



Eastside Voice



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Mission Statement

“Our mission is to further the Spiritual, Education and Cultural experience of our Jewish community”

Eastside Kehila 's Shabbat Dinner— July 9, 2010 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, July 9, 2010.

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

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.

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

The Simcha Corner- July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Paul Frank, Chone Field, Abbey Dragoon

Yahrzeit

David Aaron Schwartz (Roz Roseman 7/30)

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



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**Our thanks to
Kettleman's for our
Shabbat dinner Challahs**

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JEWISH LIFE CYCLE FOR JULY 2010

HILLEL THE ELDER: A LESSON FOR US

According to the Mishna, Hillel was 40 in 70BCE when he went to Jerusalem to study Torah and its explanations. He was poor, and had many difficulties to overcome to gain admittance to the School of Sh'maya and Abtalion. This story is told in Talmud Tractate Yoma to emphasize poverty shall not be considered an obstacle to studying Torah. Sometime later, he resolved a question of the law concerning sacrifices better than the Sanhedrin, the High Court of Jewish Law. Seeing his brilliance, the Sanhedrin resigned and made him President of the Court. Hillel was recognized as the highest authority of the Pharisees, the predecessors of Rabbinic Judaism.

Hillel lived, as the scholar who molded the whole contents of the traditional law in his interpretation. His school was in opposition to that of his Judean colleague, Shammai. Hillel generally advocated milder interpretations of Halakha (Jewish law and tradition) and his disciples stood in like opposition to Shammai's disciples. It was in this time that the rabbinical tradition was recorded, with Hillel as its 'founder'. Modern-day Rabbinic tradition descends from the law that Hillel recorded. Hillel is remembered most for two of his teachings:

The Golden Rule, formulated when a student asked Shammai to teach him the Torah while he stood on one foot. Shammai summarily sent him away. He came to Hillel and asked the same question. Hillel replied,

“That which is hateful to you, do not do to others. That is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary; go and learn!” That is the original formulation of the Golden Rule, and is more concerned with the other person’s feelings than the common version, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Hillel’s version burdens the “doer” not to offend the other person, rather than force your likes onto the other person.

And: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? When I am [only] for myself, what am 'I'? If not now, when?"

This quote is the basis for choosing this topic. In the Eastside Kehila’s Life Cycle, “When” is “Now”! Due to retirements of several board members and officers, who have served longer than almost anyone else in our history, we are desperately in need of volunteers to direct and run our organization. Eastside Kehila needs the next generation of officers and board members “Now”. Otherwise, the activities we enjoy are in jeopardy. Eastside Kehila cannot continue without more participation.

MICHAEL KAY

Board Member (since about '96), Chair Cemetery Committee

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EASTSIDE KEHILA 2010 SCHEDULE

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

Shabbat Service & Dinner	July 9
Annual Picnic- Creston Park	August 8
Shabbat Service & Dinner	September 10
Shabbat Service & Dinner	October 8