

## Welcome to Temple Beth Am



We deepen relationships to Judaism and our community by

**engaging the soul, heart, and mind.**

**value: holism**

Temple Beth Am **welcomes the entire spectrum of our Jewish**

**community**: people of all ages, races, and abilities; interfaith families; and people who are single, partnered, straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. As a vibrant center of **learning**, we **enable** each member to reflect the holy.

**value: hospitality/inclusion**

**value: education**

Voted "Best Synagogue" and "Most Inspiring Spiritual Leader" by the readers of Jewish in Seattle!

### COVID-19 Closures and Updates

**source: county**

**tone: fulfill**

Based on the most recent recommendations by the **King County Department of Health**, we are sharing how Temple Beth Am and SEED will **fulfill these recommendations** in the days ahead.

**tone: fulfill**

**value: community**

**value: protect**

Our primary goal in our decision-making has been to **fulfill our mission** as a **sacred community**. We want to **protect** our physical health as much as possible, but not at the **expense** of our spiritual health. Our hope is to **balance** the need to protect ourselves from COVID-19—with **special attention to the most vulnerable** among us—and **not to increase the stress** everyone feels right now. As a synagogue and school community, we are here to **provide comfort, support and inspiration to one another**, whether we are in each other's physical presence or not.

**tone: balance**

**value: presence**

Therefore, we have made the following decisions:

### Temple Beth Am/SEED Programs and Operations

**logistics: telecommute**

- We have asked members of our professional team, except for the clergy, Davida Sims, Dara McAllister, select SEED staff and teachers, and our custodial team, to **telecommute** for the next three weeks. Telecommuting staff remains **available** to you via email and telephone.
- As long as **Seattle Public Schools** remain in session, SEED and Temple Beth Am will remain open. Our clergy, Davida Sims and our **extraordinary** custodial team will be **available** to you at Temple Beth Am for pastoral and spiritual needs. If SPS closes schools, we will also close SEED and the Temple building.
- We have **cancelled** all programs and religious school for the next three weeks, except for **worship** services (see below).
- As always, our clergy are **available** for life cycle emergencies or pastoral **care**.

**tone: extraordinary**

**logistics: cancel**

**value: worship**

**tone: available, care**

**source: schools**

**Worship**

## value: service

- We are **committed** to **providing** sacred Shabbat and holiday experiences for our congregation, even as we want to be **prudent** about gathering in large groups.
- For this week, we will not have live services, rather we will **pre-record and send** to you abbreviated Shabbat evening and morning services led by Rabbis Ruth, Jason and Dana. **Torah study is cancelled** on Saturday morning.
- We are **cancelling our in-person Purim** programming on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. However, we will send you videos and resources to **help bring the joy of Purim to your home**.
- We are **working with students who are scheduled to become B'nai Mitzvah** in the weeks ahead. We are in communication with their families to help them celebrate this wonderful simcha as **best meets their needs**. We will share more in our next communication.

**logistics: record, send, cancel**

**logistics/tone: home joy**

**scripture: BTal, Ta'anit**

**tone: accommodation**

We will be in regular communication, especially as our plans change or develop. Please remember that the **Talmud teaches that resilience means that a person "should be soft like a reed, not hard like a cedar."** (BTal, Ta'anit 20a) This outbreak of COVID-19 is stressful, especially for our community here in King County. These times call for **flexibility, calm and kindness**. Let us take this as an **opportunity to slow down and reconnect with ourselves, with our loved ones, and with what matters most to us**.

**tone: opportunity, priorities**



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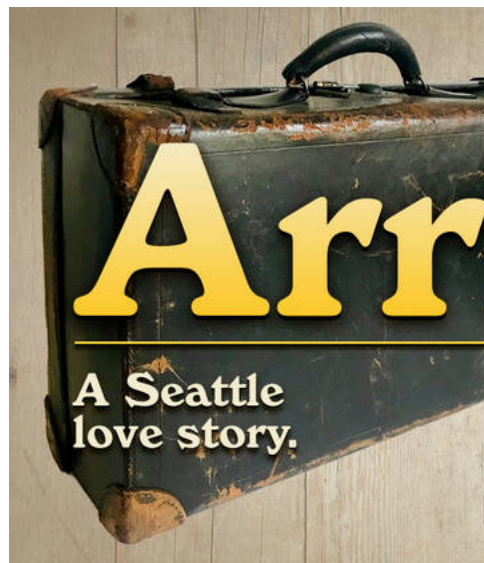
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**Purim**

**Seattle Jewish Theater**



April 5th 2pm

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