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FROM THE PULPIT



Impermanence – King Solomon and The Dalai Lama

I love my work, and the days I love most are often the ones that are the busiest and most intense. Recently one morning I joined in song with a young couple celebrating the bris of their newborn baby in their home, *"Siman tov and mazal tov and mazal tov and siman tov!"* I then got in my car and drove to our cemetery to see a family I had sat with the night before listening to stories - stories that could now only be memories as we lowered their loved one into the earth while reciting our tearful sacred prayers, "A time to be born and a time to die. Adonai has given and Adonai has taken." I washed my hands at the cemetery fountain (as is the Jewish custom when leaving a cemetery), took a deep breath and made my way to officiate under a wedding chuppah at a sparkling downtown hotel. I found the bride and groom with wide eyed smiles looking towards the future and when they were finished adorning themselves with jewels and flowers I gave them the traditional blessing, "May God bless you with all the good things in life." An occupational hazard (or rather an occupational honor) of being a religious leader is that we guide people through it all. From married to buried, the highest highs and the lowest lows. And on days like these as I drive from one lifecycle to the next, I can't help but be reminded that everything in life is always changing. In fact the dynamism of life and this skillful perspective hit me like a ton of bricks, and then the realization itself changes, gone in a flash, and my mind goes back to *drei* (Yiddish for confusing oneself with trivial matters).

An eternal truth for all of us, however difficult to hold onto, is that everything is always changing. The rug gets pulled out from under us swiftly and slowly. The stable ground we think we stand upon will at some point be different or no longer and our footing in life finds new ground. To express this universal concern we all find ourselves saying "life is fragile!" But medical doctors will tell us that life is anything but fragile. In the words of Rachel Remen, author and physician, *"Life can change abruptly and end without warning, but life is not fragile. There is a difference between impermanence and fragility...the body is an intricate design of checks and balances, with elegant strategies of survival layered upon layer...there is a tenacious will to survive present at the intracellular level."* Survival is written into the very fabric of our being. Remen remembers as a medical student seeing one of her teachers put a finger in the mouth of a newborn. Once the baby took hold sucking the finger, the teacher gently lifted him off the bed held only by the finger and the strength of the baby's suck. We have a built in will to live. Life is not fragile it's just not permanent...nothing is.

Everything is in process and we can train our minds to not exclusively identify with only the snapshots of life - to see an oak tree within an acorn, a settled and
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank You

As I step aside for a new President, I wanted to take a moment and thank some of the folks who have helped provide for the success we have achieved during the last 4 years. To the Volunteers, Committee Chairs, Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the Professional Staff and Clergy, thank you all.

Thanks to the many committee chairs and event chair people without whom, much of what goes on would not happen. From the Shabbat greeters to those cooking pancakes for breakfast, and all the other members of our Congregation that helped coordinate or were actively involved in our events, thank you.

Our Board of Directors was a pro-active group of Congregants focused on our Synagogue and the community which it serves. Our goal was always to make it the best it could be. Many difficult decisions were made, some controversial. I appreciate the thoughtful, sincere and heartfelt comments offered by board members during our debates. I applaud your commitment and courage.

"Make it happen" might be the watch words of CNS's professional staff. Our staff insures that all that goes on at Neveh Shalom is coordinated and properly supported. Not an easy job given the hundreds of people who pass through the gates daily. Our ability to successfully provide the wide variety of services and programs that we offer is directly related to our ability to properly support them. Our professional staff does a terrific job of supporting these programs and services.

Our Clergy has been very supportive of what we have tried to do over the last 4 years as well. We accomplished difficult transitions with minimal disruption, and I admire what Rabbi Greenstein and Cantor Bletstein have been able to accomplish since their arrivals.

The Executive Committee has been very supportive and hard working. Together we have made many difficult decisions and produced superior work products. **Todd Friedman, Dan Rubin, Dana Sacks, Sheri Katz, Steven Kahn, Jason Kaufman, Rich Meyer, Bev Bookin, and Fred Rothstein**, thank you.

And finally to the entire Congregation, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your President. It has been a very gratifying experience that included some difficult decisions. As we move forward, there are sure to be more difficult situations to be faced. With all of the positives of the last 4 years, there were some issues we didn't resolve. The greatest of these is our financial health and the model we use to fund our operations. CNS's dues structure and the manner in which we raise funds to pay our bills must be reconciled. Our ability to project dues collection rates has suffered during the recession, and as a result, our budgeting process has failed. This year we are again likely to run a significant deficit. The board is committed to solving the
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DEDICATE A SIDDUR

For the past 50 years the Synagogue has been using the same prayer book for weekly services.

The Ritual Committee has purchased one hundred new prayer books for weekday services (Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays). The Synagogue maintains daily morning services.

Donating prayer books to the Synagogue in honor or in memory of a loved one is an excellent way to honor a person. The cost of donating a regular size prayer book is \$25 and \$65 for a large print book. Please call the Synagogue office if you would like to donate some new weekly prayer books to the Synagogue, 503.246.8831.

LINDSEY SARAH STERN

MAY 5

Mazel Tov to **Lindsey Sarah Stern**, daughter of **Susan Stern** and **Tom Stern**, sister to **Brad Stern** and **Hailey Stern Bernstein**, and youngest grandchild of **Helen & Jerry Stern**. Lindsey is a 7th grade honor student at Lake Oswego Junior High School. She loves music and plays the flute and the piccolo in the school band. She also sings, plays the piano, and is in the school choir. Lindsey is on a competition Cheer Team and trains in acrobatics and tumbling. Her favorite activity is snow skiing and she enjoys creating art of all kinds, especially drawing.



LANA BOTNEY

MAY 12

Mazel Tov to **Lana Botney**, daughter of **Lauren Botney** and **Richard Botney** and sister to **Jessica**. Her grandparents are Dorothy and Harold (z"l) Kaufman and Allen and Eleanor Botney. Lana is an honor roll student at Beaverton's Rachel Carson Environmental School. An artist, softball player, Blazers fan, Lana's interests are constantly expanding, just like her taste in music. If you can get the 'buds' out of her ears and get her to stop rocking out for just one moment, she will inform you about the world in a way you never imagined. We're looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah speech with great anticipation.



JACOB & TAMARA SHERMAN

MAY 19

Mazel Tov to **Jacob & Tamara Sherman**, son and daughter of **Linda & Nate Sherman**, brother and sister to **Joel Sherman**, and grandchildren to Nancy Sherman, and Catherine & Ben Mumper. Jacob & Tamara are 7th graders at Cedar Park Middle School. Jacob enjoys cooking, computers, and History. Tamara enjoys drawing, singing, and photography.



SOPHIE RUBIN

MAY 26

Mazel Tov to **Sophie Rubin**, daughter of **Darcy & David Rubin** and younger sister to **Sydney**. Grandparents are Neveh Shalom members **Mark & Leah Rubin**, Michael Heitner of Phoenix, Sal and the late Poppy Sigona of Scottsdale, Arizona. Sophie is a vibrant and compassionate 7th grader who attends Portland Jewish Academy. She is a high level Tumbling & Trampoline gymnast, who enjoys fashion, animals, learning about science and being with her friends.



ALENA BERKMAN

JUNE 2

Mazel Tov to **Alena Berkman**, daughter of **Eric and Akiko Berkman** and sister to **Mackenzie** and **Joshua**. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Marv and Carol Berkman and Akio and Joanne Saito. Alena is a 7th grader at Waluga Junior High School in Lake Oswego. She enjoys soccer, skiing, traveling and dancing. Her favorite summertime activity is attending Camp Solomon Schechter.



AVITAL WAHBA

JUNE 9

Mazel tov to **Avital Wahba**, daughter of **Karen Douek** and **Elliot Wahba**, granddaughter of Denise & Elie Douek and Katie & Maurice Wahba, and sister of **Arielle** and **Benjamin**. She is a 7th grader at Gilkey Middle School and is a member of the math team at school. Avital enjoys making jewelry, cooking, swimming, creative arts, travel and making us laugh.



RACHEL BARD

JUNE 16

Mazel Tov to **Rachel Bard**, daughter of **Ed & Becky Bard**, sister of **Alex**, and granddaughter to Fran and Allen Bard and the late Harriet and Elliot Moser. Rachel is a 7th grader at Lake Oswego Junior High School and enjoys dancing, singing, reading, listening to music and hanging out with friends and animals.



B'NAI MITZVAH

TALIA AGAM

JUNE 21

Mazel Tov to **Talia Agam**, daughter of **Sami and Moshe Agam**, and a sweet sister to siblings **Mati and Maayan**. She will be happy to welcome her Grandma Bunny and Papa Mark Oberlander from Chicago, and her Savta Jaqueline and Saba Yakov from Jerusalem. Talia enjoys many activities, but above all, hanging out with her friends, and going to the happiest place on earth, Camp Solomon Schechter.



MICHAEL KAHN

JUNE 23

Mazel Tov to **Michael Joseph Kahn**, son of **Steven & Wendy Kahn**, brother to **Rebecca Kahn**, grandson of **Garry & Judith Kahn** and Harvey Schneider and Frances Olshen Lucchesi. Michael is a 7th grader at Raleigh Hills Middle School. He enjoys reading, playing basketball and cheering for the Blazers, Timberwolves and Giants. He plays the guitar, trombone and performs in school plays. He loves attending Camp Solomon Schechter, and will do so in July for his 7th summer.



MATTHEW ZOLA

JUNE 30

Mazel Tov to **Matthew Zola**, son of **Julie & Jeffrey Zola**, brother to **Samuel**, and grandson to Sheila & Paul Gelber and the late Barbara Zola & Leonard Zola. Matthew is a 7th grader at Stoller Middle School. He enjoys computers, playing trumpet and spending time with his family. Matthew was the 2010 recipient of the National Association for Gifted Children Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award for the state of Oregon.



BRUCE SUTHERLIN

JULY 7

Mazel Tov to **Bruce Henry Sutherlin**, son of **Susan & Randal Sutherlin**, grandson of Ruth Mendelsohn (and Morton Mendelsohn z"l) and Robert Sutherlin (and Lucile Sutherlin z"l). Bruce is completing 7th grade at Highland Park Middle School in Beaverton. Bruce enjoys reading, LEGO, drawing, hanging out with his synagogue and school friends, and he cooks with Outside In once a month at Neveh Shalom.



Neveh Shalom

All-Member Camping Trip

August 3-5, 2012

Beaver Campground

Gifford-Pinchot National Forest, Washington

(90 minutes from Portland)



Last year we had wonderful, relaxing Shabbat weekend with 50 adults and children, great food, activities, and fun! Registration information coming soon.



Questions?

Contact Jennifer Greenberg,
Program Director, at 503.24.-8831,
jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or
Sarah Cantor, Camping Trip
Co-Coordinator, at 503.305.8319.

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problem, but with dues collection rates hitting a low and an increased number of families requesting dues assistance, the Board's options have become limited. Over the last 4 years, our decisions have been framed by the 1998 Long Range Plan and our attempt to implement it. We have had successes in many areas. But it is clear that the vision of a 1200 member Congregation that provides the many religious services and educational and programming opportunities, as we do; and that is led and supported by 2 Rabbis, a Cantor, an Executive Director and professional staff is not within our budgetary capabilities at this time. Our membership today stands at about 930. Approximately 1/3 of our membership requests some form of dues assistance. And we are proud to have never turned any family away for financial reasons, and we never will. But we are living beyond our means and without the anticipated increase in paid memberships called for in the '98 plan, we cannot financially support the infrastructure we created. We must reduce our expenses. These cuts are likely to be painful, but the alternative is not acceptable. The newly adopted 2011 Long Range plan does address these issues and provides a good road map having established priorities for the allocation of our resources.

I know that with your continued support and hard work the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee will be able to solve this riddle. I thank you for all of your support during my Presidency. I am proud of the work we have done. I look forward to seeing you around the campus.

Doug Lenhoff



THE FELDSTEIN LIBRARY

Library hours:

Sunday
8:00am-
12 noon*

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Tuesday,
Thursday
8:30am-
1:30pm

Wednesday:
5:00-8:30pm*
* when
ALIYAH
Jewish
Learning
Program is in
session

Call the
office for our
summer hours
beginning in
June.

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of the
Congregation.

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Contact Librarian
Hilde Jacob,
503.293.7311 or
hjacob@nevehshalom.org



Religious Services for Shabbat

*Kabbalat Shabbat, Every Friday: 6:15pm

*Shabbat Morning Service,
Every Saturday: 9:00am

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.

Friday Evening Services with special themes:

First Fridays with Ilene Safyan
1st Fridays, 6:15pm (May 4, June 1)

ORA Shalom – A Shabbat for the Senses
Occasional 2nd Fridays (May 11 with PDX Live at 7:30pm)
ORA Shalom is an Erev Shabbat service which occurs every few
months in conjunction with the opening of a new exhibit by
ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists. Come for a joyous music and
art-filled Erev Shabbat on May 11, or come whenever you can
through Sept. 4 to see our artists' latest work in the lobby of our
Main Sanctuary. Exhibitors are: Shemaya Blauer (touch painting),
Diane Fredgant (silk painting), Sharon Segal (acrylic painting),
and Roberta Cohen (jewelry). All art is for sale, please contact the
artists individually. Artists donate a portion of their sales to Neveh
Shalom. ORA:Northwest Jewish Artists is a local art guild open to
new members. For more information go to
www.northwestjewishartists.org, or see our blog at
<http://northwestjewishartists.blogspot.com>.

Chik-Chak Service

3rd Fridays, 6:15pm (May 18, June 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, 6:45pm (May 25, June 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 (just
search for "Hinenu"). For more information, to RSVP, or to
get on our email list, contact Noah Barish, nbarish@gmail.
com. THIS IS NOT YOUR BUBBE'S JUDAISM!!!!

A Senior Group is Now Forming!

The planning is in the works! Join our new
65+ group!
Get together for monthly lunches, outings
and cultural events.
Questions? Contact Julian Kaufman at
503.642.7412

SERVICES

Shabbat Morning Services with special themes:

Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am NOTE NEW START TIME!
(May 12 & 26; June 9, 23 & 30)

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 (May 19, June 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 Brad at rabbigreenstein@
yahoo.com.

Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service

3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (May 19, June 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: 10:00am (May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16)

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 – Youth Congregation (Grades 1-5)

3rd Saturdays, October-May: 10:00-11:15am (May 19)

Jr. Congregation for 1st-5th graders and families. Join Gershon
Lieberman 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

CANDLE LIGHTING

Shabbat Lighting Times

4 May	8:04pm
11 May	8:12pm
18 May	8:21pm
25 May	8:28pm
1 June	8:34pm
8 June	8:40pm
15 June	8:43pm
22 June	8:45pm
29 June	8:45pm



PDX LIVE!

**Friday, May 11****Special 7:30pm service time****If you've experienced PDX Live, you were rocked!****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.****Bakers needed!****Contact Sharyl Vagy, 503.292.8493. Thank you.**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

A Night of Jewish Learning

Saturday, May 27, 8:30pm

According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai on Shavuot. That is why this holiday is called "Zman Matan Toratenu"—the Time of the Giving of Our Law. Shavuot, which means the Festival of Weeks, occurs seven weeks after Passover and also commemorates the early wheat harvest in Palestine. So we decorate our homes and synagogues with flowers and greens. Shavuot has still another meaning. It is the Festival of New Fruits, when each man brought the first of his barley, wheat, grapes, figs, olive oil, pomegranates, and honey to the Temple in Jerusalem. There, everyone took part in the Bikkurim (First Fruits) ceremony, which has been revived in new ways in modern Israel. Refreshments and cheesecake will be served.

Shavout Schedule

Sat. May 27 8:30pm.....Evening Service & Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sun. May 28 9:00am.....Shavuot Day 1, Services, Stampfer Chapel

Mon. May 29 9:00am.....Shavuot Day 2, Services with YIZKOR and Dedication of memorial plaques

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peaceful mind in the midst of turmoil. Nature is the most accessible example of constant change. Flowers fade and wither and new life blooms again. And yet our conditioned tendency is to see our own selves as fixed, exempt from the natural world. By recognizing the "bigger picture" we gain a more expansive view of our own lives, and the wisdom to appreciate them unfolding.

Eastern religions claim that our frustrations, fears, and disappointments come from being too attached. We try to hold on to our expectations or set ways when the truth is that everything is changing. I remember while I was studying at UCLA, I thought it would be interesting to go see the Dalai Lama speak at Pauley Pavillion. As a Jew, I remember clearly thinking how strange it was that when he entered everyone placed their palms together seemingly in prayer, as if God himself had just entered the building. I had learned that we only make such gestures to the limitless mystery we call God,

never to a human. But despite my hesitations, I did listen to what he said and one thing stuck out that I'll always remember which was quite beautiful. He said we should attempt to be like the calm water beneath the deep waves of the ocean, hearing and feeling the movement and roar above us, but living in the stillness and calm below the crashing of the waves.

When I open my Shabbos siddur I read a similar, perhaps even more ancient expression of my own Eastern (Middle) ancestors. Every Friday night we chant Psalm 93, "*The rivers may rise and rage, the waters may pound and pulsate, the floods may swirl and storm. Yet above the crash of the sea and its mighty breakers is you Adonai the Source.*" The Sages of old give us instructions to view life from a vantage point that doesn't get taken away by change but rests comfortably in the awareness of its truth. And I remember it was the hero of our tradition, King Solomon/Shlomo, who is famous for commissioning a royal ring to

wear on upon his finger. He instructed his most loyal servant to engrave upon this lavish ring words that he could utter at any moment in life. He sought to look upon his ring and utter these words during his greatest celebrations as well as during his darkest nightmares. When he was the happiest he would ever be he wanted to celebrate with this ring, and when he was sobbing in tears he wanted to seek its comfort. For months on end his servant searched for the perfect phrase but found it to be an impossible task. Finally one day, King Solomon's loyal servant came to Jerusalem to the King's residence and presented him with the new royal ring. As the King placed it upon his hand he read the Hebrew letters etched upon the surface, *Gam Zeh Ya'avur...This Too Shall Pass.*

May we all be blessed to rest in the awareness of life's constant transformation.

L'shalom

Rabbi Greenstein

SHOMREI TEVA MONTHLY MITZVAH CREW

3RD SUNDAYS
9:45 AM

MAY 20,
JUNE 17

Join us as we remove invasive plants (ivy, blackberry, etc.) and restore the natural habitat of the lovely creekside area along the synagogue. Make it a double mitzvah by going first to Morning Minyan. Bring a small digging/weeding tool (trowel, small shovel, etc.), and work as long as you want. Dress for the weather. It's surprisingly enjoyable work, a good schmooze, warm camaraderie, and a rewarding transformation. Meet in the wooded area off our lower parking lot. Questions: Jordan Epstein, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net

TIKKUN OLAM

How It Works Best!

Tikkun Olam activities flourish at Neveh Shalom because of our committed and like-minded volunteers. **Roz Babner**, Community Warehouse; **Cathy Blair**, Hats for Israeli Soldiers, Hygiene Kits; **Deborah Freedberg**, Neveh Knits & Crochets; **Sarah Greenstein & Lauren Fortgang**, Never Again Coalition; **Aviva Zigman & now Cathy Blair**, Outside In Monthly Meal; **Jordan Epstein**, Shomrei Teva; **Michael Titelbaum**, Habitat for Humanities; and so many others.

In response to the challenges facing Portland's homeless population, Arnold Cogan began a dialogue on how Neveh Shalom could help. What resulted was Neveh teaming up with Human Solutions to provide regular meals for the homeless at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Joyce Mendelsohn coordinated the provision of four dinners serving 70 people. Each evening was organized by a different group or individual, including Cathy Blair, Men's Club, Joyce Mendelsohn, and Jennifer Greenberg. Dozens of individuals donated and prepared food. A cadre of others transported the food across town to Eastminster and stayed to serve the dinner. In a very short time dozens of our members performed a major mitzvah and created a model for our future assistance to the homeless.

That effort overlaps the unique Mishloach Manot project organized through Mel Berwin where individuals are honoring friends and fellow community members by committing time to a tikkun olam project. One of the joys of chairing the Tikkun Olam committee has been to play a part in so many of these efforts and marvel at the commitment of the wonderful individuals who help lead and participate. Inspired? Join us! Contact Steve Sirkin, stevejew18@frontier.com.



NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA

The Nature of Shavuot and the Revelation of Torah

This column usually examines how Judaism understands the natural world, and how we can bring Jewish teachings into our own lives. Now we have a holiday approaching in Shavuot, which will start this year the evening of May 26th. How did this holiday, which originally was an agricultural event only, later become the designated day when the Jewish people received the Torah at Sinai? And what does the interrelationship of those two events mean to us in the modern world?

These are hard questions; an answer would take far more than the space allotted for this column.

However, Shomrei Teva now has a page within Neveh Shalom's website. To inaugurate that page, I have posted a



wonderful D'var Torah about Shavuot. It can be found at <http://www.nevehshalom.org/our-community/social-action/shomrei-teva>.

The D'var Torah comes from the website for Kolel, the Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, a Jewish educational organization in Toronto.

I encourage all readers of this column to peruse the D'var Torah. It's about six times longer than this column, but it beautifully presents its ideas about Shavuot, morality, God, Judaism, science, nature, and how all are connected. I think if you read it you'll gain a much greater feeling for the importance and meaning of Shavuot. After reading it, spend some time in nature: your backyard, a park, along a river, or up at the mountain.

Chag sameach!

Jordan Epstein

Chair, Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom



CNS DARFUR/CONGO COMMITTEE & NEVER AGAIN COALITION

Mondays, 7:00pm (May 7, June 4)

A number of CNS members participated in the Hunger Strike on Friday March 16, supporting House Bill 4169, urging our country to end genocide in the Nuba Mts. of Sudan by providing humanitarian aide of food to "Stop Sudan's Weapons of Mass Starvation" of 1/2 million people. George Clooney went to jail and we fasted to show we care and can not be silent.

Never Again Coalition meets at Neveh Shalom synagogue on the first Monday evening of the month. We are always eager to have new participants help stamp our postcards and plan awareness events. We urge you to go to www.neveragaincoalition.org to learn more of our activities and consider joining the Postcard Brigade in support. Join us on Facebook to take part in the latest actions to combat genocide - <http://www.facebook.com/NeverAgainCoalition>. Lauren Fortgang at neveragaincoalition@gmail.com.



You are cordially invited to attend the

20TH ANNUAL "SONG OF MIRIAM AWARDS" BRUNCH

Recognition of Outstanding Volunteers, sponsored by
The Jewish Women's Round Table.

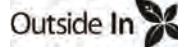
Please join Neveh Shalom in honoring
Lauren Fortgang
Sunday, June 3, 10am-12:15pm
At the MJCC

Earlybird cost: \$21 postmarked by May 24, Patrons
\$36, Children 12 & under \$10. After May 24: \$30
See more details on the enclosed flyer.

Cooking for Outside-In

Sundays, May 6 & June 10, 12-2pm

Join a wonderful group of volunteers in the CNS kitchen who get together, about once a month, to cook for Outside-In, a homeless shelter for teens in downtown Portland. Watch the CNS eBlast or contact **Cathy Blair** at cathyblair55@yahoo.com if you would like to be informed of future cooking dates.



DONATE YOUR CAR TO NEVEH SHALOM

You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle, running or not. Call JoAnn in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503.293.7309, or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.



THINK GREEN



Our Chronicle is available as a downloadable PDF for viewing on the screen or your computer. Sign up for the online version by sending an email to jbezodis@nevehshalom.org. Please let us know if you would like to forego your paper version to save trees.

FAMILY PICNIC

Celebrate Summer with Shoreshim!

Sunday, June 24

11am-1pm

Bridlemile Park

Bring your own lunch and meet up with friends old and new for old fashioned relay races, play ground time and parachute games!

Shoreshim-activities and community for Neveh Shalom Families with Young Children



Neveh Knits and Crochets

Sunday, May 20, 10am, Room 109

Neveh Knits and Crochets is an intergenerational group ranging from beginners to expert. We usually meet the third Sunday of each month from 10am to noon. Attendees work on their own individual projects or participate in some of our charity projects including blankets for Legacy Emanuel's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, helmet liners to soldiers in Afghanistan, and hats & scarves for the homeless teens of Outside In. For more information, please contact **Deborah Freedberg**, debfreedberg@yahoo.com.



SAFeway SHOPPER CARD REGISTRATION



Help Neveh Shalom by grocery shopping. Go to www.escrip.com and click on "1-Sign Up".

Select Neveh Shalom as your charity of choice,

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DO IT TODAY!

Don't know your Safeway card number?

Call them at 1.877.SAFEWAY.

Blood Drive!

Sunday, May 13, 8am-1pm

Honor a special mother by saving a life this Mothers Day. Sign up for a time that works for you by contacting Jennifer Greenberg at jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or 503.293.7313.

FOOD BARREL



Neveh Shalom has a food barrel benefiting Neighborhood House and the Sunshine Pantry. Bring in your non-perishable food items to the barrel located in the foyer outside Zidell Chapel.

Thank you for your generosity!

Hygiene Kit



Party



Sunday, June 3, 9:30am

Meet in Birnbach Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm to assemble Hygiene Kits. The kits will be delivered to Transition Projects at NW 4th and Glisan, where showers are available for homeless people who are unable to obtain shelter beds.

We are collecting the following:

- o Unopened hotel shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and soaps
- o Toothbrushes and small toothpaste
- o Bulk packs of razors
- o Tampons
- o Small deodorants

Boxes for donations are in the Stampfer Chapel Foyer and the Administration Foyer. For questions, contact **Cathy Blair** at cathyblair55@yahoo.com or 503.675.1328.

EASTMINSTER MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Volunteer Recognition

We would like to thank our volunteers who prepared and served dinner for 50-70 at the Eastminster Family Shelter in NE Portland.

February 21 - Team leader **Mary Goldhammer**

Thank you to **Rick & Sharyl Vagy, Lee & Sheri Cordova, Elaine Coughlin & Jonathan Leitz, Roz Babener (&Jeff,) Martha & Glenn Decherd, Miriam Hecht & Ivan Zackheim, Priscilla & Tony Kostiner, Sharyn & Marty Schneiderman, Mary & Harry Goldhammer, Steve Sirkin and Louise Magun.**

March 12 & 13 - Team leaders **Gabe Markiz & the Men's Club**
Thank you to **Cathy and Chris Blair, Jonathan Levy, Nancy Stone, Gary Laroff, Simon Goldstein, David Honigstock, Bruce Stern, Randy Grossman, Steve Sirkin, Peter Bedrick and David Greenberg.**

March 18 - Team leaders **Joyce Mendelsohn & Mary Goldhammer**
Thank you to **Larry Mendelsohn, Rachel, Alexis & Danny Mendelsohn; Aviva, Annie & Jonah Zigman; Deborah Freedberg, Dana Sacks, Debra Altmark, Monica & Ethan Brenner, Jon Henrichsen, Susan Greenberg, Sally Segel, Serena Song, Sarah Kane, and Leslie Hamner.**

March 22 - Team leaders **Jennifer Greenberg & Family**
Thank you to the **Greenberg family** for cooking, delivering and serving the meal; to **Felicia and Todd Rosenthal, Jenn and David Knudsen, Elaine and Arnold Cogen, Catherine and Richard Hartoch, Shava and Michael Feinstein** and **Bon Appetite, The Oregon Episcopal School's caterer**, for providing fresh, delicious and nutritious food for these appreciative families in need.

MEMBER SERVICES

CNS CONNECTIONS: THE MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Manage Your CNS Membership Account ONLINE!



Manage Your CNS Membership Account ONLINE! Congregation Neveh Shalom is now open for business on the web. All CNS members should have received a letter of explanation with your login name and password.

To access your account go to www.neveshalom.org and click Member Login in the top right corner. When you login the first time you can change your password. If you lost your login information, call the office at 503.246.8831.

Utilizing this feature allows you to update your contact information, pay your membership online, add or change child information, view yearzeit information, view your account and pay any outstanding amounts, make donations to various funds online and have acknowledgement cards sent out, register and pay for synagogue programs and events.

All information is fully secure.

There's something about the month of May that I always find special. Yes, I turn another year older and presumably, grow wiser, but that's not it. May is the culmination of springtime in Portland and the prelude before summer. The trees and flowers are in full bloom and there's the excitement of everything coming alive after winter and a wet early spring. What we planted earlier is now in its full glory.



This year, May is also our committee's annual planning meeting and retreat. No doubt that ideas will be blooming. We'll be thinking of exciting ways to engage our members in the shul and with each other and continue to grow on

the ideas that we "planted" at last year's retreat.

Our members are the shul. Without members, CNS would be nothing but an attractive and functional building. It's like a garden bed. With flowers, it's a thing of beauty. Without flowers, it's dirt. Think of the shul as the garden bed and the members as the flowers. Our committee spends a lot of time "cultivating" the flowers. Our goal is to help connect members with the shul, and connect members with each other, and to enhance your member experience. A well-tended garden is a thing of beauty as much as a shul full of engaged members.

If you would like to join us in the garden, so to speak, just let us know. We always could use new committee members. Your enthusiasm is all that is needed! If you're interested, contact me at DavidTheShulMan@hotmail.com, 503.329.5187.

David Meltzer, Co-Chair

CNS Connections: The Member Services Committee



THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM



Now that Pesach is over, we are all getting ready for a bit of relaxation and warm weather. It's hard to believe that summer is upon us (although if it's anything like the past two years...) and it's time to throw open our doors and let the sunshine in. What better time to replace those old, tired Judaica items in your home with something new? As always, we continue to bring in new and exciting products from a variety of vendors to keep the shop fresh and inviting. Please come in and shop for a new tallit, kippah, Shabbat candlesticks and kiddush cups, or get an early start for the High Holidays and pick up a new shofar. We have added beautiful, handmade ladies' tallitot made by Neveh member (and newest shop volunteer) Marsha Strongin to our stock, as well as some of her handcrafted kippot.

We are 100% volunteer staffed, and I'd like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone that works so hard to keep the shop looking nice and keep us open as often as possible - **Myra Jackson, Hilarie Wasserman, Randi McLenithan, Sue & Elliot Axel, Marla Weiner, Barbara Titelbaum, Susan Sutherlin and Sarah Cantor**. As always, we are looking for more ladies to help us stay open more, so if you have some time, please contact Tina at pepperntina@yahoo.com.

We are open for several hours most weekdays and some Sundays. Please call to confirm that we're open before you come down by calling 503.246.8831.

CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS



Share your life-cycles ad, events, and accomplishments with your congregation. Please email submissions to

jbezodis@neveshalom.org

ISSUE DEADLINE

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Sep/Oct	Fri, Aug. 3
Nov/Dec	Fri, Oct. 5

The Chronicle is printed every other month. Please read our weekly e-blast and check the CNS website for regular updates.



ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm

We invite all our members attend this important meeting as we welcome our new synagogue President, Steven Kahn; and thank outgoing President, Doug Lenhoff, for 4 years of dedicated service. Hear important administrative, program and financial reports from our clergy, staff and lay leadership; meet and elect our officers and Board of Directors. Coffee & Tea with dessert will be served. RSVP to CNSreceptionist@neveshalom.org or 503-246-8831x100.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation

Neveh Shalom relies on volunteers to help us continue to provide a wide variety of programs and services to our members. In order to show our appreciation, we will acknowledge our volunteers at our annual meeting for all the time, thought, and resources our volunteers have given to our community. A dessert reception will follow.

GROUPS AT CNS

SISTERHOOD

Greetings Sisters!

It's hard to believe that Passover is behind us, and summer is quickly approaching. We look forward to nice weather and time spent with good friends.

On **Sunday, June 24, at 3pm** we will have a Yogurt Social. This event will take place at Yo Zone, 18033 NW Evergreen Parkway, Beaverton. Please RSVP to Cathy Blair so we



can let the owner know how many will be coming.

Let's make this year a year of getting to know one another – sharing our stories. We each have something so valuable to share. I look forward to see all of you very, very soon!

B' Shalom,

Cathy Blair, Sisterhood President

cathyblair55@yahoo.com, 503.675.1328.

MEN'S CLUB

As the summer months are nearing, we are involved in developing our activities for the next season starting in September. Our goal is to provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life at Neveh Shalom. We welcome your suggestions. Send your ideas to **Gabe Markiz**, Gabe@mandfcps.com; or **Peter Wigmore**, aussiewig711@gmail.com.



As for our recent programs; Sonia Marie Leikam, the Executive Director of the OHRC, spoke in March about anti-Semitic activities in the Pacific Northwest. For our Yom Hashoah program in April, we heard from Dr. Pieter Rol, who spoke about his wartime experiences in the German-occupied Netherlands. Men's Club also conducted our Texas Hold'em fundraiser, benefiting the Synagogue's Capital Campaign and Youth Education programs.

This month, we will be assisting with the blood drive on

May 13. On May 20 our topic is retirement planning. **Gabe Markiz**, accountant & investment advisor; and **Jonathan Levy**, estate-planning lawyer; team up to give us valuable tips. This will benefit current and future retirees.

Other summer programs may include monthly neighborhood bike events with the Portland Parks Department and a family hike to one of the many scenic attractions that our area offers. Watch the Synagogue's weekly email announcements for updates.

Men's Club has had a successful season! As we look toward next year, we invite new members to join us--sharing with us new and energetic ideas to further enhance us and what we offer everyone in our community.

Health, Happiness, & Warm memories,

Gabe Markiz, Men's Club President

Peter Wigmore, Communications VP.

SALON HAZAK

Culture and Activities for Finely Tuned Adults and Their Friends

Salon Hazak is the name for all things culture, learning and outdoors pointed toward, but not limited to, the interests of the 55 and up crowd. Our goals are to increase the number of stimulating, interesting cultural activities while also highlighting the many programs already occurring. Over the past year we have developed a writers group, a series of fascinating tours and lectures, as well as a monthly e-newsletter guide to all of

the programs of interest, making it easy for people to see at a glance what is coming up. Is there something you would like to see planned? A talent or connection you can share? We could use your help and would love your ideas. We are currently looking for volunteers to lead hiking groups and docent museum tours. Reach me at 503.293.7313 or jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org.

Jennifer Greenberg

Program Director

JEWISH FILM CLUB



Sundays, 3pm, Room 102
June 10, July 15, Aug. 19

We usually gather every 4-6 weeks to enjoy Jewish themed films and to discuss afterwards. Refreshments served. Those interested in being on the email invitation list (and to RSVP) contact Paul or Joan Sher at Joanzsher@aol.com or Paul at paulsher@me.com.

Taste and Travel

Thursday, May 10, CANCELLED



After a great year of travelogue sharing, Taste and Travel will reconvene in the fall. Join us to share travels, tips and tastes of cuisine from around the world. Contact Steve Laveson at lesleysteve7@msn.com if you would like to be added to our e-mail list.

Shoreshim

Happy spring! We hope you had a joyous Passover with your loved ones. Our children enjoyed hearing and watching the Passover story (performed by Morah Amy's children) at Tot Shabbat. Please be sure to join us for upcoming Dad's night out, a Mom's night out (in the works), and end of school year events. Information comes out each month in our Shoreshim e-newsletter. E-mail jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org to have your name added to the list.

B'shalom,
Hilary Barthold,
Margo Litwin &
Julia Robinson

Shoreshim encourages you to join us for these events:

Tot Shabbat
3rd Saturdays,
10:15am, Zidell Chapel
May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16
See more details in our "Religious Services" section, page 4

Jewish Dad's Night Out
Thursdays, May 3 & 31,
7:30pm
Discussions on Identity and Values
See more details in our "Groups" section, page 12.

Neveh Shalom Camping Trip
August 3-5, 2012
See more details on page 3



We've had a full and busy year in our ALIYAH K-12 programs! Thank you to everyone who helped, supported, provided feedback, schlepped, and participated in many ways this year!

Registration for ALIYAH K-12 programs for the 2012-13 year is now open! Contact Dayle dayle@nevehshalom.org or 503.246.8831 if you have not received information on how to register online.

Thank you to everyone who completed our ALIYAH family survey! Your input is extremely valuable to us. We look forward to sharing the results with you and letting you know about our updates to the ALIYAH program based on your responses. Mazal tov to our graduating seniors in the ALIYAH Tichon program

ALIYAH FOR K - 12

Alex Bard
Rachel Caron
Michelle Coblens
Emilie Cohen
Laura Eckstein
Nathan Goodman
Kelsey Kaplan
Joshua Leisner
Dan Rinkevich

Our Tichon graduation, 8th-11th Grade Recognition, and Teacher Appreciation evening is Wednesday, May 23.

Other last days:

Yom Rishon Last Class is Sunday, May 20—parents & families, please plan to attend!

Shavua Last Classes are Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24.

Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning

KOCHAVIM & NOTZ'TZIM

Kochavim & Notz'tzim Open House

Wed. May 16, 4:45pm



Notz'tzim
נוצ'צים

Interested in learning more about our community's successful after-school Hebrew Immersion Program, Kochavim, (stars) for children ages 3 -8 years old? This is your chance to see what a "day in the life" of Kochavim kids looks like. Parents and children will have an opportunity to speak with Kochavim Director, Mel Berwin, visit our classrooms, check out our unique curriculum, and meet the teachers. All are welcome. For more information, contact Caroline Buchalter, Coordinator, Portland Center for Hebrew Immersion, carolinejulia@gmail.com or 503.246.8831.

Siyyum Celebration

Wednesday, May 30, 4:15pm

Come celebrate the graduation of our Kochavim & Notz'tzim students. They have prepared a special performance that will delight everyone.

Mazal Tov to this year's "Bogrim"—Graduates—from Kochavim!

Micah Antick-Oslund, Miles Greenberg, Isaac Jacobowitz, Eli Katz, Hayley Knudsen, Maeve McAllister, & Nava Weingrad.
We look forward to welcoming them into Kitah Gimel next year!



Kochavim
כוכבים

KAYTANAT KOCHAVIM-- KOCHAVIM HEBREW LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMPS!

Children ages 3 through 8 are invited to join us for lots of active outdoor time, arts, music, play, and fun!

Week Alef: August 13-17 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Theme: Nature Explorers -- Chokrei Hateva

Week Bet: August 20-24 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Theme: Big Builders -- Bonim G'dolim

Late day option 12:00-4:00pm both weeks. Cost per child per week for Kochavim: \$150-- Includes daily snack and take-home projects. Call for details about late day option. Financial aid available. No prior exposure to Hebrew necessary. Contact Caroline Buchalter, carolinejulia@gmail.com, 503-246.8831.

FOUNDATION SCHOOL



May is "International Month" at the Foundation School. The children will learn about other countries and cultures; how we are both alike and different; through songs, stories, art and music. Special emphasis will be on Israel, Japan, Mexico, Africa and England.

As gardening season gets into full swing we will welcome Neveh Shalom congregant and Hillsdale Farmers Market Manager, **Eamon Malloy**, as our special guest. Eamon will share some very unusual vegetables with us like purple potatoes, and help us understand where

our food comes from.

Our Pre-Kindergarten children will perform their dramatic productions of "Anasai and the Moss covered Rock" and "The Gingerbread Man" at the end of the month for their parents and fellow students to enjoy.

June brings the completion of another wonderful year at Foundation School. We bid farewell to those children and families moving on to new schools and classrooms and begin preparing to welcome returning and new children again in the fall!

Shalom,
Jan Skolnik & Kathy Wolfson



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Small Tot Playgroup

*Small Tot Playgroup
Fridays, 9am, May 4, 11,
18, 25* (*Last Day)
Babies and Toddlers
1-3 years old and their
parents or caregivers- join
us for indoor playtime
each Friday from 9-
10:30am. Free of charge
and open to all! Bring
your own vegetarian
snack. We meet in the
Foundation School Large
Muscle Room.*



Shalom Neveh community!

I hope everyone had a meaningful Passover! I cleaned my mind (as well as my house) of chametz. How beautiful, the ability to cleanse ourselves from the inside out, in order to create space, for the uncertainty that will certainly arrive.

Another thing we are certain about is how unbelievably awesome our August summer camps at CNS will be! Our beloved Chanan is captaining



our "Camp Chalutzim" (for 3rd-5th graders) and I'm running our middle school adventure experience "Camp Sababa." We are also featuring Mitzvah Camp for our high school students to get involved in their communities and also explore all the fun that P-Town has to offer. Please give me a call or shoot me an email to inquire.

Lastly I'd like to thank my newly formed Youth Activities Committee for their input, support, and counsel. Your voice is bringing significant changes to USY at home and throughout the region. Todah Rabah!

Jonathan Morgan

ADULT EDUCATION

Beit Ha Midrash

***Rabbi Stampfer's Talmud Class, Tuesdays,
5:00-6:00pm, Room 111**

***Rabbi's Isaak's Bible Class, Thursdays,
3:30pm, Room 111**

*Please call the office to confirm classes are
meeting, 503.246.8831*

Jewish Philosophy

Thursdays, 7pm, Room 100

**May 10, 24; June 7, 21*; July 5, 19; Aug. 2,
16, 30 (*date subject to change)**

This informal study group meets every other week. Mark Sherman and Merridawn Duckler will be among the facilitators of this group. If you are interested in participating, contact Mark Sherman at msherman18@comcast.net.

Machon Ivrit

Machon Ivrit is a professionally taught, one-evening-per-week, year-long course in beginning and intermediate levels of Modern Hebrew, starting this fall. Perfect for adults wanting to learn Hebrew for the first time, follow up on previous short-term classes in Hebrew, catch up with your children, or prepare for further opportunities (Israel trip, conversion, etc.).

Mazel tov to all who are completing this year's Machon Ivrit course:

Jennifer Antick

Melvin Ball

Alexander Baram

David Biggam

Leslie Cairns

Rebecca Cox

Leslie Dolin

Charles Elder

Devorah Flesher

Gary Fox

Ruth Friedel

Joshua Fritts

Karla Gafni

Carole Glauber

Joel Glick

Chuck Goldfarb

Doris Gonzales

Jennifer Greenberg

Jacob Harper

Jarod Jacobs

Vera James

Jennifer Kalenscher

Jennifer Knudsen

Miriam Lambert

Devin Lee

Suntara Loba

Jason Mehr

Pam Miles

Jane O'Glasser

Larry O'Glasser

Eric Oslund

Susanna Perrin

Margaret Peterson

Judith Pulman

Tina Rouhoff

Elizabeth Sass

Les Soltesz

Sharon Stern

David Ushman

Brittney Young

Marianne Zarkin

For more information

and registration, contact Mel Berwin at

mberwin@nevehshalom.org, 503.246.8831

ext. 128. See our flyer at

http://www.nevehshalom.org/flyers/machon_ivrit_11.pdf.

High School Graduation Shabbat



Please join us on Friday evening, June 1st at our 6:15pm service First Friday with Ilene Safyan, as we celebrate the graduation of all of our High School seniors along with the Bat Mitzvah of Alena Berkman. Neveh Shalom has established a tradition of recognizing these students as they are about to embark on their new adventures. We look forward to this joyous evening, celebrating a parent's pride and young person's accomplishments, every year.

CHESED

Community of Care



Chesed is the virtue of loving-kindness.

The Chesed Committee is a dedicated group of people who support our Neveh Shalom community people in need. We visit people, cook meals, and provide rides for those in need of care and healing. We would love to have you join us and be a part of our growing team!

Keep us in mind if you need our caring support.

For more information or if you are interested in joining the Chesed Committee, please contact Rabbi Bradley Greenstein, rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com, 503.246.8831.

A Havurah is an independent group of individuals, couples and/or families who come together to study, socialize, or celebrate - often in homes, as determined by the members in each group. A havurah can be an enjoyable way to get to know others in a large congregation. At the beginning of the year you may have filled out a havurah form. If not, it is not too late to participate. Here are a few havurot that could form when there are enough people. See one that seems like a good fit? E-mail or call to let us know you are interested - jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org, 503.293.7313.

Hillsboro and the Surrounding Area

Families, Singles, Couples...let's get together from time to time to celebrate and get to know each other. Don't drive into Portland - hunker down near home!

Havdalah on the Town

Single? 30's, 40's or 50's? Let's organize a night once every few months to burn down that multi-wicked candle a notch and then hit the Portland micro-whatever scene...brew, cart, club...you name it!

Interfaith Families

Have kids, or not, and would like to get together with others for laid-back holidays and relaxed celebrations? Let's connect!

65 Plus: Lunch and Games

Join together for a light lunch every few months in the Neveh Shalom atrium. Connect with others over a meal.

Looking for a chess partner or ad hoc card game group? Tables and games provided.

Ladies' Wine and Jewish Books

Love a good discussion and perhaps a glass of vino? Let's get a group together to read good lit and compare notes.

Family Learning Circle

Are you looking for ways to deepen your celebrations and bring more Jewish rituals to your home as a family? Build confidence in expanding the depth of your observance by coming together over Shabbat or holidays with other families looking to do the same.

Vancouver and the Surrounding Area

Families, Singles, Couples...we will get together from time to time to enjoy getting to know our neighbors in the Vancouver area. No need to cross the bridge - let's get a Washington group going.

EASTSIDE

MIZRACH:

A NEVEH COMMUNITY...



Neveh Shalom's Eastside Action!

Mizrach – A Neveh Community on Portland's East Side

We were so excited by the overwhelming response to the Second Seder, hosted by Mizrach. Thank you to everyone for making it such a memorable evening. We look forward to seeing you this summer for a Shabbat in the Park. Details coming soon! See seder photos & get recipes from our facebook page, just search for Mizrach: A Neveh Community.



JEWISH DAD'S NIGHT

Jewish Dad's Night Returns Thursdays, May 3 & 31, 7:30pm

One dark night last November in NE Portland a group of 25 Jewish dads gathered at the Lompoc Sidebar to enjoy beverages and conversation around a warmth hearth. Guys new to the area, as well as those who have been in Portland for a lifetime, got to know each other over a relaxed discussion lead by Rabbi Brad Greenstein. For many it was the first time attending an evening where they could share the challenges and joys inherent in parenting as well as gain insight to Jewish gems that might inform parenting decisions. Many stayed late into the evening as the discussion continued.

The night was sponsored by Mothers Circle, a program with wide community support that is a product of the national Jewish Outreach

Institute. The local Mothers Circle is coordinated out of Congregation Neveh Shalom and serves to empower women new to Judaism who are raising children in a Jewish environment. This year programming was expanded to reach out to fathers with the assistance of a Community Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

Demand has been high for Dad's Night to return and in response, three spring dates have been secured. Open to all Jewish dads as well as fathers raising children with a Jewish partner, the nights are free of charge, include Lompoc beer, soda and plenty of bar appetizers. (Donations toward the program will be accepted). Rabbi Greenstein will again lead the discussion, and is planning on bringing special guests to lend their perspective on the conversation.

Those who attended the first event have noted that this is a great excuse to go out for drinks with other guys. RSVP is encouraged. Call the MJCC at 503.244.0111 or email Jennifer Greenberg at jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org.

Mazel Tov to **Joel & Hilarie Wasserman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Arabella Marie, on Feb. 13, 2012, to son & daughter-in-law Ryan & Jenna Wasserman of Seattle. Arabella is their first child and weighed in at 6lbs. 8oz. Her other grandparents are Bob and Chris Gaspar of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Delighted great-grandmother is Sophie Izyk of New Bedford, Massachusetts.



Tobin & Zorah Mizrahi (of Paris, France). Olivia made her appearance on February 29th, leaping out at 7 lbs-8oz, and 21.5 inches. Jeff is an account executive with Ceradyne Inc. and Rachel is an attorney for Amazon.com.

Mazel tov to **Sara & Tyler Staggs** on the birth of their new baby boy, **Max David**, on March 31, 2012.

Mazel Tov to **Annette & Jack Lakefish** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Ramona Larson Andrews Bashan, on January 1, 2012 in Hawaii. Ramona is welcomed by her parents, Lyla Andrews-Bashan and Mike Bashan, and grandfather, Baruch Bashan.



Mazel Tov to **Susie Ail** on the birth of her granddaughter, Abigail Greta Fishbein, on March 20 weighing 6lbs 8oz., to Paul Fishbein and Michelle Segal of San Diego. Other proud grandparents are Garrie Segal of Sacramento, Jeanette Ollivier of San Diego and Charles Fishbein of San Leandro. Abbey's aunt is Felicia Ail and her great grandmother is Anita Reinhorn. Dad, Paul, is a mechanical engineer at D & K Engineering and Mom, Michelle, is a marketing professional at Qualcomm. Mazel Tov to the entire family!

Mazel Tov to **Benjamin & Yael Webber** on the birth of their son, **Avram Isaac Webber**, on January 9, 2012.



Mazel Tov to **Helene & Jaime Wren** on the birth of their son, Alan Bruce Wren, on December 16, 2011, weighing 6 lbs 3 oz. Alan's proud grandparents are Gary & Sheryl Martel and Steve & Linn Wren, and his uncles & aunt are Jacob Wren and Ben & Rachel Martel.

Mazel Tov to **Melissa Bloom** on her new position as Marketing & Development Director at Jewish Family & Child Service, see the write up at http://www.jewishportland.org/blog_post.aspx?id=5261

Mazel Tov to **Linda Cohen** (author of 1000 Mitzvahs, <http://1000mitzvahs.org>) on appearing on AM Northwest to demonstrate making hamantaschen. See the clip at <http://www.katu.com/amnw/segments/Hamantaschen-Cookies--141608913.html>

Mazel Tov to **Lauren Fortgang** on her write-up in The Tasting Table: http://www.tastingtable.com/entry_by_section/national/monthly-editions/monthly-editions-02-2012 (click numbers 17 & 18 at the bottom of the feature)

מזל טוב!

KOL-HA-KAVOD

Every simcha is special. Congratulations to our many members who are celebrating in May and June. In particular, mazel tov to the following members who are celebrating special five year milestones!

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Mark Abolofia
Marc Atkins
Noah Barish
Leah Craft
Laurie Fendel
Barry Finkel
Andy Gilbert
Bari Gilbert
Elaine Goldsmith
Craig Goodman
Neil & Leslie Nathanson
Eleanor Horenstein
David Knudsen
Lucille Kraiman
Liz Mallov
Michael Olds
Naomi Olds
Steven Resnikoff
Katherine Richman
Marsha Serling Goldberg
Marat Shabashevich
Lois Shenker
Sam Silverberg

Gregory Stelmakh
Sheila Stern
Paula Stewart
Randal Sutherlin
Polya Veytsman
Rose Weider

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Eva Aigner
Alan Biedermann
Alan Ellis
Michelle Fliman
Doreen Gilliam
Linn Goldberg
Lorraine Metz
Jerry Nudelman
Ben O'Glasser
Cory Raiton
Bob Rosenthal
Christi Rott
Greg Schwartz
Marjorie Sherman
Babette Soll
Eve Stern

Kathleen Stone
Hannelore Wanderer
Ben Webber

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Jon Balgley & Chris Coughlin
Peter & Leslie Beard
Gideon Caron & Julie Levie Caron
Sharon & Jeff Feinblatt
Jonathan & Lisa Flecker
Jeffrey & Amy Katz
Stephen Laveson & Lesley Isenstein
Joel Mullin & Sheri Katz
Warren Rosenfeld & Sheryl Langerman
Eli & Chantal Rosenthal
Dan & Melissa Rubin
Gary & Cari Rubin
Philip & Frances Sarna
Susan & Randal Sutherlin

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Sidney & Regina Atlas
Harvey & Sylvie Carp
Ross & Sarah Coblens
George & Dena Drasin
Leonard & Mary DuBoff
Vitaliy & Inna Genovker
Albert & Esther Menashe
Vic & Toinette Menashe
Marvin & Leah Nepom
Jason Posner & Lisa Rockower
Joseph & Susan Schwartz
Allan & Marjorie Sherman
Morton & Audrey Zalutsky

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Ariel & Debbie Levy
Daniel Riback**

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.

IN MEMORIAM

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES...

MITCH COGEN & JEFF COGEN ON THE PASSING OF THEIR FATHER,
DR. STEPHEN COGEN, ON 2/14/12 IN FLORIDA.

GAIL SEMLER AND **MICHAEL JAFFE** ON THE PASSING OF THEIR BELOVED
FATHER, **NATHANIEL JAFFE** ON 2/22/12.

MARINA BRAUN ON THE PASSING OF HER BELOVED MOTHER,
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MARIANNE BRAUNSTEIN ON THE PASSING OF HER BELOVED MOTHER IN
CALIFORNIA.

GERALD COGAN, ARNOLD & ELAINE COGAN, AND CAROL COGAN KORANDA
ON THE PASSING OF THEIR BELOVED BROTHER, **EDWARD COGAN**, ON 2/22/12
IN HAIFA, ISRAEL. EDWARD IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, **ROSE ADELE**

(MOZOROSKY) **COGAN**, AND SISTERS **RUTH FINNERTY** OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
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MARTIN CHESS, ON 3/31/12.

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ASSOCIATE, **CARL GIBSON**, ON 5/31/12.

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Ahavai Shalom Cemetery, 9323 SW First, 97219

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Neveh Zedek Cemetery, 7925 SW Canyon Ln, 97225

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	2 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Kochavim, Notz'tzim 4:15pm Shavua 6pm Tichon	3 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/R. Isaak 4:15pm Shavua 7pm Executive Committee Mtg 7:30pm Dad's Night Out with Rabbi Greenstein (off site)	4 7:15am Minyan Lindsey Stern Bat Mitzvah 9am Small Tot Playgroup 6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan 8:04pm	5 7:15am Minyan Lindsey Stern Bat Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Services 9:30am K-5th gr. ALIYAH 9:30am 6th gr. Shabbat 10:15am Tot Shabbat ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM
6 9:00am Minyan 9:30am Mothers Circle (off site) 1pm Unveiling - Leonard Donin, Kesser Cemetery 1:30pm Unveiling - Larry Mudrick, Shaarie Torah Cemetery 12:30pm Jr. Kadima/Kadima event	7 7:15am Minyan 12:30 Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 4:15pm Kochavim 4:15pm Shavua 7pm Machon Ivrit 7pm Darfur Meeting	8 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	9 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Kochavim, Notz'tzim 4:15pm Shavua 6pm Tichon	10 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/R. Isaak 4:15pm Shavua 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7pm Jewish Philosophy Group LAG BA'OMER	11 7:15am Minyan Lana Botney Bat Mitzvah 9am Small Tot Playgroup 7:30pm PDX Live Shabbat Service & ORA Shalom 8:12pm	12 7:15am Minyan Lana Botney Bat Mitzvah 9am Downstairs Minyan 9am Shabbat Services EMOR
13 9:00am Minyan 8am-1pm Blood Drive 9am Yom Rishon 5th graders to Cemetery Mother's Day	14 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	15 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	16 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim, Notz'tzim 4:45pm Kochavim Open House 6pm Tichon	17 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/R. Isaak 4:15pm Shavua 7pm Board Meeting	18 7:15am Minyan Jacob & Tamara Sherman B'Nai Mitzvah 9am Small Tot Playgroup 6:15pm Chik Chak Shabbat Service & Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. USY Regional Convention - Seattle 8:20pm	19 7:15am Minyan Jacob & Tamara Sherman B'Nai Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service 9:30am 6th gr. Shabbat 10am Kehillat Noar 10am KEVA w/R. Greenstein 10:15am Tot Shabbat BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
20 9:00am Minyan 9am Yom Rishon - Last day 9am Mother's Circle (off site) 9:40am Men's Club 9:45am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration 10am Neveh Knits & Crochets USY Regional Convention - Seattle YOM YERSUSHALAYIM	21 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	22 7:00am Minyan 4:15am Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	23 7:15am Minyan 4:14pm Shavua - Last Class 4:15pm Kochavim, Notz'tzim 6pm Tichon GRADUATION & final session	24 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/R. Isaak 4:15pm Shavua - last class 7pm Jewish Philosophy Group	25 7:15am Minyan Sophie Rubin Bat Mitzvah 9am Small Tot Playgroup 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. 6:45pm Hinenu Shabbat Serv.	26 7:15am Minyan Sophie Rubin Bat Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service 9am Downstairs Minyan 8:30pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 8:28pm
27 9am Shavuot Service SHAVUOT	28 9am Shavuot Service Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY SHAVUOT & YIZKOR	29 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	30 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Kochavim, Notz'tzim Siyum Celebration including graduation & performance	31 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/R. Isaak 7:30pm Dad's Night Out with Rabbi Greenstein (off site)		BE MIDBAR EREV SHAVUOT

CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM JUNE 2012/5772 SIVAN/TAMMUZ

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<div>11 SIVAN</div> <div>1 7:15am Minyan Alena Berkman Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>9:00am Last Day Foundation Schl</div> <div>6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan & High Schl Shabbat</div> <div>6:15pm Erev Shabbat Learner's Service with Cantor B.</div> <div>8:34 pm </div>	<div>12 SIVAN</div> <div>2 Alena Berkman Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>9:00am Shabbat Services</div> <div>10:15am Tot Shabbat</div> <div>NASO</div>
<div>13 SIVAN</div> <div>3 9:00am Minyan 9:30am Sisterhood Hygiene Kit Assembly</div>	<div>14 SIVAN</div> <div>4 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 7pm Machon Ivrit</div>	<div>15 SIVAN</div> <div>5 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>16 SIVAN</div> <div>6 7:15am Minyan</div>	<div>17 SIVAN</div> <div>7 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/ R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Executive Committee Mtg 7pm Jewish Philosophy Group</div>	<div>18 SIVAN</div> <div>8 Avital Wahba Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. ORA Shabbat</div>	<div>19 SIVAN</div> <div>9 Avital Wahba Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Shabbat Services 9am Downstairs Minyan Serv.</div>
Foundation School Summer Camp						<div>8:40 pm </div> <div>BEHA'ALOTECHA</div>
<div>20 SIVAN</div> <div>10 9:00am Minyan 3pm Film Club</div>	<div>21 SIVAN</div> <div>11 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 7pm Machon Ivrit - last class</div>	<div>22 SIVAN</div> <div>12 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>23 SIVAN</div> <div>13 7:15am Minyan</div>	<div>24 SIVAN</div> <div>14 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Melton w/ R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak</div>	<div>25 SIVAN</div> <div>15 7:15am Minyan Rachel Bard Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv 6:15pm Chik Chak Service and Dinner</div> <div>8:43 pm </div>	<div>26 SIVAN</div> <div>16 Rachel Bard Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Shabbat Services 10:00am KEVA Service 10:15am Tot Shabbat</div> <div>SHELACH</div>
<div>27 SIVAN</div> <div>17 9:00am Minyan 9am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration</div> <div>FATHER'S DAY</div>	<div>28 SIVAN</div> <div>18 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>29 SIVAN</div> <div>19 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>30 SIVAN</div> <div>20 7:00am Minyan</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH</div>	<div>1 TAMMUZ</div> <div>21 7:00am Minyan 9:30am Talia Agam Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Melton w/ R. Stampfer 3:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Annual All Congregational Meeting & Volunteer Recognition</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH</div>	<div>2 TAMMUZ</div> <div>22 7:15am Minyan Michael Kahn Bar Mitzvah</div> <div>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. 6:45pm Hinenu Shabbat Serv.</div> <div>8:45 pm </div>	<div>3 TAMMUZ</div> <div>23 Michael Kahn Bar Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Shabbat Services 9am Downstairs Minyan</div> <div>KORACH</div>
<div>4 TAMMUZ</div> <div>24 9:00am Minyan 10:30am Unveiling for Alan Friedman - Neveh Zedek Cem 11:00am Young Families Picnic at Bridlemile, Celebrate Summer with Shoreshim!</div>	<div>5 TAMMUZ</div> <div>25 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg</div>	<div>6 TAMMUZ</div> <div>26 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>7 TAMMUZ</div> <div>27 7:15am Minyan</div>	<div>8 TAMMUZ</div> <div>28 7:15am Minyan 3:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak</div>	<div>9 TAMMUZ</div> <div>29 7:15am Minyan Matthew Zola Bar Mitzvah</div> <div>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.</div> <div>8:45 pm </div>	<div>10 TAMMUZ</div> <div>30 Matthew Zola Bar Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Shabbat Services 9am Downstairs Minyan</div> <div>CHUKAT</div>

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Jewish Dad's Night Out!

Discussions on Identity and Values

Join Rabbi Brad Greenstein and other guest speakers for relaxed discussions on being a Jewish dad. Explore what it means to impart our best selves to our children and hear some of our tradition's greatest gems. Bring your questions and an open mind!



Open to Jewish dads and dads raising Jewish kids.

Enjoy a beverage and light noshes at the Lompoc Sidebar and get to know other Jewish dads from the Portland area.



Thursdays: April 26, May 3, May 31

7:30 pm

(Come to one date or come every time!)

Lompoc Sidebar 3901a North Williams Avenue

Free event! Appetizers and beverages included.

Donations welcome.

For more information and to RSVP:

Call the MJCC at 503.244.0111



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SENIOR LUNCH & ACTIVITIES

Please Join Us:

May 15

Speaker- Amos Meron
Israeli Sheliach (emmissary)

June 12

Speaker- Steve Sirkin
Neveh Shalom Tikkun Olam Chair
and Red Cross Volunteer

Noon to 1:30pm
Neveh Shalom Atrium

\$7

RSVP to the Neveh Shalom Office
503 246-8831

- ✻ Schmooze with friends old and new
- ✻ Insightful speakers on a variety of topics
- ✻ Delicious catered meal



Celebrate Summer With Shoreshim!

Calling all families with young children! Join us for picnic fun:

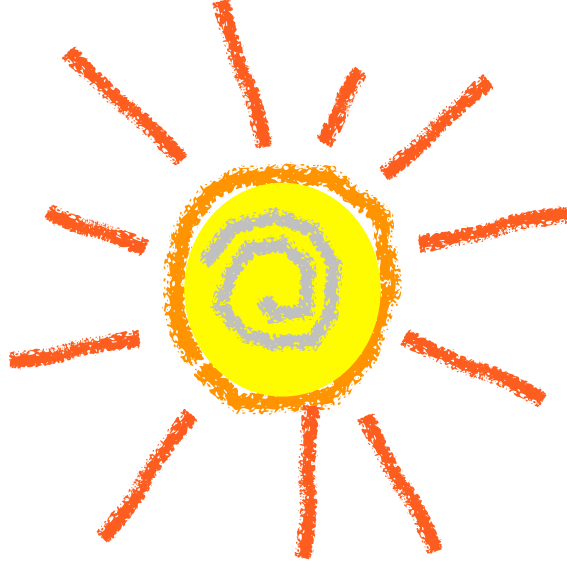
**Sunday, June 24
11-1
Bridlemile Park**

SW 47th drive and SW 44th Ave

Come join us for relay races, red rover, playground time and parachute games! Meet other families and play with friend old and new. BYOL (Bring your own lunch).

Call 503 246-8831 or e-mail jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org with questions.

(Looking like rain? Call Julia for back-up plans, 971 400-4126)





SUMMER CAMPS

at NEVEH SHALOM!

Mitzvah Camp 9-12th grade, Camp Sababa 6-8th and Camp Chalutzim 3rd-5th!

* contact Jonathan Morgan for more info! (503.293.7314 / jmorgan@nevehshalom.org)

Camp Chalutzim with Chanan!

\$225 per camper - per week

Ask about multiple week discounts!

Dates: **8/13-8/17, 8/20-8/24,
8/27-8/31**

For 3rd-5th grade. 3 one week sessions. Day camp 9am-4pm every day with Jewish learning, games, crafts, and adventures. Lunch included.

Each week has a sleepover (\$20 extra).

One of the three weeks (TBD) will include ulpan (Hebrew Focus) for \$50 extra.

*All camps pick-up and drop off at Congregation Neveh Shalom and are open to all Jewish 3rd-12th graders. If you are interested in camp but you need some scholarship help, please do not hesitate to inquire about our financial assistance options.

CAMP SABABA!

\$300 per camper - 1 week

Dates **8/27-8/31**

For 6-8th grade. Camp Sababa is a new outdoor adventure day camp with a variety of awesome day trips, Jewish experiences, all topped off with an overnight camping trip at the Salmon River Trail. This camp is the most costly of the three because it involves the most travel and staff support.

Day 1: Revolution Parkour in the morning and BBQ/picnic and games in the park after

Day 2: Gorge day trip

Day 3: Kayaking in the morning followed by activities downtown

Day 4: Trip to Salmon River Trail and Camping Trip

Day 5: Salmon River Trail and return back home

MITZVAH CAMP!

\$225 per camper - 1 week

Dates: **8/20-8/24**

For 9-12th graders. Mitzvah camp is action packed with environmentally conscious tzedakah opportunities throughout Portland. The first half of each day is a volunteering project followed by lunch and an activity in that part of town. The last day of camp is fully dedicated to the great outdoors.

Day 1: Multnomah Village location then a trip to the pool

Day 2: Beaverton Clothes Closet then Parkour

Day 3: Volunteer Downtown and downtown experience

Day 4: Ronald McDonald and BBQ or other Eastside activity

Day 5: Hiking/Environment Day

קיטנת פוכבים!

Kochavim Summer Camp for 3-8 Year Olds!

Immersion in active fun & Hebrew language



KOCHAVIM HEBREW LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMP

Week Alef: August 13-17 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Theme: Nature Explorers -- Chokrei Hateva

Week Bet: August 20-24 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Theme: Big Builders -- Bonim G'dolim

Late day option 12:00-4:00 p.m. both weeks.

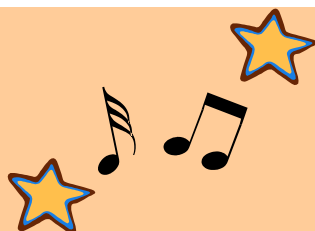


Cost per child per week for Kochavim:
\$150-- Includes daily snack and take-home projects. Call for details about late day option. Financial aid available. No prior exposure to Hebrew necessary.

כוכבים

Kochavim (Stars)

After-school Hebrew
immersion for 3-8 year olds



נוצצים

Notz'tzim (Sparkles)

Hebrew music play group for
0-3 year olds

For more information or to register contact:

Caroline Buchalter – 503.246.8831 – carolinejulia@gmail.com

Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland 97239



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- Professionally Taught ● Year-long Course ● Beginning & Intermediate Levels
- Mondays ● 7:00-9:15pm ● Congregation Neveh Shalom

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- Go to synagogue but get frustrated when you can't read the prayers?
- Think of going to Israel but wish you could speak the language?
- Have children who are getting ahead of you in their Hebrew learning?
- Teach Jewish kids and wish you had a better grasp of Hebrew?

Financial aid available

For more information or to register, contact Mel Berwin
at 503.246.8831 or mberwin@nevehshalom.org



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SUNDAY MAY 6, 2012

2-3:15 PM



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Regional Arts & Culture Council

You are cordially invited to attend the
20th Annual "Song of Miriam Awards" Brunch
Recognition of Outstanding Volunteers
Sponsored by: The Jewish Women's Round Table

"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances." Exodus 15:20

**Please join Neveh Shalom in honoring
Lauren Fortgang**

Sunday, June 3, 2012, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

**Mittleman Jewish Community Center
6651 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, Oregon 97219**

Earlybird cost: \$21 postmarked by May 24th, Patrons \$36, Children 12 & under \$10 After May 24th: \$30

☆☆

I, (We) plan to attend the **Song of Miriam Awards Brunch**. Enclosed is a check for \$_____

For #_____ attendees. **Organization:** _____

Name:
Address:
Phone:

Please Print - Names & Phone Numbers of Attendees (Attendee or Patron). (Add Additional Names on Back).

Name	Attendee/ Patron	Amount	Phone Number

Please Note: One table of (9) will be reserved for each honoree.

Please send your form and check payable to: JWRT, Attn: Jerrie Roth, 1231 SW Texas St., Portland, OR 97219. If you have questions please call Jerrie, 503-246-4367 or Ellen Bick, 503-297-3920.

Carpooling is recommended* *Bring a can of food to donate to the Oregon Food Bank

The Jewish Women's Round Table is a group of women representing organizations and congregations in Oregon and southwest Washington. Its mission is to strengthen the Jewish community by honoring the excellent work of women volunteers and bringing the community together to celebrate Jewish life.

Visit us at: www.jwrt.org

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