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Your Jewish Connection to Disability Awareness



TASK NEWS

Treasuring, Accepting & Supporting Kehillah



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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@jfcs-portland.org.

RSVP required for each event!

JUN 2 / THUR/ 3:00PM / CityFair at Tom McCall Waterfront Park

JUN 4 / SAT / 6:00 PM / Dinner and Starlight Parade Meet at Kenny & Zukes to eat, then Starlight Parade at 8:30 PM / RSVP by Jun 1

JUN 5 / SUN / 7:00 PM / Neveh Shalom / World's leading klezmer fiddler Alicia Svigalds performs, founder of the Klezmatics / \$18

Jun 11 / SAT / 10:00 AM / Grand Floral Parade / RSVP by Jun 7

JUN 12 / SUN / 5:00 PM / The Cheesecake Factory / Washington Square. It's traditional to eat dairy on Shavuot! RSVP by June 8

JUN 15-17 / 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM / Festival of Flowers and Sale / Pioneer Courthouse Square

JUN 18 / SAT / 5:30 PM / Nonna Emilia Italian Dinner / RSVP by JUN 15 please JUN 21 / TUES / 9:00 AM-3:00 PM / Yoga on the Mall at Pioneer Courthouse Square

JUN 23 / THU/ 7:05 PM / Portland Pickles Baseball/ Lent's Park / Walker Stadium

JUN 26 / SUN / 11:00AM / Westmoreland Park Pond / Milk Carton Boat Race / SE Bybee

JUL 4 / MON / 4th of July Fireworks! Waterfront Park. RSVP by Jul 1

JUL 5 / TUES / Noon-1:00 PM / Noon tunes at Pioneer Courthouse Square

JUL 21 / THU / 7:05 PM / Portland Pickles Baseball / Lents Park / Walker Stadium

JUL 22 / FRI / 7:00 PM / Flicks on the Bricks Movie Night / Pioneer Courthouse Square

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Thank you to Emily Hogan and Christopher Ray of Fitzwater Meyer Hollis & Marmion, LLC., attorneys at law, for their insightful information at a recent TASK Parent Group meeting. They discussed the benefits of careful retirement planning for parents, and explained why it might be helpful to have both a Special Needs Trust and an ABLE Savings Account for adults with special needs. For more information, see www.fitzwatermeyer.com.

A note from Corinne:

Thanks to the many individuals who have made my job a fascinating, rewarding career. After 18 years with JFCS, my retirement begins in June. The agency will be conducting a formal search for my replacement during the next few months. In the meantime, I have agreed to consult with JFCS over the summer as needed until this this person is hired. For more information about the position, please see http://jfcs-portland.org/employment-opportunity/.

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

COMMUNITY

JUN 2 / THU / 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM / Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: A Brain-based Approach / Providence Portland Medical Center Social Room/ 4805 NE Glisan. Contact Swindell's Resource Center for more information, 503 215-2429.

JUN 4 / SAT / 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM / OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building / 2730 SW Moody / 3rd Annual Transition Fair: Passport to a Healthy Future. Education on transitions for young people with disabilities aged 12-26 years. Learn about wellness, maintaining good health, and access to local resources. Free, for information, call 503 494-6337.

The Portland Pickles are the new Portland baseball team! This summer league team of the Great West League will feature college ball players using wooden bats at Walker Stadium in Lents Park. Tickets start at just \$8. For more information, see

http://www.kptv.com/story/28861931/portlandsnew-baseball-team-has-a-name-thepickles#ixzz46xjTyq5L

Planning for the Next School Year

ESSA, the Every Student Succeeds Act has now replaced the former No Child Left Behind Act, promising new supports for students with disabilities, including an emphasis on life skills, academics, and vocational opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nike is adding to its sneakers line with shoes specifically designed for people with disabilities, with a fresh range of offerings for both kids and adults. The athletic-wear giant is introducing three new shoes that use its FLYEASE entry system, which relies on a wrap-around zipper to secure the shoe and features a larger opening to make it easier to slide feet in and out. "Once zipped, FLYEASE provides performance-ready lockdown without the need for tying laces – perfect for athletes on the go and for those who may need a little extra assistance," the company said.

Pediatric Dentistry for Children with Special Health Care Needs is available from Providence Specialty Pediatric Dental Clinic. Oral health matters! Call 503 215-1056 or see http://oregon.providence.org/our-services/p/providence-specialty-pediatric-dental-clinic/ for more information.

Update on Oregon's **ABLE Act** from its executive director, Michael Parker: "The **Oregon ABLE Savings Plan** will be available for individuals who were diagnosed with a qualified disability before the age of 26. Individuals can save up to \$100,000 in their ABLE Savings Plan without it counting against their \$2,000 asset limit for their federal benefits." States that will open in Jun include Nebraska and Ohio, which will allow non-residents to start accounts there. Oregon's ABLE accounts will likely start in 2017.

A great resource for ongoing national updates on the ABLE plan is through the National Resource Center: http://www.ablenrc.org/

HOLIDAYS		
Jerusalem Day	JUN 5	SUN
Shavuot	JUN 12	SUN
Father's Day	JUN 19	SUN

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.