt Schwarz	Aunt of Roland Roth
11/7/25	Chary Chepuri	Husband of Hanna Schwarz
11/7/25	Chary Chepuri	Father of Vinaya Chepuri
11/9/25	Cynthia Toelle	Mother of Tina Roth
11/10/25	David Kliger	Mother of Tina Roth
11/10/25	David Kliger	Father of Leah Kliger
11/11/25	Louis Vexler	Father-in-law of Sonia Siegel Vexler
11/11/25	Larry Littlefield	Grandfather of Jess Burgamy
11/11/25	Larry Littlefield	Father of Wyndi Russakoff
11/12/25	Dale Alfred Halliday	Father of Debbie Halliday
11/13/25	RoseAnne Wager	Aunt of Dan Paquette
11/13/25	Rebecca Shapiro Holomes	Grandmother of Leah Kliger
11/14/25	David Sussman	Father of Stan Sussman
11/14/25	Melvin Edelstein	Husband of Mim Edelstein
11/15/25	Harold L. Cohen	Temple Beth Or Family
11/16/25	Sadie Gibson	Grandmother of Dan Paquette
11/16/25	Michael Lowery	Father of Ken Lowery
11/16/25	Stu Barger	Husband of Naomi Katsh Barger
11/16/25	Aida Weiss	Mother of Randi Weiss
11/17/25	Betty Elsemore	Mother of Tom Elsemore
11/17/25	Betty Elsemore	Grandmother of Eric Elsemore
11/17/25	Barry Balk	Husband of Selma Balk
11/18/25	Vickye Welch	Husband of Selma Balk
11/18/25	Donald Snitz	Sister of Wanda Bresnick
11/18/25	Donald Snitz	Aunt of Kelsey Bresnick
11/18/25	Donald Snitz	Stepfather of Mirs VonAschen-Cook
11/19/25	Adele Vexler	Partner of Nancy Rosen
11/19/25	Adele Vexler	Grandmother of Jess Burgamy
11/19/25	Susan Charlotte Kliger Parcheta	Mother-in-law of Sonia Siegel Vexler
11/19/25	Susan Charlotte Kliger Parcheta	Sister of Leah Kliger
11/19/25	Larry Massin	Brother of Michele Goodmark
11/20/25	Sander J. Goldman	Father of Cari Goldman
11/20/25	Alice Riley	Great-grandmother of Kiah Webster
11/22/25	Amos Williams	Grandfather of Autumn Halliwell
11/24/25	Michael Eisenkraft	Temple Beth Or Family
11/25/25	Aaron Fineberg	Great-uncle of Nancy Sosnove
11/28/25	Christina Meletis	Grandmother of Sam Halle
11/29/25	Norma E. Cohen	Temple Beth Or Family

Life & Legacy

In last month's *ORacle*, our committee introduced a new Life & Legacy circle logo embracing the Tree of Life. This month, we would like to share a bit more about the history and the intent behind our Temple's participation in the Life & Legacy program.

Life & Legacy is a partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that supports Jewish communities in securing after-lifetime gifts to ensure a vibrant Jewish future.

In 2016, Temple Beth Or was honored to be selected - along with 12 other local organizations - by the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle to participate in this meaningful program.

With great thanks to the commitment of our community and the successful completion of the Life & Legacy program goals, we received \$21,000 in incentive grants from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Today, in less than 10 years, we are proud to have over \$95,000 invested with the Jewish Community Foundation.

An endowment fund is optimized when the principal investment has reached a self-sustaining level. Once that level of sustaining investment has been reached, it is possible to spend from the earnings while protecting the endowment's long-term future growth. At Temple Beth Or, our plan is to begin using the income to benefit and enrich Temple operations and programming once the sufficient principal level has been established.

Building a lasting future

We are deeply grateful to the 45 individuals who have already pledged legacy gifts to Temple Beth Or, and to the eight additional individuals who are currently in the process of leaving a legacy gift to the Temple. *Todah rabah* - thank you - for helping ensure many more Jewish tomorrows for our community. We are also thankful for the after-life legacy gifts already received from the estates of **Barbara Black, Al Friedman, Jeff St. George and Paul Vexler.**

Why legacy matters

Jewish tradition teaches us to make the world a better place for future generations. A legacy gift is a powerful way to reflect your values, support your community, and ensure that Temple Beth Or remains a vibrant spiritual home for years to come. Because endowment gifts are a legacy promise, there is no impact to your current budget or finances. Anyone may participate, and a gift at any level is significant and welcomed.

Please consider joining your fellow Temple members by including a legacy gift to TBO in your estate planning.

To learn more or to start the conversation, please contact one of our Life & Legacy committee members:

Bob Goodmark
Deb Halliday
Deb Henry
Eldon Wexler
Sonia Siegel Vexler

Let YOUR legacy be one that sustains Jewish life and community for generations.





Leadership news

During the Governing Board meeting on October 12, 2025, the Board did the following:

- Approved the minutes of the September Governing Board meeting and the virtual meeting to approve spending an additional \$150,000 to cover required changes for the remodel.
- **Sonia Siegel Vexler** conducted an “abundance mindset” training session.
- **James Feinberg** gave the monthly financial report.
- **Gwen Campbell** thanked **Robyn Klarman** for coordinating Rosh HaShanah events.
- **Nancy Rosen** explained that member directories were distributed at Rosh HaShanah services and printed copies are now available from the office upon request.
- Board members shared what they enjoyed about High Holy Days services this year, with a view toward planning for next year.
- **Dana Sanders** suggested that someone from the Remodel Task Force speak to the Religious School parents about the remodel and the capital campaign. The Board agreed, and that will take place before the semiannual membership meeting in December.



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Capital Campaign update

Question: Will we be able to stay warm during services in the our new building?

Answer: Yes, yes, yes! We will have a reliable heating (and cooling) system for the sanctuary and classrooms, four heated bathrooms (two on each floor) and an elevator. What could be better?

We hope to soon be back in our building (1st quarter of 2026, assuming no further delays) and we need to raise the remainder of funds necessary to complete the project. As described in the Remodel Task Force article on page 6, the process has had a few bumps along the way. Current fundraising is focused on raising the remainder of funds needed to pay for construction (and repairs to the old building). This will require approximately \$45,000 (at the time of this writing). Once accomplished, we’ll be raising funds to complete our kitchen, apply the window film, and install an awning (about \$200,000). Every gift to TBO is a mitzvah (e.g. your time, money, leadership and professional expertise).

Please give until it feels good!

Your Capital Campaign Task Force

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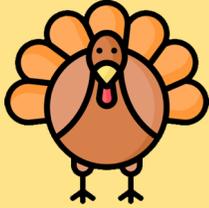
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Rani Linarelli



NOVEMBER 2025

Cheshvan / Kislev 5786



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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TBO TOTS 2 Governing Board meeting 10:00 am RS	3 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	4 <i>Ruach</i> & Ritual Committee meeting 7:00 pm	Rabbi returns 5 Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm	6 Remodel Task Force meeting 7:30 pm	7 Liaison Committee meeting 10:00 am Family Shabbat 7:00 pm	8
9 Fundraising Committee meeting 6:30 pm No RS	10 Communications Committee meeting 7:00 pm	11 Life & Legacy Committee meeting 7:00 pm	12 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm	13	14	TOT Shabbat 9:00 am Special Shabbat service 10:00 am
Adult Ed with Rabbi Kort 9:45 am RS	17 Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	18 <i>ORacle</i> deadline	19	20	1 Kislev 21 Shabbat at home 7:00 pm	22
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Fill out the Calendar/Event Submission Form to add an item to the calendar and/or set up a Zoom meeting; this includes all committee meetings. Please submit a form even if you are using a private Zoom.

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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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).