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Letters to the Editor: OJCYF member urges teens to join

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To The Editor: I am part of a youth board called the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation. OJCYF was started by Julia Weiss for her bat mitzvah project a few years ago.

Jewish high schoolers in Portland or the surrounding area get to work on a real board. You learn all about philanthropy (charity and trying to benefit the world) and how a real board works.

We review different non-profit organizations (Jewish or secular or both—you guys will help decide) and we'll decide who to give the money to. I think that the allocations are

one of the most fun parts of this whole experience, and this year, we will have the opportunity to benefit even more organizations. There will also be a fund-raising aspect, so that we can raise more money to give away.

I joined the OJCYF last year and am coming back this year. It's a really interesting experience and you learn a lot. We are planning to meet once a month, probably running from September to May.

We are just beginning the application process for people who are interested in joining OJCYF this year. If any of your

readers who are students in grades 9 through 12 would like to receive an application (which includes more information on the OJCYF), I would encourage them to contact John Moss who is executive director for the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation and is in charge of the board. He can give them more information about how to apply.

Your readers can also check out the OJCYF Web site, which is a branch of the OJCF Web site at www.ojcf.org.

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