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Frishman's Shabbat ends with state title

By ROCKNE ROLL
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It would be hard to have a better Shabbat than Jack Frishman did this last week.

Frishman, the sole Jewish player and top starting pitcher for the West Linn High School Lions' varsity baseball squad, threw seven innings of one-run ball and got the win in the 2026 Oregon School Activities Association Class 6A State Championship Game Saturday, June 6, at Roto-Rooter Park in Keizer. The Lions defeated the top-seed Clackamas Cavaliers 6-2 in eight innings, scoring five of those runs in the extra frame beyond high school baseball's regulation seven.

For Frishman, a junior, it was the culmination of a season that saw him unexpectedly become the team's top pitcher and amass a 12-0 record as the Lions won their fourth state championship in five years. Frishman started the season behind senior Caden Klouda, who made the All-State first team as a pitcher in 2025. Amid a bumpy start to the season for the Lions, Frishman moved into the top spot in the rotation, with Klouda eventually being used as the closer in the playoffs; he pitched the eighth inning Saturday in relief of Frishman, allowing one run.

"He even said he likes relieving better anyways,"



West Linn's Jack Frishman delivers a pitch in the 2026 OSAA Class 6A State Championship Game Saturday, June 6 at Roto-Rooter Park in Keizer. Frishman, the team's sole Jewish player, earned his 12th win for the season as his Lions defeated the Clackamas Cavaliers 6-2 to secure their fourth state title in five years. (Courtesy Jackson Lee via the Frishman family)

Frishman said of Klouda. "He's a senior that I look up to and want to be like."

Frishman, a right hander, delivers three different pitches: A fastball at upwards of 85 miles per hour, a slower changeup and a slider, which moves down and away from right-handed hitters; He'll also employ a curveball to

lefties. The slider is his best pitch, he said, and he's been developing it since his days in New York, where his family (including parents Aaron Frishman and Lisa Fasolo Frishman) lived until Jack was in eighth grade.

That family, and the Judaism that connects them, is a big part of Frishman's life.

"I love celebrating all the holidays and with my family. Every year for like Hanukkah and Passover we go over to another Jewish family and we do the ceremonies together and I got to meet all these lovely people, which I never would have met if we didn't move out here," he said. "I just love representing the community and being Jewish."

That Judaism doesn't come up as often amongst his other family, the one in the West Linn dugout, but that has worked out just fine.

"It's not really something that we talk about that much," he said. "At the end of the day, we're there for each other. We're like a family. Nobody's like going to be mean to you for whatever you believe in, for your race, religion, anything like that."

Like most Jewish pitchers, Frishman looks up to Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers legend Sandy Koufax.

"He's one of the reasons why I wanted to be a pitcher, honestly, in just the way that he was so dominant, but also the way that he stood up for his religion and stood up for his beliefs," Frishman said of the Hall-of-Famer. And I think that's a hard thing for people to do nowadays. I look up to him every single time I go out on the mound."

There is one particular way

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Frishman wishes he was more like his role model.

“I wish I was lefty,” he said. “I love being a righty, but lefties, they get a little bit more love in the baseball world.”

While Koufax famously did not pitch in the opener of the 1965 World Series, which fell on Yom Kippur, he did pitch on Shabbat more than 100 times in his 12 major league seasons. These included his major-league debut, a two-inning relief appearance against the Milwaukee Braves on the evening of Friday, June 24, 1955, his first career win, a complete-game shutout on Saturday, Aug. 27, 1955, against Cincinnati and his first two no-hitters; Saturday, June 30, 1962, against the Mets and Saturday, May 11, 1963, against San Francisco.

For Frishman, the championship game was his first Saturday appearance of the year. He allowed six hits and three walks across his seven innings of work, yielding a lone earned run and striking out six Cavaliers.

“I’m so excited. It’s unreal to be where we are, especially from the start of the season,” he told [the West Linn Tidings](#) after the contest, in which he was named Player of the Game.

Some feel the honors should go farther than that.

“Frishman, in my opinion, is the Pitcher of the Year in the state,” his head coach, Joe Monahan, told [OSAA Today](#).

West Linn pitcher Jack Frishman celebrates with teammates during the OSAA Class 6A State Championship Game Saturday, June 6 in Keizer. Frishman threw seven innings, allowing one run and striking out six. (Courtesy Jackson Lee via the Frishman family)



Cedar Sinai's Summer Fashion Show is June 16

The Jewish Review staff

Cedar Sinai Park residents are ready to show their passion for fashion.

The facility will host the Rose Schnitzer Manor Summer Fashion Show Tuesday, June 16 at Zidell Hall. Doors open at 1:30 pm with the show set to begin at 2 pm.

This is not an airing out of your bubble's closet, either. Cedar Sinai's Resident Transition/Environmental Director Tammy Heard explained that “the residents wanted a fashion show, but

they didn't want the fashion that normally seniors get.”

Fortunately, someone knew someone at Chico's, the women's clothing retailer with more than 500 retail locations in the United States. The brand is providing the wardrobe for Tuesday's runway event and will be modeled by residents, staff and community members, with support from volunteers.

“There's been a rise of interest from the teens of volunteering, helping, being on campus, and since school is on

vacation for all the districts, I suspect a fair amount of teenagers will be here helping because they think it's super fun,” Naomi Leavitt of Cedar Sinai Park said. “So we're excited about that.”

The event will also feature refreshments, raffle prizes, and live music from LaRhonda Steele. Tickets are \$10, and proceeds will support the Cedar Sinai Residents Library. For more information or to RSVP, email Heard at tammy.heard@cedarsinainpark.org.

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- Make Your Container: A Jewish Studio Workshop on "Being Jewish &"
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Jewish Pride to join Beaverton Pride in the Park

By ROCKNE ROLL
The Jewish Review

Portland's Jewish community has double the chance to celebrate Pride together this summer.

Jewish Pride Greater PDX will return to Portland's Pride Parade on Sunday, July 19, and will join Beaverton's 10th Annual Pride in the Park celebration Sunday, June 28 at Beaverton City Park.

Rachel Nelson, a cofounder of Jewish Pride Greater PDX and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Chief Planning Officer, is particularly excited about the Jewish community's involvement in Washington County's largest Pride event.

"We know that 20 percent of the Jewish community lives in the western suburbs, so we've been focusing a lot of effort on providing opportunities in Washington County," she said. "We did the candidate forum this year. We've been involved with the school district out there, and this was just another wonderful avenue to engage with the Beaverton community."

The Federation will be joined by BB360, Cedar Sinai Park, Congregations Beth Israel, Neveh Shalom, Kol Ami and Shir Tikvah, the Eastside Jewish Commons, Jewish Family & Child Service and P'nai Or of Portland.

For those accustomed to Portland's July Pride festival, the Beaverton event will be a different experience.

"Beaverton's vibe is very different," Nelson explained. "It is much smaller, much more intimate. It also includes the opportunity to have a booth, so our Jewish



A *magen David*-emblazoned rainbow flag flies above the 2023 Portland Pride Parade. Jewish Pride Greater PDX will coordinate Jewish community participation in Portland Pride for the ninth year and at Beaverton's Pride in the Park for the first time. (Rockne Roll/Jewish Review file)

community will be tabling at the Pride Festival, being able to share what's available on behalf of our larger Jewish community."

The parade will begin at 11 am, with the information fair and festival, including performances by Poison Waters & Friends and others, running until 5 pm.

This year will mark the Portland Jewish community's ninth year as part of Portland Pride, one of the largest Pride celebrations in the Western United States.

"We've had such a wonderful relationship with Pride Northwest since 2017 when we started marching," Nelson said. "We really appreciate the relationship that we've developed with Pride Northwest and the ability to be part of the larger Pride Festival parade while showcasing the Jewish community as part of the queer com-

munity."

Portland's parade begins at 11 am in the North Park Blocks and ends next to the Portland Pride Waterfront Festival on Southwest Naito Parkway.

2023's Portland Community Study found that a full seven percent of Portland Jews identify as LGBTQ+, and showing those individuals, and the wider world, that the Jewish community is affirming of all people's identity was, and is, a major motivating factor in Jewish Pride Greater PDX's ongoing work. Providing a sense of belonging for queer Jews has also taken on a new significance in the last few years.

"People coming from other communities don't really know that there's a place for them in the expansive Jewish community here in Portland," Nelson said, "and

on the flip side, we've heard from quite a few people over the last two-plus years that they have lost a sense of their queer community because of their Jewish identity."

Nelson said that Jewish Pride Greater PDX will not be bringing geopolitical concerns into their participation at either parade – so bring your rainbow flags but leave all national banners at home. Both parades will also feature a bus for those who want to join in but face mobility challenges.

"It's always a delightful event. It's family friendly, and we have a lot of fun," Nelson said.

For more information, follow Jewish Pride Greater PDX on Facebook at facebook.com/jewishpridepdx, visit jewishportland.org/pdxjewishpride, or email Nelson at rachel@jewishportland.org.

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Women's Giving Circle announces grants

By ROCKNE ROLL

The Jewish Review

The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Women's Giving Circle wrapped up its 10th cohort by announcing \$29,200 of grants to nine programs serving Portland's Jewish community.

While the primary function of the Giving Circle – gathering philanthropically-minded Jewish women to collectively commit and direct funds to areas of need and import – remains the same, some of the group's process changed this year.

"We had each applicant come into our meeting and give an in-person presentation explaining and answering questions," Rosemary Schwimmer, the circle's leader, said. "It really reinvigorated the process quite a bit."

Previously, the circle had worked solely with written materials and broken up into pairs to evaluate applications. This time, the entire group evaluated each application.

"We decided at the end of last year was that it has been great, but we've been doing it this way a very long time, so let's just flip it on its head and invite everybody in," explained Wendy Kahn, a member of the circle and the recently retired Federation Chief Development Officer who helped launch the program a decade ago.

Previously, the pairs system had allowed participants to get to know fellow members in a one-on-one setting. In the updated process, Kahn said, "everybody [could] get to know everybody at the same time. And we all [heard] the same information at the same time."



A volunteer loads a supply tote at Dignity Grows' Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 packing party at Congregation Neveh Shalom. The group received a \$3,600 grant from the 10th cohort of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland's Women's Giving Circle. (Rockne Roll/Jewish Review file)

"I think we felt like we were getting a little stagnant, and we were trying to figure out a way to sort of re-engage with our members and make the process more meaningful for everyone," Schwimmer added.

The mid-year report process was valuable for both the committee and the grantees, Schwimmer explained.

"If we get a mid-year report and we can sense that the grantee is in trouble in terms of spending the money, direction to go or what's happening, that's when we can step in and be helpful, she said.

This year, the Women's Giving Circle awarded \$5,000 to Oregon Hillel to support its Rosh Chodesh programming, \$4,500 to the Jewish Association for Death Education, \$3,600 to

the Eastside Jewish Commons for its Hot Flashes and Holy Moments programs around menopause, \$3,600 to Dignity Grows, \$3,400 to Congregation Kol Ami for its MLK Day of Service event, \$3,000 to the Mittleman Jewish Community Center for a Pink Shabbat program, \$2,700 to TischPDX, \$2,400 to Chabad of Oregon to support Morah Rochel's Shabbat Hugs and \$1,000 to the Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation for its Jewish Women's Running Team pilot program.

Kahn, in addition to leading the formation of the Women's Giving Circle, has participated in all 10 of them during her time with the Federation, though she'll be stepping back from that participation in her retirement. She described WGS as one

of the most enjoyable parts of her professional legacy.

"Federations have grown and changed in terms of how they embraced giving circles from when we started our giving circle to where they are now, because collective giving was seen as being in tension with the annual campaign. Working together with Marc [Blattner, Federation President and CEO] and working together with the committee at the very outset, we created a structure that allowed for participation, and actually required participation, in the annual campaign," Kahn said. "It has been a beautiful thing. We've gotten board members, people participating in the OJCF, people moving on into other leadership roles, with the Giving Circle being one of their starting points of engagement in the community."

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JFCS celebrates Survivors at MJCC lunch



On June 3, Jewish Family & Child Service celebrated Holocaust Survivor Day with a luncheon for more than 100 people — local Holocaust Survivors along with their friends, family, and other community members — to honor the extraordinary Survivors in our community. Through music, poetry, personal displays, and stories, we reflected on our Survivors' unique legacy. We honor them, not only for their resilience, but for their creativity and wisdom that continues to flourish and inspire. Beautiful performances by family members of Survivors, Asher Milman on violin and baritone Anton Belov, made the afternoon especially meaningful. All Survivors in attendance were honored by name and presented with journals and flowers. The day concluded with a powerful group photo featuring more than 40 Holocaust Survivors—a moving reminder of the strength, connection, and community represented in the room. Thanks to all who joined in celebrating and raising awareness of Holocaust Survivor Day. JFCS is grateful for the ongoing support of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and to Seed The Dream Foundation for sponsoring this event. (Jewish Family & Child Service)

BOUND to celebrate tefillin June 21

The Jewish Oasis

When Yehoshua Heshel “Shua” Mishulovin began planning his Bar Mitzvah, he had one request: “I don’t just want a party. I want us to do a mitzvah together.”

On Sunday, June 21 at 10 am, Shua will celebrate his entry into Jewish adulthood by bringing men and boys from across Portland together for BOUND: An Elevated Tefillin Experience.

His idea is simple and powerful - to create a moment where the community stands shoulder to shoulder, bound by tefillin, prayer, and unity. Putting on tefillin is how a Jewish man starts his day. Shua has a vision as he becomes a man: “to start my life as a *Bar Mitzvah* that way, with 54 men doing it together.”

Guests will gather for an artisan breakfast at a private location overlooking the city, where they’ll wrap tefillin, daven, and celebrate as one.

The morning will also commemorate the *yartzeit* of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, z”l, the late Chabad Rebbe. It was the Rebbe’s vision, the Mishulovin family notes, that brought them to Portland and made connections like this possible. For Shua, honoring the Rebbe means bringing Jews together to do a mitzvah.

This isn’t a spectator event. It’s a call to participate. Whether you put on tefillin daily or haven’t since your own Bar Mitzvah, Shua wants you there.

Address provided upon RSVP. Tefillin available for all who need. To RSVP and receive location details, visit JewishOasis.com/BOUND.

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OJCYF announces grants

Oregon Jewish Community Foundation

The Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation (OJCYF) has awarded more than \$82,000 in grants this spring to nonprofit organizations addressing antisemitism and homelessness as part of its 2025–2026 youth-led grantmaking efforts. Guided by the Jewish values of hope, human dignity, justice, responsibility, and service, OJCYF’s teen board prioritized programs that build cross-cultural understanding, strengthen Jewish identity and resilience, and support individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness through access to food, basic needs, mental health support, and pathways to stability.

Grant recipients include StandWithUs, Congregation Ahavath Achim, Eastside Jewish Commons, Temple Emek Shalom in Ashland, Portland Street Medicine, Central City Concern, Blanchet House, Friendly House, Northwest Pilot Project, Outside the Frame, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland’s Dignity Grows program.

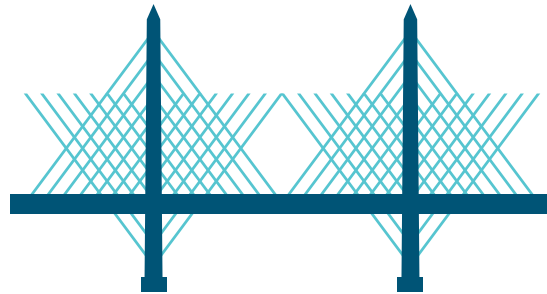
OJCYF is now inviting applications for its 2026–2027 cohort. The program brings together Jewish high school students from across the Portland metro area for in-person monthly sessions where they identify community needs, learn about issues through research, guest speakers, and site visits, raise funds through a youth-led benefit dinner, and make real grant decisions. Participants gain firsthand experience serving on a youth board while forming meaningful friendships along the way.

Rising ninth through 12th grade students are encouraged to apply. Space is limited, and participation includes a brief application and interview process. Learn more and apply at ojcf.org/ojcyf. Priority consideration is given to applications submitted by June 16.

An optional Zoom information session for interested students and parents will be held this evening at 7 pm. For more information, contact Susan Berniker at susanb@ojcf.org or 503.974.3805.



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Guest Column

Tales from a Mohel: A covenantal sign

By ELIYAHU WEISMAN

I was shopping at a grocery store last week and a young man wearing a bright reflector vest suddenly approached me with purpose. Todd, a kind and friendly fellow who seemed to be in his twenties, introduced himself clearly; his T-shirt read: "I have autism - be nice".

Todd asked me what I did, and I told him, "I'm a mohel who performs circumcisions." After giving him my business card, Todd yelled excitedly, "Mom!! - I've gotta - hey, can you come meet my mom?" I followed Todd to another aisle, and his mother read my card and calmly informed us that although her son had received a circumcision as an infant, he had no clue what that meant. Her words sparked a subtle insight I would revisit and ponder: The covenant of circumcision is enigmatic - a genuinely deep bond forged beyond the confines of rational logic, rooted in the essence of our being.

In the moment, I didn't feel it was the time and place to explain, and the lacuna filled with Todd confidently launching into

an animated discussion about the details of his favorite local mall - sounds like *mohel*, right? Seeking connection, he peppered me with questions and responded charitably to my ignorance about his mall.

Now that our friendship had been established, he asked, "Do you hug?" I said, "Sure", and Todd gave me a heart-on-his-sleeve hug for which I am grateful. Todd's mother prompted her son to "wish the man *mazal tov*", which Todd dutifully did. When I thanked him, Todd, who had seemed oblivious to my kippah and beard, suddenly looked quizzical and asked me earnestly, "Are you Jewish?" Which I answered affirmatively. His mother then conveyed with a smile, "We are, too."

Rav Eliyahu Weisman has performed hundreds of circumcisions in Portland and across the Pacific Northwest. He can be reached through his website, MohelPDX.com.

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The ocean can help fix climate change - if we let it

By RIPUDAMAN MALHOTRA

Cutting greenhouse gas emissions is essential, but it is no longer enough. Humanity has already released so much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that even dramatic reductions will not prevent continued warming for decades. Stabilizing the climate also requires removing carbon that is already in the air.

Scientists broadly agree on this need, but scaling carbon removal to gigatons per year remains extraordinarily difficult. Many proposed solutions are very expensive; they are energy-intensive or depend on infrastructure that does not yet exist at scale. One approach, however, stands out for both its potential and practicality, and that is strengthening the ocean's natural ability to absorb carbon by boosting phytoplankton growth.

Phytoplankton are microscopic organisms that float near the ocean's surface. Using sunlight and nutrients, they convert carbon dioxide into organic matter and form the foundation of marine food webs. Through the biological carbon pump, a portion of this carbon sinks into the deep ocean when plankton and the organisms that consume them die, storing carbon for centuries. This process already plays a major role in regulating Earth's climate—the ocean absorbs roughly a quarter of human carbon emissions each year.

Beyond sunlight and CO₂, these organisms depend on trace elements such as iron, nitrogen, and silica. Phytoplankton growth is often limited by nutrient availability. Historically, whales have fertilized the ocean through their feces, but industrial whaling sharply reduced this effect. For decades, scientists have explored whether addition of trace nutrients to the ocean could safely enhance this natural process. Nature itself offers another clue—phytoplankton blooms have been observed after major volcanic eruptions which replenish missing nutrients.

A 2022 report by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine points out that ocean fertilization is the most cost-effective way of drawing down carbon from the air at the requisite scale. If so, perhaps the shipping industry could be enlisted to disperse specific nutrients in targeted zones. More studies are needed to identify the suitable zones and their specific deficiencies.

This approach is compelling not only for its climate potential but also for its broader benefits. Phytoplankton underpin marine ecosystems, and increasing ocean productivity could strengthen food webs, support fisheries, and bolster coastal economies. In a political landscape where climate policies often face resistance, solutions that deliver

visible ecological and economic gains may prove more durable. Indeed, a bipartisan bill to restore ocean abundance is currently under consideration in the House and the Senate, and we should urge our representatives to support its passage.

Caution is essential—but paralysis is not an option. Repairing climate damage already done is now part of the challenge. The ocean, vast and powerful, remains one of the few systems capable of operating at the scale this moment demands.

Ripudaman Malhotra, a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council's Climate Action Committee, is the co-author of "A Cubic Mile of Oil" and a fellow of the American Chemical Society. Read more at cmo-ripu.blogspot.com.

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The Climate Action Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland is sharing tips and resources for healing the Earth in a periodic Climate Corner in The Jewish Review. The group is committed to the important work of tikkun olam, repairing the world. If you would like to join the Climate Action Committee, please contact Bob Horenstein at bob@jewishportland.org.

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June 13: Women's Torah Study

Weekly class at Congregation Ahavath Achim at 10:30 am. More information at ahavathachimpdx.weebly.com/adult-learning.html.

June 13: Sephardic Foundations

Weekly class at Congregation Ahavath Achim at 12:30 pm. Learn more at ahavathachimpdx.weebly.com/sephardic-foundations.html.

June 13: Games, Dinner & Community

Social event at Portland State University at 4 pm, sponsored by Portland Jewish Connection and Moishe House. More information at bit.ly/pjcbowling.

June 14: Krav Maga Introductory Course

Weekly self-defense course at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center at 10 am. More information at oregon-jcc.org/culture.

June 14: Congregation Shaarie Torah Gala

Annual gala at Congrega-

tion Shaarie Torah at 5 pm. For more information, email executivedirector@shaarietorah.org.

June 15: OJCF Annual Meeting

Annual meeting at 5:30 pm. For more information, email noahr@ojcf.org.

June 16: Pride & Joy in the Face of Backlash

Virtual Pride month event sponsored by Moving Traditions at 5 pm. More information at movingtraditions.org.

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June 18: JFCS Community Connection

Virtual support group at 2 pm via Zoom. More information at jfcs-portland.org/community-connection.

June 18: CNS Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition

Annual meeting at Congregation Neveh Shalom at 7 pm. For more information, email Irishmond@nevehshalom.org.



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