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MARTINIS & MITZVOT

AUCTION COMMITTEE KICKS OFF PLANNING FOR MAD MEN THEMED FUND-RAISER EVENT

On a mid-November evening, a creative and dedicated group came together at the home of **Todd and Felicia Rosenthal** for what looked from the outside like a casual cocktail party. As people walked in, introductions

were made. Within a few minutes anyone new to the gathering felt welcomed like an old friend. There was laughter, hugs and much talk about the good times had at last year's auction. What was the occasion for such a fun Neveh Shalom gathering, you may ask? Surprisingly, 2013 auction planning! Last year's "The Greatest Shul on Earth" chairs, Todd and Felicia drew together a fun, active committee and they are back to do it again. "We see the auction as a central community event. We have worked to make it an utter blast...and while there is hard work that goes into every stage of the planning, we want to send the message that this committee is doing good things and having a great time doing it," said Felicia, "and it is never too late for anyone to join this year's auction team."

Last year's engaging circus theme led to stilt walkers and other entertainers roving the room, with circus foods and themed decor (famously, fried Oreos). The auction raised over \$85,000 to support spiritual, educational, artistic and social action programming at Neveh Shalom.

Save the date this year to dress up "Mad Men Style" on Sunday, March 17 when Neveh Shalom hosts MARTINIS & MITZVOT: Party Like a Mad Mensch. Tickets are \$60 which includes cocktails and a seated dinner. Special Patron tickets for \$150 will include fun surprises throughout the night.

Monica Brenner, the auction Procurement Chair would love your help! "Do you, a friend, relative or your firm own a great vacation property? Do you stay at hotels frequently and have extra points at hotels or air miles? Sporting tickets are always a big seller, especially fantastic seats and games. Please help us make this the most successful auction yet!"

Donate to the auction by contacting Sarah Howard, Auction Coordinator, at howardsar@gmail.com or calling (503) 957-0493.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



With our current membership hovering around 900 family units, we are one of the largest congregations in

the Conservative movement, and the largest congregation in our Pacific Northwest region, which not only includes what we traditionally think of as the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia) but also Northern California. That's right; Congregation Neveh Shalom is the largest Conservative synagogue north of Los Angeles and west of Colorado. As a large congregations, we have infrastructures and budgets which set us apart from most of the congregations in our movement. As a result, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism recently held its second meeting of leaders of its large congregations. The first was held nearly 2 years ago in Houston. *Continued on page 5*

FROM THE PULPIT



FROM RUSSIA TO THE ROSE CITY

My favorite moment during a b'nei mitzvah ceremony is when the parents of our students present

their child with their bar or bat mitzvah talit. Mom and Dad (sometimes another relative) stand upon the bimah kvelling from ear to ear. They often let their son or daughter know how proud they are as they watch their child embrace the family heritage or offer brief words of advice on growing up. I want to share with you the words

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ELIANA KAUFMAN

JANUARY 12

Mazel tov to Eliana Kaufman, daughter of Jason and Allison Kaufman and older sister to Sarina and Adena. Eliana's grandparents are Sandy Kaufman and Martha and Ron Kapusta of Dallas, Texas and Dick and Sue Anderson of Lincoln City, Oregon. Eliana is a 7th grader at Athey Creek Middle School. She loves reading fantasy books and playing with her sisters. She is in her 9th year of girl scouting and is currently at the Cadette level. Her favorite girl scout activities are camping and community service. She will be completing her Silver Award this year. Through girls scouts and her summers spent at BB Camp, Eliana has learned to try new things and challenge herself to do something outside her comfort zone. Eliana also plays softball every spring; her favorite position is second base. After her Bat Mitzvah, Eliana is looking forward to new opportunities to practice her Hebrew skills and continue her Jewish education. She would also like to visit Israel as soon as she can.



JESSE COOK

FEBRUARY 9

Mazel Tov to Jesse Cook, son of Sherri and David Cook, brother to Joshua, Jacob and Jenna, and grandson to Martin and Evelyn Eisenberg and Ida Mae Girten. Jesse is a 7th grade honor student at Highland Park Middle School who enjoys playing the clarinet in the school band. He also enjoys camping, video games, advanced math and graphic novels.



JANE ROSEVELT

FEBRUARY 16

Mazel Tov to Jane Rosevelt, life partner of Joni Cady, and mother of Kelly and Carolyn. Jane grew up in New York in a supportive but non-religious family of Christian background. After a very long path to Judaism, Jane converted 4 years ago and will celebrate her bat mitzvah in honor of turning 70. Why celebrate turning 70 by becoming a Bat Mitzvah? Jane is already a pilot and hiker; so why not skydive or climb Mt Rainier? A jump or a climb is over when it's over. By making this kind of commitment to Judaism Jane will continue to grow through study, learning Hebrew, and helping to lead services. She says, "The more I learn the more I want to. I especially love Shacharit and the rhythmic, meditative words that flow from my mouth. Study and leading has become a central part of my life." We hope you will join us in this celebration on February 16th.



HANNAH YOKEN

FEBRUARY 23

Mazel Tov to Hannah Elizabeth Yoken who will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 23, 2013. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Jonathan Yoken, sister to Rachel and Eliana, and granddaughter to Judith and Arthur Berman of Singer Island, Florida, Susan Robbio of San Diego, California, and Stephen Yoken of Dallas, Texas. Hannah is a 7th grader at Catlin Gabel School and enjoys competitive rock climbing and tennis, skiing both on snow and water, playing the piano and hanging out with friends.

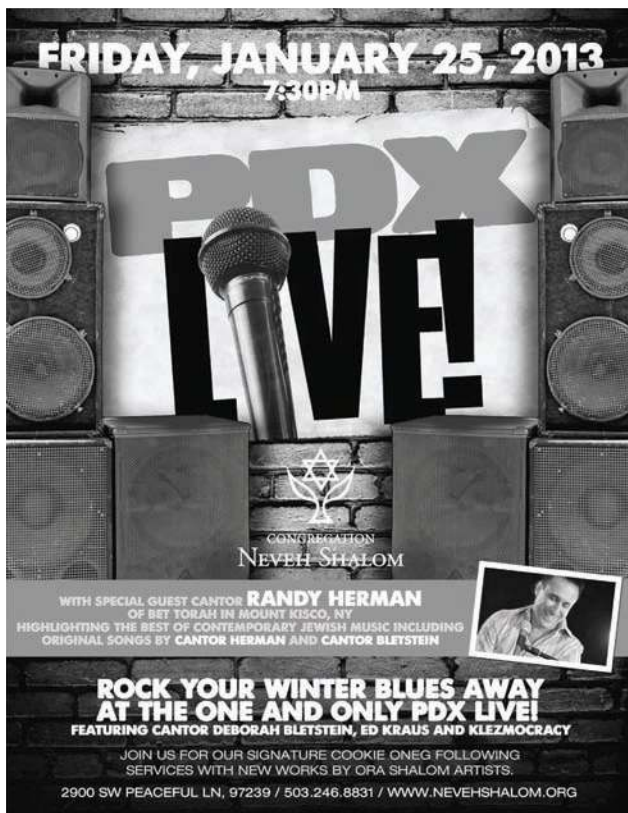


LEO RUBIN

MARCH 2

Mazel Tov to Leo Harris Rubin, son of Melissa and Dan Rubin, brother of Jack Rubin, grandson of Leah and Mark Rubin and Kathy and Craig Abraham. Leo is a 7th grade student at Robert Gray Middle School where he excels in math, science and social studies. He is a regular summer camper at Camp Solomon Schechter, where he has made many friends from all over the West. Leo enjoys basketball, boxing, and gourmet cooking. A graduate of the Foundation School, Leo continues to have many strong friendships from those early years in the downstairs halls of Neveh Shalom.





NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



Cantor Bletstein with Rick Recht.
Taken during his concert in November.

Cantor Bletstein would like to remind everyone to attend **PDX live! on January 25th** and come celebrate **Purim on February 23rd** with her. Details for both events can be found in the flyers attached to this edition of the Chronicle.

FROM THE PULPIT (CONTINUED)

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spoken as Robert and Lena Ioffe presented their son Michael with his talit. We are blessed to have a vibrant Russian Jewish community as part of our congregational family. Often times a family who has moved here from the Former Soviet Union celebrates a b'nei mitzvah for the first time in many generations. I hope you find these words spoken from a father to his son in our Stampfer Chapel as inspirational as I did.

Dear Michael, friends, family, and members of the congregation!

First of all, I want to thank you for taking the time to celebrate with us this great milestone in Michael's life and in the life of our family! I want to talk today about its significance: Michael is the first of four generations of our family to have a proper bar-mitzvah. My maternal grandfather, Zalman, was born in 1909 in a small village near the city of Mozir in Belarus. By the time he was thirteen, Jewish communities in Belarus were ravaged by civil war, the communists were in power, and fear set in. My paternal grandfather, Aaron, was born in 1902 in the city of Bobruisk in Belarus and volunteered in the First World War at the age of 14, so I am not sure he had a proper bar-mitzvah either. He died in 1960, so I was never able to ask him. By the time my

father was 13, Stalin was still in power, Jews were persecuted across the Soviet Union in the infamous "Doctors Plot" and nobody was thinking about giving my dad a proper Jewish education and bar-mitzvah – Jews were wondering if they will be kept alive or sent to Siberia. I was born in 1972, and when I was 8 my grandfather Zalman told me: Do you know that we are Jews? That you are a Jew? It was a complete shock to me – I thought I was Russian. I didn't know what it meant to be a Jew. I didn't go to shul. I didn't know how to read Hebrew or Yiddish. I didn't know anything about Jewish history and customs. I was, in my great uncle Moses's words, "Ivan who doesn't know his relations." Needless to say, that by the time I was thirteen, the Communists were still in power and I didn't have bar-mitzvah either. Michael, you might say, why am I telling you this? You've heard this story a thousand times, we are in America now, the land of Freedom, nobody is persecuting Jews, we are free to practice our religion and be proud of our history and heritage. The thing is, if you study Jewish history (and I strongly encourage you to study it in great detail) you will realize that this is a recurring pattern: we would be free and prosper for a while, but then things change, kings change, times change, and persecutions begin. This happened in Egypt, in Babylon, in Rome, in

Persia, in Spain, in Portugal, in Germany, in Poland, and in Russia. What I am trying to say is that it could happen here. And what sustained Jews through all these times of persecution, of hatred and isolation? The only thing that sustained us is our Faith, our unyielding belief that God will not forsake us, that despite all the troubles He is on our side, that we are His children, we are His chosen people and He will not let us down. And so throughout history, through all the troubles and persecutions that befall us, we ALWAYS come back to God!

So we are celebrating here just this historic occasion! Michael, by celebrating your bar-mitzvah we are celebrating our comeback, our return to God! So far, you've accomplished great things Michael, but this is just a step on your long journey in life. Remember God's commandments, honor your parents, love your family, cherish your friends, study Jewish history, law and culture, support the Jewish community, marry a Jewish girl, have lots of kids and keep the Faith! You are a Jew, so be proud of it and may God be with you!

*May we all be blessed to have such pride in our heritage,
L'shalom,
Rabbi Bradley Greenstein*

CANDLE LIGHTING

DEC 28	4:17PM
JAN 4	4:22PM
JAN 11	4:30PM
JAN 18	4:39PM
JAN 25	4:49PM
FEB 1	4:59PM
FEB 8	5:09PM
FEB 15	5:19PM
FEB 22	5:29PM
MAR 1	5:39PM

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Every Friday: 6:15pm

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

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Every Saturday: 9:00am

Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service. Free Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831x100 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.

***Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831x100 by noon on the preceding Wednesday to reserve space.**

SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Fridays with Ilene Safyan

1st Fridays, 6:15pm (Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1)

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.

Chik-Chak Service

3rd Fridays, 6:15pm (Jan 18, Feb 15)

A traditional, lay-led service featuring Carlebach tunes followed by delicious, volunteer-catered dinner. Reservations required for dinner (\$12/adult, \$6/child, \$36 max/family). Dinner RSVP required by the preceding Wednesday to chikchakrsvp@gmail.com. NOTE: on 3rd Fridays when there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the main service is combined with ChikChak in one service.

Hinenu Erev Shabbat Service

4th Fridays, 6:30pm (PDX live! Jan 25, Feb 22)

For Jews in their 20's and 30's who are post-college and pre-kids. This alternative service is followed by a potluck Shabbat dinner at a local home. Please visit our Facebook page (search for "Hinenu"). For more information, to RSVP, or to get on our email list, contact hinenu.pdx@gmail.com

PDX Live!

Fridays, Special 7:30pm service time (Jan. 25)

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. **The service this month will include a reception by ORA artists.**

SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (Jan 12, Feb 9, Feb 23)

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot. Want to lead a part of the service or read Torah? Contact Eddy Shuldman at mameleh@comcast.net. On "Combined Minyan" dates we meet at 9am.

KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein:

3rd Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am (Jan 19, Feb 16)

Join us as we study, sing, meditate and engage deeply in prayer together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience necessary. Bring your friends! KEVA...a little time for your soul. For questions or to get involved, contact Rabbi Greenstein at rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com.

Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service

3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (Jan 19, Feb 16)

Neveh Shalom volunteers lead Shabbat services for seniors at the Robison Home Chapel. Arrive early to help escort residents to the Chapel. Please contact Carol Stampfer at carol.stampfer@gmail.com.

SHABBAT MORNING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5 years old)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (Jan 5/19, Feb 2/16, Mar 2)

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

Kehillat Noar (Grades 1-5)

3rd Saturdays, October-May: 10:00am (Jan 19, Feb 16)

Jr. Congregation for 1st-5th graders and families. Join Gershon Liberman for this brief, lively, skill-building Shabbat morning experience, and stay for kiddush lunch with friends. For more information contact Mel Berwin, mberwin@nevehshalom.org.

ELEANOR FISCHER

DIAL-IN SERVICE

If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services dial in to hear them.

Call 503.246.8832

It is hard to remember, but it was only 3 short years ago that our Kehilah made a commitment to ensure the continuation of our great programs, schools and religious offerings. The Board and the Finance Committee saw that the need for raising additional dollars above tuition and dues was paramount to our success. Thus the Annual Giving Program was begun to increase giving - it took the enhanced dues along with the Kol Nidre appeal and combined them into a focused effort. I am pleased to report that, due to the efforts of many, including our President, **Steven Kahn**, and committee members **Mark Zeitzer, Mark Kalenshcer, Stephen Sirkin, Stephen Blake, Leah Joy, Jeffrey Robinson and Bev Bookin**, along with our wonderful staff, **Fred Rothstein and Wendy Kahn**, we have reached our budgeted goal of raising **\$150,000**.

While short of our committee goal of \$200,000 (and if you haven't joined us – now is the time!), we believe that this year marked the beginning of some great milestones, including overwhelming support from the Kehilah's Board of Directors, who were very generous with their commitments, going from \$20,000 to \$45,000. In addition, we raised almost \$45,000 from 23 donors at the \$1,800 level and above. I want to say thank you to the 300 donors overall for your support, for the belief and the commitment that you have shown and continue to show in Congregation Neveh Shalom. For those who gave last year and again this year, we collectively increased our gifts by 31%! And, welcome and thank you to the 91 new donors to this year's campaign. We look forward to your participation and support in the future.

Only you, our donors, come and invest and ask nothing in return – leaving the rest of us deeply in your debt. Without you, very little of this would be possible. Whether it is a donation to a tribute fund, to the Annual Campaign, to our auction or to sponsor a Kiddush, it all matters.

"As a torch is not diminished though it kindles a million candles, so will he or she not lose who gives to a good cause."

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

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This year, at the end of October, Vice President **Beverly Bookin** and I attended the meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I attended as our President; Beverly attended to lead a session on long range planning. More on that later.

As at that first meeting in Houston which I attended as our president-elect, I came away feeling proud and confident of how well ahead of the curve is CNS on the major issues facing our congregations. Whether it is budgeting, fundraising, outreach, personnel oversight, programming, publications, you name it; we are viewed as role models of the movement. Of course, that doesn't mean we get to rest on our laurels. We continue to strive to improve upon our strengths. At the Minneapolis meeting, we were able to learn from other similarly sized congregations about best practices for serving our kehillot. We spent quite a bit of time discussing the hot button topic of dues collections, especially in the context of changing the dues collection model. While there seem to be few alternatives and no proven models more successful than our current model, our board is committed to exploring alternatives. We are assembling a task force for the study of this issue which will dovetail with the national movement's examination of alternatives. We recently learned that the Director of Kehilah Operations & Finance for USCJ is researching the subject and will be conducting a webinar for our movement after the first of the year. Following that, we expect to be doing the work necessary to thoroughly examine dues models, as is required by our current long range plan.

This brings me to the subject of an area where CNS has no peer: Long range planning. We are the identified leader of our movement in planning for the future. Much of the credit for that goes to Beverly Bookin and Arnold Cogan who have been responsible for chairing both of our long range planning committees over the past 15 years. If you have not seen the work of our recent long range planning committee, I encourage you to read it by pasting the following link in your browser: http://www.nevehshalom.org/files/lrp_final_2011.pdf. At our large congregation meeting, Beverly conducted a seminar on long range planning which only reminded

me of how much work our long range planning committee did and how thorough was the effort. But even more impressive is that we have not only a history and reputation for planning, but also of achieving our plans. On the flight home from Minneapolis, I reviewed the 67 individual recommendations of the plan. Again, you can review them yourself at the website. I was struck by how much of the plan we are already implementing or have completed. Now, admittedly, some of this was the low hanging fruit; but no recommendation was trivial or meaningless.

Of course, we continue to do the hard work necessary to accomplish all of the recommendations. For example, one of the most challenging recommendations is to retire our outstanding debt from the 2008 CNS capital campaign and increase endowment to broaden our funding base. The capital campaign, by the way, was one of the recommendations from our previous long range plan. By the time you read this, we will have already begun having conversations with our kehilah about how essential this debt retirement is to the future of our kehilah. Simply stated, if we do not retire our debt of \$2,500,000 now, then we will need to pay our mortgage out of our operating budget. To achieve that, we will need to reduce our operating budget by at least \$250,000 per year for at least the next 2 decades beginning with our 2015 budget or raise an additional \$250,000 per year through dues and contributions. For context, \$250,000 represents our entire annual religious school expense (mostly teachers) or the addition of more than 100 dues paying members.

I am confident that with the help of everyone, we will achieve our goal of retiring our debt. Our leadership understands that not everyone will be able to make a new pledge to the capital campaign or extend existing annual pledges for a few more years. But we hope that everyone can join the cause by helping us recruit and retain members; and by staying current with dues and other financial obligations. I am confident because we are a kehilah that does not fail. We plan and we achieve and we succeed.

Steven Kahn

As we come to the end of 2012 we celebrate the wide range of Tikkun Olam efforts that congregants are involved in both inside and beyond the walls of our synagogue. In the past months we have provided meals to the homeless, collected food for the hungry, built affordable housing, knit hats for Israeli soldiers, provided hygiene kits for those in transition, supported efforts to reduce suffering and eliminate genocide, provided meals for homeless youth, worked to improve and appreciate our environment, and collected blood for the Red Cross. Several hundred of you have assisted with these and other Tikkun Olam efforts that fall under our synagogue's umbrella. You've done, and continue to do, blessings and mitzvahs! Whether it has been through Neveh, or in other ways, thanks so much.

Steven Sirkin, Tikkun Olam Committee

NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA

A NEW PROJECT: TIKKUN ADAMAH

Tu b'Shvat will begin this year on January 25th. Once a minor holiday, it has grown into the environmental holiday for the Jewish people. As many Jews around the world honor the holiday by planting trees or celebrating at special Tu b'Shvat seders, Shomrei Teva announces the inauguration of a new project for the Neveh Shalom community: **Tikkun Adamah**.

Tikkun Adamah will connect volunteers who want to improve our natural habitat and members who need help with their own yards. If you want to get rid of ivy or blackberries, and replace them with sword fern, salal, Oregon grape or other natives, this project will provide the volunteers and expertise to help you do it. For adults and youth in the Neveh Shalom kehilah, this will be a wonderful way to volunteer, to create new connections within our

community, to help heal the earth, and to do a big mitzvah at the same time.

If you would like to volunteer as a worker or as a gardening consultant, or if you would like volunteers to come help you make your yard a healthier, more natural place, Please contact Jordan Epstein, chair of Shomrei Teva. (yaakovm@comcast.net; 503-245-6580). We'll hold an organizing meeting in late January or early February to get the project off the ground, so we can get on the ground!

Enjoy Tu b'Shvat: plant a tree, take a walk in the woods, and come check out our new project.

**Chag sameach,
Jordan Epstein**



HYGIENE KITS

We are continuing to collect hygiene kit items.

While waiting for a shelter bed, the homeless can take showers and receive a hygiene kit at the Transition Projects facility at 650 NW Irving Street.

The items we NEED MOST in order to complete our hygiene kits are toothbrushes and deodorants. Each kit must have all items. We can make up to 10 hygiene kits with 500 soaps and 10 toothbrushes! You can pickup 4-6 toothbrushes at the Dollar Store for \$1. The cheapest places to pick up travel size deodorants are WalMart and Fred Meyer. Full size deodorants are available for about the same price at the Dollar Store and Big Lots.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Cathy Blair cathyblair55@yahoo.com

OUTSIDE IN



Sunday, January 13, 9:30-11:30am
Wednesday, February 13, 7:15-9:15pm
Aviva Zigman will lead us in cooking for the 60 homeless teens of Outside-

In during the months of January and February. Why not meet us in the Neveh Shalom kitchen, and see how rewarding it can be to make life sweeter for those in need

Watch the CNS E-Blast or contact **Cathy Blair** at cathyblair55@yahoo.com if you would like to be informed of future dates. If you have specific questions about cooking during January or February, you can contact **Aviva** at ajzigman@hotmail.com.

CNS DARFUR/SUDAN/CONGO COMMITTEE & NEVER AGAIN COALITION

On December 5 we partnered with OHRC to bring a fascinating documentary to Portland. *Across the Frontlines: Ending the Nuba Genocide* was made by Tennessee based non-profit Operation Broken Silence (OBS). Members of OBS slipped across the frontlines into the Nuba Mountains of Sudan a few months ago to document the violence being inflicted on civilians by their own government. If you missed the film, you can still view it by going to their website: www.operationbrokensilence.org

In addition to the film, we have donated money to a humanitarian project that they are tackling. The End Nuba Genocide Campaign raises funds for the purchase and delivery of urgently needed

humanitarian aid including food, medicine, clinic supplies and clean water solutions into the Nuba Mountains and to refugees who have fled to South Sudan. This is taking place while we wait for the international community to act on the promise to deliver food aid to this region. We are proud to be part of a project connecting Americans with local Nuban NGOs to do this work. This is just one aspect of our work. We have an ongoing project called the Postcard Brigade and much more. Please feel free to stop in to one of our meetings and find out more. You can always go to our website too. www.neveragaincoalition.org

CNS CONNECTIONS: THE MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Had it not been for the roof of the building, it's possible that the glow from dozens of menorahs on the eighth night of Chanukah could have been seen from outer space, or at least from the Council Crest towers as our community of "Neveh Shalomers" and community friends joined to "Light it Up" at Dreidels Dine & Dance on Saturday, December 15. The candlelighting was just one of the events of the night which began with Havdalah services and continued with a festive holiday dinner featuring Chanukah staples latkes and sufganyiot and singing by Cantor Bletstein and local artist Kim Palumbis. Following dinner and candle lighting, children, teens and college students enjoyed one of the many activities targeted towards them, while adults participated in their own festivities in Stampher Chapel- turned- nightclub to enjoy dancing and holiday drinks such as the Dreidel Drop and Latkepolitan in Club Menorah. A sense of community was everywhere as evidenced by dancing feet, filled bellies, smiling faces and people socializing with each other.

Dreidels Dine & Dance was planned and hosted by CNS Connections – The Member Services Committee, a group of volunteers which

serves to welcome new members and hosts major CNS social events throughout the year such as Chanukah and Back to Shul to help connect members with each other. Members who joined in 2012 should look for their invitation soon to The "New Member Brunch."

We are a fun and friendly committee, plus a great way to become involved with the synagogue. To join us, contact chair **David Meltzer** (pictured above) at davidtheshulman@outlook.com .



We would like to welcome our new members:

*Ashkan Amouzegar
Daniel Axel
Kaiya and Aaron Goldhammer
Samantha Marine
David and Janine Segal*

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

5 QUESTIONS TO A BOARD MEMBER

Jenn Knudsen answers our 5 questions. *Jenn is a member of the Board of Directors, serving on its Executive Committee as secretary. Has been on recent Long-Range Planning committee that wrapped up just last year. Co-chair of Education Committee, charged with both the ALIYAH program and Kochavim/Notztzim kids' Hebrew-immersion program and a co-Room Parent for ALIYAH's third graders.*

1. What is your favorite Jewish Memory? My favorite Jewish memory would be sitting around the Passover table of my grandparents'. Actually, let me detail that a bit: "Us kids" never were able to sit around the Passover table 'till most of the adults had left by the seder's end. So, my sister and I always were relegated to the kids' table. One year (we probably were 9 and 6), our Seattle-based step-cousins, to whom we were close, joined us. The four of us had a rip-roaring time, laughing our tuchases off at God knows what, while the adults finally gave up shushing us. Everything was funny to us, and we had a ball.

2. Tell us about an interesting hobby you have I'm learning Hebrew. Not just to read it from the siddur, but to "speak" it. I use quotations as my ability to "speak" Hebrew likely will take years, but I'm putting in the time [and money] to learn Hebrew as a living -- vibrant -- language that is used every day in Israel and among those who've moved here from Israel for temporary assignments, of which there are a growing number.

3. Favorite Jewish Holiday (and why) My favorite Jewish holiday is Pesach. It's my favorite not only because of memories like the one noted above, but it's one that encourages the gathering of many people, around a dinner table, to hear a story, and then to eat foods that come out really just once a year. It's a very, very warm and family oriented holiday and always fills me with a deep sense of community -- more so each year.

4. Favorite Movie My favorite movie remains "Jean de Florette."

5. What would your Bubbe Say? (about you) My bubbe would say very little about me, as my grandmother ("Nanny") worked very hard to assimilate and not be the Eastern European immigrant bubbe her mother indeed was. That said, my Nanny would spout many cliches about me (like any good bubbe), such as, "I'm so proud of you!"



The Ritual Committee would like to thank the following people who have donated new High Holy Day Mahzorim (Lev Shalem) to the synagogue: **Jeff & Sandy Axel, Richard Botney, Aaron & Linda Cohen, Stanley & Beverly Eastern, Jeff Edmundson & Eddy Shuldman, James Ilse, Carole Katz, Gary & Esther Liberman, Robert Lieberman & Elaine Friedman, Raisa Premysler, Joseph & Susan Schwartz, Mylen & Rosalyn Shenker, Paul & Joan Scher, Julie & Perry Welch.**

You too can purchase a copy of the new High Holy Day Mahzor for the synagogue for \$36.00 a book or \$45 for personal use. Those who purchase books for the synagogue, can purchase a personal copy for \$36.00. We encourage people to purchase a copy for themselves and for the synagogue. The new mahzor is a great resource for High Holy Days and daily prayers. Copies of the new High Holy Day Mahzor can be checked out from the synagogue library.

SISTERHOOD

Greetings Sisters!

In December, we had a fabulous book review and discussion of *The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza* by **Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole** led by **Natan Meir**, Professor of Jewish Studies at Portland State University. It was a real treat!



Are you interested in learning to play Mah Jongg? Sisterhood will be offering lessons, free to Sisterhood members, \$20 for four lessons for non-members. Classes will start in January. Call **Marsha Strongin** at (512) 422-1649 to sign up.

Our **Annual Marianne Wollstein Mah Jongg Tournament** and Luncheon will be on **March 3, 11 am – 4 pm**. If you would like to

participate in our tournament, please fill out the flyer in this issue of the Chronicle and return it to the Neveh Shalom office no later than **February 22nd**. The flyer can also be found online at <http://nevehshalom.org/flyers/mahjongg2013.pdf> Sisterhood will participate in Kol HaKehila on the morning of April 28th by putting together hygiene kits. Stay tuned for details! Sisterhood provides you with the chance to do mitzvot, while making friends and enjoying the company of other amazing women. Hope to see you all soon!

B' Shalom, Cathy Blair, Sisterhood President
cathyblair55@yahoo.com (503)675-1328

MEN'S CLUB

NEWS FROM YOUR MEN'S CLUB:

On **January 13th**, the Men's Club will host one of our own members, Simon Goldstein. He will continue with his entertaining discussion and warnings regarding electronic fraud, social media and related personal data security issues.

For the first time Men's Club will host a faculty member of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School with speaker **Sylvia Frankel** on **February 17th**. Please join us and we will have a lively discussion about Shabbat, spirituality and Heschel's notion of a "sanctuary in time".

The Men's Club takes pride in its monthly meeting, but the Club takes a greater satisfaction in its efforts to conduct activities for the well-being of our community and for the greater community

in which we reside. During November we helped co-sponsor with Neveh Shalom's administrative staff a very successful Red Cross blood donation drive! And we hope to duplicate these results during a similar effort occurring this Spring. Additionally, on January 3rd members of the Club will be volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank, which occurs on regular basis throughout the year. If you would like to join Men's Club and participate in any of the activities of our group or have suggestions for activities that might be of interest to you and your friends, please contact **Gabe Markiz** gabe@markizpc.com or **Peter Wigmore** aussiewig711@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Gabe Markiz, Peter Wigmore
Men's Club President Men's Club Communications V.P.

MIZRACH: A NEVEH COMMUNITY

Thanks to all who joined us on November 2nd for our Eastside Shabbat Service and potluck dinner. It was our first time in the sanctuary of the Western Seminary, at the foot of Mt. Tabor. The combination of **Cantor Bletstein's** beautiful Carlebach-style service, the cozy sanctuary, delicious food and the fab attendees made it a wonderful night. For those who were able to walk to shul (!) for the first time in a long time, it was an added pleasure.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and let us know if you have ideas for new events or want to help us plan future ones! Contact Tamar Wyte-Lake at tamarwyte@yahoo.com or Wendy Kahn at wkahn@nevehshalom.org. Find and like us on Facebook at Mizrach: A Neveh Community.



ORA

PDX LIVE: Where Art and Music Meet! This is the event for you! ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists will open a new and exciting Art Show in conjunction with PDX Live, Friday night January 25th. Four of our newest artists will debut their work in our lobby showcases and will be featured in a new "meet and greet" during the Oneg. We are proud to introduce you to the exciting paintings of Jonathon Lietz, magical quilts by Sharon Stern, inspired ceramics by Glenn Decherd, and visionary photography by Hank Keeton. Inspired by Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat Shirah, the artists will explore themes of music and nature. All displayed work will be available for sale after Shabbat with a portion of each sale donated to Neveh Shalom!

HINENU

Want to enjoy a fun Israeli-style night? Hinenu is teaming up with Portland's own Shlichah (Israeli Emissary), **Natalie**, for an Israeli Cooking and Games Night! This unique event will feature authentic Israeli ingredients and recipes inside Neveh's own kitchen. After the food has been prepared we hope you'll hang around for a variety of games to top off the night. You don't want to miss the food event of 2013. So save the date for Sunday, **February 17th**, in the Atrium outside Birnbach Hall. Hinenu is very proud to provide this rare opportunity to learn more about Israeli culture and food!

Of course Hinenu is more than wonderful food; once a month we have a lay-led Shabbat service usually held on the fourth Friday of each month. On **January 25th**, we will be attending "PDX Live!" at 7:30pm in the Main

Sanctuary and may have a gathering afterwards. On **February 16th** we will come to Neveh for an insightful talk by Israeli journalist and author, **Gershom Gorenberg**. Gershom will be talking about current issues in Israel and his recent book. Also in February, on the 22nd, we will be continuing with our normal Shabbat service in Zidell Chapel beginning at 6:30pm followed by a vegetarian potluck.

Hinenu is Neveh Shalom's community for young adults who are post-college and pre-kids. We are always planning an exciting program and would love to see you there. In order to get more information or suggest a new program please find us on Facebook under "Hinenu" or email at Hinenu.PDX@gmail.com.

A DELIGHTFUL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH PROFESSOR YONA SABAR - A JOURNEY INTO KURDISH IRAQ

Our congregation had the great honor of hosting UCLA Professor **Yona Sabar**, whose life was depicted in his son's book *My Father's Paradise*. Throughout November, Jewish organizations and synagogues around Portland supported One Book – One Community discussions, films and lectures centered on this year's compelling selection. Professor Sabar spoke at services, delivered a moving chronicle of women in Kurdistan at Shabbat dinner, detailed the significance of Aramaic, addressed enthralling questions, explored childhood stories with our 6th grade class, presented key historical journeys through Kurdish, Iraq and delighted us with folklore tales from Kurdish Jews. While congregants were thrilled to be the lucky recipients of all the research done for the Kurdish cuisine and desserts during Friday's Shabbat dinner and the desserts on



Saturday night, Professor Sabar and his wife, Stephanie, agreed that their personal highlight was his speaking with the 6th grade class and their parents, who greatly impressed the visiting scholar with their manners, attentiveness and interest.

Urged on by **Rabbi Isaak**, Professor Sabar's wife, Stephanie, a social worker in Los Angeles, offered additional insights into the book's nuances of the relationship between sons and fathers. The couple said that they were overwhelmed by the welcome they received and kindness



of our congregation. Charmed by our location on Peaceful Lane, Professor Sabar said, "If it weren't for the rain, Portland would truly be a paradise on Earth." The weekend was a true success thanks to the congregation,

area scholars and guests for attendance at all the events through the weekend and making the Sabar's feel so welcomed, inspired and appreciated. Perhaps it is best said directly from Professor Sabar, "Thank God again for having created people like you. I think we have the greatest and kindest hospitality in the world. If there were more people like you all in Neveh Shalom, the world would be a much better place." This program was arranged and supported by Congregation Neveh Shalom, the Institute of Judaic Studies and the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at PSU and made possible by the Rabbi Stampfer Lecture Funds. Such kismet moments as the appearance of **Sam Nechemia** (local gem of the Jewish Community – Hassan to Congregation Ahavath Achim) dropping by prior to the Saturday night event, upon discovering he was from the same small Kurdish village as Professor Sabar and engaging our illustrious speaker in a casual Aramaic conversation, are only possible because of these funder's generous support.

RENOWNED KLEZMER ARTIST, YALE STROM, TO PREFORM AT NEVEH SHALOM

Violinist, composer, filmmaker, writer, photographer and playwright Yale Strom was a pioneer among revivalists in conducting extensive field research in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans among the Jewish and Rom communities since the early 1981. Initially, his work focused primarily on the use and performance of klezmer music among these two



groups. Gradually, his focus increased to examining all aspects of their culture, from post-World War II to the present. Over more than 2 decades and 75 such research expeditions, Strom has become one of the world's leading scholar-ethnographer-artists of klezmer music and history. Yale's violin has been heard on numerous recordings and soundtracks. He was the first klezmer violinist in history to be invited to instruct master classes at both the American String Teachers Association and the Mark O'Connor Fiddle Camp.

Yale has been hailed as "a commanding bandleader and composer" (Pulse! Magazine), "one of the best klezmer musicians in the country" (Houston Public News) and "an all-around musical visionary" (Seth Rogovoy). Dirty Linen sums it up most concisely: "Yale Strom is a Jewish roots trip unto himself."

Accompanying him are : *Elizabeth Schwartz*, has sung throughout the world and is particularly known for her dusky timbre and expertise on Romanian Yiddish music. *Lou Fanucchi* is a virtuoso of many styles of accordion playing particularly Italian, Tango and klezmer.

Yale Strom will be performing at Neveh Shalom on Saturday, January 5th, 2013, 7:00pm in the Stampfer Chapel. Tickets are \$15/person, \$36/family. CDs and books available for sale at the event. This concert is in conjunction with the film screening of "A Man From Munkacs: Gypsy Klezmer", directed by Yale Strom at Oregon Jewish Museum: Sunday, January, 6, 2013 2:00pm-4:00pm, includes in-person Q &A session with the director after the film. General Public: \$10, Museum Members: \$8



I Think I Can... I Think I Can... I Think I Can. -The Little Engine that Could

"Watch children at play and you might suddenly realize that they are not just frivolously wasting time or mucking about," notes Paul Bailey in his book, *Think of an Elephant* (London: Watkins Publishing, 2007). "Child's play is deep learning: a self-directed state of deep connectedness and personal engagement. It is also an enthusiastic and absorbing state of relaxed attention — healthy qualities often missing from adult life. Play is a creative learning exchange between mind, body, and circumstance into one integrated and healthy whole. Awash with symbols and mental imagery, children at play are learning in a way that can be wildly creative, insightful, and visionary.

"Research shows that the more animals play, the bigger their brains grow. Moreover, brain imaging techniques show that social play seems to rewire our brain, increasing the activity of connections between our brain cells. Play also helps develop our logical reasoning, our ability to learn, and our behavioral flexibility." This reinforces Foundation School's philosophy that children learn through play.

As we approach the half way point of the current school year and prepare for Purim and Passover, it is also time to look forward to next year.

Registration begins the end of February and is based on a first come first serve basis with members of Neveh Shalom given first priority before we open registration up to the general public. If you would like to have your child attend Foundation School in September 2013, they must be 2 before September 1. Please call or email me if you are interested in a tour or to receive a registration form. Come watch us play!

Kwolfson@nevehshalom.org

Foundation School's direct line 503-293-7307



ALIYAH MADRICH OF THE MONTH: JOSHUA WELTER



Joshua Works as tutor to 3rd-6th Graders every Tues & Thurs

Madrichim are Neveh Shalom teens who work as paid or volunteer assistants in our ALIYAH K-6th Grade classes. Some madrichim work as teaching assistants in the classrooms while others work one-on-one as tutors during our weekday Hebrew programming. Each month we will highlight the work of one of our much-appreciated teen madrichim.

Why did you decide to become a madrich?

I initially became a madrich to help in my community by teaching kids a value that is quite important to me as a Jew: the ability to speak and understand Hebrew. I feel as though this ability is important for the Jewish student, as it helps them better understand what they're praying for and what they're learning. I continue because

these kids really want to learn (whether they show it or not) and it impresses me what they can do to learn this crucial part of their heritage.

What is your favorite part of being a madrich?

My favorite part of being a madrich is the ability to teach while still having fun with the kids. We can be studying the letter aleph and while explaining its functions to them, they each can draw their own, sometimes comical, connections that can greatly increase their knowledge of the language as a whole.

What have you learned so far from being a madrich for ALIYAH?

The madrich program is one that has done a great deal of things for me. Not only has it taught me how to teach and better communicate with children and other people in my community, it has taught me more about my community altogether.

This program allows me to explore the side of me that I don't always have time for; the Jewish side. It allows me to lead from what I know, while still giving me guidance when I need it. I'm proud to be a madrich!

NEW FACES AT NEVEH: THE KLEIN FAMILY

Meet the Kleins! Parents Ken and Christine and son Jackson (3rd grade) joined Neveh Shalom this fall, eight years after moving to Portland from Southern California. Ken, a videographer, is working on a film called *The Jewish Identity Project*, an exploration of the age-old question "Who is a Jew?" but with a very local, contemporary twist. Christine is a health care researcher for Kaiser Permanente. Not Jewish, but committed to raising Jackson in a Jewish family, Christine participated in the *Mothers Circle* program and is now taking the Board of Rabbis' *Intro to Judaism* course with the intention of converting.

Q: What brought you to Portland from Southern California?

A: The quality of life. Portland was the place we wanted to raise our kid. Jackson was born and within the year we made the move.

Q: And eight years later, what brought you to Neveh Shalom?

A: We wanted to make some long-term decisions about how we were raising Jackson and how our family participates in the Jewish community. Mothers Circle was an important influence. The program confirmed and energized Christine's relationship with Judaism. She knew she wanted to join a synagogue and pursue Judaism for herself.



Maybe it would have been easier to join a Reform synagogue; after all they would already accept Jackson as Jewish. The decision was up to Christine, and she felt that the outreach from Neveh Shalom was really warm, really appealing.

Q: How do you feel about Neveh Shalom so far?

A: We're enjoying it immensely. Jackson's loves participating in ALIYAH; he's happy to go each day. You know, Jackson is our only child and we have no extended family in Portland. We have a sense of urgency about helping him feel like he does have extended family—a community—here in Portland, and Neveh is really the place to do that. At Neveh he is surrounded by kids—a really nice peer group—in an established Jewish learning program, with loving, supportive instructors.

Q: Tell me about your film.

A: It's a film about Jewish identity in Portland, figuring out what it means to be a Jew here. It was spurred on by being in an intermarried family and the questions that arose about how we want to raise our child and how we want him to self-identify. From that, it widened out to finding out what it means to others to be Jewish, finding out about Jewish institutions and people who lead them.

Ken volunteers his videography expertise by working with the teens in our ALIYAH Tichon program. Check out Ken's work at Kleinfilms.com. Welcome the Kleins to Neveh Shalom (or talk to Ken about your video needs for events!) by emailing Ken@Kleinfilms.com

NEVEH MEMBERS SERVE DINNER TO HOMELESS FAMILIES

For the second year in a row Neveh Shalom members are cooking, delivering and serving meals at the Winter Family Shelter. This shelter, run by Human Solutions, provides a safe place for homeless families and women to spend the night. Our effort, headed by **Joyce Mendelsohn**, has been a profound experience for the many volunteers involved, especially the kids. **Maude Elovitz**, recently a Bat Mitzvah, shared the following:

"I had a life-changing experience. Witnessing a man without shoes, coming in for a hot meal made me realize how lucky I am to have shoes on my feet, food when I come home and people who care for me. I am so glad I am part of a Jewish community who helps to repair the world."

On the Sunday evening following Thanksgiving, we had a large crew of volunteers (many of them teens and pre-teens) who did a fantastic job with preparing delicious homemade meals, setting-up, serving dinner, and cleaning up. The younger volunteers also spent time with the children at the shelter after dinner and it was obvious that the children loved being with them. All volunteers were gracious servers and had amiable conversations with the families. In return, the families were extremely appreciative and friendly. **Annie Zigman**, age 10, put it best when she said:

"I really liked serving at the family shelter. The peoples' faces lit up when we served them the food and I know our hard work was

appreciated".

Considering the cold weather it was good to see families having a warm and healthy meal. In reflecting on his experiences at the shelter, three time shelter volunteer and 7th grader **Danny Mendelsohn** noted that:

"My favorite part of supporting the shelter is knowing that I am helping out the people that need help most. I am happy that they were able to eat a good meal and sleep in a warm bed. I was surprised by how the families looked. I also noticed that we all got along very well. I could talk to them as if I were talking to friends I have known a long time. I guess homelessness can happen to anyone and I was glad to help."

Watch the next Chronicle for December and January's update and add your name to the list of volunteers by contacting Joyce Mendelsohn, joyce@mendelsohngroup.com.

We welcome donations of hot meals and offers to serve.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for November: **Debra Altmark, Rebecca Bard, Ethan Brenner, Eli Brenner, Lori Ann Burd, Elaine Cogan, Maude Elovitz, Shoshana Jacoby, Michelle-Shari Kruss and Noah Kruss, Danny Mendelsohn, Alexis Mendelsohn, Larry Mendelsohn, Joyce Mendelsohn, Benji Spector, Aviva Zigman, Jonah Zigman, and Annie Zigman**

THE ABAYUDAYA JEWS OF UGANDA - AARON KINTU MOSES

By Steven Sirkin

On November 17th Congregation Neveh Shalom hosted Aaron Kintu Moses' visit sponsored by P'nai Or's Tikkun Olam Committee. The event was a combination Interfaith Havdalah shared by Jews, Christians, and Moslems and a presentation by Mr. Moses. He is a member of Uganda's Abayudaya Jews founded in 1919 by Semei Kakungulu who had been converted to Christianity and, as he read the bible found the story of the old testament more compelling and became a practicing Jew. The sect eventually grew to several thousand but nearly disappeared under the rule of Idi Amin who banned Judaism in Uganda. After his regime ended around 300 people returned to Jewish practice establishing 7 synagogues across the country, several schools, and now having expanded to 2,000 members. The community's Judaism has been recognized by Jewish leaders and Mr. Moses' brother, Gershon, completed his rabbinical training at the American Jewish University and has become their spiritual leader. Mr. Moses helped found a several schools that provide education to 400 children including Moslems, Christians, and Jews. In addition they have initiated a Child Hunger Project. The cost of a year's schooling is \$450, which is just under the average annual income in Uganda. P'nai Or's Tikkun Olam committee is presently sponsoring several children. For more information and/or to donate, go to www.kulanu.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This schedule is for one of a kind events.
For Service times and other regularly scheduled events, check out the monthly calendar insert that comes with the Chronicle.

JAN 5

7:00pm Yale Strom Concert, Famed Klezmer artist in an exclusive concert at the Stampfer Chapel **Tickets are \$15/person \$36/family**

JAN 7

7:00pm Darfur/Sudan/Congo committee meeting of the Never Again Coalition

JAN 8

Kadima at the Winterhawks Game

JAN 12

USY - Into the Night

JAN 13

9:30am Cooking for OutsideIn, Aviva Zigman will lead us in cooking for the 60 homeless teens of Outside-In. Meet us in the Neveh Shalom kitchen, and see how rewarding it can be to make life sweeter for those in need.

10:00am Book Talk, New CNS program open to all literature lovers Gloria Borg Olds leads a discussion on *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev

10:00am Neveh Knits and Crochets

JAN 16

7:00pm Book Talk@Neveh, Gloria Borg Olds leads a discussion on *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev.

JAN 18

6:15pm Special ChikChak/KEVA Kabbalat Shabbat, the soulfulness of Keva and the tuneable Kabbalat Shabbat service of ChikChak unite for an evening of great davening, great people, and great food! Join Rabbi Greenstein for services at 6:15 and volunteer-catered gourmet Shabbat dinner at 7:15. RSVP required for dinner (\$12/adult, \$6/child, \$36/family max). Email chikchakrsvp@gmail.com to RSVP or to volunteer to help cook!

JAN 20

Dead Sea Spa Day Benefit (details in flyer enclosed)

9:45am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration

JAN 25

5:30pm Camp Schechter Reunion Dinner, For all past, present, & future campers, counselors, and families! Join director Sam Perlin and friends for dinner. RSVP jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

7:30 pm PDX Live! and ORA reception- 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 Guest Randy Herman of Bet Torah in Mount Kisco, NY.

FEB 2

6:30pm Kadima Sleepover

Feb 3

USY Green Day

FEB 4

7:00pm Darfur/Sudan/Congo committee meeting of the Never Again Coalition

FEB 9

5:30pm Shoshanim PJ Havdalah with Cantor Bletstein

Families with your kids party in your PJ's! Join us for dinner, art projects, Havdalah and stories with Cantor B.

Feb 10

10am-4pm Neveh Shalom's Habitat For Humanity West Side

This month we will be building at the BraunerBrook Neighborhood, located at 1255 SE Maple St in Hillsboro. Approximately 10 volunteers needed. Go to <http://vhub.at/NevehShalom> and follow the step-by-step instructions Contact Michael Titelbaum titelb@comcast.net (503-626-6265) or Steve Sirkin stevejew18@frontier.com (503-454-0610) to sign up.

10:00am Neveh Knits and Crochets

12:00pm Jr Kadima Hammentachen Making

5:30pm USY Spaghetti Dinner

Feb 13

7:15pm, Cooking for OutsideIn, Aviva Zigman will lead us in cooking for the 60 homeless teens of Outside-In, Neveh Shalom kitchen.

Feb 16

7:30pm Israeli journalist and author Gershom Gorenberg talks.

Feb 17

9:45am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration

4:30pm Hinenu Israeli Cooking and Games

Feb 23

6:30pm Megillah reading and festivities

Feb 24

9:00am Purim Services and family program

Mar 1-3

Weekend in Quest 2013 Astoria, OR now accepting reservations! Check out www.weekendinquest.org for more information.

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*or by special arrangement
Marsha Strongin, 512.422.1649*

KVELL WITH US

★ Mazal tov to **Sarah Oller**, daughter of **Dale & Earl Oller**, who gave birth to a little girl, **Emma**.

★ Mazal Tov to **Victoria Genovker** and **Ilya Lipets** on the birth of **Levi Aron Lipets** on October 22nd.

★ **Eleanor Fisher**
celebrated her 100th Birthday on November 27th, 2012. We should all be so lucky!



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First-Timer Fund: Contact Carolyn, Camp Solomon Schechter Registrar for scholarship information info@campschechter.org or visit the website at www.campschechter.org for further camp information.

Neveh Shalom Funds: Congregation Neveh Shalom scholarships are limited. Fund monies are contributed through several Neveh Shalom Tribute funds and are distributed on the basis on need not merit. Application deadline must be adhered to and full scholarships are not available. For more information and to print an application go to: <http://nevehshalom.org/flyers/cssfinancialaid2013.pdf>

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*We mourn the loss of synagogue members.
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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Sami Oberlander on the passing of her beloved grandmother, *Sally Oberlander(z"l)*.

Our condolences to the Roth/Dunn family on the passing away of long time and cherished member of our congregation, *Jerome (Jerry) Roth(z"l)*, beloved husband of Jerrie Roth and father of Joel Roth, Barbara Dunn and Steve Roth.

Our condolences to Lois Shenker, on the passing away of her beloved sister *Barbara Singer (z"l)* in California.

Our condolences to Pamela Frankel, whose dear mother *Dorothy Frankel (z"l)*, passed away on November 3rd.

Our condolences to staff member Jonathan Morgan (youth director) and his family on the sudden passing of his beloved father *Serge Morgan(z"l)* on November 6th.

Our condolences to the Smetana family on the passing of *Semen Smetana(z"l)*, beloved father of Yakov Smetana and loving grandfather of Aleksandr Smetana, Leonid Smetana and Gregory Milman.

Our condolence to the Barry and Ilene Kaplan on the passing of *Sybil Kaplan (z"l)* in Las Vegas, NV.

Our condolences to the Premysler/Crystal families on the passing of *Isaak Premysler (z"l)*, beloved husband of Raisa Premysler, and the father of David Premysler and Lilya (Chad) Crystal

Our condolences to the Atlas family on the passing of *Sidney Atlas (z"l)*, beloved husband of Regina Atlas, and the father of Barbara (Brian Suher), Linda and Rochelle (Robert Ballato).

Our condolences to Mike, Michelle, Jacob and Rene Alberts on the passing of their beloved *"Grandma Sandy" Naon (z"l)*

Cemetery Headstone Unveilings:

Bernie Shain(z"l), Sun. January 13, 11:00am at Neveh Zedek Mausoleum

When a Death Occurs

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.

Refuah Shelma

In this section, we wish a speedy recovery to those members who are ill or having surgery. Since the Chronicle is published only six times per year, we are moving the "Refuah Shelma" list to our weekly eBlast, in order to keep our news relevant and up-to-date.

Remember, the *mi-sheberach* (the prayer for healing) is recited at morning services following the Torah reading. If you would like to submit a name for this prayer, you may call the office at 503.246.8831.

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.

MAZAL TOV

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 Rebecca and Anne Shine
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6 9:00am Minyan 24 TEVET	7 7:15am Minyan 25 TEVET 12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm ALIYA/Kochavim 7:00pm Machon Ivrit 7:00pm Never Again Coalition	8 7:15am Minyan 26 TEVET 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	9 7:15am Minyan 27 TEVET 4:15pm ALIYAH/Kochavim 6:00pm Tichon	10 7:15am Minyan 28 TEVET 4:15pm ALIYAH	11 7:15am Minyan 29 TEVET Eliana Kaufman Bat Mitzvah 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:30pm 	12 Rosh Hodesh 1 SHEVAT Eliana Kaufman Bat Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service 9:30am Downstairs Minyan Va'era
13 9:00am Minyan 2 SHEVAT 9:00am Yom Rishon 9:40am Men's Club Meeting 10:00am Neveh Knits & Crochet 10:30am Book Talk@Neveh 11:00am Cooking for Outside-In 11:00am Unveiling of Bernie Shain 12:00pm Jr Kadima activity	14 7:15am Minyan 3 SHEVAT 12:30pm Mah Jongg 1:30pm Writer's Group 4:15pm ALIYAH/Kochavim 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	15 7:15am Minyan 4 SHEVAT 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	16 7:15am Minyan 5 SHEVAT 4:15pm ALIYAH/Kochavim 6:00pm Tichon 7:00pm Book Talk@Neveh	17 7:15am Minyan 6 SHEVAT 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Board Meeting	18 7:15am Minyan 7 SHEVAT 6:15pm Special Kabbalat Shabbat service: ChikChak meets KEVA 4:39pm 	19 8 SHEVAT 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am KEVA w/R. Greenstein 10:00am Kehillat Noar 10:15am Tot Shabbat Bo
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10 Rosh Hodesh ^{30 SHEVAT} 9:00am <i>Minyan</i> Habitat For Humanity Build Day 9:00am Yom Rishon 10:00am Neveh Knits & Crochet 12:00pm Jr Kadima Activity 5:30pm USY Spaghetti dinner	11 Rosh Hodesh ^{1 ADAR} 7:00am <i>Minyan</i> 12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm ALIYAH/Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	12 ^{2 ADAR} 7:15am <i>Minyan</i> 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	13 ^{3 ADAR} 7:15am <i>Minyan</i> 4:15pm ALIYAH/Kochavim 6:00pm Tichon 7:15pm Cooking for Outside-In	14 ^{4 ADAR} 7:15am <i>Minyan</i> 4:15pm ALIYAH	15 ^{5 ADAR} 7:15am <i>Minyan</i> 6:15pm Chik Chak Services 5:19pm 	16 ^{6 ADAR} Jane Rosevelt Bar Mitzvah 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am KEVA w/R. Greenstein 10:00am Kehillat Noar 10:15am Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Gershom Gorenberg Lecture Terumah
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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:

A Pigeon and a Boy by Meir Shalev

Jan 13, 10 am – 11:30 pm

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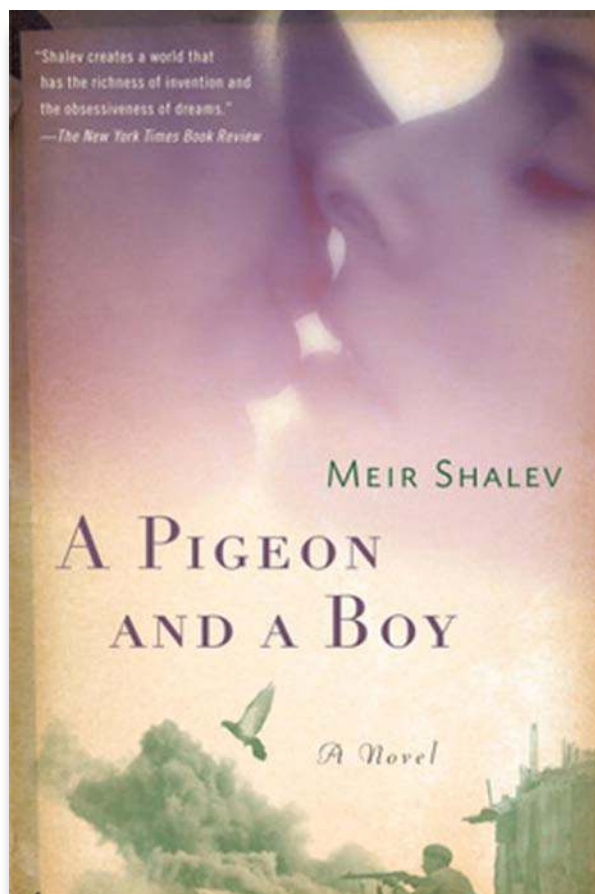
Jan 16, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Discussion led by Gloria Borg Olds

From the internationally acclaimed Israeli writer Meir Shalev comes a mesmerizing novel of two love stories, separated by half a century but connected by one enchanting act of devotion.

During the 1948 War of Independence--a time when pigeons are still used to deliver battlefield messages - a gifted young pigeon handler is mortally wounded. In the moments before his death, he dispatches one last pigeon. The bird is carrying his extraordinary gift to the girl he has loved since adolescence. Intertwined with this story is the contemporary tale of Yair Mendelsohn, who has his own legacy from the 1948 war. Yair is a tour guide specializing in bird-watching trips who, in middle age, falls in love again with a childhood girlfriend. His growing passion for her, along with a gift from his mother on her deathbed, becomes the key to a life he thought no longer possible.

Unforgettable in both its particulars and its sweep, *A Pigeon and A Boy* is a tale of lovers then and now--of how deeply we love, of what home is, and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it. In a voice that is at once playful, wise, and altogether beguiling, Meir Shalev tells a story as universal as war and as intimate as a winged declaration of love.



March: *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*
by Naomi Ragen

Presented by: Robin Shapiro

Sun 10, 10am -12pm

Wed 13, 7pm - 9pm

May: *The Hare With Amber Eyes*
by Edmund de Wall

Presented by: Kaiya Goldhammer

Sun 28, 10am - 12pm

Wed 1, 7pm - 9pm

Join us in "Chagschwartz" for...



A Very Potter Purim

Saturday
Feb 23rd
7pm

A Magical telling of the Purim story by
Neveh Shalom's High School Students



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Havdalah followed by a show for all ages
with Megillah reading included.

Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter
or Purim character to win best costume!

"Harrytaschen" will be served!


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Marianne Wollstein

Mah Jongg Madness Brunch and Tournament

Sunday, March 3, 2013
11:00am
Congregation Neveh Shalom
\$25.00 per person



Please join us for a fun-filled day of Mah Jongg and friendship.
Experienced and new players are welcome (no teaching).

11:00 am Brunch and explanation of rules

12:00 - 4:00pm Tournament and prizes

Reservations must be made by February 22nd

Sponsored by Neveh Shalom Sisterhood

For more information please contact:

Judi Goodman at 503.531.7205 or Sarah Coblens at 503.466.2256

Payment must accompany registration form

Please make checks payable to Neveh Shalom Sisterhood

No registrations taken after February 22nd.

Mail to: Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Ln., Portland, OR 97239

Attn: Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Name(s) _____

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