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## FROM THE PULPIT



### Every Tragedy Has a Human Face

Each day brings us news of casualties of war, victims of earthquakes, hurricanes or floods, fatalities resulting from head-on collisions or gun accidents, children starving from famine or severe neglect. These painful human stories are so ubiquitous that numbness sets in. Regardless of our inclination toward empathy, we find we cannot cry over each lost soul. We read the faceless incidents and often simply turn the page.

Sometimes out of self preservation we skip the report after glancing at the headline. I must have done that myself recently, having missed a front page story that my wife brought to my attention. I went back and read the sad murder-suicide of Ed and Frances Lopes from Troutdale.

Ed and Frances Lopes would have been married for 64 years this past October, but on October 7, Ed called the police to say that he had shot his wife. When police arrived they found the couple dead side by side in their beds. What is sad is that this loss of life might not have been necessary if only...

Frances, 92, seemingly suffered from a stroke two years ago. Ed "cared for her round the clock. Changed her, cooked for her, fed her. It was an insane amount of work," their daughter, Louise said. Frances "was homebound. He was not a spring chicken himself. He was exhausted." And then six weeks ago to make matters worse Ed caught pneumonia.

They had a nurse who came to the house for a while, but they were not able to afford full time help. And Louise looked in on them and tried to help financially. However it seems evident that Ed had reached his point of no return and could not see a way out.

What makes the story of Ed and Frances Lopes even that much painful is that they both had careers in the U.S. military. He was in the Army Air Force and she was a typist. Ed retired from the military in 1974.

They were simply ordinary people who lived on very limited funds. It should not have come to this. Although they had neighbors and friends, they apparently felt they had no one to turn to or didn't want to be a burden on anyone. They did not know how to seek help. And sadly it is not clear whether there was any help that would have been available to them.

We must do whatever we can to reach out both within our Jewish community and beyond to friends and neighbors so that no one becomes as desperate as Ed Lopes in caring for his wife and himself, seeing only death and/or suicide as the only answer.

We must never forget that every human tragedy has a human face.

## ANNUAL GIVING

If Not Now, When? Today & Tomorrow  
אם לא עכשיו, אימתי? היום ומחר

### YOU can change the World!

A simple act—but one with profound impact to both you and the recipient.

Maimonides says: "We are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of charity than any other positive commandment because charity is the sign of a righteous person." Many of you have responded during our Annual Giving Campaign in such a positive and meaningful way – we are close to our goal of \$150,000. Please act today and donate generously to support the wide variety of programs and services provided at CNS – services that all of us may need to rely upon someday – let's ensure that they are here for all of us, *Today and Tomorrow*.

Thank you to all of the congregants that attended our first Annual Giving concert with **Cantor Bletstein, Ilene Safyan** and special guest, Cantor Robin Joseph. I hope that those in attendance enjoyed the evening of good food, drink and wonderful music of these very talented women. Cantor Bletstein said, "I wanted to include some jazz standards and Ilene came up with a great idea to do all weather-based pieces as a reflection on the diverse climate here in Portland." Thank you to Cantor and Ilene for giving their time to support the congregation on such a magnificent evening outside.

Finally, please join Shoreshim families and the Annual Giving Committee on **November 5 for "Raising Your Mensch: Integrating Tzedakah in Your Family,"** including dinner and Havdalah. This will be an evening of engaging activities and tips for families with young children.

Thank you for supporting our synagogue!

**Jason H. Kaufman, Chair**

2011-12 Annual Giving Campaign

Use your CNS member log in or donate online at <http://nevehshalom.org/giving/annual>.

## COLLEGE OUTREACH



It's not too late to register your college student to receive care packages from the Temple family.

The first mailing went out just before Sukkot. I appreciate all parents who donated items for the mailing and helped pack the envelopes. A BIG thank you to **Jennifer Greenberg** and the office staff for helping coordinate the program during the busy time of High Holy Days.

Our students appreciate a package in the mail. Many have been raised in Neveh Shalom and consider us their extended family. Although very modest, our mailings keep them connected with us. We try our best to accommodate diet restrictions, mid-year address changes, and other special requests. Consider joining us if you have a college student or young person in the military. Your donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated! Kol Tov and Happy holidays!  
**Rosy Levy**  
College Outreach Chair  
503.722.8838

### CAMERON BRENTLINGER

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

Mazel Tov to **Cameron Rose Brentlinger**, daughter of **Beth & Chris Brentlinger**, sister to older brothers **Ethan** and **Henry** and Granddaughter to the late Ruth and Jerry Birnbaum. Cameron is a 7th grade honor student at Robert Gray Middle school and enjoys playing softball and soccer, the outdoors, reading, writing, baking, crafts and hanging out with friends.



### RACHAEL DIAMOND

NOVEMBER 18 & 19

Mazel Tov to **Rachael Diamond**, daughter of **Julie & Tom Diamond**, sister to **Melissa**, and granddaughter to **Miriam & Leonard Lewitt**. Rachael is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy and has been a competitive gymnast. She also loves to dance and cook. Rachael also enjoys art, SpongeBob Squarepants and being with her friends and family.



### MATISSE STONE

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Mazel Tov to **Matisse Izabela Stone**, aka Mati, daughter of **Kat & Eric Stone**, sister to older brother **Dante**, granddaughter to **Trudi Stone** (Tualatin) and **Richard Stone** (Oakland, CA), and great-granddaughter of **Cecilia 'CC' Stone** (Oakland, CA). Mati is a 7th grade honor student at Hazelbrook Middle School who enjoys playing trombone, hugging her pets, bike riding with her family, reading, drawing & other crafts, and hanging out with friends, especially **Abby** and **Emily**.



### JESSICA SEROPIAN

DECEMBER 9 & 10

Mazel Tov to **Jessica Shoshanna Seropian**, daughter of **Lelia & Michael Seropian**, and the granddaughter of Marcella and Gaston Seropian and Daniel and Eva Deykin. Jessica is a 7th grade honor student at Lake Oswego Junior High School, and enjoys dancing as a member of the Westside Dance Academy Performing Company. Jessica also loves reading, listening to music, traveling and hanging out with friends.



### SAMUEL NATHANSON

DECEMBER 16 & 17

Mazel Tov to **Samuel (Maccabee) Nathanson**, son of **Leslie & Neil Nathanson**, younger brother to sisters--**Keep** and **Dana**. Sam is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School. When not studying, he plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse, and also skis, reads and acts.



# HIGH HOLY DAY VOLUNTEERS

A hearty **THANK YOU** to our many volunteers who gave their time and talent to make our High Holy Day services flow seamlessly and so very meaningful this year:

- High Holy Day University Instructors
- Gabbaiim
- Torah Readers
- Haftarah Readers
- Students who led Shacharit & Mincha services
- Mentors & coaches who helped students prepare
- Learning & Discussion leaders
- Youth service leaders
- Story tellers
- Shofar Blowers
- Ushers
- Parking attendants & shuttle drivers

We would also like to recognize our wonderful staff that spent many extra hours to coordinate endless

details and to enhance the beauty of our facility. And continuing thanks to our Energizer Bunnies who persevered through Sukkot and Simchat Torah:

- Sukkah Construction by Men's Club
- Sukkah Décor by Sisterhood
- Kol Hakehilah volunteers
- Simchat Torah musicians, greeters, and bakers

"It takes a village," and perhaps this is particularly evident at Neveh Shalom during these Days of Awe when scores of behind the scenes volunteers help make it all work. We are indebted to you all for your generosity of time and of spirit.

**PDX LIVE**

**Friday, Nov. 11**

**Special 7:30pm service time**

If you were here last May 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.

Dates for 2012:

**January 13**

**March 16**

**May 11**

## CHRONICLE SUBMISSIONS



Share your life-cycles ad, events, and accomplishments with your congregation.

Please email submissions to  
[jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org)

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### DEADLINE

**Fri, Dec. 2**

**Fri, Jan. 6**

**Fri, Apr. 6**

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

## ORA SHALOM

### 2nd Fridays at the Erev Shabbat Service

If you haven't seen the exciting group exhibit by ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists, now is the time to do so! The ongoing rotating exhibit is located in the lobby of the Neveh Shalom Main Sanctuary. Artists exhibiting in the group show are: Eddy Shuldman, Laurie Fendel, Esther Lieberman, Sharon Segal, Leslie Elder, Ellen Shefi, Diane Fredgant, Shemaya Blauer, Diana Unterspan, and Sabina Wohlfeiler. A new exhibit featuring Jan Katz and Esther Lieberman will open at ORA Shalom services **Friday night Nov. 11 and continue through Jan. 10, 2012.**

ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists is a group of local Jewish artists who have come together to support, share, inspire and showcase our art. ORA Shalom services, which take place the 2nd Friday of each month, feature ORA artists discussing their latest exhibit immediately after kiddush. Come sip wine while chatting with local Jewish artists.

For more information about ORA: Northwest Jewish Artists, check out: [www.northwestjewishartists.blogspot.com](http://www.northwestjewishartists.blogspot.com)

## WEEKDAYS

### DAILY MINYAN

#### Sunday-Friday

This minyan is maintained by devoted congregants to ensure that this service be available to those who seek it. Weekday services begin at 7:15am, except on Rosh Chodesh and intermediate days of a holiday (Sukkot, Hanukkah, 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

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Every Friday: 6:15pm**

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE,

**Every Saturday: 9:00am\***

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

## SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

### FIRST FRIDAYS WITH ILENE SAFYAN

**1st Fridays, 6:15pm (Nov. 4, Dec. 2)**

### ORA SHALOM — A SHABBAT FOR THE SENSES

**2nd Fridays, 6:15pm (Nov. 11 with PDX Live, Dec. 9)**

ORA Shalom is the name of our new Friday night service that will be held on the 2nd Shabbat of each month at Neveh Shalom. These services will be enhanced with special music and art and will enliven the senses as we enter into the Shabbat experience together. We will have an art opening immediately after services accompanied by a light oneg. Come sip wine and look at great art.

[www.northwestjewishartists.blogspot.com](http://www.northwestjewishartists.blogspot.com)

### CHIK-CHAK SERVICE

**3rd Fridays, 6:15pm (Nov. 18, Dec. 16)**

A traditional, lay-led service featuring Carlebach tunes followed by dinner. Reservations required for dinner (\$12/adult, \$6/child, \$36 max/family).

Contact **Mel Berwin** at 503.246.8831 or [chikchakrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:chikchakrsvp@gmail.com).

**NOTE:** on 3rd Fridays when there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the main service is combined with Chik Chak in one service.

### ELEANOR FISCHER DIAL-IN SERVICE

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

Call 503.246.8832

## HINENU EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

**4th Fridays, 6:45pm**

**(Nov. 25, Dec. 23)**

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](mailto:nbarish@gmail.com)). THIS IS NOT YOUR BUBBE'S JUDAISM!!!!

## SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

### KEVA WITH RABBI GREENSTEIN:

**3rd Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am**

**(Nov. 19, Dec. 17)**

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 more information or to get involved please contact **Rabbi Greenstein** at [rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com).

## DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

**2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:00am**

**(Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 10 & 24)**

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot.

If you are interested in leading a part of the service or reading Torah please contact **Eddy Shuldman** at [eddyj54@msn.com](mailto:eddyj54@msn.com).

## ROSE SCHNITZER MANOR, "DARCHEI NOAM" SERVICE

**3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (Nov. 19, Dec. 17)**

On the 3rd Shabbat of each month Neveh Shalom volunteers from Downstairs Minyan lead Shabbat services for seniors at the Robison Home Chapel, escorting residents to the Chapel and conducting services at 10am. Please contact **Carol Stampfer** at [carol.stampfer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.stampfer@gmail.com)

## SHABBAT FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

**TOT SHABBAT (ages 0-5 years old)**

**1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am**

**(Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17)**

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.

## KEHILAT NOAR —

**YOUTH CONGREGATION (Grades 1-5)**

**3rd Saturdays, October-May: 10:00-11:30am**

**(Nov. 19, Dec. 17)**

Kehilat Noar is a "next-step-up" program from Tot Shabbat 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](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org)



## TASTE & TRAVEL

Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm, Room 102

We are gearing up for a great year of delicious and insightful programs. Join us as we gather to hear about the fascinating trips our fellow congregants have taken and sample fares from around the world. Save the dates for December 8, February 23 and May 10. If you have some travels you are willing to present, please contact Steve Laveson at [lesleysteve7@msn.com](mailto:lesleysteve7@msn.com). We are a welcoming group and love to have newcomers join us.

Many members of the Neveh community are avid travelers and have been to far-reaching destinations around the globe. Others are looking for information before they "set sail." With this in mind we would like to build a travel resource network! If you are willing to talk about your travel experiences to other congregants as they plan their travels, become part of our network. E-mail the destinations in your repertoire along with the best contact information to Neveh

Shalom Program Director, **Jennifer Greenberg** at [jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org).

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**Felicia and Todd Rosenthal**  
2012 Auction Chairs  
[faleash@comcast.net](mailto:faleash@comcast.net)

## JEWISH FILM CLUB

Sunday, November 20,  
3pm in Room 102



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](mailto:Joanzsher@aol.com) or Paul at [paulsher@me.com](mailto:paulsher@me.com).

## AUCTION NEWS

Dear Fellow Neveh Shalom Members,

Planning is underway for our annual auction. This year, "The Greatest Shul on Earth Auction" will be held at the synagogue on **Sunday, March 4, 2012**. We need your support. The funds raised pay a significant portion of operating expenses and allow the variety of programs and services that we have come to expect to continue.

First off, please mark your calendars for: MARCH 4, 2012. More information will come out, including your invitation, but personal calendars get full-- so call your friends and begin your table planning.

Second, we are asking for a donation. This can be an item for our silent or oral auction or a contribution/sponsorship to help underwrite auction expenses. Your donation will be highlighted in our auction catalog, as well as receive other recognition. Also, most donations are tax deductible. Please complete the enclosed donation form and return it to the synagogue in the envelope provided. If you prefer, we would be happy to have a volunteer stop by to pick up your donation.

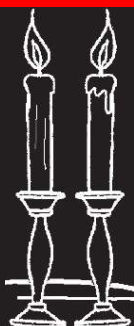
Finally, we have a great volunteer team of other congregation members working together to ensure that this year's auction is both incredibly fun and incredibly successful. Would you like to join us? We could sure use the extra support. Please contact **Jennifer Greenberg**, Program Director, at [jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org) to get on board!

Thank you for your support,

**Felicia and Todd Rosenthal**

2012 Auction Chairs

## CANDLE LIGHTING



### SHABBAT

4 Nov	5:36pm
22 Nov	4:28pm
18 Nov	4:20pm
25 Nov	4:15pm
2 Dec	4:11pm
9 Dec	4:09pm
16 Dec	4:10pm
23 Dec	4:13pm
30 Dec	4:18 pm



### CHANUKAH

Tue, Dec 20	First Candle
Wed, Dec 21	2nd
Thur, Dec 22	3rd
Fri, Dec 23	4th - Light before 4:13pm (Erev Shabbat)
Sat, Dec 24	5th - Light after 5:13pm (Havdallah)
Sun, Dec 25	6th
Mon, Dec 26	7th
Tue, Dec 27	Eighth Candle

# SHOMREI TEVA MONTHLY MITZVAH CREW

3RD SUNDAYS

9:45 AM

Nov. 20

Dec. 18

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 and a good schmooze with warm camaraderie. You'll like it and you'll feel good when you see how beautiful our site is becoming. Meet in the wooded area off our lower parking lot.

Questions: **Jordan Epstein**, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net

## TIKKUN OLAM

### NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA

#### Making a Green Chanukah

Wait a minute. What's NOT green about Chanukah? Well - maybe lighting candles made from paraffin (non-renewable resource, petrochemical, bad for the lungs - yech!). Maybe giving out gobs of presents (which we usually don't need, are overwrapped, waste more resources). Maybe putting up too many decorations (mostly made of plastic - yikes!).



Hmmm. So what IS green about Chanukah? How about that one cruse of oil lasted for eight days? Now THAT'S conservation! And a small band of Maccabees stood up to a huge Syrian army and changed the world. Can WE stand up to huge corporations and change the world? Okay, maybe Chanukah has green possibilities. But what can you and I do?

Light beeswax (sold in our gift shop) or soy candles each night or burn olive oil, like the Maccabees did. Give fewer presents, don't overwrap, and make gifts of your time and service. Your loved ones will truly appreciate that. Avoid plastic decorations; make your own. And take one small action on an environmental issue. Write a letter, read an article, tell a story, plant a

tree, pull ivy with Shomrei Teva (third Sunday of the month). Anything will do. Just do one thing. Remember, our actions now can be the modern miracle of the oil.

Have fun too. Here's a lovely 3-minute video called "The Hammer Song". [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILeSQbYvUk8&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILeSQbYvUk8&feature=player_embedded). Enjoy and have a very happy Chanukah.

Jordan Epstein

Chair, Shomrei Teva



Enjoying nature at the Neveh Shalom Family Camping Trip

### SECOND REQUEST: A CALL TO EASE CRISIS

If this looks familiar it is because it's my second effort to develop a cadre of folks to begin this discussion.

It's a proposal, responding to a need, a need that will likely become greater in the weeks, months and years to come. A need somewhat overlapping but different from those addressed presently by Neveh's Tikkun Olam efforts. Efforts that cover a wide range of social action needs from feeding the hungry to trying to ease the "other" holocausts that our world continue to face. (Review them at [www.nevehshalom.org/get\\_involved/tikkun\\_olam](http://www.nevehshalom.org/get_involved/tikkun_olam) and feel free to become involved in our efforts.)

However this proposal addresses something beginning to seriously impact many of our fellow congregants. As our nation and state come to terms with massive debt, decisions are being made that are eliminating or reducing major portions of the safety net that has been provided by our government for its citizens. While we may care deeply how this will impact the general population there is a limit to what we can collectively do as a synagogue community to supplement what is about to be lost across our nation. Yet there is a great deal we can do within our congregation to ease the burden for those at Neveh and perhaps others in the greater Portland Jewish community.

Are there members of our congregation, people willing to do more than talk about it, ready to sit down and discuss the situation and develop, as well as implement, a strategy for helping our Jewish friends and neighbors who are or will be in need? If you are such a person, please call or email me at 503-454-0610 or [stevejew18@frontier.com](mailto:stevejew18@frontier.com).

### CNS DARFUR/CONGO COMMITTEE & NEVER AGAIN COALITION



**Mondays, 7:00pm  
(November 7, December 5)**

Join us Monday evenings at Neveh Shalom and take a stand against genocide.

Neveh Shalom is proud to be a central part of the Never Again Coalition. We are dedicated to raising awareness about the genocide in Darfur and the ongoing violence in the Congo. Through education, advocacy and

tzedakah we strive to help the people in Darfur and the Congo and encourage our elected leaders to stand with us to support the people who are suffering there. We have many exciting plans for this year and we are always looking for new members whether you can attend once in awhile or are interested in playing a larger role.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.neveragaincoalition.org](http://www.neveragaincoalition.org) or contact **Sarah Greenstein** or **Lauren Fortgang** at [neveragaincoalition@gmail.com](mailto:neveragaincoalition@gmail.com)

## DONATE YOUR CAR TO NEVEH SHALOM

Thank You to our recent donor: **Loretta Blumenfeld**

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](mailto: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](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org). Please let us know if you would like to forego your paper version to save trees.



**Sunday, November 20, 12-2 pm**

Join us in the CNS kitchen if you would like to help cook for Outside-In. On August 21, September 18, and October 23, CNS members met in the Neveh Shalom kitchen to prepare a main dish and salad for 60. The food was delivered to Outside In, a homeless shelter for teens in downtown Portland. Many thanks to our wonderful group of volunteers: **Rick Botney, Susan & Bruce Sutherlin, Dick Dreyfus, Vera James, Kiki Adamovics, Jennifer Zitomer, and Chris & Cathy Blair**. Watch the CNS E-Blast or contact **Cathy Blair** at [cathyblair55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyblair55@yahoo.com) if you would like to be informed of future dates.



## Volunteers needed to place flags at cemeteries in honor of Veterans Day

**THURSDAY, NOV. 10, BEGINNING AT 2PM**

Volunteers are needed to place flags on veterans' graves at our two cemeteries in preparation for Veterans Day. We will meet at Ahavai Shalom cemetery on Thursday, November 10, beginning at 2pm. When we complete the work there, we will continue on to Neveh Zedek cemetery to finish up. Many hands are needed for this important task, and it is a great way for students of all ages to earn volunteer hours. All supplies will be provided, but please dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact **Sandy Axel**, [sandyaxel@msn.com](mailto:sandyaxel@msn.com), 503.292.3425.

## SAFEWAY SHOPPER



## CARD REGISTRATION

Help Neveh Shalom by grocery shopping. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "1-Sign Up". Select Neveh Shalom as your charity of choice, Group ID # 163941303.

**DO IT TODAY!**

Don't know your Safeway card number? Call them at 1.877.SAFEWAY.

## 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, Nov. 13, 10am-Noon**

Ladies, meet us in Birnbach Hall on Sunday, Nov. 13. We will dance, nosh, and put together hygiene kits for the homeless. Please bring some travel size deodorants as the quantity of that item will determine the number of COMPLETE kits that we can provide.

The kits will be delivered to Transition Projects at NW Fourth and Glisan, where showers are available for homeless people who are unable to obtain shelter beds.

We will be continuing to collect hygiene kit items, so...

- Save those unopened hotel shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and soaps.
- Pick up some small deodorants (WalMart has them in the travel section for 78 cents each.)
- Ask your dentist for a case of small toothpaste for the homeless. (Pickup 4-6 toothbrushes at the Dollar stores for \$1.)
- Pick up bulk packs of razors on sale.
- If you find tampons at a good price, think of the homeless!

**Cathy Blair**  
503.675.1328  
[cathyblair55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyblair55@yahoo.com)





## 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.nevehshalom.org](http://www.nevehshalom.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 *yahrzeit* 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.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY September 25, 2011 Volunteer Event

On September 25th a group of 13 Neveh Shalom Volunteers gathered at the Willamette West Habitat for Humanity site at Ramble Glen in



Aloha. This highly motivated team worked alongside the Habitat "Regulars" and proceeded to do exterior siding, painting, drywall, cleaning and many more projects helping in the completion of the homes at this site. It was a wonderful productive day allowing us to give back to the community.

Habitat has many ongoing projects in the Portland area. The Ramble Glen project of 8 homes will soon be occupied by very deserving families who have been accepted by Habitat and have also personally put in 500 hours of sweat equity in the construction of these homes. The local Habitat program provides a great opportunity to families who could not otherwise afford home ownership.

**Steve Sirkin** (503-454-0610 [stevejew18@frontier.com](mailto:stevejew18@frontier.com)) and **Mike Titelbaum** (503-626-6265 [titelb@comcast.net](mailto:titelb@comcast.net)) are working with Habitat to schedule future Neveh Group Volunteer days and will publish the dates in an upcoming issue of the Neveh Chronicle. We are planning to schedule these volunteer events 3-4 times a year.

If you are highly interested in volunteering on your own to help out at a Habitat construction site, please check the volunteer tab at their website <http://www.habitatwest.org/> and check for openings in their schedule (usually Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays). As we learned on September 25th you just need to be motivated and they will show you how to make a real difference.

Regards,

**Mike Titelbaum/Steve Sirkin**

## THE GLORIA BACHARACH

## JUDAICA SHOP

AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

It's time to get ready for Chanukah. We will be participating in the Chanukah Fair on December 11, at Neveh Shalom, and will have everything you will need for the holiday including menorahs, candles, dreidels and more. Don't miss it!!

We've been expanding our inventory in the Judaica Shop to appeal to the varied tastes of our customers. Come on in and see the new items we've brought in, including a full line of Desert Kippot, Shabbat candlesticks and challah boards by Doris Glass and Lily Art, an expanded line of Yair Emanuel products and much more. We are awaiting the arrival of beautiful, brightly colored handmade tallit and kippot from Mayaworks of Guatemala, and are in the design stages with several kippot artists who will be supplying us with one-of-a-kind pieces in the near future.

As always, we are volunteer staffed and are in need of additional hands to expand shop hours. Please contact me if you're interested in donating some of your time, whether it's for a couple of hours a month, or once a week. If you find that you can't make it in during our regular hours, feel free to email me to set up a time for a personal shopping visit.



### Hours of Operation:

**Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm**

**Alternate Fridays 10am-1pm**

**Wednesday: 5:30-8pm\***

**Sunday: 9:30am-12:30pm\***

**Closed Saturdays and Holidays**

*\* when ALIYAH Jewish Learning Program is in session*

Hours are subject to change. Please call in advance to see if we are planning to be open, 503.246.8831

B'Shalom-

**Tina Smith**, Judaica Shop Director, [pepperntina@yahoo.com](mailto:pepperntina@yahoo.com)



# TIKKUN OLAM EVENTS

## Blood Drive

**November 13, 2011**

**8:00am-1:00pm**

### SIGN-UP IS EASY!

Click on your time-slot choice at [www.mysignup.com/nevehblooddrive](http://www.mysignup.com/nevehblooddrive) or contact **Jennifer Greenberg**, [jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org), 503.246.8831x139.

## Neveh Knits



**Next Meeting: Sun. Nov. 20, 10:00am**

*Are you a knitter or a knitter-to-be?*

Join us for "Neveh Knits," a time to get together, chat and knit while making a difference. We work on items to be donated to Legacy Emanuel's neonatal unit. Bring a project or project idea, or your favorite needles and some yarn to make squares to join for baby blankets. **All levels welcome.** See knitting details at <http://www.nevehshalom.org/flyers/knit.pdf>. Please contact **Deborah Freedberg** for info, [debfreedberg@yahoo.com](mailto:debfreedberg@yahoo.com).



# GROUPS AT CNS

## SISTERHOOD

Greetings Sisters!

What exciting events we have coming up! Our next two events are both mitzvot!

- **Sunday, November 13, from 10am–Noon**

Sisterhood is putting on a Hygiene Kit Party. Meet us in Birnbach Hall where we will dance, nosh, and put together hygiene kits!

- **December 18, 1:30pm, Rose Schnitzer Manor**

Sisterhood will be putting on a Chanukah Play at the Rose Schnitzer Manor. If you have any acting experience or even just a zany streak, meet in Room 102 on Tuesday, November 1, 8-9pm for part assignments or call Susie Gouz at 503.524.3209.

- **January 5, 7:00pm, Room 102**

January will bring us a thorough knowledge of the Ketubah! On January 5, we will discuss *The Marriage Artist* by Andrew Winer.

- **January 12, 7:00pm, Room 102**



We gather again for Exploring the Ketubah as Art and as a Document with Rabbi Isaak.

The Gloria Bacharach Judaica shop is our main source of funding for Sisterhood Programming and Religious School Scholarships, and is looking for more volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer in the Gift Shop, contact **Tina Smith** at pepperntina@yahoo.com. Be sure to support the Gift Shop at the Chanukah Fair on December 11.

Come do mitzvot with us and make friends with the amazing women of Sisterhood. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

B' Shalom,

**Cathy Blair**

Sisterhood President

cathyblair55@yahoo.com

503.675.1328

## MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club News:

September 18 was the initial meeting of the Men's Club at the Zidell Chapel, where we enjoyed a brunch, reconnected with friends, and heard a thought provoking presentation. It was a kickoff to a season which promises to be exciting and rewarding. The meeting's primary focus was a lively discussion with Mark McMullen, Chief Economist for the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, concerning the economic outlook for Oregon and the U.S.



at matzoh1234@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you have an event or activity, which needs volunteers, please get in touch with **Gabe Markiz**, Club President at Gabe@mandfcpas.com, or Peter Wigmore, Club Secretary at aussiewig711@gmail.com, and we will forward your request to our club members.



May this new year bring you joy, good health, and joyous memories!

*Leshana tova tekatev v'techatem!*

**Gabe Markiz**

Club President

**Peter Wigmore**

Club Secretary

**The Men's Club upcoming events include:**

**Nov. 13: Alice Busch, fire department emergency director.**

**Dec. 18: Dr. Len Shapiro, discussing stock market investments.**

I encourage you to join, and be a part of the Men's Club community.

Please contact David Honigstock at zimchuck@frontier.com or David Wallace

## SALON HAZAK

### Salon Hazak

"Culture and Activities for Finely-Tuned Adults and Their Friends"

Salon Hazak is Neveh's newly formed group with a focus on lectures, tours within our local art scene and expeditions to undiscovered Portland places. Events, open to all ages, lean to the 55+ Neveh community. Below are a few of the upcoming events. If you have an idea for a program or would like to be part of the planning, please contact Jennifer Greenberg at 503.246.8831 or jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org

**Congregation Neveh Shalom visit to Terminal 6 at the Port of Portland with Barry Horowitz**  
**Nov. 14, 2:00-4:00pm, No Cost**

International trade is a significant contributor to Oregon's economy, but most people are either unaware of the level and extent of trade activity, or misunderstand the importance and contribution of international trade to our state. Limit 35 people. Not ADA accessible, involves a steep flight of stairs. To sign up, contact jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org, 503.246.8831x139.

**Kaddish for a World Destroyed: Remnants of Jewish Communities in Lithuania and Latvia**  
**December, Date/time TBD, No Cost**

Professors Dr. Victor Bloomfield and his wife, Dr. Elsa Shapiro, traveled to Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia in the summer of 2009. They knew the Nazis and Soviets had largely destroyed Jewish towns and settlements; but they wanted to see what remained, and what it might have looked like when their ancestors lived there. Bloomfield, an accomplished photographer, returned with striking photos that movingly evoke time and place: the few active synagogues and some ruined ones, Jewish shtetls and city neighborhoods, killing fields, cemeteries, and places of resistance.

### CNS/SALON HAZAK WRITERS GROUP

**2nd Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm**

**Nov. 14, Dec. 12**



The newly formed CNS Writers Group met for the third time on Monday, October 3. Group members are working on a variety of projects—memoirs, novels, short stories and science fiction. We begin our meetings with discussion of aspects of the writing process, i.e., plot, structure, character, theme. At each meeting 3 or 4 members volunteer to read their work aloud and the group responds to the writer's work. Thus far, members have found the feedback valuable and supportive.

Group members range from novice to experienced writers. We have a "prompt" that suggests to members a writing topic to work on between meetings. We share work through e-mail or at meetings. Critiques are sent only to the writer, allowing each writer to have a private conversation with each group member who chooses to respond.

Thus far, there are 11 participants who meet every second Monday for two hours at CNS. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 1:30pm. Meetings are facilitated by **Dr. Sherryll Mleynek**; if you are interested in finding out more about the writers' group, please contact Sherryll at 503-443-3607 or sherryll@pdx.edu.

This year Neveh Shalom is pleased to participate in a community-wide celebration of Jewish Book Month.

Join us on **November 15, 6:30pm**, at the Hillsdale Library. We will discuss *By Fire, By Water*, by Mitchell James Kaplan, the award-winning, historical novel which traces the story of a powerful, Converso courier as he traverses the political and religious complexity of Spain during the Inquisition. This meeting is part of the first city-wide celebration of Jewish books. The discussion will begin with a short DVD by Mitchell Kaplan about how he wrote the book. Co-sponsored by the Multnomah County Library [www.Mitchelljameskaplan.com](http://www.Mitchelljameskaplan.com) Lectures and discussions around this compelling book and topic will be happening all over Portland. Complete details will be published in the October Jewish review.

**Book Month**

**Highlights include:**

**November 4, 6pm:**

Congregation Beth Israel, after services join University of Portland Professors Dr. Regan and Dr. Warshawsky as they present: "Piece by Missing Piece: Recovering the Sephardic Legacy of Spain."

**November 17, 7 pm:**

Oregon Jewish Museum, Film: *Expulsion and Memory*. The film traces the descendants of conversos forced to flee Spain in the 15th century. Interviews with families and music provided by Placido Domingo. Members - \$8, General Public - \$10, 1953 NW Kearney, Portland.



Our ALIYAH Jewish Learning Program for K-12 has had many wonderful new beginnings this year.

\* Youth in our new Yom Rishon (Sunday) program are enjoying their Chugim (Electives) of Yoga, Art, Nature, and History Role Play, in addition to Ivrit (Hebrew), Yahadut (Jewish building blocks) and Mitzvot.

\* Older kids in Tichon (High School) are engaged both in Core Classes and in Electives such as "Musical Theater Workshop" with Cantor Bletstein, "Youth Leadership", "One Thousand Mitzvot", and "Jews in the News".

\* Our first ALIYAH Shabbat morning program for K-5 was attended by more than 100 participants, and we continue this warm and kid-friendly program every FIRST Shabbat of the month throughout the year.

# YOUTH EDUCATION

## ALIYAH FOR K-12

\* Our first KOL HAKEHILAH Whole Community Program during Sukkot was an exciting day for the community to come together in conversation and activities relating to our Harvest Festival and to the theme of "Welcoming Friends and Strangers".

### COMING UP:

- \* The 6th Grade Family Retreat, Nov 11-13 at Camp Schechter
- \* 3rd-5th Grade Erev Shabbat (Friday night) service & dinner, Nov 18
- \* K-2nd Grade Erev Shabbat (Friday night) service & dinner plus 1st Grade Kabbalat Torah, Nov 9
- \* 9th Grade Meeting about Israel programs and special presentation by Alexander Muss High School in Israel, Nov 2
- \* 11th Grade Meeting about Israel programs and special presentation by USY Israel Programs, Nov 16 For more information, contact **Mel Berwin** [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org) or **Dayle Maizels-Tyrrell**, [dayle@nevehshalom.org](mailto:dayle@nevehshalom.org)

## KOCHAVIM & NOTZ'TZIM

Neveh Shalom and Shir Tikvah are launching our Eastside KOCHAVIM & NOTZ'TZIM Hebrew Immersion Programs for children ages 0-8. Register now for these fun and dynamic programs! First time participants receive a 25% subsidy off tuition, thanks to a Community Impact Grant from Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. Synagogue membership not required for participation.

Kochavim is an after-school Hebrew immersion program for PreK-2nd graders. Children learn through play, music, art, active games, stories, yoga, dance, computers, and more, all in a Hebrew-speaking environment. Small groups and nurturing teachers make this after-school program a warm and social environment. Meets Tues. & Thurs., 4:15-5:45pm at Bridgeport Church (621 NE 76th Ave).

Notz'tzim is a Hebrew music and play group for children ages 0-4 and their parents. Children will learn new language

skills and songs for the rituals of your day and year with music, instruments, balls, bubbles, and games. Notz'tzim is currently offered on Wednesday afternoons at Neveh Shalom from 4:15-5:45pm and Sunday mornings with Shir Tikvah's Nashira program at Emerson School on the Park Blocks from 10am-12pm. If there is enough interest, we will also offer a Notz'tzim program on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15-5:45pm at Bridgeport Church.

For any further questions or inquiries, please download our registration forms and FAQ sheet from our website at [http://nevehshalom.org/learning/youth\\_education/kochavim](http://nevehshalom.org/learning/youth_education/kochavim), or contact:

**Mel Berwin**, Director, HaMerkaz: Portland Center for Hebrew Immersion, [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org), 503.246.8831 x 128 OR Caroline Buchalter, Coordinator, HaMerkaz: Portland Center for Hebrew Immersion, [cbuchalter@nevehshalom.org](mailto:cbuchalter@nevehshalom.org), 503.246.8831 x 312

## FOUNDATION SCHOOL



Foundation School welcomes families to join us for an All-School Shabbat Program on Friday November 4. Cantor Bletstein will lead Shabbat singing and our Pre-Kindergarten Flower (Prachim) Class will present, "The Story of Creation." Parents can continue to meet each other at our Parent Coffee on November 16.

This month we will concentrate on friends, family, Native American culture, turkeys, and food as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving together here at the preschool. Rabbi Brad Greenstein told us that Thanksgiving is one of his favorite holidays because, "Being Jewish is all about being thankful!" Thanksgiving is surely one of our favorite holidays at Foundation School, too. Look for children wobbling and

gobbling like turkeys down the halls, keeping the beat to a Native American chant, and preparing special foods to enjoy together during their class feasts.

As we transition from fall to winter, December will find us exploring the changing of seasons. It is getting darker and colder outside so we will be investigating the properties of light and dark. Chanukah is coming this month and is known as the "Festival of Light." Children will be spinning dreidls, grating potatoes to make delicious potato latkes, and learning the special Chanukah candle blessings in their classrooms. We will gather together again with parents for our All-School Shabbat/Chanukah Program on Friday December 16 when our Pre-Kindergarten Teddy Bear Class (Dubim) will present Chanukah songs for us to enjoy.



Shana Tova from your Shoreshim co-chairs: Sonya Horowitz and Julia Robinson. Shoreshim is dedicated to creating meaningful and fun educational, religious and social events for young families (children 0-5). We've already enjoyed a "Back to Shul" craft event and an Apple Cider Press picnic. In addition to these fun individual events, Shoreshim hosts a regular bi-monthly Tot Shabbat service on the first and third Saturday of each month at 10:15am. Don't miss our upcoming event, "Raising Your Mench" (a Tzedekah learning evening) on November 5. Watch your in-box for our new monthly e-newsletter called Shoreshim Connection. If

## SHORESHIM

you'd like to be added to the Shoreshim email list, contact JoAnn at [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org)

### Raising Your Mench: Integrating Tzedakah in your Family November 5, 5:30pm, Birnbaum Hall

Join other Shoreshim families for an evening with engaging activities for young ones, a family dinner and havdalah. The night includes "tips and tricks" for parents looking to teach the value of giving. We will provide your family with an opportunity to them into practice that evening...if you have yet to participate in the Annual Giving Campaign, we hope that you will make your gift that evening or at [www.nevehshalom.org/giving/annual](http://www.nevehshalom.org/giving/annual).

Co-Sponsored by Neveh Shalom's Annual Giving and Shoreshim Committees

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### USY (grades 9-12):

Nov. 19 - Sleepover at CNS, time TBD  
Dec. 10 - Cookie Baking, time TBD  
Please RSVP to Boaz Frankel,  
boaz.frankel@gmail.com.

### Kadima (grades 6-8):

Nov. 20 - Rock Climbing from 4-6pm.  
Dec. 2-4 - Kadima Kinnus at Camp Schechter  
Dec. 18 - Menorah Making after

### Sunday School

Please RSVP to Emly Oren,  
emlyoren@gmail.com.

### Jr. Kadima (grades 3-5):

Nov. 13 - Tie Dye Shirt Making  
12:30-2pm at CNS  
Dec. 18 - Menorah Making after  
Sunday School  
Please RSVP to Emly Oren,  
emlyoren@gmail.com.

High Holiday food  
drive results: We  
produced **1735**  
**pounds** of food!  
Almost a ton!



Special thanks to  
Dayle, Marci, Dion, and Jamie  
for your support with logistics.  
B'Shalom -- **Jonathan Morgan**,  
503.293.7314

## PARENT EDUCATION

### Raising Your Mench: Integrating Tzedakah in your Family

See details on page 10 under Shoshanim

### Being a Jewish Dad

Thursday, Nov. 10, OFF SITE  
Get together with other dads at a local watering  
hole for a relaxed talk on what it takes to impart  
our best selves to our children and hear some  
of our traditions greatest gems. Led by **Rabbi  
Brad Greenstein**. Sponsored by the Mothers  
Circle and Neveh Shalom. For more info or to

RSVP, contact Jennifer Greenberg, jgreenberg@  
nevehshalom.org, 503.246.8831x139

### Mothers Circle

http://www.TheMothersCircle.org  
The Mothers Circle is a FREE educational and  
welcoming program empowering non-Jewish  
mothers, as well as mothers new to Judaism as  
adults, to create Jewish homes, and is taught  
by Neveh Shalom member **Lois Shenker**. The  
16 session interactive curriculum runs twice  
a month from October to May and explores

Jewish holidays, practices, rituals, and ethics  
while providing resources and tools for enriching  
Jewish family life at home. FREE childcare is  
available for course participants.

For more information or to RSVP,  
please contact Jennifer Greenberg, Program  
Director, 503.246.8831 ext. 139,  
jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org



## ADULT EDUCATION

### BEIT HA MIDRASH

Please call the office to confirm classes are  
meeting, 503.246.8831

### \*Rabbi Stampfer's Talmud Class

Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00pm, Room 111

### \*Rabbi's Isaak's Bible Class,

Resumes November 17

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm, Room 111

### Save the Date

### GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

November 13, 2010 at the MJCC

"Torah is the shared inheritance of all the  
Jewish people. It does not belong to a special  
sect or an elite group...We each get an equal  
share." Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

### WEEKEND IN QUEST

February 24-26, 2012

The Institute for Judaic Studies is holding its  
sixth annual Weekend in Quest in Astoria at  
the Holiday Inn Express. This year our guest  
scholar will be Oren Kosansky, Associate  
Professor of Anthropology and chair of the  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon

Kosansky will present a series of lectures  
on the Jewish experience in 20th century  
Morocco:

- Session 1: We are all Sons of Adam  
and other stories about Jews and  
Muslims in Morocco
- Session 2: All Dear Unto God: Saints  
and Pilgrimages in Jewish Morocco
- Session 3: When Jews speak Arabic:  
Jewish languages in North Africa
- Session 4: Up to Heaven like the Soul:  
Sacred texts, the Rabat Genizah, and  
Mediterranean Jewish History

Rabbi Joey Wolf of Havurah Shalom will  
be our guest clergy for the weekend. Also  
included in the retreat weekend will be  
Shabbat services, five kosher meals including  
a festive Erev Shabbat dinner, kiddush  
lunch, and Saturday evening supper, with  
entertainment and social time. The cost of  
the weekend including hotel room is \$250  
pp, double occupancy, and \$350 single. Costs  
for non-Institute members are \$260 and  
\$360 respectively. All rooms face the river.  
For more information contact **Addie Banasky**  
at addieban@comcast.net or check out our  
website <http://www.weekendinquest.org>.

### GERMANY/ISRAEL TRIP

June 27-July 11, 2012

Join Cantor Bletstein on this mission  
trip with the Cantors Assembly! For  
tentative itinerary & pricing infor-  
mation contact Cantor Bletstein,  
503-246.8831 ext. 116, dblestein@  
nevehshalom.org



### LIBRARY CORNER

Winter Hours for the Library:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
8:30am to 1:30pm  
Sunday 8am to 12 noon\*  
Wednesday 4pm to 8:30pm\*

\*When ALIYAH Jewish Learning Program  
is in session

Watch the weekly eBlast for NEW  
Arrivals in the Library



# 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](mailto:rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com), 503.246.8831.

## CNS CONNECTIONS: THE MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Though the term "holiday season" is generally used to refer to the six-week period between Thanksgiving and New Years, it seems that in Judaism we have our own version of the holiday season in early fall. What an eventful September and October! Between Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, it's been a whirlwind few weeks of traditions, services, gatherings, and on at least three of the four holidays, eating. We actually began our season a little bit earlier on September 11 with the Annual Back to Shul Event and BBQ. About 300 people including our Neveh Shalom family and guests from the community came and enjoyed good food, good music, shaved ice, a variety of programs, and of course, connecting with old friends and making new ones. I hope that you had the chance to participate in at least some of the holiday festivities and services.

As we enter November, it's not too early to start thinking about Chanukah and that "other" holiday season. In fact, we at

CNS Connections have been doing just that...since October! We've been busy planning our annual Chanukah Party which will be held on Wednesday night, December 21. This year's program will be an all-ages dinner with entertainment followed by a group candle lighting ceremony and concluding with an all-adult themed party with music and dancing. Come for one. Come for all! Once again, we're opening up this event to the community. Perhaps you know friends who are not affiliated with CNS who you think might like to spend the evening with us!

Though it's not directly sponsored or hosted by CNS CONNECTIONS, I hope to see you at the upcoming Friday Night Shabbat PDX LIVE Service on November 11. And finally, if you joined Neveh Shalom in 2011, you'll certainly want to attend our annual New Member Brunch. Save the date of January 22 and look for your personal invitation in December.

**David Meltzer**

Co-Chair, CNS CONNECTIONS: The Member Services Committee

## EASTSIDE

### MIZRACH:

A NEVEH COMMUNITY...



#### Neveh Shalom's Eastside Action!

#### NOSHING WITH THE NEIGHBORS!

We know there are lots of CNS families living east of the Willamette River and Mizrach is planning many events to give you plenty of opportunities to meet each other, but what about sitting down and really getting to know other CNS families living in your own neighborhood?

On **Sunday, January 15**, Mizrach will coordinate "Noshing with the Neighbors!" - small simultaneous potluck dinner parties all over the Eastside. We will invite the Mizrach neighbors who live close by, help with the introductions and make sure everyone has a seat at a table.

If you are interested in hosting a "Noshing with the Neighbors" dinner, please contact **Ann Sanderson** at [sanderson.ann@gmail.com](mailto:sanderson.ann@gmail.com), 503.771.3477; or **Wendy Kahn**, Membership and Development Director at [wkahn@nevehshalom.org](mailto:wkahn@nevehshalom.org), 503.293.7305. We would welcome hearing from you by December 2, 2011. If you miss the deadline, please do not hesitate to still be in touch!

If you or anyone you know on the Eastside would like to meet other Jewish Eastsiders Mizrach is for you! Mizrach is open to Neveh Shalom members and Non-Members. We want to connect Jewish Eastsiders to each other!

**Kochavim & Notz'tzim Eastside Programs:**  
*see page 10*

### PERSONALIZE A PAVER STONE IN NEVEH SHALOM'S UPPER PLAZA



What could be a more lasting way to participate in the Neveh Shalom Capital Campaign than to purchase personalized paver stones that will permanently welcome people into our beautiful plaza? Pricing: Individual - \$180 per paver; Patron - \$1800 for 6 pavers. Patron donors will also receive their family name listed on a plaque overlooking the upper plaza and a special invitation to a private Patron Party on the plaza following final installation.

Download a Paver Order Form at

[http://www.nevehshalom.org/forms/paver\\_orders.pdf](http://www.nevehshalom.org/forms/paver_orders.pdf).

For more information contact **Wendy Kahn**, Membership and Development Director, 503.293.7305 or [wkahn@nevehshalom.org](mailto:wkahn@nevehshalom.org)



Once in a Generation  
— For Generations to Come

Stay in the loop!  
Join our email list!



Send your email address by  
text message:

Text

**CNS**

to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply





Mazel Tov to Michael Zawacki (son of **Giselle Bawnik and William Zawacki**) on the grand opening of his new coffee shop, Daily Press-Bed Stuy, 505 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mazel Tov to **Michelle Fliman** and **Aaron Schoenkerman**, and big sister, **Mia**, on the birth of their new baby girl named **Orly**!

Mazel Tov to **Russell & Jody Neelin** on the birth of their son, **Brendan**, on July 18, 2011.

Mazel Tov to **Alan & Augusta Kantor** on the birth of their son, **Liam Samuel**.

Mazel Tov to **Jay & Robin Bodner** and **Molly Bodner** on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Lucia, on 7/28/2011 to parents Jeremy and Sharon Bodner.

Mazel Tov to **David Stein & Rachel Kornfeld** on their wedding.

Mazel Tov to **Scot & Naomi Leavitt** on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Simone Leavitt**, on September 21 at 5:45pm, 7lb 7oz, 20.5" long.

Mazel Tov to **Mark and Francine Abolofia** on the wedding of their son, Jay, to his true love, Ruth Gelbtuch of Boston, on Sunday the 11th of September in Davis, CA. Ruth is the daughter of Sam Gelbtuch and Madelyn Bronitsky. Jay's grandparents are **Stan & Shirley Hodes** and Sam & Florence Abolofia. Jay's sister, Reina, is ecstatic that Ruth has joined the family. The couple lives in Davis where Ruth is a Social Worker and Jay is a PhD candidate in



Resource Economics.

Mazel Tov to **Linda Cohen** on the launch of her first book: **1000 Mitzvahs: How Small Acts of Kindness Heal, Inspire and Change Your Life** (Seal Press/November 2011). The book shares Linda's two-and-a-half-year journey from sorrow to inspiration and the mitzvah project she took on to honor her father's memory. She is currently a Jewish Book Council network author. **1,000 Mitzvahs** was included in the 2011-2012 Jewish Book World books of note. Join her at Powell's Book Store, Cedar Hills Crossing on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm for a book launch and signing.

Mazel Tov to **Mark & Mindy Zeitzer** and brothers **Ari and Noah** on the birth of their new baby boy, 7 pounds 2 ounces, on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

## KOL-HA-KAVOD

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

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

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### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

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### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Allan & Susan Abravanel  
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**Lester Salmenson**, Sun, Nov. 27, 12:00pm, Neveh Zedek, 7925 SW Canyon Lane, 97225

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*A speedy recovery to:*

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# CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM - NOVEMBER 2011/5772 - CHESHVAN/KISLEV

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>9 CHESHVAN</b> <b>6 9:00am Minyan</b> 9am Mothers Circle (off site)	<b>10 CHESHVAN</b> <b>7 7:15am Minyan</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/ R. Stampfer 4:15pm Kochavim 4:15pm Shavua 7pm Machon Ivrit	<b>11 CHESHVAN</b> <b>8 7:15am Minyan</b> 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer 7pm Small c: A Conversation with Michael Totten	<b>12 CHESHVAN</b> <b>9 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Yoga w/Rachel 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm Tichon	<b>13 CHESHVAN</b> <b>10 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Melton Grad Class 4:15pm Shavua 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Pubnight (off-site) with R. Greenstein- "Being a Jewish Dad"	<b>14 CHESHVAN</b> <b>11 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>FOUNDATION SCHOOL CLOSED - Veteran's Day</b> PDX Live - ORA Shalom  Note time Change <b>4:28pm</b>	<b>15 CHESHVAN</b> <b>12 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>6th Grade Retreat (CSS)</b> 9am Combined Shabbat Serv.
<b>16 CHESHVAN</b> <b>13 9:00am Minyan</b> <b>6th Grade Retreat (CSS)</b> <b>8am - 1pm Blood Drive</b> 9am Yom Rishon 9:40am Men's Club Meeting 10am WL Hygiene kit Assembly 12:30pm Jr. Kadima Tie Dying 3:30pm Alice Kern Unveiling - Ahavah Shalom Cemetery	<b>17 CHESHVAN</b> <b>14 7:15am Minyan</b> 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 2pm Salon Hazak Tour to Port of Portland 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	<b>18 CHESHVAN</b> <b>15 7:15am Minyan</b> 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer 6:30pm One Community One Book (Hillsdale Pub. Library)	<b>19 CHESHVAN</b> <b>16 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Yoga w/ Rachel 2pm Foundation School Advisory Meeting 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 6pm Tichon	<b>20 CHESHVAN</b> <b>17 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Melton Grad. Class 4:15pm Shavua 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Board Meeting 7pm Intro to Judaism	<b>21 CHESHVAN</b> <b>18 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>Rachael Diamond Bat Mitzvah</b> 9am Small Tot Playgroup 6:15pm ALIYAH 3-5th grade Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>NO CHIK CHAK TONIGHT</b> <b>4:20pm</b>	<b>22 CHESHVAN</b> <b>19 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>Rachael Diamond Bat Mitzvah</b> 9am Shabbat Service 9:30am 6th gr. Shabbat Prog. 10am Kehilat Noar 10am KEVA w/R. Greenstein 10:15am Tot Shabbat 8pm USY Sleepover
<b>23 CHESHVAN</b> <b>20 9:00am Minyan</b> 9am Yom Rishon K-2 only 9am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration 10am Chesed Meeting 10am Neveh Knits 12pm Cook for Outside IN 3pm Jewish Film Club 4pm Kadima -8gr Rock Climbing	<b>24 CHESHVAN</b> <b>21 7:15am Minyan</b> 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	<b>25 CHESHVAN</b> <b>22 7:15am Minyan</b> 4:15am Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	<b>26 CHESHVAN</b> <b>23 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Yoga w/Rachel	<b>27 CHESHVAN</b> <b>24 9:00am Minyan</b>  <b>OFFICE AND SCHOOLS CLOSED</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>28 CHESHVAN</b> <b>25 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>Matisse Stone Bat Mitzvah</b> 1pm Unveiling Leo Greenstein Ahavai Shalom Cem. 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. 6:45pm Hinenu	<b>29 CHESHVAN</b> <b>26 7:15am Minyan</b> <b>Matisse Stone Bat Mitzvah</b> 9am Shabbat Service 9am Downstairs Minyan
<b>1 KISLEV</b> <b>27 9:00am Minyan</b> 12pm Lester Salmenson Unveiling - Neveh Shalom Cemetery	<b>2 KISLEV</b> <b>28 7:15am Minyan</b> 12:30pm Mah Jongg 2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Machon Ivrit	<b>3 KISLEV</b> <b>29 7:15am Minyan</b> 4:15pm Shavua 5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer	<b>4 KISLEV</b> <b>30 7:15am Minyan</b> 10:30am Yoga w/Rachel 4:15pm Shavua 4:15pm Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm Tichon	<b>4:15pm</b> <b>TOLDOT</b>		
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CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM - DECEMBER 2011/5772 - KISLEV/TEVET

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>8 KISLEV</div> <div>49:00am Minyan</div> <div>Kadima Kinnus (6-8th gr) (CSS)</div> <div>9am Mothers Circle (off site)</div>	<div>9 KISLEV</div> <div>57:15am Minyan</div> <div>12:30pm Mah Jongg</div> <div>2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:15pm Kochavim</div> <div>7pm Machon Ivrit</div>	<div>10 KISLEV</div> <div>67:15am Minyan</div> <div>4:15am Shavua</div> <div>5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>11 KISLEV</div> <div>77:15am Minyan</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:15pm Kochavim</div> <div>4:30pm Notz' tzim</div> <div>6pm Tichon</div> <div>FOUNDATION SCHOOL CLOSED - Parent/Teacher Conferences</div>	<div>12 KISLEV</div> <div>87:15am Minyan</div> <div>10:30am Melton Grad. Class</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak</div> <div>7pm Taste &amp; Travel</div>	<div>13 KISLEV</div> <div>97:15am Minyan</div> <div>Jessica Seropian Bat Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Small Tot Playgroup</div> <div>6:15pm ALIYAH Fam Serv (K-2) and Kabbalat Torah</div> <div>6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.</div> <div>7:30pm ALIYAH Family Dinner</div> <div>Kadima Kinnus (6-8th gr) (CSS)</div> <div>4:11pm</div>	<div>14 KISLEV</div> <div>109am Shabbat Services</div> <div>9:30am K-5th gr ALIYAH</div> <div>9:30am 6th gr Shabbat Program</div> <div>10:15am Tot Shabbat</div> <div>6-8th gr (CSS)</div>
<div>15 KISLEV</div> <div>119:00am Minyan</div> <div>9am Hadassah Chanukah Faire</div> <div>9am Yom Rishon (3-6th only)</div> <div>9:30am 5th gr. Parent B/B</div> <div>Mitzvah Meeting</div>	<div>16 KISLEV</div> <div>127:15am Minyan</div> <div>12:30pm Mah Jongg</div> <div>2pm Melton w/R. Stampfer</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:15pm Kochavim</div> <div>7pm Machon Ivrit</div>	<div>17 KISLEV</div> <div>137:15am Minyan</div> <div>4:15am Shavua</div> <div>5pm Talmud w/R. Stampfer</div>	<div>18 KISLEV</div> <div>147:00am Minyan</div> <div>10:30am Yoga w/Rachel</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:15pm Kochavim</div> <div>5pm Kochavim &amp; Notz' tzim</div> <div>Chanukah Party</div> <div>6pm Tichon</div>	<div>19 KISLEV</div> <div>157:00am Minyan</div> <div>10:30am Melton Grad. Class</div> <div>4:15pm Shavua</div> <div>4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak</div> <div>7pm Board Meeting</div> <div>7pm Intro to Judaism Class</div> <div>7pm Auction Meeting</div>	<div>20 KISLEV</div> <div>167:15am Minyan</div> <div>Samuel Nathanson Bar Mitzvah</div> <div>9am Small Tot Playgroup</div> <div>6:15pm Chik Chak Service &amp; Dinner</div> <div>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.</div> <div>4:10pm</div>	<div>21 KISLEV</div> <div>179am Shabbat Services</div> <div>9:30am 6th gr. Shabbat Program</div> <div>10am KEVA</div> <div>10am Kehilat Noar</div> <div>10:15am Tot Shabbat</div> <div>VAYSHLECH</div>
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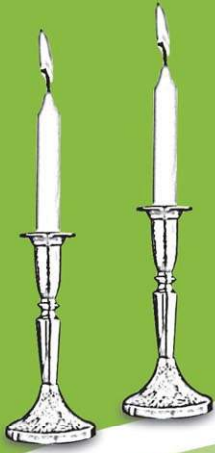


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# *A Yom Kippur message From the President...*



Shana Tova and G'mar Tov!

A Rabbi, a Cantor and the President of a shul were all in the Sanctuary one day when a thief brandishing a gun burst into the room. He looked at the three and said, "You've all seen my face and can identify

me, so I'm going to have to shoot you. But first I will grant each of you one last wish."

The rabbi said that last year he had given the most wonderful sermon on Yom Kippur, a full hour and a half, and he wanted to give it one last time. The Cantor said that last year he had chanted the most beautiful Kol Nidre, it also took an hour and a half. He wanted the chance to do it one more time. The thief then looked at the president, who said "Just shoot me now!"

Perhaps some of you were feeling the same way as I approached the Bima. It occurs to me that for most of you my speech must be a lot like watching the movie Titanic. I can throw in some great background stories that you might not expect, but we all know how it's going to end.

Kol Nidre marks the beginning of the end of our period of t'shuvah – a period of self-reflection and repentance. It is also a time when synagogues traditionally reflect upon their past year and ask the congregants to help them with their plans for the future. As I thought about the 4 years I will have spent as your President a few thoughts came to mind. First, I want to thank you for having given me this opportunity and for always showing up and supporting your community when we needed you. And it seems appropriate at this time to also apologize to those who I have offended by my words or deeds as your President. This experience has been humbling and challenging but mostly it has been wonderful. Together we have literally built buildings and created a home where our future now resides and grows. We have created a Long Range Plan aimed at guiding us towards a more perfect future.

Over the last 4 years we have confronted hard choices about our leadership and the programs we provide, insuring that the guiding principles of our faith and of this community thrive in a fickle world. And yet with all of this accomplished I am left a bit empty. I wonder if we as a congregation have found our voice? Is this a place where our talents and passions as a congregation, what we're good at and what we love doing, overlaps with what the world needs?

I ask you: What do we want to be remembered for? As a congregation, what will be our legacy? These buildings? Our Programming? A Long Range Plan? Certainly, yes to some degree, but perhaps I can make my point another way. Close your eyes and think of a close relative or friend who is not with you tonight. Now think of what matters most to you about this person, is it the home they live in, the clothes they wear or the smiles they greeted you with or the hug they gave you when you said goodbye? We have built stunning buildings. We provide unmatched programming and we have developed terrific plans, but frankly, 20 years from now I'll remember the grace of Julie Brophy and the loving hugs of Leonard Barde. That's our legacy. It's more powerful than any individual alone. How much better is the fruit salad, than any individual piece of fruit? I'm sorry for the food reference, perhaps the hunger it may cause gives you a sense of how passionate I feel about the opportunity to create an inspiring and lasting congregational legacy.

I believe that the vast majority of our congregants possess more talent, more ingenuity, more resourcefulness, and more creativity than their current involvement in our congregation requires or even allows to be used. The limited use of your talents represents a profound alienation, a disempowerment of our community and our congregation. Our membership has not found its voice. There's a lack of passion, ruach, and a lack of soul from within our family. Without this passion our volunteer ranks dwindle and our financial requirements go unmet. And so we turn to the whole gambit of techniques used by our community,

Auctions, Capital Campaigns, Kol Nidre Appeals. We need your time, talents, and skills and many of you have told me that you would like to be more involved with our congregation. Here's all this capability, this talent, this capacity and this tremendous need for your participation but we can't seem to tap the passion, our voice, to get at it.

How do we find our Congregational voice? "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Robert Frost may have been the inspiration for the original Long Range Plan developed in 1997, where the committee made a clear choice not to accept the well-traveled path to mediocrity, but rather chose the road to greatness and meaning. Think of all we have accomplished in the last 15 years while rising above the negative cultural influences of ego, scarcity, gossip, and victimization. These are some of the social cancers that can threaten a congregation if left to metastasize. The original Long Range Plan provided us a map to greatness.

The **BODY** of our congregation we rejuvenated with the remodeling of our campus. This is a wonderful space, and anyone who has attended a service or event on our patio on a warm summer evening cannot deny its beauty and intimacy.

The **MIND** of our congregation is well cared for by teachers, clergy and volunteers; providing opportunities for all of us to explore, learn and grow. We are a place of learning.

And the **HEART** of our congregation has been and always will be provided for by our love of Torah: God's love delivered to us on two scrolls.

And yet I feel we are not whole as a congregation, and we will never realize our potential greatness until we have provided for the **SPIRIT** of our congregation, our congregational soul. Each of us desires to live a life of greatness and contribution – we want to really matter, to really make a difference. To live such a life of meaning may seem difficult. Certainly you may doubt yourself and your ability to so, but this congregation needs you to make that difference, to be involved. I believe deeply that you can lead such a life, and discover the

passion and talents you possess and can share. You can find your voice, and in so doing, help us find our congregational voice. To borrow from Shakespeare, "We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

Of course, discovering what we may be won't come cheaply. It will require both contributions of wealth and time from all. **Every one of us, we are in this together.** And, regardless of its size, do not underestimate the value of the contribution you make. I recently attended the Shiva Minyan of a man I had never met. His life, it seemed, was difficult at best and, at the age of 31, death found him. The newspaper may have reported his passing in an off-handed way, as a transient found dead, nothing more. But those at the Minyan who knew him spoke of a loving and generous soul. His spirit carved out a niche in their lives that will last forever. For someone with no real material possessions or wealth, his impact on these people, my friends, was deep and real. And his legacy touched me and now you. **Every one of us, we are in this together.**

Bring us your passion, your talents, your energy. Let us become the creative force of our own lives. And yes, tonight we need your contributions, your money, in order to maintain our congregational Body, Mind and Heart. But to be whole, to be complete, we need your Spirit. Long after these buildings crumble and our innovative programs are deemed obsolete, it is our congregational Spirit that will survive, creating our congregational legacy.

How will they remember us? As a congregation that built buildings, or built bridges to one another; a congregation that supported innumerable programs, or had immeasurable compassion; a congregation that dutifully attended services, or one that celebrated each other's success and comforted each other in times of need? I have deep conviction that Neveh Shalom can live such a congregational life.

"The future," it has been said "belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Let us, by our participation in this appeal, firmly establish our legacy, and embolden our Spirit.



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*Wendy Kahn*

**LEONARD BARDE  
CEMETERY ENHANCEMENT  
FUND**

IN APPRECIATION OF  
Esther Wayne  
*Goldie Barde*  
IN HONOR OF  
Mrs. Claire Puziss' Special  
Birthday  
*Carolyn and Larry Gorin*  
Mel & Janet Swire's 60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
*Delphine Davis*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Sam Sadis  
*Delphine Davis*  
David Sharff  
*Rosalie Goodman*  
Benjamin Sherman  
*Delphine Davis*

**MARK AIL CAMPERSHIP  
FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Paul Ail  
*Ronald Ail*  
Morris Cohen  
Edith Kaplan  
*Rande Petersen*  
Faye Menashe  
*Susie Ail*

MARY ROSENBERG  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
IN MEMORY OF  
Lillian Wexler  
*Vivienne Bonnin*

**MICHAEL HARROWITZ  
FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Lillian Subotnick  
*Melvin and Cathy Berlant*

**MILT HORENSTEIN  
MINYAN FUND**

IN APPRECIATION OF  
Elizabeth Hayward  
*Sue Rein*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Adolfo Berdichevsky  
Bertha Stern  
*Ricardo Berdichevsky*  
Estelle Reiser Golden  
*Sheri Cordova*  
Bea Hochfeld  
*Marvin and Marlene  
Lazarus*  
Faye Menashe  
*Priscilla and Tony Kostiner*  
Rubin Rein  
*Lawrence Rein*  
Julius Rovech  
*Marvin and Marlene  
Lazarus*  
Bethalee Shapiro  
*Howard and Petra Shapiro*

**MOSKOWITZ FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Milton Davis  
*Delphine Davis*  
Faye Menashe  
Paul Stein  
*Marci and Riley Atkins*  
Nettie Sherman  
*Delphine Davis*

**MURIEL/JOSEPH UNKELES  
CHOIR FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Muriel Unkeles  
*Susan and Lawrence Rein*

**ONEG SHABBAT  
DONATION**

IN MEMORY OF  
Louis Tobin  
*Frieda Tobin*

**RABBI GREENSTEIN  
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

IN APPRECIATION OF  
Rabbi Greenstein  
*Harry and Mary  
Goldhammer*  
Rabbi Greenstein on the  
wedding of Danny and  
Alexandra Robert  
*Ray and Sheryl Robert*  
IN HONOR OF  
Sharyl Vagy's Birthday  
*Sharon Stern and Stephen  
Rallison*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Rose Swartz Conway  
Celia Dickson Koppel  
*Anne Conway*

**RABBI ISAAK  
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

GET WELL WISHES FOR  
Myra Jackson  
*Jan & Sam Weiner*  
Leonard Shapiro  
*Jonathon Lietz and Elaine  
Coughlin Lietz*  
IN APPRECIATION OF  
Rabbi Isaak  
*Lilya Anger & Arkady  
Tarsky*  
*Jeremy Lietz*  
IN HONOR OF  
Gary & Sylvia Pearlman's  
50th Anniversary  
*Andrea, Charlie and  
Maayan Schwartz*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Sylvia Subotnick Buchwach  
*Molly Bodner*  
Bessie Checkman  
*Harvey Checkman*  
Esther Hoffman  
*Mel Hoffman*  
Sidney Weger  
*Elisa Weger*



**ROBBIE BALL MEMORIAL  
FUND FOR DARFUR**

IN HONOR OF  
Laura Fendel  
*Mel Ball*  
Nancy Prouser's 60th  
birthday  
*Mel and Elaine Ball*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Roz Shenker & Family's  
beloved mother &  
grandmother  
*Dee Rosenbaum*  
Sol Solomon  
*Earl and Dale Oller*  
Leon Tiger  
*Mel and Elaine Ball*

**SAPERSTEIN CHAPEL FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Leo Meyer  
*Ronald Meyer*  
Sylvan Saperstein  
*Taya Meyer*

**SHORESHIM FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Chaim Rogson  
Prive Sheindle  
*Michel Rogson*

**SHULDMAN KIDDUSH  
FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Charles Elder's D'var Torah  
*Leslie Elder*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Marvin Davis  
*Stuart Davis*  
Louis Ostroff  
*Ella Ostroff*

**SOBLE RENOVATION FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Jerry & Shirley Nudelman  
Mazel Tov on your 57th  
Anniversary  
*Del and Sandey Fields*

**SOLOMON  
BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Gary & Sylvia Pearlman  
Mazel Tov on your 50th  
Anniversary  
*Del and Sandey Fields*

**STAMPFER  
DISCRETIONARY FUND**

IN APPRECIATION OF  
Rabbi Stampfer for my  
conversion to Judaism in  
1990  
*Marjorie Gregg*

**STAMPFER LECTURE FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Rabbi Stampfer's  
Retirement as Director of  
The Institute of Judaic  
Studies  
*Merritt Yoelin & Bobbie  
Fields*

IN MEMORY OF  
Leon Tiger  
*Harry and Mary  
Goldhammer*

**SYLVIA PEARLMAN  
MEMBERSHIP FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Gary & Sylvia Pearlman's  
50th Anniversary  
*Stan & Bev Eastern*  
*Norman and Suzan  
Wapnick*  
*Merritt Yoelin & Bobbie  
Fields*  
Gary & Sylvia Pearlman's  
50th wedding anniversary  
*Ginny Jolstad*  
Norm Wapnick - Happy  
Special Birthday  
*Sylvia and Gary Pearlman*

**TIKKUN OLAM**

IN MEMORY OF  
Karen Johnson's beloved  
mother passing away  
*Lidia and Raul Krivoy*  
Faye Menashe  
*Rae and Anthony LaMarche*

**TOINETTE MENASHE  
BOOKSHELF FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Anna Rosenberg  
*Ruth Blum*

**USY TRAVEL FUND**

IN HONOR OF  
Gordon & Sondra  
Pearlman's Anniversary  
*Gordon and Sondra  
Pearlman*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Irving Mills  
*Sondra Pearlman*

**VAAD SHEL HESED FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Sam Sadis  
*Tony and Rae LaMarche*

**WEINSTEIN CHAPEL FUND**

IN MEMORY OF  
Joseph Forman  
Pauline Gold  
*Geraldine Roth*  
Barney Liebreich  
*Jerome and Geraldine Roth*  
Ike Roth  
*Jerome Roth*

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

GET WELL WISHES FOR  
Gloria Bacharach  
*Sam and Chris Gottlieb*  
IN HONOR OF  
Sharyl Vagy's special  
birthday  
Stu and Ann Yudman's 50th  
Anniversary  
*Sam and Chris Gottlieb*  
IN MEMORY OF  
Lena Weiner  
*Robert Weiner*