

## TIKVAH EVENTS

*Tikvah is a social-recreational group for adults aged 18+ with any type of special needs. New members are always welcome. For information and to RSVP: 503-226-7079, ext. 155 or [janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org](mailto:janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org). An RSVP is required for each event!*

January 31/ WEDNESDAY/ 6:00 pm/ OMSI After Dark, Now You See It./Meet at the entrance to OMSI

February 3 / SATURDAY/ 5:45 pm/Portland Winter Light Festival/Meet at the entrance to OMSI

February 8/ THURSDAY/ 5:30 pm/ Dinner at Ernesto's/8544 SW Apple Way Beaverton/ RSVP by Feb. 5

February 14/ WEDNESDAY/ Valentine Celebration at Kehillah House/ Ice Cream Sundae Bar/\$3 per person

February 17/ SATURDAY/ 5:30 pm/Chinese New Year/ Mandarin Cove/111 SW Columbia St./RSVP by February 13

February 22/ THURSDAY /5:30 pm/ Dinner at Azteca Restaurant/ 10505 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy/ RSVP by Feb. 19

February 25 / SUNDAY/ 2:00pm/ Purim Costume Party/ Kehillah House/Bring a snack to share

March 8/ THURSDAY/ 5:30 pm/ Dinner at Chang's Mongolian Grill/10743 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy/ RSVP by March 5

More activities will be announced for March!

If you'd like to be placed on the TASK email list, please contact [janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org](mailto:janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org).



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## TASK NEWS

Treasuring, Accepting  
& Supporting Kehillah



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## TASK NEWS

TASK—Treasuring, Accepting & Supporting Kehillah (Community)—is your Jewish connection to disability awareness, providing culturally competent guidance to individuals and families about disabilities issues that span the life cycle.

Beginning January 11, Janet Menashe, TASK Program Inclusion Specialist, will be out of the office for an unspecified period of time.

Corinne Spiegel will be filling in for Janet, and can be reached during business hours at (503) 729-8648 or by email at [cspiegel@jfcs-portland.org](mailto:cspiegel@jfcs-portland.org).

The TASK Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. Upon her return, Janet will reschedule the meeting and send out that information. If you're interested in serving on the board, please contact [janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org](mailto:janetmenashe@jfcs-portland.org).

## ON STAGE AND SCREEN

When the movie *Wonder* opened last month [November 2017], some [people] criticized the choice to have a nondisabled actor play the role of Auggie, a boy with severe facial disfigurement. For these critics, the decision was yet another example of the way people with disabilities are excluded.

For Jewish disability advocates and their allies, pushing for inclusion comes down to fighting injustice, and some Jewish groups have chosen the performing arts as a target for greater inclusion.

Because the arts can be enjoyed by everyone, they offer a way for everyone to feel included, says Abbie Weisberg, executive director of Keshet, a group that serves people with disabilities.

“Having special needs can be a very isolating experience,” she says. “With involvement in the arts, there’s a strong sense of belonging.”

*From “A Place for the Disabled: On Stage and Screen,” an article by Jennifer Richler that appeared in the December 14, 2017 edition of Tablet magazine.*

To read the complete article, go to <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/251037/disabled-on-stage-and-screen>.

## ENDING SOCIAL ISOLATION

People with disabilities who lack social support can be isolated and vulnerable, and may experience discrimination, neglect, or abuse.

Our TASK program can help address this through consultations, referrals, and information on guardianship and other issues.

JFCS also offers Tikvah social-recreational activities that promote camaraderie and social inclusion—please join us!

## FAMILY CARE IS CLOSING

Family Care is closing on January 31, 2018, so please be aware of this if Family Care is your coordinated care organization (CCO). You will still have Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage.

Starting February 1, 2018, you will be assigned a new CCO based on your address. If you do not want a CCO, you do not have to have one.

You can choose to have an open card instead. An open card (also called “fee for service”) allows you to see any doctors or providers who accept OHP.

If you're interested in obtaining an open card, call OHP Services at (800) 273-0557.



## HOLIDAYS

Purim	FEB. 28, WEDNESDAY
Passover 1 <sup>st</sup> Seder	MARCH 30, FRIDAY
Passover 2 <sup>nd</sup> Seder	MARCH 31, SATURDAY

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