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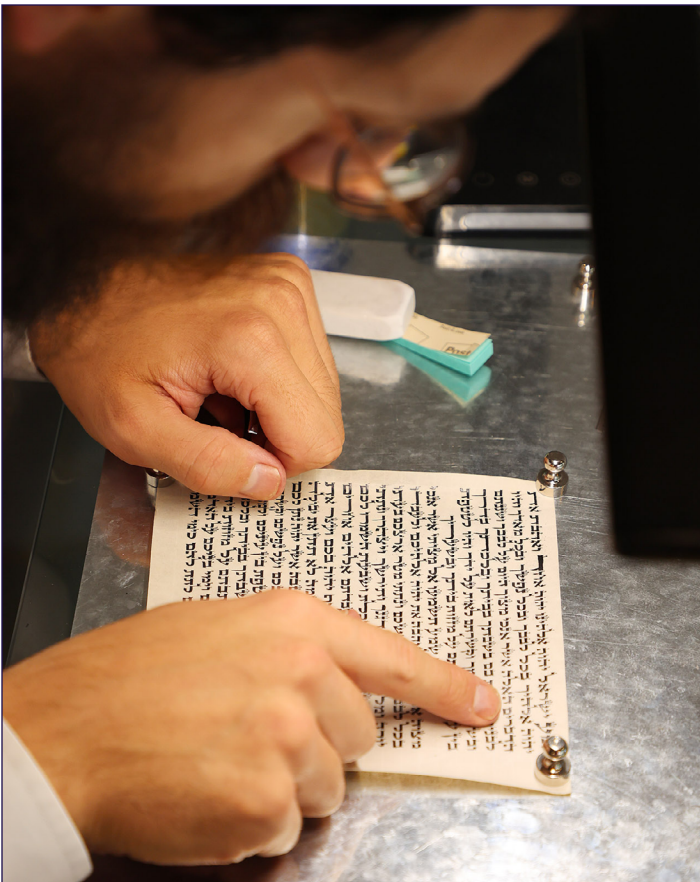
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Getting ready for 5785



Left: Rabbi Moshe Wolff of Seattle inspects a mezuzah scroll at the Jewish Oasis in Downtown Portland Monday, Sept. 23. Rabbi Wolff, a trained scribe and expert in the maintenance of the handwritten parchments at the core of Jewish ritual objects like mezzuzot and tefillin, visited Portland to provide traditional Pre-High Holy Day examinations of these items for Portlanders. According to traditional Jewish law, imperfections or inaccuracies in these parchments make them unservicable. Below: Rabbi Wolff opens a mezzuzah case belonging to Rabbi Moshe Wilhelm of Chabad of Oregon, right. Our High Holy Day coverage begins on page 11. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



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Goldberg's "Dona Gracia" receives Oregon Spirit book award

The Jewish Review staff

Some emails contain the best surprises.

Ask Bonni Goldberg. The Portland author received an unexpected email a few weeks ago announcing that her debut illustrated children's book, "Dona Gracia Saved Worlds" had won the Oregon Spirit Book Award for Best Debut Book from the Oregon Council of Teachers of English.

"I'm very honored that this book in particular was given the award. It is an honor, and it also is wonderful because it will help to give more attention to Dona Gracia, and so people hopefully will be able to learn about her," Goldberg said.

The book, illustrated by Alida Massari, provides a biographical sketch of Gracia Mendes Nasi, a Portuguese Jewish businesswoman who used her wealth and influence to shelter Jews from the Inquisition and support other philanthropic projects promoting Jewish life. (See "Goldberg's latest tells a special Sephardic story," *The Jewish Review*, Feb. 28, 2024, page 7)

Goldberg particularly enjoyed that the honor came from "the wonderful people who inspire our students here in Oregon to appreciate and enjoy and learn about literature," she said.

The Oregon Spirit Book Awards were founded in 2005 to recognize works that represent a "distinguished contribution to children's literature or young adult literature that engages and encourages readers' imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians," according to OCTE's website.

"It's a big win for the Jewish community at this particular moment in time," Goldberg said. "It is particularly wonderful to have this wonderful Jewish heroine celebrated."

Ever the educator herself, Goldberg also wrote a collection of teaching materials as companions to the book that are available on her website, bonnigoldberg.com.



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Trio of new hires join Oregon Hillel team

By ROCKNE ROLL

The Jewish Review

With a new year about to begin, Oregon Hillel has a new look for its staff.

A summer of significant turnover at the Hillel serving University of Oregon and Oregon State University that began with Lenny Steinberg taking over as Executive Director now also sees Kim Rosenthal appointed as Senior Jewish Educator and Carly Collins named as Oregon Hillel's new Innovation Springboard Fellow. The pair will be based on the UO campus in Eugene while Benjamin Sanders takes up his post in Corvallis as Zidell Family Campus Director at OSU.

Rosenthal's career in Jewish education has grown upward since her first role at Temple Beth El in Madison, Wisc. She worked with kids from elementary through high-school age, and as her role kept growing, so did her love for the work.

"Eventually I took a step back and said, 'Oh, I think this is going to be my career,'" Rosenthal said. "I want to be in the Jewish professional world, and education is always at the heart of what I love doing."

She took on the Kol Koleinu Fellowship through Moving Traditions, lead the teen education programs for the Jewish Federation of Madison and served as Assistant Director of The Mussar Institute. Meanwhile, she also received a master's degree in Jewish education from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

She was looking for the next step when Oregon came calling. She and her wife are both originally from California and are excited to return to the West Coast.

"I wanted to be able to do more and to see the students more and to engage with them more deeply than I was able to," Rosenthal said. "When I saw this job posting, it really resonated with me."

Her work in the role thus far has resonated with Steinberg. It's a bit of a change to have a lead Jewish educator without "Rabbi" in front of their name, but that may be an advantage in this case.

"The way that [Rosenthal] has connected with students and follows up with them and engages on a daily is not something I would say many rabbis have the time for," Steinberg said, "and I think that there's something really special to say about that."

Collins is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University, majoring in Hospitality and Tourism management. She was heavily involved in Hillel at AFU, and a mentor suggested she apply for Springboard after graduation. She considered it but ended up moving to Switzerland and earning a master's in hospitality administration and then headed to Thailand to work in a management role. That's where she found herself on Oct. 7.

"I think there are lot of Jewish students and young Jewish professionals who felt a calling back to the Jewish community, especially after Oct. 7," Collins said. "A lot of people feeling that spark and passion that they didn't even realize was there for them."

Collins applied for Springboard and found herself coming to Oregon. The greenery and the accessibility of nature are a

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Reiner, Oct. 7 survivor, inspires Neveh Shalom

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

Ofri Reiner had a plan all worked out. As a girl who struggled with self-esteem, she felt miserable in her present, but looked toward the future.

“I knew exactly which degree I was going to be in, how many kids I was going to have, what my house is going to look like,” she told a large audience at Congregation Neveh Shalom Wednesday, Sept. 11. “I was so sure that I didn’t even look left or right.”

All that changed on Oct. 7. Now she looks at life differently – a view filled with hope and inspiration.

As a participant in Seeds for Peace as a young woman, she had always hoped for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Her commitment to these ideals didn’t end when she became an infantry squad leader in the Israeli Defense Force – even when a Palestinian woman pulled a knife on her at a West Bank checkpoint.

“The weirdest thing is that while everything was happening, I still didn’t have any resentment or anything towards her. I just felt sorry for her,” Reiner recalled of the incident “I just felt sorry for the position that she had to be in, that she would risk her life and my life too.”

Shortly after the end of her active-duty army service, she was invited by a group of friends to the Nova Festival in Southern Israel. They set out late on Oct. 6 and when they got there after midnight, the party was still rolling.

“We looked similarly to the hippies of the 1970s, just in 2024; all smiling, all very happy,” Reiner said of the



Ofri Reiner takes the stage for her address at Congregation Neveh Shalom Wednesday, Oct. 11. A survivor of the Nova Festival attack on Oct. 7, Reiner has taken her story of post-traumatic growth to audiences around the world. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

festival. “Three thousand people dancing to the same rhythm. It’s something that is really spectacular.”

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“It was the best orange I’ve ever tasted. It was sour and sweet, in just the right amount,” she said. “To me, oranges became a symbol for hope.”

Eventually she made it home around 6 pm and learned that her brother, Shalev, a member of the IDF’s Golani Brigade, was missing. Three days later, she learned he had been killed on Oct. 7 battling Hamas terrorists less than seven miles from the Nova Festival site.

“When I looked at the map for the first time, it struck me that Shalev saved my life,” she said.

But what happened was not the focus of Reiner’s story – it’s what came after.

“I see you looking at me, thinking to yourself, ‘How could I be in pain in front

of the woman that just got through the Nova Festival and her brother died? How does my pain even matter?’” Reiner began. “I want you to take this comparison between pain and pain and put it outside of this synagogue. Outside of this congregation. There is no room for comparison and there is no room for guilt. Everything exists in its own private perspective.”

She described the psychological experience of trauma in a metaphor – the brain is a closet and clothes in the closet are memories. Traumatic events introduce a host to new clothes to the closet – messy, unkempt, and all over the place. When the closet doors are forced closed and held that way, symptoms start to appear.

“My body was reliving the same event again and again after every siren, even the quietest sound in the room freaked me out,” Reiner

said. “The moment you start to deal with trauma is the moment you can no longer hold the doors of the closet closed, and all the clothes are falling on your face.”

Once the processing starts, there are a few paths – natural recovery, post-traumatic stress disorder, or post-traumatic growth. Reiner chose option three.

“After this tragic event, I felt like I knew nothing about myself,” she recalled. “I couldn’t answer the simple questions of ‘Who am I? What do I love? What characterizes me?’”

She participated in programs for Nova survivors. She started to draw. Through each of these small steps, and many others, Reiner processed the memories of her experience, gave them meaning, and built a new way of looking at herself and her world.

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aphor of the closet, Reiner explained, “Post traumatic growth is the part where you take the clothes, one by one, and fold them and put them back into your wardrobe,” she said.

Since then, Reiner has continued to make art which has appeared in exhibitions in Tel Aviv and been sold. She also began speaking about her experience after being invited to do so at a high school in Los Angeles and seeing the effect it had on her audience.

“My teeth were knocking so hard, my knees collapsed onto each other while I was speaking and it was extremely hard to tell this for the first time, especially in English,” she said. “But after that, so many young girls approached me and hugged me and told me how much hope I brought them.”

Reiner pointed to three things that helped her move through her post traumatic growth. The first was ac-

tively choosing to care for herself.

“I started to draw, but it could have been anything else. It could have been baking, meditating, running,” she said. “I was actively choosing to help myself; I was telling my brain I’m not helpless in front of my feelings.”

The second was to step outside her own experience; to see both the experience of others and how she was affecting it. The third is recognition of her own value.

“I’m very proud of myself standing here, even though you’ve seen how hard it was for me to speak about this challenge,” she said. “I kept doing it because I knew that to finish with this ending would help you.”

A standing ovation, and a question-and-answer session that was light on questions and heavy on expressions of gratitude for her message, proved Reiner’s last point spot-on.

Follow Reiner on Instagram at [@ofri.reiner](https://www.instagram.com/ofri.reiner).



Ofri Reiner addresses a large crowd at Congregation Neveh Shalom's main sanctuary Wednesday, Sept. 11. “After this tragic event,” she said, “I felt like I knew nothing about myself. I couldn’t answer the simple questions of ‘Who am I? What do I love? What characterizes me?’” (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



Hadley Gottheimer, 12, speaks with Ofri Reiner after her Sept. 11 address at Congregation Neveh Shalom. Comments during the question and answer period after Reiner's speech were unanimous in their feeling of inspiration at Reiner's message. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

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'We live in community' - Fingerhut kicks off campaign

By ROCKNE ROLL

The Jewish Review

"You don't build a fire department when the house is on fire," Jewish Federations of North America President and CEO Eric Fingerhut told a group of donors at the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Cornerstone fundraiser Wednesday, Sept. 11. "You must already have a functioning fire department."

Fingerhut complimented the 90 assembled donors by explaining that the Jewish Federation they support is much like a fire department – not in the sense of the tasks it accomplishes, but as a mark of a community that is invested in the wellbeing of its members and the world around it.

"A community coming together to do something as critical as building a fire service is a community that also comes together to educate its children and to care for its elderly and to care for its needy, and to do all of the important things that a community must do," Fingerhut explained. "Because the fact that you have a fire department gives people confidence to live in community. It makes people want to be part of that community. That's what you are all doing for this incredible Jewish community of Portland, because of the work of your federation, because of the contributions that each of you make, we're able to function day to day as a flourishing community."

A key function of a community – any community – is security. The gravity of those security needs became clear after the Tree of Life shooting in October of 2018. At that point, just a handful of North America's 145 Jewish Federations had a professionally led securi-



Jewish Federations of North America President and CEO Eric Fingerhut speaks at the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Cornerstone fundraiser Wednesday, Sept. 11. (Photos by Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

ty program through Secure Communities Network. Portland was one of the early adopters of that program – a program which, Fingerhut said, now encompasses every Jewish Federation on this continent.

"You didn't do it just to respond to a threat. You did it so that people would know that because you have it, it's safe to take your child to the JCC and drop them off at the preschool. It's safe to take them to the synagogue and drop them off for their bar and bat mitzvah lessons. It's safe to participate in communal activities in public," he said. "You could not have Jewish life if you hadn't done what you did to build the communal security infrastructure. That's the purpose of the fire department-- not just to put out a fire, it's to make sure that people know that it's safe to be here."

While the success of community security efforts has been incredible, the next

challenge lies ahead, Fingerhut explained.

"I believe Oct. 7 is going to be to the world of civic engagement for the Jewish community what the Tree of Life shooting was to security, meaning we've woken up to realize that even though we have great relationships in the community," he continued, "despite that good work, it's not enough."

Fingerhut, who has previously been a Member of Congress from Ohio, the Chancellor of Ohio's public university system, and the president of Hillel International, can speak with experience on the topic. But this effort will take more than contributions, he said, and more than the advocacy taking place in front of school boards, city governments and even in the halls of Congress where he used to work. The engagement Fingerhut spoke of is granular, personal.

"We're going to have to realize that we have to talk to

our business associates and community associates about what's happening. We're going to have to ensure that antisemitism does not become normalized, that people that hold these positions are not allowed into positions of responsibility in our civic life," he said.

And just as the Jewish community must engage outward, he said, it must be present for its own. The months following Oct. 7 have seen record increases in Jews engaging with their own communities – people who didn't feel the need for connection to Jewish life are having second thoughts.

"We don't live on Walden Pond. We don't live on mountain tops. We don't go out off by ourselves into the woods," Fingerhut said of the Jewish people. "We live in community. We celebrate in a community; it takes 10 people, in Jewish tradition, to get married. We mourn as a

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community; it takes 10 people, by Jewish tradition, to bury someone. We support each other as a community. We work together. We are a community. It's the essential building block.”

Fingerhut took a moment to compliment Portland's community leadership.

“By the way, do you know how respected [JFGP President and CEO Marc Blattner] is not just in here in Portland, but also in the entire Federation system?” Fingerhut asked “He is known across the Jewish world for his leadership and his skill and his judgment and his positive approach to life and energy and working collaboratively with everybody.”

JFGP Chief Community Relations and Public Affairs Officer Bob Horenstein, Fingerhut said, “is one of the best known and respected anywhere in the country.”

He also talked about how Jewish Federations, through JFNA, support the Jewish community outside North America. He recalled a trip with the committee allocating JFNA's Israel Emergency Fund to Israel, including a visit to one of the *kibbutzim* that Hamas attacked. The terrorists' work went far beyond killing.

“They burnt the shed with all the tractors and all the seeding machines,” he recalled. “They went into the fields, and they cut the irrigation. They put poison in the fields.”

It had been calculated that it would take the equivalent of \$25 million to get everything repaired, replaced and ready for the next crop planting. The Israeli government was contributing half. At stake was Israel's ability to feed itself. Fingerhut said the committee voted on the bus back to the hotel to cover the other half.

“Our connection to Israel isn't just the people, it's also the land. It's the land of Israel. It's *Eretz* Israel,” he said. “I want you to know that every one of you, your hands are literally in the soil of the State of Israel right now as part of this year's planting on these *kibbutzim*, because of what you did as part of The Israel Emergency Campaign.”

A good fire department can respond to multiple emergencies at once – as have Jewish Federations. Fingerhut explained since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Federations have provided over \$100 million to support Ukrainian Jewish communities.

“There are nights when the Jewish institutions in Ukraine are the only place where there's electricity, because of the support of the Jewish community,” he said.

Sixteen miles from Ukraine is the Polish town of Chelm, the origin place of the famous stories of the “Wise Men of Chelm.” Fingerhut told one of these “wise men” stories to his audience, explaining that as two of these men were walking down a road, it began to rain. One was carrying an umbrella but didn't open it – he told his companion that the umbrella had holes in it, and he only brought it because it wasn't supposed to rain.

“Friends, we can't afford to have umbrellas with holes in them,” he said.

And while Portlanders famously have little use for umbrellas of any kind, the community's metaphorical umbrella is up for its task.

“We will succeed because our umbrellas don't hold have holes in them,” he said. “We will succeed because we stand together as a community.”





Dignity Grows packs in for packing party

A crowd of 60 volunteers packed the ballroom at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center to pack hygiene supply totes for those in need at Dignity Grows first packing party of the fall Sunday, Sept. 22. A total of 576 totes were distributed to partner agencies (Courtesy Dignity Grows)

2025 Maccabi Media applications due Oct. 1

Maccabi USA

Maccabi USA and Maccabi Media are proud to present a career-development program offering a unique international experience for aspiring sports media professionals who are Jewish. Following a comprehensive application process, a team of students will be selected to cover the 2025 Maccabiah (M25) in Israel, from July 1-22, 2025 with a domestic training camp to start a few days in advance. Applications are now being accepted through October 1, 2024.

College undergraduates or graduates who are between the ages of 18 and 25 on July 1, 2025. Applicants must be enrolled in, intend to enroll in, or already graduated from a university-level communications related program such as sports media, communications, TV/radio/

film production, journalism, digital media, etc.

Participants will perform several of the following sports media roles while covering the 2025 Maccabiah and must show previous experience during the application process in as many of these areas as possible:

Play-by-Play, Color Analysis, and/or Sideline Reporting, Live Event Production/Streaming, Videography and Editing Video for Daily Features/Packages, Sports Reporting (Interviewing and Writing articles), Social Media Content Creation. Sports Photography, Graphic Design (Canva, Photoshop), and Website Management skills are also highly valued.

All applicants must write a short essay plus submit a resume, demo reel, examples of written/social media work, and media/school ref-

erences. Specific submission requirements will be provided after you apply.

Those selected for MMP will be notified in late 2024 and must commit to attend all virtual trainings, an in-person training camp prior to departure, and the Games in Israel. Monthly Zoom training sessions will begin in early 2025 and include assigned written and video projects. Selected team members will have a financial responsibility of \$6,800 plus a \$60 application fee. Thanks to a generous donation, this \$6,800 fee already includes a \$3,000 merit scholarship. MMP students can also apply for additional financial assistance to further offset the program costs so that should not be a barrier to apply. The program fee covers expenses for registration, international

airfare, accommodations, transportation, meals, media equipment, medical insurance, and Maccabi apparel.

Students are responsible for their own domestic travel to training camp - likely in the Phila./NJ/NY area. Students will receive all equipment necessary for our media coverage but must bring their own phone and laptop computer with editing software. All provided equipment must be returned to Maccabi USA following the Games. Maccabi Media team members must have a valid passport good through Jan. 23, 2026. Maccabi USA will provide any documentation if students are able to receive college credit for this program.

For more information about Maccabi Media or to apply to the program, contact Neal Slotkin at nslotkin@maccabiusa.com.

Mitzvot made here

Kids, families and young adults gathered to pack lunches for children in need throughout the community at The Mitzvah Project and Mitzvah Makers' service day in collaboration with Portland Backpack Sunday, Sept. 15. Volunteers packed more than 600 meals to be distributed through area schools. (Photos by Caron Blau Rothstein and Laura Jeser/The Jewish Review)





Pathways party kicks off seventh cohort

The PDX Pathways mentoring program's seventh cohort celebrated its launch with a rooftop social mixer at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education Thursday, Sept. 19. The party began with elimination-style rock-paper-scissors (below) and proceeded through a museum tour before joining mentees on the rooftop. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



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far cry from Bangkok, where she was previously based, and one she's very excited about.

"This is my place," she said. "It's just beautiful."

Steinberg is excited to have someone with Collins' experience and background on board.

"Carly has this unique perspective, coming from the hospitality management field," he said. "We are here to serve our students; Carly really gets that from that hospitality and customer service lens, and I just find that extremely powerful to what we're trying to accomplish here."

For Sanders, working for Hillel is something of a homecoming to his days in student leadership in Hillel at the University of Colorado, where he earned a degree in Judaic studies.

"I've always wanted to be in the Hillel world," he said. "It was such a profound experience for me; I almost learned as much inside the classroom as my experiences outside the classroom."

Since graduating in 2016, Sanders has been working in educational roles with Jewish Federations in Colorado and in Palm Beach, Fla. He said he is excited to be back out west; to not be, as he put it, "in the *schvitz*" (Yiddish for sweat) of Florida.

"When I was younger, there were five different states that I circled, and I'd say, 'Okay, I want to see if I could ever live in a place like this,'" Sanders recalled. "And Oregon was up there."

Sanders takes on the somewhat unique task of managing a Hillel without a Hillel House. While he's looking forward to the coming years where Hillel at Oregon State can find a space to call its own, the current arrangement presents something of an opportunity; since Hillel isn't anywhere in particular, Hillel can be everywhere.

"We're really flipping it on its head and saying, 'oh my gosh, look at all these cool spaces,'" Sanders said. "Whether it's a coffee shop, whether it's an outdoor space for us to do yoga in, a cool balcony; it's fun for the students and myself walking around campus and saying, 'look at that building; maybe we can run a really cool Sukkot program there.'"

That energy and vision make him a great fit for this particular role, Steinberg said.

"Benjamin has the chops to be on a campus on his own and to meet the students where they're at," Steinberg said.

This trio, together, represent a vast array of backgrounds and lived Jewish experiences – a diversity which is also reflected in the students Oregon Hillel serves and which will help connect these staff to those students.

"Something that we as Oregon Hillel truly pride ourselves on, and I know many Hillels across the country really attempt to showcase, is being a pluralistic organization," Steinberg said. "I truly feel confident in saying we are. Each person on this team truly showcases our pluralistic approach to Jewish life on campus."

All three take over for experienced and respected professionals and are eager to build on that legacy.

"There's a momentum going, even though we are a new team," Collins explained. "This momentum didn't start with us, but we are keeping it going from previous years, and that's because our community is so beautiful and so strong."

Learn more and connect with Collins, Rosenthal, Sanders and Steinberg at Oregonhillel.org.

High Holy Days 5785

Community memorial service is Oct. 6

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

This year's High Holy Days will be marked by a sense of grief and remembrance unusual to this period of the Jewish calendar until now.

Three days after the end of Rosh Hashana marks the first anniversary, by Gregorian reckoning, of the Hamas invasion of Southern Israel that killed 1,180 people, wounded 3,400 and saw 251 hostages taken into Gaza – 65 have since been confirmed as dead and 100 are still in captivity.

Portland's Jewish community will mark this solemn anniversary with a Memorial gathering Sunday, Oct. 6 at 7 pm at Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland. The event is co-sponsored by almost every synagogue and Jewish organization in Portland.

"Our community should take the time and the space to gather, to remember what happened as well as what's happened over the past year," Jewish Federation of Greater Portland President and CEO Marc Blattner said.

The event will feature remarks from Rabbi Michael Cahana, Senior Rabbi of Portland's Congregation

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Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm of Chabad Northeast Portland blows a shofar during a children's shofar-making workshop in 2023. The blowing of the shofar features heavily in Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services and is emblematic of the season. (Rockne Roll/Jewish Review file)

Here come the High Holy Days!

The Jewish Review Staff

The coming new year marks the beginning of Judaism's High Holy Days. On the Gregorian calendar, Rosh Hashana 5785 begins the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 2 and continues through Friday, Oct. 4. Yom Kippur is observed Friday evening through Saturday night, Oct. 11-12. Sukkot begins Wednesday evening, Oct. 16 and continues through Wednesday, Oct. 23, followed immediately by Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24 and 25, respectively.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, celebrates the creation of the world. The holiday is a time of rejoicing as we wish each other *L'Shanah Tovah*, a good year. Apples dipped in honey symbolize hopes for a sweet new year. It is also a solemn day because it is also the Day of Remembrance,

when the sound of the shofar calls each of us to recount our deeds of the past year in preparation for repentance on Yom Kippur. Throughout the High Holy Days, the challah is traditionally a round spiral loaf rather than a long twisted one. The round challah symbolizes the cyclical nature of life, the seasons and the Jewish year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is a solemn fast day. We pray for forgiveness from God and repent sincerely for our sins during the past year. Families gather for a plentiful if simple meal before sundown on the eve of this holy day. At the end of the meal, festival candles are blessed and the fast begins for all adults whose health permits. *Kol Nidre* is recited as the opening prayer of Erev Yom Kippur services. At the

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At a Glance – Jewish Calendar Sensitivity Guide

Calendar data pulled from <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays> will take you to HebCal's in depth pages.

For questions about holidays or any challenges with school/work conflicts please contact the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for support 503-245-6219

Shabbat

Shabbat begins on Friday night at sundown and ends at nightfall on Saturday (about 25 hours later) every single week. Traditionally observant households refrain from “work” and don’t use cars, electricity, etc.

Major holidays (Biblical in Origin):

Holidays begin at sundown on the first date specified and end at nightfall on the last date specified.

Dates in bold are *Yom Tov*, so they have similar obligations and restrictions to Shabbat in the sense that normal “work” is forbidden.

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026	5787 2026-2027
Rosh Hashana	Contemplative/Joyful	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send Greetings ahead of Holiday. – “Shanah Tovah”	Oct 2-4 W-F	Sep 22-24 M-W	Sep 11-13 F-S
Yom Kippur	Repentant/Awe Fast Day	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send greetings ahead of holiday “May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.”	Oct 11-12 F-Sa	Oct 1-2 W-Th	Sep 20-21 S-M
Sukkot	Joyful/Celebratory	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Oct 16-18 W-F Oct 19-23 Sa-W	Oct 6-8 M-W Oct 9-13 Th-M	Sep 25-27 F-S Sep 28- Oct 2 M-F
Shmini Atzeret	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Oct 23-24 W-Th	Oct 13-14 M-Tu	Oct 2-3 F-Sa
Simchat Torah	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Oct 24-25 Th-F	Oct 14-15 Tu-W	Oct 3-4 Sa-S
Pesach/Passover	Joyful (Stressful for many leading up to the holiday due to significant preparation needs.)	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. Kosher rules on Passover are significantly more restrictive. Food should not be served unless it’s coming directly from the DK’s Passover offerings.	Apr 12-14 Sa-M Apr 15-17 Tu-Th Apr 18-20 F-Su	Apr 1-3 W-F Apr 4-7 Sa-Tu Apr 7-9 Tu-Th	Apr 21-23 W-F Apr 24-27 Sa-Tu April 27-29 W-Th
Shavuot	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Jun 1-3 Su-Tu	May 21-23 Th-Sa	June 10-12 Th-Sa

Minor holidays (“Rabbinic” in Origin):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026	5787 2026-2027
Tu BiShvat	Joyful	New Year of the Trees	Feb 12-13 W-Th	Feb 1-2 Su-M	Jan 22-23 F-Sa
Purim	Joyful		Mar 13-14 Th-F	Mar 2-3 M-Tu	Mar 22-23 M-Tu
Chanukah	Joyful	Candles lit in evening for 8 nights	Dec 24-Jan 2 Tu-Th	Dec 14-Dec 22 S-M	Dec 4-12 F-Sa

Modern Israeli holidays (observed by Jews in the US, too):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026	5787 2026-2027
Yom HaShoah	Sad/Mournful	Holocaust Remembrance Day	Apr 23-24 W-Th	Apr 13-14 M-Tu	May 3-4 M-Tu
Yom HaZikaron	Sad/Mournful	Israeli Memorial Day	Apr 29-30 Tu-W	Apr 20-21 M-Tu	May 10-11 M-Tu
Yom HaAtzma’ut	Joyful/Prideful	Israeli Independence Day	Apr 30-May 1 W-Th	Apr 21-22 T-W	May 11-12 Tu-W



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Beth Israel, Rabbi Eve Posen, Associate Rabbi at Congregation Neveh Shalom, and Rabbi Jonathan Seidel of Or HaGan in Eugene, the immediate past chair of the Oregon Board of Rabbis, as well as a performance by Israeli musician Micha Biton.

“The massacre of Oct. 7, 2023, was the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust. October 7 has changed the lives of Israelis, Palestinians and Jews around the world in ways we have yet to fully realize,” Rabbi Cahana said. “On the evening of Oct. 6, 2024 - at a time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - we will gather the Jewish

community of Portland and Southwest Washington to mourn the dead, pray for the return of the hostages and pray for peace, safety and dignity for all.”

“Each week since Oct. 7, 2023, I have prayed with my community ‘*Acheynu kol beit Yisrael*,’ - Our siblings, all of the House of Israel - because we are all one people,” Rabbi Posen said. “Coming together as community reminds each of us that we are not alone, that we are connected and strengthened when we gather together and see each other. As the world continues to other and alienate Jews, there is comfort and strength in uniting in our grief and our

hope. That’s what we’ve done since Oct. 7 and that’s what we’ll do on Oct. 6.”

Biton lived with his wife and children in Moshav Netiv Ha’asara near Gaza, where they spent 14 hours huddled in their saferoom on Oct. 7. His guitar was one of the few items he grabbed from his home before being evacuated with his family to Tel Aviv.

“The crisis is so deep,” Biton told *The Times of Israel* late last year. “We’re trying to learn to live anew.”

Registration is required, free and available online at jewishportland.org/oct7memorial.

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conclusion of Yom Kippur, a single long shofar blast signals the end of the holy day, and families and friends gather for a light break-the-fast meal.

Sukkot

This seven-day festival (eight days in the Diaspora for non-Reform congregations) is a celebration of the abundance with which God has blessed us. We are encouraged to eat our meals in the sukkah throughout the festival. The sukkah is a temporary dwelling covered with leafy branches and decorated with fruits and vegetables, symbols of the harvest. The sukkah is a reminder of the temporary

dwelling our ancestors in ancient Israel used to live in the fields during the harvest. It also reminds us of the booths in which the Children of Israel dwelled during their wanderings in the desert after the exodus from slavery in Egypt.

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

The days immediately following the end of Sukkot are the semi-independent holidays Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah formally end the season of the High Holy Days. Simchat Torah is also the day on which we celebrate the renewal of the annual cycle

of Torah readings. We read the final verses of Deuteronomy, then immediately recommence the cycle by reading the opening verses of Genesis.

Resources

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has curated a webpage jam-packed with resources to help you celebrate and observe this year’s High Holy Days. The page, jewishportland.org/highholylidayshappenings, features links to several resources including the High Holy Days Community Calendar, which includes High Holy Day services, classes and programs presented by congregations and Jewish

organizations in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Many congregations are requiring tickets or pre-registration for events this season, and some also have new security requirements. Please contact event organizers directly with questions ahead of any events you are looking to attend.

The Federation’s High Holy Day resource page also features links for holiday recipes and activities for families with young children, DIY Yom Kippur and Sukkot resources and projects, online resources, and general information about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.



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Show Us Your Sukkah!

The Jewish Review is holding a Sukkot photo contest - send us a picture of you and your family building or enjoying your sukkah for a chance to win a Sukkot-themed prize pack and be featured in The Jewish Review!

Email entries to
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Oct. 28**



Community New Year's Greetings

The past year has been an exceptionally challenging one for the Jewish community around the world. My hope for the coming year is that we can focus much more on what unites us, rather than what divides us, as we continue to seek peace. I pray that we see the release of the remaining hostages as well as an end to the violence and loss of innocent lives. *Shana Tova!*

-Steve Albert, Executive Director, Portland Jewish Academy/Mittleman Jewish Community Center

The call of the Shofar is not merely the blast of a traditional instrument. The Shofar is meant to wake us up and gently declare - you are a Jew! You possess a pure and beautiful Godly soul. This coming year, what would you like to do about it? Let's take the time to prepare an answer for that question, so that when the Shofar blows, we know how we'll respond.

- Rabbi Dov Bialo, Chabad at Reed and SE Portland

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah from Camp Solomon Schechter! As we welcome a sweet and joyful new year, we are reminded of the sweetness and joy that camp brings to our community. Just as Rosh Hashanah fills our hearts with

hope and renewal, camp filled their days with love, laughter, and deep connection. As we celebrate this New Year, we're filled with gratitude for a special summer and excitement for the future.

- Zach Duitch, Executive Director, Camp Solomon Schechter

"Don't you know yet that it's your light that lights the world?" – Rumi
Each of your lights brightens the soul of Cedar Sinai Park. Keep shining! May 5785 connect us with love and peace in our local and global communities. As we write the next chapter in the Book of Life that is Robison Jewish Home, know that each of you are a blessing. As always, with love, honor, and respect.

-Kimberly Fuson, Chief Executive Officer, Cedar Sinai Park

From all of us at Leikam Brewing, may you have a sweet new year full of delicious beer! Cheers!

-Sonia Marie Leikam, Leikam Brewing

May 5785 bring peace and blessings to our world and our community. *Tizku leshanim rabot*, may you merit many years.

-Dr. Natan Meir, Academic Director, The Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies, Portland State University

Shana Tova from the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Ed-

ucation. As we look to the year ahead, the staff and board of OJMCH wish you all a year filled with peace, joy, and connection. We appreciate all that this community does to uphold and support Jewish values and principles and we hope to see you in the museum soon.

-Rebekah Sobel, Executive Director, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

"After the hagim, everything is renewed." - May the High Holy Days refresh our spiritual vision with hope and courage. *L'shanah Tovah!*

-Rabbi Ariel Stone, Congregation Shir Tikvah

On behalf of Next Generations Group and its members which include Survivors, their descendants, and supporters of our mission to keep their incredible stories of survival alive and relevant for today's world, while honoring those lost, the NGG Executive Committee wishes a *Shana Tova* to all.

-Sue Wendel, Next Generations Group.

Shanah tovah to you and yours. It remains my immense honor to cover this community, and I look forward to sharing your stories of joy and sweetness in 5785.

-Rockne Roll, Editor, The Jewish Review

Security this holiday season

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By JESSICA ANDERSON

As the High Holidays quickly approach, I'm keenly aware that this year feels especially fraught for many due to the anniversary of the Hamas attack falling right between the busiest and most reverential days of the High Holy Days. Organizational leaders, schools, synagogues, and congregants are all wondering if we're safe (we are) and how to stay that way.

I've said this many times, but it bears repeating in case I've acquired even one new reader in the past two weeks – Jewish security is a *collective responsibility*. My message to community members is that if there is one thing we can continually do to improve safety, it's paying attention to the human parts of a safety plan. It's making sure doors aren't left open without a staff member being there; that exit doors are locked, that we're not letting people slide in behind us instead of going through the security line. It is a group effort to support the security layers of any organization or building, from sidewalks and perimeters to the spaces inside.

I recently hosted a Zoom meeting for leaders across Oregon to talk and share about how they're approaching High Holidays this year. We discussed bag checks, registration, and other best practices for organizations to follow. The Portland Police and the FBI spoke about what they're doing, how they're working together, and what we can expect from them as a community throughout the month. In Portland, we'll see stepped-up patrols and PPB will have a calendar of services and observances. For



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my part, I'll be monitoring for intelligence about threat activity, staying in communication with the FBI and PPB, sharing with the community any threat information I receive from law enforcement (there has been none), and having SCN monitor large community events.

We can expect protest activity in the city during this time, and such events are already planned for October 5 and October 7. These will be observed by PPB for criminal activity and for me, they pose little concern. I'm much more aware of the risk to individual organizations by a bad actor who is unknown and seeks to do harm or vandalism. Reporting suspicious activity during this time is paramount – something happening at one location could later impact another. Be sure to let staff know if you see something and report activity to me at 872-273-9214, janderson@securecommunitynetwork.org, or the JFGP website, <https://www.jewishportland.org/security>.

Additionally, SCN has a new course called "Navigating Conflict: The Power of De-escalation." This is a foundational overview of de-escalation techniques. The goal

of this course is to provide a basic understanding and introduction to the skills and techniques to defuse or reduce tension, hostility, and/or conflict in situations. The course covers the following topics: the definition of de-escalation, common escalation triggers, the de-escalation process, communication skills, and handling aggression. While anyone can benefit from these skills, this course is particularly valuable for staff and volunteers, security personnel, and community leaders and members who frequently interact with the public.

This final national High Holy Day training webinar is on Wednesday, September 25th so if you're reading this when The Jewish Review first comes out, you can hop on the evening class at 5:30pm PT. The last informational webinar of the series will be "Combatting Emerging Threats" and airs on Thursday, September 26th at 11am PT. Registration links can be found here: <https://www.securecommunitynetwork.org/high-holidays>.

I have every confidence that October will pass without significant disruption and I'm wishing you all meaningful High Holy Days.

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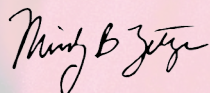
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As we enter 5785, the sound of the shofar signals a fresh start.

Rosh Hashanah calls us to reflect, renew,
and imagine a brighter future for the Jewish people.

Let us embrace this opportunity to enter the new year with a renewed sense
of purpose and a deeper commitment to each other and our community.

**Jewish Federation wishes you
a sweet and prosperous new year!**



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