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Eastside hub

Congregation Shir Tikvah and Eastside Jewish Commons are pleased to announce that they are moving into a new space at 2420 NE Sandy Blvd. The property offers 13,000 square feet, natural light, and ample room for worship, classes, activities and more. Their joint vision is to create an eastside space where all Jews feel welcome to study, gather and celebrate.

Because of coronavirus, programming will be rolled out gradually, incorporating Oregon Health Authority recommendations for safety.

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AT RIGHT: This space on NE Sandy Boulevard is being transformed from co-working office space into an inclusive hub of Jewish life for religious, cultural, spiritual, educational and social programs and activities on the east side.



Summer camp: Bring on fun & friendships

BY DEBORAH MOON

With the news that overnight camps in Oregon and Washington will be allowed to open this summer, Jewish camps in both states are gearing up to provide this much needed outlet for youth.

"After such an isolating year for the kids, we must put their needs first and get them in camp this summer," says Camp Keshet Director Meira Spivak.

"Every publication we receive about the state of our youth in this pandemic indicates they are suffering from depression, isolation, screen overload and anxiety," says Camp Solomon Schechter Executive Director Zach Duitch. "The best way to counter this is through summer camp."

Zach and B'nai B'rith Camp CEO Michelle Koplan took lead roles with the Oregon and Washington camp coalitions to negotiate the opening with the states' health authorities and governors' offices. (See [story](#) in the March 31 Jewish Review.)

Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced on March 17 that Oregon's overnight camps will be allowed to open and operate in 2021 and said they will release guidelines by mid-April. Washington Governor Jay Inslee released overnight camp guidelines as part of his COVID19 Outdoor Recreation Guidance update of March 23.

"It is imperative that we get our campers back to camp as soon as it is safe to do so," says Zach.

Climate action is literally *tikkun olam*

Dispelling climate change myths April 22

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland presents "Dispelling the Myths Around Climate Change" on Earth Day 2021. "Climate change is the marquee issue of our generation," says Josh Lake, chair of the Climate Action Committee, part of Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council. "If we are not successful in mitigating climate change, our descendants (our children's children) will need to look for a new planet. Our children will not judge us by the amount of money we leave them, but by the health of the planet we leave them, and so far we have not done a good job on leaving them a healthy planet."

More than 1 billion people in 192 countries now participate in Earth Day activities each year, according to [earthday.org](#), which grew out of the first Earth Day April 22, 1970.

Portland's Climate Action Committee hosts Kieran Suckling, a founder and executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, and state legislator Andrea Salinas on Zoom 7-8:30 pm, April 22. Josh expects Kieran, a longtime friend, to shed light on the interconnection of climate change and biological diversity. Rep. Salinas is a sponsor of the state resolution urging the Biden administration to take bold action on climate change.

Register: jewishportland.org/climatechange

BY DEBORAH MOON

Josh Lake, the new chair of the Climate Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council, is leading a four-pronged approach to battling what he calls "the marquee issue of our generation."

The committee was created in September 2019 to "inspire, educate and mobilize our Jewish community to protect our planet from the negative impacts of climate change."

Josh is an outdoor Jewish adventure professional and was a panelist for the committee's inaugural event in December 2019, "Is Climate Change a Jewish Issue?" He took on the role of committee chair a year later.

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Explore "Life After COVID" April 26

HUB (from page 1)

You've worried and struggled through the COVID pandemic – masks, social distancing, vaccines, so many losses. But as we emerge from these dark days, how do we prepare ourselves for the future? This critical question and others (e.g., what have we learned? what will be the new normal? what does Jewish thought teach us? how do we grow from it?) will be addressed in a heartening program of hope on Monday, April 26, at 2 pm PDT on Zoom.

Three internationally renowned and inspiring speakers will explore Life After COVID, the initial offering of the inspirational series "Chai-LightTalks: 18 Minutes of Inspiration." The April program features Judaic thought leaders Rabbi Dr. Liabl Wolf, Dr. Naftali Loewenthal and Rabbi Mendel Kalmenson. The program will be accessible by viewers in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Israel, as well as the rest of the English-speaking world.

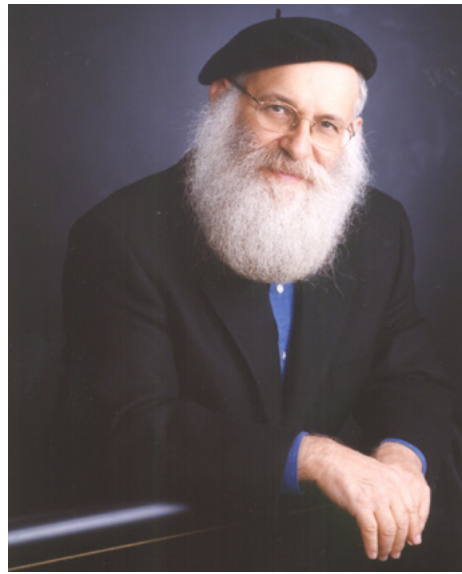
Chai-LightTalks was developed by Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm of Portland. Rabbi Wilhelm arrived in Oregon in 1984 and serves as the spiritual leader and executive director of Chabad of Oregon. The April program will be moderated by Marc Blattner, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. This set of three talks is the first of a series of three to four offerings per year.

Rabbi Wolf is the founder of the Spirit-grow Holistic Center in Australia, which trains people in self-mastery of mind and emotion through the synthesis of contemporary research and Jewish spiritual teachings. He has lectured in more than 500 cities around the globe over the past 35 years and been keynote speaker at the International Fortune 500 convention, the International Psychological Association and other international forums.

Rabbi Wolf's topic is Mastering the Challenge of Stress and Anxiety – Navigating a COVID and post-COVID World. "We can take control of our lives," he says. "How? Stress is not something we 'catch' like a cold or COVID. It is the result of a bad choice – the choice of victimhood. The cure: an attitudinal shift. The practice: meditation and profound commitment."

Dr. Loewenthal lectures on Jewish Spirituality at University College London, part of London University. He is the Director of the Chabad Research Unit, which runs study and discussion groups and produces the popular email series "For Friday Night" for Jewish family education.

Dr. Loewenthal will speak on Jewish Teachings on Illness and Care, from the Past to the Future. "At a time of crisis,



Rabbi Dr. Liabl Wolf is one of three renowned Jewish thinkers who will consider the skills we will need to navigate a post-COVID world.

an important Jewish response is to look at timeless Jewish sources and see how they might apply in the present. What does the Talmud say about infectious disease? What advice does it give us for the 21st century? We find interesting comments on the nature of infection and, also, special commendation for those who care for the sick, who go beyond the conventional call of duty. Further, Chassidic teachings help us to conceptualize the ultimate goal of existence, beyond disease: eternal life."

Rabbi Kalmenson is the rabbi of Beit Baruch and executive director of Chabad of Belgravia, London. He is the author of popular books including *Positivity Bias: Practical Lessons for Positive Living*.

Rabbi Kalmenson will discuss Optimising Turbulence, Transition and Transience. "Many of us become disoriented when our lives take an unexpected turn. We know where we are going, and anything that veers from that course is met with resistance and even rejection. We are supposed to be in control and we know best. But what if we saw life in a different light? What if we weren't necessarily in charge all the time? What if there is more going on in our lives and in the world than we are aware of? By cultivating an appreciation for the role of Divine Providence in our lives, we can discover the hidden meaning and opportunity within any situation we find ourselves."

The price for this 90-minute program is \$18 per screen. Register at www.chailighttalks.org/

Rabbi Wilhelm can be reached at rabbi@chabadoregon.com.

"By fall, we hope to be a hub of Jewish life for religious, cultural, spiritual, educational and social programs and activities," says EJC Board Chair Mia Birk.

In this model, numerous organizations and synagogues in addition to Shir Tikvah will offer all-ages programming. The concept is similar to a co-working space, with rooms constantly repurposed, maximizing resources for all.

Congregation Shir Tikvah ("Song of Hope") is a mid-sized, independent congregation under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Ariel Stone. Since its founding 18 years ago, it has taken pride in its eastside roots. While much of Portland's Jewish infrastructure is heavily weighted on the west side, Shir Tikvah has used multiple locations east of the Willamette River. They look forward to moving to Sandy Boulevard by May 1.

"This will be the first time all of our programs will be under one roof," says Administrative Director Katie Schneider. "As our world gradually starts opening up, we are looking forward to really being together again."

Shir Tikvah Board Chair Dr. Bruce Birk adds, "One of the most exciting elements about the new space is that we are not entering it alone, but rather in community and partnership with the Eastside Jewish Commons."

While many of Portland's legacy Jewish families had roots on the east side, and new generations continue to be drawn to living there, there has been a decided lack of eastside public Jewish spaces. The Eastside Jewish Commons formed as a nonprofit in 2017 to address the issue.

The EJC is currently hiring staff to begin formalizing these plans with partners such as B'nai B'rith Camp.

"BB Camp is excited to expand our footprint on the east side with additional robust programming, a new day camp and more opportunities for our BBO chapters to convene together," says BB Camp CEO Michelle Koplan.

Other partners include Alberta Shul, Cedar Sinai Park, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Mittleman Jewish Community Center/Portland Jewish Academy, Portland Kollel, Oregon NCSY, Tisch PDX, Tivnu, Tree of Life Montessori, and congregations Havurah Shalom, Neveh Shalom and Shaarie Torah.

Learn more or sign up to get more information about EJC: ejcpdx.org

Learn more or sign up to get more information about Congregation Shir Tikvah: shirtikvahpdx.org

DISPELLING THE **MYTHS** AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE

APRIL 22



7:00-8:30 PM



Kierán Suckling is a founder and executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity. In addition to overseeing the Center's operations, he writes and lectures on the threats to, preservation of, and relationships between cultural and biological diversity.



Representative Andrea Salinas was appointed to the legislature in September 2017 and won her first election in 2018. Rep. Salinas is a sponsor of the state resolution urging the Biden administration to take bold action on climate change.

WWW.JEWISHPORTLAND.ORG/CLIMATECHANGE

Benefit celebrates 18 years of teen philanthropy

BY MAZZI KATZEN AND
SURETTA PLAWNER

This year, the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation is celebrating its 18th year of teen philanthropy with an on-line benefit event on April 22, 2021.

OJCYF is a teen-led program that focuses on philanthropy and social activism viewed through a Jewish lens. In the program, local teens conduct site visits with Jewish and secular nonprofits seeking financial support, raise funds and then make grants through multiple rounds of giving. Unique from prior years, the virtual nature of this year has allowed the program to be open statewide, with 31 teens participating from across Oregon.

This year's online fund-raising event, "Giving Green," will be held on Earth Day and will emphasize the environment and sustainability values. OJCYF alumni Miko Vergun and Isaac Vergun are prominent climate activists and will be joining the evening as keynote speakers and host a Q&A chat.

In less than an hour, the event will highlight OJCYF's impact on the community and feature current members sharing their passion for the program and the nonprofit organizations they hope to support. Community support empowers teens to engage in grant-making and giving back to those most vulnerable. OJCYF's annual benefit is a large part of the program – it provides the teens with first-hand experience in leading and organizing a fund-raising event, which raises the majority of their funds. The teens' impact on the community relies on the production of this event and the generosity of donors.

The fund-raiser theme of environment and sustainability encompasses many of the prominent and growing issues presented this year. With the event being hosted on Earth Day, OJCYF teens felt compelled to share their passion for the preservation of the environment in the fight against injustices faced today. The teen participants feel the crucial issue of climate change has been neglected and hope to use OJCYF as a platform to raise awareness and donations for 4 Jewish Review April 14, 2021

GIVING GREEN

WHAT: Joyous virtual event hosted by community's teen philanthropists. Discover what the teens have learned during this exceptional year in the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation, exploring both Jewish values of giving and local needs in our community.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Miko Vergun and Isaac Vergun, climate activists and former OJCYF members

WHEN: 7-8 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021

TICKETS: Everyone is invited to attend at no cost. A suggested donation of \$54 per household or \$18 per individual is appreciated.

REGISTER: givebutter.com/OJCYF2021 by April 21



ISAAC VERGUN

Federal plaintiff in *Juliana et al. v. U.S.*, cofounder and youth climate leader with Youth Acting for Our Earth, and Howard University student (class of 2024).

Isaac Vergun is an 18-year-old sprinter, cross country runner and climate activist. Isaac trained to become a climate reality leader and was elected president of the Plant-for-the-Planet Global Board.



MIKO VERGUN

Federal plaintiff in *Juliana et al. v. U.S.*, cofounder and youth climate leader with Youth Acting for Our Earth, Oregon State University student (class of 2023). Miko Vergun is a 19-year-old climate activist who draws on her Marshallese heritage to focus attention on the plight of the Marshall Islands and the world. Miko has been part of the Oregon Youth Legislative Initiative to influence policy.

various nonprofits. The teens believe sustaining the environment is vital to the future of the community.

OJCYF intends on using a sustainability lens to evaluate the various organizations whose missions are to bring communities together and combat issues vulnerable populations face. COVID-19 has created an insecure future for most nonprofits, and OJCYF values securing the future of these organizations in hope that they will be able to thrive again.

Due to the pandemic, OJCYF has shifted to being fully virtual, allowing the program to be open to statewide participation. This change allowed the teen leadership team to alter OJCYF to best fit the teens' needs during this time. With new participation, the educational aspects of the program were modified. Leadership decided to bring in community members experienced in giving, along with interactive games to enhance the online experience.

This unique time has presented challenges of schedule conflicts and lack of engagement.

By splitting into two smaller cohorts that meet at different times, the program was able to overcome these barriers and become even more successful. This has allowed the program to increase participation and create a more collaborative youth environment.

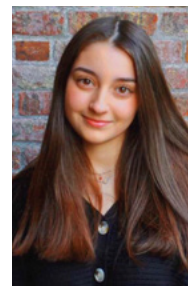
Although OJCYF had to overcome certain obstacles, hosting the site visits virtually has allowed the program to connect with new organizations. Teens got the opportunity to obtain more insight into the organizations and gain a more informed understanding of their impacts on the community, all from the safety of their homes.

So far this year, the group has granted \$10,000 back into the community as a result of their site visits. In addition, a portion of these proceeds have been donated to nonprofits in Israel; an Israel grant-making session focused on organizations that work on peace-building and the environment.

The teens hope to raise \$65,000 to give back to the community by June. OJCYF teens are committed to making

a difference in their communities despite the varying difficulties this year has brought.

For more information on attending the event on April 22 and how to empower teens to engage in philanthropy, visit ojcf.org.



Mazzi Katzen is a junior at Lakeridge High School. This is her third year as a member of OJCYF, and

she is now on the leadership team.

Suretta Plawner is a junior at St. Mary's Academy and belongs to Congregation Neveh



Shalom. She has participated in OJCYF for two years and is a member of the leadership team.

Neveh Shalom students advocate for environment

Five Congregation Neveh Shalom religious school students are sharing opportunities to learn about and protect the environment as their social justice projects this year. One student will lead a wetlands education walk and talk on April 18. Four students have launched Climate Quantum, which shares simple, everyday lifestyle changes to reduce the impacts of climate change.

Neveh Shalom Tichon eighth- to 11th-graders have been involved all year in a social justice program. The students began the year meeting with presenters from a wide variety of organizations and in partnership with the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. Now teens are creating projects based on their own passions for justice, guided by Tichon teachers.

Wetlands are a critical, yet diminishing, ecosystem that helps protect against flooding and helps to sequester carbon (which helps slow climate change). Josh Berkman will lead a walk and talk at the Smith and Bybee Wetlands in north Portland the morning of April 18. At this educational nature walk, Josh will share information about the importance of wetlands in general, as well as the unique history of the North Portland wetland ecosystem. Due to COVID-19, groups are limited to eight, and masks are required.

The quartet behind Climate Quantum is posting tips on social media for individuals who want to help stop climate change. "Climate Change – It's a big thing that's happening all the time, and most people want to help stop it," write the teens. "But how? How can one person make an impact on something so big? You, along with many others willing to help, can follow these simple, everyday lifestyle changes, and we can make an impact! ... Follow our advice to lead us to a better, climate change-free future!"

One of the first posts by Avi Horowitz, Ephraim Hale, Jordan Gilbert and Ethan Gilbert explains "We are a group committed to helping you reach your goals of a sustainable lifestyle through simple, stress-free swap outs." They encourage people to visit, follow and like their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages and share the content.

Other Tichon social justice projects are a collection drive for hand sanitizers and masks for the homeless; an exploration of Hispanic teen immigrants' emotional journey, culminating in a mural reflecting that journey; a collaborative art project for people with disabilities to share their multi-dimensional identities; and a drive to incorporate culturally sensitive material into the curricula of metro area schools.

Find more information on the projects and walk registration at nevehshalom.org/tichon-social-justice-projects/

CLIMATE (from page 1)

"I want us to be leaders creating community action that is impactful on climate change."

~ Josh Lake, Climate Action Committee chair

Now Josh has formed four subcommittees to address the issue. The infrastructure group is exploring the potential to install EV charging stations at synagogues and Jewish agencies. The other three subcommittees – policy, congregation relations and education/programming – are in formation. One arose after Josh met with the Oregon Board of Rabbis, who requested suggestions on how to educate their members about climate actions. The programming/education group will take on future programs such as the Earth Day program developed by the full committee. (See story on page 1.)

"Despite the threat climate change presents, misinformation surrounding the issue of climate change is abundant," says Josh. "Our program, 'Dispelling the Myths Around Climate Change,' is designed to raise a warning flag about climate change."

Of the four-pronged approach, Josh says, "I want us to be robust. I want us to be leaders creating community action that is impactful on climate change."

He is especially excited about the idea of placing charging stations for electric vehicles at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. While the center doesn't have the budget to buy the charging stations, Josh hopes to find donors who would donate chargers and create a revenue stream for the center from people paying to charge their vehicles.

"If it's a high-speed station, people can get a 5 to 10 percent charge while working out at the J," says Josh, adding he typically pays \$1.50 to \$2 to plug into a station. With electric vehicles increasing in popularity, the demand for charging stations will only grow.

"We can green the facility while greening their pocketbooks also," he says. "If it's a successful model at the J, we could do it with other



Josh Lake plugs his Nissan Leaf in for a fresh charge at home. But when he's out and needs a boost for his battery, he has to find an EV charging station. The Climate Action Committee hopes to bring that option to Jewish agencies and synagogues.

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Josh says organizations typically lack personnel to explore the option for their facility. So the subcommittee is researching logistics and costs (both initial and upkeep).

"We are a group of volunteers committed to the environment, and we have time and the willingness to learn," says Josh. The plan is to take that research to organizations that might benefit from having charging stations in their parking lots.

"We had a perfect world until we started mucking it up through oil spills and tailpipe exhaust," says Josh. "We can help fix it – literal tikkun olam – with EV stations."

Josh also hopes to reach out to other faith communities to work collaboratively on climate change.

"Earth is really a holy vessel that holds all of us," he says.

For details or to get involved, visit jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/climate-action-committee or contact Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Community Relations Director Bob Horenstein at bob@jewishportland.org or 503-245-6496.

OR & WA Overnight Camps Open for 2021

B'NAI B'RITH CAMP

www.bbcamp.org

503-452-3444

info@bbcamp.org

Office: 6443 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. #234, Portland OR 97221

Campground: Devil's Lake, Lincoln County, on the Oregon Coast

This 14-acre camp features new ADA-accessible camper cabins (cabins are heated with restrooms and showers), zip line, pool, ropes course, basketball court, tennis and pickle ball court, ball field and a full aquatics facility.

Programs

BB Camp provides safe, nurturing and fun experiences, inspiring individual growth, leadership and enduring Jewish identity. Using our new cabins and recreational facilities, our summer camp program offers a wide variety of activities, including aquatics on our lakefront and heated swimming pool, outdoor adventures taking advantage of the natural beauty of Oregon, visual and performing arts, athletics, challenge course and zip line, Shabbat celebrations and so much more! Specialty programs include BB Surfs (7th-9th grade), Outdoor Jewish Adventure (OJA), Israel Trip (11th-12th grade), Staff-In-Training (12th grade).

Dates/ages/cost

BB Camp serves campers from rising 2nd-graders to 12th-graders with 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-week sessions beginning June 29 and ending Aug. 17.

Fees range from \$1,461-\$3,934, depending on session length or specialty program. For more information on grants and financial assistance, visit: bbcamp.org/grants/.



CAMP SOLOMON SCHECHTER Day of Service. With overnight camps cancelled last year, CSS held several COVID-safe Days of Service last summer at camp. For one project, camp families and camp alumni painted COVID-era messages on these camp benches.



KESHER campers will be in smaller groups this summer, but they will still enjoy plenty of fun activities.

CAMP KESHER

campkeshher.ncsy.org

meira@ncsy.org

Office: 6688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219

Campground: In Salem

Macleay Conference and Retreat Center is an incredible campus. It includes an outdoor pool and hot tub, sprawling fields, impeccable grounds, an indoor gym, auditorium, game room and more.

Program

Camp Keshher, NCSY's newest summer program in the Pacific Northwest, is a sleepaway camp for Jewish students who love the outdoors and are striving to reach new heights. Camp Keshher offers 3rd-9th graders the opportunity to spend two weeks connecting with nature, their peers and their Jewish heritage.

Date/ages/cost

July 25-Aug. 8, campers currently in 3rd - 9th grade. \$1,500 including the registration fee. Camp Keshher has received an incredibly generous scholarship grant; contact camp for details.



BB CAMPERS enjoy a Shabbat walk toward the waterfront in a pre-pandemic summer. This year campers will be in smaller groups with social distancing and masks.



CAMP KALSMAN campers enjoy outdoor Shabbat during a pre-pandemic summer. This year, campers will use more of the expansive grounds to socially distance.

CAMP SOLOMON SCHECHTER

www.campschechter.org

info@campschechter.org

206-447-1967

Office: 117 East Louisa Street, #110, Seattle, WA 98102-3203

Campground: Tumwater, Wash.

CSS is a fully equipped Jewish summer camp nestled on 175 acres and includes a private lake, access to a river, miles of hiking trails in our forested wetlands, and access to our challenge course, zip line tour, climbing tower, various sports fields, gaga pits, river floats, swimming and boating.

Program

CSS has a 67-year tradition of fun, friendship and Jewish education in the Pacific Northwest. At CSS, we value each child as an individual and strive to support their social and spiritual growth. A summer at CSS enables children to try new activities, improve social skills, gain self-confidence, make Jewish friends, become independent, and discover talents and abilities they never knew they had. We emphasize the values of integrity, derech eretz (respect) and tikkun olam (repairing the world). We do this through activities and teva (nature) to create our ideal Jewish community. CSS is a fully immersive, welcoming and spiritual Jewish environment.

Dates/ages/cost

CSS offers a variety of options for rising 1st-through 11th-graders. Session prices vary by length from \$1,350 to \$4,200. A Geshet Israel Trip for 12th graders is \$4,500.

SEPHARDIC ADVENTURE CAMP

<http://www.sephardicadventurecamp.org/>

office@sephardicadventurecamp.org

Campground: Cle Elum, Wash.

Program

Campers learn the beauty, values and ethics of Sephardic Jewish living. Activities include kayaking, archery, basketball, field

sports, swimming, dance, drama, arts & crafts, Sephardic baking, Torah learning, field trips, Sephardic culture sessions and much more. Moreover, all days begin with and include Orthodox prayer services, and each week culminates with the observance of Shabbat.

Dates/ages/cost

Full session (2nd- to 11th- graders) June 23-July 12, \$2,700; CIT's \$2,200. One week session (2nd- to 4th-graders) June 23-30, \$1,300. Scholarships available.

URJ CAMP KALSMAN

campkalsman.org

campkalsman@urj.org

Office: 11410 NE 124th ST #622, Kirkland, WA 98034 425-284-4484

Campground: Arlington, Wash.

Camp Kalsman's 300 beautiful acres offer a great balance of education and recreation with great sports and arts facilities and a pool.

Program

Camp Kalsman is committed to our six core values: friendship, kehilah kedoshah (sacred community), Reform Jewish identity, chesed (kindness), connection to Israel and our relationship to teva (nature). Activities include: Arts – painting and ceramics; Performing arts – improv, theater, musical, writing; Music – guitar; Sports/waterfront – biking, archery, frisbee, soccer, basketball, lake, pool; and Experience – hiking, cooking, outdoor survival skills, gardening, animal care.

Date/ages/cost

1-week to 18-day sessions June 23-Aug. 18 for current 1st-through 10th graders with fees ranging from \$1,600 to \$4,200. Counselor in Training (11th graders) June 23-July 25 is \$4,750.

OTHER JEWISH CAMPS

You can find overnight Jewish summer camps across North America at jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper

CAMPERSHIPS

In addition to the financial assistance each camp has available, One Happy Camper camperships are available for ANY Jewish overnight camp.

Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation for Jewish Camp and 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. jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper.

JEWISH FREE LOAN

Families sending their kids to camp can 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 to \$5,000 for eligible applicants. There are eligibility and guidelines the committee follows similar to a financial aid application. For information call 503-892-7417, email FreeLoan@jewishportland.org or visit jewishportland.org/jewish-free-loan.

NEXT: Day Camps

Learn about local Jewish day camp offerings in the April 28 Jewish Review roundup of Jewish Day Camps. One new offering: Mittleman Jewish Community Center has obtained a special license to offer a summer program for 3- to 4-year-olds through the Early Learning Division.

Camps: Submit your camp information by noon, April 21, to editor@jewishportland.org.

CAMPS (from page 1)

"We have been working with the state for several months to create a plan to do this successfully," says Zach. "We have been working with professionals across the nation to be prepared to reintegrate campers back into in-person social situations and ease the transition through 'campy' activities before the rigors of school in the fall."

Michelle concurs the year has been rough on youth and definitely short on fun. "They have had limited (if any) in-person time to socialize and develop much-needed social and emotional skills," she says. "We are so excited to welcome our campers back to BB Camp. We can't wait to be a part of their joy, Jewish identity-building and having them play outside (and away from screens) with their *kehila* (community)!"

Another regional camp director who has stepped up for a broader role this summer is David Berkman, the director of Camp Kalsman since it opened in 2007. This summer, he is overseeing COVID-19 protocols for all 15 camps under the auspices of the Union for Reform Judaism.

"It's an ugly job, but someone has to do it ... Never have I understood that saying better," says David, who is the URJ COVID Response Director. "Of course, I would rather be focused on campouts, Macabiah and song sessions than COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. My love for summer camp, and Jewish summer camp in particular, runs very deep. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to help my colleagues ensure the health and safety for nearly 10,000 participants this summer."

There is a unifying theme in Jewish camps' approaches to opening this year. All the directors spoke about putting a focus on safety.

"The concept of *pikuah nefesh*, the sanctity of life, is central to all of our decisions," says Camp Kalsman Acting Director Rabbi Ilana Mills. "Safety has always been our number one concern and continues to be this year."

State, national and camp guidelines will make this year look very different.

"Some of the changes at camp will include limiting interactions between groups of campers, scheduling additional transition time in the daily schedule for sanitization, wearing masks and distancing when interacting with kids in different cabins," says Michelle. "The BB Camp team is dedicated to staying innovative with programs and ensuring there is meaning and *ruach* (spirit) at camp, even while following protocols that are in place to keep the community safe."

At Camp Keshet, Meira anticipates "a lot of 'meals under the stars' and outdoor eating will mark a clear distinction between this and past camp years. Sounds pretty fun to me!"

"For CSS, cabin groups will be smaller, and there will be a lot more small-group activities," says Zach. "We are working on creative ways to maintain the emotional closeness of Shabbat, Havdalah and services while maintaining social (physical) distance."

In some camps, the safety guidelines will reduce camp capacity.

"The current state guidance in Washington State requires that we keep 6 feet of distance between campers while they sleep," says Zach. "This means that CSS will be running at about 75 percent capacity."

Though Oregon guidelines have not yet been released, Michelle expects a similar drop at BB Camp.

"We know that cohort sizes will be far reduced to our typical summer of up to 24 campers and staff per cabin," says Michelle. "We anticipate a 20 to 25 percent reduction in camper capacity due to COVID safety protocols."

Camp Keshet and Camp Kalsman do not expect to limit capacity given the size of their facilities, which will allow the camps to meet all safety guidelines in the available space.

All the camps have COVID safety information available on their websites. (See **camp roundup on pages 6-7.**)

Jobs board

The Jewish Review publishes job openings from local Jewish agencies and congregations. Job information will be shortened to fit available space. Submit to: editor@jewishportland.org

Camp Solomon Schechter (Seattle)

Assistant Director of Camper Life and Inclusion

Camp Solomon Schechter is seeking a seasoned, responsible, focused individual with outstanding interpersonal and organizational skills to join our full-time camp team. Experience in, and knowledge of, data management, public relations and effective communications is required.

Full-time position with benefits (vision, dental, health, sick and vacation), a competitive salary, and room and board included during the summer session.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to mcofner@campsschechter.org. The full job description is online at jewishjobs.com/jobs/view/58743.

Jewish Family & Child Service

Director of Finance & Business Development

Full time. Salary: \$80,000 to \$100,000 plus benefits

This is a key management position charged with managing all financially related activities and systems of the agency. This includes providing strategic support and advice to management, the board, and other appropriate parties in financial matters, preparing and presenting useful financial reports, helping identify and analyze new business opportunities, and pursuing other projects assigned by management and the board. This position supports optimal business operations while sustaining the mission of JFCS. See full job description at: jfcs-portland.org/about-us/employment/

Temple Beth Shalom (Salem)

Part-Time Youth Education Director

Temple Beth Shalom, a 150-family Reconstructionist Synagogue in Salem, is seeking a part-time Youth Education Director for our youth programs. This part-time position requires attendance during school hours on Sunday mornings and at school-related events, along with administrative and program development work outside of those hours. The starting date for the position is July 1, 2021. \$10,000 per year.

Email resume and a letter of interest, including a brief statement of your educational philosophy, to office@tbsholom.org. Use subject line: Director Search: (YOUR LAST NAME). Applications should be received no later than April 21, 2021.

For the [full job description](#), email Operations Manager Amber Giddings at office@tbsholom.org. www.tbsholom.org.

Maayan Torah Day School

Education Positions

Maayan Torah Day School is currently looking for qualified candidates for exciting opportunities for Jewish professional educators. Maayan is seeking a General Studies Principal and a Preschool Director.

Maayan offers values-based education and inspires children to love Judaism and Mitzvot. Our rich academic program features academic excellence in secular studies and preparing our students for future success. In addition, we offer academic excellence in our text-driven Torah/Judaic studies program.

To learn more about these openings and other current positions we have available, please visit: jobs.apploi.com/profile/maayan-torah-day-school-of-portland

Grant funds accessibility at BB Camp

BY DEBORAH MOON

B'nai B'rith Camp was one of 13 camps in North America chosen by the Foundation for Jewish Camp to receive funds in the third round of grants through its Yashar Initiative to increase accessibility for campers and staff with disabilities.

FJC notes this is part of a larger \$12 million initiative generously funded by The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Yashar – the Hebrew word for both “level” and “integrity” – is responsible for significant improvements to accessibility and inclusion at camp, providing funds for capital improvements, professional development, staff training, research and evaluation. The Yashar Initiative supports a wide range of campers and staff, including individuals with autism spectrum disorder, as well as those with intellectual, developmental, physical and sensory disabilities. The initiative aims to not only increase the quality of inclusion, but the quantity. Each grant recipient has committed to increasing their total campers with disabilities to at least 5 percent of the total camper population.

BB Camp will use this year's \$100,000 grant toward the construction of its new gym with easy access to the mezzanine-level game room. Similar to the Yashar-funded construction on the camp's south cabins, the gym will be built into the hillside with an ADA-access bridge leading to the second level. The grant will also fund acoustic siding inside the gym to reduce ambient noise and echoes, which is especially important for children who are easily overwhelmed by sounds.

Before the launch of the Yashar grants through FJC, BB Camp had received funding from the Weinberg Foundation to include a sensory room for campers with special needs when it built the Mercas Campus Center in 2016.

In 2011, BB Camp began the Second Century Campaign to rebuild the entire campus with the goal of completion by the



An earlier Yashar grant allowed BB Camp to make these two-story cabins on the south side of camp ADA accessible. They were able to excavate into the hillside to build the cabins, so a bridge could provide access to the second level. The current grant will provide the same access for the second floor of the new gym, which will begin construction this year.

100th anniversary in 2021. BB Camp had planned a Centennial Bash this year, but due to COVID this year's event will be virtual (see box), with an in-person Centennial+One celebration next year.

“It's all part of our Second Century Capital Campaign to be completed in 2021,” says Aaron Pearlman, BB Camp development and capital campaign director. “We've raised \$12.3 million of the \$14 million goal. By the end of our 100th year, our goal is to complete fund-raising and break ground on our final building.”

“We are expanding our capacity for another century of campers,” adds Aaron.

And thanks to the grants from the Weinberg Foundation and FJC, the campus will be accessible to all campers.

“The Yashar Initiative has been a catalyst for growth over the past two years and, after a difficult year of social isolation and separation, we know that all children, teens and youth need camp this summer more than ever,” says FJC CEO Jeremy J. Fingerman. “FJC is excited to see the continued and growing interest in expanding efforts to serve campers with disabilities, especially during this very trying year.”

BB Camp Bash April 24

This summer marks B'nai B'rith Camp's 100th year of Building Friendships for life, and connecting youth with nature, Judaism and each other.

With the ability to gather in person curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, BB Camp recognized the unique opportunity to extend the reach of its annual gala, the BB Camp Bash, to its community across the globe with a virtual experience:

BB Camp Bash: Lines of Connection

Online celebration in support of B'nai B'rith Camp
Saturday, April 24, 6 pm PT

Free, but registration required: bbcamp.org/bash/

The evening kicks off with an interactive Happy Hour, where attendees can move freely between virtual rooms to connect with whomever they choose. The entertainment features comedians from across the country, sharing their Jewish camp memories and reading funny camper letters. Three of the comedians are Portland natives Ian Karmel, Ricki Sofer and Amy Veltman. Ricki and Amy have deep personal connections to BB Camp.

Music being an integral part of camp, the Bash will include a Havdalah service led by Kim, Lisa and Stephanie Schneiderman, and a campfire featuring BB Camp song leaders from across the decades.

The Bash is BB Camp's largest fundraiser of the year, raising money critical to supporting its mission. This year, all gifts up to \$150,000 will be matched 1:1 thanks to the All Together Now Matching Grant Program, made possible through JCamp 180, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and generous local donors. To give for the Mitzvah Moment, visit givebutter.com/BBCampBash.

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, please contact Stacey Lebenzon at slebenzon@bbcamp.org.

BB Camp's much-anticipated Centennial Plus One Celebration will be next year, April 30, 2022, when multiple generations of alumni, family and friends can gather in person for the ultimate celebration of its first 100 years.

Stamp out hunger and hate with tasty bialys

BY LIN LIN HUTCHINSON

Bialy Bros. LLC was born out of a love for bialys. Bialys are in our blood. After attending virtual Yom Kippur services last fall and spending the day fasting, our mom was craving a bialy. During our failed search, we reminisced about having bialys every weekend when we lived in Metro Detroit. This “bagel-like” breakfast bread that was brought to New York City by Jews fleeing Bialystok, Poland, in the early 1900s has not seemed to have made it West.

The slower pace of pandemic life allowed us to focus on a lot of baking and that same week, we set out to make bialys. Our first try was an amazingly delicious rendering. To our surprise, the flavor of the onion filling and the texture of the bread were almost spot on to what we had enjoyed more than seven years earlier. We joked about starting a bialy business.

After sending out a survey on Nextdoor and receiving several hundred responses and extreme interest, Bialy Bros. LLC was born. Knowing there was a market for bialys, we set out to perfect our bialy. After lots of trial and error, we created the perfect recipe. At the same time, our mom secured an LLC, registered our business, and we all began baking on Dec. 12, 2020. We are currently a home bakery but aspire to have a storefront large enough for a prep counter, oven and drive-up window.

Hui Hui and I are both adopted from China and raised as Jews. We are members of Beit Haverim, a Reform congregation in Lake Oswego. I was part of the temple’s two-year confirmation class, where I had the privilege of working and studying with Rabbi Alan Berg. My mom, Shelli, was recently hired as the religious school director. We are glad to be a part of the Beit Haverim congregation.



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Lin Lin Hutchinson, 18, bakes a batch of bialys. He and his brother Hui Hui, 16, run the home baking business with their mother, Shelli.

My family sees baking bialys as an extension of our Jewish practice. When we learned about the history of the Jews of Bialystok fleeing pogroms in the early 1900s and then the mass extermination of the Jews of Bialystok during the Holocaust, it affected us deeply. With the current rise in anti-Semitism, we wanted to do something. We created a home bakery in the hopes of bringing bialys and education to Portland. Currently, \$1 of every order will be donated to the No Place For Hate program of the ADL.

For our bialys, we use all organic Kosher ingredients. But due to the pandemic, we have not been able to have our kitchen cer-

tified kosher. We also have requests for gluten-free bialys, but we have not been able to perfect the recipe yet.

We have contactless delivery and wake up early every weekend to bake and deliver fresh bialys in time for brunch. In general, we bake on Saturday and some Sundays. Upcoming baking days are Saturdays, April 17 and 24, May 1, and Sunday, May 9, for Mother’s Day.

You can sign up for our monthly newsletter at bialybros.com for the latest specials and bake dates. We have received an incredible response, and people who have lived all over the country have likened our bialys to all the greats.

Book shares another era's lessons to cope with isolation

Isolation has been part of life for many over the past year. Eighty years ago, daily letters from a caring aunt helped a 10-year-old girl get through five months of quarantine in a Brooklyn children’s polio ward.

Portlander Shari Anderson discovered 101 letters in a wicker basket while helping her mother, Rhoda (Levine) Winters, z”l, clear out her home in November 2019. Before her mother passed away from cancer in July 2020, the two shared the letters and what they had meant so many years earlier.



Now Shari has gathered those beautiful poems and letters into a book in the hope they will bring solace to those who are going through hard, isolating times today. Shari published

Aunt Sadie's Letters of Hope & Healing March 31, 2021. The book is available as an e-book and paperback on Amazon.

Each letter included at least one poem Aunt Sadie composed just for Rhoda. Written from November 1941 to March 1942, the letters offer light, love and coping lessons during a dark and frightening time.

“Through these letters, my Aunt Sadie taught my mother how to be a kind and good person despite adversity,” says Shari. “Sadie brought the outside world to that hospital room

in small but significant ways. At a time when there were no cell phones or computers, a letter every day was warm and meaningful. I know each one brought my mother great comfort and connection.”

Shari moved to Portland in 1991. She is active with Chabad of Oregon and was a member of Congregation Shaarie Torah for several years, serving as sisterhood president for two terms. Her sons and daughter became b’nai mitzvah there, and her mother was a member until she passed away.

TASK is on task to aid all with disabilities

BY JENN DIRECTOR KNUDSEN

Jewish Family & Child Service's TASK program has hit its stride in the pandemic. TASK stands for Treasuring, Accepting, Supporting Kehillah (community) and is the name behind JFCS' Disability Support Services.

Serving all those in the greater community who are differently abled, TASK quickly moved its services online more than a year ago and is implementing plans for much more in the virtual space as COVID-19 sticks around.

TASK's success is primarily twofold. It created and hired a disabilities coordinator, and its team is bulking up programs and community resources, especially for children.

"How do you take an in-person experience and put it online?" Shayna Sigman asks rhetorically. "Anything you can do in person, you can do online; you just have to get creative about it."

Sigman, an MSW, is JFCS' new disabilities coordinator, and she and colleagues Sarit Cahana and Disabilities Program Manager Janet Menashe are expanding community through a Zoom lens. Sigman splits her time between TASK and JFCS' intake program.

TASK runs two support groups; both have room for more participants from the community who would benefit from accessing them. Coming Together is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages with disabilities, and TIKVAH is for people with disabilities who are ages 18 and older.

Sigman says she knows parents whose children are differently abled – for instance, those who have cerebral palsy, are sight- and hearing-impaired, or struggle with mental-health issues like anxiety, depression and challenges associated with the Autism Spectrum Disorder – and need support from peers who are also in their often overtaxed shoes.

"To be with other people who both get it and have shared experiences is important and also allows them to form social connections of their own," says Sigman of the parents and caregivers.

One boon of Zoom is that everyone sees one another at the same time; when gathering in person, too often conversations are relegated to one on one.

Sigman adds, "I'm a camp person (having worked at B'nai B'rith Camp), so I'll always add some games to our activities." Those games might include the collaborative online tool Jamboard and interactive miming games.

For the TIKVAH social group, Sigman and Cahana, JFCS' disabilities advocate, milk Zoom for all it offers. Live Transcripts, like



Disabilities Coordinator Shayna Sigman shows off a Zoom background with visual cues.

subtitles in foreign films so hearing-impaired participants can fully take part, is a Zoom feature, and easy-read documents provide instructions for program use in brass-tacks language and pictures.

"And this is where Zoom backgrounds come in as well, serving as another way to communicate," such as how to access instructions and how to run an icebreaker, says Cahana.

Sigman uses a Zoom background with three pictorials on it: the very familiar "Hello, my name is ____" sticker; a person with its hand raised; and a megaphone.

Sigman said each of these visual cues would help anyone through an online gathering, indicating how one signifies that they are speaking, that they have something to add, and to remember to speak loudly and clearly.

"We're not doing this only for people with disabilities, it helps everybody," she says.

She continues, "If you make one change, it can help tons of people, not solely an individual. I just want to make everything as accessible and inclusive to people as possible, inside and outside JFCS."

Inclusion includes the youngest members of the community. Sigman's professional docket comprises building children's services into TASK's expanding offerings and being the community go-to for resources, such as guiding parents through school systems and Jewish life for children who need accommodations.

"Picture Shabbat services that would be more accessible" online and in person, she says. If online, Live Transcripts would be enabled; volume controls would ensure event noise is not over-stimulating; and an interpreter, say, for American Sign Lan-



TASK Inclusion Resources

"Everyone wants to be accepted," says Shayna Sigman, JFCS' new disabilities coordinator. "We want people with disabilities – children and adults alike – to be a central part of our community."

JFCS' Disability Services, known as TASK, does the following:

- Helps and partners with other Jewish organizations to be more accessible in person and online
- Serves as the community resource that advocates for disability education (for staffs and clients alike)
- Advocates and administers job support for individuals with disabilities
- Provides grocery and prescription medications pickup, food for holidays (Passover and Thanksgiving) and fresh challah from the Challahman
- Helps navigate systems like Social Security, Medicaid and schools' offerings such as individual educational plans and the transitions between on-line, hybrid and in-person education.

guage, would be available.

Sigman, Cahana and Menashe all emphasize JFCS is here to provide guidance, education, materials and resources to the community, not solely its program participants. "That's why we're here, after all," Cahana said.

For more information, visit jfccs-portland.org/services/disability-support-services or contact Menashe at 971-295-0942 or janet-menashe@jfccs-portland.org. To learn more about the support groups, contact Sigman at ssigman@jfccs-portland.org.

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Chaplain's Corner

Save the Earth? Let's first save ourselves

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

To brighten our day, let's talk about something light and stress free. Please ask yourself the following question with heavy sarcasm: How can we save the Earth?

What a human-centered question to ask. How can we (one species among millions) save an entire planet? The origins of such a question date back to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, arguably the birth of the modern-day environmental movement. At that point, we had reached a critical mass of people concerned with the same issues: oil spills, massive pollution from factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides and the loss of wilderness.

Today, we have rallied around additional concerns: increased levels of carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions have led to climate change; our winters are colder; our summers are hotter; and storms of every variety are more numerous and intense. As a result, we are witnessing the accelerated extinction of species.

What do Earth Day 1970 and Earth Day 2021 have in common? Our survival. Not the planet's survival, but the survival of homo sapiens.

This fear reminded me of a George Carlin routine on environmentalism:

Save the planet?

We don't know how to take care of ourselves yet. We haven't learned how to help one another.

The planet is fine. The planet has been here for four and a half billion years. We've been here maybe 200,000 years.

The planet has been through

a lot worse than us. The planet isn't going anywhere. ... We are. We're going away. Just another failed genetic mutation. Just another closed end biological mistake. The planet will shake us off like a bad case of fleas.

The planet will be here a long, long time after we are gone, and it will heal itself, and it will cleanse itself because that's what it does. It is a self-correcting system. The air and water will recover. The Earth will be renewed.

The planet probably sees us as a mild threat, something to be dealt with. And I'm sure the planet will defend itself.

Then Carlin presciently concluded: *The earth is probably thinking: Viruses ... viruses may be good. They seem vulnerable to viruses.*

I am not arguing that we should do nothing to "save the planet." But I am suggesting that we should spend less time pondering about how we are affecting the planet's existence and more time about how we are affecting our existence.

As Carlin explains: The planet will find a way to address what we are doing to it. The question is whether we will be included in the Earth's plans or whether we will self-destruct.

Let me propose something we can do right now on a strictly personal scale: connect with the land.

During the weekends, I go hiking. I love how nature is waking up. I enjoy being enveloped by expansive, green surroundings. I feel very small but not insignificant. I realize I am part of something awesome beyond words.

Getting outside puts my stresses, strains, anxieties, frustrations and anger in perspective.



Rabbi Barry Cohen is the Jewish community chaplain of the Greater Portland area.

I pay attention to the pain in my legs as I navigate the steady incline. I have to be careful about the steps I take, aware of slippery rocks or muddy patches. I concentrate on steady breathing to fuel my body. I remember to put on my mask when I cross fellow hikers. But most importantly, I become part of and celebrate my surroundings.

As I recalibrate my place in creation, I reprioritize the negativity in my life. That which has been draining me emotionally becomes less consequential. In the grand scheme, any negative or destructive emotions I feel represent nothing. I ask myself: If I am going to feel, why not embrace emotions that are more constructive, joyous and positive?

Can we realistically try to save the Earth? That's the wrong goal. Instead, let's devote our time and energy to put our fears, worries, anxieties and negative emotions in proper perspective. Let's recalibrate our place in creation and celebrate being part of something beyond our ability to express in words alone. As a result, we will take one step closer to saving ourselves.

In addition to the Chaplain's Corner, the Jewish Review offers space for a Rabbi's Corner each issue. Our community's rabbis are invited to share their thoughts on the week's parsha or current events. To schedule a date to submit a 500- to 600-word piece, email editor@jewishportland.org.

Events

Israel Independence Day, Yom HaAtzmaut

Celebrate Israel's 73rd Independence Day at a virtual event.

The Jewish Federations of North America hosts a **Global Celebration of Israel** on Thursday, April 15, at 4 pm PT with His Excellency Reuven Rivlin, outgoing president of Israel. jewishtgether.org/yom-haatzmaut-2021

Join the **Mittleman Jewish Community Center** virtually throughout the day on Sunday, April 18 to celebrate Israel Independence Day. Events will include cooking demos, arts and crafts sessions, virtual tours of Israel, sing alongs including Hatikvah, and more. For schedule: oregonjcc.org/arts-culture/upcoming-events/yom-haatzmaut-celebration

Jewish National Fund-USA Breakfast for Israel begins at 10:30 am PT, Sunday, April 18. Mountain States & Pacific Northwest JNF presents an engaging, impactful and informative virtual Breakfast for Israel. Then join Jewish National Fund-USA supporters from coast to coast in a vibrant celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Register at jnf.org/events-landing-pages/jewish-national-fund-breakfast-for-israel-mountain-states-2021



Yoni Zierler, a tour guide and director of StandWithUs Strategic Tourism in Israel, will lead the April 29 virtual tour of Jerusalem Divided and Reunited.

April 29: Tour Jerusalem Divided and Reunited

Join a virtual tour of Jerusalem 8:30 pm, April 29, on Zoom.

Jerusalem was a divided city for 19 years. While it is now reunited, security remains very complex. In this tour at the southern edge of the city, we review the history of Jerusalem divided and reunited, examine the expansion of the city's borders following the Six Day War, peer over the security barrier into Bethlehem, and delve into the context, challenges and successes of the barrier's construction. The tour takes place in Gilo, which is in some of the most disputed of this disputed land, as it is within the Jerusalem municipal borders but over the Green Line. The tour shows the degree to which Jewish and Arab neighborhoods drive local politics.

Cost is \$10 per screen. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hQeicatsTqeH5f-Zot-xhw

The tour is sponsored by Neveh Shalom's Israel360 in collaboration with StandWithUs, Neveh Shalom's Men's Club and Sisterhood. For questions, contact Lisa Marie Lynch at receptionist@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831.

Find virtual and socially distanced events at: jewishportland.org/community-calendar



Tivnu recruited volunteers to make Burritos with Love on Good Deeds Day, April 11. The volunteers made more than 100 burritos and two dozen breakfast bowls. The food was delivered to for unhoused and unfed Portlanders.

Volunteer for Good Deeds Month

Good Deeds Day is an annual tradition of good deeds. All over the world, hundreds of thousands choose to volunteer and help others, putting into practice the simple idea that every single person can do something good, be it large or small, to improve the lives of others and positively change the world.

This year, due to COVID restrictions, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, in partnership with other Jewish and secular nonprofits, decided to shift to highlighting date-specific volunteer opportunities AND opportunities over the next month and beyond for individuals and families to "do good" wherever and however it is safe and meaningful for them.

Visit jewishportland.org/gooddeedsmmonth for date-specific and ongoing opportunities in April/early May. Registration may be required by a participating organization, so click on their organization link for full details.

For questions about the month-long initiative, contact Caron Blau Rothstein at caron@jewishportland.org or 503-245-6449.

Jewish Art Month online April 18-May 8

Join ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists for its 10th Jewish Arts Month art show. This year's show takes place virtually from Sunday, April 18, through Saturday, May 8, at northwestjewishartists.org/.

Fiber work, beadwork, metal art pieces, glass, ceramics, painting and more will be available from these 17 artists: Linda Bourne, Glenn Decherd, Victoria Epstein, Diane Fredgant, Tom Gainer, Yana Golberg, Ellen Green, David Kolasky, Jack Liskear, Andrea Meyer, Diane Moeglein, Cassandra Sagan, Jeanine Semon, Eddy Shuldman, Joy Simcha, Wendy Steinberg, Annelie Thurin and Boris Uan-Zo-Li.



Above: Orcas by Joyce Simcha

Left: Bowl by Glenn Decherd

Obituaries

SUSAN RUTH KOREY

Susan Ruth Korey, z"l, passed away on Friday April 9, 2021. Susan was the beloved sister of Nikki Director (Stuart); and aunt of Jenn Director Knudsen and Abby Director. She also is survived by four great-nieces and three step-grandchildren. Susan was preceded in death by her second husband and love of her life, Dr. Merritt Linn, z"l.

Susan was born Oct. 28, 1941, in Chicago to Florence Korey Clement and Dr. Herman Korey. She worked in both the transportation and telecommunications industries as a research analyst. She was an active volunteer for Jewish Family & Child Service and National Council of Jewish Women, as well as the Rental Sales Gallery associated with the Portland Art Museum and Portland Homeless Family Solutions.

She and her loving sister and longtime companion, Nikki, often enjoyed Friday night dinners at Cafe Mingo, Friends of Chamber Music in the winter and Chamber Music Northwest in the summer.

Burial was in Neveh Zedek Cemetery April 12 with immediate family in attendance at graveside. Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana officiated.

Congregation Beth Israel sends condolences to Nikki, Stuart, Jenn, Abby and the extended Korey/Director family.

Donations in Susan's memory can be made to the TASK program of Jewish Family & Child Service or Portland Homeless Family Solutions.

LEONARD "OOGIE" KRICHEVSKY

Leonard "Oogie" Krichevsky, z"l, passed away peacefully in Portland on April 7, 2021. Leonard is survived by three sons, Randy, Scott and Brent; eight grandchildren, Brad, Brian, Jake, Jenna, Brandon, Anna, Sammi and Lydia; two great-grandchildren, Lewis and Vivienne; and many other dear family members and friends.

Leonard was born Oct. 21, 1931, to Dave and Freda Krichevsky in Portland. He had one elder sister, Selma.

Leonard attended Grant High School and, in the fall of 1949, went on to attend the University of Oregon. While at the U of O, Leonard was a member of the rally squad as the head Yell Leader. Leonard was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity on campus.

On graduation, Leonard was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years until he was discharged in 1956. On Jan. 1, 1956, Leonard married Jane Newman, also from Portland. Leonard and Jane had three boys Randy, Scott and Brent, and they resided in Beaverton. Leonard cofounded Linoleum City, a Portland land-

mark, where he worked for many years until he retired. After retirement, Leonard decided he wanted to get back into the workforce. He went on to work for Wanke Cascade and, until his passing, was employed at Contract Furnishings Mart. Leonard loved interacting with his coworkers and helping customers; he was a true mensch.

Leonard was a member of Congregation Shaarie Torah and was a B'nai B'rith Men's Camper for more than 50 years. Camp meant the world to Leonard. He always looked forward to the time he got to spend there, and he shared all the great BB Men's Camp stories over the years.

In his spare time, Leonard enjoyed visiting his alma mater and was a season ticket holder for many years for Oregon Duck football games, where he enjoyed tailgating with family and friends. Leonard owned a beach house at Cannon Beach, a spot he frequently visited.

Leonard was laid to rest near his parents following a private ceremony April 12, 2021, at Neveh Zedek cemetery. A public memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to B'nai B'rith Men's Camp Association in Leonard's name.

DR. LINDSEY HORENBLAS

Dr. Lindsey Horenblas, z"l, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at age 71. He was the beloved husband of Geri Cullers; father of Dara, Lian, Isaac and Tess Horenblas; brother of Richard and Glen Horenblas; and nephew of David and Caryl Himelfarb.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, April 6, 1949, the middle son of Rachel and Murray Horenblas. Lindsey received his medical degree from University of Toronto in 1974 and was a graduate of the first Emergency Medicine residency at McGill University in Montreal in 1979. He relocated to Portland to serve as Director of Emergency Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. Until his retirement in 2015, Lindsey personally provided care to thousands of patients and fostered the development and wider recognition of Emergency Medicine. He was an Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University.

His interest in helping the underserved was exemplified by his work with Project Erase and medical relief trips all over the world. He traveled extensively and pursued many activities throughout his adult life including running, saxophone, basketball, SCUBA diving, tennis, cycling, hiking, fly fishing, bridge, billiards and online Scrabble.

A private family service will be held at the Beth Israel Cemetery.

Donations in Lindsey's memory can be made to the [Oregon Food Bank](#), [Jewish Federation of Greater Portland](#) or [Outside In](#).

MICHAEL FALKENSTEIN

Michael Falkenstein, z"l, passed away on March 28, 2021, the first day of Passover. Mike is survived



in his immediate household by his best friend, companion and wife of 57 years, Lynda Carl Falkenstein, as well as his feline companions, who were daily beneficiaries of his love for animals. He is also survived by his nephew, Michael Becker and wife Susan Becker; nephew, David Becker and wife Sara Reinstein Becker; nephew, Alan Gotlieb; nephew, Andy Smith and wife Sarah Pope; niece, Molly Buck and husband Brian Buck; sister-in law, Pamela Smith; and brother-in-law, Patrick Smith. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Hedwig Falkenstein, and his sisters, Inga Gotlieb and Ruth Becker.

Affectionately known to many as Mikey, Uncle Mike or just Mike, he was born on Sept. 2, 1938, in Frankfurt, Germany. Mike and his family escaped Nazi Germany via the Trans-Siberian Railroad, eventually finding refuge in Shanghai, China, where he spent the next seven years of his life.

Mike and his family were able to immigrate to the United States and settle in Portland, where he overcame language and cultural barriers, eventually graduating from Northwestern School of Law. Mike first met Lynda Carl, his wife to be, at B'nai B'rith Camp, where he worked as a counselor, later marrying her in 1964.

Mike was known for his gentle kindness, care and compassion for all living things. He was most proud of the positive difference he made in the lives of countless youth in the juvenile justice system, whom he met with empathy, rehabilitation and restorative justice. Surely Mike's early life experience as a Holocaust survivor and refugee etched a fierce sense of justice into his being. His lifelong respect for his Jewish culture, customs and ethical teachings guided him throughout his life.

Mike's presence was a constant in the lives of many. After retiring in 1999, he devoted himself to volunteer work. Meals on Wheels, Elders in Action and the Oregon Jewish Museum were but a few of the organizations to benefit from his selflessness. He was also well-known in nearly every corner of the Multnomah Athletic Club, where he served a term as club president. To honor his memory, friends are invited to donate to the ACLU, Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, All People Be Happy Foundation, or charity of their choice.

A Zoom Shiva was held April 12.