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Local rabbi to carry aid to refugees

Supplies for Refugees

Rabbi Cahana will carry donations to the Krakow JCC.

DONATE: Baby formula, disinfectants and antiseptics

WHERE: Beth Israel office, 1972 NW Flanders St.

WHEN: By Friday, April 8

"Our mission is to help relieve the volunteers who are providing life-saving services to refugees and to be witness to the human tragedy unfolding in Europe at this moment."

~ Rabbi Michael Cahana, Congregation Beth Israel

BY RABBI MICHAEL Z. CAHANA

Like you, my heart has been breaking as we watch videos and news reports from Ukraine. As their country is under attack from the military of Putin's Russia, the Ukrainian people have shown remarkable courage, conviction and commitment.

Although greatly outmatched in the machines of war, they continue to bravely fight the invading army to a standstill. But the oppressors have created a horrific humanitarian crisis by bombing civilian residences, shelters and escape corridors. Families are torn asunder as Ukrainian women, children and the elderly flee within their country and over their borders.

Like you, I want to help.

Among the institutions providing care and relief for these war refugees has been the Jewish Community Centre of Krakow, Poland.

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Portlanders aid Ukrainians

Since Russia invaded Ukraine late last month, the Greater Portland Jewish community has raised more than \$365,000 for Ukrainian relief efforts. Nationwide, Jewish Federations have raised more than \$38.5 million to distribute to many partners.

One partner is the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC has helped evacuate 10,000 Jews and is serving 32,000 Jews in Ukraine. Despite near-impossible wartime conditions, 70% of the approximately 9,000 elderly Jews who were receiving home care prior to the war continue to receive care from JDC.

The needs are real and continue. Donate at jewishportland.org/ukraine-crisis.

Pod welcomes westside young adults

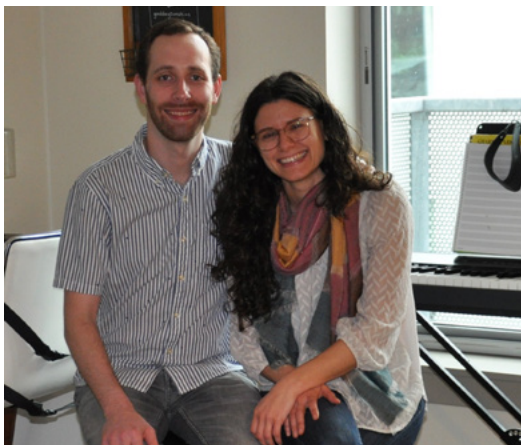
BY DEBORAH MOON

Young adults now have the opportunity to find Jewish connections and community on Portland's west side thanks to the efforts of a dynamic young couple and the Moishe House Pod concept.

Portland newcomers Shelly Zeiser and her partner Owen Broder launch Moishe Pod-WestPDX in April. The couple will host three events each month, generally one outdoors and two in their apartment or at nearby venues in the Pearl District. Portland has had a Moishe House, now located in Southeast Portland, since 2008.

Moishe House introduced Moishe Pods – a two-person Moishe House – in 2019. There are more than 100 Moishe House and Moishe Pod communities in more than 25 countries. Houses and Pods are designed to help young, innovative

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Owen Broder, 32, and Shelly Zeiser, 29, in their Pearl District apartment, where they plan to host many Jewish events for young adults.

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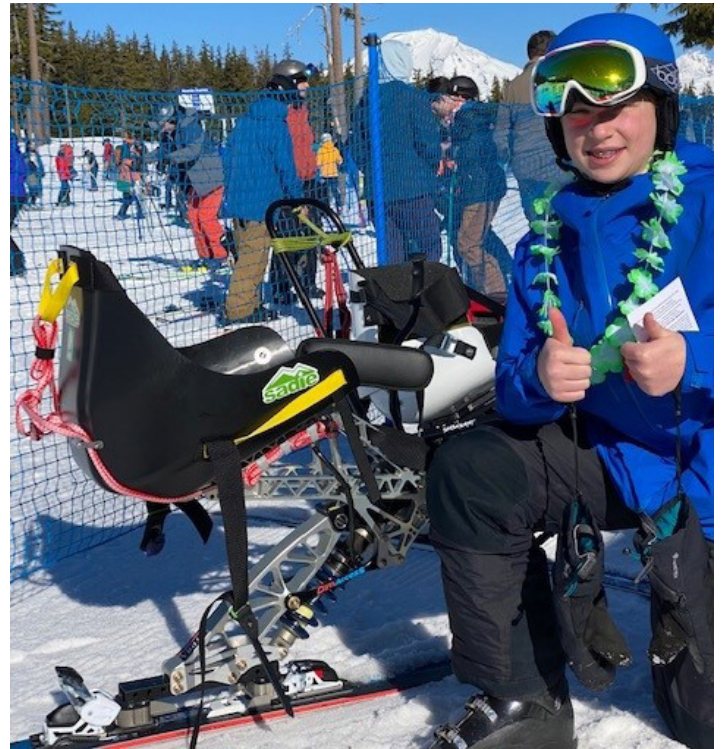
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POSTPONED: The Preschool Roundup has been rescheduled for the April 13 issue

Passions inspire Ski for All bat mitzvah project



Above from left: Jordana, Sadie and Ryan Levenick with Jeff and Bryan Richardson. Oregon Adaptive Sports athlete Bryan and Sadie were the two top fundraisers at the OAS Ski for All fundraiser March 12. At right, Sadie, who raised the money as her bat mitzvah project, brought in enough to buy a top line sit ski, which has her name painted on the side.



BY DEBORAH MOON

Sadie Levenick took her first skiing lesson in 2013 at age 4. She started attending summer camp at B'nai B'rith Camp on the Oregon Coast in second grade. So, it's no surprise that when her bat mitzvah tutor asked about her passions to help her select a mitzvah project, Sadie replied skiing, mountains, the outdoors.

What surprised Sadie and her parents, Jordana and Ryan Levenick, was how wildly successful she was at raising money and awareness for Oregon Adaptive Sports, which provides life-changing outdoor experiences for individuals with disabilities. When Sadie signed up for the fifth annual OAS Ski for All, she hoped to raise \$6,000 – enough to buy a sit ski for the OAS fleet of adaptive alpine skiing equipment. By the March 12 event, she was a top fundraiser with \$12,103.

When she approached \$10,000 about two weeks before the event, OAS purchased a premier sit ski and had it painted with Sadie's name.

"It's their most advanced one so far," says Sadie. "It's for people training to go to the Paralympics."

Sadie says that at Ski for All, "I got to meet the volunteers and cool athletes" including Ken Kumlin.

"He's my age and he couldn't wait to use my sit ski," says Sadie. "He will probably go to the Paralympics."

"Being up on the mountain makes you free and happy," Ken told Sadie, explaining why he loves to ski.

Jordana says, "That's the same reason Sadie does."

"I realize that no matter your ability, you still have the same desire for experiences, and OAS bridges that gap for people," says Sadie. "Passions can be the same even if a disability makes some part of it different."

At the March 12 event, Sadie also met Bryan Richardson, the only other fundraiser to top \$12,000. Bryan, 20, was a hard-core skier before suffering a brain bleed. The day before Ski for All, Bryan enjoyed his first ski day in two years with the support of OAS.

In its post-event newsletter, OAS wrote: "Special thanks and congratulations to Sadie Levenick and Bryan Richardson, two of our youngest fund-raisers, who combined to raise over \$24,000 to support OAS!"

Now Sadie plans to ski with Bryan the next time he and his family are in Bend.

"Unknowingly joining forces with the Richardson family was a completely unexpected and powerful experience," says Jordana. "We look forward to skiing with Bryan in the future!"

Sadie received donations from many people she did not know and was inspired by some of the comments posted on her fundraising page. When Mark and Bunny Thompson made a donation, they posted: "Sadie you Rock! As an OAS instructor, I will have the benefit of using the brand new 'Sadie' Ski to help someone ... enjoy skiing. I'll see you at Ski for All. And Mazel Tov on your bat mitzvah."

When she becomes a bat mitzvah April 2



OAS skier Ken Kumlin on the Sadie sit ski.

at BB Camp, she plans to talk about OAS.

Though Sadie's fundraising was for the skiing program, she was pleased to learn that OAS also helps those with disabilities enjoy biking, hiking, paddling and other outdoor activities she has enjoyed at BB Camp through the years.

For more information on OAS, visit oregonadaptivesports.org. Donations in Sadie's name are still being accepted at support.oregonadaptivesports.org/fundraiser/3688931.



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PASSOVER HAPPENINGS

Resources for your family's Passover observance
gathered by Jewish Federation at

www.jewishportland.org/passoverhappenings

CHAG SAMEACH! - HAPPY PASSOVER!



Above, PDX Hillel Israeli Fellow Eden Ferede, center, shared a traditional Chanukah with students in 2019. In 2021, Eden (right foreground) gathered students in small masked groups for Chanukah's traditional game of dreidel.



Shlichah humanizes Israeli culture, narratives

BY DEBORAH MOON

Eden Ferede came to PDX Hillel as an Israel fellow and shlichah (emissary) in August of 2019 intending to spend two years humanizing and personalizing Israeli culture and narratives with close, in-person interactions.

She met students and community members, celebrated the High Holidays and 50 days after Yom Kippur introduced the Ethiopian Jewish holiday of Sigd, in a joint celebration with Congregation Shir Tikvah. She led a group of six students from Portland State University to the AIPAC national conference, which drew 18,000 people to Washington, D.C., Feb. 28 to March 2, 2020.

Then the world shut down. When PDX Hillel closed its Lewis & Clark office in mid-March 2020, they put up a sign reading “see you soon.” But it was a year before Hillel returned to the office.

In the meantime, Eden turned to Zoom programs to connect with students. Then she added hybrid, socially distanced and small group events.

“We started slow, and students were very collaborative and adjusted quickly to Zoom,” says Eden. “We improvised ways to be with them and keep them safe. We started to hand out challah.”

Last fall, she put together a small-group Israeli cooking series at Lewis & Clark. She created the six-week series “to connect students through food to different Jewish Israeli life stories and also to expose them to the delicious and amazing cuisines we have in our Jewish heritage. Jewishness is coming in all kinds of shapes and ways, and so do Israelis.”

For the Sigd celebration last fall, she introduced students to Solomon and Kalkidan (Mimi) Ezra, the first family she met when she

moved to Portland, and who she considers her second parents. Solomon was born in Ethiopia and made Aliyah to Israel as a teenager before moving to Portland in 1994.

“I brought them for the Sigd celebration, and I brought food and music,” says Eden. “I love to see how people are eager to learn and be appreciative. We are sharing traditions. It is part of our culture.”

Eden says the cooking series and the Sigd celebration connected students to local Israelis they will be able to connect with after Eden returns to Israel in July. (Her two-year fellowship stretched to three years as a response to the pandemic.)

This year, she told students, “Next year, you bring a speaker, you celebrate.”

She also told students to continue the Mimouna, the Moroccan Jewish feast held the day after Passover that she introduced last year and hopes to celebrate more fully this spring.

“Part of my *shlichut* is to humanize our story as a people,” she says. As a *shlichah*, Eden reaches out to the broader community to serve as a resource for Israel education and advocacy. She has worked with the Israel360 committee based at Congregation Neveh Shalom to plan programming, including an April 3 program featuring former Portlander Sharon Schneider, a Nigerian Israeli who is continuing her environmental advocacy in Israel (see page 10).

PDX Hillel Executive Director Hannah Sherman says, “Since Eden arrived in Portland in 2019 to be our PDX Hillel Israel Fellow, she has reinvented Israel education on our campuses and our community. Our students are more engaged with Israel on campus than ever before, creating a sense of pride in their Jewish identities and meaningful connections to the people and land of Israel.”

Commenting on the challenges of programming during a pandemic, Eden says, “I did not sign up for this, but I will never regret it. ... I have had in-depth conversations with students about Jewish identity, about finding a place in the Jewish world.”

Eden says she feels good that she has helped Jewish students connect with each other and local resources so they can continue connecting with Israel on a personal level after she leaves. She is pleased that many of the student leaders who have emerged will be returning to campus next year. Eden also launched a local Jews of Color group that she expects will continue.

She hopes students will take a new humanized view of Israelis to help peaceful coexistence. “We don’t know all the answers, but we need to send a message that is not toxic.”

Eden can be reached at eden@pdxhillel.org.

Eastside Jewish Commons gains six new board members

Eastside Jewish Commons announces the appointment of six new board members: Ellie Simon Goldman, Bonnie Newman, Hope Peskin-Shepherd, Sharon Pollin, Brian Scott and Andrew Tertés Kedem. These new members strengthen our organization with their energy and diverse backgrounds, talents, skills and lived experiences. Read about them at ejcpdx.org/board-of-directors.

EJC’s founding board chair Mia Birk has stepped in as interim executive director.



Find resources for meaningful Pesach

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.

RESOURCES

Blue Dove: Bring mental health into your personal Passover experience.

PJ Library: PJ Library helps young families plan a seder.

Jewish Grandparents Network: Check out JGN's 10-minute virtual seder video designed for multi-generational families.

OneTable: Resources and seders for young adults (see events below for seder information).

Haggadot.com: The Jewish Federation is partnering with Haggadot.com this Passover to help people create a meaningful and personal Passover experience. Haggadot.com offers easy-to-use templates and ready-to-print booklets that are perfect for all flavors of seders.

FOOD

Meals from Elephant's Deli, Century Catering, Jacob & Sons, Lavka and New Seasons Market.

Kosher meals from Century Catering must be ordered by Sunday, April 10. Pickup will be at the MJCC (66541 SW Capitol Hwy.) on April 15 from 1 to 3 pm.

Recipes to make at home from The Nosh, Kosher.com and All Recipes.

PASSOVER EVENTS

(Visit jewishportland.org/community-calendar/passover-happenings for more details on the following events. More events are being added, so be sure to check page closer to Pesach.)

April 7, 6 pm: A Night to Remember: Passover Meal with and for the Houseless Community – The Haggadah contains the Jewish story of affliction and homeless wandering. Draw on the lessons of that history and talk about how Portland's Jewish community can help address the crisis our city faces. Sponsored by Co/Lab: Reimagine Jewish, Cascadia Clusters and Stonesoup.

April 10, 8 pm: Let Freedom Ring at Portland Kollel – Portland Kollel's Rabbi Akiva O'Connor will lead "Let Freedom Ring," an analysis of the conceptual, rhetorical and historical iterations of freedom, in preparation for Passover. In person (with a Zoom option).

April 15, 7:30 pm: Vancouver Passover Seder – Adults \$40, children \$20. Chabad Lubavitch of Clark County, 9604 NE 126th Ave., Ste. 2340, Vancouver. Reservations required.

April 15 and 16, 7:30 pm: East County Community Seders – Join East County Chabad Jewish Center as we make history with the first East County community Passover seder in Kelly Creek, Gresham. Adults: \$36, Children: \$20 (no one turned away due to financial constraints).

April 15 & 16: Young adult seders – OneTable and Haggadot.com are partnering for Passover this year to enable Jewish young adults to create, host and participate in meaningful in-person seders with peers. In addition to a Passover Shabbat Guide, a Shabbat Seder Guide and a host of curated Passover resources on onetable.org/Passover, OneTable has partnered with Haggadot.com, where people can find or create their dream haggadah.

OneTable is "nourishing" (subsidizing) first and second seders on April 15-16. Young adults can apply to become a host by April 5, post their seders and invite friends or find seats at open dinners. OneTable will elevate their seder with resources and up to \$10 per guest, up to \$100 per seder.

"The traditional message of Passover is about freedom," says Tirtzah Bassel, OneTable's Vice President of Partnerships + Jewish Learning. "And the most basic element of freedom is being able to tell our own story. After two years of lockdowns and closures, this Passover is a particularly apt time to gather with friends and family and share stories on what freedom means to us now. We invite as many young adults as possible to host their own Shabbat dinners and Passover seders, which is why we are proud to provide inspiration and resources to help make their seders authentic, meaningful, and connective."

April 16, 4-6 pm, Kol Shalom Community Seder – Kol Shalom will provide an online humanistic value-based Haggadah for an online seder, "Roots: You Can't Grow Without Them."

April 16, 5:30-6:30 pm, Temple Beth Israel-Eugene Second Night Seder – Rabbi Alyson Solomon is leading a virtual community seder the second evening of Passover. Enjoy a short seder with the community, then have dinner on your own. Registration required.

Ensure Passover4All

"Let all who are hungry come and eat" is not just a part of the Passover Haggadah – it is a community imperative.

Each Jewish community is obligated to ensure that *everyone* has the food they need to celebrate a joyous Passover, and this year – as we have done for over 20 years – Portland's Jewish community is stepping up. The Passover4All campaign will ensure area families can truly celebrate Passover. This year, there is more demand than ever because of the hardships brought on by Covid-19.

Help raise the \$7,000 needed to provide local families who would not otherwise be able to celebrate with the food they need to make a seder.

Donate at jewishportland.org/passover2022

Chai Light Talk explores Purim & Passover light

"Chai Light Talks" will present "How Purim and Passover Can Shine Light on Your Life" on Zoom at noon April 5.

Two internationally renowned and inspiring speakers will present the second offering of the inspirational series "Chai Light Talks: 18 Minutes of Inspiration" from today's great Judaic thought leaders. Rabbi Dov Greenberg, founder and executive director of the Chabad House at Stanford University, will speak on "Let There Be Light." Just as it is critical to find light in yourself, it is also vital to find and nurture the light in others.

Rabbi Shalom Dovber Lipskar is the founder of The Shul, recognized by Newsweek as one of America's 25 most vibrant congregations. Rabbi Lipskar will speak on "Torah and Mitzvot Bring Light to Judaism." What is the common factor that gives us staying power and fosters the Jewish people's amazing contributions to civilization? Torah and mitzvot have brought light to Judaism for more than three millennia.

For more information, contact Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm at rabbi@oregonchabad.org.

Register for this free program at: chailighttalks.org

JFCS adds child therapist to build up the agency's "C"

BY JENN DIRECTOR KNUDSEN

The "C" in JFCS is now firmly in place. Jewish Family & Child Service has welcomed a full-time child and family therapist to its counseling team.

"Laura's position represents the fulfillment of one of JFCS' main goals

from our strategic planning process that began in 2019," says board president Larry Holzman. "A child and family therapist provides a crucial tool for JFCS that



Laura Cohen

enables us to provide critical services to an underserved population – especially during and after the pandemic."

Originally from Chicago, Laura Cohen, LCSW, ASCW, comes to JFCS with more than 30 years' clinical and administrative experience, including at a Jewish day school in Houston, Jewish Family Services in Cincinnati and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare here in Portland.

"My goal at JFCS is to help kids and their families enhance their natural strengths and address those barriers that pop up along the journey toward individual and family health and well-being," Laura says.

She adds her work always will have a "Jewish bent" to it. "My own specific and unique strength is that I approach this work through a Jewish lens."

Behavioral Health Social Worker Missy Fry, LCSW, CAGCS, says of her new colleague, "Laura comes to us with an extensive clinical background, as well as a passion around reconnecting to her Jewish roots through this important work with the community."

Laura's love of social work began in high school, when she landed a summer internship caring for older adults in a Jewish retirement home. College at Washington University in St. Louis followed; there, she double majored in psychology with a focus on gerontology and in Jewish studies. Soon after, she worked with Jewish older adults as a case manager.

After graduate school at Loyola University of Chicago in 1991, she had her first opportunity to work with chil-

dren. In Israel, while her first husband attended rabbinical school, Laura, a Hebrew speaker, worked with high-needs children ages 6 to 10.

She met with them once a week, talking with and listening to them, playing games, sharing ice cream treats. "It filled a need for me, and I hope it did for them, too," Laura says.

At Cincinnati's JFS in the mid-1990s, Laura engaged in workshops for parents in the agency's childhood development center. "This gave me a taste for Jewish parenting" through a social worker's lens, she says.

All told, over Laura's three decades of service to clients' well-being, she has worked with a wide variety of communities, such as Holocaust survivors living with trauma, patients on dialysis awaiting kidney transplants, formerly incarcerated youth and adults, and people living paycheck to paycheck.

"I always return to children and families," she says, citing multisystemic therapy (MST) as a key reason and as a methodology she'll lean on at JFCS.

"Kids live in a social ecology of interconnected systems," explains Laura, herself the parent of two adult children. "My practice tends to involve all of the relevant systems that influence, impact and help change a young person's problematic behavior – with the child in the center and concentric circles of systems around them – family, peers, neighbors, school, community."

In this "very straightforward process of a systems-oriented approach," Laura says, there is no blame, just recognition. "This provides for faster behavior change."

JFCS clinical director Douglass Ruth, LCSW, CCTP, also practices MST.

"Adding Laura to JFCS' clinical staff allows us to provide greater support to the children and families in the Portland Jewish and greater communities," Douglass says. "It is terrific for staff and for our clients that we now have a clinician who brings specific expertise and who has roots in the community."

Laura's child and family expertise rounds out JFCS' counseling program, which includes Douglass; Missy; Caitlin DeBoer, LCSW; Shayna Sigman, CSW, disability support services manager; and consultant Dinah Gilburd, LCSW.

To connect with Laura or to schedule an appointment, email lcohen@jfcs-portland.org.



Leslie Petcher, Rabbi Gary Ezra Oren and Linda Harrison check out the new Sacred Grounds coffee cart at Shaarie Torah

Shaarie Torah rolls out Shabbat coffee cart

"WWRD: What Would Rashi Drink?" Attendees of Congregation Shaarie Torah can now ponder this question upon entering for Shabbat morning services.

Situated outside the sanctuary, the Sacred Grounds coffee cart offers complimentary self-serve coffee and tea every Saturday morning. People are encouraged to help themselves to a hot drink at any time throughout the service.

When Rabbi Gary Ezra Oren arrived at Shaarie Torah in July 2021, one of the first things he said was, "We need a coffee cart on Shabbat – people can use that extra bit of energy to perk up their davening." He'd experienced this concept at other congregations, so Rabbi Oren wanted to bring the practice to CST. He wasted no time ordering the cart and making arrangements with a community member to feature specialty blends of coffee from local purveyor Ava Roasteria.

It took many more months of sampling mug styles, but he finally settled on branded ceramic mugs complete with tight-fitting lids to cut down on spillage. Covid restrictions prevented introduction of the cart until mid-March, allowing extra time to fully outfit the various shelves with everything needed to enjoy a warming beverage while warming up spiritually.

Sacred Grounds will be parked in the upper foyer weekly during Shabbat and holiday services, with the exception of Yom Kippur, of course.

Elders find CSP is a caring, safe home during pandemic

BY SYDNEY CLEVINGER

In the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, with restricted travel and family isolation, Ben Kahn decided to move his family and mother, Victoria Khajehzadeh, from New York to Portland so they could reunite with his son's family.

"Coronavirus brought urgent focus to loved ones," says Ben, a longtime economics professor at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. "Now, Portland is our home."

Ben selected Cedar Sinai Park for his mother, a Persian Jew and a native of Iran, who began deteriorating when Ben's father passed away five years ago. "The shock took her back, and she didn't speak English after that moment," he says. "They were married for 66 years."

Victoria moved into CSP's Harold Schnitzer Center for Living on Aug. 20, 2020.

"We were looking for a Jewish environment," says Ben. "Kimberly (Fuson) has been a maverick. She is a pillar of the Jewish institutions in Portland, and Cedar Sinai Park is an icon of Jewish communities nationally. The management is outstanding. The staff have an exemplary way with residents, and they are very efficient and very effective in providing a Jewish quality of life for what may be the final chapter for many of the residents living here."

"I always claim we are the fortunate ones to be in this environment," he adds. "This is an institution that every Oregonian should take pride in, especially the Jewish community. During the pandemic, the nurses, caretakers, staff and management bravely put their self-interests aside and put the people most vulnerable in the community first to provide care and safety in a very difficult circumstance ... I have a tremendous respect and admiration for them."

Ben grew up in Tehran and came to the United States at age 22 for his graduate studies at universities. He expected to return to his country, but the 1979 Iranian revolution changed his plans. His parents had traveled to



Ben Kahn was looking for a caring home for his mother, Victoria. CSP's Harold Schnitzer Center for Living has exceeded his hopes. "There is teamwork here with wonderful coordination, interaction and communication," says Ben.

Albany in 1978 for Ben and Libby's (his fiancé's) wedding, just before 52 Americans were taken hostage in Iran, and they decided not to return home for fear of revolution.

"I taught for 42 years and traveled to over 20 countries presenting research, and I've seen a lot," says Ben. "Very seldom do you come across a Jewish institution that has so successfully instituted Jewish values as a way of life with staff that come from all walks of life and do their very best to provide care and keep residents safe and cared for. ... To honor your mother and father in Judaism is a principle and an honor between man and God. The 21st century has brought independence and isolation with not as many generations living together to care for loved ones."

That dynamic makes it even more critical for the community and its institutions to provide care to the elders of our community.

"There is teamwork here with wonderful coordination, interaction and communication to run a smooth process and provide excellent care and nourishment to our elders," says Ben.

Cedar Sinai Park is Victoria's home, and she has improved to the point that she'll occasionally use English instead of Persian, which he takes as a promising sign.

Sydney Clevenger is the Communications and Events Manager for CSP.

PJA grandparents prize teachers

Portland Jewish Academy grandparents and special friends make a difference in the lives of PJA students. But due to Zoom fatigue, programming has been scant during the 2021-2022 school year for this group.

Terri Simon, grandmother of two PJA students, wondered how the group could support teachers during these stressful times. When PJA's administration asked teachers what might brighten up their day, teachers mentioned relaxation stations (chair massages), coffee breaks and gift cards. So grandparents spearheaded the Gratitude/Hakarat HaTov Fund for PJA teachers. All donations will be used to support PJA teachers, in both the Day School and Early Childhood programs. In just over two weeks, \$2,155 was raised.

Mother's Bistro owner and chef Lisa Schroeder, the proud grandmother of two PJA students, was inspired by this idea. She provided gift cards for a free dinner at Mother's to all PJA teachers.

Find the Hakarat HaTov/Gratitude fund at pjaproud.org/support-pja/hakarat-ha-tov-fund.

Ex-Portlander writes *Archival Virtue*

Scott Cline, a Portland native now living in Seattle, has written a new book that explores the virtues and values archivists employ in preserving the documentary heritage of society. Published by the Society of American Archivists, *Archival Virtue: Relationship, Obligation and the Just Archives* weaves together ideas from theology, philosophy, sociology, and nursing as well as archival literature to argue that archivists must be thoughtful about grounding their practice in things moral, just and loving.

As a graduate student at Portland State University, Cline organized the historical records of the Jewish Historical Society of Oregon, which are housed in the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. After leaving Portland in 1982, he served for nearly three years as archivist of the Cleveland Jewish Archives and over 31 years as director of the Seattle Municipal Archives.

Archival Virtue includes a dose of Jewish values drawn from the writings of theologians and philosophers such as Abraham Joshua Heschel, Martin Buber, Jonathan Sacks, Baruch Spinoza, Susan Neiman, Michael Sandel and Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, among others.

Cline is a distinguished fellow of the Society of American Archivists, the winner of several writing awards in his field, and former president of both the Academy of Certified Archivists and the SAA Foundation. He and his wife, Carolyn Cohen, were married at Congregation Neveh Shalom in 1979. The couple's daughter, Hannah Cohen-Cline, lives in Portland and is a member of Congregation Shaarie Torah.

Archival Virtue is available in the SAA Bookstore at mysaa.archivists.org or via Amazon Kindle.



Rise up for human dignity with April events

BY LAUREN FORTGANG

This April, a group of Portland-area organizations and museums will host “Rising Up for Human Dignity: Resisting Cultural Erasure,” a virtual series of events to honor Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month.

Raphael Lemkin, who is best known for coining the term “genocide,” also coined the word “ethnocide” in 1944, to describe the systemic erasure of a people’s ancestral culture. This series looks at the attempted erasure of particular cultures in weekly discussions throughout April. The series examines the consequences of existing within ongoing erasure and the radical resilience communities exhibit to not only survive but to thrive.

The series begins April 7 with a conversation with author Barrett Holmes Pitner and historian Jennifer Fang on ethnocide in America. They will discuss how reframing discussions to include ethnocide can change the way we understand today’s diverse and rapidly evolving racial and political climate. Pitner’s book, *The Crime Without a Name: Ethnocide and the Erasure of Culture in America*, was named by NPR as one of its top books of the year. Fang co-edited a special issue of the Oregon Historical Quarterly about Oregon’s early Chinese diaspora.

Two noontime talks follow. The first is April 14 on the Rohingya, who for decades have experienced a genocidal campaign aimed at erasing them through any means possible, including the stripping of rights – education, worship, livelihoods, citizenship and more. In the face of this relentless campaign, the Rohingya within Myanmar (formerly Burma) and throughout the world have persevered. This discussion examines how Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh are working to restore culture through creative projects and finding stories of hope.

The April 21 talk will explore Oregon’s



Rohingya musicians perform in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. Photo by Bengal Creative Media.

native peoples struggles. Today, tribes in Oregon are working to heal from the centuries of trauma while forming relationships with and educating non-Native organizations, students and neighbors about the histories, cultures and governments of their people. This noon talk will focus on what tribes have been forced to do to survive and how they use education, relationships and sovereignty to maintain their cultures and benefit the broader community today.

The series ends April 28 with a Reading of Names in Pioneer Courthouse Square on Yom Hashoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. This fitting end to the series recognizes that reading the names of people who perished in the Holocaust serves as evidence that the Nazi attempt to erase Jewish people did not succeed.

“Rising Up for Human Dignity: Resisting Cultural Erasure” is presented in partnership by the Never Again Coalition, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, Portland State University’s Holocaust and Genocide Studies Project, WorldOregon, and co-sponsors The Immigrant Story, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Portland Chinatown Museum, Five Oaks Museum, Native

RELATED EVENTS

In addition to the Rising up for Human Dignity program, OJMCHE and/or The Immigrant Story present these events:

April 1, 7-9 pm

I Am My Story: Voices of Hope

An evening program at First Congregational UCC honoring the voices and music of survivors of genocides and atrocities of war. Storytellers from Bosnia, Rwanda and Syria will present first-person accounts of courage, fortitude and resilience.

ojmche.org/calendar/

April 15, noon

Interrupting Violence: From the Holocaust to Modern Hate Groups

Three experts will discuss de-escalating violent conflict using an epidemic-control model to interrupt and stop the spread of violence and how this model can be applied to right-wing extremism in the Pacific Northwest.

ojmche.org/calendar/

April 24, 2 pm

To Bear Witness: The Movie

These stories of seven survivors of the Holocaust, genocide and atrocities of war were produced to be a part of the “To Bear Witness” exhibit at OJMCHE.

theimmigrantstory.org/to-bear-witness-the-movie

Arts and Culture Foundation, and Kol Shalom Community for Humanistic Judaism with the support of Rabbi Eve Posen.

Details on the series, individual events and registration: neveragaincoalition.org/rising-up-april-2022.

Lauren Fortgang is the director and co-founder of the Never Again Coalition.

See iconic silent film with live klezmer concert free April 6

Portlanders will be treated to a screening of an iconic Jewish silent film and klezmer concert courtesy of seven local organizations. The free cine-concert begins at 7 pm, April 6, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy.

The 1923 silent film “The Ancient Law” was restored in 2017 with a new score composed by violinist Alicia Svigals, founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics, and celebrated silent film pianist/composer Donald Sosin. Sosin has performed his silent film music at Lincoln Center, the Museum of Modern Art and the Kennedy Center. The duo is bringing their score and the film to four West Coast cities the first week of April. Thanks to Alicia’s ties with Congregation Beth Israel’s Cantor Ida Rae Cahana, Portland is part of that tour.

Cantor Cahana says she was drawn to blend of shtetl life and liberal 1860s Vienna portrayed in “The Ancient Law.” Set just decades after Reform Judaism emerged in Germany, the film follows the son of an Orthodox rabbi who becomes fascinated with theater

after performing at Purim and goes to Vienna to become an actor.

“The film is a wonderful way to view the tension between tradition and modernity,” says Cantor Cahana. “As we approach Passover, it is an opportunity to consider what do we hold onto and what do we let go of? We are just starting to gather again (as Covid restrictions abate). This is an opportunity to think about what do we do with this gift of freedom?”

She says she looks forward to sharing the experience with the community.

“I love partnering with all these organizations,” she says, noting the program is cosponsored by Beth Israel, Congregation Neveh Shalom, Eastside Jewish Commons, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, MJCC and the Portland State University Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies.

“I love that it is at the J – a cultural gathering place,” she says, adding the center is a wonderful space with a screen and a piano.

My year in OJCYF

BY ELIZABETH MEHR

Nothing in the past two years has been constant, except for the knowledge that there are always people in your local community in need. That's why the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation, a program that seeks to raise money and award grants to nonprofit organizations in Oregon and Southwest Washington, is so crucial.

My personal experience with OJCYF has been life-changing, as well. The opportunity to meet with organizations in my community and form friendships with my fellow Jewish teens who are interested in making real change has been extremely beneficial for me. I'm lucky enough to be on the leadership team this year as a second-year member of the Foundation board, which means I put time and energy into something I'm passionate about while knowing that the work I put into this cause results in people being helped.

Over the past two years, OJCYF has changed and expanded along with the rest of the fund-raising world. We went to an online format and attempted an online fund-raiser. Although you might think these would change OJCYF for the worse, these changes actually resulted in a larger community and increased contributions to our philanthropy. The online format allowed us to welcome group members from throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, rather than just the Portland area, giving us opportunities to connect with those we might not have otherwise. Our online fund-raiser, involving music from our talented board members and local speakers, raised more than \$70,000.

OJCYF gives decision-making control to the teenagers who will soon be inheriting the world they are giving to. We make the choices ourselves and have complete control over where this immense amount of money is going. To make educated decisions, we learn about local organizations via site visits and conversations with staff members to deepen our understanding of these organizations, their mission and who in Oregon most needs our help.

Ketriel Safran, a junior, says "site visits have definitely been one of my favorite parts of OJCYF. I really enjoy learning about the organizations and other organizations in our community, some of which I would have never known about without OJCYF."

This year, we have a goal of reaching \$70,000 at our online fund-raising event. After the great success of our first online fund-raiser last year, we are looking forward

YOUTH FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: LIVE GREEN. GIVE GREEN

WHO: The Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation is a nationally celebrated program of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation. Now in its 19th year, the program cultivates the next generation of community leaders and engaged citizens. During the school year, young philanthropists learn about *tzedakah*, *tikkun olam* and community needs. The program has directly impacted more than 260 teens and supported organizations ranging from synagogues and day schools to those working on child welfare and social justice. At the culmination of the program, the teens take on the responsibility of fundraising from – and the joy of grant-making to – the community.

WHAT: Virtual event hosted by these future leaders called "Live Green. Give Green."

WHEN: April 24, 3-4 pm

WHY: The teens are raising funds for grant-making to projects with an environmental focus. **COST:** There is no charge to attend, but a suggested donation of \$18 per individual or \$54 per household is appreciated.

REGISTER: To register, or to donate without attending, visit givebutter.com/OJCYF2022.

ward to this spring, where our theme is combating climate change. We are planning an event that combines our mission, the needs of the community and a good time for anyone attending. We invite you to participate on April 24.



Elizabeth Mehr is a junior at Ida B. Wells-Barnett High School in Portland. She is on the OJCYF leadership team this year.



Above, "Bluebird" by Annelie Thurin. Below, "CovidBlues" by Diane Russell.



EJC open house and cultural arts afternoon April 10

Eastside Jewish Commons invites the community to an open house and cultural arts afternoon co-hosted with ORA NW Jewish Artists from 2 to 6 pm, April 10. Stop by the Commons, 2420 NE Sandy Blvd., for tours and updates about futures plans, while enjoying local art.

EJC and ORA will present a positive cultural arts afternoon featuring secular art and Judaica in a variety of media. In addition to ORA's art show and sale, the afternoon will include a concert by guest musician Mark Sherman of Musical Midrash. He will perform "Finding Love in Leviticus" at 4 pm.

Sherman launched the Musical Midrash Project to gain a greater sense of connection to the weekly Torah readings through music. His voice, guitar work, catchy melodies and remarkable contemporary translations invite the listener to connect to the Torah in new and meaningful ways.

This free event is the first to explore ORA's vision of collaborating with performing artists as well as visual artists.

ORA artists presenting their work are Lori Fendel, Linda Zahavi, Eddy Shulman, Susan Reep, Annelie Thurin, Ellen Green, Simcha Shields, Shari Anderson, David Kolasky, Linda Bourne, Diane Fredgant, Cassandra Segal, Diane Russell, Victoria Epstein, Eileen Milsap and Justin Carroll. High school artists Edith Creve and Talia Fendrich have been invited to share their work, as well.

Admission is free. No RSVP required. ejcpdx.org/events-1

April 3: Hear Nigerian-Israeli climate activist

“From Immigrant to Figurehead – the Journey of a Nigerian-Israeli Climate Activist” will be on Zoom at 10:30 am, April 3.

Neveh Shalom’s Israel360, PDX Hillel and Portland State University’s CHAI present this insightful conversation about a young immigrant’s journey from Portland to Tel Aviv to fight for a sustainable future through the nuances and challenges of the diaspora.

Sharona Shnayder is a 21-year-old Nigerian-Israeli environmental activist mobilizing for climate justice in the Middle East. While living in Portland, she cofounded the global, grassroots movement Tuesdays for Trash. Visit tuesdaysfortrash.com to see how she inspires individuals around the world to dedicate Tuesdays to picking up trash, conversing about the waste management issue, demanding better practices from big businesses and becoming responsible citizens working toward a healthier home for all. Sharona will share her story about her heritage, environmental activism and her new life within Israel. She is also the marketing manager of the climate-tech startup Albo Climate and chair of the social justice nonprofit OurstreetsPDX. There will also be time for questions and details about her upcoming projects.

Register at nevehshalom.org/israel360.



While living in Portland, Sharona Shnayder helped create Tuesdays for Trash.

April 3: Meet activist/photographer Bev Grant

Congregation Beth Israel and CBI Sisterhood will host an in-person presentation by Bev Grant, a longtime women’s activist and professional singer/songwriter/photographer who grew up in Portland. At 3 pm, April 3, Bev will show her photos and part of her film and talk about her life as a woman’s activist.

Bev moved to New York City during the radical ’60s and has continued to use photography and music to advance critical areas of justice ever since. Through her photography, she has made an impact on issues that women face across the country and around the globe. Her photos are on exhibit at Reed College through June 11.

“I grew up one of six kids, all of whom attended Sunday School at Congregation Beth Israel,” says Bev. “I began in kindergarten and was eventually confirmed and taught Sunday School for a while. In Sunday School, we studied comparative religions and visited many different places of worship. I think this influenced my later openness to other cultures and my consciousness of inequities between people. ... I connect my social activism to the Jewish concept of a messianic age, which, to me, means collective responsibility to struggle for a better world for everyone.”

Free, but attendees are asked to bring small packs of menstrual pads for The Period Project. Visit bethisrael-pdx.org/joinus.

April 6: Save the world at blood drive

To help meet the current critical blood shortage, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland is hosting a blood drive from noon to 5 pm, April 6, at its offices (9900 SW Greenburg Road, Tigard).

“We learn in the Talmud (Sanhedrin 37a) that whoever saves a single life is considered by scripture to have saved the whole world,” says Caron Blau Rothstein, drive organizer and JFGP director of Community Planning & Allocations.

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One pint of healthy donated blood can save as many as three lives.

Also, the Red Cross is currently testing blood donations for Covid antibodies. Test results may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to Covid-19 following past infection or vaccination. Plasma from routine donations with high levels of Covid-19 antibodies may be used to treat patients with a weakened immune system who are battling Covid-19. You will be able to see the results of your antibody test by logging in to your blood donor account within one to two weeks after your donation.

Register to donate blood at redcrossblood.org; sponsor code JFGP.

April 7: What’s next for Portland real estate?

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center is in its fifth year of presenting PDX Business events. Join the #PDXBIZ Zoom series at noon, April 7, to discuss: What is next for Portland Real Estate.

The panel will feature Keith Berne of RE/MAX Equity Group, Jordan Matin of Matin Real Estate, Jen Singer from SoldByJen at Keller Williams and Carolyn Weinstein from The Hasson Company. Janet L. Grayson from Grayson Law LLP will moderate.

Broker Keith Berne was born and raised in Beaverton. Keith has served the tri-county area for more than 18 years with the Re/Max Equity Group, where he is a consistent top 10% producer. He is in the Re/Max Hall of Fame. He recently gained his Senior Real Estate Specialist designation.

Jordan Matin has sold more than 800 properties and is one of the top 10 real estate brokers by volume in our region. In 2021, he and his team sold 180 properties; he personally sold 82. In 2022, they are on track to sell more than 320 houses.

Carolyn Weinstein has been actively selling homes in the Portland metro area since 1978 and was joined by her daughter, Robin, in 2003. Carolyn was recognized in 2013 by the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors with the Good Neighbor Award. She has been recognized for her volunteerism and leadership locally as a Song of Miriam awardee.

Jen Singer, Oregon and Washington Principal Broker, is a fourth-generation Portlander. Her interests in business, sales and client care were instilled by her parents, who owned a food processing plant and miniature golf course. She has created a successful career in real estate over the last 18 years representing buyers, sellers, investors and relocation clients.

Moderator Janet L. Grayson is a partner in her firm’s real estate, business, litigation and estate planning and probate practice. She is a continuing education instructor for the real estate industry.

Free. Register: oregonjcc.org/pdxbiz.

April 10: Dignity Grows Packing Party

Volunteer to pack with Portland’s Dignity Grows Chapter. Each [Dignity Tote](http://DignityTote) provides comprehensive monthly personal and menstrual hygiene products to women, girls and individuals who menstruate and cannot afford these products. Volunteer in the spirit of both *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *tzedakah* (righteousness).

The pack will be 1-2:30 pm, Sunday, April 10, at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland.

Dignity Grows Portland is a chapter of a national nonprofit and a Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Women’s Philanthropy project. At each pack in Portland, volunteers have a chance to learn about period poverty and the Jewish reasons for engaging in this social justice effort, and then they pack Dignity Totes. Each tote includes a month’s supply of sanitary pads and tampons, toothpaste and a toothbrush, a bar of soap, deodorant and shampoo.

To learn more about Dignity Grows, visit jewishportland.org/dignitygrows.

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Full vaccination is required for all attendees, who must be age 13 or older. No walk-ins. Registration is limited to 30 individuals. Register at jewishportland.org/dignity-grows-volunteer-registration.

April 10: Jewish Community Orchestra

The Jewish Community Orchestra will perform at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center at 3 pm, April 10.

The JCO provides enjoyable music to the Jewish and surrounding communities of the Portland metro area. This program helps to further the growth of local artists by presenting concerts that attract, educate and entertain our audience.

Tickets are available at the door on the day of the concert: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 students and children under 6 free.

For more information, visit jewishcommunityorchestra.org.

April 10: Henk Pender reception at OJMCHE

Join Henk Pender for a reception of his exhibition, *Henk Pender, The Artist as Eyewitness to History*, on April 10 from 1-3 pm at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. You will have an opportunity to meet and discuss the exhibition with the artist. The reception is free.

This exhibition features four large-scale works painted by the artist in response to the protests for racial justice that took place in 2020. When the neighborhood around the Justice Center in Portland became the site of intense demonstrations, it was no surprise to those who know his art that Henk Pender turned his artistic vision on this historic place and time.

The exhibit continues at OJMCHE through May 15.

ojmche.org/events/henk-pender-the-artist-as-eyewitness-to-history/

April 14/15: Deadlines for scholar-athletes/sports hall of fame

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center seeks nominations for the Harry Glickman Scholar-Athlete Award. Any Jewish student who has lived in Oregon for the past three years and is a junior or senior in high school is eligible. Two winners will be selected and recognized at our Community Celebration on May 24, 2022.

Applicants will be judged on academic and athletic achievement, as well as their commitment to community service. Winners will receive a \$500 scholarship.

This award was established in 2012 in honor of Harry Glickman, z"l, the "father" of professional sports in Oregon. He founded the Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland Buckaroos. He is also a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Nominate a scholar-athlete by April 14. oregonjcc.org/sports/glickman-award-application.

In addition, the Oregon Jewish Sports Hall of Fame is seeking nominees.

The Oregon Jewish Sports Hall of Fame was established in 2012 to honor Jewish men and women who have accomplished extraordinary achievements in sports and have a deep connection to the State of Oregon. The goal is to inspire and educate the Jewish community, and the community at large, that sports play a major role in our culture.

To nominate or view Oregon Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductees, visit oregonjcc.org/sports/oregon-jewish-sports-hall-of-fame. Nominations are requested by April 15.

The Harry Glickman Award Committee and Oregon Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Committee includes Glen Coblens, Josh Frankel, Steve "Sudsy" Friedman, Jessica Zutz Hibbert and Elyse Stoner.

Life-cycle events

BIRTH

YISRAEL MENACHEM DISKIND

Yisrael Menachem Diskind was born on Feb. 14, 2022, to Rabbi Boruch Dov and Frumie Diskind, and joins loving siblings Chayala, Tzvi, and Yehuda.

Rabbi Diskind is the director of administration and programming for the Portland Kollel; Frumie Diskind is a lead teacher at Maayan Torah Day School.



UKRAINE

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Under the direction of Executive Director Jonathan Ornstein, the JCC Krakow has pivoted to be a collection and distribution point for food, medicine, hygienic supplies, toys and clothing. An average of 300 Ukrainians a day are coming to take whatever supplies they need and are met by Ukrainian speakers who welcome them and offer assistance.

They are also sending pallets of supplies to other locations in Krakow, to the border and inside Ukraine. They are providing direct housing and food for more than 200 Ukrainians a day and transportation for those who are traveling onward to Europe and Israel. The JCC Krakow is currently spending \$10,000 a day on these efforts.

On April 10-14, I will be joining a mission of more than 25 Reform Rabbis to assist those relief efforts at the JCC Krakow. My son, David Cahana, will be part of the delegation, as well, as he has extensive experience in providing direct care to the houseless here in Portland and in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he now lives.

Our mission is to help relieve the volunteers who are providing life-saving services to refugees and to be witness to the human tragedy unfolding in Europe at this moment.

And, I plan to bring items and funds donated from our community.

An extensive list of needed supplies has been sent to the rabbis of the delegation. I have been assigned to bring baby formula, disinfectants and antiseptics. Congregation Beth Israel will collect donations of these items for me to deliver by hand. Please bring all donations to the Temple office by Friday, April 8. We hope to fill five duffel bags with supplies. In addition, donations can be made to the Temple's Aid for Ukraine Fund. (To contribute, contact CBI at 503-222-1069.)

The Portland Jewish Community has responded strongly to the refugee crisis stemming from the war on Ukraine. We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, which has raised more than \$365,000 of relief aid, already sent to aid organizations. On Purim, Beth Israel congregants contributed about \$3,000 toward this effort. Thank you to all who participated and who continue to support this community response. Donate at jewishportland.org/ukraine-crisis.

This is a time in which we are commanded not to stand "idly by." I am honored to be your *shaliach*, your representative, in this sacred work.

Chaplain's Corner

From March Madness to Spring stability

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

I love this time of year, and I hate this time of year.

What's to hate about March in Oregon? My seasonal allergies. Though I am taking medication, I am sure to have a box of tissues nearby. For the majority of my waking hours, I feel like a zombie. I am counting down the days until the cherry trees have bloomed. In the meantime, I will sneeze, my nose will run, my chest will be heavy and I will feel like I am walking through a fog.

Fortunately, there is much more to love about this time of year. I love the additional sunlight. With nature's rebirth, I feel hope and optimism. Spring represents a fresh start, something I desperately need.

Spring brings back childhood memories of Passover. Almost all of my mom's side of the family used to live a short driving distance from Memphis. We would gather at my Uncle Aaron and Aunt Bobbi's house. I know I have romanticized my memories, but isn't that what nostalgia is all about? I remember playing with my cousins, misbehaving at the children's table and hoping Uncle Aaron would call on me to read from the Haggadah.

Something else I love about this time of year? March Madness. If you want to know who I am, you have to understand how much I love watching the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments. (It is especially sweet when my alma mater, the University of Michigan, makes a good showing.) I love the drama. I love cheering for the underdog. I love watching a last-second shot float through the air. I love complaining about bad officiating.

March Madness represents for me the idea the anything that anything is possible. A 16 seed can beat a one seed. A bench player can be a hero. An obscure coach can be rewarded for a lifetime of hard work. A handful of players who remained a team for four years can defeat five superstar individuals who use college as a way station to the NBA.

Am I romanticizing college sports? Of course I am. On a rational level, I know that March Mad-



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ness generates a lot of revenue for a lot of companies, networks and universities, as the athletes receive next to nothing for their exploited talents. But on an emotional level, I wholeheartedly embrace the mythology of March Madness.

I need dreams. I need hope. I need to live vicariously through athletes who possess transcendent skills. I need the idea that for a few glorious minutes, I can feel better about my life. I need pure, unfiltered joy.

Widening the lens, I know that every spring, for a few weeks, I will suffer physically but will celebrate spiritually. I know that every year, I have a chance to embrace the familiar. This is a source of stability and predictability.

As the seasons change, where do you find stability? What are your sources of consistency and regularity?

We all need something to look forward to. With the arrival of spring, we know that Passover is right around the corner. This holiday is a chance to make myself a tiny part of a grand, sacred story. This holiday is a chance for me to help create comfort memories for my children. With spring and all that surrounds it – past, present and future – I get to put my needs, stresses, strains, concerns and fears in perspective. In proper relationship, everything seems easier to manage.

So I will experience a bit of physical discomfort mixed with a dash of March Madness, a touch of nostalgia blended with romanticism.

And for a little while, all will be good in the world.

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MOISHE POD (Continued from page 1)

Jews create their vision of an ideal Jewish communal space. Residents plan and host events for other young adults to build a grassroots community to connect people with Jewish experiences, friends and even partners.

“The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland is proud to provide seed funding for this new Moishe Pod initiative,” says JFGP President and CEO Marc N. Blattner. “We have seen the incredible impact Moishe House has had on young adults in our community, and we expect similar results with the Pod.”

Shelly and Owen met during high school at a small boarding school focused on the arts at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and have been friends ever since. Shelly has lived in many places since then including a year in Netanya, Israel, where she taught American Jewish culture as part of a JAFI Partnership program. After finishing a master’s program in Iowa, Shelly moved to Portland last August to become an assistant professor of music therapy at Pacific University. Owen, a saxophonist and music educator, joined her in September, moving from New York City.

Owen had never heard of Moishe House before Shelley suggested they apply to lead a Moishe Pod. But Shelly had attended Moishe House events when she lived in Cincinnati and thought it would be a great opportunity for themselves and other young adults.

“This is a fast way to get to know people, and we love hosting,” says Shelly. “We thought we might as well put intentionality behind it and do this (Moishe Pod). ... This is a way to connect and feel like a community.”

Owen designed an informative, easy to use website, moishepodwestpdx.com, for the new pod. You can find their upcoming events there (see box).

Owen performs and records with his own ensembles and as a member of others, including



Owen Broder and Shelly Zeiser plan to host many events for young adults in their Pearl District apartment. The couple are flanked by heirlooms from their grandmothers. The apple ice bucket belonged to Owen’s grandmother. The Shabbat candlesticks came from Russia through Ellis Island with Shelly’s great-grandmother, and Shelly remembers lighting them with her grandmother.

Moishe Pod-West Portland Events

April 14, 7 pm: Launch Party & Pre-Passover Carbo Load. Connect with other young adults and enjoy pizza, chocolate cake and Leikam Brewing Kosher beer.

April 16, 11 am: Tikkun Olam Hike and Clean-Up. Enjoy Portland’s natural beauty and help make it more beautiful by cleaning up during a low-key Shabbat hike through Forest Park.

April 24, 11 am-2 pm: Boker Tov Brunch. Come say “Boker Tov” (good morning) and eat brunch (featuring Shelly’s shakshuka) while we learn a little Hebrew and play games.

May 1, 7:30 pm: Cowboys & Frenchmen(sches). Live concert (featuring Owen’s jazz quintet) at The 1905.

Other May/June events: Shabbat potluck, Lag b’Omer bonfire, Shavuot Cheesecake competition, “Jewtopia” movie screening and Timbers game with Jewmaican pirate trivia.

Covid Policy: Proof of vaccination required for in-person indoor events; virtual options available for unvaccinated.

For event registration or more information: Visit moishepodwestpdx.com or email moishepodwestpdx@gmail.com.

the Grammy-nominated Israeli clarinetist Anat Cohen and her “tentet.” In Portland, Owen teaches jazz-related courses at Portland State University and saxophone at Pacific University. A multi-talented “artpreneur,” Owen also founded a nonprofit to offer virtual concerts and music education programs in response to the pandemic. “Live From Our Living Rooms” has raised nearly \$140,000 in support of musicians whose performance careers have been impacted by Covid. He recently

received a UNCSA artpreneur award that recognizes distinguished alumni for creativity and entrepreneurship.

Owen’s parents are an intermarried couple, and he grew up celebrating Jewish and Christian holidays.

“In high school, I started to explore my Jewish identity,” he says. “A lot of the musicians at UNCSA were Jewish. In college there were almost no Jews at my school, so that faded for a while. Then I went on Birthright – Shelly and others told

me to go. That introduced me to the idea you can identify as Jewish without being particularly religious. That sat well with me.”

At Moishe Pod events, the two want to welcome young adults however they connect with their Judaism.

“The fact we are new to Portland is a strength of ours,” says Shelly. “We can connect with others who have not been involved. It is important to me to be connected with a Jewish community.”

MYRON KOPPEL WEINTRAUB

Myron Koppel Weintraub, z"l, passed away March 27, 2022, in Modi'in, Israel, at the age of 75. Myron is loved and remembered by his wife, Marilyn Stone Weintraub, and daughter, Neveh Shalom member Sabra Weintraub.

Congregation Neveh Shalom extends our deepest condolences to the extended Weintraub family.

BEVERLY GALEN

Beverly Galen, z"l, passed away peacefully Feb. 11, 2022. Bev is survived by her children, Lindsay, Edward (Ann), Christie (Marshall), and Davis; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her brother, Howard Weiner (Kim); and brother-in-law, Morris Galen.

Born in New York Feb. 27, 1927, to doting parents Beatrice and George Weiner, Beverly was gifted with high energy, a sunny disposition and a keen sense of style. She moved to Portland and attended Lincoln High School where she met the love of her life, Bill Galen, and quickly became his favorite photography subject, a role that continued until his death in 2020.

Bev and Bill married March 23, 1946, while Bill was in medical school. They

shared an extraordinary marital bond for over 74 years. While he was building his medical career, Bev kept busy raising a family and discovering the rewards of volunteer work. After completing her degree in Fine Arts at Portland State in 1969, she volunteered for countless arts organizations, serving on the boards of the Portland Art Museum, Portland Opera and Oregon Symphony among others and fundraising for the Arts and American Cancer Society. Bev and Bill loved a good party and lit up the dance floor at the gala events she helped to plan. Together they traveled the world, filling albums with photographs of their adventures and loved wintering in Palm Desert. Bev worked every NYT crossword puzzle, and adored her bridge, book, wine and dance club pals. She never lost the glow that attracted people to her; and continued to make new friends into her 90s.

The family thanks Loving Care Providers for the dedicated care she received over the past few years. Donations in Bev's memory may be made to Portland Art Museum, Portland Opera, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, or the organization of your choice.

CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

Executive Director

Salary: \$120,000-150,000, plus benefits

The Executive Director serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Congregation Neveh Shalom. They work in collaboration with the synagogue president and board to fulfill our mission to foster and preserve an inclusive, authentic and engaging experience of Conservative Judaism. Applications received by March 31, 2022, will receive full consideration.

OREGON JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Foundation Administrator

Salary: \$40,000-45,000, plus benefits

Responsibilities include office management such as answering phones in a warm and welcoming manner, handling correspondence through a variety of mediums, purchasing supplies, maintaining office equipment, and other administrative and facilities-related tasks. Applications due by 5 pm, April 15, 2022.

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 20 Jewish job openings, including the two above. See full posts at: jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/jewish-jobs.

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