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Comedian Pamela Schuller performs at BB360's annual BB Bash gala Saturday, Apr. 27 at Avenue Portland. The organization, previously known as BB Camp, unveiled its new branding and name at the event. (Courtesy BB360)

BB360 unveiled

Oregon institution takes on new name at annual celebration gala

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

One of the Pacific Northwest's most beloved Jewish institutions has a new name.

B'nai B'rith Camp announced at their annual BB Bash Saturday, Apr. 27 that the organization is rebranding to BB360. The new identity incorporates all the ongoing activities that are run by BB Camp and positions the organization as "A New Jewish Umbrella Over the Pacific Northwest" with the slogan "Camp. Community. Connection."

It's a change that's been eight years in the making,

the end of a search for the answer to a question that seems simple enough but ends up being more complicated: How does an organization that does so much succinctly describe what it does?

BB360 Chief Executive Officer Michelle Koplan explained that the scope of the branding issue came into focus during meetings with those most deeply connected to the organization in the rebranding project's early days.

"The reality is that most of our stakeholders at that

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Rabbi Mel remembered for 'interest in people'

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

It's unusual for someone to leave the impact on a community that Rabbi Mel Young, z"l, left on Portland. For almost everyone who does so, it takes a whole career, or even a whole lifetime.

For Rabbi Young, who passed away Sunday, Mar. 31 at the age of 72, it took just five years.

The eldest son of a pair of Holocaust survivors, Rabbi Young spent most of his life in California, working in education. He was working in Pasadena when he met the woman who became his wife of 36 years, Linda Young.

"I don't know if it was love at first sight, but I just knew that this was a good man. I could tell from that effervescent smile and his gentle presence," Young said of her husband. "I can't emphasize enough that he had a genuine interest in people. He wanted to hear their stories and find out about their backgrounds. It could be someone in a grocery store that

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Rabbi Stone to depart Shir Tikvah next year

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

Rabbi Ariel Stone has built a career on building new endeavors – a process that always, eventually, involves departure.

So it will be next summer as she retires from Congregation Shir Tikvah after 22 years of service as first rabbi of the East-side synagogue.

After working in Ukraine to establish synagogues in the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse and a five-year stint at Congregation Beth Israel, Rabbi Stone took a fellowship in Israel and thought her time in Portland was at an end.

"I didn't think I was coming back to Portland. We sold the house. I thought I was done," Rabbi Stone said. "[Shir Tikvah's founders] contacted me and said, 'would you come back?' which was very sweet. I'd never done that; I've just always moved from thing to thing."

It had been Rabbi Stone's plan to keep doing so – Shir Tikvah was not her idea.

"I would never lead a breakaway," Rabbi Stone said. "But the idea of a congregation that wanted to focus first and foremost on Torah study was an opportunity that I couldn't pass up."

While Rabbi Stone's work in Ukraine involved extensive travel around the country to build progressive synagogues and establish a foundation for the post-Soviet Jewish community as opposed to the more stationary work of leading Shir Tikvah, the two projects have had similarities that are not lost on Rabbi Stone.

"It really did feel like another opportunity to look at the specific situation and ask, 'What of the tradition that we now have access to can we keep and what has to change?'" she

said. "Of course, that's really the question we're all asking ourselves in the Jewish community all the time."

While some of the work may have been similar to what she had taken on previously, her return to Shir Tikvah gave her a new perspective on the Rose City.

"I became part of the Portland I love when I came back for these people, for Shir Tikvah, and then I found out really what Portland could be," she said. "It became the place where I understood, 'Oh yeah, people move here just because it's Portland.'"

Rabbi Stone plans to remain in the area during her retirement, though she's looking forward to the opportunity for extended travel to a variety of locales, as well as continuing her activism and study and maintaining her connection to Shir Tikvah.

"When it comes to figuring out what one does as a retired rabbi, I would always take the opportunity to give a shout out to Neveh Shalom and the way that they've always kept their emeritus clergy close and taken advantage of the opportunity to have them teach a class or just be part of the *davening* community," Rabbi Stone said.

She's also working on a third book, this one on the divergence of Jewish values and Western liberalism.

"Western liberalism has been a safe place for Jews," Rabbi Stone said. "So now that it's not, it's a very interesting moment to ask what are the values of Western liberalism that we've insisted all along are Jewish, and how are they and how are they not and how might we be better grounded if we don't see Western liberalism as a culmination of Jewish values?"

Student to Student, empowering Jewish teens, coming to Portland

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

Student to Student is coming to Portland.

The program, which facilitates Jewish high school students sharing their experiences with non-Jewish peers to dispel stereotypes and educate about Judaism, is currently put on by Be The Narrative, a Jewish educational non-profit, in 19 US cities. Beginning this fall, Portland will join the list.

"This program is really an opportunity for our Jewish teens to articulate for themselves and advocate for themselves, share with their peers what is Judaism and what is antisemitism and what does that mean to them," explained Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Director of Educational Initiatives and Associate Director of Community Relations Rachel Nelson. "We are launching this program for the first time here in Portland."

Nelson applied for Portland to become a part of Student to Student after witnessing how antisemitism has skyrocketed in schools post Oct. 7. She'll attend a facilitator training in the coming months and bring that knowledge home to students who are looking to participate in the program. Jewish teens from all backgrounds are welcome to apply.

"We want those who are highly affiliated and engaged with

their synagogues and camps and youth groups and Jewish organizations and those who are less connected and yet still feel strongly Jewish," Nelson said.

Abbie Barash, Associate Director of Field Operations for OneTable, participated in Student to Student when she was in high school in St. Louis. She said that her experiences in Student to Student were formative in her decision to pursue interfaith and inter-religious work in college and beyond. She particularly recalls presenting at an all-girls Catholic school that her school had recently played a soccer match against.

"I was able to connect with them. 'Oh yeah, I just saw you out on the field and we have this shared thing in common. We both love soccer and I'm Jewish and you're Catholic,'" Barash recalled, "and like that, it was like a point of connection as opposed to a point of distinction. I think it really was an opportunity to humanize who Jews are as opposed to reading about the Jewish community in a social studies book or hearing about it in a humanities class. These students got to meet somebody who was just like them, playing soccer, having relationship troubles or not wanting to do their homework."

Learn more about Student to Student's national program at bethennarrative.org/student-to-student. Rising high school juniors and seniors interested in participating can apply online at jotform.com/form/241066829822057. For more information, contact Nelson at rachel@jewishportland.org.

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JFGP nominates Newman for 2024 Song of Miriam award

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has nominated Bonnie Newman, coordinator of Portland's Dignity Grows chapter, for the 2024 Song of Miriam Award.

"Bonnie's a dynamo. We don't often have volunteers with Bonnie's work ethic, her follow through and her ability to communicate with other volunteers so effectively," explained Federation Chief Development Officer Wendy Kahn, who submitted Newman's nomination.

Newman and her husband moved to Portland to retire in 2021, but it was not to be an inactive retirement as Newman immediately began seeking ways to get involved in the Jewish community.

"[Dignity Grows] seemed a really tangible way to help people. It's making a big difference in people's lives and that's the feedback that we get from our partner agencies," Newman said. "I love that the Jewish community came together to do this."

Newman has contributed much more than just the exponential growth of Dignity Grows' size and impact. She's been an active member of the Jewish Community Relations Council, particularly its Climate Action Committee. She's penned many a "Climate Corner" column in *The Jewish Review* and led volunteer efforts at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, as well as volunteer efforts in the broader community, including Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism.

"It keeps you young, doesn't it?" Newman said of her lengthy list of community service engagements. "It's really helped me get involved with the Jewish community here and that was my goal."

Though her list of engagements is broad, the impact Dignity Grows has had naturally stands out.

"We've raised a significant amount of money under Bonnie. Not only in terms of fundraising. She put together a grant writing team," Kahn explained. "Our distribution partners, she made a mission of hers to go meet with them personally and see who they are."

"It took me half a second to think about who would be fitting for us to nominate," Kahn added of Newman's nomination. "She's stellar."

"I didn't do it alone, so I don't deserve all the praise," Newman said. "I think we've made a really strong effort to be more visible and more engaged with our distribution partners and trying to really educate people about period poverty as well as all the amazing work that our agencies do. I'm just so impressed by all of them and the dedication that they have to the community."

Song of Miriam brunch to honor 18 women

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

With spring comes one of Jewish Portland's annual traditions – the Song of Miriam Awards Brunch.

This year's brunch, the 29th Annual event, will be Sunday, June 9, at 10 am at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center in Portland. First held in 1993 and paused during the COVID pandemic, the brunch highlights the contributions of volunteers throughout the Jewish community in Oregon.

"We have valuable volunteers, and we want them to be to be appreciated," Marki Maizels of the Jewish Women's Round Table, which hosts the event, explained.

This year's list of honorees includes:

- Laura Bergstrom of Beit Haverim
- Chava Mirel Daitchman of Congregation Kesser Israel
- Ruth Bolliger of the Next Generations Group
- Laura Dawson of Temple Beth Sholom in Salem
- Carlie Dunn of the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
- Nadine Gartner of Portland Jewish Academy
- Margaret Gotesman of the Robison Jewish Home
- Jan Lieberman of Congregation Kol Ami
- Karen Maher of P'nai Or of Portland
- Rose Marshall from Women of Reformed Judaism/Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood
- Sheryl Martel of Jewish Family & Child Service
- Bonnie Newman of the Jewish Federation of

Greater Portland (see sidebar)

- Rachel Peck of Beit Am in Corvallis
- Sara Radcliffe of the Eastside Jewish Commons
- Doria Raetz from Shalom Bayit/Jewish Community of Central Oregon
- Vicki Rotstein of Congregation Neveh Shalom
- Rose Schneier of the Congregation Shaar Torah Sisterhood
- Sarah Shine from Havurah Shalom

Awardees are nominated by the organizations that participate in the Jewish Women's Round Table, which include synagogues, Jewish non-profit agencies and community groups throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. Originally known as the Jewish Women's Presidents Round Table, JWRT has served as a forum for the exchange of ideas and resources as well as the development of leadership skills for Jewish women's organizations since 1992. The awards are named for the sister of Moses and Aaron who was a prophetess and leader of the Israelite women at the time of the Exodus.

Registration for this year's Song of Miriam Brunch is \$32 before May 29, \$34 after, and pre-registration is required. Visit jwrt.org/song_of_miriam_2.html to learn more or to print off a registration form and mail it, with payment by check, according to the included instructions. Credit card payment is not available. For questions or to address technical difficulties, contact Maizels at JewishWomenRoundTable@gmail.com or 503-682-9808.



Pesach's sweet sendoff



Congregation Neveh Shalom hosted their annual Mimouna celebration at the synagogue Thursday, May 2. Mimouna, the traditional Moroccan Jewish feast marking the end of Passover and the return to eating *chametz*, was marked with, clockwise from top left, sweet delicacies including honey and butter-topped pancakes called mufletta, drumming, arts projects for kids, traditional Moroccan garb (as modeled by Cantor Eyal Bitton), henna tattoos, traditional Moroccan Jewish symbols of good luck and fertility, and dancing for all ages. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



Beth Israel announces clergy transitions

Cantor Cahana to retire next year, Rabbi Cahana in 2027; junior clergy promoted

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

The bima at Congregation Beth Israel will look very different in the not-too-distant future.

The synagogue recently announced plans for significant clergy transitions, the most immediate of which will be the retirement of Senior Cantor Ida Rae Cahana in 2025. Her husband, Senior Rabbi Michael Cahana, will follow her in retirement in 2027 when his current contract expires. The congregation's board has selected current CBI clergy members Associate Rabbi Rachel Joseph and B'nai Mitzvah and Family Educator Cantor Rayna Green to become the synagogue's next Senior Rabbi and Senior Cantor, respectively.

Cantor Cahana will step down after 13 years of service as Beth Israel's senior cantor, though she's been an integral part of the shul since Rabbi Cahana was installed in 2006.

"They didn't have an assistant rabbi back then, so I kind of got sucked in and started working part-time," Cantor Cahana recalled. "It was really fun for me because I was picking up whatever they didn't have somebody to do. I would set up a sukkah at the farmers' market and go give out materials about feeding the hungry and housing the homeless."

With the retirement of Cantor Judith Blanc Schiff in 2012, Cantor Cahana joined her husband as a senior clergy member. The intervening years are full of special memories.

"There have been so many incredible moments," she said. "We've had a lot of really over the top and beautiful, dramatic pieces, but then



From left: Rabbi Rachel Joseph and Cantor Rayna Green will become the senior clergy members at Portland's Congregation Beth Israel following the retirements of Cantor Ida Rae Cahana in 2025 and Rabbi Michael Cahana in 2027. (Andie Petkis Photography for Congregation Beth Israel)

we've also had a lot of quiet times, like sitting in this office and working with a child who's on the spectrum and seeing them grow. As I've gotten older, I've come to appreciate those moments almost more than the big moments, the flashy things."

There will be a little more flash, with events in the works involving many of Cantor Cahana's friends and collaborators throughout her career before she hands over her post to Cantor Green.

"I'm really happy to have Cantor Green following me," Cantor Cahana said. "We've known her and her lovely voice and her beautiful *neshama* (soul) for all this time."

Previously a preschool teacher at Beth Israel, Cantor Green worked with Cantors Schiff and Cahana, who encouraged her to seek ordination herself.

"They both were the people who were saying you should go to cantorial school. This seems like this is more than a hobby for you," Cantor

Green said. "When I was ordained as a Cantor, I dreamed about coming back here."

While Portland is a special place for Cantor Green – she met her husband, Eli, at Beth Israel – it's the team she works with, including her fellow Cantors and CBI's education director Ben Sandler, that make her work so special.

"It's always been very important to me that I find a team that I am inspired by and that I love collaborating with," she said, "and that is this group."

She looks forward to expanding her connections within the congregation and continuing to foster congregants' connections with each other and with Judaism.

"Something I'm really passionate about doing is helping people realize this is the place to find connection, meaning and purpose, and I'll help you find your way in. Whenever I talk to new members, for example, that join the synagogue, I say, 'We're all here to help

you find what your way to connect to Judaism is,'" she said. "As a Cantor, music is a super powerful tool because it helps us engage and connect and it transports us."

While Cantor Cahana will begin retirement next year, Rabbi Cahana will wait until 2027 to retire after what will be 21 years as CBI's senior rabbi. This date was anticipated when he and the synagogue's board agreed to his current contract but is being announced now as Cantor Cahana's retirement process is set in motion.

"Of course, when one [spouse] retires, the question is, 'When is your spouse going to do so?'" Rabbi Cahana said. "We wanted to have that really known so that the transition can be as smooth as possible."

The transition plan is now established, with Rabbi Joseph set to take over. The long runway, and the board's selection of their current associate rabbi, provide a level of continuity that's unusual in rabbinical transitions, and a different tone than when Rabbi Cahana was selected to replace Rabbi Emanuel Rose, z"l.

"When I came, there was a lot of conversation. The congregation was doing well, Rabbi Rose had an amazing legacy and the board at that time felt that they had some new directions that they were interested in," Rabbi Cahana recalled. "I think that the statement that's being made here is that the congregation is doing well and is going in a good direction. Things will change appropriately and that's correct, but there's not a need nor desire for a kind of radical change."

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Rabbi Cahana sees Rabbi Joseph as the best choice for both the moment and for carrying on the traditions of the congregation.

Rabbi Joseph has a great interest in social justice. That's been the tradition in our congregation for a long time," Rabbi Cahana explained. "Certainly, Rabbi Rose blazed that trail. I've tried to follow it, and this is very deeply ingrained in her."

Nevertheless, Rabbi Joseph's elevation to senior rabbi is a departure from some norms. She will be CBI's first female senior rabbi.

"I feel incredibly lucky," she said of her elevation. "It's not a typical path that you come to a congregation as an assistant rabbi and then you stay as long as I have and then are able to have a succession plan to be the senior. It's really such a gift that I could be here; I can build community here."

Rabbi Joseph spoke of the unique blend of tradition and dynamism that she's found at Beth Israel, her first rabbinical position.

"It's a legacy congregation, almost 170 years old, older than the state of Oregon," she said. "But as I like to say, it has such deep roots and at the same time, just unbelievable branches and new buds constantly."

She'll be leading those roots, branches and buds in 2027. Rabbi Cahana is looking forward to traveling with Cantor Cahana and seeing more of their children, as well as earning his private pilot's license and continuing to hone his skills as an aviator.

"[Rabbi Joseph and Cantor Green are] both incredible clergy and know the community so well," he said, "and are absolutely ready to guide the congregation into the next generation."

Denny's latest follows family's escape from Nazi-occupied Europe

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

Bettie Denny's first foray into non-fiction is a deeply personal story, sparked by a chance encounter with a box in a cabinet.

"In the Wake of Madness: My Family's Escape from the Nazis" is Denny's exploration of both her family's harrowing journey out from under the crashing wave of Nazi Germany's spread through Europe and her own process of delving deep into the history of the events that swirled around them and the relationships between them as they fled.

Starting from a series of interviews with her mother, Denny initially resolved to write the book as historical fiction, a genre she greatly enjoys. As COVID descended, she used the time to keep researching and to go through a cabinet in her home that had belonged to her grandmother.

"Included in that was a box that my mom had just thrown everything in," Denny said. "I can't even tell you what disarray it was, and it wasn't like it was clearly a treasure."

It was a treasure, though – collections of letters from family members dating through the 1930s and 40s as they worked their way out from under the shadow of Nazism and the war, all by different paths. Her uncle was interned by the British government on the Isle of Man for the early years of the war, while her maternal grandmother fled Berlin in 1941 via the Trans-Siberian Railroad, making her way to Chile where she met up with her husband, Denny's grand-

father. Her parents, meanwhile, went from Belgium across France to eventually arrive in Lisbon in neutral Portugal.

"I knew very little of this," Denny said, "and I knew very little about the pain my mother went through because of the separation from her parents."

Once she figured out what she had discovered, the next task was making sense of it – the letters were all written in German, a language Denny doesn't speak, and while her father's letters were in typed carbon copy form, many of the others were handwritten in penmanship that Denny described as "inscrutable."

A pair of volunteers emerged through happenstance to translate the letters – one connected through a friend, the other from a book club that was reading one of Denny's novels and started following Denny's blog, where she was posting sections of her work, and noticed that the German translations didn't seem to track. Denny continued to conduct extensive research to ensure what she was reading in her family's letters could be lined up with historical events where they happened.

Though it's Denny's first non-fiction work, the historical setting of her second novel, "Burying My Dead," along with her insistence on accuracy in the details made the transition from fiction an easier one than anticipated. The research and discovery that went into telling her family's stories became part of the narrative itself. This includes a shocking, beautiful discov-

ery in an otherwise random picture used to illustrate a blog post.

Denny was merely looking for a picture of a ship like the one her parents took to the United States. An image on eBay from The Associated Press looked like it would work, but on closer inspection, the AP caption tag revealed it was her parents' very ship. She requested a higher-resolution copy from AP, and as Denny explored the image, a figure waving from the rail of the ship as it docked in New York bore a striking resemblance.

"There's this woman who just looks kind of like my mom," Denny said. "I zoomed in and my mom is standing there at the rail. She never even knew this picture existed, right? But she's just standing there smiling."

The book also includes a section of discussion questions, for book clubs or other groups, which delve into the larger issues that surrounded Denny's family as they escaped, and seem to, in increasingly less subtle ways, surround us today.

"Especially now with rising antisemitism, I think a lot of people need to examine both sides of the coin," Denny said. "What would I do to help someone? How would I know when to leave?"

"In the Wake of Madness: My Family's Escape from the Nazis" is available from Powell's Books, Broadway Books and Wallace Books in Portland, and through national retailers online. Learn more about Denny's work at bettiedenny.com

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was a complete stranger; he befriended people everywhere and he cared tremendously about other people's lives."

Rabbi Young's first cancer diagnosis came in 2005 and led to the surgical removal of his kidney. By 2009, however, the cancer was back and had metastasized to his chest. Most people don't consider a career change in such a situation, but Rabbi Young retired from education to begin taking classes at the Academy for Jewish Religion California in Los Angeles.

"He was wanting to take a class here, a class there, thinking maybe chaplaincy," Linda Young recalled. "The president of the school said, 'You're not a chaplain. You're destined to become a rabbi.'"

Eight years later, Rabbi Young was ordained. Rabbi Sarah Rensin took classes with him at AJRCA.

"Every time I walked into a classroom with him, he was always smiling," she recalled. "He loved the classes, and he loved teaching."

Despite the joy his rabbinical studies brought him, Rabbi Young was still sick. Living in Pasadena but receiving treatment at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills meant that the Youngs were spending a lot of time in the car – too much.

Linda Young's parents live in Vancouver, British Columbia, and she said Rabbi Young "didn't want to go to a sunny climate." He was referred to Oregon Health Science University for continued treatment and the couple moved to Portland in 2019.

Though he was amid cancer treatment, it is unsurprising that Rabbi Young was soon looking for a way to serve his new community. The opportunity soon presented itself.

"In medical appointments, he felt like he was getting support while he was in those settings, but when he would walk out the door from those, he felt pretty alone. He had started searching for a cancer support group in Portland," recalled Missy Fry, Lead Aging and Adult Services Clinician at Jewish Family & Child Service "He just felt that the cancer support group offerings in Portland were pretty limited, so he started to wonder how he could create one for the Jewish community."

After a meeting with Rabbi Barry Co-



Rabbi Mel Young, right, is embraced by a Jewish Family & Child Service client in this undated photo. (Courtesy JFCS)

hen, then Portland's Jewish Community Chaplain, the pair started a support group through JFCS that Rabbi Young continued to participate in through the end of his life.

"Rabbi Mel was just one of the most humble, selfless people. I say that without any exaggeration," Fry said. "He had mentioned that he often felt like telling his story to others felt very supportive to him, and I think that he wanted to create opportunities for other people to have that experience as well. His hope was basically to create a group that would just bring people together."

It would have been notable if that had been the full extent of his service to Portland's Jewish community. But it's just scratching the surface.

"When I first met him, I felt very like honored that he was working with us," JFCS Volunteer Coordinator Sammy Monk said. "For him to want to work with us and continue to help people despite all his health challenges, I just found very touching. And I felt very lucky to get to work with him."

Rabbi Young started helping drive JFCS clients to activities and medical appointments. It was not on an occasional, when-I'm-up-for-it basis – he was the most active volunteer driver in the pool.

"I started calling him the Commis-

sioner of Transportation because he drove so many clients," Monk said. "He like to drive Holocaust survivors to the Cafe Europa events, like lunch in the sukkah and the Hanukkah party and the picnic. He would always stay and socialize with people and be a helping hand, which is really wonderful. Volunteers aren't required to stay when they drive someone, but he just wanted to keep being around people."

Rabbi Young was also on the planning committee for JFCS's senior prom, but driving Holocaust survivors was special work for him. Monk recalled that he had said it was like having his grandparents in the car. He formed friendships with the clients he drove; even when they were Russian-speaking survivors, Rabbi Young made connections that transcended language barriers.

"Even when he was in and out of the hospital, he was still driving people," Monk recalled.

Rabbi Young was also active with the Oregon Board of Rabbis, helping to teach the Introduction to Judaism class put on by the OBR.

"I always appreciated having Rabbi Mel teach the first class of the term, as he would help the students break-the-ice right from the start. His love for Judaism

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was infectious,” JoAnn Bezodis, the OBR’s administrator said. “Despite the health challenges, he never lost his passion for teaching.”

He had plenty to share, and not just in the classroom.

“By the time he hit Portland, you know, he had done a lot of living, and he was, by nature, an educator, and he was a very reflective person,” Rabbi Josh Rose said. “So, he had a lot of wisdom in him.”

That wisdom came out in more than just conversations, Rabbi Rose explained – it was in the way that Rabbi Young lived.

“I’m trying to avoid cliché, but he was a Jew who walked the walk,” Rabbi Rose said. “With his very being and his very person, he embodied Jewish values without preaching too much about it. He just did it.”

And he did it with a smile – even as his health continued to worsen. A separate cancer, this one in his esophagus, was diagnosed in 2020, requiring a 13-hour surgery and months of recovery.



Rabbi Mel Young, pictured at the Jewish Family & Child Service Schmoozeapalooza adult prom Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023. (Courtesy JFCS)

Last year, his kidney cancer spread to his pancreas and intestines.

“He was always smiling,” Monk recalled. “He would talk to me about all his medical issues and how chal-

lenging it was and how painful it was, and I very much remember him smiling, no matter what.”

“He defied the odds for so long and pushed himself forward and he never

complained,” Linda Young said. “He was passionate about life and learning, and he wanted to know so much more. There was so much more for him to discover, and that kind of propelled him forward.”

After surgery in January, Rabbi Young went on hospice care and returned home. Rabbi Rensin had left her position at the hospice provider that served Rabbi Young not long before Rabbi Young went on hospice. They connected through messages as Rabbi Rensin checked in with her former colleagues to ensure Rabbi Young was well cared for.

“He wanted me to come and see him,” Rabbi Rensin recalled. “But he just declined too quickly.”

“You’re never ready for this time,” Linda Young said. “You’re never ready.”

Contributions in Rabbi Young’s memory can be made to the Kidney Cancer Association or to JFCS.

“I will hold him dear for the rest of my life,” Monk said. “He’s a great example of the person that I want to be.”



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OJCYP turns 21 in style

The Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation celebrated its 21st birthday at "Sip, Savor and Support" Thursday, Apr. 18 at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. The foundation announced its grant making focuses for the year will be gun violence prevention, combating antisemitism and mental health, heard from Laurie Lynch, Education Director at the Anti Defamation League of the Pacific Northwest (bottom left), and collected donations of food and cleaning supplies for Clackamas Women's Services. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)





BB360 unveils their new identity at the BB Bash Saturday, Apr. 27 at Avenue Portland. (Courtesy BB360)

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time didn't really know that we were the implementing partner of PJ library (outside of Portland) or the managing partner for BBYO, doing youth, teen and adult engagement events," Koplan told *The Jewish Review*. "We learned very quickly that we needed to one change our name and to shout from the rooftops that we're doing this amazing work."

As the process started moving forward, Lee Lazarus, a member of BB360's board who had been involved in the organization since moving to Portland in 2002, got involved.

"We just weren't explaining our story clearly," Lazarus told the *Review*, "that you could be a part of this incredible non-profit at any stage or phase of life, whether you're 6 or 65."

Telling those kinds of stories is Lazarus' specialty – she's the cofounder of The Presentation Company, a firm that helps organizations of all sizes, from Silicon Valley startups to Fortune 500 firms, use storytelling to get their messages across. Lazarus became the Chair of BB360's Rebranding Committee.

During the development process, Lazarus kept coming back to the idea of concentric circles and the ways that programs like day camp, overnight camp, leadership programs and everything else the organization does came together and led into one another.

"We just started to realize that everyone in a way is coming on a journey with us, and that it is kind of full circle," she said.

A name was born. But the work was just beginning.

"Lee has these amazing vendors that she was able to call upon who did an incredible amount of work for us and donated most of their hours," Koplan explained.

The products of that work include a whole suite of new visual brand identity materials for BB360 and all its programs.

"I loved how they brought in elements from the campus from Lincoln City with

the water and the sun," Lazarus said of the new branding materials.

The new logo means that one of overnight camp's most prized souvenirs, the camp t-shirt, will look quite a bit different going forward. Knowing that this was just the most obvious change that could be challenging for teens, a huge constituency of BB360's operations who had already navigated the shocks of the pandemic and the changing appearance of the camp's facilities on the Central Oregon Coast, Lazarus was proactive.

"They had voiced that over the years, we got new buildings, things have changed," Lazarus said. "Change can be hard for anybody, let alone teens."

Many of those same teens became the leaders of rolling out the new identity, both through BB360's established social media feeds and through their own collaborative social media identity, The BB Bunch.

"They have been the voice behind a lot of the posts recently, those have all been through their lens, through their language," Lazarus said.

"It's been incredible to see branding experts, writers, and our teens devote thousands of hours to a cause they believe in. We simply could not have taken on a transformation at this level without this expertise and passion," Stacy Van Wagoner, President of the BB360 Board of Directors, said in a press release.

Lazarus also mentioned the team and vendors she worked with throughout the process, telling *The Jewish Review*, "We got really fortunate in building this team that came together, many of them not even Jewish, and donated tons of their time and were true professionals in their space. It was it was really made possible because of those folks."

Learn more at BB360's new website, bb360.org, and by following [@bb360or](https://www.instagram.com/bb360or) and [@bb.bunch](https://www.instagram.com/bb.bunch) on Instagram.

BB Bash raises \$250k

By NOA RUBIN
BB360

BB360, formerly B'nai B'rith Camp, raised a quarter million dollars for camp programs at their annual BB Bash gala Saturday, Apr. 27.

The evening was loosely structured around a Passover seder, complete with the Maggid (telling of our Freedom Story), Four Questions, and Four Children sharing their experiences as campers and counselors at day camp, overnight camp, and BBYO, all programs that the newly-rechristened BB360 facilitates in the Portland metropolitan area. In addition to hearing from Board President Stacy Van Wagoner, B'nai Brith Men's Camp Board Chairman Irving Potter and CEO Michelle Koplan, the pinnacle of the evening was hearing from board member Lee Lazarus, about the rebranding efforts that have now gone live. (See story, page 1)

Comedian and keynote performer Pamela Schuller spoke about the importance of inclusion, a strong-held tenant of BB360. Schuller sees her Tourette's Syndrome as her superpower and shared her powerful story, encouraging the community to not just tolerate differences but to celebrate them.

CBI hosts young adult seder

Attendees take in the Portland Young Adult Seder held at Congregation Beth Israel Saturday, Apr. 27. The event was co-sponsored by CBI, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Congregation Neveh Shalom, Portland Jewish Connection and Moishe Pod West PDX. (Courtesy Ben Henig)



Cedar Sinai nominates Gotesman for SoM

By SYDNEY CLEVINGER

Cedar Sinai Park

“Do you have any sugar free candy?”

“Did you find the glasses holders?”

“How much are these earrings?”

Longtime Stop ‘N Shop volunteer Margaret Gotesman is always ready with an answer to the many questions she receives from residents and families at Rose Schnitzer Manor Active Assisted Living who are browsing at the volunteer-led Stop ‘N Shop.

“It’s my pleasure to help,” said Margaret. “I love watching the residents shop, and helping brings me a lot of joy.”

Margaret is Cedar Sinai Park’s selection in 2024 for the Song of Miriam Award. The Song of Miriam is an

annual celebration of Jewish women in Portland coordinated by the Jewish Women’s Round Table. Song of Miriam honorees will be recognized at a June 9 brunch. (See story, page 4)

“I like people,” said Margaret. “I don’t need to be in the spotlight; volunteering here is fun for me.”

Margaret began volunteering at the Stop ‘N Shop, the Manor store, at least a dozen years ago, but maybe as many as 14. She agreed to begin volunteering while donating items that belonged to her mother, and then meeting Manor resident David Singer, who was leading the store at the time.

“I love it when people find what they are looking for in the store,” said Mar-

garet. Some weeks that might be tissues; other weeks it might be laundry detergent. Most weeks, candy is a hot seller, along with toothbrushes, and the store is known for having great cards.

Margaret was born and raised in Portland. Her bachelor of arts is in education, and she was a longtime volunteer in local schools. She coordinated book-keeping for husband, Mike (z”l), who was in private practice as a psychotherapist. Mike passed in 2007.

Margaret has one daughter and two granddaughters. She loves to play Mah Jong and canasta, and be ‘Grandma,’ and she has three siblings; two in the area. Her aunt, Victoria Russell, lived at the Manor pre-pandemic.

Cedar Sinai receives industry awards for 'Chopped,' McGlocklin

By SYDNEY CLEVINGER

Cedar Sinai Park

Cedar Sinai Park is the recipient of two (out of three!) Leading Age Oregon awards for 2024. Cedar Sinai Park won Innovative Program of the Year for its novel and inclusive community-building Chopped event in February (photo at left with Executive Chef Andy Staggs, who was the lead organizer, and Server Sahel Dost). Receptionist, certified nursing assistant, and medication aide at Robison Jewish Health Center/Harold Schnitzer Center for Living,

Jocelyn (Josie) McGlocklin, was named this year’s Unsung Hero for her incredible positivity and willingness to pitch in on any projects for residents and staff!

“One of the words we use here is kulanu, which means all of us together,” said Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Fuson at an all-staff meeting to announce the awards. “We know it takes a culture of community to make this happen. The Chopped event is an example of our entire community coming together to make a great event happen

for residents. It’s important to take a breath once in a while and appreciate each other, because our team is the best of the best.”

Said Staggs upon receipt of the Innovative Program of the Year award on behalf of the campus: “I’m shocked!”

Fuson recognized Josie for her wonderful sense of humor and big heart.

“There is no task too big or small that Josie will not undertake with the utmost care, intentionality, and importance. She gives it her all, every single day, with every

bit of her energy.”

McGlocklin said through tears that she walked into Cedar Sinai Park in 2019 and fell in love.

“I will never forget July 17 of 2019 when I first came here and then I was hired on July 22nd. Since then, I’ve been part of the Cedar Sinai Park family, and it’s been a blessing,” said McGlocklin.

The Cedar Sinai Park team is attending the Leading Age Oregon awards luncheon during the association’s annual conference on May 17 to receive recognition.



A very zissen start to Pesach

Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel and Jewish Family & Child Service partnered in mid-April to provide a pre-Passover Community Seder twice the size of last year's. Cantors Ida Rae Cahana and Rayna Green ran the Seder for 60 JFCS clients while JFCS' Alla Piatski, bilingual case manager, translated from English to Russian for Holocaust Survivors from the Former Soviet Union. Chef Noah Jacob and his talented culinary team (Olga, Siobain and the chef's wife Dori) crafted a delicious menu, including a client favorite: PNW gefilte fish. Kate Gillespie chaired the joint WRJ/Sisterhood and JFCS event and helped round out the meal with homemade charoset. A total of eight JFCS volunteers alongside 16 WRJ/Sisterhood members, CBI congregants and staff members were on hand to drive clients to and from the event, and they supported JFCS clients throughout the Community Seder held in Goodman Hall. Said Sisterhood volunteer Rosi Marshall: "Seeing those who might not get a seder or have a difficulty in life, we're enabling them to feel good." Myra, a JFCS client, said, "To be at a Jewish communal event is important at this time. I'm very concerned about the Jew-hatred and political insanity. So it feels good to be with other Jews, especially now." The financial support of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) helped make the Community Seder possible. (Courtesy Jewish Family & Child Service)

Shaarie Torah B'Mitzvah event for all June 2

Congregation Shaarie Torah
 Congregation Shaarie Torah is thrilled to invite all current fifth graders and current middle schoolers and their guardians to a special event taking place on June 2 at 12:15 pm at the synagogue for those interested in co-creating a unique B' Mitzvah experience for your child. We do not believe in a one-size – fits-all model.

At Congregation Shaarie Torah, we value the power of inclusivity and the significance of each individual's journey. That's why we've chosen to use the term B' Mitzvah, emphasizing the transition from a Jewish child to a responsible member of the Jewish community. Through this inclusive approach, we aim

to foster a sense of belonging and empowerment for all participants.

The B' Mitzvah event is more than just a ceremony. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of our students. It's a commencement, not an endpoint, as they continue to engage with their Jewish tradition and contribute meaningfully to their community and the world at large.

To prepare for this milestone, we offer a comprehensive educational approach that encourages questioning, debate, and a deep connection to Torah. Our students delve into the rich tapestry of Jewish wisdom, exploring texts and ideas that have sustained our people for generations. They become

collaborators in the mission of tikkun, working to repair the world and make it a better place for all.

Parents Ashley and Ouri said, "The B' Mitzvah process at Shaarie Torah helped us slow down and think about what cultural and spiritual aspects are important to us. It clarified our belief that B' Mitzvah is one of the most important events for a Jewish child as it allows us, their parents and community, to support their autonomy and confidence. Most importantly, it reminded us of our key role in supporting her to be a member of her community who supports others and shares her talents with pride. It was a lot of work - and the Shaarie Torah team

were all incredible to work with."

The event will feature a range of activities and opportunities for both students and their families. Lunch will be served.

"We believe that reaching this milestone is a family affair," says Rabbi Gary Oren. "That's why we offer a personalized approach that honors each student's unique background and learning goals. Our values of Fun, Character, Community, and Confidence guide our collaboration with families every step of the way."

Attendance at this event is open to all, regardless of membership status. For more please contact Education Director Cara Abrams at cara@shaarietorah.org.

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By JESSICA ANDERSON

These have been particularly challenging days. I often find myself speaking with individual community members who are struggling to feel secure, are anxious or angry about what they see in the news, concerned about family members (particularly children in school and on college campuses!), struggling in work situations and various other issues. The range of concerns is quite varied and often simply talking with someone who provides a professional perspective can be immensely reassuring. Additionally, my goal is that together we develop some concrete steps or actions you can take which help you navigate your situation. If you have safety or security concerns in your personal or professional life, I'm always available to meet with you confidentially. Please reach out at janderson@securecommunitynetwork.org or cell phone 872-273-9214.

Personal security comes in many forms and through various means – physical awareness, training tools, healthy social media boundaries, and in online spaces. Over the years I've used a variety of tools to protect myself online, and I've shared some of these with you before. But it's been a while and I thought I'd revisit the topic. These are not official SCN recommendations but are an accumulation of practices I've adopted and have found useful to me.

As a Jewish community professional, I do feel vulnerable - my name, email address, and photo are pub-



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licly available on the JFGP website, and it used to take exactly one click to put that together and find out my home address and personal cell number. I felt very exposed by that and now subscribe to deleteme.com. This is an online service that among other things, scrubs publicly available databases and continually requests the removal of my information. It's been over a year since I subscribed, and I'm pleased that my personal address is not the first thing that pops up anymore. I test it periodically and am very happy with the results.

We all have online accounts and hackers have likely obtained data from at least one of them. If you want to know which of your accounts have been compromised, search for your email address on "Have I Been Pawned?" (haveibeenpawnd.com) This is a free service that cross-references your email address with hundreds of data breaches. When I learn of a website that has had a data breach and where I have an account, I change my password. Some companies, like 23andme, which had a breach a few months back, took proactive steps and forced a password reset.

Many companies do not, so it's important to be proactive. Password keepers are more common now and there are many options. These can be subscription programs like Keeper.com that maintain all your passwords in one place. Apple products have strong privacy policies, and another option is to store all your passwords in your "keychain," even if you don't access all the websites on your phone or computer. It becomes a single stop for password and account storage so if you pass unexpectedly and a family member has access to your phone or computer, they can get into all your accounts, making things easier for those who will need to administer your estate.

For all my banking and investment-related accounts, I've installed two-step authentication, so I get a text or email to confirm it's really me. It's a little annoying to be sure, but particularly for financial accounts, it's a small extra layer of protection that I feel better about.

Companies and websites track everything we do online. Most people think the government knows everything about them, but it's

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'I gained a unique perspective' on JNF mission

Editor's Note: With many members of the Portland Jewish community visiting Israel to volunteer, support the Israeli people and bear witness to the ongoing war, The Jewish Review is making space available for those who wish to share their stories of visiting the region. If you would like to share a 400-500 word account of your recent journey to Israel, please email editor@jewishportland.org for more information.

By SHANNON JANOFF

"April 7-11- come!!!" This was the text message from my dear friend Anna that included a link to a JNF mission trip to Israel. That was Jan. 30 of this year. By Feb. 4 we were registered and had flights booked.

I had never been to Israel before this trip. Our family was set for the Federation trip in March 2020, but that was thwarted by COVID. I was slightly apprehensive about traveling to Israel amid a war, but like so many others, I had started feeling somewhat helpless about how to lend support post-Oct 7 beyond financial contribution. This trip was exactly right for me.

It was one of the best decisions I've ever made. We spent our first two days over Shabbat in Jerusalem with Anna's brother and his family. I gained a unique perspective celebrating the holiday amongst a family much more observant

than my own. They were so gracious and welcoming. We were also able to spend time with Anna's daughter, Molly, a high school junior completing a semester at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel.

From Jerusalem we headed to Tel Aviv for the mission part of our trip. We spent the next four days traveling the country, making care packages for soldiers, and revitalizing kibbutz neighborhoods for returning families. We helped farmers tend to their crops in the wake of the agricultural labor shortage and visited army bases and front-line soldiers. We heard from the Chief of Emergency Medicine at Soroka Hospital, the only Level One trauma center in Israel, about how he managed the ER on Oct. 7 and in the days and weeks that followed. We toured neighborhoods and heard from residents directly impacted on Oct. 7 and visited the evolving memorial at the Nova music festival site. Each of these experiences were unique, meaningful and thought-provoking and connected me to a place that I was experiencing for the first time.

I flew home in the early hours of Apr. 14, just as news was breaking of Iran's unprecedented attack and as airspace was closing at the airport. My flight was one of the last departures.

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Never Alone

Violence, hypocrisy, and Columbia University

Editor's Note: The Jewish Review is pleased to welcome columnist Elissa Wald, author of the "Never Alone" Substack. Wald's work addresses current affairs from a liberal Zionist perspective. This column is adapted from her Substack, which is available at neveralone.substack.com.

By ELISSA WALD

Another day, another nationwide debate about whether student encampments for Palestine- spreading from college to college throughout the country--are peaceful and righteous or hateful and frightening. In today's newsletter, I'll unpack my own take on all the unrest. I'll focus on Columbia for the purposes of this post.

I believe that some students are motivated to be in these encampments by the real suffering they are seeing in Gaza. I don't doubt that some, even many, of these students are truly anti-war and protesting for peace.

I believe that, within this group of genuinely well-intentioned people, there are many who know little, if anything, about the actual situation they're screaming about. There are countless video clips of protestors holding signs they can't decipher, protestors who don't know which river or which sea they're chanting about, protestors who can't clarify which territory they're claiming is occupied, etc.

I believe some are there because it's trendy, it's hip, it's a

way to feel that they're part of something bigger than themselves. I too was a college student at Columbia once, participating in a sit-in against the Gulf War, chanting "No blood for oil!"

Who are the protest leaders today? Which brings me to my fourth and most critical point: I believe that much of the campus movement's leadership is motivated not by any desire for peace nor harmony, but by violent hatred.

Let's look here at some of that leadership. One known leader of these protests is the group Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), which is an openly violent eliminationist movement.

Five days after the Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, SJP distributed a five-page "Day of Resistance Toolkit" in which it clarified their views. It referred to Hamas as "resistance fighters" and celebrated the massacre.

Another group leading student protests in New York, including at Columbia, is Within Our Lifetime. Their basic principles say, among other things, "We defend the right of Palestinians as colonized people to resist the Zionist occupation by any means necessary." (Lack of capitalization theirs)

Finally, another individual who assumed a leadership position within the Columbia protests is a student by the name

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Events

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

May 9: JFCS presents Walking Beside You

Eight-week grief processing group through Jewish Family & Child Service Thursdays at 10:30 am at Congregation Neveh Shalom. \$200 for the series, financial assistance available. More information online at jfcs-portland.org/walking-beside-you.

May 9:: Cafe Shalom Israeli Folk Dancing

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

May 10: Community Connection

Weekly community conversation facilitated by JFCS Fridays at 10 am on Zoom. More information at jfcs-portland.org/services/counseling/calendar.

May 11: Sculpting Your Inner Golem with ahuva s.

zaslavsk

Hands-on golem sculpting workshop at Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. Free. More information at ojmche.org/events/sculpting-your-inner-golem.

May 11: Jewish Dreamwork at EJC

Biweekly collaborative dream analysis group facilitated by Bonnie Robbins meets two Saturdays a month at Eastside Jewish Commons. Free, pre-registration required. More information at events.humanitix.com/jewish-dreamwork-group.

May 12: Tefillin for Israel

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

May 12: Yom HaZikaron at MJCC

Israeli Memorial Day Commemoration of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror at 7 pm.

May 13: Yom

Ha'Atzmaut at MJCC

Community celebration at Mittleman Jewish Community Center from 4:30-7:30 pm. Pre-registration required online at oregonjcc.org/daxko.

May 13: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israeli Folk Dance

Folk dancing celebration at Leedy Grange from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$7. More information at may13.israelidan-ceportland.com.

May 16: CNS Queer Movie Night

Screening of "Shiva Baby" at Congregation Neveh Shalom at 6:30 pm. \$7, \$5 for CNS members. RSVP at members.nevehshalom.org/event/CNSQMN24.

May 17: EJC Friday Noontime Concert

Latin jazz vocalist Jessie Marquez performs at noon at the Eastside Jewish Commons. Free. More information at ejcped.org/events.

May 18: Mini Menschenes Tot Shabbat

Shabbat program for children ages 0-5 and families at 9 am at Congregation Beth Israel. More information at bethisrael-pdx.org/community/mini-mensches.

May 18: PJC Karaoke Party

Portland Jewish Connec-

tion young adult karaoke event at the Eastside Jewish Commons at 8 pm. \$20. More information at ejcpdx.org/events.

May 19: Day for the J

Open house at Mittleman Jewish Community Center at noon. For more information oregonjcc.org/about-us/support-our-center/day-for-the-j.

May 19: Dignity Grows Packing Party

Packing party for hygiene supply totes to be distributed to those in need at 2 pm at Portland Kollel. Register at jewishportland.regfox.com/-dignity-grows-sisterhood-pack-may-19-2024.

May 19: The Burned Piano Project

Public concert on unique art-instrument at Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education at 2 pm. \$10. More information at ojmche.org/events/the-burned-piano-project-concert-may-19.

May 19: Shaarie Torah Poker Tournament

Annual Texas Hold'Em Tournament for Congregation Shaarie Torah Men's Club at 4 pm at Shaarie Torah. Email cst@shaaritorah.org for more information.

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really businesses that do! Every ad, social network button, and website collects information about your location, browsing habits, and more. To prevent some of that collection, I've installed ghostery.com on my laptop. Ghostery is a free tracker and advertisement blocker that prevents access to my browsing habits. While I don't think this is a major safety or security issue, it's been fascinating to see just how many trackers are working behind the scenes as I surf the web.

Lastly, our phones are with us almost everywhere we go. Most phone application default settings are set to track your location. Take some time to go through your settings and turn off your location for everything that doesn't need to know where you are. Yes, Apple and Google maps need it,

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tures amid the uncertainty that evening. I commend El Al and airport staff for keeping things safe, calm, organized and efficient. Anna did get stranded for a few extra days but was able to connect with friends and family during her unexpected extension. She got home safe and sound four days later.

When I reflect on this experience, I think the thing that sticks with me most is how appreciative the Israeli people

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of Khymani James. In response to a Zoom hearing with Columbia admins seeking to clarify incendiary statements James had made on his social media posts, he said, "If we can agree — as a society, as a collective — that people, some persons, deserve to die if they have an ideology that results in the death of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions... if there are people like that who exist, shouldn't they die? Zionists: they're Nazis. They're Nazis! They're fascists! They're supporters of genocide. Why would we want people who are supporters of genocide to live? I'm confused! ... and so be glad, be grateful, that I am not just going out and murdering Zionists."

So far, James has merely been banned from the campus. It's anyone's guess whether he will also be suspended, or expelled, or merely enduring a temporary probation period. I hope he's not allowed to return. Calling for all Zionists to die is most definitely a call for Jewish genocide, since it would mean the murder of millions of Jews — the vast majority of us.

So here I think it's important to point out a glaring double standard that progressives abide by.

How many times have I heard, since Trump's rise to power, that if David Duke is endorsing you, maybe you should reconsider your platform? That "very fine people" don't march alongside torch-bearing white supremacists chanting Jews will not replace us? That having the Proud Boys among your followers points to something amiss about your message? That making common cause with people chanting "Hang

but Spotify, Reddit, Amazon, and a lot of others don't need to. Consider doing the same for your "microphone" setting as well and ensure the iPhone setting "Allow Apps to Request to Track" is toggled off. I would also argue not everyone needs access to all your photos. Anything you let an application have access to, you can be sure they are using it for something.

None of these things I've listed above are going to dramatically change your life. What I like is that in a world where there's a lot I can't control, there are a few things I can do. It's kind of like safety and security training (see how I slid that in there?!). If you'd like to join one of my online safety and security courses, please see my security page on the JFGP website: jewishportland.org/security.

were. Not only for us being there to support the economy as tourists, but sincerely grateful that we were there to see the country as it is now, firsthand, and help wherever we could. I'm grateful to JNF for providing the opportunity, to Anna for inviting me, to my family for figuring out all the logistics, and to the people of Israel who need the support now more than ever.

Mike Pence!" waving Confederate flags, or wearing Camp Auschwitz t-shirts pretty much reveals everything the public needs to know about your motives on Jan. 6?

So why aren't these war protestors subject to the same expectations?

If you claim to be pro-peace, anti-war, for the safety and dignity of all people, desirous of a ceasefire, then you can't take your marching orders from people who are shouting, "We are Hamas," "By any means necessary," "There is only one solution: Intifada, revolution," "Al Qassam, we love you," or "All forms of resistance are legitimate and necessary."

And if you don't know the meaning of the sign you're holding, you shouldn't be waving it. If you don't understand the chant you're parroting, you shouldn't be shouting it. If you don't agree with Khymani James that all Zionists should die, which Columbia University Apartheid Divest (or CUAD) said they didn't only after every news outlet on the planet put a spotlight on his genocidal stance, then he should not be your leader.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Adapted from "Hipsters, Haters and Hypocrites: Inside the student protest movement" published Apr. 30, 2024. Subscribe to "Never Alone" online at neveralone.substack.com. Opinions expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of the Review, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, or its staff.

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ESTHER PERKEL

With great sadness, Congregation Ahavath Achim announces the passing of Esther Perkel a”h, daughter of Sam E. and Sarah Menashe, wife to Stan Perkel a”h, and survived by four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The funeral was Apr. 10 at Neveh Zedek Cemetery.

SARRA DEKHTYAR

Congregation Neveh Shalom is sorry to announce the passing of Sarra Dekhtyar, z”l, on Apr. 17 at the age of 94. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Izrail Dekhtyar, her children, Greg Dekhtyar and Rimma (Mikhael) Goldberg, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was held on Friday, April 19, at Ahavai Shalom Cemetery.

RONALD SUBOTNICK

It is with great sadness that Congregation Shaarie To-

Burial Societies

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

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

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

WILLIAM SCHUMAN

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

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