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# From the Pulpit

The great modern Jewish thinker Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote that when it comes to describing the Torah and the mystery we call God, "every statement is an understatement." Nevertheless, all we have is our words... but we can choose to turn words into songs, into dance, into poetry. This month I thought

I would share a poem I wrote describing my own love of torah.

#### Song to my Torah

Oh my peoples book that I was born into For if I entered into any other tribe it would be they whose path Led me back to the soul of the universe

Oh but ours is the longest endured and it is you who still sings to me

With all my questions I turn to you even though

In the beginning I was told not to know

"You shall not eat of it" knowledge is for my maker

It is the tree of life whose shade I may seek

Choose life! Live the dignity of experience

through my deeds

our mitzvot

will I know you

My blessed inheritance

the knowledge you speak of is not always mine

my wonder, my ponder, my muse

and the questions I ask with my critical use of reason

No! the answers you forbid are to questions of good and evil

Questioning the ethics of the Creator

Job told me we cannot hold you accountable to our moral standards so it seems we can know in the way us humans will analyze but the

fruit of God's morality we can never eat

Oh my peoples muse you accept no dichotomies

Your arguments of philosophy come only in rhetoric

Still I scroll through your library of ideas

and chant your metaphorical history.

#### -Rabbi Bradley Greenstein

# From the President Mazel Tov to Neveh Shalom!!

Your Board of Directors has been very busy over the last months with several important issues that will have an impact on many of you. First, I am happy to report that we have successfully extended Rabbi Greenstein's contract until 2014. During their first two years, Rabbi Greenstein and his family have had a significant and lasting impact on the congregation.

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# Captial Campaign

How many Pavers do you think Once in a Generation are in the Upper Plaza? (See answer on page 14)



How many Patrons... \$1800 donors do we need to help us reach our Paver Capital Campaign goals in the Upper Plaza?

(See answer on page 14)

All Paver donors are creating a lasting memory... L'dor V'dor (From Generation to Generation) with their generosity and support.

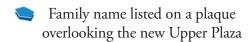
Don't Miss This Opportunity To be a Part Of Neveh Shalom's Permanent History...

Personalize a paver stone in Neveh Shalom's new Upper Plaza.

What could be a more lasting way to participate in the Neveh Shalom Capital Campaign than to purchase personalized paver stones that will permanently welcome people into the new plaza?

# Pricing:

Individual \$180 per paver Patron \$1800 for 6 pavers Patron donors also will receive:



Special invitation to private Patron Party on the Plaza following installation

# November Tikkun Olam Projects Successful!

#### **Blood Drive**

Many thanks to all who participated in our Blood Drive on November 16. A total of 36 people showed up to give blood, resulting in the final collection of 29 pints. Neveh Shalom and the American Red Cross extend appreciation to all our volunteers. Your gift enables people to have surgery, survive a serious accident, or lengthen their life span. Consider yourselves heroes because despite all the advances of modern medicine, without life-giving blood, many people would not survive. Our next blood drive is in May, 2009. Watch the Chronicle and your email for more information, or contact **JoAnn Bezodis** at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org 503-293-7309.

#### Support the Troops

Package Project

On 11/16/2008, the Congregation Neveh Shalom Men's Club sponsored a Mitzvah Action Project, supporting an organization known as Coalition for Troop Support (http://www.cotsupport.org/). 21 CNS congregants, including 13 Men's Club members, donated food and comfort items and/or volunteered to assemble the donated items into snack and comfort kits for military service personnel currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Linda Christy, from COTS, reported that she felt the project was a big success, generating 105 kits that COTS will send to our service personnel, valued at about \$2000!

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this project, and especially to our Super Setup Crew, and the Sylvan Middle School kids, for their very special donation! Linda was also grateful for a donation of money, which helps to defray the approximately \$150 cost of shipment for the kits.

Linda says, "Your group will be sending a little bit of home to 64 of our service men/ women in harm's way - You can be very proud of your group!!" I certainly am. This was the first time we did this project, but given the success of this effort, and the feelings it engendered in those who participated, it won't be the last.

Thanks so much for everyone who set up, donated, assembled kits, or generally supported the Mitzvah Action and Tikkun Olam Committees in making this successful project possible!

#### David M. Sibell, MD

Chairman, CNS Men's Club Mitzvah Action Committee

#### **Dante Stone**

January 2nd & 3rd



Mazel Tov to **Dante Stone** who is becoming
Bar Mitzvah on 01.02.09
and 01.03.09. He is
the son of **Eric & Kat Stone**, grandson to **Trudi Stone**, Richard Stone of
Temple Beth Abraham,

Oakland, CA, and Bill & Carolyn Dunlop of Aloha, OR and brother to **Matisse Stone.** Dante is a 7th grader at Hazelbrook Middle School and his hobbies include Boy Scouts (Star Rank & Troop Bugler); Jazz & Concert Band (Trumpet); golf, swimming, and loves animals, nature and birding - goes birding with Grandma Trudi.



# Jewish Film Club

Sunday, February 1, 2:30pm

(an alternative to Super Bowl)
Each 4-6 weeks we gather
to enjoy a film of Jewish
interest, schmooze & nosh.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact

#### Joan & Paul Sher at

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

#### **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 all member dinners will follow 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 Shlema, a speedy recovery to

Jonas Blaut, Sheri Cordova, Carol Danish,

Martha Decherd, Sharlene Harvey, Miriam Hecht,

Eleanor Horenstein, June Kabaker, Jo Levy,

Simon (Sy) Newman, Jan Rosenthal,

Caron Rothstein, Alan Sherman, Joyce Singer, Elisa Weger, Jack Wolinsky, Paul Woloshin

and Jack Zidell

# 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

#### **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.

#### **DAILY MINYAN**

Zidell Chapel Monday - Friday 7:15 am Rosh Chodesh 7am Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

# SHABBAT November SERVICES

Friday, 6:15pm ONLY Saturday Shabbat Services 9 am

#### TOT SHABBAT

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Shabbat morning, 10:15 am in the Zidell Chapel

#### SHABBAT SCHOOL

for 6th Graders Every Shabbat 9:30am-12:15pm

#### KEHILAT NOAR

1st -5th Graders Youth Congregation Every Shabbat 10:15 am Room 102

#### DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Shabbat, in the
Zidell Chapel
3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# 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.

#### **Cantors Notes**



**SAFAM** is coming! Don't miss this concert on Saturday night, Feb. 7 at 7:30pm. Safam has been here twice before, in 1989 & 1993. That means that it has been more than 15 years since they were last here. Safam's music crosses many musical boundaries; they range from rock & roll to gospel to reggae and more. All of it is expertly done and in good taste with a large measure of fun included. Safam is definitely appropriate for all ages.

Safam means mustache and at one time they all had mustaches but no longer. Safam includes six fine musicians, two of which compose

most of their music. Safam founding members are Cantor Robbie Solomon from Baltimore; Joel Sussman from Boston but grew up in Edmonton, Alberta; Dan Funk is from Newton Center, MA but grew up in Highland Park, NJ; and Alan Nelson from Framingham, MA. All of them have been involved with Jewish music for over 30 years. When you go to www.safam.com you can learn more about these musicians and hear lots of samples of their music.

We have received some cds for our Women's League Judaica Shop that are now available but will be gone after the concert. There will also be an opportunity to buy books, recordings and other Safam paraphernalia at the concert.

Don't forget to vote for your favorite Safam song. So far, Leaving Mother Russia is winning. Whichever song wins will be performed at the concert. Don't let them leave out your favorite song.

Some of our Religious School students will be singing the Safam song, Just Another Foreigner at the concert. Remember, this is a benefit for both the Youth Programs and the adult Choir. Come support these two terrific causes.

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#### Music:

# Percy Bernstein Orchestra Performance:

Friday, January 19, 6:15pm

# Rehearsals:

Sundays, January 7, 14 12:30pm

# Other Rehearsals:

\*HaZamir Teen Choir\* Sundays at the MJCC,

12:30pm

\*Adult Choir\*

Mondays, each week from

August to May

7:30pm

\*Middle School Klezmer Band\*

Sundays, January 7, 14

2:15pm

For more information contact Cantor Linda Shivers at cantor@nevehshalom.org

# Kindle the Sabbath Candles

Ba-rukh atah A-do-nay, e-lo-hay-nu me-lekh ha-olam a-sher kid-sha-nu be-mitz-votav ve-tzi-van-nu li-hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

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



# **Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service**

If you are unable to attend Shabbat services, dial in to hear them. Call 503.246.8832

# JANUARY CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES Friday, January 2nd 3:58pm Friday, January 9th 3:58pm

Friday, January 16th 4:00pm

Friday, January 23rd 4:04pm

Friday, January 30th 4:04pm

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# Kol-ha-kavod

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

# Milestone Birthdays

Robert Bach Rosana Berdichevsky Julie Brophy Gussie Cooper Moisey Fudim Merilee Karr Albert Kryszek

Marvin Lazarus Phil Levine Leonard Levine Charles Levy Bruce Magun Tatyana Mayler Rebecca Mischel Richard Peizner Betsy Rubin Ann-Britt Sanderson Trudi Stone Sophia Yablonkevich

# Milestone Anniversaries

Leonard & Goldie Barde Abram & Enya Kizhner Jeffrey & Dana Melnick Howard & Susan Rubin Leonard & Arnette Springer Peter & Joanne Wolochow



# All-Member First Friday Dinner

All Member First Friday Dinner Friday, January 2, 7:15pm (following services)

Friday, February 6, 7:15pm (includes Mother's Circle & Havurot)

Join us after services for a kosher, family-style Shabbat dinner. Reservations required. \$14 per person, \$7 per child age 10 and under, \$42 limit per immediate household. RSVP by noon on the preceding Wednesday (Dec. 31, Feb. 4). For reservations after noon on Wednesday, a \$5 per person convenience fee will be charged. Family maximum applies to on-time reservations only. Call Rebecca at 503.246.8831x100, rmoeri@nevehshalom.org

# Complimentary All Member "Light Shabbat Dinner"

All synagogue members are invited to a special Light Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Jan. 9 (no charge to members) immediately following services. Please contact the synagogue office to RSVP by Wedensday, January 7th at 503.246.8831 or for more information contact **Michelle Caplan** at 503.293.7305 or



# Israeli Movie Night

When: Sunday, January 25, 2009, 7-9 pm Where: Stampfer Chapel, Congregation Neveh Shalom

2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland Who: Anyone who enjoys foreign films, particularly an Israeli one

How: FREE and open to the public Come see The Barbecue People Co-sponsored by the Neveh Shalom Israel Affairs Committee and the Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest.

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#### **Chronicle Submissions**

mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

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

Please e-mail submissions to lkitchen@nevehshalom.org

#### **Deadlines**

February Chronicle-January 2nd March Chronicle-February 6th

April Chronicle-March 6th



# Writers and Scholars in Residence

Rachel Brodie January 30-31, 2009

Rachel Brodie is a Jewish educator who specializes in adult and family education. She is the co-founder and executive director of Jewish Milestones <a href="https://www.JewishMilestones.org">www.JewishMilestones.org</a> a nonprofit organization serving as an educational resource for those who seek to have Jewish lifecycle ceremonies (typically related to birth, maturation, partnering and loss) that are both authentic and personally meaningful. She co-authored, Jewish Family Education: A Casebook for the Twenty-first Century with Vicky Kelman (Torah Aura, 2002).

Rachel Brodie is also the keynote teacher at the Women's Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, February 1. Her focus will be on Women's Tefilah (or women's communication with God).

# Scholar in Residence Weekend Schedule: Friday, Jan. 30

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Weekday Judaism: Work, Play And The Every Day

"What's so special about a rainy Tuesday in January?" From finding meaning in our work (whatever we may do, as long as it's legal) to the evaluation of our homes as sacred space, from how we handle money to our relationships to food and sex, Judaism offers us opportunities to go off auto-pilot and live mindfully. Explore the concept of "normal mysticism" in our tradition.

#### Saturday, Jan. 31 (5th Shabbat combined services) 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service 12:30-1:30pm Lunch & Study Session -Rosh Hodesh: It's About Time

Good time management -- the Jewish way -- involves taking time on a regular basis to pause, reflect and rededicate ourselves to the priorities we espouse. Rosh Hodesh (the holiday marking the beginning of each new month) is one such "speed bump" in the Jewish calendar. Through text study and discussion rediscover this most "timely" of holy days and reconsider the challenge of leading a balanced life.

#### HAVDALAH @5:30-8:00pm Shoreshim Havdalah Family Event

This session will combine teaching on brachot and havdalah.

# Havurah Profile: Empty Nester's Havurah

Couples Havurah Takes Off at Neveh
At first it seemed like we were kids going to camp for the first time.
Here we were, five couples, ten strangers with seemingly nothing
more in common than being Neveh Shalom members interested in
joining a havurah, assigned to a group and meeting for the first time. Would we
like each other? Would we have fun? Would we want to see each other again?
After our first "Couples Group" meeting at Rose's Restaurant, it was clear
to everybody that the answer was "Yes." We connected with each other, ate
cheesecake, and learned more about each other. There were common interests and
common backgrounds that we didn't know about before. We've since grown to
seven diverse couples.

We've done a variety of fun activities. In July we demonstrated our cooking skills (or shopping skills as the case may be) with a potluck. In August, we combined the Jewish love of Chinese food with a Beijing Olympics viewing party. In September, we bonded with the best nature and the Northwest have to offer with a day trip to Silver Falls State Park. In October, we enjoyed an evening of dining in a Sukkah. In November, we once again enjoyed a dinner of Asian food (this time, Thai) and interestingly enough, wound up back at Rose's where it all began. In December, we were "up in the air" with our event - literally. We explored the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museums in McMinville. Unlike camp, we are not over yet. We have our calendar planned for monthly Second Saturday meetings through mid-2009.

We all joined a havurah to expand our social circles, spend time with people whose company we enjoy, and nurture on our Jewish backgrounds and synagogue connectedness. We encourage Neveh members to form new havurahs or join existing ones. Yours, too, can be a personally rewarding experience, just as ours is so contact **Caron Rothstein**, Havurot Coordinator today at crothstein@ nevehshalom.org of 503-246-8831 x 139 to get on board with Havurot!

-- David Meltzer

# Save the Date

Attention Young Men!

Outdoor adventures, Comraderie, Good food and Friends. Yachad Kick Off Event! January 11th 2pm Look for event invite soon For more info contact NevehShalom-Yachad@Yahoo.com

# Weekend In Quest 2009

February 27, 28 and March 1 Astoria, Oregon

"The Lives of Our Mothers and Fathers in Eastern Europe"

Our scholar is Natan Meir Registration will open on December 22nd For further information and to receive a registration brochure, please contact Mary Goldhammer 503 293-0521 or mgoldham@comcast.net

# **Vaad Shel Chesed Group**

# Make a difference Become A Chesed Volunteer!



Chesed means the virtue of loving kindness. We are a growing group of dedicated volunteers who support our Neveh Shalom community by volunteering our time to help provide rides, meals and visits for members in need.

Come check us out and see first hand how our Chesed committee is working to support our NS members in need. Dedicating just one hour a month - truly makes a difference and an impact of a life time! The Chesed meets the second Sunday of every month at 10am in room 111 unless otherwise noted. For more information about the Chesed and how you can become a volunteer, please contact **Barbara Barde** at, 503-293-1222 or Barb@bardepdx.com

#### Ben Hei Hei said:

Effort is its own reward.

We are here to do,

And through doing to learn;
and through learning to know;
and through knowing to experience wonder;
and through wonder to attain wisdom;
and through wisdom to find simplicity;
and through simplicity to give attention;
and through attention to see what needs to
be done.

Prike Avot 5:27

# **Career Transition Group**



Career Transition Group Wednesdays, 7:45am

Over 80% of new positions are filled through networking. **Susan Goldstein**, an experienced career transition consultant and coach, will facilitate 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 were caught in a recent layoff, are returning to the workforce, are a trailing spouse, recent graduate, or just ready to start looking for your next position—maybe a volunteer assignment for a rewarding retirement—your network is the best path to that next position. For details contact **JoAnn Bezodis** at 503.293.7309 or **Susan Goldstein** at 503.880.1473.

# Women's League Calendar 2008-2009

January 22nd Book Review/Discussion

January 23rd Women's League Friday Night Services ●February 8th ●

The Sandwich Generation

Anti-Semitism TBA

• The Art I Used To Love • **TBA** 

# Women's League Potluck & Planning Board Meeting dates below:

Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 6:30pm Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 6:30pm For more information please contact

**Susan Sutherlin** at 503.626.6611.



# Notes from Shomrei Teva

Climate Change, Obama, and **Jewish Action** This month will be the

inauguration of Barack Obama as our President. Among the huge number of problems his administration will address is climate change. As Jews, we have a particular concern about this issue because it addresses both social justice and care of creation. The Torah and Talmud constantly remind us that this is God's world and we must protect it. We are also reminded to care for the weakest among us. Climate change, and resultant rising sea waters, will mostly affect the poorer peoples of the planet.

The national Jewish environmental organization COEJL (Coalition On the Environment and Jewish Life) provides us with an easy way to take action on this matter by writing to President-Elect Obama. At the COEJL website you can find a letter that urges his administration to take immediate action on this problem. The letter also points out why, as Jews, we are taking this action and how this problem can be addressed. The webpage is at http://engage. jewishpublicaffairs.org/t/2929/p/dia/action/ public/?action\_KEY=196.

I invite each of you to go to that page, read the letter, phrase it in your own words, and send it to President-Elect Obama. As Jews we know that actions are more important than beliefs or creeds. Here is an action you can take as a Jew and as a concerned citizen of the world.

Todah rabbah from Shomrei Teva Jordan Epstein

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# THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

December was an exciting month with the Shop formally dedicated in Gloria's honor made possible by a generous donation by the late Max Birnbach. We had a successful pre Hanukkah sale, and we donated candles, gelt, and havdalah candles to the religious school. We also donated cookie forms to the foundation school. Our mission is service to the synagogue and religious school and sales allow us to do this. We also participated in the Hadassah Hanukkah Fair.

New merchandise is arriving as we prepare for Purim and Passover. Jewelry by Devorah Beadworks is now in stock. Torah Fund cards appropriate for any event are in the shop.

We look forward to seeing you. For more information please contact Sue Axel at 503.297.9140 or **Ann Yudman** at 503.352.4074.



Elliot Axel, Sue Axel, Gloria Bacharach, Ann Yudman and Stu Yudman

On Saturday evening, November 22nd a Cocktail Party and Reception was held at the home of **Linda & Sid Alpert**; organized by The Board of Neveh Shalom Women's League. This "Special Evening" was held to honor Sue & Elliot Axel and Ann & Stu Yudman for their work, effort, time and committment in organizing the new "Women's League Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop at Neveh Shalom." Not only was there the physical "moving" of the existing Judaica Shop from it's old location to it's new one, but their efforts also included the complete redesign, reordering and restocking of all of the Judaica items. This was a tremendous effort on the part of these wonderful volunteers. As stated by Neveh Shalom Executive Director, Fred Rothstein "in Pirke Avot, the Ethics of our Ancestors, it is written.. Say little and do much; and receive each person with a cheerful expression." This is what has been done and, all of us at Neveh Shalom say THANK YOU to The Axels and The Yudmans for a job well done and one which has exceeded all expectations.

**Feldstein Library**NEW ADDITIONS to the Feldstein Library:

My Father's Paradise by Ariel Sabar

The author invites the reader on an amazing journey through Kurdish Jewish History. It is a son's epic journey back to his father's homeland, a mysterious part of Iraq

The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein

A debut memoir, written by Harry Bernstein at the spry old age of 93. A wonderful historical document depicting the colorful characters of the small English mill town just before WW1.

Who Will Write Our History: Emanuel Romgelblum by Samuel Kassew

The author provides us with the history of the "Oyne Shabes Archive" a project organized in the Warsaw Ghetto by Emanuel Ringelblum to describe the Nazi measures against the Jews trapped in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Icon of Evil: Hitler's Mufti and the Rise of Radical Islam by David G. Dalin Ghettostadt:Lodz and the Making of a Nazi City by Gordon J. Horowitz

A lucid, powerful and harrowing accoung of the Lodz Ghetto and the Nazi cruelty as compared to their grand delusions.

\* The abouve three titles were purchased through the generous donation of the Neveh Shalom's Mens" Club to the Feldstein Library

# Women's League



Be a part of Women's League. Together, we support the synagogue and the community.

Join us Friday, January 23 as we will celebrate our annual Women's League Shabbat. Our members will lead the Shabbat service. **Dana Sirkin** is coordinating this service. Contact Dana at 503.454.0610 if you would like to participate, in Hebrew and/or English.

Join us Sunday, February 1 for our always enjoyable Mah Jongg Tournament. **Judi Goodman** and **Sarah Coblens** will co-chair this event. Look for registration information to arrive shortly.

Join us Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm for a book review/discussion of <u>The Faith Club</u> by Ranya Idliby, led by **Rabbi Isaak**. This book is available at our Gift Shop. The date of this event has been changed to Thursday, March 12. Please be sure to note this change.

Do you need a house warming gift, a wedding present or do you just want to SHOP? Come visit our Gloria Bacharach Judaica Gift Shop. Volunteer with us and be a part of the wonderful new SHOP. Contact **Sue Axel**, 503.297.9140 or **Ann Yudman**, 503.352.4074 for more information.

A Todah Rabah to Jackie Lesch and our Men's Club for our joint program on Interfaith Families. This was an excellent program for all of us.

Join us for our Potluck & Planning Meeting Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm at the home of **Addie Banasky**. Our meeting is open to all Women's League members/ potential members. Bring us your voice, your questions and we will listen, this is YOUR opportunity to reach out to us. Contact me, 503.626.6611 for more information. For more information, please contact **Susan Sutherlin** at 503.626.6611.

Linda Alpert, Past President of Neveh Shalom Women's League

### Men's Club

On behalf of the Men's Club, Bruce and I would like to wish you Happy secular New Year.

We would like to thank Tyson Campbell from Kennedy Restoration and Rick Vagy for their informative November program on the perils of home ownership. Additionally, we would like to thank all those who participated in the Men's Club Shabbat on November 14, with a special thank you to Peter Bedrick for organizing the service. We would also like to thank the 10-15 people who volunteered to help pack care packages for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Our January program will take place on Sunday, January 11. The topic is "Alternative Energy Concerns". It is an opportunity for you to learn how to reduce your energy footprint. We will meet in the Zidell Chapel for brunch after the morning minyan around 9:40am with the program starting at 10am. Men and Women are welcome at our programs.

Don't forget our second annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Sunday, March 1. Proceeds are donated to youth scholarships and the capital campaign. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating prizes, please contact **Bruce Stern** at bruce@ thesternfamily.net. If you know someone else who might be willing to contribute a prize or a sponsorship, Bruce can let you know what information we need.

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

If you would like to join Men's Club, please contact our membership chairmen, Larry Skolnik lsskolnik@hotmail.com and Jeremy Kelter timberlineadvisors@comcast.net We also have membership forms available on our bulletin board in the synagogue. You may also contact either of us at bruce@thesternfamily.net or j3ngoodman@comcast.net. Joe Goodman and Bruce Stern Men's Club Co-Presidents

# Mark Your Calendar Sunday, January 4th

9:30 (after Minyan) in the ZIDELL CHAPEL SHOMREI TEVA

Invites you to a presentation on the Tuv Ha'aretz Project. The project will bring weekly deliveries of fresh, organically grown produce to the MJCC, a result of Neveh Shalom and Havurah Shalom leading the effort to make the Portland Jewish community part of this international project initiated by Hazon. Our application has been approved and we're ready to go. Now we need members, people who will commit to purchasing a season's supply of produce from our local farmer in return for weekly deliveries. You could be one of those members. This presentation will explain all the ins and outs of the project, becoming a member, cost, and how this isn't just any CSA (community supported agriculture) but is specifically Jewish. We're not talking chopped liver here! Come and join us. Questions? Contact Jordan Epstein at 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net.

#### **Darfur Awareness**

# Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

With passion and initiative, members of our Tikkun Olam Committee's Darfur Awareness sub-committee joined together for the first time in November and committed our group to the mission of raising awareness among youth and adults in our community about the tragic genocide currently taking place in Darfur. Our goal is to raise general awareness of the situation through a community wide book reading and discussion, to engage our youth through a hands-on educational experience (such as Camp Darfur), and to participate in advocacy through sending postcards to powerful elected officials including President-Elect Barack Obama. We are working together with Beth Israel and Kol Shalom, among others, to unite the Portland community around this important cause. It's not too late to let your voice be heard; we'd love you get involved in any capacity you're interested in. Look for our next meeting posted in the weekly announcements (probably the 3rd Wednesday of January) as well as a kickoff event coming soon.

Contact **Sarah Greenstein** at greenstein\_sarah@yahoo.com with questions or to get involved.

## Youth @ CNS

#### **Shalom Neveh Families!**

What a wonderful and exciting fall we have had! A new building with a new youth lounge, as well as awesome activities and most importantly, good friends has made this a season to remember for Neveh Youth Activities! Our advisors and leaders have done an incredible job providing fun, safe and engaging events for all of our youth, from 3rd through 12th grades! We have bowled, skated, hiked, laughed and played all over town, and have begun to "break in" our new improved home (don't worry, we haven't actually broken anything). A highlight of the fall has definitely been our annual "Parents Night Out" in December, which brought a large crew of kids from all ages to hang out with their Neveh buddies and awesome USY teen leaders, while their parents got to go out and have a night on the town! We had a blast playing, snacking and laughing the night away. We can't wait to do it again!

Now that we are heading into the dark winter months, it is a perfect time to get out and hang with your Neveh Shalom friends! Just as Hanukkah taught us that a small flame can light up dark times, so can just one great Jr. Kadima, Kadima or USY event brighten up the cool winter months. We have great activities planned, with sporting events, overnights, movies, bowling, parties, service projects, great food and don't forget friends and fun! And don't forget to stop by and check out our youth lounge, officially the most comfortable room in the new building (thanks to our comfy new couches). So come warm up your winter with Neveh Shalom Youth Activities!

Jonathan Emanuel, Youth Director jemanuel@nevehshalom.org

## USY (9-12th grade)

USY's 5th Semi-Annual Parents' Night out was a huge success. Thank you to all of the USYers, parents and kids for taking part in such an exciting evening full of Jewpoardy, candy sushi and capture the flag.

Rachelle Vagy, USY Advisor usy@portlandrishonim.org

# Kadima (6-8th grade)

Kadima's first few months have been a ball. We have roller skated, bowled, had an overnight, an arcade day and made many new friends. December saw Kadima join in the Fifth Annual Parents Night Out helping the USYers plan and run programs for Junior Kadima. We also went to a Trailblazers game!

Following Winter Break, we have many exciting programs planned including an amazing collage project, an "Eighth Grade Only" special program, a trip to Portland's Art Museum, and an outing to the Clackamas Water Park.

Kadima is open to all 6th-8th graders and even if you have not yet come to a program, try it out! You will not be disappointed. **Cara Buchalter Emanuel,** Kadima Advisor at kadima@portlandrishonim.org

kadima@portlandrishonim.org

## Jr. Kadima (3-5th grade)

Many times, Happy New Year from Jr Kadima! We hope you're staying healthy and enjoying this winter season! Coming up on the 11th we're going to a Portland Winterhawks game! Don't miss this incredible tradition! Parent volunteers welcome! In early February we are looking forward to an outdoor Tu B'Shvat activity where we can grow as a group and give back to the community! A big thank you for all your creativity and support---it's going to keep Jr. Kadima as fantastic as ever during these tough times.

B'Shalom **Becca Cigan**, Jr. Kadima Advisor

jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org



The Mothers Circle program, coordinated

by Caron Blau Rothstein and facilitated by Neveh Shalom member Lois Shenker, is entering its third month of classes, and appears to be receiving rave reviews. We even made the front page of the Oregonian's How We Live section last month and are already receiving requests for the next cohort! The eighteen participants are non-Jewish women with Jewish partners who have agreed to raise their children in the Jewish tradition. The course is designed to give them support, education, and increase their comfort level with the Jewish experience in order to be better able to share it with their children.

The sessions so far have covered Getting Acquainted, Making Jewish Choices, Hanukkah, Effective Jewish Parenting, and Jewish Values. Each session is a combination of information, questioning, sharing, group exercises, and practicing the skills being taught, where appropriate. In addition to the regular classes, there will be some "hands on" classes coming up which will add partners and/or families to the group, and in some instances these programs will be open to the community. Already on the agenda is an erev Shabbat service and dinner here at the synagogue on February 6. Watch for announcements of community events under Mothers Circle sponsorship coming up in the future.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Mothers Circle please contact **Caron** at crothstein@nevehshalom.org or log onto www.themotherscircle.org.



# Camp Solomon Schechter Scholarships

Applications for scholarships for the 2009 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 an explanation of need is necessary for funds to be allocated.

Please contact **Michelle Caplan**, 503.293.7305 or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org to obtain a scholarship application or for further information. Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2009 in order to be considered.

# School @ CNS

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Babies are Busy this Winter! First Babies Events

The First Babies Group celebrated at the Neveh Shalom Hanukkah Hoedown together. They enjoyed eating, singing and lighting menorahs with their babies.

#### All New Babies get honored at upcoming Shabbat

Coming up on Saturday, January 10th, all new babies born since November 2007 are invited along with their parents and grandparents to join in the New Babies Shabbat celebration on Shabbat morning. For further details check out the special info box elsewhere in this Chronicle or contact **Caron Blau Rothstein** crothstein@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831 x139 for more information or to RSVP.

#### Playgroup

Our FREE drop-in playgroup is meeting Friday mornings from 9-10 am in the large motor room at Neveh Shalom. First Fridays include a special guest from CNS Staff. Thank you to our December special guest, Program and Fundraising Director **JoAnn Bezodis** who taught all the little ones an adorable Hanukkah song. All tots ages 0-2 years welcome with a parent or caregiver - come and play!!! Note: There will be no playgoup on January 2.

#### Parent Workshop

On December 4, Rabbi Bradley Greenstein and family clinician, Rita Smith, from Jewish Family and Children Services, led a workshop on the "December Dilemma." They addressed the topic of holiday commercialism and the age old Hanukkah vs. Christmas challenge. Thank you so much to **Rabbi Greenstein** and Rita Smith for working with our families! For more information on any of our upcoming events, please contact **Sarah Mitnick** at mitnick.sarah@gmail.com or **Hilary Barthold** at hiltim@aol.com. Thanks!!

#### Shoreshim

Even our youngest members greeted their partners, did a little do-si-do, and promenaded all the way home at the Hanukkah Hoedown on December 21, 2008! Thank you to all the volunteers on the Shoreshim and Membership committees who helped to make this such a fun event!

If your children were mesmerized by the Hanukkah lights and asking why the menorah had to be put away...remind them of the beautiful Havdalah candle. Shoreshim is hosting its popular, "Good Night Shabbat!" Pajama Party and Havdalah dinner event on Saturday, January 31. While the kids are listening to stories, adults are invited to attend a talk by guest speaker/teacher, Rachel Brodie,

the director of Jewish Milestones, a nonprofit aiming to make the ritual more accessible to families. Get the year off to a good start at Tot Shabbat Services on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Services start at 10:15am. Services on January 3 will be led by **Jordan Epstein**, and on January 17 by **Levia Friedman**.

For questions about Shoreshim or information on how you can get involved, please contact **Cyndy Kagan** at 503-927-4326, ckagan@gmail.com, **Debbie Plawner** at 503-830-3833 debbieplawner@yahoo.com, or **Leslie Solomon** at 503-350-0993, leslie@solomonster.org

#### **Foundation School**



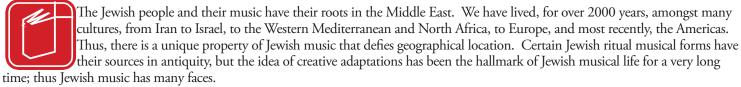
Foundation School is happy to welcome everyone back to school following our winter vacation. We hope all the families had time to slow

down and enjoy some peaceful moments while lighting the Hanukkah candles together. The month of January will find the children embracing the season of winter. Stories and songs about sparkly snowflakes whirling and fat snowmen melting will enrich the curriculum. We will discover how water changes from liquid to solid ice and talk about what animals do in the winter. Please be sure you dress your children warmly for outside play as we go out everyday.

Even in the midst of winter we will begin to look towards spring at the end of the month as the Jewish holidays of Shabbat Shira, the birthday of the birds, and Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of trees, approaches. Children will make bird feeders, create with feathers and pretend to be birds hatching from eggs. Seeds will be planted, branches studied, and the importance of trees to our world will be emphasized. In the words of Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakkai, "If you should be standing ready to plant a tree when the Messiah comes, first plant the tree, then go and meet the Messiah." Shalom,

Jan Skolnik & Kathy Wolfson

# **Religious School**



Recently, Jewish music has begun to see a fairly significant change. Now it is no longer of yesterday. It is going in a new direction. While the roots of traditional Jewish music can still be heard, the music has grown past the traditional music and gone off in a new direction. Safam, the Boston based band, has dominated Jewish music in America with their "Jewish-American Sound" since 1974. Safam's music covers the wide breadth of American musical styles while maintaining a Jewish flavor. They use many settings – whether it be Rock & Roll, Pop, Folk, Latin, Chassidic or Cantorial – to create their tapestry of music. Safam's eclectic approach to its music has enabled it to reach out to Jews of all ages and denominations.

Neveh Shalom is excited to have Safam come to our congregation on Saturday, February 7th for an unforgettable concert. Mark your calendars and purchase your tickets early.

Susan Bernstein, Director of Education

#### **Adult Ed**

Wellness Talks, "The Light of Day: Help for Winter Mood Changes" Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:00pm

Instructor: Dr. Christie Winkelman, ND, MA (counseling)

What exactly causes those winter blues, and what can you do to help yourself enjoy more energy and more motivation this winter? Join us for an interactive discussion that is especially pertinent to our NW location! Dr. Winkelman also will offer examples of some helpful items and treatments for you to sample yourself. Dr. Winkelman practices at Insights to Health (www.insightstohealth.net), the new Jewish-friendly holistic family medical clinic in Multnomah Village. Free and open to the entire community--bring a friend! RSVP to help us plan for materials: call Rebecca at 503-246-8831x100. **What is** 

Conservative Judaism?

Instructor: Gary Fiske

Thursdays, Jan. 15-Mar. 5, 7:30-9:00 pm

For most of its existence Conservative Judaism has been defined by what it is not: not Reform, not Orthodox. But what is it and how does it differ from other forms of Judaism? The course will begin with a brief history of the American Conservative movement starting with its origins in 19th-century Germany. The remainder of the course will be devoted to discussions of more contemporary documents that can give us a sense of how the modern-day movement is attempting to define itself. Among other things, we will look closely at different sections of *Emet ve-Emunah*, the Conservative movement's Statement of Principles published in 1988, as well as at several recent *responsa* issued by the movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

Tuition: no charge. For more information, contact Gary Fiske at migarada@comcast.net. Adult Hebrew Class for Beginners

**Instructor: Vered Tzur** 

Tuition: \$120 for CNS members and \$160 for non-members Tuesdays, January 6-March 10, 6:45-7:45pm

Hebrew is the glue which binds the Jewish people in Jewish communities dispersed throughout the world, and time, from the past to the present and on to the future. Language is the key to a nation's heart and soul. Come learn Hebrew for the first time or refresh your knowledge from your childhood. Learn the basic vocabulary, use of verb constructs, nouns, pronouns and prepositions. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to learn to read and decode Hebrew; feel more comfortable opening the prayer book and in helping your children with their Hebrew School experience. For information, contact Susan Bernstein at 503.293.7306 or sbernstein@nevehshalom.org.



#### Shomrei Teva

Of Neveh Shalom Invites You To
Tu b'shvat with teva: Planting our garden
Sunday, February 1st, 9am-12pm

Shomrei Teva, Neveh Shalom's environmental team, has joined with SOLV to repair the natural area along the tributary of Fanno Creek bordering the Neveh Shalom parking lot. We're going to plant beautiful native trees, shrubs, and ground cover as we restore this riparian habitat. Our planting is the reward for months of hard work as we removed non-native plants and debris from the site. Now we can plant and celebrate.

As part of the morning's activities we'll provide refreshments and a short ceremony to honor our work, the earth, and connections to Tu b'Shvat.

We will provide shovels (supply limited) and other tools as well as gloves. But please bring your own tools and gloves if you have them and DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. Come celebrate Tu b'Shvat the "earthy" way.

Questions? Contact Jordan Epstein at 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net

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We are very excited that he has agreed to continue his work here for another 5 years. Certainly the economic environment in which we find ourselves is presenting many challenges. Its impact can be seen in everything from the rate at which we are receiving Capital Campaign commitments and dues payments to the cost of food served at the Oneg. The Board has been proactive in addressing the issues involved and is planning accordingly. To state the obvious, we are preparing to do more with less. The staff has been directed to significantly reduce expenses, while attempting to minimize their impact on the services they provide. It is hard to estimate exactly what the impact of these reductions will be, but I think it is safe to assume they will be felt to some degree. We will need more volunteers to help mitigate the impact of these reductions, and I urge you to consider helping out in any way you can. If you haven't done so consider being active with one of our committees, all of which are in need of additional volunteers. I will keep you updated on our financial situation throughout the year as it develops, and I encourage you to attend one of several Budget Committee meetings which will be held over the coming months. These meetings are open to all congregants and will give you real insight into the running of the synagogue and its many programs.

This time of year is very busy, but I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with your friends and family and let them know how much they mean to you. I'd like you to know how much I appreciate the support and encouragement you have given the Board and myself, and how dedicated we are to providing our members with the best possible experience. We wish you a special Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

Doug Lenhoff, President

# Did You Know... Once in a Generation - For General



The two concrete structures in the lower parking lot and one in the lower courtyard, while shaped differently are "flow through planters", also called "bio swales or rain gardens" They are environmental amenities that filter storm and other water from the site and return it to the storm system cleaner than it started. The plans are to irrigate the plantings by hand the first year. With the selection of native planting, manually watering the landscape will only be necessary for the first year and will otherwise survive on natural rainfall.

# Membership Committee

My membership at Congregation Neveh

Shalom has been all about community. When I come to a Membership meeting or a Blood drive or any social event at CNS or when I simply am dropping Maude off at Sunday school, it turns into an event of chatting with my CNS family and getting caught up with their lives. I'm always so thrilled with how comfortable Maude is when she is here; running around like it is her second home. Our journey to this point has been a big circle. When Nicole and I first moved here from the East Coast 16 years ago, one of our first priorities was to join a Synagogue. I grew up and loved my Synagogue and USY in Connecticut, so I naturally wanted to join the Conservative Synagogue. We started with CNS and had a difficult time connecting due to no children and our young age. We tried many other Synagogues, and then after bringing Maude to Tot Shabbat a number of times, realized that we knew and were friends with so many people at CNS, that this was our home. We started our Havurah and they are our family. I feel strongly that with the Membership Committee, I am able to connect people with CNS and help them feel welcome and help them feel the sense of community I feel every time I drive up to the Synagogue.

#### Mitchell Elovitz,

Membership Committee Member

If there's anything myself or our committee can do to help you feel more connected, please email me

elovitzclan@comcast.net



# Kehilat Noar (KeN:Youth Congregation)

Meets every Saturday morning at 10:15 A lively, warm, and fun service that includes music, storytelling, and drama.

Geared towards 1st-5th graders.
All who love them are welcome to attend as well!

Led by **Gary Liberman** and **Amy Katz**Followed by kiddush.

#### Senior Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch for 65+ Tuesday, Jan. 13, 12noon
The Lunch Bunch invites you to join us Tuesday, January 13, for lunch, followed by a film, "The Fifth Commandment" (see the review below). Enjoy a spectacular KOSHER lunch for only \$5 per person (55 and up) – reservations required. Save the date and plan to join us. RSVP by noon on Monday, January 12 to Rebecca Moeri in

the office at 503-246-8831 ext. 100 or rmoeri@nevehshalom.org. "The Fifth Commandment"

Director Shimon Azulay came from a "traditional" family, where family unity always was paramount. Shimon's retired parents' world revolves almost exclusively around the children and grandchildren. When the director's brother becomes religious, the delicate fabric that holds this family together begins to unravel. In spite of the tremendous gaps that now exist, the Azulays struggle to keep the family united. A Powerful study...45 minutes.





benefitting Kochavim & Notz'tzim Hebrew Immersion Programs.
Sunday, January 11th at the Stafford Boutique Vitality Centerin Lake Oswego.

Invite a group of 8-10 friends (your family, your friends, your Havurah...) to join you in transporting yourselves from cold, wet Portland to a warm, relaxing and reinvigorating spa experience of yoga, hand and foot massage, and luxurious hot tub soak, followed by delicious Middle-Eastern refreshments.

Contact Mel Berwin at michaelvmel@gmail.com or by phone: 503-452-6890 to reserve your 90 minute Dead Sea Spa timeslot for your group (or to be connected with others to form a group), starting anytime between 10am and 4pm on Sunday, January 11.

Reserve by December 19 to receive a Dead Sea Spa gift bag worth \$25. Send a check to Neveh Shalom to confirm your reservation.

Suggested donation per person: \$70-100.

How it works:

100% of your donation is tax-deductible and benefits Kochavim and Notz'tzim. Be ready to relax and enjoy the warmth and luxury of your Spa experience!

A huge thank you to The Stafford for donating their beautiful space, and to Lucie Flood and Rachel Stern for serving as Yoga instructors. Todah Rabah to Lora & Jim Meyer and Goldie & Joshua Stampfer for their generous support of Kochavim & Notz'tzim this year.

## Tikkun Olam

#### Tuv ha'Aretz Project

The Tuv Ha'aretz project, initiated by the national Jewish environmental group Hazon, enables the Jewish community to support local, sustainable agriculture. Would you like weekly deliveries of fresh, locally and organically grown produce? Would you like to learn more about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and how it connects to Jewish teachings and traditions? For more information, contact **Jordan Epstein** at yaakovm@comcast.net

#### Shomrei Teva Creek Side Restoration

3rd Sunday each month January 18, 9:00am

Neveh Shalom, through Shomrei Teva, has joined with SOLV to restore the area along the tributary of Fanno Creek that borders the Neveh Shalom parking lot. Come join us the third Sunday of every month at 9:00am to do maintenance at our site. We work for an hour or two clearing away new or existing growth of weeds and non-native plants. Bring a shovel (best) or other garden tools. We'll supply the gloves. It's a mitzvah! Contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503.245.6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net

# Southwest Community Health Center -- SW Walks for Health

January 11, 2:00pm (monthly)
Get in shape and support a great cause.
Neveh Shalom is one of the many sponsors in support of the SW Community Health
Center. Join these monthly walks and select a one, three, or five mile route. We begin at the Multnomah Arts Center on Sundays at 2pm.
Monthly dates include: Feb. 8, Mar. 8, and culminating in our Fundraising Walk-a-Thon on April 19th, supporting the Health Center.

#### Beds! Beds! Beds!

Community Warehouse needs your donations of twin, double and queen mattresses & box springs. Over 65 local families come each week to the warehouse for help with essential furniture and household items. Especially as the cold weather approaches, the warehouse needs more help providing for families who are sleeping on the floor. Please go online to www.communitywarehouse.org or call us at 503-235-8786 to donate. We are open every day at 2267 N Interstate or ask for a pick up.

### **Food Barrels**



Food Barrels Neveh Shalom has two food barrels benefiting Neighborhood House and the Sunshine Pantry.

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

# Bar Mitzvah Suit Closet Reduce – Reuse – Recycle!

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

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

# Support Neveh Shalom while shopping!

Got an Albertson's Card or Safeway Card? Name Neveh Shalom as your Community Partner and a portion of all your purchases will support the synagogue. This does NOT cost you any money, so it's WIN-WIN! No computer skills necessary. Send **JoAnn Bezodis** the following information:

Name

Albertsons or Safeway Card Number Phone number associated with this card.

She will do the rest! Contact **JoAnn Bezodis** at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org or call 503-293-7309.

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**Cantor Linda Shivers** 

# In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Bea Hochfeld (z"l)

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

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences to our members and their families,

John Barton on the death of his father.

**Doron Bandel** on the death of his father, Zvi Bandel.

Bruce & Louise Magun on the death of their newborn grandchild.

# May their memories be a blessing.

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# CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM JANUARY 2009/5769 TEVET-SHEVAT

	CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM JANUARY 2009/5769 TEVET-SHEVAT					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				5 TEVET	7:15am Minyan Dante Stone Bar Mitzvah	7 TEVET  Dante Stone Bar Mitzvah
					Singing Service	9am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat w/
						Jordan Epstein 10:15am Kehilat Noar
				Office Closed	4:21 pm	VAYIGASH
9am Minyan 8 TEVET	7:15am Minyan 9 TEVET	7:15am Minyan	7:15am Minyan	7:15am Minyan	7:15am Minyan	14 TEVET
9am Religious School	1pm Mah Jongg	9am Melton	4:15pm Hebrew School	4:15pm Hebrew School	9am CNS Playgroup	9am New Babies Shabbat Services
9:30am Shomrei Teva-Tuv Ha'aretz	4:15pm Hebrew School	4:15pm Hebrew School	4:15pm Kochavim	4:30pm Bible Class	10am Shabbat Singing	9:30am Downstairs Minyan
12pm 13 Mitzvot	4:15pm Kochavim 6:30pm SAFAM planning mtg. 7:30pm Choir Practice	5pm Talmud 6:45pm Adult Hebrew for Beginners 7pm Melton	6pm Rel High School & Dinner	7:30pm Executive Mtg.	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm Membership Dinner	10:15am Kehilat Noar
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9:30am Men's Club	4:15pm Hebrew School	12pm Senior Lunch	4:15pm Kochavim	7:30pm Board Mtg.	10am Notz'tzim	10:15am Tot Shabbat w/ Levia
9:45am 3rd grade Parents Mtg.	4:15pm Kochavim	4:15pm Hebrew School	4:15pm Notz'zim		6:15pm Chik Chok Services &	10:15am Kehilat Noar
10am Chesed Comm. Mtg.	7:30pm Choir Practice	5pm Talmud	6pm Rel High School & Dinner		Dinner	
12:30pm PBO Rehearsal		6:45pm Adult Hebrew for Beginners				
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