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**Capital Campaign**

On Sunday, November 4th, with evidence of construction mobilization clearly dotting the main parking lot and turnaround, Neveh Shalom's ongoing Capital Campaign fundraising efforts were joined by construction activity, both real and ceremonial. With golden shovels in hand, Rabbi and Goldie Stampfer and lead donors Irwin and Renee Holzman were assisted by Rabbi Isaak, Rabbi Greenstein, Cantor Shivers, and congregational leaders in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Stampfer Chapel and Administrative Wing.

Illuminated by a rare sun break on a November Sunday afternoon, nearly 200 congregants of all ages were in attendance to mark yet another key milestone in the Capital Campaign. Rabbi Isaak addressed the lively gathering and noted the historic occasion in the life of the synagogue, while Cantor Shivers led the group in a spirited Sheheheyanu. The day also was a celebration of gratitude to the more than 240 congregational families that had pledged gifts to the campaign in excess of $6.3 million (as of press time). “Our fundraising job continues and will be ongoing until we reach our goal of $9 million,” said campaign co-chair Alan Blank. “But we could not have reached this point without the generosity and commitment of the many families who have stepped forward so far. They deserve recognition for leading the way and we thank them.”

At the conclusion of the groundbreaking ceremony, everyone shared a dessert reception and then enjoyed a concert by visiting Cantor Alex Stein.

For more information on construction progress or to pledge your gift to the campaign, please contact Executive Director Fred Rothstein at 503-246-8831 ext 134 or frothstein@nevehshalom.org. Additionally, you may visit the campaign’s website at nevehshalom.org/capital.

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**From the Pulpit**

**A Mindful Tradition**

Recently, a colleague informed me that the largest Hanukkah party in his city took place at the local Zen Buddhist Center. So many Jews, searching for a connection to the soul of the universe have flirted with eastern religions. It is all too easy today to bow down to a false God of busyness - we produce more stuff and things than ever before, we work longer hours and carry our stresses in our pockets. It is no wonder then that modern man, Jews and non-Jews alike, have sought out spiritual disciplines that celebrate the stillness within the passing. We are drawn to meditative, mindful practices that provide a respite from our mental hustle bustle. We want a religion that focuses our attention on the peaceful oneness of all nature and humanity. Shema Israel Adonai Eloheynu Adonai Ehad! We have a sacred mantra of Oneness; our Shema is said three times a day. There is a famous adage that man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home only to find it. We need not look any further than our own backyards to find a spiritual discipline of mindfulness and expression of oneness. To study how to embrace life’s daily retreats we search through the many self help books that line the shelves of our bookstores and homes yet we don’t always think to search through our siddur. Our Sages recorded an ancient system that mandates that every time one partakes of any food, experience, or enjoyment in life that he or she takes a moment of pause, a moment of mindfulness, to say a bracha…a blessing. There is a blessing for wine and a blessing for soda, a blessing for crackers and a blessing for meat. Each one is

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Please Note

Share your life-cycles events and accomplishments with your congregation. The deadline for the January Chronicle submission is **Friday, December 7th**

Please E-mail submissions to lkitchen@nevehshalom.org

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**In Memoriam**

The Congregation extends its sincere sympathy to the families of
Rose Isenstein
Eileen Zugman, Steven Rogosin

May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life.

**Condolences**

Our condolences to our members and their families,
Don Stephens on the death of his uncle;
Vladimir Fiks on the death of his mother, Raya Fiks;
Bobbie Cohon, Marilyn Lakefish and Marvin Nudleman on the death of their father, Stan Nudleman;
Leslie Soloman on the death of her father;
Lesley Isenste&n and Bill Amiton on the death of her mother in law and his sister, Rose Isenstein;
Catherine Rogosin and Shane Rogosin on the death of her husband and his father, Steven Rogosin;
Joel Wasserman on the death of his father, David Wasserman;
Sofia Zalmanova on the death of her father;
Cantor Linda Shivers on the death of her father in law.

**Refuah Shlema**

Refuah Shlema, a speedy recovery to

**Clergy Visits**

To assure that clergy make visits to congregants in the hospital, extended care facilities and hospices, please contact the office at Congregation Neveh Shalom: 503.246.8831. In an effort to comply with the new patient privacy laws, health-care facilities may not release the names of their patients; so it is imperative that you provide the name of the member, the facility name, patient’s room number, length of anticipated stay, your relationship to the patient and a number where you can be reached if further information is needed.

**Chronicle Submissions**

Kvell With Us

. . . Heather & Ian Penner on the birth of their son Ari Ryker Penner born on October 23, 2007. His big brother is Doran.

. . . Staci and Stewart Rosman adopted Maya Sienna who was born on September 19, 2007. Grandparents are Steve & Joyce Singer of Portland and Martin and Grace Rosman of Annapolis, MD.

. . . Mazel Tov to Thea Carlsen Ledendecker and Eric Matthew Wasserman on their wedding November 1, 2007, in Akron, Ohio. Thea’s parents are W. John Carlsen of Boston, and Deborah Lissom and Stuart Braune of Floyds Knobs, Indiana. Eric’s parents are Joel & Hilarie Wasserman of Beaverton. Thea and Eric are making their home in Akron, where Thea designs websites and teaches English at the University of Akron. Eric is a professor of Creative Writing at the University of Akron, and a published author.

. . . David Kagen & Jodi DeMunter on the birth of their son, Nataniel Simon Kagen born on October 22, 2007

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**Welcome to Our New Members**

Catherine Stark
Samantha & Sean Johnson

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**Kol-ha-kavod**

Every simcha is special

Congratulations to our many members who are celebrating in December. In particular, Mazel Tov to the following members who are celebrating special milestones!

**Milestone Birthdays**

Elliott Axel
Elena Baldetski
Henny Bernstein
Arnold Cogan
Bridget Cross
Stanley Davis
Mary Duboff
Abraham Furman
Bernice Gevurtz

Phillip Gladstein
Mark Grodzinsky
Edward Hersbiberg
Herbert Hochfeld
Marianne Irkin
Steve Kaufman
Jeffrey Kirsch
Alexandra Levinsky
Gordon Pearlman

Gary Peck
Alice Potter
Sara Reed
Alberto Rinkevich
Ilene Safyan
Wendy Tobin Shain
Sheryl Weissman

**Milestone Anniversaries**

Alexander & Ilene Aginsky
Arnold & Elaine Cogan
Michael & Marsha Cohen
Floyd & Marilyn Geller
Mark & Lori Helfand

Carmit & Mark McMullen
Richard & Abby Menashe
Jeffrey & Barbara Mutnick
Sam & Anne Silverberg
As you buy Hanukkah presents, please don’t forget Jewish music! Jewish music is Hanukkah music and more. You can get every kind of Jewish music on CD including Klezmer, Hanukkah, Passover, Cantorial, Yiddish, Ladino, lullabies, children's music, rock and roll, rap, reggae and more. Most of this music is also available in book form where you can have the sheet music, either fully written out or just with chords. You can also buy the sheet music just one selection at a time. The easiest way to purchase Jewish music is online at www.jewishmusic.com or www.oysongs.com. I’m always happy to make recommendations. If you want to see what a particular selection is like, don’t forget to check out the collection at the Neveh Shalom library.

Shabbat Unplugged will take place on Friday, December 14 at 6:15pm. This month we will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Isaiah Elder at Shabbat Unplugged. Shabbat Unplugged includes meditation and Isaiah is an experienced meditator. He’ll be helping me lead the service this month. The theme will be “having enough”. Joseph's brothers came to Egypt because they didn’t have enough food in Canaan. Joseph takes away the Egyptian people's livestock and their land and even charges them 20% taxes in exchange for seed and food during the famine. Joseph gives his brothers food, clothing and land for pasture in Egypt and his brothers seem to be happy. His father, Jacob, on the other hand, is bitter when he comes to Egypt – in spite of the fact that he never expected to see Joseph again. What satisfies and what doesn’t?

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Cantor Linda Shivers

From the President

Joshua Braunstein
December 1

Mazel Tov to Joshua who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah on 12.01.07. He is the son of Jeffrey & Marianne Braunstein, the grandson of Richard & Margaret Bergstrom, Paula Braunstein, and the late William Braunstein and brother to Leah. Joshua is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy and his hobbies include swimming, piano, guitar, computer/video games, snowboarding, wake boarding, and hanging with friends.

Isaiah James Elder
December 15

Mazel Tov to Isaiah who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah on 12.15.07. He is the son of Drs. Charles & Leslie Elder, grandson to Joy Elder & Len Spiegel of Youngstown, Ohio, Norien Farnham of Beaverton, Or and brother to Jacob. Isaiah is a seventh grader at Portland Jewish Academy and his hobbies include chess, reading, sports of all types, including soccer, basketball, and skiing.

Sydney Rachel Rubin
December 22

Mazel Tov to Sydney who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah on 12.22.07. She is the daughter of Darcy & David Rubin, granddaughter to Leah & Mark Rubin, Paula & Sal Sigona of Scottsdale, Arizona, Mike Heitner of Monterey, California and sister to Sophie. Sydney is a seventh grader at Portland Jewish Academy and her hobbies include gymnastics at Westside Gymnastics Academy where she is a Level 7 Gymnast, she also enjoys art and fashion designing.

Cantor's Notes
unique yet all are designed in order that we not simply eat by rote but recognize what goes into our sustenance and where it comes from. So important are the blessings to Jewish daily living that our sages proclaimed “whoever derives benefit from the world without first saying a blessing, it is as if he or she has stolen from The One” (Talmud Brachot 35a) Taking time to say a blessing is taking time to frame a moment, to stand still and appreciate your gifts. Before I take a bite out of an apple, as I bring it to my mouth, I slow down, I am aware. I realize I am part of the very very minute percentage of people in this world who are blessed with more food than they can eat…

B‘virkat Shalom,
Rabbi Bradley Greenstein

Hinenu

Hinenu warmed up the fall chill with a special underground tour of Portland. A group of us trooped underneath the city to get a glimpse of a different side of Portland. It was awesome to share this experience together on a cold Sunday.

We’re gearing up for helping at the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland’s Super Sunday! Get ready to give back on Sunday, December 2nd, from 3:30 to 5:30 at PSU. We’re excited to be working as a group along with others to make the Federation’s Super Sunday even more fantastic and successful. To be a part of this day, or if you have more questions, please e-mail info@hinenu.org

Check out our web-site for the latest info and upcoming events:
www.hinenu.org

See you at our next event!

Jewish Film Group

Sunday, December 2 3:00pm
Yiddle With His Fiddle Yidl Min Fidl
Poland, 1936, 92 minutes, B&W, Yiddish with English subtitles

Directed by Joseph Green and Jan Nowina-Przybylski. “Director Green returned to his native Poland from America to produce this film, the most commercially successful musical in the history of the Yiddish cinema, starring Molly Picon, consummate comedienne of Yiddish theater, vaudeville, and film. This is the classic folk comedy about a man and his daughter who, penniless, decide to become travelling musicians. The daughter disguises herself as a boy to relieve her father’s anxiety about unforeseeable problems that could befall a young woman “out in the world.” They then join together with “another” father-son duo for music, comedy and romance.”

National Center for Jewish Film” Join us at Neveh Shalom for a free showing of this film, with lots of good company and discussion afterwards. RSVP to Paul Sher at PaulPSher@gmail.com

Save the Date!!

Feb. 1-2, 2008 we will host CANTOR RAMON TASAT.
Cantor Tasat will sing wonderful Sephardic melodies from many different Sephardic communities that he has arranged for solo as well as choir. After the service all are invited to a congregational Shabbat dinner with Cantor Tasat leading us in singing. Saturday night he will perform a concert together with the Neveh Shalom choir. The choir has already started on the music and it is wild! The music is full of unusual rhythms and harmonies. This concert is the annual fundraiser for the choir and will be a delightful evening for all ages.

All-Member Hanukkah Dinner & Party

Please come join us for a wonderful celebration on Sunday, December 9, 4:30pm.
For more information see page 11.
**Outside In**

Outside In is continuing this year to cook once a month. December 10th @ 4:15 pm will be the next time we are cooking.

Thank you to Judy & Kellen Kahn, Akiko, Makenzie & Joshua Berkman and Lisa & Tali Greenfield, who helped cook last months dinner for at risk youth and young adults.

Any questions please email head cook Aviva Zigman at azigman@hotmail.com

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**Save the Date for the CNS Annual Auction**

Sunday, March 16, 5pm

To be held at the MJCC

We are counting on 100% participation from our members for our biggest fundraiser of the year. There are many ways you can help:

- Volunteer to help on one of our many subcommittees: publicity, procurement, registration, packaging, data entry, sponsorship, decorations, and evening program
- Donate goods or services from your place of business
- Ask merchants you regularly shop with to donate their goods or services
- Become a sponsor with your cash donation
- Attend the event and bid on our fabulous items!
- Buy a raffle ticket

Call or email JoAnn Bezodis, Auction Coordinator, TODAY to find out how you can help: 503.293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

Watch your mail for donation forms or download them from our website at www.nevehshalom.org.

Let’s make 2008 our best year ever!

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**Notes from Shomrei Teva**

**Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights**

It’s December and Hanukkah will soon be here. Once again we’ll gather with our friends and families to light candles, sing songs, and eat latkes and sufganiyot. And of course we’ll retell the ancient story of the Maccabees and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight nights. But we no longer burn olive oil, which is what the Maccabees used. Most of us light and burn paraffin candles (on Shabbat as well). Does it matter?

Paraffin candles and oil are made from petrochemicals, like gasoline and diesel fuel. EPA testing has confirmed that paraffin candles give off known or probable carcinogens, neurotoxins and reproductive toxins. The American Lung Association warns that burning paraffin candles can emit measurable amounts of toxins into the air. And paraffin is made from a non-renewable resource, oil. How can we celebrate our holidays, stay healthy, and honor the earth? Simple: imitate the Maccabees and use renewable, healthy resources.

Candles made from 100% beeswax or soy wax are safe for your health. If you have a menorah that burns oil, like the Maccabees did, you can use olive or soybean oil. There is excellent information about the whole topic at the website for Canfei Nesharim (Wings of Eagles), which is an Orthodox Jewish environmental organization. See their info at: http://www.canfeinesharim.org/learning/make_difference.php?page=11488. There are also many on-line stores that sell beeswax and soy wax candles, including those for Hanukkah and Shabbat. Just Google “beeswax Shabbat candles” or “Shabbat oil glasses” to get started.

On this Hanukkah or Festival of Rededication, make it a time to rededicate your own efforts to save energy, to use more renewable resources, and to live a healthier life in harmony with the earth. Chag sameach.

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**Hold the Date**

Neveh Shalom Women’s League sponsor’s Mah Jong Madness IIII Brunch & Tournament Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:00am

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**Torah Study**

Join Rabbi Isaak or Rabbi Greenstein each Shabbat morning for Torah study 9-9:45am in the Library

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**Bar Mitzvah Suit Closet**

Yossi’s Closet is now stocked and ready for sharing. Do you have a pre/Bar Mitzvah lad who needs a shirt or suit to attend a Bar Mitzvah or a Shabbat service? We have a number of shirts, pants and suits that are ready to be loaned out.

Donations are always wanted! Don’t let your son’s outgrown suit collect dust! Share it with other. This suit closet benefits those in need and lets us recycle through re-use. We are collecting suits in like-new & cleaned condition for this special project, including shoes as well. If you have something to contribute, or if you would like to check out our collection for your own son’s use, please call Stephanie Arnheim at 503.690.7768 or e-mail her at stephanie@equityhs.com.

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**Jewish Education**
**Women’s League**

Women’s League is a vibrant and supportive group. Be a part of this link between home and synagogue, providing activities for today’s Jewish women.

Join us as WE all support the Synagogue’s Capital Campaign, to reach the goal for our Synagogue’s future.

We want to thank Sylvia Frankel for her book review and discussion of *Disobedience*, by Naomi Alderman. We also want to thank Gussie Cooper for arranging our recent Shabbat Service at the Robison Home. We would especially like to thank Peter Bedrick for organizing the service. We would also like to thank Dr. Diana Rinkevich for speaking to us about lipid management on October 14.

In addition to our monthly meetings, a group of Men’s Club members volunteers at the Oregon Food Bank on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please contact David Sibell at sibelled@ohsu.edu if you are interested in helping.

If you would like to join Men’s Club, please contact our membership director, Larry Skolnik (lsskolnik@hotmail.com). We also have membership forms available on our bulletin board in the synagogue. You may also contact either of us at bruce@thesternfamily.net or j3ngoodman@comcast.net

Joe Goodman and Bruce Stern  Men’s Club Co-Presidents

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**Donate Your Car**

You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle, running or not. Call JoAnn Bezodis in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503-293-7309, or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

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**Food Barrels**

Neveh Shalom now has 2 food barrels that need your donations. One of them benefits Neighborhood House, the other benefits the Sunshine Pantry. One is located in the coat closet just outside our main sanctuary, the other in the hallway near our administrative offices. For your convenience, you may bring your non-perishable food items any time during office hours Monday-Friday, or any time there is an event at Neveh Shalom. Thank you for your generosity!
Ya h rz e i t  P l a q u e s:  
L a s t i n g  M e m o r i a l s

A Yahrzeit plaque is a lasting tribute that ensures the memory of a loved one will be honored for all time. The purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque guarantees a permanent fixture in the Sanctuary plus a duplicate one that will be displayed on the Yahrzeit.

Please contact Michelle Caplan, 503.293.7305, or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org, if you would like more information about this tradition and or about purchasing a plaque.

Traditional Shabbat Dinner

All Member First Friday
Shabbat Dinner
Friday
December 7th, 2007
Birnbach Hall

Please join us after our early 6:15pm service for family-style Shabbat Dinner as prepared by Allen Levin & crew. Adult: $12  Children (10 & under) $6  Family Maximum is $36
Reservations MUST be made in advance RSVP by phone or email to Julie at jmarquis@nevehshalom.org, by noon Wednesday, December 5th.

Upcoming Dates:
December 7  March 7
January 4  April 4
February 1  May 2

Youth Activities Oil Drive

With Hanukkah approaching there is no better time to have an OIL DRIVE!
The Neighborhood House is a community non-profit that helps distribute food to those in need. Cooking Oil is by far the MOST REQUESTED item! When families receive boxed meals many times they need cooking oil to help prepare them. That is why, this Hanukkah we are hosting the first ever Oil Drive, lets celebrate the miracle of oil by helping to bring cooking oil to those who need it! Drop off any sealed cooking oil to the Youth Lounge during Hanukkah! For more information please contact Helene Wren at hwren@nevehshalom.org

Vaults Now Available at the New Mausoleum

To purchase a vault or for more information please contact Michelle Caplan at 503.293.7305 or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

Mazel Tov Cantor
Linda Shivers
Cantor will be honored and will perform at “Kol Isha – A Woman’s Voice,” a gala concert in celebration of 20 years of women cantors to be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary’s cantorial school.

“Don’t Let all that Training go to Waste!”

Neveh Shalom invites all b’nai mitzvah alumni to return and chant Torah during our Shabbat Services. Learn a new portion or chant from your own portion.

Assistance available after the holidays, please contact Wendy Hetzler for more information at 503.225.1023.
Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?  
Religious School Version  
Sundays, 10:30-11:15am  
Here's your opportunity to catch up with the younger generation. These adult classes are a condensed version of what we are teaching in our Religious School program.  
“Brachot” – Dec. 2-16  
“Israel” – Jan. 6-27  
“Joshua” – Feb. 3-24  
“Megillat Esther” – March 2-16  
Meets in Room 21 in the Foundation School wing. Limit of 15 adults per class.  
Please contact Dayle Maizels-Tyrrell to register at dayle@nevehshalom.org or 503-293-7312. No Charge.  

Rabbi Isaak meets with Religious School Parents  
Sundays, 9:45-10:45am  
Room 21 in the Foundation School wing.  
What do you do when you ask your child on the way home from Religious School, “What did you learn in class today”, and the only response is “Nuthin”? Jewish education, as we all know, is most effective when reinforced with discussion at home.  
This year Rabbi Isaak will meet monthly with parents of the 3rd through 6th grades on alternating weeks. We will review the subject matter, providing an opportunity for parents to learn and discuss, to share ideas and get to know each other better. (This class for parents of children currently enrolled in Religious School)  
3rd Grade Parents: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, March 9, Apr. 13  
4th Grade Parents: Jan. 20, March 16, May 4  
5th Grade Parents: Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Apr. 6  
6th Grade Parents: Dec. 2, Jan. 6, March 2  

Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
Saturdays, 9:00-9:45am  
Join us every Shabbat morning in the library for a time of study and discussion on the parasha of the week, led by either Rabbi Daniel Isaak or Rabbi Bradley Greenstein.  

Walking with God  
Fall/Part 1 Mondays continues  
December 3rd & 10th, 7:15pm-8:15pm  
Spring/Part 2 Dates and Times TBA  
Instructor: Rabbi Bradley Greenstein  
Who/What really is God? Together we will explore the Jewish portrayal of God within different streams of Jewish thought. We will dive into texts that reveal:  
God in Kabbalah  
God in the Hebrew Bible  
God in the Talmud  
God in Medieval Jewish Philosophy  
God in Midrash (rabbinic parable)  
God in Halakah (evolving Jewish law)  
God in Modern Jewish Thought  
God in Hassidut (traditional interpretations of spirituality and joy)  
Come discover the many faces of the One who is beyond all words. No knowledge of Hebrew or experience necessary, bring your friends!  

Meeting with Muslim Leaders from Africa  
On Tuesday, November 6th, Susan Bernstein, Director of Education at Congregation Neveh Shalom, hosted a delegation of Muslim leaders from Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria and Tanzania through the U.S. Department of State professional development program known as the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). IVLP participants are nominated by U.S. Embassies overseas as current or emerging leaders in their fields. The program fosters mutual understanding.  
After a brief tour of the synagogue, the group sat down to discuss ways that the Muslim communities in each of the home cities could better understand and dialogue with the Jews who reside there. A desire to learn more about Jewish customs, practices, and foundations for belief were topics that the group expressed an interest in and desire to continue learning about.  
It is a hope that continued conversation and learning will take place between Susan and these delegates as they conclude their visit to the US and return to their jobs as Mayor of Dire Dawa Provisional Administration; Special Duties Officer, Islamic Council for Development and Humanitarian Assistance; Program Manager, Youth Peace and Empowerment Group Plateau State Coordinator, Interfaith Mediation Center; and Executive Secretary, Muslim Development Foundation.
School is almost out, but Kadima isn’t slowing down! November was filled with a popcorn movie party and testing our skills on skates at the Valley Ice Rink! We taught each other how to skate, and had a blast. Stay tuned for more information, including the All-Member Jr. Kadima-Kadima Hanukkah Overnight at Neveh Shalom. We will be making arts and crafts, watching movies and laughing all night long. Later in the month if you are home during the Winter Vacation, join Kadima for some Roller Skating at Oaks Park! If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to email me any time at kadima@portlandrishonim.org.

Jaime Wren, Kadima Advisor
kadima@portlandrishonim.org

Happy December Junior Kadimaniks! I hope you all had a great time at Cosmic Bowling, because I certainly did! It was so nice to finally meet all of you, since at Roller Skating, you were so spread out. This month’s event is our Annual Tzedakah Hanukkah sleepover at Neveh Shalom on December 8-9! It will be combined with Kadima, so it is going to be huge! This will be a member only event, so make sure you all have your membership forms turned in! See you guys on Hanukkah!

Marissa, JR Kadima Advisor
jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org

Foundation School

Foundation School is under construction. As the synagogue’s renovation and remodel project has begun, our little ones have also been busy in our playground’s “construction zone”. They have been building, digging and enjoying their new play area.

This past month children in the Foundation School have enjoyed curriculum projects encompassing the harvest season, family traditions, Thanksgiving and Native American culture. Children experienced these themes through story, song, drumming, art and dramatic play. The day before Thanksgiving each class joined together with others in their age groups to “feast” together on many traditional harvest foods.

Our students also began their Hanukkah unit in November. Hanukkiyot have been made, stories heard, songs sung, blessings practiced and latkes cooked. When Hanukkah comes early we get busy! How our year is flying by. It is such a pleasure to share the holidays with your children.

Jan Skolnik, Director and Sheila Stern, Asst.

Religious School

We are fortunate to have a creative, caring, professional faculty who bring their love for Judaism and dedication to excellence to the classroom each week. I would like to use this article to introduce you to the educators who are new to the Neveh Shalom teaching staff this year. Please meet Jonathan Emanuel.

Jonathan has come to us with over 15 years experience in Jewish education as a teacher, director and counselor. He is responsible for teaching the kids in Kitah Bet (fourth grade) as well as eighth grade. Jonathan had been instrumental in developing programs for Camp Young Judea and has developed and implemented curriculum as well as overseeing retreats, trips, study and social action programming in the Oakland area. Jonathan has many talents outside of the classroom including photography and travel.

Susan Bernstein
Director of Education
Veterans Day Ceremony at Neveh Shalom 2007

Excerpt from Jewish Review
By Anne Koppel Conway

At the traditional 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Congregation Neveh Shalom began a Veterans Day ceremony to honor Jewish-American veterans.

For some, the confluence of Foundation School graduate Travis Wong’s seven-member brass band playing John Philip Sousa, a bugler playing taps, Boy Scouts marching with flags and Kaddish being chanted may seem a bit incongruous. But Neveh Shalom Vice President-elect Doug Lenhoff, a 1980 West Point graduate, said that in the ranks of the military, Jews constitute a higher proportion than they do in the general population.

“Jewish involvement in the military is greater than most people would think,” said Lenhoff.

Referring to the heavy casualties the Americans sustained on D-Day, Lenhoff, a former Army captain who was a linebacker for the Black Knights at West Point, teared up when he said, “I walked the beaches of Normandy … I saw no place to hide. I again lost my breathe” when looking at the memorial pages of the West Point newsletter that lists all of the 2004-6 graduates who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After the ceremony, Bob Weiner told Lenhoff that the mention of Normandy brought tears to his eyes as well, because his father had been there.

Rabbi Daniel Isaak said, “We come here simultaneously as Americans and as Jews to honor veterans, particularly those who helped defeat those who wished to put an end” to Judaism and Jews. “We pray for the day when no one has to serve in the military.”

Veterans Day, said Lenhoff, “is a day of reflection for people we never knew and for acts we may not be familiar with.” Jewish involvement in the military has a long history, he said. In 1654 Jewish settlers joined the New Amsterdam defense forces. During the Civil War, 8,500 Jews fought—divided like the nation, some for the North, some for the South. During World War I, 3,500 Jewish soldiers died, 12,000 were injured. In World War II 550,000 Jews served.

Along the way, Jews have received Congressional Medals of Honor, the highest military award for bravery, including two earned during the Vietnam War.

However, because of anti-Semitism, he said, somewhere between 150-200 Jewish veterans from World War II and the Korean War should have, but did not, receive their Medals of Honor. The Jewish War Veterans Act of 2001 requires the Pentagon to review the records of Jewish war veterans in an effort to correct such cases.

Veterans Day “brings strong emotions” for Charles R. “Ike” Eisenbach, Ph.D., a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who was commissioned as a Marine Corps officer in 1967. On July 4, 1968, then a first lieutenant, Eisenbach was wounded. “I am reminded of my service each morning as I reach for my leg brace.”

On this day, he said, “Vets are usually rounded up, dusted off and asked to say a few words” about their experiences. Eisenbach chose to talk about the folks currently serving.

“For most of us, life goes on unfettered” if we don’t have a loved one serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Talking about the U.S. soldiers serving today, he asked the 200 attendees if they cross a threshold facing death and not flinch? Could they render roadside bombs harmless, knowing that one mistake could be their last? Could they walk up to someone’s home and endure the screams of loved ones who are told their soldier has died?

Retired Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Ross, a past deputy commander of the U.S. Army’s 104th Infantry Division, said, “Most serve without fanfare. They make a difference and deserve this nation’s respect and recognition. Because of our vets, the beacon of freedom is burning more brightly around the world.”

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day in 1919, he said, to mark the end of became known as “The War to end All wars” on Nov. 11, 1918. But when World War II followed on the heels of World War I, Congress, in 1954, “broadened the scope” of the holiday to include all vets.

Congregants reading the names of the 220 Jewish vets buried in the synagogue’s two cemeteries, Neveh Zedek and Ahavai Shalom, were Julie Brophy, Dan Rubin, Anna Davis, Rosalie Goodman, Steve Kahn and Howard Shapiro.

Harold Lesch, a former captain who served for 20 years in the reserves, and his wife Jackie were the Day’s co-chairs. “Without Leonard Barde’s drive and support, this program wouldn’t have gotten off the ground,” said Lesch.

Congregation President Sandy Axel agreed that Barde, who is the synagogue’s cemetery chair, is “an inspiration for his service.”

Mason Wiederhorn, a senior patrol leader in the Boy Scouts, gave commands to his Scouts to advance and retire the colors. They included Scouts Ben Miller, Evan Anderson, Alex Metcalf and Charles Holmes.
USY is celebrating Hanukkah on Center Court at the Rose Garden!!!

December 9, 2:00-6:15 pm
Join USY as we celebrate Hanukkah at a Blazer Game. The evening will be packed with basketball, klezmer music, lighting the menorah, friends and a free t-shirt! Reservations Required BY November 31.
$18 for members and $22 for non-members.
For more information and to RSVP email Danit Rothstein at trumpetplayastar@yahoo.com

First Friday Shabbat Dinner
Friday, December 7, 7:15pm
*Following 6:15pm Services
Join us after our early 6:15pm service for family-style Shabbat/Hanukkah dinner as prepared by Allen Levin and crew. Together we will light the candles and recite the blessings for the fourth night of Hanukkah.
Reservations required. $12 per person, $6 per child age 10 and under, $36 limit per family. RSVP by noon on Wednesday, December 5. Call Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831 x100, or jmarquis@nevehshalom.org

Foundation School
All-School Shabbat/Hanukkah Program
Friday, December 7, 10:45am
Foundation School Parents please join us for our All School Shabbat and Hanukkah Program on Friday December 7, 2007 at 10:50am in Birnbach Hall. Come enjoy music with Kim Palumbis and a special Hanukkah presentation by our Room 18 Pre-K Teddy Bear Class.
Jan & Sheila

Kadima/Jr. Kadima Sleep-Over
Annual Members Only Junior Kadima/Kadima Sleepover!
Saturday, December 8—9,
Drop off at 7:00pm pick up 9:00 am
Our Hanukkah Sleepover is one of our most popular events, and this year, we’ve decided to make it even bigger by inviting Kadima to join us! Dinner and breakfast will be served, and there will be snacks, games, movies and even Menorah making! Please bring any extra pocket change because we will be donating it to Heifer International to purchase animals for farmers in need. Reservations Required BY December 3. $15 for Youth Activities Members. For more information and to obtain Reservations forms please contact Marissa at jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org

All-Member Hanukkah Dinner & Party
Sunday, December 9, 4:30pm
Members of all ages should plan to join us for this fun-filled event. Bring your own menorah and candles as we will do candle-lighting and singing together before we enjoy a latke dinner. There will be live music and dancing, as well as dreidl and children’s games for the little ones. Reservations required by Monday, December 3. RSVP to Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831x100 or jmarquis@nevehshalom.org
Tributes

Tzedakah is a central mitzvah of Judaism. Use it often and in good health! Tzedakah honors the giver and the recipient. You can make a Tzedakah contribution to honor, remember or thank someone who is important to you. It is also the custom in many communities to give Tzedakah in appreciation of an honor or aliyah during any service. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH THE DONOR AND THE RECIPIENT, AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE FUND. We gratefully acknowledge donations to the following Synagogue Funds:

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- Click on the catalogue tab, enter the title or subject.
- Indicate whether to search on titles or author OR click on Subject.
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**HANUKKAH SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:**

- **Jewish Parents’ Almanac** by Julie Danan
- **Holiday Tales of Sholom Aleichem** by Sholom Aleichem
- **Christmas Menorahs** by Janice Cohen
- **Sacred Celebrations** by Ronald Isaacs
- **Jason’s Miracle** by Beryl Benderly
- **Chanukkah Ghosts** by Ma Pen
- **On Hanukkah** by Cathy Fishman

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**Women’s League Gift Shop**

Our Hanukkah items are now in the shop. We have a large assortment of menorahs from traditional, electric, whimsical and even bees and bugs for children. A new addition is a plush counting book for toddlers in a Hanukkah motif as well as plush menorah sets. This year we also have beeswax candles and we have the birthday type Hanukkah candles too! We also have candles in assorted colors as well as the smaller boxes. Dreidels aplenty and chocolate gelt are in stock. Jewish G.I. jewelry is new and we have it! We look forward to seeing you in the shop!

Torah Fund Cards are always available for all events. They are great to have so you are prepared to send a card to meet every contingency.

A group training is in the works for new volunteers. Please let us know if you can join us. The afternoon for the training is being planned for a Wednesday. It is a great way to meet people and a mitzvah as our profits aid our religious schools and the Synagogue.

Please call **Sue Axel** at 503.297.9130 or **Ann Yudman** at 503.352.4074 for details.

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- **Monday – Friday 10 AM – noon**
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- **Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM** (when religious school in session)
- **Sunday 9:30 AM – noon** (when religious school in session)
- **First Tuesday of the month 6:30 PM to 7:15** (when Melton School in Session)

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Please call **Sue Axel** at 503.297.9140 or **Ann Yudman** 503.352.4074 for details.
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Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Thy commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the sabbath lights.

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**WHEN A DEATH OCCURS**

Call the synagogue office 503.246.8831 so that we may inform Rabbi Isaak and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Michelle Caplan, ext. 114.

After business hours, on weekends & holidays, contact Michelle Caplan at 503.481.0164, Rabbi Isaak 503.228.8819 or the funeral home of your choice for assistance. Most Jewish funerals in Portland are arranged by Holman Funeral Service, 503.232.5131.

If you wish Tahara for your loved one—respectful preparation for burial according to ancient Jewish tradition—you may request it from Holman’s Funeral Home or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify The Chevra.

When a death occurs, please be prepared for changes in parking, locations for classes as well as for services. Please call the Neveh Shalom office at 503.246.8831 or check for postings for more information.

**DAILY MINYAN**

Monday - Friday 7:15 am
Rosh Chodesh 7am
Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

Erev Shabbat, Friday
1st, 4th & 5th Friday of the Month
6:15pm ONLY

2nd and 3rd Friday of the Month
6:15pm and 8:15pm
Shabbat, Saturday, 9 am
Every Saturday: Shabbat Child Care
Please call 503.246.8831 to reserve space. If you would like to participate in the main sanctuary, please call the CNS office at 503.246.8831, ext. 100.

** Tot Shabbat/Shabbat Kids**
1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:15 am, Room TBD
Shabbat Kiddush Club (3rd-5th graders) 1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:00 am, Room TBD

**DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN**

2nd and 3rd Shabbat at the Robinson Home
If you would like to lead the davening for Shaharit, Torah, or Mussaf please call Mark Sherman, 503.245.0571.