

May 24, 2023/Sivan 4, 5783 Volume 58, Issue 11

Hunter's Space to be dedicated

"Calm and quiet place" at PJA named in memory of alum

BY DEBORAH MOON

Next month, Portland Jewish Academy will dedicate Hunter's Space, a soothing, quiet place for students to hang out and take a break away from the classroom.

A 2013 graduate of PJA, Hunter "Reuven" Jackson Jaffe, z"l, passed away Aug. 28, 2020, at the age of 21. Hunter's Space is a collaboration between the school; his mother, Toni Jaffe; and Hunter's "Jewish grandparents," Priscilla and Tony Kostiner.

"It gives kids a great space to read a book, do a quiet activity, find a calm and quiet place away from the classroom to be with a teacher or friend," says PJA Principal Merrill Hendin. "It now has a beautiful and calming mural and some favorite stuffed toys and books of Hunter's in it."

"It's nice to see his things live on beyond his short life," says Toni, who also donated Hunter's rock collection and Harry

See **HUNTER**, page 9



Above: Toni Jaffe, mother of Hunter Jackson Jaffe, z"l, pictured in "Hunter's Space" at Portland Jewish Academy prior to its dedication. The mural is inspired by Hunter's favorite colors and the space, located on the school's ground floor will house some of his favorite toys and books. Photo by Rockne Roll. Right: Hunter Jackson Jaffe on his 21st birthday. Photo courtesy Toni Jaffe.



Yechieli's first album to debut at June 10 event

Israeli singer-songwriter Linoy Yechieli will celebrate the release of her debut full-length album, "Notebook," Yechieli at the Juicebox, 866 N Columbia Blvd., in Portland on Satur-



day, June 10, at 7:30 pm.

Yechieli, who has been the Jewish Agency Israel Fellow at PDX Hillel since August 2022, also works as a music therapist. She released her first single, "Mashmout," in 2020. "Notebook" addresses themes of identity and belonging as both a woman and an Israeli and was completed during her time in

Portland.

A variety of other local musicians will join Yechieli onstage at the release show. Work from visual artists from the community and Israeli food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Advance tickets are \$15 and available online at juicebox.life/events/6-20-23/.

INSIDE

Spotlight on Chabad of NE Portland
– page 2

Song of Miriam brunch – page 2

Women's Giving Circle grants announced – page 4

JFCS celebrates 75 years – page 5

Schneider to depart Shir Tikvah – page 6

Maimonides to join Tamim network – page 7

Cedar Sinai Park annual benefit – page 8

Morland joins Maayan Torah – page 8

People in the news – page 10

MJCC community celebration – page 11

Finance Focus – page 12

Babbstein wins 2023 Rogoway – page 13

Jobs: Shir Tikvah, BB Camp, CBI – page 13

Chaplain: Get out of your comfort zone – page 14

New security courses – page 15

19 events – page 16

Obituaries: Haselton, Zelinka, Cohn, Shabashevich, Mulugeta, Richman – page 17

Agency Spotlight

The Jewish Review is featuring a profile of each of the 18 local beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's 2022 Annual Campaign.



The inaugural party at The Giving Kitchen on May 17 drew 18 ladies and made 35 bags of food to be delivered to seniors, the homebound or people in need.

Chabad of NE Portland

Jewishnortheast.com | 503-309-4490

AREA OF SERVICE: Building Jewish identity, education

2022 ALLOCATION: \$8,700

SERVICES: To put every Jew in Portland's northeast and inner east side in touch with their *neshama* (Jewish soul). We do this by providing services and programs that enrich lives in a welcoming and inclusive environment, and by making Judaism more accessible and encouraging them to pursue Jewish living and learning. Chabad of NE Portland welcomes every person, wherever they are in life.

Last year, Chabad of NE Portland partnered with Maimonides Jewish Day School to purchase an 8,700-square-foot former preschool at 4635 NE 9th Ave., enabling both the center and school to expand programming on Portland's east side. The ADA-accessible, two-story building has ample space for both the school and the NE Chabad Jewish Center.

In addition, NE Chabad Executive Director Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm says the 5,000 square feet of outdoor space will be available for camp and afterschool programs.

His wife, NE Chabad Educational Director Mushka Wilhelm, says the kitchen has become a wonderful space for the teens and other volunteers to prepare food for seniors and the homebound served by Chabad's Chesed (kindness) Connection.

The kitchen and adjacent community space are also the hub of The Giving Kitchen, a new program that has excited the imagination of both the Wilhelms and the community they serve.

On May 17, a group of women gave the program a test run when Sarah Rosenberg Brown hosted a party for her birthday. After partying and cooking, each woman took home a challah for her own family and one bag of food they had prepared to give to someone in need. The other food bags were delivered the next day by Chesed Connection volunteers.

"I'm excited people may see this and want to do their own party," says Rabbi Wilhelm. "People really want to feel they are helping other people."

"The Giving Kitchen is focused on the experience of giving food to other people," adds Rabbi Wilhelm. "The idea is giving people the opportunity to help somebody in a very physical way – to cook food for someone."

Rabbi Wilhelm says the support NE Chabad receives from the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland allows for increased community impact.

Volunteers are always needed for the Chesed Connection. For information on volunteering, visit jewishnortheast.com/chessedconnection.

Song of Miriam Awards Brunch returns June 4

After a three-year hiatus, the Song of Miriam Awards Brunch returns to honor outstanding women volunteers on June 4 (see box).

The Jewish Women's Round Table sponsored the Song of Miriam Brunch for 27 years before the pandemic canceled the event from 2020 to 2022. The 2023 brunch will recognize a new group of outstanding women as well as naming the volunteers honored during the pandemic. Though each woman is nominated by her respective organization, the community unites to honor the women who volunteer their time and energy to ensure the continuity and vibrancy of the Jewish community of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

This year's honorees are: Judith Ann Arbetter, Shalom Bayit (Bend); Susan Berniker, Beth Israel Sisterhood; Shelley Kaplan, Temple Beth Shalom (Salem); Nehama Bennett-Teasdale, Shir Tikvah; Karen Blauer, Eastside Jewish Commons; Kathy Chusid, Jewish Family & Child Service; Estelle Golden, Next Generations Group; Jaime Gross, Beit Haverim; Ayanne Group, Kesser Israel; Janet Grubel, P'nai Or; Naomi Harwin, Portland Jewish Academy; Shira Newman, Shaarie Torah; Sacha Reich, Havurah Shalom; Sari Sapon-White, Beit Am (Corvallis); Etti Segal, Neveh Shalom; Martha Soltesz, Cedar Sinai Park; and Tamar Wyte-Lake, Mittleman Jewish Community Center.

The Jewish Women's Round Table was formed in 1992 as a gathering of the leaders of Portland-area Jewish women's organizations. It was first known as the Jewish Women's Presidents' Round Table, and its aim was to exchange ideas about leadership topics. When membership was extended beyond presidents, the name was changed to the Jewish Women's Round Table.

During the pandemic, JWRT and the Jewish Review collaborated to profile the outstanding women volunteers who had been selected by their organizations. Those profiles are online at jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/song-of-miriam-awards-part-1 and jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/SOM-2022.

For more information about the Jewish Women's Round Table and the Song of Miriam awards, visit JWRT.org.



28th Annual Song of Miriam Awards Brunch

The Jewish Women's Round Table honors outstanding women volunteers.

DATE: Sunday, June 4, 10 am-12:15 pm

LOCATION: Mittleman Jewish Community Center

COST: \$28

REGISTER: <https://tinyurl.com/vy8swwe5>



JEWISH FEDERATION OF
GREATER PORTLAND
103rd ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 6, 2023 - 7:00PM
MITTLEMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
IN PERSON ONLY

**Brandeis University will share the results of the
most comprehensive Community Study ever
completed in Jewish Portland!**

**In addition, we will thank our outgoing board members
and elect new ones, present several awards, and share
our accomplishments from the past year.**

RSVP: jewishportland.org/annualmeeting23
or call 503.245.6219

Women's Giving Circle issues nine grants

BY DEBORAH MOON

The Women's Giving Circle of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has awarded \$26,300 to nine grant recipients. Now in its seventh grant cycle, the Women's Giving Circle has granted a total of \$148,965 in 46 grants.

The WGC gives Jewish women the opportunity to be fully engaged in the process of philanthropy. The Circle's mission is to empower women and girls, to support Jewish continuity in myriad forms and to help activate projects that drive justice.

"I adore WGC for all the reasons above, including my deep value of imbuing our deeds with Yiddishkeit," says Giving Circle Chair Sharon Pollin. "It is truly moving to see the impact of our combined contributions. Additionally, WGC provides an opportunity to learn more about the creative initiatives that are happening in the community, as well as to form friendships with like-minded women."

Several of the grants use the term "women" to refer to cisgender women, transgender women and non-binary people who are comfortable in female-centered spaces.

The largest grant, \$4,000, went to Real Light Films to expand distribution of "Monument," which tells the story of the filmmaker's first visit to a monument his grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, created in memory of her Hungarian hometown's former Jewish population.

While WGC has often provided seed funding for programs in the arts, the funding for "Monument" is different.

"We are funding at the end of the project," says JFGP Chief Development Officer Wendy Kahn, who both staffs and participates in WGC. "We are providing the opportunity for this artist and local Oregon resident/filmmaker, Michael Turner, to share his grandmother's incredible story. We understand that we do not have the capacity to fund an entire project like



Filmmaker Michael Turner visits the memorial his grandmother, Lici, a Hungarian Jew whose parents and sister were killed in Auschwitz, created in Sarvar, Hungary. The Women's Giving Circle awarded a grant to Real Light Films to aid in distribution of the film "Monument." A seven-minute clip from the film will be shown at the Eastside Jewish Commons as part of Art/Lab's Exhibition opening event at 6:30 pm, June 1 (see page 11), and will be available to view until June 28 as part of the exhibition.

Michael's, but we do have the capacity to help him complete his vision."

"Monument" is being submitted to various film festivals, universities, Oregon Public Broadcasting and other independent media outlets.

"A major goal of this project is to explore ideas of identity and belonging in the face of erasure," says Turner. "While the film is set in Hungary and deals with active Jewish erasure in that country, we are explicit in the film about our own country's (and our own personal) avoidance of acknowledging peoples and cultures that have been erased through genocide, racism and forced assimilation. We hope that the film tells this story in an intimate, introspective voice that honors my grandmother's efforts and acknowledges the complexity of finding ourselves involved in the fallout of a genocide."

Congregation Shir Tikvah received \$2,130 to help recruit more volunteers for the Women's Torah study at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

(Read more about the project at jewishportland.org/jewishreview/jr-stories/torah-study-in-prison.)

WGC participant Joni Miller was very impressed by the impact of the project. She says the Torah study helps the female inmates "feel a connectedness with their outside culture, which can provide strength in their unusually stressful environment."

Other grant recipients are:

- Beit Am, \$3,600, to fund an intergenerational Rosh Chodesh program to build Jewish identity, trusting relationships and meaningful community. Through art, movement, meditation and sharing, Jewish women will have an opportunity to access a monthly feeling of retreat-like peace and fulfillment.

- Tisch PDX, \$3,600, for an Alumni Support Program, which last year's grant from the Women's Giving Circle helped launch. This year, the program will serve 22 young organizers and community builders from marginalized populations in Portland.

- Chabad Jewish Center-Hillsboro, \$3,000, to help the Center's Jewish women's group add community volunteering and partnership to its intergenerational Jewish Women's Weekly Club and Rosh Chodesh programs.

- Oregon Hillel/Greater Portland Hillel, \$3,000, for a collaborative retreat to empower female-identifying students that are connected to both PDX and Oregon Hillel to be mentored by our professional staff and to take on leadership roles as they lay out the vision, programs, conversions, workshops, and the spiritual and religious experiences throughout the weekend.

- Jewish Family & Child Service, \$2,600, to support mental health in Jewish day schools. JFCS will provide consultation and training for teachers and offer therapeutic parenting interventions through the SPACE (Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions) treatment model for parents.

- Mittleman Jewish Community Center, \$2,370, for free self-defense sessions for three age groups (13-15, 16-18, adult). Each session will include overall safety and prevention information as well as physical self-defense skills to empower female-identifying individuals with practical, hands-on knowledge and skills.

- Eastside Jewish Commons, \$2,000, to subsidize a six-session yoga class for 15- to 16-year-old girls. The overarching goal of the sessions is the creation of a supportive, intentional young women's community modeled on mutual support, respect, confidentiality and consent.

For more information on the Giving Circle, contact Sharon at slpollin@gmail.com or Wendy at wendy@jewishportland.org or 503-892-3015.

"We would love for any women interested in finding out more to reach out to either Wendy or me for coffee and to learn more about being a WGC member," says Sharon.

JFCS celebrates 'Generations' for 75th Anniversary

BY DEBORAH MOON

On May 18, Celebrating Generations drew 235 people to celebrate 75-year-old Jewish Family & Child Service and to support its four core programs: Holocaust Survivor Services, Counseling, Community Support Services and Disability Support Services.

The festive evening held at The Castaway began with a champagne toast from JFCS Board President Larry Holzman: "JFCS is here for the community because you are here for us. L'Chaim (to life)!"

Carolyn Weinstein, who co-chaired the event with Elana Stampfer Emlen, introduced a video commemorating the agency's evolution over its 75 years of providing stability and hope for the community.

"JFCS goes with the flow," said Weinstein. "Needs change, people change. They (JFCS) are very good at adapting to what the community needs."

The video ([vimeo.com/824908963](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=824908963)) gave an overview of those changes over three-quarters of a century starting as the Jewish Shelter House for orphans. Other needs



China Forbes of Pink Martini, left, sings a duet with Congregation Beth Israel Senior Cantor Ida Rae Cahana at Jewish Family & Child Service's "Celebrating Generations" Thursday, May 18, at The Castaway in Portland. The event celebrated the 75th anniversary of JFCS, which began as the Jewish Shelter House. Photo by Rockne Roll

the agency stepped up to meet included adoptions, Russian resettlement and the creation of what has become the independent Community Warehouse.

Now the agency focuses on the four core programs listed above.

"None of the accomplishments you learned about from the video would be possible without the staff," said Emlen.

Holzman, who is ending four years as JFCS chair, likewise praised the staff. "They have been able to implement my passions," he said, urging the community to continue its historic support of JFCS so the staff can continue to "help our most vulnerable."

Early projections after the event showed that JFCS far exceeded its fundraising goals at the annual event.

Holzman said, "When you find your passion and have the ability to effect change, you have no idea how gratifying it is."

By passionately sharing the story of the ways JFCS saves and changes lives, Holzman has inspired many donations, including two major, unsolicited ones from his family. His mother, Renee Holzman, issued a \$500,000 matching grant to support the agency's work

with Holocaust survivors; so far, more than \$330,000 has come in for the match, which continues until June 30. His brother, Jay Holzman, donated \$100,000 to enable the agency to hire a mental health counselor to work with children and families.

The counselor, Laura Cohen, LCSW, ACSW, has brought SPACE to family counseling. Cohen explained that SPACE is a treatment model that focuses on the parents of kids managing life with anxiety, something that has experienced a dramatic increase since the pandemic began.

The evening concluded with a soulful musical performance by China Forbes, who has fronted Pink Martini since 1995. Forbes described the set she performed to a standing ovation as being "inspired by the generations." She said it was an honor to be at the event and learn of all the good JFCS has done through the years.

To help that work continue, go to jfcspdx.org/giving/.



JFCS Board President Larry Holzman raises a glass to celebrate the agency's 75th anniversary at The Castaway Thursday night. Holzman will be stepping down after four years leading the JFCS board; a half-million dollar matching challenge grant from his mother, Renee Holzman, to support the agency's work with Holocaust survivors runs through June 30.



BB Camp Bash celebrates the soul

More than 175 friends and supporters of B'nai B'rith Camp gathered and collectively raised more than \$160,000 on April 29 at BB Camp's annual fundraiser, the BB Camp Bash at The Loft at 8th Avenue. The theme of the 2023 Bash was Soul Celebration, honoring the many ways in which the camp experience is good for the soul. There was a specific emphasis on the mental, emotional and social health (MESH) programming that BB Camp prioritizes. Kathleen Voboril of Corporate Karaoke warmed up the crowd with a musical camp parody for featured entertainer Taylor Williamson, a stand-up comedian with national recognition and accolades. Photo by Andie Petkus Photography

Schneider to step down from Shir Tikvah post

BY ROCKNE ROLL

After a decade of increasingly prominent leadership roles, Congregation Shir Tikvah Executive Director Katie Schneider is taking a well-deserved break as she steps down from her post effective at the end of July.

"I've been with the shul for about 10 years, and we've gone through a lot of different changes," Schneider says. "I just feel like it's a good time to hand it over to somebody else with some new energy."

Schneider and her family will still be members of Shir Tikvah, as they have been since 2004. They were initially drawn to the then-2-year-old congregation by its location on the east side of the Willamette River, its emphasis on socially progressive values and ethics, and an education program that works a little differently and integrates students and the broader congregational community.

"The idea is that families celebrate all the holidays in the community, not just in the school," Schneider says. "So, everybody comes to the congregational seder, everybody comes to the Chanukah open house. And I really liked that because that worked well for my family, too."

Schneider quickly became a volunteer with the congregation's education program. She started directing the program as a member of Shir Tikvah's staff a decade ago, managing communications as well, before her appointment as executive director.

The congregation has grown and strengthened in many ways over those years. When asked for her biggest achievement as Shir Tikvah's executive director, Schneider's

first answer was the congregation's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The circumstances were challenging – Rabbi Ariel Stone was out of the country and trying to get home – but the response of Schneider and the congregation's staff was thoughtful and decisive.



Schneider, left, with Rabbi Ariel Stone

"We closed down on a Monday, and we had Zoom services that next Saturday, and we have had them ever since," she says of the early days of the pandemic.

That might make it sound straightforward, but it was anything but, and the process helped springboard the congregation into a more modern and inclusive way of conducting their services. In a post-Covid world, Schneider explains, each congregation has to find its own way of adopting and adapting to technology to meet the needs of its members. She is proud of the way that Shir Tikvah has done so.

"We see people logging in from all over, especially around special events," Schneider says. "We have members who live on the East Coast, we have a member in Mexico – people who want to keep in touch with their community are able to do that.

And people who are not necessarily able to drive can do that. Or people who are immunocompromised. So there's this point of connection that we didn't have before."

Amid the pandemic, the congregation also took the huge step of relocating to 2420 NE Sandy Blvd., the space it shares with the Eastside Jewish Commons. It was a big move and took a huge effort by congregants and volunteers, Schneider explains. But it has paid major benefits as the congregation and EJC have grown together in what Schneider would rather call an organizational friendship than a partnership.

"We had been renting from about four different buildings for the different kinds of events that we had," Schneider says. "Our school was in one place, our services were in another place, High Holy Days were in another place."

While much has changed in her time on the congregation's staff, Shir Tikvah's essence, the values that drive Schneider's work, remain.

"People do really step up in amazing ways," she says. "And when community works, well, it's a great antidote to how hard the world is sometimes."

The search for Shir Tikvah's next executive director is under way, and Schneider's departure is timed to make sure the handoff is an easy one. (The job is posted on jewish-portland.org/ourcommunity/jewish-jobs.)

"I wanted to pad in enough time to make a smooth transition," she says, "because the work is really important to me. I want to make sure that everybody has what they need to be successful."

Maimonides to join Tamim Academy network

In the 2023-24 school year, Maimonides Jewish Day School will begin a shift to a new educational model – one that has shown rapid growth and success across the country.

To be known as the Tamim Academy of Portland, the school will join a network of other Tamim Jewish schools in New York, Vermont, Utah, Florida, Connecticut and Texas. The transition will begin with kindergarten, first and second grades, with a new grade added each year through eighth grade.

Current Maimonides students going into grades three and above will continue under that banner.

“We are not closing,” says school board member Rabbi Shmulik Greenberg. “We are shifting to a new program that has already proven its success in providing topnotch secular and Judaic education while focusing on the individual needs of each student.”

As part of the Tamim Academy Network of Chabad-Lubavitch schools, the school will remain independent, but it will have access to a centralized Tamim office that will provide curriculum design, ongoing teacher training, administrative support and business coaching.

“I had heard about Tamim before, and I was very curious,” says Chaya Orenstein, who is both a teacher and mom of several students. “Now that I’ve learned more about it, I’m excited, as this will ensure there’s more space for high-quality, individual teaching and learning. Having the curriculum prepared for you allows you to put more attention into the needs of every single student. I also like that they have a scaffolding program, which focuses on every single stage of development.”

“Tamim has a motto, and it is that every single person in the Tamim infrastructure – principals, teachers, students – are always learning and growing,” she adds. “That is very exciting.”

Rabbi Greenberg sees another



Students sing the days of the week in Hebrew at Maimonides Jewish Day School Wednesday, May 17. The school, recently relocated to Northeast Portland, will join the nationwide Tamim Academy group of schools. Photo by Rockne Roll.

er benefit: “Joining the Tamim network gives us the ability to focus on the needs of the whole child, both academically and emotionally.”

In fact, that mission is in its very name, as *tamim* in Hebrew means complete or whole.

The Tamim Academy Network was created by veteran educators who realized that Jewish schools, particularly those in small communities, were struggling because they had no support and had to take on everything from fundraising to class management. They understood that if they could centralize some of the behind-the-scenes concerns and offer the best education using the latest research, schools could thrive and students could succeed.

The network launched in the

fall of 2020 with four schools and a handful of students in each program. It has since expanded threefold. Parents whose children were in that first cohort of schools have praised the program.

One parent told the Chabad.org news site, “They have

honed in on who she is, and they are helping her bring out the best in herself academically, socially, Jewishly.”

Joining the Tamim Academy

Network now is perfect timing for the local community. The 35-year-old school relocated to the east side of Portland at the start of the 2022-23 school year and opened the Gan Yeladim Preschool.

“Parents on the east side now have easy access to a Jewish day school, which they’ve never had before,” says Rabbi

Chaim Wilhelm, director of Chabad of Northeast Portland. “Relocating here was a major change for the better. Our building has more capacity, giving us more opportunity to expand and reach families here we know are interested in an excellent education for their children. We’ve already had several new families join our preschool, and we look forward to welcoming more families in the elementary school, as well.”

The school’s new direction builds off of the legacy of excellence that was set out by the school’s founder and director of many years, Devorah Wilhelm.

“From the beginning, Mrs. Wilhelm’s goal was for children to have an excellent Jewish education and an excellent secular education,” says Rabbi Greenberg. “By joining the Tamim Academy Network, we’ll be able to do just that for years to come.”

“Parents on the east side now have easy access to a Jewish day school, which they’ve never had before.”

Cedar Sinai raises more than half a million at benefit

Love, honor and respect were in style at Cedar Sinai Park's celebratory annual benefit May 13, which raised nearly \$517,000 for resident care.

"It was truly a perfect evening – from the beautiful people, to the gorgeous weather, to our beloved residents' and volunteers' show-stopping serenade and sing-a-long," says Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Fuson. "It was so wonderful to be together in person."

"We know our guests experienced the essence of Cedar Sinai Park's love in action," she adds. "It's who we are, and that will not change as we embrace new opportunities to create a path to sustainability."

Local entertainer Susannah Mars was the emcee, accompanied by Todd Marston and his band. A group of Rose Schnitzer Manor Assisted Living residents, known as the Mazel Tones – accompanied by volunteers Jennifer Goldsmith, Martha Soltesz and Michelle Gradow – gave a rousing rendition of "Happy Days Are Here Again."

"Our elders aren't going away," says Board Chair Steve Rallison. "Honoring our fathers and mothers with love, honor and respect has not, nor will it, become obsolete."

"Cedar Sinai Park is weighing its options



Above: From left, Cedar Sinai Park residents David, Donna and Pearl arrive at the facility's annual fundraising dinner May 13. Below: Kimberly Fuson, chief executive of Cedar Sinai Park, pictured with Michael Feves. Photos by Andrea Lonas Photography.

to be a financially sustainable 'Home' that is true to the mission," adds Rallison. "The board is outstanding. We have an excellent management team and a wonderful community. We are united around the mission of Cedar Sinai Park and appreciate everyone's support!"

You can see the benefit video at [youtube.com/watch?v=jdCIWydRfrY&t=11s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdCIWydRfrY&t=11s)



Morland to lead general studies at Maayan Torah

BY ROCKNE ROLL

Maayan Torah Day School's leadership for the coming year is taking shape, beginning with Becky Morland's appointment as General Studies Principal.

Morland joins Maayan from Riverdale Grade School in Portland, where she serves as a math and literacy specialist. She says she immediately felt like Maayan was the place for her to take the next step in her career.

"Wow, this sounds like a wonderful place," she recalls thinking after her first interview at Maayan. She adds the school was a good fit, a place "with integrity and values that are similar to mine."

Morland hails originally from the Chicago suburbs, where she saw the value of religious education in her own neighborhood.

"I grew up in a community in the northwest suburbs of Chi-



Morland

cago that was ... pretty much half Jewish, half Catholic," she says. She adds the community had a real respect for "religious foundation in families in general."

After beginning her teaching career in public and private third- and fourth-grade classrooms in the Chicago area, Morland became a stay-at-home mom for 17 years. Once her youngest entered first grade, she went back to

school through ReadOregon, an online course program for educators, and became a reading specialist. After finishing the program at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, she worked as a reading specialist, talented and gifted coordinator, and teacher trainer for four years with the Ashland school district before joining Riverdale. She is also Riverdale's talented and gifted coordinator and library specialist.

Morland's work coaching and supporting teachers is something she looks forward to continuing at Maayan. She wants to help the school's teachers implement the latest developments in classroom techniques and strategies.

"We have to make sure that teachers are aware of current pedagogy and best practices," Morland says. "We have to make sure that not only are they informed of those, but then they

are supported, coached and mentored through the process in a systematic way."

Morland was particularly drawn to the position at Maayan by the school's commitment to whole-child development and how central families are in the school's work. She said the school's staff felt very much like a family to her, and she strongly connected with the staff's passion for their work.

"I'm just amazed by the warmth and the dedication more than anything," she says. "Not just warmth towards me, but warmth in general towards everybody. There's just this devotion and dedication to the job, the work, the children. It's palpable"

A new Head of School has not yet been announced. The division of responsibilities after Rabbi Yerachmiel Kalter's departure this summer is still being arranged.



Toni Jaffe examines a depiction of a Costa Rican blue morpho butterfly, also called a hunter butterfly, that's part of the mural in Hunter's Space at Portland Jewish Academy. The butterfly, like the rest of the scene and color pallet depicted in artist Lolly Jamerson's mural, was a favorite of her son Hunter's. Photos by Rockne Roll.

HUNTER (continued from page 1)

Potter books to the school. "PJA really got him. They loved him, cared for him, educated him. He grew up there. ... He had dyslexia, and they really worked with him. He wrote beautiful poetry at PJA."

Toni says she loved the Kostiners' idea to create the space in Hunter's honor. The three shared memories and ideas with artist Lolly Jamerson, who painted a

mural reflecting Hunter.

"His soul, his personality was butterflies and rainbows and flowers," says Priscilla. "Hunter loved working with little kids."

Toni explains she "won" the Kostiners at a Passover seder in their home when Hunter's other mother, Luna, was five months pregnant with Hunter. Toni found the afikomen (a piece of matzah hidden during the seder

that has to be reclaimed by the hosts for dessert).

"Bargain with it," Priscilla says she told Toni. "We can't finish the seder without it."

Toni told them that since she and Luna are Jews by choice, what Hunter really would need was Jewish grandparents. The couple immediately said, "Done." They took the role seriously, beginning with Tony holding Hunter at his bris, celebrating holidays and birthdays together, and babysitting.

"For our grandsons, this was Cousin Hunter," says Priscilla. "He was very much part of our lives. ... We were very shaken by his death. We wanted to do something in his memory and talked to Merrill."

Because of the pandemic, the project was delayed until this year.

"PJA had a special place in his life and in my life," says Toni.

Hunter attended PJA from Pre-K through eighth grade and went to the KidsCorner afterschool program, where he volunteered when he was older.

He became a bar mitzvah at Congregation Shaarie Torah and went to Israel on PJA's eighth-grade trip, coordinated by PJA Jewish studies teacher Shahr Eden. Shahr was again leading the PJA trip 10 years later, when Toni and her adopted son, Michael Peck, became b'nai mitzvah as adults in Israel during the Portland community trip in March.

"Hunter was with me in spirit as I wore his bar mitzvah tallit," says Toni.

During the trip, Toni learned that Shahr's father had been killed in a helicopter crash that was turned into a memorial that a group of Portlanders visited. Toni saw Shahr at the Tel Aviv airport at the end of both groups' trips.

"I got to share his grief over the loss of his father, and he shared my grief of the loss of Hunter," says Toni.

The June 15 dedication of the space will be private, but Hunter's former classmates are invited. For information, contact PJA at 503-244-0126.



A stuffed bear that belonged to Hunter Jackson Jaffe will be part of the space, along with other toys of Jackson Jaffe's as well as his rock collection.

People In The News

Albertson one of “18 American Zionist Women You Should Know”

Former Greater Portland Hillel President Amy Albertson has been named to the inaugural list of “18 American Zionist Women You Should Know,” chosen by Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America.

Albertson made Aliyah in 2015 and has built a career in Jewish advocacy. Her experiences as a Chinese-American Jewish woman are chronicled online in “The Asian Israeli.” Currently, she is a consultant for At The Well Project and an Executive Board Member of Be’Chol Lashon. She is also an associate at The Tel Aviv Institute. Albertson previously received the Women’s International Zionist Organization’s Warrior for Israel Award.

Bernstein among Portland’s Top Execs

The Portland Business Journal recognized Evan Bernstein, Partner at Pacific NW Properties, among their executives of the year for 2023. Bernstein had previously been honored among the Journal’s “40 Under 40” Portland-area executives in 2017.

Bernstein called the honor humbling, adding, “I share this with recognition with my wonderful family; business partners, Tom Stern and Brad Stern; our staff; service providers and industry partners; and our amazing tenants. I’m so grateful to be surrounded by so many outstanding people.”

He met his wife, Hailey (Stern), Bernstein when the two were counselors at Camp Solomon Schechter. The couple have two children and are members of Congregation Neveh Shalom. Their 3-year-old daughter, Pepper, attends Neveh Shalom’s Foundation School. Son, Jory, 7, is a Foundation School grad and attends Sunday School at Neveh Shalom. He will be going to Camp Solomon Schechter this summer for the first time.

This past year, Bernstein served as Oregon chapter president of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, and was recognized nationally as chapter president of the year.

PJA’s Rosenberg receives master’s from Brandeis

Portland Jewish Academy Technology Integration Specialist Matt Rosenberg has graduated from Brandeis University with a master’s degree in Teacher Leadership as part of the university’s Legacy Heritage Scholar program. Following a three-week, in-person summer session, Rosenberg has continued to take classes online this year while working on his capstone project, a new digital citizenship curriculum for PJA students that examines technology use through the lens of Jewish teaching.

Schroeder is Oregon Small Businessperson of the Year

Mother’s Bistro and Bar owner and executive chef Lisa Schroeder was named Oregon Small Businessperson of the Year for

2023 by the United States Small Business Administration as part of national Small Business Week earlier this month.

Schroeder was honored along with awardees from other states at the White House on May 1 by President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler honored her at her restaurant in Portland on May 3.

Schroeder attended high school at Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She is

Schroeder a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America. She honed her cooking skills at Le Cirque and Lespinasse in New York and Moulins des Mougins and L’Auberge de L’Eridan in France. In 2000, she opened Mother’s Bistro and Bar in Portland with assistance from the SBA.



Shanayder tapped as NatGeo 2023 Young Explorer

Sharona Shanayder, a Nigerian-Israeli climate activist and Greater Portland Hillel alum, is among National Geographic’s 2023 Young Explorer cohort. The honor recognizes changemakers aged 18 to 25 “engaged in solution-focused ideas including scientific innovation, conservation, education, civic engagement, storytelling and more.”

Shanayder is the founder of [Tuesdays for Trash](#), a global movement that encourages people to pick up trash once a week, which has resulted in the removal of more than 30,000 pounds of litter in 39 countries. In 2022, Shanayder was named Leader of the Year by the Tod’Aérs Global Network and received the Audi Environmental scholarship.

Rabbi Stone wins 2023 Rev. Dr. Smith Award

Rabbi Ariel Stone of Congregation Shir Tikvah has received the 2023 Reverend Dr. Paul Smith Award from Compassion and Choices, the nation’s largest end-of-life-care nonprofit.

“We selected Stone for her unwavering commitment to improving end-of-life care and options,” the organization’s press release said. Rabbi Stone is the author of *The Alef-Bet of Death Dying as a Jew: A Guide for the Dying out of Jewish Traditional Sources* and is also the founder and chair of Hesed Shel Emet, the Oregon Jewish Indigent Burial Society.

The award was presented at the recent “It Won’t Kill You to Talk about Death” symposium at the Eastside Jewish Commons.



MJCC honors community awardees



BY LISA KATON

A wide spectrum of accomplishments was recognized at the Mitteleman Jewish Community Center's Community Celebration, held at the center Tuesday, May 9.

The Center presented its Pillar of Excellence award to Gayle Schnitzer Romain for her decades of contributions to the Center and wider community, ranging from being a summer camp attendee all the way to board member. Her award was presented by MJCC Executive Director Steve Albert.

Two Catlin Gabel High School students received the Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award. The Glickman awards were presented by Steve "Sudsy" Friedman and Glen Coblens.

Ben Rosenfeld was captain of the school's 2022 State Championship-winning tennis team, while also playing basketball, soccer and running cross country. Rosenfeld holds numerous leadership positions at the school, including student body president. He also represented the MJCC as a member of the Center's 2019 JCC Maccabi USA Games soccer team. He will attend Stanford University this fall.

Lily Wand is the captain of Catlin Gabel's girls' tennis team, which won the State Championship in 2022; she won a district championship that year in doubles. She also plays volleyball and basketball. Wand volunteers with multiple organizations in the community that address the needs of unhoused people and is active in multiple clubs and activities at Catlin Gabel.

Josh Frankel introduced Geoff Schwartz, this year's Oregon Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Schwartz played on the offensive line four seasons at University of Oregon before being selected by the Carolina Panthers in the seventh round of the 2008 NFL Draft. Schwartz played 74 games, including 39 starts, across six seasons with the Panthers, the New York Giants, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Minnesota Vikings. After retiring from pro football, Schwartz now works in sports radio.

The evening's keynote address came from Israeli photographer Erez Kaganovits, whose project, "Humans of Israel," has been on display at the Center since March. Kaganovits gave a presentation that included work from the exhibition and two of his other major projects, "Humans of Tel Aviv" and "Humans of the Holocaust." He shared the stories behind many of his images and encouraged audience members to offer their impressions of the work, making for a thoughtful and illuminating discussion.

Rockne Roll contributed reporting.

Clockwise from top: Gail Schnitzer Romain accepts the Pillar of Excellence award at the MJCC's Community Celebration May 9; Ben Rosenfeld; Erez Kaganovits discusses his photographic work from Israel; Lily Wand. Courtesy photos.

Art/Lab Exhibition Opening event June 1 at Eastside Commons

Co/Lab, in partnership with the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, will host an Exhibition Opening Event for the 2022/2023 Art/Lab Cohort at 6:30 pm Thursday, June 1, at the Eastside Jewish Commons, 2420 NE Sandy Blvd. in Portland.

Art/Lab is a nine-month

program for Jewish artists in the Portland area to explore the intersection of artistic expression and Jewish identity through study, dialogue and the creation of new work. This cohort worked around the theme of "Makhloket: Divisions and Disagreements." This year's artists are Zac Banik, Ora Fruchter, Leanne

Grabel, Liz Asch Greenhill, Shir Grisanti, Helen Hunter, Aaron Kahn and Michael Turner.

"This is a very special opportunity to gain exposure to really unbelievably talented Jewish artists in Portland," explained Co/Lab's Rabbi Josh Rose. "They'll be making presentations to the au-

dience and it's a chance for people to meet them and to ask questions about what Art/Lab is and what Jewish art is becoming."

The exhibition is on display through June 28 at EJC. For more information, email artlab@colabpdx.org.

RSVP for the opening event at colabpdx.org/artlab.

Charity, retirement, and your finances

How tax code can benefit Jewish community organizations

BY DAVID FORMAN

Each year, individuals above a certain age must distribute a minimum amount (required minimum distribution or RMD) from their tax-deferred retirement accounts. For 2023, this applies to individuals 73 years and older. By 2033, the age for RMDs from retirement accounts will increase to 75.

The amount of the RMD is included in annual taxable income. However, the taxable income attributable to an RMD can be offset through a qualified charitable distribution or QCDs, which are not subject to income tax, count toward the RMD while simultaneously reducing the taxable income portion of the RMD.

By offsetting taxable income created by RMDs, QCDs also may help keep taxable income in a lower tax bracket and may also preserve the availability of certain tax benefits. Reducing taxable income decreases the vulnerability to the Medicare surtax and tax on Social Security benefits.

A QCD is not treated as a charitable deduction. Thus, individuals can use the higher standard deduction (\$13,850 for single filers, \$27,700 if married and filing jointly for 2023) in lieu of itemizing deductions and still reduce RMD taxable income with a QCD.

A QCD requires a direct transfer from a retirement account to certain entities that qualify as tax-exempt charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Many of our local Jewish community's organizations and agencies qualify as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity and would benefit from a QCD.

Any funds transferred directly to an individual or a nonqualified charity, even if later contributed to a qualified charity, do not count as a QCD and are included in taxable income. Accordingly, a distribution check not made payable to a qualified charity would invalidate a QCD and would constitute taxable income.

Distributions to donor-advised funds, private foundations and supporting organizations do not qualify as QCDs. A benefit received in exchange for a QCD, such as tickets to an event or gala, negates the QCD. Moreover, contributing to a retirement account may reduce the available amount of QCDs that can be excluded from gross income.

An individual does not have to wait until age 73 to make a QCD. QCDs can be made beginning at age 70½. Distributions before age 70½ are treated as taxable income. The distribution must occur from the retirement account by the RMD deadline, which is typically Dec. 31 of each year.

QCDs contributed to all qualified charities in any given taxable year cannot exceed an annual aggregate maximum of \$100,000, which will be indexed for inflation beginning in 2024. Spouses filing jointly can each make up to an aggregate of \$100,000 of QCDs from their retirement accounts to multiple qualified charities in the same tax year.

QCDs can be made from numerous types of retirement accounts including traditional IRAs, inherited IRAs, and both SEP IRAs and SIMPLE IRAs without ongoing employer contributions. Have



David Copley Forman is the President and CEO of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation. Prior to joining OJCF's professional team, David had many years of volunteer and lay leadership experience in the Jewish community, including chairing the boards of Cedar Sinai Park and Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

a Roth IRA? Thinking about a QCD from a Roth IRA requires an in-depth conversation with a tax professional.

Recent legislation changes effective as of the beginning of this year, coupled with rising interest rates, create new opportunities for donors to use a QCD to establish a lifetime income stream while concurrently providing a testamentary gift for a qualified charity. The legislative changes allow contributions with a QCD to create a new life income plan, such as a Charitable Remainder UniTrust (CRUT), Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) or Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), provided that the life income plan qualifies under current law for an income tax charitable deduction and complies with the applicable payout rules. Only the holder of the retirement account and their spouse may receive payments

from a life income plan established with a QCD.

A QCD contribution to a CRUT, CRAT or CGA from a retirement account must be made within a single year and not exceed \$50,000. If an individual contributes less than \$50,000 to a life income plan with a QCD, the individual can make additional QCD transfers within the same year up to the \$50,000 cap. However, an individual cannot

make any QCD transfers to a life income plan in subsequent years even if the individual contributed less than \$50,000 when they established the life income plan with a QCD. Spouses filing jointly may each contribute \$50,000 from separate retirement accounts to create a new \$100,000 CRAT, CRUT or CGA. The amount of a QCD used to establish a life income plan counts toward the aggregate maximum annual QCD limit.

A QCD can be a valuable wealth management planning tool. Please contact the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation at 503-248-9328 or info@ojcf.org with any questions or requests for additional information. OJCF recommends and encourages individuals to consult with their personal tax, accounting, investment, financial and legal advisors before making a QCD.

Many of our local Jewish community's organizations and agencies qualify as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity and would benefit from a qualified charitable distribution.

Rose, JFCS offer seminar on end-of-life planning May 31

BY JENN DIRECTOR KNUDSEN

"We're all going to die," says Michael J. Rose, founder of Lake Oswego-based Rose Elder Law LLC.



"It's important to make it easy for the next generation."

Doing so takes time, forethought and planning.

To help launch this crucial process, Jewish Family & Child Service is offering "Legal and Financial Planning: What every older adult needs to know." Rose, an elder law expert, will be giving his presentation on Wed., May 31, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. The event begins at 10:30 am.

Following Rose's remarks and some Q&A, participants are invited to enjoy lunch by Century Catering and live music by Helen Pevzner, a musician and JFCS case manager. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Missy Fry, LCSW, CAGC at 503-226-7079, ext. 133 or MissyFry@jfcs-Portland.org.

The gathering is made possible by generous grants from the Jewish Federations of North America's Center for Holocaust Survivor Care and Institute on Aging and Trauma and The Sephardic Foundation on Aging. The presentation is educational and is not meant to provide legal advice.

Rose will clarify important concepts relevant to you and your loved ones; they include power of attorney, incapacity planning and avoiding litigation after a relative dies.

Rose is offering a free, 30-minute consultation with people who attend his presentation.

Babbstein wins 2023 Rogoway

Oregon Jewish Museum & Center for Holocaust Education Director Judy Margles, left, congratulates OJMCHE archivist Alisha Babbstein for her selection as the 2023 Laurie Rogoway Outstanding Jewish Professional. Named in honor of Laurie Rogoway and her 30+ year career in the local Jewish community, the annual award was created by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland to recognize a current Jewish communal professional in Greater Portland. The award will be presented formally at the 103rd JFGP Annual Meeting on June 6, and Babbstein will be profiled in the June 8 issue of the Jewish Review.



Jobs Board

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's job board includes ongoing listings of job opportunities in the Jewish community. For all openings and to see full description of openings below or submit job openings go to jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/jewish-jobs.

CONGREGATION SHIR TIKVAH

Executive Director
Salary: \$52,195 + health benefits, 401(k) match

The Executive Director provides day-to-day management of Shir Tikvah's fiscal, physical, security and administrative affairs. Flexible 32-hour/week; some remote; requires some weekend and evening hours. Qualifications: attention to detail, an ability to collaborate, bachelor's degree (required) and 3-5 years experience.

B'NAI B'RITH CAMP

Camp Nurse
June 25-July 16, \$1,000/week plus room and board

The Camp Nurse lives at camp on the Oregon Coast near Lincoln City. The Camp Nurse provides direct care to program participants and first-aid care to

campers and staff; oversees the administration and distribution of medications; and organizes and maintains electronic documentation. Qualifications: must be a Nurse Practitioner, PA, RN or LPN and must hold an Oregon license (or temporary license).

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Early Childhood Director
Salary: \$75,000-85,000 plus comprehensive.

CBI seeks an experienced Early Childhood Director to launch and oversee The Jennifer Barnum Luria Early Childhood Center (The Jennie) with an expected opening in early 2024. Position begins on or before July 1, 2023. Full-day, full-year program, serving children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. For details, email josh@bethisrael-pdx.org.

SUMMER CAMP JOBS

Several summer camps are still hiring for this summer's camp season.

MJCC Summer Day Camps is seeking camp counselors (\$16-19/hour) and unit heads (\$19-20/hour). Orientation is June 20-23; Camp runs June 26-Aug. 18.

The MJCC also has openings in its aquatics department including lifeguards (information on certification courses available). For more information on camp or aquatics jobs and to apply, visit oregonjcc.org/about-us/employment

BB Day Camp has several openings for counselors and other staff at its Portland Day Camps (at Neveh Shalom and Shaarie Torah) as well as in Bend, Corvallis and Eugene

See JOBS, page 15

Published biweekly by
Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
9900 SW Greenburg Road, Suite 220
Tigard, OR 97223
503-245-6219
JewishPortland.org

Editor
Rockne Roll
editor@jewishportland.org

Circulation
To receive the Jewish Review in your
email inbox, fill out the form at
jewishportland.org/subscribe

OPINIONS printed in the Jewish Review
do not necessarily reflect those of the
Jewish Review or the Jewish Federation
of Greater Portland, its governing board
or the staffs of either the newspaper or
the Federation.

**Jewish Federation of Greater
Portland online**
Website: jewishportland.org
Instagram: [instagram.com/
jewishfederationpdx/](https://www.instagram.com/jewishfederationpdx/)
Facebook:
[facebook.com/JewishPDX](https://www.facebook.com/JewishPDX)
[Jewish Review:
jewishportland.org/jewishreview](http://JewishReview.jewishportland.org/jewishreview)

NEXT ISSUES

Issue date	Deadline
JUNE 8 (Thursday)	JUNE 1
JUNE 21	JUNE 15
JULY 12	JULY 6
JULY 26	JULY 20

Submit photos, news, obituaries:
editor@jewishportland.org

Free subscription:
jewishportland.org/subscribe

Chaplain's Corner

Get out of your comfort zone

BY RABBI BARRY COHEN

Do we believe that one day, we will be old enough and experienced enough to say to ourselves, "I finally have it figured out." And with this, conclude "I don't need to grow. I've finally arrived. ... Besides, I'm too old to change."

I hope I never draw these conclusions.

When I was doing my Clinical Pastoral Education in the Chicago suburbs to become a chaplain, our supervisor was constantly knocking us out of our comfort zones. During that intense yearlong internship, every time I thought I was finally "getting it," my supervisor would offer a critique or ask a directed question to show me I had more to learn. A week later, I thought I was close. Then after her feedback, I realized I was not. This pattern continued to repeat itself: I got it ... I don't have it. ... I got it. ... I don't have it.

After months of this back and forth, my classmates and I finally realized that, as chaplains, we were never going to "get there." We were never going to "figure it all out." Thinking in such terms was following a false premise. If I were to call myself a chaplain, I would have to realize that I will always have room for growth and maturation; I will always have unfulfilled potential.

All of us can derive this same conclusion in our personal lives. As we simply get older and more experienced, we're never going to figure it out. We're never going to maximize our wisdom. We're never going to fulfill our potential.

The counter argument: People cannot change. We are who we are. Our nature becomes genetically locked in from an early age. All this talk about personal growth and fulfilling aspects of our potential is nonsense.

While I agree that aspects of our personality, behavior and preferences may be locked in, that does not mean that growth and positive change are impossible.

I have interacted with many elders at many retirement communities. They have taught me not to conclude that at a certain age, we will find ourselves in a personal holding pattern (i.e., we are who we are,



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

change is no longer possible and the die is cast until we ultimately pass away).

I have learned from them that opportunities to change and grow are everywhere. They have obtained a wonderful state of clarity. They accept their deficits. They know their capabilities. They prioritize their time. They choose particular pursuits. They have learned to no longer dwell in "what if" or be saddled with regret.

They have taught me that opportunities for growth and change are everywhere. And contrary to the belief that "opportunity knocks only once," they understand that if they miss one opportunity on one day, there will be plenty of opportunities available the next day – and the next and the next.

Here are a few examples of ways our elders continue to change, grow, mature and develop their potential. They choose to become artists later in life. They pick up a hobby they did not have time or energy for when they were younger. They slow down and experience nature, if only by looking out the window. They devote time to reading fiction or nonfiction. They explore Judaism's inherent diversity; there is always something new to learn. They foster new relationships through regular get-togethers over breakfast, lunch or coffee. They take advantage of a variety of TED talks on a diversity of topics.

In our own way, let's keep knocking ourselves out of our comfort zones in the spirit of personal growth, maturity and positive change. In so doing, we can feel grateful for the fact that our potential will never be fulfilled.

Rabbis' Corner

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

Security Corner

New and Improved: Updated Security Classes

BY JESSICA ANDERSON

Since the community launched its security program four years ago, some of you have taken at least one of the three primary courses offered by Secure Community Network, the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America. These courses are: Introduction to Situational Awareness, Countering Active Threat Training and Stop the Bleed.

I'm happy to report that all these classes have been updated and improved. I now offer the new versions locally, and SCN hosts them on national webinars.

Two new classes teach how to respond in a hostage situation and safety while traveling internationally.

SCN recently announced a new national training webinar series designed to prepare and protect Jewish community members. The webinars are designed to educate the community on trainings that have been proven effective in preventing or mitigating the severity of real-life incidents in recent history. During these trainings, SCN plans to commemorate victims and survivors and feature guest speakers who were directly impacted by previous attacks. I know it can be hard to revisit some of these painful memories, and some may wonder why we continue to bring them up. The truth is we can learn from these events, and we must remember that we can improve our outcomes in an emergency. It's easy to say you'll probably never need this training. No one ever thinks they're going to be in a critical incident, and yet people find themselves in them every day.

The SCN series includes four separate training sessions centered around days of action like Stop The Bleed Month, observed in May, and commemorating significant attacks against the Jewish community. These include the Overland Park shooting in Kansas City, the Seattle Jewish Federation shooting, the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting and the armed hostage-taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. "This training series will reflect back on moments that impacted the Jewish community and look forward by applying important lessons in safety and preparation that will equip and empower the Jewish community to respond to future attacks," says SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. "We can never know when the next attack will occur, but we can control our readiness and preparation." The first in the series was a Stop the Bleed training held May 18 in recognition of National Stop the Bleed Month. During the training, SCN commemorated the Overland Park Jewish Community Center shooting in which three people died. Severe bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury. Training the



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

community to know how to act quickly to stop the bleeding will undoubtedly save lives during an attack.

Dates will be forthcoming for the following trainings:

- BeAware training to commemorate the Seattle Jewish Federation shooting in which six people were shot. BeAware is an interactive training designed to improve the ability of members of the Jewish community to recognize and react to dangerous situations in their everyday lives.

- CATT training to commemorate the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting. CATT, or Countering Active Threat Training, will equip participants with knowledge on how to survive and respond to active threats.

- Surviving Hostage Incidents training will commemorate the Congregation Beth Israel hostage-taking in Colleyville, Texas. The training will provide practical security tips and techniques on how to survive a hostage situation, as realized in Colleyville in January 2022.

As your Community Security Director, I'm available to provide all these trainings to your community. I provide them regularly online (see the schedule at jewishportland.org/events/security-training) and encourage groups to have me come out and conduct in-person trainings. I'm also available to work with you on emergency procedures, to develop safety protocols for your organization and to evaluate physical spaces for safety improvements. Individuals are welcome to contact me about a personal safety or security concern at janderson@securecommunitynetwork.org or 872-273-9214.

Finally, we know that antisemitic incidents are vastly underreported. Please help us by reporting incidents, even small ones, online at jewishportland.org/security.

JOBS (continued from page 13)

Day Camps. For more information and to apply, visit bbcamp.org/daycamp-staff/

In addition to the Camp Nurse position listed on page 13, B'nai B'rith Camp is still accepting applications for overnight camp staff on the Oregon coast. For more information and to apply, visit bbcamp.org/camp-staff/

Camp Solomon Schechter near Olympia, Wash., has

openings for summer staff to work with campers, as well as an opening for a camp nurse. For more information, visit campschechter.org/open-positions/

Sephardic Adventure Camp is hiring for a variety of positions for June 20-July 11. For more information, visit sephardicadventurecamp.org/info/join-our-staff/

Nevah Shalom's Shabbat on the Plaza returns for the summer

Neveh Shalom welcomes all to this special summer series of "themed" Friday night services held June 9-Sept. 1 on CNS's Holzman Plaza's serene outdoor setting. Stay after for enhanced onegs with select food and beverage samplings.

In the event of inclement weather, services and oneg will be moved indoors.

Themes for June Shabbats on

the Plaza are:

- June 9: Taste of CNS Roses
- June 16: CNS Pride Shabbat
- June 23: Strawberry Festival
- June 30: Independence Day

Neveh Shalom is located at 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland. For more information, contact, Program Director Lisa Richmond at lrichmond@nevehshalom.org.

SHAVUOT: Sundown May 25-Nightfall May 27

Shavuot begins at sundown on Thursday, May 25, and ends at nightfall Saturday, May 27. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai seven weeks after the Exodus from Egypt. Shavuot is the only major holiday that traditionally features a dairy menu.

May 26: North Coast Shabbat Group returns

The North Coast Shabbat group returns with monthly services May through September in Seaside. After holding online services during the pandemic, in-person summer gatherings will resume at the Bob Chisolm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Jemi Kostiner Mansfield and Jennifer Felberg will lead Shavuot and Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by Kiddush and dessert 7:30-8:30 pm, May 26. For more information, contact Avrel Nudelman at efraimlevi526@gmail.com.

May 28: Israeli Folk Dancing at SWCC

Enjoy Israeli folk dancing at the Southwest Community Center with session leader Rhona Feldman from 2:30-4 pm every Sunday. More information at sites.google.com/site/pifdnews.

May 29: Israeli folk dancing at Leedy Grange

Enjoy Israeli folk dancing at Leedy Grange weekly on Monday nights, 7:30-10:30, with session leaders Sue and Donna. sites.google.com/site/pifdnews.

May 30: Wondering Jews Podcast

New podcast drops at 6 am Mondays every two weeks focusing on Jews and cannabis. Join Portland-based co-hosts Josh and Roy for cannabis strain reviews and headlines from around the Jewish and weed worlds. wonderingjewishpodcast.com

May 31: Legal & Financial Planning for seniors

Legal & Financial Planning – What Every Older Adult Needs to Know will be at MJCC at 10:30 am. See story page 13.

June 1: Art/Lab Exhibition opening

Co/Lab and the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education host an Exhibition Opening Event for the 2022/2023 Art/Lab Cohort at 6:30 pm, June 1, at the Eastside Jewish Commons. See story page 11.

June 2: Community Connection on Zoom

Drop-in group hosted by Jewish Family & Child Service's Counseling Services every Friday at 10 am on Zoom. It is a space for anyone in the community to connect with others and share.

Find Zoom link at jfcs-portland.org/services/counseling/.

June 3: Mini Mensches Tot Shabbat

Welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing and sweetness. For kids 0-5 and parents. Gather in Pollin Chapel at Congregation Beth Israel at 9-10 am, Saturday, June 3. bethisrael-pdx.org/community/mini-mensches.

June 3: Meditation Shabbat

The first Saturday of each month at Congregation Neveh Shalom is Meditation Shabbat. A series of practices will be incorporated into the regular sanctuary service, with the sermon slot dedicated to a focused meditation 9:30 am-noon, June 3. For information, email brohr@nevehshalom.org.

June 4: Song of Miriam Awards Brunch

The Song of Miriam Awards Brunch returns to honor women volunteers. See story page 2.

June 4: Harry Nemer Service Award

Join Congregation Shaarie Torah at 5 pm, June 4, to honor Marshal Spector for his years of dedicated volunteer service to the shul and the Jewish community. See story on page 9 of the [May 10](#)

[Jewish Review](#). Tickets \$72: shaarietorah.org/nemerdinner/. More information: cst@shaarietorah.org or 503-226-6131.

June 4: Music for the Jewish Soul Gala

Music for the Jewish Soul will be 6:30 pm, June 4, at the Eastside Jewish Commons with music by Michelle Alany and The Mystics, plus special guest Eric Stern. This fancy musical gala is a fundraiser for P'nai Or of Portland. Enjoy fantastic music, a silent auction, dancing and schmoozing. Please wear fancy/dressy clothes! Tickets (sliding scale, \$36-108 in advance; \$40-108 at the door), includes drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and appetizers. Register: givebutter.com/GnGtWO

June 6: JFGP 103rd Annual Meeting

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for its 103rd Annual Meeting, 7-8:30 pm, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Brandeis University will share the results of the most comprehensive community study ever conducted in Jewish Portland. Also saluting outgoing board members, welcoming incoming board members, presenting several awards and celebrating the year's accomplishments. Free, but registration required: jewishportland.org/annualmeeting23 or call 503-245-6219.

June 11: Kesser Israel Bike-A-Thon

Join Congregation Kesser Israel for its first Bike-A-Thon on Sunday, June 11, at Sellwood Riverfront Park. Ride the Springwater Trail, a car-free dedicated bike trail allowing you to choose your distance. The Challenge Ride starts at 9 am followed by the family ride check-in at 10:30 am. A picnic-style brunch will be at 11:30-12:30. The Bike-A-Thon is a fundraiser to support "Portland's Orthodox Synagogue for All Jews." For more information, call 503-222-1239 or email shannon@kesserisrael.org.

June 11: Spring into Summer Art Sale

ORA NW Jewish Artists and Eastside Jewish Commons present the Spring into Summer Art Sale from 10 am to 3:30 pm, June 11, at the EJC, 2420 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. The sale will feature 17 ORA artists offering artwork including paintings, jewelry, garden art, glass, ceramics and woodwork. For more information, email oraartists@gmail.com.

June 11: Jewish Community Orchestra Season Finale

The Jewish Community Orchestra presents their 48th season finale at 3 pm, June 11, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland. This concert is dedicated to our Principal Bassoon and longtime Board Member Cara Brauner, who passed away suddenly on April 20. JCO concerts are family friendly and wheelchair/walker friendly. Learn more about JCO and the concert at facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069143977917. Tickets at the door: \$15; \$10/seniors; \$8/students.

June 14: OJCF Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation will be at 5:30-7:30 pm, June 14, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. OJCF will honor Richard and Judi Matza, the 2023 Julie Diamond Legacy Society Honorees. To register, contact Noah Rosenberg at 503-248-9328 or noahr@ojcf.org.

June 15: Neveh Shalom Annual Meeting & Fred Rothstein Retirement Party

Please join Congregation Neveh Shalom for its annual meeting at 6 pm, June 15, at the synagogue, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland. Afterward, celebrate Fred Rothstein's retirement and the 22 years he served as Neveh Shalom's Executive Director. For more information, call 503-246-8831 or email mcaplan@nevehshalom.org.

Obituaries

RICK THOMAS HASELTON

Rick Thomas Haselton, a"n, (Daniel Meir ben Avraham v'Sarah) passed away May 17, 2023, at the age of 69. Rick is survived by his wife, Sura Rubenstein; daughter, Malia (Molly) Haselton, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton in California; sister, Diane (Haselton) Landers and her husband, Greg Landers, of Portland; nephew, Tom Landers, of Portland; and many Schantz and Wilcox aunts, uncles and cousins and their children.

Rick was appointed to the Oregon Court of Appeals by Gov. Barbara Roberts on March 3, 1994.

At that time, he was 40 years old and had been in private law practice for some 14 years, most of them at the Lindsay, Hart, Neil & Weigler firm. He had joined the firm of Haglund, Kirtley & Kelley just before his appointment to the appellate court, and the HKK firm took out an ad in the Oregon Bar Journal announcing their newest partner – and congratulating him on his appointment to the Court of Appeals.

When he retired on Dec. 31, 2015, his 21 years of service on the Oregon Court of Appeals made him the longest-serving judge in the history of that court. He had been Chief Judge of the court since 2012 and continued to hear cases as a senior judge for several years.

Rick was born Nov. 5, 1953, in Albany, Ore. His parents divorced early; his mother, Shirley Schantz Haselton, was a teacher at what is now West Albany High School and later became a professor in the School of Education at Oregon State University.

Rick said recently that a photo of "Little Ricky" playing in his bathtub expressed his essence. He had never changed from that little boy, happy to be splashing, making a mess and just enjoying life. He took such delight in everyday blessings and the wonders of the world around him. He loved a good milkshake, his daily "medicinal" glass or two of red wine, good Scotch, old and new friends, books, ballgames and mowing the lawn.

He loved family – Sura so much that they celebrated three separate weddings (there's a story there!). Most of all, he loved being a father – he and Molly were a team, often co-conspirators, and the best of buddies. This last August, the Great American Father-Daughter Cross-Country Road Trip from Virginia to California was a special memory, complete with commemorative travel mugs and great stories from stops along the way.

A onetime altar boy in Albany, Rick embraced Judaism as an adult, found joy in its rituals and wisdom, and abiding friendships across the spectrum of Jewish life. As the "Orthodox judge" at the Oregon Court of Appeals, he appreciated the Court staff's efforts to accommodate his religious practice – and took a measure of delight in how his non-Jewish carpool mates always worried about leaving early enough on dark winter Fridays so he could be home in time for candlelighting.

Rick graduated from what is now West Albany High School and then earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University in 1976. He received his law degree from Yale Law School in 1979, then returned to Oregon to serve as a clerk to the



Judge Rick Haselton



"Little Ricky" playing in his bathtub.

late Alfred T. "Ted" Goodwin, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which covers nine western states, before beginning work with the Lindsay Hart law firm.

He considered the Oregon Court of Appeals the place he was meant to be. His clerks became a part of his family, and he delighted in their achievements.

In the Jewish community, he served on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Portland Jewish Academy and Congregation Kesser Israel, where he also served as president. He also served on the Jewish Community Relations Council, where he was especially interested in the Overseas Special Projects.

Other community activities included the Senior Law Project (as volunteer lawyer) on the Multnomah County Legal Aid Service Board of Directors, the ACLU of Oregon, the Volunteer Lawyers Project and various Oregon State Bar committees, including a stint at chair of the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners.

Recently, and repeatedly, he would say, "I've had a blessed life." He was grateful for everything he had, appreciative of every grace and someone who made every moment brighter. A mensch.

Donations in Rick's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice or one of the charities Rick enjoyed giving his time and money to: ALS Association of Oregon, Congregation Kesser Israel, Maayan Torah Day School, the Portland Kollel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, the Marine Corps Association

Foundation, De La Salle North Catholic High School, Cedar Sinai Park and St. Mary's Academy.

ROBERT ZELINKA

Robert (Bob) "Tiger" Zelinka, z"l, died May 21, 2023, at the age of 93. He is survived by his significant other, Roslyn Millet; children, Karen, Robyn, Leslie "Choo" (Matt), Phillip (Mary) and Edy (Tim); grandchildren, Jaren, Joseph, Mallory, Shaun, Kara, Joshua, Zachary, Brittney, Curtis, Cody and Jamie; and great-grandchildren, Mya, Jason, Jude, McKenna, Maisen, Nora, Maggie, Ezekiel, Peyton, Delilah and Reilly. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leonard; his wives, Audrey, Marilyn and Corrine "Corky"; significant other Sue; and grandson, Kelly.

Zelinka was born May 31, 1929, and grew up in Los Angeles, Calif. He was an unstoppable Fairfax High School All-City guard and captain of the '47 eleven. He was a 3-year letterman and excellent student, who also found time to give back to the community as a camp counselor and swim and ski instructor for children.

He discovered early on that he was an excellent athlete. He later graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical fitness, becoming the first college graduate of his eastern-European immigrant family.

Zelinka's athletic ability and love of football created a lifelong passion and career that he loved. At junior college, he won a national championship as a guard for the Santa-Ana "Don's" and led them to the Jr. Rose Bowl. He then became a UCLA Bruin,

See **OBITUARIES**, page 18

OBITUARIES (continued from page 17)

coming in as a junior in 1950, proclaiming himself “mighty rough to handle.” As a senior, he was touted as saying, “I’ll bust ‘em up and break ‘em in little pieces.” He took football very seriously and would stop at nothing to be the best.

In 1952 and 1953, Zelinka took his Naval Training Center San Diego football team to the Poinsettia Bowl and Salad Bowl, respectively.

His coaching career would be what he was ultimately famous for. At age 25, “Tiger,” as he soon came to be known, became a Beaver when he was named assistant head football coach at Oregon State. He was the youngest coach in OSU history and, until recently, in the United States.

Tiger quickly took Oregon State to the 1956 Rose Bowl as Pacific Coast Conference champions. He found himself in the newspapers nearly weekly because of his success coaching Oregon State. The press followed his coaching style and his personal life, including his marriage and the arrival of his children.

In 1962, Zelinka won big. He and his star player, Heisman Memorial Trophy winner, Terry Baker, won the Liberty Bowl. It was an epic game and would go down in Oregon State history as one of the best wins ever.

Zelinka’s Oregon State coaching career ended in 1965 after another run at the Rose Bowl. A new head coach moved Zelinka out, and the Beavers have never played in another Rose Bowl.

Zelinka went on to become a Head Linesman for the Pacific Coast Conference and officiated many bowl games over the years. He spent time in the offseason trading lumber and continued to do that following his officiating career until the time he retired.

Zelinka has been inducted into the State of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, Oregon State University Hall of Fame and Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. He was known well for being a faithful friend and even continued to meet with his high school sports club, The Unicorns, monthly until the day he died. He was larger than life. Bob “Tiger” Zelinka will forever be known simply as Coach.

Zelinka’s family said he passed away peacefully at the Los Altos home of his significant other’s family. To everyone, he was a football star, great friend, a funny man and life of the party and truly a remarkable man who lived a big, bright, remarkable life. To his family, he was a loving partner, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who made a big impact on the world and in their lives and who will forever be in their hearts.

Services will be held at 11 am, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Beth Israel Cemetery, 426 SW Taylors Ferry Road, Portland.

Donations in Bob’s memory may be made to the [Mittleman Jewish Community Center Harry Glickman Scholar-Athlete Award](#).

HOWARD MARTIN COHN

Howard Martin Cohn, z”l, passed away on May 21, 2023. Howard is survived by his daughter, Susan Cohn; grandchildren, Dylan, Sean and Kalia Savage; and great-granddaughter, Kelsea.

Howard was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Cohn; his brother, Booth Colman; and his sister, Sharlene Bender.

A funeral was held May 23 at Beth Israel Cemetery.

Donations in Howard’s memory can be made to [St. Jude’s Hospital, The Wounded Warrior Project or Rose Schnitzer Manor](#).

GRIGORIY SHABASHEVICH

Grigoriy Shabashevich, z”l, passed away May 19, 2023, at the age of 68. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Vera Shabashevich; his son, Roman (Callie) Shabashevich; his brothers, Marat (Inna) Shabashevich and Michael (Larisa) Shabashevich; and grandchildren, Ari and Eva. In addition, Grigoriy is survived by

his loyal dog, Luna.

Grigoriy was born on March 17, 1955, in Gomel, Belarus, to Khava and Arkady Shabashevich. In Gomel, Grigoriy lived the first half of his life, where he served in the Soviet army and subsequently started a family.

In 1991, Grigoriy embarked on a new chapter in his life, immigrating to America alongside his wife, Vera, and their son, Roman. Through hard work and determination, they built a life in Beaverton filled with many cherished memories.

Grigoriy’s wife and devoted partner, Vera, will profoundly mourn his loss, as she unwaveringly stood by his side through the most joyous and the most challenging times of his life. Their connection will forever remain unbreakable.

Grigoriy took great pride in watching Roman flourish and become a remarkable individual while carrying on his father’s legacy and starting a loving family of his own.

The Shabashevich family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support, thoughts and prayers received during this challenging time.

Grigoriy Shabashevich will be remembered as a devoted family man and a source of inspiration. His legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

He was a member of Congregation Neveh Shalom. The funeral was May 23 at Ahavai Shalom Cemetery.

ALMAZ MULUGETA

Almaz Mulugeta, z”l, passed away May 5, 2023, in Ethiopia. She was the mother of Portlander Kalkidan (Mimi) Ezra, who organized a Portland Momentum trip to take Jewish moms to Israel in 2022. For the past couple of months, Ezra has traveled frequently to Ethiopia to visit her mom.

Mulugeta was born in 1955 in a village called Fitcha, in Ethiopia. She spent 16 years teaching mathematics at the Cathedral school. In 1992, Mulugeta and four friends could not stand by and watch as families disintegrated and children were forced onto the streets. They pooled their finances to set up Goh Family Welfare organization, which served the community for a couple of years. After that, she got involved in raising her grandchildren and continued to live a meaningful life. She was beloved by many family members and her community at large.

To preserve her legacy, Ezra has established the “Liyon Foundation,” named for Mulugeta’s daughter who died at an early age.

MIRIAM BAZELON RICHMAN

Miriam Bazon Richman, z”l, passed away on May 4, 2023. Miriam was the mother of Jim (Michael) and Ken (Marilyn) Richman; grandmother of Kama (Joe Earhart) Simonds, Chris (Melissa) Richman, Taylor (Sarah) Richman and Callie (Noah) Barish of Portland; and of Rachel (JP) Young, Lauren (Jason) Crane and Ricki (Matt) Alva of Chicago. She was a great-grandmother of 18.

A funeral was held in Chicago on May 10.

Congregation Neveh Shalom and Congregation Beth Israel extend condolences to the extended Barish/Richman family.

Donations in Miriam’s memory can be made to WRJ/Beth Israel Sisterhood Prayer Book Fund or your favorite charity.

Submit obituaries:
editor@jewishportland.org