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•• Let us be like the lines leading to the central point in a circle, uniting there; let us not be like parallel lines which are always separate. >>

-Hasidic Sayings

JEWISH FEDERATION OF LANE COUNTY

he Jewish Federation of Lane County (JFLC) connects people, organizations, and resources to strengthen Jewish life at home and around the world. Whether you are new to Lane County or have lived here all your life, the JFLC is your connection to extraordinary services, caring community, and more. Activities

and services of the JFLC include:



Social Services: Works to promote strong and healthy individuals, families, and the Jewish community as a whole, by offering multiple services including: information and referral to community resources and activities, assistance and support during life transitions, advocacy during medical, financial, housing and emotional crises, and financial aid.

Services for seniors include providing referrals to local service organizations, advocating on behalf of individuals when needed, offering special programming and friendly home based and nursing facility visits, and providing information to help guide seniors and their families in choosing appropriate housing options. The JFLC maintains a lending library of durable medical equipment that includes walkers, crutches, bath benches, canes and more. Contact: Lesley Griffel, Social Service Coordinator

> Jewish Community Relations

Committee (JCRC): Seeks to promote mutual understanding among all groups in the greater community and to advance democratic pluralism, harmonious relationships, and

respect for human dignity and individual rights across religious, racial, and ethnic lines. Supports Israel's right to exist as a Jewish democratic state, and see a just and lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis as a way to ensure that. We organize and coordinate with local agencies to provide community responses to incidents of anti Semitism and racism.

JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, inter-group relations, and social justice. This has included working with local school districts to provide a calendar of Jewish religious days of observance to use as a reference when scheduling school events.



PJ Library: Sends free Jewish themed children's books and music monthly



to families with children ages 6 months to 8 years old in Eugene-Springfield, and across the world. To sign up, visit: www.pjlibrary.org. In addition to books and music, the JFLC provides connections for young families in the Eugene-Springfield Jewish community. Throughout the year there are gatherings for special programs where parents



and children can meet new friends, celebrate Jewish holidays and have fun! PJ Library is available to all families with a Jewish connection, and interfaith families are welcome! Contact: Yael Dyckman, PJ Library Coordinator.

➤ **PJ Our Way:** For kids ages 9-12. It is kiddriven--they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based their own interests and reading level. To make the choice easier, the PJ library website includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

➤ Mitzvah Day: Brings people together from the larger Jewish community to volunteer in the mitzvah of tikkun olam, repairing the world, by supporting various projects around the community. Mitzvah Days are held throughout the year and have helped contribute to local organizations such as the Eugene Masonic Cemetery to landscape in the Jewish section of the cemetery, Head Start of Lane County to provide backpacks and clothing for children, and Food for Lane County providing baked goods for the holidays to those in need. Information about Mitzvah Days is provided in the JFLC Newsletter. To sign up for the newsletter, visit https://www. jewishfedlc.org/contact.

➤ Educational Grants: Provides grants to Lane County Jewish youth in grades K-12/ ages 5-19 years of age to enable their attendance at Jewish-themed conferences, camps, events, and travel to/study in Israel. Amounts of grants are determined by the number of applicants and available funds; no requirement to demonstrate financial need. Applicants must live in Lane

County. Application forms are available at www.jewishfedlc. org. Click on Programs and Educational Grants.



> Fall Community Celebrations/Educational Events:

The JFLC sponsors an annual Fall Community Celebration and periodic educational workshops. These are listed under Programs, Fall Community Celebrations and Events Calendar at www.jewishfedlc.org.

CONGREGATIONS and HAVUROT

•• To pray is to take notice of the wonder, to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living. It is all we can offer in return for the mystery by which we live. >>

Temple Beth Israel:

1175 E. 29th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97403 Main Office: 541/485-7218 Website: www.tbieugene.org



Temple Beth Israel (TBI) is a center for Jewish life, embracing

traditional wisdom with contemporary insight.

We promote the spiritual, educational, and social well-being of our members, the Jewish people of Lane County, and the larger community.

TBI is a member of the Jewish

Reconstructionist Movement. We welcome people of all Jewish backgrounds, interfaith families, and people exploring Judaism, as well as Jews and explorers of Judaism of all races and of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Whether you are religious, cultural, atheist, agnostic, or searching, there is a place for you at TBI!

More information can be found at www.tbieugene.org.

> Talmud Torah is the

religious school of TBI for students from 3 years old through 7th grade (and Teen Sundays) to learn about

Jewish life, practice, prayer, ritual, and history.

- Our school offers students a place to build life-long friendships, gain literacy in Jewish skills and traditions, take part in holiday celebrations, learn Torah, and experience the benefits of community.
- o Talmud Torah strives to plant seeds of Jewish joy, literacy and practice that will

-Abraham Joshua Heschel

continue to grow over a lifetime in the lives of our students and their families.

- o Talmud Torah registration, calendar and curriculum information here https://www.tbieugene.org/education/ talmud-torah/. Enrollment begins in the summer but registration is possible throughout the year. Scholarships available. Join us!
- o Students in Preschool, K, and 1st grade attend:

Sundays from 9:30am – 11:15am for cohort only.

o Students in 2nd-7th grade attend: Sundays from 9:30am – 11:15am & Wednesdays from 4:15pm – 5:55pm.

> For cohort, Hebrew & JEWL classes

Cohort is a theme-based year-long curriculum designed to teach key Torah stories that apply to our lives. Students create projects, art, sing and consider how their learning can bring about more peace and justice in our community and world. Through study, friendships and celebration students build community with their peers, develop a basic foundation of Jewish literacy, and cultivate their Jewish pride. Themes include: Colors, animals, nature, our physical bodies, courage, life passages and Hineni: showing up in our lives.

Hebrew classes enable students to study, decode, and explore the meaning of Hebrew prayers, daily and holiday blessings, and songs in the siddur (prayer book) and passages from Torah in preparation for their b'nai mitzvah experience and beyond. **JEWL classes** are elective classes that rotate over the years, depending on the passions of our teachers and community members. Subjects range from history, art, Israel, the Shoah and more.

➤ **B'nai Mitzvah:** In 6th and 7th grade, Talmud Torah students intensify their focus on b'nai mitzvah with private mentoring, meetings with the rabbis for study of prayer, ethics, anti semitism, faith/doubt and more.

o If you are not a member of TBI and are interested in arranging a B'nai Mitzvah ala cart at TBI, please reach out to info@tbieugene.org.

> Teen Sundays & Madrichim Opportunities

Students who have completed their Talmud Torah studies are encouraged to continue to participate in Jewish life and learning at TBI, through our twice monthly Teen Sundays, Teen Jam and Madrichim opportunities, supporting younger students and our fantastic teachers to provide joyful Jewish learning.

Summer Camp B'nai B'rith Day Camp @ TBI

One or two weeks a year students come for a welcoming and fun summer camp environment for children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Children explore their Jewish identity through an abundance of camp fun – arts & crafts, sports & games, water play, cooking & baking, Jewish enrichment, Shabbat celebration, gymnastics, science, dance, drama, and of course, gaga!

> Community Adult Education

TBI offers a range of Jewish cultural and educational experiences. Programs and classes are open to all, and they welcome students from within TBI and from the larger community. From Introduction to Judaism, Adult B'nai Mitzvah, live performances and more. Offerings can be seen at https://www.tbieugene.org/education/adulteducation/ or on the TBI email updates and you can subscribe at www.tbieugene.org.

Or haGan Congregation-Orhagan.org

PO Box 5582, Eugene, Oregon 97405 Phone: 541/520-3434 Website: www.orhagan.org



OrHagan, in the tradition of progressive Judaism, is now almost 20 years old. Or haGan "The Light of the Garden" is supportive of egalitarianism, human rights, Interfaith connections, communal mitzvot, and healing

the world by fighting injustice. Rabbi Seidel offers life cycle ritual opportunities and is available for Baby Namings, Weddings and Funerals, as well as Pastoral Care and tutoring. At this juncture Or haGan meets from time to



time at the Center for Spiritual Living and is in the process of re-establishing a regular worship schedule for Shabbatot and Holy Days. Check the Website for updates and for classes and programs. You can contact Rabbi Jonathan Seidel at rabbiseidel@gmail.com.



Congregation Ahavas Torah

2935 Onyx Street, Eugene, Oregon 97403 Phone: 541/844-1340 Website: www.ahavastorah.info

Ahavas Torah is an Orthodox synagogue with a traditional approach to Judaism and



welcomes all men, women and children. Shabbat at Ahavas Torah is an unforgettable experience. The services are uplifting and inspirational with joyous prayer songs and thought-provoking sermon. Holidays are celebrated with elaborate and exciting events.

Ahavas Torah also offers classes and events. For more information, contact the synagogue or check the website for detains on classes and events.

Chabad of Eugene

Phone: 541/801-8653 Website: www.jewisheugene.org

The Chabad of Eugene is a home for every Jewish student on campus and community member in Eugene, where everyone is welcome.



Regardless of affiliation, level of knowledge or observance, at Chabad of Eugene, Jews can develop a sense of community, enhance the experience of being Jewish, and learn and enjoy Judaism. For more information and to learn about upcoming events, visit www. jewisheugene.org.



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS:

Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies

University of Oregon Friendly Hall Room 114 Eugene, OR 97403-5273 Phone: 541/346-0746 Website: Judaic Studies (uoregon.edu)

The interdisciplinary Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies provides a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum in the history, religion, and civilization of the Jewish people, and offers two years of instruction in Hebrew language and literature. The program offers a Judaic Studies Major leading to a bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree and a Judaic Studies Minor.

Oregon Hillel

1059 Hilyard Street, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/343-8920 Website: www.oregonhillel.org

Oregon Hillel is the catalyst for connection students, building community and inspiring

leadership through Jewish values



at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. Oregon Hillel is a student-centric organization and is committed to providing a caring and welcoming environment for all students including those of different religious and Jewishly observant backgrounds. Every student, no matter their practice or faith is welcome in our doors. There is no membership or membership dues and every student is part of the community from the moment they set foot on campus.

Programs and groups include:

Min Zidell Matzo Ball Soup Hotline. To order your matzo ball soup, go to:



https//docs.google.com/forms/de1FAIp QLSdudSQcajdieXOPeyEAd GZ840FbpB25mIPwH70NX Qjf0CNNGg/viewform

- Parent's Club support enables Oregon Hillel to provide essential programs that engage student and allow continues advocacy to the Jewish student communities they serve.
- Free travel to Israel
- Social activities
- Leadership development
- SCO Green Initiative (UO) including the Compost Crew's Hillel composting system, Recycling Club, and a community garden.
- ➤ LGBTQIA+ Social Hour (UO)

Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternities at Oregon and Oregon State Universities

University of Oregon

729 E. 11th Street, Eugene, OR 97402 Phone: 818/422-5173 Website: www. http://aepioregon.weebly.com/

Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR Mailing Address: Std Experience Ctr 325 Email: dorfmanr@oregonstate.edu Website: http://www.saeoregonstate.com/ Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded to provide opportunities for the Jewish college man seeking the best possible college and fraternity experience. This purpose is maintained by strengthening their ties to the Jewish community and serving as a line between high school and career.

Sigma Mu Omega Sorority

1059 Hilyard Street, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 480/492-25604 Website: www.sigmamuomegauo.squarespace.com Email: uosigma.president@gmail.com

Sigma Mu Omega was founded in 2003 on the pillars of sisterhood, scholarship and service. As a Jewish sorority, Sigma Mu Omega is committed to maintaining close-knit relationships, giving members opportunities to be leaders, and encouraging members to get involved in service opportunities.

Jewish Student Union

Located in the Multicultural Center in the EMU, Room 109H University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403 Facebook Page: www. https://www.facebook. com/UOJSU

The Jewish Student Union sponsors a variety of cultural and educational programs.

SUMMER CAMPS

••Always remember: Happiness is not a side matter in your spiritual journey – it is essential >>

-Rebbe Nachman of Bretzlov

Camp Chaverim/Day Camp

Temple Beth Israel 1175 E. 29th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97403 Main Office: 541/485-7218 Website: www. https://www.tbieugene.org/ education/summer-camp/

One week of fun in the summer for kids entering K-6th grades with many older students serving as camp counselors. The camp is open to the community and celebrates Jewish identity, culture, values, and friendships.

B'nai B'rith Camp

Main Office: 6449 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Suite 234, Portland, OR 97221 Phone: 503/496-7444 General Inquiries: info@bbcamp.org Website: www.bbcamp.org

B'nai B'rith Camp (BB Camp) provides safe, nurturing and fun experiences in a welcoming environment that inspires individual growth and enduring Jewish identity. The youth centered summer camps and year around programs for all ages build communities and offer exceptional leadership development. BB Camps help youth learn about themselves, their Jewish identity, their environment, and how to relate to others. Family camps provide various programs for families of all ages and range from a thrilling adventure down the zip line to relaxing at the swimming pool. Families can also do arts and crafts, games, canoeing, and kayaking while building lasting friendships.

Solomon Schechter

Main Office: 117 E. Louisa #110, Seattle, WA 98102 Phone: 360/352-1019 (Summer) 206/447-1967 (Winter) Website: www. https://www.campschechter.org/

Camp Solomon Schechter (CSS), located near Olympia Washington, is a fully immersive, welcoming, and spiritual Jewish environment where every camper, entering 2nd-12th grade, is encouraged to try new things, make smart choices, and grow as individuals. CSS create their ideal Jewish community through summer and year-round programming dedicated to improving campers' social skills, helping them deepen their Jewish identities, and discovering new talents and abilities. CSS adheres to the values of integrity, derech etetz (respect), and tikkun olam (repairing the world) to build a place where Judaism and joy are one.

URJ Camp Kalsman

Summer Address: 14724 184th Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223 Phone: 360/435-9302 Winter Address: 11410 NE 124th Street #622, Kirkland, WA 98034 Phone: 425/284-4484 Website: https://campkalsman.org/

Camp Kalsman is committed to six core values: Friendship, kehillah kedoshah (sacred community), Reform Jewish identity, chesed (kindness), connection to Israel, and relationship to teva (nature). Camp Kalsman's 300 beautiful acres offer a great balance of education and recreation. They practice active Jewish education which incorporates Judaism into many different activities. The campers, grades 1-11, learn new skills and hone in on existing ones in athletic, aquatic, artistic and nature programs.

Camp Kesher

6688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219 Phone: 503/757-3037

Website: www. https://www.campkesher.org/



Located at Camp Lacamas neat Lake Lacamas, Camp Kesher is an outdoor-focused and Jewish inspired summer camp that

provides positive and fun experiences for Jewish campers of all ages; from babies to teenagers to seniors with singles, couples and families welcome. Camp highlights include woodworking, creative arts, Jewish cooking, and a white-water rafting excursion. Participants build confidence, gain an appreciation for the environment in Pacific Northwest, develop their connection to the outdoors and build a strong sense of Jewish pride and connection with each other.

YOUTH GROUPS

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)

Evergreen Region: 3801 E. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA

Phone: 971/303-9764 Website: www.bbyo.org Email: egr@bbyo.org



BBYO is a youth led organization for Jewish teens grades 8th-12th offers opportunities for youth to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity, and commitment to their personal growth. Leadership programs help shape the participant's confidence and character. Aleph Zadik Aleph (ASA, high school fraternity) and B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG, high school sorority) have been providing exceptional leadership programs and identity enrichment experiences for more than 95 years.

JEWISH LEARNING

Temple Beth Israel

Temple Beth Israel offers a variety of classes for all levels of adult learners. Although programs change, ongoing offerings include:

Torah Study: All are welcome for an engaging discussion of the week's Torah portion and how it impacts individual's lives.

➤ Jewish Literature Series: The Jewish Literature Group comes together monthly to discuss classic and contemporary books by Jewish writers from the US and across the world. Discussion is guided to open up the political, cultural and literary dimensions of the book. All are welcome to attend. Book selection is posted at https://www.tbieugene. org/education/adult-education/

Shabbat Torah Study: All are welcome to join a lively exploration of the weekly Torah portion. All levels of experience are welcome and text study is done in English with occasional close examination of the Hebrew text in an inclusive manner.

Exploring Judaism: A monthly discussion with the Rabbi, non-Jews, new-Jews, and any-Jews interesting in exploration.

> The Vinkl (Yiddish Corner): Known for its warmth and with, Yiddish may evoke memories or perhaps may be the fate to new knowledge and pleasures. There is leyenen (reading), shmuesn (schmoozing), lively debate, and almost always music with heart-stirring lyrics. New learners are encouraged to come.

> Other community education offerings:

You can view these at https://www.tbieugene. org/education/adult-education/ or by subscribing to the TBI newsletter at www.tbieugene.org

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Website: www.meltonschool.org

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Melton curriculum has been developed by insightful scholars, is taught by highly-skilled educators, and is reviewed by experts at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The classes are interactive and encourage open dialogue and discussion between learners and educators and make Jewish texts and ideas accessible, inspirational and enriching for the learner.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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- Brotherhood: An organization of men whose mission is to serve our congregation and community in accordance with Jewish traditions and values. The Brotherhood participates in social educational, social action, and religious activities that support TBI and the Jewish community of Lane County.
- o Community Sisterhood: Fostering camaraderie across generations and promoting community involvement through service activities. Sharing friendships, the work of you our hands, hearts and spirits for the benefit of our community.

Queer Chavurah: The TBI Queer
Chavurah's mission is to promote
LGBTQ+ visibility, increase awareness of
LGBTQ+ identities and issues, and to
build and strengthen relationships within
our Chavurah and with our friends
and allies.

➤ Interfaith Committee: Whether you are part of an interfaith couple, family, or have interfaith friends in the TBI community, you are welcome to join in a secure and supportive place to air and discuss interfaith issues as well as enjoy a warm and friendly social group.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Willamette Valley Oregon (JGSWVO)

Eugene, OR Website: https://www.nwfam.com/jgswvo.html

JGSWVO is dedicated to enhancing knowledge of those who came before us, enabling those who follow to enjoy and learn from our discoveries. The meet to learn how to research your Jewish family history as well as Jewish history and culture generally. JGSWVO is a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS).

Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

724 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR 97209 Phone: 503/226-3600

Website: www.www.ojmche.org/

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education explores the legacy of the Jewish experience in Oregon, teaches the enduring and universal



relevance of the Holocaust, and provides opportunities for intercultural conversations. The collections include oral histories, photographs, archival materials and artifacts concerning the history of the Jewish people in Oregon.

CEMETERIES WITH DESIGNATED JEWISH SECTIONS

Rest Haven Memorial Park

3900 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR 97405 Phone: 541/345-8521 Website: www. https://rest-haven.org/

Eugene Masonic Cemetary

University Street & East 25th Ave., Eugene. OR 97405 Phone: 541/684-0949 Website: www. https://eugenemasoniccemetery.org/

West Lawn Memorial Park

225 S. Danebo Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402 Phone: 541/342-8281 Website: www.https://musgroves.com/about-us/musgrove-mortuary/

MISCELLANEOUS

Jewish Holidays: The following website provides a resource for tracking the dates of major Jewish holidays as well as candle lighting times. See https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/2023

Jewish Life Outside Lane County

Oregon Jewish Life provides a complete guide to everything Jewish in Oregon. See https://issuu.com/jewishlifemagazine

Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for connection with the Jewish community in Portland; meet new people, discover ways to do good, and give back to those who came before.
9900 SW Greenberg Road, Suite 220, Tigard, OR 97223
Phone: 503/245-6219
Website: https://jewishportland.org/

If you have discovered a great Jewish find that we missed, please send us your suggestions (or corrections) for the next edition of Jewish Living in Lane County.

The Jewish Federation of Lane County is funded by your donations. To learn more about the Jewish Federation of Lane County, our programs and to make a donation, please visit us at www.jewishfedlc.org.



There are no kosher restaurants in Lane County. However, there are a few eateries of interest to local Jews.

RESTAURANTS

Bagel Sphere

Downtown: 810 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/341-1335

West Eugene: 4089 W. 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402 Phone: 541/868-1072 Website: https://www.bagelsphere.com/ location/west-eugene/

Barry's Espresso Bakery & Deli

2805 Oak St., Eugene, OR 97405 (Southtowne Shoppes) Phone: 541/343-6444 Website: https://barrys-eugene.business.site/

Daily Bagel

4770 Village Plaza Loop, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/431-5700 Website: https://www.daily-bagel.com/

Falling Sky Brewery 790 Blair Blvd., Eugene, OR 97402 Phone: 541/653-9167 Website: https://www.fallingskybrewing.com/

Lox, Stocks & Bagels

368 E. 40th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405 (inside the Edgewood Shopping Center) Phone: 541/692-2435 Website: https://loxstocksandbagels.com/

GROCERY STORES WITH KOSHER SECTIONS

Capella Market

2489 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR 97405 Phone: 541/345-1014 Website: https://www.capellamarket.com/

Kiva Grocery Store

125 W. 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/342-8666 Website: https://www.kivagrocery.com/

Market of Choice

Delta Oaks 1060 Green Acres Road, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/344-1901

Franklin 1960 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, OR 97403 Phone: 541/687-1188

Willakenzie 2580 Willakenzie, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/345-3349

Willamette 67 West 29th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405 Phone: 541/338-8455 Website: https://www.marketofchoice.com/

Trader Joe's

85 Oakway Center, Eugene, OR 97401 Phone: 541/485-1744 Website: https://locations.traderjoes.com/ or/eugene/145/?utm_source=gmb&utm_ medium=organic&utm_campaign=local





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