



JEWISH COMMUNITY /OUR COMMUNITY

Jews are known as “the people of Israel” or “Am Yisrael” rather than “Dat Yisrael” or “the religion of Israel”. This underscores the Jewish focus on community as the primary organizing structure of Jewish life wherever Jews have lived.

The Talmud offers a working definition of the concept of community in Jewish life, describing what is needed to have a suitable place to live, to provide for all of our spiritual and physical needs:

“A talmid haham (Torah scholar) is not allowed to live in a city that does not have these 10 things: a beit din (law court) that metes out punishments; a tzedakah (charity) fund that is collected by two people and distributed by three; a synagogue; a bath house (mikveh); a bathroom; a doctor; a craftsman; a blood-letter; (some versions add: a butcher); and a teacher of children.” (Sanhedrin 17b)

At Mayim Shalom, although we are fairly isolated Jewishly on the southern Oregon coast, yet we have sustained ourselves as a community for over 40 years! One of the things that makes us viable is that although we admittedly don't have all of these things listed in the Talmud, we are an exceptional group of people who work hard together and generously contribute our skills, time, and resources.

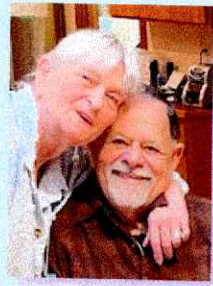
When I pray in the morning and come to the prayer for livelihood, not only do I give thanks for my livelihood, but also for what and who makes that possible, whether it includes our wonderful, hard-working board of directors, our tech support, our cantorial assistants and other musicians and dancers, our Torah teachers, our school teachers and helpers, our cooks and bakers, and our participants, of course! Wow!!! We could write a new chapter on this for the Talmud. I am so grateful!!

And now recently, we have started a new school that will offer classes 6 times a year when I am in town on Saturdays from 10 to 12 for children from 4 to 12 years old. All that is needed to participate is to become a member of Mayim Shalom (no other fees). Bar and Bat mitzvah training is also available as needed; scholarships are available by request from those who are members. BTW Parents (and other congregants) are encouraged to come and help and even learn with us. If you are interested, please contact Neuv (talk2neuv@gmail.com) so we will have materials available for you.

BTW: Here is yet another way to participate and uphold our wonderful Jewish community: We are beginning to think about having some community led services or events this coming year. If you have ideas about this or would like to participate in leading or organizing this, please let me or the board know.

Also other volunteer help is always needed. Please contact our board if you wish to get involved. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you at our next gathering.

**B'vrakhot rabot, (many blessings to you),
Rabbi Jackie**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year is rapidly coming to an end as the new year is just around the corner. As the high holidays approach, our thoughts and prayers turn to the ongoing turmoil in Israel and worldwide antisemitism. I would like you all to join me in praying for Jewish communities everywhere.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all that have supported Mayim Shalom over the years. A special thanks to Rabbi Jackie and the board members for their contribution, which made all our services and events possible. Which brings me to my next thought. We are a small congregation and most of us are retired and in need of new and younger Board and congregation members. Please give this serious consideration so that, Mayim Shalom will continue into the future.

Currently, the Board is developing next years calendar of events, which are now in the planning stage. Once date and places are set, information will be made available to all members of Mayim Shalom. In closing, here's hoping for a more peaceful new year and an end to the conflict in Israel.

Jim DeNatale



**Mark your calendar
For these upcoming events!
Mayim Shalom Rosh Hashanah 5785**

**Friday, October 4, 2024 5pm
Saturday, October 5, 2024 3pm**

**- in the 'big' room -
Havdalah repast following our
Saturday Service**

Talk and eat and celebrate the new year!

Chanukah Service & Celebration

Friday & Saturday, December 27 & 28, 2024

**Latkes & Sufganiyot Confections
!YUMMY YUMMY YUMMY!**

**Harmony Methodist Church
123 Ocean Blvd, Coos Bay**

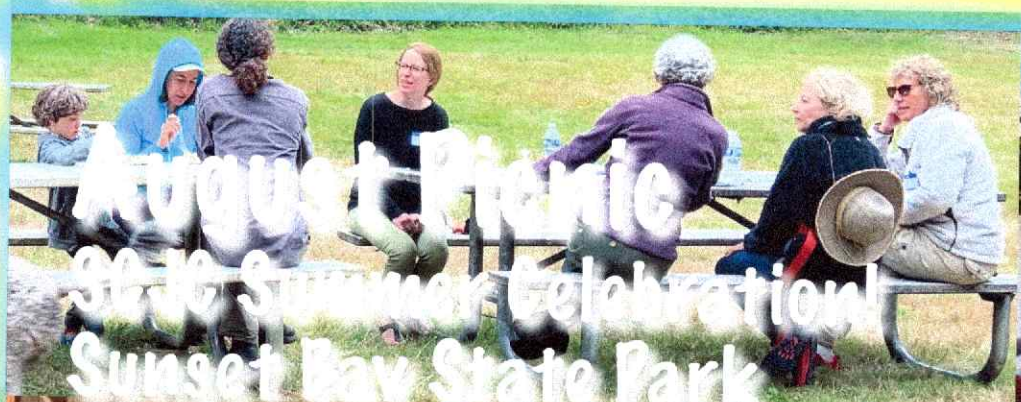
See Next Page for complete 5785 Year Calendar!

Come to our gatherings hungry and leave happy! All culinary meals and treats observe kosher style etiquette. While strictly kosher food is challenging to locate, we keep separate meat meals and dairy meals... and in accordance with Jewish dietary law, we do not serve any kind of shellfish or swine./ We are family oriented; parents reminded to supervise young children.



מַיִם שְׁלוֹם Jewish Life

Schmooze Nu's South Coast Jewish Community



August Picnic
State Summer Celebration!
Sunset Bay State Park



OUR MAYIM SHALOM CALENDAR - 5785!



- Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur / Shabbat Shuva
OCTOBER 4 & 5 2024
- Chanukah Service & Celebration
DECEMBER, 27 & 28 2024
- Purim Celebration with Grant's world famous Hammentashen
MARCH 14 & 15 2025
- Traditional Pesach Seder for the Mayim Shalom Community
APRIL 11 & 12, 2025
- Shavout - We Reach to the Teaching of the Profits
JUNE 6 & 7 2025
- Late Summer Shabbos Gathering
AUGUST 1 & 2 2025



Our Mayim Shalom Community Page



Brief History of SCJCC aka Congregation Mayim Shalom

On September 19, 1990, several Jews living in Coos County, Oregon, banded together and filed their Jewish Community as an Oregon Nonprofit, 501(c)3. The Articles of Incorporation

stated that South Coast Jewish Community Center's purpose was to foster Jewish cultural and religious activities. This small group of like-minded Jews began to purposely assemble and share tax-exempt costs.

In 1993 a founding member introduced Jackie, a rabbinical student, to SCJCC's Havurah when Jackie had agreed to teach her husband the Hebrew he needed for his bar mitzvah. From that point forward, Jackie, and her husband Ross, regularly drove five hours from Ashland to Coos Bay to help and lead SCJCC's Jewish activities.

In July 2000, Jackie was ordained and became Rabbi Jacqueline Brodsky. SCJCC's Board took this opportunity to offer Rabbi Jackie a part-time annual contract to hold regular Jewish services for their members. When Rabbi Jackie accepted the offer, the SCJCC became known as Congregation Mayim Shalom. Every year since the Board has offered Rabbi Jackie an annual contract. Congregation Mayim Shalom's annual contract year is based on the Jewish Year (which is Lunar not Gregorian).

Members pledge annually to support their Jewish Community's ongoing observances. The attached Annual Membership Pledge Form is for the Year 5785 (2024-2025). For 5785, the annual pledge year is October 2, 2024 to September 22, 2025. The Jewish Year 5785 crosses two Gregorian years (10/02/2024 to 09/22/2025). Members who fill out the attached Annual Pledge Form for the Year 5785 will receive a "Thank You" letter based on the tax year it is received. In Year 5783 and Year 5784 Congregation Mayim Shalom had 32 Pledges each, ranging from individual to household.

This newsletter features Congregation Mayim Shalom's end of Year 5784 celebratory weekend. Year 5785 is coming!

Best Regards,
Rae Lea Cousens
Treasurer & SCJCC Historian

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Shana Tova!

With Appreciation to our Mayim Shalom Leadership
Kneset - Gatherings, Midrash - Study, T'fillah - Prayer

Rabbi Jacqueline Brodsky

Jim DeNatale - President / Kathy DeNatale - Vice President
 Grant Cousens - Secretary and Communications
 Rae Lea Cousens - Treasurer
 Board Members: Gil Binder & Linda Binder
 Diana Harvey, Bruce Levy, Joan Morrison, and Martin Sher

Mayim Shalom Learning Series - Rabbi Jackie Leading, with Community Staffing

Rabbinic Support Team

Stacy Rose - Technology, Music, Dance, Planning Support, Honorary Board Member
 Tuvia Chai - Cantorial Assist, Shireinu, Newsletter, Board Member

Not a member? Consider joining our congregational community!
 Interested in serving on the board; and/or do you have a special talent or skill that would benefit Jewish life on the coast? Please let us know!

Mayim Shalom is a small congregation in Coos Bay, Oregon. An eclectic group of members from various backgrounds, secular or religious, our congregation includes members from all over the central-southern Oregon coast. We usually hold services once per month, have an annual picnic in the summer, and we often get together for special holidays like Passover, Purim, and Chanukah. We also offer a condensed version of the High Holy Days.

Mayim Shalom is fortunate to have a visiting Rabbi, Jackie Brodsky, who provides Friday night and/or Saturday morning services. She also offers educational classes, such as Torah readings, and provides information on how to conduct our own Friday night services. Jackie Brodsky is a Rabbi of the Jewish Renewal Movement and has been with the congregation for many years.

Contact Information - a congregational leader will get back to you!

541.266.0470
 P.O. Box 307 Coquille, OR 97423
<http://mayimshalom.us>

Schmoozing & Mahjongg


Why not!!!!????!!!


Interested in learning how to play Mahjongg? Already know how to play and want to join a group? Joanne Moss and Diana Harvey are part of a Mahjongg group that meets weekly and they'd love to have you join.

Call either Joanne at 503-409-8059
or Diana at 503-490-7237.



Editor's Corner

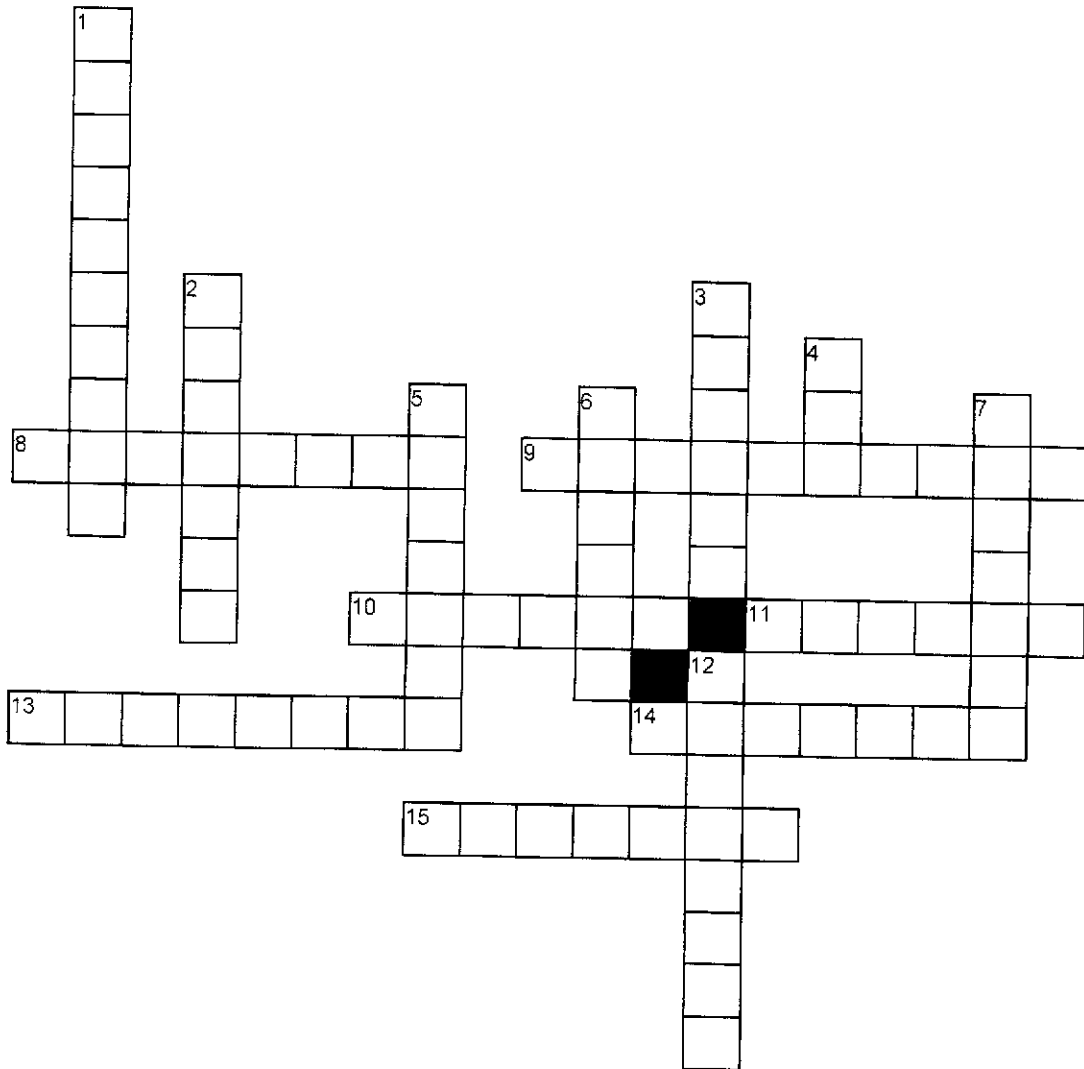


"Are we a community? A family? A
bunch of friends? A Jewish Village?"

A resounding yes! We are certainly - 'All Of the Above!' I sensed that one Sunday afternoon when walking through Old Town in Florence where I live. This is a historic place where one meets friends and neighbors on a Sunday afternoon. Suddenly I saw some familiar faces in the crowd... that stood out from the rest. It was Jim and Kathy DeNatale and their family from the not so distant city of Coos Bay! This joyous surprise was followed by wide smiles and greetings... there's nothing quite like that special feeling of a chance encounter of very special folks from one's 'tribal village.' This kind of close knit unity is what makes our SCJC family so very special. If you see a special friend from our congregational family, rejoice and smile... and know the friendships in our little Jewish village are very special indeed. We are blessed!

TUVIA

Just for Fun



Across

- 8. Yiddish version of the skullcap
- 9. Coming of age for boys
- 10. Community prayers where 10 men need to be present before the prayers can be said
- 11. Ram horn sounded 100 times
- 13. Eight day winter festival known as the "festival of lights"
- 14. Nine branched candlestick
- 15. Four tassels on a prayer shawl

Down

- 1. Where Moses received the 10 commandments
- 2. Hagar and Abraham's son
- 3. The Mishnah and the Gemara put together was called what?
- 4. Religious divorce
- 5. Additional Rosh Hashanah custom where you throw bread into a river casting your sins away
- 6. Unleavened bread
- 7. Festival held every Friday to Saturday evening
- 12. Leather boxes worn on the left arm and forehead

Congregation Mayim Shalom
A.K.A. South Coast Jewish Community
PO Box 307
Coquille, OR 97423



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE FORM

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR YOUR ANNUAL PLEDGE TO:
CONGREGATION MAYIM SHALOM FOR THE YEAR 5785 (2024 - 2025).
YOUR SUPPORT IS **CRUCIAL** TO OUR CONTINUING SUCCESS.

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

THE CONGREGATION SUGGESTS A MINIMUM PLEDGE OF \$100 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
OR \$150 FOR A FAMILY. PLEASE GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE.

THE BOARD HAS LONG STIPULATED THAT NO ONE WILL BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

MY PLEDGE FOR THE YEAR 5785 (2024 - 2025) IS: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Congregation Mayim Shalom
PO Box 307
Coquille, OR 97423

MAIL PROMPTLY TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS AND THANK YOU!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL BOARD TREASURER
RAE LEA COUSENS AT: (541) 759-3522