



TASK NEWS

Treasuring, Accepting & Supporting Kehillah

TIKVAH EVENTS

*Tikvah is a social-recreational group for adults aged 18+ with any type of special needs. Our members plan activities and events, and new members are always welcome. Contact Corinne for more information, or for updates in case of inclement weather, 503 226-7079, ext 155 or email: corinne@jfcc-portland.org. **RSVP** required for each event!*

APR 2 / SAT / 11:00 AM / Wunderland!
Join in the fun with video and arcade games, 17235 NW Corridor Court, Beaverton.

APR 3 / SUN / 11:00AM / Pacific NW Reptile and Exotic Animal Show / Washington County Fairgrounds / \$9

APR 6 / WED / 8:00 PM / Star Trek Ultimate Voyage / Arlene Schnitzer Hall / Orchestra accompanies classic Star Trek clips from the movies and TV / \$35-\$65

APR 16 / SAT / 6:00 PM / Izzy's Restaurant / Beaverton / RSVP by April 12 please.

APR 17 / SUN / Good Deeds Day!
Volunteer at MJCC, RSVP to www.jewishportland.org/GDD

APR 21 / THUR / 1:00 PM / Ruth Gruber Photo Exhibit / Oregon Jewish Museum & Holocaust Resource Center / 1953 NW Kearney.

APR 22/ FRI / First Night Seder

APR 24 / 1:00 PM / Kehillah / Seder Fun / details to follow.

APR 29 / FRI / 7:30 PM / Oregon Symphony presents Star Wars and More: The Music of John Williams. Tickets start at \$23.

May 6 / FRI / 5:30 PM / Dinner at Casa Colima / Services at Neveh Shalom

MAY 17 / TUES / 7:30 PM / Annie!
Keller Auditorium / Tickets begin at \$82 / see <http://www.box-officetickets.com/Events/Musical>

MAY 26 / THUR / 1:00 PM / Lag Ba'omer Picnic at Tryon Creek Park. It's tradition to be outside, eat carob, and have fun.

MAY 30 / Memorial Day / Maybe a barbecue? Details to follow.



For information, please call:

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APR 17 / SUN / 9:30AM / MJCC Deli Area TASK Advisory Board Meeting. Guests welcome.

APR 21 / THUR / 6:30 PM-8:00 PM / TASK Parent Meeting / Rose Schnitzer Manor, Brown Room. Meet with **Attorneys Melanie Marmion and Christopher Ray** of Fitzwater Meyer Hollis & Marmion, LLP, on estate planning for families with a child or family member experiencing a disability. RSVP to corinne@jfcc-portland.org by April 18.



For up-to-date events, to RSVP, or to leave a message, call 503-226-7079, ext. 155 or email corinne@jfcc-portland.org.

COMMUNITY

APR 7 / THUR / 7:30 PM-9:30 PM / Webinar
Understanding Your Special Education Rights and Procedural Safeguards / Free / Call FACT at 503 786-6082 to register.

APR 14 / THUR / 7:00 PM-9:00 PM / The Neurobiology of Sensory Processing Disorders / Souther Auditorium, East Pavilion of St. Vincent Medical Center. With Stewart S. Newman, MD, psychiatrist and OHSU affiliate professor. Call Swindells Resource Center at 503 215-2429 to register.

APR 17 / SUN / 10:45AM / 14th Annual Autism Walks / Oaks Park. The park opens at 9:00AM, walk starts at 10:45 AM, then rides available after. See www.AutismSocietyOregon.org.

APR 21 / THUR / 6:30 PM-8:00 PM / Parent Meeting Rose Schnitzer Manor / Brown Room. Meet with Attorneys **Melanie Marmion** and **Christopher Ray** of Fitzwater Meyer Hollis & Marmion, LLP, presenting information on estate planning with special needs trusts, guardianships and conservatorships for those with a family member experiencing a disability. RSVP to corinne@jfcs-portland.org by April 18.

MAY 3 / TUES / 11:30AM-1:00 PM / JFCS Annual Luncheon / Multnomah Athletic Club

There is no cost to attend this heart-warming event however, it is our major fundraiser for the year and you will be asked to make a meaningful gift to support our services.

Guest Speaker Senator Ron Wyden has long been an advocate for the elderly. As the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Wyden is well-positioned to work on issues important to the poor and elderly. Sen. Wyden, whose parents fled Nazi Germany in the mid-1930s, was involved in helping Russian-speaking Jews to emigrate from the former Soviet Union. He will speak to the value of community-based services for the older population and their families highlighting the importance of the services JFCS provides to help our elderly thrive.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, or ask questions, contact **Carrie Kaufman at 503-226-7079, x 118.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Camp Yakety Yak is back, and it's not too early to register for the Summer! Sessions are JULY 11-22 and AUG 8-19. This exciting summer camp experience is for children aged 5-15 with special needs and their siblings, too. It runs from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily at Mountain Park Church in Lake Oswego. For details, see <http://www.campyaketyyak.org/#!camp-tuition/c1yf1>

Update on the ABLE Act

While the Oregon legislative session is over, some strides were made on the implementation of the **ABLE Act, the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act.** While it is not yet ready to accept individual accounts, the state treasurer's office is actively working on it. But an interesting note is *Ohio, Nebraska, and Florida* are expected to launch this summer, AND anyone can open an account in ANY state!

If you need to do this soon, you might read more about it at www.ablenrc.org, which lists information about each state and updates on this important legislation. For those unfamiliar with the benefits, it permits Oregonians with disabilities to save up to \$14,000 per year and up to \$310,000 total in a tax-free account similar to Oregon's 529 college plan, without it affecting public benefits such as Medicaid. This may especially benefit folks who do not have a Special Needs Trust. There are requirements and rules about it, but it may be worthwhile to learn more about it.

Employment for People with Disabilities

Despite a low 4.9% unemployment rate for Americans in February, the result was 12.5% for adults with disabilities, an almost 2% increase over the January rate!

★ HOLIDAYS

Passover Begins	APR 22	FRI
Lag B'Omer	MAY 26	THUR
Memorial Day	MAY 30	MON

Since 1947, Jewish Family & Child Service (JFCS) has served the greater Portland area through our mission: Guided by the wisdom and values of our tradition, JFCS provides social services that improve the lives of adults, families, and children in the Jewish and general communities. We partner in the community to help our most vulnerable residents, including seniors, people with disabilities, and individuals and families lacking basic necessities. JFCS offers compassionate wraparound services to address the whole person to foster mental, emotional, and financial wellbeing so they can thrive.