



CHRONICLE

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From the Pulpit

Jewish Never Never Land

The first time I prayed was at Jewish sleep away camp. For three weeks every summer as I grew up I escaped away to a paradise I called summer camp. And every day for just a short amount of time, the entire camp would gather together for tefilla, prayer. All the kids and counselors would meet in an outdoor chapel and a song leader who we all knew and loved would play guitar and lead us in song. When my friends and I were not sneaking away from this so called "tefilla" and getting into trouble, I would actually listen and take to heart what the song leader had to say. There was always a moment carved out for silent prayer, and this was my favorite. With a slow, gentle touch, the song leader created a quiet melody and the whole camp was silent. During my adult life, I have said the Shema at many places of natural beauty: on the cliff of the Grand Canyon while the sun was rising, hiking through the northern hills of Israel, standing atop the Swiss Alps, yet I don't think anywhere will ever be as beautiful as my memory of this outdoor chapel. As the guitar played my childhood eyes would stare up into the myriad of colors and lights that reflected around the giant cypress-like tree overhead. This sanctuary amidst the trees was made with rocks and stone and we sat on old benches with our cabin mates. There was a giant menorah carved out of wood and the bima was a mosaic art project from years past. I would gaze up at the canopy of tree-filtered sky and then back down to the red dirt floor. I remember exactly what I prayed for too. I would pray that the girl I had a crush on would like me, or that my parents would send me the same gummy bear candy my friend received in the mail. As I grew older and became a camp counselor the outdoor chapel stayed the same but my silent prayers were different. I prayed for the courage to make moral decisions, I prayed for the health of my grandparents, and sometimes I contemplated what the camp rabbi meant when he/she said God was infinite and eternal. I never realized it at the time, but all of those prayers, piece by piece, built a strong foundation for my Jewish identity.

For me, camp was Never Never Land and I looked forward to it every year as I wrote letters to the lifelong friends I had made the past summer. In the real world, the only athletic trophy or awards I received were for "good sportsmanship" and yet at camp I became the 1993 swimming gold medalist during the Maccabiah Olympic Games. My equally athletic best friend won the gold medal in checkers. At camp everyone sang with tons of energy banging and jumping on the dining room tables. Not only did I learn the Jewish prayers and blessings by heart but when I moved away to college I discovered that Harry Chapin and James Taylor also sang my traditional Jewish summer camp songs.

Judaism was in the air, it didn't need to be taught because it was constantly penetrating our souls. Shabbat was an event, everyone dressed up and we ate roast chicken and rice pilaf and slept in and had extra free-time to play and rest.

This past summer I visited our own Camp Solomon Schechter in Olympia, Washington. You can imagine my nostalgia as we prayed together outside and I watched so many of our own Neveh Shalom kids singing at the top of their lungs and running around camp having the time of their lives.

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Save the Date for the CNS Annual Auction

"Reach For the Stars"

Sunday, March 16, 5pm

To be held at the MJCC

We are counting on 100% participation from our members for our biggest fundraiser of the year. There are many ways you can help:

- Volunteer to help on one of our many subcommittees: publicity, procurement, registration, packaging, data entry, sponsorship, decorations, and evening program
- Donate goods or services from your place of business
- Ask merchants you regularly shop with to donate their goods or services
- Become a sponsor with your cash donation
- Attend the event and bid on our fabulous items!
- Buy a raffle ticket

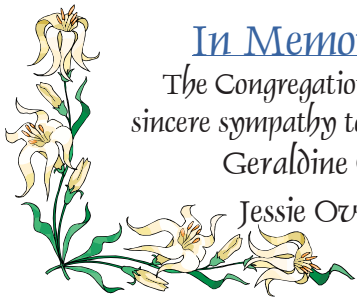
Great items to bid on include:

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| ● Fantastic Seahawk Tickets | ● 1 Week stay in Palm Springs |
| ● Box Seats to a Mariner's game | ● Landscape Design Package from Gregg & Ellis Landscape Design |
| ● Flight and golf at Bandon Dunes | ● Weekend Getaway Portland |
| ● Family Membership to the MJCC | ● Marriot Downtown waterfront |
| ● 1 Week Stay in Puerto Vallarta | ● Brand new full-size pool table |

Jeff Katz and Monica Brenner 2008 co-chairs. Call or email JoAnn Bezodis, Auction Coordinator, TODAY to find out how you can help: 503.293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

Watch your mail for donation forms or download them from our website at www.nevehshalom.org

Let's make 2008 our best year ever!



In Memoriam

The Congregation extends its sincere sympathy to the families of
Geraldine Cowan
Jessie Overbeck

Condolences

Our condolences to our members and their families,
Suzanne Lubarsky-Friedman on the death of her grandmother;
Robin, Susan and Melinda Cowan on the death of their mother **Geraldine Cowan**
David Honingstock on the death of his mother Sally Honingstock
Bonnie Berry on the death of her mother, Elanor Wilber

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shlema, a speedy recovery to
Dorothy Potenza, Stu Yudman,
Rosana Berdichevsky, Bonnie Berry
and Barbara Wolf

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.

Torah Study

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

Chronicle Submissions

Please Note

Share your life-cycles events and accomplishments with your congregation. The deadline for the March Chronicle submission is **Friday, February 8th**
Please E-mail submissions to lkitchen@nevehshalom.org

Welcome to Our New Members

Gary & Cathy Levine
Neil & Nicole Isenberg
Ari & Caron Rothstein
Julie & Perry Welch

Shabbat Unplugged

A meditation service led by Cantor Linda Shivers
Friday, February 8th, 6:15pm

Kvell With Us

... Congratulations to Ari Rogoway of Puyallup, WA for receiving the prestigious Copesan 2007 award of "Operations Champion of the Year." As Technical Administrator for his company, he is responsible for connecting man and machines. He was nominated because of his expertise, his willingness to be available at all times, and his ability to work with his co-workers in a professional and congenial manner. Proud mother is **Miriam Rogoway**.

... **Joel & Hilarie Wasserman** joyfully announce the birth of their grandson, Beck Daly Wasserman, on December 12, 2007, to Scott & Shara Wasserman of Chaska, Minnesota. Beck joins big sister, Samantha, age 5, and big brother, Ty, age 2 1/2. Beck's other grandparents are O.L. & Cheri Beckmon of Leawood, Kansas. His great-grandparents are Clara Hersh of Woodland Hills, California, Judith Wasserman of Los Angeles, and John & Alma Daly of Oklahoma City.



... **Sid & Linda Alpert** are pleased to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Mayer David Warwick on December 4, 2007 to Dr. Marjorie Alpert and Jeff Warwick of San Jose, CA, sister to Maya Eliana.

Kol-ha-kavod

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

Milestone Birthdays

Janice	Abramovitz	Bela	Friedman	Elliot	Lubarsky
Bryan	Baisinger	Carol	Ginsberg	Leah	Nepom
Jenna	Barnett	Barbara	Goodkin	Jill	Neuwelt
Ronald	Bockman	William	Gordon	Ronald	Saroff
David	Cook	Julie	Gottlieb	Ariel	Shattan
Robin	Cowan	Terry	Howard	David	Twain
Rebecca	Eiseman	Richard	Lakefish	Alan	Wolinsky
Deborah	French	Ruth	Lindemann		

Milestone Anniversaries

Sy and Carol Danish	Ron and Dani Nierenberg
Phil and Cissy Levine	Norman and Suzan Wapnick
Mylynda and Marc Massart	Denise and Kenneth Wetherell

B'nai Mitzvah

Avery Ballato

February 1 & 2



Mazel Tov to **Avery Ballato** who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah on 02.01.08 and 02.02.08. He is the son of **Rochelle Atlas & Robert**

Ballato, grandson of **Sidney & Regina Atlas**, the late Nat & Minnie Ballato and brother to **Mariella, Elliot**. Avery is a 7th grader at West Sylvan Middle School and his hobbies include reading and soccer.



Naomi Karen Sherman

February 15 & 16



Mazel Tov to **Naomi Karen Sherman** who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 02.15.08 and 02.16.08. She is the daughter of **Mark & Gail Sherman**, granddaughter of

Marsha Sherman & Michael Cohen, Ed Sherman of Santa Cruz, CA, the late Alvar & Iris Berkeley and sister to **Ayala Sherman, Ben Baker** and **Ilana Hamilton**. Naomi is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy and her hobbies includes playing her violin with her teacher Andrew Ehrlich, with a string quartet, and with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. A life-long member of Downstairs Minyan, Naomi also often participates in the Darchei Noam Minyan at the Robison Home. Naomi swims with the Portland Aquatic Club, sings with the PJA Middle School Choir, and is an avid rock climber. She likes to hang out with friends, read, experiment with vegetarian cooking, listen to music, and play with her cat.

From the President



Every day it seems that something new is taking shape on our Capital Campaign. With walls coming down, foundations being poured, decisions being made, and activity on all fronts, it is a very exciting time for our synagogue community. We can all be excited about how far we have come toward reaching our fundraising goal, as well. With over \$6. million raised so far, we are over 70% toward our goal of \$9 million. But we won't be successful until we reach each congregant family—either through a face-to-face meeting or phone conversation. We have a very dedicated group of solicitors who are attempting to contact each and every congregant family to share information about the project and our goals. It is a sometimes difficult and challenging task for our volunteer solicitors to pick up the phone and request time to talk about pledges and contributions with congregants, so please be respectful of their time and enthusiasm and respond in the positive when a solicitor calls to request a meeting or have a phone conversation with you about the Campaign. All we ask is an opportunity to share the information about the Campaign, and then you can decide about your level of involvement. We hope that every congregant family can participate at a level with which they are comfortable, so that we can all say together when the project is done, "We built this TOGETHER!"

Sandy Axel, President

Cantor's Notes



By the time you are reading this, you should have either just seen Cantor Tasat or you are getting ready to go. I'd love your feedback in either case.

In Memory of Our Fathers takes place on Sunday, February 10th at 4 pm. At this gathering we will remember all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, and men who have been a father to us. We will share readings and poems about fathers and participate in Jewish ways of remembering. Anyone who would like is invited to bring in something (a picture, an object, a story, a song, etc) that reminds you of your father and for those who wish, there will be an opportunity to share the connection between it and your father. If your father had a favorite song, let me know in advance and I'll try to sing it.

In Judaism we remember loved ones on their *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of a death) and at *Yizkor* service four times a year. It seems that we never have a chance to share something with each other about our dear ones except in the first few days.

As most of you know, I lost my father this past year and I have been amazed how many other members of our community also lost their father this year. Whether you had a loss this year or even 60 years or more ago, please join me in remembering our fathers.

New Songs for Shabbat is a new class with just two sessions: Tuesdays, February 5th and February 19th at 7 – 8 pm. Earlier this was listed at different dates but these are the real ones. Attend one session or both to learn and sing some new melodies for Shabbat. Enrich your Shabbat experience!

Shabbat Rocks the Rose City will take place this month on Friday night February 15 and next month, Friday March 21, both at 8:15 pm. The Percy Bernstein Orchestra under the direction of Ethan Chessin has been getting better and better and has been adding new music each time. We are very lucky to have Ethan who not only conducts but also arranges the music each time. If you've never been to this service, you're in for a surprise – it's a very lively, exuberant service that's loved by children and parents alike. Bring your dancing shoes.

Cantor Linda Shivers

Choir Concert



Feb. 1-2, 2008 we will host Cantor Tasat who will sing wonderful Sephardic melodies from many different Sephardic communities that he has arranged for solo as well as choir. After the Kabbalat Shabbat service all are invited to a congregational Shabbat dinner with Cantor Tasat leading us in singing. Saturday morning he will lead part of the Saturday morning service and do some of the chanting of the Torah. On Sat. night he will perform a concert together with the Neveh Shalom choir. The choir has already started on the music and it is wild! The music is full of unusual rhythms and harmonies. This concert is the annual fundraiser for the choir and will be a delightful evening for all ages.

Scholar in Residence Weekend

Dr. Alan Mintz,
Jewish Theological Seminary
Congregation Neveh Shalom
Saturday, April 12; 9:00am, 1:00pm
Havdallah reception, 6:30pm
Please note the date change from
February 9: the date has been
re-scheduled to April 12

Yahrzeit Plaques: Lasting Memorials

A Yahrzeit plaque is a lasting tribute that ensures the memory of a loved one will be honored for all time. The purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque guarantees a permanent fixture in the Sanctuary plus a duplicate one that will be displayed on the Yahrzeit. Please contact **Michelle Caplan**, 503.293.7305, or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org, if you would like more information about this tradition and or about purchasing a plaque.

Welcome Caron to the CNS staff!



Caron Blau Rothstein is a Northern California native who spent the last twelve years living with her family in Baltimore, Maryland. In Baltimore Caron completed a graduate program in Jewish communal service, earning an MSW and a Masters in Modern Jewish History. Over the last decade she has worked in the Jewish community in Baltimore, first as a campaigner at the federation, then as the Founding Director of Jewish Volunteer Connection, and finally as the Director of Special Projects at the Center for Jewish Education. Caron has extensive experience working with hands-on volunteers and young families, planning a wide array of programs, and engaging in outreach. She brings this expertise and a passion for Jewish communal life to her new position as **Program Coordinator of Neveh Shalom**. Caron will be working to enhance existing programming and develop new program options in areas including family programming, chavurot, tikun olam, Israel affairs, and holiday-related activities.

Caron relocated to Portland last August for her husband Ari's work with Knowledge Learning Corporation. They are the proud parents of 3 boys, Jonah (9), Jesse (7) and Samuel (5) who are students at Portland Jewish Academy. She looks forward to working with her Neveh colleagues and getting to know fellow congregants by working together to build an even stronger synagogue community. Caron is at x 139 or can be emailed at crothstein@nevehshalom.org.

All Member First Friday Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 1st, 2008 Approximately 7:15pm
Birnbach Hall

Please join us after our early 6:15pm service for family-style Shabbat Dinner as prepared by Allen Levin & crew. Adult: \$12

Children (10 & under) \$6

Maximum per household is \$36

Reservations MUST be made in advance

RSVP by phone or email to Julie at jmarquis@nevehshalom.org
by noon Wednesday, February 30th.

Upcoming Dates:

March 7, April 4, May 2



Vaults Now Available at the New Mausoleum



To purchase a vault or for more information please contact **Michelle Caplan** at 503.293.7305 or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

Membership

When **Julie Zola** took on the role of Membership Committee Chair, her energy and enthusiasm inspired me to join the group. Now, **Julie** is moving on to new commitments within the synagogue, and I am pleased to be stepping into her role as Chair. I want to take this opportunity to thank Julie for the caring and dedication she has brought to the committee for the past year and a half.

With the leadership of both **Julie** and Member Services Director, **Michelle Caplan**, the membership committee has sponsored many events which foster a sense of connection and community: the Pancake Breakfast, All-Member Barbeque, Hanukah Party, new member brunches and focus groups. **Jennifer Yoken** and **Sharon Friedman** have coordinated membership committee efforts to welcome new members by delivering wine and challah for Shabbat. We have worked with the Board of Directors to reach out to all of our member families with phone calls on Passover and the High Holidays. It takes some extra effort to reach out to someone we don't know, smile, say "hello" and start a conversation. Each time I have taken that risk, I have been rewarded both by the warmth of the response and by the joy of meeting wonderful, interesting people.

We are a large synagogue. The membership committee is dedicated to helping members, new and old, to find their niche at Neveh. In the coming year, we hope to continue our successful programs and add a few new ones. At the top of our list is a plan to plant the seeds of greater inter-generational connection by exploring a pen-pal program between senior congregants and religious school kids. If you would like to participate in any of these programs, please contact Michelle at mcaplan@nevehshalom.org or 503.293.7305.

B'Shalom

Debbie Zwetchkenbaum, Membership Chair



Notes from Shomrei Teva

Tuv Ha'Aretz – Good for the Land, Good from the Land

This coming summer, would you like to enrich your Jewish experience and purchase your produce from local, organic farms? Then you might want to help Neveh Shalom participate in the Tuv Ha'Aretz Project.

Tuv Ha'Aretz is a Jewish Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that supports local, sustainable agriculture. It is the first such program

in North America, where individuals commit to purchase an entire season of produce from an organic family farm. The farmer in turn is supported by a stable base of customers. Members receive delicious, organic produce that they pick up once a week from their synagogue or JCC for the entire growing season!

Created by Hazon, the international Jewish organization dedicated to a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community, the Tuv Ha-Aretz Project has so far been adopted by eighteen synagogues or JCC' across America, Canada, and Israel. Wouldn't it be great if Neveh Shalom joined also, especially since we already have so many excellent CSA farms in the area?

For more information, see the Hazon website at <http://www.hazon.org/go.php?q=/food/CSA/aboutTuvHa'Aretz.html>. If you would like to help us bring Tuv Ha'Aretz to Neveh Shalom, contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net

B'tayavon.

Senior Lunch Brunch

February 12, 12:00pm

The Senior Lunch this month will be on Tuesday, February 12 at 12 noon in the Birnbach Hall. Our host, **Jonas Blaut**, will share a presentation on "Israeli Music." Allen Levin and staff prepare a unique, first-rate lunch for us each month, at an amazingly affordable price. Lunch is \$5.00 per person, reservations required. RSVP by noon on Monday, February 11 to Julie Marquis at 503-246-8831 ext.100 or jmarquis@nevehshalom.org. Save the date for lunch next month, Tuesday, March 11.

Neveh Shalom Reads

Naomi Alderman's
Disobedience: a Novel

"For Ronit Krushka, thirty-two and single, who lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Orthodox Judaism is a suffocating culture she fled long ago. When she learns that her estranged father, the preeminent rabbi of the London Orthodox Jewish community in which she was raised, has died, she leaves behind her Friday night takeout, her troublesome romance, and her boisterous circle of friends and returns home for the first time in years." This is the setting for Naomi Alderman's thought-provoking first novel, winner of the Orange Award for new writers.

The beautifully written novel raises issues of the conflicting pulls of religious and secular desire and the difficulties of growing up. Her wonderful character descriptions move the novel forward and her struggles come across as very real. The novel is relatively short and quite accessible

On the model of "Portland Reads", "Neveh Shalom Reads" will encourage a broad readership within our Neveh Shalom community and then provide opportunities in group setting to share our reactions. Watch for upcoming announcements in Rabbi Isaak's weekly email. You may purchase this book from Hilde Jacob in the Neveh Shalom library.

Gay and Lesbian Havurah

We will be meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month starting in Feb in Room 129. This meeting will be a social get together as a way to meet other Gay/Lesbian members at Neveh Shalom.

If there are any questions please call

Liza Milliner-Bloom
at 503-319-1848.

Outside In

Outside In is continuing this year to cook once a month.

Thank you to those who helped cook last months dinner for at risk youth and young adults. Any questions for this months time please contact head cook **Aviva Zigman** at ajzigman@hotmail.com

Come Join Us

Neveh Shalom
Women's League sponsor's
Mah Jongg Madness VI
Brunch & Tournament
Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:00am

Women's Rosh Hodesh

We are having a meeting on
Sunday Feb. 3rd
from 2:00-3:30pm
in room 117

Save The Date!



Women's League

Presents the Israeli
award winning film
"Ushpizin"

Date: Sunday March 9th
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Place: Birnbach Hall
Cost: \$3.00 per person
\$7.50 per family
Refreshments will be served



Men's Club

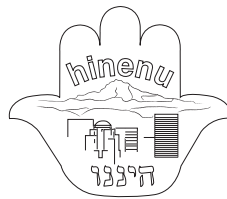
We hope everyone enjoyed our January meeting where Ursula Bacon discussed her experiences as a child living in Shanghai during World War II. We would like to thank Ursula for her presentation.

Our February meeting will be on Sunday, February 10. Rabbi Isaak will be leading a discussion on Jewish Ethics. We will meet around 9:40am for brunch followed by the meeting around 10:00am. We are currently scheduled to meet in the back of the sanctuary. These meetings are open to men and women.

In addition to our monthly meetings, 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 director, **Larry Skolnik** lsskolnik@hotmail.com. We also have membership forms available on our bulletin board in the synagogue. You may also contact either of us at bruce@rthesternfamily.net or j3ngoodman@comcast.net

Joe Goodman and Bruce Stern
Men's Club Co-Presidents



Hinenu

Spring seems far away, but Hinenu is warming it up with fabulous events! We were busy at Johnson Creek in Sellwood for Tu B'Shevat, making our community a more beautiful place. We can't wait to help the Neveh Shalom auction and be a part of one of the biggest social days of the year for the synagogue!

Please let your friends know about Hinenu- we are open to all Jews in the greater metropolitan area in their 20's and 30's, who have finished college but haven't started a family yet. We're counting on you to spread the word to people who are new to town or just haven't heard about our group yet. All questions, concerns, and new names can be sent to info@hinenu.org. See you at our next event!

-**Naomi Leavitt**, Communications Chair

Women's League



Women's League is YOUR link between synagogue and home. Be a part of what makes us such a vital part of our synagogue.

Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 am for the Mah Jongg Madness Brunch and Tournament. This is always a fun event. Come and play with us. Save the date! Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 pm for the showing of the movie "Ushpizin" in Birnbach Hall. This is a great movie for all to enjoy on a Sunday afternoon. Details will be coming shortly.

Women's League of Neveh Shalom is excited to announce our upcoming Spring Conference! May 4-6 will bring together the women of the Pacific Northwest Region and the Northern California Region to Portland for our first Spring Conference as a newly merged Region. We will share ideas, information, renew friendships and meet new women to embrace and join together with to plan for the future of the newly merged Region. Be a part of this and join our celebration.

Our Judaica Gift Shop is open Monday-Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings when religious school is in session. We are maintained with VOLUNTEERS, can you give us two hours during the week? Contact **Sue Axel**, 503.297.9140 or **Ann Yudman**, 503.352.4074 for more information. Remember, our Gift Shop accepts Credit Cards now.

Our monthly Potluck & Planning Dinner Meeting is Wednesday evening, February 13 at 6:30 pm at **Addie Banasky's** home. This is where we plan our calendar of events. Is there something you'd like us to do? Come and tell us about it! Our meetings are open to everyone to attend and to participate WITH US. For more information, contact me at 503.626.6611.

Join us, we are a part of Neveh Shalom's future, proudly supporting the Capital Campaign for the synagogue's growth. Are you?

Susan Sutherland
Neveh Shalom Women's League President



Shoreshim

A big thank you to **Amy Katz, Sarah Zakreski** and **Rachel Bloom** for planning and putting on the Tu B'Shevat activities last month at Tryon Creek State Park. And to Joe Maser for leading the tots on a nature hike.

In November, Shoreshim did a Shabbat dinner; now, you have a Havdallah evening to look forward to. It will be held Sat., Feb. 23, at the synagogue. Look for details in the mail and via email as the date approaches.

Want to get your kids introduced to the fun of Shabbat services and hanging out with their pint-sized peers? Come, check out Shoreshim's semi-monthly Tot Shabbat services, geared toward families with kids ages infant to 5 years of age.

Due to construction in Zidell Chapel, Tot Shabbat now is being held upstairs in Rms. 113 – 115.

Our next Tot Shabbats will be Feb. 2 and 16, starting at 10:15 a.m. and always followed by a light Kiddush lunch, also in Rms. 113 - 115. The Torah service includes an age-appropriate story. We love adding storytellers to our growing list of participants. The newest one could be you.

And if you're not the storytelling type, we also need "greeters" who help set up and place before Tot Shabbat services siddurim and, in preparation for the Kiddush lunch, juice and Manischewitz wine (yum!).

For questions about Shoreshim or information on how you can get involved, please contact **Amy Katz** at 503-238-3773, ajkatz@mindspring.com, or **Jenn Director Knudsen**, jdknudsen@yahoo.com.

Religious School



Leap years will occur in both the Gregorian and Jewish calendars this year. February will have 29 days while the Jewish calendar will insert a complete month, the month of Adar.

The Jewish calendar is lunar, marking the time it takes the moon to travel around the earth, while the civil calendar is solar in nature, based on the earth's rotation around the sun. The lunar year

consists of approximately 354 days, while a solar year consists of 365 days. Some adjustment of the lunar year has to be made to match it to the solar year. Without adjustment, the religious calendar would become variable. Pesach, for example, would occur earlier by 11 days each succeeding year until the "Spring Festival" would be celebrated in winter. The adjustment is achieved by inserting an extra month in the lunar calendar 7 times in a 19 year cycle. A year of 12 months is known as Shanah P'shutah (ordinary year) while a year with 13 months is called Shanah Me'uberet (leap year). In a cycle of 19 years, a leap year occurs in the 3rd 6th 8th 11th 14th 17th and 19th years. In a Jewish leap year, we celebrate Purim in the month of Adar II, thus Purim will be celebrated in March this year. However, the lesser known holiday of Purim Katan (little Purim), is celebrated on the 14th of Adar I. Perhaps "celebrated" is an exaggerated word since we do not read from the Megillah of Esther nor do we send Mishloach Manot to our friends on Purim Katan. There are those who have a festive meal to mark this secondary holiday. There is a saying that states "when Adar approaches, our joy increases". How fortunate we are to have two joyful months of Adar this year!!

Susan Bernstein, Director of Education

A special thank you to **Marianne Braunstein, Sherri Cook** and **Mara Woloshin** for helping at the recent 6th grade programs.

Foundation School

It's good to be back in school! Teachers and students greeted each other enthusiastically following Foundation School's winter vacation. We are all comfortably back to our routine again. During January children have been involved in celebrating the winter season.



Strolling through the school finds the halls lined with "snowy" art, songs being sung about snowflakes and snowmen, and children learning about the science of freezing liquid into solid.

Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of trees, was a major piece of our January curriculum. Since Tu B'Shvat celebrates the trees that are coming into bloom and the return of birds, the children have been involved in activities that recognize the importance of trees and birds in our lives. Our 3 year old classrooms (10, 12, and 23) performed for Foundation School families songs about trees, birds, and growing seeds during our All-School Shabbat/Tu B'Shvat program on January 25.

Artist in Residence Joanne Raiton, a retired Foundation School morah and bonsai tree expert, visited us to teach about bonsai trees. Joanne helped our 3 year old and Pre-K classrooms plant their own bonsai forests. We all enjoyed viewing family photos brought to school by the children and displayed on our "Foundation School Family Tree" in the main hall.

Jan Skolnik, Director and **Sheila Stern**, Assistant

Religious School Highlights for February

Friday, February 8th -

Shabbat Family Dinner – Grades 3-5

Wednesday, February 13th -

11th Grade Family program – Getting Ready for College

Sunday, February 24th -

5th Grade Family Life Program - Wedding

From the Pulpit

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And in terms of beauty I have to be honest, the towering trees of the northwest and giant storybook lake give my own camp memories a good run for their money. I played Ga-ga (Israeli dodgeball) and soccer with the kids, told them stories, and witnessed how Judaism comes alive outdoors.

A few parents have come in to speak with me about how to nurture their child's Jewish identity. One of the most meaningful gifts we can give to our children is a strong Jewish identity and it is every Jewish parents responsibility to cultivate this connection within their child. Going to camp is one of the best ways to do this. There's still time to sign your children up for Camp Solomon Schechter's summer 2008 sessions.

Sarah, Adirah, and I look forward to seeing your kids at camp this summer! L'shalom,

Rabbi Bradley Greenstein

Its 2008, time for a New Year and NEW Youth Activities Events! We ended 2007 with lots of fun events, including the Junior Kadima/Kadima Hanukkah overnight and USY's International Convention. We also had very successful Hanukkah Oil Drive for the Neighborhood House--- A big thank you to all who helped make this possible. Our spring calendar is filled with lots of exciting activities, so please look for the new updated calendar in your mail soon. Also, the new Neveh Shalom website has been launched. Please familiarize yourself with the new youth activities page, which will continuously be updated and added to. We have our own Google Youth Activities calendar that has all Jr. Kadima, Kadima, and USY events on it.

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

JR. Kadima (grades 3-5)

Hey Junior Kadima-niks! I had such a good time at the Hockey Game, and it seemed like you did too!! You guys were really getting into the game! Our next event will be going to Paint Pots. You will get to pick a piece of pottery and paint it the way that you want. Space will, once again, be limited for this event, so it is very important that you return your RSVPs as early as possible. I can't wait to see all your inner artists come out!

Marissa Louke, Junior Kadima Advisor
jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org

Ozreinu Support Group

Ozreinu, a wonderful network for Jewish parents of children with special needs, will be meeting at Neveh Shalom on Thursday, February 10, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Ozreinu was founded by Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer, a Portland native and mother of three wonderful sons. Her middle son, Ezra, has autism. Mel Berwin, a local Jewish educator, facilitates Ozreinu meetings in Portland. Ozreinu groups meet at Havurah Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel, and Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Ozreinu in Portland is sponsored by TASK, a program of Jewish Family & Child Service. The mission of TASK is to promote acceptance and inclusion in the Jewish community of people with disabilities, so that everyone has the opportunity to fully participate in the richness of Jewish educational, religious, cultural, and social life.

To RSVP, please contact Corinne B. Spiegel, TASK Inclusion Specialist at (503) 226-7079, ext 55 or at

Mel Berwin michaelvmel@gmail.com

www.ozreinu.org

www.jfcs-portland.org/task.shtml

Hey Kadimanicks!
 Kadima started off the new year by going to see the Portland Winter Hawks. What a game! It was an action packed evening with flying hockey pucks and a lot of fun! I look forward to seeing all of you at our February events: going to the Movies, Parents Night Out and Purim Mask Making. Please remember the importance of RSVPing on time. This allows us to insure we have everything ready---allowing for an even better event! If you need anything, feel free to contact me anytime.

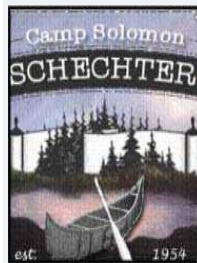
Jaime Wren, Kadima Advisor
kadima@portlandrishonim.org



Five USYers from Portland Rishonim spent their winter vacation at the Happiest Place on Earth for USY's International Convention. During their week long stay, they learned about their Jewish heritage, attended leadership training seminars and connected with 1400 other Jewish teens around the nation.

Mark your calendars: USY will be hosting the 4th Parents' Night Out on Feb 9th, 7pm-11pm at the synagogue. We look forward to seeing you then.

Rachelle Vagy, USY Advisor
usy@portlandrishonim.org



Camp Solomon Schechter Scholarships

Applications for scholarships for the 2008 summer sessions of Camp Solomon Schechter are available in the synagogue office. The synagogue has a number of tribute funds from which scholarship monies come. These funds can be contributed to in honor of happy occasions or in memory of a loved one. Check the tribute pages of the Chronicle for names of the funds.

Because of the limited nature of the funds available, full scholarships cannot be given. Scholarships are given on the basis of need only, not merit and some explanation of need is necessary for funds to be allocated.

Contact **Michelle Caplan**, 503.293.7305 ext. 114 to obtain a scholarship application or for further information. Applications must be submitted by February 22, 2008 in order to be considered.

Give Your Child the Gift of a Good Beginning! Preschool/Day Care Registration Began in January for the 2008-2009 School Year

Congregation Neveh Shalom Foundation School

Early Childhood Jewish Education

- ☐ Morning Classes 9-11:30 am for children ages 2-5
 - Playgroup (2-3 year olds) 2 or 3 days/week
 - Preschool (3-4 year olds) 3 or 5 days/week
 - Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 year olds) 5 days/week
- ☐ Afternoon care daily until 3 pm
 - ☐ Early care starting at 8 am
 - ☐ Kosher lunches



Accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs

In our effort to serve congregational families, we will offer you space in the school if it is available. Please call by Feb. 1, 2008 to put your child on the wait list.



Licensed by the State of Oregon

Contact Jan Skolnik at 503-293-7307, ext 122 or jksolnik@nevehshalom.org

Adult Education 2007-2008/5768

Learning opportunities for the first quarter of 2008:

Or Chadash - Intro to Judaism Follow-Up Class

7:00pm-8:30pm

Thursdays: Feb. 28, March 6 & 13

Mondays: March 17, 24, 31

The "Or Chadash - Intro to Judaism Follow-Up Class" is designed for those seeking conversion to Judaism. Following the OBR Intro to Judaism Class, students will meet as a small group for 6 sessions to explore the practical, emotional, and spiritual ideas surrounding Jewish observance. Students will meet one-on-one regularly with Rabbi Greenstein to process their path. Registration required: contact Marci Atkins at matkins@nevehshalom.org or 503-293-7308 to register and schedule one recommended meeting with the instructor, **Rabbi Greenstein** prior to the beginning of the first class.

"Clothed in Holiness" A Women's Tallit Workshop

Taught by Sarah Greenstein and Jennifer Greenberg

Thursdays, February 10, 17 and 24, 2008

7:00-8:30 pm

Neveh Shalom, Room 127

Cost: Members No Charge; Non-Members \$36, materials fee separate.

This mini-series for women will explore the mitzvah of the tallit, the prayer shawl, as encountered in ancient and contemporary texts, in the choreography of Jewish prayer, and as a tool for connecting to God, our community and the oneness of all things. Participants will be given creative support and guidance as we make or embellish our own tallitot to reflect a sense of personal meaning. Jennifer Greenberg has a degree in art

education, teaching various forms of art to youth of all ages as well as adults. She excels at working with students at any level to make the creative process fun, enjoyable and successful. Donning a tallit for the first time at her bat mitzvah as part of the transition to becoming a Jewish woman, Sarah Greenstein brings a progressive perspective to the conversation on women and tallitot. Sarah has a background in social work and Judaic studies, and has facilitated formal and informal educational experiences for both youth and adults.

How to Crochet Kippot

Instructor: Paul Gilliam

Thursdays, February 17, 24, 7:00pm

If you have seen any of the beautiful kippot created by Paul Gilliam, no doubt you were impressed! Now you can enjoy this relaxing hobby and do a mitzvah too! Learn to crochet custom kippot for yourself and as gifts for others. In the first class, learn the basics of crochet and how to create a kippah. In the second class, Paul will introduce some cool techniques that will spice up your crochet project. Beginners welcome. Starter supplies will be provided. Just bring your enthusiasm! Cost: Members No Charge, Non-Members \$18, materials fee separate.

New Songs for Shabbat

Tuesdays 7:00pm starting February 19th and 26th

Instructor: Cantor Linda Shivers

Two sessions - attend one or both and come sing along. Enrich your Shabbat experience by learning new songs to celebrate Shabbat, and learning new tunes to some of your old favorites. Members: No Charge, Non Members: \$18

In Memory of our Fathers

February 10, 4:00pm

Instructor: Cantor Linda Shivers

A time to remember our fathers. Anyone who would like to have a chance to share a memory of their father is welcome to join Cantor Shivers for this program. Feel free to bring a picture or other object to share and/or a story that represents your father. Let the cantor know in advance if your father had a favorite song and she'll try to sing it or get a recording of it to play. No Charge.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Religious School Version

Sundays, 10:30-11:15am

Instructor: **Susan Bernstein**, Ed. Director

Here's your opportunity to catch up with the younger generation. Susan teaches this condensed version of what we are teaching in our Religious School program.

"Joshua" - Feb. 3-24

"Megillat Esther" - March 2-16

Meets in Room 21 in the Foundation School wing. Limit of 15 adults per class. Please contact Dayle Maizels-Tyrrell to register at dayle@nevehshalom.org or 503-293-7312. No Charge.

New Program

Misgav Shabbat

Saturday, February 5th, 4-6pm

The Chik-Chok organizers bring us a new way to celebrate Shabbat. Join us for Mincha, text study, Se'udah Shelishit, Ma'ariv and Havdalah

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Writers & Scholars

*"THE RISE OF THE MODERN
JEWISH DOCTOR"*

John Efron

Sunday, March 9, 2008

7:00pm

Neveh Shalom Study Weekend at Skamania

March 27-29, 2008

Reserve the weekend of March 27-29 for a special Shabbat weekend of study and conversation at lovely Skamania Lodge in Stephenson, Washington. Our topic will revolve around drawing lines and keeping our balance. We all negotiate ways of proudly expressing our Jewish identity while living in an attractive secular general society. We will look at historical conflicts and contemporary issues. What do we say to our children about intermarriage? Do we apply different standards to Israel than other countries?

This weekend is being organized by Neveh Shalom members who are Melton graduates, but is open to the congregation. We have reserved 15 rooms double occupancy at Skamania Lodge. We will celebrate Shabbat together and leave time to enjoy the area. Cost for the weekend including room and five dairy meals will be \$275/person. Reserve your spot soon.



Are You All In' ?



On April 13th Men's Club is hosting a Texas Hold 'Em tournament in Birnbach Hall. Dinner will be served at 4:45 and the tournament begins at 5:30. Wild Bill's will be running the tournament.

The event is open to adult men and women 18 years or older. The top winners will receive prizes. There will also be door prize drawings.

If you're interested in playing, please contact **Bruce Stern** (503-626-5227) or **Harold Lesch** (503-626-2176). Registration deadline is March 28th.

If you, your firm, a supplier, or a customer have a prize to donate please contact Bruce or Harold.

“Calling All Havurot”

Do you belong to a Havurah? How long has your group been together? Are you seeking new members? What do you do together? What can Neveh Shalom do for you? Do you want speakers, new ideas for get-togethers?

We are gathering data on existing Havurot while we also work to assemble new groups in the coming months. We recognize the importance of these special communities within the Neveh Shalom community and want to support them as needed. Future plans include a special Havurot Shabbat.

Please let us know who is in your group, how long you have been together and if there is anything we can do to assist your Havurah. Likewise, if you are interested in joining a Havurah and did not fill out a green Havurah form in the last year, let us know.

Send your information to **Caron Blau Rothstein**, Program Coordinator, crothstein@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831 ext. 139.

Tikkun Olam Committee



On Monday, November 11th provided a luncheon for homeless and/or transitional homeless people being serviced by JOIN at their office at 3338 SE 17th Avenue. JOIN's mission is connecting the street to a home. You can learn more about their efforts by visiting <http://www.joinpdx.com/>.

Led by **Xuan Sibell**, congregants **Wendy Arnheim**, **Sandy Axel**, **Randy Katz**, and **Steve Sirkin** served a

very informal lunch of sandwiches, cup of soup, chips, and cookies to around 30 clients of JOIN who happened to be visiting the office at that time. It was a typical chilly Portland fall day. Thanks to exceptionally generous contributions from congregants, there was also a substantial quantity of winter clothing distributed to the very appreciative folks.

This was the second joint JOIN/Neveh Shalom event. Plans are moving forward for March when we plan to theme an event around basketballs March Madness.

Congregants interested in helping with future JOIN activities are encouraged to contact **Xuan Sibell** sibell4@comcast.net or **Wendy Vollen** wenvol@msn.com



Tikkun Olam

Holiday Meal at Transition Projects
On Dec. 23, three Neveh Shalom families participated in the preparation of Sunday dinner for the Transition Projects' Glisan Center in downtown Northwest Portland. **Jacqueline McVey, Xuan and David Sibell, and Holly and Robert Cohn** cooked and delivered meals for more than ninety men.

Transition Projects, Inc. is an organization that helps people transition to permanent housing through men's and women's shelters in the Portland area. In addition to meal preparation, there are many other volunteer opportunities. If you want more information, you can contact volunteer coordinator Emily Coleman (503-823-4926 ext. 4, ecoleman@tprojects.org) or **JoAnn Bezodis** at the synagogue.

Bar Mitzvah Suit Closet

Yossi's Closet is now stocked and ready for sharing. Do you have a pre/bar mitzvah lad who needs a shirt or suit to attend a bar mitzvah or Shabbat service? We have a number of shirts, pants, and suits that are ready to be loaned out.

Donations wanted! Don't let your son's outgrown suit collect dust! Share it with others! This suit closet benefits those in need AND lets us recycle through re-use. We are collecting suits in like-new & clean condition for this special project, 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 503-690-7768 or stephanie@equityhs.com



Taste & Travel

Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm

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

Feb 7 Bob & Mimi Sorkin "Israel"

Sue & Elliot Axel "Antartica"

April 3 Mark Abolofia "Turkey"

Ed & Ros Srebnik "Croatia"

May 15 Lucille Kraiman "Romania"

Dale Oller "Vietnam and Cambodia"

MAZON

Jewish Family and Child Service has been awarded a \$9,000.00 grant from MAZON: The Jewish Response to Hunger. This grant will continue to support the Yad Tikvah (Hand of Hope) emergency aid program offered by JFCS. The program provides food vouchers and boxes, short term financial aid, clothing and referrals to other community resources and serves approximately 320 people annually in our community. Congregation Neveh Shalom is proud to be a partner with MAZON and invites our members to contribute 3% of the cost of their simchas to help support MAZON's efforts. On behalf of MAZON a presentation will be made to JFCS on Friday night, February 8th at our 8:15 service. Please join us. If you would like additional information on MAZON and how you can contribute, please contact **Marci Atkins** at 293-7308 or matkins@nevehshalom.org.

Donate Your Car



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

running or not.

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



Food Barrels

Neveh Shalom now has 2 food barrels that need your donations. One of them benefits Neighborhood House, the other benefits the Sunshine Pantry. One is

located in the coat closet just outside our main sanctuary, the other in the hallway near our administrative offices. For your convenience, you may bring your non-perishable food items any time during office hours Monday-Friday, or any time there is an event at Neveh Shalom. Thank you for your generosity!

Southwest Hope for the Hungry

An Interfaith Food Drive benefiting families in SW Portland

February 15-March 31, 2008

Bring in your non-perishable food items to the food collection barrel in the upstairs coat closet. Neighborhood House provides emergency food boxes for over 250 families each month. Our goal is to raise the equivalent of 50,000 pounds of food to feed these families for the next four months. We accept both food and cash donations (\$1 = 1 pound of food). Items that

- (1) cold cereal & oatmeal
- (2) Rice A Roni & Pasta Roni
- (3) Macaroni & Cheese
- (4) Rice in bulk (50- or 100-pound bags are cheap and can be broken down here at NH)
- (5) Lunch bags/brown-paper type (we are presently getting in a lot of bakery products in bulk [bagels, croissants, etc] that we are repackaging for dis

Congregation Neveh Shalom is joining with other faith organizations and community partners in order to reach this goal. Please give generously. Thank you for your help!

Capital Campaign



We would like to thank all members who have pledged their gifts to the Capital Campaign to date. We are over 73 percent to our goal as of press time and with the participation of all members to the best of their ability, our goals will be reached.

To make a pledge, please contact **Fred Rothstein**, Executive Director at 503.246.8831 x134 or at frothstein@nevehshalom.org

Purim Collection for Community Warehouse

Thursday, March 20,
Time TBA

On Purim, we bring noisemakers to synagogue (to cancel out the name of the villain as the story of Esther is read from the Megillah). This year, we are encouraging our membership to bring a pot or pan and a cooking utensil that can bang or scrape or grind as your noisemaker for our Purim celebration. Afterwards, you can donate the items to the Community Warehouse. Fulfill a Mitzvah with a Mitzvah! In fact, we challenge you to come up with creative kitchen-appliance noise makers: wooden spoons, shredders, peelers, can-openers, let your imagination run wild!

These supplies will benefit clients of the Community Warehouse, whose mission it is to help the needy, homeless, and new immigrants to set up new housing by providing them with household goods. Besides noisy gadgets, we also need your donations of linens, lamps, furniture, trash cans, and household items of all kinds. Your donations are needed year-round. For more information, contact **Roz Babener** at 503-227-3644, Roz755@aol.com

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Tzedakah is a central mitzvah of Judaism. Use it often and in good health! Tzedakah honors the giver and the recipient. You can make a Tzedakah contribution to honor, remember or thank someone who is important to you. It is also the custom in many communities to give Tzedakah in appreciation of an honor or aliyah during any service. **PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH THE DONOR AND THE RECIPIENT, AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE FUND.** We gratefully acknowledge donations to the following Synagogue Funds:

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In memory of
Hannah Bodner
Molly Bodner
Frances Braverman
Mark Braverman
Alfred & Vera Brownstein
Dick Brownstein
Selma Mesher
Ferne Ross
Sam Olds
Pamela Ritchie

RABBI STAMPFER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of
Rabbi Stampfer
Rick and Debbie Zurow

In memory of
Bonnie Berry's mother
Peter and Barbara Goodkin
Zelsey Duitch-Rotenberg
Frieda Tobin

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S FUND

In memory of
Danny Frank
Alan, Vicki, Solomon & Hosia Rotstein
Esther Skowronek
Alan, Vicki, Solomon & Hosia Rotstein

ROBBIE BALL MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of
Allan & Susan Abravanel's 36th wedding anniversary
Melvyn and Elaine Ball

In memory of
Harry Grobstein
Melvyn and Elaine Ball
Ruth Rotman
Gail Maron and Leeza Maron

SAM & IDA SOBLE RENOVATION FUND

In honor of
Sharon & Dean Morell's wedding anniversary
Jerry and Shirley Nudelman

In memory of
Ida Soble
Shirley Nudelman

SAPERSTEIN CHAPEL FUND

In honor of
Michael Twain & Lisa Proden's marriage
David Twain & Carol Capper

SONIA NUDELMAN FLORAL FUND

In honor of
Sharon & Dean Morell's wedding anniversary
Jerry and Shirley Nudelman

SYLVIA PEARLMAN MEMBERSHIP FUND

In memory of
Anne Pearlman
Gary and Sylvia Pearlman

TOINETTE MENASHE BOOKSHELF FUND

In honor of
Toinette Menashe's birthday
Phillip and Raya Gladstein

In memory of
Leona Goldberg
Sam and Beulah Schauffer
Wolf Schauffer

Sam Schauffer
USY TRAVEL FUND
In memory of
Leona Goldberg
Ian and Beverly Getreu
Alan Kantor

WEINSTEIN CHAPEL FUND

In memory of
Gloria Gurian
Gary and Carolyn Weinstein

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of
Gussie Cooper's birthday
Elliot and Suzanne Axel
Stu Yudman - get well wishes
Elliot and Suzanne Axel

Women's League Judaica Gift Shop

New merchandise is arriving including flash cards, magnetic alefabet symbols, and other educational items. Please let us know your needs so we can order appropriately to meet them.

Also arriving are Rosenthal mixed metal mezuzahs, unique torah pointers on a stand as well as some in jade. Come and see our new havdalah sets and candlesticks. And remember we have candles and Tollisin.

However, we are waiting to hear from you so we can plan for the new shop. It is your shop and needs your input. So again, please let us know your wants and needs.

*Torah Fund Cards are available
for all events.*

Volunteers are always needed. It is a great way to meet people and a mitzvah as our profits aid our religious schools and the synagogue. We need people for morning and afternoon hours. Rather than a drop a child off and go and return why not stay and work in the shop? This saves a trip, schlepping and gas! Please call either Sue Axel at 503.297.9140 or Ann Yudman at 503.352.4074 to participate. We are waiting for your call!

Gift Shop Winter Hours

Monday – Friday 10 AM – noon

Monday & Thursday – 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

(when religious school in session)

Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

(when religious school in session)

Sunday 9:30 AM – noon

(when religious school in session)

First Tuesday of the month 7 PM to 8:30 PM

(when Melton School in Session)

Library Winter hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday: 9am to 2pm.

Sunday morning and Wednesday
nights when Religious School
is in Session

Evenings by appointment.

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WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

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

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

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



Ba-rukh atah A-do-nay, e-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.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES		
Friday, February	1	4:59pm
Friday, February	8	5:09pm
Friday, February	15	5:19pm
Friday, February	22	5:29pm
Friday, February	29	5:39pm

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Construction has begun at Neveh Shalom please be prepared for changes in parking, locations for classes as well as services. Please call the Neveh Shalom office at 503.246.8831 or check for postings for more information.

DAILY MINYAN
 Monday - Friday 7:15 am
 Rosh Chodesh 7am
 Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am
SHABBAT SERVICES
 Erev Shabbat, Friday
 1st, 4th & 5th Friday of the Month
 6:15pm ONLY
 2nd and 3rd Friday of the Month
 6:15pm and 8:15pm
 Shabbat, Saturday, 9 am
 Every Saturday: Shabbat Child Care
 Please call 503.246.8831 to reserve space.
 If you would like to participate in the main sanctuary, please call the CNS office at 503.246.8831, ext 100
Tot Shabbat/Shabbat Kids
 1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:15 am, Room TBD
Shabbat Kiddush Club (3rd-5th graders)
 1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:00 am, Room TBD.
DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN
 2nd and 4th Shabbat, Room TBD
 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

Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service
 If you are unable to attend Shabbat services, dial in to hear them. Call 503.246.8832

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