

This August Carol and I took a short jaunt north to Seattle. On our

way we stopped at the Glass Museum in Tacoma. Wandering through the gift shop I stopped at the card rack and read, as I suspect many of us do, each of the quotable quotes. It was there that I ran across the following attributed to Helen Keller, which was not only personally meaningful, but an appropriate theme for our approaching Days of Awe:

"When one door of happiness closes, another one opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us..."

As a rabbi I have discovered how much truth the quote reveals. We ponder the successes and blessings, the relationships and special people with whom we have taken a class or completed a project or worked professionally that we might find ourselves nostalgic for the past. We reflect, now that our children are off at college

or are grown, perhaps even married and moved away, about "the good old days". When our marriage has ended in divorce or a beloved partner has died, it is not unusual to feel that life itself has come to a premature end. Often we even glorify those aspects of these periods that weren't necessarily so terrific.

Indeed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur call on us to review our lives, to look back, to consider where we have been and how we have succeeded or failed. But the purpose is always forward looking. We are commanded to be introspective in order to consider how we might approach the future with even greater passion, more determination to improve upon where we have been and what we have done. Life is God's wondrous gift to be honored so long as breath is in our bodies. Life is filled with endless possibilities, people to meet, places to visit, even ways to make the world a better place.

Acknowledging my forthcoming retirement I am repeatedly queried as to whether I have made plans. The answer of course is yes and no. We plan to remain in Portland. There are many opportunities to study and to teach, to engage in Tikkun Olam, even to putter in the garden for which I have not previously had enough time, to settle in with a good book, to enjoy family.

The fifth and final service on Yom Kippur as our fasting bellies begin to growl and the daylight wanes is known as Neilah. Neilah, literally closing, even locking, refers to the gates of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem that were closed at nightfall. Similarly the opportunity to reach God with our prayers is coming to an end and the intensity of the day grows stronger. These gates are closing, but new gates open before us, awaiting our energy and effort to make even more of the life that each of us has been granted. Let us all seize the day and make of that which lies ahead the very best that we possibly can.

May each of us be inscribed and sealed for a good, rich and meaningful new year.

Rabbi Daniel Isaak

Shimon, the son of Rabban Gamliel says, "It is not what one says, but rather what one does, that makes all the difference in the world." -- Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers, 1:17

At Neveh Shalom, every member of our kehilla is a contributing member of our community. We are fortunate to have so many people who do so much to strengthen our kehilla and make a difference in our world. We celebrate our members who contribute their time, energy, creativity and spirituality to help create a kehilla that strives to welcome everyone and turn no one away.

Gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign fill a very necessary part of the annual operating budget. As you may know, synagogue dues and program fees cover most, but not all of our operating expenses. The Finance

Committee and Board of Directors carefully craft a budget each year, which includes individual philanthropy from our members to help fill that part of the budget which operates the shul. Each year we challenge our members to support the shul's efforts, and each year many of you answer! Hundreds have responded and contributing to make the campaign a success each year. Here are some of the ways your gifts make a difference:

- Providing scholarships for our Aliyah and Foundation School
- Supporting the most comprehensive Jewish educational programs in the city for all ages
- Forming a supportive community that responds to our members' needs at times of joy and sorrow
- Welcoming all who want to join our kehillah

Our Board has budgeted \$165,000 for this year's Annual Giving Campaign. We need as many people as possible to participate for us reach the goal. Each of you is a philanthropist – each of you can help guide and sustain our shul through your contribution. Again, hear our challenge to you... our kehilla!

Whether you pledge \$18 or \$1,800, we appreciate your ability and willingness to help with this mitzvah. If you have not already made your pledge, please do so today on the Neveh Shalom website, fill out the envelope that is inside this

issue of the Chronicle or contact Wendy Kahn, Membership and Development Director, 503-293-7305 or wkahn@nevehshalom.org. You can also make a pledge at Kol Nidre on October 3.

"If not now when, today and tomorrow." Maimonides



#### FROM THE PRESIDEN

Shana tova. As always, there is a lot going on at Neveh Shalom. I want to share some of the priorities the Board of Directors is working on for the coming year.

Relational Judaism Task Force. Last year, the Board made it a priority to emphasize the importance of personal relationships to strengthening our kehilla, our community. Put simply, people often come to synagogues for services or programming, but relationships are what keep them connected to the shul. Steve Sirkin, who is a member of our Board, is leading a 10-person task force to examine the ways in which we are already doing "relational Judaism" well and to explore and implement areas where we can improve. Thank you to Barry Horowitz, Susan Rosenzweig, Eddy Shuldman, Sandy Axel, Liza Milliner, Ruth Friedel, Lindsay Gluckman, Linda Osherow, and Ben Philan for volunteering their time for this effort!



Marketing Task Force. We want to do a better job of informing our members and the general community about the many outstanding programs and opportunities at Neveh Shalom. Dan Rubin is leading a group of talented marketing professionals who are identifying ways we can better get the word out, from Facebook to Twitter, the Chronicle to bima announcements. Thank you to task force members Gary Rubin, Beth Milliner, Jeff Katz and Jon Caplan!

Senior Rabbi search. The search continues for our new Senior Rabbi, who will come to Neveh Shalom upon Rabbi Isaak's retirement next June. After receiving feedback from more than four hundred members who participated in surveys and focus groups this spring, the Search Committee drafted a description of our congregation and will be sending it to the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) in September. This fall, members of the RA will send their resumes to our committee for review. We anticipate that we will host several candidates for weekends at Neveh Shalom, during and after which there will be many opportunities for our members to meet and provide feedback on each one.

On behalf of the Board, I want to wish you a happy and healthy New Year -- Shana tova!

Rich Meyer

#### **NOTES FROM CANTOR B**

I have written about loss before at this time of year--likely, because I lost my mother six years ago shortly before Rosh Hashanah. I contemplate the Unetaneh Tokef prayer text, "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die." My thoughts now drift back to this past January, when I spent some time in Detroit as my stepmom, Marcy was seriously ill in the hospital. Despite her previous health conditions and the severity of the infection she was fighting, we all believed she would recover. Unfortunately, that was not the case, as I returned in February, where my family and I gathered in the final hours around Marcy's bedside. We did not leave her for one moment. The room was packed with our immediate family and we all talked and sang her into Gan Eden. She was 57 years old--too young.



My little sister, Rachel, in a word--rocks. She may just be the strongest person I know. At the time, she was 22 years old and had just lost her mother unexpectedly. Yet she got up at the funeral and delivered a tribute to her mother that did not leave a dry eye in the house. I am concerned that she is not taking her own time and space to cope; she's busy worrying about my Dad--how he will continue on, how he will deal with this next chapter without his bride of 26 years by his side. My Dad told many stories during shiva of his courtship with Marcy--hilarious tales that most of us had never heard before. In the end, he summarized his relationship like this: "We were not Romeo and Juliet, not Anthony and Cleopatra, and this wasn't like Erich Segal's Love Story. We were like Fred and Ethel Mertz, and it worked for us." I never really understood their relationship until those evenings of shiva. I'm sure many of us observe relationships around us that we do not comprehend, but we cannot underestimate the reasons why two people are brought together and the power of the bond that they share.

We spend our lives building relationships, or trying to, at least. As the butler Mr. Carson said so eloquently on the drama Downton Abbey, "Life is the business of collecting memories." And so we do, only to recall them time and time again after the person has left us. As we say in Judaism, "Her memory shall be for a blessing." We are obligated to hold on to these memories and observe the yahrzeit of our loved ones each year on the anniversary of their passing, as well as during the High Holy Days and Festivals. We are granted these touch points throughout the year, to remind us to take time out of our busy lives to pay tribute to those who have impacted our lives so profoundly.

#### **Traditional Services**

**Kabbalat Shabbat - Every Friday: 6:15pm** Our traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service, we weave together ancient and modern melodies as we celebrate Shabbat.

## **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**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.

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Services, dial in to hear them.

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#### Special Friday Evening Services

First Fridays, 6:15pm (no services in Sept/Oct)

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 (Oct 24)** 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

#### **Special Shabbat Morning Services**

Downstairs Minyan 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (Oct 25)

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 - Returning! 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am (Oct 18)**

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 (Sept 6, 20, Oct 18)

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 - NEW! 1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (Sept 6, 20, Oct 18)

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.

#### **Candle Lighting Times**

Fri 05-Sep-2014 7:21pm

Fri 12-Sep-2014 7:08pm

Fri 19-Sep-2014 6:54pm

Fri 26-Sep-2014 6:41pm

Fri 03-Oct-2014 6:27pm

Fri 10-Oct-2014 6:15pm

Fri 17-Oct-2014 6:02pm Fri 24-Oct-2014 5:50pm

Fri 31-Oct-2014 5:40pm

#### **High Holy Days**

Please check your High Holy Day booklet for services times and candle lightings. You can also find them on our website.

#### FROM RABBI POSEN

## B'NAI MITZVAH

#### Mira Katz, September 6

Mira Katz is the daughter of Amy and Jeff Katz and sister to Eli. She is the granddaughter of Ellen and Martin Katz and the late Marilyn Graubart and the late Rabbi Alexander Graubart. She is an 8th grader at daVinci Arts Middle School where she is a Leo Leader and Jr. Captain of the Destino dance team. Mira loves to dance, sing and act, and can usually

be found dancing and singing somewhere around Portland with her friends. Mira has grown up at Neveh Shalom with a wonderful group of friends she considers family. She looks forward to spending every summer at Camp Solomon Schechter.



#### Kellen McClenahan Kahn, October 25

Kellen McClenahan Kahn, son of Kerry McClenahan and David Kahn and grandson of Judith and Garry Kahn, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 25th. Kellen, a 7th grader at Riverdale Grade School, plays basketball and tuba and enjoys spending time with

his older sister, Marika. He has visited Israel on two separate occasions. Kellen is a founding member of Social Venture Partners Youth, a program that engages middle school and high school students in philanthropy and community service on behalf of non-profits that focus on kindergarten readiness for at-risk children.

#### Abby and Sarah Rubin July 19

Mazel Tov to Abby Rubin and Sarah Rubin, who celebrated their B'not Mitzvah on July 19. They are



the daughters of Cari and Gary Rubin, and granddaughters of Leah and Mark Rubin and Ellie and Fred Rosen of Los Angeles. Abby and Sarah are native Oregonians and have been active in Neveh Shalom life since they started Foundation School at the age of two. They are the third generation in their family to be involved with our kehilah. Over the years they have attended Aliyah and Tichon programs, learned about Judaism from their family and teachers, and participated in all of their cousins' bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs. Abby and Sarah will be eighth graders at Highland Park Middle School this fall where they enjoy science, technology and humanities.

#### Shalom Y'all!

As the "new rabbi," I am excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you! In case you haven't walked by my office door, my official title is Rabbinic Educator and Youth Director. My husband, Duncan Gilman, our daughter Shiri, and I are thrilled to be joining the community



here in Portland. Teaching and lifelong learning are my deepest passions, and I cannot wait to do both as a member of this vibrant congregational family.

One of my favorite teachings comes from Pirkei Avot, (Ethics of our Fathers), Chapter 1, Mishnah 6, which states: Yehoshua ben Perahyah and Nittai of Arbel, received the tradition from them. Yehoshua ben Perahyah used to say: Make yourself a Rav, and acquire for yourself a friend. And when you assess people, tip the balance in their favor. I love this text because it teaches several layers of wisdom, including the basic idea that tradition and learning can be transmitted person to person. The core of this excerpt is about what it is to be a rav - a teacher - and a chaver - a friend and the notion of needing a mentor or confidant. I hope to be both a rav and a chaver to our community, and find many chaverim among us.

Another interpretation of the Hebrew suggests that individuals can and should make themselves into a ray. In other words, we should identify the qualities and characteristics that we look for in a mentor and strive to exhibit them ourselves.

Yet another insight from the text is that we must judge each other with a measure of balance, with the benefit of the doubt. It is my hope that our interactions in various learning environments will be filled with openness to receive learning from one another, with moments of thought, friendship, and camaraderie.

It is these three layers of this particular text that guide me in my daily life and my rabbinate. I firmly believe that no matter how young or old, tall or small, we learn from one another, and I look forward to sharing our collective wisdom and learning together over the coming weeks, months, and years. In the meantime, please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself!

L'shalom, Rabbi Eve Posen

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#### ALIYAH AND LIFELONG LEARNING

#### **ALIYAH for K-6**

Welcome back to another great year of programming with the ALIYAH Jewish learning program!

Join us at **Back to Shul** on September 7 to meet teachers and see old friends and new!

Parents are invited to an **ALIYAH orientation** on our first day of school on Sunday, September 14! Join me at 9:45 a.m. to meet Room Parents for your grade, help greet new ALIYAH families, learn what's new this year in programming, find out about our awesome new Sunday morning Lifelong Learning opportunities, and ask any questions you might have about this school year.

#### New Kiddush Club for K-2nd Grades

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! (Same time & dates as Tot Shabbat.) We will sing, dance, learn and laugh together at this lively Shabbat morning service. Geared towards families with children ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

1st Shabbat of the month with Rabbi Eve Posen, 3rd Shabbat of the month with Gershon Liberman

**Calling all teenagers:** do you have skills working with younger children? We are looking for a few more great madrichim for our ALIYAH Sunday or Weekday (Tues & Weds afternoon) programs. Put your Hebrew reading and tefilah (or artistic or technological) skills to use, add to your resume, and get community service hours or a paycheck each month!

#### **ALIYAH Tichon (7th-12th Grades)**

Teens and teachers will be working collaboratively in our Tichon program this year. Our Core classes provide an overarching framework of Jewish content, with topics such as Holocaust, Jews & Politics, Jewish Social Ethics, and Jews around the World. It is the teens who help create the syllabus based on what they are most interested in learning. In a class on Israel, for example, teens may choose to focus on current politics, the history of the state, the broad range of cultural influences on Jewish Israelis, or on innovations & technology. Electives provide an outlet for fun and social time during hands-on learning projects such as art, cooking, and dance, or more intellectual topics such as parsha study with Rabbi Posen.

#### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

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

#### New this year:

**Tuesday night Hebrew classes** - Machon Ivrit Hebrew Institute (Modern Hebrew) and Natan Meir's class Hebrew for Prayer are both moving to Tuesday evenings.

**Rabbi Posen** enlightens us with her wisdom this year! Join one of Rabbi Posen's Sunday morning classes:

- *Torah for Real Life*—Delve into Torah and apply the lessons of the matriarchs and patriarchs into our modern lives
- Hope & Healing: Jewish sources of comfort in times of crisis or transition
- Anyone Can Give a D'var Torah: Come learn how to read the weekly Torah portion, find interesting commentaries from both ancient and modern sources, and craft a short D'var Torah, a word of Torah to teach others.

Rabbi Isaak brings the conversation about Israel back home in his Sunday morning

class **Promised Land**—a four week exploration of *Ari Shavit*'s timely book, *Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel.* 

**Siddur Basics and Advanced Tefilah Learning**—Gain new skills and become more comfortable with daily and Shabbat services in these lively and welcoming classes taught by Deb Freedberg, Wednesday evenings.

**CNS DIY**—A fun collection of new skills to learn from members just like you!

See the whole schedule on our website OR in our new Program Guide.

## High Holy Day Students and Torah Readers

To all our wonderful students and Torah readers participating in this year's services a heartfelt THANK YOU and Kol HaKavod in advance! We are eagerly looking forward to our returning students and newest addtions from our most recent class of Bar/BatMitzvah. Your participation demonstrates your commitment, involvement and enhancement of our community during our most "awe"-some time of year.

#### **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 first installment of Celebrating 60: The Levinson Family's story.

Four years ago, my family and I made a decision to move to Portland from Israel. The Portland Jewish community welcomed us warmly. It is always a challenge to make such a big move, and one of the most important decisions we had to make was concerning the academic environment for our son, Itai, who was then 3 years old. After a long

search we found the same warmth that welcomed us in Portland at Foundation School.



Noa Levinson painting at Foundation School

Arriving in the US at the age of 3 with no knowledge of the English language raised a few concerns as to his acclimation. Foundation School provided exceptional support and guidance for Itai and for our family. It was inspiring and delightful to see him go to school, play with his new friends and acquire tools for his progress and development. It was important to us to have Itai in a Jewish environment where he could learn and experience Jewish values.

Today his sister, Noa, attends Foundation School as well. I enjoy watching her grow and evolve, and I love seeing her come home every day with songs that I used to sing when I was a little girl.

The Foundation School met all the needs for our kids both on social and educational levels. Seeing our kids today, we are thankful for everything. ----Miri Levinson

Ever since I was a little girl, the first month of school has always been my favorite time of year: new teacher, new classroom, new friends, and all the sweetness of the future in front of me. As you are reading this, we have just started an exciting and sweet new year at Foundation School, and we are welcoming with it the new Jewish year of 5775!

We are very proud to offer extended day opportunities for our students that support our working families, include options from 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday for children ages 2-5. In addition to our dynamic program, we offer early drop off before school, and after-care options that include lunch, rest time, indoor and outdoor play, continued learning, and Hebrew language. Your children will continue to build friendships, explore who they are, and play.



Leah's son Elliot in his first year at Foundation School as a Busy Bee

We also have wonderful programming for all of our young families for the High Holy Days. If you have any questions about our Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur young family services, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

If you are interested in our exceptional school and have not yet signed up, it is late, but not too late! I'd love to sit down with your family and share the details of our program with you. Please feel free to call me at 503-293-7307 or email me at Leahc@foundationschoolpdx.org to set up a time to meet.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year together!

L'Shana Tova, Leah Conley, Director of Early Childhood Services

#### **CARING FOR COMMUNITY**

#### **CHESED COMMITTEE**: Four Ways to Serve

What makes a synagogue Hamish? Knowing that when you have a need, people from your shul will be there to meet your need. This is exactly what the Chesed Committee is all about.

One issue we face is that one month no one needs meals, and the next month we have two families at the same time needing meals. That is why we are so grateful to those who stepped up over the last few months to provide meals for other Neveh Shalom members: *Amy Katz, Vicki Rotstein., Sheri Cordova, Jennifer Perlmutter, Bari Gilbert, Joni Cady, Miriam Thompson, Chris Blair, Bella Dvir, Jenn Knudsen, Anne Nudelman, Janine Segal, Sami Oberlander, Deb Montrose, Mary Goldhammer, Jamie Harper, Sharon Segal, Christina Winkelman, and Michelle Caplan.* You are all menches!

#### Here are easy ways you can participate in the Chesed Committee:

- 1. Become a chesed meal volunteer. Once a year or so, prepare a meal or part of a meal for someone in the congregation who has just had a baby, is ill, has just returned from the hospital, or has just lost a loved one.
- 2. Attend quarterly Chesed Committee Meetings and be part of the planning process.
- 3. Volunteer to organize meals. We are always looking for more people who are willing to organize meals for someone in need.
- 4. Volunteer to make phone calls to seniors on their birthdays.

#### Get involved with Chesed! You'll be glad you did.

For meals and committee meetings: Cathy Blair, (503) 675-1328, cathyblair55@yahoo.com For Senior Birthday Calls: Melissa Bloom, (503) 567-8306, mcbloom03@gmail.com

#### **Outside-In cooking project**

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 **September 25th and October 19th.** If you would like to be on our e-mail notification list, contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

#### **Hygiene Kits for the Homeless**

Join us in Birnbach Hall on October 26th from 9 A.M. to Noon to assemble Hygiene Kits for the homeless.

The kits will be delivered to Transition Projects in downtown Portland, where homeless people are able to stop in to take a shower. Every hygiene kit needs a complete set of items.

We frequently run out of the following: small deodorant, toothbrushes, small toothpaste, razors, tampons

The other items we collect for the completed kits are small shampoos, small conditioners, small lotions, and small soaps.

All items should be new and unopened.

Your contributions make an enormous difference to those who are homeless.

#### **Hygiene Kits: High Holydays Challenge:**

We are challenging every adult member of CNS to purchase at least \$10 worth of hygiene kit items for the High Holidays. Items most needed: small deodorant, individual or bulk pack toothbrushes, bulk pack razors, tampons.

Also needed: travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and toothpaste.

Items should be new and unopened. Hygiene Kit Boxes are located in the Stampfer Chapel and the Administration Foyers. For any questions about this project, please contact Cathy Blair at (503) 675-1328 or cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Event on Sunday September 21st at Allen Estates in Beaverton starting at 10am. We will be collaborating with volunteers from the Bilal Mosque as we did earlier this year at Allen Estates.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Titelbaum 503-626-6265 titelb@comcast.net or Steve Sirkin 503-454-0610 stevejew18@frontier.com

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

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Peter Wollstein's 80th Birthday

Sid & Linda Alpert IN MEMORY OF Florence Glick Sid & Linda Alpert The end of summer brings new beginnings. This is going to be a wonderful year at your library! Summer in the library was both peaceful and busy. While the building was quieter, I spent much of my time learning and making connections. Our volunteers have taken on a huge commitment: led by Martha Decherd, library committee chair, they are re-cataloging the entire library according to the Weine Classification scheme. This change will make it easier to find the book you're looking for and provide me with a more accurate record of the collection.

# Feldstein Library

#### **Upcoming:**

- •I look forward to welcoming more children at the weekly Boker Tov Bunch (Tuesdays 9am-10:30am). In October, we will celebrate Sukkot library-style by reading a Sukkot story, doing a Sukkot craft, and shaking our lulavs--all in the Sukkah!
- •Check out a display of materials from Neveh Shalom's scholar-in-residence, Ron Wolfson. Ron Wolfson has written books for all ages!
- •If you're reading with Book Talk@ Neveh, look no further than the library. We have copies of all the Book Talk selections.
- •Venture outside the library with your friends to see the Jewish Theatre Collaborative production of Nathan Englander's Ministry of Special Cases in early spring.
- Read with your tween! Join our tween/parent book discussion group, Together. The next book and discussion time TBA.

I hope you all continue to learn and grow with me in the new year.

Shana Tova,

Kaiya Goldhammer, Librarian, 503.293.7311 kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org

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Death and dying affects all of us differently, and often we don't know how we're going to handle it until faced with the situation. I have witnessed much of it in my relatively young life and at one moment a person can be strong and even seem stoic, and at other times he completely breaks down. We blame ourselves, the doctors, God, and anyone or anything else we can think of. We ask why, when deep down inside, we know there is no answer. Our homes are flooded with family and community there to comfort us, and when it's all over with we are alone to pick up the pieces and somehow bring ourselves back to the land of the living. How do we really do that when the parent that brought us into this world or the spouse we have built a life with is gone?

I am proud to be a Jew in so many ways, but in particular, our traditions around death and dying are so meaningful, so dignified, and respectful. I have connected with people in amazing ways surrounding the death of a loved one. Both the mourners and those trying to provide comfort are at their most vulnerable. The barriers we often put up to protect ourselves come down, and we can really see each other as we attempt to process the fragility of life.

Life is fleeting. There is work, paying bills, taxes, and a whole itemized list of things that we have to "do". Why do we spend so much time and energy on all of that when our primary work should be nurturing the relationships in our lives? As I sit down to write this, I think of this evening's dinner to celebrate the 21st birthday of my future stepdaughter. I look forward to meeting my fiancé's 99 year-old grandmother in a couple of weeks. I smile as I see all of the birth notices throughout the community. Everywhere I look, there is life. At every turn, there is an opportunity to create a new relationship, to rebuild a broken one, or to simply cherish the connections we already have.

In the coming days, we will stand next to some familiar faces and many unfamiliar faces. We may know much of one person's story and know absolutely nothing about another's. However, when we stand in front of Hashem, we are all the same. We have all just struggled through another year of challenges and loss of every kind. We have said and done things we are not proud of, but we have this unique opportunity to wipe the slate clean and begin again. During Yizkor, I will share an English reading that meant a lot to my family as we gathered together during shiva. It's really a message about how we should strive to live our lives each day. A piece of the text reads, "We wait too long to give the love which may no longer be needed tomorrow." As we enter these Days of Awe, my prayer is that none of us wait another minute to extend a hand, to give a hug, and to share the love that we all need today, and always.

Shana tovah, wishing you all a meaningful season of love, strength and reflection,

#### **Sisterhood News**

Sisterhood has been in the planning mode during the summer. Marsha Strongin and Dana Sirkin attended the International Convention of WLCJ in New Jersey in July, and came away with renewed inspiration as well as new items for the gift shop! We have held our program planning meeting and are well on the way toward filling our schedule with interesting programs for the year- we hope you will join us! Our opening meeting will be on 9/9/14, with a light dinner and guest speaker- Corinne Spiegel from JFCS, who will speak on balancing family life with other responsibilities.

Later in September, on the 23rd, we will have a meeting to start preparing for our Sisterhood Shabbat, which will be held on a Saturday morning this year. Eddy Shuldman will graciously meet with us, in preparation for our participation in the downstairs minyan service on January 31,2015.

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 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.

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 hand made Judaica that we chose when we were at the convention. 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

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Men's Club will begin its 2014-2015 season with a talk, jointly sponsored with the Beth Israel Brotherhood, by Stanley Wulf, M.D., of the J Street National Advisory Council, on "The Gaza Wars: 2008, 2012, 2014, 20??" The talk will take place at 10:30am, at the Polin Chapel, Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 NW Flanders St., Portland, OR. Coffee, bagels, pastries, sandwiches can be purchased at the café in the Blumaur Auditorium nearby and brought to the chapel.

Don't forget our traditional, Men's club Sukkah raising on Sunday, October 5. We will meet at 8:30 in the courtyard. Refreshments for those who help will be provided.

On Sunday, October 12, at 9:40 a.m., Men's Club and Sisterhood will co-sponsor a brunch presentation by Rabbi Posen called "Torah For Real Life". The meeting will be in the Stampfer Chapel.

Jonathan Levy, Men's Club Co-President, jlevy@clblaw.net

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

ORA is a group of Northwest Jewish Artists based in Portland featuring many Neveh Shalom members. We are a group that supports and educates our members and creates opportunities to show and sell our work. We are currently looking for guest artists to participate in our fall show and sale, Celebration of Art, with a special preview night on Saturday, November 22nd, continuing on Sunday, November 23rd at the MJCC.

If you are interested in jurying for this show, please email oraartists@gmail.com. Jurying will take place September 10th. If you are an artist or person interested in art and would like to receive notification about our events, please submit your email address to the email listed. ORA means "light" in hebrew and our website is www.northwestjewishartists.org.

#### Dad's Night Out! Monday, October 13

Gather with the guys and Rabbi Posen for Sukkot suds, snacks and a relaxed discussion on Living the "good" life. Dad's Night is for Jewish dads and dads parenting Jewish kids. No cost, \$5 donation suggested. Bring a friend!

We will hang out in the Zeitzer's Sukkah: e-mail jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org for address.

Dads of all ages and stages and knowledge are welcome!

#### **Mothers Circle**

Want to learn more about raising kids with Jewish traditions and values, but you do not have a Jewish background yourself? You are not alone! For the sixth year, Neveh Shalom is co-sponsoring the Mothers Circle, a community program featuring a 16 week empowering course geared to women without a Jewish background who are raising kids in a Jewish family environment. Held at the MJCC, this free class (with free childcare) is for anyone wanting to learn more about tradition, holidays and ritual. Mothers Circle is taught by author, life coach, Neveh Shalom congregant and wise-bubbe Lois Shenker. Contact Jennifer Greenberg- jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or 503 293-7313 for more information or to attend a coffee and information session on Sunday, September 21 at 9:30am.

www.facebook.com/motherscirclepdx

The Mothers Circle is co-sponsored by the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, B'nai B'rith Camp, The Oregon Board of Rabbis and Congregations Beth Israel, Havurah Shalom, Kol Ami, Neveh Shalom, Shaarie Torah and Shir Tikvah. Thank you to our generous funders: The Holzman Foundation, The Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, and The Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. Mothers Circle is an affiliate program of the Jewish Outreach Institute.

#### Getting Ready for Rosh Hashana - A workshop for parents Tuesday, September 16, 7-9pm, room 102

Join us for an evening of ideas and inspiration. We will start with the basics of the Jewish High Holidays and learn how to make customs meaningful and fun. We will see demonstrations of hands-on ways we can shape our children's experience through the context of Jewish values. Taste-test Rosh Hashana treats and come away with new recipes. Learn how to make Yom Kippur resonate. All participants will receive a starter kit filled with activities to share with your family. Interfaith and new-to-Judaism welcome. Free and open to all!

Co-sponsored by Mothers Circle, Congregation Neveh Shalom and PJ library.

#### Notes from Shomrei Teva - 5775: The Circle of Life

As we once more begin the yearly cycle, we reflect on our relationships: with people, with God, and with the earth. How have you treated it? Did you actively reduce your "environmental footprint"? Did you teach your children bal tashchit - do not waste? What will you do next year as environmental concerns grow?

At Shomrei Teva, we continue to restore the creekside, reduce waste at the synagogue, teach the value of caring for creation to our children, and enjoy nature and community through hikes.

Celebrate Sukkot this year. Help build a sukkah and decorate it with nature: leaves, fruits, plants, vegetables. Invite your friends and neighbors, Jewish and non-Jewish.

Purchase locally grown and organic food. Pledge to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and herbicides in your yard. Reduce your use of water by putting low-flow aerators on your faucets. Even sleep in the sukkah and watch the stars overhead.

Wave the lulav and etrog, recite the prayers, and from Kabbalah consider this meditation: from the east, strength and balance, from the west, sound thinking and self-clarity, from the south, healing of body and emotional wounds, from the north, illumination and personal vision. Looking up, acknowledge God's transcendence. Looking down, God's immanence.

And remember Rabbi Tarfon in Pirke Avot: "It is not your obligation to complete the task, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it entirely..."

Contact Jordan Epstein: 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net.

L'shana tovah!

#### Shomrei Teva Back to Shul Hike at Woods Memorial Natural Area – Sunday, September 7, 1:30pm

Come join Shomrei Teva for a "Jewish" hike in a nearby natural area. We'll meet at Neveh Shalom at 1:30pm, carpool to the site (10 minutes away), and hike, birdwatch and learn about nature and this particular natural area, all within a Jewish context. This leisurely-paced under 2-2.5 hour hike will include time for questions and discussion about Judaism and its teachings on ecology. The hike has lots of ups and downs so you'll need sturdy hiking shoes or boots with good traction. Dress for the weather. Bring a walking stick or pole if it helps and binoculars are always useful as there will be lots of birds to see and identify. Dogs are not recommended since they tend to scare away the birds. Also, young children might find the route too strenuous, but for anyone of average fitness, this hike should be no problem. For questions, contact Jordan Epstein at yaakovm@comcast.net or 503-245-6580.

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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

For High Holy Day times - please refer to the booklet we have sent you or visit our website.

#### Sunday, September 7

11:00am Back to Shul - see flyer

1:30pm Shomrei Teva Hike (page 13)

#### Tuesday, September 9

7:00pm Machon Ivrit Crash Course starts

7:00pm Torah for Real Life intro

#### Sunday, September 14

12:00pm cooking for Outside-In

1st day of ALIYAH

#### Tuesday, September 16

7:00pm Rosh Hashana workshop for parents (p 13)

7:00pm Mahzor Basics

#### Sunday, September 21

Habitat for Humanity volunteer day (page 8)

1st day of Lifelong Learning Program

#### September 24 - 26

Rosh Hashanah

#### Sunday, September 28

Sunday Parkways in SW Portland

#### October 3 - 4

Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur

#### Sunday, October 5

Congregational Sukkah building and decorating

10:45am Book Talk @Neveh - The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

#### October 8 - 17

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

#### Wednesday, October 8

6:00pm ALIYAH K-6 Family Dinner in the Sukkah

#### Thursday, October 9

5:30pm - Happy Hour Sukkah: Bringing the Bar Outside! 30's and 40's professionals, swing by the Sukkah after work for wine and light nosh.

#### Sunday, October 12

9:40am Sisterhood and Men's Club brunch and discussion with Rabbi Posen.

#### Tuesday, October 14

9:00am Sukkot themed Boker Tov Bunch.

Foundation School Back to School night in the Sukkah

#### Thursday, October 16

6:30pm Simchat Torah Blow Out





during Back to Shul, September 17 11:30am - 2:00 pm PRICES SLASHED! Many items at or below cost!

Also make your holiday purchases: Tallitot and Kittles, Shafars, Tablecloths, Kiddush Cups, Etrog Boxes, and Cards, Cards, Cards! (Not to mention Challah Boards and Challah Covers, Candlesticks and Candles, and special Kippot and Headcoverings.) We even have new children's items. Everything to enhance your holiday celebration.

Shop early for best selection. Can't find what you're looking for? We are happy to special order for you from our catalogues.

The shop is managed and staffed by members of Neveh Shalom Sisterhood and we always need more volunteers. Please join us! Sisterhood members get a discount at the shop. Volunteers get an additional discount.

#### HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 1:00 Fridays 10:00 - 12:30 Closed Saturday and Sunday (Please call the office to confirm hours.)

Can't shop during our posted hours? No problem! Email Marsha at marsha@strongin.net or cal 512-422-1649 to schedule your private shopping time OR if you'd like to volunteer in the shop.



#### **KVELL WITH US**

Mazal tov to *Lauren and Andrew Fortgang* on the birth of their son, Thelonious on July 31st (mom and baby pictured.)

Mazel Tov! *Fran and Reuben Biel* welcomed Hannah Ayelet on July 8th. Hannah was 19 inches long and weighed 7 lbs 13 ounces. Fran and Reuben live in Corvallis and hope to be up to Neveh Shalom soon!

Mazel Tov to *Devin Getreu*, son of *Bev and Ian Getreu*, and *Jen Salzberg*, daughter of *Karen and Joel Salzberg*, granddaughter of *Suzan and Norman Wapnick*, on their engagement!

Mazel tov to *Gail and Irv Handelman* on the birth of their grandson, Elias Archer Bezanson, on July 12. Proud parents are *Thea Handelman and Phil Bezanson*. Other grandparents are *Jeffrey and Janie Bezanson*.

Mazal tov to *Susan Honigstock* on the birth of her new grandson, Ethan David Honigstock.

He was born on July 9th, 7 lb 2 oz. Parents are *Jay & Adrienne Honigstock*, big sister is Sarah.



work along the creek next to Neveh Shalom is now part of the "Trillium Creek Hillsdale Partners Restoration Project". The West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District has awarded this project its prize as "Urban Cooperator of the Year", to be given out at its annual meeting this coming September.

Mazel Tov to *Beth and Liza Milliner* (pictured) on their Legal Marriage ceremony and 10 year Anniversary on August 7, 2014. Rabbi Isaak led a beautiful ceremony at Cannon Beach.

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:

Jamie Sherman & John Crever
We are happy to have you as part of our Neveh family!

## **MAZAL TOV! MILESTONES**

#### **September Milestone Birthdays**

Kiki Adamovics
Dan Barde
Harvey Becker
Alene Bikle
Izrail Dekhtyar
Nancy Diamond
Jo Levy
Lawrence O'Glasser
Daniel Rubin
Suzan Wapnick
Ernest Waxman

John Woodruff

#### **October Milestone Birthdays**

David Anchel
Carol Biederman
Amy Brem
Gerald Cogan
Karen Douek
Howard Freedman
Michael Hasson
Cyndy Kagan
Ken Klein
Joeen Rodinsky
Geraldine Roth
Fred Rothstein
Frances Sarna
Paul Sher

George Sidline

#### **September Milestone Anniversaries**

Barry and Diane Davis
Gary and Esther Liberman
Todd and Felicia Rosenthal

#### **October Milestone Anniversaries**

Ira and Julie Gottlieb

Mark and Jennifer Kalenscher

## IN MEMORIAM



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

#### Goldie Barde, Howard Bockman, Florence Wolfson Glick

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences to Joan (Gary) Kahn and Alan Wolinsky on the passing or their mother, Maxine Wolinsky(z"l).

Our condolences to David Meltzer on the passing of his mother, Rita Meltzer (z"l), in Florida.

Our condolences to the Barde Family on the loss of Goldie Barde (z"l), beloved mother of Carolyn Gorin, Scott Barde and Larry Barde.

Our condolences to Linda Cohen on passing of her mother, Ellen Pollens (z"l).

Our condolences to David Wallack on the passing of his father, Max Wallack (z"l)

Our condolences to the Glick family on the passing Florence Wolfson Glick (z"l), beloved wife of Ed and father of Reuven Glick and Marni Glick

Our condolences to Julian Kaufman on the loss of his uncle, Leonard Stevens.

#### **UNVEILINGS:**

Unveiling of Burton Gevurtz - Sunday, October 19, 12:00pm, Ahavai Shalom Cemetery.

Unveiling of Anna Rashkovskaya - Sunday, October 26, 12:00pm, Neveh Zedek Cemetery.

When a Death Occurs - When a death occurs call the synagogue office 503.246.8831 so that we may inform Rabbi Isaak and/ or Rabbi Greenstein 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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Good Deeds Day, March 2014



Spring 2014 Pre-K play



ALIYAH celebrates Lag Ba'Omer



Rabbi Stampfer's 60th Anniversary



Shaloha Shushan - Purim 5774

5774-5 September Elul/Tishri



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September 7, 11am -1pm

**All Community Get-Together** 

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



#### **Crash Course in Hebrew Reading**

Tuesdays: Sept 9, 16, and 30, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Learn your Hebrew letters in 3 weeks! For those wanting to learn the Alef-bet or review what you once knew. A great prep class for our other Hebrew courses this year. Teacher: Itai Dewar

#### Torah for Real Life

Delve into Torah with our new Rabbinic Educator, and apply the lessons of the matriarchs and patriarchs into our modern lives. Rabbi Eve Posen will be teaching a 6-week course on Sundays this fall with this same title, adapted from her popular blog "Parsha for Parents". All are welcome! Teacher: Rabbi Eve Posen

Tuesday: Sept 9, 7:00- 9:00pm

## Getting Ready for Rosh Hashana - A workshop for parents

Join us for an evening of ideas and inspiration. We will start with the basics of the Jewish High Holidays and learn how to make customs meaningful and fun. We will see demonstrations of hands-on ways we can shape our children's experience through the context of Jewish values. Taste-test Rosh Hashana treats and come away with new recipes. Learn how to make Yom Kippur resonate. All participants will receive a starter kit filled with activities to share with your family. Interfaith and new-to-Judaism welcome. Free and open to all!

Co-sponsored by Mothers Circle, Congregation Neveh Shalom and PJ library. Tuesday, September 16, 7-9pm, room 102

#### **Mahzor Basics**

The Mahzor is the prayerbook for the High Holidays. Come explore some of the main prayers of the High Holidays with Deb Freedberg. All levels welcome, and all questions are good ones in this session that is aimed to help you feel more comfortable with Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur liturgy. Teacher: Deb Freedberg *Tuesday: Sept 16, 7:00-9:00pm* 



## Classes throughout the Year:

#### Sundays

#### **Living Judaism**

Join our rabbis and educators for lively learning and conversation as we explore heady but relevant topics in Judaism today, from observance to spirituality to literature. Come for a whole session or drop in for a week or two! *Sundays*, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### **Topics:**

September 21-October 26: Torah for Real Life—Delve into Torah with our new Rabbinic Educator, and apply the lessons of the matriarchs and patriarchs into our modern lives—Rabbi Eve Posen

**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? --Rabbi Eve Posen

#### Anyone Can Give a D'var Torah

A D'var Torah is literally a "word of Torah" and refers to the short teaching focusing on the weekly Torah portion (parsha) each week at Shabbat services. Come learn how to read the weekly parsha, find interesting commentaries from both ancient and modern sources, and craft a short D'var Torah, whether for your own interest or to teach others. No experience necessary. With Rabbi Eve Posen 10:45-11:45am, Sept 21, 28, Oct 12, 19, 26

#### **Tuesdays**

#### **Machon Ivrit**

Hebrew Institute: Year-long course in modern Hebrew. Beginning, Intermediate, and Conversational level classes available. 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. October 7 through June 2, 7:00-9:15

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

#### **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 Oct 7 - 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 Oct 7 - Dec 16

#### **CNS DIY**

A fun collection of new skills to learn from members just like you! Watch for more information throughout the year.

#### 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. October 22 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. October 22 through December 17

#### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

It's never too late to celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah! Interested adults should join a fall Adult Ed class and talk to Mel Berwin or Deb Freedberg.

#### **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'll 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 on Wednesdays starting October 22.

#### **Thursdays**

#### **Bible Study with Rabbi Isaak**

Weekly learning and discussion on the book of Proverbs. 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 Monthly Dates TBA: check CNS calendar or contact Mel to be added to the email list.

#### Book Talk@Neveh

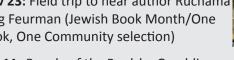
A series of book discussions held throughout the year. Come to one or dive into them all - meet others and connect over good literature with facilitated, in-depth discussion during this 10:45am Sunday morning series



Oct 5: The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Nov 2: In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist by Ruchama King Feurman

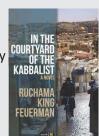
Nov 23: Field trip to hear author Ruchama King Feurman (Jewish Book Month/One Book, One Community selection)



**Jan 11:** *People of the Book* by Geraldine **Brooks** 

March 8: The Man in the Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado

**April 19:** *Ministry of Special Cases* by Nathan Englander (Jewish Theater Collaboration will present this as a Page to Stage production)



May 3: The True Story of Hansel and Gretel by Louise Murphy

Summer 2015: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg

## Sisterhood Opening Event

## Balancing Family Life with Other Commitments



Presented by Corinne Spiegel, Social Worker with JFCS A light dinner will be included.

September 9, 2014 6:15 P.M.

Congregation Neveh Shalom 2900 SW Peaceful Ln, Portland, OR 97239 Stampfer Chapel, with dinner buffet in the lobby

Free to paid Sisterhood members
Non-members or quests \$5.00.

Please RSVP: Susan Sutherin at 503-626-6611
or susanmsutherlin@hotmail.com







## Why join Sisterhood?

## Be part of the fun! Get involved!

9/9/14 — Opening Sisterhood meeting—salad bar dinner with guest speaker, Corinne Spiegel from JFCS, speaking on "Balancing Family Life with Other Commitments."

10/5/14 — Decorating Sukkah with religious school class and parents

10/12/14 — Joint meeting with the Men's Club and adult Ed. Program with guest speaker Rabbi Eve Posen

10/26/14 – Hygiene kits for the homeless shelter

11/13/14 – Tour of Portland Art Museum with Docent, Carol Isaak

12/3/14 – Rona Arato, award winning author, of "The Last

Train, A Holocaust Story" will speak.

1/31/15— Sisterhood Shabbat

2/22/15 — Mah Jongg Tournament

3/8/15 — In house movie, "When Do We Eat?" - get ready for Pesach!

5/3/15—An evening of wine & cheese with a program on Cuban Jews with Fred & Nora Rothstein

(Check with Neveh Shalom for full schedule.)









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## Mizrach: Neveh Shalom's **Eastside Community**



# Tashlich Eastside Bike Ride! Sunday, September 28 Celebrate Tashlich Portland style!

Bike down Springwater Willamette Trail to Sellwood Riverfront Park. In the tradition of tashlich, cast off previous year's missteps for a fresh start.



#### Bikers:

12:45pm Bike together to OMSI-Meet-up locations: Corner of NE 54 and NE Hancock Corner of SE 53rd and SE Salmon

OR

1:30pm Meet in front of OMSI, look for the Mizrach sign

#### Non-Bikers:

If biking is not your thing... meet us at 1:50pm Sellwood Riverfront Park SE Spokane St & Oaks Pkwy

## 2:00pm- Tashlich, led by Rabbi Eve Posen

Mizrach will provide birdseed to throw and a post-Tashlich light snack. Please wear a bike helmet and bring a water bottle. In case of rain meet at Sellwood park for Tashlich; bike ride will be canceled.

For questions, email: Marianne Zarkin mzarkin@gmail.com or Jennifer Greenberg jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org



# Jewish Dad's Night Out!

## Save the Date!

Open to all Jewish dads and dads raising Jewish children. Meet in a pub and take part in a relaxed conversation on a topic pertinent to parenting. Hear from local Rabbis and get to know other dads at our low-key meet-ups. Dads of all ages and stages of parenting are welcome. There is no cost and beverages and food are included; \$5 donation suggested.

October 13, Rabbi Eve Posen, Neveh Shalom November 19, Rabbi Daniel Issak, Neveh Shalom December 4, Rabbi Rachael Joseph, Beth Israel January 15, Rabbi Josh Rose, Shaarie Torah March 5, Rabbi Michael Cahana, Beth Israel



#### For location details:

Jennifer jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or find us on meetup.com, "PDX Dad's Night Out".

Dad's Night is co-sponsored by Mothers Circle, a community-wide welcoming program run by Congregation Neveh Shalom, and the Mittleman Jewish Community Center with support from Congregation Beth Israel and Congregation Shaarie Torah. Dad's Night is made possible by generous funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

# Foundation Fridays: A Shabbat Celebration

## Friday mornings from 9,00am-10:30am

Open to all children 0-5 and their parents, grandparents, friends, caregivers

## Schedule:

9am-10am open play in our indoor running room 10am-10:15am singing, Shabbat stories and age-appropriate service

10:15am-10:30am Shabbat snack

## Upcoming dates:

September 5, 12, 19 October 3, 24, 31 November 7, 14, 21 December 5, 12

\* Free!





Questions? Call Leah @ 503-293-7307 or email Leahc@foundationschoolpdx.org www.foundationschoolpdx.org

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