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FROM THE PULPIT

Two New Years

As I write this article I am eagerly awaiting biting into a turkey latke sandwich as this year we celebrate the cosmic anomaly of "Thanksalatke." What



blessing it is to be intimately connected within two unique calendars and cultures. As modern Jews we live within two calendars and as we approach New Year's Eve perhaps we remember sitting in synagogue or celebrating with friends and family just a few months ago making resolutions for this shana tova. Interestingly, our secular Gregorian new year originates from a tradition that fears the year ahead and in order to scare away the demons that could come to haunt us, people would shout with all their might from the rooftops. Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you may die. Today we see remnants of this tradition as people scream, shout and drink on New Year's Eve. Now don't get me wrong, I love New Year's, I watch the ball drop with the best of Cont. on page 2

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In October, Executive Director Fred Rothstein and I attended the Centennial Celebration of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in Baltimore, Maryland. I attended with apprehension, as two years prior, the USCJ's biennial Shabbaton in San Diego was



underwhelming and, frankly, disappointing, in its program and attendance. Baltimore was everything San Diego was not. It began with a Shabbaton with dynamic services, engaging programming, great attendance, and amazing ruach (spirit) infused by the attendance of over 100 USYers. On the Sunday bridge between the Shabbaton and the Centennial, attendance swelled beyond 800. The speakers (particularly the rabbis of our movement), entertainers (especially the cantors of our movement) and overall programming were excellent. Also, the results of the recent Pew study on Jewish population provided the impetus for a very candid and robust discussion of where Judaism, and Conservative Judaism in particular, are headed. I heard Rabbis and other speakers describe

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Shabbat Dinner Pyramid Scheme comes to Neveh Shalom!

Our Sharing Shabbat program launches January 31st! Sign up now to participate in Neveh Shalom's new "Shabbat Dinner Pyramid Scheme".

How does Sharing Shabbat work?

1 Invite people to your home on one or all of the Sharing Shabbat dates. Enjoy Shabbat dinner with people you know, or people you hope to know better. Do Shabbat your way - formal, potluck, china or paper plates.



- 2 The week of the dinner come to Neveh Shalom to pick up your gift for hosting: a re-usable grocery bag with a Shabbat kit including blessings, challah, candles and other helpful things.
- **3** At dinner invite your guests to "pay it forward" by planning to host someone else at their home next time.

Not sure how to "do Shabbat?" Worried your Kiddush is a bit rusty? No problem!

Blessings and recordings will be online so that you can practice ahead of time. Everyone hosting will get nifty laminated blessing cards.

For questions or to sign up to host on January 31, February 28 and/or May 30: jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org

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B'NAI MITZVAH



CLARISSA JACOBOWITZ FEBRUARY 8

Clarissa is in 7th grade at Robert Gray Middle School, where she is in school choir and compacted math. She attended some years of Neveh Shalom's Foundation School and Aliyah programs, and loved her summer at BB Camp. Clarissa reads, especially science fiction and fantasy, and dances with the international themed youth troupe Süssefüsse. She occasionally practices violin, plays basketball, and spends time with horses. She does also interact sometimes with her proud parents Edward and Kempe, her little brothers Isaac and Aryeh, and her dog Lowbacca.



ANNA SHAPIRO FEBRUARY 22

Mazel tov to Anna Rebecca Shapiro, daughter of Marc and Robin. Anna is an eighth grader at Meadow Park Middle School, where she most enjoys Humanities and Math classes. Anna also likes to read, write, and draw, and is almost always humming or singing. She is a competitive gymnast. Anna is an enthusiastic participant in Downstairs Minyan, and enjoys leading sections of the service there and at the Robison Home. Anna loves kittens, cats, dogs, and most other furry animals.

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them. Most importantly, I love the idea of resolutions, of renewed ideas and touchstones for our lives. New Year's Eve is a great time to remember, to check in with the aspirations we made only months ago. Many of us will make promises this January 1st concerning the wellness of our bodies. On Jewish New Year's day I asked us all to remember that our bodies are homes for our souls and to nurture our health

Ours is a tradition that asks us to live with balance. There is a famous saying in the Talmud quoted in the name of Rabbi Hezekiah the Kohen, "A person is destined when they die to give an accounting in heaven for everything they saw in the world but did not enjoy, ignoring God's world which was meant to be enjoyed." One has to appreciate a religion that encourages us to take in the pleasures of this world. We believe that God is kind and created a world for humanity to enjoy, the key of course is moderation. Judaism does not deny life's pleasures, but encourages us at the same time to take care of our bodies. We all know there is great spiritual pleasure to be found in physical activity. Elite athletes speak about a moment of magnified perception and accelerated ability. A magical place sometimes achieved when the body has surpassed its limits and one feels the lactic acid burn in one's muscles and the adrenaline racing through the body. Runners and cyclists tell of feeling at one with the road: mind, body, and earth in perfect sync, movement flowing without conscious effort.

But it also doesn't have to be so serious. Going for a hike or walk, practicing yoga or meditation, spending time in the garden or riding your bike can clear the mind and be a simple spiritual exercise. Taking care of your body is both a Jewish practice and a spiritual practice. We are learning more and more about how the body functions every day. The poet and author Norman Fischer writes, "Three hundred years of medical science has still only scratched the surface of the body's immense functioning. The enormous knowledge and complex communication and movement that seems to occur effortlessly within every human body: walking, running, jumping, shouting, singing, playing the piano. There are 25,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. Stretched out end to end they'd reach the moon. Blood flows through them ceaselessly, nurturing every organ in the body. The actual functioning human body is a marvel. No patents exist for it, no one knows where it comes from or exactly how it is produced. And the consciousness associated with it, the consciousness capable of knowing itself? About this we haven't a clue." Fischer has a point; there is so much we still do not know. However, what we do know is that the body gives us the ability to connect our souls to one another, to reach out and experience the world, and to bring the divine flow of the universe into our lives. The body is our greatest spiritual tool, our fanciest app, the soul's most phenomenal technology. That is of course, if we take care of our bodies, if we tune them and nurture them. Because one day, as is the course with all bodies and material in this world, these houses for our souls will slow down, they will breakdown, and they will return to their source and very first owner. As our calendars turn we have the opportunity to fine tune the instrument of our lives and nurture the bodies of our soul. Perhaps we've made great headway with the resolutions we made over apples and honey months ago, or maybe they never past the starting line of our lives. Either way this January first we have yet again an opportune reminder of how our two most treasured calendars intersect, inspiring within us our greatest hopes for this New Year.

May we be blessed to care for the sacred nature of our bodies, the house of the divine, the home of our soul.

Shabbat Dinner Pyramid Scheme comes to Neveh Shalom!

By Jennifer Greenberg, Program Director

Our new Sharing Shabbat program is a concept adapted from a very successful effort spreading across many congregations in the Conservative movement. I am personally thrilled to work with a great committee to bring the CNS version to our community. I think it is a winner in many respects and will be a great addition to how our community connects with each other.

Welcoming guests for Shabbat is a central focus of the Jewish experience. Every time I have hosted Shabbat guests or been to others' homes I have found it to be a beautiful, enriching, connecting and warm experience. However, after a long work week or with a young busy family, Friday arrives and many of us are often exhausted. I admit, most Erev Shabbats find me, Andrew and our two boys lighting candles, saying blessings and then eating a speedy meal (mom is always somehow last to sit and last to leave the table) after which some or all of us fall asleep in the living room. While this almost effortless evening is welcome after a full week, the impetus that Sharing Shabbat provides allows us to rally around a few Shabbats over the course of the season to enrich our Jewish experience by sharing it with others.

Shabbat can be tricky when you are learning. Sometimes, even now, we don't know if we are "doing it right" and imagine that everyone but us has set a formal table with white linens, has cleanly bathed children and are singing the full line-up of zimirot. I know when our family first started "doing Shabbat" it felt foreign to both me and Andrew. We faked our way through it, and added elements as they seemed right. As a matter of fact, we added the blessing of the children to our repertoire over a decade ago and our kids notice and comment when we occasionally get it right! One goal of this new program is to support wherever people are with their Shabbat know-how. We will provide blessings in every Shabbat kit, and recordings to study ahead of time. If you are really unsure, we have teachers who can practice with you. But there are no hard and fast rules. Family traditions evolve in shape and content over time. We provide the blessings, you do them your way.

Sharing Shabbat is different than a "matching" program. When you sign up to participate, you sign up to host and you choose who to invite. You might reach out to close friends, or people you would like to get to know better, or you might bring together a group in a similar demographic- other singles, or other families with young children. We can make it easy and help with suggestions.

Hopefully everyone who has been a guest will then sign up to host on a future date. The idea is to "pay it forward" and invite someone new to your table. Using this "scheme" other congregations have seen an 80% participation in the program over the course of a year. It is the perfect Shabbat dinner pyramid scheme!

Shabbat is not scheduled to end anytime soon - it will always be central to the Jewish experience. Connecting our community around the bright traditions of Shabbat is something I hope you will join me in embracing. I look forward to hearing how this program brings new experiences and warmth to your dinner table.

A huge thank you to the Sharing Shabbat planning committee who have been hard at work bringing this new program to life! Stacey Chapman, Lee Cordova, Sheri Cordova, Mary Goldhammer, Leah Joy, Sheri Katz, Beth Milliner, Janine Segal, Mindy Zeitzer

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the poll results as everything from a blip on the screen to the nuclear bomb.

Personally, and I can only speak to my own experience here at Neveh Shalom, I am closer to the blip on the screen crowd, if only because I see what is happening in our own community. I cannot ignore the demographics which show the large number of unaffiliated Jews in the Portland area, nor can I ignore the fact that our membership has not grown over the last few years (especially since the recession of 2008). But I write this on the morning following our annual Chanukah (Thanksgivikkuh) party (curse the Chronicle early deadline) where nearly 200 of our members, mostly-but not exclusively- families with young children lit their menorahs, sang Hannukah songs with Cantor B. and ate Latkes (and stuffing?). Every other Shabbat, when I visit our Zidell Chapel, I see the room overflowing with our Shoreshim families at Tot Shabbat. Just a couple of weeks ago, our USY teens provided the largest contingent from any of the region's conservative synagogues at the Fall Kinnus at Camp Solomon Schechter (16 teens!). Kudos for that goes to our amazing USY leadership, especially President Abby Diebold. And while our membership has not grown, it has not shown any major decline over the last 5 years. In all, at least here at Neveh Shalom, Conservative Judaism is not in decline.

Of course, our staff and lay leaders cannot be satisfied with holding firm against decline. We need to continue to provide opportunities to engage and affiliate. We need to continue to provide excellent Jewish education for families. We all need to continue to build relationships with each other to strengthen our Kehilla. So while we should all be concerned about the results of the Pew study and what it means for our movement, we can at least reflect and build on what has been a successful path to bucking the trends. Thank you all for joining us on that path.

Happy New Year,

Steven Kahn

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Kabbalat Shabbat - Every Friday: 6:15pm

Come join Cantor Bletstein and our Rabbis for a traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service where we weave together ancient and modern melodies as we celebrate Shabbat.

Shabbat Morning Service - Every Saturday: 9:00am

Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service.

Free Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831 by noon on the preceding Wednesday to reserve space.

Daily Minyan: Sunday-Friday

This minyan is maintained by dedicated and devoted congregants who ensure this service is available. Weekday services 7:15am, except on Rosh Chodesh and intermediate days of a holiday (Sukkot, Chanukah, and Passover) when services begin at 7:00am. Services on Sundays, major Jewish holidays, and major American holidays begin at 9:00am, yearround.

SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Fridays, 6:15pm (Jan 3, Feb 7)

Bring your spirit and your voice to join together on the first Friday of the month. Accompanied by Ilene Safyan on guitar, this service is one of beautiful music, filled with much singing and participation. New melodies are intermixed with congregational favorites. It's a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat together, as a community. A light oneg follows the service.

Chik-Chak Service, 3rd Fridays, 6:15pm (Jan 17, Feb 21)

A traditional, lay-led service featuring Carlebach tunes.

NOTE: on 3rd Fridays when there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the main service is combined with ChikChak in one service.

Hinenu Service 4th Fridays, 6:30pm (Feb 28)

For Jews in their 20s and 30s who are post-college and pre-kids. This alternative service is followed by a potluck Shabbat dinner at a local home. Please visit our Facebook page (search for "Hinenu"). For more information, to RSVP, or to get on our email list, contact hinenu.pdx@gmail.com

PDX Live! with Special Guest Beth Hamon Jan 10, special 7:30pm service time

A rockin' service to welcome Shabbat with music that will move you! Join Cantor Bletstein, Ed Kraus, and Klezmocracy for a high-energy Shabbat service with instruments that will rock your soul! Stay afterwards and schmooze at our signature Neveh Shalom cookie oneg.

ELEANOR FISCHER
DIAL-IN SERVICE

If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services dial in to hear them.

Call 503.246.8832

SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (Jan 25, Feb 8, 22)

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot. Want to lead a part of the service or read Torah? Contact Eddy Shuldman at mameleh@comcast.net. On "Combined Minyan" dates (Nov 30, Dec 28) we meet at 9am.

KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein:

3rd Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am (Jan 18, Feb 15)

Join us as we study, sing, meditate and engage deeply in prayer together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience necessary. Bring your friends! KEVA...a little time for your soul. For questions or to get involved, contact Rabbi Greenstein at rabbigreenstein@yahoo.com.

Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (Jan 18, Feb 15)

Neveh Shalom volunteers lead Shabbat services for seniors at the Robison Home Chapel. Arrive early to help escort residents to the Chapel. Please contact Carol Stampfer at carol.stampfer@gmail.com.

SHABBAT MORNING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5 years old)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (Jan 4,18 Feb 1, 15)

Tot Shabbat is a warm, age-appropriate Saturday morning service designed to introduce our youngest members to Shabbat morning worship. This interactive, engaging 45-minute Shabbat service includes prayers, music, songs and story time followed by a light Kiddush lunch.

Kehillat Noar (Grades 1-5)

1st Saturdays, October-May: 10:00am (Jan 4, Feb 1)

Jr. Congregation for 1st-5th graders and families. Join Gershon Liberman for this brief, lively, skill-building Shabbat morning experience, and stay for Kiddush lunch with friends. For more information contact Mel Berwin, mberwin@nevehshalom.org.

Candle Lighting Times

4:22 PM	Friday, Jan 03, 2014
4:30 PM	Friday, Jan 10, 2014
4:38 PM	Friday, Jan 17, 2014
4:48 PM	Friday, Jan 24, 2014
4:58 PM	Friday, Jan 31, 2014
5:08 PM	Friday, Feb 07, 2014
5:18 PM	Friday, Feb 14, 2014
5:28 PM	Friday, Feb 21, 2014
5:38 PM	Friday, Feb 28, 2014

Sisterhood News!

By Dana Sirkin, Sisterhood President e-mail: otrbanana@frontier.com

Sisterhood continues to plan interesting activities and to participate in programs within the Synagogue community. If you haven't joined us yet, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Your next opportunity is our Membership Brunch. Join us Sunday, January 19th with Cantor Deborah Bletstein. Cantor Bletstein is going to share her story of how she chose to become a cantor and her path through the seminary. We're also going to share details we bet you don't know regarding the Sisterhood Torah Fund and how we in Sisterhood support those in the seminary through our fundraising efforts here at CNS.

We encourage all women (regardless of age) looking for an opportunity to engage in meaningful activities and friendship to attend. And, we especially welcome all "paid up" members at this special Membership Brunch.

Then, mark your calendars for the Sisterhood Shabbat (the very next Friday) January 24. There will be a special Shabbat dinner following and we hope you will join us for both the service and dinner. If you are interested in participating in the service, please contact Dana Sirkin.

We are thrilled to announce that the CNS Sisterhood will be the hosts for the NxNW Regional Spring Conference, May 4-6, 2014. Please contact Dana if you'd like to help with planning or are interested in more information. Watch for more details.

We encourage every synagogue woman to consider joining us, as we move forward with activities that are engaging and link up with the opportunities within our synagogue and community. Dues are \$36 annually for this year, of which a portion goes to the national organization, and the rest supports local programming.

Also remember to do your Judaica shopping at our volunteer run gift shop. We have regular hours during the week, and can accommodate individuals with special appointment times when needed.

News from your Men's Club

The Men's Club recently sponsored two talks that qualified as "news you can use." On November 17th, Elaine Denning, a long-time participant in Oregon's health care and health-insurance industry, spoke on "The Potential of Health Care Reform." On December 1st, Jackie Lesch, an insurance agent and devoted CNS volunteer, spoke on "Obamacare/Affordable Care Act, Cover Oregon and the Health Insurance Exchange: What Do They Mean to Me?"

On Dec. 8th the meeting highlighted Israel's enormous scientific and engineering contributions to the world, as well as the developing technology ties between Oregon and Israel, with speakers Jeff Katz and Rony Lerner.

Our forthcoming meetings will offer talks which are informative and unique.

On Feb. 2nd, Men's Club will join Sisterhood as co-sponsors of a talk by Professor Matthew Warshawsky, from the University of Portland, on "Pathways to Expulsion and Diaspora: From Jews to New Christians in Spain and Colonial Latin America." In other words, we will learn about Jewish pirates of the Caribbean.

On Feb. 23rd, Michael Levine, a noted Portland criminal-defense attorney, will give a talk on "Famous Jewish Gangsters."

Pursuing our mission to serve the community, on Feb. 7th, Men's Club will join Sisterhood in leading services at Rose Schnitzer Manor. Those who are interested in volunteering should contact Dana Sirkin, otrbanana@frontier.com.

Health & Happiness, Jonathan Levy & Jonathon Lietz, Men's Club Co-Presidents

Tikkun Olam

Imagine you suddenly discovered you had almost \$10,000 that you were only allowed "to use to purchase food or food supplies for feeding the hungry or poor." What a mitzvah at a time that hunger has become an issue of crisis proportions in our country and when the federal government is in the process of making substantial cuts in the funding of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, which most folks just think of as "food stamps." Towards the end of 2013 your Tikkun Olam committee found ourselves exactly in that position and, by the time you receive this article, will likely have begun moving forward with using at least some of the money to support such efforts. This along with the Tikkun Olam fund are ways fellow congregants can provide financial support for our committee's efforts.

We welcome your financial support but, perhaps more important, encourage your support in time and even sweat for the wide range of Tikkun Olam efforts here at Neveh. Many of our efforts are summarized under the "Social Action" category found when you press on the "Community" button at www.nevehshalom.org or highlighted regularly in CNS' weekly email.

Steve Sirkin 503-454-0610, stevejew18@frontier.com

Notes from Shomrei Teva

Tu b'Shvat --- A Seder AND a Hike

Next month, Tu b'Shvat will begin the evening of January 15th. Last year we celebrated with an inspiring Tu b'Shvat seder and hike in the Hoyt Arboretum. LET'S DO IT AGAIN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014!

Come out for an easy hike through the beautiful trees and woods of the Arboretum. We'll make a couple of stops and celebrate the holiday with ritual food, drink, prayers, song, and readings. We'll even blow the shofar again off a platform on the Redwood Trail, where the haunting sound will echo through the woods. We start at Neveh Shalom and end there, with the whole event taking about three hours and over around noon.

Tu b'Shvat has a unique history. It started as a tax day in ancient Israel, morphed into a mystical holiday with its own seder in 16th century Tzfat, and has now become something like a Jewish Earth Day. It's the day to celebrate the earth and our connections and responsibilities to it.

There is an excellent selection of articles about Tu b'Shvat on the Canfei Nesharim website at http://www.canfeinesharim. org/tubshevat/torah/. I encourage you to choose one and reflect on it. And on the holiday, take a walk, read, or plant a tree. Make time this year to honor Tu b'Shvat and a long Jewish tradition of caring for the earth.

Most of all make plans to join us at our hike and seder.

Please RSVP (required) to Jordan at yaakovm@comcast.net or 503-245-6580.

Chag sameach,

Jordan Epstein - Chair, Shomrei Teva

Never Again Coalition

On November 16th, the Never Again Coalition participated in the Cause + Event Charity Walk as part of the Team Congo PDX.

Our team was 47 members strong which raised \$470 for Women for Women International's Congo Program. There was a lot of good spirit at the event and everyone was there to raise money for something they care deeply about. The next Run for Congo is just around the corner. On International Women's Day, March 8, runners and walkers will gather downtown to participate in either a 10K or 5K run/walk. Again, this will be benefiting Women for Women International's Congo Program. Please consider joining us and stay after for post-run snacks, raffle prizes, henna tattoos and the opportunity to talk with local charities. To register, go to this website:

http://amandapdxrunforcongo.wix.com/teamcongopdx Our next meetings are January 6th, 7pm at Kol Shalom and February 3rd, 7pm at Neveh Shalom. Please consider joining us!



Hygiene Kits

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and all our generous congregants, we put together and delivered 80 hygiene kits to Transition Projects in October. At Transition Projects homeless people who are unable to obtain a shelter bed can take a shower. Our hygiene kits really do make all the difference in the world to these people who have so little. We truly appreciate all your donations. Keep them coming!

Most needed items are: toothbrushes, small deodorants, razors

Also accepting: small shampoo, small conditioner, small lotion, small toothpaste, tampons

For more information contact cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

Parkrose Winter Family Shelter

A huge thank you to our generous Neveh congregants who donated, prepared and served a warm winter meal at the Parkrose Winter Family Shelter on Sunday, November 24. As always, the meal was much needed and appreciated by the families. Again, we can't thank you enough for helping with this mitzvah.

Specifically, I would like to thank the following volunteers:

Meal donations: Debra Altmark, Monica Brenner and Jon Henrichsen, Arnold and Elaine Cogan, Sheri Cordova, Stefani Cozine, Deb Freedberg, Mary Goldhammer, Lisa Klein-Wolf, Jenn Director Knudsen, Michael and Linda Osherow, Felicia Rosenthal, Sharon Schneiderman, Aviva Zigman, Larry and Joyce Mendelsohn.

Servers, set-up and clean-up: Deb Freedberg, Larry and Joyce Mendelsohn

Please note that our next meal donation will be on Sunday, December 29. Please contact Joyce if you are able to donate at joyce@mendelsohngroup.com. Thank you very much for considering!

Get Involved!

Parkrose Winter Family Shelter meal donation, Sunday, December 29.

Contact joyce@mendelsohngroup.com for more information (details above).



Outside-In Cooking Project January 12, Noon-2pm & February 9, Noon-2pm

Outside-In provides housing and meals for homeless teens and helps them move toward self-sufficiency. Once a month Neveh Shalom members gather in our congregational kitchen to cook for Outside-In. Please join us. If you would like to be on our e-mail notification list, contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

Don't forget about our Volunteer Webpage, all opportunities and contacts are listed - www.nevehshalom.com go to Community then click on Volunteer.

CHESED

Do you have a new baby and want a meal delivered? Perhaps you lost a loved one and need a meal? Do you know someone who is ill and could use a visit? Our Chesed (Loving Kindness) Committee is here for you. Please contact Cathy, Melissa or one of our Rabbis.

Taking care of those in need is the heart of what it means to be a caring Jewish community. There are many in our community that need a friendly phone call, a visit, or a meal. We need your help as a member of Congregation Neveh Shalom to be a Kehillah Kedoshah (Sacred Community). Please contact Cathy or Melissa if you would be willing to bring a meal to a Neveh Shalom member in your neighborhood or if you are willing to call seniors.

B'Shalom,
Cathy Blair cathyblair55@yahoo.com
Melissa Bloom Mcbloom03@gmail.com

ALIYAH FOR K - 12

NEW THIS YEAR, Tichon shifted to a model of Project-Based Learning. Students and teachers work together to create meaningful projects based on self-directed research in a particular area of inquiry. This year's projects include an Interfaith project focused on Food Justice; a project focused on Sacred Space/Creating a Synagogue for 21st Century Jews; and a Peer-to-Peer Public Service Announcement for Youth on Current Social Issues. Read on to hear what our teens have accomplished so far:

7th grade (teachers Moriah Karlin & Mor Yelvington):

Our 7th Grade class began by looking at the posters from the exhibit "Voices & Visions", which took quotes from famous Jews throughout history and created art pieces and essays to accompany them. Our own exhibit will be called "Jewish quotes illuminated". Each student will zero in on his/her area of interest and find a quote that truly resonates with him/her, and create an artistic and written piece. Stay tuned.

The last month has been on a different topic. Our last month has been a focus on the book called "What Made Sammy Run" by Sam Silberberg. As we read and wrote about Sam's story, we also discussed the Holocaust and the students had a lot to say. The unit culminated in a field trip to the Oregon Jewish Museum where we got to hear the author, Sammy Silberberg speak and share more details of his story surviving WWII. It was an incredibly engaging talk and our 7th grade students were clearly moved by the experience.

Grades 8-11: Interfaith Approach to Hunger (teachers Deb Freedberg and Adam Schecter)

Utilizing documentaries, government websites, news sources, and a trip to Albertson's, the students have learned about the SNAP program as well as some of the history of the Farm Bill.

The class decided that in order to tackle this issue, we need to know what is already being done both at Neveh Shalom and in the greater Portland community to help alleviate hunger. To this end, several students have designed a bulletin board in the Aliyah hallway. On the board is a timeline showing the different Neveh programs focused on feeding the hungry. The students will keep the board updated throughout the year.

Additionally, students (working either alone or in pairs) selected a local organization to research and present to the class. So far we have learned about the Oregon Food Bank, Sunshine Pantry, Urban Gleaners, and Neighborhood House.

Last week we welcomed one of the lead advocates from the Oregon Food Bank to our class. The OFB has asked our class to write a video letter to

Representative Kurt Schrader (D, 5th District), who sits on the House Committee on Agriculture. We will be working on producing that video over the next few weeks.



This month we will cook and serve dinner to guests at the Clay Street Table, a combined meal program and food pantry in downtown Portland. We will tour their facility and hear the personal stories of a few individuals experiencing Food Insecurity.

In January we will add the interfaith component. Based on student interest, we have scheduled a joint program with teen leaders from the Portland Christian Center. We will spend one session taking tours of--and meeting clergy from--both facilities, and the following week we will volunteer together at Neighborhood House. We will also be doing similar programming with teens from the Bilal Mosque in Beaverton.

We are excited about the opportunity to really make a difference in our community through this class!

Grades 8-11: Sacred Space (teachers Rachel Rothstein & Orna Karlin)

In studying sacred Jewish spaces, we have heard from multiple speakers addressing the questions we came up with as a group at the beginning of the year. Fred Rothstein on the Neveh Shalom building renovation, Rachel Rothstein on the use of technology to build sacred spaces, and Henry Fitzgibbons (the renovation architect) on architectural aspects of sacred space have all been heard and reflected upon in our class. We also went to Ahavat Achim to look at Sephardic architecture. Next up: beginning to draft our project proposals for the ways we can design and build new models of sacred space for the next Jewish generation.

Grades 8-11: Social Issues (Keren Barbash-Benedek & Eric Stone)

Our goal in this course is to build teen leadership by focusing on current issues facing youth and then implementing a project for other teens. We started by mapping out the challenges and themes that teens are faced with, and then focusing on a few of the biggest issues.

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI STAMPFER

An Open Letter to my Dear Friends and Loyal Partners,

Words are inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude to you for the unforgettable weekend of my 60th anniversary with you on Friday evening. I spoke about the seven priceless moments in my life, you just added an eighth!

The outpouring of affection and your generosity in supporting our beloved congregation touched my heart deeply.

As the song goes: "who could ask for anything more?" But I can, I can ask for all of your more priceless moments in your lives.

In gratitude,

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer



FELDSTEIN LIBRARY NEWS

New arrivals at the Feldstein Library:

JEWISH WAYFARERS IN MODERN CHINA: Tragedy and Splendor - *Messmer* - Travelers to modern China will be astonished how many Jews have influenced Chinese history.

LIKE DREAMERS - Yossi Klein Halivni - The story of Israel's paratroopers.

THE ENGLISH GIRL - Silva - A riveting narrative – highly suspenseful.

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Friday Closed Saturday Closed

On Monday mornings at 9:15am, please join us for toddler story time! Library volunteers share stories intended for the younger siblings of our Foundation School students in the children's section of the library. We look forward to seeing you there. Call to check availability.

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The youth have compared notes about how widely the issues they face are experienced by other teens, where the issues occur, and what the Jewish tradition has to say about these issues. Then we explored what has already been done to prevent the issues from occurring or what they feel they could do to help.

In the past few weeks we have primarily focused on bullying. We have considered if there are different kinds of bullying, learned about the Jewish concepts of "Lashon hara" (gossip) and "Halbanat Panim" (shaming), and used current events as jumping-off points for discussing our views. We have also started talking about how we can affect the norms and behaviors around us.

12th Grade: Packing Your Jewish Suitcase (teachers Rabbi Bradley Greenstein & Eric Stone)

We have hit the ground running in our Senior Seminar beginning to get to know each other and tell our personal life stories. Out of all the Jewish High School Seniors in Portland we have celebrated that we are the proud ones who have made the choice to stay through our senior year, a commitment that is sure to be celebrated! We have discussed the ancient Jewish concept of finding oneself (in Hebrew: lech lecha) and have also started to explore the different ideas both traditional and modern of the mystery we call God. We look forward to further exploring Jewish texts that unravel human struggles and applying them to modern teenage life. Our class is a seminar in learning how to ask the most pressing questions, realizing that our tradition is rich with answers and even more questions, and celebrating our discussion and engagement with our most existential and eternal questions in the context of a caring community.

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FOUNDATION SCHOOL

My son started preschool at Foundation School this year at the ripe old age of 2. I also happen to work here. Parents ask me all the time, "Why should I start my child in preschool when he/ she is so young?" My answer is, "Because my son says Shabbat Shalom to complete strangers." The real question is "how did he get there?"

I love my son, Elliot. My son is awesome. My son is capable. All the usual stuff that any parent will say about how much they love their child I will say too. And I don't want to label Elliot, but the parent in me, not the educator, is going to go ahead and call a spade a spade. My son is very shy. He is reserved. We took him to Music Together when he was a year old, and for the first 6 weeks, he sat and played with the carpet. And my husband and I were both with him. He is intimidated in large settings with lots of kids. And as a result of preschool at Foundation School, he is learning



every single day how to take steps to interact with people, connect with others, and the icing on the cake is that this all happens in a Jewish context.

One of the great parts of working in a school where your child attends is you get to watch when he doesn't know you're there. I've stood outside the door and heard the teachers and students in circle time practicing tapping each other on the shoulder, looking into a friend's eyes and ask, "Can I share with you?" "Can I play with you?" "Will you hold my hand?" It is absolutely amazing to watch it happen. And the real magic is that it works. Plain and simple, it works. Elliot comes home and asks for hugs, shares with his 1-year-old sister, and teaches her, with the same sensitive language he learned in school, how to play, how to share, and how to hug. It is a truly beautiful thing to watch. He is learning what it means to be a part of a community, a kehillah kedosha, beginning with his preschool class.

The other amazing piece of this puzzle is how he is learning all of this in a Jewish context. A great Jewish preschool teaches its students what it means to live in Jewish time, and Foundation School is doing just that. Elliot wakes up on Friday excited that he is going to celebrate Shabbat at school. He comes home with a repertoire of holiday songs that he sings himself to sleep to at night. He randomly busts out the Shema at the dinner table, and sings Hinei Ma Tov on the potty. His joy at living Jewishly is inspiring.

Yes, by the end of preschool, your 4 or 5 year old will be ready for Kindergarten, able to identify numbers and letters, write his or her own name, color, paint, and sing songs. But the true value of preschool is that my son is learning how to be a Jewish friend. And this is how he got there.

Foundation School is now giving tours for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please email me at Lconley@nevehshalom.org or call 503-293-7307.

B'Shalom **Leah Conley** Director of Early Childhood Services

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Jr. Kadima and Kadima this year have been so awesome! We have been having record breaking numbers in attendance and have been enjoying making new friends and having fun! From Channukah Carnivals to a fantastic weekend away at Camp Solomon Schechter, Jr. Kadima and Kadima have been quite busy. We are looking forward to the rest of the year with exciting new events coming up including Iron Chef competitions, sleepovers, and much much more. We'd love to have even more kids join us so please contact Kelsey Kaplan with any questions at all! We can't wait to see you at our next event!

Jr. Kadima:

January 26th: Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt 12-2pm \$5 *snacks included February 15-16th: Iron Chef Sleepover 7pm-9am \$10 *snacks and breakfast included

Kadima:

January 11th-12th: Sleepover 7pm-9am \$10 *snacks and breakfast included February 1st: LaserTag at Ultrazone!! 7-9pm \$8 *food included

For information and RSVP for these events please contact Kelsey at kkaplan90@gmail.com

New USY Advisor - Rachel Rothstein

I am so excited to be able to introduce myself as the USY advisor for this year! My name is Rachel Rothstein and I was a USYer in this very chapter--even holding a position on the Chapter Board--as Social Action/Tikkun Olam vice president. I also spent some time working with USY in Los Angeles and am so excited to be back in the USY world! I recently moved back to Portland after spending three years in New York. I am working several part time jobs including teaching 1st grade and high school here at CNS.

I was so lucky to be able to spend my first weekend with USY at Camp Solomon Schechter for fall kinnus chaired by our own Board President, Abby Diebold and Lindsey Carmen-it was a great way to go back to the nineties and my first time at Schechter since fall kinnus 2000! The kids learned and prayed a lot, ate and socialized and had an all around fabulous time.

For all your USY questions contact Rachel at rachel.rothstein@gmail.com



It's Time for Camp...

Camp Solomon Schechter, Neveh Shalom Camper Incentives and Scholarship Funds

First-time campers from Neveh Shalom are eligible for \$180 off their first summer's tuition thanks to the CNS Judith and Garry Kahn Camp Fund. In addition, through the generosity of the Foundation for Jewish Camp and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, first-time campers from the Greater Portland area who are



attending Aleph Rishon, Bet or Gimmel are now eligible for the One Happy Camper campership of up to \$1,000, and there are even some available for Jewish day school families! Contact Carolyn for more information about both of these camperships. Don't wait too long, though, because there are a limited number of each!

Congregation Neveh Shalom also offers need-based scholarships to our members to attend Camp Solomon Schechter. All returning and first-time campers are eligible to apply, and first-time campership recipients may combine funds with Neveh Shalom scholarships. The deadline for applying for assistance from Congregation Neveh Shalom is March 7, 2014. Download updated scholarship forms at http://nevehshalom.org/forms/css_financial_aid_14.pdf Contact Wendy at wkahn@nevehshalom.org for more information or questions.

Register or Visit Camp Solomon Schechter at www.campschechter.org
Be a FAN of Camp Solomon Schechter at http://www.facebook.com/campschechter
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FRI JAN 3

12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Rose Schnitzer. Speaker:

Michelle Shari Kruss Estate Planning for Your Family, Wills and Trusts

SUN JAN 5

9:30am Living Judaism "New Tunes", Board Room 5:30pm USY Benefit Dinner, Birnbach Hall

FRI JAN 10

7:30pm PDX Live! with special guest Beth Hamon, Main Sanctuary. Join us for a special rockin' musical service with local Jewish musician Beth Hamon. (see page 4)

SAT JAN 11

7:00pm Kadima Sleepover 7pm-9am, \$10 *snacks and breakfast included

SUN JAN 12

Tu b'Shvat Seder and Hike with Shomrei Teva

Join Shomrei Teva for an easy hike in the Hoyt Arboretum combined with a traditional Tu b'Shvat seder. We'll eat, drink, SUN FEB 9 walk, reflect, and celebrate the holiday in a unique manner. 9:30am Living Judaism "Hope and Healing," Board Room RSVP is required. Contact Jordan at yaakovm@comcast.net or 10:00am Neveh Knits and Crotchet, Stampfer Chapel 503-245-6580.

9:30am Living Judaism "Hope and Healing," Board Room 10:00am Neveh Knits and Crotchet, Stampfer Chapel 12:00pm Cooking for Outside-In (see Page 7)

Sun Jan 19

Sisterhood Brunch (see page 5)

FRI JAN 24

6:15pm Sisterhood Shabbat, Stampfer Chapel (see page 5)

SUN JAN 26

10:45am BookTalk "The Last Jew" by Noah Gordon-facilitated 7:00pm Dad's Night Out, with Rabbi Zuckerman - Come have by Sheri Cordova. Meet and connect over good literature with a drink with the Rabbi! Open to all Jewish dads and dads facilitated, in-depth discussion.

12:00pm Jr Kadima Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt 12-2pm \$5 *snacks included

THU JAN 30

7:00pm Dad's Night Out, with Rabbi Michael Cahana - Come have a drink with the Rabbi! Open to all Jewish dads and dads Weekend In Quest - an exhilarating study weekend in Astoria, raising Jewish kids.

FTI JAN 31

Sharing Shabbat (see page 3)

SAT FEB 1

Kadima LaserTag at Ultrazone!! 7-9pm \$8 *food included 8:30pm USY Movie Night

9:40am Men's Club Meeting, Stampfer Chapel (see page 5) 9:30am Living Judaism "New Tunes," Board Room

Mon Feb 3

7:00pm Never Again Coalition Meeting (see page 6)

THU FEB 6

5:30pm Mizrach's Pre-passover Wine Tasting. Is there a perfect paring for charoses? Gefilte fish? Matzah ball soup? Savor a variety of domestic, Israeli and other kosher wines for Passover with appropriate cheeses, crackers and even an early taste of matzah! Enjoy an elegant evening with Andy Diaz, the popular purveyor of the Blackbird Wineshop on NE 43rd and Fremont.

Please visit http://tinyurl.com/mizrachwine to sign up

FRI FEB 7

12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Rose Schnitzer, speaker Rabbi Greenstein

12:00pm Cooking for Outside-In (see Page 7)

SAT FEB 15

February 15-16th: Jr. Kadima Iron Chef Sleepover

SUN FEB 16

10:00am USY Sledding/Tubing at Mt. Hood

9:40am Men's Club Meeting, Stampfer Chapel (see page 5)

THU FEB 27

raising Jewish kids.

FEB 28 - MARCH 2 WEEKEND

Sharing Shabbat (info on page 3) **USY Spring Kinnus**

OR- February 28, March 1-2, 2014. "Go West, Young Mensch" - Scholar in Residence: Prof. Ellen Eisenberg, Willamette UniversityFor questions and further information, please contact: Mimi Epstein (503-203-2671, mimiepstein42@ comcast.net). Register at http://www.weekendinquest.org .

Mar 1 - Deadline for Camp Schechter Scolarship (see page 11)

KVEL WITH US

Mazel Tov to Lee and Sheri Cordova on the birth of their new grandson, Eli Abraham Felger, son of Ian and Elena Felger of Richmond, B.C.

Arnold and Francine Frisch are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Michael Casey Maharg of Portland, OR. The Frisches are also pleased to announce that their daughter, Jennifer Frisch of St. Paul, MN, has been appointed to the bench by Governor Mark Dayton and will serve as a judge in Ramsey County, MN.

Mazel Tov to our very own Cantor Bletstein, on her engagement to Ted Alonso.

Mazel Tov to Judy Margles, Director of the Oregon Jewish Museum, whom recently completed her term as chair of the Council of American Jewish Museums. She is now a new member of the board of the American Alliance of Museums.

Mazel Tov to Kathy Wolfson on the birth of her grandson, Ezra, in Israel.

Leila and Ted Falk's younger son, Phillip, ran a 2'34" in last week's NY marathon. According to The NY Times, "Runners like Mr. Falk - who finished 48th in the men's race, making him Wall Street's fastest man - aren't making any prize money."

MAZAL TOV! MILESTONES

January Milestone Anniversaries Leonard & Arnette Springer

February Milestone Anniversaries

Jeff & Marianne Braunstein Rabbi Joshua & Goldie Stampfer

The Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop at Congregation Neveh Shalom

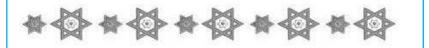
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January Milestone Birthdays

Jennifer Antick Rosana Berdichevsky

Frieda Farb

Paola Finzi

Yevgeniya Giterman-Faktorovich

Milton Hasson

Merilee Karr

Shirley Klain

Albert Kryszek

Leonard Levine

Phil Levine

Charles Levy

Bruce Magun

Tatvana Mavler

Bonnie Naftalin

Richard Peizner

Joshua Stevens

Trudi Stone

February Milestone Birthdays

Richard Bader

Helen Black

Stephen Blake

Joaquin Cigarroa

Rosalie Goodman

Edward Glick

Wayne Harvey

Steven Kaufman

Nina Khatayevich

Stephen Laveson

Edith Levitt

Jonathan Levy

Carolyn Shain

Ethel Shuldman

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the loss of synagogue members. May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life.

Vadim Aginsky Burton Gevurtz William Loeb Anna Rashkovskaya

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the Gevurtz and Arai families on the passing of our longtime congregant and dear friend, Burton (Bud) Gevurtz (z"I), beloved husband of Bernice and father of Bradley (Julie) Gevurtz and Andrea Arai.

Our condolences to the Spector family on the passing of Marjorie Spector (z"I), dear mother of Lee and Marshal Spector.

Our condolences to Sharlotta Aginsky on the loss of her beloved stepson Vadim Aginsky (z"I).

Our condolences to Sanda Loeb on the passing of her father William Loeb (z"l).

Our condolences to Liliana Goldman and Alla Shore on the loss of their mother Anna Rashkovskaya

<u>UNVEILINGS:</u> There are no unvailings scheduled for January - Febraury 2014.

When a Death Occurs - 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, 503. 232.5131; Riverview Funeral Service 503.246.6488; or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify the Chevra.

Refuah Shlema – To wish someone a speedy recovery and add them to the misheberach list, please contact the office to have that information posted on our e-blasts. (The Chronicle isn't printed often enough to keep updated information). Remember, the misheberach (the prayer for healing) is recited at morning services following the Torah reading. If you would like to submit a name for this prayer, you may call the office at 503.246.8831.

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, healthcare facilities may not release the names of their patients; 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.



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After business hours, on weekends or holidays, contact Fred Rothstein at 503.475.2934 or

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Lifelong Learning at CNS January-February Offerings:

Jewish Traditions for Hope & Healing: What are the traditions that most fortify us during SUN. times of crisis or loss? CNS Clergy will share their perspectives on the most meaningful Jewish prayers and rituals in times of need. See weekly eblast for topics & teachers. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Jan 5, 12, 19, 26

> New Tunes for Shabbat & Holidays: Join our most musically talented leaders to brush up on old favorites and learn some new tunes for Shabbat and holidays, including songs from the Hagadah to make your Pesach more musical. See weekly eblast for topics & teachers. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Feb 2, 9, & 23

Mon.

Machon Ivrit: Hebrew Institute for Adults and teens! 7:00-9:15 p.m. by registration only

Tues.

Talmud with Rabbi Stampfer: Tractate Shabbat. Beginners welcome! 5:00-5:45 p.m., Room 111

Wed.

Hebrew for Prayer continues! Join Professor Natan Meir for an excellent introduction to Siddur Hebrew. Free for members; \$100 for non-members.

6:30-7:30 p.m. January 8 through May 14

Siddur Basics—New Format! Each month we will delve into a different part of the service to learn and practice the prayers & choreography of Jewish liturgy.

January's topic: Shabbat morning prayers, led by Rabbi Isaak.

February's topic: Friday evening service & home rituals, led by JoAnn Bezodis.

Join this group for a monthly service to attend and discuss together.

7:30-8:30 p.m. January 8 through May 14

Jewish Philosophy: An informal reading & discussion group on Jewish philosophy. Open to all; no prior reading or preparation necessary. Meets every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mark Sherman for details: msherman18@comcast.net

Thur. Bible with Naccon 111 on Daniel. 3:30pm Room 111 Bible with Rabbi Isaak: A lively study and discussion covering one chapter a week, currently

Sat. Women's Torah Study: A monthly gathering of women interested in in-depth Torah study using Hebrew or English text. Dates TBA. Contact Mel Berwin for further info.

More info: Mel Berwin mberwin@nevenshalom.org JoAnn Bezodís jbezodís@nevehshalom.org



Book Talk @ Neveh

Book Talk @Neveh is a series of community book discussions held throughout the year. Come to one or dive into them all - meet others and connect over good literature.

January's selection:

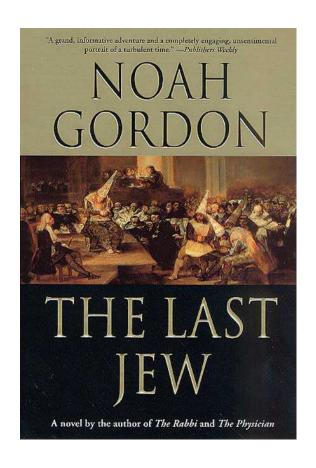
"The Last Jew" by Noah Gordon

presented by Sheri Cordova Sunday, January 26, 10:45am

Stop by and borrow a copy - available in the Neveh Shalom office.

Open to all!

The Last Jew is set in Spain in the fateful year 1492, with the Spanish Inquisition in full force. At the center of the novel is the 15-year-old, Yonah Toledano. He has seen his father and his brother murdered. Unable to flee, as several hundred thousand Jews do, and unwilling to convert to Catholicism, Yonah stays determined to remain a Jew to honor the memory of his family.



The young man wanders across Spain, working as a manual laborer, clinging to memories of a culture destroyed, and eventually finding his way to a strong woman practicing Judaism secretly. Outwardly Toledano eventually becomes a respected Christian physician, while remaining in his inner life a Jew. This historical fiction is an adventure saga, a love story, but most of all a look at an historical period where chaos and terror reigned, and personal choices were never easy and always consequential.



Marianne Wollstein Mah Jongg Madness Brunch and Tournament

Sunday, February 23, 2014 11:00am Congregation Neveh Shalom \$25.00 per person



Please join us for a fun-filled day of Mah Jongg and friendship. Experienced and new players are welcome (no teaching).

11:00 am Brunch and explanation of rules 12:00 - 4:00pm Tournament and prizes

Reservations must be made by February 18th Sponsored by Neveh Shalom Sisterhood

For more information please contact:

Judi Goodman at 503.531.7205 or Sarah Coblens at 503.466.2256

Payment must accompany registration form

Please make checks payable to Neveh Shalom Sisterhood

No registrations taken after February 18th.

Mail to: Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Ln., Portland, OR 97239

Attn: Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Name(s) Phone	
I will be coming for brunch: yes no I can provide a Mah Jongg set card table	
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Sunday, March 9th, 2014

Doors open 5:30pm Tournament 6:00pm – 9:30 pm

Two levels of support are available:

Event Sponsor – \$100 1 registration, signage and acknowledgement **Player** – \$ 50 1 registration

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: March 3rd, 2014
Registrations post marked after March 3rd will cost \$60

Register now to hold your spot for this fantastic event on March 3rd. Your registration includes free wine, beer, soft drinks, cold Hors d'oeuvres, snacks and tournament play.

Event is open to men and women 18 and over.

The tournament will be proctored by Wild Bill's. You will be playing for a prize pool of \$1000*. Top 10 players will earn prizes. Add-ons and re-buys will be available.

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Please make your check payable to **Neveh Shalom Men's Club** and mail your check and the bottom of this form by **March 3rd, 2014** (Registrations post marked after March 3rd will cost \$60) to:

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Event Sponsor: Player:	
Name:	Address:
Phone:	Email:

You will receive email confirmation and reminders. Sorry no refunds, but substitutions are permitted. Your registration fee is tax deductible as permitted by law. Approximate value of donation is \$36. You must be 21 or over to consume alcoholic beverages. All tournament rules and decisions are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

*Our prize pool of \$1000 is based on 50 paid registrations and will be in the form of gift cards.



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Congregation Neveh Shalom and Cedar Sinai Park have teamed up the first Friday of each month. Gather with your Neveh Shalom friends and meet new ones - Open to all! ONLY \$5

2014 Speaker Series:

January 3 Michelle-Shari Kruss: "Estate Planning for you Family"

February 7 Rabbi Bradley Greenstein

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Films and Plays of Woody Allen"

April 4 Dr. Edward Glick: "Between us and Death: The relationship

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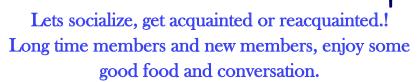
May 2 To be announced

June- August: Summer Health Series featuring topics of well-being



Paid-up Membership (Brimch:

January 19th, 2014 11:30 A.M Neveh Shalom



Our guest speaker is Cantor Bletstein, who will share her journey toward becoming a cantor, and how Torah Fund supports the Jewish Seminaries.

This event is free to paid members. Non-members pay \$5.00 to attend. A years Sisterhood membership is available for just \$36.

R.S.V.P:

Dana Sirkin, otrbanana@frontier.com or 503-454-0610

Or Karen Wilkins at the CNS office - kwilkins@nevehshalom.org

(Checks should be made out to Congregation Neveh Shalom Sisterhood.)

The Sisterhood and the Men's Club

invite you to join them for a joint brunch and talk by
Professor Matthew Warshawsky from the
University of Portland speaking on
"Pathways to Expulsion and Diaspora: from Jews to New
Christians in Spain and Colonial Latin America"

Sunday, February 2, 2014 9:40 A.M @ Neveh Shalom

This event is free to paid members. Non-members pay \$5.00 to attend.

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Come hang out in your jammies! (adults too)

havdalah in Pajamas with Cantor B.

Join friends for dinner, Havdalah, crafts and a milk and cookie story time!





RSVP online: http://tinyurl.com/havpj2014

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