



Welcome Ukrainian refugees

The first Ukrainian family to come to Portland via the "Welcome Circle" program arrived Jan. 28, 2023. Members of Congregation Neveh Shalom have worked tirelessly to donate time and resources to (from left) Mila, Daria, Eduard and Alex. Eduard and his wife and parents fled Kharkiv, Ukraine, when their homes were destroyed. They travelled across Ukraine with their three cats and became refugees in Poland. The JCC in Warsaw gave them shelter for a few months, but now they are in their new Portland home. Rabbi David Kosak and the Neveh Shalom community ensured everything was ready for their arrival, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland provided financial assistance. Jewish Family & Child Service is connecting the family with a Russian-speaking caseworker to help them negotiate the myriad government forms they need to file and with assistance on monthly utilities. The grateful family wants to thank everyone who helped bring them to a warm, safe home with opportunities to garden. Jewish Federation's campaign to support Ukrainians coming to Portland (jewishportland.org/ukraine-crisis) has raised \$150,000 to assist refugee arrivals through providing funds for JFCS case management support, legal assistance, rental and utilities support, and the purchase of laptops and cell phones. Photo by Sara Safdie.



Beth Israel takes aid and explores Cuba

Music is everywhere in Havana. Marti Rosenthal, one of the Congregation Beth Israel group who took supplies to the Cuban Jewish community, joins a band for a song. See story page 2.

I am your security director, too

BY JESSICA ANDERSON

As the Jewish Federation's community security director, you may think I spend most of my days working with congregations and organizations. Yes, my days are mostly spent fielding questions about suspicious emails, helping organizations develop safety plans, following up on potentially criminal activity, and connecting people and resources.

But did you know I am also *your* security director? If you have safety or security concerns in your personal or professional life, I'm always available to meet with you and have done so many times with individual community members.

I've worked with parents of kids who have been bullied in school and individuals who have felt threatened in online spaces related to their work. Other people I've met with have experienced unsettling situations in their apartment buildings and homes.

The range of concerns is quite varied and often simply talking with someone who provides a professional perspective can be immensely reassuring. In addition, we can work together to develop some concrete steps or actions you can take to help you navigate the situation. If you'd like to speak with me, please email janderson@securecommunitynetwork.org.

This leads me to think about the ways I use various tools to protect myself, particularly in online spaces, and I want to share them with you. These are not official SCN recommendations but are an accumulation of practices I've adopted.

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Rabbi Cahana delivers gifts of clothing and medicine to the Patronato, the Cuban Jewish Community.



Above, the group in old Havana. At right, Cantor Ida Rae Cahana on a classic car ride.

Portlanders explore history and aid future of Jewish Cuba

BY DEBORAH MOON

Rabbi Michael and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana took 18 Congregation Beth Israel members and friends and two duffle bags of requested supplies (medicines, guitar strings and more) on a recent religious mission to connect with the Jewish community of Cuba. They returned with stories and photos of the beauty, color, history and hopefulness of the people.

"Please bring back our stories," Cantor Cahana says the group heard repeatedly from the people they met. Though travel and tourism to Cuba were again curtailed during the Trump administration, groups on religious missions are still able to visit and bring gifts.

"Our responsibility is to tell our synagogue and the greater community," says Rabbi Cahana, who will share the story at the Sephardic Film Festival (see box) as part of that effort.

Today's Jewish community in Cuba is largely descended from Turkish and Polish Jews who fled persecution in the first half of the last century, but the community proudly traces its history to 1492 when Jews fleeing the Expulsion from Spain sailed with Columbus and formed a community on Cuba. Cuba is now home to about 1,000 Jews, down from a pre-Revolution peak of about 19,000 in 1959.

Despite a depressed economy and the population decline, which continues with many young people making Aliyah to Israel, the people are surprisingly hopeful about their future, say the Cahanas.

"If you look at the demographics, you'd say this is a dying community," says Rabbi Cahana. "But they don't see themselves as

Cuba at film fest

Rabbi Michael Cahana will share slides and stories from his recent trip to Cuba (see story) when the 16th Annual Sephardic Film festival screens "Cuba's Forgotten Jewels" at 7 pm, Feb. 7.

"Cuba's Forgotten Jewels" explores the little-known story of the Jewish refugees who escaped Nazi-occupied Europe and found a safe haven on the Caribbean Island of Cuba. Following the 46-minute film, Rabbi Cahana will lead the discussion while participants enjoy Sephardic desserts.

The festival continues with a film each month through May. Admission is free. Films screen at 7 pm at Congregation Ahavath Achim, 6686 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland.

Discussion and Sephardic desserts follow each film. RSVPs are appreciated: info@ahavathachim.com.

a dying community. ... They say to be a Jew is to believe in miracles."

"They are hopeful," adds Cantor Cahana.

The four synagogues in Cuba provide transportation and social services as well as religious, educational and cultural programs. The largest synagogue is Beth Shalom Synagogue, which hosts many programs of Patronato, the Cuban Jewish community.

"The Jewish community is very organized around providing food, medicines, transportation and social services," says Rabbi Cahana.

"They are on the ground helping each oth-



er, and they rely on outside support," adds Cantor Cahana.

Rabbi Cahana says that while the U.S. embargo on trade with Cuba may have made geopolitical sense when it began after the 1959 Communist Revolution, "The logic of the embargo seems to have fallen away with the fall of the Soviet Union, but it has remained in place."

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990, Cuba was unable to get goods from the United States or Russia, putting tremendous economic strain on the country.

Many restrictions were lifted early in this century, especially during the Obama administration, and tourism flourished. But when the Trump administration reimposed the sanctions, the island nation's harbors emptied of cruise ships.

Jewish communities around the world bring supplies to Cuba's Jewish community, which also receives aid from the Jewish Federation-supported American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (called JDC or the Joint).

While medical care is free in Cuba, many medicines, including aspirin, ibuprofen and acetaminophen, are difficult to get, all of which the Portlanders took in abundance. The synagogues all act as pharmacies to distribute medicines.

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Jewish Oasis opens in the Pearl

BY DEBORAH MOON

The Jewish Oasis has opened in Portland's Pearl District to share the resources (both material and informational) to help people experience and create a Jewish home.

Following the August 2020 fire that destroyed the Chabad House and Everything Jewish store near Hillsdale, Chabad purchased a 2,500-square-foot building in

Portland's Pearl District. Rabbi Chayim and Simi Mishulovin have used part of the space to reboot the Everything Jewish store and to create a Jewish space that feels like a Jewish home. The remaining space (formerly Byways Café) will become the home's Jewish kitchen once the right restaurateur is found to operate it.

"This is a place to feel the soul and act on it," says Simi, adding they deliberately created the sense of a Jewish home in the space. "When we act, we make a difference."

The accessibility and visibility of the new urban space has helped the couple connect with all kinds of people.

"Our target audience is Jewish," says Rabbi Chayim. He adds that "I've found a whole different world of non-Jews coming here ... asking me to teach them something. People are looking to Torah, to God's words, for inspiration."

Some also come to purchase the challah that arrives hot at the Oasis every Friday. Each loaf is \$8 and can be picked up between noon and 1 pm on Fridays. Stop by or text 503-246-5437 to reserve a loaf.

The Oasis opened Thanksgiving weekend, and in the first month more than 200 people stopped in to buy Judaica, to find answers or to experience a Jewish connection.

Mathias Anderson found all three when he walked in to buy a menorah for Chanukah. Mathias' grandmother grew up in a Jewish home in Chicago; when she married

a black man and was rejected by her family, the couple moved to California. Mathias's mother was just a teenager when her mother died. Neither Mathias nor his mother ever connected with their Jewish family.

"Till now, I haven't been courageous enough to explore," says Mathias, who lives three blocks from the Oasis. "Last year, I came in and told Rabbi Chayim now is the time

to come back. ... I was looking to purchase a menorah and invited myself into the traditions of Chanukah. Rabbi Chayim graciously educated me."

Since that initial visit, Mathias has returned to buy a mezuzah and tzedakah box, to lay tefillin and to learn more about his Jewish birthright.

"You must have heard your soul," says Simi.

Rabbi Chayim adds, "This is why we are here. ... We focus on the spark. People are searching all at their own level."

For Mathias and many other visitors, the place has met that purpose.

"The way you are presenting Judaism is much more inviting," says Mathias.

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Rabbi Chayim Mishulovin explains the concept of a *tzedakah* box to Mathias Anderson and his attentive dog, Akela. Rabbi Chayim explained that *tzedakah*, literally "justice" but commonly translated as "charity," is an obligation in Judaism. Putting coins in a *tzedakah* box daily "trains our hearts and minds to be giving."



Mathias Anderson sits with Rabbi Chayim and Simi Mishulovin in the living room of the Jewish Oasis. Sofas, chairs, tables, books and artwork give the space the feel of a Jewish home.

CUBA CONNECTION (continued from previous page)

In addition to medicines, underwear and other supplies that "we take for granted," Cantor Cahana also shared CDs of CBI's music, and John and Marti Rosenthal carried a prayer book from Portland's Sephardic community to Cuba's Sephardic synagogue.

"Music is very much a part of their life," says Cantor Cahana, who enjoyed hearing how the Ashkenazi prayers took on some

of the syncopated rhythms of Afro-Cuban music.

The visit was the resumption of a series of trips the congregation began before the pandemic to learn the history of Jewish communities and to study the Expulsion from Spain. Meeting Crypto Jews (descendants of Jews forced to convert during the Inquisition) in the American Southwest inspired trips to Spain and Morocco.

In addition to Jewish sites, the group experienced the culture of Cuba with tours of sites such as Hemingway's villa, a cigar factory, an organic urban farm and an art program; a lecture on Cuba's economic crisis; and a performance by a youth guitar orchestra.

Cantor Cahana says that on a visit to the Che Guevara Museum, "We learned through their lens instead of ours. It was eye opening. It challenges our assumptions."

Agency Spotlight

Profiles of the 18 local beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's 2022 Annual Campaign.



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MISSION: As a Torah day school, Maayan Torah's mission is to provide a rich education for Portland's Jewish community. Maayan Torah blends excellence in instruction with student-engagement techniques to maximize learning. The school cultivates a love for Judaism so students carry their Jewish heritage with pride.

Maayan Torah combines student engagement, excellent instruction and academic rigor with a nurturing environment.

"We bring out the unique strengths of each child as we prepare future generations to be role models of Middot Tovot and how to impact the world around them," says Head of School Rabbi Yerachmiel Kalter.

Project-Based Learning is one example of Maayan's approach. In January, Maayan had a schoolwide theme about the joys of Shabbat, which culminated in a Torah Fair. Students learned about the customs and rituals, explored the activities that were used when building the mishkan/tabernacle in the desert, and unpacked the nuts and bolts of celebrating the holy day. They created displays and did a deeper dive into specific areas, which they then presented to peers, parents and others in the larger community.

"Placing a student in the driver's seat to own one's learning is an incredibly empowering experience," says Rabbi Kalter. "With PBL, we give students multiple opportunities through benchmarks and rubrics so the student understands what success looks like and how to get there. In addition, we emphasize public speaking and presentation of ideas."

In a similar vein, after Pesach, classes will have a STEM focus and General Studies Expo.

With a variety of scholarships, partnerships with national organizations and financial initiatives, Maayan makes a Jewish private school experience affordable. Last year, Maayan was proud to have given out hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial aid.

"The JFGP's consistent support of Maayan's program has further bolstered its ability to service the Portland community," says Rabbi Kalter. "It means the world to us having so many partners involved in bringing Torah education to the community."

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OJMCHE galleries closed for construction

The galleries at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education are closed through April 18, 2023, as the museum begins construction on a gallery space that will house a new core exhibition, *Human Rights After the Holocaust*.

OJMCHE purchased the former Charles Hartman Gallery space on the North Park Blocks, and the construction integrates the new gallery with the existing museum.

"This will allow OJMCHE to dramatically enhance its power to accomplish its core mission, which includes 'exploring the lessons of the Holocaust and fostering intercultural conversations,' by expanding to include a focus on today's experience of hate, racism, discrimination and persecution," says Executive Director Judy Margles.

The exhibition opens in June 2023 and is being developed by Scott Miller, former chief curator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. He has also been part of the curatorial team at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York for its new exhibition, *What Hate Can Do*.

Human Rights After the Holocaust promises to be a profound and moving exhibition, one with widespread appeal that will help OJMCHE extend its reach. It will also be likely to play a significant role in helping to support the bill passed in 2019 by the State of Oregon mandating Holocaust and genocide education.

Opportunity to help create new exhibition

Have you experienced displacement, genocide, or discrimination – or are you the descendant of someone who has? Do you have any personal objects that help tell the story of that event, and would you be willing to loan or donate them to the *Human Rights After the Holocaust* exhibition? If so, email OJMCHE's Curator of Collections at curator@ojmche.org about what you have available.

New speaker for Solomon lecture; Women's Power Breakfast canceled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jodi Rudoren will be unable to deliver this year's Gus and Libby Solomon Lecture or speak at the Women's Power Breakfast.

Another leader in the field of Jewish journalism, Rob Eshman, will deliver the Solomon lecture on the original topic.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Women's Philanthropy has canceled its Women's Power Breakfast, with no new date scheduled at this time.

"Jewish Journalism in a Time of Rising Antisemitism" will be the topic for the 18th Annual Gus and Libby Solomon Memorial Lecture at Portland State University. Hosted by the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at PSU, the free lecture will be 7:30-9 pm, Feb. 16, at the University Place Hotel, 310 SW Lincoln St.

Eshman is a Senior Contributing Columnist of *The Forward*, the oldest and most prominent Jewish news outlet in the United States. He previously served as *The Forward's* National Editor and as Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the *Jewish Journal* of Los Angeles.

Eshman is a frequent opinion page contributor to the *Los Angeles Times* and a regular commentator on Los Angeles-area radio and television. He has served as a Visiting Lecturer on journalism at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Register for the free lecture at pdx.edu/judaic-studies/annual-gus-and-libby-solomon-memorial-lecture-2023.





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Art Roundup

Youth art, writing contests celebrate Israel at 75

In celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland is sponsoring art and writing contests for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in the Portland area. First-place winners will receive a \$100 gift card and second-place winners will receive a \$50 gift card. Entries are due March 24.

The Art Contest is for students in kindergarten-8th grade. Use any medium you'd like. The theme is Israel at 75. Entries are due March 24. Submit a photo of your entry at <https://form.jotform.com/230035176255147>.

The Writing Contest is open to students in sixth to 12th grade.

Sixth- to eighth-graders can write up to 500 words to answer this question: "In Israel's 75 years, what in your view is Israel's greatest achievement?"

Ninth- to 12th-graders have up to 750 words to reflect on "Why is Israel important and what does she mean to you?"

Submit writing entries at <https://form.jotform.com/223634970876165>.



Feb. 4: Go Down Home at Congregation Shaarie Torah

Hazzan Mike Stein, above, Michael Allen Harrison and others will perform "Music Across Time" on Saturday evening, Feb. 4, for the final performance in Congregation Shaarie Torah's Down Home Shabbaton. The concert will be a musical exploration ranging from Middle Eastern to Bluegrass and everything in between. Doors open at 6:15 pm, Havdalah at 6:30 pm and concert 7-8:30 pm. All seats \$18. No-host drinks and snacks available.

Register at shaarietorah.org/downhome/.

Portland poet releases first collection

Portland poet Marvin J. Lurie's new book of poetry, *Telling Signs*, has been released by Finishing Line Press. Previously, his poetry has been published in three anthologies and has won several awards.

Lurie is a retired nonprofit trade association executive who lives in Portland with his wife, Sylvia, and their dog, Tasha. He served two terms on the Oregon Poetry Association Board of Directors. He is a member of the Poets Studio at the Attic Institute of Arts and Letters and a 2016-17 Fellow of Atheneum.

Lurie says the book includes two poems about family Jewish experiences and a section with poems of Biblical "voices."

"These began when I was wondering why there were individuals in the Bible who didn't react out loud to their circumstances," says Lurie. "So, I wrote an angry curse for Cain because he felt he was treated unfairly. There's a hymn by Esau praising the bounty in his life. ... I suspect I would get in theological arguments with some readers of these personal poems."

Telling Signs is \$19.99 at marvlurie.com, finishinglinepress.com and Amazon.



Marvin Lurie holds his new book of poetry while standing in front of the bookcase featured in the painting on the book cover. His granddaughter, Ruby Hale, painted the cover painting.

Lawton's funny book touching look at aging

Mark Lawton will be reading from his humorous book, *Updates from the Senior Center*, at 7 pm, Feb. 6, at Annie Bloom's Books in Multnomah Village.

Mark has served on the boards of Congregation P'nai Or and Jewish Family & Child Service in San Francisco. He played a key role in the formation of Kehillah Housing in Portland. Mark taught mathematics and physics at the Portland Jewish Academy. He led fundraising efforts on behalf of a Jewish Music Program at The San Francisco School, where he began his teaching career.

Mark describes his new book as "full of crazy anecdotes about my 99.5-year-old dad and the others in his residence."

Judging by how many times staff and

other residents confuse him with his father, Mark must look remarkably like his irrepressible father, John.



In a series of lovingly playful vignettes, Mark tries, and mostly fails, to keep up with his dad, supporting him through his trial for splashing in the serenity pool, cheering him on in walker races, teaching him to (kind of) use modern technology, and mediating his many disputes with geezers and wardens alike.

"If you can't laugh, you'll cry, so don't cry" is Mark's advice to anyone supporting an aging parent.

The book is \$7.95. Order from: microcosmpublishing.com/catalog/zines/546

Schneberg to read from *The Naked Room* at 3 events

Willa Schneberg will be reading from her new collection, *The Naked Room* (Broadstone Books), at three events in February. The book was featured in the [Jan. 4 Jewish Review](http://Jan.4JewishReview).

The launch for *The Naked Room*, featuring a discussion with Robin Bagai, will be at Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway, at 6 pm, Feb. 6. broadwaybooks.net/event/willa-schneberg-conversation-robin-bagai.

Emmett Wheatfall and Schneberg will read together at the Studio Series on Feb. 12, at 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery & Cafe, 3502 S. Corbett. There will be an open mic.

Schneberg also will be reading on the Zoom Broadstone Readings Stage with J. David Cummings and Mary Tautin Moloney with Q & A to follow. Schneberg will be the last reader. The Zoom will be 1-2:30 (PST) on Feb. 18. To receive the link, register at broadstonebooks.com/new.

RootOne and local subsidies help teens visit Israel

Teens registering for eligible summer programs in Israel can apply for a \$3,000 voucher from RootOne to apply to the trip cost.

Launched in September 2020 by The Jewish Education Project with initial seed funding from The Marcus Foundation, RootOne significantly lowers the cost of teen travel to Israel and provides meaningful pre- and post-trip learning experiences. This allows teens to connect with Jewish peers and form their own Jewish communities.

B'nai B'rith Camp's Outdoor Jewish Adventure, bbcamp.org/oja-israel/ (see photo), is one of the Israel summer trips eligible for the vouchers.

"BB Camp's Outdoor Jewish Adventure-Israel Experience trip for rising 11th grade teens is thrilled to be a recipient of the RootOne Teen Israel Initiative grant funding, providing \$3,000 vouchers to eligible trip participants," says Maddie Newman, BB Camp's Overnight Camp Associate Director. "The RootOne vouchers alleviate challenging financial barriers and substantially decrease the costs of a trip to Israel for our teens and families. BB Camp is delighted to welcome any teen interested in spending their summer on our engaging Israel trip to participate. In addition to the vouchers, our trip participants are eligible for scholarship funding from many local organizations."

Another eligible program local teens have enjoyed in the past is The Jerusalem Journey, tjj.jsu.org/. "RootOne will definitely help recruit teens," says Oregon NCSY Director Meira Spivak.

Teens registered for an eligible trip can ask their trip provider for a link to apply for the voucher. Visit rootone.org or email info@rootone.org to learn more about the vouchers and eligible trips. RootOne is run by The Jewish Education Project.

Two Oregon programs provide additional funds to help local teens experience Israel. Local teenagers are also eligible for funding from CHAI Israel and Teen Israel scholarships. The deadline for both is March 1.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, through its CHAI Israel program, provides up to 18% (maximum \$1,800) of the cost for any teen in the Greater Portland area participating in an approved teen Israel experience. For more information, visit jewishportland.org/travelisrael or contact Rachel Nelson at rachel@jewishportland.org.

The Oregon Board of Rabbis and the Arthur P. Krichevsky Memorial Scholarship Fund (oregonboardofrabbis.org/teen-israel-experience/) of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation provides the same level of funding for eligible teens engaged in synagogue-based Hebrew High programs.

In addition to the grants, families can spread out the cost of a teen Israel trip with an interest-free loan from the Jewish Free



Teens on a past Outdoor Jewish Adventure, B'nai B'rith Camp's summer Israel trip experience, rappel from Mearat Keshet in Rosh Hanikra. Participants on this year's June 25-July 18 trip are eligible for RootOne vouchers and a local Chai Israel subsidy. In addition to adventures such as swimming in the Dead Sea, climbing Masada and rafting the Jordan River, participants will focus on agriculture and sustainability when visiting the Negev Desert Region, explore Jewish history and their Jewish identity while spending time in Jerusalem, and enjoy the city of Tel Aviv.

Loan program sponsored by JFGP.

For information on the loan program, visit jewishportland.org/Jewish-free-loan.



The Q raises \$120,000+ for NCSY youth programs

Oregon NCSY's largest fundraising event, The Q, raised more than \$120,000 this year. In honor of being held in person again, after virtual events only during the height of the pandemic, this year's theme was "Back to the Q." The trivia fundraiser held Jan. 21 at the MJCC was a tie between two tables for the first time in its 15-year history. Winning tables were 1) Amy and Alex Kaplan; David and Trudi Bloom; Aaron and Kristin Bloom; and Jacob and Corri Sheff; and 2) Michael and Anna Stern Lipke; Cam Williams; Liz Philips; Mark and Mindy Zeitzer; Sara Morton; and Alex Milkey.

SECURITY TIPS

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As a Jewish community professional, I do feel vulnerable. My name, email address and photo are publicly available on the JFGP website, and it used to take exactly one step to find my home address. I felt a little exposed with that and recently subscribed to deleteme.com. This is an online service that scrubs publicly available databases and continually requests the removal of my information. It's been several months since I subscribed, and I'm pleased that my personal address is not the first thing that pops up anymore.

We all have online accounts, and hackers have likely obtained data from at least one of them. If you want to know which of your accounts have been compromised, search for your email address on HaveIBeenPwned.com. This is a free service that cross-references your email address with hundreds of data breaches. When I find a website where my information was compromised, I change my password.

For all my banking-related accounts, I've installed two-step authentication, so I get a text or email to confirm it's really me. It's a little annoying, but particularly for my financial accounts, it's a small extra layer of protection that I feel better about.

Companies and websites track everything we do online. Every ad, social network button and website collects information about your location, browsing habits and more. To prevent some of that collection, I've installed ghostery.com on my laptop. Ghostery is a tracker and advertisement blocker that prevents access to my browsing habits. While I don't think this is a major safety or security issue, it's been fascinating to see how many trackers are working behind the scenes as I surf the web.

Finally, our phones are with us almost everywhere we go. Most phone app default settings are set to track your location. Take some time to go through your settings and turn off your location for everything that doesn't need to know where you are. Yes, Apple and Google maps need it, but Spotify, Reddit and Amazon do not.

None of the things I've listed above are going to dramatically change your life. What I like is that in a world where there's a lot I can't control, there are a few things that I can.

It's kind of like safety and security training. To paraphrase SCN National Director Michael Masters, you can't choose the time and place of emergency situations. What you can do is be prepared for them and have your body and brain know what to do. If you'd like to join one of my online safety and security courses, visit my security page on the JFGP website: jewishportland.org/security.

Jessica Anderson is the Portland-area Director of Community Security. She previously was an FBI agent for 24 years. This position is funded by SCN (the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America) and a local three-way partnership of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Oregon Jewish Community Foundation Endowment Fund and multiple Jewish organizations in the region.



Applications due Feb. 13 for grants to fund programs focused on women, girls, justice

Feb. 13 is the deadline to apply for a grant from The Women's Giving Circle of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

This year, grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded with a total of \$24,000 available. Grants will be awarded on June 1, 2023.

The Women's Giving Circle funds programs and initiatives focusing on women and girls, justice and Jewish continuity. Women and girls include all cisgender women and girls, transgender women and girls, and non-binary people who are comfortable in female-centered spaces. The Women's Giving Circle is committed to improving the overall status of Jewish women and girls by funding projects that promote social change.

For application requirements and to apply, visit jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/womens-philanthropy/womens-giving-circle.

For questions, please contact JFGP Chief Development Officer and Director of Women's Philanthropy Wendy Kahn at wendy@jewishportland.org.

Jobs board

The Jewish Review publishes job openings from Jewish agencies and congregations, as well as other openings of possible interest to community members. Listings are shortened to fit available space. Submit to: editor@jewishportland.org.

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- Ability to attend Portland-area events

- An understanding of Jewish culture and holidays

- Able to work collaboratively with Federation staff on events, initiatives and priorities.

Qualifications:

- Seasoned journalist with 3+ years of experience

- Experience with publishing, graphic design and website tools and software including Adobe (InDesign, Photoshop and Acrobat) and Mailchimp

- Basic proficiency in using an iPhone for photos

- Strong interpersonal, organizational and planning skills.

Start date: May or early June 2023. Apply today!

Email a cover letter, resume and three clips to JFGP President and CEO Marc Blattner at marc@jewishportland.org.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Intake Case Manager Social Services

Salary: \$55,000-\$70,000 (FTE)

The primary role of this position is to facilitate client connection and intake with JFCS Social Services. The position is multifaceted, with an opportunity to manage the delivery of social services at JFCS. This includes facilitating caller and client connections with community support, both public and private. Full description on the Career Hub, below. Contact Clinical Director Douglass Ruth at Douglassruth@jfcs-portland.org

JEWISH CAREER HUB

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's job board for the ongoing listing of job opportunities in the Jewish community currently features several openings, including the two above. See descriptions or submit openings at jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/jewish-jobs.

Human Rights Ed Fund: “From me to we to action”

BY DEBRA SHEIN

A new fund promoting human rights education and honoring the life of Sarah Cohen-Doherty (1982-2020) has been launched at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. In her all-too-short life, Sarah strove tirelessly to promote equitable education, particularly for preschoolers, and to teach young people the lessons derived from the Holocaust.

The fund will support professional development for new and emerging teachers to help them instill the values of tolerance and social justice in children of all ages. This will support Oregon’s statewide mandate to educate students about the Holocaust and genocide. Such education begins with teaching the core values that can prevent such occurrences.

Sarah embraced the sage Hillel’s teachings: “If I am not for me, who will be? But if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?” The Sarah Cohen-Doherty Human Rights Education Fund was established by Sarah’s parents, Ruth and Gerald (Jerry) Cohen.

In middle school, Sarah was inspired by the film *Schindler’s List* to begin her lifelong journey to educate young people about the Holocaust and acceptance. She wrote in the opening of her eighth-grade paper on the topic: “Have you ever seen a picture of a concentration camp? Or maybe heard a story from a survivor? There are people who claim that the Holocaust never happened, but apparently they have not seen the pictures, heard stories from survivors or visited the concentration camps.”

In high school, Sarah facilitated dialogues at education sites, often with Holocaust survivor Alter Weiner. She earned a Master’s in Arts of Teaching with a focus on early childhood, literacy and critical learning from Willamette University. After starting her career, Sarah continued to lead presentations on the Holocaust and created



Sarah Cohen-Doherty, z"l, with her parents Ruth and Gerald Cohen.

a lending library. The collection has been given to OJMCHC to share with teachers throughout the state.

This early passion led her to a career in teaching and advocacy, capped by the effort to place a measure enacting “Pre-K for All” on the 2020 ballot for Multnomah County. Her untimely death left her family, colleagues and community grieving. Following the successful passage of the measure, memorial resolutions commemorating her life and work were entered into the Congressional Record and passed by the Oregon Legislature, both noting: “Whereas Sarah Cohen-Doherty devoted her life to the fight for early childhood literacy and education equity ... exemplified what it is to be a community changemaker ... believed that we have the power to transform our world and make it a better place ... led by example with her passion and commitment ... and was widely admired for her intelligence, warmth and grace ... we recognize and honor her contributions to the people of this state” (from Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 81st Oregon Legislative Assembly 2021, and the Congressional Record, June 10, 2021).

Sarah worked first as a preschool educator and curriculum developer, then as a policy advocate with several social justice organizations. She eventually became the Community Impact Manager at Social Venture

Partners Portland, a philanthropy dedicated to “mobilizing skills, money and influence to collectively build community capacity for solving problems together.”

SVP has created an annual Sarah Cohen-Doherty Community Impact Award honoring those whose work and spirit reflect those of Sarah’s, and they established a memorial fund in her name to promote efforts around diversity and equity. Her memory and commitment to the values of equity and inclusion will also be honored by a playground named after her at La Plaza Esperanza, a community facility soon to be built by the Latino Network in Gresham.

Sarah’s parents have both dedicated their careers to the field of aging. Ruth, a social worker, was a pioneer in the field of geriatric care management and served as the president of what is now known as the national Aging Life Care Association. In 2018, she began Evolving Elders. Jerry ran a Center on Aging and Disabilities at the University of Missouri-Kansas City before serving as the first Oregon director for AARP. Upon retiring in 2019, he joined Ruth in Evolving Elders. They reminisce that when it came time for Sarah to choose her direction in life, she said, “You guys have the old people covered. I’m going to work with children!”

But their interests at opposite ends of the age spectrum ended up merging. Sarah brought Jerry in as a volunteer on various SVP projects. He continues Sarah’s efforts with SVP by working on an initiative to engage older volunteers to participate in early childhood programs. They truly embraced the concept of *l’dor va’dor* (from generation to generation).

To donate to the Sarah Cohen-Doherty Human Rights Education Fund, visit ojmche.org/support/donate/general-donate/.

Debra Shein is a volunteer at OJMCHC and teaches English at Portland Community College.

Cedar Sinai Park celebrates staff

Staff at Cedar Sinai Park were shown how much they are appreciated at a winter party held Jan. 25. The theme was *hygge*, a Norwegian term meaning “to comfort.”

And comfort was the name of the game, with bunnies to hold and stroke for calming, quiet painting of gnomes and mandalas, relaxing massages by licensed therapists and an abundance of raffle prizes.

“Our annual winter party is an opportunity for Cedar Sinai Park to show our team how grateful we are for everything they do to enhance our community,” says HR Coordinator Cara Balske, who led the planning committee. “The staff are the

heart of Cedar Sinai Park, and they are remarkable. We hope the party made them feel warm and held by the vibrant community of which they have chosen to be part.”

“I’ve never seen anything like this party,” says Harold Schnitzer Center for Living CNA Debbie, who has been with Cedar Sinai Park for three years. “This is amazing, and I’m really impressed.”

Tawny is newer to Cedar Sinai Park and says the appreciation party made her feel welcome: “What a treat. I feel very appreciated.”

Robison Jewish Health Center CNA Rosalinda adds, “I love this company.”



Competitions were held for coziest sweater, above, and best slippers at Cedar Sinai Park’s staff appreciation party.

Young adults invited to connect in February

Portland is fortunate to have several organizations hosting events for young adults. The organizations below shared their February events and invite all to attend.

JEWS NEXT DOR

Jews Next Dor (*dor* is Hebrew for “generation”) is open to Jews in their 20s and 30s across the Portland area.

Congregation Beth Israel (no membership required) has relaunched the young adult group with one event per month combining spiritual and social components. The post-pandemic return began with a JND Chanukah Kickoff in December 2022.

“There are so many folks looking for connection and community, and I think this is a lovely way to find it,” says Shain Zins, who coordinates Jews Next Dor.

ShabBrunch, Feb. 11, 10:30 am: This event for Jews in their 20s and 30s will be a great opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with a short and sweet service and a catered brunch following. Tickets are \$10. RSVP at bethisrael-pdx.org/community/jnd/.

You can also join the JND mailing list and find future events on the website or by contacting Shaina at 503-222-1069 or shainaz@bethisrael-pdx.org.

MOISHE HOUSE

The Moishe House model supports young adult leaders in their 20s and early 30s, allowing them to create vibrant Jewish communities for themselves and their peers. Moishe House has been in Portland since 2008.

Text 503-908-3394 to RSVP for all events except Restorative Yoga.

Torah and Tea, Feb. 2, 7-8:30 pm: Join us at Portland Moishe House for (departing resident) David’s last Torah and Tea talk!

Portland Pop-Up Light Show, Feb. 4, 6-8 pm: The Portland Light Festival is an amazing weaving of art and technology, with pop-up shows throughout the city. Location TBD.

Tu B’Svat Celebration, Feb. 5, 1-3 pm: Come celebrate the New Year for the trees at Moishe House. After tea, take a walk to see some heritage trees nearby.

David’s Farewell Potluck Shabbat, Feb. 10, 6:30-9 pm: Join us at Moishe House to wish David *leich l’shalom* before



Young adults competed to see who could create the best topping/decorated latke at the Jews Next Dor Chanukah party.

his upcoming travels following his successful stint hosting well-attended events at Moishe House. Text 503-908-3394 with the potluck dish you plan to bring.

Jackbox Game Night, Feb. 16, 6:30-8:30 pm: Friends at game night have really enjoyed interactive games like Cards Against Humanity and charades. We’d love to bring that same energy to an evening spent playing games from Jackbox studios. Bring your charged cellular device and some friends for a night of fun at Moishe House.

Moishe House Goes to Mardi Gras, Feb. 21, 5-7 pm: Did you know that Portland has an amazing annual Mardi Gras parade? Dress up and dance in the street with us. The parade down North Mississippi starts at Victoria Bar, and we can stop at many local businesses along the way.

Restorative Yoga Shabbat, Feb. 24, 7:30-9 pm: Welcome Shabbat with this special yoga event at People’s Yoga on NE Killingsworth. EAminda Davidowitz (inspiredheartwellness.com/yoga) will guide you through a series of gentle, supportive, restorative yoga poses, while film and TV composer [Harlan Silverman](#) plays med-

itative cello music to encourage a deeper surrender to rest. Bring your own mat. Register at tinyurl.com/bdfedmnt. This event is \$25. If cost is a barrier, request a free ticket sponsored by TischPDX on sign-up form.

MOISHE POD

Moishe Pod-WestPDX, a two-person Moishe House on Portland’s west side, is hosting three fun events this month. Part of a global nonprofit that builds peer-led Jewish community for young adults, Moishe Pod arrived in Portland in April 2022.

RSVP for any of these events at moishepodwestpdx.com/events.

Tu B’Shevat Seder, Feb. 6, 7-9 pm: Experience a call to action and learn about climate change as part of a seder for Tu B’Shevat. We will honor the trees, celebrate this holiday and engage in learning together.

Secret Roller Disco, Feb. 16, 7-9 pm: Join us for Portland’s worst kept secret, the Secret Roller Disco! Skate rentals are available.

Happy Hour with MOTs, Feb. 23, 6-8 pm: Join us as we collaborate with MOTs (Members of the Tribe) for this happy hour at Lucky Labrador on Quimby. Learn about their offerings available once folks age out of the Moishe House demographic.

ONETABLE

OneTable is a national nonprofit that empowers young adults (21-39ish) to find, share and enjoy Shabbat dinners. The social dining platform makes it easy to host or attend a Shabbat dinner.

OneTable provides simple DIY tools so people can experience Shabbat dinners in their neighborhood.

To find a dinner to join or to become a dinner host, visit onetable.org.

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE

MOTS is a Meetup group of Portland-area Jews (mid-30s to mid-50s) that turns 10 this year. Past events have included potlucks, happy hours and hikes. Adam Schwartz recently became the third organizer in the group’s 10-year history.

To join a MOTS event (including the happy hour with Moishe Pod above) or to learn more, visit meetup.com/pdxmots-35-54.

Young women invited to brainstorm on building Portland Hadassah

Hadassah will host an online conversation this month to help build a new Hadassah young women’s presence in Portland.

The brainstorming session will be on Zoom at 7 pm, Feb. 22. Women ages 30 to 50 are invited to share their ideas and be part of Hadassah’s expansion.

Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, was founded before

Israel was a state and before women could vote. For 100+ years, Hadassah has worked to find and implement solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing each generation. Together, Hadassah and its 300,000 members help women find their voices to advance health equity and fight hate and antisemitism in the United States. Thanks to the medical system in Israel that

Hadassah helped create, new treatments and scientific breakthroughs are saving lives around the world.

Register at events.hadassah.org/PortlandYoungWomen. The Zoom link will be sent after you register.

For questions, contact Hadassah West Area Engagement Director Deanna Migdal at dmigdal@hadassah.org.

Events

Feb. 3: Community Sephardic Shabbat Dinner

Each month, Ahavath Achim hosts a short Sephardic Kabbalat service, Shabbat dinner and discussion led by Rabbi Devin Maimon Villarreal. On Feb. 3, 5:30-7:30 pm, he will explore Kaminos: A Journey into Sephardic Spirituality and Thought. Discover why Sephardic Judaism is a treasury with something for everyone.

\$20/adult, \$10/child or college student. RSVP required: info@ahavathachim.com.

Feb. 4: Mini Mensches Tot Shabbat

Welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing and sweetness at Congregation Beth Israel. Families with children 0-5 are invited to gather in the Pollin Chapel to sing Shabbat songs and end with a parade with our stuffed Torahs at 9 am, Feb. 4. bethisrael-pdx.org/community/mini-mensches/

Feb. 4: Meditation Shabbat

The first Saturday of each month at Congregation Neveh Shalom is Meditation Shabbat. A series of practices will be incorporated into the regular sanctuary service, with the sermon slot dedicated to a focused meditation 9:30 am-noon, Feb. 4. For information, email brohr@nevehshalom.org.

Feb. 4: EJC Family Movie Night: Willy Wonka

Lighten up the winter doldrums with Eastside Jewish Commons' Movie Night at the EJC featuring "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." 6-7:45 pm, Feb. 4. \$5. For more information: info@ejcpdx.org or ejcpdx.org.

Feb. 5: Tikkun Olam and Kindness Farm

Congregation Neveh Shalom's Tikkun Olam Committee will partner with Kindness Farm (7101 SE 127th Ave., Portland), as they provide sustainable, organic produce to multiple food banks in our community. For this inaugural visit, Feb. 5, 2-4 pm, prospective volunteers will meet with Kindness Farm representatives to take a tour and learn more about volunteer opportunities for those of all ages.

The Kindness Farm is an all-volunteer project created to sustainably grow fruits and vegetables on donated land using donated resources. Most of the produce will be donated to create vegan meals for the homeless and provide free, fresh, organic produce to low-income families. A small portion of the produce is sold to fund applying for grants and other expenses.

Make sure to wear clothing appropriate for a farm setting. For more information and to RSVP, please contact CNS Program Director Lisa Richmond at richmond@nevehshalom.org.

Feb. 5: Art opening with Rosalyn Kliot

Eastside Jewish Commons hosts an opening reception for artist Rosalyn Kliot 2-4 pm, Feb. 5. The mixed media artist's work will be on display at the EJC through March 30.

Kliot was born in April of 1945 in Lodz, Poland, after her parents' courageous escape from the Klooga concentration camp in Estonia. She has been telling her family's story of Holocaust survival for over 25 years as part of the OJMCHE Speakers Bureau.

"Although formally trained, I generally work intuitively," says Kliot of her art. "I find art making to be a meditative process which allows for freedom in combining disparate materials and mediums, with often surprising results."

For more information: info@ejcpdx.org or ejcpdx.org.

Feb. 7: Mahjong with Morgan

Calling All Mahjong Players! Monthly Mahjong Game Night First Tuesdays will start at 6-9 pm, Feb. 7, at the Eastside Jewish Commons. For more information: info@ejcpdx.org or ejcpdx.org.

Feb. 8: Capital Market Outlook

This capital market outlook 11:30 am-1 pm, Feb. 8, will feature Rebecca DeCesaro from First Republic Bank, OJCF's longtime banking partner. The Professional Advisors Group of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation offers networking and educational opportunities to advisors such as estate planning attorneys, financial planners, wealth managers and accountants. Fundholders, partner organizations and community members are welcome to attend. For location, contact Noah at info@ojcf.org.

Feb. 8: BB Camp's Kids Night In

Drop off your child (K-5th grade) for a fun evening with BB Camp while you enjoy a night out 6-9 pm, Feb. 8. Crafts, pizza dinner and games will be enjoyed by your camper. \$18 per child. Register bbcamp.org/kids-night-in/. Questions? Email shagen@bbcamp.org.

Feb. 12: Cooking for Outside In

Join Congregation Neveh Shalom for its second cooking session for Outside In, whose mission is to help homeless youth move toward improved health and self-sufficiency. One Sunday a month, all ages gather in the Neveh Shalom kitchen to prepare a full meal for this important community organization. For more information and to RSVP for the noon-2 pm, Feb. 12, session, please contact Head Chef Rick Botney, 8888octopus8888@gmail.com, or CNS Program Director Lisa Richmond, richmond@nevehshalom.org.

Feb 12: BB Camp's Teva Monthly Family Hike

B'nai B'rith Camp invites families of campers in K-12th grade to enjoy a monthly BB Camp Teva Family Hike. The Feb. 12 hike will begin at 9 am at Mt. Tabor Park.

Cost: \$18 per family; may need to pay a parking fee. Register at bbcamp.org/teva-hikes.

Feb. 13: Community Music with Albert Kaufman

Eastside Jewish Commons recurring community music night (2nd Monday of every month) features folk singer Albert Kaufman for an evening of community singing. We'll sing songs you know from the great Rise Up Singing book and other songs that are part of Albert's extensive repertoire. Free to the community, however the EJC welcomes a small donation. Please email Albert to let him know you're coming: albert@albertkaufman.com.

Feb. 19: Jewish Community Orchestra Young Artists Showcase at the MJCC

The Jewish Community Orchestra holds an annual Young Artists Competition and selects four winners to perform one movement of a concerto (a solo piece accompanied by an orchestra).

This year, the 3-5 pm, Feb. 19, concert at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center will feature Eleanor Price, Annie Rhew, Hanu Nahm and Steven Wu.

For details, email Alexandra Beh at alexandreabeh@gmail.com or visit jewishcommunityorchestra.org/wordpress/concerts/.

See more events at jewishportland.org/community-calendar

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Chaplain's Corner

Repair our souls and the cosmos

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

Imagine a holiday so all-pervasive that it encompasses the preciousness of each person's internal holiness with the grandeur of the creation of the cosmos.

Tu B'Shvat is that holiday.

This "New Year of the Trees" begins at sunset on Feb. 5. Originally, it was related to the taxes that landowners had to pay for their various trees, including citrus, almonds, olives and pistachios, among others.

In time, as we became a Diaspora people, Tu B'Shvat kept us connected with the land of Israel and represented dreams to return to the Promised Land.

The North American Jewish community continued the evolution of Tu B'Shvat by connecting it with the environmental movement in the 1970s. This holiday embraced the notion that we are always to be caretakers of the land. Moreover, Tu B'Shvat taught how we are intimately interconnected with the environment, not above and beyond it. In that spirit, Tu B'Shevat has motivated us to respond to unregulated pollution, the degradation of the ozone layer and even how humanity has caused climate change, which represents an existential crisis.

In this way, Tu B'Shvat has evolved from a particularistic, minor holiday based in the land of Israel to a generalized concern about the health and welfare of our entire planet.

But of note, Tu B'Shvat also evolved in the opposite direction, to address the status of each person's unique internal holiness. We owe this to the mystical Kabbalists. They created a Tu B'Shvat seder, modeled on the Passover seder, which features eating a variety of foods as inspiration to improve our spiritual selves. Doing so increased God's presence in the world and connected the participants conceptually to the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

The Kabbalists teach that there are four levels of creation: *Azilut*, divine emanation; *Beriah*, creation itself; *Yetzirah*, the creative process; and *Assiyah*, the physical



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entities that are the products of creation.

The Tu B'Shvat seder ritually attempts to express these levels of creation. That being said, *Azilut* is purely spiritual and cannot be symbolized in a concrete way. We express *Beriah* by eating fruits that have neither pits on the inside nor shells on the outside. We experience *Yetzirah* by eating foods with pits on the inside. Finally, we enjoy *Assiyah* by eating foods that have an outside shell that must be discarded.

When we take part in this seder, we recognize that food connected with the land of Israel is not just food to be consumed for the sake of calories in order to exist. We eat first to reconnect with nature and then, step by step, transcend toward godliness.

At the same time, we learn about our inherent holiness, as represented by the parts of the food we can eat, and that which protects the holy, as represented by shells and pits.

Tu B'Shvat in part reminds us both to embrace and to protect our inherent holiness. We can fulfill our obligation of self-protection by eating well, getting enough sleep, periodically exercising and resting ... and in general developing healthy habits.

When we do so, we are able to reach beyond ourselves. Simultaneously, we can reconnect with the land, nurture it and protect it; and we can transcend toward God and continue the creation of our world.

Have a *chag sameach*/joyous Tu B'Shvat. The health and welfare of our individual souls and the balance of the universe depends on it.

Rabbis' Corner

In addition to the Chaplain's Corner, the Jewish Review offers space for the community's rabbis to share their thoughts on the week's parsha or current events. Rabbis are invited to schedule a date to submit a 500- to 600-word piece.

Email: editor@jewishportland.org.

Time to order hamantashen

It's time to order your hamantashen from the Shaarie Torah Sisterhood, which has been baking the tasty treats for nearly 70 years. Hamantashen are Purim pastries traditionally filled with poppyseed or fruit filling and shaped like Haman's tri-corner hat.

Purim, which celebrates the heroism of Esther, the queen who thwarted Haman's plot to kill the Jews in ancient Persia, begins at sundown March 6. But the joy of the holiday begins on Feb. 20, the first day of Adar. The Talmud (Ta'anit 29a) states, *Mishe-nichnas Adar mar-bim be-simcha*: "From the beginning of Adar, we increase in joy."

The fundraiser began in the 1950s when a group of Sunday school moms wanted to raise money to support the Sunday school program. In the first year, they sold 100 dozen, steadily growing to 2,550 dozen in 2020.

"I'm pretty sure that the only year we didn't bake since the beginning was 2021 during Covid," says Charlotte Tevet, who chairs the effort and helps out with everything from getting donated ingredients to baking.

Back to baking last year, the sisterhood made 1,550 dozen. In 2023, the goal is 2,000 dozen. The fundraiser continues to



Trays of hamantashen will soon fill the kitchen at Congregation Shaarie Torah.

support children's education.

Three kinds of pastries are available: fruit filled (prunes, raisins, dates, coconut, walnuts and jam), apricot filled (dried apricots and jam, NO NUTS) and Moen (poppy seed, walnuts and jam). All flavors are parve. A dozen of any flavor is \$18 or three dozen for \$45.

Online ordering is now open. Baking runs Feb. 12-28, with orders closing Feb. 27, 2023.

Order at shaarietorah.org/hamantashen.

For questions, contact Tevet at 503-246-2458 or ctevet2004@yahoo.com.

KashRootz now offers weekly takeout

KashRootz Catering, under the supervision of Oregon Kosher, now offers weekly takeout.

The kosher catering company was launched in 2008 by Shulamit Urenia and Simi Greene, who has since moved to the east coast. Shuli has been the head chef of the Sephardic Adventure Camp since 2009. She also cooked for the former kosher delis at Albertsons and Safeway.

Last month, Shuli began to offer her kosher catering for pickup from 5 to 6 pm each Sunday at Congregation Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland. She also offers delivery in SW Portland for \$5. Customers can order ahead by Friday for guaranteed availability. Some items are also available for drop-ins.

"I wanted to create an opportunity to provide food to the community that reflects the taste and spirit of my mixed cultures," says Shuli. "My family origins are from Mexico, Germany, White Mountain Apache and Sephardic nations. ... I believe it's important to prepare food with love."

The menu changes weekly. For pickup Feb. 5, the menu includes matbucha (red pepper dip), Israeli salad, roasted potatoes, chicken matzah ball soup, butternut



Kosher caterer Shulamit Urenia, right, now offers takeout, including matzah ball soup, available for pickup Sunday evenings.



squash soup, parve rice krispie treats, shawarma bowls with chicken, and eggplant marinara.

To receive each week's menu, email Shuli at Kashrootzcatering@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/KashRootz.

Deadlines near for OJCF programs

Founded in 1989, the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation (ojcf.org) is dedicated to building and promoting a culture of giving in Oregon and Southwest Washington that supports a thriving Jewish community now and for generations to come. The Foundation has several programs driven by or assisting teens and young adults. Several have deadlines in February and March.

Youth fund program signup

Jewish youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to open a B'nai Tzedek Youth Fund at the OJCF and enroll in the B'nai Tzedek Youth Program, which will hold its first teen gathering in March.

Youth can open their charitable fund with an initial \$250 contribution, matched by \$250 from OJCF's Community Endowment Fund. Funds allow the teens to practice *tzedakah* and actively donate to causes they believe in.

Teens who enroll in the B'nai Tzedek Youth Program gather four times a year to learn about the needs of our community, *tikkun olam* and how their philanthropy can help others and better our community and the world. Teens use this knowledge to make grants to eligible Jewish charities. Rabbi Eve Posen and OJCF staff will facilitate the first gathering in March.

For more information, email susanb@ojcf.org.

Grant proposal deadlines

Grant proposals are due Feb. 24 for the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation's 20th annual grantmaking cycle. OJCYP, a teen-led organization, empowers Jewish teenagers to take action that aligns with their Jewish values. Qualified applicants include Jewish and general nonprofit organizations in Oregon or Southwest Washington.

Grant proposals are due Feb. 15 for the Stern Grandchildren's Fund. The fund honors Helen and Jerry Stern's legacy by empowering people and organizations to build a stronger and more vibrant Jewish community in Oregon. The fund accepts proposals from synagogues and other Jewish organizations in Oregon that align with the fund's mission and support a thriving Jewish community.

For applications and more information on either grant, call 503-248-9328 OR visit ojcf.org/grants-and-scholarships/receive-a-grant.

Scholarship deadlines

Applications are due by March 15 for OJCF's numerous scholarship funds, which encourage the pursuit of formal education and Jewish overnight camps.

To be eligible for these scholarships, applicants must be Jewish residents of Oregon or Southwest Washington and demonstrate financial need.

For scholarship information, visit ojcf.org/grants-and-scholarships/receive-a-scholarship or call 503-248-9328.

Obituaries

Submit obituaries to editor@jewishportland.org

PAUL NORR

Paul Norr, z"l, passed away on Jan. 25, 2023. He was the loving husband of Helaine Gross; father of Aaron (Leanne) Norr; grandfather of Romi Norr; and brother of Elaine (Edward) Newman and Susan (Roger, z"l) Sunkle.

He was a longtime member of Congregation Neveh Shalom. The funeral was held at Ahavai Shalom Cemetery on Jan. 26.

SARAH MELCHING

Sarah Melching, z"l, passed away Jan. 20, 2023, at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, Rick, and extended family.

She was a member of Congregation Kol Ami. She lived in Camas, Wash. Straub's Funeral Home and Columbia River Cremation handled arrangements.

VICTORIA CORDOVA

Victoria Cordova, z"l, passed away Jan. 18, 2023, at the age of 81. Victoria is loved and remembered by her sister, Myrna Cordova of Seattle, and many cousins including Jack Cordova of Seattle and Congregation Neveh Shalom member Lee (Sheri) Cordova of Portland.

Victoria was born in Seattle on Oct. 30, 1941, to Morris and Lily Cordova. Her early education included attending Franklin High School, where she achieved a close to perfect GPA. She attended Whitman University and received a degree in political science; she then became a Fulbright Scholar and joined the United States State Department and became a Cultural Affairs Officer. She had a 30+ year career and was posted in Latin America, Europe, Canada and West Africa. She retired to Washington, D.C., and lived in Northwest Washington until her passing.

Her interests included music (she was a proficient flute player through high school, and later in life developed skills as a cellist, joining others in a small ensemble). She loved the opera and musical performances. Victoria was a volunteer at the Kennedy Center as a member of the Women's Committee of the National Symphony Opera, where she greeted and welcomed patrons to open rehearsals and special performances of the NSO and participated in instrument petting zoos for children and other activities. She was a garden docent at the Hillwood Estate, Museum, and Garden (former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post) located in Northwest Washington, D.C., less than one-third of a mile from Victoria's house. She was a 20-year veteran docent at Hillwood. She had a lifelong fondness for cats, and her friends have found a foster home for her beloved Pasha.

She developed a rapidly progressive illness in 2020 and spent her last days in her home in Washington, D.C. The family is most grateful for the team of care managers, care givers and hospice nurses who made it possible for her to remain at home as she wished. Her youngest first cousin, Dr. Lee Cordova, who lives in Portland, had the privilege of overseeing her medical care and support services during the last year of her life.

Her eldest first cousin, Jack Cordova, lives in Mercer Island, Wash., and enjoyed her occasional visits to the West Coast.

This well-educated and interesting woman will be missed by her family and the long-term friends who were so attentive to her during her illness.

Funeral services were held Jan. 22, 2023, at Machzikay Hadath Cemetery adjacent to the Sephardic Brotherhood Cemetery in Seattle.

Yahrzeit event for Matilda Rosenberg Feb. 16

A very special event to mark the first yahrzeit of former Portland resident Matilda Rosenberg will be held Feb. 16.

Matilda passed away Feb. 25, 2022, in Overland Park, Kansas, after a 2½-year battle with cancer. Her husband, Marty Rosenberg, is organizing the Feb. 16 event.

She was the beloved sister of Congregation Shaarie Torah member Isaac (Charlotte) Tevet; the sister of Sarah (Ira) Korman; children, Eli (Amy), Alanna (Joe) and Joey (Maya); and grand-

children, Mira, Aliza, Leor and Levi.

She was born April 13, 1952, in Portland to Albert and Alegre Tevet, Holocaust survivors and part of a tiny remnant of the Greek Jewish community that survived the Holocaust.

Bible scholar and linguist Robert Alter will be giving a special talk on translating the Torah at 4 pm Portland time, on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Listen in on the Kansas City YouTube channel [youtube.com/kclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/kclibrary) at that time.



Arlene Cogen (left) and Jaimie Harper created charcuterie boards at a Jan. 22 Dignity Grows fundraiser.

Dignity Grows at events

Participants in Dignity Grows' *Rosh Chodesh Shevat* event created charcuterie boards that were as much a feast for the eyes as the belly.

Chef Dyana Bishop of the Social Fig PDX, a Vancouver-based charcuterie caterer, donated her time and board-building expertise for the fundraising event.

Half of the proceeds from the event were donated to Dignity Grows to support its mission to provide personal and menstrual hygiene products to individuals who menstruate and cannot afford them.

The Portland chapter of Dignity Grows is part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. The Dignity Grows hygiene totes are distributed by their partners: Transition Projects, Virginia Garcia Health Centers, Outside In, Self-Enhancement Inc. and A Safe Place.

The women gathered at the West Linn home of Mahri and Jeffrey Weitz on Jan. 22 to prepare for Tu B'Shvat by learning the history and customs of the holiday and fashioning festive plates of dried fruits and nuts.

Next event: 6 pm, Feb. 21: A Toast to Sisterhood. Come enjoy a wonderful food and wine pairing in celebration of sisterhood with the winemakers of Helioterra! For this special Rosh Chodesh Adar gathering, we will increase joy by celebrating inspiring women in our world from Queen Esther to our evening's hosts. \$90. RSVP: jewishportland.org/dignity-grows-event-sign-up



Chef Dyana Bishop of the Social Fig PDX led the workshop.