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The Shuk springs forth at EJC

Shana Rose Criscitiello, right, begins her Jewish Yoga experience at The Shuk, the day-long Jewish learning and cultural gathering sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland in collaboration with Art/Lab at the Eastside Jewish Commons Sunday, June 21. The day's sessions also included a Sephardic food and wine tasting, a panel of Chabad *rebbetzins* (rabbi's wives), a discussion of Portland's Jewish history and much more. Art and food vendors from the area added to the atmosphere. See more images from the day from photographer Rockne Roll on pages 4-5. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)



OJMCHE marks the year that was, looks ahead



Outgoing Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education Board President Liz Lipoff, left, is recognized by incoming President Jennifer Yoken at the Museum's annual meeting Tuesday, June 23. Yoken was elected unanimously by OJMCHE's members. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

By **ROCKNE ROLL**
The Jewish Review

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education had much to share at its annual meeting Tuesday, June 23. Most of that news was celebratory – the members elected Dan Sharp and Lisa Kaner to the museum's board of directors and elected Jennifer Yoken as the board's new president along with a full slate of officers – but some of the news was surprising.

"I'm so glad that we are all here, and I'm very happy to have the opportunity to speak with you tonight

and share some of the successes that the museum has experienced since last July," Interim Executive Director Gail Mandel said, "look to the future, and share news of future exhibitions, and highlights from our strategic plan, and, alas, to share some challenges that we have faced as well."

Many of OJMCHE's successes have been public – high-profile events featuring Rabbi Sharon Brous and Amb. Deborah Lipstadt, engaging exhibits encompassing the breadth of Jewish

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LGBTQ+ Teen Shabbaton is Oct. 23-25

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Keshet, the Jewish LGBTQ+ social justice organization, has opened registration for this fall's Teen Shabbaton retreat for LGBTQ+ and Ally Jewish Teens, currently scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 23-25 outside Seattle.

The weekend will combine Jewish ritual observance with discussions of gender identity and camp-style fun. Teens from ages 13-18 who are enrolled in grades 7-12 are welcome, and transportation will be available from both Seattle and Portland. Registration is \$54, with financial support available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit keshetonline.org/shabbaton or email shabbaton@keshetonline.org.

MJCC Young Adult Mixer set for July 16

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The Mittleman Jewish Community Center will host its first Young Adult Backyard Mixer Thursday, July 16 at 6 pm on the center's back patio.

Young Jewish adults are invited to share happy hour drinks, snacks and yard games with the community in this inaugural program supported by a grant to build community programming for young adults.

Registration is \$5 and available online at oregon-jcc.org/daxko or on the new MJCC App, available on the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

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life and art and another thought-provoking and entertaining Jewish film festival among them.

"The festival highlighted films that widened our lens on identity, memory, conflict, and care while reminding us that our shared humanity remains the most compelling narrative of all," Mandel said. "I am thrilled to share the planning for film festival for 2027 is already underway."

Less publicly, more than a thousand students toured the museum as part of the statewide Holocaust education program OJMCHE helped launch through Senate Bill 664, while more than 4,000 people heard presentations from the museum's Speakers' Bureau. Meanwhile, the museum crafted a new strategic plan, which will be rolled out over the course of the summer.

"This document will serve as our North Star, guiding us over the next three to five years as we work to preserve Holocaust and Jewish memory, combat antisemitism and promote the understanding of Jewish culture, elevate Jewish cultural identity and community and educate communities about human rights through the lens of the Holocaust," Mandel said.

There have been challenges, as well, Mandel explained. Some have been public, like the swastikas that were graffitied on the exterior of the museum's building last summer. (See "OJMCHE graffiti remains under investigation," Aug. 13, 2025, page 4)

"OJMCHE shared this blatant expression of antisemitism with the community, and while it was investigated by the police, unfortunately, the responsible individual is never identified and held accountable," Mandel said.

Other challenges have been less public. Mandel continued to note that seven additional instances of vandalism have occurred at the museum since the swastika graffiti of last summer, incidents which were not made widely public until the meeting. Six were windows being broken but the seventh, which occurred on May 13, involved an individual spray-painting "F--- Jews" on the museum's exterior, the first word being an expletive. Portland police have investigated all seven of these additional incidents, Mandel said, with assistance from the museum's security camera footage, but no arrests have been made.

"The vandalism, as a whole, is likely a

combination of opportunity and antisemitism, and throughout, it has been both disheartening and enraging for the entire staff," Mandel continued. "However, despite the disruption and cost these events have created, we do not see these incidents as a victim narrative. We see that as confirmation that OJMCHE and its educational mission matter."

That mission will be guided by Sharp and Kaner along with the rest of OJMCHE's board – the pair were elected by a unanimous vote of the museum members present to replace Peter Glade and Leonard Shapiro, who are stepping down.

Yoken, previously the board's secretary, was formally elected as the board's next President along with Vice President Jason Kaufman and Secretary Adam Nashban while Ruth Roth was elected to another term as the board's Treasurer. The collective slate of officers was also elected unanimously.

"As I step into the role of board chair, I do so with gratitude, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility," Yoken said. "OJMCHE's mission to preserve history, especially those of Oregon Jews, teach the universal lessons of the Holocaust, celebrate Jewish culture and educate against antisemitism and hatred is more important than ever."

Yoken will take over on July 1 for Liz Lipoff, who is stepping down as President but will remain on the museum's board. She recounted seeing a photograph from her grandfather's barber shop on display during her first visit to the museum. Her commitment to the institution only deepened from there.

"I went to high school with a majority Jewish population, and you bet we studied the Holocaust. Yet, even considering the demographics in Oregon, I was shocked by how many people knew very little, sometimes nothing, about the Holocaust. And then I found out it wasn't even in the curriculum of most Oregon schools," Lipoff recalled. "It is now."

She explained that, tagging along with a school tour group taking part in that curriculum, the museum's educators showed her new perspectives on exhibits she had been through countless times.

"I am here because we enrich and we educate," she said. "And now education is more important than ever before."

Israeli Movie Night

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Scenes from The Shuk



Photographs by ROCKNE ROLL

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Nearly 200 Portlanders descended on the Eastside Jewish Commons Sunday, June 21, to experience The Shuk, the first-of-its-kind marketplace of Jewish cultural ideas and experiences hosted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland in collaboration with Art/Lab. From talks to tastes, from yoga to politics, the locally-focused exposition of Jewish life, learning and culture strove to offer something for everyone.



Twenty honored at Song of Miriam brunch

Jewish Women's Round Table

The 31st Annual Song of Miriam Awards Brunch was held on Sunday, June 14 at Mittleman Jewish Community Center. The event, put on by the Jewish Women's Round Table, honored 20 outstanding women volunteers. Approximately 260 people attended the brunch, where emcees Marki Maisels and Marla Kleinman presented plaques to these women:

Julie Caron, honored by Greater Portland Hillel

Julie Caron has served on the board of Greater Portland Hillel for four years, the last two as its secretary. She also chaired the Governance Committee, where she rewrote the bylaws, and the employee and board handbooks. In addition, Julie chaired the Search Committee this year to find a new Executive Director.

Naomi Derner, honored by the Next Generations Group

Naomi Derner, the granddaughter of four Holocaust survivors, participates in a variety of activities in Holocaust education, including being part of the Speaker's Bureau at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. She is the founder of 3G Pacific Northwest, part of a national organization for third-generation Holocaust descendants. She is also a board member at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

Nicole Dorfman, honored by Jewish Family & Child Service

Nikki has been a JFCS volunteer for more than 13



The 2026 Song of Miriam honorees, pictured at the annual awards brunch Sunday, June 14 at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Front row, from left: Margot Feves Pearmine, Noah Shinneman, Joan Glebow, Tivona Reith, Darryl Kuperstock, Nicole Dorfman, Julie Caron, Pauline Goldstein, Shoshannah Freilich. Back row, from left: Eve Miller, Nava Yiskah Sherwood Barbachano, Debra Shein, Ellen Zellinger, Libby Schwartz, Naomi Derner, Rivka Malka Gleizer, Jaimie Harper, Michelle Kashinsky, Arielle Goranson, Susan Levy. (Courtesy Jewish Women's Round Table)

years, beginning with delivering Thanksgiving meals and providing rides to events for Holocaust survivors. Since February of 2025, she has been a member of the JFCS Board and is co-chair of its Brighter Together fundraiser.

Shoshannah Freilich, honored by Beit Am of Corvallis

Shoshannah began volunteering at Beit Am in 1992, when she enrolled her two children in Sunday School. She volunteered as a teacher there for nine years and was principal for two. In addition to organizing the Kiddushim for every B'nei Mitzvah between 1999 and 2001, she also used her quilting skills to make the curtains for the Beit Am building.

Joan Glebow, honored by P'nai Or

Joan is a harmonica and percussive-instrument player who contributes music to P'nai Or services. In addition, she is part of the Tikkun Olam Committee as well as the Chant Group. She also participates in the congregation's fundraiser, the "Lefty

Sing Along," and uses her musical and caregiving skills to play music for members who are ill.

Rivka Malka Gleizer, honored by Congregation Kesser Israel

After moving here from Israel in 2023, Rivka Malka Gleizer began using her education in social work in roles as Judaic teacher, counselor and social-skills advisor at the Maayan Torah Day School. She supports her husband, who is the Rabbi at Kesser Israel, by organizing synagogue events, in particular Shabbos and Yom Tov meals.

Pauline Goldstein, honored by Congregation Shaarie Torah Sisterhood

Pauline coordinates holiday events and projects and leads the phone brigade for the synagogue's annual Hamantaschen fundraiser. Through the Chesed Committee, Pauline makes birthday and wellness calls and is a greeter on Shabbat mornings. Over the years, she has also assisted the Jewish Fed-

eration of Greater Portland and Maimonides Jewish Day School.

Arielle Goranson, honored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland

Arielle is Chair of Dignity Grows Portland, in which she leads packing events and guides committees. Under her leadership, Dignity Grows Portland has flourished and gained national recognition, with Arielle representing this community at the National Summit on Period Poverty. She is a Portland native, a lay leader across Jewish Portland, and the founder of a new woman-owned business.

Jaimie Harper honored by Portland Jewish Academy

Jaimie is a fourth-generation member of the Portland Jewish community. Growing up, she attended the PJA Early Childhood Program, and she now considers volunteering at PJA among her favorite hobbies. She vol-

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unteers in her children's classrooms, works on the auction and book sale; and is a member of the MJCC and PJA Development Committee.

Michele Kashinsky, honored by the Mittleman Jewish Community Center

Michele is an Associate Producer at Third Rail Repertory Theatre, and has been instrumental in connecting the Jewish community with the local arts scene by integrating theatre programming into the Arts and Culture offerings at the J. She has also served as a board member for both Portland Jewish Academy and MJCC since 2020, and as a member of the Marketing and Development Committees.

Darryl Kuperstock, honored by Congregation Neveh Shalom

As a member of the synagogue's Hesed (kindness) Committee, Darryl runs the Congregation's Meal Train program, which helps members who are facing challenges in their lives. She organizes the process of providing meal support to those families and continues to reach out to them after their crisis is over, assessing if they need further support.

Susan Levy, honored by Temple Beth Sholom of Salem

At Temple Beth Sholom Susan volunteers in the kitchen, visits members who are ill, and brings food when a "food train" is requested. She also assists with Beth Sholom's Hamantaschen Project and recently served on the Rabbi-Search Committee. In addition, she finds time to volunteer at Marion-Polk Food Share.

Eve Miller, honored by Beit Haverim

Eve was a founding member of Beit Haverim in 1992, when it was known as South Metro Jewish Community. She has been an active participant in Torah Study and Tikkun Olam efforts

and recently became Treasurer on the Board of Trustees. Eve also served as the synagogue's representative during the transition to gender-neutral bathrooms in the church space it shares.

Margot Feves Pearmine, honored by the Robison Foundation for Jewish Elders

Inspired by childhood memories of her grandmother, Sadie Feves, writing thank-you notes to supporters of "the Home," as the Robison was then known, Margot served alongside her father, Michael Feves, on the board of Cedar Sinai Park during its recent transition and the creation of the Robison Foundation for Jewish Elders. She has been the Foundation's first secretary.

Tivona Reith, honored by Havurah Shalom

Tivona has led Havurah services, organized holiday celebrations, and leyned Torah at Havurah. She leads the High Holiday Cemetery and Yizkor services. During the pandemic, Tivona led a congregation-wide wellness check-in that connected with every Havurah household. Tivona was also instrumental in establishing the Bikur Holim program, which visits and supports those who are ill.

Libby Schwartz, honored by Congregation Beth Israel

Libby Schwartz served as CBI Board President from 2022–2024. In addition, she lent her voice to many of CBI's annual high points: singing with the Kol Echad choir at Martin Luther King Shabbat and High Holiday services and sang in more than 10 years of Purim Shpiels. Libby helped launch the IDEA (Inclusion – Diversity – Equity – Access) Committee, and she created CBI Circles, where congregants gather around their shared passions.

Debra Shein, honored by the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

Since 2015, Debra has played a key role in the OJMCHE Oral-History

Project, ensuring transcripts of the museum's recorded histories are accurate. She has also worked on exhibitions, helped draft and refine grant applications, written numerous articles, and assisted with guest services. She is an avid gardener, regularly sharing produce she grows with staff and volunteers.

Nava Yiska Sherwood Barachano, honored by Congregation Ahavath Achim

Nava leads weekly women's Torah study on Shabbat mornings and led the Education Committee in the preliminary formation of Sephardic educational programming for children and teens. She also oversaw the development of Oregon's first Sephardic Library that's coming soon to the Ahavath Achim building.

Noah Shinneman, honored by Congregation Kol Ami in Vancouver, Wash.

Noah's work on the Ritual Committee includes planning High Holidays, organizing data, and working on ritual tasks. They bring animals from their farm to Kol Ami's Animal Blessing Day and goats to Yom Kippur Family Services. Noah generously shares their pickup truck for the congregation's needs, and has served as Mitzvah Mentor, Torah Study Facilitator, and Library Committee member.

Ellen Zellinger, honored by Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood

Ellen has held multiple leadership positions since moving to Portland from Florida, culminating with becoming the Sisterhood President. Her presidency has been guided by her belief in Sisterhood's mission of bringing women together to support and benefit CBI and the community. She also is a committed supporter of Women of Reform Judaism, the Sisterhood's parent organization.

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BB Camp kicks off summer



Michelle Koplan, BB360 CEO and Board Member Jeffery Weitz cut the ceremonial ribbon as BB Camp welcomed community members to its annual Friends and Family Day on June 21, celebrating BB Camp's vibrancy and marking the official start of another memorable summer at Camp. Guests met counselors and staff preparing to welcome campers, sharing the connection and Jewish joy that campers will experience this summer. Plus, visitors discovered a variety of camp activities, including the zip line, swimming, arts and crafts, and rock climbing. The highlight of the day was the dedication of the new North Lakeside Staff Lodge, a significant investment in the future of camp leadership made possible through the generosity of Sandra Schnitzer and several generous supporters. (Noa Rubin/BB360)

Obituaries

SCOTT BARDE

Congregation Neveh Shalom is saddened to share the passing of Scott Barde, z"l, who died on Friday, June 19. Scott grew up in Portland and attended Solomon Schechter summer camp for several summers and was a member of CNS until he relocated as a young adult to California.

Scott is predeceased by his parents, Leonard and Goldie Barde, z"l. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his spouse, Judy Barde, and siblings, Carolyn Barde Gorin (Samuel Gottlieb) and Larry (Robyn) Barde. He also leaves behind his cherished children, Adam (Laura) Barde and Sarah Wagner (Dan Hartz); and his grandchildren, Ben and Josh Barde, and Sage and Scarlet Wagner.

At his request, there will be no funeral. The family invites those who wish to honor Scott's memory to make a contribution to the Leonard Barde Cemetery Beautification Fund.

Submit obituaries to The Jewish Review's online form at form.jotform.com/JFGP/jr-obituary

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Due to staff vacations, *The Jewish Review* will not publish on July 2 or July 9. Weekly publication will resume on July 16. Thank you for your understanding.

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Together through tefillin



In a gathering overlooking the city skyline Thursday, June 18, men from across Portland came together for a Tefillin meditation and wrap. With one box placed on the head to bind the mind, and one strap on the arm to bind the heart, participants engaged in prayer and connection; a living expression of the Rebbe's teaching that the action is what matters most. Seasoned laymen to young boys putting on Tefillin for the first time, each binding their soul to its Source. The moment led to a spontaneous dance alongside an artisanal breakfast. (Courtesy Jewish Oasis)

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Events

More events online at jewishportland.org/community-calendar

June 25: Three Authors on Truth and Consequences

Author reading featuring Carol Weliky, Judith Armata and Linda Ferguson at the Eastside Jewish Commons at 7 pm. More information at ejcpdx.org/events/2026/6/25/three-authors-on-truth-and-consequences.

June 27: Women's Torah Study

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

June 27: Sephardic Foundations

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

June 28: Beaverton Pride

Pride parade and community fair in Downtown Beaverton. Email rachel@jewishportland.org for more information.

June 28: Krav Maga Introductory Course

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

July 1: Israeli Folk Dancing for Beginners

Weekly class at the Multnomah Arts Center in Southwest Portland at 7:15 pm. More information at sites.google.com/site/pifdnews.

July 2: JFCS Community Connection

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

July 5: OJMCH Free First Sunday

Free admission to the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education from 11 am-4 pm. More information at ojmche.org.

July 5: Portland Jewish Writers Circle

Monthly writers circle at 2 pm. For more information, email benschubert@icloud.com.

July 11: Intergenera-

tional Game Night

Card and board game night at the Eastside Jewish Commons at 4 pm, co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service. More information at events.humanitix.com/intergenerational-game-night

July 12: Sewing Sessions for Grievors

Collaborative art project at the Eastside Jewish Commons at 2 pm, sponsored by Art/Lab. More information at events.humanitix.com/sewing-sessionswithjulie-hammond/tickets.

July 13: Send a Kid to Camp Golf Tournament

Fundraiser golf tournament at Langdon Farms Golf Club at 11 am. More information at secure.qgiv.com/event/golf26/.

July 15: Israeli Film Screening - "Zero Motivation"

Film screening at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center at 7 pm. More information at jewishportland.org/community-calendar/israeli-film-screening.

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