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Campus issues continue

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

As the academic year comes to a close on college campuses around the Portland metro area, Jewish students and the professionals that support Jewish life on campuses are taking stock of all that's happened. What was already a challenging environment post-Oct. 7 rose to a near-boiling point as a wave of campus occupations that began at Columbia University in New York reached the West Coast.

Garnering the most headlines was a four-day occupation of Portland State University's Miller Library. The takeover was broken up by Portland Police, but only after causing at least \$750,000 of damage to the library.

Hannah Sherman, Executive Director of Greater Portland Hillel, said the oc-

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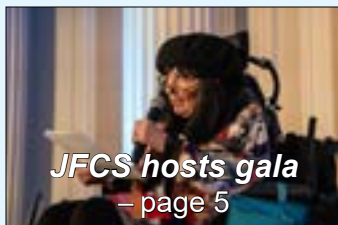
Revelers wave Israeli flags at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center's Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration Monday, May 13, marking the 76th anniversary of the State of Israel's declaration of independence. See more coverage of the party on page 7. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

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TischPDX releases survey results

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

TischPDX, in collaboration with the Jews of Color Collective and Tiyuv, announced the initial findings of their 2023 Cultural Shift Survey for Jews of Color in the Pacific Northwest in a community webinar April 18.

The survey received 136 responses from Jews of Color living in Oregon (77 percent of respondents), Washington (14 percent of the sample), Alaska, Idaho and British Columbia. A full 40 percent of respondents live in the Portland Metropolitan Area, and most respondents were between the ages of 30 and 50, with an almost even gender split of 48 percent men, 48 percent women, and four percent nonbinary.

“You don’t usually get that in surveys,” explained Tammy Metasabiya Habteyes, Director of Programs at TischPDX who helped coordinate the survey, noting that women are typically over-represented in such samples.

Thirty two percent of respondents identified as LGBTQIA+, while 78 percent said they were disabled, chronically ill, neurodivergent or a combination thereof. By comparison, seven percent of Jewish adults in the Greater Portland Jewish Community Study published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland last June identified as LGBTQ+. That study also identified

that seven percent of Jewish Portlanders identify as People of Color, while 13 percent identify as Hispanic or with a racial group other than white.

“Another thing that I found interesting is how people identify themselves Jewishly,” Habteyes said.

When asked whether they identify with any Jewish denominations, nearly 15 percent responded “Conservative,” another 15 percent said “Humanist,” 14 percent said “Reconstructionist,” and 12.5 percent said “Reform.” Eleven percent identified as “Kohenet,” a feminist Jewish movement incorporating pagan rituals, while just over seven percent labeled themselves unaffiliated, and almost 21 percent responded, “Just Jewish.”

“I just thought that was very interesting. There were more Reconstructionist than Reform Jews,” Habteyes said.

Additionally, 73 percent of respondents identified with at least one additional religious tradition.

An important part of the survey discussed how Jews of Color feel engaging in Jewish spaces that are predominately white. While 65 percent of respondents felt a sense of belonging among white Jews, 60 percent said they have avoided predominately white Jewish spaces and 67 percent said they felt burdened with having to explain themselves or their identity in such spaces. The survey included an oppor-

tunity for respondents to describe their experiences.

“I get the sense that communities and synagogues and temples and organizations are doing a lot to address certain issues around bigotry and acceptance and also creating programming that would speak to Jews of color,” Habteyes said of evaluating the survey data, “but people aren’t really interested in engaging with these. It’s almost like this feeling of, ‘I see what you’re doing and that’s great, but that’s great for you. I don’t want to participate, but that’s great that you’re doing that,’ which is how I definitely have felt personally.”

There are a number of recommendations that the survey organizers are moving forward with, but a prominent one is the leadership pathways and representation of Communities of Color in Jewish organizational leadership.

“That really seems to be the big ask, more JOC leadership and resources to become leaders,” Habteyes said. “It’s a matter of trust and it’s a matter of representation.”

TischPDX is continuing to analyze the dataset, along with their partners, and will present further insights during their annual Shavuot “Up All Night” event Saturday, June 8 at the Eastside Jewish Commons – details are still being finalized. For more information, visit tischpdx.org.

Greenburg, Rivkin shine in Mitzvot championships

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

A pair of local students distinguished themselves among participants from 248 schools across six continents in a challenge to learn all 613 *mitzvot*.

Sroli Greenberg and Shlomo Rivkin of Tamim Academy of Portland/Maimonides Jewish Day School competed in the International Championship of the 613 Mitzvot along with other students from the school. Greenberg, a seventh-grade student, was a finalist in his age group, a competition which reviews prior years of study and covers all 613 *mitzvot* as laid out by the school’s namesake, the rabbinic sage Maimonides. He was invited to New York City to participate in a game show final competition.

“It was a lot of pressure,” Greenberg said. Contestants were expected to identify each *mitzvah*, when and by whom it is to be performed, and other key details of application – immediately, on stage. Even those *mitzvot* which are currently not applicable due to the absence of a Temple were fair game.

Rivkin, a fourth-grade student, achieved the highest score worldwide on a test covering the section of *mitzvot* assigned to his age group as part of the International Championship’s multi-year program.

More than a dozen students from Tamim/Maimonides participated in the competition, studying *mitzvot* for as much as an hour a day in addition to their other coursework.

“This is part of our school,” Rabbi Shmulik Greenberg, Sroli’s father and Rabbi of Chabad Clark County, said.



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Mitzvah Project to spearhead hands-on service for young adults, families

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

The Mitzvah Project, the newest volunteer service initiative from the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, is creating hands-on service opportunities for young people throughout Portland's Jewish community, whether they be young adults or even younger still.

The Mitzvah Project's first service day kicks off at Tryon Creek State Natural Area in Portland Sunday, June 23, with a 9-11 am Mitzvah Project Mitzvah Makers session for young families (children ages 0-10 with their family) and a noon-3pm program for young adults.

The program is a product of local participation in the second cohort of The Catalyst professional development program for young adult engagement, sponsored by Jewish Fed-

erations of North America and Repair The World, a national Jewish service movement. Laura Jeser, JFGP's Associate Campaign and Engagement Officer, was selected for the cohort after learning about and applying to the program before the end of her very first week on the job.

Jeser explained that one of her engagement goals is to create opportunities for populations identified in 2023's community study who want to connect with Jewish life but feel uneasy about their lack of Jewish knowledge.

"There's this saying, 'You pray with your feet,'" Jeser said. "That's how people feel their Jewish connection, through volunteer work."

Jeser also noted that Portland has a strong culture of

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Weisman, Elder's book highlights leading women

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

"Why don't you write a book about it?"

These are the words that Leslie Elder recalls Aviel Brodtkin saying to Malka Weisman – words that led to the publishing of "Toras Imecha: Glimpses of Greatness for the Aspiring Bas Yisrael" earlier this year, with illustrations by Elder.

The book details the history and works of 22 *rebbetzins* in contemporary Jewish history, holding them up as examples for young Jewish girls of today.

"[Weisman] realized that the memories of these amazing *rebbetzins* from the 20th century was fading because they had passed away," Elder recalled. "She was very concerned about this and spoke about it with [Brodtkin]. She said, 'well, why don't you write a book about it?'"

Elder, a longtime physician in Portland but also an accomplished oil painter specializing in portraiture, joined up with Weisman to create a series of portraits of the women of the book. While having a visual depiction of each subject was important to making them into memorable characters, there were few such depictions available.

"There really weren't very many photos of these women," Elder said. "A lot of the photos were in black and white, some of them very blurry. Many of the photos were taken when these women were in their 90s, maybe

wearing a robe and a turban because they were elderly and disabled people."

This is the second book Elder has illustrated – the first was a work on Ayurvedic medicine in collaboration with her husband. She had thought of working in black and white or sepia tone for this project, but as she got to know the personalities of the women depicted, she knew she needed to bring them to life in full color. She found as much source material for each individual as possible and went to work.

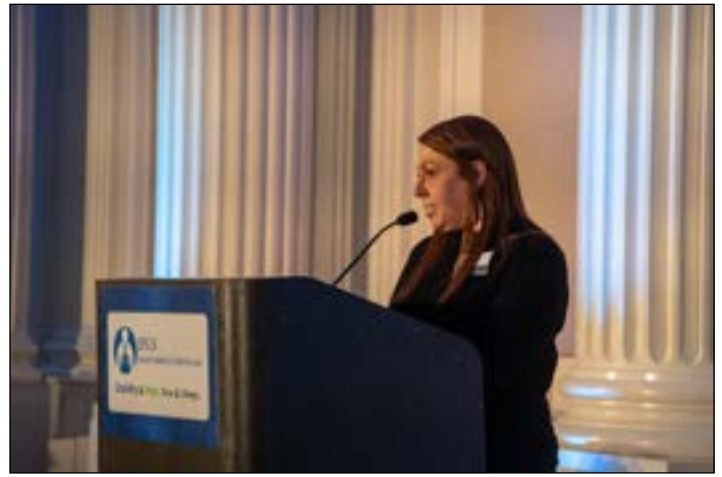
"I put those photos together to make a portrait for each one that did justice to the kind of woman she was," Elder said.

The 22 women profiled are among the leaders of the Bais Yaakov movement of schools for Jewish girls. Founded in Poland in 1917 by seamstress Sarah Scheiner, Bais Yaakov started as an effort to prevent the assimilation of Jewish girls into secular society by providing quality education in a Jewish environment.

"All these women are *rebbetzins* who had a role in promoting this movement and teaching girls and really trying to help girls to become educated Jews," Elder said.

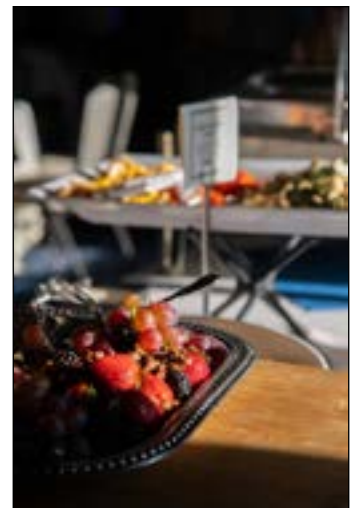
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JFCS hosts gala with hope and heart

Jewish Family & Child Service hosted their "A Night of Hope, A Night with Heart" annual gala Thursday, May 9, at The Sentinel hotel's Governor Ballroom in Portland. Attendees enjoyed remarks from JFCS clinician Missy Fry, top right, and JFCS client Channah Pastoriu, middle right, among others, as well as a performance by Portland Cello Project, bottom left. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



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volunteer service she wanted to tap into, particularly in connection to causes that the community was already passionate about. She did painstaking research to find what areas of service resonated with people, and the results were not what she expected.

“I was thinking that [Portlanders] would be hyper-focused on houselessness and food insecurity,” she said. “It became very clear that our community is passionate about all those things, but especially the environment and our climate.”

Another goal of The Catalyst program is to connect Jewish organizations to service-oriented non-profits beyond the Jewish com-

munity. The Mitzvah Project’s inaugural service day is in collaboration with Friends of Tryon Creek, the half-century-old non-profit that coordinates with Oregon State Parks to maintain and connect the community with Tryon Creek. Upcoming Mitzvah Project events include a service day later this summer with Portland Backpack, a program that provides take-home meals for school students on free or reduced-price lunch programs to bridge gaps in food security, and a work session in the early fall at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center in cooperation with Blanchet House, a service organization with a 70-year

history of supporting Portlanders in need, and the MJCC.

Beyond the concrete act of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) that a service day provides, Jeser looks forward to these programs helping to foster a sense of Jewish community among participants.

“We want to bring our young adults in to foster a connection with each other, with Friends of Tryon Creek and also with our Federation and what we have to offer,” Jeser said. “We want to engage people in ways that meet the moment and are meaningful to them.”

With the young families’ program, Jeser hopes to

bring families together and introduce children to an essential aspect of Jewish life in a fun environment.

“For the Mitzvah Makers with the young children, it’s ‘learn by doing;’ as they grow, this will just be second nature,” she said. “The beauty of engaging in something for somebody else and something else, it’s fundamentally Jewish.”

Snacks will be provided for children in the Mitzvah Makers’ morning session June 23, while a light lunch will be provided for young adult Mitzvah Project volunteers in the afternoon session. For more information or to register, email Jeser at lauraj@jewishportland.org.



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MJCC rings in Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Revelers celebrated the 76th anniversary of the declaration of independence of the State of Israel with a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Party the evening of Monday, May 13, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center in Portland. A performance by TLV accompanied spirited dancing as well as activities for children and Israeli fare. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



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Dror Israel to give presentations in Portland

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

In the months since the Oct. 7 terror attacks, as Israel has been gripped by war, few organizations have been positioned to support those suffering like Dror Israel.

You can hear all about that work at two upcoming presentations from Noam Schlanger, Dror Israel's Engagement Director: Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm at the Eastside Jewish Commons, and Thursday, June 6 at Congregation Neveh Shalom as part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Annual Meeting, which begins at 7 pm.

Dror Israel's mission is easy enough to explain: "We believe that Israel can and should be a democracy and an equal and just place. We believe that this is what Zionism is about," Schlanger said.

Their work is more complicated to describe because it is so vast. From 15 educators' *kibbutzim* spread around Israel, from Haifa to the Negev and everywhere in between, Dror Israel educators work with every facet of Israeli society and at all ages. Many of them work in schools, including a network of high schools featuring an innovative project-based learning environment, but they also support the country's largest Jewish-Arab youth movement – and more.

"I'm not talking only about youth," Schlanger said. "We have a lot of community projects focused around working with senior citizens."

Naturally, Dror Israel was intensely affected by the attacks. Some of the *kibbutzim*



Dror Israel staff and children of Ethiopian Jewish families pose with a display for a Sigd celebration in this undated photo. The group will make a pair of presentations about their ongoing work in Israel to the Portland Jewish community early in June. (Courtesy Dror Israel)

served by Dror Israel were among the hardest hit by Hamas terrorists. Students and alumni were killed, staff have families that were killed or taken hostage in Gaza, and more than 100 of Dror Israel's educators were recalled to active duty in the Israel Defense Forces. Many of the communities Dror Israel served were evacuated to other parts of the country – some en masse, some in bits and pieces. Because Dror Israel had connections to those communities, they were able to follow them and provide services others couldn't.

"It's not like we had to come in and get to know the situation," Schlanger said. "That allowed us to be, I won't say the first, but one of the first organizations to set foot where the people got evacuated to."

When Kibbutz Be'eri was relocated to the Dead Sea, Dror Israel arrived the same day to begin setting up a preschool for the community.

"They trusted us. They didn't welcome strangers to run the preschools," Schlanger said. "That allowed us to be there when we were most needed."

Shlomi, a small town

along the northern border of Israel, was evacuated to protect the population from Hezbollah rocket attacks. Evacuating a small city of over 7,000 people is more challenging logistically than relocating a *kibbutz* of less than 1,000.

"You can't evacuate the city to a hotel, so they're spread in 60 locations. These are just the locations that are governmentally funded; I'm not talking about people who just went to their aunt, went to their parents. So, taking care of that is an entirely different task, which requires entirely different skills and platforms, and we do that as well," Schlanger said. "We operate activities in the hotels themselves and try to gather kids from the same location that are spread around different hotels to go for a trip together."

This work isn't possible without the support of donations. The Federation contributed \$100,000 from its Israel Emergency Fund to support Dror Israel's programs post-Oct. 7, with many other individual donations coming in from the area.

"Thank you to the Federation and the Stern Family Foundation that's supported us as well, and to all of our donors," Schlanger said. "We have a lot of friends in Portland and Oregon that supported us both financially and with a lot of care and emails and phone calls and visits."

To register for Schlanger's appearance at EJC, visit ejcpx.org/events. To register for the Federation's annual meeting, visit jewish-portland.org/jfgpannual24.

OJCF's Annual Meeting to honor Josh Frankel

Oregon Jewish Community Foundation

The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17 at 5:30pm in the Stern Family Ballroom at the MJCC. OJCF will honor Josh Frankel, an OJCF past Board Chair, as this year's Julie Diamond z"l Legacy Society Honoree. This honor celebrates the individuals and families who have helped build our

Jewish community and have ensured the continuation of that work through lifetime legacy promises in their estate plans. OJCF is proud to honor Josh Frankel for his contributions to OJCF and his support in building the Jewish community of Oregon and SW Washington. If you would like to donate to the OJCF Community Endowment Fund in honor of Josh, [click here](#).

OJCF is also excited to honor their Partner Organizations at the Annual Meeting. During the first hour of programming OJCF partners will be tabling to connect and share their programming and impact with attendees. To register for the Annual Meeting, [click here](#). If you have any question, please contact OJCF Director of Community Relations, Noah Rosenberg at noahr@ojcf.org.

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cupation of the main library on a commuter campus like PSU's poses a particular challenge for Jewish students, many of whom were preparing for mid-term examinations at the time and looking for a place to study.

"What if you're a Jewish student or faculty, staff member, anyone walking through campus and you're seeing signs in front of the library that say, 'All Zionists are bastards,' 'May Zionists be forgotten' and 'Globalize the Intifada?'" Sherman said. "They need access to campus spaces like the library to use the books in the library, the computers in the library, the technology that the library provides that these students might not have access to outside of campus."

The Miller Library will remain closed until Fall term, PSU has announced. And while the library occupation has ended, sporadic protests continue to occur on campus and the culture that prompted the occupation remains.

"While the physical encampment might be gone, the virtual encampment is still very much living on," Sherman said. "When I say that, I mean that it lives in the online social media

space where classmates are still posting things related to sort of messaging that they shared during the encampment. "Also, it's living on in the classrooms; we have students who are coming to us and sharing things that their professors are saying, like denying the fact that women were raped on Oct. 7. That is something that a student told us that their professor told them in a class that had absolutely nothing to do with the Israel/Palestine conflict in any way, shape or form."

Across town at Reed College, individuals entered a dormitory building on campus and destroyed the *mezuzah* on the door of a Jewish student who had been filming an anti-Israel protest organized by Students for Justice in Palestine early that day, Sunday, May 5. The next day, several rocks were thrown through the student's open window, striking the student as they were in bed.

"This is a clear act of antisemitism directed at a student on our campus, and that is unacceptable and unlawful behavior," Phyllis Esposito, vice president and dean for institutional diversity, and Karnell McConnell-Black, vice president for student

life, wrote in an email to the Reed community following the assault.

The student has left Reed College and does not plan to return, according to Bob Horenstein, Director of Community Relations at the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. Sherman described the assault's impact bluntly.

"It is absolutely terrifying," she said.

Meanwhile, a protest occupation, also organized by SJP, had established itself in the administrative area of Elliott Hall at Reed over a 10-day period before the end of the academic year. The building also houses the campus chapel and classrooms, making access to these spaces difficult for Jewish students.

"Jewish students who wanted to access that, they didn't feel safe entering that space and having to walk past people who were going to ask them if they were a Zionist," Sherman explained. "If you're a Zionist, then you're not really welcome in these other spaces on campus and so Jewish students who do hold Zionism as a part of their identity are just looking for safe spaces, and it's really, really hard to do."

A short-lived encampment at the Lewis and Clark College has disbanded with the end of classes for the academic year.

"One of [the signs at the Lewis and Clark encampment] specifically said 'keep Zionists out,'" Sherman recalled. "We did get the university to take down that sign because we told them that that was completely exclusionary."

Sherman and the staff at Hillel are hoping the situation will ease in the coming weeks.

"We're hoping for a quieter summer, especially in places like Reed and Lewis and Clark where most, if not all, of the students have left," she said.

PSU's academic year does not end until mid-June, however, and the downtown campus' summer programs are more robust than many of the smaller liberal-arts colleges in the area, so Sherman acknowledges issues may persist there through the summer months.

If you or someone you know has experienced antisemitism on a college campus in the Portland area, contact Hannah Sherman at hannah@pdxhillel.org or Bob Horenstein at bob@jewishportland.org.

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Seaside Chevra Congregation sets sail June 20

By LAURIE YOUNG

Seaside Chevra

Scenic Seaside is now home to the Seaside Chevra Congregation, Oregon's newest Jewish Center on the North Coast. This newly established Modern Orthodox congregation welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and observance levels, including local residents and summer visitors. Its name, "chevra," is indicative of its friendly and welcoming orientation. *Chevra* is a Hebrew/Yiddish word that alludes to caring friendship.

The congregation's summer programs will begin in Seaside on June 20 and will include weekly Shabbat morning services followed by a kosher community kiddush, Shabbat hospitality, and learning opportunities.

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Brown will be the initial visiting rabbi, anticipated to join the community for weekly Shabbat celebrations through July 21. An educator at Portland's Maayan Torah Day School, Rabbi Brown is passionate about teaching Torah and Jewish topics in general. Rabbi Brown has

offered to teach a Thursday evening Torah class to locals and visitors. He has graciously shared his email for people looking to arrange group or private learning or simply to answer Jewish questions -reach out to rbrownscc@gmail.com for more information.

After July 21, the Seaside Chevra are planning a weekly rotation of rabbis from Portland and Seattle to enhance the summer Shabbat and learning experience. Both the Seattle and Portland Kollels and Chabad have expressed an interest in helping the congregation. A Klezmer concert is slated for late August; details are still pending.

Historically, Seaside has been a popular summer destination for Jewish families from Portland and Seattle, dating back decades. Old-timers tell of a small summer minyan that was held in downtown Seaside in a resident's home in the 60s and 70s. Currently, the North Coast Shabbat Group holds a

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Finance Focus

Donor-vised funds can help get ahead on tax planning

By SONIA MARIE LEIKAM

Oregon Jewish Community Foundation

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Friday evening Shabbat celebration monthly during the summer months. There is more history about Seaside to be explored in the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

The idea of launching the Seaside Chevra was sparked in the summer of 2023 when community members gathered for a kosher barbecue followed by a *kumsitz* at the beach. Soon thereafter, the group came together and held traditional Rosh Hashana services in a rental home overlooking the ocean. Though the group had to fly

in a few minyan members, the inspiring services led by Rafael Hileman of Baltimore (a Seattle native) and Amitai Coplon (a New Jersey rabbinic student) were a huge success and very appreciated by the local participants.

After the High Holidays, Jewish holiday celebrations have continued in Seaside. A *sukkah* was erected and was shared by members of the community. The local City Hall hosted their first-ever community candle lighting ceremony every night of Chanukah. A community Chanukah party, featuring

kosher New York Chanukah donuts and latkes by Portland's kosher Kashrootz Catering, was attended by about 30 people from not only Seaside, but from the surrounding small towns and even Longview, Wash. Rabbi Shimey Wilhelm of Chabad of Lake Oswego came with his family and delivered inspiring Chanukah thoughts. Purim was joyfully celebrated with two Megillah readings by Rabbi Brown, a festive Purim meal and the traditional sharing of food gifts (*mishloach manot*).

As the newly established Seaside Chevra strives to bring more Jewish life and Jewish enrichment opportunities to the North Coast, the group is also working with the local Seaside Safeway to expand their kosher food offerings. Call the Safeway store manager for the most up-to-date information. For more information about the new congregation, Shabbat hospitality, learning opportunities, or to be on the communication list, please contact Laurie or Ze'ev at SeasideChevra@gmail.com.



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By JESSICA ANDERSON

You're headed to the grocery store and there's a car accident in front of you. Your neighbor is mowing the lawn in flip-flops and runs over his foot. Your friend is injured while chopping kindling for the backyard firepit. These are the everyday occurrences that can turn quickly into life-threatening situations. Minutes count! Someone who is severely bleeding can bleed to death in as few as five minutes. That's why bleeding control—keeping the blood inside the body—is the purpose of Stop the Bleed training.

May 2024 is the Sixth Annual Stop the Bleed Month and a great time to assess your comfort and skill to help someone in need. If you were with someone who was bleeding, and it took 5 or 6 or 7 or more minutes for the ambulance to arrive – how would you spend that time while you wait? Stop The Bleed is a grassroots national awareness campaign that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

There are numerous stories in the news about how Stop the Bleed has saved lives. In June 2023, Pat Kemery of Brockton, Iowa, fell off her four-wheeler and got trapped under the vehicle. Unable to move, a local 13-year-old boy happened to stop by her farm to pick up hay. He moved the vehicle off her and, using his training, stayed calm, addressed her bleeding, and called for help. In March 2024, a New York subway



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conductor was slashed in the neck by an unprovoked bystander. Patrick McGrory, a surgeon and passenger on the train ran to assist the conductor. McGrory says he took the face mask the conductor was wearing and rolled it up to stop the bleeding. McGrory estimated it was about 20-25 minutes of applying pressure to the wound before paramedics arrived. The conductor required 34 stitches but is recovering. These stories and the many more that never make it to the news are examples of all the ways bystanders can help those in need.

The core elements of stopping life-threatening bleeding are the following:

Apply Direct Pressure: The first and most immediate step involves applying downward pressure directly to the wound.

Pack the Wound: If the wound is gaping and continues to bleed, pack gauze or cloth down into the wound to help control the bleeding. Apply pressure on top.

Apply a Tourniquet: For severe bleeding from arms and legs that does not stop with direct pressure or packing, a tourniquet may be necessary. Tourniquets are extremely

effective and if in doubt, use one. The phrase “high and tight” will help you remember to apply the tourniquet high on the arm or leg and make sure it's tight enough to stop the blood flow.

These skills are as important to know as CPR and Basic First Aid and there are several ways to become informed, educated, and empowered to employ this life-saving skill. I regularly offer free classes via Zoom, and they are open to the public. I can also schedule in-person training with your group or organization which includes hands-on practice with tourniquets. My safety and security training calendar can be found on the JFGP website at [jewishportland.org/events/
security-training](http://jewishportland.org/events/security-training) or you can contact me at [janderson@
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org](mailto:janderson@securecommunitynetwork.org) or 872-273-9214. Additionally, check out Stop the Bleed's website at [www.
stopthebleed.org](http://www.stopthebleed.org). You'll find online courses, resources, and how Stop the Bleed is helping people across the US. In honor of this month, Stop the Bleed is offering a chance to win a personal Stop the Bleed kit. Click here to enter: info.facs.org/

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Antisemitism by any other name...

By **BOB HORENSTEIN**

This past winter, a local Asian-American organization issued a statement calling for a ceasefire in Gaza that described Zionism as “the erasure” of the “indigenous” Palestinians and a form of “white supremacy” leading to “genocide.” Yet, in a meeting after the statement was posted on their website, the group’s leaders sought to assure me and a colleague that they unequivocally condemn antisemitism.

Around the same time, the Portland State University School of Gender, Race and Nations hosted a pro-Hamas “teach-in,” which featured David Lloyd, a UC Riverside scholar actively involved in the Boycott, Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement. Declaring Zionism to be a highly infectious “virus,” Lloyd depicted Israel as the shadowy presence lurking behind all kinds of putative government repres-

sion occurring in the US and Europe. This at a university claiming to have no tolerance for antisemitism.

More recently, a local high school teacher, who moonlights as an anti-Israel activist, placed posters made by her students on one of the school’s hallway bulletin boards. The posters represented a total distortion of the history of the Zionist movement, portraying Zionism as oppressive and racist. In a letter displayed alongside the posters, the teacher wrote, “I send a wish that we can honor the humanity of all people.” Apparently, all people except Zionists.

A core strategy of the BDS movement is to dissociate Zionism from Judaism and thereby avoid charges of antisemitism while rejecting the right of the Jewish people to national self-determination in our ancestral homeland. “I don’t hate Jews, I’m only against Jews having their own state,” is the common



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refrain among anti-Zionist circles.

It’s one thing to criticize, even vehemently, Israeli policies, which isn’t antisemitic. The anti-Zionists, however, routinely go well beyond legitimate criticism, forcefully rejecting the legitimacy of the Jewish state’s right to exist. At the same time, they falsely portray Zionism solely as a political movement separate from the Jewish religion to delude others into believing they oppose

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Never Alone

A caution on the left's cancel culture

By **ELISSA WALD**

I just posted on Facebook about “Morning After the Revolution: Dispatches from the Wrong Side of History,” by Nellie Bowles. As I said there, I bought it on Tuesday — its publication day — and then I stayed up all night reading it. I loved it. I related to it. I identified with it.

I’m on the left side of the American political aisle and I will always be on the left. I want to save the planet and save our democracy and have universal healthcare and end voter suppression. I will always believe in marriage equality and trans dignity; I will always believe Black lives matter; I will always believe in reproductive freedom for women; I will always

want the rich to pay their fair share of taxes, and so on.

But I also think the left is on its way to becoming as sick and dysfunctional as the right. These last seven months have shown me that too much of the left cares as little about facts or the truth as the right. That too much of the left is as hate-driven and violent as the right. That too much of the left is way more interested in hyper-policing and bullying and punishing its own than in achieving anything good for our country.

Bowles, the author and a former *New York Times* reporter, owns her own recent complicity in the worst aspects of the left, which is one of the book’s many

strengths. In one chapter, she talks about cancel culture, which leftists often insist is not a real thing — By ‘cancellation’, do you mean some people might not buy your book if you’re a racist scum? — but most certainly is a real thing that sometimes happens for good reasons and other times seems to happen on the flimsiest of whims, like a new Asian author’s debut fantasy novel getting pitchforked before publication because it touches on slavery (a worldwide scourge not remotely limited to the U.S.’ formative sins).

Here are some quotes from the cancel culture chapter:

“The first time I was consciously part of canceling someone, it felt incredible. I

do remember the pleasure... To do a cancellation is a very warm, social thing. It has the energy of a potluck. Everyone brings what they can, and everyone is impressed by the creativity of their friends.

“The easy criticism of a cancellation is: you went after someone who agrees with you on almost everything but some minor tiny differences? Some small infraction? It seems bizarre. But that’s the point. A cancellation isn’t about finding a conservative and yelling at them. It’s about finding the betrayer in your midst. It’s about sniffing them out at your coffee shop and your office. They look and talk like you. They blend

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Events

More upcoming community events online at jewishportland.org/community-calendar

May 22: Cedar Sinai Park Community Conversation

Discussion of Cedar Sinai campus sale and Foundation expansion with CEO Kimberly Fuson and board chair Steve Rallison at 2:30 pm. For more information, email sydney.clevenger@cedar-sinainpark.org.

May 22: EJC presents The Tuba Thieves

Indie Lens Pop-Up film screening at Eastside Jewish Commons at 7 pm. Free, pre-registration required at ejcpdx.org/events.

May 23: Cafe Shalom Israeli Folk Dancing

Weekly open Israeli dance session Thursdays, 8-10 pm at CHCC, 8936 SW 17th Ave in Portland. All experience levels and ages welcome. \$7. For more information, contact Allison Victor at al-lisuev@gmail.com.

May 26: Tefillin for Israel

Men's prayer session for Israel Sundays at 10:30 am at Tigard Chabad. For more information, email rabbi@jewishtigard.com.

May 26: "We Are Not

Strangers" book talk

Discussion of the graphic novel on Jewish efforts to aid interned Japanese Americans at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education at 2 pm. Free with museum admission. More information at ojmche.org/events.

May 26: Israeli Folk Dance at SWCC

Weekly class and open dancing at Southwest Community Center Sundays; lessons at 2:30 pm, open dancing at 3:30 pm. \$6. For more information, email Rhonaf@comcast.net.

May 29: The Burned Piano Project concert

Performance by Jennifer Wright of original compositions on unique art-instrument at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education at 2 pm. \$10. For more information, visit ojmche.org/events.

May 30: Hineni Tool Launch Event

Jewish Association for Death Education presentation on new digital information tool for Jewish death practices at 5 pm at the Eastside Jewish Commons.

For more information, email rachel@jadeinfo.org.

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Discussion of Cedar Sinai campus sale and Foundation expansion with CEO Kimberly Fuson and board chair Steve Rallison at 7 pm at Eastside Jewish Commons. For more information, email sydney.clevenger@cedar-sinainpark.org.

June 1: Mini Menses Tot Shabbat

Shabbat morning children's program for ages 0-5 and families at 9 am at Congregation Beth Israel. For more information, visit bethisrael-pdx.org/community/mini-menses.

June 1: Jewish Dreamwork Group

Dream analysis group at Eastside Jewish Commons at 4 pm. Pre-registration required at ejcpdx.org/events.

June 2: Kesser Israel Bike and Walk-a-thon

Annual fundraiser for Congregation Kesser Israel at Sellwood Park at 10 am. For more information, email shannon@kesserisrael.org.

June 2: Walking Tour of Historic Jewish Portland

Polina Olson leads a tour of Portland's original Jewish neighborhood at 10:30 am. \$15 Pre-registration required; email polina-olsen@comcast.net.

June 3: Renewal Kidney Donation Info Event

Info on living kidney donation at Mittleman Jewish Community Center at 6:30 pm. For more information, email zackrenewal2022@gmail.com.

June 5: Dror Israel at EJC

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June 6: The Braid presents "What Do I Do with All This Heritage"

Zoom performance by The Braid, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Thursday, June 6 at 4 pm and Sunday, June 9 at 11 am. Use code "portland-jf3" for free tickets at the-braid.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/PatronTicketPublicTicketApp#/events/a0S5G00000VyIQUA3

Jobs Board

See the latest Jewish jobs at jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/jewish-jobs

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[STB-Individual-Kit-Give-away.html](#). Good luck!

Meanwhile, it's vitally important to report antisemitic incidents and experiences, large and small so communities, law enforce-

ment, and state agencies can track their prevalence and allocate sufficient funding to investigate. From January through March of 2024, over 20 incidents were reported to me, some

of which were significant enough to be shared with law enforcement. To report an incident contact Jessica directly or use the reporting from the JFGP security page at [securecommuni-](#)

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in perfectly. But they're not like you."

So, what turned Bowles away from this seductive and heart-warming pastime?

"One day, there was a woman I tried to cancel but failed at spectacularly. She was hired as a colleague at the *Times* and was already a known heterodox. She came along with an older conservative guy, both from *The Wall Street Journal*, both then to our Opinion pages. The young heterodox writer sent me an idea for a story, and I said since I'm in town

maybe we should get coffee. I told my editor I was going to set her politics straight. I don't know what to say other than that when we met, I fell in love immediately. I knew immediately. Our early dates were fights about politics, and I couldn't get enough."

That woman was Bari Weiss, founder of *The Free Press*, and now Bowles is her wife and staff writer. She has also converted to Judaism and I, for one, am very glad to have her in the tribe.

I will confess that I myself believed Bari had gone to

the dark side for a while. I no longer believe that. I'm a *Free Press* fan. I hope to write for them one day.

We Jews are no strangers to blacklists. But we've never let them hold us back. When Jews were discriminated against in hospitals and medical schools, we built our own hospitals and we built our own med schools — and the best ones too, I might add.

We built our own colleges. We built our own museums. We built our own theaters. We built Hollywood. We can build our own publishing

houses if it comes to that.

I love you all. Am Yisrael Chai.

Adapted from "Cancel This," published May 17, 2024.

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antisemitism.

This isn't just an obfuscation. The anti-Zionists are effectively claiming to have a better understanding of Jewish identity than Jews themselves.

For most Jews worldwide, Zionism is central to our religious and cultural identity. Jews are indigenous to the Land of Israel. Since the time of the Roman conquest of Jerusalem in 70 CE, Jews living in the diaspora have prayed for a return to our homeland, a yearning that's recited as part of our daily liturgy. The Land of Israel is where many Jewish traditions originated and where Judaism's holy sites are located. In our sacred texts, moreover, the land is paramount to the Jewish people.

To be sure, there's confusion about the meaning of Zionism among some, especially younger, Jews, the term

having been corrupted and politicized. Even so, the last comprehensive survey of the American Jewish community (Pew Research Center, 2020) indicated that the vast majority of US Jews say that caring about Israel is an "essential" or "important" part of what being Jewish means to them. This connection is the very essence of Zionism.

Thus, when BDS activists ban "Zionists" from a march in support of LGBTQ rights or Students for Justice in Palestine calls for a boycott of "Zionist" student groups on a local campus, make no mistake—they mean Jews.

This isn't to suggest that every anti-Zionist intends to be antisemitic. Even without intention to harm, however, the impact is still harmful. In its "Statement of Principles against Intolerance," the University of California

Board of Regents acknowledged, "Opposition to Zionism often is expressed in ways that aren't simply statements of disagreement over politics and policy, but also assertions of prejudice and intolerance toward Jewish people and culture."

Sadly, it's what this statement calls "antisemitic forms of anti-Zionism" that have been witnessed during the recent widespread anti-Israel protests on college campuses, including Portland State and Reed.

In a 1970 interview with Thames Television, the late former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir lamented, "Liberal people that are for self-determination sympathize with the Palestinians. Everybody has the right to self-determine except [us]... We have to be, evidently, minorities all over the world, and we have no

right for independence."

Anti-Zionists support a Palestinian state in place of Israel and take no issue with the fact that there are 50 Muslim states in the world, 22 of them Arab. By contrast, they deem Jews to be acceptable only if we disavow Zionism. Only as long as we live as minorities scattered throughout the diaspora and have not a single state of our own (we've seen how well that has worked for us over the centuries).

We can't allow others to make us hide our Zionist identity. And if someone is harassed, ostracized, or discriminated against for being Zionist, let's be clear—it's antisemitism, and it should be roundly condemned.

This article was first published in the May edition of The Jerusalem Report magazine.

RONALD SUBOTNICK

It is with great sadness that Congregation Shaarie Torah announces the passing of Ronald Subotnick, z"l, beloved husband of Barbara Weiland. Ron passed away on Sunday morning, May 5, 2024. He is mourned by his wife, Barbara Weiland, by his children, Eric (Kerri) Weiland, Laurie (Quang) Tran and Jennifer (Erik) Karlson, grandchildren Abigail, Chandler, Cydney, Kai, Ethan, Elliot and Josephine, great-grandchildren Theodore and Cohen, and sister Cathy Berlant. The funeral was held Tuesday, May 7 at Shaarie Torah Cemetery.

WILLIAM SCHUMAN

Congregation Neveh Shalom is sorry to announce the passing of William "Billy" Schuman, z"l, on May 7, 2024 in Boca Raton, FL at the age of 75. He is remembered by his sister, Estelle "Cooky" (Dr. David) Goldblatt, and his nieces, Sarah Elianna (Brian) Rohr and Shayna (Lt. Benjamin) Proler. The funeral was held Friday, May 10 in Boca Raton, FL.

Burial Societies

Portland has two holy societies of volunteers who prepare the deceased for burial according to Jewish tradition: Chevra Kavod haMet and the Portland Hevra Kaddisha.

For questions about end of life, death and mourning, email chevrakavodhamet@gmail.com, visit ChevraKavodHaMet.org, or contact Michael Rosenberg at the Portland Hevra Kaddisha at michael@cashcolan.com or 503-519-2454.

EUNICE HASSON

With great sadness, Congregation Ahavah Achim announces the passing of Eunice Hasson, a"h, on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the age of 84. Eunice was past treasurer of Congregation Ahavath Achim for over a decade. She is survived by husband Morris Hasson and children Cathy Hasson, Judy Viall, Tillie Hasson, Sam Hasson.

HOWARD BERGER

Howard Steven Berger, z"l, age 61, passed away on May 4, 2024. He was a beloved father, husband, son, brother and friend. He was kind to all who knew him, and he was blessed with a positive outlook on life.

Howard was born March 20, 1963, in Miami, Fla., where he spent his formative years playing football, participating in programming through United Synagogue Youth and creating a strong network of friends that he maintained throughout his lifetime. His service was attended by friends he had made and maintained since his childhood.

Howard had the wonderful experience of traveling through the United States on the USY on Wheels experience in high school. He attended college at University of Florida and later became a Finance Manager/Salesman at various car dealerships in Miami. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work, dedication, and passion for helping others.

More than anything, Howard was a devoted father, husband and friend. He loved spending time with his family and close family friends. He and his son, Ryan, loved playing video games together and watching their favorite sports teams, especially the Florida Gators. He was always there to offer guidance, support, and encouragement to his son, no matter what challenges they faced. He also was an active member of his community, volunteering for various causes and organizations.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Robin, his son, Ryan, his father Herman, his siblings Marc, and Bonnie. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

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