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From the Pulpit



Our Graduates Reflect...

On Friday, April 29, we honored our graduating high school seniors at Shabbat services. Four grads thought about what growing up at Neveh Shalom meant to them. Here are a few excerpts:

When I think back on my years spent here at Neveh Shalom, many fond memories come to mind. I

think about afternoons spent learning prayers in Hebrew school, the occasional game of gaga in the coat room and countless Bnai Mitzvah I've attended. I begin to realize the large impact that Judaism has had on who I have grown up to be,

especially Judaism as I've experienced it here at Neveh Shalom. As I've begun more recently to think about things like Lashon haRa, the prohibition in Jewish law against telling gossip, and honoring my mother and father, I realize that these values that I have come to hold are values central to Judaism. For several thousand years Jews have been telling themselves, their children and the rest of the world, "Be kind. Be good. Be truthful. Be ethical. Be moral." It is the most revolutionary message in human history, and I am proud to be one of the chosen to deliver it.



Jonathan Wall

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Thursday, June 11, 2009

6:00pm No Host Bar 6:30pm Dinner Seating

\$36.00 per person

Congregation Neveh Shalom's Birnbach Hall



If you would like to contribute to Cantor Shivers' Memory Book send or bring to the synagogue a note, letter, or photo (one side of paper only, please), attention: Julie Brophy, as soon as possible.

Please join us as we thank and
honor
Cantor Linda Shivers
for
23 years of dedicated service
to
Congregation Neveh Shalom



June / July B'NAI MITZYAHS

Joshua Welter

June 5th & 6th



Mazel Tov to Joshua Welter who is becoming Bar Mitzvah on 6.5.09 & 6.6.09. He is the son of Michael Welter and Ingrid Siegman Welter, brother to Elana & Aaron Welter.

grandson to Dennis & Nancy Siegman, Fred & Judie Welter and Bill & Jean Bennett. **Joshua** is a 7th grader at Whitford Middle School and enjoys wood working, sailing, Tae Kwon Do, Math and Reading.



June 12th & 13th



Mazel Tov to Samantha (Sammy) Burch on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah 6.12.09 & 6.13.09 Sammy is the daughter of

Karen & Grant Burch and sister to Reid. Grandparents are Cissy & Phil Levine and the late Sheila & Ernie Burch. Sammy is a 7th-grade student at Lake Oswego Junior High. She enjoys playing soccer and volleyball, listening to music, and hanging out with friends and family.





Mazel Tov to Jordan
Taula'i who is
becoming Bar Mitzvah
on 6.19.09 & 6.20.09.
He is the son of
Jodie Teitelbaum
and Maurice Taula'i,
grandson to Carole Price,

Dan & Marcia Teitelbaum, and Lama and Fa'atonia Taula'i. **Jordan** is a 7th grader at Conestoga Middle School and enjoys sports (especially football, lacrosse and volleyball), collecting football cards, science experiments, video games, playing with his friends and going to B'nai B'rith Camp.

Arielle WahbaJune 26th & June 27th



Mazel Tov to Arielle
Wahba who is becoming
Bat Mitzvah on 6.26.09
& 6.27.09. She is the
daughter of Karen Douek
and Elliot Wahba,
grandaughter of Denise
and Elie Douek & Katie
and Maurice Wahba
and sister to Avital and

Bejamin Wahba. Arielle is a 7th grader at Gilkey Middle School and enjoys swimming, piano, creative arts, languages, bike riding and cooking.

Jonathan Survant Kaplin

July 3rd & 4th



Mazel Tov to Jonathan
Survant Kaplin who is
becoming Bar Mitzvah
on 7.3.09 and 7.4.09.
Jonathan Survant
Kaplin is the son of David
Kaplin and Cerinda
Survant, younger
brother of Benjamin
and Gwendolyn. His

grandparents are Marjorie Zaller Kaplin and Julian Kaplin (z"l) and Victor and Dorothy Survant (z"l). Jay is starting seventh grade at Northwest Academy; he attended Portland Waldorf School for grades one through six. Jay plays cello, and is an avid reader and downhill skier. He loves sailing, camping, and hanging out in the San Juan Islands and on Mt. Hood.

Mira Steiner Hayward

July 10th & 11th



Mazel Tov to Mira Steiner
Hayward who is becoming
a Bat Mitzvah on 7.10.09
and 7.11.09. She is the
daughter of Michael &
Elizabeth Hayward, sister
to Christian & Emma.
Her grandparents are
Prudence and Daniel (zl)
Steiner, and Marilyn and

Herb (zl) Hayward. Mira is in the 8th grade at Catlin Gabel School. She is an excellent student and her many interests include track & field, dance, listening to music, and reading.

Mira also had the opportunity to celebrate an early Bat Mitzvah in Israel when she and her mother went with Rabbi Isaak and a group from Neveh Shalom in May 2008, which was a very meaningful experience for her.

Nichola/ Klimowicz

July 17th & 18th



Mazel Tov to Nicholas Klimowicz who is becoming Bar Mitzvah on 7.17.09 and 7.18.09. He is the son of Gary and Suesan Klimowicz, grandson to Robert and Joan Klimowicz and Bennie and Beverly Salisbury

and brother to **Megan Otto**. **Nicholas** is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School and enjoys playing computer games, competing in Track & Field, playing bass clarinet and spending time with his pets.

Jessica Kaplan

July 24th & 25th



Mazel Tov to Jessica Kaplan who is becoming Bat Mitzvah on 7.24.09 and 7.25.09. She is the daughter of Eileen and Barry Kaplan, granddaughter to Ruth Martin and Sybil Kaplan, and sister to Lindsay and Kelsey

Kaplan. Jessica is a 7th grader at Lake Oswego Jr. High and enjoys running track, competing in discus and shot put and playing volleyball. Jessica also plays cello, trains service dogs for Autism Service Dogs of America, and loves to spend time with family and friends.

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 3rd Friday-Chik Chok- A lay-led "Carlebach-style" service

(followed by dinner with reservations required).

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

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Another sad day. This is my last Chronicle article. I already had my last new student and my last Neveh Shalom auction. In the weeks ahead will be many more last things: **Arielle Wahba** will be my last Bat Mitzvah on June 27, there will be the last staff meeting, the last Friday night, the last Torah reading, etc., etc.

Neveh Shalom has been a large focus of my life for 23 years. I have grown to be a part of many wonderful families and have many very sweet, sad and funny memories. The worst times were the deaths of children and there weren't a lot of them but there were too many. The best times were weddings and b'nai mitzvah celebrations. There's nothing like being at a bar or bat mitzvah when a student does better than s/he ever imagined s/he could do. It seems like overnight that a child becomes almost grown up.

One of my first weddings here, the groom wore sneakers with his tux. I'm glad to report that they are still happily married. One of the happiest marriages I did was when two of my former b'nai mitzvah students married each other. I'd have to say that the most memorable wedding is the one where the groom had chickenpox. The poor guy got sicker and sicker as the day wore on but he recovered and now I've officiated at his daughter's bat mitzvah.

The most memorable bat mitzvah will always be **Erika Menashe's**. There wasn't a dry eye in the synagogue that day. She worked so hard and was so enthusiastic and was an inspiration to many. She proved that anyone who really wants to be a bar or bat mitzvah definitely can. Another memorable bar mitzvah was the time that the father walked off the bima onto the top of the piano, then stepped on the keyboard cover and then one long step onto the floor. He thought he was going down steps and didn't realize what he really did. Everyone gasped but he made it without injuring himself at all – truly a miracle.

The most memorable Friday night was the one where the very large dog came up on the pulpit. To my great relief, he made a beeline for **Rabbi Isaak**. I found out later that the dog had followed **Rabbi Isaak** as he walked to shul – I think it was a Jewish dog.

The most memorable sermon was the one that **Rabbi Stampfer** tape recorded before he went to Israel and then it was played from the sound system on Friday night. It was a very ethereal voice that seemed to come from heaven. I think it started, "I'm in Israel now and....."

There were at least two funerals I will never forget. One was when the son was a singing waiter and brought a boom box and sang a song for his mother karaoke style. He really had quite a nice voice. The other was a funeral where they played a tape of the deceased describing how she learned to drive. It was quite a story and amazing to actually hear her voice.

The most memorable Passover was the one when I was recovering from hepatitis and **Carol Isaak** gathered together a group of Neveh Shalom women who came to my house and cleaned my kitchen for Pesach. I will always be grateful to all those women.

There were many memorable concerts over the years. The Klezmer Conservatory Band had the biggest audience since OPB television had recently had a program on the air that they were in and OPB agreed to add a line in the credits about them appearing here at Neveh Shalom.

Of all the chairs that I worked with I'd have to say that **Bev Bookin** was the most memorable although there are many close runners up. **Bev** chaired the Cultural Arts Committee and made detailed time lines and charts that kept me and everyone else on task.

I'll never forget some of the amazing decorating that went into the Birnbach Hall. The most creative was when **Melissa Rubin** made the Sock Hop decorations that used 45s everywhere and she made the floor checkerboard.

I've made a lot of mistakes over the years and most of the time you were very generous in forgiving me. Probably the worst mistake was when I forgot to go to a weekday bat mitzvah. That was horrible and thankfully it only happened once. The angel **Priscilla Kostiner** was there and took my place and did the best she could but I should have been there.

I've received hundreds of really thoughtful presents including tons of chocolate, cases of water, a sculpture of me, cakes, cookies, posters, pictures of me with your children, and even my famous mezuzah was a gift. Thanks for all your kind letters and notes and rides for me and my children and to those of you who in emergencies even loaned me your car.

I've also received many heartfelt notes over the years that I have treasured. The Oscar of thank you notes has to go to **Toinette Menashe and Tom Stern**. Do something nice for either of them and you'll be richly rewarded. **Rabbi Stampfer and Diana Golden** are also outstanding in their thoughtfulness.

Thanks especially to all the Neveh Shalom Staff over the years. We often covered for each other and we always worked together. There was never any jealousy or back-biting and you were all the greatest to work with- from the rabbis to the executive directors on down through the administrative staff all the way to the janitors.

I've always loved working for you at Neveh Shalom and I hope that Neveh Shalom will continue to grow and thrive and attract so many truly caring, wonderful people. It's all about the people.

- Cantor Linda Shivers

Our Graduates Reflected

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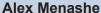
When I thought about tonight's speech, I decided to talk about Cantor Shivers. She'll be leaving soon and she had an important impact on my time at Neveh Shalom. I wanted to pay tribute to her. I first got to know Cantor Shivers during my Bat Mitzvah preparations. I'd heard that Cantor Shivers was scary and strict. She'd say "give me the Ashrei!" and you would have to do it right there. I was quite nervous. I remember one time I messed up badly on a prayer I actually knew quite well.

She looked thoughtful and said that I could give it another try the next time I saw her. I realized then that Cantor Shivers wasn't mean. She wanted to make sure that my Bat Mitzvah would be the best it could be and that I wouldn't make a fool of myself. This winter I had the opportunity to work with Cantor Shivers again for her advanced tropes class. I was the only one who signed up and it was nice to have a one-on-one. She was very patient with me and she respected the fact that I was busy. As with my Bat Mitzvah she challenged me, but also made sure that I would not make a fool of myself. I have learned a lot from Cantor Shivers. I will really miss her and I am sure the Neveh Shalom community will miss all she does as well.

Rosie Fordham

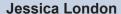
A community helps one another, supports each other when a fellow member falls on hard times, acts as a web of support and helps a member regain his/her footing. But what happens when an entire community is unraveled by a natural force? Here at Neveh Shalom we know all about supporting one another. The example gets set when you start in the 2's class and continues all the way until you're sitting and working side

by side with the rabbi. Tikkun Olam is a key element in the development of any young Jewish adult. Whether it was attending 13 Mitzvot or getting together with your classmates to help at the food bank, opportunities to get involved here at Neveh are never lacking. I was fortunate enough last year to work hand in hand with Rabbi Isaak in planning and coordinating a trip to Vernonia to help with flood relief. With his help and guidance the youth of Portland and members here at Neveh came together to create a beautiful day of help and hope. The group I was with helped to tear out the ruined interior of a woman's home. Each member showed the devotion and passion to Tikkun Olam that is the defining character here in our community. I will carry that fire into the world and represent the values that define us here.



I remember...

- -playing under the main staircase during High Holy Day services.
- -running down the hall to be the first one to reach Barb's candy bowl and I remember the disappointment when the bowl was empty.
- -the flood of Bar and Bat Mitzvah invitations that I looked forward to receiving.
- -dutifully practicing my prayers so that I could pass the yearly grade test.
- -when I started to say the Shema before bed and when I first kissed the Mezuzah.
- -when my father and I spent the first Passover Seder at Chabad in Beijing.
- -seeing my family sit Shiva for my grandmother.
- -when my Wednesday night school teacher asked the class what a Jew looks like. When the class of older students all drew people in Hasidic clothes or with large noses, I splashed my paper with color and put a Star of David at the center.
- -tossing my sins away during Tashlich in the trickling creek.
- -when a younger Jewish student told me that she had been blamed for killing Jesus.
- -that Judaism is not only about remembrance, but also action, action against prejudice and injustice that plague all people, animals and the environment. We learned all these lessons at Neveh Shalom. I have remembered. I do remember, and I will remember.





DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel

Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT June & July SERVICES

Friday, 6:15pm ONLY

Saturday Shabbat Services 9 am

TOT SHABBAT

1st & 3rd Shabbat morning, 10:15 am in the Zidell Chapel CHECK www.nevehshalom.org

for current updates

SHABBAT SCHOOL

for 6th Graders

Every Shabbat

Shabbat School Wil Resume In

The Fall

KEHILAT NOAR

1st -5th Graders

Youth Congregation

Every Shabbat

10:15 am Room 102

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

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

3rd Shabbat at the Robison Home

If you would like to lead the

davening for Shaharit, Torah, or

Mussaf please call Mark Sherman,

Tisha B'Av Services:

Erev Tisha b'Av falls on Wednesday, July 29, 8:15pm. Join **Rabbi Bradley Greenstein** for Maariv & Havdallah, followed by the reading of Eicha (the Book of Lamentations). Tisha b'Av service will be held the next morning, Thursday, July 30, 7:00am.

ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 28, 4:00pm

We invite all our members attend this important meeting. Hear important administrative, program and financial reports from our clergy, staff and lay leadership; meet and elect our officers and Board of Directors; and enjoy fabulous desserts as well. RSVP to Rebecca at rmoeri@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831x100.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation

Neveh Shalom relies on volunteers to help us continue to provide a wide variety of programs and services to our members. In order to show our appreciation, we will acknowledge our volunteers at the annual meeting for all the time, thought, and resources our volunteers have given to our community.

Destination Paradise Auction Follow-up

THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to thank everyone who made our auction a spectacular evening. We had countless volunteers, sponsors, donors and of course, all of you who attended this event, who made this an auction we hope you will remember.

Mitzvah Moment - Continues!

For those who were unable to be there April 26, you may still make a donation to "Mitzvah Moment" to benefit our congregation. Funds raised will benefit our scholarship programs at Neveh Shalom, enabling members who are struggling in these financially difficult times to retain their membership benefits, and access for their children to our education programs. Please call the office at 503-246-8831 to make your pledge today. Thank you.

Sign-up parties

There are still a few openings for some of the great sign-up parties. If you are interested in attending on of these parties, you can review the list and see which ones are still available http://auction.nevehshalom.org/signups and contact the office if you are interested.

See you next year.

What's that you say? You had such a great time this year and want to be part of the planning for next year? It is not too early to start thinking about our next auction to be held Saturday, February 20, 2010. If you are interested in joining the Auction committee, please contact JoAnn Bezodis at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org or at 503.293-7309

Again, thank you to the entire Neveh Shalom community!

Doug Blauer

Auction Chair 2009



Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service

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

JUNE CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, June 5th 8:37pm Friday, June 12th 8:41pm Friday, June 19th 8:44pm Friday, June 26th 8:46pm

JULY CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, July 3rd 8:45pm
Friday, July 10th 8:42pm
Friday, July 17th 8:37pm
Friday, July 24th 8:31pm
Friday, July 31st 8:23pm

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.

Kol-ha-kavod

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

Milestone Birthdays

Sophia Kryszek **Jeffrey Weitz Dan Steinfeld Leslie Aigner** Ella Ostroff Alan Rosenfeld **Helene Wren Daniel Isaak** Sima Govshiyevich **Goldie Rubin-Lowe** Jon Jackson **Max Kras** Rebecca Shine Jaime Wren Jane Tiger **Irene Harrowitz** Linda Bourne **Spencer Rubin**

Sol E. Menashe **Roger Stewart Harry Goldhammer Robert Simon Annette Charack Martin Policar** Suzanne Axel Kathryn Schuler Steve Biederman Elizabeth Gold Idelle Weinstein **Richard Koplan** William Luxenberg **Eva Novick** Linda Krichevsky Alan Rotstein **Galina Abrams Victor Menashe**

James Waldman **Lucille Solomon** Eli Rosenthal Pesya Nusinova **Jeffrey Katz** Francine Reingold **Doreen Zemble Harvey Carp Michael Davis David Maccabee** Michael Cohen Irina Talal **Mark Wexler** Michael Rappaport Wendi Menashe Jerome Barde **Monica Brenner Roberta Ruimy**

Milestone Anniversaries

David & Carol Olson
Joel & Gail Semler
Robert & Lena loffe
Eric & Sue Liberman
Daniel & Carol Isaak
Jeffrey & Mahri Weitz
Garry & Judith Kahn
Bruce & Sheila Stern
Joseph & Linda Mandiberg
Robert & Magdalena Simon
Michael & Lesley Alter
Gil & Christie Winkelman
Ivan Zackheim & Miriam Hecht
Bob & Marla Weiner

Arnold & Francine Frisch
James & Ann Waldman
Judd & Anne Conway
Scott & Lisa Greenfield
Charles & Leslie Elder
Sonya & Zachary Horowitz
Jeffrey & Gail Levine
Bud & Bernice Gevurtz
Jeffrey & Robin Kirsch
Alan & Martha Rothstein
Steven & Sherry Stone
Jake & Chella Kryszek
Robert & Janette Bach
Howard & Wendy David

All Member First Friday Dinner

Friday, June 5, 6:15pm Dinner follows Services

*NOTE: No 1st Friday dinner in July & August
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 (Jun. 3). 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

Lunch Bunch for 65+

Resumes Fall 2009 - Watch your Chronicle for more details!

Our own Julie Brophy honored for the Song of Miriam Award

Studies show certain activities like playing bridge, working crossword puzzles and slogging through Sudoku can keep the mind sharp.

Julie P. Brophy, 55, says she does none of those.

"But," she's quick to add, "I do love the mental and physical challenge of chanting Torah and Haftorah."



That takes a sharp mind indeed. And dedication.

For Julie's 15 years of dedication to Congregation Neveh Shalom she's being recognized as an outstanding volunteer June 7 at the 17th Annual Song of Miriam Award Brunch, sponsored by the Jewish Women's Round Table (JWRT).

Selection criteria for a Song of Miriam Award include not only length of service but also cooperative effort within the community, creativity, impact on others and sparking others to action.

Julie may not know if she's inspired others with her challenge to chant regularly from the bima but, she says, "I didn't start reading Torah until I was in my late 30s. And I didn't start reading regularly until I was in my 50s. So it's not too late for everyone else!"

Cantor Linda Shivers nominated Julie to the JWRT. In her letter to the group, Cantor Shivers recounted many of Julie's volunteer commitments since her children – now 17, 21, 23 and 25 – attended Sunday School.

Among them, **Julie** chaired the Education Committee for six years; she's now president of Neveh's choir, for which she's lent her pipes the past 15 years; and she helped organize the November 2008 Welcome Neighbors event inviting adjacent church's congregants and nearby neighbors to tour the synagogue after its significant face lift.

Cantor Shivers wrote, "Probably in years to come she will be remembered the most for her scrapbooking." Julie compiled two comprehensive scrapbooks, one chronicling the new building's construction, the second highlighting a year in the life of the synagogue.

Julie also is part of Chevra Kadisha, ensuring proper preparation of the deceased for Jewish burial. For many, this job would prove most taxing. But for Julie it goes back to the brain exercises that require the most exertion.

"I know five sets of tropes," she said. "This is by far the hardest thing I do."

The Song of Miriam Award Brunch is Sun., June 7, from 10 a.m. To 12:15 p.m. at the MJCC, 6651 S.W. Capitol Hwy.

-- Jenn Director Knudsen



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For questions contact **Wendy Kahn**, Development Coordinator at 503-452-4614 or rifkashira@comcast.net.



Welcome to New Members:

Lanette Ambers
Susan Brenner & Edward Kraus
Helen Duewel
Allen Hoffman
Lynn Siegel

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shelema, a speedy recovery to:

Gussie Cooper Priscilla Kostiner Earl Oller Rose Pistochi Caron Rothstein Rabbi Stampfer Rosa Wigmore Barbara Wolf

New this Summer:

Young Women's Learning Circle

A small group of "moms" will gather this summer to further their Jewish literacy with Bat-Ami's Frankel as their instructor. Topics in this exciting, emerging class include and are not limited to Hebrew reading, home/family/lifecycle observance, Torah study and more. Participants will actively participate in this "tailor made" program. For further information as to dates and time, contact **Wendy Vollen** at wenvol@msn.com.

A Havurah for Everyone

You may have a particular interest or be at a particular stage of life. Neveh

Shalom wants to match you with other members who share those interests or are at that same place in their lives. We are especially looking for young families, empty nesters and 40s-50s singles as we have some folks waiting for Havurot to form in these categories. This is a great way to make new friends, pursue your interests with a group of like minded people, and just plain have some fun! Those interested should contact **Caron Blau Rothstein**, Program Coordinator, at 503-246-8831 x139 or crothstein@nevehshalom.org. You can also download an interest form from our website and mail it in.

Feldstein Library

New arrivals at the FELDSTEIN LIBRARY

The Spirit of the Place by Samuel Shem A novel, The story of a young physician returning to his small hometown

One more Year by Sana Krasikev
Her short stories take shape in the world of
émigrés who are wrestling in a new language, loss
and survival and speaks a universal language of heartbreak and
desire.

Books recommended and reviewed by New York Book Review;

- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- · A boy's innocence is eroded in evil times.
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- A girl saves books from Nazi burning, and saves them. People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
- An expert unlocks the secrets of the Sarajevo Haggadah All are available at the Feldstein Library! Check them out!
 Contact Hilde at 503.293.7311 or hjacob@nevehshalom.org.

MOTHERS CIRCLE

Attention Interfaith Families!

Are you a parent raised in another faith but now you are raising Jewish children? Do you have a Jewish partner and you are contemplating starting a family? Did you recently convert and want to learn more? Are you a grandparent whose grandchildren are being raised in an interfaith household?

This past year Neveh and its community partners graduated our first cohort of Mothers Circle participants. EIGHTEEN women enhanced the Jewishness of their families' lives through their participation in this group. Mothers Circle is a program for women of other faiths with Jewish partners who are (or will be) raising Jewish children. We intend to run the program for women again starting this September. Please be on the lookout through weekly e-blasts and the August Chronicle for more information about how you or your loved one can participate.

Through our experience with the Mothers Circle, we were approached by other constituents with interfaith challenges—non-Jewish fathers, grandparents with intermarried children, newly converted people with non-Jewish backgrounds and parents, and so on. If you fall into one of these categories or another one not mentioned or know someone who does, please be in touch with Neveh Program Coordinator **Caron Blau Rothstein**, crothstein@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831 x139 as we explore additional programming to turn these challenges into opportunities. Neveh is here to partner with families in making choices that enhance their Jewish lives and our community. Won't you join us?

Kvell with Us

Mazel Tov to **Carmiel Banasky**, the first place winner of Glimmer Train Press short story award. The winning story, "Save", will be published in their May issue. This is her first published piece, another will be published in the Aug. issue of the same publication. Carmie is currently attending graduate school at Hunter College in NYC in a Creative Writing Program. Carmie is the daughter of **Addie & Bruce Banasky**, and granddaughter of **Mariline Horwitz**.

Mazel Tov to **Shannon and Daniel Janoff** on the birth of their daughter, Hailey Molly, on April 13. Hailey joins big sister Celia Delaney Janoff. Proud grandparents are Scott & Christine Fulmer and Walter & Marianne Janoff.

Mazel Tov to Steven Skolnik who is the winner in the Portland School District Solo & Small Ensemble Music
 Competition in the Orchestral Snare Drum Category. He went to the State Music Competition in May representing
 Portland! Steve is the son of Larry & Jan Skolnik.

Mazel tov to **Michelle Talal** on her graduation from Nicholas School of Environment at Duke University in Durham, N.C. with Masters Degree of Environmental Management in Ecosystem Science and Conservation. Proud grandmother Celia Perelstein, sister Annette Talal and parents **Gennady and Irina Talal**.

Mazel Tov to **Marsha Spellman** who recently graduated with a Juris Doctor from Concord Law School. The cap and gown ceremony was held in February at the Skirball Center in LA. Marsha, with husband Adam Haas, owns Converge Communications, a telecommunications consulting company, where she specializes in telecommunications regulations. She intends to use her legal degree in furthering her telecommunications practice that focuses on helping communities, schools, Indian Tribes and others build fiber optic and wireless infrastructure for broadband, telephone services, public safety radio and other related applications, such as telemedicine and distance learning.

Jewish Film Club



com; or sherpohsu@aol.com to be placed on the email list. The tentative summer schedule includes June 28 at 2pm* (early due to the annual meeting at 4pm), and July 26 at 3pm. Please contact the Shers to confirm.

Notes from Shomrei Teva



In Breshit (Genesis) 2.15, the human, h'adam, is commanded l'avdah u'l'shamrah, to work and to protect (watch over) the Garden of Eden. These words have been regarded by Jewish ecologists as watchwords for the planet. Yes, we work it and use it, but we must also watch over it and protect it. In our small corner of the planet we at Neveh Shalom have a creekside restoration site where we have done much work and now we need to protect it. For this we need your help.

We've cleared and planted a large area at our restoration site. If you haven't seen it, please stop by and look around. We put 300 young native plants in the ground on February 1st, and now we need to protect them during the upcoming dry season. They need to be watered twice a week, at least from the beginning of July through, perhaps, mid-October. Will you and/or your family commit to one week of that period? It only means coming out twice during one week and watering. Do a mitzvah and help our Neveh Shalom "Garden of Eden" stay alive. To volunteer, contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net.

Shomrei Teva is thinking about summer events and, in particular, a hike or two, or a "Shabbat in the woods" weekend. If you're interested in either of these, please contact Jordan. And remember, when you use the earth and work it, think about how to protect it too.

Jordan Epstein for Shomrei Teva

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

Wednew positions experienced

Career Transition Network
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 **Susan Goldstein** at 503.880.1473, or susan@sgoldsteinpdx.com.

Women's League



Women's League is the ideal organization to offer synagogue women personal experiences such as the companionship of other women, training for future leadership, self governance, and pride in our achievements. We enhance and strengthen our members' dedication to the synagogue and community. We make your voice heard as part of the largest synagogue based women's organization in the world. Together we are partners that share the responsibility for the survival of our synagogue.

Get your Torah Fund Pin and wear it with pride. These pins enable us to support the Jewish Theological Seminary, as

well as the other Seminaries in the United States, Israel and Argentina. For more information, or for Torah Fund cards for any occasion or need, contact **Jackie Constantine**, 503.520.1222 or **Sandi Fulcher**, 503.430.8375.

Our Gloria Bacharach Judaica Gift Shop will be open this summer. Shop with us for B'nai Mitzvah gifts, wedding gifts, and other Judaica gift items. Be a part of the success of our Gift Shop. Volunteer with us, shop with us and tell your friends about us. See you at the Shop.

Our monthly Potluck & Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at **Marla Weiner's** home. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm at **Linda Alpert's** home. Do you have an idea for a program? Join us at this meeting.

Our calendar will be filled with many events and programs, there is something for everyone to come and enjoy with us. For more information, contact **Marla Weiner**, our Membership Chair, 503.690.9233 or me (**Susan Sutherlin**), 503.626.6611.

Susan Sutherlin, Neveh Shalom Women's League President

Men's Club



We hope you enjoyed our Men's Club programming this year. We do have one additional program. On Sunday, June 28, we will have our Men's Club hike at Ramona Falls. It is a very scenic hike near the Sandy River at the foothills of Mount Hood. If you are interested in more information, please contact **Peter Bedrick** at pbedrick@comcast.net. We hope you are able to join us.

If you have not yet contributed to our Yom Hashoah Candle effort, there is still time. Contributions we receive help benefit a variety of Holocaust Education programs.

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 (Isskolnik@hotmail.com) and Jeremy Kelter (timberlineadvisors@comcast.net). We also have membership forms available on the table across from the synagogue office. You may also contact either of us at bruce@thesternfamily.net or j3ngoodman@comcast.net.

We hope everyone has a great summer and we hope you are able to enjoy next year's Men's Club events.

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

THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION

Ann and I will be leaving the shop at the end of June after an exciting and challenging time planning, moving and setting up the new space. We are delighted to announce Stefani Cozine will be the new manager and her assistant will be Samantha Johnson. They both have sons in our religious school. Stefani came from California in 2004 and found a home at Neveh Shalom. She notes the family has made new friends and strengthened their Jewish identities through participation in the religious school and volunteering. She is an audiologist. Samantha and her family joined the synagogue at the same time. She works in computer technology and has a strong retail background. Please welcome them to our shop.

It has been quite a year and nothing could have been accomplished without our volunteers who staff the shop and those who work behind the scene. We would be nothing if not for our volunteers. Those who worked diligently this year are: Marlene Abrams, Linda Alpert, Sandy Axel, Jackie Constantine, Leah Craft, Stefani Cozine, Chris Gottlieb, Myra Jackson, Judith Kahn, JoAnn Marks, Randi McLenithan, Sheryl Robert, Nora Rothstein, Ruby Sachter, Marsha Sherman, Barbara Titelbaum, Hilarie Wasserman, Marla Weiner, and Denise Wetherell. Our husbands, Stuart Yudman and Elliot Axel have been fabulous with implementation of the computer system, schlepping, and general all around help. A huge thank you to all. The office and custodial staffs also have been most helpful, thank you.

We will be open mornings this summer and have a full line of Judaica from candles to wedding, bar/bat mitzvah items, jewelry, tallitot, etc. As always we look forward to seeing you in the shop as your purchases assist the religious schools and synagogue.

In July you can reach **Stefani** at 503.296.8622 and **Samantha** at 503.482.5142.

Ann and I thank you for your support of the shop and look forward to its continuing success. Our wishes for a great summer.

Youth @ CNS

Shalom Neveh Families.

Well, summer is here! Time to roll out the BBQ, put on some shorts and soak up some sunshine! But what will you do without all of your closest Neveh buddies? Don't worry, we here at Neveh Shalom Youth Activities will be here getting ready for an awesome year in 5770, though I know this year will be hard to beat! With our new building, energized staff and fun activities, it was a year to remember for our Neveh youth!

We have just had some great programs that will surely provide wonderful memories and strong bonds within our community for years to come. Jr. Kadima had a fabulous Yom Ha'atzmaut army training BBQ and a year-end trip to Bullwinkle's, where the kids had so much fun that they may not stop smiling until summer's over! Kadima ventured to explore the depths of subterranean recreation

at their 3-D black light mini-golf expedition at glowing greens. And let's not forget the teen overnight that brought over 15 kids to crash at Neveh and jamming on guitar hero and hang with friends before joining other Portland teens for a national day of service. But the fun is not over! Come stop by the youth lounge this summer and see what we are



cooking up for all of you! Don't forget to check out our fabulous summer day camps available here at Neveh: The original Jewish Art Institute camp for ages 9-15, and Camp Chalutzim, pretty much the most fun day camp around, open to all 3rd – 8th graders! Come join all the fun and bring a friend along! For camp information, contact **Cara or Dayle** at the office (503-246-8831). Hurry up! Spaces are filling fast!

So many great opportunities to hang out with your Neveh friends! Stay tuned for summer events and our fall calendar! We can't wait to see you!

Jonathan Emanuel

Youth Director, jemanuel@nevehshalom.org



Ir. Kadima (3-5th grade)

Hi Jr. Kadima!

Thanks so much for a great year! We're going to miss you! We've learned so much together! We hope to get to know you even more next year!

08-09 in review:

- A scavenger hunt works best when you get to *hunt* for something...
- While bobbing for apples to celebrate Rosh Hashannah is a great pasttime, our new building and courtyard do not need to be decorated with chunks of apple.
- Balloon relay races = giggle pile!
- 4. Real silliness inspires real teamwork.
- A refrigerator box is good for at *least* an hour of entertainment. Especially when it's a fort in Abraham's Tent!
- Jr. Kadimaniks exceed 20+-yrolds by far when it comes to strategizing with lasers and bases in a dark room.
- Bowling + arcade + pizza + unlimited soda = kid heaven.
- Jr. Kadimaniks worked together with 3-yr-olds and teens alike on Jewpardy during Parents' Night Out ar
 - during Parents' Night Out and carried team during Capture the Flag! (Uh-huh that's right!)
- 9. "La-ma-chak"!!!! Our giant Winterhawk feathered friend!
- 10. For Tu B'shvat, we performed Tikkun Olam planting trees at Gabriel park to improve the ecosystem...and gained some hardy wilderness skills!
- 11. Cool pool party yeah yeah!
- 12. Jr. Kadima and Kadima Shabbaton: services, sports, song- and skit-writing, interpretive dancing, 2' x 3' pans of Israel-shaped ice cream, and Havdallah! More than you bargained for? We hope so! Brought to you by the staff that never sleeps...
- 13. It's all about the big screens and sardines!
- 14. Geeeve meee ten poosh-ups! Achshav!
- 15. School's out for the summer: YEAH!

Much love from the Youth team! We hope to make Jr. Kadima better and better!

Becca Cigan

Jr. Kadima Advisor jrkadima@ portlandrishonim.org

Kadima (6-8th grade)

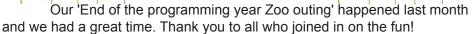
Our final event of the year, Kadima Movie Madness was a great success as was the rest of this year. I would like to thank everyone for an incredible time. All our events had amazing turnouts and we look forward to next year with great anticipation. But do not despair, if you would like to see your Kadima friends this summer sign up for Camp Chalutzim or the Jewish Art Institute. You may pick up brochures from **Dayle** in the Religious School office. Again, thanks to everyone for a fun-packed year and I cannot wait for more! B'Shalom,











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

Playgroup: We will be taking a hiatus from the playgroup over the summer. Keep an eve out for when the playgroup will start up again, end of August/ beginning of September.

Parent-ed: We will be scheduling some parent-ed workshops for the upcoming year. Stay tuned! If there are particular topics you would like covered contact Mindv.

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

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

Shoreshim



What a great year Shoreshim had from celebrating our expanded facility at the Open Doors Celebration to Havdalah with Rachel Brodie to lively Tot Shabbat services and so much more. A warm Todah Rabah to our 2008-2009 event planners and this year's outgoing co-chairs, Cyndy Kagan, Debbie Plawner and Leslie Solomon, as well as our Tot Shabbat service leaders, Jordan Epstein and Levia Friedman.

Please check Neveh's weekly e-blasts for the summer Tot Shabbat schedule or call the synagogue office.

We are very excited to introduce Sarah Zakreski and Rachel Pines as the incoming Shoreshim co-chairs. Sarah, wife to Sheldon and mom to Maya

(6) and Jonah (3) has been an active Shoreshim committee member this last year as a Tot Shabbat storyteller and behind-the-scenes worker to make events exciting for the little ones. Rachel, husband to Itai and mom to Zachary (5) and Madeline (2) is a new member of Neveh Shalom, but not new to Shoreshim. Rachel will share her enthusiasm for Shoreshim with other young families who are new and prospective Neveh members as we continue to cultivate and grow our synagogue family.

Help us welcome Sarah and Rachel at a summer Shoreshim picnic! Please join us for a fun-filled Family Potluck Picnic at Gabriel Park on Sunday, July 19th, 2009 from 11a.m.-1 p.m. Come see friends and get acquainted with other young Jewish families. More details to follow.

Sarah and Rachel are assembling their events committee for this year. Won't you join them in creating fun and meaningful Jewish experiences for young families? Email Rachel at rachelpines@yahoo.com or Sarah at sibz_pdx@yahoo.com to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you at the park on July 19 and in the coming year.

Foundation School



We have all enjoyed another wonderful year here at Foundation School with the children and their families. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to have shared in their growth and development. Those students who are moving on to kindergarten will be missed by

us all and we wish them well as they continue their journey of learning.

Summer here at Foundation School will find us cleaning the classrooms, polishing the floors, getting new fluffy bark chips and preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. Family information packets will be sent to our new and returning students in July. Please let us know if you have any questions about the paper work when you receive the materials.

We hope you all enjoy your summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Shalom.

Jan Skolnik & Kathy Wolfson Chronicle, No 7 5769/Page 11



Religious School

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to reflect upon those who have helped

serve the school in a variety of ways.

Most recently, the following men came to the synagogue during Hol HaMoed Pesach to discard old and assemble new tables for the Hebrew School. Directed by Harold Lesch, they are:

> **David Honigstock Gary Laroff** Joe Goodman **Nathan Goodman Bruce Stern Andrew Levy** Avi Levy Jonathan Levy Jonathan Lietz **Robert Cohn Peter Bedrick Gary Martel Leon Tiger**

Many thanks to Neveh Shalom Men's Club! Dayle Maizels-Tyrrell and Robin

Furman for their valuable assistance in the school office, maintaining records, organizing schedules, and making sure that all functions of the Religious School run smoothly.

For devoted attention to our kid's Jewish education and creating a warm and engaging environment, the Religious School staff cannot be thanked enough: Ellen Kipnis and Ashlea Barde in Kindergarten; Barb Stein and Josh Victor in First Grade; Vicki Rotstein and Vered Tzur in Second Grade: Robin Furman in Third Grade; Cara Buchalter-**Emanuel** in Fourth Grade; Adam Schechter in Fifth Grade; Becca Cigan in Sixth Grade; Jennifer Semler – teaching Specialist.

The creative, knowledgeable, caring and able teachers of the Hebrew School have helped tremendously in bringing my visions of a high caliber curriculum to reality: Jonathan Emanuel in Third Grade; Jared Rosenthal in Fourth Grade; Rachel Hall in Fifth Grade; Rosana Berdichevsky in Sixth Grade; Amy Katz and Oshra Rapaport in Hebrew Immersion.

Our High School has become a place where teens want to be each week. The selection of elective classes have been well rounded and engaging. Thanks to **Jonathan** Emanuel, Jared Rosenthal, Bat Ami Frankel, Rami Bridge, Yael Bridge, Cantor Linda Shivers, Cara Buchalter-Emanuel, Barb Stein, Rabbi Brad Greenstein, Shlomit Bucharest, Anat Levinger and Rosy Levy.

One last "Thank You" to **Jason** Kaufman, chairman of the Youth Education Committee, for his dedicated work helping to create the best school possible and to the members of this committee: Melanie Fried-Oken, Toby Blake, Becky Bard, Dan Barde, Abby Menashe, and Karen Twain.

Susan Bernstein Director of Education

Israel Affairs Committee

What a year for Israel Affairs
This marks the completion of the
first full program year for Neveh's
Israel Affairs Committee! The
committee was started to create
a closer relationship between the
people and land of Israel and the
people of Neveh Shalom. We
are well on our way to achieving
that goal and having some fun
along the way, too.

We hosted a 3-part viewing of the acclaimed Israeli TV Series. "A Touch Away" brought to us by the Pacific Northwest Regional Shaliach Adi Farjon. Adi joined us for two of the viewings, spoke to our high school students about Israel programs and participated in Shabbat morning services. If you didn't have an opportunity to view it, the dvd will be available in our library for home viewing. We showed an Israeli Movie, sponsored by the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco. Next year we will continue to share examples of Israeli life and culture through the arts. We concluded our programming for the year in May with our second annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder & Dinner. Special thanks to Seder leaders Rabbi Brad Greenstein and Ilene Safvan and Seder co-chairs Jason Kaufman & Lidia Krivov. We learned about the connections we and Israel share over our growing concern and activism around the environment and preserving it for future generations. We were also introduced to our Israel synagogue partner, Hod V'Hadar of K'far Saba, identified for us by Jeff Katz. In the coming year we hope to cultivate that partnership on numerous levels. If you have a passion for Israel,

on numerous levels. If you have a passion for Israel, come and join our Israel Affairs committee. It's a wonderful way to put that love into action. Contact Chair **Dana Sacks** for more information at danae. sacks@comcast.net. Have a

Lifelong Learning Spring 2009

Mindfulness Meditation with Cantor Shivers

Every Thursday morning, 8:15 - 9:45am in Stampfer Chapel (classes continue thru June 25)

Starting with a brief Jewish spiritual teaching and/or song followed by 2 extended periods of sitting meditation and 10 minutes of walking meditation. For more information contact **Cantor Shivers** at cantor@nevehshalom.org.

Adult Hebrew Class for Beginners

Instructor: Vered Tzur

Tuesdays, June 1 - July 27, 6:45-7:45pm

Tuition: \$120 for CNS members and \$160 for non-members

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.

Looking ahead...

Neveh Shalom Study Weekend at Skamania

November 20-22, 2009

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Reserve the weekend of November 20-22 for a special Shabbat weekend of study and conversation at lovely Skamania Lodge in Stephenson, Washington. This weekend is open to the entire congregation. We have reserved 15 rooms double occupancy at Skamania Lodge. We will celebrate Shabbat together and leave time to enjoy the area. Cost for the weekend including room and five dairy meals will be approximately \$275/person (exact price will be determined by August 20). For more information, contact Bonnie Berry at bonnieberry@comcast.net.

News from Kochavim & Notztzim

Neveh Shalom's Unique Hebrew Immersion Programs for 0-8 year-olds:

Our year ends June 3 with the Kochavim and Notz'tzim siyum (final day and graduation), hatzagot (performances), todot (thank yous), and aruchat erev (dinner).

MAZAL TOV to our Kochavim graduates: Adin Biederman, Mira Katz, **Alyssa Knudsen**, Max Maser, and **Elana Welter**, who all intend to continue their Hebrew studies in the CNS Intensive Hebrew program in 3rd grade!

TODAH RABAH to our dedicated Morot (Teachers): Rachel Stern, Bat-Ami Frankel, Levia Friedman, and Sarah Greenstein!

TODAH RABAH to this year's Advisory Committee: Carol Biederman, **Michelle Caplan**, **Sarah Greenstein**, **Amy Katz**, **Jenn Knudsen**, and Marsha Lipets-Maser AND to all of our amazing families for prioritizing Hebrew education for your kids. We had a wonderful year!

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Kochavim, for entering pre-K through 2nd graders, is offering two unique and exciting camps, July 13-17 on the theme of Chokrei HaTeva (Nature Explorers) and July 20-24 on the theme of Bonim G'dolim (Big Builders). Kochavim Summer Camp includes music, art, tactile play, outdoor games, and lots of hands-on fun, all while immersed in Hebrew language. Kochavim camp time is 9:30-11:30 a.m. with a free half-hour of playground time, for parent convenience to pick up kids anytime between 11:30 and 12:00.

And for our 0-4 year old tots, drop in to a Notz'tzim Hebrew music and play group this summer. No prior Hebrew is necessary. **Morah Levia Friedman** will facilitate Notz'tzim classes throughout the summer on alternating Tuesdays and Fridays starting Tuesday, June 23, 10:00-10:45. Notz'tzim is a very sweet way to spend time with your child/ren, learning Hebrew songs and finger-plays, playing with balls and parachutes, meeting our puppet Tzipor "Squak!" and making new friends. Drop-in price is \$12 per child, siblings under the age of 1 are free.

Tikkun Olam

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!

Gene Abrams Committed to Tikun Olam

Congregant **Gene Abrams** is committed to helping the hungry. **Gene** shared that every time he goes shopping he buys, "one or two items for the food bank. This way when there is a food drive, we have plenty to donate. This is a painless way to help." This is part of a decades long personal commitment that goes back to **Gene's** days in Cleveland where he led a synagogue program that generated substantial support for local food banks.

So, whenever you go shopping, consider following **Gene's** lead. Then make sure to drop off your cans in one of the food bins located at Neveh Shalom.

High Holy Day Usher Training and Bagel Breakfast September Date (TBA)

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

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

Beginning July 1 you may sign up for usher shifts. Please email JoAnn at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org (or call at 503-293-7309) and she will send you a list of openings.

Then, we invite you to attend our complimentary bagel breakfast and training for ushers early in September (date TBA). You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about parking, security, and ushering. Watch your August Chronicle for more details.

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

Thank you! Ron Morris

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 and she will take care of the rest. Contact **JoAnn Bezodis** at 503-293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.

Name

Albertsons or Safeway Card Number Phone number associated with this card

If you can't find your Club Card number call toll free Safeway: 1-877-723-3929 Albertsons: 1-877-932-7948

Computer Savvy? Register yourself at www.albertsons.com or www.escrip. com.

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

Darfur Awareness

Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

As summer approaches, we will continue to work collaboratively with the Beth Israel Never Again Committee and the Kol Shalom Darfur Action Group to reflect the Portland Jewish community's loud and present voice fighting for the people of Darfur.

We invite you to take action with us: Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday night, June 3rd at 7:30 in the Board room.

Call 1-800-GENOCIDE every day. You will hear information about what you can say. You will then be connected to the president, your senators, and/or your representative. Most simply, you can just say: "Please get aid to the people of Darfur."

E-mail postcardbrigade@gmail.com to join our Postcard Brigade and engage in monthly advocacy to help change policy towards Darfur. For \$5, you will receive monthly updates on the situation in Darfur and 6-8 stamped and addressed postcards which you just need to sign and send in the mail to your elected officials!

Darfur Action House Parties- Want to raise awareness about Darfur among your friends and family, but don't know how? A committee member will help you host a hip, impactful House Party in your home. E-mail greenstein_ sarah@yahoo.com to find out more. Book Discussion- Keep reading the book found in our shul library, Not on Our Watch, by Don Cheadle and John Prendergast, and look for annoucements for our congregational book discussion coming up in November.

Contact **Sarah Greenstein** at greenstein_sarah@yahoo.com to get involved!

A Day with the Jewish Agency in Ashkelon with the Kahns and Family by Wendy Kahn



"In Ashkelon I played with the Ethiopian boys. They were very nice and could play soccer very well, but they needed a little work on their basketball skills. It was really hard talking to each other for me and probably for them. I painted their future game room and did a little plastering; I did it with three Ethiopian boys, my uncle Jonathan and my cousin, Kellen (McKlenahan Kahn, age 7). It was all very fun." (Michael Kahn, age 9)

"Inseparable from aliyah – and equally important – is the smooth integration of Jews who come home to Israel. "(Jewish Agency www. jewishagency.org.il)

We had a unique opportunity during our recent trip over Pesach to partake in the first ever family day trip offered by the Jewish Agency

to an absorption center. Our family that day, represented 13 (children ages ranging from 7 - 12) from the approximately 40 people (representing the diaspora) who traveled from Jerusalem to the beautiful coastal city of Ashkelon to find out how new olim (immigrants) who have recently made aliyah (moved up – making Israel their permanent home), are learning to live in their new land. Typically, these experiences are shared with Federation/UJA donors and community leaders, not families.

We arrived at Beit Canada Barnea (Ashkelon) Absorption Center, one of 35 absorption centers throughout the country and were greeted by Eli, the director of the center. The Ethiopians who have come to Beit Canada have traveled only 4 hours, but in those 4 hours they have been transported 1000 years ahead in time. At the time of our visit, Beit Canada had 460 immigrants living there, 230 were children. They will spend the next 18 months at Beit Canada.

The new "olim" are learning a new language, how to grocery shop, the difference and dangers between bleach and lemonade, not to pour water onto a gas fire (although fires are routinely doused in huts in Ethiopia) just to name a few of the many new things they must learn to assimilate into their new homeland. They call it, "a soft landing". By the end of the program most are ready to join the greater community, to work, have been attending school, and ready if age appropriate to go to the university.

During our visit we were put to work planting flower beds; making crafts (Hamsahs with girls in a special after school program); and, were able to do plastering and painting.

The day was one of the highlights of our two weeks in Israel.

Invasion of the Zucchini!

Attention Gardeners and CSA members!
Produce Collection for OFB at Neveh Shalom,
Thursday mornings until 1pm
Your surplus produce is needed for the Oregon Food
Bank! As your garden plot, fruit trees, and CSA
pick-ups become plentiful, plan to bring your surplus
of fresh fruit and vegetables to Neveh Shalom. Each
Thursday at 1pm Xuan Sibell will pick up and deliver
produce to the Food Bank for distribution to people
in need. Questions? Contact **Xuan** at 503-887-9350
or sibell4@comcast.net



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Tikkun Olam

PORTLAND TUV HA'ARETZ!

Portland's newest project, co-created by Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom, will connect Jewish teachings with sustainable food and agricultural practices. See our website at www.portlandtuv.org to learn about the project and how you can pick-up fresh, local, organic produce weekly at the MJCC, from Sauvie Island Organics. Contact: **Jordan Epstein**, yaakovm@comcast.net.

Shomrei Teva Creek Side Restoration

June 21 and July 19, 9:00am (3rd Sunday each month) Neveh Shalom has joined with-SOLV to restore the area along the tributary of Fanno Creek that borders the Neveh Shalom parking lot. We work for an hour or two clearing away new or existing growth of weeds and non-native plants. Bring a shovel (best) or other garden tools. We'll supply the gloves. It's a mitzvah! Contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503.245.6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net

CHESED Creating A Caring Community



The CHESED Committee is "Paying It Forward", come check us out...

The Neveh Shalom CHESED Committee is a caring community of volunteers:

We support our Neveh Shalom members in need by:

- Providing rides to synagogue happenings
- Preparing meals for our Neveh Shalom members in crisis
- · Making phone calls to members who are feeling down
- Making hospital visits

Our CHESED committee is proud to support our Neveh Shalom community.

Our services are available to all Neveh Shalom members and their families.

Please keep the CHESED in mind if you or your family needs our services and support. Our volunteers are here to help – That is what we like to do!

Become a CHESED Volunteer and help support your Neveh Shalom community. Volunteer help is needed to prepare meals, make calls and provide rides to synagogue for NS members in need periodically. Please contact Barbara Barde for volunteer details at 503-293-1222 or Barb@bardepdx.com.

"Pay It Forward" by becoming a CHESED Volunteer!

Our CHESED committee meets the second Sunday of every month at 11am in room 111 at Neveh Shalom. Stop by and "check" us out! Learn more about our committee and meet some new friends too!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Beautiful newly remodeled facility is available to help with your rental needs. Keep us in mind this spring, summer, or year round for family gatherings, simchas, or event business meetings. For more information contact **Marci Atkins** at 503-293-7308 or

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Your membership will be automatically renewed unless the office is notified in writing. Look for High Holy Day Tickets in mid August. Look for the 09-10 dated for Membership events sponsored by the Sylvia Pearlman Enhancement Fund in the August Chronicle. If you would like to help with any of exciting events (summer BBQ, Hanukkah Dinner and Pancake Breakfast), please let **Michelle Caplan** know at mcaplan@nevehshalom.org or 503.293.7305.

In Memoriam

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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to our members and their families,

Howard Shapiro on the death of his sister, **Lillian Davidson.**

Jennifer Kalenscher on the death of her brother, **David** Cadv.

Ella Ostroff on the death of her sister.

Ellen Cigan Nichols and Rebecca Cigan on the death of their father and grandfather.

May their memories be a blessing.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- Along with each of you, we constantly strive to provide for, and meet the needs and aspirations of, our (congregational) family.
- Along with each of you, Neveh Shalom does everything possible to use our resources efficiently and wisely.
- Along with each of you, the synagogue is doing its best to manage during these challenging economic times.
- Along with each of you, we have bills to pay and obligations to fulfill.

Please pay your outstanding Neveh Shalom balance today. Our fiscal year ends next month, and we have a responsibility to you to live within our means. If each member simply pays their current outstanding balance, we will balance our budget. If you have a situation that prevents you from being current with the congregation – please call (Michelle Caplan or Fred Rothstein) and have a conversation with us.



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