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# FROM THE PULPIT

# L'hitraot - A Bridge to the Heart

One of the most famous sentences in all of modern Jewry comes from the great-grandson of the Baal Shem Tov, Rebbe Nachman of Breslov. He said, and many sing today, "the whole world is a very narrow bridge and the most important part is not to be afraid." Now I have studied the meaning of this phrase and have heard the song countless times and still to this day find it perplexing. On the face of it, it is very simple. The world can be a difficult place, hard to navigate, like walking across a very thin bridge. If you make one mistake, one bad



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choice, you could easily fall and there may be no one to catch you. Therefore, in order to move forward on this tenuous bridge of life the most important thing to remember is not to let fear paralyze you. I think Rebbe Nachman's words are true but at the same time I can't help but think there is a parallel truth to this age-old metaphor. If the world is a bridge it seems to me far more expansive and wide than Rabbi Nachman would have it. Indeed life can be scary and out of control, yet more often than not we do get second chances, our will to carry on astonishes us, and we find people in the most unexpected places ready to catch us when we fall. The bridge of life is actually much more spacious and open then we may imagine and yet still, the most important part, the essence of it all...live boldly.

I think that same bridge exists between our sense of self and our Judaism. As Sarah and I prepare to depart at the beginning of this summer we have been reflecting on our time with all of you at Neveh Shalom over these last 8 years. Our greatest hope has always been to be a piece of the bridge that connects Judaism to your heart. Over these years I have aspired to uncover a Judaism that is forgiving, inspiring, and surprising. To help build a bridge between ourselves and our tradition that is accessible and inviting, one that leads straight to the heart and to our deepest yearnings. Because after all the heart is where we find the mystery many call God. It is there *Continue on page 5* 

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

My what a busy week. And without attending even one service.

Actually, that's not entirely true. My week began Sunday morning with morning minyan, where we were joined by our 6th grade Aliyah class. From there, I drove our son, Michael, to the MJCC to meet other of our USYers for J-Serve, a program sponsored by Federation for our teens to volunteer at the ReBuilding Center in North Portland. That evening, it was back to CNS for our terrific auction. Everyone had a ball dressing up as their favorite rock star and purchasing items to support our programs. Glen Coblens and his auction committee hosted a rockin' event that was the talk of the town.



Our senior rabbi search committee brought me back to CNS three nights this week. On Monday, the subcommittee for completing the Rabbinic Assembly's Questionnaire met to begin that task; on Tuesday, the subcommittee for the Congregational Meeting on April 29 met to put the finishing touches on that event; and on Thursday, we had our full search committee meeting. On Tuesday, after our subcommittee finished its work, I dropped in on our Membership Services Committee. This energetic group of (mostly) women were planning a wide array of programs to engage our membership over the summer months. Look for announcements of opportunities to connect throughout the summer. And if anyone is interested in joining this important committee, please contact our Membership Services

Director, Wendy Kahn.

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# B'NAI MITZVAH



# **JONAH BIEDERMANN MAY 10**

Mazel Tov to Jonah Biedermann on his Bar Mitzvah on May 10. Jonah is the son of Alan and Renee Biedermann, and the grandson of Dr. Joseph and Susan Schwartz. Jonah is an active 7th grader at Cedar Park Middle School, where he enjoys playing trumpet in the school band and jazz band. Jonah also enjoys swimming and many outdoor activities, including camping, hiking, bicycling and kayaking. For the last two years, he had enjoyed summers at B'nai B'rith Camp, and he has made many Jewish friends through his connections at Neveh Shalom. Given his passion for playing the trumpet, we look forward to the day when we might hear him blow the shofar for the High Holidays.



# **ELANA WELTER MAY 24**

Mazel Tov to Elana Rachel Welter, daughter of Ingrid Siegman and Michael Welter, granddaughter of Nancy and Dennis Siegman, little sister of Joshua and Aaron, and niece to both Drew and Tara Siegman, all of who live in Portland! Elana is a 7th grader at Whitford Middle School where she enjoys studying science and working on the yearbook. For fun she enjoys lacrosse, soccer, reading, playing the drums and spending time with her dog, Vinnie. Elana has been going to Jewish summer camp since she was 2 (as a staff brat) and will return to BB camp again this summer.



# **REBECCA SHORE MAY 31**

Mazel Tov to Rebecca Shore, who is becoming Bat Mitzvah on May 30-31. Rebecca is the daughter of Dmitriy and Alla Shore, sister to Daniel, Ben and Jacob and granddaughter to of Semion and Larisa Stolyar and late Lazar Sheynfeld and Anna Rashkovskaya. She is a 7th grade, honor roll student at Jackson Middle School. She enjoys acting, writing, arts and drama class. She is active in cheerleading and loves spending time with her family and numerous friends.



# **ISAAC ROSENTHAL JUNE 7**

Mazel tov to Isaac Rosenthal, son of Chantal and Eli Rosenthal, brother to Emma and Noam. Isaac's grandparents are Shoshana and Harris Rosenthal, and Chris Julhes. Isaac is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy where he has learned to think for himself and work for the world. He is a great student, a hard worker, and a real mensch! He enjoys basketball and is a fixture at the MJCC gym.



# **SAMANTHA WEISS JUNE 14**

Mazel tov to Sammie Weiss, who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah June 13-14. Sammie is the daughter of Vicki and Martin Weiss and big sister to Alex. She is the granddaughter of George and the late Claire Kastner (Z"L) and Edward and Cathy Weiss of Portland, OR. She is in the 8th grade SUMMA program at Stoller Middle school and excels. Sammie enjoys reading, Girl Scouts, drawing, and all forms of sweets. She loves to spend time with her family and friends.



# **BENJAMIN WAHBA JUNE 21**

Benjamin Wahba, son of Karen Douek and Elliot Wahba, and younger brother to Arielle and Avital will be called to the Torah on June 21. Benjamin is a 7th grader at Gilkey Middle School. His love of sports and the outdoors includes golf, basketball, track, swimming, biking and hiking. He shares his wonderful sense of humor with his many friends and enjoys attending BB Camp every summer. We hope you will be able to celebrate this simcha with Benjamin and our family and friends.



# **ADIN BIEDERMAN JUNE 28**

Mazel Tov to Adin Zev Biederman, beloved son of Carol Cole and Steve Biederman. His big sister Malina Keutel also thinks he is pretty special! Adin is a 7th grader at Raleigh Hills, where he enjoys math and all things technological. In his spare time he dotes on his cat, spends time with his friends, reads voraciously and plays piano—if he's not in the kitchen whipping something up. Or out in the woods geocaching with his father! Adin began his Neveh Shalom life at Foundation school, followed by the Kochavim Immersion program, which along with Shabbat dinners and his mom's nudging, he credits with forming the bedrock of his Jewish identity.



# **SOLOMON COHEN JUNE 29**

Mazel Tov to Solomon Cohen who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah during Rosh Hodesh, Sunday, June 29th. Solomon is the son of Aaron and Linda Cohen, younger brother to Gabrielle, and grandson of Allen and Ellen Pollens, Seymour and Elaine Cohen, and Peter (z''l) and Alayne Rabow. Solomon is a 7th grader at Raleigh Hills Elementary. He has a way with people and draws them to him with his warm and kind personality. He loves sports and has played basketball, football, baseball and is currently playing lacrosse. He also enjoys acting and singing. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is always quick to make a pun or joke. He's excited to return to B'nai B'rith Camp this summer after his Bar Mitzvah.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

I spent Thursday morning in room 111, first for a Building and Grounds Committee meeting, followed immediately by a Cemetery Committee meeting. Building and Grounds is working on quite a few deferred maintenance projects, including an exciting renovation of our kitchen, which is a vital need of our Kehilla. The kitchen has not had any changes for decades and needs many upgrades just for health and safety. It is still in the planning stage, and we may not ultimately have the funding to make the necessary changes, but the Board of Directors will hopefully have the details before them in our May meeting. We will keep you all advised. The Cemetery Committee is also working on some deferred maintenance projects, particularly at Neveh Zedek. Those of you visiting our cemeteries for Memorial Day will see some changes in the area where our tools and equipment are stored.

As for the Search Committee, in addition to the Congregational meeting, you will soon (or may already have) a congregational survey to complete and focus groups are being planned for May and June. I encourage everyone to get involved in this important process. We expect to submit our Questionnaire (essentially, our "Help Wanted" ad for rabbis) by around the High Holidays. We have a lot of information to gather from all of you before that happens.

Neveh Shalom is obviously a very busy place, even without mentioning any of our teffilot. I am profoundly appreciative and impressed by our volunteerism. In all, beginning with J-serve, including the auction, and including the participants at the meetings mentioned above, well over 100 CNS volunteers pitched in during this one busy week to help run our facilities and programs and to help raise the funds that keep us operating. I cannot begin to express the gratitude of the entire Kehilla for all of our volunteers. Without our volunteers, we would simply not exist. Kol HaKavod.

# **Traditional Services**

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**ELEANOR FISCHER** 

**DIAL-IN SERVICE** 

If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services

dial in to hear them.

# Kabbalat Shabbat - Every Friday: 6:15pm

Come join Cantor Bletstein and our Rabbis for a traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service where we weave together ancient and modern melodies as we celebrate Shabbat.

Shabbat Morning Service - Every Saturday: 9:00am Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service. Free Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831 by noon on the preceding Wednesday to reserve space.

## **Daily Minyan: Sunday-Friday**

This minyan is maintained by dedicated and devoted congregants who ensure this service is available. Weekday services 7:15am, except on Rosh Chodesh and intermediate days of a holiday (Sukkot, Chanukah, and Passover) when services begin at 7:00am. Services on Sundays, major Jewish holidays, and major American holidays begin at 9:00am, year-round.

# Call 503.246.8832

# **Special Friday Evening Services**

First Fridays, 6:15pm (May 2, June 6) Bring your spirit and your voice to join together on the first Friday of the month. Accompanied by Ilene Safyan on guitar, this

service is one of beautiful music, filled with much singing and participation. New melodies are intermixed with congregational favorites. It's a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat together, as a community. A light oneg follows the service.

Hinenu Service 4th Fridays, 6:30pm (May 23, June 27) For Jews in their 20s and 30s who are post-college and pre-kids. This alternative service is followed by a potluck. For more information, to RSVP, or to get on our email list, contact hinenu.pdx@gmail.com

PDX Live!, May 16, 7:30pm A rockin' service to welcome Shabbat with music that will move you! Join Cantor Bletstein, Ed Kraus, and Klezmocracy for a high-energy Shabbat service with instruments that will rock your soul! Stay afterwards and schmooze at our signature Neveh Shalom cookie oneg.

# **Special Shabbat Morning Services**

Downstairs Minyan 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (May 10, 24, 31 June 14, 28)

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot. To read Torah Contact Eddy Shuldman at mameleh@comcast.net.

KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein, Saturday, May 10, 10:00-11:45am (Note date change, last KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein) Join us as we study, sing, meditate and engage deeply in prayer together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience necessary. Bring your friends! KEVA...a little time for your soul.

Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service: 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (May 17, June 21) Neveh Shalom volunteers lead Shabbat services for seniors at the Robison Home Chapel. Arrive early to help escort residents to the Chapel. Contact carol.stampfer@gmail.com.

# **Shabbat Morning for Families and Children**

## Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5 years old) 1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (May 3, 17 June 7, 21)

Tot Shabbat is a warm, age-appropriate Saturday morning service designed to introduce our youngest members to Shabbat morning worship. This interactive, engaging 45-minute Shabbat service includes prayers, music, songs and story time followed by a light Kiddush lunch.

Kehillat Noar (Grades 1-5) 1st Saturdays, October-May: 10:00am (May 3) Jr. Congregation for 1st-5th graders and families. Join Gershon Liberman for this brief, lively, skill-building Shabbat morning experience, and stay for Kiddush lunch with friends.

# **Become a Shabbat Greeter** It's a Mitzvah!

We are looking for friendly people to welcome everyone to our Shabbat services. Register at tinyurl.com/cnsgreet or contact Wendy Kahn at wkahn@nevehshalom.org

We'll find a date that works for your calendar.



# **Candle Lighting Times**

8:00 PM Friday, May 02, 2014

8:09 PM Friday, May 09, 2014 8:17 PM Friday, May 16, 2014

8:25 PM Friday, May 23, 2014

8:32 PM Friday, May 30, 2014

8:38 PM Friday, June 06, 2014 8:42 PM Friday, June 13, 2014

8:45 PM Friday, June 20, 2014

8:46 PM Friday, June 27, 2014

in the heart that we realize we are connected to something bigger than ourselves, connected to a greater Self. And it is in this place that we may sense what our ancestors called Ahava Rabbah, abounding unending love, from the source of life. The rabbis of old were so focused on "abounding unending love" (just think the kind of love you feel for your children or family) that they made this term part of the Shema and insisted that every Jewish person recite these words every day to remind themselves of the force emanating within them. The thing is, once this force, this unending love...once it's realized, there is no going back. Once the bridge between your soul and Judaism is connected and the heart is opened...it stays open. Sarah and I feel tremendous gratitude for all of you who have opened our hearts and also privileged to have been with you on your spiritual journeys as you opened yours.

Our three girls were born here and have been nurtured by your love and support. We have been blessed to celebrate the milestones of your life, and we have been honored to share in your tears. I will forever treasure each and every one of you. Now as it comes time to say goodbye I would like instead to say goodbye in Hebrew. In Hebrew there really is no word for "goodbye." One may say shalom which means "hello" and "goodbye" but really is best translated as "peace." The closest word for goodbye in Hebrew is l'hitraot which literally means "see you again." It is the genius of the Hebrew language that recognizes how interconnected we all really are, l'hitraot is a hopeful goodbye. Sarah and I hope to see all of you and say l'hitraot at the synagogue's farewell event on the night of May 10th. Our family is very excited for this next chapter in our lives and rabbinate and look with great enthusiasm to the future of Neveh Shalom.

L'hitraot... till we see you again, With abounding unending love, Rabbi Bradley Greenstein, Sarah, Adirah, Talia, and Sami



Rabbi Greenstein's last **KEVA** will be on Saturday, May 10th at 10:00am, room 102.

Dad's Night, May 15, Lucky Lab North Portland.

Come have drinks with the Rabbi! Guest is Rabbi Greenstein.

Open to all Jewish dads and dads raising Jewish kids.

Take part in a relaxed conversation on a topic pertinent to Jewish dads.



# Shalom Chaverim, Saturday May 10th, 7:00pm, Main Sanctuary.

Join our congregational family in wishing Rabbi Brad goodbye at this special Havdalah event. Come express your gratitude and good wishes as Rabbi Brad, Sarah and their girls as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives in San Diego, California. Enjoy music, dessert and a time to share special memories of Rabbi Brad's wonderful eight years of leadership with all of us.

## Submission for Rabbi Greenstein's Memory Book

Participate in a book we are creating to present to Rabbi Greenstein. Submit a page for the book - letter sized (8 ½ by 11) paper that is not thick and doesn't have holes (please, do not fold). Create your page as you want, to honor the Rabbi. Please give in your page by May 1st, the submission box is in the administration office. Contact Sharon Segal at sharon-segal@comcast.net with any questions.

# **SOCIAL ACTION**

## **TIKKUN OLAM**

Back in 2007, while skimming over Rabbi Isaak's weekly e-mail, a note about the need for a volunteer to step forth to serve as chair of Neveh's Tikkun Olam Committee caught my eye. I shared interest in being considered for the position. Time passed, perhaps half a year, and I nudged again. This time the message was received and I was blessed with the position.

It's probably not what you thought. We were always doing tikkun olam projects, with a number of great leaders and volunteers handling things quite well on their own. My role, with JoAnn Bezodis' assistance, was to actually document all the things we were doing, put that information together to share with the congregation, and begin regular meetings to collectively share what each group was doing and how we could help them do it better. Of course there was also the opportunity to pursue other efforts.

This team approach has continued over the past six years. There are dozens of individuals that deserve praise for the wonderful things they have, and many continue to, do. We didn't miss a beat when JoAnn took on another role and then, in May of 2011, Jennifer Greenberg took over the staff liaison position. They are, as I trust you all know, wonderful support for all our volunteer efforts.

So now it's time to step aside for whoever steps up to take my place.

Looking back over the past years I/we can celebrate so many things. Here's a partial list: Taking the leadership to bring Portland's Jewish community together to deal with the financial crisis including the "It Takes A Shtetel" and Career Transition workshops, assisting in feeding the homeless, recreating a Mitzvah Day with the congregational school, initiating a relationship with Habitat for Humanity, participating in Good Deeds Days, collecting hygiene kits, created Pots and Pans for Purim, cleaning up flood damage in Vernonia, supporting the Oregon Food Bank and with our Food Barrels community efforts, sponsoring blood drives, supporting Community Warehouse, the Never Again Coalition, the Suit Closet, supporting the SW Community Health Clinic, supporting the Federation's Hand to Hand project, Neveh being registered as a potential Red Cross Shelter, supporting Gleaning efforts as well as our Garden project, cooking for Outside In, distributing Tzdakah boxes, Shomrei Teva and its Creek restoration efforts, knitting for Israeli soldiers and children in hospitals.

And finally we have put in place a path to use the donations that have been made to Neveh's Tikkun Olam and Hunger Funds. Setting aside approximately \$500 a year to support school projects addressing hunger and/or tikkun olam themes. Using up to \$500 from our Tikkun Olam Fund as an incentive or match to encourage members to provide donations, of diapers or money, to provide diapers for Neighborhood House. We will create a process to allow congregants/staff to apply for micro-grants to support projects, which would assist in feeding the hungry or general tikkun olam efforts. We will also encourage congregants to support and replenish these funds.

All these done through the leadership efforts of *Stephanie Arnheim, Roz Babener, Cathy Blair, Xuan & David Sibell, Deborah Freedberg, Mary Goldhammer, Sarah Greenstein, Rabbi Isaak, Joyce Mendelsohn, Mike Titelbaum, Lauren Fortgang, Aviva Zigman, Susan Bernstein, and Jordan Epstein with the assistance of so many others.* 

Steven Sirkin, Tikkkun Olam Chair

# **NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA**

Shavuot: Backyards and Hikes

Shavuot celebrates the revelation at Sinai and the harvest festival where the Israelites made pilgrimage to Jerusalem with offerings, which were "elevated" (Leviticus 23:20-21). Commenting on this act, Rabbi Rafael Samson Hirsch (German Orthodox, late 1800's) wrote that "the vitality of the Earth, anywhere, is indeed dependent on humankind becoming 'unselfish'. We must learn to feel that we are but stewards for future generations, who depend on our unselfishness regarding a planet already overtaxed with resource extraction and depletion."

Become "unselfish" and a better steward for future generations by starting in your own backyard as a participant in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. (http://www.columbialandtrust.org/get-involved/act/backyard-habitats) To learn about the program, its benefits, how to do it, and why it's the Jewish thing to do, contact me at yaakovm@comcast.net or 503-245-6580. The program will help you make simple changes in your yard and yard practices that will result in a healthier habitat, with more birds and butterflies, safer for you and your children.

As for a Shavuot pilgrimage, come to our ongoing Shomrei Teva nature hikes. We had our second annual Pesach hike in Tualatin Hills Nature Park this past April and more are planned. If you're interested, get on our mailing list by contacting me. Finally, for an excellent d'var Torah on Shavuot and its connections to God, Judaism, morality, science, and nature, see the Kolel of Toronto article on our Shomrei Teva page at http://www.nevehshalom.org/our-community/social-action/shomrei-teva. Chag sameach Shavuot.

Jordan Epstein, Chair, Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom

# **NEVER AGAIN COALITION**

This past April marked the 20th Anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. The genocide in Darfur is in its 10th year. The past few months have been the bloodiest period in Darfur since the start of the violence there. It is a stark reminder that we must remain steadfast and keep the pledge made after the Holocaust of "Never Again." Please consider joining us at one of our next meetings and find out way that you can help put a stop to the genocide in Darfur and the ongoing violence in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Next meetings: Monday, May 5, 7 pm at Kol Shalom and Monday, June 2, 7 pm at Neveh Shalom.

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**Neveh Shalom Rocks!** was chaired by Glen Coblens, who opened with a rousing version of Steve Miller's "The Joker", with words changed to suit the occasion. The crowd of 180 got on their feet and sang "We are Neveh Shalom". The night did very well, our mitzvah moment alone raised nearly \$30,000. This event supports the work Neveh Shalom does for families, individuals and the greater community.

Cantor Bletstein made the night rock by appearing as both Cantor B-stie and Cantor B-52.

Huge thanks to our committee, sponsors, patrons, event goers and staff for making our largest fundraising party a great success!

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# **SOCIAL ACTION**

Neveh

## **HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Good Deeds Day – 195 Hygiene Kits! Under the leadership of Susan Sutherlin, our 15 wonderful volunteers put together 195 hygiene kits. What an amazing group! At Transition Projects, homeless people who are unable to obtain a shelter bed can take a shower. Our hygiene kits really do make all the difference in the world to these people who have so little. We truly appreciate all your donations. Keep them coming!

Most needed items are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, small deodorants, razors, tampons Also accepting: small shampoo, small conditioner, small lotion

For more information contact cathyblair55@yahoo.com

# **OUTSIDE-IN COOKING PROJECT, MAY 25, NOON-2PM**

Once a month Neveh Shalom members gather in our congregational kitchen to cook for Outside-In. Outside-In houses and feeds homeless teens in downtown Portland. Please join us on May 25th. This will be our last cooking date until the fall. If you would like to be on our e-mail notification list, contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

Don't forget about our Volunteer Webpage, all opportunities and contacts are listed - www.nevehshalom.com go to Community then click on Volunteer.

# One CNS Teen's Adventures with Adamah Pacific Northwest Trek

*Matthew Zola*, a 9th grader and Tichon (CNS Wednesday night high school) student, went on Adamah Adventures 14 Day Pacific Northwest Trek last summer after seeing an ad for the camp in our Tichon newsletter.

Q: Why did you choose this camp?

A: They offer a lot of fun activities that I don't normally get to do, like white-water rafting, sea kayaking, and climbing Mt. Rainier. It was a small camp; after two weeks we were all good friends.

Q: Was the camp what you expected?

A: Not really, but in a good way. I was able to relax and get out of the world of technology. I expected the camp to be more scheduled and rigid. But we got to plan portions of it ourselves—like make a side trip to go pick berries if we wanted—and we planned out every meal and cooked it ourselves. Nothing was catered—we had to work for everything.

Q: What was your Jewish take-away from camp?

A: We said Birkat Hamazon every day and celebrated Shabbat and Havdalah even when we were camping. The best thing was that we learned that there are different prayers and blessings to say for all kinds of different natural phenomena, like when you see a waterfall.

→ Jewish summer camps and programs are an awesome way to spend the summer! Contact Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning, for information on local, national, and international options for youth & teens.





Lag Ba'Omer, the 33rd day of counting between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot, is celebrated in Israel with bonfires, picnics, and outdoor festivals. At Neveh Shalom, we will be celebrating this outdoor festival with our children and invite the entire community to join us!

On Sunday morning, May 18, kids ages 0-12 are invited to join in the fun with ice cream making, baking pita bread over a fire, archery, visiting goats, and singing around a bonfire! Contact Mel Berwin mberwin@nevehshalom. org for more info.



\*Photos from last year's festivities

# **High School Graduation Shabbat**

Please join us on Friday evening, May 30th, as we celebrate the graduation of all of our High School seniors along with the Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Shore. Neveh Shalom has established a tradition of recognizing these students as they are about to embark on their new adventures. We look forward to this joyous evening celebrating a parent's pride and young person's accomplishments every year.

# Why is this school different from all other schools? The 4 answers:

1. Our children are engaged in experiencing Jewish life.



**Celebrating Shabbat** 

# 2. Our students are scientists



Experimenting: What will happen next?



3. Our students practice Tikkun Olam - taking care of our world



Helping a friend helps the world



Taking care of our community garden

# 4. Our students are joyful



For more information about our dynamic and nurturing program, or for a tour of our school, call Leah Conley, Foundation School Director, at 503-293-7307, email LeahC@foundationschoolpdx.org, or visit www.foundationschoolpdx.org.

# CNS GROUP NEWS

# SISTERHOOD NEWS!

Sisterhood continues to provide programs that are open to the synagogue community, with opportunities to learn as well as chat and build friendships. Many thanks to Sheryl Robert for organizing our program at Paint Pots in March. Thanks are also due to those who participated in Good Deeds Day- we put together and provided more than 100 hygiene kits for the homeless!

Don't forget to put on your calendars that we are the host Sisterhood for the NxNW Regional Spring Training Conference that will be held at the Phoenix Inn in Tigard, May 4-6, 2014. There will be a trainer from the national office, who will lead us during the 3 days of sessions. In celebration of Israeli remembrance and independence days, we will host an Israeli style dinner at Neveh Shalom on Sunday 5/4/14, that is open to the community. It will include Klezmer music provided by the Percy Bernstein Orchestra, and guest speaker Rabbi Ariel Stone, whose topic is "How Do You Say 'Equality' In Israeli? Women's and Others' Rights in the Jewish State". Then on Monday evening, at the hotel, there will be a dinner and movie- "Walking in the Woods" with a presentation by its producer, Ken Klein. Please contact Dana if you would like more information. The dinner events are open to the community.

Later in May- May 18th- we are "double booked"! We are participating in the Book Talk program at the synagogue at 10:30. The book being reviewed is "One More River", by Mary Glickman. That afternoon we will host a "Tea Party" with Sharon and Warren Moliken presenting information on different tea tastes, and healthy treats to go with them! Further information to come, or contact Dana Sirkin.

Our end of the season picnic will be held at the home of Marsha and Geoffrey Strongin, on June 29, 2014. Of course, it will also lead to the start of a new year, and we'd love to welcome new women with their families to join us.

We encourage every synagogue woman to consider becoming a member of Sisterhood, as we continue to move forward with activities that are engaging and that bring old and new friends together. Dues are \$36 this year, of which a portion goes to the national organization, and the rest supports the synagogue as well as our local programming.

Also remember to do your Judaica shopping at our volunteer run gift shop. We have regular hours during the week, and can accommodate individuals with special appointment times when needed. Check out the beautiful new selections of Judaica and jewelry. Do your B'Nai Mitzvah or other special occasion shopping with us.

Dana Sirkin, Sisterhood President Contact information: 503-454-0610, or otrbanana@frontier.com

# **NEWS FROM YOUR MEN'S CLUB**

On March 10, several members and supporters arose at the crack of dawn (or so it seemed with the change to Daylight Saving Time), fired up the griddles, and cooked pancakes to help kick off Good Deeds Day at Neveh Shalom. *Andrew Levy* led the effort, joined by Men's Club members *Abraham Furman, Jonathan Levy, Jonathon Lietz, Ron Morris, John Sheldon, Bob Sorkin, Bruce Stern,* and *David Wallack,* and supporters *Vera James, Lidia Krivoy, Dana Sirkin* and *Nancy Stone.* 

That same morning, five members and supporters (*Steve Sirkin, Mike Titelbaum, Richard Cohon, Larry Huppin, Alan Biedermann*) headed to – that is, to SE Portland, to take part in a day-long homebuilding project with Habitat for Humanity:

That evening, the Men's Club, led by organizers Peter Bedrick, Harold Lesch, and Bruce Stern, held another successful Texas Hold-'em event, the club's main fundraiser. Tournament sponsors were Bob Ginsberg, Joe Goodman, Rabbi Bradley Greenstein, Harold Lesch, Jonathan Levy, Irv Potter, Shaarie Torah Men's Club, Michael Sisavic, Bruce Stern, David Wallack, Peter Wigmore, and Randy Katz. We'd also like to thank our event donors: Rick Vagy, Jonathon Lietz, Ben Philan, and Steve Sirkin. In addition, Alan Biedermann, David Biggam, Judd Conway, Gary Laroff, Andrew Levy, Jonathan Levy and Steve Sirkin volunteered at the event, serving as cashiers, greeters, bartenders, and general haulers and schleppers.

On March 28, members of Men's Club and Sisterhood joined together to lead Shabbat services at Rose Schnitzer Manor. Men's Club members and supporters included *David Ushman, Jonathan Levy, Geoffrey Strongin, Rick Vagy, Bruce Sutherlin, and Steve Sirkin.* 

On April 20, the Men's Club and Sisterhood co-sponsored a talk by Peter Wigmore on Yom Hashoah – specifically, about the experiences of his beloved mother, Rosa Wigmore (z"l), who survived both Auschwitz and Mengele's "medical experiments." Peter has given this talk to school and other groups, and those who have heard it report it is moving and inspiring.

### **Upcoming:**

Sunday, June 8, 9:40am, Stampfer Chapel. Oregon Senator *Elizabeth Steiner Hayward*, who is also a physician and CNS member, will give a "Legislative Update from Salem."

Yours, Jonathan Levy, Men's Club co-president

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During March and April our amazing group of volunteers helped two families recovering from illness/surgery. Neveh Shalom is so blessed to have so many menschen: *Vicki Rotstein, Amy Katz, Sheri Cordova, Jennifer Perlmutter, Joni Cady, Miriam Thompson, Chris Blair, Bella Dvir, Bari Gilbert, and Jen Knudsen*. Thank you for your abundant kindness!

We are always in need of more members who will take a meal to a family with a new baby or someone who has just returned from the hospital. To get involved in this wonderful activity, go to www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/704771/ and request to become a member.

B'Shalom,

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# Sharing Shabbat- the new Neveh Shalom way to say "let's get together!"

The two Sharing Shabbat's we have had so far have been a hit! Over 54 households have participated as guests, and 33 families have hosted-many have hosted twice.

Our next Sharing Shabbat date is May 30. This community building experience is for everyone, and it is simple. Sign up to host, and invite others to your Shabbat table. Our committee provides a helpful bag of goodies, including challah, candles and blessings. Fill your table (no matter how big or small) with people you know, or people you would like to know. We can help make introductions. Have you been a guest to a Shabbat? Pay it Forward and invite someone to your pad.

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# **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

### FRI MAY 2

12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Rose Schnitzer

### **SAT MAY 10**

7:00pm Shalom Chaverim - Rabbi Greenstein's Farewell Party

### **SUN MAY 11**

7:30pm An Evening with Yale Strom, Stampfer Chapel

### **THU MAY 15**

7:00pm Dad's Night Out

## FRI MAY 16

5:45pm Shabbat B'ychad dinner, Birnbach Hall 7:30pm PDX Live!, Main Sanctuary

### **SUN MAY 18**

9:00am Lag Ba'Omer Kids & Family Back-to-Nature Day 10:30am Booktalk@Neveh "One More River" 3:00pm Sisterhood Afternoon Tea

### WED MAY 21

6:00pm Tichon Graduation, Vestry

### **SAT MAY 24**

12:30pm Women's Torah Study

### FRI MAY 30

6:15pm High School Grad Shabbat Sharing Shabbat

# **TUE JUNE 3**

8:30pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - details soon

### **WED JUNE 4 - OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00am Shavuot Services

# **THU JUNE 5- OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00am Shavuot Services and Yizkor

### **THU JUNE 19**

7:30pm Annual Meeting, Birnbach Hall

# An evening of Shabbat B'Ychad & PDX Live! Friday, May 16th, starting 5:45pm (PDX Live! starts at 7:30pm)

What makes a community feel connected?
We believe it comes from sharing food, stories
and song together!

It doesn't matter if you celebrate Shabbat weekly or have never experienced a Friday night Shabbat dinner. Join us for this special community Shabbat dinner. Make new friends, bring your friends and family. Shabbat is for everyone – all ages, all families, all in our Kehilla.

Let's fill Birnbach Hall with lively song, cheerful dinner chatter and delightful fun.

Together we will raise our voices even higher when we join together with the entire community at PDX Live! to sing and dance with Cantor Bletstein and Klezmocracy

Reserve your place for dinner by May 14th with Karen at kwilkins@nevehshalom.org 503.246.8831 x100 or online http://tinyurl.com/byachad14

Price: \$14/person \$7/child or \$42/family RSVP by

Wednesday, May 14th.



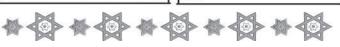
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# **KVEL WITH US**

- \*Mazel Tov to Gary and Deb Wasserman on the engagement of their son Marc to Amelia Botteron (pictured), daughter of Dave and Connie Botteron of Portland. They are planning a September 2014 wedding in Portland.
- \*Allan and Susan Abravanel are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Jonathan Yaeger, son of

Diane and the late Peter Yaeger of Scarsdale, NY. The couple are planning an early September wedding in Manhattan.

- \*Mazel tov to Mitch Friedman and his fiance on the birth of their baby boy Oliver Sterling Friedman.
- \*We congratulate CNS Executive Director, Fred Rothstein, on receiving the status of Fellow in Synagogue Administration at the recent convention of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives.



Baby Shoshana

\*Mazel Tov to Aaron and Kaiya Goldhammer on the birth of Shoshana Frances Goldhammer on April 3rd. Proud grandparents are Mark Knapp (Oakland, CA) and Harry and Mary Goldhammer. Proud greatgrandmothers are Carol Wertheim (Bradenton, FL) and Helen Goldhammer.



Amelia and Marc

## **Corrections from last Chronicle:**

\*Mazel tov to Leeza Maron and Jim Greenblatt on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Lenore Greenblatt. Proud grandparents are Gail Maron and the late Sheldon Maron (z"l). \*Happy Anniversary to Douglas Brotz & Robin Cowan. We apologize for the error that went out in The Chronicle.

### We would like to welcome our new members:

# Gabriela Davis **Emily Izenstein & Meg Pregont**

We are happy to have you as part of our Neveh family!

# **MAZAL TOV! MILESTONES**

# **May Milestone Anniversaries**

Mel & Elaine Ball Paul & Ellen Kipnis

# **June Milestone Anniversaries**

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Sheryl Sachter-Rudolph

Steven Singer

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## **June Milestone Birthdays**

Ann Adleman

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# IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of synagogue members. May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life.

# **CONDOLENCES**

# **Stevan Davis**

Our condolences to Miriam Rogoway on the passing of her husband Jack Thompson.

Our condolences to Gabriela Davis on the loss of her husband, Stevan Davis.

Our condolences to Cheryl (Hanoch) Livneh on the passing of her mother, Elaine Kaufman (z"l).

Our condolences to Cantor Deborah Bletstein on the passing of Marcy Bletstein (z"l), wife of Jack Bletstein, mother of Rachel Bletstein, stepmom of Cantor Deborah Bletstein and Chuck Bletstein, sister of Diane Caskey and Natalie Rosenfield.

Our condolences to Paula Stewart, on the passing of her dear father, Nathan Schwartz (z"l).

### **UNVEILINGS:**

May 4- Eleanor Horenstein 11:00am at Ahavai Shalom

June 8- Eugene Abrams at 10:00am at Neveh Zedek

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**Refuah Shlema** - To wish someone a speedy recovery and add them to the misheberach list, please contact the office to have that information posted on our e-blasts. (The Chronicle isn't printed often enough to keep updated information). Remember, the misheberach (the prayer for healing) is recited at morning services following the Torah reading. If you would like to submit a name for this prayer, you may call the office at 503.246.8831.

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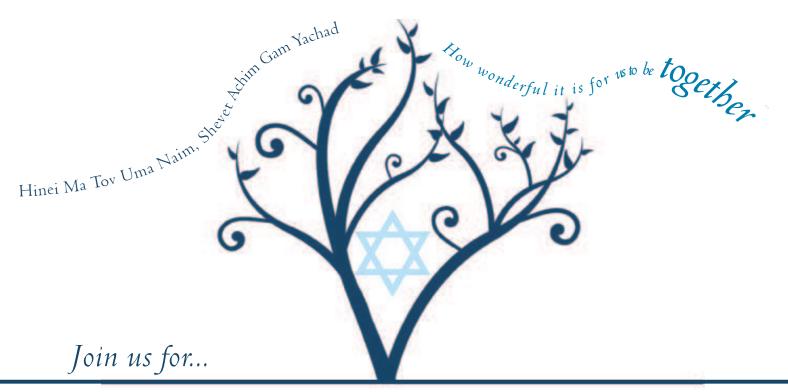


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# Shabbat B'Ychad

Shabbat Together Dinner Friday, May 16th 5:45pm

7:30 pm PDX Live! (Oneg to follow)

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Start thinking about your favorite Shabbat recipe (bring a copy or even two to exchange). Share a favorite family recipe or find a new one on the 16th and build upon your Shabbat traditions!

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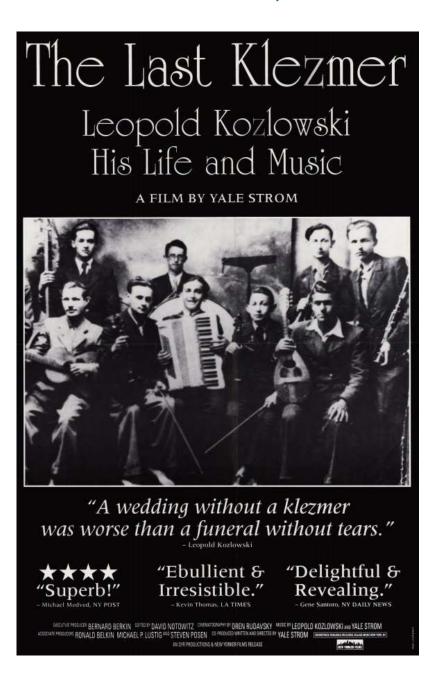
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