

# Scholarships aid students now, community in future

BY DEBORAH MOON

Two Portland-area Jewish students will join the ranks of the dozens who have received scholarships from the Sussman Fund to pursue undergraduate degrees.

Scholarship honorees Mayah Greenfield and Ike Salinsky will be recognized at the June 13 annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland (see box).

“Each year, we are fortunate to have so many outstanding applicants,” says Sussman selection committee chair Richard Meyer. “Our committee was particularly impressed by both Mayah’s and Ike’s commitments to tikkun olam and the leadership roles they take on in both the Jewish and local communities. With all the applicants, we felt confident that our Jewish community will be in good hands for many years to come.”

Ike became a bar mitzvah at Congregation Beth Israel, where he served as a madrich (teacher assistant) and youth group leader. He has been active in the Jewish Student Union at Lincoln High School. He also was a counselor at B’nai B’rith Camp last year.

“Winning the Sussman Award is so meaningful to me as it represents one final push of support from my Jewish community,” says Ike. “Ever since preschool, Portland’s Jewish population has been there to support me. In turn, I have connected with my temple as well as youth organizations, and I have helped younger generations engage with our culture. Now, as I stand on the precipice of setting off from Portland, I find my community once again supporting me as I go on to the next chapter of my life.”

Mayah became a bat mitzvah at Congregation Neveh Shalom. She has been a member of the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation for four years, the last three on the leadership committee. She is a leader in her school’s Jewish Student Union and the JSU Leadership Institute, serving as president since 2018. Pre-Covid, she spent summers at Camp Miriam Habonim Dror.

“College is really expensive,” says Mayah. “This definitely will help support me in my academic path. I do a lot with the Jewish community – especially with OJCYF and JSU – and I really appreciate this award. It’s kind of like a thank you.”

Many past recipients (who received the grants anonymously in the early years) now serve in lay and professional roles in Portland Jewish organizations and congregations.

“In the 41 years the Sussman Fund has existed, we have given more than 100 grants to deserving Jewish teens from the greater



**Mayah Greenfield**

Parents: Lisa & Scott Greenfield  
High school: Lakeridge High School, class of 2022  
College: Pitzer College, Claremont, Calif., with major in Human Biology  
Awards: National Merit commended student; AP scholar with honor; first team all-league soccer; varsity tennis; Congressional Award bronze medalist



**Ike Salinsky**

Parents: Linda & Michael Salinsky  
High school: Lincoln High School, class of 2022, varsity cross country  
College: University of Michigan with major in Biomedical Engineering  
Awards: Lincoln Stem-Dickey Award, MAC Scholar-Athlete

## JFGP 102nd ANNUAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Monday, June 13, 2022, 4:30-6 pm

**WHERE:** Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. Also on Zoom.

**RSVP:** [jewishportland.org/102](http://jewishportland.org/102)

Portland area,” says Lois Shenker, daughter of fund founders Lillian and Gilbert Sussman, z”l. “I only wish my parents were here to see the benefits of their generosity.”

## Fry wins Rogoway Award

Social worker Missy Fry is the 2022 recipient of the Laurie Rogoway Professional Leadership Award.

Named in honor of Laurie Rogoway and her 30+ year career in the local Jewish community, the annual award was created by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. It recognizes a current Jewish communal professional in Greater Portland.

Fry will receive an \$1,800 stipend toward professional development of her choosing. Fry is the eighth annual Rogoway winner; she will be honored June 13 at the JFGP annual meeting ([jewishportland.org/102](http://jewishportland.org/102)).

Fry received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Social Work at Portland State University with a graduate certificate in Gerontology. She is a Certified Advanced Grief Counseling Specialist.

Fry is a JFCS Behavioral Health Social Worker, currently working with adult individuals and groups. She has worked at the social service agency for 11 years.

“She is seen as a true professional committed to the mental well-being of those around her, always seeking to ensure that each person is heard, is seen and is given respect, no matter the circumstance,” says Eliana Temkin, chair of the award committee.



This year’s Laurie Rogoway Professional Leadership Award winner received a surprise visit at her office at Jewish Family & Child Service on May 20 to notify her of the honor. From left are Rogoway Award Committee chair Eliana Temkin, award recipient Missy Fry, committee vice chair Jodi Fried and JFGP Director of Community Planning and Allocations Caron Blau Rothstein, who staffs the Rogoway committee.