



CHRONICLE

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From the Pulpit



KEVA קבע

...a little time for your soul

I want to invite you to try something new at Neveh Shalom. Sarah and I have started a new Shabbat morning service and we hope that you will come join us. The first Saturday of the month, at 10:00am we meet for KEVA. When you place your mezuzah on your home the prayer one recites is "leekboa mezuzah" which comes from the root word KEVA. KEVA means to carve out a space, to set a time, to create a place....for your soul. The flipside of Keva is Kavannah (deep intention/focus) and you can't have one without the other, they live for each other, the yin and yang of Judaism. And here is what KEVA is all about:

Prayer and Song

We believe prayer can be the deepest expression of the human heart and to come together in song as a community of seekers can be creative and profound. We believe prayer has the power to transform our lives and therefore the world.

Study

We search the texts of our Torah to be relevant for our lives and seek to bring their justice, compassion, and healing into our daily lives. An engaging and welcoming Torah study is the centerpiece of our service.

Spirituality of Welcoming

We believe prayer isn't about doing it right or wrong. We sit and stand and move around. We know all the words, enjoy humming along, or sit in silence. We come early and late and walk in and out of the room. We come here from different places and for different reasons. Our mission is to celebrate Shabbat and delve into the mysteries of our tradition together.

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From the President

Don't know about you, but I'm still stuffed from Thanksgiving. Not just from the food, but rather the wealth of blessings my family and I enjoy and share with our friends. The other day I was speaking to my mother in Los Angeles, I call her every week or so just to catch up. She was asking "how are things with the kids?"

"Fine," I told her.

"And your work?"

Also "fine."

"So what's new?"

"Not too much, everything is great!" And it dawned on me that I wasn't just trying to get off the phone with my mom, everything really was just great. It's so easy to get caught up in the day to day minutia that we often don't realize just how good things are relative to what might be. Certainly within our Congregation there are those for whom this has not been a great year. In fact it's been lousy. But even for those there are some reasons to be thankful, and I wanted to mention one that I am sure most haven't thought about. Be thankful for your Neveh Shalom Board of Directors.

I know it sounds very self serving, but I don't mean it to be. Your Board of Directors has done and continues to do difficult and important work, and do it very well.

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ALL MEMBER HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 TO 7:30PM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



**PLEASE BRING YOUR HANUKKIAH AND WE WILL LIGHT THE CANDLES TOGETHER....
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!**

THIS DINNER IS GENEROUSLY FUNDED BY THE
SYLVIA PEARLMAN MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT FUND.

*SEE FLYER INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS

Outside In



Thank you to the following volunteers who helped cook a meal for Outside In, the at-risk youth and young adult homeless resource center in downtown Portland. **Ethan Brenner, Joshua Spector, Leslie Spector, Ingrid Welter and Joshua Welter.** We will be cooking once a month depending on kitchen availability. Please email head chef, **Aviva Zigman** if you are interested in upcoming cooking dates, ajzigman@hotmail.com.

EBLAST



Stay abreast of Neveh Shalom's dynamic community. Get the weekly EBLAST.

Email **Marg Everett** at

meverett@nevehshalom.org to be added to the list.

Dana Nathanson

December 18th & 19th



Mazel Tov to **Dana Nathanson** who is becoming Bat Mitzvah on 12.18.09 and 12.19.09. She is the daughter of **Leslie and Neil Nathanson**, sister to **Keep and Sam**, and granddaughter to Sandy and Milt Nathanson of Franklin, Michigan and Susan and Donald Hamilton of Great

Falls, Montana. **Dana** is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School and enjoys singing and playing soccer, basketball and piano.

Kvell With Us



Mazel Tov to **Naomi & Scot Leavitt** on the birth of their daughter **Isabella Batya Leavitt**, born on October 25, 2009.



Mazel Tov to **Liz and David Mallov** on the birth of their daughter **Dina Olivia Mallov**, born on November 3, 2009.

Of Song and Soul a benefit concert featuring Ilene Safyan and Justin Jude, was a huge success on Saturday, November 7th. Thank you to all who came, but most of all thank you to Ilene and Justin for an inspirational evening of music. The evening brought in close to \$2500 toward the scholarship fund for membership. **TODAH RABAH** to all!



Today's **Todah Rabah** to **Captain Harold & Jackie Lesch**, who chaired a wonderful Veteran's Day program on Sunday, November 8th. Additional **Todah Rabah** to the following people who made this event happen: **Ilene Safyan** for her beautiful vocals, Travis Wong and his band, Boy Scout Troop 150, Pioneer District, Cascade Pacific Council, Floral arrangements, greeters and ushers provided by Men's Club and Women's League.

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped on this rainy Sunday and placed flags on the graves of our veteran's buried at both Cemeteries.

Sandy and Jeff Axel, Ross and Zachary Coblens, Michael and Misha Feves, Francine Kaufman, Sandie and Barry Finkle and Bob Sorkin

Feldstein Library

FELDSTEIN LIBRARY NEWS:

Chanukkah Information for all ages:

Sacred Celebrations - Ronald Isaacs
One Yellow Daffodil - David Adler
While the Candles Burn - Barbara Goldin
Toby Belfer never had a Christmas tree - Gloria Pushker
Flying Latkes - Arthur Yorinks
Asher and the Capmakers - Eric Kimmel
Chanukah on the Prairie - Bert Schuman
The Menorah under the Sea - Susan Heller

Recent Additions:

Appearances - Joanne Greenberg
 A love story without sentimentality.
A Season of Delight - Joanne Greenberg
 A heartwarming, believable novel.
How to do Good and Avoid Evil - Hans Kung and Rabbi Walter Hamolka
 The authors demonstrate how it is possible to achieve global ethics through the principles and practices of Judaism
Rashi's Daughters - Maggie Anton
 A compelling combination of drama, suspense and romance.



From the President

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Recently, I've had a few disturbing conversations with members at-large indicating much is not understood about the board or the work we do. Your Board of Directors try to be as plugged-in as possible to all that goes on at the synagogue. Our meeting agendas are full of the stuff that makes our congregation run. Budgets, programs, policy making, current events, membership issues, committee work and much, much more consume each meeting. All of these issues are someone's top priority, and every topic is discussed and argued professionally and respectfully. The people who you have elected to sit on the board have busy lives. They ALL could be somewhere else doing something more enjoyable, but they choose to be working for you. I appreciate all of the work they do and the manner in which they do it. I hope that if you see a member of the board, you'll join me in expressing thanks for their work.

Doug Lenhoff

Save the Date!

CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM'S ANNUAL AUCTION

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 6:30pm

Be a celebrity for an evening at this red-carpet event. Enjoy award winning cuisine and bid on items both large and small.

Donations now being accepted visit us at www.auction.nevehshalom.org

For more information please contact JoAnn Bezodis at 503-293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.

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Family

We echo the words of our Talmud that the "world rests on the breath of children." Although we are not specifically a kid's service they are always welcome. We hope to hear the sounds of children playing, laughing, and crying and realize these are not interruptions but part of our collective prayer.

Vision

We believe in the vitality of our tradition and our ancient sages' mandate for progression. Introducing new songs and interpretations is authentic and exciting. We are traditional and we are progressive. We are creative, spiritual, and musical. We welcome you to be part of our cosmic chorus.

We hope to see you at CNS the first Saturday of each month, 10:00am rm 102. And may the brilliance of your Hannukah lights light up your home.

B'virkat Shalom,

Rabbi Bradley and Sarah Greenstein

Cantorial Search update

Last spring, the Neveh Shalom Board of Directors created a "Cantorial Transition Committee" and charged it with making recommendations to the board on new cantorial leadership. For the past several months, the committee has met regularly, discussed the recent model at Neveh Shalom, explored cantorial models at congregations around the country, and heard from our rabbis about their visions and expectations. This committee is now at the point that we would like to ask the entire membership of Neveh Shalom for your personal opinions on two key questions relating to this search:

- What do you think the top job priorities of the new cantorial leadership should be?
- What do you think are most important personal qualities to look for in our new cantorial leadership?

Please take time to complete this 2-question survey online (linked from the CNS home page) OR on the insert included with this month's Chronicle. The results of this survey will be tabulated and will significantly help us to measure the priorities and interests of the community as the formal process of a search for new cantorial leadership begins. We very much appreciate your participation regarding this important topic. Please check the weekly congregational e-mail for notice of upcoming committee meetings. For more information contact committee chair **Rich Meyer** at rich@meyer5.com.

Events

VAGABOND OPERA

On Saturday January 16 from 7-9pm, Neveh Shalom will host a unique musical group, Vagabond Opera. Created here in Portland in 2002 by opera singer and composer Eric Stern, Vagabond Opera has been at the vanguard of a growing movement of Neo-cabaret music. Moving beyond its operatic roots, the group draws on a variety of musical sources including Paris hot jazz, Ukrainian ballads, and klezmer.

The band's lineup features trained operatic tenor and soprano vocals, accordion, tenor saxophone, cello, stand-up bass, and drums. Guest performers often appear with the ensemble.

Vagabond Opera has performed all over the USA and in Europe. They have been featured on NPR, the Washington Post and Jazziz Magazine. They have shared stages and players with Pink Martini, Devotchka, Balkan Beat Box, Al Franken, and the Oregon Symphony

Vagabond opera has three full-length albums, which will be available for purchase at the concert.

This event is sponsored as a fundraiser by the Neveh Shalom Choir and the Neveh Shalom Youth Program.

The program will start with music that will be fun for our primary school children and will progress to more adult fare.

Pre-concert tickets are available through Friday, January 8. (general admission \$18; seniors and students under eighteen \$15). Family special: \$60 for 2 adults and all children in the household. Preconcert tickets may be ordered through the office (503 246 8831). Those tickets need to be secured by your check made out to Neveh Shalom. And may be picked in person or they will be ready for you at "will call" on the night of the concert.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 – but no discounts will be available. So bring the family for a lively evening!



DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel

Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT DECEMBER SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

Saturday Shabbat Services 9 am

TOT SHABBAT

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15 am

SHABBAT SCHOOL

for 6th Graders

Every Shabbat

KEHILLAT NOAR

1st -5th Graders

Youth Congregation

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15 am

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 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

KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein

First Saturday of every month

10am- 11:45am

Save the Date!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

4TH ANNUAL "WEEKEND IN QUEST"

A Shabbaton of Study and Fun at the Beautiful
Oregon Coast - February 5-7, in Astoria, Oregon

Featuring Professor Judith R. Baskin of the University
of Oregon

"Insiders & Outsiders: Who is the OTHER?"

Biblical & Rabbinic Views of Gentiles, Converts,
Women, and Servants

KEVA and Coffee – Learning with Rabbi Greenstein

Friday mornings 9:30 am
Dec. 18, Jan. 15



An informal, interactive session open
to everyone. Please join us! For more
information contact **Rabbi Brad** at
bgreenstein@nevehshalom.org

Caffeine for the Soul.



Children's Shabbat Services

What: *Tot Shabbat* for families with children ages 0-5
years in the Zidell Chapel at 10:15 am

Led by **Jordan Epstein** (1st Sat) & **Levia Friedman**
(3rd Sat)

Kehillat Noar for families with children in 1st-5th grades
at 10:15 am

Led by **Amy Katz & Gershon Liberman** (alternating)

When: Regularly, 1st and 3rd Saturdays/month at 10:15
am (check weekly e-blast for updates)

Celebrate Shabbat together with family and friends in
these warm, inviting family friendly services.

***Tot Shabbat & Kehillat Noar will conclude with
a JOINT KIDDUSH in the Zidell Chapel following
services***



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

Chik Chok Service Friday, December 18 3rd Friday

Join us at 6:15pm in the Zidell
Chapel, followed by dinner.
Reservations and fee required,
inquire to
michaelvmel@gmail.com.

Erev Shabbat Services

All Erev Shabbat services are at 6:15pm.
*Each 6:15 service has a distinct flavor of
it's own. We invite you to sample:*

1st Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat Singing
Service with Ilene Safyan

*(monthly Shabbat dinners will resume in
November, reservations required).*

3rd Friday-Chik Chok- A lay-led
"Carlebach-style" service
*(followed by dinner with reservations
required).*

2nd, 4th and 5th Friday-
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shelema, a speedy
recovery to:

Ann Adleman
Leonard Barde
June Kabaker
Esther Kahn
Arthur Rott

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

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

DECEMBER CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, December 4th	4:10 pm
Friday, December 11th	4:09 pm
Friday, December 18th	4:11 pm
Friday, December 25th	4:14 pm

Welcome to New Members:

Hilde Price Levine and Michael Levine
Joseph and Erica Spindel
Ori and Ayelett Wolman

Kol-ha-kavod

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

Milestone Birthdays

Howard Bockman	Rosalyn Menashe	Catherine Stark
Marcia Borden	Joyce Mendelsohn	Steven Stone
Alan Budner	Rose Redlich	Steven Ungar
Jordan Epstein	Daniel Reisberg	Arnold Weiner
Marilyn Hasson	Shane Rogosin	Bronislava Yalova
William Kadner	Steven Sherman	Arline Zidell
Roxanne Kotansky	Sara Staggs	

Milestone Anniversaries

Howard & Evelyn Freedman	Larry & Allison Mudrick
Melanie Fried-Oken & Barry Oken	Larry & Brenda Schwartz
William & Shirley Gintz	Nicolay & Polya Veytsman
Irving & Rhoda Leopold	Gary & Debra Wasserman
Albert & Bette Lynn Menashe	Carol & Herman Wolff
Robert & Karen Metter	

Panim el Panim



Panim el Panim Launches Gatherings

The New Panim el Panim program of intimate home gatherings of congregants and clergy began in November. The program is being well received as people appreciate the opportunity to get to know their Neveh neighbors and our clergy better in the informal, warm setting of these home get togethers. Invites are continuing to go out and gatherings will continue until each and every congregant has received an invitation so we appreciate your patience. We are still in need of host homes for spring 2010, especially in the following areas: Beaverton, Hillsboro, NE & SE Portland, etc. so please contact **Caron Blau Rothstein**, crothstein@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831 x139 if you would like to host or having any questions about the program.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service & All Member First Friday Dinner



Friday, December 4, 6:15pm

Join **Rabbi Greenstein** and **Ilene Safyan** for 6:15pm Shabbat Singing Service to be followed by a kosher Shabbat family style dinner. Everyone is welcome, and we will be joined by families of Kabbalat Torah students. \$14/adults, \$7/children ages 10 & under, \$42/family max (parents & dependent children). RSVP by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 2 (or \$5 convenience fee per person applies). Call the office at 503.246.8831x100, CNSreceptionist@nevehshalom.org.

NOTE: No dinner on January 1, due to the holiday. Our next First Friday Shabbat Dinner will be on February 5.

Membership Committee

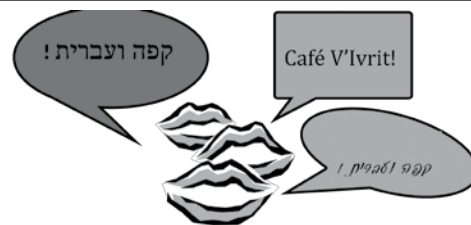


Can I kvell for just a moment about the BEST committee at CNS? On a certain Sunday in October, myself, **Debbie Zwetchkenbaum**, my co-chair, **Jason Kaufman**, **Susan**

Greenberg, **Theresa Coughlin**, and **Michelle Caplan** all met and came up with a wonderful Raffle plan. We all worked very hard and it was a wonderful, collaborative process. The money raised will go to support the **Sylvia Perlman Membership Enhancement Fund**, which will allow us to continue to provide for free to members the pancake breakfast, barbecue, and Hanukkah Party. I personally feel very warm and included when I go to these events and love making others feel welcome as well.

Two other things to kvell about. One is bringing welcome baskets to new members. Not too long ago, Nicole and I had the pleasure of bringing one to **Marsha and Dan Hurwitz** and we have become great friends. They said their Shul in LA did not have a welcome wagon like we have at CNS and were thrilled with ours. I also love being a greeter on Shabbat and I highly recommend this to everyone. It is a lovely way to meet new people and introduce them to our wonderful place of worship and so much more!

Mitchell Elovitz, Membership Committee CoChair. If there's anything myself or our committee can do to help you feel more connected, please email me elovitzclan@comcast.net



Hebrew Learner? Hebrew Speaker?

Join other adults (ages 18 to 120) for
Coffee, Refreshments, and
Social, Educational, and Intellectual Conversation
—in Hebrew—

at the all-new Café V'Ivrit.

Now with TWO facilitated groups:

Lomdim (Learners*) & Dovrim (Speakers)!

*Lomdim should have a year of conversational Hebrew learning under their belts.

Next Program: Monday, December 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

(Note date change**)**

at Congregation Neveh Shalom

Suggested donation \$5-\$10

Contact: Mel Berwin, michaelvmel@gmail.com 503-246-8831

Notes from Shomrei Teva



Hanukkah Miracles

In the ancient story, Hanukkah celebrates the Maccabees, who drove out the Greeks and saved the Jewish people from Hellenism. Why did Judah and his band only find one day's worth of holy oil in the defiled temple? Because the Greeks had wasted the rest. And why did the single miraculous cruse of oil have to last for eight days? So the

Maccabees could prepare new oil from renewable resources, from olives.

In our time, we waste huge amounts of non-renewable fossil fuels. At the same time, we're badly polluting the air, water, and land. Can we make our resources last until we can develop clean, renewable sources of energy? Who will be the modern Maccabees and what will be our miraculous cruse of oil?

Perhaps it will be all of us, one by one, doing what Judaism teaches us: do not waste (bal tashchit), and protect God's creation. Let Chanukah be a time of rededication to protect our earth, for our sakes and l'dor v'dor.

What can we do this Hanukkah? Give hand-made or recycled presents, don't use new (or any) wrapping paper, drive less and slow down, don't idle your car, turn off lights and appliances when not in use, switch bulbs to compact fluorescents, turn your thermostat down a degree or two, and eat less meat (but do eat sufganiyot!).

We can be the miracle of the oil. Chag sameach.

Jordan Epstein

Chair, Shomrei Teva

Vaad Shel Chesed Group

Creating a Caring Community

Sunday, December 6, 10:00am, in the Board Room



Chesed is the virtue of loving-kindness. The Chesed Committee is a dedicated group of people who support our Neveh Shalom community people in need. We visit people, cook meals, and provide rides for those in need of care and healing. We meet one Sunday each month to discuss what tradition has to teach us

through text, learn practical tips about how to comfort people, and process our experiences. We would love to have you join us and be a part of our growing team! Keep us in mind if you need our caring support. For more information or if you are interested in joining the Chesed Committee, please contact **Barbara Barde**, Chesed Chair: 503.293.1222 or Barb@bardepdx.com or come to our next group meeting

Darfur Awareness

Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

Horrific acts of genocide continue in the Darfur Region of Sudan. As Jews, we have a special obligation to take action to end the genocide and help the Darfurian victims. The Neveh Shalom Says Never Again Darfur Awareness Committee is our Congregation's active and present voice to raise awareness and bring change for the people of Darfur.

Please join us for these upcoming opportunities to add your voice and support to our cause.

- Get your Tikkum Olam fix by attending our first-ever Say Never Again Havdalah Service – Saturday, December 5th, 5:30 – 7:30pm. We'll hold a special Havdalah service followed by a discussion of the book Not on Our Watch and a talk by guest speaker Mina Rush from Jewish World Watch.
- Wanted: Your enthusiasm, your ideas and your voice. Bring them to our upcoming Darfur Awareness Committee meetings. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30pm at Congregation Neveh Shalom. Questions? Email greenstein_sarah@yahoo.com.
- Join the Postcard Brigade. Receive monthly updates on the situation in Darfur and stamped and addressed postcards for you to sign and mail. Join the Brigade by emailing postcardbrigade@gmail.com.
- 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.
- Visit The Never Again Coalition website at <http://nwneveragain.weebly.com/>. Get details on Portland-area events and activities as well as resources on Darfur and genocide.
- Call 1-800-GENOCIDE once a day or once a week for the opportunity to tell your elected officials to give

THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

Last month's Hannukah Fair was a big success! Thank you very much to our wonderful Women's League volunteers who schmoozed, shopped and sold beautiful merchandise from 8:30-4:30. We still have several new and very beautiful hannukiot, milk and bittersweet gelt, cards, jewelry, candles and other gift items. Treat your friends and family while giving back to the shul. Stop by and say "shalom" and check out our new "Sale" section. See you at the Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop!

MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

to benefit the Sylvia Pearlman Membership Enhancement Fund

Buy a chance to win a full year membership at Neveh Shalom for the 2010-11 membership year.

Use it for yourself, or give it as a gift.

For more information contact Michelle Caplan at mcaplan@nevehshalom.org



*You must be 18 years or older to participate in games of chance

Annual Giving Campaign

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

Climbing Rambam's rungs:

Did you know that the annual giving campaign is not simply a new fundraising strategy at Neveh Shalom, but a chance for our community to delve deeply into the topic of Jewish giving? Our great teacher and philosopher, Moses Ben Maimon, (also known as Maimonides or Rambam) created a hierarchy of giving which we can think of as a ladder. Remember Dr. Jones (from the August Chronicle) who treated a homeless patient unwillingly? She was on the bottom rung, rung number eight. Remember Jane and John (September) who decided to limit their giving? They were standing firm on rung seven. Today, we present to you, Sally Goldberg, a loving mother, waving down to us from her proud perch on rung number six. Sally had forgotten that it was her turn to provide the snack at the end of her son's soccer game. Just as she was settling in to enjoy the game, one of the other parents reminded her of her obligation. Luckily, she had enough time to run over to the grocery store next to the soccer field. Unfortunately she'd forgotten her wallet in her rush to get her son to soccer on time, so the \$5 she found tucked in her jacket pocket would have to be enough to pay for the snack.

She chose a package of cheese crackers and even had enough money for a bag of pre-sliced apples. If she hurried she'd make it back in time to see most of the game. Just as she exited the store she was stopped by a man ragged clothing.

"Got any spare change?" He asked Sally.

"No." She answered truthfully, and tried to brush past him.

"How about those crackers and apples? I haven't eaten all day. What do you say?"

She looked at the person addressing her. If she gave him the snacks, the soccer team would have no post-game snack. On the other hand, the man in the ragged clothing really looked hungry.

What should Sally do?

If Sally knew about the Rambam's rungs than the choice would be easy! The sixth level tells us that we are obliged to give to the poor when we are asked.

What did Sally do?

She gave the man the snacks, of course! That's why she's waving at us from the sixth rung. She also shared her experience with the kids on the soccer team. Even though they left their soccer game a little hungrier than usual, they learned a powerful lesson about giving.

To learn more about the campaign or donate go online at www.nevehshalom.org/giving/annual. Or, contact Wendy Kahn, Development Coordinator at 503-452-4614 or rifkashira@comcast.net.

Help Build our

FLOWER FUND

Congregation Neveh Shalom will receive a 10% donation direct from Z-Fiori for the Neveh Shalom Flower Fund everytime you place and order with us! Just mention you are a member of the congregation when placing your order!

Z-FIORI

Start planning early

Remember a loved one, honor your family, celebrate a simcha - purchase a paver!

Hanukkah is just around the corner...

\$180 for an Individual Paver

\$1800 for 6 Patron Pavers

Order today by downloading an order form (2 pages). For questions contact Wendy Kahn, Development Coordinator at rifkashira@comcast.net.



Kochavim & Notz'tzim

Kochavim & Notz'tzim Invites you to our תביתם הכונה Hanukkah Party!
5:00-5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16

- Hanukkah songs led by our 0-4 year old Notz'tzim children
- Performances by our 4-8 year old Kochavim Hebrew immersion students
- Stay for sufganiyot & s'vivonim (donuts & dreidles)!
- See what our Hebrew immersion & Hebrew play group are up to - all are welcome!

Lunch Bunch for 65+ Tuesday, Dec. 8, 12 noon

The Senior Lunch Bunch invites you to join us Tuesday, December 8. An ombudsman from Elders in Action will address the group on services they provide in the areas of:

- Healthcare issues
- Housing issues
- Elder abuse issues
- Other appropriate senior issues

Enjoy a spectacular KOSHER lunch for only \$5 per person - reservations required. Save the date and plan to join us. RSVP by noon on Monday, December 7 to the office at 503-246-8831 ext. 100 or CNSreceptionist@nevehshalom.org

Mark your calendar for next month's lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 12 noon.

Women's League



Are you a Women's League member? We are planning something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you at one of our programs.

Kvell with us!! We have searched our records and we learned that **Evelyn Freedman, Toinette Menashe and Rosalyn Menashe** have been Women's League members for 50 years. We celebrate their membership and honor it with a donation to Torah Fund.

Join us, Thursday, December 3 at 7:15 pm for a book review and discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, led by **Sylvia Frankel**. Your local library and the Neveh Shalom library carry the book.

Have you begun your Chanukah shopping? Our Gloria Bacharach Judaica Gift Shop is open and prepared for your holiday needs, and for your gifts. Volunteer with us, shop with us, tell your friends about us. For more information, contact **Stefani Cozine**, 503.296.8622 or **Samantha Johnson**, 503.482.5142. We'll see YOU at our shop.

We are planning events for 2010. On February 11, **Dr. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward** will be our speaker at a program regarding ongoing Women's Health issues. On March 12, we will celebrate with our annual Women's League Shabbat. On March 14, will be the Marianne Wollstein Memorial Mah Jongg tournament. Stay tuned for details of these and other programs that we have coming up.

Our Potluck & Planning meeting is set for Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm at my home; this is your opportunity to reach us, to tell us your ideas for a program or event. Everyone is welcome. Contact me, 503.626.6611 for details.

Susan Sutherlin

President, Neveh Shalom Women's League

Men's Club



We encourage you to visit the synagogue's website to look at the photo gallery and view pictures of our recent Men's Club activities. To access these pictures link to the "About Us" drop down menu and click the Photo Gallery tab.

On **November 15th** we hosted a joint program with Women's League.

Our guest was from the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and they spoke on the issue of torture and led a discussion concerning President Obama's recent executive order banning torture and how that order will be implemented in light of torture conducted in the US since September 11, 2001.

On **December 13th**, the Men's Club will host Mr. Heath Kearns of Mr. Sun Solar. For 29 years, Mr. Sun Solar has provided solar energy systems throughout Oregon as well as being an advocate for solar energy causes. They have also been involved with educational outreach and energy policy legislation. Mr. Kearns will discuss how we might integrate solar energy solutions into our own homes.

On Monday **December 14th**, **Dr. Gary Martel** is hosting a Jewish cooking class in his home with **Bobbie Kramer**. She will teach attendees innovative cooking techniques to make your holiday dinners something to remember.

If you would like to join Men's Club and participate in any of the activities of our group or have suggestions for activities that might be of interest to you and your friends, please contact our membership chairman, **Jeremy Kelter** at timberlineadvisors@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Dr. Bruce Stern and Gabe Markiz, Men's Club Co-Presidents.

Yachad

Men's Activities

Bowling at Sunset Lanes

(Walker Road, Beaverton)

Sunday, December 13, 1:30-3:30pm

COST: \$20 - fee includes bowling

shoe rental and food

RSVP to **Josh Mitnick** at

josh_mitnick@yahoo.com

Men's Club

Yom Hashoah Memorial Candles



Each year, Men's Club sends the yellow Yom Hashoah candles to the congregation to

enhance the observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. On that day, we, as on most Jewish holidays light a candle, a spark of light to remember the horrors of the Holocaust and those millions lost. Men's Club sends the candles to give families an opportunity to honor the day, to share thoughts and prayers with children, and to create family traditions, "L 'Dor v'Dor".

The funds collected by Men's Club from voluntary donations for the Yom Hashoah candles pay for the cost of the candles, then the additional funds received are donated to the Holocaust Resource Center. We join with the Holocaust Resource Center to say "never again" to such horror and loss of innocent life. Men's Club hopes that your Yom Hashoah remembrance is meaningful.

The members of Men's Club send the candles as a convenience to the congregation, but if someone does not wish to receive the candle, please contact **Peter Wigmore** at (503) 653-8922 or aussiewig@comcast.net by Monday, December 21st.



Gabe Markiz,
Men's Club Co-President
Peter Wigmore,
Yom Hashoah Chair

Greetings from Neveh Shalom Youth Services!

I can't believe we are already in winter! I feel like I just packed my shorts and sandals away! Oh well.

As we all know here the best way to beat the cold and rain is to spend the winter holidays with your friends and community, and at Neveh we make it happen! What could be better? We have awesome opportunities for all kids from 3rd through 12th grade to get together and have fun in a supportive and engaging environment. Just look at the possibilities this month alone. Hanukkah parties, outings to the city, overnights, museums, movies! Wow! I can't wait to see what awaits us in the New Year! All I know is it is clear that Neveh Shalom Youth activities are the place to be! I could tell you more, but I suggest you read the words of our teen youth leaders below and see what our programs have meant to them. We are so proud of our youth and our community, and we can't wait to see where they will go!

Jonathan Emanuel
Youth Director

Kadima

November proved another exciting month for our Kadimaniks. "Cooking with Kadima" allowed our members to show off their culinary expertise, make someone delicious treats for their families and donate to Tzedakah as well. The Kadima Kinnus, a regional Kadima event, proved an amazing time for those lucky to participate. A trip to our amazing Portland Art Museum was a fantastic experience and many Kadimaniks discovered new art pieces and visited old favorites as well. For further information on Kadima, open to all 6th - 8th graders, please contact **Cara Buchalter Emanuel** at kadima@portlandrishonim.org.

B'Shalom,
Cara Buchalter Emanuel

Jr. Kadima

Hey there Jr. Kadima families!
What a fantastic fall we have had!
In November Jr. Kadima got out of the rain by getting into the water at the North Clackamas Aquatic Park also known as the Other Oregon Coast. The park features three water slides and wave pool, enough to make someone forget fall in Oregon. Needless to say the event was a huge "splash"! This December Jr. Kadima will continue the aquatic theme and tour the submarine USS Blueback at OMSI.

Ahoy!
Ben Glauber at bennyg@umd.edu

NSY

Last May, about 15 kids, **Jonathan Emanuel**, and **Rabbi Greenstein**, all gathered over pizzas to discuss the scarcity of youth involvement at the synagogue. Over the year, a lot of Neveh members – including myself- had noticed that the halls had seemed a little too quiet. Where did all the kids go? they wondered. But more importantly, how do we get them back?

Jonathan Emanuel, the Director of Youth Activities here at Neveh Shalom assembled a "Teen Task Force" to solve this problem. Over the course of several meetings taking place over a few months, six, then seven, and now eight, high school board members created an entirely new youth group called Neveh Shalom Youth, which is headed up by advisor Yael Bridge. We decided that we wanted a group where Jewish kids from all over Portland could feel comfortable just being together. We wanted to focus on social action and tikkun olam, incorporating just the right amount of religious observance into our activities, and of course, having a really great time.

Our first event was the "Sukkah Sleepover". We had an incredible night of games, baking, eating in the sukkah (it was a little chilly!), and meeting lot of cool new people. Two weeks later was our kick-off event, Glow-in-the-Dark Capture-the-Flag. We had a great turnout and the game was really fun. But after talking to some kids who came, I discovered that they had the most fun just talking to people and meeting kids of other schools and synagogues. NSY had accomplished its first goal!

We have exciting events planned through the spring. November 22nd, we played laser tag at Ultrazone! We're also holding a big Hanukkah party in the Birnbach Hall on December 13th. Kadima (middle schoolers) and NSY will be teaming up to compete with the youth at Beth Israel on December 6th in a battle of the bands, Rockband style! Other events later in the year include a cook-off, and an all-Portland Jewish youth Purim party is in the works.

The creation of Neveh Shalom Youth and watching it come to life has been extremely rewarding. As a Jewish high school student, it's important for me to have a group of kids who I can relate to. We also have a lot of fun together. I would encourage any Jewish high school kid to join NSY, even if he or she already has a lot of fun with sports, band, or whatever other activities in which they have friends, because there is nothing like having Jewish friends to share your time with. The experience NSY can offer is unlike anywhere else, and because this group is exactly what we make it, the possibilities are endless.

Rebecca Davidsohn, NSY Board Member

Religious School



Maimonides established the ladder of Tzedakah and set forth 8 ways to help the needy: The highest degree is the one that hands a person a gift or loan so that they would not need to beg from others.

Below this is one who gives money in such a way that the giver does not know who receives nor does the poor person know from whom the money was given.

Below this is the person who knows the one receiving while the poor person does not know from whom the gift comes.

Below this is when the poor knows the identity of the donor, but remains unknown to the donor.

Below this is the one who hands charity directly to the poor before being asked for it.

Below this is the one who hands charity to the poor after the poor has requested it.

Below this is the one who gives to the poor less than what is appropriate, but gives it in a friendly manner.

Below this is the one who gives charity with a scowl.

Our year long Tzedakah projects have begun with much enthusiasm. Each class has had an opportunity to discuss their goals for raising money during the year and have chosen the organization they would like to help. Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International and the Oregon Food Bank are just three of the examples of class choices. Please help us reach our goals by sending tzedakah money with your child on Sundays. Also, you can track the progress of each class by viewing the bulletin board in the main hallway across from room 102. Other ways you can help: bring in used cell phones and chargers; children's videos; boys suits; pots and pans; school supplies; blankets.

Susan Bernstein

Foundation School



December brings Foundation School activities that revolve around the celebration of Hanukkah – a festive time filled with light, song, special foods and games to enjoy together. This year Hanukkah is celebrated early in the month

so the children will be together at school to enjoy the holiday before we begin our winter vacation.

Traditionally Hanukkah is celebrated at home with family and friends. Foundation School children will learn many of the Hanukkah traditions to help enrich their home celebrations. We will look carefully at the Hanukkiah (menorah) that holds the candles and talk about the shamash (helper candle) that lights the others while creating a Hanukkiah to take home. Children will grate potatoes and the delicious smell and taste of potato latkes will be enjoyed for snack. Dreidels will be spinning and so will the children as we have fun with this traditional spinning top game. The Hanukkah story of the brave Macabee family who rededicated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem to God over 2000 years ago will be told and we will sing about Judah Macabee the hero of the story.

We invite all our Foundation School families to join together with their children in Birnbach Hall on Wednesday December 16th from 10:50-11:30 for our All-School Hanukkah Program. We will sing and dance together led by our music enrichment specialist Kim Palumbis and our Room 18 Pre-Kindergarten Teddy Bear Class will put on a special Hanukkah presentation for our enjoyment.

Happy Hanukkah!

Jan Skolnik

Young Family Programs @ CNS

Neveh Shalom Babies



Happy Hanukkah! We hope everyone has a wonderful month filled with lots of sufganiyot, dreidels, latkes, hanukkiah, and of course fun!

Playgroup: Our Fall playgroup has been going great and we've had a great turnout! The kids have a great time playing and the parents have a nice time chatting, too! We're hoping to continue the playgroups with a winter session. If you're interested in a playgroup please let **Mindy or Caron** know along with the age of your child/baby and some times that work for you.

Parent ed: Please join us for our upcoming December & January workshops.

December 1st, 7pm will be "Beyond Latkes & Dreidels" with **Mel Berwin**, and on **January 12th, 7pm** will be "Scrapbooking 101: Making Jewish Memories," led by **Linda Cohen**. Mark your calendars also for future workshops:

February 25th, 7pm on engaging your young children in healthy Jewish cooking led by **Pat Friedlander** and **March 16th, 7pm** on raising a child with Jewish financial values led by **Kim Rosenberg**. Please contact the office to sign up. Cost: \$5/workshop.

Want to get involved? Like planning? We'd love to have you join the CNS Babies planning committee! Please contact Mindy if you're interested!!

For more questions or more information, please contact NS Babies Chair, **Mindy Zeitzer** at icedteagal@gmail.com. Thanks!



Shoreshim



Shoreshim has planned several fun activities this winter for families with children under the age of five years old. Join us for special Shoreshim craft project and storytime at the All-Member Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 13th at 5:30. Make your own dreidel fridge magnet and celebrate Chanukah with your Shoreshim friends. We would like to thank our hard-working volunteers, **Bethany Friedlander** and **Jessica Lubek**, for planning an amazing Shabbat dinner last month. Everyone had a great time sharing Shabbat together and singing along with the always fantastic **Kim Palumbis**. Shoreshim will also have a special activity planned at the Winter

Family Funfest at the MJCC on Sunday, January 24th. "Funfest" is not an overstatement - in addition to our project, there will be a giant bouncy house inside the MJCC gym, PJ Library storytime, craft projects, and more. We hope to see you there! As always, Tot Shabbat services will be held in Zidell Chapel at 10:15am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. These are wonderful services for families with little ones - they involve music and story telling (and everyone understands if your kids need to walk around munching on Cheerios during services!).

If you have any questions about Shoreshim, please feel free to contact Co-Chairs **Sarah Zakreski** at sjbz_pdx@yahoo.com or **Rachel Pines** at portlandpines@gmail.com. Chanukah Sameach, everyone!

Over a dozen families of little ones under the age of five came to decorate cookies, shmooze with one another, and enjoy stories told by fantastic storyteller, Julia Waco. After story time, the five huge batches of cookies were done baking and everyone had hot chocolate and apple cider and ate tons of cookies. Everyone had such a great time that this event is sure to become an annual favorite of Shoreshim families.



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Unless noted, all classes open to the public, free admission, held at:
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KEVA and Coffee - Learning with Rabbi Greenstein

Friday mornings 9:30am - Dec. 18, Jan. 15

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Bible Class with Rabbi Stampfer

Thursdays, 4:30-5:15pm

These informal study sessions offer the opportunity for lively discussion of Bible passages being studied. The class is ongoing and participatory. Registration is not necessary, admission is free. Confirm meeting dates with the Neveh Shalom calendar, or call the office at 503.246.8831.

Talmud Class with Rabbi Stampfer

Tuesdays, 5-6pm

Judah Goldin said, "A great novel enables us to see visions, the Talmud enables us to hear voices." Studying the Talmud is like listening to conversations of rabbis who lived 2,000 years ago. Their talk is witty, profound and vastly important to the development of our people's culture. Join Rabbi Stampfer as he interprets their conversations to make them more understandable and timely. The class is ongoing. Registration is not necessary, admission is free. Confirm meeting dates with the Neveh Shalom calendar or call the office at 503.246.8831.

JEWISH LIVING

Walking with Life

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, 12 weeks

Fall: October 7-November 11

Spring: January 20 - February 24

Join Rabbi Daniel Isaak as he leads us through this third installment from the AJU Rabbinic Studies curriculum. "Walking with Life" reveals insights and deeper meaning behind the Jewish Life Cycle events through the many stages and varieties of human living and Jewish values. Be challenged and stimulated as we explore the pluralism of Jewish diversity throughout history; with open-minded, critical study and discussion.

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NEW SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein:

1st Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am

Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb 6, March 6, Apr. 3, May 1

Join us for Neveh Shalom's newest Shabbat morning service. We study, we sing, we meditate and engage deeply in prayer together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience necessary. Bring your friends! KEVA...a little time for your soul. For more information or to get involved please contact **Rabbi Brad** at bgreenstein@nevehshalom.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Book Talks with Facilitator Gail Sherman

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Jan 14, 21, and 28, Room 111

Join a book discussion on the current work of the best-selling author of, "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden," Joanne Greenberg. Greenberg will be reading from her most recent novel, "Miri, Who Charms" on February 25, at 6:30pm in the Reed College Psych Auditorium. Juxtaposing girls growing up in Denver's Orthodox enclave, friendship, questions of love, and spelunking, Greenberg's most recent work, like her earlier fiction, features contemporary characters, like Jews who might live down the street from us, lovingly and sharply observed in the middle of ethical self-discovery. Leading up to this talk, Prof. Gail Sherman of the English Department at Reed will lead discussions of Greenberg's work on three successive Thursday evenings in January at Neveh Shalom.
January 14: Love, Marriage, and Desire in "A Season Of Delight."
January 21: Fathers, Sons, and Moral Adulthood in "Appearances."
January 28: Charm and a Nice Jewish Girl in "Miri, Who Charms."
Books will be available through the Neveh Shalom library, as well as by ordering through the gift shop, or Annie Bloom's bookstore.

Career Transition Network Wednesday Mornings, 7:45am

(NOTE: NO meeting on December 9 or 30)
Susan Goldstein, an experienced career transition consultant/coach, facilitates this no-cost networking group for individuals seeking to expand their network in specific industries, organizations, communities, or jobs. There is no long-term 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

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Sunday December 20, from 9-12

Help Shomrei Teva remove invasive plants at our Creekside Restoration Site. The non-native invasives, which we worked hard at removing, continue to re-sprout. One or two more good efforts before the fall rains would greatly help our "garden". Come on out, bring family and friends, and remove invasives like clematis, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and morning glory. You can pull weeds by hand or bring a small digging tool. We have gloves if you don't. Dress for the weather. Questions? Call Jordan Epstein 503-245-6580 or email yaakovm@comcast.net.

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We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Rita Bernstein

May her soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to our members and their families,

Marcia Meyer on the death of her Uncle

Lauren Fortgang on the death of her grandmother

Michelle Stein on the death of her mother

Phil Sarna, Hank Langfus and Aaron Lanfus on the death of their sister, aunt and sister-in-law

Helen Duewel on the death of her mother

Hilarie Wasserman on the death of her mother; Clara Hersh.

Barbara Berstein Fant on the death of her mother; **Rita Bernstein.**

Ella Gurfinkle and San Monastyrsky on the death of their Uncle

May their memories be a blessing.

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 **Fred Rothstein** 503.475.2934, 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.

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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.

Chronicle Submissions

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

Deadlines

January Chronicle - December 4th

February Chronicle - January 5th

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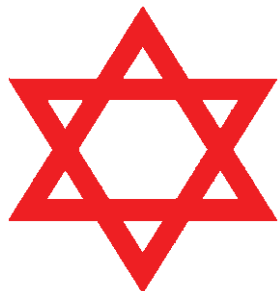
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Sunday, December 13 5:30 to 7:30pm

(free to members, non-members are welcome \$14 per adult and \$7 per child)

All will need to RSVP no later than Wednesday, December 9th at 5pm.

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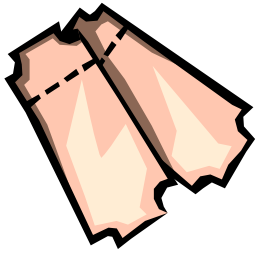
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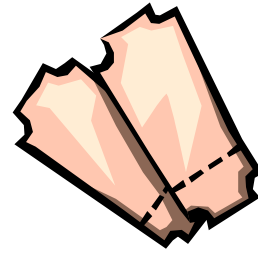


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January 16, 2010

7:00pm – 9:30pm

Main Sanctuary

Vagabond Opera, a six-piece Portland group, was created by Eric Stern in 2002. They are at the vanguard of an increasingly popular neo-cabaret phenomenon, drawing inspiration from Duke Ellington, Frank Zappa, Marlene Dietrich, Yiddish Theater, Vaudeville, and Burlesque.

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Any questions? Please contact the CNS Office at 503.246.8831

Checks should be made payable to Congregation Neveh Shalom (CNS)

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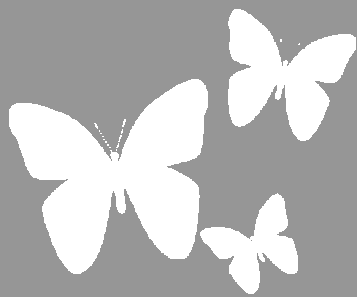
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A NS Babies Workshop



January 12, 7pm

Location:

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