

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

– Temple Beth Tikvah in Bend celebrated its fifth anniversary June 1. Enjoying the celebration are, anniversary organizing committee chair Diane Dober and far right, TBT President Mark Schindel and wife, Kathy. Photos by Stephen Katz

**TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH CELEBRATES ITS FOUNDING**

On June 1 Temple Beth Tikvah celebrated the fifth anniversary of its founding with a dinner at the Mountain Room of the Deschutes Brewery. The evening honored the vision of the founding families who brought the dream of a Reform Jewish congregation to Central Oregon.

In May 2008, 22 families had a dream of establishing a Reform Jewish congregation. Within the year they were 40 families strong. Today a membership of nearly 70 families meets regularly for Shabbat and holiday services at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Bend.

The celebration included entertainment by The Quons, Central Oregon's husband and wife duo, Kathy and Mark Quon, and a slideshow highlighting events of the past five years.

The event organizing committee included Chair Diane Dober, Vivian Freeman, Lorraine Schechter and Phyllis Greenbach.

In his introduction to the evening, TBT President Mark Schindel commented, "In our brief five years of existence, many

things have changed and improved with Temple Beth Tikvah, but the heart and soul of TBT has remained constant. Our care and compassion for each other and community are what brought us together in the first place, and remain the glue that holds us together. So, it is in that spirit of togetherness that we celebrate tonight – our wonderful achievements as a congregation over these past five years, and to honor our rabbi, Glenn Ettman."

The previous evening a musical Shabbat service entitled Dream On provided a farewell tribute to Rabbi Glenn Ettman, who served as Temple Beth Tikvah's rabbi for the past three years. The community wishes him all the best in his new full-time position at Temple Sinai of Palm Desert, CA. Ettman helped to build a strong foundation in the Jewish adult education program for the Beth Tikvah community.

Temple Beth Tikvah welcomes new, resident Rabbi Johanna Hershenson on July 1.

TAMRITZ LAUNCHES NATIONAL DIGITAL BADGE LEARNING NETWORK

Portlander Sarah Blattner, founder and executive director TAMRITZ, a digital badge learning network for Jewish day schools, announces the schools selected to pioneer its connected learning community. The following schools will form TAMRITZ's 2013-2014 cohort: Kehillah Schechter Academy, Norwood, MA; Krieger Schechter Day School, Baltimore, MD; The Moriah School, Englewood, NJ; and Seattle Hebrew Academy, Seattle, WA.

Selected schools demonstrate an innovative spirit and readiness for transforming how learning happens, says Blattner.

TAMRITZ will provide schools with in-person training, a networked community of practice and ongoing coaching to design and implement their own badge learning programs.

Digital badge learning takes a traditional system of awarding badges for achievements to a new media level. Guided by their teachers, students explore their own interests and acquire knowledge and skills. Each digital badge they earn becomes an electronic credential that contains not only what the student understands and has accomplished, but also the methods used and data about the institution that sponsored the learning experience. These badges can be shared through social media, providing transparent transcripts for students' skills and achievements.

TAMRITZ, meaning "incentive" in Hebrew, has the support of the Joshua Venture Group's Dual Investment Program and the AVI CHAI Foundation.

SPOON CO-FOUNDER EARNS FELLOWSHIP

Leading social entrepreneur Cindy Kaplan, co-founder of the SPOON Foundation, has been elected into the exclusive Ashoka Fellowship for her systems-changing work to improve nutrition and feeding for orphaned and vulnerable children worldwide. Kaplan and the SPOON Foundation were profiled in the January edition of Oregon Jewish Life.

Ashoka's criteria for Fellows include: a lifelong path of entrepreneurship, strong ethical fiber, a new idea and the ability to transform an entire system.

"I started SPOON to protect other children from the debilitating consequences of malnutrition that nearly robbed my son of his life as a young orphan in Kazakhstan," says Kaplan.

Kaplan will join more than 3,000 Ashoka Fellows in 70 countries worldwide in receiving this prestigious, lifetime Fellowship. With the Fellowship will come connections to potential funding and programmatic partners, strategic support, increased exposure and a commitment of financial support over the next three years.

OJM CALLS FOR SUKKAH PROPOSALS

Oregon Jewish Museum invites designers, artists and makers of all backgrounds to propose contemporary responses to the traditional challenges of sukkah design.

Awardees of this juried competition will receive a supply budget of \$400 to create and install a sukkah on the grounds of the OJM in Portland. A collection of up to nine unique, liveable structures will remain on display at OJM throughout Sukkot 2013. The holiday begins at sundown on Sept. 18 and ends at sundown on Sept. 25. The sukkahs will serve as the focal point of a weeklong series of events that seek to create contemporary context and connection to the themes of this ancient holiday.

The entry deadline is 5 pm, July 19. The entry fee is \$20. For more information, contact Coren Rau, SukkahPDX curator and project manager, at sukkahpdx@ojm.org.

HONEY FOR ROSH HASHANAH

In honor of the Rosh Hashanah tradition to dip apples in honey to usher in the New Year, the Shalom Chapter of Hadassah (Vancouver, WA) will sell 8-ounce gift jars of golden kosher honey. The jars will be shipped in time for Rosh Hashanah (this year Sept. 5). Proceeds benefit Hadassah projects in Israel and the United States. Orders and payment must be received by July 26; contact Julie at 360-281-0054 for costs and ordering information.