



CHRONICLE

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From the Pulpit

You Are Part of a Community That Cares - Experience the Vaad Shel Chesed

Many of you have heard the buzz and excitement surrounding the renewal of an exciting committee here at Neveh Shalom. We are the Vaad Shel Chesed, which literally means "organization of loving kindness." In the past month the Vaad Shel Chesed has delivered countless meals, made phone calls and visits to congregants in need of support. We view the Neveh Shalom community as an extended family and when one member of our family is in need of healing, the Vaad (committee) is eager to respond with a comforting presence. Thanks to the coordinating efforts of Bobbie Kramer we are delivering meals to members of our community who have recently given birth, are recovering from illness, or who have lost a loved one. The Talmud teaches us that food nourishes the soul.

By delivering meals, the Vaad Shel Chesed reminds people that they are going through their lifecycle events with a community that is concerned for their well being. Catherine Stark has coordinated numerous rides for those who cannot so easily make it to services or other synagogue events. For many of us, participating in synagogue life is a real lifeline. Miriam Rogoway had the brilliant idea to put together a cohort of tzadikim (volunteers) and call every senior on their birthday and Jonas Blaut is working to make sure everyone who wants a visit in the hospital feels cared for. The Vaad Shel Chesed is growing in numbers and scope and we would love for you to be a part of our team. There are two equally important ways to participate in the Vaad Shel Chesed – to give support and to receive support. By accepting a meal, ride, phone call, or visit you create and empower connections within our community, giving another the opportunity to do a mitzvah, and thus become partners with the mystery we call God in creating community. And by reaching out and sacrificing one's time, energy, and resources to attend to another in need one aligns themselves with the will of the Knower of All Souls who partners with humanity to bring healing, comfort, and celebration. The Vaad Shel Chesed meets every other month, 11:00am, at the shul to process our experiences and study relevant text (no experience necessary.)

To receive emails notifying you of opportunities to cook a meal, make a visit, give a phone call, etc. or become more involved with our team please contact me.

Experience the Vaad Shel Chesed by giving or receiving and know always that you are part of a community that cares about you. l'shalom, **Rabbi Bradley Greenstein**



Passover Second Night Seder

Plan to join Rabbi Bradley and Sarah Greenstein for our Second Night Seder on Sunday, April 20, 5:00pm.

Fabulous food will be provided by our own Allen Levin along with an interactive and meaningful Seder experience. Supervised childcare will be available as needed throughout the seder at no additional cost.

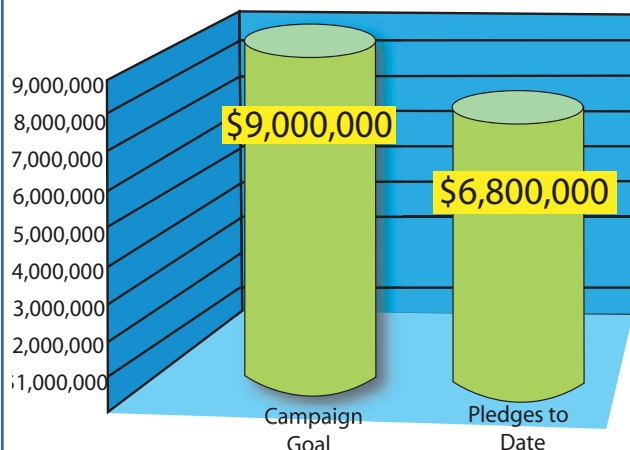
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, KINDLY RSVP BY APRIL 9

Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.

Capital Campaign Thermometer

As of March 20, 2008

Campaign Status: **76%** of Goal



Thank You to all of our contributors.

For more information on making a gift to the campaign, please contact Fred Rothstein, Executive Director, in the Synagogue's Main Office.

Welcome to Our New Members

Barry Finkel &
Sandra North Broome
Louis Feldman &
Risa Colton-Feldman
Tyler & Lindsay Gluckman
Sabine Meyer

Shabbat Unplugged

A meditation service led by
Cantor Linda Shivers

Friday, April 11th, 6:15pm

Kol-ha-kavod

Every simcha is special. Congratulations to our many members who are celebrating in March. In particular, Mazel Tov to the following members who are celebrating special milestones!

Milestone Anniversaries

Kiki and Tim Adamovics
Asa and Debra Altmark
Rick and Ashlea Barde
Mark and Jenna Barnett
Richard and Marilyne Lakefish
Doug and Patricia Lenhoff
Leon and Jane Tiger
Eduard and Luiza Vaynberg

Milestone Birthdays

Marlene Abrams	Tsetsiliya Kramer
Jeffrey Babener	Liza Milliner-Bloom
Bruce Banasky	Alan Montrose
Rachel Bloom	Andrea Nounou
Roberta Cohon	Andrea Oxman
Stefani Cozine	Barry Rosenfield
Laura Davis	Kurt Schiff
Pamela Farkas	Sharyn Schneiderman
Marian Fireman	Brenda Schwartz
William Gintz	Joel Taskar
Nadya Glatzer	Semen Taycher
Neil Goodman	Linda Veltman
Charles Hammer	Sofia Zalmanova
Elizabeth Hayward	Marianne Zarkin
Basya Khodorovskaya	

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shlema, a speedy recovery to
Brenda Capsuto, Alvin Segal
Rochelle Leisner, Leo Rubin,
Esther Ritchie, Rich Koplan & Norman Howard

In Memoriam

*The Congregation extends its
sincere sympathy to the families of*
Fanya German and Max Birnbach

May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life.

Condolences

Our condolences to our members and their families,
Sue Rein on the death of her mother, Hortense Frank.

Meredith Wexler on the death of her mother.

Simon Goldstein on the death of his father.

Amie Wexler on the death of her father.

Jonathan Schwartz on the death of his step-father

Susan Jacobs on the death of her father

Clergy Visits

To assure that clergy make visits to congregants in the hospital, extended care facilities and hospices, please contact the office at Congregation Neveh Shalom: 503.246.8831. In an effort to comply with the new patient privacy laws, health-care facilities may not release the names of their patients; so it is imperative that you provide the name of the member, the facility name, patient's room number, length of anticipated stay, your relationship to the patient and a number where you can be reached if further information is needed.

From the President



At the end of February, I attended the second annual United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Pacific Northwest Region Shabbaton. This event draws together clergy and lay leaders from across the Region, which includes Alberta, British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. Our Shabbaton was held at Congregation Emmanu-El in Victoria, British Columbia, which meets in a building that has been designated the oldest continuously operating synagogue in all of Canada. What a pleasure it was to worship in a space where Jews have been meeting since 1863! The synagogue was restored in 1983 after many years of neglect, and I was reminded of our efforts to improve our own worship space at Neveh Shalom. Rabbi Harry Brechner of Emmanu-El gave a wonderful d'rash on Shabbat morning that related to the week's Torah portion, Va-Yakhel. In this portion, Moses calls the entire community to come together to build the Mishkan, each according to his or her own means and skill, in order to create a beautiful space to gather and worship. Just as that community gave freely and willingly to build the Mishkan, and just at the entire community of Victoria contributed to the restoration of their historic synagogue, so too must we all work together to bring our work to completion. For those of you who have already made a pledge to our Capital Campaign, thank you, and for those of you who have not yet contributed, please consider how you and your family can participate, so that we can all be proud of what we are building together.

Sandy Axel, President

Chronicle Submissions

Share your life-cycles events and accomplishments with your congregation. The deadline for the May Chronicle submission is **Friday, April 4th**, Please E-mail submissions to

<mailto:lkitchen@nevehshalom.org>



Cantor's Notes

I have never broken anything more serious than the ring finger on my left hand. As a result, until my son broke his leg, I had no idea what a big deal it is to break a bone. I had no idea how painful it was, what a big deal crutches are and how much wear and tear on the body it entails.

Similarly, until now I had no idea how hard divorce is. By the time you read this, my divorce from Doug will be final. Hopefully, we will even have our get, our Jewish divorce by then, too. I now have tremendous admiration for all single parents. I know that in many ways my divorce is privileged. I earn a good living and my children are older. Even so, it hasn't been a cake walk. I now truly admire so many of you who had the determination and strength to make it through the process.

In many ways, it is easier to stay married – as it should be. I am not advocating divorce as an “adventure” or extreme sport but Judaism doesn't have a bias against it. I recently read this passage in *Divorce Is a Mitzvah* by Rabbi Perry Netter: “The final word in the Talmud on divorce is given to Rabbi Eleazar...’If a man divorces his first wife, even the altar sheds tears.’...God cries about divorce not because God is judging us as sinners, as so many people believe. God cries not because God is disappointed in our failure, as so many rabbis teach. God cries because God, like us, is in pain and cries with us. When we hurt, God hurts. God is present in God's tears. God does not abandon us when we go through difficult times. We are not left alone to fend for ourselves in the wilderness of loneliness.”

Going through divorce (and it will never be completely over) passages of the prayer book that I had never noticed have jumped out to me. Often I felt God was trying to reach me, to speak to me, to help me through. God's help was significant and essential but often God worked through many of you who were angels in my life in the past months. I am constantly reminded how fortunate I am to be part of this amazing Neveh Shalom community and of the greater Jewish community of Portland as well. All of you remind me how important it is to reach out to people in need – even simple gestures can mean a lot when a person is in pain.

I have come to see divorce as an act of courage and faith in the future. So many of you have helped me to learn this lesson. So many of you were willing to share hopeful stories of this painful part of your lives. My most sincere and deepest thanks to all of you. Shabbat Unplugged, April 11 at 6:15 pm will have a Passover theme. Sunday, April 6 at 3pm is this year's Choral Festival. It will be here at Neveh Shalom and we will be celebrating the music of Israel in honor of Israel's 60th birthday. This will be the first performance of HaZamir Portland – our new teen choir. I hope you'll be there!

Cantor Linda Shivers

KVELL WITH US

...**Josh and Sheryl Stein**, on the birth of their first child, **Jonah Ethan Stein** on Saturday, February 23rd.

...**Steve & Janet Landsberg**, on the birth of a granddaughter, **Adeline Lynn**

...**Marilyn Abend**, on the birth of her first grandson, **Nathaniel Brandt Porter**, on Thursday, February 28th.

...**Erica & Ran Freundlich**, on the birth of their daughter, **Yahmeet Zoe Freundlich** on March 4 at 5:23am at a healthy 7lb 12oz. She has blue eyes and a full head of dark hair. Proud grandparents are **Chris & Jean Shirkoff** and Eva and Uri Freundlich, of Hadera, Israel.

...**Susan & David Honigstock**, on the marriage of their son **Gerald Honigstock** and **Pamela Wolfe**. The wedding took place at Beth El Synagogue in Minneapolis, MN and was followed by a reception at Nicollet Island Pavilion on March 9th, 2008. The newlyweds will reside in Maple Grove MN. Jubilant parents are **Susan & David Honigstock** of Beaverton and **Lynn and Henry Wolfe** of Winnipeg, Canada.

B'nai Mitzvah

Natalie Keep Nathanson

April 4th & 5th



Mazel Tov to **Natalie Keep Nathanson** who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 04.04.08 and 04.05.08. She is the daughter of

Leslie & Neil Nathanson, granddaughter to **Donald & Susan Hamilton** of Great Falls, Montana and **Milt & Sandra Nathanson** of Franklin, Michigan and sister to **Dana** and **Sam**. Natalie is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School and her hobbies include Soccer, piano, photography, reading, hanging out with friends.



Yahrzeit Plaques: Lasting Memorials

A Yahrzeit plaque is a lasting tribute that ensures the memory of a loved one will be honored for all time. The purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque guarantees a permanent fixture in the Sanctuary plus a duplicate one that will be displayed on the Yahrzeit.

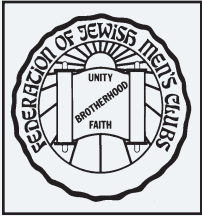
If plaques are order before April 11, 2008 they will be in the sanctuary in time for

Shavout when we dedicate all the plaques for the year.

Please contact **Michelle Caplan**, 503.293.7305 or

mcaplan@nevehshalom.org, if you would like more information about this tradition and or purchasing a plaque.

Men's Club



On behalf of the Men's Club, Bruce and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Passover. We hope everyone has enjoyable Seders as we relive our ancestors' exodus from Egypt.

We hope everyone enjoyed our March meeting, which included a presentation on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Personally, I was very impressed by the extent of the program and the level of training required for a guide dog. It was also amazing to learn that one of the camps where the dogs are trained and matched with people to guide is just outside the Portland area in Boring. This effort truly provides a mitzvah for many individuals. More information is available at

<http://www.guidedogs.com>.

April will be a busy month for Men's Club. First, we will be packing Yom Hashoah candles in Birnback Hall on Wednesday, April 9 starting at 5pm.

This effort takes several hours, so feel free to come for part of the evening if that is all your schedule allows. Contact **Peter Wigmore**

mailto:aussiewig@comcast.net for additional information.

We are planning to have our annual Yom Hashoah program on Sunday morning, April 13. We will meet around 9:40am for brunch followed by the meeting around 10:00am. We are currently scheduled to meet in the back of the sanctuary. These meetings are open to men and women.

Sunday evening, April 13 is our Men's Club Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. The tournament is open to all men and women age 18 or over. Proceeds benefit Youth Programming and the Capital Campaign. If you have not yet registered, the form is located at <http://nevehshalom.org:80/happenings/texas>.

You can also contact **Harold Lesch** at **mailto:leschlive@comcast.net** or 503-626-2176 for additional information.

Additionally, a group of Men's Club members volunteers at the Oregon Food Bank on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please contact **David Sibell** at **mailto:sibell@ohsu.edu** if you are interested in helping.

If you would like to join Men's Club, please contact our membership director, **Larry Skolnik** at **mailto:lsskolnik@hotmail.com**. We also have membership forms available on our bulletin board in the synagogue. You may also contact either of us at **mailto:bruce@thesternfamily.net** or

mailto:j3ngoodman@comcast.net.

Joe Goodman or **Bruce Stern**, Co-presidents of the Men's Club

Outside In

Volunteer cooks made another delicious meal for Outside In, a volunteer agency that offers services for at risk youth and young adults. Thanks to head cook **Akiko Berkman** and helpers **Mackenzie Berkman, Lisa and Tali Greenfield and Annie and Aviva Zigman**. Email **Aviva Zigman** at

mailto:ajzigman@hotmail.com for questions about the program.

Our next cooking date will be April 7 at 4:15pm.

Shabbat Afternoon Misgav Minyan

Saturday, April 5, 4-6pm

Our Misgav Minyan, which meets the first Shabbat of every month from 4-6pm will gather for Mincha, study, Seudah Shelishit, singing, camaraderie, Maariv, and Havdalah. This is a newer program at Neveh Shalom and we welcome all who wish to join in.

Women's League



Women's League is YOUR link between synagogue and home. Be a part of what makes us such a vital part of our synagogue. Kulanu B'Yachad, Coming Together. Women's League of Neveh Shalom is excited to host our annual Regional Spring Conference, May 4-6, bringing together the women of the Pacific Northwest and the women of Northern California. Be a part of a new community of Women, joined together in Sisterhood, to learn, laugh and grow together. We are celebrating the joining of our two regions and building for OUR future. We'll share ideas and information, renew our friendships, and meet new women to embrace as life long friends. Be a part of Spring Conference, join our celebration. Contact **Addie Banasky**, 503.246.4571 or **Estelle Wexler**, 503.620.7222 for registration and information.

Are you wearing your Torah Fund Pin with pride? Contact **Sandi Fulcher**, 503.430.8375 for more information. Celebrate Kol Isha, honoring the voices of women as graduates of the Cantors' Assembly. Torah fund cards, for all occasions are also available at our Gift Shop. Our Judaica Gift shop is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday evenings, and Sunday mornings during religious school. We are maintained with VOLUNTEERS, can YOU give us two hours per week? Contact **Sue Axel**, 503.297.9140 or **Anne Yudman**, 503.352.4074 for more information. Remember, our Gift Shop accepts Credit cards now!!

On Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 pm, join us for a Book review of *The Five Books of Moses* by Lapinsky, by Karen X. Tulchinsky.

Sylvia Frankel will lead our discussion and review of this highly regarded and enjoyable book. Stay tuned for details to follow.

Our monthly Potluck & Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm at **Susan Sutherlin's** home. Is there something you want to say to us, our meetings are open to everyone to attend and to participate WITH US. For more information, contact me at 503.626.6611.

Join us as we grow and change for the future. We're a part of the Capital Campaign for the Synagogue's future...Are you?

Susan Sutherlin, Neveh Shalom Women's League President

Gay & Lesbian Havarah

Upcoming Events:

April 15th- 7:00pm- Monthly get together at McMenamins Raleigh Hills Pub, 4495 S.W. Scholls Ferry Road.

April 20, 5 pm 2nd Night Passover

Seder Our Havurah will have designated tables. Make your reservation with flier in this month's Chronicle. Indicate seating preference on the form.

May 3rd 8pm Havdalah & Movie Night Join us at Hal Nevis' house to watch Ha-Buah, "The Bubble." This is a movie about "Three young Israelis—two guys and a girl share an apartment in Tel Aviv's hippest neighborhood. Trying to put aside political conflicts and focusing on their lives and loves, these progressive 20-somethings are often accused of living in a sort of escapist bubble..." You can read more at www.thebubble.msn.co.il/eng/about.asp. To RSVP or for any questions about this

Havurah contact

Liza Milliner-Bloom 503-319-1848
or <mailto:liza410@comcast.net>.

Torah Study

Join **Rabbi Isaak** or **Rabbi Greenstein** each Shabbat morning for Torah study 9-9:45am in the Library

Stream Restoration Project

Hold the date

Sunday May 18th, 9-12

Join Shomrei Teva, religious school students, and other Neveh Shalom members as we kick-off a long-term project to clean up, replant, and restore the creek that runs along the synagogue.

For more information, contact

Jordan Epstein,
<mailto:yaakovm@comcast.net>,
503-245-6580.

Israel Affairs

*As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,
With eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion,
Then our hope - the two-thousand-year-old hope - will not be lost:
To be a free people in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*

These are the immortal words to Israel's national anthem—HaTikvah, "The Hope," written in 1886 by Naphtali Herz Imber, an English poet originally from Bohemia. The melody was written by Samuel Cohen, an immigrant from Moldavia. Some of us know it by heart, and some of us have never learned the words. Here's your chance. We'll be singing this song—and many more on May 2nd at our Yom Ha'atzmaut Seder, part of a special First Friday Shabbat service and dinner. Don't miss out on this special opportunity. See the enclosed flyer for more information. We need your input for the Seder. Do you have a story or special experience about Israel that you'd be willing to share during the dinner? How about writing up a short paragraph about what Israel means to you? We are going to be compiling them and sharing them with everyone. Send your submissions to <mailto:crothstein@nevehshalom.org>. Also, please join us on Sunday May 4th for our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. We'll be exploring an archeological dig; learning more about what's happening on the spot in Israel, as we contact Rabbi Isaak in Israel to relay what's going on in Jerusalem; and exploring lots more about how we can increase our people-to-people contact in Israel. Join us for food (\$5 in advance. Contact **Caron Rothstein** at <mailto:crothstein@nevehshalom.org> for more information) and fun as we celebrate this momentous occasion! There will be many more activities to explore Israel in the upcoming months. Won't you help plan them? Join our committee.

B'Shalom, **Dana Sacks**, Israel Affairs Committee Chair



Notes from Shomrei Teva

The Greening of Pesach

This year, 5768, Pesach begins the evening of April 19th. Of this holiday's many themes, certainly nature and its rebirth and renewal is prominent. Many of our haggadot include Song of Songs (2:10-12): "Arise my beloved, my fair one ... Let us go down to the vineyards to see if the vines have budded." Are there ways we can green the holiday and live in better harmony with nature?

An excellent place to start is when we clean our homes of chametz. This is the time to remove not only the leaven, but the "environmental" leaven, i.e., all those products that are dangerous to us, our children, animals, and the earth. Are your cleaning products benign, or do they contain harmful chemicals that eventually end up in the oceans? What about all those things we use in the yard? This is a wonderful time, as you start to contemplate Spring planting, to pledge to maintain your yard chemical-free. Resources to help you are abundant.

At the COEJL (Coalition On the Environment and Jewish Life) website, there is an entire section devoted to Greening Passover Resources. Look it over at <http://www.coejl.org/~coejl/or/celebrate/passover.php> or go to the Canfei Nesharim website for Passover cleaning tips: http://www.canfeinesharim.org/learning/make_difference.php?page=11457. Finally, consider adding environmental readings to your seder. Some are available at The Big Green Jewish website: <http://www.biggreenjewish.org/File/EnvironmentalreadingsforyourSeder.pdf>.

If you would like to join other Neveh Shalom members in strengthening the connection between Jewish teachings and how we care for the earth, contact **Jordan Epstein** 503-245-6580; <mailto:yaakovm@comcast.net>

Shomrei Teva welcomes you and wishes you a chag sameach! **Jordan Epstein**

Passover 2nd nite Seder

Plan to join **Rabbi Bradley** and **Sarah**

Greenstein for our Second Night Seder on Sunday, April 20, at 6:00pm. Fabulous food will be provided by our own **Allen Levin**. Also, don't miss our pre-Passover

Friday night dinner, April 18, 7:15pm.

Reservations required!

Havurot Program Wants YOU!



A Havurot Reminder—

Please return your

Havurah Interest Forms to **Caron Blau**

Rothstein as soon as possible as we would like to begin forming new havurot soon.

The more forms we receive, the more specific the Havurot we form can be, and we want to make the best matches possible! If you need another form, you can download from the CNS website,

http://www.neveshalom.org/files/u1/havurah_form.pdf, fill out and mail in.

For any questions contact **Caron** at x139 or <mailto:crothstein@neveshalom.org>



Taste and Travel

Thursday, April 3, 7:00pm

Taste & Travel is a time of "Show-and-Tell" for grown-ups. We will schedule 2 presentations per evening (30 minutes each). Enjoy a virtual tour through sharing experiences via slides, PowerPoint, artifacts, souvenirs, and best of all, food! We will have treats, snacks, or finger foods so you may sample the region and culture. We will be meeting at Neveh Shalom on the following Thursday evenings, 7-9pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

April 3 **Mark Abolofia** "Turkey"

Ed & Ros Srebnik "Croatia"

May 15 **Dale Oller** "Vietnam and Cambodia"

• Make a Difference Day •

• April 4 - 6, 2008! •

Make a Difference Day is a day dedicated to helping others and actively making the world a better place. The 2008 program theme is "Preserving the Environment," and activities will extend throughout the weekend as Jewish communities throughout America celebrate Jewish National Fund GoNeutral Shabbat.

JNF GoNeutral: An Environmental Movement for Tomorrow

encourages individuals and organizations to reduce and offset their carbon emissions in order to help the environment and fight global warming. Calculate your carbon footprint and learn more at www.jnf.org/goneutral. Then click on GoNeutral Shabbat where you might want to open up the GoNeutral Shabbat Guide at the bottom and

integrate aspects of it in your family's Shabbat.

We'd like to keep track of all the Neveh Shalom families that are participating.

Let us know by emailing **Steve Sirkin** at <mailto:stevejew18@verizon.net>

MISSING!!

Sefer Ha-aggadah Bialik

Please return me to my home at
the Feldstein Library



Neveh Shalom Youth Activities Seeks Advisors



Want a fun job that allows you to work with kids and use your creativity? Spend 10-20 hours a month making a difference in the lives of today's youth! Neveh Shalom's Youth Activities include United Synagogue Youth (USY, 9th-12th grade) the conservative movement's high school youth group, Kadima (6th-8th grade) the pre-teen conservative youth movement, and Junior Kadima (3rd-5th grade). The purpose of Neveh Shalom's Youth Activities is to involve Jewish Youth in a meaningful relationship with Judaism in an environment that is religious, educational and social.

Advisors are responsible for planning and executing monthly events in and around the synagogue. Such events include movie nights, laser-tag, bowling and other fun, recreational activities.

We offer competitive salary, flexible schedules and a supportive atmosphere.

For more information please email **Helene Wren**, Youth Director, at mailto:hwren@neveshalom.org



First Babies Group

The First Babies group is excited to announce that **Caron Blau Rothstein**, who has recently joined the Neveh Shalom staff as a program coordinator, will be working with us to help provide and enrich programs for new and expecting parents. She has a wealth of knowledge in this area and a passion for helping new families.

Caron is interested in helping us provide some Jewish parenting classes, possibly organizing playgroups and exploring childbirth education for first time expectant parents. We need to hear from our newer parents out there, so we have designed a survey to learn more about your interests. Keep your eyes open for the new parent survey we will be sending out over email. Please give us your input so that so we can plan some events that you would like to see happen!

For our March get together, the First Babies group met for a delicious brunch at **Hilary & Alan Barthold's** home. It was a wonderful time to connect with other families and so much fun to see all the little babies play together. Thank you to Hilary and Alan for hosting us! Our upcoming events are the CNS Auction on March 16th and the Passover recipe exchange/tasting on April 13th at 3:00(location TBA).

For more information on the First Babies group, please contact **Caron Rothstien** at <mailto:crothstein@nevehshalom.org> or **Sarah Mitnick** at <mailto:mitnick.sarah@yahoo.com>

PORTLAND JEWISH CHORAL FESTIVAL 4TH ANNUAL

ISRAEL IN SPIRIT AND SONG

YOUTH, ADULT, TEEN AND SENIOR CHOIRS
SING FOR ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY APRIL 6 **3:00 PM**

CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM
2900 SW PEACEFUL LANE
INFO: 503.281.0403

TICKETS:
\$ 8.00 ADULT - 5.00 SENIOR / STUDENT
- 36.00 PATRON



On April 6th and the 13th look for our volunteers at Albertsons on Shattuck Road. We will be explaining and offering info on Passover to the general public. We will also be having a tasting of Passover food.

Shoreshim



The all-Dads Purimspiel not only was hilarious, but fun and the product of hard work. Thanks to **Matt Emlen** for organizing his all-male cast, as well as to

Rabbi Bradley Greenstein,

Jordan Epstein and Marci Atkins

for their participation. For many of Shoreshim's little ones, it was their first experience witnessing the unscrolling of the Megillah (but certainly not their first taste of hamantaschen!).

Tot Shabbat is now held upstairs in Rms. 113 – 115. There also is a Shabbat Kids service held simultaneously next door to Tot Shabbat (Rm. 117), it caters to children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade and includes aliyot and singing accompanied by a guitar.

Next services will be April 5 and 19; they start at 10:15 a.m. and are followed on site by a light Kiddush lunch for all Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Kids' families.

The April 19 Kiddush will be kosher-for-Passover. In keeping with dietary restrictions for Pesach, please leave all snacks for your children at home. Did you know you can sponsor a Kiddush? Doing so in honor of a child's birthday, your anniversary, in memory of a loved one, or for any special occasion, is a mitzvah and will increase the meaning of the Kiddush for all congregants gathered. For more details and to complete a form to sponsor a Kiddush, please pick up an information sheet, available at the kids' Shabbat services and outside the synagogue's main offices.

Coming soon: A celebratory Yom Ha'Atzmaut morning to fete Israel's 60th year. Stay tuned for this Sunday, May 4, event.

For questions about Shoreshim or information on how you can get involved, please contact **Amy Katz** at

503-238-3773,

<mailto:ajkatz@mindspring.com>, or

Jenn Director Knudsen,

<mailto:jdknudsen@yahoo.com>

Youth and School @ CNS

JR. Kadima (grades 3-5)

Hey Junior Kadimaniks!

I can officially say that our Shabbaton celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday was a complete success! You turned out in record numbers, and it made for an amazing weekend! Our next event will be Bouldering on April 6! This is a very active event, in which you can climb up rocks on the wall in a rock climbing gym. Don't worry, it is completely safe, and there will be plenty of staff there to help you and give you some tips. I look forward to seeing you all on April 6!

Marissa Louke, Junior Kadima Advisor
mailto: jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org

Kadima (grades 6-8)

Kadima had a blast in March. We spent a weekend with Jr. Kadima at the Shabbat Shabbaton event in the great outdoors. It was a ton of fun, we celebrated Israel's 60th birthday by not only having a big birthday party, but also by playing Israeli games like Ga-Ga and eating different foods from Israel. In March we also went rock climbing at the bouldering gym! We all got to climb up and down short routes on different climbing walls with the safety of mattress pads.

Finally, many eight graders and their families came to the Introduction to USY dinner where we talked about some of the cool opportunities that the USY program provides.

Make sure to keep an eye out for the Games and pizza event coming up in April!

Jaime Wren, Kadima Advisor
mailto: kadima@portlandrishonm.org

USY (grades 9-12)

USY is move'n and groove'n into Spring.

We've had some spectacular events including a very successful Parents' Night Out, an urban hike through the parks of Portland and a glamorous night of community service while catering the Neveh Shalom Auction. Mark your calendars for the Beach Shabbaton at Seaside on April 11-13.

Rachelle Vagy, USY Advisor
mailto: usy@portlandrishonim.org

Youth Activities has been keeping busy!

March was filled with lots of activities including our Junior Kadima and Kadima kids attending the Annual Camp Solomon Schechter Shabbaton and our USYers volunteered as the servers for the Annual Neveh Shalom Auction. Our kids are creating meaningful relationships within Judaism in an environment that is religious, educational and social. The relationships formed during these events carry on to bar/bat mitzvah friends, summer camp buddies and later on college and life long friends.

As many families start to think about summer plans, I ask you to take a look at the amazing USY High School Summer Programs being offered <http://www.usy.org/programs/escape/> Their programs vary from outdoor adventures to community service in both North America and Israel. They offer an in-depth experience that creates incredibly meaningful memories and opportunities. We are always trying to strengthen our program and if you have any suggestions and or comments please feel free to call or email anytime. We are always looking for more parents to join our Youth Activities Committee (YAC); this committee helps create the policies and structure for our program. The more input and ideas we bring to the table, the stronger our youth program will be!

Helene Wren, Youth Activities Director
mailto: hwren@nevehshalom.org
503.293.7314

Chadashot News from Kochavim & Notz'tzim

Neveh Shalom's popular Hebrew music and exploration class for tots ages 0-4 and their caregivers, is beginning a new session in April, with new class times on TUESDAYS 12:45-1:30 p.m. and WEDNESDAYS 4:15-5:00 p.m. Come for the

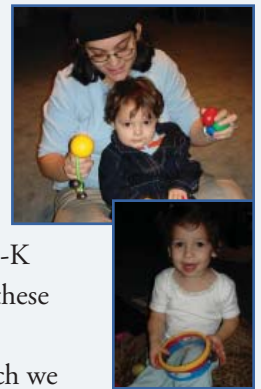
Hebrew, the music, dancing, and active fun with **Morah**

Levia Friedman! The cost of the program is \$10/day by pre-registration for the session, or \$12/day on a drop-in basis.

Kids in Kochavim, our Hebrew immersion program for pre-K through 2nd graders, have been working and playing hard these past months! Morah Rachel Stern's class (pre-K and K) just finished a unit on "chamisha chushim" (five senses), in which we tasted sweet (matok), salty (malu'ach), spicy (charif) and bitter (marir), we felt all kinds of textures and temperatures from rough (m'chuspas) to smooth (chalak) and cold(kar) to hot (cham), listened to sounds like trains (rakevet) and instruments (klei n'gina), guessed smells from "vanil" to "ekaliptus", appreciated all that we see, including colors (tzva'im), and light and dark (or va'choshech), and made a sefer (book) to record our experiences.

In Morah Mel's class (1st-2nd grade), we are mastering our Hebrew decoding and writing skills through games like "nekudot" (dots), "ish talu'i" (hangman), and "misaviv ha'olam" (around the world). We have learned many important phrases in spoken Hebrew (I have, I don't have, I like, I don't like) and used them this month to make up impromptu hatzagot-bubot (puppet shows) which we presented for our chaverim (friends) using our favorite chayot (animals).

For more information on school-year and summer programs of Kochavim and Notz'tzim, please contact **Mel Berwin** 503-452-6890 or <mailto:michaeltvmel@gmail.com>
Todah!



Religious School

The Seder is divided into 15 sections that direct us through the haggadah from the Kiddush to the concluding songs. Maggid is the longest and most important part of the Seder. It is the story of Passover – how God helped us throw off the shackles of slavery and begin our journey to becoming a free nation. Why, then do we start Maggid by pointing to the Matzah and announcing “this is the bread of poverty?” Why do we start to tell such an honorable story by mentioning something so lowly and shameful? Perhaps the following parable will help to understand this Seder custom.

Once, a king was traveling through the fields when he heard the sounds of a flute being played. “I must find this musician, whomever it is, is obviously a very special person.” The musician was actually a young shepherd. Having spoken to him for only a few minutes, the king realized that this simple young fellow was a man of superior intelligence. He offered him a position at the royal court, and the young shepherd accepted.

At the palace, the young man quickly proved his value. He rose in power to become the king’s most trusted and respected advisor. Though the king’s respect for his new chief advisor increased every day, the young man’s popularity decreased steadily among his fellow palace workers. “Why should the new guy be the king’s favorite?” they would grumble. “We’ve been here longer!”

Eventually, they came up with a plan. They accused the king’s new advisor of stealing money and property from the king. The king wouldn’t believe them at first, but after some time and some persistent nagging from the other palace workers, he agreed to search his advisor’s home. They found nothing. Happy, the king was about to return to the palace when his workers pointed out one more door that they somehow missed during their search.

“Don’t go in there!” The advisor’s usually confident face had turned white, and beads of sweat began to form on his forehead. The king and his workers insisted, and the door was opened. What was inside was a source of great shock and amazement to the king and all who witnessed as the door was first opened.

Absolutely nothing. The room was empty, except for an old robe and a flute. Pressed for an explanation, the chief advisor finally relented. “Having risen so quickly in position, I needed a way to make sure that I wouldn’t let all of the honor and power get to my head. So every morning, I lock myself in this room, put on my old shepherd’s robe, and play my flute. When I remember the old days, I realize that I have no reason to become haughty. This has helped me a lot.”

On the night of the Seder our Mitzvah is to tell a story about ourselves that involves much honor and glory. Before we can do that, we must remind ourselves of our origin: “this is the bread of poverty.”

Susan Bernstein, Director of Education

High School Graduation Shabbat

Please join us at our late services on Friday night, May 9th, as we celebrate the graduation of all of our High School seniors. Neveh Shalom has established a tradition of recognizing these students as they are about to embark on their new adventures. All graduating seniors will be receiving information in the mail soon. Please contact **Marci Atkins** 503.293.7308 if you have any questions about this joyous evening celebrating a parent’s pride and young person’s accomplishments.

Religious School Highlights

for April

Sunday April 6th

Third Grade Family
Education Program

Saturday April 12th

Third, Fourth, Fifth Grade
Shabbat Services

Sunday April 13th

First Grade Family Education
Program, and Fifth Grade Field Trip

Wednesday April 16th

High School Oratory Contest

Wednesday April 30th

High School Yom HaShoah
Commemoration

Foundation School

This has been such a busy month at Foundation School. The classroom focus was on Purim. Children were busy hearing the story,



singing songs, making crowns and Haman hats and baking Hamantaschen for their families. The annual All-school Purim Parade was held on March 21. Our little Kings, Queens, Mordecais and Hamans marched around the sanctuary as their parents proudly watched the parade.

Morah Kim Palumbus led the group in singing Purim songs, and several of our talented teachers presented a Purim play for our enjoyment.

Parents enjoyed gathering in the atrium for our spring Parent Coffee to visit with each other, **Jan**, and **Rabbi**. This was such a nice time to relax, have a nosh, a cup of coffee and just chat.

Spring vacation gave teachers and children a time to renew and refresh for the next major Jewish holiday unit of Passover. Have a good month.



Jan Skolnik, Director and
Sheila Stern, Assistant Director

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Scholar in Residence Weekend Dr. Alan Mintz, Jewish Theological Seminary



Congregation Neveh Shalom

Saturday, April 12

9:00am, 1:00pm

Havdallah reception, 6:30pm

Biography

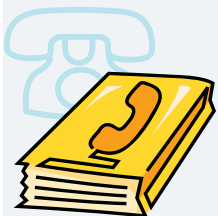
As the recipient of grants from the National Foundation for the Humanities and the Avi Chai Foundation, he has been a leader in Holocaust educational development, and Hebrew immersion training for day school educators. He joined the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he holds the Chana Kekst Professorship in Hebrew Literature, after ten years as the Braun Professor of Modern Hebrew Literature at Brandeis University. His current research centers on the history of Hebrew in America, and its lessons for the future of Jewish culture and identity. He will be delivering the 2008 Gus & Libby Solomon Lecture at Portland State University.

Saturday, April 12:

9:00am: Participation in services combined with Downstairs Minyan, Birnbach Hall

1:00pm: Study Session in the back of Birnbach Hall

6:30pm: Mincha/Maariv Service, Havdallah, study time - Atrium



It is time to start compiling the 2008-2009 Neveh Shalom Synagogue Directory

Placing an ad in the directory allows you to market your business to the approximately 1000 synagogue families who will use it. Not only is this a great way for you to advertise your business, but you will also be supporting the Religious Schools (Sunday School, Hebrew School and the High School program).

To purchase an advertisement for your business, please complete and return to the Religious School office the contract that is enclosed in this issue of the Chronicle. Again this year there will be a Yellow Page section, a quick reference guide of businesses. This is free to those placing ads of 1/4 page or larger. For those placing business card sized ads there is an additional \$36.00 charge.

Your family can also place a complimentary greeting in the directory. If you would like to do this, complete the appropriate section of the contract.

If you have any questions please call **Dayle** in the Religious School office, 503-293-7312 or email <mailto:dayle@nevehshalom.org>

Thank you in advance for helping the Religious School.

Blood Drive May 18 9:00am-1:00pm



Give Blood, Save Lives!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on site at Neveh Shalom from 9am to 1pm. All blood types are needed. To sign up, please call **JoAnn** at 503-293-7309 or reply to jbezodis@nevehshalom.org and we will schedule you to the nearest half-hour you indicate. Don't wait for someone else to be the hero. We're counting on YOU!

Yom Ha Shoah

Yom ha Shoah will be Friday, May 2nd. You will be receiving a memorial candle from the Men's Club to commemorate this event. Light your candle on the evening of Thursday, May 1. We also would like to invite you to the Oregon Board of Rabbis memorial service for Yom ha Shoah, to be held on Wednesday, April 30, (TBA) at Congregation Shaarie Torah. For more information call 503-226-6131.

All-Member First Friday Dinner

Friday, April 4, Approx. 7:15pm

Join us after our early 6:15pm service for family-style Shabbat dinner. Reservations required. \$14 per person, \$7 per child age 10 and under, \$42 limit per household.

RSVP by noon on Wednesday, April 2.

Call Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831, x 100, or <mailto:jmarquis@nevehshalom.org>



Senior Lunch Bunch

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Tuesday, April 8, 12:00 noon

The Senior Lunch this month will be on Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00 noon in the Birnbach Hall. Neveh Shalom member, **Wendy Rosenfield**, will speak on spring cleaning and home organization, just in time for Passover. Don't miss this unique, first-rate KOSHER lunch, only \$5 per person, reservations required. RSVP by noon on Monday, April 7 to Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831 ext.100 or <mailto:jmarquis@nevehshalom.org>. Save the date for lunch next month, Tuesday, May 6.

And save the date:

First Friday Dinner and Yom

Ha'Atzmaut Seder

Friday, May 2, Approx. 7:15pm

The Israel Affairs Committee presents a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder in conjunction with our monthly First Friday Shabbat Dinner. Ilene Safyan will lead participants in a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder to honor Israel's 60th anniversary of its independence. This promises to be an extra special program. \$14/adult, \$7/child age 10 and under, \$42 limit per household (includes 2 adults and all minor children). Reservations required. RSVP by noon on Wednesday, April 30. Call Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831, ext. 100, or <mailto:jmarquis@nevehshalom.org>

Donate Your Car



You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle,

running or not. Call **JoAnn Bezodis** in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503-293-7309, or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org



CAUTION!!! UNDER REPAIR



The Cemetery Committee is taking on a tremendous task of restoring many monuments/headstones at the Ahavai Shalom Cemetery. Due to weather and age, many of these stones are leaning or sinking off their foundations. This is unacceptable and disrespectful to our forefathers. Because of the danger of some of these stones to our workers and our visitors, we have marked some with caution tape and those that will need various repairs with different colored tape.

We plan to start this project shortly. As each headstone is repaired the unsightly tapes will be removed. Thank you for your understanding. We owe this to our forefathers. Because of the age of most of these headstones, many do not have family members left in the Portland area. If you recognize a name and possibly know of a family contact, please contact **Michelle Caplan** at 503.293.7305 or <mailto:mcaplan@nevehshalom.org>

Neveh Shalom Reads!



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"Disobedience" by Naomi Alderman

Home Discussion Groups for April 6-10

On the model of "Portland Reads", "Neveh Shalom Reads" will encourage a broad readership within our Neveh Shalom community. Below are listed a number of opportunities to share our reactions in a group setting. Kindly RSVP directly to the hosts.

Sunday evening, April 6 beginning at 6:30pm Cheryl Livneh will lead the discussion at the home of Carolyn and Gary Weinstein in SW

Portland, 97221. RSVP to: <mailto:cargarw@comcast.net>

*Monday evening, April 7 beginning at 7pm, Daniel Isaak will lead the discussion at the home of **Karen and Manny Berman** in NW Portland, 97229. RSVP to:*

<mailto:karenbberman@hotmail.com>

Wednesday afternoon, April 9 beginning at 2pm Carol Isaak will lead the discussion at the home of Sheri and Lee Cordova in Lake Oswego, 97035. RSVP to:

<mailto:lscord@comcast.net>

*Wednesday evening, April 9 beginning at 7pm, Selma Duckler will lead the discussion at the home of **Bernice & Bud Gevurtz** in Lake Oswego, 97034, 503-636-1460.*

Thursday afternoon, April 10, beginning at 2pm, Gail Marger will lead the discussion at the home of Amy and Jerry Brem in NW Portland, 97210. RSVP to:

<mailto:amybrem@comcast.net>

*Thursday evening, April 10, beginning at 7pm, **Kimberly Hartnet** will lead the discussion at the home of **Deborah Freedberg** and **William Diebold** in NE Portland, 97213. RSVP to: <mailto:debfreedberg@yahoo.com>*



Writers & Scholars Series

Charlotte Fonrobert Sunday, April 6, 2008 Reed College, 4:30pm

Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert is an associate professor in the Religious Studies department of Stanford University. She specializes in Judaism, especially talmudic literature and culture. Her research interests include gender in Jewish culture, the relationship between Judaism and Christianity in Late Antiquity, the discourses of orthodoxy versus heresy, and rabbinic conceptions of Judaism with respect to Greco-Roman culture. She completed her graduate training at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Fonrobert is the author of *Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender* (2000), which won the Salo Baron Prize for a best first book in Jewish Studies of the year.



Passover Cleaning? Donate your unopened hametz to our food drive!

Southwest Hope for the Hungry

An Interfaith Food Drive benefiting families in SW Portland

Bring in your non-perishable food items to the food collection barrel in the upstairs coat closet outside the sanctuary. Neighborhood House provides emergency food boxes for over 250 families each month. Our goal is to raise the equivalent of 50,000 pounds of food to feed these families for the next four months. We accept both food and cash donations (\$1 = 1 pound of food). Congregation Neveh Shalom is joining with other faith organizations and community partners in order to reach this goal. Please give generously. Thank you for your help!

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phone **Sue Axel** at 503.297.9140 or Ann Yudman at 503.352.4074 if you are available to help.

Gift Shop Spring Hours

Judaica Shop open during construction

Monday-Friday 10AM-12 noon (when religious school is in session)

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HAGGADOT for all ages, CHILDREN'S books for all ages to explain the holiday, COOKBOOKS to make the holiday special, and much more.

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by Edward K. Kaplan

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A one-step Seder resource guide!

Spring Hours

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WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

Call the synagogue office **503.246.8831** so that we may inform **Rabbi Isaak** and/or **Rabbi Greenstein** and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for **Michelle Caplan, ext 114**. After business hours, on weekends & holidays, contact **Michelle Caplan at 503.481.0164, Rabbi Isaak 503.228.8819** or the funeral home of your choice for assistance. Most Jewish funerals in Portland are arranged by **Holman Funeral Service, 503.232.5131**. If you wish Tahara for your loved one—respectful preparation for burial according to ancient Jewish tradition—you may request it from Holman's Funeral Home or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify The Chevra.

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

ברוך אתה יי,
אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וצונו להדליק נר של
שבת.



Ba-rukh atah A-do-nay, E-l Me-
nu me-lekh ha-olam a-she'r Kid-
sha-nu be-mitz-votav ve-tzi-van-
nu li-hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our
God, King of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us by Thy
commandments, and has
commanded us to kindle the
sabbath lights.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, April	4	7:26pm
Friday, April	11	7:35pm
Friday, April	18	7:44pm
Friday, April	25	7:53pm

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parking, locations for classes as well as
for services. Please call the Neveh Shalom office
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for more information.

DAILY MINYAN

Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat, Friday

1st, 4th & 5th Friday of the Month

6:15pm ONLY

2nd and 3rd Friday of the Month

6:15pm and 8:15pm

Shabbat, Saturday, 9 am

Every Saturday: Shabbat Child Care

Please call 503.246.8831 to reserve space.

If you would like to participate in the
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1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:15 am, Room TBD

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If you would like to lead the davening for

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Mark Sherman, 503.245.0571



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Charlotte Fonrobert

Sunday

April 6, 2008

4:30 pm

Reed College ~ Psychology Room 105



“THE RABBIS’ HERMAPHRODITE: GENDER AMBIGUITY AND LEGAL IDENTITY IN JUDAISM”

Jewish law as conceived by the sages of the Talmud assumes that its subjects are either men or women. In traditional Jewish law someone's gender identity is crucial, since the individual commandments apply to either men or women. Yet how does the law apply to those who do not clearly fit into either of these two categories?

In this talk, Prof. Fonrobert will reflect on the importance of the rabbinic discussion about gender ambiguous people to Jewish thinking and contemporary reflections on gender identity. “

Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert is associate professor in the Religious Studies department of Stanford University. She earned her Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, in 1989 and 1995. Her undergraduate work was done in the Protestant Seminary of Berlin and Free University in Berlin. Fonrobert's field of expertise is in Talmudic literature and culture. Among her books is Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender (2000), which won the Salo Baron Prize for a best first book in Jewish Studies.

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BRIEF PASSOVER GUIDELINES AND REMINDERS FROM CNS

Passover is every Jewish adult's favorite holiday. It is filled with history, symbolism and meaning. The more we put into preparing and observing the Mitzvot of Passover, the more purposeful it becomes. For beginners it is difficult to do everything the first time. However the goal should be to add new pieces each year. Initial preparation often begins soon after Purim; setting the guest list for the Seder and planning to eat up the Hametz (see below) we have in our homes. In the last weeks and days the scouring of the kitchen, the changeover of dishes and purchase of Kosher for Passover foods takes place. It's hard work, but it's worth it.

You will find below a schedule of our Passover synagogue services as well as a reference guide for your preparation.

PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED FOODS

The Torah prohibits the eating or ownership of Hametz (leaven) during Passover. Hametz consists of foods containing any of the basic grains: wheat, barley, rye, oats and spelt. (Matza itself is made from flour, but made with sufficient speed so that the dough cannot leaven.)

Prohibited foods include the following:

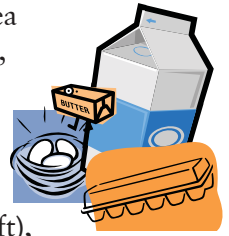
leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, the five grains (see above) and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most historically authorities have added Kitniot to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however string beans are permitted). Peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazi authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners,



corn oil, soy oil. Sephardi authorities permit the use of all of the foods which the Ashkenazi authorities added to the basic list.

Permitted Foods:

A. The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased prior to Passover: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee, sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea), salt (not iodized); pepper, natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables; milk, butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi soft), and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.



B. The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a Kosher le-Pesach label: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with kitniot which are not listed among the ingredients.), canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water has often been processed in vegetable broth and/ or hydrolyzed protein), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda. (If it is known that the juices are not clarified with kitniot and the tuna is not processed in vegetable oil or hydrolyzed protein, then they need no label.)

D. Liquid and powdered detergents permitted during the year do not need a Kosher le-Pesach label.

Medicine: Hametz binders are used in many pills. If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. In all cases, capsules are preferred to pills.

Passover preparation involves cleaning all areas of the house where Hametz may have been brought during the year. Central focus is on the kitchen: counter tops, cabinets, floors, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, and toughest of all, the stove. After thorough cleaning, line cabinets that will be used during Passover and counter tops with fresh paper. Table tops should be covered.

POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZING THE SELLING HAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Isaak and/or Rabbi Greenstein to act on my behalf to sell all hametz possessed by me-knowingly or unknowingly-as defined by torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein hametz owned may be found.

This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins at sundown on April 19, 2008.

To this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2008.

Signature _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

KITCHEN PREPERATION

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OVEN: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, then turn oven heat to its highest setting and the burners all the way up for half an hour. Scrub and clean self-cleaning ovens and put through the self-cleaning cycle. Kasher continuous cleaning ovens as regular ovens. Clean microwaves and then place a cup of water inside. Turn on until the water disappears. (A microwave with a browning element cannot be kashered for Passover.)

DISHWASHER: After not using the machine for 24 hours, run an empty full cycle with detergent.



ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: If the parts that ordinarily come into contact with Hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (see below). If the parts are not removable, the appliance probably cannot be kashered.

KITCHEN SINK: Thoroughly clean and then pour boiling water over a metal sink. Clean a porcelain sink and use a sink rack.

UTENSILS AND DISHES: Ideally dishes and utensils which are only used for Passover should be used exclusively. The following rules apply to kashering dishes and utensils for Passover which are also used during the year. Leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil, i.e. utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.



Earthenware (china, pottery) may not be kashered. However fine translucent (bone) chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Metal utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.



Glassware, according to some authorities, should be soaked in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours. Others require only a thorough scrubbing and then put them through a dishwasher. Glass Cookware, some say that after a thorough cleaning, boiling water should be put in it which overflows the rim. Others require only a thorough cleansing. Glass Bakeware cannot be kashered.

If you have any other questions regarding Kashrut, call Rabbi Isaak at 503-246.8831 x 115 or email: disaak@nevehshalom.org



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Save the Date!
Neveh Shalom Family Camping Trip

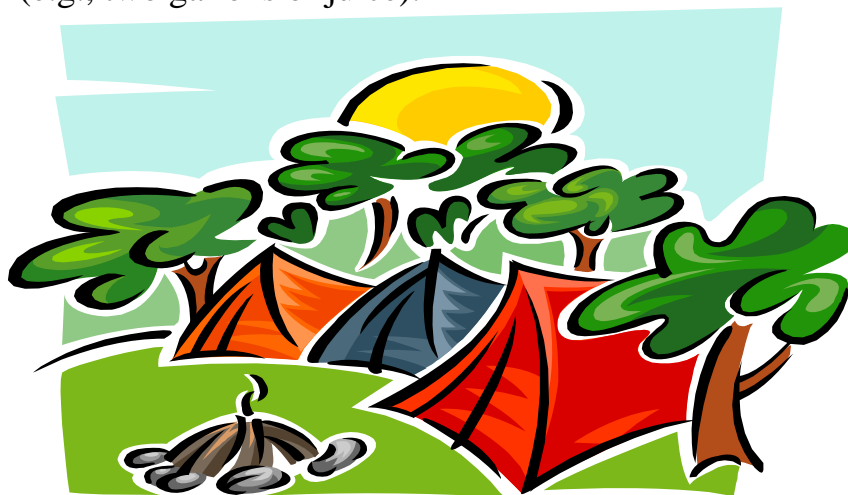
When: August 8th-10th, 2008

Where: Nehalem Bay State Park

(on the coast, about 2 hours drive from Portland)

Celebrate Shabbat with friends, new and old, amid the beauty of the Oregon Coast. Tons of camping fun, beach access, bike trails, hiking and playgrounds. Campground has great facilities (showers, flush toilets, water and electrical outlet at each site).

Cost: \$70 per family for members, \$85 per family for non-members. Price includes campsite, Shabbat activities, kosher entrees for Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner. Each family will be asked to bring two items to contribute to a group meal (e.g., two gallons of juice).



Registration forms will go out with the April Chronicle. You can also register beginning on April 1st on the synagogue web-site. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so register early!

Contact Debbie Zwetchkenbaum (503-590-2927, plumtree29@aol.com) or
Levia Friedman (503-295-2262, levia.friedman@gmail.com) for more information.



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All Member First Friday Shabbat Dinner



*The Israel Affairs Committee
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Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder in conjunction with our monthly
First Friday Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 2, 2008

Birnbach Hall

Approximately 7:15pm

Join us after our early 6:15pm service
for a family-style Shabbat dinner as we
celebrate Israel's 60th birthday in story
and song. Seder led by Rabbi Bradley
Greenstein and Ilene Safyan.

This promises to be a memorable program.

Adult: \$14,

Children(10 & under) \$7,

Household Maximum is \$42

Reservations **MUST** be made in advance

RSVP by phone or email to Julie at

jmarquis@nevehshalom.org

by noon Wednesday, April 30th.





PASSOVER Second Night Seder

Plan to join Rabbi Bradley and Sarah Greenstein for our Second Night Seder on Sunday, April 20, 5:00pm. Fabulous food will be provided by our own Allen Levin along with an interactive and meaningful Seder experience. Supervised childcare will be available as needed throughout the seder at no additional cost.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, KINDLY RSVP BY APRIL 9

Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.

Neveh Shalom Passover Second Night Seder Sunday, April 20, 2008

Please return the bottom portion of this form to Julie Marquis in the Neveh Shalom office by April 9, 2008.

Adult: \$30 Member \$35 Non-member Children(5-12) \$20 Member \$25 Non-member 4 and under \$10

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PRE PASSOVER SHABBAT DINNER**



**Friday, April 18, Early Chik Chok
service at 6:15pm followed
by our all member shabbat dinner.
NOTE: No 8:15 service.**

Neveh Shalom Pre-Passover Shabbat Dinner Friday, April 18, 2008

Please return the bottom portion of this form to Julie in the office by **Monday, April 14, 2008.**

Adult: \$14 Children: (10 and under) \$7 Household Maximum is \$42

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