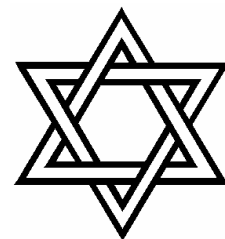


# Eastside Voice



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## Mission Statement

**“Our Mission is to further the Spiritual, Educational, and Cultural experiences of our Jewish community.”**

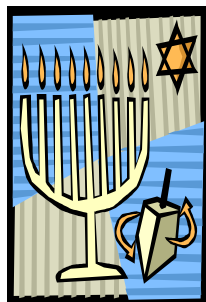
### Chanukah Feast and Shabbat Service— December 11th

We look forward to seeing you for Eastside Kehila’s **Chanukah Feast, and regular Shabbat Service** at St. Ignatius School, one block north of Powell at 43rd. ( 3400 SE 43rd Ave.) on **Friday, December 11, 2009**

Please join us for Chanukah songs, activities for the kids, and wonderful food. We’ll be featuring salad, loads of fresh, hot latkes and delicious corned beef. Bring your chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) and light candles on this first night of the festival.

#### **Reservations are required.**

Email us at [shalom@ejcop.org](mailto:shalom@ejcop.org) or phone (503) 973-5267 to let us know how many people you will be bringing. **The cost is \$5 per person.**



### President’s Message – December 2009

We’ve reached that time of year... The commercials, the music, the absolute assault on the senses in every mall, every store, even the streets of downtown Portland. It’s “the holidays!” From now until January, we will be bombarded with the message that if we really love our families and friends, our bosses and coworkers, our neighbors and the mail carrier, we need to gift them with the latest and greatest, perfect, just-right items.

Fortunately, there are sane options more in keeping with the spiritual intentions of this season, regardless of one’s individual beliefs.

**The gift of time:** How meaningful, at a time that has us all rushing from place to place, to be able to give a homemade meal, a few hours of child care, playing a favorite game together, craft or music lessons for those with talents in that direction. Not only are you giving the actual end result of the time, but how special that you will spend a few hours with someone.

**The gift of yourself:** Share yourself and your special talents with loved ones. Are you a great cook – how about starting a binder-cookbook for the budding young chefs in your family? Do you knit? Scarves, hats, felted bags – everyone loves a special accessory. Have a special jam recipe? Share with loved ones so they can taste summer’s sweet fruit on a rainy winter morning.

**The gift of support:** Portland offers many opportunities to give back to the community. Can you make a donation to your favorite cause? Suggest to others that a donation in your name would be the best gift you could receive. Call the Portland Rescue Mission, Outside In or the Humane Society to inquire about volunteering. We are hearing again and again that the shelves at the Oregon Food Bank are nearly bare – are there items on your own shelves you wouldn’t miss?

For more ideas on how to turn this into a season of mitzvot, check out these websites: New American Dream: [http://www.newdream.org/holiday/kit/gift\\_of\\_time\\_cards.pdf](http://www.newdream.org/holiday/kit/gift_of_time_cards.pdf) Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life: <http://www.coejl.org/Hanukkah/index.php>

**Shalom- Rita Cohen King**

The Simcha Corner— December Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays: Holly Boime, Marv Cullins, Mary Lou Kornbrodt  
Terry Reynolds, Jane Schindler, Serenity Sargent**



**Anniversaries: Henry Lea Ball & Sue Sargent**

**December Yahrzeit**

**Harvey King** ( Rita and Noel King )

**Louise Reddel** ( Silbermans 12/28 )

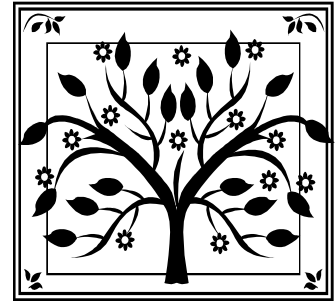
To include your loved one in future Yahrzeit notices, please send his or her name and date of passing to us at our email address: [shalom@ejcop.org](mailto:shalom@ejcop.org)

**Kislev/Tevet 5770 (2009) Torah Portions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Torah Portion</b>	<b>Light Candles—</b>	<b>Shabbat Ends—</b>
<b>Dec 4- Dec 5</b>	<b>VAYISHLACH</b>	<b>4:10 PM</b>	<b>5:17PM</b>
<b>Dec 11- Dec 12</b>	<b>VAYESHEV</b>	<b>4:09PM</b>	<b>5:17 PM</b>
<b>Dec 18- Dec 19</b>	<b>MIKETZ</b>	<b>4:10 PM</b>	<b>5:19 PM</b>
<b>Dec 25- Dec 26</b>	<b>VAYIGASH</b>	<b>4:14 PM</b>	<b>5:23 PM</b>

## TRIBUTES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

**“Rounding up your membership dues or Shabbat dinner check is an easy way to make a contribution to Eastside Kehila .”**



*The Tree of Life*

**“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”**

Albert Einstein



Eastside Kehila 2009 Schedule

**Event RSVP: [shalom@ejcop.org](mailto:shalom@ejcop.org) or 503-97E-JCOP  
(503-973-5267)**

December 11	Chanukah Party and Shabbat
January 8, 2010	Shabbat Service and Dinner
February 5, 2010 ( <b>1st Friday</b> )	Shabbat Service and Dinner

Jewish Life Cycle for December 2009  
Eastside Kehila Life Cycle Event

Almira the Seeress said to Almustafa the Prophet:

Deep is your longing for the land of your memories and the dwelling place of your greater desires, and our love would not bind you nor our needs hold you.

Kahlil Gibran "The Prophet"

A bit of Eastside History: About 1995 or 96, the then Eastside Jewish Community of Portland decided to stop meeting in restaurants for their monthly Shabbat dinners, and began renting space at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center. At that time Paul Frank and I started cooking Shabbat dinner for EJCoP. We prepared the entire dinners—sometimes baked chicken, sometimes baked salmon, and sometimes frozen vegetarian or meat lasagna. The tradition of Matzo Ball Soup was started at that time. All we had to cook on was a kitchen stove. We served an average of 55 at the end of our tenure at BDCC. We filled the limit of 100 for Seders. BDCC was the only community center owned by a neighborhood—all the rest were city owned. When they were unable to carry their expenses, the building was bought by Portland Impact, and no longer was available for rent around 2002. In about 6 years, we did not miss a single monthly Shabbat.

We found a home at the Franciscan Montessori Earth School at 148<sup>th</sup> and SE Division. This kitchen was a bit better than BDCC, but Paul and I needed to use a VERY high powered propane stove to heat the water for Matzo Ball Soup and for Latke frying on Chanukah. We were able to store this 50-pound behemoth in the outside passage to the kitchen. Because Paul and I were feeling the effects of the work, we started bringing in most of the food. We lost members because of the location; the difficulty in getting there through Friday evening traffic. So we decided to look for a better location in the last months of 2005. We did not miss a monthly Shabbat in about 4 years at FMES.

In 2006 after a 6-month search, we were warmly welcomed to the Saint Ignatius School of the Saint Ignatius Parish. Paul and Susie moved to Boise in 2007, and no second person has been found to handle the heavy tasks connected with putting on Shabbat dinners. The 3 years we have been at St. Ignatius make a total of 14 years I have been cooking for Shabbat—averaging 10 a year. The Matzo Ball Batter makes between 105 and 140 matzo balls depending on their size, giving me a total greater than 14,000 matzo balls made. It is time for someone else to start establishing their record. I will be cooking a special Chanukah/Shabbat dinner in December, and that will be my last regularly scheduled event. I will still be helping for special occasions, and continue my other Eastside Kehila responsibility as a board member and Administrator of the Eastside Jewish Cemetery Section of Douglass Pioneer Cemetery. I will also continue writing for the Newsletter at least bi-monthly.

B'Shalom  
Michael Kay

## Eastside Kehila Board Members

### Board Officers:

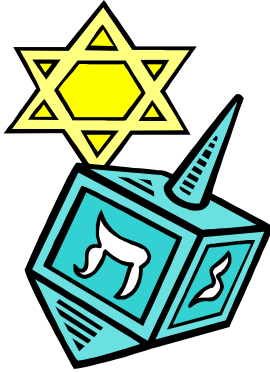
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 Vice President: Sue Sargent  
 Treasurer: Rob Boime  
 Secretary: Bob Dragoon  
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 Elaine Israel  
 Noel King

### Board Advisor:

Spiritual Leader Flip Frisch



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- נ - **Nun - Nisht** - the player collects nothing from the pot.
- ג - **Gimmel - Gantz** - the player gets it all.
- ה - **Hey - Halb** - The player collects half of the pot.
- ש - **Shin - Shtel** - The player sets one of his own items into the pot.

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***Eastside Kehila December 2009 At-A-Glance Calendar***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Chanukah Party & Service 6pm-9pm	12  1st day of Chanukah
13	14	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17	18	19  8th day of Chanukah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Board Meeting	31		