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Jewish Review reboots as e-newspaper

We are back. The Jewish Review returns as an e-news- paper (with a printable option) to engage and inform mem- bers of the Jewish commu- nity of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland published the Jewish Review, a twice-month- ly, nonprofit newspaper, from 1959 through Jan. 1, 2012. The paper became the first Jewish newspaper on the internet in 1994. As part of the Fede- ration's 100th anniversary, we are restarting the publication with the goal of enhancing connec- tions within the community. The Jewish Review will pro- vide much of the same local coverage as its predecessor, but it will not include national and



Jewish Review Editor Paul Haist displays the final print issue of the Jewish Review Jan. 1, 2012. Above right, Deborah Moon, who was the city editor of the Jewish Review, returns as editor of the new Jewish Review.



international wire service news. The biweekly e-newspaper will publish announcements for, and report on the activities of, local Jewish individuals, organizations and programs. The emailed publication will include snippets of each story

with links to the full stories on- line. We will include a PDF so that organizations and individu- als can print the complete issue. Each issue will include arti- cles on local people, organiza- tions, events and issues. It will also feature coming events with

a link to the Community Calen- dar on the Federation website.

Obituaries will be printed in each issue with new obituar- ies added online as they are received. Submission of other life-cycle events such as births, engagements and weddings are also accepted.

To inspire community in- teraction, we will feature a "Question of the Month," with replies printed in succeeding is- sues. Responses, limited to 150 words, may be edited for length, grammar and clarity. Not all re- sponses will be printed.

We are delighted to be back and look forward to working with you. Please send your submissions, comments and suggestions to:

editor@jewishportland.org

Climate change is everyone's issue

About 125 people attended a pro- gram on climate change held at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center on Dec. 11. The JCRC's Climate Action Committee hosted a panel of experts to discuss "Climate Change: Is it a Jewish Issue?"



BY DEBORAH MOON

Following its December kick- off event, "Is Climate Change a Jewish Issue?," the new Cli- mate Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council has developed an infor- mative website and signed on to cosponsor the April Climate Change Fair (see box page 7).

While the broad cross section of JCRC members generally address challenges facing the future of the Jewish commu- nity, this new committee recog- nizes that climate change is "a

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Wexner announces 2020 Portland cohort

As part of the Centennial Celebration of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, the community will participate in the Wexner Heritage Program for the first time since 1996.

The Wexner Foundation has announced the new Portland class of the renowned Wexner Heritage Program, in which participants study Judaism and leadership for two years. The Portland cohort will participate in 36 learning sessions locally, attend the Wexner conference in August 2020 and participate in an Israel experience in 2021.

The diverse, cohort-based learning that is the hallmark of The Wexner Foundation programs will expose Wexner Heritage members to different approaches to leadership and tools for addressing pressing issues in the Jewish community, while deepening their understanding of Jewish history, values and texts.

"It is an honor for our Jewish community to bring the Wexner Heritage program back to Portland after 24 years in celebration of Federation's centennial

"We look forward to the impact these 20 individuals will make on our Jewish community."

– JFGP Chair Lauren Goldstein

year," said JFGP Board Chair Lauren Goldstein. "We look forward to the impact these 20 individuals will make on our Jewish community for many years to come, just as the initial group has done."

The local initiative is made possible by the generosity of JFGP, with additional support from local donors, local Wexner Heritage Alumni and the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation.

"We are delighted to welcome these outstanding leaders as they embark upon a transformative journey of Jewish learning and leadership development," said Rabba Yaffa Epstein, director of The Wexner Heritage Program. "We are so grateful to our partners in Portland who share our vision of investing in the future of our community by

offering training and enrichment to the volunteer leaders that will guide us into the next generation."

The program generally is limited to volunteers, but to maximize the impact of the group and to help create synergy with the local community, the Wexner Heritage Program commonly reserves one slot in the group for a Federation professional. This year, as in 1996 when Charles Schiffman, z"l, participated, the Jewish Federation is being represented by the organization's top professional, JFGP President and CEO Marc Blattner.

"The incredible array of people who participated last time and the long-term impact they have had on our community provides an example of what we hope and expect from this

group," said Blattner.

This year's outstanding participants were selected through a highly competitive process. Of the 106 nominees, 78 completed the full application and 33 were interviewed before the Wexner Foundation selected the final cohort of 20.

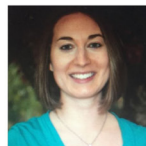
The Wexner Foundation has more than 35 years of experience developing excellence in Jewish professionals and volunteer leaders in North America. More than 2,200 leaders from 35 North American cities have participated in the heritage program. New cohorts are also being announced for Cleveland, Ohio, and New England (Hartford and New Haven, Conn., and Western Massachusetts).

The Wexner Foundation trains and inspires leaders in the North American Jewish community and the State of Israel. Through diverse, cohort-based educational programs, the Foundation invests in promising professionals and volunteers and gives them tools to exercise transformative leadership.

For more information, visit wexnerfoundation.org

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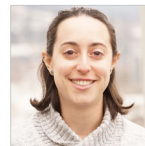
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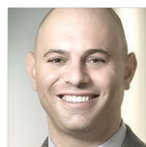
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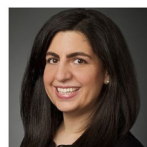
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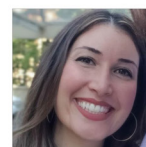
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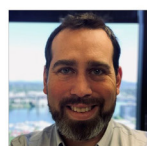
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Exploring responses to anti-Semitism

BY DEBORAH MOON

The Feb. 23 program “Mainstreaming of Anti-Semitism in America Today: Effective Strategies for Responding” drew 140 educators, community members, students and parents.

The afternoon gathering at Congregation Neveh Shalom explored a widely accepted definition of anti-Semitism (see below), discussed three scenarios – social justice coalitions, high schools and colleges – where it is prevalent, and shared resources for those combatting hate.

“Any tolerant society should care about anti-Semitism,” JFGP Community Relations Director Bob Horenstein said in introducing the program. “Hate may start with the Jews, but be assured, it won’t end with the Jews.”

The FBI reports that in 2018 (the last year figures are available), of all the hate crimes against a religious target, 60% in the United States were against Jews or Jewish institutions. The same year, physical assaults on Jews increased 105%.

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DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Some examples from definition:

- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel ... than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.



Above from left, PDX Hillel staff Jewish Agency for Israel Fellow Eden Ferede, Jewish Student Life Coordinator Leah Chasin and Executive Director Hannah Sherman show off the chapter’s Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Outstanding Campus Award. At right, Cole Keister reacts to receiving the first PDX Hillel Future Leader Award.

PDX Hillel toasts national honor

BY DEBORAH MOON

The Greater Portland Hillel celebrated winning Hillel International’s Outstanding Campus of the Year Award and presented its own Future Leader Award to Cole Keister at the 2020 Celebration Dinner hosted by PDX Hillel Ambassadors Feb. 25.

“This Hillel chapter was awarded the number one top chapter the country – not in Oregon, in the country,” Jeff Nudelman told a cheering gathering.

PDX Hillel received the chapter’s Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Outstanding Campus Award at the Hillel International: Global Assembly 2019 in Atlanta Dec. 12.

Hillel International Campus Support Director Jay Lewis told the 36-40 people in attendance that the chapter received the award for the number of students it has engaged and its dramatic growth last school year. Even more impressive, said Lewis, “This year has already surpassed the numbers of last year, and it’s only February. Portland has become a destination for students who want a vibrant Jewish campus community.”

From spring 2019 to February 2020, PDX Hillel engaged 541 students at Portland State University (where the chapter has its office), Lewis & Clark College, Reed College and the University of Portland. Lewis credited the growth to the excellent staff and “the force of nature that is (board chair) Debbie Plawner.”

Lewis said PDX Hillel achieved that while facing three of the biggest challenges a Hillel can have: multiple campuses, an urban school where most students live off campus and an anti-Israel atmosphere on campus.

Helping to fight that third challenge propelled Cole Keister to become the chapter’s

first Future Leader Award recipient. Keister is a senior at PSU majoring in graphic design.

Receiving the award, Keister said he got “whiplash” moving from the small community where he grew up experiencing openly right-wing anti-Semitism to a campus where the BDS movement had created a climate of anti-Semitism from the left. Keister said he grew up with very little Judaism outside the home and didn’t know about Hillel when he arrived at PSU. But the anti-Semitism inspired him to visit Israel on birthright, where he met many people from Hillel. After the trip, he designed his first poster for CHAI, the Cultural Historical Association for Israel. On a Hillel Fact Finders trip that took 23 Jewish and non-Jewish students to Israel and the Palestinian territories to explore the complexities and nuances of the Middle East, he met leaders from several other campus groups. As a result, Hillel partnered with the Association of African Students on campus to present an Ethiopian Night on campus. Hillel brought an Ethiopian Israeli to speak; this year, Hillel repeated the program with PDX Hillel’s Israel Fellow Eden Ferede sharing her story as an Ethiopian Israeli.

PDX Hillel Executive Director Hannah Sherman told Keister, “You played an important role in changing Jewish life on campus.”

PDX Hillel leaders Nudelman, Josh Frankel, Jeff Reingold and Rob Shlachter hosted the celebration in Reingold’s home. Shlachter offered a \$5,000 grant to match all contributions to PDX Hillel through March 15; the offer was doubled by Carol Danish for a total \$10,000 to match gifts in the next few weeks. To donate to help meet the match, go to pdxhillel.org/donate.

Israel360 explores the first Arab-Israeli War

BY DEBORAH MOON

The latest program of Israel360, a series created to consider the many aspects of Israel from diverse viewpoints in a respectful dialogue, featured historian Benny Morris, author of 1948: A History of the First Arab-Israeli War.

Morris is considered one of Israel's leading new generation of historians, those who came of age after the 1948 war and could access Israel's official archives opened after 30 years. Morris said that early historians, who participated in the creation of the state, naturally described things in "rosy colors." Later historians, such as Morris, "describe the bumps."

In the Feb. 19 talk, Morris addressed several issues, including the source of three refugee groups, two of which have been resolved, created by the 1948 war. Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews living in areas the UN Resolution allotted to Israel were two of the refugee groups; the third was Jews living in Arab lands who were forced to flee through intimidation, including pogroms and camps.

The first two groups were natural outcomes of war, said Mor-



Benny Morris

ris. "Much of the warfare took place along roads. The only way to secure the supply road was to destroy Arab villages ... (which) served as bases of militias. That is what happens in war." About 70,000 Israeli Jews (10% of Israel's Jewish population) likewise were uprooted from their homes in UN-mandated Israeli territory. However, after the war, they were able to return to their villages or nearby areas, thus resolving that refugee crisis.

While early historians said the Palestinian flight was encouraged by neighboring Arab states, which said they could return in a few days, Morris said that vision is not supported by evidence. He

Up next at Israel360

Join Israel360 for a conversation with Yousef Bashir, a Palestinian-American from the Gaza Strip, who is an accomplished author and vigorous advocate of Israeli-Palestinian peace. May 5, 7-8:30 pm, in the Stampfer Chapel, Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland. 503-246-8831 or nevehshalom.org/israel360/

said he has found no evidence of a major broadcast or speech by a national Arab leader calling for the Palestinians to flee temporarily. He did note that the Arab nations have not opened their archives as has Israel, so it is impossible to learn their official policy other than through review of historic broadcasts and public speeches.

"But there were a lot of instances of local Palestinian Arab leaders ordering women and children to leave," said Morris. "That undermined the staying power of the menfolk. Once the women and children left, the menfolk did not have the motivation to stay."

About 150,000 Arabs remained in Israel and became

citizens of the new nation. The estimated 700,000-800,000 who fled are the origin of the Palestinian refugee crisis. Those reported numbers have swelled to about 5 million, with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren uniquely counted as refugees. Following the war, Jordan expanded, at the expense of the Palestinians, into some of the territory that was to have been a Palestinian state. While Jordan did give citizenship to the Palestinians, those who fled to other Arab countries were not permitted to become citizens or even work in some cases.

"The Arab countries did not absorb them (the refugees)," said Morris, adding that the refugee problem was "perpetuated by Arab regimes to put pressure on Israel ... and Arab states possibly thought justice demanded refugees should return."

By contrast, the approximately equal number of Jewish refugees (700,000-800,000) who fled Arab countries after the war were absorbed readily. While a small percentage of the Jews fleeing from countries where their families had lived for centuries went to France or Morocco, most went to Israel.

IJS finds new home for film fest and other programs

BY DEBORAH MOON

When Institute for Judaic Studies Executive Director Sylvia Frankel announced her departure, the board decided the organization's overwhelming success had rendered it superfluous.

"We accomplished our mission," says Frankel. "IJS tried to fill in the niche of Jewish studies not available in Portland, and we filled it."

When IJS disbands this spring, it will entrust its remaining successful programs, including the Portland Jewish Film Festival and Weekend in Quest, to the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

"We (OJMCHE) set up the Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Cultural and Program Fund to support the cultural programming," says OJMCHE Director Judy Margles.

Weekend in Quest, a weekend-long program in Astoria each year, is full for this

year's March 6-8 event. This year's film festival will be June 14-28 in the Whitsell Auditorium of the Portland Art Museum. PJFF is produced by the Northwest Film Center and co-presented with OJMCHE. Other cultural programs supported by the fund will be lectures and musical programs.

Rabbi Stampfer, z"l, founded IJS in 1983 to promote the establishment of chairs in Judaic studies at Oregon Colleges and universities. IJS expanded to college and community programs such as annual academic conferences, scholars-in-residence, Elderhostels at Marylhurst, Law and Ethics conference with Lewis and Clark Law school and Interfaith Bible conferences at Warner Pacific College. With Judaic studies programs established at Reed College, University of Oregon and Portland State University, IJS focused on Jewish cultural programs.

"I am delighted to see our strong programs picked up by the museum" says Frankel.



Institute for Judaic Studies Director Sylvia Frankel, left, and Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education Director Judith Margles. IJS is transferring its successful programs, such as PJFF and WIQ, to OJMCHE.

Frankel and her husband plan to make aliyah to Israel this spring to be near their daughter and two grandsons.

For more information on upcoming cultural programs, contact the museum at ojmche.org or 503-226-3600.

New JFCS director poised to expand services

BY DEBORAH MOON

David Block, M.A., became executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service on Feb. 17, 2020. Block has extensive experience in developing community-based programs and managing federal, state and local government grants.

"His history as a licensed marriage and family therapist, as well as his history in behavioral health agencies, made him a standout candidate for JFCS as we look to strengthen our whole program by centering our agency on person-centered, trauma-informed principles and mental health care," said JFCS Board President Larry Holzman.

Block was the president/CEO of Joint Initiatives for Youth and Family in Colorado Springs, Colo. Previously he worked in Santa Fe, N.M., youth shelters and family services and spent 20 years in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he was CEO of the American Red Cross of Wyoming and the executive director of Attention Homes Youth Treatment Center.

"One big goal is to be a critical resource



David Block in his office at JFCS.

for families with children and adolescents," said Block. "My experience with mental health agencies and building community partnerships and relationships will be critical skills as we go forward."

"Our overarching goal is to reach out in a proactive way to the Jewish community and identify with community partners how this agency can help serve ... and to tailor our programs to meet the needs of the Jewish community and broader community," he added.

Block said that the goal to focus on person-centered, trauma-informed care means the agency will work to enhance awareness and sensitivity when responding to clients' current or past trauma. He added, JFCS will "use the expertise from our counselors to help train all staff ... to build a higher level of compassion, listening and rapport-building skills."

While expanding services to families, children and adolescents will be a big focus, Block said the agency will continue its programs for Holocaust survivors as long as there is a need. "Holocaust services are a core part of our mission, and we are linked with the Claims Conference, which provides funding for those services," he said.

Block earned his M.A. in counseling psychology from John F. Kennedy University and his B.A. in English/psychology from Queens College. In Cheyenne his family (wife Bea Doyle and three sons) was active in Mt. Sinai Synagogue. His son, Adam, lives in Denver with his wife and two sons; Nathaniel lives in Fort Collins, Colo., and Isaac is in Laramie, Wyo.

ANTI-SEMITISM (Cont. from page 3)

"White nationalist hate against American Jews is a significant problem," said Horenstein, who then turned to discussing anti-Semitism from the left as well.

He read from Deborah Lipstadt's book *Anti-Semitism Here & Now*: "We need to take anti-Semitism from the left seriously even when there aren't dead Jews."

Horenstein said that despite the fact Jews have long been involved in social justice causes including immigration, gay rights and climate change, "in some social justice circles there is a litmus test imposed only on Jewish participants ... (who are) told 'Zionism is inherently white supremacist.'"

Legitimate criticism of Israel and its policies, including settlements, "does not make you anti-Semitic," he said, adding that the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) movement, which is especially prevalent on college campuses, is problematic because its goal is the destruction of the State of Israel.

Several resources to combat hate were shared during the event:

- The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland will work with parents and school officials to resolve issues related to anti-Semitism. Contact Bob Horenstein at 503-245-6496 or bob@jewishportland.org.

- The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education has a Speakers' Bureau of Holocaust survivors who will speak at any school or venue. OJMCHE also

offers class visits and field trips to view the museum's core exhibits on Discrimination & Resistance and the Holocaust. ojmche.org

- The Anti-Defamation League trains high school students to combat racism on their campus. The ADL also has resources on its website including anti-bias tools and strategies for both educators and families/parents: adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/anti-bias-tools-strategies.

- OJMCHE and the ADL will present professional development workshops in August for educators on Facing History and Ourselves.

- Portland United Against Hate collects data about incidents of hate. Report incidents at reporthathepdx.com.

Western States Center confronts white nationalism and works to strengthen inclusive democracy. westernstatescenter.org

The event was presented by the JCRC and Portland Area Jewish Educators with support from the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation and NCSY.

COMING EVENTS

March 12: No Place for Hate

Families, parents and students are invited to A No Place for Hate Program Introduction at Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont St., Portland, on March 12, 2020, from 6 to 8 pm. The event is a partnership between the Anti-Defamation League and

Wilson Community and Family Equity Council.

A cohort of 10th- to 12th-graders who were trained by the ADL to be No Place for Hate Anti-Bias Peer Facilitators will share an activity and ADL Pacific NW Director of Education Scottie Nash will discuss how to dialogue with children when they experience or observe hate.

The ADL's student-driven program has been adopted in 11 Oregon schools.

March 18: StandWithUs Campus Crash Course

Teens, parents and Jewish community members are increasingly concerned about the anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses that often spills over into anti-Semitic speech and policies. This event brings experts from the field to explain and discuss: anti-Semitism vs. legitimate criticism of Israel, the evolving face of BDS, and knowing your rights.

The event will be held 6-8:30 pm, March 18, 2020, at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland. It is sponsored by Neveh Shalom, StandWithUs Northwest and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. Cost is \$10/person or \$15/family and includes kosher dinner.

For information, call 206-801-0902. Register at: tinyurl.com/CNSCollegeCampus20.

News in brief

Rabbi Rose to leave Shaarie Torah in 2021

Rabbi Joshua Rose will conclude his role as rabbi of Congregation Shaarie Torah in June of 2021.

In a letter to the congregation, Rabbi Rose wrote: "The challenges I feel I must now embrace as a student and teacher of Torah no longer fit within the role of congregational rabbi, with all of its obligations, duties, honors, privileges and joys."

The board has already begun the Rabbinical Search process with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (the umbrella organization for Conservative Judaism, of which CST is a member).

Rabbi Rose became rabbi at Shaarie Torah in July 2014. He is a native Portlander who previously served as the senior rabbi at Congregation Har HaShem in Boulder, Colo. Before becoming a rabbi he worked for a Jewish justice advocacy group in Washington, D.C., and studied at Harvard Divinity School, where he earned a Master of Theological Studies.

"Rabbi Rose and his family will stay in Portland and plan to remain connected to the Shaarie Torah community," according to a letter from the CST board. "The rabbi's departure also coincides with a board decision to produce a multi-year strategic plan with the goal to create an innovative institution of Conservative Judaism."



Shaliach available to speak to students

Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and StandWithUs Northwest, a nonprofit organization focusing on Israel education, brought Aviv Attia, 25, to serve as Pacific Northwest shaliach (emissary) and high school coordinator for the school year.

Over the past 10 years, the shaliachs have connected with more than 190,000 high school students. As high school coordinator, Attia also oversees the area's high school interns and other students.

High school teachers can schedule Attia to speak to classes about Israeli society, Israeli culture (e.g., music, dance, food, service in the army, education), similarities and differences in teenage life in Israel versus that in America, or Israel's relationship with its Arab neighbors, in particular the Palestinians. The presentations are free. Aviv will be in the Portland area with some presentation times still available on March 16, 17, 18; April 27, 28, 29, 30; and May 1.

Attia was born in Tel Aviv to a family of Tunisian and Iraqi descent. After his mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces, Attia studied at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya and participated in the Rabin leadership program. Attia was a member of the Israeli LGBTQ Association and the SWU Israeli Fellowship.

To schedule a program with Attia, call 206-801-0902 or email Attia at Aviva@standwithus.com.



Donate, volunteer for Passover food boxes

Every Jewish community is obligated to ensure that everyone has the food they need to celebrate a joyous Passover, and Portland's 20th annual Passover4All campaign will again ensure that area families can truly celebrate Passover.

Last year, the program delivered 125 boxes to families identified
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by Jewish Family & Child Service who need of assistance to celebrate Passover. Those families received a total of 1,200 pounds of potatoes, 600 pounds of matzah, 600 pounds of apples, 250 boxes of soup mix, 125 jars of gefilte fish, 125 bottles of wine, 125 frozen kosher chickens, 125 jellied fruit trays and 125 jars of horseradish. Deliveries go to people of insufficient means, people who can't get out to shop, new immigrants, and anyone who needs some extra help.

To donate to the fundraising effort to supply the boxes, visit jewishportland.org/passover4all.

Volunteers will pack and deliver food boxes the morning of Sunday, April 5, at the MJCC. Anyone can help pack the boxes: adults, kids, teens, grandparents, individuals and families. To sign up or for more information, contact JFCS Volunteer Manager Tavia Berrigan at tberrigan@jfcs-portland.org or 503-226-7079, ext. 134; or Jon Perrin at jonperrin@gmail.com or 503-997-0806.

YouTube channel: Jewish Oregon TV

Jewish Oregon TV is a fun, breezy, informative, enlightening and Jewish entertainment- and news-magazine video package on YouTube. Its pilot episode ran in October and now includes four episodes.

JOTV co-producers Ken Klein and Jenn Director Knudsen and host Jemi Kostiner Mansfield (**at right**) showcase the spectrum of Oregon's Jews in a celebratory fashion in 10-minute episodes.



Klein, a professional filmmaker, first imagined JOTV's concept. "In Oregon, despite the amazing diversity of Jews and approaches to Jewish identity, there is still a common need for a regular show that is entertaining, inspirational and educational about, for, and featuring Jews, their work, their passions, their lives – our culture."

"The timing of the creation and launching JOTV is ideal as a sought-after video medium, capable of reaching an ever-growing audience and in multiple formats," said Director Knudsen, a freelance reporter and editor.

"With anti-Semitism on the rise internationally, as well as in our Pacific Northwest neck of the woods, the time is now for JOTV to inspire our state's Jews to take pride in their heritage and in themselves and all that they do," added Kostiner Mansfield, executive director of Shaarie Torah.

Thus far self-funded, JOTV seeks support to cover time, equipment and travel to meet its financial goal of becoming self-sustaining through sponsorships and advertising.

Subscribe at: youtu.be/0Ztsp7l5jxk.

MJCC tapped for Energy Trust cohort

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center has been invited to join a cohort to participate in an Energy Trust Commercial Strategic Energy Management Incentive program.

This 14-month program began in January with an introductory workshop; MJCC Facilities Manager Mack Baker and CFO Beth Germain attended the workshop. The goal of the program is to integrate energy management into the organizational business practices of the MJCC, enabling the center to save money and energy.

With the help of an Energy Trust Energy Coach, the MJCC will: Conduct an organizational assessment of current energy management practices; Establish an energy policy with short- and long-term energy use reduction goals; Establish an energy team; Conduct onsite assessments to identify energy-saving operational and capital opportunities and to prioritize them for action plan implementation; Establish an action plan; and establish and use a tracking system of energy consumption data and targets to create a

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baseline and metrics for tracking energy savings.

The program offers cash incentives for meeting certain milestones and offers a stipend to use toward hiring an intern to help collect and track data.

Alicia Jo Rabins receives literary fellowship

Composer, performer and Torah teacher Alicia Jo Rabins has received a 2020 Oregon Literary Fellowship for poetry. She is one of 11 writers and two publishers to receive grants of \$3,500 each.



Alicia Jo Rabins

Photo by Alicia J. Rose

Rabins' first collection of poetry, *Divinity School*, won the 2015 APR/Honickman First Book Prize and was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award. Her second collection, *Fruit Geode*, was published in October 2018.

Rabins said the fellowship will allow her to dedicate a whole month to poetry. She is working on two new books of poems and on a film called *A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff* based on her one woman show of the same name.



Gan preschoolers getting new playground

Students at The Gan-Portland Jewish Preschool watch excitedly as a new preschool playground is installed on their Campus of Jewish Life.

"In keeping with the Gan's Reggio Emilia inspired philosophy of the environment as the third teacher, the playground will help nurture the children's active lifestyle, physical developmental, problem solving and social skills through play," said Mimi Wilhelm, the Gan Preschool educational director.

The playground is being funded in part by a grant from the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation.

NEWS IN BRIEF SUBMISSIONS

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CLIMATE CHANGE: Committee offers tips to help

Continued from page 1
threat to every human being on the planet ... and too many of us still don't understand the urgency of the threat," said JCRC Director Robert Horenstein.

The kickoff featured panelists Ariel Willey, a sustainability consultant; Josh Lake, an outdoors Jewish adventure professional; Rabbi Tzvi Fischer of the Portland Kollel; and Rabbi David Kosak of Congregation Neveh Shalom.

After Willey presented an overview of the threats of climate change, Rabbi Fischer discussed the Jewish responsibility to counter those threats. The Torah's narrative of creation tells us "God created a world that is sufficient and efficient ... We are the custodians."

Rabbi Kosak echoed that view, noting, "In Torah there is a deep understanding that we belong to the earth; the earth does not belong to us."

"The work is not yours to complete, but you cannot exempt yourself from it."
(Perkei Avot 2:21)

Lake added, "If we don't fix it, there will be no Judaism, no Christianity, no Islam. It is everyone's issue."

You don't have to be an environmentalist or even fully believe the science to realize it is prudent to try to limit greenhouse gases, according to Lake. He compared working to counter climate change to putting on a seatbelt when you get in the car: "You don't expect to crash, but you want to mitigate the possibility."

Noting he doesn't consider himself an environmentalist, Rabbi Fischer said he still takes small, personal actions for the planet's health such as choosing to walk rather than drive when possible.

Willey offered other simple steps to help: buy in glass when you can; use a metal fork instead of plastic; turn your heat down 2 degrees.

The committee's website jewishportland.org/climate offers resources including: What can one person do, today? How can I get more involved? What is the Jewish perspective?

Willey spearheaded the new committee after participating in a cohort of PDX Pathways, which gives young professionals a networking, mentorship and Jewish community involvement experience. When she moved to California for a new job, Hanna Wolff, a resident of Moishe House, took over as committee chair.

Climate Change Fair is April 19

A Climate Action Fair and Celebration honoring the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day will be held 1-5 pm, April 19, 2020, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. This free event is co-sponsored by several Jewish congregations and the JCRC.

Environmental organizations and service providers will share information about the climate crisis and how to take meaningful actions. Ideas to make a difference will be offered for individuals, families and congregations, as well as regional efforts. Children's activities will be offered.

Info: Michael Heumann, heumanncycle@gmail.com.

FOCUS: Overnight Camps

Three camps have deep roots in Portland

Three overnight Jewish summer camps have deep roots in Portland. B'nai B'rith Camp was founded in Portland in 1921. Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, z"l, created Camp Solomon Schechter in 1954. Camp Kesher, created by Oregon NCSY, is starting its second summer.

In 1921 the B'nai B'rith Building Association started a Jewish residential camp for the kids in old South Portland. The camp program moved to its current property on the east side of rustic Devils Lake in 1925. When the B'nai B'rith Building Association changed its name to the Jewish Community Center (and later to the Mittleman JCC), B'nai B'rith Camp kept its traditional name. In 1931 a group gathered at BB Camp for a Men's Camp, which evolved into the B'nai Brith Men's Camp Association's annual encampment. BBMCA has evolved to become one of the primary sources of financial support for BB Camp and in 2009 purchased the camp property and operation from the MJCC, establishing BB Camp as an independent, community-based Jewish camp.

Led by Executive Director Michelle Koplan since 1999, BB Camp has converted to a kosher kitchen, added new programming, implemented an inclusion program for campers with special needs and launched a teen philanthropy program. BB Camp became an early participant in the activities of the Foundation for Jewish Camp and the Harold Grinspoon's Foundation Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy, now JCamp180.

Camp Solomon Schechter was founded in 1954 by a group of rabbis, including Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, who sought to establish a kosher overnight camp in the Northwest. Incorporated in Oregon, Schechter's first office was in Congregation Neveh Shalom, and the connection between CNS and CSS still runs deep today. CNS and Shaarie Torah send more than 50 kids to camp each summer. CSS has also had several Portland administrators and directors lead the camp over the years. Judith Kahn, Jackie Lesch and Rob Kahn were all key leaders at CSS. Rabbi David Kosak of CNS serves as Schechter's Mara De'atrah (head of the house on religious issues). Nine of CSS' board presidents have been Portland residents.

In 1968 Rabbi Stampfer moved the camp to Tumwater, Wash., where it has been ever since. Schechter is home to more than 500 campers a summer, from all over the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Camp Kesher was founded last year. Oregon NCSY staff had noticed a growing need over the past few years. At a time when many local sleepaway camps were filling up and running out of space, more and more post b'nei mitzvah teens are distancing themselves

from Judaism. To help turn the tide and start a new pattern of Jewish growth and connection, NCSY decided to create a summer camp that was focused on making Judaism fun and relevant.

Following is an overview of what each camp offers.



B'NAI BRITH CAMP

bbcamp.org

Office: 9400 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy.,
Beaverton, OR 97005

503-452-3443

info@bbcamp.org

Campground: Devil's Lake, near Lincoln City, OR

Located on the beautiful Oregon Coast, BB Camp features new heated cabins that sleep approximately 18 campers. Recreational facilities include lake and lakefront, heated swimming pool, a challenge course and zip line, game room, basketball court, tennis/pickleball court, gaga pit, amphitheater and ballfield/soccer field.

Program

BB Camp is open to everyone. It is a catalyst to build long-term relationships and friendships, and a place where children encounter Jewish ideas, principles, practices and values. Activities include arts and crafts, singing, drama, dancing, hiking, water skiing, sailing, hydro

tubing paddleboating, canoeing, team sports and Shabbat programs. Field trips include beach trips, white-water rafting and the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.

Specialty Programs are: BB Surfs for rising 7th- and 8th-graders; Outdoor Jewish Adventure and Leader-In-Training for rising 11th-graders; and Staff-In-Training for rising 12th-graders.

Dates/ages/cost

BB Camp serves rising 2nd- to 12th-graders.

Dates: 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-week sessions begin June 30 and end Aug. 18.

Fees range from \$1,461 to \$3,934, depending on session length or specialty program.

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**NEXT UP: Information on Jewish Day Camps
will be in the March 18 issue of The Jewish Review**



CAMP SOLOMON SCHECHTER

campschechter.org

206-447-1967

Office: 117 E Louisa St. #110, Seattle, WA 98102

info@campschechter.org

Campground: Tumwater, Wash.

Camp Solomon Schechter is located an hour south of Seattle, and two hours north of Portland, nestled in the shadow of Mt. Rainier. The spectacular 175-acre wooded facility features breathtaking views of Lake Stampfer, where campers can swim, play on a giant aqua park and paddleboard, as well as access to the Deschutes River. Hiking in the untouched beauty of the forests and protected wetlands augment the camp's exciting teva (outdoor) programs. The temperate climate of the Pacific Northwest creates the perfect environment for campers to enjoy the outdoors.

Program

CSS has a 65-year tradition of fun, friendship and Jewish education in the Pacific Northwest. CSS values each child as an individual and strive to support their social and spiritual growth. Our campers can

be independent in a safe and nurturing environment. Campers are encouraged to try something new, make new friends, make good choices, and grow as leaders and as individuals. CSS is a fully immersive, welcoming and spiritual Jewish environment. At CSS, Judaism and Joy are truly one.

CSS is an independent Jewish summer camp welcoming Jews of Conservative, Reconstructionist, Renewal, Reform, traditional and unaffiliated backgrounds.

Dates/ages/cost

Camp Solomon Schechter offers a variety of options for rising 1st- through 11th-graders: four-day, weeklong, two-week and three-week sessions. Campers are free to mix and match sessions and stay for as few as four days or as long as six weeks. Session prices vary by length. Weeklong sessions run \$1,320, while the standard three-week session costs \$3,360.

Grants for camp

ONE HAPPY CAMPER

One Happy Camper campership scholarships available for ANY Jewish overnight camp:

Thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, **FIRST-TIME CAMPERS** from the Greater Portland area who are attending ANY Jewish overnight camp are eligible for a One Happy Camper campership of up to \$1,000, and there are even some available for Jewish Day School families!

Apply at jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/

See more camperships on page 13



CAMP KESHER

campkesherncsy.org

503-757-3037

Office: 6688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

meira@ncsy.org, oregonoffice@ncsy.org

Campground: Camas, Wash.

Camp Keshet is located at Camp Lacamas near Lake Lacamas. The camp is fitted with bunkhouses, an auditorium, a game room, dining room and other regular camp amenities.

Program

Camp Keshet is an outdoor-focused and Jewish-inspired sleepaway camp that provides a positive and fun experience for Jewish kids. Camp highlights include woodworking, creative arts, Jewish cooking and a white-water rafting excursion. Participants build confidence as they embark on exciting trips designed to engage and challenge them. They gain an appreciation for their local environment in the Pacific Northwest, a connection to the

outdoors and a strong sense of Jewish pride that they will take into the school year. Most importantly, they make lasting connections to local Jewish teens.

Camp attendees are primarily coming from Oregon, Washington and Northern California. Camp Keshet is directed by Meira Spivak, Oregon NCSY director. Camp Keshet offers a Staff in Training program for 10th-12th graders, who receive a monetary stipend upon the completion of camp.

Dates/ages/cost

Aug. 9-20 for current 4th-through 9th-graders. Camp fees are \$1,150 for the entire 12-day session.

Aug. 17-19, 2020, 3-day 'Taste of Keshet' program for 3rd graders, for \$250.

Financial aid is available.

OTHER CAMPS

In addition to the camps with Portland ties, several other Jewish overnight camps are located in the region including the following:

Eden Village West is an organic farm-to-table Jewish summer camp in Northern California for rising 3rd-11th graders that integrates culinary arts, organic farming, wilderness skills and homestead crafts. Located on 350 acres on the Russian River, campers have fun while becoming empowered to promote a more environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually connected world.

edenvillagewest.org

Camp Miriam on Gabriola Island in British Columbia, Canada, is affiliated with the Habonim Dror, based on the pillars of Progressive Labor Zionism, Judaism, Socialism, Social Justice and Hagshama (actualization of values).

www.campmiriam.org

URJ Camp Kalsman is the Pacific Northwest residence camp affiliated with the Reform movement.

Campkalsman.org

Sephardic Adventure Camp in Vernonia, OR, teaches campers about the beauty, values and ethics of Sephardic Jewish living.

sephardicadventurecamp.org

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**How did Jewish
camp impact
your life?**

Email your memory to:
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or fewer) will be included in
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ish Review. All replies may not
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(GUEST) COLUMN: Jewish Review

*(NOTE: In future issues, this
space will be available for
community leaders and others
to share views on issues affect-
ing our community. For this
first issue of the Jewish Review,
as editor I am sharing my views
on the need for this community
publication.)*

BY DEBORAH MOON
Jewish Review Editor

For the past 27 years, I have
attended, written about and
photographed events and pro-
grams in Oregon's Jewish
community. During that time,
I have gotten to know so many
wonderful people who have
made this a vibrant, welcoming
community. I am delighted to
be able to again provide news
for the Greater Portland Jewish
community and beyond.

When the Jewish Federation
of Greater Portland suspend-
ed publication of the Jewish
Review after the Jan. 1, 2012,
issue, many in the community
were upset at the loss of the
biweekly newspaper. I served
as city editor of that newspaper

from 1992 until the final issue.

The rebooted Jewish Review
will address important issues
and report on the activities of
local Jewish organizations, pro-
grams and individuals. Beyond
local news, this e-newsletter
will provide local agencies and
synagogues the opportunity to
share their programs and events
with community members be-
yond their core memberships.

Over the past eight years,
I have heard from so many
people who missed the news-
paper. I can't tell you how
many people lamented no
longer seeing announcements
of births, deaths and all the
life-cycle events in between. So
of course, obituaries and other
life-cycle announcements are
making a return. I'll keep both
of those updated on our web-
site as I receive them, so visit
jewishportland.org/obituaries
or jewishportland.org/lifecycle
to see current announcements.

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if and how the Jewish Review
can fill the niche. During this
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or Jewish Federation CEO and
President Marc N. Blattner at
marc@jewishportland.org and
let us know what you think of
the rebooted Jewish Review.

**By the way, this first issue
may be a bit longer than
most – we had a lot of news
to catch up on! And please
bear with us for the next
two issues – I will be join-
ing the PDX to Israel trip
March 18-29, so the first
issue in April will go out a
day later than usual – on
Thursday, April 2.**

Upcoming Jewish Review Issues

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March 18, 2020	Noon, Wed., March 11
April 2, 2020 (Thursday)	Noon, Wed., March 11
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April 29, 2020	Noon, Thurs., April 23
May 13, 2020	Noon, Thurs., May 7
May 27, 2020	Noon, Thurs., May 21
June 10, 2020	Noon, Thurs., June 4
June 24, 2020	Noon, Thurs., June 18
July 8, 2020	9 AM, Thurs., July 2
July 22, 2020	Noon, Thurs., July 16

RABBIS' CORNER

Parshat Tetzaveh: Here, There, Everywhere

BY RABBI EVE POSEN

At our twice-monthly Tot Shabbat celebrations, we sing about how “God is everywhere, and God is one.” We then ask the children to tell us where they might find God, and the range of answers is beautifully diverse. We find God in the sky, the trees, the sun and the moon. And, apparently, we find God in places like ice cream, unicorns and fire trucks. We find God in our mommies and daddies, and we find God in our hearts.

Every time we sing this prayer, I am awestruck by the different ways in which our children are able to “see God.” They understand and acknowledge that different circumstances call for different visions of God, and the way their week has gone is often the determining factor in how they see God working in our world. Most importantly, however, they ALWAYS see God.



Rabbi Eve Posen, Oregon Board of Rabbis President

In Parshat Tetzaveh, the Torah portion we read this week God gives the commandments for what clothing the priests will wear, how they should be fashioned, and the materials that should be used in their fashioning. The priests wear special clothing that distinguishes them from others in the service of God. These clothes are meant to add an aura of holiness to

the priests as they complete their work. Since these vestments and garments are to be used for such a unique purpose, God gives a special instruction regarding who is to make them and what they are to look like.

There are precise garments and colors that the priest is mandated to wear. They are made up of linen and wool and defined by certain colors as well. According to Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, a modern commentator on the Torah, the linen represents the vegetable/plant world and is white, the color of purity. The wool, a symbol of the animal world, is red, purple and crimson. Other garments are blue, like the sky. Each color and material represents a different part of our world, a different level of connection with our natural surroundings, and thus a different type of connection with God.

Just like these various articles of clothing, there are many lev-

els by which we may connect to God and each other. It might be on an earthy, deep, dark crimson level, or flying high like the bright blue of the sky. We might feel plant-based and pure, but relatively still; or we could be purple and red and animalistic in our tendencies.

The High Priest wears each color and material as a representation of how diverse our community is, and the priest serves them all at any time and any stage. What a wonderful example for leaders today. Though they may not represent it by their clothing, they must be equipped to work with a variety of people and how they connect to the community. This is the type of community in which God is most surely present.

Rabbi Eve Posen is president of the Oregon Board of Rabbis and assistant rabbi at Congregation Neveh Shalom.

MONTHLY MITZVAH: Tzedakah

Chabad celebrates 36 years in Oregon with Mitzvah Campaign

On Jan. 15, 1984 (*Rosh Chodesh Shevat*), Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm and family arrived in Portland and founded Chabad of Oregon. Chabad of Oregon now has 10 Chabad centers offering learning and outreach in communities around Oregon.

To celebrate 36 (double chai) years in Oregon, Chabad is promoting a different mitzvah for each month of this year. The celebration is based on the Mitzvah Campaign created by Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, z”l, in 1967.

In February, Chabad promoted Jewish education (*Chinuch*). Every Jewish boy and girl should receive a Jewish education, which ensures Jewish integrity, identity and a Jewish future. Chabad of Oregon has a day school, two preschools and five afternoon Hebrew schools to help educate children.

In March the mitzvah focus is Tzedakah: Give charity daily. When you give to the needy, you are serving as G-d’s emissary to provide for his creations. Keeping a charity box in your home and contributing a coin to it every day will teach you and your children the noble value of regular giving.

You may also purchase a tzedakah box from Chabad of Oregon for just \$2. Call 503-957-7842.



Tzedakah boxes come in all shapes and sizes.

“We’ll be glad to help,” says Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm. “For assistance or more information, call me at 503-957-7842.”

TEEN CORNER: BBYO

BY ABBIE JOHNSON
BBYO International Siganit

As my 13-year-old self stepped off the hot bus into the arms of my excited parents, I knew the next time I went to BB Camp, it would be for seven weeks. Throughout the year, I was nervous for the upcoming summer. Little did I know, I was about to embark on the best seven weeks of my life. Taking the leap to attend camp for both sessions changed my life. I gained precious leadership skills, made amazing new friends and had many incredible experiences.

One new friend would change my life – Rose Leveen asked me to help her start a new BBYO chapter on Portland's eastside. When Rose told me that she wanted me to help her restart Herzl, I honestly did not think I was right for the job. I was not in high school yet and had only been to a few BBYO events. Despite this, I committed to being on the chapter's board and embarked on this journey.

Herzl grew quickly, and I fell in love with the tight-knit, empowering community as it gained a presence in the region.

I found myself in BBYO and in my Jewish identity. The same sense of belonging I had felt at camp, finally translated into my everyday life.

About a year after Herzl's founding, Rose took a huge leap and ran and was elected BBYO second international treasurer. Rose's action inspired me and showed me that it was worth it to pursue what you're truly passionate about. After seeing Rose's incredible experience on International board, although I knew there was a good chance I could lose, I decided to run for BBYO's 76th international vice president. The application and interview process was rigorous, and I often doubted myself. I persevered. Last weekend I stood in front of 300 of my fellow B'nai B'rith girls and gave them my all. I left them with my years of hard work and my true passion for the position, knowing that although the outcome was uncertain, the process has been worth it.

As the international president walked into the room with the election decision, I was prepared for whatever would come because I had worked for this moment since the day



Teens from the BBYO Evergreen Region, including 26 teens from Portland, gather before the big dance at the Feb. 13-17, 2020, BBYO International Convention in Dallas, Texas, that attracted more than 3,000 Jewish teens from around the world. At the convention Portland's Abbie Johnson was elected international siganit (vice president).

I stepped off that camp bus. As I heard my name announced as BBYO's 76th international vice president, my heart filled with joy; I knew I had the platform to change the lives of others, just as my role models had done for me.

I do not know what the long term holds for me, but I am more than ready and excited to embark on my life's next big journey – planning the largest gathering of Jewish youth ever,

BBYO International Convention. If I can have the encouraging impact on just one person that leaders such as Rose and my support line of BB camp friends and staff have had on me, I know that no matter what happens, I will always be fulfilled.

This column is adapted from Abbie's speech at the BB Camp Bash Feb. 29 (see next page).

Maccabi team has openings

Team Oregon still has space for a few teen athletes who want to participate in the 2020 JCC Maccabi Games in San Diego in August.

The 2020 JCC Maccabi Games, ArtsFest and Access will draw more than 2,000 participants, ranging from 12 to 16 years old to participate in 13 sports and range of art specialties. For more information, contact Ashley Scacco, ascacco@oregonjcc.org

Nominate scholar athletes

Nominations for the Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award are due by March 15. Any Jewish scholar athlete who has lived in Oregon for the past three years and is a junior or senior in high school is eligible. Two winners will be selected and recognized at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center's first Community Celebration on May 14, 2020. Applicants will be judged on academic and athletic achievements as well as their commitment

to community service. Winners will receive a \$500 scholarship for college.

Harry Glickman - The "father" of professional sports in Oregon, Harry was the founder of the Portland Trail Blazers, their President from '87-'94 and the founder of the Portland Buckaroos. He is also a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. oregonjcc.org/hsathlete

Writing art contest set

The annual Sala Kryszek Art & Writing Competition for middle and high school students encourages youth to evaluate history, foster an awareness of the Holocaust, and broaden their minds in the areas of art, history, civics, sociology, and literature.

For the competition, students are presented with a prompt that becomes their cue to create a piece of writing or a work of art. The deadline for this year's competition is March 20.

Written entries – such as essay, poetry,

play, short story or letter – must address the prompt and make a clear connection to Holocaust history. Art entries must include an artist statement of one to two sentences describing the connection between Holocaust history and the artwork. Artwork must be two-dimensional – such as paints, charcoal, pencil, oil, chalk pastels or photography.

This year's prompt notes: Language can be used as a tool of hate. Reflecting on Holocaust history, create a piece of writing or work of visual art that examines how hate speech was expressed, why it was effective at oppressing Jews and other minorities, and its consequences for modern society.

Grand Prize winners will receive a trip for the winner, teacher and parent to visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. They also will be asked to speak briefly about their work at the award ceremony on May 3, 2020.

ojmche.org/educate/education/sala-kryszek-art-writing



BB Bash a circus of fundraising

The 310 people at the Feb. 29 BB Camp Bash raised more than \$137,000 for B'nai B'rith Camp as it prepares for its second century (see history, page 8). At left, BB Camp Bash Co-Chairs Dionne Zacks and Jamie Hogland, visited Zoltar (Alex Mansfield) for a glimpse of the future. At right, during the Mitzvah Moment, many people held up their bid numbers to pledge \$20/month to take advantage of the "Zidell match."



Schechter Spark is May 3

Camp Solomon Schechter's inaugural Schechter Spark event, featuring the presentation of the Migdal Or Award, will be held 10:30 am-12:30 pm, May 3, at Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Schechter Spark is a fundraiser, brunch and celebration, honoring the legacy of Rabbi Joshua and Goldie Stampfer, z"l. Event chairs Marci Atkins and Sheri Cordova expect 300 people to attend. All money raised goes towards camp programming, security enhancements, camper scholarships and staff development. Every gift raised is matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 thanks to: Joann and Carl Bianco; Audrey Covner and Dianne Dougherty; Becky and Lee Holzman; and Samis Foundation.

The Migdal Or Award honors Rabbi Joshua and Goldie Stampfers' (z"l) legacy and commitment to Jewish continuity and camping. A Migdal Or is a beacon of light. The award is given out to remarkable individuals that keep the spark of the Stampfers' legacy alive and light the way for others to follow. Rabbi Joshua and Goldie Stampfer (z"l) are both the inspiration for the award as well as the first recipients. RSVP: campschechter.org/spark/



Camp Solomon Schechter Executive Director Zach Duitch with camp founder Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, z"l.

Camperships (cont. from page 9)

Jewish Free Loan of Greater Portland

Families sending their kids to camp can now get an interest-free loan for up to three years rather than putting camp fees on their high-interest credit cards. The Jewish Free Loan of Greater Portland has increased its maximum loan amount from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for eligible applicants! This free loan program is available to help with the cost of camp, Israel trips, college, etc. There are eligibility and guidelines the committee follows similar to a financial aid application.

jewishportland.org/freeloan

Albert J. Kailes Memorial Scholarship

The deadline for this scholarship for Jewish overnight camp administered is March 1 each year. For information on next year's Kailes Scholarships, contact the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation: soniamariel@ojcf.org.

CSS scholarships from Neveh Shalom

The deadline for these grants is March 16, 2020.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kahn family, first-time campers from Neveh Shalom are eligible for \$180. Email info@campschechter.org to apply

for the CNS Judith and Garry Kahn Camp Fund. Neveh Shalom offers need-based scholarships to members who attend Camp Solomon Schechter. All returning and first-time campers are eligible to apply. Kahn scholarship recipients may combine funds with the CNS scholarship. Deadline for applying for assistance from CNS is March 16, 2020. Download the application from nevehshalom.org.

BB Camp scholarships

BB Camp is committed to provide an affordable Jewish camp experience to our camp families. We offer up

to \$1,000 in incentive grants for first time campers, and we try to accommodate all those in need with our financial assistance. For information on grants and financial assistance, visit: bbcamp.org/grants/.

Camp Keshet

NCSY will try to accommodate all those in need of financial assistance. Please complete the online camp registration form along with the application fee. After registration, a Financial Aid Application can be emailed upon request. Contact Camp Director Meira Spivak, 503-757-3037, with questions.



Photographer Gillian Laub (right foreground) talks about the people she photographed and interviewed while exploring the history of segregated high school proms that continued in a small community in America's South until 2011.

United in Spirit debuts with Southern Rites

A year of programming exploring the historic connection between the Jewish and African American communities began with a new exhibit about segregated high school proms. It will culminate with an October Civil Rights mission co-lead by African American and Jewish leaders.

Southern Rites opened Feb. 5 and continues through May 24, 2020, at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, 724 NW Davis St., Portland. In Southern Rites, Jewish photographer Gillian Laub engages her skills as a photographer, storyteller and visual activist to examine the realities of racism and raise painful questions about the American consciousness. Through her lens and the voices of her subjects we encounter young people in the 21st century from a small community in the American South high school students attended a white prom and a black prom until 2011. The exhibit poses a universal question about human experience: can a new generation liberate itself from a harrowing and traumatic past to create a different future?

The exhibition is organized by the International Center of Photography and curator Maya Benton.

United in Spirit continued at OJMCHE with *From Swastika to Jim Crow*, a film that tells the story of two very different cultures, sharing a common burden of oppression. Jewish scholars who fled Hitler's Europe find continuing discrimination. The refugees find jobs teaching at historically black colleges, the only universities willing to hire them.

The series continues at 7 pm, March 18, when OJMCHE screens *Rosenwald*, a documentary about how philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, son of an immigrant peddler who founded Sears, partnered with Booker T. Washington to build schools in African-American communities in the early 1900s.

On June 19, 2020, a Day of Remembrance will be held 11 am-3pm at Dawson Park in North Portland. The gathering will memorialize the victims of the unspeakable horror of 250 years of lynching in America.

For information on the culminating Civil Rights Mission, contact bob@jewishportland.org or secretary@pdxnaacp.org. Participants will join local African American and Jewish leaders for an eye-opening trip to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham. unitedinspirit.me

May 16 is Cedar Sinai Park's 100th anniversary celebration

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, past will meet the future as Cedar Sinai Park celebrates its 100th year in style at a unique urban venue in the Pearl District. Pure Space at 1315 NW Overton was selected to bring a fresh atmosphere to the party of a Portland institution.

With the backdrop of one of the city's most contemporary venues, the evening will serve to walk through significant times in Portland's history, told through the stories of some of the people and families who have been impacted by Cedar Sinai Park over the century.

The event will begin at 6 pm on Saturday, May 16, 2020, with a hosted social hour and

an opportunity to bid on art created by CSP residents. Valet parking will be provided. For tickets: CedarSinaiPark.org/Benefit2020.

Cedar Sinai Park was founded in 1920 as Jewish Old People's Home. Today CSP offers the state's largest assisted living community, Rose Schnitzer Manor; a state-of-the art post-acute rehab center, Robison Health & Rehabilitation; Sinai In-Home Care; adult day services; and Harold Schnitzer Center for Living, featuring unique small-group households for long-term care. CSP also provides affordable housing with services for people with low-incomes or special needs.



Super Sunday

Volunteers planted "seeds of change in our community" on Super Sunday as they phoned supporters of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland annual campaign to raise \$29,250 to help meet community needs. This year 23 volunteers (including from left Gail LeVine, Trevor Bryant, Ted Nelosn and Devin Getreu) called supporters or wrote thank you cards to the 76 people who made their pledge during the Feb. 23 event at Rose Schnitzer Manor.

Play explores history of Jewish theater

Indecent, a co-production between Artist Repertory Theatre and Profile Theatre in association with Portland State University, continues through March 8 at PSU's Lincoln Hall.

Sholem Asch's play *The God of Vengeance* made a splash on Broadway in 1923, when it was shut down after six weeks of running, and all of the actors were arrested on charges of obscenity. Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Paula Vogel weaves scenes of Asch's play with the imagined conversations of the risk-taking company that brought the script to the stage. *Indecent* is a riveting backstage drama filled with music, the history of Jewish theater, and stage magic. Tickets: artistrep.org.

Talk on Israel tech boom

"Israel's Boom in Tech, Venture Capital and Innovation and the Power of the American People" will be the topic when Leib Bolel comes to Portland on March 16.

Leib Bolel, serves as the President and CEO of the Arizona Israel Technology Alliance and Venture Partner with Grayhawk Capital, an Arizona-based Venture Capital fund. As president and CEO

of the Arizona Israel Technology Alliance, Leib oversees the facilitation of growth in bilateral trade, technology, innovation and governmental initiatives between the Arizona and Israel.

As a Venture Partner with Grayhawk Capital, Leib's focus is on Israeli startups for venture capital investment. Over the last decade, Leib has been immersed in U.S.-Israel relations, having guided government from the state level, up to candidates for president of the United States on areas relating to the United States and Israel. On the commercial side, C-level executives of Fortune companies have relied on Leib for best guidance when doing



business in and with Israel.

Registration is free. Light refreshments will be served. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

The talk will be at 5 pm, March 16, 2020, at WeWork, 700 SW 5th Ave., Suite 4000, Portland, OR 97204.

Leib will return to Portland as a judge in Pitchfest at TechfestNW which this year takes place

April 2-3 at Portland State University's Viking Pavilion. This will be the third year Federation has helped bring Israeli tech to the fest. techfestnw.com

TechfestNW is the opportunity to: Learn more about the innovative, impactful tech that helps define our region; Hear from thought leaders across industries. Experience workshops and live tech demos; Join the startup pitch festival; And network with entrepreneurs, investors and industry executives.

For questions, contact Michelle Bombet Minch at michelle@bombetminch.com

Register for the free event, at: PortlandIsrael.Eventbrite.com



Find community events for all ages on the community calendar:

jewishportland.org/community-calendar

Be sure to check out these events:

ALL AGES: [Purim](#), March 8-10

TOTS: [Mini-Mensch's Tot Shabbat](#), March 7

TEENS: [Purim Themed Top Chef](#), March 8

YOUNG ADULT: [Sip & Tzedakah](#), March 10

ADULT: [First Thursday at OJMCHE](#), March 5

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: [Homelessness](#), March 17

BOOMERS & BEYOND: [Wise Aging](#), March 5

Interfaith breakfast offers inclusion strategies

The Interfaith Disabilities Network of Oregon, an all-volunteer nonprofit that provides information and support to religious organizations to "Welcome, Celebrate & Include" people with disabilities, held a Breakfast Forum for local religious and disabilities leaders on Feb. 13. IDNO was co-founded in 2002 by Corinne Spiegel, who was then the inclusion specialist at Jewish Family & Child Service. Corinne currently serves as secretary for IDNO; JFCS Inclusion Specialist Janet Menashe serves on IDNO's board of directors.

The purpose of the Breakfast Forum was to highlight what religious organizations can do to help people with any type of dis-

ability feel more involved and welcomed in their preferred religious institution. The group discussed how to collaborate on how to provide a more inclusive environment.

The forum was led by IDNO board members the Rev. Bruce Strade, IDNO treasurer, and Rhonda Eppelsheimer, director of University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and associate professor of School of Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics, OHSU.

Insightful small-group discussions followed, with key points shared among the group. Recommendations were offered to help create a more welcome physical environment, involved congregation, and

inclusive practices to assure every person feels connected.

Breakfast attendees included: Rabbi Eve Posen, Oregon Board of Rabbis president; Jemi Kostiner Mansfield, Congregation Shaarie Torah executive director; Laila Hajoo, Islamic Social Service of Oregon State president; Mel Berwin, Congregation Neveh Shalom education director; Trudi Sang, leader of New Wineskins; Andre Noethe, L'Arche executive director; Jessica Bridges of L'Arche; April Davis, The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Hillsboro Stake public affairs rep; the Rev. Brian Heron of the Prebytery of the Cascades; the Rev. Lynn Lopez of Answorth United Church of Christ; Kelsey Bell, Disabilities Office of the Archdiocese of Portland; Whitney Grost of FACT Oregon; and Becky Richter and Mollie Meyer, both of Quiet Waters Outreach.

For information, email: interfaithDisabilitiesofOregon@gmail.com
or visit: www.InterfaithDisabilities.org

Obituaries

Robert Alan Peltz

Robert Alan Peltz (z"l), passed away on Sunday, March 1. He was 75 years old.

Robert was the husband of Leslie Kleinrock Peltz, father of Tova Peltz (Patrick Van Duser) and Asher Peltz (Mirka Feinstein), and grandfather of Sadie Peltz, Rose Peltz, and Freida Van Duser.

Burial was in Riverview Cemetery. Donations in Robert's memory may be made to the Beth Israel High Holiday Food Fund.

Leila Epstein

Leila Epstein (Leah Bas Dovid), z"l, mother of Portlanders Adele Epstein and Sheldon Aronson, passed away Feb. 19 in Jerusalem. The news was shared by Rabbi Kenneth Brodtkin of Congregation Kesser Israel. The funeral was in Israel.

Irwin Burton Holzman

Irwin Burton Holzman, z"l, passed away Feb. 17, 2020. He was born Jan. 4, 1930.

He was son of Dr. Jerome (z"l) and Lena Holzman (z"l), husband of Renee R. Holzman; father of Jay Holzman, Larry Holzman, and Lee (Becky) Holzman; grandfather of Emily, Danielle, Ian, Rachel and Max Holzman; and brother of Mickey Holzman.

Irwin served as president of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, the American Financial Services Association, the Oregon Financial Services Association, the Washington State Financial Services Association, and served on the boards of Congregation Neveh Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel, and Cedar Sinai Park.

Burial was in the Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation or the charitable organization of your choice.

Marvin Urman

Marvin Urman z"l, passed away Feb. 13, 2020. He was born in Portland Jan. 26, 1927, to Anna and Sam Urman.

He served two years as a medic on a troop transport ship in World War II. When he returned to Portland, he enrolled in the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU) and earned his MD degree in 1951. He served as president of the Multnomah County Medical Society and practiced medicine for 30 years, retiring from general practice in 1981. He served as medical director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon until his retirement in 1991.

He is survived by wife, Lois Urman; children Steven (Vicki Romm) Urman, Susan Urman and Carol Urman (Ron Entwistle);

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and grandchildren Julia Radditz, Evan Urman, Erin Odegaard and Andrea Odegaard.

The funeral was at the Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Urman Family College Outreach at Beth Israel or to Oregon Health and Sciences University foundation.

Timothy Peterson

Timothy Peterson who moved to Vancouver, Wash., with his wife just six months ago passed away from a heart attack in early February 2020. Burial is in Congregation Kol Ami's cemetery at Northwood Park.

He is survived by his wife Vivian Smith, who is member of Congregation Kol Ami.

Dr. Eugene Strull

Dr. Eugene Strull z"l, passed away Feb. 12 in Los Angeles. He was the father of Congregation Neveh Shalom member Sandy (Harvey) Platt, grandfather of Jennifer (Averill) and Melissa Platt, and great-grandfather of Avi Berner-Platt.

The funeral was in Los Angeles. Rabbi David Kosak officiated.

Sally Levin

Sally Levin z"l, passed away Feb. 11, 2020, at the age of 95. She was born May 6, 1924, in Lithuania. Her family moved to South Africa when she was a young child.

The funeral was held Feb. 12 in the Shaarie Torah Cemetery Chapel, followed by burial in the Kesser Israel Cemetery.

Mrs. Levin is survived by sons Allen (Louise) Levin of Portland and Rabbi Shlomo (Lynndy) of London; daughters Lydia (Derek) Lipman of Portland and Ruth (Neville) Sischy of Toronto; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rabbi Emanuel Rose

Rabbi Emanuel Rose z"l, died Feb. 7, 2020. He was the husband of Lorraine Rose, father of Melanie Rose, Tania Rose, Laura (Scott) Rose Lewis, Rabbi Joshua (Channah) Rose, and grandfather of Zachary, Elliot, Chloe, Eliav, Akiva and Rafael.

He served as Congregation Beth Israel's Senior Rabbi from 1960, until his retirement in 2006. Rabbi Rose was born in Jamaica, New York, in a family with 15 generations of rabbis.

For over four decades as the leading voice of Reform Judaism in Oregon, Rabbi Rose addressed the major ethical, cultural, social and political issues, such as civil rights, church-state relations, nuclear war, capital punishment, anti-gay legislation, poverty, the environment censorship, and reproductive rights.

A private burial service was held at the Beth Israel Cemetery. A memorial service was held at Congregation Beth Israel.

Rabbi Hanan Sills

Rabbi Hanan Sills, 84, of Eugene died Feb. 3, 2020.

Rabbi Hanan Clyde Sills (z"l). Rabbi Sills was the founding rabbi of Oregon Hillel. He, along with an amazing group of dedicated and passionate community members, came together in the late 1980s to create the foundation of Oregon Hillel, initially only serving the University of Oregon (which has now extended north to Oregon State University). He also founded Ad-Olam Synagogue Without Walls as an out-reach and In-reach program to Jews and non-Jews alike who want to connect with and learn about Jewish spirit and traditions.

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer was born in Jerusalem in 1921. He died Dec. 26, 2019.

Stampfer was the rabbi at Congregation Neveh Shalom from 1954 to 1993 and served as rabbi emeritus until his death.

Major institutions he helped create include Camp Solomon Schechter, the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, the Oregon Board of Rabbis, Foundation School and Neveh Shalom's Library. He also cofounded two international organizations – the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies and the Sino Judaic Institute. Programs he created include Weekend in Quest; the Portland Jewish Film Festival; and a Writers and Scholars Lecture series. He was also instrumental in the formation of Judaic studies programs at three Portland universities – Portland State University, Reed College and Lewis & Clark College.

Rabbi Joshua and Goldie Stampfer, z"l, had five children, 20 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were at Congregation Neveh Shalom. Contributions may be made to: Camp Solomon Schechter, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education; or Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Life cycle

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Births

Name, date of birth or adoption, parents' names, city, congregation, grandparents' names and siblings' names.

B'nai Mitzvah

Name, date, congregation (or location) and parents' names.

Engagements & Weddings

Names, city, congregation (or location), date and parents' names.

Anniversaries

Submit: names, city, congregation and number of years celebrating.