

Congregation Etz Chaim

Rabbi Gary Berenson



~ REMINDER ! ~

Every second Friday of the month,
our Shul hosts a keynote speaker!

~ Facilitated by Board Member, Ted Fleischaker ~



Join us for Shabbos services this coming
Friday (the 14th) at 7 p.m. to welcome
Layne Witherell - Wine Maniac to
Etz Chaim. Layne's topic will be:
"Wine in Religion - 10,000 BCE to Today."



Layne currently helps run the wine department at Portland's Trader Joe's, but has a long and storied history in the wine biz, which he's been in since the 1970's. In that time, he has tasted many thousands of wines as an importer, wholesaler, retailer, wine judge, winery CEO, radio talk show host and wine teacher - he has lived it all. He has spent his time in San Francisco; Portland, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; Richmond, Virginia; Charlottesville, Virginia; and (finally), our Portland.

Layne authors a blog (<https://winemaniacs.wordpress.com>) which is a review combining restaurant menus, wine and beer (if interesting) reviews. Wine is about the context of food. "Sadly," he says, "there is no blog that explores the synergy of food and wine together as a restaurant review. Restaurant reviewers either don't drink the stuff or don't care!"

Layne's accomplishments include:

---Great wine list creations! For the wine list he created for the Salishan Lodge and the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon, Layne received a Wine Spectator Grand Award.

---As a wine journalist, he wrote wine columns for "The Richmond Times-Dispatch," "Style Weekly" and "The Phoenix." He currently writes about wines for "Up Portland."

---Teaching short courses about wine at Virginia Commonwealth University, wine classes to both undergrads and law students at the University of Virginia, and giving guest lectures at the Portland Public Library, The Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport, and Longfellow Books.

Come meet Layne at 7 p.m. this Friday, learn about wines (Kosher & not), and stay after for the oneg.



This Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.
Parashat Vayigash

Torah Reading: Genesis 44:18-47:27
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-37:28

Kiddush will follow the Saturday morning services.



Please also join us for
Monday Minyan at 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!



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1920's immigrant-era synagogue and is also
home to the Maine Jewish Museum.

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