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Why I give to Federation

BY DEBORAH MOON

During the 28 years I have been writing about and participating in the Jewish community of Greater Portland, my admiration for and support of the Jewish Federation has grown.

When I moved to Clark County, Wash., in 1992, I was hired as a reporter for the Jewish Review newspaper, not because of my knowledge of the Jewish community, but based on my experience at a daily newspaper in Colorado. I knew virtually nothing about the Jewish Federation system.

My connection to and knowledge of the Jewish community was definitely a key reason I was hired to reboot the Jewish Review as an online newspaper earlier this year. My journey to this connection began soon after I joined the community in 1992.

Within two years, I became an admirer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and all the important work it does. Initially I was attracted by the social justice work of the Community Relations Council, but I soon realized Federation supports the community through all stages of life. I made my first contribution to the annual campaign and enrolled my older son at Portland Jewish Academy.

Both of my sons graduated from PJA with an excellent secular education and a deep understanding of Jewish tradition and values. They participated in summer camp and afterschool programs at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, volunteered at Robison Jewish Home and went on to work at Jewish summer camp after high school.

Meanwhile, I moved to Portland proper, joined Federation's Young Women's Board and won a Song of Miriam Award for my volunteer work on a screening event for Jewish genetic diseases. I won

several Simon Rockower Awards for Jewish journalism, including articles about Jewish Family & Child Service's work to combat domestic violence.

I was amazed by the sheer beauty of Israel and the vibrancy of its culture the first time I visited the Jewish state on a Federation Mission. And I was inspired by the programs Federation supports there — especially the programs for at-risk youth and resettlement of Ethiopians. The petting zoo the Portland Federation funded at the Neve Michael Youth Village warms my heart as an animal lover.

Connecting with the diverse agencies and projects supported by Federation's annual campaign has inspired me to continue making an annual pledge. My commitment was strengthened this year as I reported on how Federation has supported the community's agencies, synagogues and individuals, as well as other minority communities, during the dual crises of a pandemic and far-reaching social unrest.

This year Federation's social justice work reminded me of my initial attraction. The United in Spirit program (story page 15) exploring the historically positive relationship between the Black and Jewish communities positioned the JCRC to support the Black community in these troubled times.

It is just one more reminder, for me, about why I give to the Federation every year, even though I am not Jewish.

I hope when you receive a call, letter or email requesting your support, you will think of all the ways Federation has supported the individuals and agencies of this community for 100 years and give as generously as you can. Your gift can make a big difference in so many lives.



Chef Michael Solomonov will present a free Rosh Hashanah interactive virtual cooking demonstration at 5 pm, Sept. 14.

Michael Solomonov's virtual return to PDX

BY KERRY POLITZER

Renowned Philadelphia-based chef Michael Solomonov is no stranger to Portland. He has been featured several times at Bon Appétit Presents Feast Portland, and last year, he cooked up a special dinner for a Jewish Federation of Greater Portland donor event.

"I love Portland," he says. "It's an amazing city, and I wish

I was there. Temperature-wise, the topography and the landscape, and from a culinary standpoint, it's just so amazing, and the Pacific Northwest is perfect."

Michael continues to forge links with the local Jewish and foodie communities. His modern Israeli restaurant, Zahav, served as a launching pad for

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COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATED

The online [Community Directory](#) maintained by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has been updated with current contact information for more than a hundred organizations across Oregon and Southwest Washington. The directory provides descriptions and contact information for everything you need in the Jewish community.

"We've added more tags to better hone people's search, trying to capture how people think and words they'd most likely use when trying to search for a program or organization," says JFGP Director of Community Planning & Allocations Caron Blau Rothstein, who led the process to update listings.

People can search [jewishportland.org/community-directory](#) by keyword or one of 11 categories.

Organizations are invited to review their listing and email further updates to Caron at caron@jewishportland.org.

Marc Blattner: A decade at the helm

BY DEBORAH MOON

On Sept. 1, Marc N. Blattner celebrated 10 years as president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

“To say that I am honored to serve in this role would be an understatement,” wrote Marc in his Marc’s Remarks weekly email last week. “I am proud of our volunteer leadership, our professional team and what we have accomplished over the past decade.”

JFGP Board Chair Lauren Goldstein describes Marc as an incredible person and leader.

“Creating a vibrant Jewish community in Portland is at the core of Marc’s purpose,” says Lauren. “His innovation, energy, creativity and passion are unmatched.”

“Whether it’s spearheading a community-wide effort to address the needs of our community during a pandemic or standing to the call of duty when any community member or organization needs insight or support – he mobilizes his team to meet the need,” she says.

The Aug. 1, 2010, Jewish Review headline that announced his hire read: Marc Blattner “right person at right time.”

In that article, Marc shared his broad vision: “Portland is a community that understands that it’s different than it was even 15 years ago. There has been tremendous growth in the population and the ways people connect Jewishly and express their Jewishness. Portland can be a laboratory for the rest of the country ... let’s set a future course and understand today what success will look like in 10 years, 20 years, etcetera.”

Last week, Marc’s Remarks shared some examples of those successes of the past 10 years as well as reflections on some disappointments. You can read all about both at:

jewishportland.org/marcs-remarks/10-years.

Ed Tonkin, immediate past



Marc Blattner in 2010, above, and 2020, below.



chair of the JFGP board, served as chair for three years, one extra year beyond the normal two-year term. He calls serving alongside Marc “a highlight in my life.”

He goes on to describe Marc: “Passionate, caring, committed, innovative, inspiring, driven; these are just a few of the adjectives that immediately come to mind when I think of Marc Blattner. But the number one attribute that he has brought to our community and which has become a blessing to us all? His warm and loving heart.”

Lauren agrees wholeheartedly with that assessment: “He’s a warm and caring collaborator, friend and incredible community leader. Mazel Tov to 10 years Marc! We cannot wait for another decade!”



Chalk artist and social activist Nancy Hiss chalked the title and outlined the words of the 19th Amendment on the sidewalk in front of the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

Chalk the Vote

To mark the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 26, the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education joined a statewide DIY campaign to celebrate voters’ rights. Staff and volunteers gathered on the sidewalk outside the museum to fill in the text of the 19th Amendment: **“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”**

Chalk artist and social activist Nancy Hiss outlined the words and created a chalk portrait of Portland Jewish suffragist Josephine Hirsch.

Chalk the Vote is part of OJMCHE’s ongoing work to activate the exterior portions of the museum, which includes a window exhibition *Wall Sculptures*, by Mel Katz, panels from a core exhibition, *Discrimination and Resistance, An Oregon Primer*, curated by Jan Dilg,



OJMCHE Deputy Director Gail Mandel (front) and Daphne and Sarah Shreve fill in the outlined words of the amendment.

and a window exhibit honoring the late John Lewis.

The [Chalk the Vote](#) project is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Women’s History Consortium.



View of the chalked 19th Amendment from the roof of OJMCHE.

MAKE SEPTEMBER PLANS WITH FEDERATION

September 14 Chef Michael Solomonov
5pm Rosh Hashanah cooking demonstration

September 16 Panel discussion with filmmaker
7pm *Shared Legacies African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*
Co-sponsored by JCRC, OJMCHE, NAACP and Project Dialogue

September 24 Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
7pm Thoughtful Thursday Presentation

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News in brief

OJMCHE to collect stories of 2020

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education has been selected by the Council of American Jewish Museums as one of 10 Jewish museums to record and collect the Jewish community's stories of this moment in history. This project will provide a snapshot for researchers and future generations of being Jewish in Oregon in 2020 – how we have collectively and individually experienced the pandemic, the Black Lives Matter protests, struggles for justice and the 2020 presidential election.

OJMCHE's goal is to capture 150 personal stories. Trained volunteers will work with staff to record online interviews with members of the local Jewish community. Interviews will be about 30-40 minutes in length. The process requires no prior knowledge or software for the person being interviewed. "As archivists we know the value of oral histories and documentation of current events," reads an email from archivist Alisha Babbstein and curator of collections Anne LeVant Prah. "We have had many requests for information about the 1918 pandemic in Oregon, and we are sorry to say that we have no relevant archival materials."

To ensure this crisis is well documented, OJMCHE is looking for Jewish community members of all ages and backgrounds to be interviewed. If you are willing to be interviewed or would like to be trained as an interviewer, email Alisha Babbstein, ababbstein@ojmche.org.

JFCS names new Emergency Aid Coordinator

Caitlin DeBoer became the Emergency Aid Coordinator for Jewish Family & Child Service Aug. 31, 2020, replacing Tavia Berrigan, who had moved from JFCS's development office to lead the program's ramp up.



JFCS had to scale up its Emergency Aid Program rapidly when the crisis struck. Thanks to the local Jewish community's COVID-19 Emergency Campaign, emergency aid funds are available to help individuals and families weather the economic storm triggered by the pandemic that threatens our health. Food

and shelter (rental assistance) are the two major reasons people have requested emergency aid during the pandemic. Assistance can be provided for help with utility bills, prescriptions and other medical bills, and a variety of other needs.

Caitlin graduated from Portland State University in 2017 with a Masters in Social Work. She interned at JFCS as a student and has worked at the agency for nearly three years in the counseling department. Caitlin has worked directly with clients as the provider of a depression treatment program for older adults.

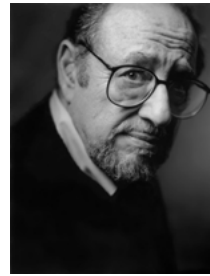
"I am looking forward to the opportunity to bring my clinical experience and trauma-informed lens to my new role working with individuals seeking emergency financial assistance," says Caitlin.

For more information or assistance, contact JFCS Emergency Aid Program Manager Caitlin DeBoer at 503-226-7079, ext. 134, or by email at CDeBoer@jfcs-portland.org.

Donation creates OJMCHE photo exhibit fund

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education has created a fund to support ongoing photography exhibitions through a gift from the Arnold and Augusta Newman Foundation. The gift of \$250,000 will create the Arnold and Augusta Newman Photography Fund and will ensure that the museum can

bring national and international photography exhibitions to Portland as well as supporting lectures, receptions, workshops and the acquisition of photographs for the museum's permanent collection.



Arnold Newman (1918-2006) is acknowledged as one of the great masters of the 20th century, and his work has changed portraiture. He is recognized as the "Father of Environmental Portraiture."

"This generous donation makes it possible for OJMCHE to continue to mount powerful photography exhibitions that challenge viewers and share important historical lessons and truths," said Director Judy Margles. "The OJMCHE board, staff and community are incredibly grateful to board member David Newman and his brother, Eric, for creating this fund."

The first exhibition supported by the fund will be next fall's *To Bear Witness – Extraordinary Lives*, an exhibition in partnership with [The Immigrant Story](#) and Portland photographer Jim Lomasson. Through photographs and profiles, the exhibition will capture, share and preserve the stories of a small group of individuals from varied backgrounds who left their homelands for safe haven in Oregon.

On behalf of the foundation, Eric and David Newman said, "Although our parents were not particularly observant, they were Jewish to their core. This is why our father chose to have exhibits at OJMCHE and why he would be so pleased with the foundation's gift. OJMCHE affords the unique opportunity to showcase not only the artistic side of photography, but also the journalistic and documentary sides that are so important to tell the story of Jews in Oregon and the world."

September volunteer theme: Women & Girls

As the effects of the pandemic are prolonged, social issues are exacerbated and volunteerism is needed more than ever.

To connect people with more and different ways to help, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has assembled a list (by no means exhaustive) of organizations in greater Portland that will benefit from your good deeds. Federation has partnered with many of these organizations during Good Deeds Days of service in the past.

JFGP encourages Jewish community members to volunteer, connect and make a difference in the greater Portland community to do our part in perfecting the world and bringing about an easing of the suffering of many in our midst.

The volunteer webpage groups organizations around a monthly theme, but all will welcome your efforts any time. September's theme of Women & Girls includes nine organizations such as Dress for Success, Children's Book Bank and women's shelters.

For more information on making a difference as a volunteer, visit jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/volunteering.

Pandemic inspires return to Oregon

Longtime Portland Jewish communal professional Debbi Bodie, who had moved to Colorado in early 2019, returned to Portland to be close to her family due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Fortunately, I was able to find a job back home, and I have accepted the customer service manager position at OM Stone," says Debbi. OM Stone specializes in custom stone creations for funeral homes, cemeteries, homes, parks, universities and any other



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stone application throughout the world. Debbi was already familiar with OM Stone before joining the company professionally. Hesed Shel Emet, the Oregon Jewish Indigent Burial Society, which uses OM Stone to create flat grave markers, was cofounded by Debbi.

"Years ago when I was the chair of the cemetery committee at Congregation Neveh Shalom, I took my committee to OM Stone for a tour, which is why I contacted them to partner with Hesed Shel Emet," says Debbi.

In the mid-1990s, Debbi served as sisterhood president at Congregation Beth Israel for five years before beginning her Jewish communal career. She went on to serve as Chief Development Officer of Cedar Sinai Park for 15 years. During that time she cofounded Hesed Shel Emet. She coordinated 52 burials in Oregon and Southwest Washington during her nearly 10 years as Hesed's program administrator (including two before the program's official launch).

She served as executive director of Portland's Congregation Shir Tikvah for three years before moving to Fort Collins, Colo., to serve as executive director of Congregation Har Shalom.

Lice Knowing You closes in Oregon

Janet Kennedy, Oregon director of operations for Lice Knowing You, announced the closure of the Portland area clinic. The "original" Lice Knowing You will remain open in the Seattle area with CEO Nancy Gordon.



"We were hopeful that we could find a way to make it through the pandemic intact, but things often do not turn out the way we hope they will," said Janet. "We opened in 2011 ... to create a place where families can safely remove the pesky parasites called head lice that afflicts many school-aged children."

Janet worked with school districts, private schools, B'nai B'rith Camp, pediatric clinics and municipalities providing guidance and safe methods to properly handle head lice checking and removal, specifically with manual removing. Head lice do not discriminate – "If you are alive and have hair, you can have head lice."

"In 2014, I participated in Portland's first women's trip to Israel with Eve Levy and JWRP for Jewish mothers," says Janet. "It was a life-changing adventure. When I returned, I was filled with gratitude and humility with the wonder of wanting to give back to my community. With those emotions, I infused Lice Knowing You with integrity, compassion and a spirit of kindness to all."

With the clinic's closure, Janet offered three simple tips for anyone concerned about head lice. One, combing head lice works. Two, do a wet check if you have been around someone who has head lice – all you need is a lice comb and wet, detangled hair. Three, never be persuaded to try random methods – you'd end up combing anyway.

OJCF Professional Advisors Group now online

After a successful event on June 18 focusing on the SECURE Act, the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation Professional Advisors Group will continue to meet online through fall of 2020. With webinars scheduled in September, October, November and December, the group provides an opportunity for all advisors to learn together about relevant and timely issues facing their clients. Through generous underwriting, there is no fee to attend. CLE and CPE credits are also available.

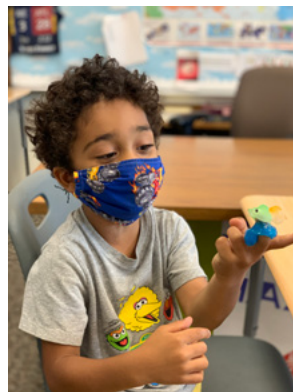
Chaired by Walker Clark and Lindsay Krivosha, OJCF's Professional Advisors Group comprises professional advisors in various

legal and financial fields who support the mission to build and promote a culture of giving in Oregon and SW Washington that supports a thriving Jewish community now and for generations to come. They assist by promoting charitable planned giving, participating in educational programs and consulting with and providing direction to OJCF staff and leadership regarding technical tax and legal issues.

OJCF invites interested advisors to join the Professional Advisors Group. Individuals who wish to apply to be a formal member of PAG will be able to take advantage of benefits not available to all advisors. Some of the benefits are inclusion in an online OJCF PAG directory on the foundation's website that includes links to the member's business/firm site as well as an invitation to Professional Advisors-only events held annually each year. If you have any questions about the Professional Advisors Group, contact Nathaniel Smith at nates@ojcf.org or call 503-248-9328.

MJCC Afternoon Fall Camp coming soon

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center is creating camp-like programs for this fall. The J plans to offer programs on a weekly basis Mondays-Thursdays, 3-6:30 pm, for kindergarten through sixth-grade children. Other afternoon enrichment activities, such as MadScience and Skyhawk sports, will also be available during the week beginning in September.



The camp guidelines for the state were updated the last week of August, so the MJCC is working to create a safe and fun fall camp in accordance with the new guidelines. A start date for camp will be set soon. Camp sessions will run through the fall.

Summer day camp counselors are staying on for fun, games and crafts weekday afternoons providing safe social interaction for children and a break for the parents. The counselors are highly skilled at providing camp programs, even during these challenging times, and the MJCC is thrilled to offer this program for families. Space is extremely limited. Registration will open in the weeks to come. Register early to ensure a space. For more information and to register, email Josh Harrington at jharr@oregonjcc.org, or visit online at registration: oregonjcc.org/daycamp.

StandWithUs creates Teen Leadership Councils

StandWithUs is setting up Teen Leadership Councils, a one-semester program for high school students, who want to develop their leadership skills and ability to tell Israel's story and to fight back against anti-Semitism.

SWU Teen Leadership Council students will have the opportunity to further their Israel knowledge, plan innovative Israel programs for their peers and play a vital role in ensuring that teens in their community are connected to Israel.

The program will run twice. Fall semester will be September-December 2020, and spring semester will be January-April 2021.

Participants will attend four online TLC chapter meetings led by SWU high school speaker Aviv Attia, plan one educational program for teens in their community and receive personalized mentorship from Attia.

Email Aviv Attia at aviva@standwithus.org or fill out the interest form at standwithus.com/copy-of-teen-leadership-council.

Young adults invited to find Pathway to future

BY DEBORAH MOON

Applications are open for the fifth cohort of PDX Pathways, a mentoring and leadership program for Jewish young professionals ages 21 through 35ish. Applications will be accepted Sept. 1-Oct. 16.

This will be the first virtual cohort, and also the first to let participants self-select into one of four mentor groups: Jewish professionals, mid-level professionals, young professionals or leadership development. For more information on the program and to apply, visit jewishportland.org/pathways.

The 67 alumni from previous cohorts have gone on to serve in lay and professional leadership roles at local Jewish agencies, synagogues and other organizations.

Emily Benoit, an alumna of the second cohort, definitely recommends young adults sign up for the program.

"Pathways gave me most of my best friends here in Portland," she says. "Regardless of what you are searching for – Jewish community, professional networking or development,

leadership opportunities – you will get what you are seeking from Pathways."

Emily serves on the allocations committee and board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, which hosts PDX Pathways. Pathways is funded by the A. Victor & Betty Rosenfeld Leadership Development Endowment Fund of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation.

Abbie Barash, a member of the third cohort, agrees with Emily about the value of Pathways: "I think Pathways literally can serve as a pathway into the Jewish community. Even for someone like me, who was already fairly involved, it helped me identify more opportunities to get involved, to give back and to create more meaningful relationships throughout the Jewish community in Portland."

Abbie manages OneTable programs in Portland and Seattle and is curating the content for Here For (see story page 9), which is OneTable's national High Holiday platform. She learned about OneTable in Pathways and became the first OneTable Portland Field Fellow, supporting the Portland

young adult Jewish community in creating a more sustainable, authentic and consistent Shabbat dinner practice.

She is not the only alumni to become a Jewish professional after Pathways. Nadine Menashe, cohort two, is now a JFGP development associate and staff person for Pathways. Nadine was asked to serve on the Federation's Community Relations Council after Pathways and then joined the Federation staff in 2018.

"Pathways is a huge part of how I got this job," says Nadine. For her, the program was the answer to its tagline: "How will you launch your future?"

Emily is now a transportation planner, but Pathways launched her into a Jewish professional role for two years. She worked as a youth group advisor at Congregation Kol Ami 2017-19. She also volunteered for JFGP's Impact event and on the Women's Philanthropy Committee before beginning her term on the JFGP Board. "Pathways got me connected to the larger Jewish community, but my volunteer heart was hooked at JFGP," she says.

"Pathways gave me the opportunity to show my new community my passion for Jewish engagement and community building," says Emily. "This enthusiasm and commitment to Jewish life in a professional development setting, I think, helped push me to seek a leadership role, and JFGP was a perfect match."

Abbie says Pathways taught her the value of both professional and board participation.

"Pathways helped me to realize that even though I came on as a Fellow for OneTable part time, my work was impactful and important," she says. "I remember the Pathways session where we learned about what it means to be on a board ... it's also about your time and energy that you give back to the Jewish community."

Now Emily enjoys mentoring future leaders. She recently helped lead the first retreat for Federation's new Young Adult Board (see related story).

"The biggest impact for me has been living generational leadership, L'dor V'dor, and my ability to mentor others in the future," says Emily.

PSU's Adam Allina named SWU Emerson Fellow

Portland State University student Adam Allina is one of 107 StandWithUs Emerson Fellows named to serve universities in the United States and Canada.

Founded in 2007 by Los Angeles philanthropists Steve and Rita Emerson, the StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship selects and trains student leaders on campuses throughout the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom and Brazil to educate about Israel and confront anti-Israel rhetoric. Throughout the year, Fellows create interesting Israel programming designed to engage others.

Adam was born in Israel and moved to Portland in 2018. He is a student leader with Greater Portland Hillel and assumes the presidency of CHAI, the Cultural and Historical Association for Israel, at PSU this fall.

"I joined the StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship to have access to many resources that will help me combat BDS and anti-Semitism on my campus," says Adam. "I hope to generate conversations about Israel with more students and spread my love for



Israel. I hope people will understand that the situation is indeed complicated, but in the end Israel truly stands for human rights and the world is better with Israel in it."

This year's fellowship kicked off with a virtual conference due to the pandemic. The Aug. 9-13 conference helped participants bond as a group via multiple net-

working and innovative sessions designed to help them get acquainted. They met by region to learn more about each other. They also met their counterparts in SWU's chapters in Brazil and the UK and met alumni of the program.

"One thing that stuck with me from the conference is how diverse the pro-Israel community is; all religions and political parties are represented," says Adam. "The pro-Israel community doesn't have to agree with everything that goes on in Israel. We are bound together because we agree that Israel is important, and the Jewish people have a right to take charge of their own destiny."

"I was surprised at how much energy we felt even though it was a virtual conference," says Adam. "We wanted to learn and interact with other Zionists, and thankfully we were able to do that during the pandemic. I liked that we had activity breaks like Krav Maga and yoga to get our heart rates up."

For more information on the fellowship, visit standwithus.com/emerson-fellowship.

Young Adult Board holds inaugural retreat

The new Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Young Adult Board held its inaugural retreat on Zoom for four hours Aug. 23. Board members are Jake Sullivan, Hope Peskin-Shepherd, Sarah Howard, Stuart Zeltzer, Ben Morgan, Hannah Holstein and Shayna Sigman.

Federation governing board members Emily Benoit and Jess Hilbert and Federation associate Nadine Menashe led the new Young Adult board members through a series of exercises to help make the most of the year ahead.

"Members quickly moved from introductions and getting to know each other's unique skills to the real meat of the event, which was discussing our goals for the year and how to successfully represent the young adult community in Greater Portland," says Nadine. "Participants asked thoughtful questions and naturally saw their work through a lens of equity and inclusion, wanting to unite every corner of our diverse community."

At the end of the retreat, the board members had their first official vote: electing Jake Sullivan as the board chair. Jake will co-run meetings, act as a representative of the board to the greater community, and help ensure that goals and objectives are being met.

The Young Adult Board will hold its first meeting in September; members will engage in further dialogue on how to make the Portland area a great place for Jewish young adults.

Young Adult Board Chair Jake Sulli-



JFGP Young Adult Board Zoom retreat. Board members (and facilitators) from top left: Sarah Howard, JFGP YA staff coordinator Nadine Menashe, JFGP Board member Emily Benoit, Hannah Holstein, Jake Sullivan, Stuart Zeltzer, JFGP board member Jessica Hilbert, Shayna Sigman, Ben Morgan and Hope Peskin-Shepherd.

van grew up in Portland and attended Colorado College and the University of Cambridge. From 2017-2020, he served as a resident in Moishe House Portland, helping to create a welcoming space for young adult Jews. Jake is excited to bring his passion for connection, creativity and fun to this new venture.

Read about the other board members in the June 24 issue of the Jewish Review: jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/new-board-gives-new-generation-a-seat-at-table



Young Adult Board Chair Jake Sullivan opens his board gift delivered by Nadine Menashe before the Zoom retreat. Members received a journal labeled "Great YA Board Ideas," a drink tumbler with their name and a personalized note from Nadine.

Portland Moishe House seeks two roommates

Portland's Moishe House is seeking two new residents who are excited about building community, planning and putting on creative events, and joining a vibrant home in October or early November.

A Moishe House is a place where young adults (20s-early 30s) come together and create vibrant Jewish communities. Moishe House provides a partial rent subsidy, programming budget and staff support to help residents host programs for their peers. Each month (under normal circumstances), Portland Moishe House residents collectively plan seven programs such as Shabbat dinners, going to fun events together, hiking, creating art, volunteering and Jewish learning. Currently, the residents host three online programs each month, which will adapt as the COVID restrictions change. In regular times, the time commitment is about 10 hours a week, which includes planning and hosting programs, advertising

(social media/personal messaging), shopping for events and uploading receipts, and weekly house meetings.

The Portland house is located in inner Northeast Portland. The spacious house has modern amenities (washer/dryer, dishwasher, central AC), 5 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms and 2 half baths, and plenty of street parking.

Current residents are: Leah, 23, who moved from California to Oregon to attend college and now works for the Hillel here in Portland; Max, 29, who spends his workday in the world of mortgage finance; and Shoshana, 22, who studied environmental studies and political economy at Lewis & Clark College and now works with Portland's houseless community.

For more information, call 503-908-3394 or email moishehousepdx@gmail.com. To apply, fill out the application at Moishehouse.org/apply.

Apply now for part-time Serve the Moment Corps

Repair the World and the Jewish Service Alliance created Serve the Moment, to give young adults the opportunity for valuable volunteer roles. For 12 hours per week, from Sept. 30 to Dec. 11, Service Corps Members (ages 18-29) will volunteer, learn and mobilize others in their community to address food insecurity, unemployment, learning loss and social isolation.

Service Corps Members are eligible for a \$1,250 stipend, with additional funding available on an individual basis. No prior Jewish education or volunteer experience is required. The adaptive curriculum and flexible service options, with virtual volunteering available, has been designed for a cohort of 240 members.

Applications are due by Sept. 14. Apply at tfaforms.com/4841213

HIGH HOLIDAYS 5781

Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year: sunset Sept. 18-Sept. 20

Sukkot: sunset Oct. 2-Oct. 9

Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement: sunset Sept. 27-Sept. 28

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah: sunset Oct. 9-Oct. 11

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chefs who went on to work at Portland's Tusk, one of Food and Wine Magazine's 2017 Restaurants of the Year.

In addition to operating Zahav, which was awarded "Outstanding Restaurant" by the James Beard Foundation, the chef co-owns several other eateries including Federal Donuts, K'Far, an Israeli bakery named for the chef's hometown, and Merkaz, an Israeli pita shop. His most recent conception is Laser Wolf, an Israeli skewer house. Michael is also co-author of three cookbooks: *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*, *Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious* and *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking*.

In 2018 Michael co-hosted a special Israeli-inspired Rosh Hashanah dinner in Pacific City as a guest of Feast Portland. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the annual food festival had to be cancelled this year, and Rosh Hashanah celebrations are going virtual. However, due to a unique, first-time collaboration between Solomonov and Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, home chefs can feed both bodies and

Virtual Rosh Hashanah cooking class

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at 5 pm

Cooking demonstration by Michael Solomonov

Moderated by food journalist Gabriella Gershenson

To receive recipes and link, register at: jewishportland.org/rosh-hashanah-virtual-cooking-class-with-michael-solomonov

souls this year with an interactive High Holidays cooking presentation: "Rosh Hashanah Virtual Cooking Class with Michael Solomonov."

In late June, Michael's team approached various Jewish Federations to host this virtual cooking event. Due to cost, JFGP President and CEO Marc Blattner reached out to other Jewish Federations to see if they wanted to share in the event and make it possible for multiple communities to view the demonstration. In total, some 32 Jewish Federations from across North America will be sharing the event with an expected audience of more than 10,000 households.

The presentation will feature Michael, at home in his kitchen, preparing Sephardic dishes and a traditional dessert that is special to his family. Explains

the chef, "My father's side of the family is from Bulgaria, but they came from Spain originally. That was the sort of Jewish food that I grew up enjoying."

During the cooking program, he will be using "sweet Shabbat-esque flavors with an ancient Spanish touch" by roasting a chicken with an onion and honey glaze. The accompanying sumac-onion tabbouleh with kale, apples and walnuts is a Zahav original. Finally, there's a recipe that is dear to Michael's heart: his late mother's honey cake.

"The honey cake is straight-up my mom's for Rosh Hashanah," says Michael. "She would make it and freeze it and send it to us in the States from Israel – a very Jewish mother thing to do ... crossing continents with honey cake. We put confit apples on top."



Michael Solomonov gave a live cooking demonstration for the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland last year. Photo by Victor Paru.

Registrants will receive the recipes in advance so that they can cook along with Michael if they so choose. The chef invites participants to "cook or just watch and hang out." He will be available for comments and questions.

When asked about his future plans, Michael says, "It's so hard to talk about the new when it's such a weird time, in general. It's sad; I love Feast Portland. Hopefully (I'll be there) next year. It's still cheaper than a flight to Israel."

Bring smiles to Cedar Sinai Park seniors with shofars & cards

Cedar Sinai Park has two opportunities for volunteers to bring smiles to the senior living campus in Southwest Portland. CSP Spiritual Life Coordinator Cathy Zheutlin suggests shofar blowing and holiday cards to lift spirits during these times of isolation from family and friends.

Throughout Elul, she encourages people of all ages to bring their shofar and sound the ram's horn to herald the coming of the new year. (Contact her for times).

She also invites you, your kids and grandkids to show our elders love and support by creating Happy New Year cards for the seniors and adults with disabilities who live at Cedar Sinai Park. After six months of separation from family and friends, receiving a simple



handmade card makes a huge impact – it warms the heart and dispels feelings of loneliness and isolation.

You can make a difference by sending love to our elders. Create a handmade card or letter with best wishes for continued health and cheer. Address the card "From our family to you and yours!" Drop off or deliver your card(s). Mailing address is 6125 SW Boundary Street, Portland, OR 97221. If you decide to drop off your cards, take them to the main entrance at Rose Schnitzer Manor (6140 SW Boundary) and call the reception desk (503-535-4000) to

ask them to come outside and get the cards.

For questions about participating in either mitzvah, contact Cathy at 503-535-4038 or cathy.zheutlin@cedarsinainpark.org

'Here For' the High Holidays: Find seat at table

BY DEBORAH MOON

A new online platform gives everyone the chance to find a seat at the virtual table during this year's unprecedented High Holidays.

Here For (<https://herefor.com>) is powered by OneTable, the national nonprofit created to make Shabbat dinner accessible to young adults 21-39ish. With COVID making the High Holidays inaccessible for all ages, they have turned their expertise to provide everyone access to resources and virtual gatherings for Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah.

"Expanding their focus both beyond Shabbat evening and beyond younger adults is so powerful and needed at this particular moment," says Caron Blau Rothstein, director of community planning and allocations for the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, which is partnering locally with OneTable on this effort. "It's not instead of synagogue services, it is another avenue/resource for people to safely connect in celebration of the Jewish new year."

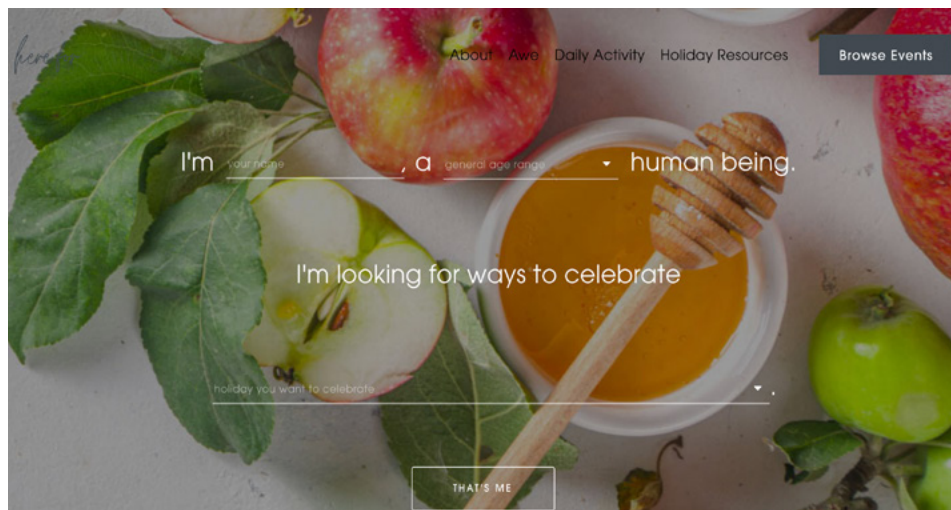
"This is a great complement to our segmented High Holiday-related resources to help people have a meaningful new year," says Caron. She encourages people to visit jewishportland.org/hhd2020.

Herefor.com notes: "COVID-19 is dangerous, and the High Holidays are all about connecting. The Here For team is at work to help honor both of those things."

The project name is inspired by the powerful Hebrew word Hineni, which means "Here I am" and is the name of a High Holiday prayer.

The herefor.com home page features the question "What are you here for?" When clicked, it takes you to the page (see image above) that will guide you through the site to relevant resources and events.

"When we thought about what we wanted



the platform to express, we thought, 'Hineni' — Not only are you in the right place for everything you need to make the holidays holy, but you've also come so far to get here," says Al Rosenberg, director of strategy and communications for OneTable. "We also know from our experience with OneTable users over the last six years that Hebrew can feel exclusionary. We wanted this to be universally welcoming ... (translated) it's an opportunity for each of us to ask ourselves, what are we 'here for'? How are we showing up this season?"

The platform not only helps anyone find a resource or gathering, it allows congregations, organizations and individuals to post virtual or socially distanced gatherings (all in-person gatherings must agree to the latest social distancing requirements posted at herefor.com/covid19). Events can be posted by anyone interested in hosting. Hosts choose whether the event is open, host approval, invite only or solo. Anyone can RSVP for open and host approval events, but the host approval events allow a host to limit participation. Invite only events allow

people to plan a gathering for family and friends and send out invitations.

Asked why someone would post a solo event just for themselves, OneTable's Abbie Barash said it gives someone the opportunity to "bring more intention into a ritual ... such as a Yom Kippur hike."

In addition to managing the Pacific Northwest region for OneTable, Abbie is curating content for the Here For holiday microsite. Posting an event on the site is easy, she says. "When you create an event, you are prompted to include all the details needed."

Support for herefor.com is provided by The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation through the Jewish Community Response and Impact Fund. In addition to local partnerships with Federation, congregations and organizations, Here For collaborates nationally with JCRIF partners Hillel, Reboot, Jewish Emergent Network, Moishe House, Center for Rabbinic Innovation, Hadar, Institute for Jewish Spirituality and Jew-Belong.

Oregon Board of Rabbis hosts evening of Selichot study and prayers

The Oregon Board of Rabbis will host a community-wide virtual Selichot program the evening of Sept. 12. Join this evening of learning, reflection and prayer as we prepare to welcome the year 5781.

"Selichot, literally Forgiveness, are the penitential prayers and poems that are added to the daily morning prayers," says OBR President Rabbi Eve Posen. "The custom is based on a legend portraying King David as troubled over how the Israelites will be able to truly atone for their transgressions. God responds by advising him that the people should confess their sins by saying poems and prayers of penitence. Sephardim offer selichot prayers the entire month of Elul. Ashkenazim hold the practice of beginning at the end of Shabbat on the last Shabbat of the year as that was the first moment of creation."

Register online to receive a Zoom link (link to be emailed by

noon, Sept. 11) to participate in these sessions:

6:45-7:30 pm, Rabbi Elizabeth Dunsker, "Good vs. Evil"

7:30-8:15 pm, Rabbi Ariel Stone, "Why Black Lives Matter to Jews: Atoning for White Supremacy"

8:15-9 pm, Rabbi Joshua Rose, "Forgiving God: Thirteen Attributes and the Heart of Teshuvah"

9-9:45 pm, Rabbi Abby Cohen, "T'shuvah and Self-Compassion"

9:45-10:30 pm, Rabbi Barry Cohen, "In Order to Heal: Line up our Mind, Heart and Hand"

10:30-11:15 pm, Selichot Prayers: Rabbi Dunsker & Rabbi Bressler

11:15 pm-midnight, Rabbi Philip Bressler, TBA.

For more information, call JoAnn at 971-248-5465.

[register here](#)



Erev Yom Kippur Mitzvah Morning

COVID-19 has exacerbated the challenges of those in our midst facing food and housing insecurity. While we can't gather together per usual in service of others, we can get together in our own households to assemble meal kits and collect travel-sized toiletries.

Mitzvah Morning is Sunday, Sept. 27; Yom Kippur begins that evening at sundown. As we enter the new Jewish year, let's start 5781 off by doing good for others in need. You will assemble and collect these items IN YOUR HOME and do a socially distant, drive-through drop-off in either Southwest or Southeast Portland.

You can do one or both of these good deeds:

- Make Weekend Meal Sacks for children and low-income families to be distributed by [Portland Backpack](#). Portland Backpack serves children who are at risk of hunger by providing food sacks for weekend days when food scarcity is higher. Include a personal note in the bag to let children know the community cares.

- Donation of these items: Unused, travel-sized toiletries and/or NEW adult underwear (any gender, any size) for those experiencing homelessness via [Transition Projects](#). For over 50 years, Transition Projects has delivered life-saving and life-changing assistance to some of Portland's most vulnerable residents. Each year they assist more than 10,000 people experiencing homelessness.

Contactless drop-off is 10 am-noon, Sept. 27, at two locations:

- Westside: Schnitzer Family Campus (PJA/MJCC), 6651 SW Capitol Hwy.
- Eastside: Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Parking Lot 5441 SE Belmont St.

Mitzvah Morning is hosted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Portland Jewish Academy and Eastside Jewish Commons.

You must complete the sign up [form](#) to select drop off location and what you are bringing by Sept. 23. You can find the form and information on what to include in meal kits and toiletry/underwear at [jewishportland.org/mitzvahmorning](#).

For more information, contact Caron Blau Rothstein at 503-245-6449 or [caron@jewishportland.org](#); or Elana Cohn-Rozansky at [ecohn-rozansky@pjaproud.org](#).

Bee-Licious Honey certified for sweet new year

Bee-Licious Honey LLC in Portland received kosher certification of its pure raw Oregon local honey products by Oregon Kosher in August.

The company has reached out to local synagogues and has ramped up to fill orders in time for Rosh Hashanah.

Jeff Garner and Jennifer Lytle started bee-keeping in 2011. They launched their honey business May 1, 2016.

You can contact Jeff and Jennifer at [sales@beelicioushoney.com](#) or call 503-867-4596 to arrange a time to visit Bee-Licious or order online at [beelicioushoney.com](#).



Havurah Shalom's virtual tent open to all for High Holidays

For 40 years now, Havurah Shalom has opened its High Holidays services to the community. Admission is free and no tickets are required. Last year about 1,000 people attended Havurah's High Holidays services.

This year, as always, Havurah Shalom programs and services are open to everyone. What's different in 2020/5781: we are gathering online, in our new "virtual tent." You can use your mobile phone or computer to join us. To register, go to <https://event.me/PqAKXD>

Havurah's announcement for this year's services says: "To say this holiday cycle is different doesn't begin to describe the strain we are all experiencing during the pandemic. More than ever, we need one another. We need the anchor and renewal of our ancient traditions. We need our teachings to understand how to live right now. If you are worried, lonely or grieving, join us. If you are restless, join us. If you are hungry for change, join us. If you are eager for a feeling of community, join us. We are here We are proud to continue our tradition of offering ticketless High Holidays to anyone who wishes to attend and as always, we welcome your donations."

Virtual Tent is what Havurah Shalom is calling the secure online platform the congregation invested in this year to allow us to congregate safely during the

pandemic. (Virtual, because it is on the Internet. Tent, because it's where we gather.) Our tent is customized from Cvent, a trusted platform that's widely used for professional conferences. The platform is designed to allow a large group of people, such as our community, to access a variety of live events (services or classes or meetings happening in real time) as well as other resources on demand (speakers on video, recorded songs, printed materials).

Havurah's High Holidays programs kicked off the month of Elul and will continue through Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. A complete schedule of services and programs is on the Havurah website calendar. Members and nonmembers alike may [click on this link](#) to go to the registration site. Fill out the form, hitting Submit at the end. Your confirmation email will contain a link to the web portal, where all programming will take place. You can access the web portal right away by signing in on your browser. Another email will arrive within 48 hours with a link to download our app, which gives an experience identical to the web portal, just for your handheld devices. That's all you need to do to easily connect with our many High Holiday offerings.

Information on services and registration is also available at [havurahshalom.org](#). Questions: [info@havurahshalom.org](#).

Shofar Across Oregon/SW Washington Sept. 20

The Oregon Board of Rabbis will host Shofar Across Oregon and SW Washington on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

The sound of the shofar has been used by Jews to spread news of a holiday or important messages, whether they are of trouble or triumph. This year the sound of the

Shofar is a cry for hope.

The OBR together with the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland invites you to blow your shofar outside your home together with Jews across our region. Go outside the second day of Rosh Hashanah at 4 pm, Sunday, Sept. 20. Blow your shofar or simply listen.

Sept. 13: Art in the time of COVID

How have you dealt with this very difficult time of uncertainty? Are you going for long walks? Protesting? Writing poetry?

ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists will provide a virtual outlet for exploration on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 pm. Virtually view pieces of art in the creation process and talk with 16 artists who are members of ORA. Attendees will be able to talk with artists and learn about their creative processes. The artists will discuss how they have used this difficult time to inspire meaningful pieces of art.

Presented by Mittleman Jewish Community Center, in partnership with ORA, this exhibit lets you participate in a reflective, thought-provoking, creative experience, and you can purchase the art if you wish.

A video of all of the pieces will be shown through their creation process in a looping video in the MJCC lobby from Sept. 13 through Oct. 31.

To register for the Zoom Virtual Gallery and Artists' Discussion go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAtfumqrz8u-G9U5CcRupkenyf-NGMkaAIg>

The MJCC will have a listing of the artwork on its website with the price after the show at oregonjcc.org/arts-culture. To purchase a piece, email MJCC Arts and Culture Manager Lenny Steinberg at lsteinberg@oregonjcc.org. The payment will go directly to the artist, who will contact the purchaser about pickup/delivery.



Coming Together, a piece in clay by Linda Bourne, was inspired by, "the horrific killing of George Floyd ... I still don't understand where that kind of hatred comes from." This piece "was a way for me to express my feelings that we need to come together to find our commonality. I feel that once we are open to meeting someone in the middle, we might actually find they are not that different from us."



The Horizon of Our Uncertainty, an acrylic painting by Linda Zakhavi, synthesizes her own experience of uncertainty and unknowing at this time, as well as a collective vision from her work as a counselor and art therapist. "The process, itself, reflects 'false' arrivals, likings, not likings, knowings and unknowings, but continuing step-by-step responding to what's arising in the moment."



Midsummer, a hand-cut paper by Annelie Thurin, was inspired by nostalgia. "I made this in June, remembering my childhood Sweden, a time when life felt safe and simple. Hand cutting small pieces of paper is therapeutic. I can get completely lost in the process of creating a new picture, and sometimes even several at a time. Completely stress free."



Under Construction: Beaverton Garage & Center for the Arts, photographed by Leslie Peltz, was inspired by several traumatic events – a death in her family and COVID-19. "When I ventured out, it was to walk. What I discovered surprised me. The city of Beaverton is changing with busy construction sites – apartment buildings under construction or planned in the residential neighborhood on the south side of Farmington Road and an arts complex including housing, a hotel and a garage by City Hall between Cedar Hills Boulevard and Hall Boulevard. I began taking pictures with my iPhone X. The piece in the show is just one view of one construction project at one point in time. I am intrigued by the projects and the opportunity to document from inception to completion. Each construction site has signs about restrictions while working, including social distancing, wearing masks and staying home if sick. Construction workers stop to talk with me about the project and seem pleased that I am taking pictures."

Foodies share stories for PDX Biz series

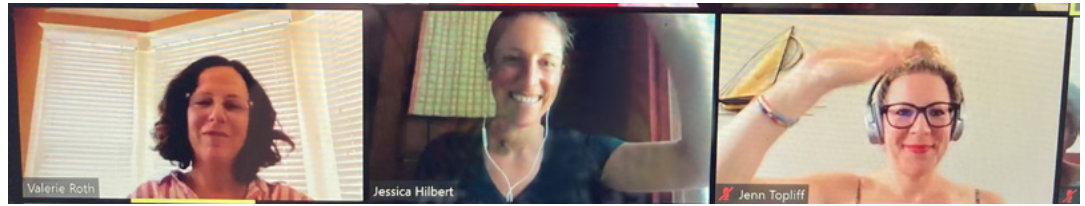
BY DEBORAH MOON

Three Jewish women who launched food businesses based on recipes tested in their kitchens told Zoom attendees at the MJCC's PDX Biz series, held Aug. 20, that entrepreneurship is a tough, rewarding journey.

The three shared their personal stories and offered advice to others considering the venture.

"Don't do it – it's surprisingly hard," said Jessica Zutz Hilbert, who founded Red Duck Foods as an MBA class project with two classmates, now partners, at the University of Oregon. The trio developed a line of organic sauces and condiments that are now sold at about 5,300 stores in the United States, Canada and Hong Kong. Despite the challenges, she said, "It has been so incredibly rewarding to make a product that people love."

Jenn Topliff, who founded Rooms, which sells coconut macaroons made by hand and dipped in real chocolate, concurred: "It's lonely and insanely hard." She urged aspiring entrepreneurs to "know who your audience is and where they are."



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Valerie Roth, who makes Fire Brew under the business name Mind Your Manna, said entrepreneurs must be nimble, flexible and persistent. She started brewing the apple cider tonics in her kitchen after studying holistic nutrition. She took the tonics to farmers' markets to get feedback and now sells the "strong and tart vinegar product that tastes really, really healthy" in about 1,000 stores.

Flexibility has been especially key during the pandemic.

"We had to pivot," said Valerie, noting she is not doing farmers' markets this year. "Retail was 80% of our sales ... it dropped to a whisper. We turned to online as a major source of revenue."

Wholesale accounts "went dead," said Jenn, noting Rooms

are sold primarily in boutique and coffee shops. She says her individually wrapped Rooms are largely a "gifting" product. Online sales worked in the spring when it was cool, but as the weather got hotter, she was "hemorrhaging money on ice packs, thermal inserts and shipping costs." She's down to one baker and does all the packing and fulfilling herself. "I'm doing someone else's job ... I'm not doing forward thinking."

On the other hand, for Jessica and Red Duck Foods, COVID didn't adversely impact the business. "We were all working remotely already" and "saw a bump in March and April sales" that came with the spike in grocery sales nationwide. Their big change has been the cancellation of trade shows.

"The plan for us was to become a nationally recognized brand," said Jessica. So after testing about 30 recipes in their kitchens and settling on a preliminary line of three recipes, "we went to the Market of Choice office and asked them to help us with a class project. They gave us help to get on their shelves." Grocery stores account for the majority of their sales.

The next PDXBiz lunch at noon, Sept. 17, will be Portland Real Estate in the Age of COVID-19. The Panel is in formation, but will include Evan Bernstein, Pacific Northwest Properties, and Eddie LeBerger, Turner Construction. Moderated by Jonathan Singer of Bargain Singer PC.

For more information on the series and registration for the September Zoom event, visit: oregonjcc.org/arts-culture/pdxbiz

Red Duck Foods sold to Beaverton-based food company

On Aug. 28, Red Duck Foods announced it has been acquired by Beaverton-based BG Specialty Sales.

Red Duck co-founder Jessica Zutz Hilbert will continue to work on the brand under the new ownership managing sales and marketing as she has for the past eight years.

"Beyond that, I will be, and will always be, a cofounder of Red Duck, and I look forward to my continued stewardship of that role," said Jessica, who cofounded the business with classmates Shannon Oliver and Karen Bonner.

The transaction brings together two premium, condiment-centric food businesses with roots in Oregon.



"Combining two local food brands known for their commitment to quality and simple, honest ingredients is good business," said Domonic Biggi, CEO of BG Specialty Sales.

His late grandmother Rose Biggi founded Beaverton Foods in 1929, and he has spent his career in the specialty foods industry.

Since Red Duck Foods

launched three products into six stores in Eugene in May 2013, the company's product line has grown to 11 different products distributed throughout North America in over 5,000 stores.

"It's been such a privilege to build our business from the ground up, and we are so proud to have reached this point," said Jessica. "The past several months have been tough in our industry and for small businesses across the country. We are thrilled to have such a positive outcome for not only our local food community, but also our local business community."

The two companies were brought together by business advisory firm Meriwether Group.

After fires, Everything Jewish looks toward mobile solution

A city famous for its food carts has inspired an immediate response to catastrophe.

In the wake of the Aug. 15 and 19 fires that destroyed the Chabad House, the Everything Jewish store and resource center is going mobile. Plans are to be on the road by Sukkot.

The store was located on the main floor of the Chabad House, and all of its merchandise was destroyed by the fires. The first fire in a third-floor office was believed to be caused by an electrical issue. Investigators are awaiting lab results to determine the cause of the second fire. The ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) is assisting Portland Police and Fire with the investigation. ATF provides investigative support when a “house of worship” has a significant fire incident, like the second fire.

A committee of volunteers is developing a rebuilding response, but a new permanent structure could be 18 to 24 months away. In the meantime, Everything Jewish has launched a fundraiser for Everything Jewish 2.0 – a mobile store and resource center.

Northwest Food Truck Manufacturing Inc. has offered to custom build an Everything Jewish on Wheels for the dramatically reduced cost of \$60,000. The company



Everything Jewish, above, before the fire, and at right, after the fire.

also has pledged to match half of every donation.

In 2005, Rabbi Chayim E. and Simi Mishulovin created Everything Jewish as a place to educate and engage all comers regardless of faith, background or affiliation.

Though the fires destroyed the merchandise, Rabbi Mishulovin says, “The mobile Everything Jewish will be able to carry the entire stock of love and warmth, and Yiddishkeit and connection, we had there.” He says the mobile store will also carry the basic Jewish things people need including



mezuzahs and siddurs.

Simi adds, “The outpouring of love and support from the community for the vision of Everything Jewish to engage all comers will help us ensure the future is bright for our community and the world around us.”

The couple is considering several central locations as potential parking places for the mobile store.

To contribute to ensure Everything Jewish 2.0 comes to fruition, visit everythingjewishportland.com.

OJCF promotes Tara Siegman and Laurie Kays

The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation has promoted Tara Siegman and Laurie Kays to new roles within the organization.

“OJCF is largely defined by the excellence of our professional team, allowing us to provide tremendous service, guidance and care for our donors and community partners,” says OJCF board chair Josh Frankel. “Tara and Laurie are deserving of their promotions and will undoubtedly excel in their new roles.”

Tara Siegman is now OJCF's Director of Donor Relations & Development Officer. Tara's responsibilities include working closely with fund holders on their



giving priorities as well as helping new and existing donors establish charitable funds to create their philanthropic legacies. She joined the foundation six years ago as Donor Relations & Grants Manager and has worked with donor-advised funds and com-

munity foundations since 2005.

Tara holds a B.A. in Political Science & Public Policy from George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration with a specialization in Nonprofit Management from Portland State University. She is a 21/64 Certified Advisor trained in multigenerational philanthropy, has certificates in Nonprofit Financial Stewardship (Harvard University) and Giving With Purpose (Doris Buffett's Learning by Giving Foundation) and participated in Portland's inaugural class of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. Tara is a volunteer grant evaluator with the Oregon Community Foundation, co-chairs the regional conference of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable and formerly served on the regional executive board of the Grant Managers Network. Tara can be reached at taras@ojcf.org or 503-248-9328.

Laurie Kays has been promoted to be the OJCF Accountant/Grants Manager. Laurie began her career at OJCF on a temporary assignment, but her skills and commitment were quickly recognized, and she was invited to join the staff permanently in 2017.

Laurie provides vital expertise in the areas of financial management and accounting. Among her many responsibilities is the preparation of regular fund statements for partner organizations and fundholders. Her role has now expanded to include greater involvement in grants administration – from receiving fundholder grant recommendations to ensuring that organizations receive their grant checks.

Laurie holds a B.A.Sc in Accounting from Portland State University. She came to OJCF with more than 10 years' experience in the accounting field. Her previous professional experience includes employment with Scenic Fruit Company, Liberty Tax Service and Multi-Services, Inc., a commercial property management company. Laurie can be reached at lauriek@ojcf.org or 503-248-9328.



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Chaplain's Corner

Let's keep our troubles in perspective

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

We are now in the heart of the Hebrew month of Elul, the time of preparation for the High Holidays. We are to use this month to get in the right mindset – a spiritual mindset – so that we increase the likelihood that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be inspiring and transformative.

During Elul, I return to the story, “The Bag of Trouble,” from *A Year of Jewish Stories: 52 Tales for Children and Their Families*, by Grace Ragues Maisel and Samantha Shubert. This tale enables me to keep in perspective whatever I consider to be my troubles.

The following is an adaptation of the story: Reina was 13 years old and lived in New York's Lower East Side. She felt burdened by tsuris, a long list of troubles, including her little brother, spelling tests and Brussels sprouts. She would stuff her tsuris into a bag, but she was worried that it would soon overflow.

In fact, the bag had already become so heavy that it caused Reina to be late because of the extra time she needed to drag it to school.

“What is that bag by your desk?” asked her teacher.

“My bag of troubles,” said Reina.

“You have troubles?” she inquired.

“You don't know the half of it,” Reina responded.

Her classmates, as if on cue, nodded in agreement, and some even yelled out their own troubles.

“I'm changing your homework assignment,” said the teacher. “Tonight, everyone needs to put all your troubles into a bag and bring it to school.”

The next day, Reina was shocked to see what everyone brought: string bags, paper bags, cloth bags and pillowcases. Several classmates brought in more than one bag.

“What are we going to do with all of these bags?” asked Reina.

“First of all, class, you need to open up your bags,” the teacher replied. “Then everyone needs to walk around and look inside. See if you can find someone who

Renew with Elul

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland shares inspiring daily videos from community leaders during the Hebrew month of Elul.

A new video is posted every day but Shabbat at jewishportland.org/elul.

wants to trade his or her bag with yours.”

As she walked around the class, Reina found more problems than she ever imagined. She didn't want to trade her tsuris with any of them. Then she looked back inside her bag. She found the time she was scolded for forgetting her homework, the time she had chickenpox and that not-so-great spelling test score. But then she noticed that her bag was getting smaller and lighter. In fact, after a few minutes, she could even fold up her bag and put it in her pocket.

Later that night, her parents noticed she was much happier than usual.

“Did something happen at school today to put you in a good mood?” asked her mother.

“Kind of,” said Reina. “I learned a new way to handle my tsuris. The secret is that they need company.”

“What do you mean?” asked her father.

“Take your troubles out once in a while, and let them get to know someone else's troubles,” she explained. “That'll keep 'em out of your way.”

Let us all make the most of the remaining days of Elul and be ready for the start of 5781.



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In addition to the Chaplain's Corner, the Jewish Review offers space for our community's rabbis to share their thoughts on the week's parsha or current events. The Oregon Board of Rabbis coordinates the Rabbi's Corner. To schedule a date to submit a 500-word piece, email OBR President Rabbi Eve Posen, eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Guest Column

How can we end systemic racism?

BY BOB HORENSTEIN

In the wake of the tragic murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and the nationwide protests in support of police reform and accountability, many of us in the Jewish community are asking, “How can we contribute to the effort to end systemic racism in our societal institutions?” Obviously, there are many ways, including learning about the shameful history of racism and discrimination in our own state and city – a history that has been largely whitewashed in our public schools – and supporting police reform legislation.

This November’s election presents another opportunity in Oregon. The Federation’s Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has endorsed Initiative Petition 44, which would promote a health-care approach to addressing drug addiction by removing criminal penalties for low-level drug possession and incentivizing people to seek treatment.

In addition to decriminalizing drug possession, Initiative Petition 44 would specifically provide needed funding for treatment, peer support, housing and harm reduction. How would it be paid for? With marijuana tax revenue. Oregon expects to collect more than \$280 million in marijuana tax revenue during the 2021-2023 biennium, or roughly \$140 million a year.

Notably, besides the Jewish Federation, IP44 has also been endorsed by the NAACP, Latino Network and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, organizations that the JCRC partners with in its efforts to confront bigotry and hate.

Perhaps you are wondering what IP44 has to do with systemic racism. If this ballot measure passes, the Oregon

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) estimates that arrests for possession of controlled substances (PCS) would fall from 6,726 to 615 annually. Currently, Black Oregonians are over-represented substantially in PCS arrests compared to white Oregonians. Should IP 44 pass, it is estimated that this disparity would fall by nearly 95%!

According to a report issued by the CJC, the total number of convictions for PCS would fall from 4,057 to 378, a nearly 91% reduction. This reduction would also be substantial for all racial groups, ranging from 83% for Asian Oregonians to approximately 94% for Native American and Black Oregonians.

Prior academic research suggests that this drop in convictions will result in fewer collateral consequences stemming from criminal justice system involvement, which include difficulties in finding employment, loss of access to student loans for education, difficulties in obtaining housing and restrictions on professional licensing.

The CJC report also points out that the actual impact on disparities could be even more dramatic because, the report notes, “Other disparities can exist at different stages of the criminal justice process, including inequities in police stops, jail bookings, bail, pre-trial detention, prosecutorial decisions and others.”

Sadly, a drug arrest can ruin a life because of one relatively minor mistake, disproportionately so for people of color. Passage of IP44 is one important step in rectifying this problem.

Bob Horenstein is the Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs for the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

Explore Shared Legacies

BY DEBORAH MOON

As protests over systemic racism and police violence continue to engulf the nation, the Jewish community continues its collaboration with the Black community with a film screening and talkback about “Shared Legacies: The African American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance.”

The two-part program is free, but registration is required. Registrants will receive a link to screen the film anytime Sunday or Monday, Sept. 13-14. Then at 7 pm, Sept. 16, join a Zoom discussion about the feature-length documentary that will focus on how “two communities of different backgrounds collaborated to transform the moral conscience of the nation.”

The Wednesday night discussion on Sept. 16 will feature filmmaker Dr. Shari Rogers along with the Rev. E.D. Mondainé, president of the Portland Chapter of the NAACP, and Rabbi Michael Cahana, senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. Rabbi Cahana has participated in some of the Portland protests.

The program is sponsored by United in Spirit, a collaboration of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, the Portland Chapter of NAACP, the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, and Dialogues Unlimited.

When it began early this year, United in Spirit was intended to explore and rebuild that historic connection. The global pandemic postponed some of the events until next year, but the partnership has flourished.

“In this time of national and local reckoning with our country and state’s grim legacy of discrimination and systemic



racism, the Jewish Community Relations Council is partnering with organizations in other minority communities to create a series of programs to confront hate,” says Bob Horenstein, JFGP director of community relations and public affairs.

The first program in a series of webinars, though not part of United in Spirit, is closely related and arises from the connections fostered by the program. Uncovering the Hidden History of Anti-Black Racism in Oregon will be 7 pm, Oct. 6, with guest speaker Walidah Imarisha, who is a writer, activist, educator and spoken word artist.

Subsequent webinars will focus on Oregon’s shameful history of discrimination against other minority groups.

“It’s important to learn this history so that we understand how we arrived at the situation today,” says Bob. “A subsequent summit will address current issues around racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism as well as strategies for joining together to combat hate.”

For [registration](#) information for Shared Legacies, visit: ojmche.org/events/shared-legacies-the-african-american-jewish-civil-rights-alliance/ Watch the trailer at youtu.be/FcEu_1jDHil

For more information on the confronting hate webinars, contact Bob Horenstein at bob@jewishportland.org.

Chabad brings outdoor shofar-blowing ceremonies to parks

As Rosh Hashanah approaches on the eve of Sept. 18, most people who ordinarily attend High Holiday services will be unable to attend synagogue in person this year due to COVID-19.

Blowing the shofar, as the Jewish people have done for millennia, is a central mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah, so Chabad has arranged Shofar in the Park ceremonies in several local parks.

To help people mark the holiday safely, yet in person with the community, Chabad Centers throughout Portland are

offering safe, family-friendly, Shofar in the Park ceremonies on Sunday, Sept. 20. At each location, the 20-minute ceremony will be held multiple times throughout the day, to ensure smaller groups and proper social distancing. Facemasks will be available as well.

The thought of Rosh Hashanah passing without hearing the simple wail of the shofar is hard to imagine for many, including Chaya Orenstein, co-director of Tigard Chabad Jewish Center. "I've heard the shofar on Rosh Hashanah every year since I

was a baby," she says. "Even before I was old enough to really understand much, I knew that sound signified the beginning of the new year."

The blast of the horn has been likened to a spiritual wake-up call, a declaration of freedom and a signal of renewal.

"We are looking forward to an uplifting event, when community members can come together to be inspired as we enter the New Year with hope and faith," says Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm, director of Chabad of Northeast Portland. "This year, when we

are beset by public and personal challenges, we are glad to enable people to experience a safe and meaningful Rosh Hashanah in person."

Chabad of NE Portland will host events at both Grant and Laurelhurst Parks. To preregister, select time and park at [JewishNortheast.com/shofarinthepark](https://www.jewishnortheast.com/shofarinthepark).

The events are free. For a list of parks where other Chabad Centers will host shofar-blowing ceremonies, contact Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm: 503-309-4490, Rabbi@JewishNortheast.com.

Neveh Shalom gets grant to provide COVID-19 outreach and services

Congregation Neveh Shalom has received a grant to support Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 outreach and support initiatives within the Jewish communities of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Neveh Shalom is one of more than 170 Community Based Organizations to receive an OHA grant to serve communities throughout the state.

Susan Greenberg is the project manager for the grant and manages both the education/community engagement and wraparound teams.

CNS COVID outreach and support services aim to connect individuals and families to the information and resources they need to stay safe, healthy and well-informed. The priority is to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Toward this goal, the team is collaborating with Jewish organizations and volunteers in the region to support public health efforts to curb the pandemic.

The social services and wraparound services team will work with those affected by COVID-19 to provide services and connections with existing benefit programs. For those with a positive COVID-19 test or confirmed exposure, the services team can directly provide resources and support for isolation/quarantine.

The outreach and communications team is conducting a survey and has launched a weekly e-newsletter.

What questions do you have about COVID-19? What are your biggest concerns? What kind of resources are you looking for? Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/CNSCovidSurvey>.

The weekly newsletter will provide Oregon-specific updates, tips for navigating everyday life in a pandemic and links to news stories across a diverse range of publications that are informative and helpful. Subscribe at <https://tinyurl.com/CNSCovidNewsletter>.

Project Manager Susan Greenberg has been active in the Jewish community and a member of Congregation Neveh Shalom for more than 15 years. She sits on the Beaverton School Board.

Other team members are Lead Outreach and Communication Coordinator JoAnna Wendel; Outreach and Education Coordinator Estee Emlen; Lead Social Services and Wraparound Services Galia Peleg; and Social Services and Wraparound Services Consultant Ellen Kalenscher.

To see the full announcement and more information about the team members, email covid19@nevehshalom.org and request a copy of the first weekly e-newsletter.

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Obituaries

CHERYL RICHARDS

Cheryl Richards, z"l, died after a two year battle with cancer the last week of August 2020. She died at home surrounded by those she loved – her husband, Mark, her two dogs, and a few family members.

Cheryl was a long-time member and past president of Congregation Kol Ami in Vancouver, Wash.

A private burial and by a more public Zoom shiva were being planned.

ELLA OSTROFF

Ella Ostroff, z"l, died Aug. 28, 2020. She is loved and remembered by Sherry (Steven) Stone, Mick Ostroff, Hilary (Lars) Snitker, Elana (Cam) Anderson, Adam Stone, Leah Stone; sister Lilly Levinson; and nieces Wendy, Cyndi and Helene.

A private interment was scheduled. Congregation Neveh Shalom organized a shiva minyan on Zoom Aug. 30 and Temple Beth Shalom in Salem coordinated Zoom shiva minyans Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Congregation Neveh Shalom extends our deepest condolences to the Ostroff/Stone family.

LYNNE NIERENBERG

Lynne Nierenberg, z"l, passed away in her sleep after suffering a long decline. She was the mother of David Nierenberg. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Peace Health Southwest Washington

Foundation for the Holtzman Twins NICU. The NICU was founded and named for Lynn and her twin sister whose survival after their birth was always considered miraculous. Congregation Kol Ami extends condolences to David and Patricia Nierenberg; their children Elodie, Jacob and Albanie; and their extended family.

JOAN MUZIKANT

Joan Muzikant, z"l, passed away on Aug. 17, 2020. She was the beloved mother of Adam Muzikant, Andrea Muzikant, Lynne Ryan and her husband Muhlis Akcabay; and grandmother of Melody von Weller, Allison Serrano, Sadie (Ashton) Petty, Talia Muzikant, Audrey Muzikant, and Noah Muzikant.

A private family service will be held at the Beth Israel Cemetery. Congregation Beth Israel sends condolences to Adam, Andrea, Lynne, Muhlis, Melody, Allison, Sadie, Talia, Audrey, Noah and the extended Muzikant family.

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