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Hakol • הקול

Steering Weighs Building Expansion

By Loree Devery
Havurah Co-President

The Havurah Steering Committee is diving into the details of our building expansion options in anticipation of deciding which option should be pursued in connection with a fundraising campaign.

What are the building expansion options? Over the past 18 months, Havurah has worked with architect Richard Brown on rough design concepts and approximate cost estimates for four “build-up” options—all of which have been shared with the community in various Hakol and Hineinu articles, and which are summarized on the [Space Jam page](#) of the Havurah website. At the July Steering Committee meeting, we reviewed the options, factoring in a 30% inflation factor that assumes construction won’t begin until 2024. We also recently learned that one of the original estimates was incorrect, so we reassessed that option in light of the corrected amount.

Here are summaries of each of the four options under consideration along with approximate costs (with the 30% inflation factor). As you look through these links, it is important to remember that these are **rough/concept sketches and approximate costs**.

Option 1a: Partial Two-Story Addition: this option adds space above the current offices on the 18th Avenue side of the building.



Havurahniks and the Darmani family meet for food and friendship at Sellwood Riverfront Park. Story inside.

12,044 square feet
\$3,672,777 (includes 30% inflation factor)

Option 1: Full Two-Story Addition:

this option adds space above the existing offices and classrooms south of the sanctuary and social hall.

13,091 square feet
\$4,654,000 (includes 30% inflation factor)

Option 2: Three-Story Addition (with price correction due to estimate error in 2021):

this option adds two floors above the existing offices and classrooms south of the sanctuary and social hall and includes additional uses on the third floor, including a rooftop activity

space.

16,987 square feet
\$5,994,330 (including 30% inflation factor)

Option 3: New Structure: this option replaces the existing building with a new three-story structure.

23,027 square feet
\$12,157,100 (including 30% inflation factor)

Why are we doing this now? We need to start fundraising if we are going to expand our building. The inflation factor alone tells us that the longer we wait, the more expensive any building project will become. The first stage of our fundraising

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Bat Mitzvah

Havurah will call to the Torah
the following Bat Mitzvah:

Sept. 3
Dorothy Korin
Child of Tatum and
Saul Korin

Please join us in celebration
and welcome her to our com-
munity. Mazel tov!

Havurah Simchas

Andrew Robert Schwager,
son of Leah Hershey and
stepson of Edward Hershey,
received his MSW degree
from Binghamton University
and accepted a position in
the Pathway Behavioral
Health Program for adoles-
cents at Providence
Willamette Falls Medical
Center in Oregon City.

Have a happy
announcement?

Email it to
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Hakol Contribution Deadline
August 19

[Misheberach List Form](#)

Weekly Email
Contribution Deadline
Tuesdays by Noon

Condolences

Richard Rosenbloom, father
of Nancy Rosenbloom,
passed away June 24.

Hours of Operation

The office is closed while staff largely work
from home due to Covid, but is open by ar-
rangement. Staff can be reached during busi-
ness hours.

Publication Notice

Due to staff bandwidth during the High Holidays, there will be no October is-
sue of Hakol. Please plan your announcement schedules accordingly. Staff is
always here to help you get your messages out.

Havurah Shalom: Our mission is to provide a vibrant,
diverse, participatory Jewish community steeped in spir-
ituality, learning, and acts of social responsibility. As we
enact our mission, we are guided by [these values](#).



Staff Corner

Carrie Kirschner, who Shabbat School, Middle School and High School families
may know as the Assistant Coordinator of Education, or ACE, is moving into an
exciting new full-time position. As the Youth Education & B'nei Mitzvah Program
Coordinator, or Madricha (guide), Carrie will add b'nei mitzvah process coordina-
tion to her portfolio. She will work closely with families to ensure they have the
resources and logistical guidance they need. Carrie has been ACE for over five
years and looks forward to supporting families through the b'nei mitzvah journey.
She can be reached at carrie@havurahshalom.org, or at her old email,
ace@havurahshalom.org.

Teri Ruch is stepping down from her excellent work as Hineinu editor. She will
continue to manage Havurah's website during the coming months, so if you want
to request a website update, please email teri@havurahshalom.org. For Hineinu
matters, please email Rachel Pollak, rachel@havurahshalom.org.

Getting to Know the Darmani Family

Havurahniks Meet Up with Sponsor Family, Make New Friends

On a bright summer evening in July, the Darmani family, Zakrullah, Horia and baby Zoya, joined Havurah's Afghan Family Support Group around a picnic table in Sellwood Riverfront Park. We shared salads, grilled vegetables, fruit, and sesame and pistachio cookies. Flatbreads, rice pilau with chicken, and other dishes came from Taste of Afghan on 82nd Ave. We all enjoyed the view of the Willamette River as tea was poured and plates filled. Fran Berg, Perla Kaufman and Lauren Fortgang had lap time with baby Zoya.

Several Havurahniks had good conversations with Zakrullah, about his BA in economics, progress towards an MBA, and his work experience. Zakrullah has authorization to work in the U.S. and is highly motivated to find employment.

In Afghanistan, he managed shelter assistance, including logistics, documentation, contracts and communications. Zakrullah has shared his resume, is fluent in English and Farsi and also speaks Pashto and Hindi.

We ask Havurahniks to consider business or professional connections to help Zakrullah find employment. Please contact Beka Feathers or Jane Rice about any leads.

Horia, though eager to work in her medical assistant field, will defer a job search for now to focus on Zoya's care. She is also interested in improving her good English skills.



The Darmani family, Zakrullah, Horia and baby Zoya, pose for a photo during a meetup in the park with Havurahniks from the Afghan Family Support Group.

Donate to the Afghan Family Support Fund

The Darmanis, still in temporary housing in Clackamas, are searching for permanent housing with the help of Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW).

We don't yet know the extent of furnishings the Darmanis will need. We will update the Havurah community as soon as we know more. Please contact Fran Berg, who is tracking donations, about specific offers or needs.

In the upcoming period, Barbara Hershey has offered to store items in

her garage. We also anticipate needing volunteers with a van or pickup truck to help transport items. Any donated items the Darmanis can't use will go to another family in need.

Havurah members' generous contributions to the Afghan Family Support Fund has grown to \$11,000. As reported, our plan is to support six months of rent.

Please donate to the Afghan Family Support Fund. You may contact Beka Feathers or Jane Rice with any questions. The Afghan Family Support Group thanks you deeply for your generosity and we look forward to making the Darmani family feel welcome in the way Havurah does best.

Palestinian Voices To Be Front and Center

New Lecture Series to Feature Prominent Palestinian Experts

By Elinor Gollay

Starting this fall, a group of prominent Palestinian scholars and activists will lead a series of Zoom sessions on Palestinian history, culture and politics.

The Havurah Shalom Israel/Palestine Committee will, once again, co-sponsor these thought-provoking conversations about Israel/Palestine.

As with the first set of discussions, there will be a range of perspectives expressed in these sessions and our co-sponsorship does not represent endorsement of any particular point of view. The emphasis on open and respectful discussions is consistent with the Havurah Israel/Palestine committee's mission.

Over 1,100 people registered for the previous series, "Reconstructionist Rabbis Expanding the Conversation on Israel/Palestine." Based on the feedback the national organizers of the first series received, they have decided to launch a new set of conversations focused on hearing from and engaging with Palestinian academics and activists.

We will post—through the [Havurah I/P Committee Portal](#), Hineinu and Hakol—specific information about the upcoming discussions as the information becomes available to us. See the sidebar for some events to expect; more info to come.

The national organizing committee (composed Rabbi Laurie Zimmer-

Israel/Palestine Committee

Schedule

Palestinian Voices: Expanding our Conversation on Israel/Palestine

The 100 Years War on Palestine, with [Rashid Khalidi](#)
Wednesday, Sept. 14

Topic and Speaker to be Announced
Tuesday, Oct. 18

Topic and Speaker to be Announced
Tuesday, Nov. 1

Palestinian Citizens of Israel, with [Basma Fahoum](#)
Tuesday, Nov. 15

Gaza, with [Jehad Abusalim](#)
Tuesday, Nov. 29

Jerusalem, with [Sa'ed Atshan](#)
Tuesday, Dec. 13

All events will take place 5-6:30 pm PST

man, Rabbi Brian Walt, Diana Ralph, Sue Lanser, Marcy Boroff and Joel Beinin) has made the following commitment:

"We will be guided by the values of justice and the dignity and equal

worth of all human life. We seek to promote discussion of the histories and current conditions of Israel/

Palestine that challenge the boundaries of current Reconstructionist approaches to Israel/Palestine and re-examine customary assumptions about the

role of Israel in diaspora Jewish life. We oppose Israel's domination of the Palestinian people in all its forms and hope to deepen our relations with Jews and Palestinians

seeking a future of justice and equality in Israel/Palestine. We welcome those who consider themselves Zionists, non-Zionists and anti-Zionists, as well as those unsure about

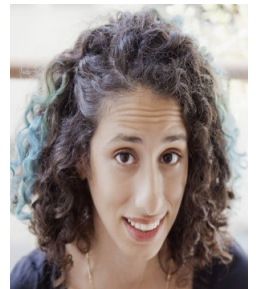
how they define themselves even as we explore the meanings of those terms."

The national organizing committee further states that they are "committed to conducting discussions with open hearts and minds, respectful listening and acknowledgement of our shared commitment to the Jewish values of *tzedek ve-chesed* (justice and compassion) for all."

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Gordon or Elinor Gollay, Havurah Israel/Palestine Committee co-chairs, or Joel Beinin—one of the organizers of the events.



Rashid Khalidi



Basma Fahoum

Elul Food Drive Will Benefit Homeless Camps

Poverty and Homelessness Committee

By Gloria Halper

The month of Elul approaches, giving us time to prepare for the High Holidays. Thinking of others, our Poverty and Homelessness (P&H) Tikkun Olam Committee is conducting an Elul food drive for The Common Good Project, formerly The Homeless Relief Initiative. Eighteen months ago, the Initiative began providing meals a few times a week to homeless people in several NE camps. Realizing people needed more than food, other items—clothing, tents, etc.—were added.

In time, the issue of garbage in and around these camps—some resulting from camp "sweeps" leaving people no choice but to abandon their items—became the focus of an additional endeavor for the Initiative. With a name change to The Common Good Project, food delivery continued, while the Project began employing homeless people with a dignified wage, partnering them with housed volunteers to conduct large-scale waste removal from street camps.

This program is being sponsored by Trash for Peace and has received several grants from our city and Metro.

Our P&H Committee will continue to collect items for The Common

FOOD DRIVE INFORMATION

Drop-Off Dates at Havurah Shalom

Friday, Aug. 26, 1:30-4 pm

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11-1 pm

If neither is convenient, check with your Havurahood Captain; some have offered to serve as drop off locations. Don't know your captain? Please check with Stefanie Hausman.

What to Bring

Canned fruit (with pull-tops)
Canned vegetables (with pull-tops)
Beverages such as Gatorade, juice, soda
Granola bars/bars of any sort
Instant oatmeal
Chips or popcorn
Any stew or hearty item (with pull-tops)
Cookies, crackers, chips, snacks
Nuts
Dried fruit

Sippable vegetables (like for little kids)
Applesauce (no glass)
Candy (big sweet teeth out there!)
Nut butter (no glass)
Jelly (no glass)
Honey
Shelf-stable milk (dairy and non-dairy; not powdered, please)
Powdered chocolate milk mix
Instant soups and foods (ramen is a favorite)

Good Project during the High Holidays, in addition to collecting items for Rose Haven Day Shelter and Community Center, which serves women just down the street from Havurah. Both organizations are recipients of Havurah's High Holiday Tzedakah Project. Watch for more in Hineinu and in our High Holidays informational packet.

We will hold an informational event during Sukkot featuring these two organizations. We will share the many volunteer opportunities both organizations offer and learn from you how you wish to be engaged as volunteers. Interested in the work? Have questions? Contact Gloria Halper, Jenn Louis, or Steve Rudman.

Solidarity & Friendship Can Be Found at HCAT

By Harriet Cooke

HCAT Listserv & Meetings Provide Calls to Action; Contact Elianne Lieberman to Join Up

Until July, it was hard to remember we are in a climate emergency. The solstice, with glorious lengthening of days, went all but unnoticed under months of cloudy skies. Spring was the cold, rainy, maritime weather I remember not so fondly, followed by glorious summer days—not too hot, with sweet cooling nights. Slugs munched my snow peas until I remembered they like beer, and set out beer traps to give my peas a chance.

The horrific wildfires of 2017 and 2020 were a distant memory to the songbirds of 2022. A Pedalpalooza, to remember the heat dome of last year, toured the Eastside shade inequities. Last year, trees meant the difference between a livable 90 degrees and a punishing 118 degrees. The difference between areas with fewer trees and a dense canopy shading wealthier neighborhoods meant life or death for 72 Portlanders. Under this year's clouds there was barely a difference.

Without hot temperatures it was hard to remember our climate emergency and follow through with my commitment to divest from my old

Havurah Climate Action Team

IRA into a climate investment for our future. I finally made a switch to a renewable energy fund and canceled my beloved Alaska Airline companion credit card.

HCAT held our second event to support one another in making such changes, taking personal short-term risks to contribute to the collective actions required for our climate emergency. [An excellent summary of our investment discussion can be found here.](#) The invest/divest group will meet again in the fall.

Though the market fell and my conscientious fund lost 6.5% the first month, I remind myself I am still invested in a better future, a net gain despite my short-term financial loss. It can be hard to stay committed to actions when our imminent catastrophe is not speaking to us in heat domes or ash-filled skies. I thank God for the reprieve of 2022,

which helped restore the parched land and trees from the last five years of drought. But the climate is still in an emergency and needs all of us doing our part to help heal cli-

mate change.

Last night I attended the opening of *Elemental*, an excellent documentary about wildfires, their place in the natural western world, and how to partner with fire to protect our homes, communities and forests.

I highly recommend the film when it becomes more broadly available.

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HCAT supports climate-friendly forest actions, educating ourselves and following through with political advocacy. We nourish our hope with excellent books; currently we are reading *Braiding Sweet-*

grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We invite you to join HCAT, which meets on the fourth Monday of each month from 5:30 to 7 pm, on Zoom, where we help sustain each other's efforts with solidarity and friendship. Our listserv gives timely political actions that rarely fit into the rhythm of a monthly newsletter. Politics and advocacy don't work like that. July alerted us to testimony needed to help expand the Oregon Clean Fuels Program, another to advocate for the breaching of the lower Snake River dams, the major contributor to near extinction of Chinook salmon and southern resident Orca. Contact Elianne Lieberman about meetings and the list-serve.

For encouraging good news about how working together makes a difference, check out americansofconscience.com. We hope to meet you soon!

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HELP WANTED!!

Community is an enduring value of Havurah. A great way to enrich your experience of community, meet new people, and make a meaningful contribution to our synagogue is to volunteer. There are many opportunities ~ What is right for you?

HavuraHoods

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to help that doesn't take much time? HavuraHood Captains bring their neighbors together for Shabbat and holiday gatherings, carpooling, welcoming new members, and more. Contact Stefanie Hausman.

Teen Engagement

If you are a parent of a teen or a teen yourself, consider joining the new Teen Engagement Committee to help post-b'nei mitzvah members continue to be involved. Goals are to support program staff for teen-related activities and to support and encourage teens to plan and implement their own activities. Contact Andy Waxman.

Kabbalat Shabbat Onegs/Dinners

Remember our sweet (pre-Covid) Kabbalat Shabbat services with dinner before and oneg after? This fall we'll start services earlier, with a simple oneg and a relaxed dinner afterward. We need two co-chairs as our current chairs step back but are available for consultation and advice. Contact Rachel Shimshak.

Safety Trainings

The Safety Committee wants to ensure that people from all parts of Havurah (Shabbat School, Adult Education, Shabbat morning services, etc) participate in safety trainings. We welcome your leadership in reaching out to schedule these trainings. Contact Joel Bettridge.

B'nei Mitzvah

As our congregation grows and Covid continues to shape the way we gather, the B'nei Mitzvah Committee welcomes new committee members to support families through the b'nei mitzvah life cycle experience. If you're interested in helping, please complete this form: bit.ly/BneiMitz. Questions? Contact Amanda Coffey.

Transparency & Inclusivity

The Transparency & Inclusivity Committee ensures continued transparency of governance decisions to enhance communication between members and leadership – and among members – so every congregant feels valued. This leads to greater membership engagement and promotes inclusivity. We meet monthly, but if committee membership isn't your preference, there are opportunities to work on specific projects. Contact Janice Kettler.

Gesher (Bridge)

Are you passionate about Havurah's guiding values of egalitarian participation, spiritual openness, diversity, inclusivity, and participatory self-governance? Do you take the wide and long view of things? Havurah's Gesher (Bridge) Committee needs you! Gesher is a consultation team that keeps an eye on the larger principles underlying Havurah. We meet irregularly and work collaboratively with other committees to help them do their work the "Havurah way." Contact Shelley Sobel or Herman Asarnow.



HIGH HOLIDAYS

Amazing Offerings Come Ahead of High Holidays

By Bija Gutoff

Welcome Back!

"How are you? What experiences have you had this summer, this past year? What's troubling you, inspiring you? How are you caring for yourself? Where are you putting your energy? What gives you joy? How are you feeling in this very moment?" These are the questions I am eager to ask my Havurah friends when we gather again. They are the questions I ask myself every day.

In just a few weeks we will move into the High Holidays season. Our community is preparing to welcome everyone to this rich, meaningful time. You will have chances to learn, meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and ground yourself in the practices of this sacred cycle.

Havurah offerings will begin with Elul (August 26) and continue through Selichot (September 17), Rosh Hashanah (September 25), Tashlich (October 2), Yom Kippur (October 4) and Sukkot (October 9), concluding with our celebration of Simchat Torah (October 17). We can't wait to see everyone! Remember, our Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur services will be held in person at the Tiffany Center, with Rosh Hashanah Day 2 at Havurah Shalom; for those who prefer, many of the season's offerings will also be available online. You'll get complete information in your packet.

High Holidays Packets Will Arrive Soon

On **Monday, August 15**, we will email your High Holidays packet.

High Holidays Planning Committee

Inside you'll find everything you need to know about our holiday season offerings, including safety guidelines.

Reading Together, Preparing Together

Maybe no one ever feels ready to enter into this intensely introspective time. This year, we will have help. Havurah is encouraging everyone to read the inspiring and practical classic by Rabbi Alan Lew, **"This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation."**

Lew is disarmingly honest, sharing his personal experiences in a way that helps the reader understand how our traditions apply in our daily lives. You can read the whole book, or just the chapters that speak to you.

This will be a community endeavor, with discussion groups to share your questions and insights, facilitated by Deborah Eisenbach-Budner and Adela Basayne. Please join other Havurahniks on this journey of discovery.

Havurah will host the following

gatherings to support everyone who is reading the book. You are welcome to attend all four, or as many as you like.

- Online gathering on Aug. 21, 7-8:30 pm
- In-person gathering on Aug. 28, 7 pm in the Havurah Sanctuary
- Online gathering on Sept. 11, 7-8:30 pm
- In-person gathering on Oct. 9, 7 pm in the Havurah Sukkah

Even if you have read the book in years past, reading it with your Havurah community will be a new experience.

You can borrow one of the 10 copies we've acquired for this program or order a copy from [Powell's](#) or wherever you buy books. You can register for these gatherings by clicking the links above.

Contemplative Practice to Support Teshuvah

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 at 7 pm. Rabbi Benjamin will lead three sessions where we will gather to engage with the sacred work of this season: Teshuvah—repentance and repair. Working with the spiritual tools of Mussar—applied Jewish ethics—and meditation, we will practice and reflect together, examining where we have caused harm and lovingly holding ourselves accountable to make amends and grow as we enter the new year.

You can register to attend online or in-person by [clicking here](#).

A Full Selichot Weekend...

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HIGH HOLIDAYS

Amazing Offerings Precede the Holidays, Cont'd

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Selichot Service on Saturday, September 17

Havurah will observe Selichot on **Saturday, September 17, from 8 to 9 pm**. Rabbi Benjamin will lead an online and in-person service of traditional and contemplative prayers and music.

Each year, on the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah, Selichot gives us the opportunity to gather and initiate the process of forgiveness (“selichot” in Hebrew) and compassion, which are central to our High Holidays practice of Teshuvah (“return”).

Joey Weisenberg Elul-Themed Singing Circle on Sunday, Sept. 18

On **Sunday, Sept. 18**, at 4:30 pm we are all invited to sing with acclaimed musician, author and teacher Joey Weisenberg, who will be sharing his music at Congregation Shaarie Torah, 920 NW 25th Avenue.

Join other music lovers to raise your voice and lift your spirit in the days leading up to the High Holidays. This is a rare opportunity for our community, which draws so much strength and inspiration from music. As sponsors of this event, Havurah Shalom has 50 free tickets for our members. RSVP here.

Once our block of tickets is gone, you may purchase additional tickets from the Shaarie Torah website.



Key High Holidays Dates

Now is a great time to jot down these dates in your calendar.

- Saturday, Sept. 17: Selichot service
- Sunday, Sept. 25: Rosh Hashanah begins
- Sunday, Sept. 25: A Sweet Year to You (an afternoon program for families with children)
- Sunday, Oct. 2: Tashlich services
- Tuesday, Oct. 4: Yom Kippur begins
- Sunday, Oct. 9: Sukkot begins
- Monday, Oct. 17: Simchat Torah service

You Are Invited to Make a Creative Contribution

Once again we invite all Havurah members to submit a mini-drash—a brief personal reflection in prose or poetry—for the High Holidays. When you contribute, we enrich our High Holidays observance with a greater diversity of thoughts and experiences. We ask you to consider this year’s congregational theme (see below).

What insights and experience can you offer for reflection? Please keep your text under 400 words. Email it to rachel@havurahshalom.org by Aug. 26.

Remember: We Will Gather In Person for the High Holidays

This year we are planning for a full return to the Tiffany Center for our High Holidays cycle. For decades, we have hosted the elevating, open services we are known for there, in downtown Portland. We have gathered there for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur, when our congregation swells beyond the capacity of our own building. We aim to do so again this year.

And, in addition to these in-person celebrations, we will offer high-quality streaming video for members, guests and friends who live far away who wish to join our services from home.

The planning is ambitious and complex, taking into account safety, security, capacity, access and inclusion—and how this year’s holiday traditions will be the same, and different, from prior years. And, if our leadership decides that in-person gathering is too risky due to changing pandemic conditions, we will pivot to virtual services for all in order to keep our community safe.

Meanwhile, it is a delight to envision a robust return to communal life, where we see and know and support one another, where our bonds are strengthened, where we live connected. Between now and September you will find holiday updates in each Hakol, so watch this space. And if you have questions, please contact info@havurahshalom.org.

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Plan Ahead for Elul and High Holidays, cont'd

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How Can I Volunteer?

Once you've set aside time to work with other Havurahniks to make High Holidays happen, what's next?

In mid-August, the High Holidays Packet will be sent digitally, with all the schedules and other info you may need. It will include a link to an online volunteer sign-up featuring jobs and the times people are needed for them.

Here are a few:

Stage supplies at Tiffany Center • Arrange flowers • Service space set-up • Service Usher • Teen Break Room Attendant • Family Service help • Move equipment to storage or back to Havurah • Pack up machzorim • Help build sukkah • Break fast set-up/clean-up • Safety volunteer

Consider what works for your interests and schedule, then sign up! Questions? Reach out to rachel@havurahshalom.org.

Congregational Theme for 5783 (2022-2023): Teshuvah | Returning

Teshuvah—repentance, though literally return—is the core practice of our most sacred season. It is also a foundational practice of our lives. The gates of teshuvah, say the sages, are always open. We can always choose to turn toward learning and growth, toward acknowledging harm, making amends and holding each other lovingly accountable. We return seasonally, daily, hourly.

Teshuvah means discovering our most essential and generous selves, remembering our deepest aspirations, and coming back to one another in new ways. As we return to community in person, each of us at our own pace, we can embrace this moment as one of genuine teshuvah.

We return to what is, not what was. How will we move forward toward our next incarnation—as individuals, as communities, and as a society? What must we bring with us, and what do we need to leave behind?

Tributes

General Contributions

Hilde Price-Levine and Michael Levine, in honor of Ken Lerner, for his remarkably beautiful funeral service for my mother, Mildred Price, Malka Ruchel.

Adult Education Fund

Nancy and Frank Weintraub, in memory of Bob Epstein.
Barbara and David Slader, in memory of Bob Epstein, with gratitude for his vibrant spirit, love of people and lifelong learning.

Tikkun Olam Fund

Enie Vaisburd and Michael Cam Williams, in memory of Leon Vaisburd z'l.
Janice and Mark Kettler, in

memory of my father, Arthur Klein.

Janice and Mark Kettler, in memory of Bob Epstein. May his memory be a blessing.

High Holidays Contributions

Enie Vaisburd and Michael Cam Williams, in memory of Luiz Zaidman z'l.
Dale Oller, in memory of Jon Bagley's father.
Dale Oller, in memory of Larry Mudrick.

Sanctuary Fund

Loree Devery and Robert Trachtenberg, in memory of William "Dev" Devery on the occasion of his yahrzeit.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Frima and Michael Telerant, Sasha Blau's grandparents, in honor of his bar mitzvah.
Kelly Longway, in honor of Rabbi Benjamin, for serving on our daughter's Beit Din.
Alanna Hein And Evan King, in memory of Joanne and Myron King, parents of Evan King, in-laws of Alanna Hein and grandparents of Maya Hein.
Kate and Jossi Davidson, in honor of reproductive advocacy everywhere!
Jennifer Bruml, in memory of my mother, Lois Bruml, on her birthday (6/13) and Dorothy Lemelson. Thank you for your support and kindness.

COMMUNITY

Common Good Project has SUCH. BIG. NEWS!

Name Change and Grant Allow Homeless Org to Grow, Expand Vision

By Jenn Louis

I'll just dive right into it! Here's the new stuff:

We now have a legit name; we are The Common Good Project. And we are a program working under the great nonprofit Trash for Peace, led by the mighty Laura Kutner. What does this mean? It means that we can get public funding and grants for our project and have assistance running our programs so that we can focus on our work on the streets and have the support of TfP when it comes to administrative duties. SO HELPFUL! [General info and volunteer sign-ups will still be linked on my website.](#)

And, we were awarded a grant from the Joint Office of Homeless Services for our work employing our homeless neighbors to clean up the streets in Portland. These funds are solely for clean-up work and do not cover all of our costs, so we are still applying for grants and soliciting for donations. Nonetheless, can I tell you about the pride and self-esteem that I see on the faces of those we



Homeless people employed by The Common Good Project recently removed eight tons of garbage at three camps and nearby streets on NE Larabee.

The Common Good Project

work with after a good day's work?! Our crews clean up 10 tons of refuse on the streets of Portland per working week.

And, our outreach is going great.

We work with the same 30 to 40 people each week. Most of them we have been working with for over a year-and-a-half and have built some pretty wonderful relationships. Volunteering, monetary donations, clothing, food and other items are always needed. Feel free to check out the website or email us directly and we can let you know what we are needing at that time.

Jewish Mindfulness and Meditation, Tuesdays, noon to 1 pm, at Havurah Shalom and in Zoom Room Bet

We gather to find some moments of quiet and shalom. All are welcome.
Led by Rabbi Benjamin, Adela Basayne, or Nancy Becker.

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Havurah Book Group Dates and Choices for 2022-2023

And the votes are in. Book Group members have selected the books and discussion leaders for 2022-2023. The schedule is below. Generally, we meet every fourth Tuesday of the month. September 2022 is a week earlier because of Rosh Hashanah.

A few months before each meeting, two copies of the upcoming book will be available in the Havurah library on shelves labeled "Havurah Book Group." Please complete the check-out sheet hanging from the shelf.

Looking forward to more interesting discussions as we make our way through another year.

—David Newman and Stacy Hankin

Sept. 20, 2022

***The Third Man* by Randolph Splitter**

led by Joel Beinin

Oct. 25, 2022

***The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen**

led by Stacy Hankin

Nov. 22, 2022

***Beyond the Two State Solution* by Jonathan Kuttab**

led by Joel Beinin

Dec. 27, 2022

***The Overstory* by Richard Powers**

led by Marjorie Walters

Jan. 24, 2023

***Paradise* by Abdulrazak Gurnah**

led by David Newman

Feb. 28, 2023

***How to Find Your Way in the Dark* by**

Derek B. Miller

led by Beth Kaye

Mar. 28, 2023

***The Girl is a Body of Water* by Jennifer**

Nansubuga Makumbi

led by David Newman

Apr. 25, 2023

***The Hundred Year War on Palestine* by**

Rashid Khalidi

led by Stacy Hankin

May 28, 2023

***The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer**

led by Mischa & Salome DuPont

June 27, 2023

***Children of Stone* by Sandy Tolan**

led by Joel Beinin

July 25, 2023

***Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue**

led by David Newman



Havurah Shalom Takes Part in Greater PDX Study on Jewish Communities

The Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies/Steinhardt Social Research Institute, part of Brandeis University, has been contracted by our local Jewish Federation to conduct a population study of Jews in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Benton and Lane Counties in Oregon, and Clark and a portion of Cowlitz County in Washington.

The Cohen Center has conducted many of these studies across North America, providing a wealth of data to local Jewish organizations for use in their strategic planning.

Along with many other congregations and Jewish organizations in the area, we have provided the Cohen Center researchers with our membership list, which they will use solely to select and contact survey participants. Cohen Center will not share the data and will destroy it upon completion of the study.

If your name is selected, your household will receive a unique survey link by mail or e-mail. Surveys can be completed online.

For more information, [see their website](#) or contact Adela Basayne.



The Havurah Shalom courtyard soaks up the summer sun. It is lovingly maintained by the Garden Committee, led by Barbara Gundle.

Steering weighs Havurah building expansion, cont'd

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process has been crafting a Case Statement—a document that literally makes our “case” for fundraising. To move forward on the Case Statement, we need to know the scope of our fundraising needs—both with respect to our building expansion and our staff expansion. At our July Steering Committee meeting we started considering the building expansion options.

What happens next? Steering Committee will review these options and decide which one we will recommend as best meeting the needs

Steering Committee

of our community. We will share that recommendation with all of you and further discuss it in one or more community forum event(s) in the fall.

How do Havurahniks get involved? Review the options. [Look at the webpage](#), which has additional information.

Send me your questions, comments and feedback. My email address is in the Havurah Directory, and I welcome your input. I will share any input I receive with the Presidents Team and the Steering Committee.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, click through the options, look at the information on the website and ask questions.

We will be looking at this issue again at our Aug. 9 Steering Committee meeting and hope that some of you will send us your questions or comments before then.

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Gratitude to Havurahniks

By Ben Walters
Steering Past-President

Leadership has a goal of attempting, every month, to identify people and groups for whom Havurah gives thanks for their many and varied contributions to our community. Each month, there are more who contribute time and energy than we can identify in a short column. This is my first effort in assembling this gratitude message. I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of Miriam Reshotko, who assembled this message so ably and beautifully over the prior year.

The following are examples of those for whom we are all grateful:

To those who prepared for, contributed to and conducted the annual congregational meeting, including Staff, Leadership, tech hosts, the presenters and particularly our treasurer, Shari Raider, for putting together a budget that is comprehensible and compassionate. And many thanks to those who showed up and participated in the meeting.

To the members of the Afghan Family Support Group for organizing Havurah's effort for community support.

To Lauren Fortgang, Beka Feathers, Kathy Gordon, Michael Rice, Larry Jacobson and Karen Sherman for the webinar *The Current State of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration*, with participation from HIAS and the Refugee Congress, and opening remarks by Ron Wyden.

To Kathy Gordon, Jennifer Bruml and Julia Lager-Mesulam for organizing and hosting the Racial Justice Committee's Movie Night.

To Rachel Shimshak and the Space Jam Committee for continuing to participate in monitoring available building space in the Havurah neighborhood!

To Fran Berg for working on the kitchen remodel effort.

To Karen Westerman and Steve Birkel and all the IT Tech Team members for the new AV system installation in the sanctuary, and for handling the provision

of Zoom hosting support for services and events.

To Sam Sirkin and Diane Chaplin and all of those participating in the Leaders and Leyners effort for community services.

To those who worked on the Data Analysis for the Long Range Plan: Debbi Nadell, Fran Berg, Sam Sirkin, Bob Brown, Miryam Brewer, Jack Lazareck, Janet Byrd, Chari Smith, Andrea Sanchez, Bob Liebman, Judy Steinberger, Ben Walters, Amanda Coffey and Stacy Hankin.

To Alanna Hein for taking the time to answer questions from Havurah members about anti-racism work.

To Julia Lager-Mesulam, Oren Kosansky, Shari Raider, R.E. Szego, Alana Silverman, and Adela Basayne for their work on the Staffing Task Force.

To those who recently concluded their Steering terms—Miriam Reshotko, Shari Raider, Steve Birkel and Galit Reilly. And for those who have stepped into more significant leadership roles by serving on Steering: Anita Haeems, David Kertzner, Jenni Besen, Joel Bettridge and Michelle Bobowick!

To Transparency & Inclusivity Committee for suggesting the idea of a Leadership Handbook and to the Leadership Development Committee for moving it forward and bringing it to fruition.

To the Leadership Development Committee for coordinating and executing the onboarding for incoming Steering Committee members.

To all those many, many persons whose tasks that were not mentioned, thank you! We are a community because of each of you and your individual contributions and participation, however that may be. If there is something you would like mentioned in the future, please contact Ben Walters (email listed in the member directory – please put “gratitude” in the subject line) to be included next month.

We are fortunate to have so much to be grateful for!

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Up-to-date information including Zoom rooms, event descriptions and any changes in plan can be found on the [website calendar](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <u>Av 3</u>	1 <u>Av 4</u>	2 <u>Av 5</u>	3 <u>Av 6</u>	4 <u>Av 7</u>	5 <u>Av 8</u>	6 <u>Av 9</u>
	1:00pm (IP) Mahjong Group	12:00pm (HYB) Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation	8:30am (HYB) Morning Minyan 7:00pm (HYB) Adult Brhei Mitzvah Summer Session	4:00pm AkerRockers Movie & (Optional) Dinner Afterwards	8:16pm Candle Lighting	Erev Tisha B'Av Shabbat Hazon Devorim 9:00am (HYB) Parsha Study 10:00am Community Minyan 7:30pm (IP) Erev Tisha B'Av – 40 Days of Teshuvah
7 <u>Av 10</u> Fast of Tisha B'Av 9:21pm Havdalah	8 <u>Av 11</u>	9 <u>Av 12</u> 12:00pm (HYB) Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 6:30pm Steering Meeting	10 <u>Av 13</u> 8:30am (HYB) Morning Minyan	11 <u>Av 14</u>	12 <u>Av 15</u> Tu B'Av 8:05pm Candle Lighting	13 <u>Av 16</u> Shabbat Nachamu Vaetchanan 9:00am (HYB) Parsha Study 10:00am (HYB) Community Minyan 9:12pm Havdalah
14 <u>Av 17</u>	15 <u>Av 18</u> 1:00pm (IP) Mahjong Group	16 <u>Av 19</u> 12:00pm (HYB) Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation	17 <u>Av 20</u> 8:30am (HYB) Morning Minyan 7:00pm (HYB) Adult Brhei Mitzvah Summer Session	18 <u>Av 21</u>	19 <u>Av 22</u> <u>Hakol Deadline</u> 7:54pm Candle Lighting	20 <u>Av 23</u> Shabbat Mevarchim Elkev 9:00am (HYB) Parsha Study 10:00am Community Minyan 9:00pm Havdalah
21 <u>Av 24</u> 7:00pm (ZM) "This is Real" Book Discussion	22 <u>Av 25</u>	23 <u>Av 26</u> 12:00pm (HYB) Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation	24 <u>Av 27</u> 8:30am (HYB) Morning Minyan 10:00am (ZM) Anti-Racism & Belonging Conversation Group for Havurah Staff	25 <u>Av 28</u>	26 <u>Av 29</u> 10:00am (IP) Barnot Mitzvah Run-through 1:30pm (IP) Food Drive 7:42pm Candle Lighting	27 <u>Av 30</u> Rosh Chodesh Elul Re'eh 9:00am (HYB) Parsha Study 10:00am (HYB) Community Minyan 8:48pm Havdalah
28 <u>Elul 1</u> Rosh Chodesh Elul 7:00pm (IP) "This is Real" Book Discussion	29 <u>Elul 2</u>	30 <u>Elul 3</u> 12:00pm (HYB) Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation	31 <u>Elul 4</u> 8:30am (HYB) Morning Minyan	1 <u>Elul 5</u>	2 <u>Elul 6</u> 7:29pm Candle Lighting	3 <u>Elul 7</u> Shofetim 9:00am (HYB) Parsha Study 10:00am Bat Mitzvah of Dorothy Korn 8:35pm Havdalah