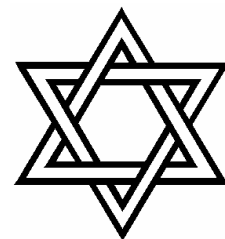


# Eastside Voice



The Newsletter of Eastside Kehila  
PO Box 86622 — Portland, Oregon 97286  
June, 2010

Vol. 19, Issue # 6

## Mission Statement

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

### Eastside Kehila 's Shabbat Dinner— June 11 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, June 11, 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](mailto: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.

This month's Shabbat dinner will be a delightful Mediterranean meal perfectly suited to the warmer weather. We'll have salad, falafel with a choice of sauces, hummus & olives, pita bread and fruit.

The entire meal will be vegetarian.

## President's Message

It is, as is often said, with mixed emotions that I announce that I have resigned both my presidency and my position on the Board of Directors of Eastside Kehila, effective June 30. I have served on the Board for nearly 9 years, and will have been president for 3 ½ of those years.

I have been fortunate to serve with a highly participatory Board of Directors who, out of necessity, have assumed too many of the responsibilities needed to host Shabbat dinners and services 9 times a year, a newsletter 12 times a year, a Seder, Chanukah party and summer picnic, and run a Cemetery – all as volunteers who also have to manage their work, family, and other responsibilities.

I am concerned because, while there are a few individuals not on the Board who are so dependable, and so highly valued as they carry out the responsibilities they have chosen to assume, there are many more that attend our events, month after month, year after year, and believe that by paying a small amount for their meal, they are doing their part. The reality is that the money we take in at our events does not cover the cost of running the organization. The reality is that we are burning out our volunteers. The reality is that we are approaching decision points that will change the newsletter, the events, and what we are able to continue to provide to a small group of eastside Portland Jews and their families.

At the risk of beating a drum with the same sound, year after year, I ask you this final time to please, please get involved in Eastside Kehila and help ensure its continuation.

Shalom— Rita Cohen King, Board President

The Simcha Corner— June Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** Suzi Dragoon, Marjorie Holland, Phil Jurgan,  
Chris Nacheff Maneker, Elaine Carbelly,

**Anniversaries:**

June Yahrzeit

**Jackie Port** ( 6/16 Margie Port)

**Jerry Port** (6/5 Margie Port)

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 5770 (2010) Torah Portions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Torah Portion</b>	<b>Light Candles—</b>	<b>Shabbat Ends—</b>
<b>June 04- June 05</b>	<b>SH’LACH</b>	<b>8:36 pm</b>	<b>9:52 pm</b>
<b>June 11- June 12</b>	<b>KORACH</b>	<b>8:41 pm</b>	<b>9:57 pm</b>
<b>June 18- June 19</b>	<b>CHUKAT</b>	<b>8:44 pm</b>	<b>10:01 pm</b>
<b>June 25- June 26</b>	<b>BALAK</b>	<b>8:46 pm</b>	<b>10:02 pm</b>

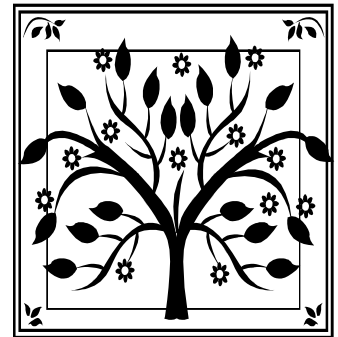
## TRIBUTES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Jane Schindler has added a leaf to Eastside Kehila's Tree of Life in memory of her beloved daughter Ruth on Ruth's 60th birthday.

Two wonderful and appreciated gifts have been received from Helen Cain for the Eastside Cemetery Fund in memory of Jane Schindler's daughter Ruth.

Peter A. and Elizabeth Lee have made a gift to Eastside Kehila in honor of the 60th birthday of Jane Schindler's daughter Ruth.

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



*The Tree of Life*



### Eastside Kehila 2010 Schedule

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

May 14	Shabbat Service and Dinner
June 11	Shabbat Service and Dinner
July 7	Shabbat Service and Dinner
August 8	Annual Picnic—Creston Park

## **Jewish Life Cycle**

### **BAMIDBAR—NUMBERS**

We count. We count our age, we count our work hours, we count our money, we count the minutes of our workout, we count our meals... as humans, we count—we are searching for structure and routine. In the annual reading of the Torah, we have just started Bamidbar—the third book of the Torah—Numbers. The book opens with God’s instructions to Moses and Aaron to take a census of the men of the Children of Israel over 20 and able to bear arms. The total was 603,550. There were several other classifications such as all males over the age of one month. Nowhere did I find any census of the women of the tribes. The Priests (Kohatites—now Kohanim) and the Ritual Attendants (Levites) were exempted from the army; this continues to today with Yeshiva students exempt from Israeli Army service. The portion goes on to detail the duties of the priestly classes, and how the tribes were to camp around the Tabernacle. God claims the first-born males of all the tribes as his to replace the first-borns of the Egyptians who were slain in the Exodus. This led to the ceremony of the Redemption of the First-Born by the father of the child paying the Priests so many shekels—the ceremony in Hebrew is Pidyen ha Ben and the amount was 5 shekels per head.

Despite the order that census usually brings, Bamidbar, “in the wilderness”, is a chaotic and transitional time for the Jewish people. There was only the desert; they moved from place to place, back and forth among its few springs; their comings and goings pointless apart from the needs of their flocks. In taking a census, the Israelite leaders were asked to consider the diversity of people who made up their community. With each individual, they paused, acknowledging that each person contributed to the sum total of the group. When we count, we are not only aggregating, but we are recognizing each unique individual. By counting, by taking a census, we are creating a community. However, the census was also used to determine the portion of the Israelites, who were freed from slavery but longed for the flesh pots of Egypt and not the conquest of the Promised Land that were to die in the desert before the people would enter the promised land. A Midrash on why the Torah was given in the wilderness notes that if it were given in Israel, the tribe on whose land it was given would feel they had a claim above the other tribes—therefore, the Torah was given in the wilderness. As a note to this chaotic portion, Maimonides, in his work “Mishna Torah” noted that no commandments of the 613 are given in this portion. It is basically an outline of how life in the dessert is to be organized.

**Michael King**

**18**

## Thank You EJCOP



Your enjoyment of the meals I've prepared at Shabbat is the best compliment a cook could have.

I look forward to being able to serve you in other ways!

Please visit my [website](http://usquared.biz) to see just how many services I have to offer you:

- Personal & small business assistance
- Assistance with Bar and Bat Mitzvah planning and organization
- Consider gifting one of my personalized services to others!

### Let's Visit!

Zoe Johnson: 503-719-5444

<http://usquared.biz>



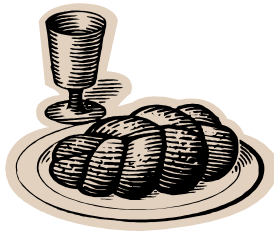
2235 SE 11th Ave. Portland,  
Oregon  
503-238-8883

Our thanks to  
Kettleman's for our  
Shabbat dinner Challahs

**AFFORDABLE FAMILY MEMORIALS**

- ☆ **Excellent Quality**
- ☆ **Personal Service**
- ☆ **We come to you**  
Flexible Hours

Please call for an Appointment  
Personal Service since 1988  
**Jason R. Pope 503-515-7640**



## Eastside Kehila Board Members

### Board Officers:

President:	Rita Cohen King
Vice President:	
Treasurer:	Rob Boime
Secretary:	Bob Dragoon
Cemetery Cmte Chair:	Michael Kay

### Board Members at Large:

Shari Bandes  
Noel King

### Board Advisor:

Spiritual Leader Flip Frisch

**Eastside Kehila**  
Post Office Box 86622  
Portland, Oregon 97286

***Eastside Kehila June 2010 At-A-Glance Calendar***

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