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PASSOVER HAPPENINGS



The resources you need for Passover

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has gathered resources to help families observe Passover.

Visit jewishportland.org/passoverhappenings to find organizations providing resources for different life stages, sources of Passover meals and recipes, and seders and other Pesach events.

Blue Dove: Bring mental health into your personal Passover experience. Blue Dove helps individuals use the themes and motifs of Passover traditions to examine their internal stories of slavery and experience an Exodus like no other.

PJ Library: PJ Library helps young families plan a seder with a host of resources – from games and songs to videos and how-to guides – to make your Passover as meaningful and family-focused as possible.

Jewish Grandparents Network: JGN offers an array of resources to help grandparents and grandchildren to use together – either in person or at a distance – to make this year's Passover meaningful across the generations.

OneTable: Resources for all and seders for young adults. (See story on page 7).

Food: Several restaurants and caterers are cooking up Passover favorites, with some planning full seders. Read more at jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/seder-essentials.

Passover Community Calendar: Organizations continue to add seders and other Passover events to the community calendar, so be sure to visit jewishportland.org/community-calendar/passover now and then again closer to Pesach. (See seder roundup on pages 6-7).

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Neveh Shalom hires new executive director

Marlene Edenzon will be the new executive director of Congregation Neveh Shalom effective May 1.

Marlene will succeed Fred Rothstein, who is retiring after 21 years of service to CNS and more than five decades of Jewish communal leadership.

Neveh Shalom President Liza Milner thanked Rothstein, a man “whose leadership and unwavering support has built a strong foundation of success.”

Neveh Shalom is a 150-year-old egalitarian Conservative congregation in Portland serving more than 800 member households.

“I am thrilled to welcome Marlene Edenzon to our community,” says Liza. “Marlene brings an impressive track record of leadership, strategic planning, organizational efficiencies, fundraising and community engagement, which will be instrumental in achieving Neveh Shalom’s organizational goals while ensuring a smooth transition and continuity of our vibrant and organizationally healthy congregation.”



Marlene Edenzon

Marlene has more than 30 years of experience as a Jewish communal professional. She has held various leadership positions in financial development, human resources, special projects and office management at Congregation Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, Calif. She served as COO at a JCC, has developed and led early childhood programs, and has guided Jewish organizations as a consultant.

As Executive Director of Neveh Shalom, Marlene will be responsible for leading all

aspects of our organization’s operations, including fundraising, program development and community outreach. She will work closely with our members, clergy, staff, Board of Directors and lay leaders to ensure we continue to remain true to our mission, vision and values. We are excited about the energy and ideas she will bring and look forward to working with her to achieve our shared goals.

“Our congregation, staff and Board of Directors are excited to welcome Marlene to Neveh Shalom and the Portland community,” says CNS Assistant Executive Director Michelle Caplan. “Marlene’s wealth of experience in Jewish education, programming, development and strategic leadership is an excellent fit for this role. We are eager to support her as she begins her journey as an Oregonian and a Portland Jewish professional.”

Agency Spotlight

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



OneTable hosted a dinner and conversation in January, led by Rabbi Ariel Stone from Shir Tikvah, to help young adults gain skills to talk about antisemitism around the Shabbat dinner table.

OneTable

<https://onetable.org/>

Area of service: Jewish Community Building for Young Adults

2022 Allocation: \$21,600

Mission: OneTable is a national nonprofit that empowers folks (21-39ish) to find, share and enjoy Shabbat dinners, making the most of their Friday nights. OneTable's social dining platform makes it easy for young adults to make Shabbat dinner a platform for community building. OneTable envisions a whole generation of young people slowing down, getting together, unplugging from the week, creating intention in their lives and building meaningful communities.

"We strongly believe in the power of building community at the Shabbat dinner table," says Associate Director of Field Operations Abbie Barash, who previously oversaw Portland-area programming.

OneTable has an ambitious planning process under way through 2025, which includes an aspirational goal of engaging 10% of Jewish young adults in America, or about 140,000 annually. The national nonprofit also is exploring expanding beyond the current age range and offering a similar platform for older adults, too.

"We've received a lot of requests over the years – 'When do I get OneTable for me?'" said OneTable CEO Aliza Kline in a [recent EJP article](#). "And those 'me's' are a lot of different types – parents, grandparents, teenagers, families with young children. The population that was most recurring was empty nesters, older adults – the parents of our users."

In its new #HowIShabbat campaign, OneTable invited five OneTable hosts from different backgrounds to share

their Shabbat practices, challenges and inspirations. The resulting curated videos (onetable.org/rituals/) offer ideas for new hosts to use rituals to make Shabbat welcoming and accessible for their guests.

In addition, the nonprofit again is supporting Passover seders (see story page 7).

"It means so much to us that OneTable is supported locally here in Portland," says Barash. "In addition to the allocation provided, the Jewish Federation's support creates momentum throughout the community that helps OneTable to thrive over time. These dollars go into 'Nourishment' to help subsidize the cost of our Portland hosts' dinners, staffing support, Jewish learning resources, marketing and communications, support for our online platform and research efforts."

All young adult Shabbat hosts are volunteers. Learn how to become a host at onetable.org/hosting/. OneTable is a peer-to-peer program where you can volunteer to host friends and new friends alike.

Family feel of Cedar Sinai Park draws caregiver

BY SYDNEY CLEVINGER

Talea Windsor is fairly typical of the many Cedar Sinai Park caregivers, who join the home for its reputation and stay on because of the family feel.

"I'd always heard about this place being amazing and having great food from my friends who worked here, so I thought I'd give it a try," says Talea, a certified medication aide who joined Robison Jewish Health Center/Harold Schnitzer Center for Living more than two years ago. "I like the households, the family living. It's cozy, and we get to know the residents intimately. They become like family."



Talea Windsor

Talea grew up in Oregon and found herself care-giving at a young age. Her Hillsboro high sweetheart had chronic health issues.

"When we went to the prom, he was really sick with swelling on the brain and was admitted to the hospital the day after the dance," she remembers, a quiet sadness in her voice.

"When he got out of the hospital, he had a pick line inserted, and I remember going to concerts with him carrying a cooler full of IV stuff, and I'd hook him up when we were at the concert. It got me started in the medical field."

Though Talea's first love passed away a decade ago, his family is still part of her life, and he is especially in her memory as she is caring for others.

Talea taught preschool for a few years before turning to senior living communities.

At Robison, she typically spends the day checking vitals, giving medications and supplements, and helping residents in the Stern and Barde households with whatever they need. She was selected Employee of the Quarter in late 2022. She hopes to enroll in nursing school this year to grow her career at Robison.

Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Fuson says fondly that Talea rightly follows the rules to a T – even if it means standing up to others.

"I'm big on integrity," says Talea. "You have to do what's right."

Talea thinks most Cedar Sinai Park caregivers share her values and nurturing personality.

"The residents become like family members, and we go out of our way to do little things for them to make them feel special," she says. "Like one resident mentioned they needed hair gel, and I went and bought him hair gel. Little things like that are so important."

Sydney Clevenger is the Interim Director of Development and Communications at Cedar Sinai Park.

Confronting the Apartheid Lie

BY BOB HORENSTEIN

Like many American Jews, I'm deeply concerned about the Israeli governing coalition's efforts to eviscerate the independence of the judiciary, legalize remote outposts in the West Bank and ban mixed-gender prayer at the Kotel. Yet, despite the government's troubling hard-right turn, I believe we must never cease to defend Israel against distortions and lies that seek to portray the Jewish state as a pariah.

The most insidious and toxic of these lies is the claim that Israel – a democracy even with all its flaws – is an apartheid state. As a lifelong Zionist, I have a strong emotional reaction to the apartheid libel. It infuriates me. The malicious – or at least misguided – comparison of Israel to the systemic racism and oppression suffered by Black South Africans under apartheid serves as the primary weapon in the delegitimization and demonization of Israel.

In the words of former Canadian Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler, "To indict Israel as an apartheid state is prologue and justification for the dismantling of the Jewish state (and) for the criminalization of its supporters."

The accusation of Israeli apartheid is so widespread that it's increasingly difficult to fight. Tell a lie often enough and even otherwise intelligent elected officials may not only believe it, they may also actively promote it. In early February, Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau announced that her city was suspending its "twin city" relationship with Tel Aviv, citing claims that Israel is guilty of "the crime of apartheid" and the need to "defend Palestinian human rights."

The decision was originally to have been made on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, but Colau, presumably out of sensitivity to Spain's Federation of Jewish Communities, postponed it. I mean, if you're going to offend Spain's Jews by pushing the apartheid libel, at least don't do it on a day that's highly emotional for them, right?

(T)herein lays Amnesty's view of the Jewish state's most egregious sin – its very existence.

Around the same time, New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a frequent critic of Israel, accused it of apartheid (not for the first time) during a prime-time interview with CNN news anchor John Berman. AOC noted that she's backed in this claim by various human rights groups, and, well, who could argue with that? Unless, that is, she was referring to Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Amnesty International.

In 2021, HRW published a 217-page, anti-Israel hatchet job, whose primary author, Omar Shakir, is a longtime supporter of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. So one-sided and divorced from reality was this report accusing Israel of apartheid that the words "Palestinian terrorism" failed to appear even once in the entire document.

Like the HRW report, Amnesty's 2022 report bashing Israel as an apartheid state was riddled with misrepresentations and falsehoods. Most outrageous of all was Amnesty's assertion that apartheid originated not with specific Israeli policies but with Israel's establishment in 1948. And therein lays Amnesty's view of the Jewish state's most egregious sin – its very existence.

What makes repudiating the apartheid lie especially challenging is when Jews are the ones who are promulgating it. In February, for example, the anti-Zionist Jewish Voices for Peace (JVP) mobilized support for a bill that would have required the Oregon state treasurer to incorporate a "human rights" screening when making investment decisions. In parts of their testimony, JVP revealed their likely true objective – to compel Oregon to divest from companies doing business with or in the "apartheid state of Israel." For them, the bill (which

fortunately went nowhere) was merely a subterfuge, just another cog in an unrelenting assault on Israel's legitimacy.

It's entirely reasonable to feel disillusioned by the current Israeli government, whose behavior

is already making it harder to defend Israel. At the same time, it's essential to understand that the delegitimizers don't need a pretext to vilify the Jewish state. They've been spreading the apartheid lie for years and were undeterred even when Israel's previous governing coalition included the Arab Ra'am party. (Do Ocasio-Cortez and Colau ever stop to consider the incongruity between their claim of apartheid and the existence of Israeli Arab political parties, let alone one that had sufficient leverage to bring down the last government?)

It's imperative for the pro-Israel community to voice its concerns whenever the actions of an Israeli government threaten to cause a schism between American Jews and Israel. It's equally important that we actively oppose the delegitimization of Israel regardless of our consternation over current Israeli government policies.

At its core, the apartheid lie depicts Jews who have returned to their ancestral homeland as "settler colonialists" and "foreign interlopers," comparing them to South African whites during apartheid. It proclaims that Zionism, an integral part of Jewish religious and cultural identity, is "racism." It's obscene, and it must not go unchallenged.



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Casting call: 35- to 50-year-old males for "The God Couple"

In this stage musical, a Jew and a Muslim are "forced" to share an apartment together.

Most of the roles have been cast for "The God Couple, The Musical," but three paid roles for men 35 to 50 still need to be filled; singing is required.

Synopsis: What happens when the Middle East moves into a New York City apartment?

Faruq "Frank" Hassan and Irv Goldblum were freshman-year roommates at NYU

and were not compatible. They didn't expect to see each other again, much less live together.

But 25 years later, Irv's wife kicks him out of the house and so do all his friends. He has nowhere else to turn. As he can cover the recent rent increase, Frank lets him stay.

Frank also lets Irv stay because Frank is gay, and Irv can give him some cover if his Saudi family surprises him with a visit. When they do just that and visit him from

Saudi Arabia, they join Irv's weekly Jewish charades party and things get complicated.

Still needing to be cast are the roles of Irv Goldblum and Irv's friends Murray and Ben. They and their wives come to Irv's apartment weekly for a charades game. They also have a song.

Six weeks of rehearsal begins late March or April.

For tryout information, email Mitch Rofsky at thegodcouplemusical@yahoo.com.

Chaplain's Corner

Still a Land of Promise

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

As I write these words, Passover is less than a month away, and I am preparing to take part in the Jewish Federation's Israel mission. This will be my third visit to the Promised Land. I spent nearly a year there during my first year of rabbinical school in 1992-1993, and I led a mission from Oklahoma City in 2006.

Though I have always had a bond with Israel, the nature of this connection has changed through the years. Growing up in Memphis, I learned about Israel as a safe haven in the aftermath of the Holocaust and as a point of pride for the Jewish people. This was a comfort, because at an early age, being a minority, I experienced antisemitism and felt the pain of feeling like "the other"—someone who did not belong. From childhood, I knew that Israel was always a place that would accept me unconditionally if my birth country rejected me.

Even as a youth, I always knew my identity was complex and nuanced. At the same time, I could honestly call two places home: the United States and Israel.

When I started college in 1987, my ties to Israel became challenged. At the University of Michigan, I struggled simultaneously to be Zionist and politically progressive. As I participated in various organizations, I found myself having to defend not only my connection to Israel, but Israel's very legitimacy. It's disheartening that college campuses have become even more divisive. When I labeled myself as a Zionist on campus, I had to deal with debate; when students label themselves as Zionist today, they have to deal with ostracism and even violence.

When I visited Israel the first time, I felt an immediate emotional connection. I was home. I had never felt like part of the majority before. I felt safe.

Almost 31 years later, I am preparing to go back. Sadly, what is going on there politically has tainted my expectations. I am saddened and frustrated that so many Israeli Jews do not want me to feel welcome. But then again, with the state of affairs in



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the United States, many of my fellow citizens do not want me to feel welcome. We live during surreal times.

And yet, my support for Israel remains, despite how many of my fellow Jews have chosen to wield their political power in divisive ways. I still look forward to returning to home turf.

Thousands of years ago, a mixed multitude began their journey to reach a Land of Promise. Does modern day Israel remain the Land of Promise? Absolutely. None of us will ever arrive at the Promised Land, because in many ways this is an idealized vision. In the meantime, we all have to navigate the pragmatic land of Israel as it is versus the land of Israel that could be.

Israelis are still part of my extended family, regardless of what some of my family may think of me and regardless of what I think of them. I have always been and will continue to be grateful for Israel's existence.

As Passover draws closer, I think about Moses. I wonder what he thought and felt about the Promised Land. He devoted the majority of his life to leading a mixed multitude to a place he was forbidden to enter.

Words alone cannot express my gratitude that I can enter Israel. I can hear the cacophony of languages. I can dust off my Ivrit Modernit (modern Hebrew). I can walk the streets. I can eat the food. I can interact with the people. In the same day, I can visit archaeological ruins and experience the bustling first world.

I hope Moses knows what his beautiful and amazing mixed multitude has become.

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CHAG SAMEACH! HAPPY PASSOVER!



Passover Events

April 2: Annual CBI Women's Seder

As Passover approaches, Congregation Beth Israel welcomes all members (and guests) who identify as female for an exciting and creative Women's Seder, which will take place in Goodman Hall at Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday, April 2, from 5 pm until the four cups are gone! \$36; scholarships available. Please register in advance at bethisraelpdx.shulcloud.com/form/womensseder.

April 4: Bedikat Chametz

Searching for the last leavened products before Passover is a traditional pre-Passover Jewish treasure hunt, both physical and spiritual. 7-7:45 pm, April 4, at Geshher.

This is especially fun for families with young children and is meaningful on a soul level for adults. Physically and spiritually search for chametz, the last vestiges of leavened food not eaten on Passover. We use candles and feathers for searching and make sure to find some tasty treats before we burn the remaining chametz in a bonfire. This spiritual and physical exercise is held at Geshher. RSVP to Rabbi Laurie at 503-246-5070 or ourjewishhome.org. No charge. Mask is required, because this will be indoors.

April 5: First-Night Passover Seder at Geshher

Feast, journey, connect deeply and delight at a seder that is Covid-safe and open air with patio heaters from 5:30 to 9 pm, April 5, at Geshher, 10701 SW 25th Ave., Portland.

Join Rabbi Laurie Rutenberg and Rabbi Gary Schoenberg of Geshher for a delicious Passover seder – a Journey from Slavery to Freedom. All of us feel like strangers in a strange land from time to time. At this seder, we create a community of strangers to reflect and connect deeply, and to be nourished and joyful.

The rabbis will prepare Geshher's seder in their home kitchen. Geshher asks for contributions of \$36-\$60, sliding scale. Nobody is turned away for inability to contribute. If you are interested in cooking or in helping set up our outdoor space in the few days before the seder, please call Rabbi Laurie at 503 246-5070.

Space is very limited. RSVP is NECESSARY. RSVP at ourjewishhome.org. Dress warmly.

April 5: First-Night Seder at the Jewish Oasis

For the first night of Passover, April 5, Rabbi Chayim and Simi Mishulovin and family will host their traditional seder at the Jewish Oasis, 1218 NW Glisan St. The public is invited. The seder with all the time-honored customs is open to the first 40 registrations. Following early bird registration, the cost will be \$60/adult, \$45/child. For more information and to register, go to JewishOasis.com/Pesach.

April 5: Vancouver Passover Seder

Chabad Jewish Center of Clark County hosts a Passover seder at 7:30 pm, April 5, at the Chabad Center, 9604 NE 126th Ave., #2340, Vancouver, Wash.

Join Chabad for a meaningful, soulful and engaging gourmet dinner and fine wine selection. Services are led in English and are refreshingly casual and easy to follow. The prayers and songs are recited in both English and Hebrew, and all who attend are participants in the service. You may see yourself as unaffiliated, Reform, Conservative or Orthodox, but Chabad sees you as Jewish. RSVP at form.jotform.com/200836268658970. Before March 31: \$40 adult, \$20 child; after March 31: \$50 adult, \$20 child. For more information, visit jewishclarkcounty.com or contact Tzivie Greenberg at 360-993-5222 or [tizivie@jewishclarkcounty.com](mailto:tzivie@jewishclarkcounty.com).



April 5: Oregon Hillel First-Night Seder

This first-night seder is open to all Ducks. Come one, come all to the Jewish celebration of Freedom at the University of Oregon Hillel House. Join Hillel for a home-cooked, kosher for Passover meal at 5 pm on April 5. Free for students! Registration details at oregonhillel.org.

April 6: Oregon Hillel Freedom Seder

This student-led, second-night Passover seder will be at the University of Oregon at 5 pm on April 6. Oregon Hillel is joined by partners Jewish Student Union, QA3 and Black Student Union. Join Hillel for a home-cooked kosher for Passover meal. Free for students. Visit oregonhillel.org for registration details.

April 6: Second-Night Seder at Geshher

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See more details under Geshher first-night seder on April 5 in previous column.

Space is very limited. RSVP is NECESSARY. RSVP at ourjewishhome.org. Dress warmly.

April 6: SW Portland Family Friendly Seder

Enjoy a family friendly Passover seder at 7:30-9:30 pm, April 6, at Chabad SW Portland, 6612 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland.

Come share the spirit and the warmth of the Pesach seder in a traditional setting with family, friends and the community. Hosted by Chabad SW Portland. The family friendly Passover seder is easy to follow and great for all ages! Hear a meaningful and relevant message enriched with joyous Passover spirit and enjoy an elegant brisket dinner. Reservations at JPortland.com.

April 6: SW Portland Community Seder

"A Chassidic Seder for the Inquisitive Mind" will be 8:30-10:30 pm at the home of Rabbi Motti and Mimi Wilhelm in SW Portland. This seder is for those who want to experience all the rituals and delve into deeper meaning and dimensions of the Passover Exodus. This full-version Chassidic seder will include insights to the Haggadah, various Chassidic tales and melodies, and a traditional seder feast. Reservations at JPortland.com.

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Passover Events (Continued)

April 8: PDX Young Adult Seder

The PDX Young Adult Seder will be at 5 pm, April 8, in Goodman Hall of Congregation Beth Israel. Jews Next Dor, CBI's group for Jews in their 20s and 30s, is partnering with the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Neveh Shalom, Shaarie Torah, Moishe Pod, Moishe House and OneTable to go beyond your bubbe's seder with a dinner that will connect young adults from across the Portland area.

Tickets are \$25, but the registration form closed on March 23. Email shainaz@bethisrael-pdx.org for potential ticket openings or waitlist.

April 8 Kol Shalom Community Seder

Kol Shalom Community for Humanistic Judaism will host an in-person seder at 4-6 pm, April 8, at the Eastside Jewish Commons.

Kol Shalom's last in-person Community Seder was April 20, 2019. Cost estimates to do the same kind of meal with the seder are at least \$60 per adult member to break even. The world has changed in significant ways, and Kol Shalom decided the seder needed to change, as well. The Board felt it was more important to have the seder than an expensive meal, which would make it more difficult for families and others to attend.

Kol Shalom's in-person seder will feature a Haggadah reading, seder plates, wine, music and more. Afikomen will be hidden for the kids. Social time with hors d'oeuvres will precede the seder, which will end in time for attendees to have dinner at home or in small groups in nearby restaurants.

Members free. Nonmembers \$20/adult, \$15 student/teen/child; free under 5. Register at kolshalom.org/store.

For more information, email info@kolshalom.org or call 503-459-4210.

April 11: Central Coast Community Seder

The Central Coast Community Seder will be at 5 pm, April 11, at B'nai B'rith Camp near Lincoln City.

In the true spirit of Passover, BB Camp's doors are open to all. BB Camp staff will lead the seder with Passover activities and traditions for an evening of reflection and celebration that is kid friendly. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and PJ Library in Oregon.

\$18/person. Register at bbcamp.org/seder/. For questions, contact slebenzonn@bbcamp.org.

April 16: Mimouna: A Post-Passover Tradition

On April 16, at 5-8 pm, Congregation Neveh Shalom invites people of all ages and walks of life to participate in a festive Mimouna – a unique and joyous celebration of the conclusion of Pesach. Enjoy festive crafts, Moroccan desserts, music, dance and henna. As it is said customarily at the Mimouna in Moroccan Arabic, “*Terbah!*” – or “*Tirbaḥu vetis'adu*” – we wish you success and luck! Co-sponsored by Itrek and Keruv Levavot. \$5/per person, \$20/family max.

RSVP to members.nevehshalom.org/event/mimouna2023.

Above are the seders (and a Mimouna) received by March 15. More seders are being added to the community calendar every day. For more seders, visit jewishportland.org/community-calendar/passover.

OneTable seders for young adults

Every Passover, OneTable (see story page 2) offers resources for young adults who host a seder for friends or the larger community.

OneTable hosts can receive “Nourishment” (\$10/person, up to \$300 per dinner) for one seder (first or second night) and one Passover Shabbat dinner. This year, OneTable is nourishing Passover seders on April 5 and 6 and Passover Shabbat on April 7.

OneTable also offers Passover resources and guides (onetable.org/passover/) that are available for anyone to use to make the holiday their own. OneTable has curated inspiration and resources to help hosts make their seders authentic, meaningful and connective.

Young adults can also find a seder or Shabbat dinner to attend at dinners.onetable.org/landing/Portland.



A sellout crowd celebrated Pesach at the Jewish Oasis in Portland's Pearl district. The center offers a range of educational and social programs throughout the year, as well as adult and family friendly events and celebrations such as Passover programs.

Get ready for Pesach at the Jewish Oasis

As Passover approaches, the Jewish Oasis, Chabad's center in urban Portland, offers many resources to help people create a meaningful experience for the holiday of freedom.

The center, located in the Pearl District at 1218 NW Glisan St., is offering free handmade shmurah matzah to visitors seeking to enhance their seder experience. The round shmurah matzah has been made by hand in Israel and Ukraine. Stop by during business hours while supplies last. Visitors of the center can purchase larger boxes of shmurah or other Passover supplies. Home to the original Everything Jewish shop, there is a growing selection of holiday and year-round Judaica, books and gifts. New items include handmade seder plates by Israeli artists Lili and Dorit and many new toys such as toy frogs for the plagues and gifts like matzah socks. The Jewish Oasis also offers a wide selection of seder plates, Haggadahs and matzah covers.

On the evening of March 30, the Jewish Oasis will host a hands-on workshop about the depth of the holiday, providing guests with an opportunity to learn more about the meaning behind Pesach. This class will help those who wish to delve deeper into the traditions of the holiday to understand the significance of the rituals and customs.

On April 2, from 11 am to 3 pm, the Jewish Oasis will celebrate the Rebbe's 121st birthday with *Ichayims* (toasts to life) over excellent wine and an opportunity to do mitzvah.

For more information and to register for the events (as well as a first night seder – page 6), go to JewishOasis.com/Pesach.



Above: Brisket from Kachka. Photo by Cheryl Juetten.

At right: Matzah ball soup from Mother's Bistro.



Restaurants and caterers offer seder essentials

(Reprinted from the March 15 Jewish Review)

BY KERRY POLITZER

It's hard to believe that spring is almost here. If the season of seders has caught you by surprise, don't stress about preparing the large family meal – these restaurants have got you covered. And if time doesn't permit you to set the table, you might even opt to dine out.

The acclaimed Kachka (960 SE 11th Ave., kachkapdx.com, 503-235-0059), which specializes in the cuisine of the former Soviet Union, offers both options. Not only will the restaurant be offering a special seder dinner at the end of Passover on April 12, the deli upstairs will sell items for home seders throughout the holiday. You'll be able to purchase house-made matzah and brisket by the pound. If you want to dine in, buy your tickets in mid-March.

Mother's Bistro (121 SW Third Ave., mothersbistro.com, 503-464-1122) will not be doing a Passover seder this year. But owner/chef Lisa Schroeder will be cooking up matzah ball soup using her mother Belle's recipe. Chopped liver, braised beef brisket and potatoes, flourless chocolate cake and matzoh brei (breakfast only) will also be available for dine-in or takeout during Passover.

New Seasons Markets (catering.newseasonsmarket.com) will have quite a selection of Passover goodies this year, most of which will be available for ordering on their website. In the prepared food section, you'll find apple-raisin or leek-ricotta kugel, brisket braised with tomatoes, beet salad, tzimmes, chopped liver, grilled salmon and, of course, matzah ball soup. If you plan for more of a do-it-yourself affair, you can purchase grain-finished brisket, roasting chickens and leg of lamb in the meat section. The fish counter will sell a gefilte fish mix. Top it all off with a flourless Passover chocolate almond torte (only available for in-store purchase). Order March 14-April 5 with pickup between April 5 and 9.

Some of the most exciting Passover dishes in town will come out of the Jacob and Sons kitchen (337 NW Broadway, 503-226-1400, jacobandsonspdx.com/passover-menu). Items will be available for pickup on April 4-6 from 9 am to 3 pm. You'll be able to order the traditional seder plate as well as main courses such as spring leg of lamb, zaatar-crusted steelhead and whole roasted chicken. A full family seder consists of a roast chicken, salad, matzah ball soup, crispy potatoes with whipped schmaltz aioli, charoset, maror, faux chopped liver and a box of Shira's Passover cookies, all of which are gluten free. The cookies include coconut macaroons, blackberry brownie bars, raspberry thumbprints, lemon bars and chocolate chip meringues.

The plant-based deli Ben and Esther's (6912 NE Sandy Blvd., 503-477-5714, benandesthers.com) will be serving a vegan seder

Grocery resources

The Safeway on Barbur Boulevard has long been a central grocery address for kosher food. It features expanded kosher sections for wine, meat, cheese and frozen goods (and a kosher bakery when it's not Passover).

Others stores with more limited selections include other Safeway locations, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, Trader Joe's and the Costco in Tigard.

See the main story for groceries available at New Seasons and Seattle Kosher.

plate, substituting the traditional shank bone and egg with alternatives that are free of animal products. The deli will also offer macaroons and matzah bark.

For a convenient kosher seder, the online grocery Seattlekosher.com makes deliveries in Southwest Portland. Pickups also are available at two locations: Chabad of Northeast Portland, (3310 NE Shaver St.) and Chabad of Southwest Portland (6612 SW Capitol Hwy.). Click on the Passover Foods [link](#) for a selection of meats, deli items, baked goods and more.

Another kosher option is Kashrootz Catering (Kashrootzcatering@gmail.com, [instagram.com/kashrootzcatering](https://www.instagram.com/kashrootzcatering)), which offers pickups at Kesser Israel (6698 SW Capitol Hwy.). This year, you can preorder Passover salads, soups and ready-made dinners, which may be picked up on April 2.

Whether you prefer to dine out for Passover, prepare a home-cooked meal, or serve a hybrid of home-cooked and prepared foods, you're sure to find what you need in Portland.

Obituaries jewishportland.org/obituaries

Bertha Goldman

Bertha Goldman, z"l, passed away in mid-March 2023. She was the mother of Congregation Kesser Israel member Erica Goldman (Jeff Druckman).

The funeral was March 19 at Mt. Hebron cemetery in Queens, N.Y.

Ron (Shevach) Druckman

Ron (Shevach) Druckman, z"l, passed away in mid-March 2023. He was the father of Jeff Druckman (Erica Goldman).

There was a minyan for Mincha/Maariv March 15 and 16 at Congregation Kesser Israel.