

# NV'S & SHMOOZE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION KESSER ISRAEL  
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## Kesser Israel Moves to New Building, Grand Opening is January 27



Members gather outside Kesser Israel's new building after the Annual General Meeting on January 13. From left: Aki Fleshler, Sam Glauber, Tzvi Epstein (partially hidden), Navah Epstein, Rachel Kline-Lapé, Mark Margoles, Louise Levin, Tuvia Berzow, Susanna Perrin, Rebecca Berzow, Peggy Dorf, Harry Glauber, Lynne Meyerowitz, Tod Northman and sons (in front), Steve Meyerowitz, Amanda Bulka, Gary Fox, Isaac Frankel, Sandra Oster (partially hidden), Barbara Robertson, Devora Fleshler (back row), Morris Engelson, Donna Kuttner, Norman Berlant, Charles Kuttner, Susan Cohen, Michael Singer, Steve Bloom, Rebecca Chavigny, Carole Glauber, Ben Glauber, Janett Engelson, Sheldon Aronson, Sura Rubenstein, Esther Fischer, Rick Haselton, Aviel Brodtkin, Rabbi Menachem Berzon, Bob Mullen and Rabbi Kenneth Brodtkin. Grand Opening event is scheduled for January 27.

### Kesser is Home for Hanukkah

The new home of Congregation Kesser Israel was full of celebrants for the first night of Hanukkah. Trays of latkes, hot dogs and salads were served on folding tables, and children enjoyed games and crafts while musicians played lively tunes.



Rabbi Menachem Berzon dances on Hanukkah with the boys.



Girls confer about Hanukkah accessories.

Photos by Elie Bulka

## Kesser Events

**January 23, 30, February 6 – Torah Approach to Intimacy 8:00-9:00 PM, Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Highway**  
Discover the uniqueness of Judaism's approach to marital intimacy. Includes "A Hedge of Roses" on January 23 for women only and on January 30 for men and "Sexuality and Torah" on February 6 for everyone.

**January 26-27 – Visiting Scholar, Rabbi Daniel Korobkin 4:25 PM Saturday, Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Hwy Minchah, seudah shlishit and lecture on "Faith and Intellect" 10:00 AM Sunday, Portland Kollel, 2429 SW Vermont St. Brunch, talk:** "Relevance of the Khazar People to Jews Today."

**January 27 – Grand Opening of Kesser Israel 5:30-7:30 PM, Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Highway**  
Official opening ceremony and dedication, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a keynote speech by Rabbi Nate Segal of Torah U'Mesorah. Attire: Black hat optional.

**February 6, 13, 20 and 27 – Kids at Kesser 2:00-3:00 PM, Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Highway**  
Songs, stories, parsha and play for kids, with Aviel Brodtkin. To sponsor a snack or for info, contact Aviel.

## NCSY Events

**January 24 & 31, February 7, 14 & 21 – Latte & Learning 7:00 PM, Starbucks, 7737 SW Capitol Hwy (Multnomah)**  
Teens convene to sip, study and socialize. Contact Meira Spivak for info.

## Community Events

**January 24, 31 & February 7, 14 & 21 – Open Learning 8:00-9:00 PM, Portland Kollel, 2429 SW Vermont St.**  
Contact Rabbi Brodtkin or Rabbi Berzon if you would like to find a "chevruta" (חברותה) learning partner.

**January 27 – Jewish Experience in 20th Century Film 5:30-7:30 PM, Temple Beth Israel, 1972 NW Flanders St.**  
Film teacher Lloyd Cohn presents and discusses four films (one per session) with Jewish themes. Cost: \$36 for the series or \$12 per session.

**February 2 – Fiesta Sefarad, with Cantor Ramon Tasat 7:30 PM, Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane**  
Cantor Ramon Tasat sings and plays in an authentic Sephardic style. For info, contact Cantor Linda Shivers.

**February 11 – Annual Meeting, Institute for Judaic Studies 6:30 PM, Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd.**  
Professor Laura Leibman will deliver a lecture: "Grave Matters: Crypto-Jewish Funerary Art and Identity in Colonial America." Cost: \$25, including dinner. See [www.judaicstudies.org](http://www.judaicstudies.org).

## Sisterhood Prepares For Purim and Beyond

Kesser Israel's Sisterhood is back! A core group has begun planning for the longstanding annual fundraiser of Mishloach Manot (Purim basket distribution) as well as numerous new social, cultural and educational activities for women. The group, previously called WAKI (for Women at Kesser Israel) is looking for participation by women of all ages and life stages.

To be added to the Sisterhood mailing list, for more information or a schedule of future meetings, contact Aviel Brodtkin.

## Weekday & Shabbat Schedule\*

### Weekday Mornings: Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 6:40 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:45 AM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

### Weekday Evenings: Maariv

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Sunday Evenings: Mincha & Maariv

January 27 at 4:55 PM

February 3 at 5:05 PM

February 10 at 5:15 PM

February 17 at 5:25 PM

February 24 at 5:35 PM

March 2 at 5:45 PM

### Shabbat:

#### Friday Evenings, Kabbalat Shabbat

January 25 at 4:50 PM

February 1 at 5:00 PM

February 8 at 5:10 PM

February 15 at 5:20 PM

February 22 at 5:30 PM

February 29 at 5:40 PM

#### Weekly Parsha Study: Saturdays at 8:00 AM

#### Shachrit, Torah & Mussaf: Saturdays at 9:00 AM

#### Mincha: Saturdays, same times as for Sundays

\* All services are held at Congregation Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Highway, unless specified otherwise.

## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

January 25, פרשת יתרו (Parshat Yitro) 4:46 PM

February 1, פרשת משפטים (Parshat Mishpatim) 4:56 PM

February 8, פרשת תרומה (Parshat Terumah) 5:06 PM

February 15, פרשת תצוה (Parshat Tetzaveh) 5:16 PM

February 22, פרשת כי תשא (Parshat Ki Tisa) 5:26 PM

February 29, פרשת ויקהל (Parshat Vayek'hel) 5:36 PM

# Kesser's Sanctuary Fixtures Combine Old, New and Traditional Elements



*Kesser's New Aron (above, left) incorporates a stained glass inset and Ner Tamid (eternal light) from the congregation's former building. The mechitzah (divider) is designed to provide full visibility from the women's side, while men enjoy a view of the Judean Hills. Artwork on the one-way panels is reproduced from a painting by Kesser member Donna Kuttner.*  
 Photos by Elie Bulka



*Totally Cool first event for Junior NCSY was held January 19 at Lloyd Center. Skaters included Kesser members and other teens in middle school.*  
 Photo by Jon Perrin



*Celebrating Scholarship, Kesser members join a siyyum at Portland Kollel, led by Morris Engelson (right) and Rabbi Berzon (not shown.)*  
 Photo by Elie Bulka

## It's a Girl! Mazel Tov!

to Rabbi Chanan and Meira Spivak and family  
 on the birth of **Tamar**

## Baruch Dayan Emet

We have lost a dear friend, longtime Kesser Israel member

**Chaye Gnessin Joie** ל"ט

May we know no more sorrow.

## Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm Kesser Israel welcome to our newest members:

**Ian & Judy Freeman**

**Gershon Pressman**

**Mark & Margo Traines and family**

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*The Orthodox Synagogue for All Jews*



5:30 PM: Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres  
6:00 PM: Dedication & Keynote  
by Rabbi Nate Segal  
of Torah U'Mesorah

Sunday, January 27th at 5:30 PM  
Kesser Israel, 6698 SW Capitol Highway



For more information,  
see [www.kesserisrael.org](http://www.kesserisrael.org)  
or call 503-222-1239.



Congregation Kesser Israel  
has a new home! Join us for a  
Grand Opening celebration.

6698 SW CAPITOL HIGHWAY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

5:30 PM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!  
CONGREGATION KESSER ISRAEL'S GRAND OPENING

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