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## New JFGP chair “the full package”

BY DEBORAH MOON

Mindy Zeitzer, the new board chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, brings a wealth of experience and a lifelong commitment to Jewish community to her new role.

Lay and professional leaders speak of her passion and deep understanding of the community's agencies, needs and donors.

“Mindy is the complete package, a positive and happy person who has strong contacts with our donors, our agencies, our volunteers and the Federation team,” says Jack Birnbach, who has worked alongside Mindy on the Federation Allocations Committee for two years. “She will be an inspirational board chair.”

“She understands our 18 partner agencies, their leaders and those that they serve,” he says.

Mindy and Mark Zeitzer moved to Portland from Philadelphia

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Mindy Zeitzer

### Celebrate century of doing good Oct. 8

Oct. 8 promises to be an extraordinary night of community and celebration as the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland celebrates 100 years with its L'Chaim (to life) Gala at the Portland Art Museum, 6:45-11:30 pm.

The festive night features Patrick Lamb jazz quartet featuring Dan Balmer, cocktails, dinner, live music and dancing with Patrick Lamb & The Hit Factory. Celebrate the good that goes on everywhere in the Jewish community and help ensure our vibrant community continues for the next 100 years.

RSVP for the celebration by Sept. 22: [jewishportland.org/galacelebration](http://jewishportland.org/galacelebration).

## Rabbis speak out on Roe decision

Last month, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* removing the federal right to abortion. The decision has been criticized for disregarding both the rights of women and the values of Judaism.

The ruling may impinge on Judaism's obligation to protect life – the life of a pregnant woman. *Halacha* (Jewish law) is clear that if a pregnancy threatens a mother's life, she has the right, perhaps the obligation, to protect herself.

The leadership of the **Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (Orthodox Union)** issued a statement on June 24 that makes that second consequence clear. “Legislation and court rulings, federally or in any state, that absolutely ban abortion without regard for the health of the mother would literally limit our ability to live our lives in accordance with our responsibility to preserve life.”

The Jewish Review reached out to all Portland-area congregational rabbis, as well as the Portland Kollel and Chabad of Oregon, and asked them to share their views. Following are responses from those who shared their thoughts

about both Jewish values and women's rights.

**Rabbi David Kosak of Congregation Neveh Shalom** wrote about Jewish law and also asked members of his Conservative congregation to speak out on Judaism's stance on abortion, even if they personally oppose the practice.

*“The Torah permits abortion. Period. That's not a political or partisan statement, it's a fact. This normative reading of the Torah is inscribed in our Jewish legal system. As the subject of this landmark ruling is brought up in your conversations in the days, weeks and months ahead, speak also as a Jew. Disagree with Judaism on this topic if you must but include it in your discussions about abortion. Educate those with whom you speak that Christian beliefs about when life begins have been inserted into the national debate and have restricted Jews from the free exercise of our faith.”*

**The clergy of Congregation Beth Israel** wrote to members of the Reform congregation that reproductive freedom is not a new issue for Judaism.

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# Ukrainian refugees are coming to Portland

The United States government is admitting up to 100,000 Ukraine refugees in the “Uniting 4 Ukraine” (U4U) program, with 1,319 Ukrainian refugees scheduled to come to Portland in the next few months.

The number of Jewish refugees who are coming is currently unknown. Portland’s Ukrainian population (ninth largest in the country) includes refugees who arrived from the former Soviet Union during Operation Exodus in the 1990s.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has launched a campaign to raise the funds to welcome and support Ukrainian refugees coming to Portland. Donate at [jewishportland.org/ukraine-crisis](https://jewishportland.org/ukraine-crisis).

When the war on Ukraine began, Portland’s Jewish community rallied to raise more than \$450,000 to send overseas.

Now the community needs to raise \$150,000 by July 15 to cover the basic cost for each family arriving in Portland. In the first week, the fund already raised \$122,000. The Stern Family matched the

## LOCAL UKRAINE REFUGEE FUND

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**Or mail checks to:**

Jewish Federation of Greater Portland  
Ukraine Refugee Fund  
9900 SW Greenburg Road, Suite 220  
Tigard, OR 97223

*Memo Line: Ukraine Refugee Fund*

first \$50,000 that was raised. All funds will go to support the new arrivals, whether they are Jewish or not. The funds will help provide housing, transportation, food, counseling, job training, legal assistance and assistance applying for government benefits.

“Resettling refugees requires three things: money, expertise and volunteers,” wrote JFGP President and

CEO Marc Blattner in his weekly email announcing the arrivals and the new fundraising campaign. He asked those with expertise who can assist with housing (reduced cost rentals), legal assistance or job training to email him at [marc@jewishportland.org](mailto:marc@jewishportland.org).

“And, of course, we will need volunteers. ‘Welcome Circles’ are being created, and additional people will be needed when families begin to arrive,” he wrote, adding more details will be available when arrival dates are set.

## Dignity Grows under Red Tent

Dignity Grows invites everyone to come together under the Red Tent Aug. 28 for an informative evening of connection, learning, entertainment, desserts, drinks and activities to nurture body and soul.

Red Tent gatherings, named for Anita Diamant’s best-selling novel, are a reference to the ancient law that required women to take refuge during menstruation and births. Red Tents are spaces to come together, rest, share stories and care for one another.

“By sponsoring just one hygiene tote (\$10), people can register to attend the Red Tent Event and experience the beauty of Rosh Chodesh Elul and learn about the work of Dignity Grows, our distribution partners and how they can get more involved,” according to event chairs Debbie Plawner and Nicole Sacks. “When people come together, magic happens. We invite all Sisterhood, ReJewvenation, Rosh Chodesh ladies and those looking to connect to come together under the Red Tent to support Dignity Grows’ efforts in eliminating period poverty.”

Dignity Grows Portland is a chapter of a national nonprofit and a Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Women’s Philanthropy project. Nicole Sacks and Mark Sacks are the Portland chairs.

Human dignity should not be considered a luxury, yet one in four menstruators in the United States experience period poverty, lacking the financial resources to purchase basic menstrual-hygiene necessities. Dignity Grows provides free hygiene essentials packed in a discrete reusable



shoulder bag. Each Dignity Grows tote is filled with a full month’s supply of hygiene products and period necessities. The totes are distributed by Dignity Grows partners, Transition Projects, Virginia Garcia Health Centers, Outside In, Self-Enhancement, Inc., A Safe Place and Divine Threads.

Dignity Grows Portland has packed more than 1,500 totes (and engaged over 180 volunteers) since starting in March 2021.

“But the demand from our partners outstrips our available funds,” says Plawner.

“The only way we can continue to purchase, pack and distribute these essential items is by inviting the community to sponsor totes,” says Nicole Sacks. “We need to raise a minimum of \$20,000 to enable us to pack 2,000 totes in 2023. If we raise more, no problem, the demand is there and we will get packing.”

The Red Tent Event will be 7-9 pm, Aug. 28, at Congregation Neveh Shalom. The event is open to those 13 and older; full vaccination is required. Registration is limited to 150 individuals.

Register at [jewishportland.org/red-tent](https://jewishportland.org/red-tent).

Make a donation without attending at [jewishportland.org/dignity-grows](https://jewishportland.org/dignity-grows).

## Share your stories of 75 years of JFCS help

Everyone loves a good story. Do you have one about Jewish Family & Child Service?

JFCS has been providing stability and hope to Portland’s Jewish and greater communities since 1947. This is our 75th year, and we’re seeking stories about how JFCS has helped you, a friend or a loved one over the decades. It’s been 75 years: we’re certain there are some great anecdotes out there, as well as photographs and memorabilia.

Perhaps your story is from a bygone era that reflected a communal need at the time.

For example, JFCS once helped facilitate adoptions in the late 1970s, resettled Jewish refugees from the former Soviet Union, and provided household goods like kitchen supplies and furniture to Holocaust survivors.

Or perhaps your story reflects communal needs evolving out of the pandemic.

JFCS pivoted immediately in March 2020 from in-person counseling to providing mental health assistance online, increased its reach into greater Portland to help more clients than ever before with making rent or putting food on the table, and provided stimulating online arts and crafts gatherings for our disabled clients.

Indeed, everyone loves a good story, and JFCS is sharing yours throughout this 75th year. JFCS supports its community because you support JFCS. Reach into your memory banks – including boxes of photos and filing cabinets. Remind us how things were and help us celebrate!

To participate, contact JFCS Communications Manager Jenn Director Knudsen at [jdirectorknudsen@jfcs-portland.org](mailto:jdirectorknudsen@jfcs-portland.org).





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# Volunteers feted: Song of Miriam Part 2

*The Jewish Women's Round Table and the Jewish Review are once again collaborating to recognize outstanding women volunteers who have been selected by their organizations to receive the Round Table's Song of Miriam Awards.*

*The awards are usually presented during a brunch event in June, however it has not been held during the pandemic. Following is the second group of women whose organizations selected them to receive this year's Song of Miriam. More honorees will be profiled throughout the summer.*



## FRANCINE SHETTERLY: Honored by Temple Beth Sholom, Salem

Francine is a model of service in supporting and expanding Jewish life in the mid-Willamette Valley and at Temple Beth Sholom.

For more than 30 years, Francine has worn many hats and served in a variety of leadership positions. She was board president twice, vice-president twice and currently sits on the board as immediate past president.

Under Francine's leadership, both membership and revenue expanded greatly despite Covid.

Francine has been a Hebrew teacher in TBS' Baneinu Religious School Program for 20 years and regularly chants Torah at Shabbat morning services.

She played a critical role in moving the congregation's solar project forward, assisting with writing a grant application to PGE. She also helped write a grant application to FEMA that brought needed security improvements to the temple.

Temple Beth Sholom says Francine demonstrates a spirit of welcome, inclusivity and participation. She loves TBS and makes others want to participate, as well.



## AHUVA ZASLAVSKY: Honored by Mittleman Jewish Community Center

Ahuva is a printmaker and painter who was born in Tel Aviv and moved to Portland in 2010.

She and her family became actively involved at Mittleman Jewish Community Center and Portland Jewish Academy, and she joined the boards of directors for both in 2019.

Ahuva's strong connection to the local Israeli community has allowed her to play a pivotal role in planning programs as the MJCC seeks to become more fully engaged with the Israeli community. MJCC says it's excited to have Ahuva's leadership now as this important work resumes after the pandemic.

In the past year, Ahuva invested time and energy on the committee reviewing MJCC's business model and articulating a vision and new short-term strategic priorities for the center.

MJCC says Ahuva is a particularly valuable volunteer because of her passion for MJCC and her active involvement in the local Israeli, PJA and MJCC communities as well as the community of local artists.



## CAROL LAVENDER: Honored by Beit Haverim

Carol became a member of the Beit Haverim Board as ritual chair a year after joining the synagogue.

She helps oversee and organize many annual religious and festival events, including the Chanukah Dinner and Passover Seder. For the High Holidays, Carol organizes Torah and siddur readers. She also organizes and oversees the annual Women's-led Shabbat Service.

Carol is a life member of Women of Reform Judaism. For four years, she was a trustee on the national board of the Union for Reform Judaism.

She is currently a member of the Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

Carol participated in URJ's para-rabbinic program and also volunteered to serve for a week on a tank base in Israel during a one-month trip there.

Beit Haverim says Carol is a valuable volunteer because she cares deeply about people and is willing to take on any assignment to which she can contribute.



Joey Weisenberg performs in concert.

## Joey Weisenberg returning to Portland

Congregation Shaarie Torah is thrilled to welcome back internationally acclaimed musician Joey Weisenberg for a special pre-High Holiday concert in September. Joey last visited the community in 2019 for a sold-out Shabbaton weekend of singing and communing in prayer. This upcoming concert will combine solo performance with group – or circle – singing, in which the audience is encouraged to participate.

Musician, composer and teacher [Joey Weisenberg](#) is the founder and director of [Hadar's Rising Song Institute](#), which

cultivates grassroots musical-spiritual creativity in Jewish community. He is the author of *The Torah of Music* (2017 National Jewish Book Award). His eighth album, "Building Singing Communities. *L'eila*," is his latest release of original music on [Rising Song Records](#).

The concert will take place at 4:30 pm, Sunday, Sept. 18, in the CST sanctuary. Ticket prices start at \$18; sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Jemi Kostiner Mansfield for more information: [executivedirector@shaarietorah.org](mailto:executivedirector@shaarietorah.org).



# Neveh Shalom outdoor Shabbat: This week celebrate Jewish Ukraine

The community is invited to join Congregation Neveh Shalom's summer series of Kabbalat Shabbat outdoor services and nosh at 6:15 pm Fridays through August. Each week, the series will feature a different theme, food and beverages.

On July 8, come and celebrate Jewish Ukraine.

"We want to be supportive of our Ukrainian relatives and friends and to be sure they know how welcoming we are," says Brian Suher, who coordinates the summer series.

The evening will include a Ukrainian nosh featuring a creative menu crafted by Rabbi David Kosak, who went from "feeding bodies" as a professional chef to "feeding souls" as a rabbi. To feed souls, Rabbi



Last summer, Kabbalat Shabbat attendees enjoyed outdoor Shabbat on the Holzman Plaza at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane.

Kosak plans to have attendees collectively write notes to Jews in Ukraine.

"All are welcome," says Suher. "We invite the entire Jewish community to join us,"

## Upcoming Kabbalat Shabbat themes

**July 15:** ORA Arts Shabbat

**July 22:** Expanding the Tent

**July 29:** Taste of Oregon

**Aug. 5:** On the Plaza with Ilene Safyan

**Aug. 12:** Wondering Jews (*All welcome at this Shabbat in honor of the Wondering Jews group created for seniors and empty-nesters, aged 60+.*)

**Aug. 19:** Sephardic Shabbat featuring Cantor Bitton Concert

**Aug. 26:** Sisterhood Turns 100

adding he hopes those with Ukrainian roots or connections participate in the July 8 service.

## Shaarie Torah has annual meeting

Congregation Shaarie Torah held its annual meeting via Zoom on June 26.

Those who attended had the opportunity to vote on the incoming slate of leadership to the board including new directors Trevor Bryant, Sue Hickey and Shelly Klapper. Outgoing Vice-President Sara Staggs was thanked for her dedicated work on the board. Dr. Sharon Pollin was recognized for her role as education director over the past two years.

Rabbi Gary Oren spoke about the fall launch of Mensch Academy, a new pre-bar/bat/b'nei mitzvah study program. President Daniel Petcher spoke about the overall state of the congregation.

The virtual gathering concluded with thanks to the congregation's recently retired *hazzan*, Cantor Aaron Vitells. He will be honored on July 10 with the Harry R. Nemer Service Award. Surprise video greetings to Cantor Vitells were shared from Joey Weisenberg and Rav Na'ama Levitz Applbaum. Joey Weisenberg will be appearing in concert at Shaarie Torah on Sept. 18, and Rav Na'ama will arrive from Israel soon after to serve as High Holiday soloist.



Last summer's rooftop receptions at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education offered stunning views, a tasty nosh and room for outdoor socializing. Two events this summer will conclude with a similar rooftop reception.

## Museum sets tours, rooftop receptions

Those who are new to Portland or simply interested in connecting with community members are invited to one of two summer events hosted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. One event for younger adults and another for those 45+ will be at the museum in August.

Community members under 45 will gather at 5:30 pm, Aug. 4, for an exhibit tour followed by a reception on the museum's stunning rooftop patio. The same program will bring together those 45+ at 11 am, Aug. 23.

Join Adjunct Curator for Special Exhibitions Bruce Guenther and OJMCHE Director Judy Margles for a tour of "Turning Inward, JUDY CHICAGO, From the Collections of Jordan D.

Schnitzer and His Family Foundation." This exhibit of 35 pieces primarily focuses on works on paper as well as a group of large-scale photographic prints of Chicago's Atmospheres series.

"Turning Inward" traces Judy Chicago's development as an artist and Jewish woman across six decades – from her early formal vocabulary of geometric color abstraction and groundbreaking work with pyrotechnics to the powerful explorations of self-identity, the politics of gender and her personal formative experiences. She has remained steadfast in her commitment to women's rights to engage in the highest level of art production and to the power of art as a vehicle for intellectual transformation and societal change.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Register at [ojmche.org/events](http://ojmche.org/events).

# Beaverton schools to accommodate religious diversity

The Beaverton School District last month passed a policy recognizing and accommodating religious and cultural beliefs, customs and observances for students.

The new policy is similar to a model policy drafted by an interfaith/intercultural committee convened by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. However, this effort was powered by “a group of dedicated Beaverton parents with the support of organizations across the interfaith community,” says JFGP’s Rachel Nelson, who convened that committee. “It’s really wonderful to see community come together on important issues.”

Beaverton School Board members Susan Greenberg and Eric Simpson, both of whom are Jewish, voted for the new policy.

“I’m pleased that the district is acknowledging the importance of major religious holidays that impact students of multiple religions,” says Greenberg.

Simpson says it made sense to update the district’s religious accommodation policy now.

“The demographics of districts have changed,” he says. “Look at who is attending your schools and acknowledge holidays for them. It made sense to update the policy. It’s more inclusive.”

“It was organic from parents of many cultures and religions,” he says, adding that representatives from many different faiths spoke during the two board meetings with public comment on the change. “There were no naysayers I saw.”

Simpson personally understands the challenges people from cultures that are not in the majority face. When he was a student, he says missing school for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur blocked his quest for perfect attendance recognition.

“The Beaverton School District passed a policy recognizing and accommodating religious and cultural beliefs, customs and observances for students,” reads a June 24 Facebook post by Beaverton City Councilor Nadia Hasan. “Powered by community, leaders from different faiths and walks of life came together to support students who often have to navigate the need for taking off time due to a religious holiday. Prior to this policy, it was at staff discretion to provide flexibility for a student who may need a day off in terms of missing a test or turning in a major assignment.”

The model policy developed by the interfaith coalition has been submitted to the Oregon School Boards Association. It was set to be voted on at the May meeting but has been tabled until fall, according to Nelson, Federation’s Director of Educational Initiatives and Associate Director Of Community Relations.

The interfaith coalition developed the policy modeled on a religious accommodations policy adopted in October 2020 by the Eugene School District 4J. Nelson says the policy sent to the state association is a slightly modified policy that has been developed by the interfaith/intercultural committee.

“It is very encouraging to see one of Oregon’s largest school districts adopt a sound policy based on that model,” says Bob Horenstein, Community Relations Director.



Panelists for the June 30 program “Overturning Roe v. Wade and the Jewish Response” were, from left: Portland poet and essayist Judith Arcana, who worked in a pre-Roe illegal abortion clinic; Rabbi Rachel Joseph of Congregation Beth Israel; and emergency physician and County Commissioner Sharon Meieran.

## Historic, rabbinic and medical perspectives on court overturning Roe

“Abortion bans are against my religion,” said Rabbi Rachel Joseph during opening remarks at the June 30 panel discussion “Overturning Roe v Wade and the Jewish Response.”

Also on the panel were Judith Arcana, a Portland poet and essayist who was a member of Chicago’s pre-Roe underground abortion service, and Dr. Sharon Meieran, a Multnomah County commissioner and emergency room physician. Hundreds of people attended online and in the auditorium at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. The program was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and Congregation Beth Israel, where Rabbi Joseph serves as associate rabbi.

During the Q&A session, Rabbi Joseph elaborated on her opening statement.

“My religion, the God of my understanding, says abortion is OK and sometimes mandated,” she said. She added that over the past 50 years, “We have ceded religion to the evangelical Christians and the religious right ... who do not speak for us.”

She serves on the boards of

Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon and is a member of the National Clergy Advisory Board for Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

She said it is important to be explicit on her views: “I am religious, and I believe in all aspects of reproductive freedom. I believe in abortion.”

Arcana, who appears in the new HBO documentary “The Janes,” provided firsthand historical perspective on living when abortion is illegal. She was one of about a half-dozen “Janes” who “learned the medical stuff” and performed low-cost and free illegal abortions in the late 1960s until a couple months after *Roe v Wade* made abortion legal in 1973.

“When abortion is not health care, it is homicide ... it was in Illinois, and I’m betting it will be again,” said Arcana.

Dr. Meieran said the abortion issue is front and center with all her identities. Though she does not consider herself religious, she said that as a Jew, those who argue that abortion is a religious issue “are violating my religious freedom.”

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# RABBIS ON ROE (continued from page 1)

*"We have not a half-century, but many centuries of legal precedent in our Jewish history, affirming that the life of a mother takes precedent over the life of an unborn fetus. The brutal and abrupt removal of the freedom to make personal health care choices in the United States will put many people at risk. History shows that abortion bans do not stop abortions, they only stop safe abortions. People of color, low income and other marginalized people will be disproportionately affected,"* wrote CBI clergy.

*"Significantly, this ruling is an affront to religious liberty in our nation – something which should be protected by a reasonable Supreme Court. While we recognize that there are those whose religious beliefs condemn abortion, those beliefs are not universally held and should not be forced on those, such as the Jewish community, whose religious teaching differs."*

**Congregation Shaarie Torah (Conservative) Rabbi Gary Oren** also reflected on how Jewish tradition values life and how the ruling puts one religious view over another. As a father, he also reacted to the new reality on behalf of his daughter.

*"The decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade saddens (enrages) me for a few reasons. (1) Our most sacred and authoritative texts do not view a fetus as full person until it is born. Therefore, forcing someone to carry a pregnancy that they do not want or that endangers their life is a violation of Jewish law because it prioritizes a fetus over the living adult who is pregnant. Any ruling holding that a fetus is a person effectively elevates one religious viewpoint over others, and infringes upon Jewish pregnant individuals' right to follow the tenets of their faith. (2) As a people who value life, this decision clearly endangers some women. (3) I have a daughter, and it is inconceivable to me that the state would limit her ability to control her body."*

Rather than speaking from a religious perspective, **Community Chaplain Rabbi Barry Cohen** considered how the decision impacts women.

*"The Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade has broken my heart. Despite the fact that I am a rabbi and a trained chaplain, I will not argue from religious tradition. We can all use religion to 'prove' that our 'pro-choice' or 'pro-life' stance is correct.*

*I have tried to imagine I am a woman who has become pregnant and must choose whether or not to bring it to term. Last night (June 23), my choice was legally protected. This morning, depending upon where I live, it is not. I may be forced to have a child. I have tried to feel the accompanying betrayal, powerlessness and helplessness.*

*This dreadful Supreme Court decision has denied millions of women their power, freedom and autonomy. Full stop. We will all suffer the consequences."*

Three rabbis expressed the need to ensure abortion access to all, especially women of color or those with limited incomes.

**Congregation Shir Tikvah Rabbi Ariel Stone** wrote about the need and ways to protect the vulnerable.

*"Roe v. Wade should have been codified into law before now, and now is the time to demand it for all. Our struggle for a better world does not allow us to give in to panic. Our Jewish people have learned over many generations how to keep our eyes on the path and look for the holy, and we must demand it. The mitzvah of this moment requires empathy. As it is said, rich women are always able to get an abortion. Now is the time to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our society – trans people and those of color. As you are able, contact your representatives and urge them to do justice, join in standing with abortion providers who may come under physical attack and support those who are most affected."*

**Rabbi Elizabeth Dunsker of Congregation Kol Ami**, a Reform synagogue in Vancouver, Wash., says she is proud to live in a state that supports a woman's choice.

*"I am proud to live in a state that actively supports a pregnant person's choice to terminate a pregnancy regardless of the reason, because abortion is health care. As a Jew, the health and safety of those living in states willing to protect our health is not enough. I feel obligated to work to ensure that safe and legal abortion is available everywhere in our country. Jewish text and tradition all teach me that a pregnant person's life is valuable and that supporting that life even when it means ending a pregnancy is the ethical, moral and Jewish thing we must do. I believe the Jewish community has a clear obligation to support the organizations fighting this ruling and support those who desperately need abortion services."*

**Havurah Shalom Rabbi Benjamin Barnett** agrees that action is needed.

*"The Supreme Court's decision last Friday was an assault upon our collective freedom and safety. This decision is part of a frightening backlash against the expansions of dignity and humanity in our country, and emotions like despair and fear are understandable. Let's channel our despair and fear toward action.*

*... As a progressive religious community, our moral voice is vital. And for those of us with abundant access to health care and other rights, as well as ample resources, there are many pathways to act in solidarity with those most impacted by this decision."*

Rabbi Barnett shared a list of some of those organizations: The [National Council of Jewish Women](#), a leader in the Jewish movement for abortion access; [The National Network of Abortion Funds](#), resources nationally for abortion access; the [Northwest Abortion Access Fund](#), regional resources and support; and [Sister Song](#), a reproductive justice collective led by women of color.

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As an ER doctor, she treats "people who have fallen through the cracks of the social system that is supposed to protect them. ...I see the consequences for people who have not had reproductive health care."

States where abortion is now illegal have threatened to prosecute doctors who perform abortions on those who travel to states where it is legal.

"This is the scariest time I have experienced," Dr. Meieran said. "We are going to fight back."

When asked how to fight back, Rabbi

Joseph said "Voting is number one." But she added it is important to engage communities in conversations for reproductive freedom that go beyond abortion to include "access to all we need to raise happy, healthy families."

Arcana said that pre-Roe, she learned there are simple things we can do. Not everyone has to be a strategist. "Do the grunt work – sign up, show up and do simple things that are necessary."

She also noted that just three years after Roe, the onslaught on abortion rights be-

gan. Congress passed the Hyde Amendment, which bars the use of federal funds to pay for abortion except to save the life of the woman or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape. The relentless attack on the right to an abortion took 45 years.

"Now it has to be done in reverse," said Arcana.

The panel was moderated by Reed College Professor Steven Wasserstrom.

OJMCHE has posted the recorded panel discussion on its website: [ojmche.org/events](https://ojmche.org/events).

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14 years ago. They both grew up active in the Jewish community of Phoenix, where their fathers each served as president of their synagogue. Mindy has been an active member and leader of the Jewish community her whole life, attending religious school through high school and holding positions on regional boards for BBYO and Hillel. In Portland, she has taken many leadership roles.

"The Jewish community is such a part of my identity and my family's identity," says Mindy. "It's where we call home – the Jewish community is always our first place to connect. ... Neveh Shalom is our synagogue, where we connect religiously. And we're involved parents at Portland Jewish Academy, where our kids are getting a foundation for Jewish education. ... But to me, the Jewish Federation connects the dots and represents the community as a whole."

"Mindy is an outstanding leader for our community," says JFGP President and CEO Marc Blattner. "She has a wealth of experience from years on the Jewish Federation Board, and more importantly, she has served as both Campaign Chair and Allocations Chair. She has a tremendous understanding of the breadth of our work. I look forward to partnering with her in the years ahead."

JFGP Director of Community Planning & Allocations Caron Blau Rothstein agrees that chairing both campaign and allocations has provided Mindy with a very comprehensive understanding of Portland's Jewish community and it challenges and opportunities.

"She has tremendous respect and understanding of our agencies," says Caron. "I think that helps her be a good advocate for them and our community."

Mindy and Mark co-chaired the Federation Campaign for three years before Mindy joined the Allocations Committee. All three of their sons began attending PJA at age 2. Noah, 15, graduated from eighth grade at PJA and now attends Ida B. Wells High School. Ari, 13, and Ezra 10, will both be in PJA's middle school in the fall. Noah recently returned from a BBYO trip in Israel.

"The Zeitzers are not just leaders, they are consumers in the community," adds Caron. "I think when a leader is also an active consumer, they understand better."

"She is accessible, respectful and collaborative," says Caron. "She is the whole package."

In addition to her very active volunteer life, Mindy works full time at Linfield University School of Nursing as an Assistant Professor of Nursing and the Director of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She also makes Shabbat dinner and challah



New Jewish Federation Chair Mindy Zeitzer with her husband, Mark, and their three sons, (from left) Ari, Ezra and Noah.

every week, often gifting friends a loaf from that week's baking.

Noting he is clearly biased after nearly 22 years of marriage, Mark says, "I feel the community is tremendously lucky to have her. She is not a person to do something halfheartedly. She is tremendously hardworking... and she feels very passionately about the things she takes on."

Mark was friends with Mindy's older brother in Phoenix and has known Mindy since he was 16 and she was 14. The two started dating when he was in medical school and she was in nursing school.

"She's funny, she's fun, she can be goofy and she's super enthusiastic when she feels passionately about something, and it's infectious," he says. "So, she's an awesome person to be on a board with because she's enthusiastic, but at the same time, she takes responsibility very seriously."

One thing Mindy is very excited about is the community study that begins in October. She says the comprehensive demographic data will enhance the deep insight she feels she has from allocations into the agencies and all the tremendous work they do and the struggles they face.

"We're going to get a lot of information about who we are as a community and what our needs are," she says. "That's going to help us implement new and innovative programs or help some of the agencies offer things that we don't already offer."

Describing her leadership style, Mindy says, "I like to hear everybody. I think and process and then do. Ultimately, thinking and processing doesn't move the needle. ... With any change and innovation there's always risks. We tweak and calculate after we implement, but we can't problem-solve unless we come up with new and innovative ways and make things happen."

## People in the News

### OJCF hires new office manager

The [Oregon Jewish Community Foundation](#) has hired Noah Rosenberg as office manager. Noah will help advance the mission of OJCF by responding to donor and community needs, supporting foundation services and assisting with administrative duties.

"Noah brings to OJCF a deep-rooted knowledge of, and a passion for serving, the Jewish community in Oregon and Southwest Washington," says OJCF CEO David Forman. "We are blessed to have someone join our team who has witnessed our mission in action from an early age."

Prior to joining OJCF, Noah worked in Los Angeles at Kehillat Yavneh Synagogue and in Portland at the Portland Homeless Family Solution. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Oregon.

Noah is thrilled to work with the many members of the community. He can be reached at [noahr@ojcf.org](mailto:noahr@ojcf.org) or 503-248-9328.



### Freedberg heads east after 28 years at Neveh

Deb Freedberg has held many positions at Congregation Neveh Shalom over 28 years. This summer, she and husband, William, are moving to the East Coast to live closer to their children, Joseph and Abby, and other extended family.

Freedberg has worked tirelessly to offer learning, connection and always a helping hand to Neveh Shalom youth, b'nai mitzvah students, adult learners and minyanim. She was most recently a sixth-grade Hebrew teacher. In addition to teaching, Freedberg is a dedicated volunteer, organizing blood drives and often working in the background to help connect community members to resources they might need.

Beyond Neveh Shalom, she facilitated Wise Aging groups and Mother's Circle for the broader Jewish community.

A farewell celebration is planned July 8. For details, email Mel Berwin at [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org).





# Jenn Louis aids homeless for Common Good

After cooking meals and delivering basic needs to homeless camps since November 2020, local cookbook author and chef Jenn Louis has expanded her efforts to include trash cleanup.

"I still do my outreach work, which is the basic needs and hot meals and all that stuff I have been doing," says Jenn. "We also started a separate trash program, which is why I was looking for a financial sponsor."

Jenn has branded her program The Common Good Project under the auspices of Trash for Peace, a nonprofit founded by Portland native Laura Kutner in 2012. As a program of the nonprofit, The Common Good Project is eligible for public funding and grants. A grant from the Joint Office of Homeless Services has allowed Jenn to employ homeless individuals to collect trash from Portland streets.

"We pay them \$20 an hour," says Jenn, adding that the trash program has been funded by Metro and the Joint Office of Homeless Services. "We have two crews, one with six people and one five, and a few others who help sometimes."

The crews work three to four days per week, depending on funding. Workdays are four hours, with a hot lunch after two hours.

"I want to make sure folks are successful and feel good about what they are doing," says Jenn. "Folks on the street like the work,



and they work hard. They are very thorough. It is hard work, and they do a great job."

Jenn connected with Laura and Trash for Peace through Havurah Shalom. A member of Havurah, Jenn said she mentioned her desire to launch the trash project

during a meeting of a Havurah committee she serves on. A relative of Laura's on the same committee connected the two women.

The Jewish community has been very supportive of her efforts, says Jenn. "It's been a really good backbone for this project, and I'm really grateful."

The public funding does not extend to her outreach work.

"You all were so generous when I first started my homeless relief project, and I need funds to continue," wrote Jenn in an email announcing her trash project. "I can contribute my time, but I need your contributions, too."

She continues to need volunteers and donations including clothing, food, etc. for those efforts. She has attracted a score of volunteers from Havurah Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel and individuals concerned with the homeless crisis. Information on cooking, volunteering and donating (including an Amazon wish list) is available on her website – click on the Homeless Relief Initiative bar at the top of [jennlouis.com](http://jennlouis.com) or email [hello@jennlouis.com](mailto:hello@jennlouis.com).

## Annette Gerard: Selling it like it is

BY SYDNEY CLEVINGER

Need some candy or a card? Forget to buy laundry detergent? Or need Judaica for a Jewish holiday?

Rose Schnitzer Manor's Stop N' Shop has you covered (though access for nonresidents is limited during the pandemic).

"We have a tremendous number of items for sale, including jewelry," says Annette Gerard, 96, who has managed the Stop N' Shop with the help of volunteers for the past five years, and who volunteered at the store for seven years prior. "We have a few connections of people who donate items or give us stuff at cost, and we have a good amount of stock now."

No one can quite remember when the Stop N' Shop officially opened. But Facilities Manager Tammy Heard believes the store began around 20 years ago. The space used to house a coffee bar for residents.

Today, the Stop N' Shop is open Monday through Thursday, 2 -3:30 pm. Each day, different volunteers help residents and their families ring up their purchases.

"It's hard to know what might sell on any given day," says Annette. "Sometimes, people will come in and see candy in the front of the display that reminds them of their childhood. It can be weeks before I sell laundry detergent, and then three people will come in on the same day and clear out the shelf."

Monday volunteer Margaret Gotesman is the store buyer. "She comes in on Monday, looks around, takes inventory and sees what we need," says Annette. "She knows what

sells and then goes out to shop. The following Monday, she brings in new items, puts on a price and then it's out for sale."

Two volunteers – Barbara Rudolph (Tuesdays) and Marilyn Soulas (Wednesdays) – had mothers living at Rose Schnitzer Manor and volunteered to help Annette even after their family members passed. Elaine Salburg is a friend of Marilyn and Margaret and tackles Thursdays. Annette fills in on the days her volunteers have timing conflicts. All monies raised go to the Cedar Sinai Park Foundation.

"The four volunteers are wonderful," says Annette. "We wouldn't be open without them."

Annette and her husband, Melvin, lived in Queens, N.Y., for 60 years. Melvin was an engineer and started a business designing equipment in 1965. The pair worked out of the family home, and Annette became the bookkeeper and secretary.

When Melvin died, Annette moved to Oregon after a few years and selected Rose Schnitzer Manor because she has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren in Portland.

"I like it here," says Annette. "They take good care of us. They really do. The staff is wonderful. And the residents are very nice. And there's a lot of activities."

The walls in Annette's apartment are filled with art creations, including 3-dimensional pictures and others with intricately glued watch parts. Yarn is draped on the sofa, waiting for Annette to turn it into a



Margaret Gotesman and Annette Gerard.

hat or scarf. (Annette has donated nearly 4,600 hats and scarves to charity, including Ukraine support groups.)

"I make a hat every day while I watch television," says Annette.

With her 97th birthday coming up in a few months, Annette has been training her heir apparent to coordinate the Stop N' Shop books. There is no firm date on when the transition will be official, but store procedures have been drafted and systems already passed on.

"Somebody needs to do the bookkeeping," says Annette. "I like the socializing with the customers. So, I'll be here until I'm not needed any more."

## Robots *STEM* from donations

BY BONNIE NEWMAN

Kraxberger Gearheads, a robotics program for sixth- to eighth-graders in Gladstone, wants to tinker with your trash. The afterschool tech club at Kraxberger Middle School raises money for its robotics competitions in large part by tearing down and recycling old electronics and a wide variety of other donated goods. Wires, plastic, metal and other scraps are sold to RS Davis Recycling and Universal Recycling Technology for cash for the club, which will accept 24 members this fall.

In addition to raising money for the program, e-recycling is also a great way for students to gain experience using tools, learn how to take things apart and see how things work.

Gearheads is run by the husband/wife duo Shawn and Kelley Price, who have given their time and energy to the club for 10 years. Shawn started the club after parents requested a STEM program on campus. His daughter, who is now 21, was a student at Kraxberger at the time.

Participants work in teams from September until late January to brainstorm, design, build and test their robots according to rules set out by the First Tech Challenge.

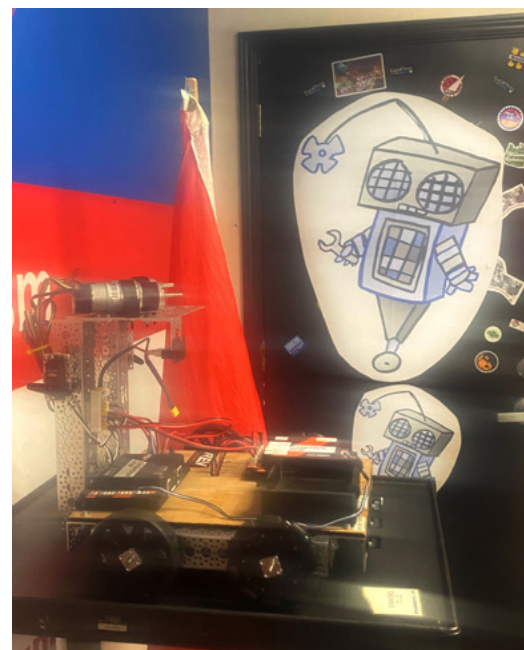
In the process, students learn computer-aided design, budgeting, 3D-printing, blueprint drawing and team building. Each robot must be built according to competition rules and perform a task specified by the challenge.

But according to Shawn, the club “is not about the robots. It’s about teaching (each student) to be a good adult.” For example, regular attendance at club sessions is expected and appropriate behavior in school and at home must be maintained. Students also learn how to communicate with each other and with adults.

Participants also must contribute at least 10 hours to working in the “pile” – the Prices’ nickname for their heap of donated goods. Not only does the money earned from recycled donations go toward the \$500 each team can use to construct its robots, it also pays for the software used to design robots, fuel for the truck used to haul donations and scholarships for deserving graduates. Students can earn additional money for their project by working extra hours in the pile.

While many schools operate robotics clubs, Shawn says he believes theirs is the only one in the state that has an e-recycling program to support it. Robotics programs and competitions are available at all levels of public school, from pre-kindergarten through high school.

While students get a summer break, the Prices gear up for fall by collecting donations from office buildings, warehouses and donor’s homes all summer long. During the school year, donations can be dropped off at the school on



The Gearheads mascot (logo) watches over a robot the Robotics team created. In the fall, a new group of Gearheads will take this robot apart (along with all the electronics and recyclable trash donated over the summer) and design a new robot for the 2022-23 competition.

Tuesdays between 2 and 6 pm.

Gearheads will take many items not accepted elsewhere:

- Metal cabinets, shelves, chairs
- Desktop and laptop computers, routers, servers and other electronics
- Large household appliances such as dishwashers, water heaters, ovens
- Cell phones, satellite equipment, telecommunications equipment
- Exercise equipment
- Pots, pans, silverware
- Nails, screws, tools
- Hearing aids, prescription glasses.

The Prices say they are always looking for volunteers to help with tasks like transporting recyclables or towing the club trailer to competitions. They also welcome mentors who can share their knowledge of computer-aided design or the OnBot Java programming tool.

For more information, visit [gearheadsrobotics.com/programs/e-recycling.htm](http://gearheadsrobotics.com/programs/e-recycling.htm).

*Bonnie Newman is a member of the Climate Action Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. The committee is sharing tips and resources for healing the Earth in a periodic Climate Corner in the Jewish Review. The 2-year-old group is committed to the important work of Tikkun Olam, healing the Earth.*

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### Federation Centennial Trip to Israel Reset for March 2023

**WHEN:** March 20-28, 2023

**WHO:** Ages 5 and up

**REGISTRATION:**

[Jewishportland.org/  
israel2023](http://Jewishportland.org/israel2023)

**COST:** Adults \$3,600 (after  
\$1,150 subsidy);  
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# July is bursting with events for young adults

Young adults in Portland have several July events to choose from at Moishe House on the east side and Moishe Pod on the west side. The young residents of Moishe House Portland and Moishe Pod-WestPDX create and host events every month for their peers in their 20s and early 30s. Young adults from all over greater Portland are welcome at all events.

Moishe House is a global nonprofit that builds peer-led Jewish communities for young adults around the world. Moishe House funds, trains and educates young adults to create pluralistic, inclusive and welcoming Jewish communities. Portland has had a Moishe House since 2008.

In July, Portland Moishe House plans four events: Moishe House Shabbat Dinner, July 8; Rock Climbing at The Circuit Climbing Gym (NE location), July 13; Dust & Ashes: Russian and Ukrainian Narratives as Jewish Text, hybrid event, July 19; and a Rummage Sale, July 28.

For more information, contact [moishehousepdx@gmail.com](mailto:moishehousepdx@gmail.com) or 503-908-3394.

Moishe Pod-WestPDX has three events on its schedule for July: Game Night at the Pod, July 11; Havdalah Bonfire, July 23; and Animal Fun at the Oregon Humane Society, July 30.

The new Moishe Pod – a two-person Moishe House – launched in April to provide young adults opportunities to find Jewish connections and community on Portland's west side.

"We've met some wonderful people and are having a great time," says pod resident Shelly Zeiser, who plans pod events with her partner, Owen Broder. "Events usually have about 8-12 people but fluctuate a bit. My favorite event was our Shabbat potluck. We are hosting another Shabbat in August, barbecue themed!"

For event registration or more information, visit [moishepodwestpdx.com](http://moishepodwestpdx.com) or email [moishepodwestpdx@gmail.com](mailto:moishepodwestpdx@gmail.com).



Making S'mores at Moishe Pod's Lag B'Omer Bonfire.



BB Camp's Last Day of Camp, 2021.

## Weekend camp for young adults Aug. 26-28

Young adults ages 21 to 35 are invited to enjoy the Last Day of Camp weekend Aug. 26-28 at B'nai B'rith Camp on beautiful Devil's Lake in Lincoln City.

Are you excited for classic summer camp activities like boating, campfires and capture the flag? What about all the stuff you couldn't do as a kid, like sunbathing on the dock with a cocktail in hand or throwing a huge dance party after "lights-out"? You can do that, too. If you are 21 or older, save the date, tell your friends and start packing

your bags for an unforgettable weekend.

Campers will have access to all the beauty and fun camp has to offer. This includes the ball field, basketball court, hot tub, lake views, and pool and lake activities when lifeguards are on duty. Other programs and areas of camp will be available. Modern communal cabins for up to 18 people are heated, air-conditioned, and have bathrooms and showers.

Last Day of Camp weekend is \$150. Register at [bbcamp.org/lastday/](http://bbcamp.org/lastday/)

## New MMM award recognizes Kol Ami VIPs

Congregation Kol Ami created the Mavens, Machers & Mensches award to recognize outstanding contributions to the organization. The first recipients are congregational pioneers – people who helped found and establish Kol Ami – Diana and Ken Golden (z"l), Jerry and Sue Ostrer (z"l), Lorna and Julian Levi, Jan and Bob Lieberman, and Jack Litman.

The awards will be presented July 17 at CKA, 7800 NE 119th St, Vancouver, Wash. Beginning at 3:30 pm, the event includes a brief history of each person's contributions and the evolution of CKA, the award ceremony and a Happy Hour reception.

The entire Portland metro Jewish community is invited to join in saluting these individuals and celebrating what they have helped to achieve in just over 30 years.

Vancouver's population exploded during and after World War II as suburbs became popular. Jewish people who lived in Vancouver affiliated with one of three congregations in Portland: Neveh Shalom, Beth Israel or Shaarie Torah. Many of their kids speak of feeling like they were the only Jewish child in their entire school and having few close ties with other Jewish children. Around 1980, established Vancouver families reached out to newcomers in Southwest Washington. Initial invitations were to community

*Lorna & Julian Levi*



*Jan and Bob Lieberman*



*Jack Litman*



*Diana & Ken Golden (z"l)*



*Jerry & Sue Ostrer (z"l)*



seders and Chanukah parties.

Through these activities, people became acquainted, became friends and in 1988 conversations began to formalize this group. In 1990, the Jewish Community Association of SW Washington became recognized by the State of Washington as a nonprofit with a mission "to promote a sense of community, to instill Jewish values in our young, and to provide a common organization for the betterment of the community."

From a community association with monthly Erev Shabbat services to creating a Sunday School youth religious education program in Vancouver, to purchasing a Torah from the U.S. Army, to a name change, to affiliation with the Union of Reform Judaism, to hiring a rabbi and staff and eventually establishing a building, this year's honorees had dreams for their families and for a Jewish community in SW Washington.

TICKETS: \$25 adults/\$10 youth available at [givebutter.com/MMM2022](http://givebutter.com/MMM2022).

# BB Camp dedicates fieldhouse on Family Day



Athena Zidell being coached by Glen Coblens takes the first basketball shot in the new fieldhouse. A corner of the gym will be dubbed "Coach Coblens Corner" in honor of Glen's years of support and volunteerism.

More than 250 B'nai B'rith Camp staff, campers, alumni and friends gathered at BB Camp on Sunday, June 26, for the Annual Friends & Family Day.

This year's family day included the dedication of the Zidell Fieldhouse. The camp's first gym was built and dedicated to Sam Zidell 50 years ago in 1972. The site of the old gym will become the Second Century Pavil-

ion, an outdoor programming space that will honor all donors to the Second Century Campaign.

Friends & Family Day is an opportunity for families and campers to experience a preview of camp; activities included canoeing, arts and crafts, and the high ropes course. Michael Allen Harrison and His All-Star Band finished the day with a concert at the BB Camp Amphitheater.



The ribbon-cutting at the new Zidell Fieldhouse included Joe Workheiser of JHC Construction, the Zidell Family (Jay, Jason, Athena and Judah, Crystal Lamb, Diane and Charlene), BB Camp CEO Michelle Koplan, Men's Camp Chair Irving Potter, BB Camp Chief Philanthropy Officer Aaron Pearlman and project supervisor Jeffrey Weitz of North Rim Development.

## Obituaries

### MEL CAMPF

Mel Campf, z"l, passed away on July 1, 2022, at the age of 84. He is loved and remembered by his wife, Susan Campf; his sons, David and Scott Campf; sister, Joan Campf; and grandchild, Shrieve Archer.

The funeral was held July 3 at Neveh Zedek.

Congregation Neveh Shalom extends deepest condolences to the extended Campf family.

### ANZHELIKA LAZUTKINA

Anzhelika (Jane) Lazutkina, z"l, passed away on June 4, 2020, at the age of 95. Anzhelika is survived and loved by her daughter, Irina Lazutkina; son-in-law, Serge Ioffe; grandson, Anatoliy Ioffe; and great-grandsons, Oren and Leo.

Congregation Beth Israel offers condolences to the family.

Submit obituaries to  
[editor@jewishportland.org](mailto:editor@jewishportland.org)

## CBI hosts memorial for Sisters of the Road founder Genny Nelson

Genevieve "Genny" Nelson, a groundbreaking advocate for people who are homeless and one who worked tirelessly her whole career and life for social justice and human rights issues, will be honored with a July 27 memorial service. The service will be at Congregation Beth Israel. Doors open at 5 pm; the program begins at 5:30.

Nelson was 27 when she and Sandy Gooch opened Sisters of the Road Cafe Nov. 7, 1979, with \$10 cash between them and a barter agreement for the rent. The cafe still operates in its familiar, longtime Old Town location.

They created the cafe after working at an Old Town women's center, Boxcar Bertha's. The cafe grew out of conversations with people living in Old Town about what they needed. They asked for a place where they could feel safe, a place where meals would be recogniz-

able on their plate, a place that was not another soup kitchen.

Nelson died Aug. 19, 2020, of heart failure, a complication of lifelong diabetes. She was 68.

Born in Idaho in 1952, Nelson was a junior at Portland State University when she started a work-study project on skid row. By the end of that term, she had found her calling: to share and witness the grace and courage of men, women and children who have no place to live amid the wealthiest society on earth, and to stand up for their freedom.

Sisters of the Road Cafe was founded with this mission: "Sisters of the Road exists to build authentic relationships and alleviate the hunger of isolation in an atmosphere of nonviolence and gentle personalism that nurtures the whole individual, while seeking systemic solutions that reach the roots of homelessness and poverty to end them forever."



Her key lasting accomplishments include working with Kurt Liska and Oregon U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield to change how food stamps could be used by people who are homeless. The congressional legislation allowed food stamps to be used to pay for prepared meals in nonprofit cafes. Sisters of the Road Cafe was the first cafe in the country to implement this new legislation.

The public is invited to come and honor Nelson, hear stories, and share many years of memories with old and new friends.