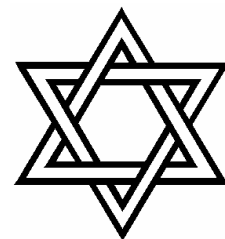


Eastside Voice



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Mission Statement

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

!!! Date Change... Mark your calendars !!!

Eastside Kehila 's Shabbat Dinner— February 5th **Reservations Required**

We look forward to seeing you for Eastside Kehila's monthly Shabbat Dinner and Service at St. Ignatius School, one block north of Powell at 43rd (3400 SE 43rd Ave.) on **Friday, February 5, 2010.**

This is the first Shabbat of the month, rather than our more usual second Friday.

Registration is at 5:30 P.M. and candle lighting at 6 P.M. This is followed by Services at 7 P.M., led by Flip Frisch. The evening will end with a sweet potluck Oneg, so please bring a dessert to share. Call ahead for reservations and if you have any questions about prices. **Reservations are required.**

Email us at shalom@ejcop.org or phone (503) 973-5267 by the Monday before the dinner.

Please let us know if you have a birthday or anniversary this month.

A raffle will be held for the table decorations—be sure to buy a ticket, \$1 for one or \$5 for eight. And, we are continuing to collect canned and non-perishable goods for the Oregon Food Bank.

President's Message

Our first Shabbat of 2010 ushered in a surprise for those who attended. The Board of Directors has been looking at ways to ease the workload of our volunteers and to enhance the Shabbat experience. We have retained a local caterer, Zoe Johnson, to plan, shop for, cook and present our Shabbat meals.

Instead of our usual mass-produced Winco roast chicken, salad and the same veggie mix, we feasted on Moroccan Chicken with Olives and Lemon served with Couscous, Glazed Green Beans, Tossed Salad, and Carrot Halva. As an added benefit, a vegetarian Moroccan Chickpea Stew was also available. Going forward, we will routinely offer both vegetarian and a meat/chicken option.

As a result of the catered meal, volunteers were less rushed, the menu was interesting, the food deliciously prepared, and we were able to accommodate vegetarians with more than a Boca Burger.

Please welcome Zoe Johnson to our Eastside family, and join us for a tasty Shabbat treat!

Beginning with the February 5th Shabbat, Eastside Kehila Board of Directors has authorized a new price plan for Shabbat meals. Because the meals are now catered, accurate guest counts are more critical than ever. **Please be prepared to pay an additional \$5.00 per person (children under 12 are exempt) if you have not made a reservation by the Tuesday prior to Shabbat.** Your assistance is appreciated as we provide well-planned events at lowest possible cost



The Simcha Corner— February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Noel King

**Anniversaries: Bob & Susie Dragoon
Michael Kay and Sabina Smith**



February Yahrzeit

Isadore Blumenfeld (02/29 Ruteizer)

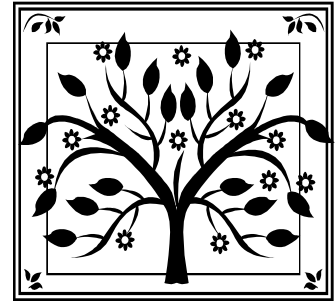
To include your loved one in future Yahrzeit notices, please send his or her name and date of passing to us at our email address: shalom@ejcop.org

Shevat-Adar 5770 (2010) Torah Portions

Date	Torah Portion	Light Candles—	Shabbat Ends—
Feb 5 - Feb 6	YITRO	5:04 PM	6:10 PM
Feb 12- Feb 13	MISHPATIM	5:15 PM	6:19 PM
Feb 19- Feb 20	TERUMAH	5:25 PM	6:29 PM
Feb 26- Feb 27	TETZAVEH	5:35 PM	6:38 PM

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

“Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself”

Jean Anouilh



Eastside Kehila 2009 Schedule

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

February 5, 2010 (1st Friday)	Shabbat Service and Dinner
March 12, 2010	Shabbat Service and Dinner
April 2 (1st Friday)	Passover Seder
May 14	Shabbat Service and Dinner

Jewish Business Ethics

In the light of the recent Jewish business scandals—Ponzi Schemes and Orthodox Kosher Meat Production—I thought that this might be a time to look at what is said about Jewish Business Ethics, and where it is said in our religious guides. Within the past week, I have read statements in the news, “Business is Business! I make what my clients want.” Chinese Toy Factory Owner. “We aren’t selling anything that is illegal! (or equivalent): Walt Disney Co., Wal-Mart and Claire’s. US Says it will study test results (Associated Press). To their credit, Wal-Mart executives, said they had pulled all identified jewelry and painted toys out of its stores (item in the business section).

The Talmud discusses what questions people are asked after their deaths by God. The first question we are held accountable for is "did you conduct your business affairs with honesty and with probity [complete and confirmed integrity]?" The second question is “Did you set aside time for the study of Torah?” Obviously, the order indicated the importance to our Talmudic Rabbis.

One of the 613 Mitzvot of the Torah is “Be Holy”. The great commentator, the Ramban (Nahmanides, 1194 – 1270), tells us that "Be Holy" is a requirement of a Jew not to just obey the letter of the law but to obey the spirit of the law as well. Ramban posits that it is entirely possible for a person to be 100 percent observant, keeping all the Mitzvot and yet, he can be a repulsive, disgusting individual within the confines of the law. It is not enough just to obey the law. One must go beyond the law and embrace the ethical imperatives that are within that legal structure.

We say in the Shema, "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, and with all of your might." All of your heart, all of your soul we understand. What is the reference to all of your might? Rashi (1040 – 1105) interprets that the verse means, you should love God with all of your money. Rashi comments that there are some people who prefer their money to their lives and, therefore, if the verse would simply say you serve God with your life they wouldn't necessarily infer you serve God with all of your money (and possessions)? So, how does one serve God with all of his money and possessions? The short answer is: with the probity and integrity by which we amass those possessions.

Business ethics is the arena where the ethereal transcendent teachings of holiness and spirituality confront the often grubby business of making money and being engaged in the rat race that often comprises the marketplace. It is the acid test of whether religion is truly relevant or religion is simply relegated to an isolated sphere of human activity. Torah teaches us to live in this world. We know the world is a mixture of good and evil and we know that we live in a world where other people don't play by the same rules. But the test of a moral person is not whether he behaves morally when others are behaving morally to him. The test of an ethical and moral person is one who can adhere to those values even if everyone else fails to adhere to them

Major Sources: [Wikipedia and Jewish Business Ethics: An Introductory Perspective](#) by Rabbi Yitzchok Breitowitz

Michael Kay

Eastside Kehila Board Members

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Treasurer: Rob Boime
Secretary: Bob Dragoon
Cemetery Cmte Chair: Michael Kay

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Noel King

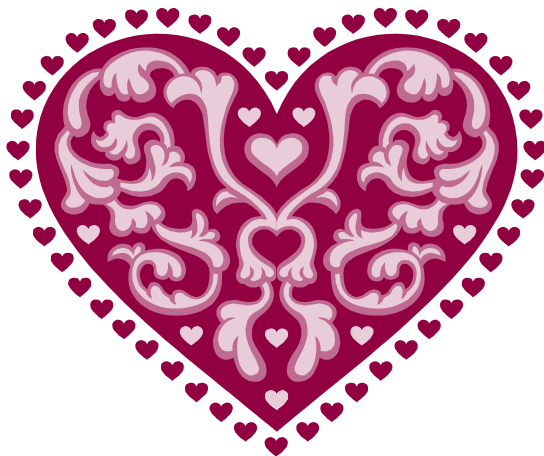
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really enjoy is feeling proof
against it."**

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Eastside Kehila February 2010 At-A-Glance Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Shabbat Service & Dinner	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27
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