

## PASSOVER & PURIM SERVICES

### SATURDAY MARCH 19

6:30 pm Purim eve  
dinner (reservations  
required)

7:30 pm Ma'ariv &  
Megillah Reading

### SUNDAY MARCH 20

9 am Megillah  
Reading and  
Religious School  
Celebration

### SUNDAY APRIL 17

Search for Chametz

### MONDAY APRIL 18

7am Morning  
Minyan (Fast of the  
First Born/Siyyum)

### TUESDAY APRIL 19

9am Services 1st  
Day Passover  
5:30 pm 2nd night  
Congregational  
Seder with Cantor  
Bletstein at Neveh  
Shalom

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

9am Services 2nd  
Day Passover

### THURSDAY APRIL 21

7am Chol HaMoed  
Services

### FRIDAY APRIL 22

7am Chol HaMoed  
Services  
6:15 pm Chol  
HaMoed Erev  
Shabbat Services

### SATURDAY APRIL 23

9am Chol HaMoed  
Services

### SUNDAY APRIL 24

9am Chol HaMoed  
Services

### MONDAY APRIL 25

9am Services 7th Day  
Passover

### TUESDAY APRIL 26

9am Services 8th Day  
Passover & YIZKOR

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## FROM THE PULPIT

### Purim Is Not Just "Fur Die Kinder" Any More

As children, we all have fond memories of dressing up for Purim. Our Esthers and Mordecais over the years have morphed into ninja turtles and super heroes. Our parents came, but the focus was almost exclusively on the children. We drowned out Haman's name with groggers and gorged on Hamentashen. We sang ridiculous songs about foolish King Ahashuerus and our triumphant heroes who outwitted wicked Haman. Though in truth a terrifying and violent story, we softened Purim's message to more or less the old joke: "They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!"



But Purim is much more than that. Anthropologists tell us that Purim falls into a genre of late-winter, pre-spring frivolous holidays which include modern day celebrations such as Mardi Gras, Carnival and St. Patrick's Day, among others. Each of these merrymaking occasions, though based on completely different origins, have many aspects in common such as dressing up in costumes and drinking alcohol. (Jews were permitted to drink on Purim, we are told, until they couldn't tell the difference between 'blessed be Mordecai' and 'cursed be Haman'!) Then some weeks later with the advent of spring each of these cultures would observe a major serious festival—for us, of course, that's Passover.

So then why have we so easily relegated silliness exclusively to the children? I don't see that happening to the other pre-spring holidays. Just as those occasions are intended for and engaged in by adults, so ought Purim to be. It's the Jewish opportunity to drop certain standards of propriety and let loose. It's our organized opening to use our imaginations to allow ourselves to be a bit outrageous and maybe not just a bit... Do things that do not fit our year-round public persona. Dress up. Create inventive noisemakers. If a bit of alcohol for those over 21 helps to lower our respectability and dignity, why not? If not on Purim, then when?

And as we shout and holler with catcalls and other bellows of approval and disapproval during the Megillah reading, we should remember that the message of Purim is not entirely frivolous. Jews in serious danger in various places and times looked to the story of Purim with hope. Could they be saved from the clutches of tyrants by an Esther or Mordecai in high places?

The Megillah gave Jews hope for the future. Though all too often they suffered, they

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you identify yourself as a member of Neveh Shalom because you are Jewish or do you identify yourself as a member of Neveh Shalom because of the activities and causes we as a Congregation represent? Conservative Judaism among them.

Rabbi Steven Wernick, Executive Director of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, made the case during his visit to our synagogue that people today no longer join synagogues based on identity of affiliation; rather they will join synagogues based on an identity of purpose. What exactly does that mean? That's a good question.

I think part of its meaning is that we cannot assume that our membership will benefit from being the only Conservative Synagogue in the Portland area. On the other hand I don't think it gives us license to create services or pursue causes that fall outside the tenets of our traditions. What I am sure it means is that CNS must be excellent at all that CNS does. Excellence: that's a terribly high standard to obtain, unless you understand that the alternative may be to slowly wither and fade into unimportance. And unfortunately the membership of USCJ has many examples of congregations who failed to adapt to the times; I assure you Neveh Shalom is not and will not be another.

As you know we have a highly regarded Long Range Planning process in place that currently is taking an introspective look at who we are and how we are meeting the needs of our Congregation. And where we don't see excellence being obtained we are taking decisive action, making tough decisions. We are not there yet.

There is much work to do to align CNS's purpose with yours, but I have no doubts that we are headed in the right direction.

Doug Lenhoff

# YOUTH LED SHABBAT SERVICES

April 16

Show your support for several of our most recent B'nai Mitzvah students as they take on leadership roles by leading parts of the service (*shaharit* and *musaf*) and reading Torah. Their growing confidence and strengthening skills are inspiring to all of us and a reminder that a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is just the beginning of many religious and educational opportunities.

## B'NAI MITZVAH

JACK FRIEDMAN  
MARCH 4 & 5

Mazal Tov to **Jack Friedman** son of **Steve & Suzanne Friedman**, brother of **Marissa**, and grandson of Sue & Irv Friedman and Pat & Al Lubarsky. Jack is a 7th grader at Access Academy who enjoys playing basketball and tennis, following the Portland Trail Blazers, playing the upright bass, reading, and hanging out with friends.



NOAH HENRY WENGER  
MARCH 11 & 12

Mazal Tov to **Noah Henry Wenger**, son of **Neil & Sharon Wenger**, brother of **Jordan**, step-brother of Jason Williams, and grandson of Shirley Wenger and Shirley Tuthill. Noah is a 7th grader in the Odyssey Program at Hayhurst School. Noah enjoys computer games, hiking with his dog and playing with his cats.



JACK RUBIN  
MARCH 18 & 19

Mazel Tov to **Jack Rubin** son of **Betsy & Spencer Rubin**, brother to **Molly** and **Emma**, and grandson to Josephine Rubin and Donna & Richard Ross. Jack is a 7th grader at Conestoga Middle School in Beaverton and enjoys playing lacrosse, football, and basketball.



DAVID MENASHE  
APRIL 1 & 2

Mazal Tov to **David Menashe** son of **Rick & Abby Menashe**, brother to **Daniel**, grandson of **Hy & Myra Jackson** and the late Sylvia Jackson, and **Sol E. Menashe** and the late Rebecca Menashe. He is a 7th grader at Robert Gray Middle School. He has enjoyed attending Camp Solomon Schechter for 3 years, loves to play soccer and basketball and enjoys hanging out with friends and family.



ALANA COGEN  
APRIL 8 & 9

Mazal Tov to **Alana Celia Cogen**, daughter of **Arlene & Mitch Cogen**, sister of **Abrielle** and granddaughter of Ada Siegel and Stephen & Helene Cogen. Alana is a 7th grader at Skyline K-8. She has raised and donated over \$2000 to children in Africa. Her hobbies are acting, modeling, taekwondo, tennis and skiing.



SOLOMON NUDELMAN  
APRIL 29 & 30

Mazal Tov to **Solomon Joseph Nudelman**, son of **Jeff & Anne Nudelman**, brother of **Josh**, grandson of **Jerry & Shirley Nudelman** and Jo Pollard, and friend to his dog Lucky. Sol is an Honor Roll student in 7th grade at Lake Oswego Junior High. Sol plays on a traveling LO basketball team and will be in JBO baseball this spring. He was one of only 11 players chosen for the Lake Oswego Little League All Star baseball team last summer. Sol is a Duck fan extraordinaire and enjoys playing guitar, Xbox and hanging out with his friends.



# FROM THE CANTOR

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nevertheless firmly held on to the belief that despots in the end will not be victorious, that the Jewish people will overcome and survive. When Esther is reluctant to confront her husband, the king, and reveal her identity and the threat to her people, Mordecai chides her that if she doesn't act to save her people, help will come from some other source, but that she will not be spared. Thus Purim becomes that clarion call to tell truth to power, to risk position and even life to rescue others in peril. If one has access, it is incumbent to use it when appropriate and necessary.

Megillah reading this year will take place Saturday evening, March 19 and Sunday morning, March 20. Think about how outrageous you can be. Turn pots, pans, woks and ladles into noisemakers that you can donate to the Community Warehouse for new immigrants and those who desperately need.

Remember. Be joyous! It's Purim.

Rabbi Daniel Isaak

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy and fun January filled with lots of Havdalah! On the 15th, Cantor B showed up in Birnbach Hall in her pajamas with feet (see photo) to have a great Havdalah program with our Shoreshim families!



The CNS choir and I also had the opportunity to lead a beautiful Havdalah program at Rose Schnitzer Manor on the 29th. The choir has been working hard to rebuild and we are adding new singers every week. The choir is helping organize this year's Purim festivities that will take place on Saturday evening, March 19th. We're doing a disco theme this year, so dig up your 70s-duds from your closets or go out and have a fun day shopping for a costume at one of Portland's great vintage stores. You won't want to miss the fun parodies that will occur

in between reading chapters of Megillat Esther!

After Purim, Passover is right around the corner, so don't miss our Community 2nd Night Seder with me here at CNS. We'll do a lot of singing, story-telling, there will toys for the kids, and the seder will be very interactive with our brand new family participation haggadah, *A Different Night*. Our new haggadot have wonderful illustrations, Hebrew and English texts, stories and commentaries, and will give everyone a chance to participate.

Our B'nai Mitzvah continue to amaze and inspire me. We've had some fantastic services over the past few months and there are many more yet to come. Please join us on Saturday mornings and be a part of services with our wonderful kids! We also have an upcoming Shabbat morning service on April 16th that will be entirely led by our teens!

Hoping to see you at upcoming events,  
Cantor Bletstein

## ART AT NEVEH SHALOM

THE GLORIA BACHARACH  
**JUDAICA SHOP**  
AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM



March and April are busy and fun times for the Jewish family. We celebrate Purim beginning March 19th and Pesach preparations begin soon thereafter! Please visit the gift shop for cards, groggers, seder plates, kiddush cups, books, shabbat items, jewelry and more.

We have new handmade beaded women's kippot, bar and bat mitzvah gifts, and have redesigned our gift certificates. You may now purchase a gift certificate for ANY amount and we will track certificates by number.

We currently stock a limited number of wood challah boards handmade by George Miller, the step-father of congregant Nicole Elovitz. These boards are available in several styles and even include a challah knife. These challah boards are a beautiful, functional, and meaningful addition to your shabbat table.

In anticipation of Mother's Day (I know, not until May) we carry a sweet sterling silver necklace with a charm that says "Ema" in Hebrew on one side and "Mom" on the other. It is accented with pearl beads.

Please see the weekly eBlast for shop hours. Unfortunately, due to the limited number of shop volunteers, the shop cannot always be open as hoped. Please email me at skcozine@gmail.com to set up a time to visit.

Chag Sameach!  
Stefani Cozine

Many thanks to **Tony & Priscilla Kostiner** for commissioning a personalized chuppah covering to Neveh Shalom in honor of their daughter **Dana's** marriage to **Eric Simpson**, cousin of artist Darleen Bercovich. The result is stunning, the attention to detail impressive, and the artistry extraordinary. The chuppah is graced with several "emblems" of significance, so beautifully described by Darleen's eloquent words:

"Congregation Neveh Shalom's logo is of a Jewish World

Embraced by willow leaves, a symbol of peace...so

A Peaceful Jewish World is the Foundation  
The Roots of the Tree of Life are embedded in the

Peaceful Jewish World

The tree of Life is the Pomegranate Tree and exhibits the cycle of life.

The bud, flower, fruit and seed with seeds dropping on the

Peaceful Jewish World

The Double Wedding Bands are unadorned metal that

have been forged together and there is no link.

They are made as one unit.

All the colors of the Rainbow are used in this piece

A symbol of God's promise to mankind."



The piece is a multi-media work of art, made of several types of fabric, some quilted (the logo), some stuffed (the rings), and intricate bead work (the pomegranates). The piece is on display in the Foyer of the Main Sanctuary....that is until we have our next wedding where it will take its proper place above the heads of the blessed Bride and Groom.



## DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel  
Monday - Friday  
7:15 AM, Rosh  
Chodesh 7:00  
AM, Sunday &  
Holidays 9:00 AM

## SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays 6:15 PM  
Saturdays  
9:00 AM

## TOT SHABBAT

0 - 5 years  
&  
KEHILLAT  
NOAR  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturdays,  
10:15AM

## KEVA

WITH RABBI  
GREENSTEIN  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays  
10:00AM -  
11:45AM  
\*SPECIAL MARCH KEVA  
DATE: MARCH 12

## DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturdays in the  
Zidell Chapel,  
9:00AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shabbat at  
the Robison  
Home.

If you would like to  
lead the davening for  
Shaharit, Torah or Musaf,  
please contact **Eddy  
Shuldman** at  
eddyj54@msn.com.

# EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

All Friday evening services are at 6:15 pm

1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY WITH ILENE SAFYAN, MARCH 4 & APRIL 1

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> FRIDAYS, KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAYS, MARCH 18 & APRIL 15

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY MARCH 18 KABBALAT SHABBAT & CHIK CHAK (LAY-LED CARLEBACH-STYLE FOLLOWED BY RESERVATION-ONLY DINNER) SERVICES

3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY APRIL 15 CHIK CHAK SERVICES ONLY

# CHILDREN'S SHABBAT SERVICES

Held regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 10:15AM

TOT SHABBAT for families with children ages 0 - 5 years in the Zidell Chapel at 10:15AM

Led by Amy Katz (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) and Levia Friedman (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

KEHILLAT NOAR for families with children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades at 10:15AM

Led by Gershon Liberman (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) and Amy Katz (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

TOT SHABBAT AND KEHILLAT NOAR WILL CONCLUDE WITH A JOINT KIDDUSH IN THE ZIDELL CHAPEL FOLLOWING SERVICES.

## KEVA

WITH RABBI GREENSTEIN  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am

\*NO KEVA IN MARCH

Join us for Neveh Shalom's newest Shabbat morning service.  
We study, we sing, we meditate and engage deeply in prayer  
together. KEVA is for adults and kids of every age, no experience  
necessary. Bring your friends! **KEVA...a little time for your soul.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT

RABBI GREENSTEIN AT

RABBIGREENSTEIN@YAHOO.COM

## DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed  
by a Kiddush lunch and lively singing of z'mirot. We are a  
welcoming group and encourage congregant participation in  
the service. We meet at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat  
of each month. If you are interested in leading a part of the  
service or reading Torah please contact Eddy Shuldman at  
eddyj54@msn.com.

## ELEANOR FISCHER DIAL-IN SERVICE

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

Call 503.246.8832

## HINENU SHABBAT

4th Friday evenings  
Services, 6:45 pm Zidell Chapel  
*Followed by a potluck dinner*  
**FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR  
20s-30s**

Please RSVP to Noah Barish at  
nbarish@gmail.com or Callie  
Barish at calliebarish@gmail.com  
and let us know whether you  
can make it to services and/or  
dinner and what you can bring.

## ALL MEMBER SHABBAT DINNERS

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Dinner following (approximately 7:30pm)



**March 4, "Shabbat Across America"**  
**April 15, Pre-Passover Dinner**  
**May 20, Celebrating Yom  
Ha'Atzmaut**

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. Call the office at 503.246.8831x100,  
CNSreceptionist@nevehshalom.org.

## CANDLE LIGHTING PASSOVER

18 April 7:42  
1st night Passover/erev  
Pesach  
19 April after 8:48 pm  
2nd night Passover  
24 April 7:50  
7th night Passover  
25 April after 8:57 pm  
8th night Passover  
26 April 8:59 pm  
Passover Ends

## CANDLE LIGHTING SHABBAT

4 March 5:44  
11 March 5:53  
18 March 7:02  
25 March 7:11  
1 April 7:20  
8 April 7:29  
15 April 7:38  
22 April 7:47  
29 April 7:56



## TASTE & TRAVEL

Thursday, March 3, 7:00pm



Enjoy a virtual tour! **Lesley Isenstein & Steve Laveson** will share their travels in Myanmar, and **Larry & Corinne Spiegel** will share their travels in Antarctica. Coffee/Tea service and cookies will be served. Please RSVP for this event. Contact **Steve Laveson** at 503-636-5052 or [lesleysteve7@msn.com](mailto:lesleysteve7@msn.com).

## CNS PASSOVER SCHEDULE

SCHOOL AND OFFICE CLOSURES (SEE PAGE 1 FOR SERVICE TIMES)

**SUNDAY APRIL 17**  
Search for Chametz

**MONDAY APRIL 18**  
Schools Closed

**TUESDAY APRIL 19**  
Offices & Schools Closed

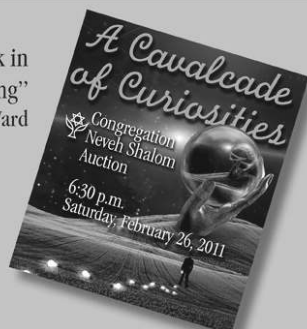
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 20**  
Offices & Schools Closed

**SUNDAY APRIL 24**  
Religious School closed

**MONDAY APRIL 25**  
Offices & Hebrew School Closed  
Foundation School In Session

**TUESDAY APRIL 26**  
Offices & Hebrew School Closed  
Foundation School In Session

"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning"  
— William Arthur Ward



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## COME SING WITH US!

Congregation Neveh Shalom's choir needs you! We have a wonderful new accompanist, Karl Rohde, and we are learning new music for future events in the synagogue, including our upcoming Purimspiel in March! No auditions necessary—come and join us!



**MONDAY EVENINGS**  
**7:30PM-9:00PM**  
**STAMPFER CHAPEL**



Questions? Please contact **Cantor Bletstein** at [dbletstein@nevehshalom.org](mailto:dbletstein@nevehshalom.org) or **Gary Liberman** at [g.liberman@comcast.net](mailto:g.liberman@comcast.net)



## Jewish Film Club

Occasional Sundays, 3pm  
Room 102

We usually gather every 4-6 weeks to enjoy Jewish themed films and to discuss afterwards. Refreshments served. Those interested in being on the email invitation list (and to RSVP) contact Paul or Joan Sher at [Joanzsher@aol.com](mailto:Joanzsher@aol.com) or Paul at [shepohsu@aol.com](mailto:shepohsu@aol.com).

## HAZAK

For adults age 55 and up

The name HAZAK is an acronym for Hokhmah (wisdom), Ziknah (maturity) and Kadima (looking ahead). Hazak compliments our adult education program with specially designed social, spiritual and educational components. We aim to develop a sense of community through a variety of creative programs that include study, prayer, entertainment and socializing. Hazak is now planning our calendar of events for the remainder of 2011. If you would like to be involved, please contact JoAnn Bezodis at 503.293.7309 or [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org)

*Café Shalom*

SPEND YOUR SUNDAY MORNING WITH US!

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Elegant Fischer Foyer

Sip, Sit, Schmooze

**CLOSED FOR REMODELING**  
until further notice

Café Shalom is brought to you by the Membership Committee.  
If you have any questions, please contact **Wendy Kahn**, Membership & Development Director at 503-293-7305 or email [wkahn@nevehshalom.org](mailto:wkahn@nevehshalom.org).

## SHOMREI TEVA MONTHLY MITZVAH CREW

3rd Sundays at  
9:45 am  
March 20,  
April 17

Come join Shomrei Teva as we gather for our monthly maintenance at the Creekside Restoration site. Join us at 9:45 and consider making it a double mitzvah by going first to the Morning Minyan. Bring a small digging/weeding tool (trowel, small shovel, small mattock, etc.), and dress for the weather. Wear shoes or boots with good traction. And bring your sense of humor. We like to schmooze and have a good time while we weed out the noxious invasives. Sometimes we have refreshments and possibly things to plant. We'll be done by noon but you can work as long or little as you want. Meet at the restoration site along the lower parking lot in the wooded area. Questions: Jordan Epstein, 503-245-6580, yaakovm@comcast.net.

## NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA

### Pesach: From Impurity to Holiness

Rabbi Natan, a student of Reb Nachman of Bratslav, said "an essential aspect of Pesach is to repair material wealth - to elevate it...from impurity to holiness." Pesach can be an opportunity to consider material things in the holiest of ways --- a time to reflect on what we have, what we need, and how we act.

We make our homes holy by removing chametz. Rid your home of toxic cleaning agents. There are natural and non-toxic alternatives. Use fewer or no toxic substances in your yard. They kill beneficial insects and plants and eventually end up contaminating our waters. Give away anything you no longer need or use. There are others who will benefit.

Remember the "natural wealth" of our surrounding world. The Israelites spent 40 years in the desert. We can use this week-long holiday to walk around, look, and listen outdoors. Join Shomrei Teva on April 17th just before Pesach as we continue to restore our beautiful creekside site. And don't forget Earth Day on the 22nd.

Finally, include the earth in your seders. There are lovely prayers and poems about spring and nature in the Haggadah. As you dip the greens, read of the song of the turtle-dove. Consider the plagues, disasters of nature, as a kind of human chametz that threatens our planet, which only we can repair and sustain. Tikkun Olam!

Chag Sameach.

Jordan Epstein, Chair, Shomrei Teva



## TIKKUN OLAM EVENTS

### POTS & PANS FOR PURIM



SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 19 & SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 20

On Purim we use noisemakers to blot out the villain's name in the Megillah. We challenge you to support a good cause when you attend Purim festivities by bringing creative noisemakers. Bring a pot or pan and a cooking utensil that can bang or scrape or grind: spatulas, cooking spoons, shredders, peelers, can-openers, let your imagination run wild! Afterwards, these items will be donated to the Community Warehouse, helping the needy, homeless, and new immigrants set up new housing with these kitchen items (used or new). For more information, contact **Roz Babener** at 503-227-3644

### A DOUBLE MITZVAH: FROM TABLE TO CREEKSIDE

In honor of their son **Avi's** Bar Mitzvah, the family of **Rich & Erika Meyer** chose native shrubs and small trees

as table settings, and decorations for the bimah. After the Bar Mitzvah party, Shomrei Teva volunteers planted the donations at the creekside restoration site on January 16th. Kol HaKavod to the **Meyers** and to rain-proof volunteers (it poured during the planting time) **Sylvia Frankel**, the **Jacobowitz** family (**Edward, Kempe, Clarissa, Isaac, Aryeh**), the **Cozines** (**Stef & Ben**), and **Tim Oliver**. What a wonderful way to decorate for a simcha and beautify a restoration site at the same time. A true mitzvah!



### THE RETURN OF MITZVAH DAY

On Sunday, May 15, Congregation Neveh Shalom will be reinstituting our Mitzvah Day tradition, providing many opportunities for students and congregants to get involved, both in our synagogue AND out in the community.

After an opening ceremony classes will be rotating through four major activities: Preparing sandwiches for Potluck in the Park, knitting scarves and hats for the needy, preparing cards and challah covers for folks at Rose Schnitzer, environmental projects around the synagogue including helping with our new vegetable garden. We will also hold a Blood Drive that Sunday for adults.

Down in the Birnbach Hall, our Religious School classes will create displays showing their tzedakah projects for this year, including: Heifer Project International, Community Transitional School, Habitat for Humanity, Smile Train, Sunshine Pantry, Autism Service Dogs of America, Neve Michael (children's services in Israel). In addition, adults will be encouraged to direct tzedakah to support Dr. Rick Hodes' work in Ethiopia supported by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

In the afternoon we will go out into the community with 3 different projects: Potluck in the Park, a Habitat for Humanity project, and a visit to Cedar Sinai's Rose Schnitzer Manor. In the month prior to the event we will be collecting books for the "Children's Book Drive."

Volunteers are needed to help during the day and we will be have sign ups for the afternoon activities well in advance.

Contact Steve Sirkin, 503-454-0610 or at [stevejew18@frontier.com](mailto:stevejew18@frontier.com).

### BLOOD DRIVE AT NEVEH SHALOM

May 15, 8am-1pm

To sign up, contact JoAnn Bezodis at 503.293.7309 or [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org)



## DONATE YOUR CAR TO NEVEH SHALOM

Thank You to our recent donors: **Myra Jackson** and **Julie Welch**  
You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle, running or not. Call JoAnn in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503-293-7309, or [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org).



## NEVEH SHALOM ON

### facebook

Did you know that Neveh Shalom has a facebook group? We post photos from events and publicize programs. It's a great way to stay connected online to Neveh Shalom. Invite friends to an event, post interesting information for other congregants to read. It is an amazing communication tool. Join the Neveh Shalom Facebook group today, and invite your friends to join too.

## THINK GREEN



Our Chronicle is available as a downloadable PDF for viewing on the screen or your computer. Sign up for the online version by sending an email to [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org). Please let us know if you would like to forego your paper version to save trees.

## DARFUR AWARENESS COMMITTEE

The Neveh Shalom Says Never Again Darfur Awareness Committee is our Congregation's active and present voice speaking out against acts of genocide and working to help the victims of these atrocities. Add your voice and support to our cause by joining the committee and/or participating in these committee-sponsored activities:

- Join the Postcard Brigade! Receive monthly updates on the situation in Darfur and stamped postcards for you to sign and mail. Join the Brigade by emailing [postcardbrigade@gmail.com](mailto:postcardbrigade@gmail.com).
- Wanted: Your enthusiasm, your ideas and your voice. Bring them to our upcoming Darfur Awareness Committee meetings. March 7 and April 4 at 7:00pm at Congregation Neveh Shalom. Questions? Email [greenstein\\_sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:greenstein_sarah@yahoo.com).
- Join the Coalition. The Never Again Coalition is a local community based group that brings together several local religious and community organizations to rally for social justice and be an ever-present voice in response to genocide and other crimes against humanity. Visit The Never Again Coalition website at [www.neveragaincoalition.org](http://www.neveragaincoalition.org) or get details by emailing [neveragaincoalition@gmail.com](mailto:neveragaincoalition@gmail.com).
- Look good and feel good! Make an appointment on the last Friday of the month at Hair by DW in Lake Oswego. All proceeds go to Jewish World Watch to aid the victims of genocide in Darfur and victims of the violence in the Congo.

To book your appointment call 503-720-3602 or visit their website at [www.hairbydw.com](http://www.hairbydw.com). Big thanks to Wednesday Night School parent **Denise Wetherall** for her support in setting this up.

## NEVEH SHALOM SAYS "NEVER AGAIN"

PART OF THE NEVER AGAIN COALITION WITH OTHER PORTLAND SYNAGOGUES

Please join our Never Again Coalition at CNS. The focus is the current issues in Darfur and the need for a Certification Process for Conflict Minerals (the underlying source of the terrible violence in the Congo). Help make a difference in these humanitarian implications. Questions, contact Dale Oller at [Oller5051@comcast.net](mailto:Oller5051@comcast.net)

## Outside In

On December 12, we delivered black bean soup, corn-cheese muffins, and salad for 84 people to Outside-In, a Portland shelter for homeless teenagers. The meal was prepared in the CNS kitchen by **Rick Botney, Bruce Sutherlin & Susan Sutherlin**, and **Chris & Cathy Blair**.

On Sunday, January 9, CNS members prepared Tuna Noodle Casserole and Salad for 60. Many thanks to our wonderful group of volunteers: **Rick Botney, Susan & Bruce Sutherlin, Ingrid Siegman, Joshua, Aaron & Elana Welter**, and **Chris & Cathy Blair**.

If you would like to be notified of our next cooking date, watch the CNS e-Blast or contact **Aviva Zigman** at [ajzigman@hotmail.com](mailto:ajzigman@hotmail.com) or **Cathy Blair** at [cblair456@yahoo.com](mailto:cblair456@yahoo.com).

## SAFeway SHOPPER CARD



### REGISTRATION

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Support Neveh Shalom by grocery shopping. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "1-Sign Up". Select Neveh Shalom as your charity of choice, Group ID # 163941303. DO IT TODAY! Don't know your Safeway card number? Call them at 1-877-SAFEWAY.

NOTE: Albertsons no longer donates to CNS via your shopper card! The only way to benefit charity at Albertsons is through buying SCRIP that is loaded onto a gift card in increments of \$50.

## FOOD BARRELS



Neveh Shalom has two food barrels benefitting Neighborhood House and the Sunshine Pantry. Bring in your non-perishable food items to the barrels located in the Religious School hallway and in the foyer outside Zidell Chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

## HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

We are collecting hygiene kit items again, for kits to be assembled on Mitzvah Day, May 15. We are challenging every adult member of CNS to purchase at least \$10 worth of hygiene kit items. You may also donate by mailing a check payable to Congregation Neveh Shalom and writing "Hygiene Kits" on the memo line. The hygiene kits will go to Transitions Project, a Portland charity that provides showers for homeless people unable to obtain a shelter bed. Boxes for donations are in the Stampfer Chapel Foyer and the Administration Foyer.

Items Needed:

- Small Deodorants for Men
- Hotel Size Conditioner
- Hotel Size Lotion
- Small Tubes of Toothpaste

For any questions about this project, please contact **Cathy Blair** at (503) 675-1328 or [cblair456@yahoo.com](mailto:cblair456@yahoo.com).



Definition: Panim el Panim, literally "face to face," is an opportunity for Neveh Shalom congregants to get better acquainted with their neighbors who are also congregants, our clergy & our lay leadership.

Through intimate home gatherings like these, we hope to strengthen the connections between one another, thereby strengthening our synagogue community. NO strings attached, NO solicitations, just an old fashioned, informal get together.

To date, 80%+ of our congregants have received an invitation to attend a Panim el Panim gathering! While most gatherings are neighborhood-based, some have been based on age/life stage, and this spring we will also be holding a special gathering for our Russian-speaking members.

What does all this mean? It means we are listening to our members who say they want to get to know each other AND our clergy better, and PEP is one way to achieve that!



Women's League is the place for women of all ages to bond, share ideas, learn new things, create friendships and have fun. We have had two great programs this year. The Book Review of Meir Shalev's *A Pigeon and a Boy* on February

24, was done in conjunction with Café V'Ivrit. Thank you to **Mel Berwin** and **Susan Sutherlin** for coordinating and chairing this event. A big Todah Rabah to **Jenn Director-Knudsen** for her hard work leading the discussion, and of course a thank you to all who baked the cookies for the event.

What would Women's League be without all the great food? On March 6, we will hold the Annual Maj Jongg Tournament. Thank you to **Judy Goodman** and **Sarah Coblens** for chairing this popular event and to **Jackie Lesch** for preparing all the wonderful food. A big thank you to all who come and participate. Ladies, you are what makes it all worthwhile.

Save the date: May 15 is the annual Mitzvah Day and we will be joining **Cathy Blair** on her Hygiene project. Plan to bring sample sizes of soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. and help her put together kits for the homeless. We are still looking for great ideas for this year so your input is invaluable.

Email your thoughts to [rmweiner11@yahoo.com](mailto:rmweiner11@yahoo.com).  
Neveh Shalom Women's League

## MEN'S CLUB



The month of March brings three Men's Club events. The first is an evening discussion group at the home of **Bruce and Sheila Stern** at 7pm with **Rabbi Greenstein**. Space is limited so please contact Bruce by e-mail at [bruce@thesternfamily.net](mailto:bruce@thesternfamily.net) to RSVP. Sunday morning March 13 we are hosting our own executive director, **Fred Rothstein**, who will discuss Passover observance.

The Men's Club Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament will also be held on March 13. Dinner starts at 4:45pm and the games begin at 5:30pm. Registration for the event is due by March 7 (see *Chronicle* flyer insert). This is Men's Club largest fundraiser, and the proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide youth education scholarships and the synagogue's

capital campaign.

On April 3 we have the privilege of hosting chiropractor Dr. Mike Underhill. While his practice deals with the treatment of pain arising from various physical injuries, his topic of discussion will focus on sports related injuries.

To get a glimpse of our activities, we encourage you to visit the synagogue's website to view the photo gallery of our recent Men's Club activities. To access these pictures, click on the "About Us" drop down menu and click the Photo Gallery tab.

If you would like to join Men's Club and participate in our activities, or have suggestions for activities that might be of interest to you and your friends, please contact **Bruce Stern** at [bruce@thesternfamily.net](mailto:bruce@thesternfamily.net) or me, **Gabe Markiz** at [Gabe@mandcpas.com](mailto:Gabe@mandcpas.com). We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

**Gabe Markiz**, Men's Club President

## CNS RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT FROM THE COVENANT FOUNDATION

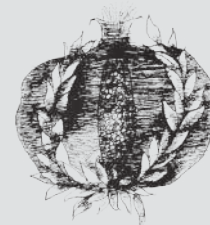
Neveh Shalom is the recipient of a 2010 Ignition Grant from The Covenant Foundation, which supports creative approaches to educational initiatives that perpetuate the identity and continuity of the Jewish people. The grant will allow CNS to expand its Hebrew language programs for the Portland community.

The congregation will grow its well-known Hebrew immersion programs for children ages 0-8, Kochavim and Notz'tzim, to reach Portland's Eastside with partner Shir Tikvah. The synagogue will also create a new program, Machon Ivrit, an intense Hebrew learning program for adults community-wide. "Hebrew knowledge is a pivotal ingredient for children as well as adults to feel at home in Judaism, no matter to which stream of Judaism they belong," says **Mel Berwin**, founder and director of the language programs at Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Machon Ivrit will offer two adult-level classes using the respected Brandeis Modern Hebrew curriculum, and Jewish educators with little Hebrew proficiency will be encouraged to participate. The adult initiative will be a collaborative project of CNS; the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at PSU; Morasha, the Jewish Community Education Alliance; Portland Kollel; and, the Institute for Judaic Studies.

"We are particularly interested in acknowledging creativity in Jewish education and going where risk and innovation co-mingle," said Harlene Winnick Appelman, executive director of the Foundation. "This initiative by Congregation Neveh Shalom is a solid example of that." For more information, contact **Mel Berwin**, (503) 246.8831 or [michaelvmel@gmail.com](mailto:michaelvmel@gmail.com).

Yasher Koach to Mel and our synagogue for this wonderful honor!





# YOUTH AT NEVEH SHALOM

## GREETINGS FROM NEVEH SHALOM YOUTH SERVICES

Shalom Neveh Families,

Happy Adar to all! This season brings us one of my favorite holidays in the Jewish calendar, Purim! Not just because of the costumes, treats and festivities (which are awesome), but because of what it teaches us. There are many wondrous miracles reflected in our holidays and traditions, but Purim focuses on the everyday miracles, the one's which are behind the scenes, making everything happen at the right time, in the right place. We see them everyday, and often miss them. I have witnessed these miracles through Neveh Shalom Youth

Activities, through the growth and learning in our kids as they come together as friends, family and community. As you can see from the programs on this page, whether it's overnights, social action, bowling or chocolate fest, we have created a unique environment where our youth can connect as Jews in fun and creative ways. I am proud to be part of the unique space and time we have created for our miraculous children, and I look forward to more.

**Jonathan Emanuel**

Director, Youth Services

## NEVEH SHALOM YOUTH



As we finally become comfortable writing "2011" on the top of papers, the Neveh Shalom Youth (NSY) continues programming in full swing. We concluded 2010 with an all "Wednesday Night School" sleepover, which was open to 7th through 12th graders. Students of all ages congregated together to play icebreaker games, enjoy the company of each other, venture to Sky High and sleep in our own synagogue. It was a great opportunity for students to gain a deeper connection with their synagogue and their peers.

In January, students ranging from 8th graders to seniors gathered for a late night session of "Laser Tag." NSYers darted through the dark in an effort to overcome their opponents. Our team was even victorious in one of the rounds! Later in the month, NSY headed to Seattle for the annual "Into the Night" event. Members traveled to Emerald City to meet up with USYers from all over the

region, and experienced an action packed night. Despite the lack of sleep, the NSYers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On the 13th of February NSY attended the Portland International Film Festival, to watch an Israeli film, *Human Resources Manager*. This cultural event was fascinating and entertaining, and we all had a great time reflecting and hanging out after the movie downtown. On Sunday, February 27th, NSY had its second "Social Action/ Tikkun Olam" event. Volunteers had a fun and meaningful experience volunteering with the organization "Potluck in the Park", handing out warm food to the needy at O'Bryant Square, in downtown Portland. This event was a great opportunity for teens to directly help and give back to the broader community of Portland. The rest of the NSY year looks very promising, with Spring Kinnus in Canada and our mystery scavenger hunt around Portland on March 27th. Come join us!

**Rachel Caron**, Social Action/Tikkun Olam Vice President, NSY Board

## JUNIOR KADIMA

That's right, Jr. Kadima is in full effect. In January we went to Chocolate Fest for Tu B'Shevat. We learned all about chocolate and the plethora of delectable concoctions that are made from the cacao bean. Then in February we went to Sky High to get our jump on. If you or someone you know is in third, fourth or fifth grade and likes to have

fun then you should come hang with us on March 13 from noon until 3:00 at Neveh Shalom. We will have a Pre-Purim Party: The Big PPP! As usual it's going to be awesome! Come join us. We will be creating and playing Purim games, making hamantashen with wild crazy fillings and creating Purim decorations for the Purim fair the following week. This event is free for Jr. Kadima members; \$6 for non-members. To RSVP or for more information please contact **Josh Victor** at [joshvictor@hotmail.com](mailto:joshvictor@hotmail.com) or (503) 703-4473.



## KADIMA

Pinwheel Region recently held its annual Kadima Kinnus and Regional General Board Weekend at Camp Solomon Schechter in Washington. Over ninety USYers, Kadimaniks and staff gathered together for an enjoyable and memorable weekend of connecting, ruach, learning, praying and pure Pinwheel fun. Our Kadimaniks deepened their knowledge on the laws and practices of kashrut through the theme of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Sessions, such as the Golden Ticket Game Show, Kosher Wonka Factory, and Get the Gelt Dreidel Tournament proved to be highly interactive, entertaining, and engaging for all. Our religious services included a Candyland Shacharit, Parsha Players Torah service, interactive learner's minyan, and beautiful Havdallah service led by our USY leadership.

### Upcoming Events:

- Purim Prep!

March 13, Post Sunday School until 4pm

Get ready for Purim with trivia, grogger and mask making, and a bagel lunch.

For any questions or to RSVP to an event, please contact our Kadima Advisor Ellen Swire at [ellenswire@msn.com](mailto:ellenswire@msn.com).

Kadima is a youth group program aimed at Jewish youth from grades 6th - 8th.

## S T A F F U P D A T E

**Caron Blau Rothstein** has left her position here at CNS at the end of February. She has accepted a similar (outreach / engagement focused), but full-time position with the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. She will begin her work with the Federation during March. We appreciate the many positive things Caron achieved in working with young CNS families, spearheading Mothers' Circle, developing our Panim El Panim program, and more to engage congregants in our congregational community. Please do take the opportunity to thank Caron for her efforts and work with CNS during these past 3 plus years. We wish her well as she will continue to serve the greater Portland Jewish community.



## ARE YOU READY FOR MARCH MADNESS??

Yachad – the active arm of Men's Club - presents a Neveh Shalom NCAA Basketball Tournament pool! \$25 per bracket, multiple brackets allowed. Call Neveh Shalom to pay by credit card or come in and drop off a check. We will email you on March 14 with the website where you can fill out your bracket by Thursday, March 18. Sit back and watch! The top three winners will receive donated prizes... dinner for two at great Portland area restaurants or tix to a game!

All proceeds support Kochavim & Notz'tzim Hebrew Immersion programs!

For more info, contact Yachad chairs:  
Josh Mitnick  
josh\_mitnick@yahoo.com  
or  
Glen Coblens  
glencoblens@yahoo.com



is important.

Please note that lessons are posted each week on the Congregation Neveh Shalom webpage. By Thursday of each week, all lessons are available for parents to read.

Keeping informed and current with your child's progress in her/his Judaic studies helps in partnering with the school and indicates to your child that this part of their lives

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Follow the steps below to view all lessons from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade:

1. Go to [www.nevehshalom.org](http://www.nevehshalom.org)
2. Click on LEARNING on the top of the page
3. Click on Youth Education on the left side
4. Click on Religious School
5. Click on Religious School Weekly Class Lessons

Engage your child in discussion of class material and learn along with them. Enjoy the journey together!

## KOCHAVIM & NOTZ'TZIM

We are thrilled to be receiving a major grant from the Covenant Foundation to expand our Hebrew Immersion programs! Starting in the fall, we'll be creating an East-Side Kochavim & Notz'tzim program, in collaboration with Shir Tikvah, and an intensive weekly adult Hebrew learning program called Machon Ivrit. Look for the article in this issue of the Chronicle for more info!

Interested in seeing what we do in Kochavim?? Join us for a special Open House on Wednesday, April 13 to experience the fun

of our unique Hebrew immersion program for entering 3 year olds to 2nd graders.

Kochavim Summer Camp -- Register now! 3-day camps for 3s, 5-day camps for Pre-K through 2nd grade. July 11-15 and July 18-22.

Contact **Mel Berwin** at [michaelvmel@gmail.com](mailto:michaelvmel@gmail.com) for registration forms & more info!



## FOUNDATION SCHOOL



Spring is sprung and Foundation School is ready to celebrate 2 wonderful Jewish holidays – Purim & Passover!

March finds us preparing to enjoy the fun and noisy holiday of Purim. Children will be wearing crowns as they pretend to be kings and queens; we will stomp our feet and shake our groggers at the sound of bad Haman's name, and the delicious taste of fruit filled hamentaschen cookies will delight us. All of this merriment will wind up with our annual Purim Parade in the main sanctuary as we march in costume to the singing of Morah Kim Palumbis.

April brings us the holiday of Passover and the

story of our people as we moved from slavery to freedom long ago. Children will learn the concepts of this holiday through stories, songs, art, music and dramatic play. We will say together, "Let my people go!" just like Moses, and make frog puppets to jump on mean King Pharaoh's head.

Children will become familiar with the items on a seder plate, bake real matzah and practice singing "Mah Nishtanah". Children and their families will join together at our annual Foundation School Model Seder to prepare for their family Passover celebrations at home.

The year is flying by as we watch these wonderful children grow and develop in every way.

**Jan Skolnik**

## SHORESHIM



Shoreshim is busy, busy, busy this March! Join us for a special Shoreshim treat at the Congregational Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6th at 9:30am. Have breakfast in your pjs (with a yummy pancake topping bar!) and listen to story time with your Shoreshim friends. This program is free to all CNS members.

Shoreshim is having a unique Shabbat Dinner on Friday, March 11th. Our special guest, Rabbi Issak, will be sharing Shabbat stories and, after dinner, members of the Percy Bernstein Orchestra will be performing live Klezmer music. Clapping, stomping, and dancing are guaranteed!

Get your costumes ready for the Shoreshim Purim Celebration on Sunday,

March 20th, details to follow. Dress up and join us to make groggers, hear the Megillah reading with CNS religious school, and have Purim snacks and story time with your Shoreshim pals.

Shoreshim is grateful for our helpful friends: Thank you very much to **Cantor Bletstein** for her tremendous Havdallah program; way to rock the footie pajamas! Another big thank you to **Julia Waco** and **Michelle Katz** for volunteering your time at the Winter Family Fun Fest.

Shoreshim is excited to invite everyone to the Second Night Seder at CNS on Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 pm. The Seder, led by **Cantor Bletstein**, will be a very family friendly celebration. We hope to see you there!

As always, Shoreshim would love your help! If you would like to volunteer to help with a program, please contact the Shoreshim Chairperson, **Rachel Pines**, at [portlandpines@gmail.com](mailto:portlandpines@gmail.com).

## BEIT MIDRASH

Thursdays

- Rabbi Stampfer's Talmud Class, Room 111, 3:00-4:15pm
- Rabbi's Isaak's Bible Class, Room 111, 4:30-5:30pm

Please call the office to confirm classes are meeting, 503.246.8831

## RABBIS GONE WILD

Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm Join some of our community's fabulous rabbis and musical guests for a non-denominational night of hilarity featuring stand-up, music, and shocking surprises in the festive spirit of Purim, featuring our own **Cantor Deborah Bletstein**. Sponsored by the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, this event is open to everyone. Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$36 patron, \$10 students and young adults. Contact Melton at <http://www.meltonportland.org/> contact for more information or to reserve your ticket!

**NEVEH SHALOM READS** – Book Selection for 2011: *Wherever You Go* by Joan Leegant. Pick up your discounted copy today in the CNS Library or Gift Shop (Retail is \$24, on sale now for \$15). We will hold in-home discussion groups some time in April. Then, Neveh Shalom is thrilled to be hosting award-winning writer Joan Leegant, author of *Wherever You Go* on Wednesday, May 11. At that time, she will be speaking about "Israel and the Cost of Jewish Religious and Political Extremism." Leegant's novel follows three Americans in Jerusalem and shines a light on one of the most pressing issues in Israeli society today: Jewish extremists and their threat to the modern democratic state. This is a stunningly timely book for Jews worldwide. Read book reviews at [www.joanleegant.com](http://www.joanleegant.com).

## MIZRACH: A NEVEH COMMUNITY...

### Neveh Shalom's East-side Action!



November 2010, an intrepid group of Neveh Shalom Eastsiders met in a living room near Mt. Tabor to discuss the creation of a little Neveh Shalom East-side action. After much discussion about how to define "action," *Mizrach: A Neveh Community* emerged. Since that initial meeting, this small group has celebrated Shabbat together in a local Eastside home and brought in Havdallah together with the larger Eastside community. Another planning meeting in early February has put some more exciting events on the calendar, including a February Mt. Tabor Shabbat Hike, and the following:

- April - Second Night Pesach Seder, April 19th
- May - Eastside "Musical" Shabbat
- July - Friday night Shabbat service on the Eastside

Watch for Mizrach updates on the Neveh Shalom website under [www.nevehshalom.org/getinvolved/mizrach](http://www.nevehshalom.org/getinvolved/mizrach) and in the Neveh Shalom weekly e-blasts. We'll make sure to keep you informed!

If any or all of this sounds exciting, keep your eyes peeled to join the "Ivrit" as we cross the "river" to the East!

For questions or more information, contact **Tamar Wyte Lake** at [tamarwyte@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarwyte@yahoo.com), **Amy Katz** at [amygkatz@gmail.com](mailto:amygkatz@gmail.com), or **Wendy Kahn** at [wkahn@nevehshalom.org](mailto:wkahn@nevehshalom.org).

## BEGINNINGS: THE BIBLE'S INTRIGUING FIRSTS

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm

**Bestselling Israeli novelist Meir Shalev speaks on his new book.**

Translated into over 20 languages, author of some of the best selling novels in all of Israeli publishing history as well as a dozen children's books, columnist for Yediot Aharonot, Israeli

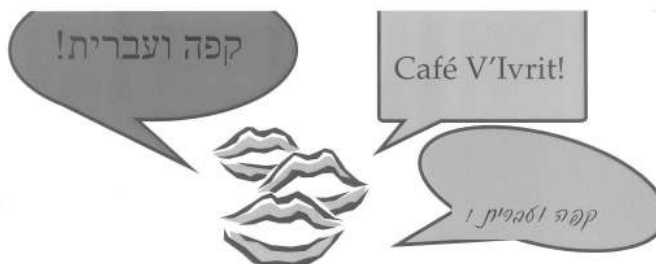


writer Meir Shalev comes to us this March to speak about his latest book, *Beginnings: Reflections on the Bible's Intriguing Firsts*, a collection of essays about the Bible. With a secular point of view Shalev follows the heroes and heroines of the Bible, examining the first love ever mentioned in the text, the first kiss, the first laugh and the first hate, the first dream, the first king, the first prophet and the first spy.

Congregation Neveh Shalom

\$10 (free for students and pre-K-12 teachers)

Co-sponsored by Congregation Neveh Shalom, Café v'Ivrit, and PSU Department of English



## Hebrew Learner? Hebrew Speaker?

Join other adults (ages 18 to 120) for Coffee, Refreshments, and Social, Educational, and Intellectual Conversation—all in Hebrew—at Café V'Ivrit.

*Look what's new this year! Thanks to funding from the Ma'alot Initiative, we are able to bring a different guest speaker each month!*

Monday, February 28, 7:30 p.m.: Wendy Zierler

Dr. Zierler, Associate Professor of Feminist Studies and Modern Jewish Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will speak on "The Forgotten Legacy of Hava Shapiro", a pioneering feminist Hebrew writer. \$10

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.: Meir Shalev

An exciting evening with this best-selling Israeli novelist, columnist, and essayist. Shalev will speak in Hebrew from 6:30-7:15 and then in English at 7:30 on his new book, *Beginnings: Reflections on the Bible's Intriguing Firsts*. \$10 for Hebrew or English talk; \$15 for both.

Sunday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.: Israeli TV night!

We've scheduled a few more Israeli TV nights by popular demand! Join us to view more episodes from the wonderful TV series we've started watching together, about a group of Modern Orthodox young adults living in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Katamon. Don't worry if you've missed the first few—we'll catch you up! Showing in Hebrew with English subtitles—all are welcome! Beer, popcorn, and M&Ms provided. \$10

Café V'Ivrit is sponsored by:

The Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at Portland State University  
Congregation Neveh Shalom Israel Affairs Committee  
Kochavim & Notz'aim: Hebrew Immersion Programs for 0-8 year-olds  
Portland Chapter of Hadaassah  
Greater Portland Hillel  
Friends of the IDF

*\*Ma'alot is a partnership between the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism Israel Commission and Neveh B'Neveh.*  
Contact: Mel Berwin, [michaelvme@gmail.com](mailto:michaelvme@gmail.com) 503-246-8831



# Who Do You Know?

The Chesed committee is looking for members who may be in need or alone but will not ask for assistance.

Do you know someone who no longer drives, who does not get out very much, who does not have family close by? Do you know someone who might like a ride to shul once in a while? Who may benefit from a friendly phone call occasionally, just to say "Hi?"

Chesed is looking to reach out to our members who perhaps have been forgotten. Please help us.

If you know of someone who fits the bill, please contact **Rabbi Greenstein, Miriam Rogoway** (360.256.6951 or merogoway@hotmail.com) or **Trudy Stone** (troodles1@comcast.net).

## PANCAKES, PANCAKES, AND MORE PANCAKES

Come one, come all to the annual Membership Committee Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6 at 8:30 – 10:30 AM. Thanks in advance to the Men's Club for once again cooking and serving this year. It's no small task to feed so many of us!

The Pancake Breakfast is one of the Membership Committee's signature events that help us reach out to new and existing members. Events like this are a great opportunity to sit and talk with friends we already know but it's an even better opportunity to meet new friends. We on the

Membership Committee want to encourage everyone at Neveh Shalom to "engage" each other. Wouldn't it be spectacular if every congregant "engaged" members as well so that our large congregation felt "smaller" at these big events? What does it mean to "engage?" Simply, it means to get them involved by speaking with them. How many times have you gone to an event—and just not at the synagogue—where you didn't know anybody and felt alone?

If you see somebody you don't know—especially if they seem like they don't know anybody else—step up and say, "Hello." It's always fun to make new friends and who knows what you might have in common. So as you're enjoying your pancakes

and fruit, take the initiative to invite someone new to sit at your table...or seat yourself with people you don't know. Now, pass the syrup, please.

If you have questions about the Membership Committee and our activities contact either co-chair:

**Mitch Elovitz**

elovitzclan@comcast.net  
or

**David Meltzer**

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## LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### CNS LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

**April 3, 2011 from 2pm-4pm**

The Congregation Neveh Shalom (CNS) Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee is planning for CNS's next 10 years of programming, finances, and membership. This April 3, we need your input in the process! We don't care whether you are a new- or long- term member, whether you show up every week or just on the High Holidays. WE NEED YOU because all of us make up Congregation Neveh Shalom.

On April 3, at 2pm-4pm we will be having our congregational meeting where we invite your input to the plan developed by the LRP Committee. We will make information available on the CNS website about our activities and preliminary conclusions so you can read it prior to the congregational meeting. You will learn so much about CNS—our budget, the demographic make-up of our congregation, our programs and services. What we need to know from you is what you need and want from CNS.

With regard to the committee, we are a group of 20 congregants, some very involved, some less involved, and some (like me)

complainers. The LRP is chaired by **Beverly Bookin** and **Arnold Cogan**, both professional planners. They spearheaded the 1998 CNS long-range plan, which established the blueprint for the building renovations and key staff, like Executive Director **Fred Rothstein** and Rabbi **Bradley Greenstein**.

Key areas that LRP Committee has focused on are technology, education, finances, community, and communication.

Please come to the congregational meeting on April 3, 2pm-4pm in the Stampfer Chapel. Hope to see you there!

**Chantal Rosenthal**

## CHESED HAND IN HAND • HEART TO HEART



I am proud to be a member of Neveh Shalom. We do so many things for our community and our congregants. We have so many programs, most of which are geared to members who take the initiative to be active. My concern is for those who want to participate, but can't. Chesed has made great strides in assisting our members whom we know could use some help. We provide meals and rides when we are asked. But can we do more? My mother was an active, contributing member of Neveh Zedek and then Neveh Shalom for about 70 years. But when she became

unable to drive, she asked for help to get to synagogue functions, but it was difficult for people to make it to NE Portland. She asked for someone to call once in a while just to say "Hello"; but it was hard to find willing volunteers.

Today our synagogue is larger with more resources, and we are committed to making sure our members feel they are part of a caring community. We need each of you to make this happen. Volunteer to provide a meal or ride just one time this year or make birthday calls for 5 minutes, once a week. Give the synagogue the names of people you know who could use some "outreach."

Call **JoAnn Bezodis** and/or **Rabbi Greenstein** at (503) 246-8831.  
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Mazal Tov to past Neveh Shalom presidents, **Elaine & Arnold Cogan** on their granddaughter, Elizabeth Van Brocklin, being named to the Dean's List at Duke University for the fall 2010 semester.

Mazal Tov to **Julie Diamond**, who was named Executive Director of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation on December 8, 2010. She was formerly OJCF's interim executive director and previously served as OJCF's development director.

Mazal Tov to **Peter & Molly Sax** and big brother **Nathan** on the birth of daughter and sister **Clara Elizabeth Sax** on December 9, 2010.

Mazal Tov to **Bob Liebman & Elaine Friedman** on the engagement of their daughter Sarah Liebman to Channing Dodson on December 18, 2010.

Mazal Tov to **Marilyn (Miriam Rogoway) Thompson**, who married Jack Thompson on Dec.

23, 2010 in Vancouver, WA. They will reside in Vancouver until March, 2011 and then move to Las Vegas for a year, where Jack has taken a job.

Mazal Tov to **Josh & Tamar Lake** on the birth of their daughter **Ayelet Har Lake** on December 31, 2010.

Mazal Tov to **Allison Kaufman**, whose father, Dick Anderson, was sworn in as Mayor of Lincoln City on January 10 and will serve a four-year term.



Mazal Tov to **Bethany & Joel Friedlander** and big sister **Maya** on the birth of twin boys,

**Reuben Menashe & Levi Efraim**, on January 11.

Mazal Tov to **Jeff & Sandy Axel**, whose son, Lieutenant jg Mike Axel, USN, earned his Naval Aviator wings on January 28, 2011, after completing the Naval Flight Officer (NFO) syllabus. Mike will be stationed in Point Mugu, CA with the VAW113 Black Eagles squadron, attached to the aircraft carrier Ronald Regan.

Mazal Tov to **Suzanne & Steve Effros** and big sister **Lila** on the birth of **Eva Rose Effros** on February 5.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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## KOL-HA-KAVOD

*Every simcha is special. Congratulations to our many members who are celebrating in March and April. In particular, mazal tov to the following members who are celebrating special five year milestones!*

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## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to our members and their families,  
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# BRIEF PASSOVER GUIDELINES AND REMINDERS

From CNS

Passover is every Jewish adult's favorite holiday. It is filled with history, symbolism and meaning. The more we put into preparing and observing the Mitzvot of Passover, the more purposeful it becomes. For beginners it is difficult to do everything the first time. However the goal should be to add new pieces each year. Initial preparation often begins soon after Purim; setting the guest list for the Seder and planning to eat up the Hametz (see below) we have in our homes. In the last weeks and days the scouring of the kitchen, the changeover of dishes and purchase of Kosher for Passover foods takes place. It's hard work, but it's worth it.

You will find below a reference guide for your preparation.

## PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED FOODS:

The Torah prohibits the eating or ownership of Hametz (leaven) during Passover. Hametz consists of foods containing any of the basic grains: wheat, barley, rye, oats and spelt. (Matzah itself is made from flour, but made with sufficient speed so that the dough cannot leaven.)

### Prohibited foods include the following:

leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, the five grains (see above) and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazi authorities have added

\*Kitniot to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however string beans are permitted). Peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazi authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardi authorities permit the use of all of the foods which the Ashkenazi authorities added to the basic list.

\*Some Conservative movement authorities claim that there is no legal basis for prohibiting kitniot and they should be permitted to all Jews during Passover.

### Permitted Foods:

**A.** The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased prior to Passover: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee, sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea), salt (not iodized); pepper, natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables; milk, butter; cottage cheese;



cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi soft), and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.

**B.** The following foods require no Kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.



**C.** The following foods require a Kosher le-Pesach label: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with kitniot which are not listed among the ingredients.), canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water has often been processed in vegetable broth and/ or hydrolyzed protein), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda. (If it is known that the juices are not clarified with kitniot and the tuna is not processed in vegetable oil or hydrolyzed protein, then they need no label.)

**D.** Liquid and powdered detergents permitted during the year do not need a Kosher le-Pesach label.



### Medicine:

Hametz binders are used in many pills. If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. In all cases, capsules are preferred to pills.

## Power of Attorney Authorizing the Selling of Hametz:

Please Detach and Return to the Neveh Shalom Office

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Isaak and/or Rabbi Greenstein to act on my behalf to sell all Hametz possessed by me-knowingly or unknowingly-as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law, and to lease all places wherein Hametz owned may be found.

This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins at sundown on April 18, 2011

To this I hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2011.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Kitchen Preparation

Passover preparation involves cleaning all areas of the house where Hametz may have been brought during the year. Central focus is on the kitchen: counter tops, cabinets, floors, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, and toughest of all, the stove. After thorough cleaning, line cabinets that will be used during Passover and counter tops with fresh paper. Table tops should be covered.

**OVEN:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, then turn oven heat to its highest setting and the burners all the way up for half an hour. Scrub and clean self-cleaning ovens and put through the self-cleaning cycle. Kasher continuous cleaning ovens as regular ovens. Clean microwaves and then place a cup of water inside. Turn on until the water disappears. (A microwave with a browning element cannot be kashered for Passover.)



**DISHWASHER:** After not using the machine for 24 hours, run an empty full cycle with detergent.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:** If the parts that ordinarily come into contact with Hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (see below). If the parts are not removable, the appliance probably cannot be kashered.

**KITCHEN SINK:** Thoroughly clean and then pour boiling water over a metal sink. Clean a porcelain sink and use a sink rack.

**UTENSILS AND DISHES:** Ideally dishes and utensils which are only used for Passover should be used exclusively. The following rules apply to kashering dishes and utensils for Passover which are also used during the year. Leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil, i.e. utensils used in

cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

**EARTHENWARE:** (china, pottery) may not be kashered. However fine translucent (bone) chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.



**METAL:** utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.



**GLASSWARE:** according to some authorities, should be soaked in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours.

Others require only a thorough scrubbing and then put them through a dishwasher. Glass Cookware, some say that after a thorough cleaning, boiling water should be put in it which overflows the rim. Others require only a thorough cleansing.

Glass bakeware cannot be kashered.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		25 ADAR I 1 7:15am Minyan 9am Melton 4:15pm Hebrew School	26 ADAR I 2 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Pre-Kochavim 4:15pm Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm High School & dinner 7pm Long Range Planning Mtg. 7:15pm Voice Class	27 ADAR I 3 7:15am Minyan 3pm Talmud w/ R. Stampfer 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Executive Committee Mtg 7pm Intro to Judaism, follow-up 7pm Taste & Travel	28 ADAR I 4 7:15am Minyan Jack Friedman Bar Mitzvah 9:15am Shoreslim Playgroup 11am NSY group departs for Seattle - NSY Spring Kinnus 6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan 7:30pm Shabbat Dinner Shabbat Across America 5:44pm 	29 ADAR I 5 Jack Friedman Bar Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Services 10am Shabbat School 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kehillat Noar  PEKUDE SHABBAT SHEKALIM
30 ADAR I 6 9:00am Minyan 8:30am All Member Pancake Breakfast 9am Religious School 9:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 11am Women's League Mah Jongg Tournament 12pm 13 Mitzvot 4pm NSY returns from Seattle ROSH CHODESH	1 ADAR II 7 7:00am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 7pm Darfur Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice ROSH CHODESH	2 ADAR II 8 7:15am Minyan 9am Melton 4:15pm Hebrew School	3 ADAR II 9 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Pre-Kochavim 4:15pm Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm High School & dinner 6:30pm Café V'Ivrit w/Meir Shalev 7:15pm Voice Class 7:30pm Meir Shalev	4 ADAR II 10 7:15am Minyan 3pm Talmud w/ R. Stampfer 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Intro to Judaism 7pm Intro to Judaism, follow-up 7:30pm "Rabbi's Gone Wild"	5 ADAR II 11 7:15am Minyan Noah Wenger Bar Mitzvah 9:15am Shoreslim Playgroup 5:30pm Shoreslim Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. 5:53pm 	6 ADAR II 12 Noah Wenger Bar Mitzvah 9am Downstairs Minyan 9am Shabbat Service 10am Keva w/Rabbi Greenstein 10am Shabbat School  VAYIKRA
7 ADAR II 13 9:00am Minyan 9am Religious School 9am 5th Grade Mock Wedding 9:15am Notz'tzim 9:30am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 9:30am 2nd Grade Parent Mtg 9:40am Men's Club Meeting 12pm Jr. Kadima Purim Prep Party 4pm Kadima Purim Prep 4pm Texas Hold'em Tournament 7pm Café V'Ivrit Movie	8 ADAR II 14 7:15am Minyan 12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 7:30pm Choir Practice	9 ADAR II 15 7:15am Minyan 9am Melton 4:15pm Hebrew School	10 ADAR II 16 7:15am Minyan 10:45am Foundation School Purim Parade 2pm Mens Club Yom Hashoah Candle Packing & Dinner 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Pre-Kochavim 4:15pm Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm High School & dinner 7:15pm Voice Class	11 ADAR II 17 7:15am Minyan 10:30am Cemetery Committee 3pm Talmud w/ R. Stampfer 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak 7pm Board Meeting 7pm Intro to Judaism	12 ADAR II 18 7:15am Minyan Jack Rubin Bar Mitzvah 9:15am Shoreslim Playgroup 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15pm Chik Chok Service & Dinner 7:02pm 	13 ADAR II 19 Jack Rubin Bar Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat School 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kehillat Noar 6:30pm Purim Program/Dinner/ 7:30pm Megillah Reading TZAV SHABBAT ZACHOR MEGILLAH READING
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<b>24</b> 9:00am Minyan 20 NISAN <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PESACH</b> 7:50 pm <b>CHOL HAMOED</b>	<b>25</b> 21 NISAN 9am Pesach Services <b>HEBREW SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PESACH</b> 7:38 pm <b>FIRST SEDER</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>PESACH</b>	<b>26</b> 22 NISAN 9am Pesach Services/Yizkor <b>Office Closed</b> <b>PESACH</b>	<b>27</b> 7:15am Minyan 23 NISAN 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 4:15pm Pre-Kochavim 4:30pm Notz'tzim 6pm High School & dinner 7:15pm Voice Class <b>Office Closed</b> <b>PESACH</b>	<b>28</b> 7:15am Minyan 24 NISAN 3pm Talmud w/ R. Stampfer 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class w/ R. Isaak <b>CHOL HAMOED</b>	<b>29</b> 7:15am Minyan 25 NISAN Solomon Nudelman Bar Mitzvah 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv. 7:56 pm	<b>30</b> 26 NISAN Solomon Nudelman Bar Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service 9am Downstairs Minyan 10am Shabbat School <b>KEDOSHIM</b>

# March/April Events at Congregation Neveh Shalom

## Men's Club Texas Hold 'em Tournament Sunday, March 13

**Dinner 4:45pm, Tournament 5:30-9:30pm**

Proceeds Benefit Youth Education Scholarships & The Capital Campaign. Two levels of support are available:

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

**Registration DUE DATE March 7**

Your Registration includes: A pasta dinner, three free wine or beer tickets, complimentary soft drinks, snacks, and tournament play including prizes. If you go bust, stay and play for free. You must be 18+ to play and 21+ to consume alcoholic beverages.

**Make checks payable to CNS Men's Club.**



## All Member Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 6 8:30-10:30am



**RSVP required by Wednesday, March 2**

**Members: FREE!**

Non-Members: \$7/adult, \$3/children 3+

*Funded by the Sylvia Pearlman Membership Enhancement Fund.*

## All Member Shabbat Dinners

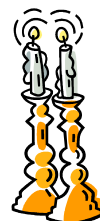
**Friday, March 4**

**SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA**

**Friday, April 15**

**PREP-PASSOVER DINNER**

**Dinners Follow 6:15pm Services**



Celebrate Shabbat with a kosher family-style Shabbat dinner.

\$14/adult, \$7/child age 10 & under,  
\$42 limit/ immediate household.

**Reservations required Wednesday before dinner**

Call Karen at 503.246.8831 x100 or email her at  
[kwilkins@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kwilkins@nevehshalom.org)



## Wine & Cheese...and Chocolate too! Sunday, April 3, 7-9pm

Relax and have some fun.  
Make new friends. Women's

League will meet at 4315 Snowbrush Court in Lake Oswego for this special evening just for the girls. RSVP by March 25 to Cathy Blair, 503.675.1328 or email her at

[cblair456@yahoo.com](mailto:cblair456@yahoo.com)

**Make checks payable to CNS Women's League.**

Please return this portion of the form to the CNS Office by the deadline listed for your event.  
Unless noted otherwise, make checks payable to CNS and write the event name on the memo line.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC (\$25 minimum, only) # \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code (on back) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Men's Club Texas Hold'em Tournament** (deadline **March 7**) \_\_\_\$50 Registration(s) or \_\_\_\$100 Sponsor Registration(s)  
\*Check to CNS Men's Club

☐ **All Member Pancake Breakfast** (deadline **March 2**) Members FREE, Non Members \$7adult/\$3 child 3-12 years  
\_\_\_ Number of adults; \_\_\_ Number of children 12 and under

☐ **All Member Shabbat Dinner 3/4** (deadline **March 2**) \$14per adult; \$7child 10 & under; \$42 max. per family household  
\_\_\_ Number of adults; \_\_\_ Number of children 10 and under

☐ **Wine & Cheese...and Chocolate too!** (deadline **Mar. 25**) Free to attend. \_\_\_ Number of women attending  
\*Check to CNS Women's League

☐ **All Member Shabbat Dinner 4/15** (deadline **April 13**) \$14per adult; \$7child 10 & under; \$42 max./ family household  
\_\_\_ Number of adults; \_\_\_ Number of children 10 and under

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Purim 5771*

**Saturday Night Fever  
in Shushan  
Saturday, March 19**

**Dinner, 6:30 pm**

(Reservations Required)

Members: \$14 adult/\$7 child; Non-Members \$16/\$9

**Dinner includes 1 drink**

**Ma'ariv & Megillah, 7:30 pm**

(FREE & Open to ALL)

## **CASH BAR ALL NIGHT!**

Costume Contest

Wear Your Grooviest Duds!

Purim Parodies Sung to

Far Out Disco Tunes!

Disco Dancing After Megillah Reading!

## *Passover*

### *Second Night Seder*

**Tuesday, April 19, 5:30pm**



Join Cantor Bletstein for a  
Family-friendly Second Seder with a  
**NEW Haggadah** this year!

**Seder will be interactive & filled with singing & fun!**

**Adult:** \$40 Member/\$50 Non-Member

**Children (5-12):** \$20 Member/\$25 Non-Member

**4 and under:** FREE

Childcare for children under 4 years at an additional  
cost of \$10/ child. Pre-Registration required.

**RSVP by April 5.** Phone reservations accepted.

Please return this portion of the form to the CNS Office by the deadline listed for your event.  
Unless noted otherwise, make checks payable to CNS and write the event name on the memo line.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC (\$25 minimum, only) # \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code (on back) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Purim Dinner** (deadline **March 16**) Member/Non Member prices: \$14/\$16 adult; \$7/\$9 per child age 12 and under

\_\_\_\_ Number of adults; \_\_\_\_ Number of children ages 12 and under

☐ **Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder** (deadline **April 5**) Member/Non Member prices: \$40/\$59 adult; \$20/\$25 per child age 5-12

\_\_\_\_ Number of adults; \_\_\_\_ Number of children 5-12 years old; \_\_\_\_ Number of children 4 and under

\_\_\_\_ Child under age 4 in need of childcare, \$10/child. Please note age of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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