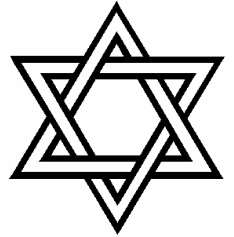


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Mission Statement

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

Everyone is invited to EJCoP's Shabbat Dinner— June 12

We look forward to seeing you for EJCoP's monthly Shabbat Dinner and Service at St. Ignatius School, one block north of Powell at 43rd. (3400 SE 43rd Ave.) on Friday, June 12, 2009

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 is 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' Message

We recently returned from a wonderful 17-day trip to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. An interesting thread that seemed to run throughout the fabric of the trip was the frequent referral by the tour guides to Judaism and Jewish people. We certainly didn't expect to hear such references in countries with relatively small Jewish populations.

One of the first comments made by the Moroccan tour guide when he joined the tour, in an effort to distinguish his country from other Muslim nations, was about the religious harmony that exists in his land. He noted that when the Nazis asked the King of Morocco to kill all of the Jews under his domain, the King refused to do so and said, "we don't have Jews in my country, we only have Moroccans." The guide further stated that there are still 180,000 Jews living in Morocco and enjoying the same benefits as Muslims and Christians. Several neighborhoods were pointed out as being "the Jewish area" and some streets had "Judea" in its name.

Spain was a mixture of positive and negative, in my view, regarding Judaism. While a number of synagogues have been preserved and were included in our tour, there was a mixed reaction to questions Noel asked about the Spanish Inquisition. An older tour guide spoke of the Jews and Arabs being asked to leave Spain in the late 15th century, but made scant reference to the killings and torture that they faced if they refused to convert or leave the country. When asked directly about the Spanish Inquisition, his response was to say that it happened a long time ago and it is best to focus on the future.

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The Simcha Corner—June Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays: Suzi Dragoon, Marjorie Holland, Phil Jurjan
Chris Nacheff Maneker**
Anniversaries: None known



June Yahrzeit

Jerry Port (Margie Port 6/5)
Jackie Port (Margie Port 6/16)

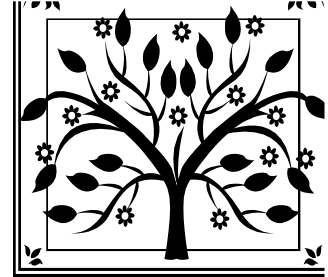
To include your loved one in future Yahrzeit notices, please send his or her name and date of passing to us at our email address: shalom@ejcop.org

Sivan/Tammuz 5769 (2009) Torah Portions

Date	Torah Portion	Light Candles—	Shabbat Ends—
June 5- June 6	NASSO	8:37 PM	9:53 PM
June 12- June 13	BEHA'ALOTCHA	8:42 PM	9:58 PM
June 19- June 20	SHELACH	8:45 PM	10:01 PM
June 26- June 27	KORACH	8:46 PM	10:02 PM

TRIBUTES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

“Rounding up your membership dues or Shabbat dinner check is an easy way to make a contribution to Eastside Jewish Community of Portland.”



The Tree of Life

President’s Message continued....

However, a second – much younger - tour guide who was asked the same question by my persistent husband, had a touching and stunning response to the Inquisition: “it was Spain’s Third Reich,” he commented. Noel and I nodded in agreement when the guide made that statement. We noted that if we deny or forget the past, we are bound to repeat it.

If you are interested in discussing aspects of our trip, please don’t hesitate, at our next Shabbat services on June 12, to seek me out. It was a fascinating journey and we are pleased to share some of our experiences and observations with you.

Rita Cohen King, President

EJCOP 2008 –2009 Schedule

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

June 12	Shabbat Service and Dinner
July 10	Shabbat Service and Dinner
August 9 (Sunday)	Annual EJCoP Picnic
August 14	Shabbat Service and Dinner
September 11	Shabbat Service and Dinner

Jewish Life Cycle for June 2009 Sadness in the Heat of the Summer

After the celebration of both the Feast of Weeks (end of counting the Omer) with the Show-breads for the Temple made from the first wheat, and the giving of the 10 Commandments at Mt. Sinai on the holiday of Shavuot, the Jewish Calendar turns somber through the months of Tammuz, Av, and Elul (July, Aug, and Sept. this year) up to Rosh Hashanah.

The first of the two fast days is the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz (begins 3:25am and ends 9:40pm) on July 9, 2009. This is a minor Jewish fast day commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple, and marks the beginning of the three-week mourning period leading up to Tisha B'Av. The 17th of Tammuz is mentioned in the Book of Zechariah as "the fast of the fourth month." According to the Mishna, five calamities befell the Jewish people on this day:

1. Moses broke the two tablets of stone on Mount Sinai;
2. The daily *tamid* (sacrificial offering) ceased to be brought;
3. The walls of Jerusalem were breached (proceeding to the destruction of the Temple);
4. Prior to Bar Kokhba's revolt, Roman military leader Apostomus burned a Torah scroll;
5. An idol was erected in the Temple.

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The three weeks beginning with the 17th of Tammuz and ending with the 9th of Av are known as *Bein haMetzarim* ("between the straits," i.e. between the days of distress) or the Three Weeks. Some customs of mourning, which commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem, are observed from the start of the Three Weeks. Because this is not a major fast like Yom Kippur or Tisha B'Av, the strict rules for fast days do not apply. There are no weddings during this period.

The Fast of the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av) starts at 8:42pm on July 29th and ends at 9:18 July 30th. This is a major fast in remembrance of the destruction by fire of the First (586 BCE) and Second (70 CE) Temples. It is also remembered as the day the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 became effective. Tisha B'Av is considered the saddest day in Jewish history. Some observant Jews sit Shiva for all or part of the day. The Scroll of Lamentations is read on this day, followed by Kinnot (memorial odes or dirges). Additional Kinnot have been written for the Crusades, and recently, Kinnot for the Holocaust also have been composed and read. In Sephardic communities, the Book of Job is also read. Torah study is considered joyous, and is not allowed except for Lamentations and Job on Tisha B'Av.

The Shabbat immediately after Tisha B'Av is Shabbat Nachamu, Shabbat of Consolation (The first of seven Shabbats) where the haftorah reading is from Isaiah. The first begins "Console, Console my people, says Adonai" Repetition was one of the few ways the Torah has of extreme emphasis (no bold, italics, or underlines). The seven Shabbats end with the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah.

Michael Kay



“ HE CAST THE TABLES OUT OF HIS HANDS, AND BROKE THEM BENEATH THE MOUNT.”

June Shabbat

The June 12 Shabbat, honoring Andrea Karlin and the memory of Harvey Karlin, is sponsored by their children.

“ We honor Mom for her decades of commitment to, support for, and volunteering in, the Jewish community and the broader Portland community.

We honor Dad for his devotion to family, his care, and his deep commitment to education.

Together, they have brought into the world a family that now reaches into the fourth generation, over nearly 60 years, in Portland and across the country.

Thank you to the Eastside Jewish Community of Portland, which has been a caring part of their lives for so many years. ”

Joan, Sally, Beth, David, Ben

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

**17th Annual
Song of Miriam Award
Celebration**

**Please hold the date of
Sunday, June 7, 2009
10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

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EJCOP June 2009 At-A-Glance Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Dinner	13 Newsletter Deadline
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30				