

TASK NEWS

Dec. 2008- Jan. 2009

Kehillah Housing

We're almost there! Our planned apartment complex for 14 adults with developmental disabilities has been successful in reaching the matching grant offered by the Kuni Family Foundation. This grant, for \$200,000, has now been matched through the generous donations of local supporters. Coupled with the previous grant from the Portland Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, we're on our way now to the next steps in creating an apartment complex with Cedar Sinai Park, our partners in this project. Next up? We'll be meeting with local parents who are interested in having their adult family members live in the complex, and meeting with potential residents to hear from them too.

Mah Jongg Players

Portland-area Mah Jongg players have done it again! Through their generosity, TASK has received a gift of over \$650 from the sale of Mah Jongg cards last year. To participate in this year's purchase of cards, please contact Rosanne Levy at 503 293-1464 or email at arlevix2@aol.com or mail your check to her at POB 80146, Portland, OR, 97280. Cards are available for \$6 (small) or \$7 (large). Thank you, Portland Mah Jongg players, who have so generously supported TASK with their purchase of the cards.

Special Event Planned

Hold the date for a special lunch session with **Rachel Brodie** on **Friday, Jan 30**, for educators, clergy, social workers, and families. Rachel will be in town to address the Jewish Women's Day of Learning event at Cong. Neveh Shalom. While the TASK event is not confirmed yet, we are hoping to have Rachel address the topic of "**Creating a Meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah with Children with Special Needs.**" Watch this space for further word on this tentative event for TASK.

Did you Know?

The **winter months** are often more difficult for everyone, including people with special needs. Isolation, inability to get out during dark, wet winter weather, and shorter daylight hours affect everyone differently. If you know someone who

feels isolated, stop by to visit or phone them more often. For people with mental illness, it might be especially difficult during the winter months. JFCS can help, just contact Gaia, our intake coordinator to schedule a time to meet with one of our counselors. Gaia can be reached at 503 226-7079 ext. 21.

Tikvah Events

A social-recreational program for Jewish adults with special needs
Important telephone number!

Please call to **RSVP** or check for cancellations, particularly in case of inclement weather.
Please RSVP at **503 226-7079, Ext. 55.**

Friday, Dec. 12, 5:00-8:30PM, TGIS, (Thank Goodness it's Shabbat!), at the MJCC, Shabbat Dinner \$12, for reservations, call 503 244-0111.

Tues., Dec. 23, 7:00PM, Tikvah goes to the Trailblazers game! The Blazers vs. Denver Nuggets at the Blazers Hanukkah party .

Thurs., Dec. 25, Chinese Food! Movie too! We have a fun afternoon scheduled for Tikvah members & parents only. Details to follow via email, but hold the afternoon!

Wed., Dec. 31, 7:00PM, Winterhawks vs. Seattle HOCKEY & Birthday Celebrations! It's New Year's Eve together for Tikvah members & parents. Dinner at **5:00PM, TBD.** Please **RSVP by Dec. 26.**

Sat., Jan. 3, Movie night! We'll pick a film based on your request, so let me know what you'd like to see, by Dec. 28 please.

Sun, Jan. 11, 5:00PM, Winterhawks. Maybe pizza before the hockey game? Please RSVP by Jan. 6 if you are interested in going.

Fri., Jan. 16, Shabbat Dinner. Who would like to host a Shabbat potluck Dinner? Please let me know by Jan. 9 so we can plan this.

Sun., Jan. 25, Games and Pizza. Who would like to host this late afternoon event??

Community Events

New Parent Networking Group

ICAN, the Inclusive Communities Action Network, is a parent networking organization for families with children with special needs and who might need

assistance with advocating in schools for a free, appropriate education. Phone 503 310-0050, or email for more information: alldunn33@aol.com.

Tues., Jan. 6, 9:00AM-11:00AM, "ABC's and IEP's: Reading, Literacy and Students with Disabilities." Swindells Center, Providence Child Center, 830 NE 47th Ave. For information or to register, contact Victoria Haight at 503-510-2289 or email: vhaight@orpti.org.

Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30PM-8:30PM, "Are We There Yet? Moving to and through Adulthood with a Disability," Beaverton Resource Center, Small Community Room, 12500 SW Allen Blvd. For more information or to register contact Victoria Haight 503-510-2289 or email vhaight@orpti.org.

Tues., Jan. 20, 6:00PM-8:00PM, "Are We There Yet?" (as above), Providence Child Center, 830 NE 47th Ave. Portland. See information above for registration and contact info.

Tues., Jan. 27, 9:00AM-11:00AM, "Bullying - Is Your Child a Target?" Swindells Center of Providence Child Center, 830 NE 47th Ave. Portland. To register, see above.

Tues., Feb. 3, 6:00PM-8:00PM, "Behaviors That Interfere with Learning" at the Providence Child Center, 830 NE 47th Ave. Portland. For more information or to register, see above.

Tues., Feb. 17, 9:00AM-11:00AM, "Does your child need an IEP or a Section 504 plan? What's the same and what's different about these two federal laws?" Swindells Center, 830 NE 47th Ave. Portland. For information or to register contact Victoria Haight as above.