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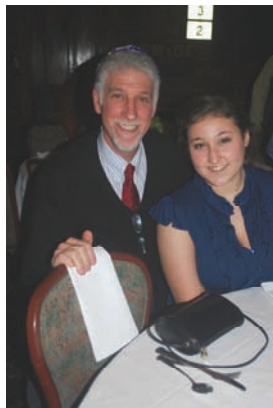
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Questions? Email us at: [jewishfederationlc@gmail.com](mailto:jewishfederationlc@gmail.com)

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### FEDERATION KICKS OFF 2012 CAMPAIGN; HARRIS, BESSEMER, SEIDEL, SIEGLE HONORED



Approximately 70 community members attended Federation's "Community Celebration and 2012 Campaign Kickoff" on Oct. 23 at Oregon Electric Station. Featured speaker Marc Blattner, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Portland, forecast the changing nature of Oregon's Jewish communities and the importance of community support of the Federation in this process in our community. Another highlight of the evening was the awarding of Federation's Community Service Awards and Young Jewish Leadership Awards. Rabbi Maurice Harris and Hillel Director Paul Bessemer were recipients of the Community Service Awards while Elah Seidel (South Eugene High School) and Liberty Siegle (Springfield High School) were recognized with the youth leadership awards.

Current president Rae LaMarche briefed the audience about Federation's 2011 program activities involving its Jewish Family Services, its Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Mitzvah Day, and its part in the Jewish Oral History of Oregon project. She also highlighted Federation's support of BBYO, NCYS, Hillel, and world Jewry through the Jewish Federations of North America.



As of November 30, \$31,415 has been pledged by the community for 2012. The Federation Board has set a 2012 campaign goal of \$80,000 in a major effort to boost revenues back to prior year levels after having to reduce annual allocations by 10% the past two years notwithstanding the increase of needy Jews in our community. This campaign goal represents an increase of 20% over 2011 contributions. Federation's campaign also provides community members with a convenient, one-stop opportunity for contributing to needy Jews worldwide through its allocations to Jewish Federations of North America (previously United Jewish Communities and United Jewish Appeal). Campaign letters are being sent to community members. Donations forms can also be obtained at [www.jewishfedlc.org/HTML/pledgeform.html](http://www.jewishfedlc.org/HTML/pledgeform.html) forms can also be obtained at [www.jewishfedlc.org/HTML/pledgeform.html](http://www.jewishfedlc.org/HTML/pledgeform.html).



# From the President....



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January means a new fiscal year for the Federation. Can't think of a better time to talk to you about how we manage the funds you trust to us and how we allocate those funds to the community.

We build our budget in February based upon total pledges received to date as well as our best guess of anticipated donations.

That means that we must kick off our campaign in October. We send an invitation to each person on our mailing list (approx. 850 of you) to join us as we honor members of the community and ask you to make a pledge to the Federation. We follow that with a Super Sunday phone call and a final plea in December. This year the initial mailing brought in approximately \$31,000 and the phone calls \$4000 more. Far, far short of our \$80,000 goal.

When your pledge arrives two things happen. First, we record your pledge in our database. Our database is an internal tool which allows us to manage mailing lists and know who has pledged to the Federation in any year. It also allows us to quickly see how much funding we have when we prepare our budget. When your check arrives, we record it in our database, then code the check and send it to our bookkeeper, Eric, at The Bottom Line. Eric manages all the finances for the Federation. He deposits the checks, pays the bills, provides monthly reports, reconciles the bank statements and prepares our taxes. Of course, all with our approval. Every dollar that comes in goes to Eric; every dollar that goes out is paid by Eric. An important administrative cost for us to assure that your dollars are properly accounted for.

Finally, we look to prepare, discuss and pass our budget for the year. Funding requests of the Federation are due to us by January 15. Application forms are on our website. Once those are received, they are shared with Board members who review the requests prior to the February board meeting. Then comes the hard part. The bulk of our budget pays for our ½ time social worker, senior services and emergency services. With the remaining funds, we work to support our youth (Hillel, NCYS, scholarships, BBYO, Hebrew High School), Jews abroad and in Israel (Jewish Federations of North America), to combat anti-Israeli and anti-semitic sentiment (JCRC, ADL) and to provide both social and cultural events in the community (Israel at 60, Jewish Public Affairs Forum, etc.) We don't come close to granting what is requested, but we try to give to all who request support, as long as the funding is used to support the mission of the Federation. Finally, we have our own administrative expenses: this newsletter, our website, office expenses, stationery, insurance, and of course, our bookkeeper.

If you have already pledged an amount to the Federation, we thank you with all our heart. If you've forgotten to send in your pledge, will you do so today? And if you have never given, won't you consider a donation of Chai (\$18) or double Chai (\$36)? Your gift makes a world of difference. Happy New Year,

## Newsletter Deadline

## Articles & Advertising:

**April 1  
(for May  
Newsletter)**

A Special Donation to the Federation is a mitzvah while honoring a loved one at the same time. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness in including the Federation in your plans. Donation forms may be found on the Federation website.

### *In Memory of*

#### **Carol Tamarkin**

by Shereen Stebbins

#### **Evelyn Hirschman**

by Rae and Tony LaMarche

#### **Sally Reiter**

by Morgan and Nancy Reiter

#### **Lawrence Hirschman**

by Lee and Marsha Miller  
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#### **Sylvia Miller**

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### *In Honor of*

#### **Shirley Schiffman's Birthday**

by Sandra Luks

Leona Maltz

Marsha Miller

Bob and Gail Pioso

#### **Rabbi Maurice Harris**

by Erika Waechter  
Dana Weinstein

# Jewish Family Services News

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Jewish Family Services has been “family” to hundreds of people seeking life-sustaining assistance and advocacy. We have been family to refugees and immigrants; to young families and families in financial distress; to children and older adults; people in need of employment; and individuals with physical and mental health challenges. And each of the people we serve at JFS has a story. The people who come through our doors most often have life-altering stories of challenge and change – of pain and suffering balanced poignantly by the love and beauty of a triumphant human spirit.

At JFS we help families and individuals who come to us decide how their life stories define who they are, where they want to go and how they can move forward.

**Rachel’s Story:** Following a car accident in 1996 Rachel’s body was filled with years of endless pain. She lost her ability to work. But she never lost her smile or fighting spirit.

"I have a wonderful family. And I am so lucky to even be able to have children after the accident. I love them so much; nothing can compare to being a mother," said Rachel

As a typical loving mother, Rachel wants her children to eat healthy foods, even on a tight budget.

"My husband works full-time. But his pay is \$10.50 an hour. It is 50 cents too much to qualify for food stamps. And much of his salary pays for health care," she said. Her aunt suggested she call Jewish Family Services.

Jewish Family Services Food Pantry offers food and personal care items to people in the Greater Jewish community who are experiencing financial difficulties.

"Jewish Family Services’s Food Pantry has been heaven sent," she said.

"I can make a few meals out of this," she says pointing to her basket of fresh carrots, cabbage and potatoes along with packages of ground beef and a turkey breast.

Jewish Family Services’s Food Pantry provides more than food and case management services. This past fall following several months of juggling medical bills and car repairs JFS assisted in the payment of rent for Rachel’s family.

With the help of volunteers, JFS also fulfills dreams.

"One year we had an anonymous benefactor - who we called our 'Hanukkah Harry’- deliver five gift bags filled with gift cards and clothing for Hanukkah. We were so tickled. Without that, my children would not have had any gifts."

"Oh, that red jacket was so perfect. It was awesome. I wore it every day," exclaimed her daughter Amber who is now 12.

***The work we do would not be possible without the support of our community.***

**During the Thanksgiving Holiday a specific family in need was brought to my attention. Experiencing a crisis they needed to move into a new home and did not have furniture. Thanks to support from Nina Korican and Randy Perkal, staff at Temple Beth Israel I was able to get an email out to many of our community members requesting furniture donations. Even though I felt intrusive requesting assistance during a holiday weekend the response was wonderful.**

***Thank you for your generosity in donating furniture***

Joann Hoffman

Ina Goodman

Deb Stock

Rachel Miller

Dena Zaldua-Hikene

Ron Lovinger

Joyce Berman

Rebecca Kovach

To all of the families that donated furniture and money to our family,

*(Please share in the family’s joy on page 4)*

## Jewish Family Services News

*The following letter was received by JFS in response to the caring support of our community.*

Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate your generous giving. We are a family that is normally independent and self-sustaining, with both parents working to support our family. Due to multiple difficult circumstances out of our control recently, we have been unable to work our usual schedules, and have gone from being able to make ends meet, to being in trouble financially.

It feels both scary and shameful to be in this position of struggling to keep our heads above water, like we're slowly sinking. A friend of ours shared her idea of having Jewish Family Services possibly help. At first I felt it would be too humiliating to admit we needed help, but then after mulling it over decided it was the right thing to do to accept the support.

We are moved by the outpouring of support and generosity you have shown us. We very much needed the furniture items you donated and will be using

them in our everyday lives, mindful that they came from caring Jews in our community, who were there for us in our time of need. We will be putting the money towards buying other items that we are in need of, especially some desks for the kids and kitchen items.

Thank you not just for the actual items and money you donated, but also for giving us the huge reminder that even though times can be really tough, we are blessed to live in a caring, nurturing community where people like you step up and are quick to help when others are struggling. While we continue to face some ongoing challenges, we feel optimistic in our outlook, and look forward to brighter days ahead.

We thank you all from our grateful hearts!



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## Student News

### What Is JSU? What is NCSY?

*JSU/NCSY is a new beneficiary of Federation funding*

JSU, the Jewish Student Union, is a national youth organization which currently has one active club at South Eugene High School and a second chapter at Sheldon High School. We are proud to create connections to Judaism and Israel in over 220 high schools and more than 20,000 students across the US and Canada.

Our mission is to enhance teens' Jewish identity, nurture a connection to the State of Israel, inspire an enduring relationship with the Jewish people and provide for a deeper involvement with the Jewish community, including serving as a portal to facilitate life-long involvement in Jewish inspired expression and organizations. JSU is a non-denominational program, open to all teens who are interested in learning about Judaism. The programming is during school hours so we don't interfere with other extracurricular activities.

NCSY is the arm of JSU for the teenagers who would like to delve deeper into Judaism on a leadership track. These students meet after school and have been involved in national leadership programming for youth.

Past JSU events include Latte and Learn, Limopalooza and Shabbat, Friday night Shabbat mystery meal, a Kickball game and barbeque, a Pesach car wash, selling gelt-ograms and hosting an auction for fundraising. Our plans for this coming year include Shabbatons in Seattle and LA, a Havdallah and bowl, in addition to our weekly clubs and more. We hope to branch out into other High Schools in the area and our out-of-school events are even open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

There are many ways that parents can help with JSU and NCSY. For more information or to offer your assistance, you may contact us at [jsu@jsu.org](mailto:jsu@jsu.org) or by speaking with Tehila Derfler at 541.852.1463 or Meira Spivak (for all of Oregon) 503.757.3037



### Eugene BBYO is looking for volunteer advisors!


BBYO advisors are volunteers committed to helping BBYO members, and their chapters, reach their full potential. Malachim BBG and Chaim Hazaz AZA are growing every week with new visitors and exciting programming. Do you know someone who could help out? Please contact Abra Cohen, Eugene City Director for more information.

*Eugene BBYO is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Lane County.*


*"If a link is broken, the entire chain breaks.*

*Yiddish proverbs*

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# Community News

## JPAF Returns with Lunchtime Lecture Series

Hillel Director Paul Bessemer led off the Jewish Public Affairs Forum (JPAF) with an invigorating presentation on the history of Turkey and its ongoing relationship with Israel.



Mark your calendars now for the next three presentations, all held at the Oregon Electric Station at noon.

On **January 30th** JStreet and AIPAC will present about how each organization supports Israel. Come and find out how both groups are walking different paths to the same goal.

On **March 26**, the JCRC will give a presentation on how we can support Israel.

On **April 30**, Libby Bottero and three local rabbis will engage in conversation about Jewish views and practices regarding death.

*Due to limited funding information about these presentations are sent by email. If you would like to be included in the announcement, please send your email address to jewishfederationlc@gmail.com.*



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

The PJ Library, an award-winning Jewish family engagement program designed to strengthen the identities of Jewish families and their relationship with the Jewish Community comes to Lane County.

The program provides Jewish books and music each month to children between the ages of six months and eight years. Thanks to the generosity of the Herman and Rose Grossman Memorial Fund of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, Bnai Brith Men's Camp, The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, Sharon Ungerleider, The Green Family Living Trust, and Margot and Kenneth Helphand, PJ library will be administered locally through Temple Beth Israel.

If you have children or grandchildren who might benefit, contact Nina Korican at [pjeugene@tbieugene.org](mailto:pjeugene@tbieugene.org), (541) 485-7218.

### Thank You 2011 Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the following who have donated to the Federation since our last newsletter. Your generous spirits have provided much needed support for Jews locally and worldwide. (Our 2012 donors will be acknowledged later)

*Note: We recognize donors twice a year, in September for monies received by June 30 and again in December.*

#### Mitzvah Circle (Good Deed)

\$1,000 - \$2199  
Jerry Maliner

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Jack and Ellen Maddex  
Marion Walter

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Robert and Peggy Rubinstein  
Emily Heilbrun  
Justine Lovinger  
Jeanette Arlene  
Diane Kasle

#### Chaverim (Friends)

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**January 11**  
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**January 25**  
Reservations due for Mah Jongg

**January 29:**  
Mah Jongg Madness

**January 30**  
JPAF presentation, OES, noon  
JStreet and AIPAC

**February 8**  
JGSWVO  
Call Renee, 541-345-8129 for details

**March 14**  
JGSWVO  
Call Renee, 541-345-8129 for details

**March 26**  
JPAF presentation at OES, noon  
"Supporting Israel", JCRC

**April 30**  
JPAF presentation at OES, noon

### Local Congregations and Organizations

#### EUGENE

##### **Ad-Olam**

PO Box 5701  
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2935 Onyx St.  
Eugene, OR 97405  
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1307 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
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541-484-7665, [www.chabadofeugene.org](http://www.chabadofeugene.org)

##### **Hillel at U of O**

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Eugene, OR 97401  
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541-753-0067, [www.beitam.org](http://www.beitam.org)

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Board members, Lee, Judy, Bill and Dana calling on Super Sunday.