# coming Soon Weekend with Ron Wolfson November 14-15

Join us as Ron, inspirational author and favorite teacher, brings his warmth, insight and humor to Neveh Shalom

"He is so engaging that you can't help but sit at the edge of your seat to hear what he has to say."



#### FROM THE PULPIT

#### Hanukah

Every Child's Favorite Jewish Holiday, But Appreciation Demands Adult Sophistication Phil Gladstein with his distinctive booming voice leads the daily Minyan at Neveh Shalom every Sunday morning. Without fail he concludes the service by announcing how many days 'til Hanukah. It doesn't matter what time of year, Phil declares the number of days left. He will begin again the day after Hanukah ends by letting us know how long we have to wait until next year's observance. Such is Phil's humor, always leaving the daveners with a smile on their faces.

Often parents tell me that each year as their children went through elementary school they were invited into their children's classroom to explain what the Jewish holiday of Hanukah is all about. (Parents are rarely if ever invited to explain Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot or any other holiday.) I suppose

the distinction of Hanukah over the other holidays is due to its annual proximity to Christmas. Since there is so much hoopla with trees and decorations and music, etc., teachers make a goodwill effort to pay some attention to our Jewish holiday. Yet, of all the holidays Hanukah is perhaps the most complicated and difficult to explain. Sure, one can simply tell the story of the cruse of oil that miraculously lasted for eight days rather than just one. One can explain the ritual of lighting the Hanukiah adding a candle each night until all eight are lit. One can talk about playing dreydel or eating potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts. That might suffice for children depending upon the age, but it skirts the manifold historical issues that form the basis of this celebration.

Hanukah was a battle for the hearts and minds of the Jewish people. On the one hand it was a battle for political and religious rights during the sovereignty of the Syrian Greeks. But it was just as much an internal battle for the direction of Jewish religious and social life.

The Jewish political and religious leadership in the second pre-Christian century was very much enamored by Hellenism and Greek ways. Jerusalem had enthusiastically embraced becoming a Greek polis. Major Judean cities prided themselves on their theaters, hippodromes and gymnasia where men engaged in athletic contests in the nude. Hellenism epitomized high culture and intellectual progress. The High Priest was named Jason before he was replaced by Menaleus, both with clearly Greek rather than Hebrew names.

It is no accident that the Maccabean revolt broke out in the backwoods hill country town of Modi'in, a place that undoubtedly viewed the big city with destain. They were determined to maintain traditional Jewish ways. It was probably similar to the political and cultural differences in our own country, where progressive movements in urban centers are often resented in the countryside. The Maccabees with good Jewish names like Judah, Simon and Jonathan fought not only the tyranny of the Syrian Greeks, but what to them must have appeared as the alien environment of Jerusalem and most particularly the Temple. When the battle was won, the Maccabeean victors did not simply restore the prior religious and political leadership, a high priesthood that had been passed from father to son for centuries. Instead they installed themselves founding a new priestly dynasty known as the Hasmoneans.

Although it is always dangerous to project ourselves into another time in history, it is nevertheless thought provoking to wonder given our own contemporary proclivities whether we would have sided with the Jewish Hellenists or the Maccabees. However we do know that the Rabbinic Judaism that emerges in the decades following is a direct result of this battle for Jewish hearts and minds.

Hag Same'akh

Daniel Isaak, rabbi

To Learn and to Teach, to Keep and to Do

I have a few favorite pieces of liturgy. Having grown up in services there are certain melodies, certain verses that jump off the page for me and speak to my soul. These favorites change often when my life circumstances change. Sometimes, a verse that spoke to me one week leaves me empty the next so I move on to find the next way in which my heart will be uplifted. There is one piece of liturgy however, that has never left me. The piece represents my philosophy of education taken from the prayer, Ahavah Rabbah, which comes before the Shema. It states:

לְלְמֹד וּלְלַמֵּד, לְשָׁמֹר וְלַעֲשׂוֹת





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... which means, to learn and to teach, to keep and to do. I picked this phrase because I think it naturally and accurately teaches the fundamentals of Jewish education. In Hebrew, the word for "teach" and the word for "learn" come from the same root. That is to say that at our core we are all learners and teachers. We learn by watching and listening to one another. While we have teachers, rabbis and administrators whose job it is to actually and formally teach students, when we listen to one another, and when we share our ideas, we become teachers and others are the students. Every day we have the opportunity to be both teachers and students.

The second half of the quotation teaches that we are "to keep and to do." It is our sacred obligation to guard, preserve and protect what is important to us, and at the same time take an active role in living our lives according to these customs and laws. In keeping or guarding, we maintain that teaching spreads the tradition from one generation to the next so that it will never die. The "doing" allows this to happen, and through practice, cements in us memories that carry us forward.

Judaism is a living religion; it is text based, but survived, maintained, taught and glorified through daily practice. Here at Congregation Neveh Shalom, we not only teach Judaism, but we promote living in inspired practice of our sacred heritage. The education we provide here isn't just from for our children but intended to fan the flames of the passion for learning that happens and is practiced in every aspect of life. The value of learning is a lifelong value in Judaism. Learning and teaching, keeping and doing are meant to kindle the spark within your soul. This year, I invite you to come learn with me, to come learn with us in coffee shops, in classrooms, outdoors and around our town. I hope you'll join me on this journey!

Abraham Joshua Heschel said it best when he called on Jews to take a "leap of action," to do more than we understand so that we come to understand more than we do. I invite you to join our community of practice, a community that does more than we might understand in order to further our understanding of Judaism. Please walk with Neveh Shalom on your journey, and let me know how I can help you.

#### This year, for the first time, I helped the Men's Club build the sukkah at Neveh Shalom. When I arrived at the shul the Sunday morning after Yom Kippur, Gary Laroff was already at work organizing and directing nearly 20 volunteers who had shown up to assist. Gary carried a clipboard with detailed instructions for where to place each piece, including many photos from past years showing what the finished sukkah should look like.

Our team of intrepid builders climbed ladders, aligned piping, turned thumbscrews, rolled out bamboo mats and ultimately made way for a group of Sisterhood volunteers who decorated the sukkah. Everyone pitched in, every detail was covered, and in the end, we had a beautiful sukkah in which the whole congregation could celebrate during the holiday.

As I discussed in my address to the congregation on Kol Nidre, I see Neveh Shalom as one big sukkah. Every detail matters and everyone's participation is important. In partnership with our wonderful clergy and staff, we can all help our kehillah -- our sacred community -- thrive. We all have talents to share and interests we want to explore. During the coming year, I encourage and challenge all our members to find ways you can help keep Neveh Shalom strong. Some ideas:

- Come to one of our many adult education classes. ٠
- Partner with a friend and choose a day each month when you'll attend Daily Minyan. ٠
- Repair the world with one of our many Tikkun Olam activities. ٠
- Volunteer for a committee. ٠
- Learn to read Torah or to lead davening. •

Like our congregational sukkah, there is a role for everyone at Neveh Shalom, no matter what your background or experience. I would be happy to help you find your niche. Please feel free to contact me with how you would like to get involved!

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#### **FROM THE PRESIDEN1**



### **B'NAI MITZVAH**



#### **BEN ZASLAVSKY - NOVEMBER 29TH**

Mazel Tov to Ben Zaslavsky, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on November, 29th! Ben is the son of Tanya and Michael Zaslavsky, and younger brother of Dina. His grandparents are Lina and Boris Fishman of Beaverton, Irina Geselev of Hillsboro and the late Peter Zaslavsky. Ben is 7th grader in West Sylvan Middle School, and a growing fencer at NorthWest Fencing Center, Beaverton. Ben also did swimming, gymnastics, chess, but his favorite activity is Minecraft and other games. He is very creative, has unexpected ideas, and often put them on a paper. Ben loves reading, especially on a trip, - can finish half a book during two hours ride in a car. But the most Ben loves is his family, especially his sister, mom and dad.



#### SAMUEL ZOLA - DECEMBER 20TH

Mazel Tov to Sam Zola, son of Julie & Jeffrey Zola, brother to Matthew, and grandson to Sheila & Paul Gelber and the late Barbara & Leonard Zola. Sam is a 7th grader at Stoller Middle School. He enjoys video games, sports, spending time with his family and relaxing with his two dogs, Elliott & Simon. Sam is a kind, thoughtful and easy going person with an appreciation for all life has to offer.



#### Eden Condren - December 27th

Mazel-Tov to Eden Hannah Jolie Condren, who will be celebrating her Bat-Mitzvah on 12/27/14. Eden is the daughter of Stacey and Gary Condren, grand-daughter of Diane and Josh Kahn, and of Pat and Don Condren of Carmel, CA, and is the younger sister of Levi Condren. Eden is a 7th grader at Jason Lee Middle School in Vancouver, WA. Her hobbies are singing, crocheting, hiking and backpacking, gardening, cooking and taekwando. She is a vegan and is passionate about animal rights and environmentalism.

#### Thank you to our amazing High Holiday Greeter Team for providing a warm and friendly presence this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Head Ushers - Ron Morris and Joe Goodman Marlene Abrams Galina Kogan Ran Shapira Janet Franco Jeff Axel Steve Sirkin Maya Franco-Tayar Rosy Levy Sandy Axel Kaiya Goldhammer Jonathan Lietz Dana Sirkin Peter Bedrick Sam Gottlieb Sam Louke Marsha Spellman Dan Berkowitz Victor Gutnik Arzelie McAllister Michelle Stein Mel Berlant Adam Haas Joyce Mendelsohn Nancy Stone Jack Birnbach Julian Kaufman Linda Osherow Susan Sutherlin Norm Chusid Steve Kaufman **Raisa Premysler** Eduard Vaynberg Jon Cohen Sydney Kaufman Aaron Schoenkerman Luiza Vaynberg Judd Conway Ken Klein Janine Segal Carolyn Weinstein Jackson Klein Ann Conway **Gregory Shabashevich Gary Weinstein Michelle Fliman** Christine Klein Alexis Shapira David Zaltsman

We always need more greeters- next year we invite you to join the team!

#### This year our High Holiday Greeters chose to give their time in honor and appreciation of someone who inspired them. The following individuals were honored through the giving of volunteer time:

The Babner Family	Phil Gladstein			Marcy Morris
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Jenny Zitomer

#### A WEEKEND WITH RON WOLFSON NOVEMBER 14-16

Dr. Ron Wolfson, visionary educator and inspirational speaker, will be joining Neveh Shalom for the weekend of November 14-16. Wolfson has been at the forefront of looking at the future of Jewish organizations and communal life and was co-founder of Synagogue 3000, presenting resources and best-practices to congregations as they grow into the next decade. He authored "Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community", a book with which Neveh Shalom's leadership has been engaged in study and discussions.

Wolfson has also authored many books with an inward focus, such as "Be Like God: God's To-Do List for Kids"; "The Seven



Questions You're asked in Heaven: Reviewing and Renewing Your Life on Earth", practical guide book to repairing the world by following God's example of action.

Our own *Rabbi Eve Posen* remembers him as a favorite professor teaching the subject of sociology and experiential Jewish education. "Ron always had this way of getting his students energized about making a difference in today's Jewish world. He used his class as a microcosm of the world, every day was a new experience. I walked away knowing not just what to do, or how to do it; I walked away knowing what it felt like to build true relationships. On top of it, the first time I set eyes on my husband, Duncan, was in Ron's class!"

A big part of Wolfson's appeal is his warm personality and enthusiastic presentation. On Saturday, November 15, all are invited to us for a special Havdalah followed by a presentation: "The 7 Questions you are Asked in Heaven". Drawing from insightful personal stories, and Jewish tradition, Wolfson will explore the values that at the heart of a life that matters. Dessert reception to follow.

#### Main Events

#### Friday, November 14

5:30pm Shabbat services with the Neveh Shalom Singers and ALIYAH 3-6 graders, followed by Shabbat dinner and talk. Dinner RSVP information coming soon.

#### Saturday, November 15

7:00pm Community Havdalah and presentation "The Seven Questions you are Asked in Heaven". Free and open to all

#### Sunday, November 16

1:00pm Presentation to Portland Area Jewish Educators

#### Ron Wolfson:

"Open[s] doors of engagement and learning that make life more profound and wondrous. Takes a theology of relationship and translates it into lives well lived, and communities more vibrant!" —Rabbi Bradley Artson, dean, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, American Jewish University

"Challenges the Jewish community to embrace a wholly new and boldly different paradigm.... Brings much-needed fresh thinking to a Jewish community striving to reinvent itself, and seeking to engage new generations with renewed depth, vibrancy and relevance."

*—Larry Moses, president emeritus, The Wexner Foundation* 

For detailed information about the weekend contact jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or visit www.nevehshalom.org

"The new synagogue we envision is a spiritual center for all those who set foot inside it. It is a kehillah kedoshah, a sacred community, where relationships are paramount, where worship is engaging, where everyone is learning, where repair of the world is a moral imperative, where healing is offered, where personal and institutional transformation are embraced. The times are ripe for this spiritual call." *Ron Wolfson* 

#### Traditional Services

**Kabbalat Shabbat - Every Friday: 6:15pm** Our traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 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.

#### Special Friday Evening Services

#### First Fridays, 6:15pm (Dec 5)

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 (Nov 21)

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 contact hinenu.pdx@gmail.com

#### PDX Live! Nov 7, special 7:30pm service time

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 (Nov 22)

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 - 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am (Nov 15, Dec 20)

Study, sing, meditate and engage deeply in prayer together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience necessary. Bring your friends! For questions or to get involved, contact Laurie Fendel, jazzfan13@gmail.com

#### Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service: 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am

Volunteer 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) 1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (Nov 1, 15 & Dec 6, 20)

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.

#### Kiddush Club 1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (Nov 1, 15 & Dec 6, 20)

Families with kids 5 and up: Looking to continue the fun and warmth of Tot Shabbat? Do you love to sing, hear a Torah story, maybe even dance on Shabbat morning? If the answer is YES, then join us on the 1st & 3rd Shabbat of each month for Kiddush Club! 1st Shabbat of the month with Rabbi Eve Posen, 3rd Shabbat of the month with Gershon Liberman. Followed by Kiddush lunch.

ELEANOR FISCHER DIAL-IN SERVICE If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services, dial in to hear them.

#### Call 503.246.8831, then press 9

#### **Candle Lighting Times**

Nov 7	Vayera	4:30pm
Nov 14	Chayei Sara	a 4:22pm
Nov 21	Toldot	4:15pm
Nov 28	Vayetzei	4:11pm
Dec 5	Vayishlach	4:09pm
Dec 12	Vayeshev	4:08pm
Dec 19	Miketz	4:10pm
Dec 26	Vayigash	4:15pm

#### ALIYAH K-6th Grade



We've had a wonderful start to the school year, including enjoying a K-6 family dinner in the CNS Sukkah that over 120 people attended!

New this year we have a Mitzvah Mensch bulletin board up by the ALIYAH office. We encourage all members and families to sign up for Mitzvah opportunities, including inviting friends for Sharing Shabbat, writing cards to our friends who are ill, and welcoming new members. Our 4th graders are coordinating the mitzvah opportunities that appear on that board.

Also new is a collaborative art project between ALIYAH and our younger friends in Foundation School.

Check out the Wishy Wall that reflect wishes for the New Year by our kids from 2 years old through 2nd grade! (pictured.)

#### **Lifelong Learning**

- In November, join Rabbi Isaak for a four-week exploration of Ari Shavit's timely book, Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel. Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Rabbi Posen's Torah for Real Life continues by popular demand!
- Tuesdays—join a Hebrew group to learn modern Hebrew (Machon Ivrit) or Hebrew for Prayer (year 1 or year 2).
- Wednesdays—come for dinner if you like (6:00-6:30 p.m., \$6.00 per person), stay for Siddur Basics with Deb Freedberg (Year 1 or Year 2), and pitch in to help with a mitzvah or two at our new Drop-In Volunteer Night! Classes and projects begin at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Torah Study is back! Join Mel Berwin for an uplifting hour of study. Scheduled this year for Saturdays Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, and Apr 11 at 12:30 p.m.

#### **Foundation School**

This year, we are celebrating Foundation School's 60th year! We are so proud of our thousands of graduates over the course of these 60 years, and proud of our current students and families. What better way to celebrate the meaning of these 60 years, than to highlight the stories of the families we have touched. **Here is our second installment of Celebrating 60: The Stern's Family story.** 

The Foundation School has been a part of my family for 35 years now. It began when my mother decided to give her children an enriching Jewish education at Neveh Shalom's Foundation School. She chose the program for its reputation, which has held strong for all these years and was one of the reasons I chose to send my own children. Little did I know that while I was beginning my own preschool journey in the 2-yearold class, my future husband was just down the hall in the pre-k class. I also had the



pleasure of having my future mother-in-law as one of my preschool teachers. I may have cried every day at drop off, just to torture my mother, but I am told as soon as she left I had a great time.

Fast forward 30 years and we are faced with finding a preschool upon our return to Portland. It wasn't much of a debate. My mother was working at the school and I knew I wanted my kids to have a Jewish education. The Foundation School was the obvious and best choice. Having been to a few preschools in Seattle, I knew how lucky we are to have this program. The teachers all have been with the program for many, many years and the small class is absolutely fantastic. It just felt like home. The halls were familiar, the faces were familiar and our son instantly felt connected. He has now graduated and moved on and our daughter is in the Duckie class and loving it.

I feel fortunate to have been able to choose the preschool that my husband and I attended. The experience has been wonderful. I am grateful for the friendships that my children have made and for the ones that I have made. It is so nice to be part of a community. It has also been wonderful for my children to share their experience with their Grandma, who taught at the school, and who remembers many of the programs they still do today. It has been wonderful for my children to see their Nana in the hallways. I couldn't have asked for a better experience and I will be sad when their journey through the school ends. *Jessica Stern* page 7 Chronicle No. 2 Nov / Dec 5775



### New Faces at Neveh Shalom

In this new Chronicle segment, we would like to introduce you to new members of our congregational family. Say hi and introduce yourself to these fresh faces around our congregation. We have many new faces at CNS and would like everyone to know each other and connect!

#### Mark Epstein and Sharon Fendrich

Mark Epstein is a veteran Silicon Valley software engineer and IT manager. When time permits he can be found behind the lens of his camera or climbing a wall. Talia, nearly 10, is a prolific pencil and aerial artist who attends The International School where she studies in Spanish. Sharon Fendrich is eager to manifest her childhood dream business but nearly 3 year old Max is her current project.





#### Lance and Dana Inouye

Lance teaches music at Lewis and Clark and Dana teaches Hebrew at PJA. Sebastian, Liliana, and Alexander make things happy. Together, the five of us are a troupe of musicians, gymnasts, drama queens, mad scientists, and jolly jumpers. We are excited to make Portland our home and Neveh Shalom our community.

#### **Emmanuel and Bella Gore**

Emmanuel and Bella have recently moved to Portland from Israel after living there since 1990. Emmanuel was born in Odessa and Bella is from Russia. They are both retired, Bella worked at the Audiological Laboratory in Ichilov Hospital ,Israel. Emmanuel was a School Principal and a teacher. His passion is history and travel, he especially loves cruises. Bella loves books and movies.



If you are a new member and we have missed your information in this issue, please contact Noa at nrubin@nevehshalom.org and we will make sure you will appear in our next Chronicle issue!

#### Volunteer of the Month for September 2014: MIRIAM ROGOWAY THOMPSON

Miriam Rogoway Thompson has been a member of Neveh Shalom for well over 50 years. She is a regular "shul goer", here on Shabbat and holidays. Living in the far reaches of Vancouver, WA, getting here isn't always quick and easy, but here she is. Miriam is one of those members and volunteers that does her mitzvah work quietly and without much fanfare. Miriam's commitment to volunteering continues during and following her own difficult times, even in the wake of the recent passing of her dear husband, Jack. She does the small things that touch people individually, letting our members and guests know that we care about them. Over the years, Miriam has served on our Chesed Committee; providing transportation to services for those in need, preparing and delivering meals to families in need, and making birthday calls to our senior members. She has been one of our most dedicated and consistent guides for the many school and church groups that come to Neveh Shalom to learn about Jewish life and ritual, synagogues, Shabbat and liturgy. It is difficult to list all of the ways in which Miriam has served Congregation Neveh Shalom, because she consistently steps up to fill just about any need, from High Holy Day ushering to staffing our Blood Drive, and everything in between.



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#### NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA: Neveh Shalom's Environmental Team

#### Chanukah – A Green Miracle

Is Chanukah a "green" holiday? We light candles usually made from paraffin – a petrochemical and non-renewable resource. We give presents we often don't need. Our decorations and even our dreidels are often made of plastic. Doesn't sound very environmentally friendly, does it?

Let's take another look. The Talmudic legend about using one day's oil to meet eight days' needs reminds us to conserve resources. The vision of the prophet Zechariah (read on Chanukah), in which the Temple Menorah is viewed as a living being, flanked by two olive trees feeding oil into it, helps us unite nature and humanity. A small band of Maccabees defeating a mighty army inspires us to face and change the actions of powerful industrial and corporate empires.

So what can YOU do? At home, light beeswax candles or buy oil cups and burn oil each night just like the Maccabees. Give fewer presents, don't wrap, make gifts of your time and service. Avoid plastics. Buy wooden dreidels and gather the family to make decorations from renewable sources.

For more ideas, consider Ten Ways to Make Your Hanukkah More Sustainable at http://hazon.org/10-ways-to-make-yourhanukkah-more-sustainable/ created by Lauren Wasserman from Hazon. Read it together this year and see what you and your family can do.

We can be the miracle of the oil. Chag Sameach.

Jordan Epstein Chair, Shomrei Teva

#### Making A Habit of Habitat

For around five years Neveh Shalom, through our Men's Club and Sisterhood, have been supporting Habitat for Humanity. If you aren't familiar with Habitat, it is "dedicated to fostering home ownership and improving our community by building decent, affordable housing with a neighborhood emphasis." That means helping families who normally could not afford a home to purchase one on exceptionally reasonable terms. In return the family provides 500 of "sweat" equity towards the building of the house. There is a heavy demand for affordable homes in the Portland community.

Recently around ten folks from Neveh helped paint a house for Willamette West Habitat near Hillsboro with a similar number of

volunteers from the Bilai Mosque. It was a gorgeous day and a unique Habitat experience where the project was done in a day!

On September 28th Mike Titlebaum, Rabbi Isaak, and I joined with individuals from a wide variety of religious groups including Christians, Moslems, and Jews to kick off an Interfaith Build at the Habitat Portland/Metro East site, Trillium Court, less than a mile south of the MJCC. Over the next year or so we'll be working together to do a mitzvah as well as learn a bit about each other's religions. To accommodate Shabbat observant folks there will be build dates on November 9th, 23rd, December 14th, and on Good Deeds Day, March 15th beginning at 10 a.m. and running to 4 p.m.

The good news is you don't need to be a trained builder to assist. Each day's project involves a skill that can be taught to a novice in a few minutes. You are never asked to do something you can do or are uncomfortable doing. The only other limit is you need to be age 16 or older.

Folks interested in registering for one, or more, of these builds should email tor@habitatportlandmetro.org and he will get back to you with a confirmation, details, and logistics.

- Steve Sirkin



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#### Sisterhood News

Kudos to those who have helped with our recent programs, especially our presenters, *Corinne Spiegel and Rabbi Eve Posen*. I also want to cite *Jackie Lesch* for organizing food for our programs and *Bella Dvir* for leading us in creating new Sukkah decorations. We've been pleased to see new faces in our midst, and our goal is to continue to create a welcoming atmosphere where women can learn and socialize together, and help to build our community.

We've got a line-up of programs that include a variety of topics and times. November 13 will be our trip to the Portland Art Museum for a tour with Docent *Carol Isaak*, who will give us a Jewish perspective of the art. Contact Dana to sign up.

On Dec 3 we will host an award winning author from Toronto, *Rona Arato*, who will present on her book, "The Last Train". It tells her family's story of survival of the holocaust, and of a reunion her husband had with the American Troops who rescued him. The presentation is open to the public, and will start at 6:30, followed by a reception and book signing.

We are also planning ahead for our Sisterhood Shabbat weekend on Jan 30-31, 2015. If interested in participating, please contact Dana or Sue Axel, who are helping to organize this event. We will lead the Friday evening service, and then participate in the downstairs minyan on Saturday morning- with the help of *Eddy Schuldman*.

Participation in Sisterhood is a wonderful way to connect with other women as well as engage in meaningful activities in the shul and the community. We encourage every synagogue woman to become a member of Sisterhood, as we continue to move forward with activities that are engaging and that bring old and new friends together. Annual dues remain \$36 a year.

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

For more information, please contact Dana Sirkin, Sisterhood President, 503-454-0610, otrbanana@frontier.com

#### News from your Men's Club

The Men's Club has begun its year in an exciting manner. For the 1st time in its recent history the club has co-sponsored an event with another synagogue's men's group, the Beth Israel Brotherhood. On September 21st both groups presented a talk by Dr. Stanley Wulf, of the J Street National Advisory Council, which focused upon the numerous conflicts between Israel and Gaza. the Men's Club plans on co-sponsoring other events this season with other men's groups.

The club will continue to co-sponsor events with our Sisterhood, such as the talk offered by Rabbi Posen--Torah for Real Life--on Sunday, October 19th. Because of a current Oregon ballot measure, on Tuesday, October 21st the club is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Victor Raboy, PhD, who is a research geneticist with U.S. Department of Agriculture entitled: the Pros & Cons of GMO Labeling.



Steve Sirkin Building the Sukkah photo taken by Bob Sorkin

On Sunday, October 5th, the club erected the our beautiful Sukkah in the Synagogue's courtyard and club is greatly appreciative of the following volunteers: *Peter Bedrick, Alan Biedermann, Dick Cohon, Gadi Dvir, Steve Kaufman, Gary Laroff, Jonathon Lietz, Rich Meyer, Ron Morris, Josh Oller, Eric Oslund, Isaac Simkin, Larry Skolnik, Steve Sirkin, Bruce Stern, Rob Stern. David Ushman, & Bob Zucker.* A special thanks goes to Gary Laroff for organizing this event.

As this season continues, your Men's Club will continue to present interesting, thought provoking programs; and take every opportunity to enhance our beloved Synagogue!

Jonathan Levy & Jonathon Lietz, Men's Club -- Co-Presidents

#### <u>ORA</u>

Have you checked out the amazing art in the synagogue lobby? Fabric sculptures, a tallit, glass work, paintings and more fill our glass cases with color and light.All art is available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to Neveh Shalom! The next art show opens Novemebr 7th.

Look for us on Sunday November 23, 10:30am-4:30pm at **ORA's 8th annual art show and sale** at the MJCC. 25 Jewish artists showing and selling their artwork, including many artist from CNS.

#### Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Community Enrichment Award honors Jake Kryszek

"Jakob (Jake) Kryszek is the 15th recipient of the Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Community Enrichment Award. The nonagenarian receives this honor the evening of Thurs., Dec. 11, in Birnbach Hall. This marks the first year Neveh Shalom is the event's host; our synagogue is now the permanent home for the Community Enrichment Award.

The kosher dinner, provided by Century Catering, costs \$60 per person; all proceeds cover the event, which is not a fund-raiser. Please RSVP online at http://tinyurl.com/ stampferaward or call Marg at the main office 503.293.7318. Kryszek said he didn't expect to receive this honor, but very happily accepted it because, he says, "I was so deeply moved that my part in the Jewish community in Portland was considered to be a reflection of the care that we have always had in our community from our beloved Rabbi Stampfer."

The celebratory and moving evening attracts hundreds of Portlanders from within and without the Jewish community, and this year will include a number of Kryszek's loved ones from out of state. Also featured are Congregation Shaarie Torah's new Sr. Rabbi Joshua Rose, who will lead the invocation and ha'motzi; Congregation Beth Israel's Cantor Ida Rae Cahana, who will sing a couple of Jake's favorite songs; Lisa Kaner, a lawyer and long-time friend of Kryszek's, who is the evening's emcee; and more.



Kryszek may be well known in Portland as an entrepreneur; he purchased as a family business and continues – now in his 96th year of life – to run Columbia Knit Inc., which produces all manner of warm knitwear for men, women and children. He is perhaps best known, though, as a survivor of many concentration camps and one who has and continues to tirelessly educate others about Holocaust horrors and support efforts for its remembrance."

#### **New Senior Collaboration- Everything YAH**

Jewish seniors (boomers and up) now have a better way to find events and activities happening throughout Jewish Portland. Everything YAH- Events and Activities for the Young At Heart will be launched by the start of November. This published listing of events happening across the community will highlight opportunities for seniors to engage in intellectual and social happenings.

The idea came from a collaboration that was already underway. Neveh Shalom's Lunch Bunch was meeting on a monthly basis at Cedar Sinai Park. CNS congregants active in this group loved going, but wondered what else the group could do together. They also realized that there were others like them, affiliated or not, who increasingly felt isolated and who were looking to build community. While senior centers, such as the Elsie Stuhr Center, were meeting some of their needs, they still wanted connection to the Jewish community.

One glance at the Jewish community event calendar showed plenty of activities, but not all of them were "senior friendly" due to time of day or location off of major transportation routes.

Longtime Neveh Shalom congregant Laurie Fendel, who started as the Program Director at the MJCC last spring, loved the idea of finding other ways to collaborate. After bringing people from organizations and congregations around Portland together for brainstorming sessions, the idea for the Everything YAH event listing was born. This flier will be available online and in print and will be mailed to Neveh Shalom congregants.

Organizations coming together to highlight events and activities include Cedar Sinai Park, Congregation Beth Israel, Neveh Shalom, Havurah Shalom, Jewish Family Child Service, Melton, MJCC, Oregon Jewish Museum, and Shaarie Torah.

### **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

#### <u>Sun Nov 2</u>

**10:45am Book Talk@Neveh** Join or a discussion on "In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist" by Ruchama King Feurman.

#### <u>Fri Nov 7</u>

**7:30pm PDX Live!** 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.

#### Sat Nov 8

**5:30pm Havdalah in Pajama with Rabbi Posen** Young families join for fun night in pajamas! Enjoy a kid friendly dinner, Havdalah, crafts and a milk and cookie story time. Families with babies through age 6. \$12 adults, \$7 kids, \$42 max per family RSVP at http://www.tinyurl.com/pjhavdalah

#### Sun Nov 9

Volunteers are needed to place flags on veterans' graves in preparation for the observance of Veterans Day. Contact Sandy Axel, 503-709-0080 sandyaxel@msn.com

#### <u>Thu Nov 13</u>

**5:30pm Sisterhood's tour of Portland Art Museum** details on page 12.

#### Weekend with Ron Wolfson (page 5)

#### Fri November 14

**5:30pm Shabbat services** with the Neveh Shalom Singers and ALIYAH 3-6 graders, followed by **Shabbat dinner and talk**. Dinner RSVP information coming soon.

#### Sat November 15

**7:00pm Community Havdalah and presentation** "The 7 Questions you are Asked in Heaven". Free and open to all.

#### Sun November 16

1:00pm Presentation to Portland Area Jewish Educators.

#### Wed Dec 3

**6:30pm** *Rona Arato* **presentation on her book**, **"The Last Train"** - story of survival in the holocaust. Followed by a reception and book signing. Free and open to all.

#### Fri Dec 5

6:00pm K-2nd grade Aliyah Shabbat service and dinner.

#### <u>Thu Dec 11</u>

6:30pm Community Enrichment Award Dinner, page 13.

#### <u>Fri Dec 12</u>

**5:30pm PDX Live Jr: Young Neveh Rocks! NEW!** Join a us for a rocking Shabbat Dinner and service as PDX Live! expands for young families! Join us for a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service for young families with children 0-8 led by Cantor B and friends. The service is at 5:00pm-5:45pm, followed by a DELICIOUS Shabbat dinner. After that, the social hall will be open for some open play time. RSVP details coming up.

#### <u>Thu Dec 18</u>

**6:30pm Its the Neveh Shalom Chanukah Celebration!** Join your CNS family for festive songs, latkes, menorah lighting and more. RSVP information soon

#### Lifelong Learning

Check out flyer insert for Adult Education offering for the next few months.

#### **Outside-In Cooking Project**

Sunday, November 9, Noon-2 P.M., Main Kitchen Wednesday, December 10, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Foundation School Kitchen, Room 15 Downstairs

Once a month Neveh Shalom members cook for Outside-In, a shelter that houses and feeds homeless teens in downtown Portland. Our thanks go to Rick Botney, Susan & Bruce Sutherlin, Jack & Melanie Birnbach, Chris Blair, and Linda Osherow for their wonderful work cooking for homeless teens over the past few months.

Please join us on November 9th and December 10th, and together, we'll make a difference. If you would like to be on our e-mail notification list, contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com

### Kvell with Us

*Elaine Cogan* was honored as a Woman of Vision by the Daily Journal of Commerce. Among others, Elaine will be recognized for her many years of involvement in professional and community affairs in the Portland area. She is a past president of Neveh Shalom.

Mazel Tov to Jenna and Ryan Wasserman, of Edmonds, Washington, on the birth of their new daughter, Emmalyn Sophie Wasserman, born July 16. Emmalyn joins big sister, Arabella Marie, proud Grandparents are Joel and Hilarie Wasserman of Beaverton, Oregon and Bob and Chris Gaspar of Mattapoitsett, Massachusetts.

Mazel Tov to Seth (Chip) Rosenfeld on the birth of his new granddaughter, *Sophia Rose Whitehall*, born July 28. Parents are *Justin and Dassi (Rosenfeld) Whitehall* (pictured.)

The Congregation appreciates the donation of two new benches for our entry plaza by **Arnold and Elaine Cogan**. In addition to beautifying our entry space, they provide assistance and comfort to congregants and guests waiting to be picked up or needing a few moments of rest. Todah Rabbah Elaine and Arnold.



To be included in future Chronicles and E-blasts, Please send announcements and photos to Noa Rubin nrubin@nevehshalom.org

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

Amy Cantor & Scott Ambruster, Stacy Chapman, Sharon Fendrich & Mark Epstein, Nicole Frisch & Casey Maharg, Emanuel & Bella Gore, Oren Haker & Meghan Sercombe, Dana & Lance Inouye, Miriam Jaffee & Coby Cohen, Richard Koplan, Hoonjoo Lee, Russ McAlmond, Jacqueline McVey, Victor Raboy & Debra Shein, Neil Simon & Jodi Garber-Simon, Adam & Amy Sohn Enie Vaisburd & Cam Williams, Eli Wall, Emily & Jonathan Weiss

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

\*Check out page 8 for profiles of some of our new members, we will have more about them in our following Chronicle.

### **MAZEL TOV! MILESTONES**

November Milestone Birthdays	December Milestone Birthda	iys		November
Eleanor Fischer	Renee Biedermann			Milestone Anniversaries
Jonathan Flecker	Marcia Borden			Anthony & Priscilla Kostiner
Melanie Fried-Oken	Jordan Epstein			
Robert Glasgow	Harold Fowler			December
Ruth Goodman	Marilyn Hasson			Milestone Anniversaries
Merrill Hendin	Herbert Hochfeld			Howard & Evelyn Freedman
Wendi Leer Elias	Mikhail Khodorovskiy			
Mark Lindau	Jo McIntyre			
David Losk	Rosalyn Menashe			
Stuart Luxenberg	Joyce Mendelsohn			
Jeffrey Menashe	Alice Potter			
Aviva Nash	Shane Rogosin			
Esther Perkel	Alexis Shapira			
Erma Rykus	Joshua Stampfer			
Charlotte Schwartz	Steven Stone			
Joel Wasserman	Emily Weiss			
Hilarie Wasserman	Bronislava Yalova			
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### IN MEMORIAM



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

#### Lillian Braverman (z"l), Ellen Koplan (z"l), Nettie Maizels (z"l), Ida Mannis (z"l), Lucille Solomon (z"l), Leroy Weinstein (z"l)

- Our condolences to the family of *Abram Kizhner (z"I)*, beloved husband of *Enya Rabovitser* and father of *Nelly Altotsky* and *Emiliya Longoria*.
- Our condolences to Gil (Christie) Winkelman on the passing of his father beloved Peter M. Winkelman (z"l)
- Our condolences to *Loren (Michelle) Koplan* on the passing of his mother, *Ellen Koplan (z"l)*, beloved wife of *Richard Koplan* and daughter of *Elizabeth Gold*.
- Our condolences to Marlene (Marvin z"I) Lazarus on the passing of her daughter, Traci Lazarus Sultan (z"I).
- Our condolences to the Maizels family on the passing of Nettie Maizels (z"l).
- Our condolences to the *Solomon family* on the passing of *Lucille Solomon (z"l)*, beloved wife of *Merv Solomon* and mother of *Robert and Steve Solomon*.
- Our condolences to Dr. Tony (Priscilla) Kostiner on the passing of his father, Howard Kostiner (z"l)
- Our condolences to *Esther (Gary) Liberman* on the passing of her mother, *Penina Bergman (z"l)* in California.
- Our condolences to Bruce (Addie) Banasky on the passing of his sister, Corrinne Grudin (z"l) in Bend, Oregon.
- Our condolences to Elissa (Justin) Morris on the passing of her relative, Shirley Ward (z"l) of Beverly Hills.
- Our condolences to Bari Gilbert on the passing of her grandmother, Toby Sterinbach (z"l).

#### **Unveilings**

Unveiling of Riva Vaynberg, Wednesday November 5, 1:30pm, Ahavai Shalom Cemetery

When a Death Occurs - When a death occurs call the synagogue office 503.246.8831 so that we may inform Rabbi Isaak and be of assistance. After business hours, on weekends or holidays, contact Fred Rothstein at 503.475.2934 or Rabbi Isaak 503.228.8819. 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, 503. 232.5131; Riverview Funeral Service 503.246.6488; or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify the Chevra.

**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, healthcare facilities may not release the names of their patients; 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.

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Celebrating at the West-side Shabbat in the Park on August 15.

Back to Shul Hike -Woods Memorial Park, September 7





Teens at Back to Shul, September 7



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## Kislev/Tevet

## CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## Lifelong Learning

We welcome all learners to join us for an exciting array of Adult Education programs this year!

All courses are **FREE to CNS members** unless noted, and are open to non-members for \$10/class.

For more details on any programs, contact: Mel Berwin mberwin@nevehshalom.org 503.293.7306 JoAnn Bezodis jbezodis@nevehshalom.org 503.293.7309

### November – December Classes

#### **Sundays**

#### Living Judaism, topics:

**Nov 2, 23, Dec 7, 14: Promised Land**—Join Rabbi Daniel Isaak for this four week exploration of Ari Shavit's timely book, *Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel.* 

Jan 4-Feb 8: Hope & Healing: Jewish sources of comfort in times of crisis or transition. What can we turn to from Jewish tradition during death, divorce, or times of need? What are the unique prayers and traditions that help us face our fears? -with Rabbi Eve Posen

#### Tuesdays - Not too late to join in!

#### **Machon Ivrit**

Hebrew Institute in modern Hebrew. Beginning, Intermediate, and Conversational level classes. Whether you are new to Judaism or lifelong learners who still feel stuck in prayerbook repetition, parents keeping up with your kids, or teachers who want to raise your professional standards, we invite you to join Machon Ivrit.

\$720/year for CNS members, \$800 for non-members; financial aid available. Registration still open.

#### Talmud with Rabbi Stampfer

Join our Emeritus Rabbi for weekly study of our sacred texts. 5:00pm-6:00pm

#### Hebrew for Prayer Year 1

Learn the 50 most commonly used words in the siddur what they mean and how to recognize them—to increase your understanding of what we say when we pray. Taught by Professor Natan Meir. 6:30-7:30pm through Dec 16

#### Hebrew for Prayer Year 2

For advanced learners or those who took Hebrew for Prayer last year! Understand what we say when we pray—an in-depth look at Hebrew vocabulary and construction of prayers and their meanings. Taught by Professor Natan Meir. 7:30-8:30pm through Dec 16



#### Wednesdays

**New dinner option for Weds evening Lifelong Learners** Adults participating in our Wednesday evening programs are invited to come early and enjoy a kosher catered dinner for just \$6.00 per person. No need to RSVP, just make your life easier and enjoy a good meal!

#### Siddur Basics Year 1

Structure, content, choreography, and spiritual touchpoints of our prayers in the Shabbat evening and morning services. Taught by Deb Freedberg.

6:30-7:30 p.m. through December 17

#### Siddur Basics Year 2

A more advanced course for those who have completed Siddur Basics or its equivalent and want to keep learning! Taught by Deb Freedberg 7:30-8:30 p.m. through December 17

#### Drop-In Volunteer Night @ CNS

Have an hour or two to spare on Weds evenings? Here for a class or to drop off your kids? We coordinate a different project every week—you show up and lend your hands and heart. A new, easy, fun way to bring an extra spark of goodness to the world. *Projects start at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.* 

#### Thursdays

#### Bible Study with Rabbi Isaak

Weekly learning and discussion, 3:30-4:15 p.m. weekly

#### Shabbat

#### Women's Torah Study

An uplifting hour of study on Shabbat! Delve into biblical and midrashic text, (Hebrew and English text available) with a group of other women to find meaning from our traditions that relate to our lives. All levels of experience welcome. Taught by Mel Berwin. Saturdays: Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, and Apr 11 at 12:30 p.m.

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## How does it work?

Chanukan edition December 19

**Plan a Shabbat dinner** in your home on December 19 Invite people you know, or people you hope to know better – we can help! Formal, potluck, Pizza or brisket - **Do Shabbat your way**.

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**Grab your bag!** Come to Neveh Shalom to pick up your **gift** for hosting: a re-usable grocery bag with a Shabbat kit including blessings, challah, candles and more.

**Pay it forward** Enjoy your Shabbat dinner together and encourage your guests to "**pay it forward**" by hosting someone else at their home on the next" Sharing Shabbat" date.

Would you like to get to know your neighbors? We can help connect you with others in your area!

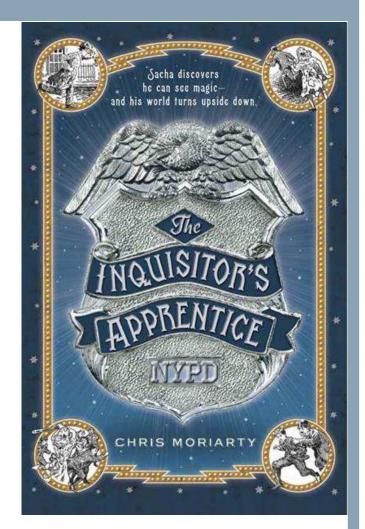
To get started or sign up to host, e-mail jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org

## Together: a book group for 9-13 year olds and their parents

## Wednesday, January 14 at 7:15pm

in the Feldstein Library Congregation Neveh Shalom

Feldstein



Join us as we discuss *The Inquisitor's Apprentice by Chris Moriarty*. The day Sacha found out he could see witches was the worst day of his life...Being an Inquisitor is no job for a nice Jewish boy. But when the police learn that Sacha Kessler can see witches, he's apprenticed to the department's star Inquisitor, Maximillian Wolf. Their mission is to stop magical crime. And New York at the beginning of the twentieth century is a magical melting pot where each ethnic group has its own brand of homegrown witchcraft, and magical gangs rule the streets from Hell's Kitchen to Chinatown.

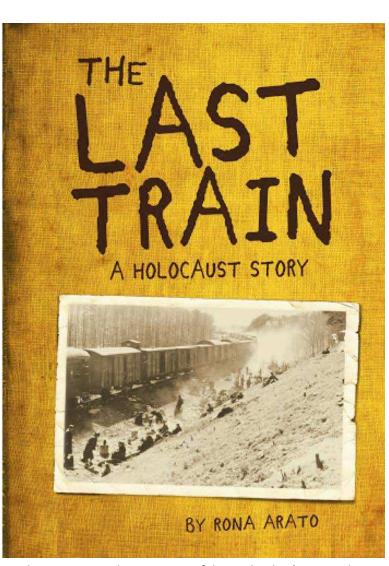
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Congregation Neveh Shalom Sisterhood presents An evening with *Rona Arato* author of *"The Last Train - Holocaust Story."* Presentation followed by a reception. *Wednesday, December 3rd 6:30 p.m. Congregation Neveh Shalom 2900 S.W. Peaceful Ln. Portland, OR 97211* 

**Rona Arato** is the award winning author of 17 children's books including Ice Cream Town, Mrs. Kaputnik's Pool Hall and Matzo Ball Emporium and Working For Freedom, the Story of Josiah Henson. Her book The Last Train, a Holocaust Story is short-listed for four awards including the prestigious Norma Fleck Non-fiction children's book award. From 1994 to 1998, she was an interviewer for Survivors of the Shoah, a Steven Spielberg project that recorded the histories of Holocaust survivors.

The book "The Last Train" will be available to purchase at the event, the author will sign books during the reception after her presentation.



The Last Train is the true story of the Auslanders' tremendous ordeal and the incredible coincidence that saved their lives. It is also the true story of Matt Rozell, a high-school teacher from upstate New York, who uncovered the story of the train and organized a symposium that brought Paul and other train survivors face-to-face with the soldiers who had liberated them 64 years earlier.

This book is a powerful story worth reading. It is based on the war experiences of the author's husband and his family. Included are pictures of the camps, the family, and the man who liberated them. Recommended for grades 6-8, learning about the holocaust, and adults of all ages.



# Book Talk @ Neveh

Book Talk @Neveh is a series of community book discussions held throughout the year. Come to one or dive into them all - meet others and connect over good literature.

## January's selection:

## **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks

# Sunday, January 11, 10:45am

### **Open to all!**

Inspired by a true story, People of the Book is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity by an acclaimed and beloved author. *"People of the Book"* traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenthcentury Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve Bestselling author of Year of Wonders and March GERALDINE BROOKS People of the Book



this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient bindingan insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair-only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.

Coming up, read up and join us for more Book Talk@Neveh!
March 8: The Man in the Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado
April 19: Ministry of Special Cases by Nathan Englander
May 3: The True Story of Hansel and Gretel by Louise Murphy