

From the Pulpit

Everything We Need

We live amidst a culture of want and desire. Billions of dollars, lifetimes of hours are spent developing an industry designed specifically to make us feel that we don't yet have what we need. Turn on the television, read the newspaper, take a walk and you are suddenly bombarded with a multitude of voices and graphics. They say you need a bigger BBQ, a new phone, a vacation....attempting to make you realize that although you may think otherwise, you do

not in fact have everything you need. While all of this might indeed fuel the mechanisms of civilization it certainly doesn't nurture our souls. Thankfully we are all heirs to the wisdom of a tradition that views yearning in a different light. The Jewish mind does not yearn for what it does not have; it yearns to dive deeper and explore what already exists within. That is why our sages famously exclaimed thousands of years ago, "Eize hu ashir, Ha sameach b'chelko... Who is rich? The one content with their portion!" This one line has stayed a Jewish catchphrase for ages because ours is a tradition that assumes within all a buried treasure. For the Talmudic masters, to be ashir, to be rich, is not about material wealth...it is about awareness. Our ancestors maintained for thousands of years that we all already have everything we need. The morning prayers in our siddurim are adamant that the soul we were born with is not only good enough...it is golden. To be a rich person is to be aware of the blessings already within and surrounding one's life. More often than not, we already have everything we need. I recently came across a koan, a poem written to arouse intuition, which speaks to this need to always be chasing.

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From the President

The poet Rita Mae Brown wrote "A life of reaction is a life of slavery, intellectually, and spiritually. One must fight for a life of action, not reaction." By any measure you would have to say that your Board of Directors is fighting the good fight. Throughout the recently completed fiscal year your Board of Directors took actions ensuring the future success of our Congregation. At the outset of the year I established three priorities for the year: Completion of the Capital Campaign, religious services that felt more welcoming, and a renewed emphasis on youth programming. Progress was made on all three.

The Capital Campaign raised \$8.1 million before being temporarily stalled given the economic environment which emerged in the last quarter of '08. The buildings were completed on time and we celebrated the High Holidays in our beautiful new facility as planned. The project has exceeded expectations both in form and functionality. Did you realize that our energy bills are actually lower than prior to the new buildings being built?

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

In a recent letter mailed to your home, we said that we would engage you in educational opportunities – ones that embrace conversations from a Jewish perspective. There are many ways this will occur – in print, via conversations (both individually and in groups), on our website and by using social media. We hope these engagements will allow you and your loved ones to have meaningful conversations and allow your participation in philanthropy, tzedakah and mitzvot at a comfortable level.

Our first educational piece discusses צדקה (Tzedakah) – its roots vs. those of the words charity and philanthropy. In addition, we share a Talmudic thought.

Roots...

Sometimes the origins of a word can teach us a lot. The English word which is closest to "tzedakah" is "justice," but when we talk about giving money to help those who are in need, the words "charity" and "philanthropy" are often used. See if you can find the difference in their meaning.

TZEDAKAH CHARITY PHILANTHROPY comes from the Hebrew root **TZEDEK** meaning justice, righteousness comes from the Latin word **CARITAS** meaning love or fondness comes from the Greek word **PHILIA** meaning love and **ANTHROPOS** meaning people

Based on their "root meanings" what is the difference between the Jewish mitzvah of giving Tzedakah and the practices of giving "charity" or "philanthropy?"

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Debi lazarev

July 31st & August 1st



Mazel Tov to **Debi** Lazarev who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 7.31.09 and 8.1.09. She is daughter to Michael and Svetlana Lazarev and sister to Inna. Her grandparents are

Oleg and Nina Lazarev and Sofia Kotik of Israel. Debi is a 7th grader at Stoller Middle School and is on the honor roll. Her hobbies include dance, piano and attending camp at B'nai B'rith.

leira feves

August 14th & 15th



Mazel Toy to Leira Feves who is celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on 8.14.09 and 8.15.09. She is the daughter of Michael and Chris Feves, and sister to Misha and Margot Feves and Jordana Levenick. Her grandparents are Al

and Sadie Feves (z"I) and Victor (z"I) and Dolores Gregory. Leira was a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Acadamy last year and next year she will be an 8th grader at Stoneleigh Burnham School in Massachusetts. Leira plays the clarinet and loves to read. She is talented at all sports but especially loves horseback riding and skiing. Her favorite summertime activity is going to camp. She has attended Camp Solomon Schechter and BB Camp and loves them both.

Marty Berger August 21st & 22nd



Mazel Tov to Marty Berger who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah on 8.21.09 and 8.22.09. He is the son of S. Paul & Anna Berger, brother to Eric Berger, and grandson to Morton and Ruth Berger (z"l) & Dr. Samuel and

Esthella Haimowitz (z"l). Marty is currently preparing for 8th grade as a returning honor student to West Sylvan Middle School. Marty's green thumb and interest in biology explains his love for gardening. He is a dedicated tennis player. Marty loves writing, especially poetry.

Gabriella Cigarroa

August 28th & 29th



Mazel Tov to Gabriella Cigarroa who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 8.28.09 & 8.29.09. She is the daughter of Carolyn and Joaquin E. Cigarroa, sister to Olivia and Emily, and granddaughter to

Joaquin G. Cigarroa, Jr. of Laredo, Texas. Gabriella is an incoming 8th grader at West Sylvan Middle School and enjoys golf, Mazel Tov to Marisa & Spencer Hodes on tennis and reading.

Joseph & Susannah Dickerson September 4th & 5th



Mazel Tov to Joseph & Susannah Dickerson who are becoming a B'nai Mitzvah on 9.4.09 and 9.5.09. Parents are JoAnn & Chris Bezodis, siblings Michelle, Faith, Stephen, Amanda, and Carolyn. Grandparents are David & Joyce Almerigi of Normandy Park, WA; Milt & Diane Dickerson of St. Helens, OR; and Alan & Pat Bezodis of Hillsboro, OR. Both Joseph &

Susannah are 8th graders at Robert Gray Middle School. Joseph's hobbies include video games, football, basketball, and collecting dragons. Susannah is a voracious reader and an avid animal lover (especially dogs).

Kvell with Us



With Joy and gratitude, Rabbi Brad & Sarah Greenstein (and Adirah) announce the birth of their daughter & sister, Talia Chaya . She was born on

Tuesday, June 2, at 12:58pm; weighing 7lbs. 3ozs., and 19.5 inches long. May she grow to find Torah (learning), Chuppah (love), and Ma'asim Tovim (acts of loving kindness). You may send your thoughts & Howard and Judith Roth congratulations to them here at the synagogue of Loudonville, New York, and Barbara and office, c/o CNS, 2900 SW Peaceful Ln. Portland, OR 97239, or at 503-246-8831.

> the birth of their son Walter Gabriel on May 20th, proud grandparents are; Stan & Shirley Hodes.

 Mazel Tov to Janet and Aaron Goldstein on • the birth of their daughter, Sophia Marian on May 30th. Sophia joins big sister Hannah Rose. Proud grandparents are Andrew & *Jean Goldstein and Jon & Kathy Abramson.

Mazel Tov to Jonathan & Traci Yudman on the birth of their daughter Madelyn Charlotte on June 15th; proud grandparents are Stuart and Ann Linda Yudman.

Mazel Tov to Sonia & Zach Horowitz on the birth of their daughter Yael Summer; proud grandparents are Barry & Fanny Horowitz. Yael joins big sister Avital Horowitz.

Voted the Best Hostel in Israel for 2008, the • SAFED INN is owned and operated by Riki and Dubi Ruckenstein, Raissa Moore's daughter and son-in-law. Located atop Har Canaan, a less crowded and more scenic area of Safed. the hostel's welcoming gardens, pension-type buildings and comfortable rooms invite friends to enjoy their surroundings. Share Riki and Dubi's legendary hospitality and learn why they received this award.

From the President

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The economic climate changed prior to us reaching our stated goal, but we are confident of our ability to complete the campaign once the economy turns.

Stampfer Chapel certainly has turned into one of the stars of the new facility. The Chapel is warm and friendly, creating a much needed intimacy for services held there. I am excited about the ideas I have heard from our Clergy concerning new alternatives to our services, meant to attract congregants who currently choose not to participate. I am also excited to see the impact of our Congregational Kiddushes beginning in September. This year will also prove inspiring as we take action recreating our Cantorial position.

The youth program made great strides of improvement. It began with the hiring of Jonathan Emanuel as the Youth Director, who focused his energy on redeveloping and reinvigorating our youth program. Under the guidance of Rabbi Greenstein, we will be coordinating all of our youth programs so that they compliment, and not compete with one another. Just last month, Jonathan announced the formation of a USY Board, the first in many years.

Next month I will convey our goals for the upcoming year. I can assure you they will be as action filled as last year's. I encourage you to take action and participate on any or all levels you are able, by serving on a committee, attending events or contributing to our new annual campaign. Your Board, your Professional Staff and your Clergy, is doing an outstanding job, and I appreciate the dedication and love they have shown for our Congregation. I am humbled to be leading such an honorable and bold group of people.

Doug Lenhoff

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American Koan

The more you have the more you want
The more you want the more you have
Take away all that having and take away all that
wanting and you free yourself from all that yearning
frustration

The way you stop the having is by taking away the want

The way to take away the want is to deepen what you have and make sure

You are yearning after what you need

According to those same Talmudic masters all 613 commandments in the Torah are equal to each other, one no greater than the next ... even the Ten Commandments. But we must pay focused attention to the Ten Commandments and not only because they are delineated as unique but more importantly because the Ten Commandments are big for our congregation. The last of the Ten Commandments is "You shall not covet." Not your neighbors house, his wife, his slave, his ox, the whole shebang. It turns out that according to our legal tradition this last of the Ten Commandments, Lo Tachmod...Do Not Covet/Desire, speaks to a situation where one actually takes steps to acquire the object of his/ her desire. In the eyes of the Torah it is natural and understandable to wish you had your neighbor's iphone, their house, you fill in the blank. The problem arises when you start plotting schemes or walk over to steal your neighbor's flat screen, etc. Our Sages of were in touch with human nature, and never pretended to construct a society of laws impossible to live by. They knew well the tendency of the human heart to yearn and desire but never gave up on insisting that we focus a good part of our yearning towards action, and that this action lead towards study, acts of loving kindness, and discovering the mystery of the universe within relationships. The truth is, when we spend significant time discovering and engaging the parts of our self that are in tune with the goals of our tradition compassion, justice, generosity - we become so much more aware of our blessings. Living a Jewish life means living in gratitude and when we are truly sameach b'chelko, content with our portion, we give ourselves permission to stop seeking something more. In fact, many claim that because this is the last of the Ten Commandments, all of the other commandments are meant to bring us to this last one. If one fulfills the other commandments, step by step they take hold of spiritual opportunities, moving towards number ten with a satisfied heart. There are those that say it is not really a commandment, but a promise. Rosh Hashanah is now weeks away, what a perfect time to begin the spiritual work necessary to discover the fortunes already in our lives. Sarah, Adirah, Talia, and I wish you and your loved ones a sweet and joyous new year, Shana tova u'metooka.

Rabbi Brad Greenstein

Source: Torah Aura Productions An Instant Lesson, Rambam's Rungs. 1990 Two Talmudic Thoughts: People Need Tzedakah

Rabbi Akiba had a Roman friend named Tinnius Rufus. One time, the two of them talked about the mitzvah of Tzedakah. We find their conversation in the Talmud (Baba Batra 10a).

Tinnius Rufus: You have a G-d who loves people and who cares for their needs. Your G-d wants the hungry to be fed and the homeless to be sheltered. G-d has the power to take care of all human needs. Why does G-d command you to share your wealth to take care of the poor rather than just making it good for all?

If you were Akiba, how would you answer your friend?

Akiba: The giving of tzedakah lets money become a means of creating holiness. G-d is the creator of both the rich and the poor. G-d wants all his children to help each other. The giving of tzedakah makes the whole world into one loving household.

If you were Tinnius Rufus, what would you learn from Akiba's answer?

To enhance your conversations, we will be sharing congregant reflections. Look for these in the Chronicle, plus – coming soon – more educational materials, stories and resources on the web at www.nevehshalom.org and other social media sites.

Congregant Reflections...by Joan Sher

Neveh Shalom was there with a daily minyan when I wanted to say Kaddish for my father when he passed away almost two years ago now. I had promised my Dad as he was nearing the end of his life that I would say Kaddish for him for the prescribed eleven months which made him very happy. I am one of four daughters and my Dad was always there to say Kaddish for his family members. Saying Kaddish was very important to him as was synagogue life (he was raised and lived most of his long life in Rock Island, Illinois). My husband and I had not been a member of a synagogue since we moved to Portland in 1994. We were semi-retired with grown children and didn't see the need. However, when the need arose to say Kaddish for my Dad, Neveh Shalom was the perfect place to go. We (my husband decided to come to minyan as support for me and out of respect for my dad) started coming on a daily basis and before long, we chose to join the synagogue as the minyannaires and the clergy were so welcoming. Even once the eleven months were over, we continued to attend minyan at least two times a week, as we now want to support others. We cannot imagine our lives now without Neveh Shalom and wonder why it took us so long to recognize that being a member of Neveh Shalom would enrich our lives and satisfy our needs.

The process of making our Congregation financially strong takes financial resources beyond our Dues. We highlight stories of our synagogue – one that has lives that are touched by what we do in so many ways...And, we'd like to share yours, too! Email your story to **Wendy Kahn**, Development Coordinator at rifkashira@comcast.net.

Kvell with Us continued

Mazel Tov to **Jaimie Simon and Jacob Harper** on their August 4th wedding date.

Mazel Tov to **Brad Lebowsky and Laurie Nicholson** on their August 9th wedding date.

Mazel Tov to **Dana Kostiner and Eric Simpson** on their August 23rd wedding date. Dana is the daughter of **Priscilla and Tony Kostiner**.

Mazel Tov to Ari Decherd and Larra Morris who were married Memorial Day weekend. Ari is the son of **Martha and Glen Decherd.**

Mazel Tov to Adam Yoelin and Ann Bailey who were married in April in Richmond, VA. Adam is the son of **Merritt Yoelin** and the late **Cookie Yoelin** (z"I).

DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel

Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT AUGUST SERVICES

Friday, 6:15pm

Saturday Shabbat Services 9 am

TOT SHABBAT

1st & 3rd Shabbat morning,

10:15 am in the Zidell Chapel

SHABBAT SCHOOL

for 6th Graders

Every Shabbat

Shabbat School Will Resume In

The Fall

KEHILAT NOAR

1st -5th Graders

Youth Congregation

Every Shabbat

Will resume in the fall.

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2nd and 4th Shabbat, in the Zidell Chapel 9:30am

3rd Shabbat at the Robison Home

If you would like to lead the davening for Shaharit, Torah, or

Mussaf please call Mark Sherman,

503.245.0571

Tikkun Olam "Repairing/Perfecting The World" Neveh Shalom At The Forefront! By Steve Sirkin, Chair Tikkun Olam Committee

Formerly known as the "Social Action Committee," our Tikkun Olam committee coordinates the efforts of literally a dozen individual groups participating in ongoing or one-time charitable projects. Each group reflects a facet of our members' core values and is headed by a volunteer coordinator who cares deeply enough about that project to make it happen.

Roz Babener years ago formed a warehouse to provide support for Jewish Russian émigrés. Now called "Community Warehouse," it helps needy families all over greater Portland, providing supplies needed in setting up a new home. Aviva Zigman leads a group of volunteers each month to cook meals for Outside In, a social service agency serving low-income adults and homeless youth. David Sibell leads volunteers one evening a month at the Oregon Food Bank. Stephanie Arnheim organizes Yossi's Suit Closet, lending suit attire for young men to attend Bar Mitzvah and other synagogue events. Jordan Epstein leads Shomrei Teva, expanding it from merely sponsoring a Tu B'Shevat Seder to now include a monthly "creek restoration & clean-up" at the entrance to the shul and ongoing participation in Tuv ha'Aretz (community supported agriculture) and advocating year-round for environmental issues. Susan Goldstein had the foresight long before today's alarming unemployment figures, and initiated weekly "Career Transition Network" meetings. Richard Meyer, Neveh's Board liaison with our Tikkun Olam committee, chairs the Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC), the center of social action efforts in the Portland Jewish Community. Rosana Berdichevsky inspires our youth in the 13 Mitzvot Program.

This past year, we expanded our efforts. **Sarah Greenstein** saw the horrors in Darfur and organized a series of events that brought together folks interested in making a difference, creating the "Neveh Shalom says 'Never Again' Committee." **David Sibell** coordinated with Men's Club a "Support our Troops" effort to send hundreds of care packages to our American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Bonnie Davis**, moved by her tragic personal experience with the impact of Jewish genetic disorders, organized an educational presentation for the community. **Rabbi Isaak** spearheaded a fundraiser between Passover and Shavuot raising over \$12,400 to provide 1,000 families with a week of meals through the Oregon Food Bank. **Steve Sirkin** saw a need to make Neveh Shalom available as a Red Cross in a major emergency. **Fred Rothstein** investigated the idea, the Board approved it and now Neveh is moving forward the recruiting members to go through shelter training. **Xuan Sibell**, seeing an opportunity for Neveh Shalom gardeners whose crops are plentiful to help the hungry, is dropping by the shul each Thursday afternoon to pick up surplus vegetables and fruits to pass along to the Oregon Food Bank.

Last November our Tikkun Olam Committee initiated a series of monthly discussions with leaders from Jewish organizations across the Portland area, with significant results. JFCS created a website (http://www.jfcs-portland.org/) with resources to help people through the economic crisis. Local Jewish organizations are finding ways to cooperate to be more efficient, from combining charitable outreach efforts, to addressing needs for staff insurance benefits. Together we quickly organized, "It takes a Shtetl" last January, to educate and connect our members with support to make it through the tough times.

The Tikkun Olam committee oversees our food barrels and blood drives. We support the SW Community Health Center, recruiting a number of our congregants to provide free medical services. These, and other efforts, go on quietly and without fanfare. It's part of what, in the best sense, it means to be Jewish.

If you are interested in helping with these efforts, or discussing organizing one(s) of your own, please contact **Steve Sirkin** (503-454-0610), or **JoAnn Bezodis** (503) 293-7309

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

Ba-rukh atah A-do-nay, e-lo-hay-nu me-lekh ha-olam a-sher 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.

Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service

Only available when services are in the main Sanctuary. If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services dial in to hear them. Call 503.246.8832

AUGUST CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, August 7th 8:14 pm
Friday, August 14th 8:03 pm
Friday, August 21th 7:52 pm
Friday, August 28th 7:39 pm

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shelema, a speedy recovery to: Sam Sadis, Al Menashe and Bev Eastern, Merritt Yoelin, Joel Luxenberg, Esther Wayne and Joyce Denault

Kol-ha-kavod

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

Milestone Birthdays

Michael Titelbaum Peggy Harvey **Harriet Towne** Gloria Bacharach Robert Solomon Linda Mandiberg Risa Colton-Feldman Sarah Mitnick Douglas Brotz David Harvey Steven Friedman Abram Kizhner Sondra Pearlman Lybi Mirles Jeffrey Braunstein Jerome Brem Johnnalee Friedman Sherry Stone

Milestone Anniversaries

Joshua & Sheryl Stein Raul & Lidia Krivoy Michael & Pam Didner Jack & Raquel Zidell Moisey Fudim & Alla Baram Liza & Beth Milliner Dan & Barbara Steinfeld JoAnn & Christopher Bezodis Elizabeth & David Mallov Paul & Joan Sher Jeff Edmundson & Eddy Shuldman William Diebold & Deb Freedberg

Steve & Carol Biederman Jeffrey & Barbara Steinberg Aaron & Michelle Bloom Bradley & Sarah Greenstein Jerome & Shirley Nudelman Ellen Cigan Nichols & Craig Nichols Ron & Rebecca Eiseman Steve & Suzanne Effros Nace & Holly Menashe Marty & Ereese Policar Mark & Leah Rubin Jeremy & Dana Sacks

Welcome to New Members:

Aleksandr & Rebecca Smetana Steve & Carol Biederman Itai & Rachel Pines Evan Bernstein & Hailey Stern Jonathan & Ruth Zingeser

Discovering God in the Environment A Photo Exhibit



To celebrate our 140th year anniversary we're holding a special photo event for all members of the Neveh Shalom synagogue community, children as well as adults.

What inspires your spirituality, where do you find God, or where is God evident?

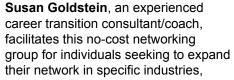
Is it a mountain lake, a beautiful sunset, the clear night sky, a new born? Be personal, take time to find what speaks to you.

No judges, no prizes, no rules (well almost none). Send your prints, clearly printed on the back with your name and address and phone number, no digital files or CD's please, to the office by August 28th Carol Isaak's attention, and we'll put them up in the hallways for Rosh Hashannah. Please send a print that you are willing to part with, as we won't be able to return them. Prints must be 8 1/2" x 11" or smaller.

Don't be shy! Thanks so much for participating.

Career Transition Nework





organizations, communities, or jobs. There is no longterm commitment—attend when you can. If you are looking for a job, your network is the best path to that next position. For details contact Susan at 503.880.1473.

Membership Committee

More thoughts from Membership at Congregation Neveh Shalom



Did vou know...

On Tuesday, June 30th, the Membership Committee had a lovely retreat at my home. We ate delicious food, including a wonderful cous cous dish made by Lidia Krivoy (a little bit of this and that and a whole lot of garlic, when asked for the recipe) and a kugel by Joan Sher. We had a lovely time kibitzing and got a lot accomplished! There was even a Doug

Lenhoff and Fred Rothstein sighting! All of this can be yours, too, if you join the Membership Committee! Any takers? We're actively recruiting! It was seriously a wonderful event, and I love our committee!

We also talked about CNS events that help make our large Congregation smaller. For me, the one event is Chik Chak. For those who don't know, Chik Chak is a Friday night service held monthly which uses special melody called Carlebach. It is an incredibly spiritual event and it brings a group together very nicely, from volunteer preparation of the Shabbat meal on Thursday night to volunteer serving of the meal and cleaning up. Everyone takes part. It's well worth it. I highly recommend giving it a try.

Lidia talked about Downstairs Minyan and how it helped her learn the Torah portions and blessings for her children's B'nai Mitzvah. She gave this service her highest honors. Jason Kaufman and Michelle Caplan talked about Kochavim, which is helping their youngest children learn Hebrew.

The bottom line is, we are fortunate to have a large Congregation, and there are many great ways to make it smaller and to find your spirituality at the same time. These are some ideas. What are yours? Write and let us know! And please, all of you outgoing CNS'ers out there who would like to spread the love of membership, join the best Committee at CNS! Membership!

B'Shalom! Mitch Elovitz, Co-Chair, Membership Committee.

THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

Hello everyone. I hope all of you are having a restful and joy filled summer. A quick update on the summer happenings at the Judaica Shop: **Sue (and Eliot) Axel** and **Ann Yudman** have "retired" from their many years of nurturing and growing the shop. We are so blessed to have been honored with their service, commitment and dedication. Rest assured they are assisting me with the transition and have promised to be around to help me out! Who am I? My name is **Stefani Cozine** and I am the new shop manager. My husband **Andrew** and I, along with sons **Will** (age 8), and **Ben** (age 11) have made Portland our home for the last five years. I work part-time as an Audiologist with Kaiser Permanente and full time doing everything else!

During those times you are in town, please stop by the Judaica Shop M-F 10am-1pm, introduce yourselves, and check out the remarkably reasonably priced Murano glass jewelry and mezzuzot. We also just unpacked some beautiful shofarot in a variety of sizes. Mark your calendars for the back to school sale Sunday September 13th. We should have new challah boards by then.

Shop early for the high holidays. Shop often for gifts and for yourselves. Tell your friends about our beautiful shop. Feel free to call or email me with any questions, special requests, or to learn more about volunteering at the shop.

Warmly,

Stefani Cozine

skcozine@gmail.com, hm 503-296-8622

RA CHOIR AR

Do you like to sing at services? Do you like contemporary Jewish and Israeli music? Please consider joining Neveh Shalom's choir! If you've sung in choirs all your life, or if you've never sung in a choir, whatever your circumstances, we need you! (Men, we are desperate for tenors.) You don't need to read music or Hebrew, since we use transliterations. Our first practice for our High Holy day performances will be Monday night August 24 at 7:30pm, with lots of new music and a new style. PLEASE join us! Questions? Ask choir members Beverly Bookin (bookin@bookingroup.com), Julie Brophy (CMJbrophy@aol.com), or Esther Liberman (estherbeads@comcast.net).

CLANS

I want to apologize for my oversight of not acknowledging the efforts of the CLANS (Celebrating Life at Neveh Shalom) website photographers and contributors at last month's Annual Meeting. The following people have contributed pictures to the CLANS picture gallery:

Julie Brophy, Bruce & Addie Banasky, David Colborn, Carol Isaak, Jeff Katz, Randy Katz, Gary Martel, Bruce Stern, Steve Sirkin, Bob Sorkin

I greatly appreciate their efforts, and the CLANS picture gallery could not have been created without the help of these people!

I also want to thank **Marci Atkins** and **Marg Everett** for their support and encouragement in the creation of this picture gallery.

Last week the Men's Club held a hike to Romana Falls, and the pictures of the hike are now available to be viewed on the CLANS photo gallery.

Additionally, if congregants have suggestions as to what to display in the CLANS picture gallery, please email me your ideas and thoughts at: aussiewig@comcast.net.

Peter Wigmore
CLANS coordinator

Welcome Cantor Barbara Slader, our High Holy Day Hazanit



Cantor **Barbara Slader** has served the Jewish community in northwestern Oregon, as well as congregations in Washington and California, for more than 20 years. She holds cantorial investiture from Hebrew Union College and the American Conference of Cantors. Her particular passion is creating community through music. She founded and directed the Jewish Community Chorus and

the Portland Jewish Choral Festival. Currently, she volunteers at Cedar Sinai Park, directing the Rose Schnitzer Manor Chorus, teaching Torah Study, and serving as a volunteer chaplain. In her spare time, she teaches Torah reading skills to adults and youth, officiates at lifecycle ceremonies, and enjoys gardening. After decades of traveling to High Holy Day pulpits in Salem, Vancouver, Spokane, and Santa Rosa, Cantor Slader is delighted to spend the High Holidays this year in her home community, among friends.

New CNS Fund Provides Assistance to First Time Campers



The "Judith & Garry Kahn CSS First Time Camper Fund" was established in honor of Judith and Garry's 50th Wedding Anniversary by their children and their families. The fund will provide

grants for up to 10 first time campers from Oregon and SW Washington to Camp Solomon Schechter. This new fund will make the special experience of a summer session at CSS more accessible for Neveh Shalom families. We thank our members, **Steven and Wendy**, and **David and Kerry**, and their brother and sister, Robert and Sarah, and all of their families for establishing this fund here at Neveh Shalom. Mazal Tov to **Judith and Garry** on this wonderful milestone anniversary.

Red Cross Shelter, Neveh Shalom, & YOU

Recently Neveh Shalom's Board approved a proposal that the synagogue register as a Red Cross Shelter. This means that Neveh will become one of hundreds of locations in the Portland area that have such a designation.

This is our way to do our part for the community if there were a major disaster which overwhelmed the city's support networks. We're talking about something on the scale of the "Cascadia Peril" a 9.0 earthquake that is highly likely in our area. The good news is the last one was in January of 1700, just before Lewis and Clark came by for a visit. The bad news is, over the last 3,500 years, these things fell into a regular pattern of every 300 to 600 years. To put it another way, we're due but probably not too soon.

While the Red Cross could run the shelter with minimal help from Neveh, it would be beneficial if a number of us could get training in Shelter Management from our friends at the American Red Cross. It also gives you the option of doing the tremendous mitzvah of volunteering to assist in disaster relief in other areas. In the past few years it could have given you the option of visiting New Orleans, Galveston, the mid-west, Anchorage, and even as close as Vernonia.

While not planning to tour the country or world, **Steve Sirkin** did take the training to understand what would be necessary for Neveh to become a shelter. Steve would be glad to give you an overview (503-454-0610).

Also, Red Cross provides training in home and community emergency preparedness. We'd like to know if there is interest in the Neveh community for that training as well. Do you have an emergency plan? What would you do if the earthquake hit at 3 a.m.? If you are interested in either, or both, please give Steve a call or drop him an email (stevejew18@verizon.net).

Notes from Shomrei Teva



Bal Tashchit and the Jewish Cycle of Life

Bal tashchit is the Jewish principle, derived from Torah and developed in Talmudic and later teachings, that tells us "do

not destroy or waste". In its broadest sense, bal tashchit directs us to use resources in a sustainable way.

At the same time, Judaism is filled with life-cycle events. These often involve food, decorations, invitations, and/or gifts which can lead to an extravagant use of paper, plastic, and other materials, and generally result in lots of garbage and waste. How can we reconcile bal tashchit and our simchas?

In July, **Jonathan Kaplin** celebrated his Bar Mitzvah and his parents, **Cerinda Survant and David Kaplin**, used native plants as centerpieces for the oneg. Afterward they donated the plants to Neveh Shalom's creekside restoration project. Shomrei Teva volunteers planted over 65 ferns and other natives. These plants, beautiful at the oneg, will grace our site for years to come. What a mitzvah!

There are many examples like this in a lovely pamphlet called "Caring for the Cycle of Life: Creating Environmentally Sound Life-Cycle Celebrations". It can be viewed or downloaded at http://www.coejl.org/~coejlor/celebrate/ccl book.php.

Neveh Shalom is in the process of stocking these pamphlets so that we can offer them to our members. We will also maintain some in the gift shop or library for sale at nominal cost. If you're planning a life-cycle event, ask for this pamphlet and go for a triple mitzvah: observe bal tashchit, do tikkun olam, and celebrate a Jewish tradition!

B'shalom,

Jordan (Yaakov) Epstein

Chair, Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom

Lunch Bunch for 65+

We will resume our 2nd Tuesday monthly luncheon on **October 13**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! Watch your September Chronicle for more details. PLEASE NOTE: To save postage we are limiting our postcard reminders to those who REQUEST to receive the mailing. If you would like to receive a Lunch Bunch reminder in the mail, please call **Rebecca** at the office at 503.246.8831x100.



All Member First Friday Dinner

Resumes November 6! Watch your Chronicle or email for updates!

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Feldstein Library



Great Summer Reading:

Rather Laugh than Cry – Malka Zaporo Stories from Hassidic Household.

The Spirit of the Place - Samuel Shem

A novel about a medical internship.

The Jew of Home Depot – Max Apple

Short stories that are funny, heartbreaking and wise. A great Read!

Foreskin Lament – Shalom Auslander

A memoir. Auslander's combination of humor and anger produces a fascinating portrait of a person grappling with his faith, family and community.

THANK YOU! To Benson and Dana Schaffer for their donation to the Feldstein Library of the Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos 1933-1945 Vol. 1 & 2 (It is an invaluable addition for the study of Holocaust history.)

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am to 1:30pm

August 4 through August 6 Library closed

TU B'SHVAT Books are on display, stop by and 'check' them out!

Women's League



Our Women's League calendar will be filled in soon. There will be something for everyone to come to and enjoy with us. Watch for details and information.

Are you a member of Women's League? Our annual Dues mailing will be arriving shortly, our Dues are \$36. This enables us to provide our many programs throughout the year. Be sure to pay your annual dues membership. Get your new Torah Fund pin, and wear it with pride. We have Torah Fund cards for all occasions, such as sympathy,

get well, congratulations. Contact **Jackie Constantine**, 503.520.1222 or **Sandi Fulcher**, 503.430.8375 for information. You can also get them at our Judaica Gift Shop.

Our Gift Shop is open this summer, shop with us for Judaica gift items. Be a part of the success of our success. Contact our new Shop Manager, **Stefani Cozine**, 503.296.8622, or Co Manager **Samantha Johnson**, 503.482.5142 for information. Volunteer with us, shop with us, and tell your friends about us. We'll see you at the Shop!

We will not have a team for Race for the Cure, set for September 20, the second day of Rosh Hashonah. We have contacted the organization sponsor and notified them of our decision.

We annually sponsor the Break the fast meal after Yom Kippur services. We appreciate and thank you for past donations, and we must ask again for your assistance to enable us to continue this wonderful and endearing tradition at our synagogue. Thank you.

Our monthly Potluck & Planning Board meeting is **Wednesday**, **August 12** at **6:30** pm at **Addie Banasky's** home. Do you have an idea for a program or event? This is your opportunity to reach us, everyone is welcome, contact me, 503.626.6611 for details.

Susan Sutherlin

President, Neveh Shalom Women's League

Men's Club



Men's Club had our annual hike on June 28. We hiked to Ramona Falls along the Sandy River near Zigzag. It was a bit of a zigzag getting there and some of us appeared to be taking a path similar to the one Moses took in the desert as we searched for the correct forest service road. Despite that part of the

adventure, we had 23 attendees and the hike was excellent in nearly perfect conditions. Many thanks to Peter Bedrick and David Honigstock for organizing this event.

Our first program of the fall season will be on **Sunday, September 13**. We will start at about **9:45am** in the Zidell Chapel with a light brunch and a chance to socialize. You will have an opportunity to meet new members and hear about the upcoming Men's Club programs and events for the new year. Please invite a friend to come and learn about Men's Club. After the meeting, please join the congregation at 11:30am for the annual membership bar-b-que.

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 sibelld@ohsu.edu if you are interested in helping.

If you would like to join Men's Club, please contact our membership chairman, **Jeremy Kelter** (timberlineadvisors@comcast.net). We also have membership forms available on the table across from the synagogue office. You may also contact either of us at bruce@thesternfamily.net or glaroff@comcast.net.

We hope you are enjoying your summer and we look forward to seeing you at our Men's Club events this year.

Gary Laroff and Bruce Stern, Men's Club Co-Presidents Joe Goodman, Men's Club Immediate Past President

Darfur Awareness

Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

The Neveh Shalom Says Never Again Darfur Awareness Committee, in partnership with the Beth Israel Never Again Committee and the Kol Shalom Darfur Action Group, continues to be the Portland Jewish Community's active and present voice to raise awareness and bring change for the people of Darfur.

Our committee is gearing up for a busy fall and we invite you to take action with us:

Ask your child to be a voice for the people of Darfur by participating in our High Holidays Youth Poetry Contest. Poems should be no more than 100 words. Selected poems will be printed in a Darfur insert during the High Holidays at participating synagogues and organizations. Submissions can be emailed, along with your child's name, age and synagogue affiliation (if any) to NeverAgainCoalition@gmail.com by August 16th.

Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday**, **August 5th at 7:30pm** in the board room. Bring your ideas, your enthusiasm and your voice.

Call 1-800-GENOCIDE once a day or once a week for the opportunity to tell your elected officials to give aid to the people of Darfur.

Join our Postcard Brigade and be a monthly advocate to help change policy towards Darfur. You will receive monthly updates on the situation in Darfur and group of stamped and addressed postcards for you to sign and mail. Email postcardbrigade@gmail. com to join or for details.

Host a Darfur Action House Party.
Raise awareness about Darfur among your family and friends. We have all the information and resources you need. Email greenstein_sarah@yahoo.com to find out more.

Read *Not on Our Watch* by Don Cheadle and John Prendergast and participate in our fall book discussion. Look for announcements for our congregational book discussion coming in November.

Synagogue Skills Volunteers

We are seeking to build our corps of Neveh Shalom members who are able to help lead various parts of services, from davening to Torah reading and everywhere in between. Please fill out the online form at: http://nevehshalom.org/worship/volunteers with information on the skills you have or would like to learn. Thank you!

Youth @ CNS

Shalom Neveh Families,

What an amazing summer! The sun is shining, school is out, and everyone is out having a blast with their friends and family. But what about us here at Neveh Shalom Youth Activities? Well, we haven't been sitting around on our kishkes sipping iced tea and blintzes... No way!

In attempt to ride the wave of community growth and involvement here at Neveh, the Youth Activities department, along with Rabbi Greenstein, held the first ever "Teen Task Force", which brought together 17 teens from the community to meet over Pizza and discuss how to grow and expand our teen programs. After lively discussion and input from the group, a united decision was made to form a Neveh Shalom Teen Leadership Board to develop and lead new and exiting programs that will expand and deepen the teen community. At this time we have 7 board members spanning all grade levels. Congratulations to Laurel Poplack, Alex Bard, Brittany Rosenthal, Alex Milbert, Shawn Rosenthal, Ben Molloy and Rebecca Davidson for being part of this amazing group! This brand new board has already met several times to plan exciting activities for the fall and beyond that will build traditions that will last for years.

But teens aren't the only news around here. Our Jr. Kadima (3rd-5th grade) and Kadima (6-8th grade) groups had such an amazing spring that the buzz is still felt in the halls of Neveh over the summer! And what is the new buzz? Our big Fall Kick-Off on September 13th, that's what! Yup, Jr. Kadima and Kadima will be having their Big Kick-Off party following the first day of Religious school, along-side the membership BBQ. All kids are welcome! Don't miss out!

In other Neveh Youth News, Neveh Shalom Senior and Teen Board Member **Shawn Rosenthal** joined me along with members of Portland's Jewish and African-American communities to do service work in NE Portland, helping clean up the yards and homes for people who have difficulty doing it for themselves. It was a great experience for all of us involved and a reminder for that it is important to help others at all times, and that service work and community service can be an excellent and fun way to spend the summer!

With all this activity, it's hard to remember that it's summer! Wait, there's the sun, I gotta go! My iced tea is melting!

Happy summer,

Jonathan Emanuel

Youth Director, jemanuel@nevehshalom.org



What an amazing summer had here at Neveh Shalom!

The first took out of school Camp Chalutzim filled our building with the sounds of a burgeoning variety show. Scriptwriting, set building, sameral vork sounds effects, improv skits and musical acts came alive as the week unfolded and campers geared up for Friday's vorte preserve of scriday Evening Not Live" (it was filmed and shown to parents and staff). Along the way we managed to find time for swimming any incredible field trip to Daks Park for a day of unlimited amusement park rides, and capture the flag at Albert Kelly Park. The week ended in smiles and laughter and the big question, what will be our big production be next year?

Each day of the Jewish Art Institute was filled with a new project and a field trip. Monoprinting, metal etching, botanical illustration, calligraphy, watercolor and bookmaking filled our days. Venturing to Wilson Pool, touring the Alberta Arts Distict, learning about M.C. Escher at Portland's Art Museum (and using his process for our own art!) were just a few of the highlights of Art Camp. Each week concluded with a student curated gallery of the week's creations for parents and staff to admire.

Cara Buchalter Emanuel

MOTHERS CIRCLE COURSE BEGINS THIS FALL

others CIRCLE

In June sixteen non-Jewish women completed the first Portland Mothers Circle course. They came away with more knowledge about the how-to's of raising a Jewish family and what resources Neveh and the broader Jewish community have for them, and felt supported by their

peers and the community for their commitment to raising Jewish children.

The Mothers Circle is a nationally successful program, held in 35+ cities, offering free classes and childcare to non-Jewish women raising (or planning to raise) Jewish children. The course provides free education, support, and a peer group through which students are empowered to raise their children in Judaism with greater comfort and ease. We are currently accepting registrants for our second cohort, which will begin this fall and is open to the entire community, NS members and non members alike. Two information sessions are available this month, August 19 at 7 pm and August 23 at 9:30 am, both at the Mittleman JCC where the course will also be held. An introductory session on the Jewish High Holy Days will be held September 13 at 9:30 am for prospective participants, too.

We encourage all those interested to join us. For more information, or to register, please contact MC Coordinator **Caron Blau Rothstein** at Portland@ TheMothersCircle.org or 503-246-8831.



The Mothers Circle is a free program empowering non-Jewish mothers to create Jewish homes. All are welcome and no prior knowledge or affiliation is necessary. The interactive curriculum explores Jewish holidays, practices, rituals, and ethics while providing resources and tools for enriching Jewish family life at home. FREE childcare is also available upon request.

For more information please contact Caron Blau Rothstein at 503.246.8831 or Portland@TheMothersCircle.org



School @ CNS



We hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the wonderful warm weather and sunny days! We have some exciting programs coming up this year and we look forward to seeing you at them!

Want to get involved? Like planning? We'd love to have you join the NS Babies planning committee! We are actively looking for people to help out!! Please contact Mindy if you're interested!! (contact info below)

Playgroup: The playgroup is currently 'under construction'. Stay posted for info and dates on the new playgroup!

Parent ed: Stay tuned for the parent-ed workshops we have planned for this year! They promise to be interesting and educational!

First Babies: If you like to be included on notifications regarding First Babies, please contact Mindy to let her know if you'd want to join the listsery.

For more questions or more information, please contact the chairperson, **Mindy Zeitzer** at icedteagal@gmail.com. Thanks!

Shoreshim



Join us for the final Tot Shabbat services of the summer! Services will be on **Saturdays**, **August 1st** (led by **Jordan Epstein**) and **August 15th** (led by **Levia Friedman**). As usual, services begin at **10:15am** in the Zidell Chapel and are followed by a light dairy Kiddush for all of the Tot Shabbat families. Because of the High Holiday schedule this year, there will be no Tot Shabbat services in September. Services will resume on Saturday, October 3rd. However, we will have

a special Shoreshim activity at the All-Member BBQ on Sunday, September 13th. Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

Do you have program ideas for Shoreshim? Are you looking for a way to get more involved a CNS? The Shoreshim Committee would love your help! Get in on the ground level - join us for the first planning meeting with our new Shoreshim co-chairs on Sunday, August 2nd from 9:30am-11am. If you are unable to attend, we would still love to have your input and assistance; please contact either of the Shoreshim co-chairs if you would like to volunteer.

For questions about Shoreshim or information on how you can get involved, please contact **Rachel Pines** (503) 531-0110 rachelpines@yahoo.com or **Sarah Zakreski** (503) 288-6544 sjbz_pdx@yahoo.com.

Student participation in High Holiday services

This is the final call for any post-Bar/t Mitzvah student interested in enhancing our High Holyday services with your participation. Upstairs, downstairs, Shaharit, Mincha...the options for your involvement in a leadership role are plentiful. Call or email **Marci Atkins** (503.293.7308 or matkins@nevehshalom.org) indicating your interest by August 10th. We will make assignments and provide you with the text and CD in the near future.

Foundation School



August at
Foundation School
finds us preparing
to begin another
wonderful preschool
year. The classrooms

are being cleaned, new school supplies are arriving, fresh bark chips will cushion the playground, and school bulletin boards will take on a fall theme.

Our team of teachers will be attending our August Staff Training to continue their professional growth and they will begin to a set up their classrooms to welcome a new group of children in September.

We hope that all our families both new and returning are enjoying the long, warm days of summer playing and learning together.

Foundation School has a few remaining 2009-10 preschool spaces available. If you or someone you know has a child/children between the ages of 2-5yrs. looking for a wonderful Jewish early childhood education experience. Contact **Jan Skolnik** at 503-293-7307 or at jskolnik@nevehshalom.org.

Shalom,

Jan Skolnik & Kathy Wolfson

High Holyday Childcare

Families with children 18 months (by September 15) to five years of age will soon receive (if you have not already) information about Childcare in the mail. We will provide this service for your little ones on Saturday and Sunday of Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 19 and 20). and Monday (Sept. 28) of Yom Kippur between the hours of 9am and 1pm. If you did not receive this information in the mail please be in touch with Marci Atkins immediately at matkins@ nevehshalom.org or call 503.293.7308. This service, available for \$13 per session per child, has a registration deadline of FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th. This date must be honored as we commission an outside agency for our providers. There are also provider:child ratios that must be enforced for the safety and happiness of all our children. Please do not delay in returning your registration form on time and do not forget to enclose your payment!

Cantor Linda Shivers Tribute Dinner



Cantor Shivers has begun her one year Sabbatical For guestions related to Cantorial concerns, please contact clergy.

Board Notes

At the Congregation's Annual Meeting, held Sunday afternoon, June

- Election of new Board members, Jenn Director Knudsen and Steve Sirkin
- Treasurer, Todd Friedman, reported that 2008-09 budget will likely end with a deficit of up to \$20,000
- Resolution to examine process for evaluation, review and contract renewal of clergy and senior staff adopted
- Reports on the Congregation and upcoming goals provided by Rabbi Isaak, Executive Director Fred Rothstein, and President **Doug Lenhoff**
- Recognition and appreciation of the hundreds of Neveh Shalom committee and program volunteers

Cantorial Transition Committee continues its work in preparing for the coming year and beyond....

- All upcoming B'nai Mitzvah families have been contacted and reassured
- CNS members with synagogue skills are being identified and recruited through synagogue skills form on website and in weekly
- Cantor Barbara Slader selected and confirmed to serve as Cantor for High Holy Day services in main sanctuary

Statements with 2009-10 membership and dues information have been mailed; High Holiday information packets will be mailed first week of August.

"Back to Shul"

Otherwise known as our Annual All Member BBQ DATE: Sunday, September 13th TIME: 11:30-1:30



Look for insert in your September Chronicle Questions, contact Michelle Caplan at mcaplan@nevehshalom.org or 503.293.7305



Religious School Have you turned in your child's 2009-10 Religious School enrollment forms? If not, please do right away. We have a great year planned for all three of our programs, Sunday School, Hebrew School and the Wednesday

Night High School and we want your children to be part of them.

In order to facilitate bookkeeping, class assignments and class sizes please return the forms as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding any of the programs or if you need enrollment forms contact either Susan or Dayle in the Religious School office. See you on September 13th for the first day of school and then the annual BBQ after school is over! A busy day at Neveh Shalom, don't be left out!

Susan Bernstein

Director of Education

HEBREW IMMERSION AT NEVEH SHALOM

With the economy slow and the rising price of private day schools, there is an increased focus nationally on supplementary education for Jewish children. That was the theme of a recent article by Jonathan Woocher from JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) in The Jewish Week. Supplementary Jewish educators should seize the moment, think creatively, offer an array of options for different families.

At Neveh Shalom, we're ahead of the times. We are proud to offer not only great preschool, Sunday School, and Hebrew School options, but also an exciting and unique track of Hebrew immersion, starting with NOTZ'TZIM (Sparkles), a parent-tot music & activity program for 0-4 year olds, KOCHAVIM (Stars), a fun, active after-school program for



pre-K through 2nd graders using art, music, drama, stories, and multi-media to learn Hebrew in an immersion environment, and the INTENSIVE HEBREW track of the Religious School for 3rd-5th grades, continuing modern Hebrew as well as Tefilah through immersion in the language. We see daily how well language immersion works, and how much fun our children have learning a new language through arts, music, and play. You can see too!

New sessions of Notz'tzim and Kochavim start in September. Check out information on the Neveh Shalom website, or contact director Mel Berwin michaelvmel@gmail.com or 503-452-6890 for more information.

Vaad Shel Chesed Group

Chesed: Neveh Shalom Caring Committee



The Chesed Committee cares about our Neveh Shalom Seniors!
Neveh Shalom is always recruiting new

members. New members mean new energy, fresh ideas, and increased revenues to support our programs. However, sometimes in our enthusiasm for new members, we tend to take for granted the old—the members who have supported our congregation with time, experience, and money for years. Many of the volunteers who keep our synagogue going are seniors. Many become invisible and their efforts are forgotten. Chesed (the caring committee) believes our seniors have been and are an integral part of our community and believe they should know they are valued and remembered.

A small group of Chesed volunteers calls our Neveh members 65 years and older on their birthdays to let them know they are remembered and appreciated. Thank you to volunteers Laurie Nicholson, Miriam Rogoway, and Julie Zola, and to Luiza Vaynberg, who not only calls once a week, but identifies and calls all Russian speaking members in Russian, so they, too, can understand how valued they are. We, Chesed, have plans to expand our outreach to our seniors to include them more in our NS family. We could use more volunteers. If you have ten minutes once a week to call two or three people to wish them "Happy Birthday," please contact Miriam Rogoway at merogoway@ hotmail.com. If you would like to help us expand our program, please also contact Miriam. Everyone is rewarded and gets "warm fuzzies." For general Chesed group information, please contact Barbara Barde, Committee Chair, 503-293-1222 or Barb@Bardepdx.com.

Lifelong Learning Fall 2009

High Holy Day University

Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24 9:15am, 7:00pm, and 8:15pm

Watch for a flyer in the September Chronicle for a detailed list of classes, dates, and times.

High Holy Day Usher Training followed by Member BBQ

Sunday, September 13, 11:00am (BBQ at 11:30am)

Are you able to honor Congregation Neveh Shalom as an usher this year? Our High Holy Day ushers provide safety, security and dignity during our services by serving as hosts, locating seats, assisting our physically challenged, distributing prayer books, and maintaining decorum. Ushering is open to all congregants age 18 and older.

As an usher you will still be able to share this special time with your family and friends. Shifts are no longer than 2 hours in length. Head ushers and staff are available at all times to help with questions and/or challenges that may occur.

You may sign up NOW for usher shifts via email. Please contact **JoAnn** at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org (or call at 503-293-7309) and she will send you a list of openings.

Then, we invite you to attend our brief training & review for ushers, **Sunday, 9/13**, at 11am. You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about parking, security, and ushering. Afterwards, please stay and join us for the all-member barbecue luncheon.

Please consider making 5770 the year you fulfill the special mitzvah of ushering for your congregational family.

Thank you! Ron Morris

College Students Bon Voyage Party Sunday, August 2, 6-7pm

The College Outreach Committee invites all college-bound sons & daughters of our members to attend a going-away party here at Neveh Shalom on Sunday, August 2, from 6-7pm. Whether attending college near or far, we hope you will join us. Snacks & beverages will be provided, as well as a special going away gift for each student.

Attention Parents:

If you have a student who will be attending college (or military) this fall and would like them to be included in the College Outreach mailings, please contact the synagogue office for a form to complete. Remember, we depend on your generosity to help make these care packages possible. Your donation helps purchase the goodies and cover postage. Make checks payable to CNS, and write "College Outreach" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Thank you!

JoAnn Bezodis

Program and Fundraising Director

Tikkun Olam

Shomrei Teva Creek Side Restoration

August 16, 9:00am (3rd Sunday each month)

Neveh Shalom has joined with-SOLV to restore the area along the tributary of Fanno Creek that borders the Neveh Shalom parking lot. We work for an hour or two clearing away new or existing growth of weeds and non-native plants. Bring a shovel (best) or other garden tools. We'll supply the gloves. It's a mitzvah! Contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503.245.6580 or yaakovm@comcast. net

Portland Tuv ha'Aretz

Portland's newest project, co-created by Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom, will connect Jewish teachings with sustainable food and agricultural practices. See our website at www. portlandtuv.org to learn about the project and how you can pick-up fresh,



local, organic produce weekly at the MJCC, from Sauvie Island Organics. Contact: **Jordan Epstein**, yaakovm@comcast.net.

Congregation Neveh Shalom on Facebook!

Please join our online community on Facebook. Just search for Congregation Neveh Shalom!



Food Barrels



Neveh Shalom has two food barrels benefiting Neighborhood House and the Sunshine Pantry. Bring in your

non-perishable food items to the barrels located outside the Zidell Chapel and in the Religious School hallway. Most needed items include: rice, pasta, juice, baking products, dry milk, ramen, and macaroni & cheese. Thank you for your generosity!

Donate Your Car

We would like to thank our recent donor:

Rick Vagy

You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle, running or not.

Call the JoAnn in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503-293-7309, or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.

Bar Mitzvah Suit Closet Reduce – Reuse – Recycle!

Yossi's Closet is now stocked and ready for sharing. Bring in your rapidly growing boy to borrow a suit for any synagogue occasion. We have a number of shirts, pants, shoes, and suits that are ready to be loaned out. We only ask that you dry-clean any borrowed suit before returning it.

This suit closet benefits those in need AND lets us recycle through re-use. We accept donations of suits in "like-new" condition, including shirts and shoes as well. If you have something to contribute, or if you would like to check out our collection for your own son's use, please call **Stephanie Arnheim** at 503-539-2602 or stephanie@equityhs.com

Shomrei Teva, Watering Our Garden

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers are needed to water the many young plants we put in the ground last February. We need to get them

through one hot, dry season. Ideally, you would volunteer for one week, coming out two days. Instructions will be provided and backup will be available (if a hose begins to leak or a sprinkler head starts to madly squirt water in all directions). It's easy work, just takes time, and would be a lovely mitzvah for Neveh Shalom and the future of our burgeoning site. Questions or need more info? Contact: Jordan Epstein or call 503-245-6580.

Support Neveh Shalom while shopping!

Got an Albertson's Card or Safeway Card? Name Neveh Shalom as your Community Partner and a



portion of all your purchases will support the synagogue. This does NOT cost you any money, so it's WIN-WIN! No computer skills necessary. Send **JoAnn Bezodis** jbezodis@ nevehshalom.org the following information:

Name Albertsons or Safeway Card Number Phone # associated with this

card.
If you can't find your Club Card
number call toll free

Safeway: 1-877-723-3929 Albertsons: 1-877-932- 7948



Jewish Film Club

Sundays, 3:00pm

Each 4-6 weeks we gather to enjoy a film of Jewish interest, schmooze & nosh. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact **Joan**

and Paul Sher at joanzsher@aol.com;
paulpsher@gmail.com; or sherpohsu@aol.
com to be placed on the email list.

Chronicle Submissions

Share your life-cycles events and accomplishments with your congregation.
Please e-mail submissions to mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

Deadlines

September Chronicle - August 7rd October Chronicle - September 4th Nevember Chronicle - October 2nd December Chronicle - November 6th

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.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Blanche Abramovitz
Judith Berdichevsky
Annette Charrack
Gussie Cooper
Marilyn Geller
Alvin Goldenberg
Pearl Lipkin
Rhonna Resnick
Edward Rosenbaum
Asya Tverye
Marcia Weinsoft

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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to our members and their families.

Mimi Sorkin on the death of her mother Rose Phal.

Davida Rosenbaum and Richard Rosenbaum, on the death of her husband of his father Edward Rosenbaum.

Jay Abramovitz on the death of his mother Blanche Abramovitz.

Elayne Shapiro on the death of her mother. Rae Golenberg on the death of her husband Alvin Goldenberg.

Allan Abravanel on the death of his father, Leon Abravanel.

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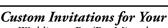
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Minyan (Zidell Chapel)

Opening Session of Religious School

(all students and parents gathering in sanctuary from 9-10)

Library Open House

Men's Club (Zidell chapel)

13 Mitzvot (Stampfer Chapel)

Adult learning/Tzedekah

High Holy Day usher Training (Stampfer Chapel)

Chesed committee meeting

BBQ Please see and return form below

Kick off program for Jr. Kadima/Kadima

FREE for CNS members

Non members \$10 per adult/\$5 per child

BBQ Funded by the Sylvia Pearlman Membership Enhancement Fund

RSVP by September 5th. to reconnect with old friends and meet new members There will be age appropriate childrens activities, so bring the whole family! Please return this portion of the form to the CNS office or call 503.246.8831

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