

# JEWISH LIVING

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## Youth expand learning, giving

BY DEBORAH MOON  
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Portland youth philanthropists learned another lesson in philanthropy June 10 when they reviewed 14 requests for \$92,000 in grants.

With \$30,000 available to allocate, the 24 teenage directors of the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation spent a lot of time reviewing an inch-thick board packet and then debating the merits of each request.

In the end, the teens divided the \$30,000 between 13 projects ranging from a project at an Israeli guide dog school to anti-bias training for educators in the Portland area.

"One thing I like in particular about funding grants is that we get to see our money put to specific projects—you can really see how you can make a specific impact, which makes the decisions that much harder," said Blake Morell, who has been on the OJCYF board for three years.

The teens reserved the moneys raised in excess of \$30,000 to create an endowment fund so future OJCYF boards would have a running start at learning how to be philanthropists. The funds for the grants and the endowment fund were primarily from the 11th Commandment Honor Thy Children Benefit Dinner May 20.

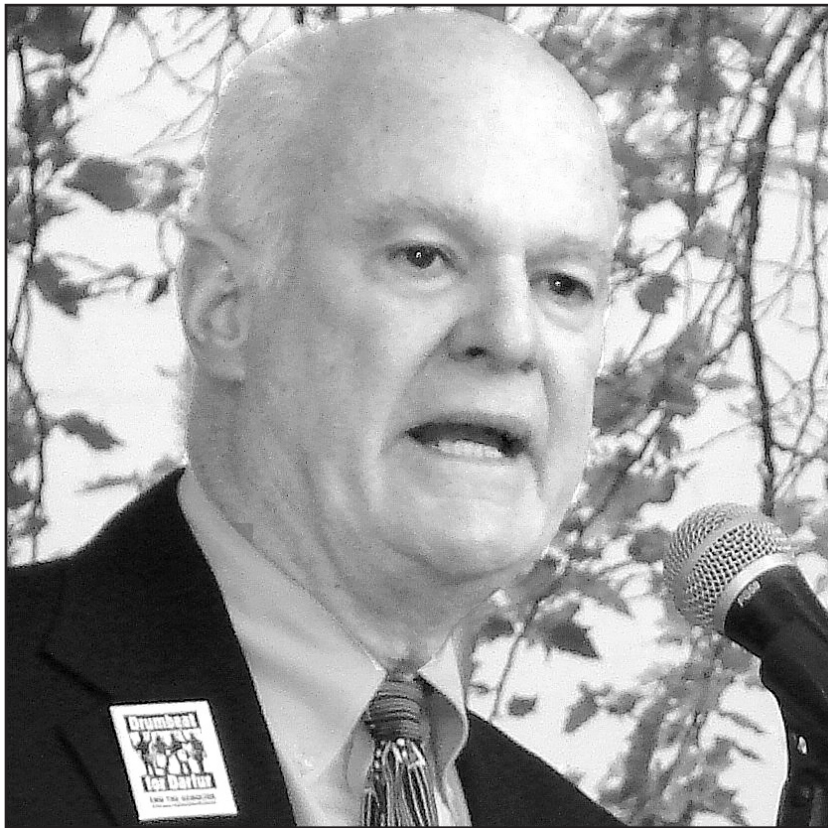
"The teens realized the importance of protecting the seed corn for the future," said John Moss, executive director of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, which oversees the youth board.

Contributions to the youth foundation for this fiscal year totaled \$47,764.86. Those funds have been allocated to secular and Jewish charities as well as funding grant proposals and the endowment fund (see chart below).

"It was amazing to see the expansion of our once small organization," said Morrell. "Though we are all young, we all felt a strong connection to the idea of starting an endowment fund. I think it's truly a milestone in our young organization's history and (I hope) future boards are inspired by our initiative and will continue to add to the endowment fund that will be able to contribute to the community for many years."

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OJCYF 2007 Secular Allocations	
Organization	Allocation
SOLV	\$100
Blanchet House	\$200
Raphael House	\$230
Friends of the Children	\$250
Sunshine Pantry	\$250
Outside In	\$300
Sisters of the Road Cafe	\$300
SMART	\$300
Ronald McDonald House	\$320
Schoolhouse Supplies	\$320
JOIN	\$350
Medical Teams Int'l	\$500
Total Secular Allocations	\$3,500
OJCYF 2007 Jewish Allocations	
BBYO	\$100
JSU	\$100
Melton	\$100
OHRC	\$100
TASK	\$100
PJA	\$160
JFP	\$300
Jewish Review	\$360
Cedar Sinai	\$375
CRC	\$400
MJCC	\$400
JFCS	\$500
OJM	\$500
Total Jewish Allocations	\$3,495
OJCYF 2007 Grant Proposal Allocations	
Melton (Multimedia Project)	\$500
Israel-Guide Dogs for the Blind	\$1,000
Casa	\$1,500
JSU (Jewish Student Union)	\$1,500
Portland Reading Foundation	\$1,500
Snowman Foundation	\$1,500
Community Warehouse	\$2,000
Portland Youth Builders	\$2,500
Raphael House	\$3,000
Sisters of the Road Cafe	\$3,000
CRC/ADL (High Sch Anti-Bias Training)	\$4,000
JFCS	\$4,000
Jewish Family and Life Media (JVibe)	\$4,000
Total RFP Allocations	\$30,000
Total 2006-2007 OJCYF Allocations	\$36,995
OJCYF Endowment—up to \$10,000	



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Unitarian Universalist Service  
Committee President and CEO

## Rally attacks Darfur genocide

BY PAUL HAIST  
Jewish Review

Members of Portland's Jewish community joined with delegates of the Unitarian Universalist Association convention in Portland and the Portland Coalition for Genocide Awareness to rally June 24 at Portland's Oregon Square Courtyard to help focus public attention on the continuing genocide in Sudan's Darfur region.

Charlie Clements, the national president and chief executive officer of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, in Portland for the UUA convention last month, was among various speakers at the rally.

Clements, who recently met with leaders of Darfurian refugee camps in Chad, told those present that most of what the United States has said to

address the genocide "has no teeth."

He chastened the U.S. financial services companies Berkshire Hathaway and Fidelity Investments for their support of PetroChina, which is widely viewed as the "highest offending" company helping to fund the Darfur genocide.

In its search for petroleum to fuel China's economic expansion, Chinese companies have provided financial aid to Sudanese leaders believed behind the Darfur genocide.

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Fidelity has since announced sharp reductions of holdings in oil compa-

nies targeted by human-rights activists for their ties to Sudan's rulers.

Clements praised actress Mia Farrow, good will ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund, for her recent public effort to place pressure on filmmaker Stephen Spielberg in regard to China's role in the Darfur Genocide.

Farrow's open letter to Spielberg in the Wall Street Journal motivated the filmmaker to call on the Chinese government to alter its policies on Darfur. Spielberg has been engaged by the Chinese government as their artistic advisor for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Spielberg subsequently sent a letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao condemning the killings in Darfur and asking the Chinese government to

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## July 19 golf tournament will 'Send a Kid to Camp'

The seventh annual "Send a Kid to Camp" golf tournament organized by the B'nai B'rith Men's Camp Association will be July 19 at the Lewis River Golf Course.

For decades, the Men's Camp Association has provided scholarships for children to attend BB Camp on Devil's Lake near the Oregon coast. Each year, the men's group sponsors a golf tournament to raise scholarship funds to ensure youth who want

to attend a Jewish summer camp are able to do so.

This year's tournament begins with lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The event concludes with a barbecue and awards presentation.

Cost for the tournament begins at \$150, with various levels of sponsorships ranging up to \$1,250.

This year's presenting sponsor is Barry Menashe.

Two hole-in-one prizes are up for

grabs this year—a new car and a 42-inch plasma screen television. The top three teams also will receive prizes.

The tournament typically fills up early, so tournament coordinator Mort Simon encourages early registration.

For more information or registration forms, contact Simon at 503-516-7843 or mjsimon10@msn.com, or tournament chair Hal Mink at 503-246-5288.

## Swim, picnic at 'J' July 15

Since the July First Friday Shabbat would fall right after the Fourth of July, the Mittleman Jewish Community Center has decided instead to hold an open swim afternoon the following weekend.

On Sunday, July 15, MJCC members and non-members are invited for an afternoon of swimming, games and picnicking. From 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., the MJCC will open its two indoor pools and serve kosher hot dogs and other picnic foods on its back

deck. The outdoor preschool playground will also be open.

The center's inflatable pool structure will be available for children and adults to climb on and through. Information on MJCC membership and summer programs also will be available.

The afternoon is free for MJCC members and \$2 for non-members (over age 2). For more information, call Kristin Granlund, MJCC member services coordinator, at 503-244-0111, ext. 112.

## Corrections

• A June 15 story about Lorry Lokey's gift to fund a Judaic Studies chair at Portland State University was missing part of a sentence.

The new chair is expected to spur further growth in the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at PSU. The following is the complete paragraph:

"We are fulfilling what Harold Schnitzer desired when he and Arlene and Jordan gave the initial gift," (Aaron) Pearlman said.

• A story on the Song of

Miriam Award winners in the June 15 Jewish Review left out a description of one honoree. Sheryl Robert was the honoree for Congregation Neveh Shalom's Women's League. Robert was recognized for serving in numerous board positions during her 15 years in the league. She also serves on The Pacific Northwest Regional Board of Women's League for Conservative Judaism as music chair and plays the tenor saxophone in Neveh Shalom's Percy Bernstein Orchestra.

# OJCYF: Fundraising enables teens to fund 13 grant proposals

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Since OJCYF's formation four years ago, youth on the board have learned how to make the difficult decisions of evaluating charities and allocating funds to local Jewish and general community organizations. This year, thanks to funds raised at a teen dance, the 11th Commandment Dinner and individual contributions, the teens were able to hold a third round of allocations to fund grant proposals.

Projects receiving funds were:

CASA for Children received \$1,500 to fund training for more volunteers for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). The new volunteers will join the 300 plus advocates who advocate for the rights and safety of children who have been placed in foster care.

The Community Warehouse received the full \$2,000 it requested for safety upgrades to the warehouse. The warehouse is the only

agency in the area that provides free furnishings to low-income people. The warehouse improvement project will increase safety for employees and volunteers.

The Anti-Defamation League-Pacific NW Region and the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland received \$4,000 for their project "A Classroom of Difference—Anti-Bias Training for Educators." The project will train school faculties to explore issues of prejudice and bigotry, learn how to respond to bias and how to empower students to do the same.

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind received \$1,000 for its "Blind and Sighted Youth Summer Camp." The camp brings pairs of students from high schools to camp to help develop relationships between sighted and blind youth.

Jewish Family and Child Service received \$4,000 for its Integrated Senior Access Project to promote healthy aging by increas-

ing the availability of multi-faceted services and opportunities for immigrant seniors from the former Soviet Union.

Jewish Family and Life Media also received \$4,000. The grant will underwrite the cost of sending JViibe magazine gift subscriptions to current and future bar and bat-mitzvah teens in the greater Portland area.

The Jewish Student Union received \$1,500 for increasing the reach of JSUs in area high schools. During JSU's first year in the region, JSUs were established at seven local high schools

to "inspire Jewish young people to forge a connection with their heritage and community."

Morasha: The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School received \$500 towards its project to use an interactive CDROM, "Heritage, Civilization and the Jews" by Abba Eban, in its adult education programs.

The Portland Reading Foundation received \$1,500 for its WORKS Reading Remediation Program at Vernon Elementary.

Portland Youth Builders received \$2,500 for its Construction Training Program to teach low-income

youth marketable skills to earn a living wage in construction.

The Raphael House of Portland received \$3,000 to educate the community about healthy relationships and domestic violence.

Sisters of the Road Café received \$3,000 for its hot meals/barter program to help continue its program of providing hot, nutritious meals primarily to homeless and low-income people.

The Snowman Foundation received \$1,500 for scholarships to help low-income, rural or at-risk children participate in the arts.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHS

#### RUBY KOREN STERN

Ruby Koren Stern was born on May 28 to Andrew and Amy Stern. Ruby is the granddaughter of Jack White of Portland and Karen Hughes of Sherwood, Michael Stern of Santa Clarita and Karen Torres of Carlsbad. Her great-grandmother is Gloria Flink.

### WEDDING

#### SORKIN/SULLIVAN

Robert and Mimi Sorkin announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Phillip J. Sullivan, son of William and Kathleen Sullivan of Waterloo, Wis. The May 12 wedding took place at Temple B'Nai Israel and reception at the Hilton Garden Inn, both in Oshkosh, Wis., where Rebecca and Phil presently reside.

### HONORS

#### JOHN MOSS

John Moss has been named to the 13-person board of Jewish Family and Life Media based in Maryland. The group publishes Sh'ma, JViibe Magazine and Being Jewish. JFL is a fast-growing pluralistic entrepreneurial non-profit organization. Founded in 1996 by Yosef I. Abramowitz and Sue Laden, JFL has expanded

to include more than 25 award-winning multimedia projects and relationships.

#### JENNIE SPECTOR

The Portland Jewish Academy faculty chose Jennie Spector to be the recipient of this year's Jewish Studies award. Shaarie Torah wishes her a heartfelt Mazal Tov.

### OBITUARIES

#### KATZ

A funeral service was held for Sylvia Katz on June 26 at the Shaarie Torah Cemetery. Mrs. Katz died on June 23 at the age of 101.

Born in Tiszaborkut, Hungary, Mrs. Katz joined her older sisters in Venice, Calif., after her parents were shot by German troops in World War I. In 1931 she met and married Abraham "Al" Katz, and together they moved to Portland where she lived for 76 years.

A member of Congregation Shaarie Torah and the National Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Katz was also an active member of Hadassah and the LaBarre Shakespeare Club.

Mrs. Katz, an avid gardener and cook, is survived by daughter Irene Cancilla, 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Shaarie Torah Synagogue.

#### AIKEN

A funeral service was held for Rhoda Aiken on July 2 at the Beth Israel Cemetery, Landau Chapel. Mrs. Aiken died on June 26 at the age of 88.

Born in Calgary, Alberta Canada, Mrs. Aiken lived in Portland for most of her life and attended both Grant High School and Reed College. In 1939 she married Edward Issac Aiken who predeceased her in death in 2006.

As an active member of her community, Mrs. Aiken donated her time to the Portland Art Museum and was a member of chamber music, gardening, bridge and book clubs. In addition, she enjoyed taking classes in quilting, flower arranging and calligraphy.

Mrs. Aiken is survived by son Edward "Teddy" Aiken, son Daniel Aiken, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Portland Art Museum.

#### WOLLSTEIN

A funeral service was held for Werner Wollstein on June 20 at Minneapolis Jewish Cemetery in Minnesota. Mr. Wollstein died on June 7 at the age of 98.

Born in Berlin, Germany, Mr. Wollstein was an accountant for the City of Minneapolis before relocating to Portland in 1997.

Mr. Wollstein was predeceased by his wife Seena Hanna Chezakin in 1984. He is survived by son Peter Wollstein and daughter Elfi Joseph. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Neveh Shalom Sisterhood.

#### KARSUN

Chuck Karsun, well-known leader of the Chuck Karsun Orchestra, died on June 28 at the age of 77. A funeral service was held on June 29 at the Neveh Zedek-Rose City Lodge Cemetery.

A Portland native, Karsun worked as a supervisor and fraud investigator for the State of Oregon Employment Division for 31 years. Happiest when playing the drums, he dedicated his time to entertaining the community. The Chuck Karsun Orchestra is known for its versatility, but famous for its swing rhythm.

As president of the Jewish Senior Citizens Club for many years, Karsun helped to organize a fund providing for major needs of the MJCC. He was an active participant in public affairs discussions and the Yiddish group.

Karsun was a longtime member of Congregation Shaarie Torah and the Eastside Jewish Community of Portland.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to The Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.