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From the Pulpit



Mountain Climbing

Last week I was driving to the store to grab challah before Shabbat. By some divine intervention the many things on my to-do list for the day

were almost done well before the sun was setting and services would begin at 6:15. It was an unusual day so I decided to try something different. I had seen announcements for a local Tai Chi class but I always dismissed them because the classes took place late Friday afternoons. Tai Chi (of which I know very little) is an ancient meditative form of slow moving martial arts...think yoga meets karate. I thought to myself "what could be a better way to usher in Shabbat, our day of rest and renewal, than to partake in this eastern meditation practice that has spanned centuries?" I knew it wouldn't work. For me late Friday afternoon means reaching the summit of my Shabbat preparations: finishing up a sermon, studying the torah portion for the week, visiting the hospital, or cooking shabbos dinner with Sarah and Adirah. But racing against the sun this week was different and with everything near completion I put one foot in front of the other and walked into my first Tai Chi class. For about an hour I tried with all my heart to embrace movement, smoothly, with intention...but all I did was twist and turn...and make myself sore. There were a few moments, very few, when I felt like I was "doing it right," tapping in to what seemed to hint at an ancient tradition of tracing a universal flow of energy...I spent most of the time making sure my varmulke wasn't falling off. How fascinating to contemplate the multitude of intricate, complex, and time tested methods every culture uses to link themselves to that which cannot be explained.

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From the President

There is much activity to report from your Board of Directors. I am pleased to report that at the request of the Cemetery Committee the BOD had approved the immediate replacement of the caretaker's quarters at Neveh Zedek Cemetery. The family that has been living there is currently living in an apartment temporarily while a new home is to be erected at the cemetery. The living conditions were unacceptable. My hat is off to both the Cemetery Committee and the Board for moving quickly once the issue was identified.

The Cantorial committee has been hard at work looking at both short and long-term issues surrounding the transition. We have auditioned several qualified candidates for the High Holidays and should make an announcement shortly. Insuring that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program runs smoothly is also a high priority. The committee is also hard at work identifying the direction or directions we as a Congregation will go. There have been several meetings identifying our needs and wants. I will keep you informed as their work progresses.

The Budget hearings for 2009-2010 have not concluded as of the writing of this article. But of those that have already taken place it is clear that a balanced budget will be difficult to obtain. I am confident that the budget that comes out of the committee will be balanced but will require sacrifice from all areas of the Congregation. Certainly the question of a dues increase will be on the table. The sense I get from the discussions thus far is that the committee is very sensitive to the economic environment we all find ourselves in and will look closely at the percentage increase they recommend. I invite you to get details on this budget at the annual meeting scheduled for June 28, 2009.

Doug Lenhoff, President

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT—A NIGHT OF JEWISH LEARNING

Thursday, May 28th

8:15 pm, Maariv following by an introduction with Rabbi Greenstein and concluding with our Rabbinic Panel Join Rabbi Isaak and his multi-denomination panel, Rabbi Kenneth Brodkin of Kesser Israel and Rabbi Michael Cahana of Congregation Beth Israel. If you missed last year's panel, you won't want to miss this one. If you enjoyed last year's please join us again as we take the discussion to another level. All of the rabbis participating grew up in the Conservative Movement but went in different directions as adults. We will learn about their fascinating choices.

A NEW teen study track will be led by Youth Director Jonathan Emanuel.

For more information check our weekly email update as Shavuot approaches or contact the synagogue office, 503-246-8831.

EVENING SCHEDULE

Maariv 8:15 pm

Opening Study Session with Rabbi Greenstein 8:45 pm

Dessert Break 9:30 pm

Panel with Rabbis Isaak, Cahana & Brodkin 10:00 pm

Study sessions 11:00 pm and beyond

According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai on Shavout. That is why this holiday is called "Zman Matan Toratenu"—the Time of the Giving of Our Law. Shavuot, which means the Festival of Weeks, and occurs seven weeks after Passover, also commemorates the early wheat harvest in Palestine. So we decorate our homes and synagogues with flowers and greens. Shavuot has still another meaning. It is the Festival of New Fruits, when each man brought the first of his barley, wheat, grapes, figs, olive-oil, pomegranates, and honey to the Temple in Jerusalem. There, everyone took part in the Bikkurim (First Fruits) ceremony, which has been revived in new ways in modern Israel.

Shavout Schedule

May 28th: Evening Services & Tikkun begin at 8:15pm

May 29th & 30th: Services begin at 9am

May 30th: Second day of Shavuot will include Yizkor & dedication of memorial plaques.



Jack Rubin May 1st & 2nd

Mazel Tov to Jack Rubin who is becoming Bar Mitzvah on 05.01.09 and 05.02.09. He is the son of Melissa & Dan Rubin. grandson to Mark & Leah Rubin, Kathy &

Craig Abraham and brother to Leo Rubin. Jack is a 7th grade honor roll student at Robert Gray Middle School. Jack enjoys participating in team sports, playing video games, going out to dinner with his family, collecting basketball shoes, and spending summers at Camp.



Jessie Jansen May 8th & May 9th

Mazel Tov to Jessie Jansen who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 5.08.09 and 5.09.09. She is the daughter of Ariel **Shattan and Philip** Jansen, sister to

Arthur Shattan. Her grandparents are Sharon and Samuel Shattan and Katharine and Alan (z"l) Jansen.

Jessie is in the 7th grade at Hayhurst school where she is in the Odyssey Program. **Jessie** is a straight A student and she enjoys performing in her school productions, reading, and writing. She also enjoys spending time with friends and her pets! In the summer Jessie enjoys spending time at the University of Oregon Summer Enrichment Program.



Alexi*s* Mendelsohn

May 22nd & May 23rd

Mazel Tov to Alexis Mendelsohn who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on 5.22.09 and 5.23.09. She is the daughter of Joyce and Larry Mendelsohn, sister to

Rachel and Danny. Her grandparents are Ruth and Mort Mendelsohn, and Dara and Marty Shuhandler. Alexis is in the 7th grade • Paul Sher at joanzsher@aol. at Riverdale Grade School. Alexis is an excellent student and her many interests include basketball, music, skiing and reading. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends!

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.

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 matkins@nevehshalom.org

Erev Shabbat Services

All Erev Shabbat services are at 6:15pm. Each 6:15 service has a distinct flavor of it's own. We invite you to sample:

1st Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat Singing Service with Ilene Safyan (monthly all member dinners will follow reservations required).

3rd Friday-Chik Chok- A lay-led 'Carlebach-style" service (followed by dinner with reservations required).

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

Kvell with Us

Mazel Tov to Sydney Rubin who won ● 1st on Vault L7 OR State Champ; 2nd All-Around highest score; top 6 floor; top 8 beam. Sydney is the daughter of David & Darcy Rubin, sister to Sophie Rubin and granddaughter of Mark & Leah Rubin.

Mazel Tov to Shoshanah Epstein who is qraduating from the University of New Mexico Law School in May and will be taking the bar exam in July. She plans to practice criminal and constitutional law. Shoshanah is the daughter of Jordan Epstein.

Mazel Tov to Raissa Moore on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Damaris Isabella Zartman born on Friday, February 27, 2009 in Mariposa, California. She is also very happy to announce the marriage of her grand- daughter Ronit to Goren Ruckenstein, on Thursday, March 26, 2009 in Har Canaan, Israel with festivities celebrated at Rosh Pina, Israel. Goren has chosen to adopt his bride's family name as his own.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Anthony and Priscilla • Kostiner on the announcment of the engagement of their daughter, Dana • Kostiner, to Eric Simpson of Hillsboro, OR. Dana is a physician with Kaiser Permanente, specializing in Clinical Genetics and Internal Medicine. Eric is the son of Leonard and the late Lenore Simpson. He is a chemical engineer and MBA who has worked for Intel since ●1995. He also owns BarkZone, Inc., a doggie daycare and kennel boarding •facility in Hillsboro . The couple met through JDate, an international Jewish internet dating service. An August 2009 wedding is planned.

Jewish Film Club

Sunday, May 1, 3:00pm



Each 4-6 weeks we gather to enjoy a film of Jewish interest. schmooze & nosh. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact Joan and

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

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I admired the others in the class who appeared to know what they were doing, finding meaning and spirituality in this activity. As I stretched out my arms I knew that these moves were part of something greater, part of a system others used to connect themselves to what they perceived as the soul of the universe. I thought about my own ways of connecting. When we light Shabbat candles, when I daven with my siddur, when I sing the songs of my grandparents as I take a walk in the woods... I am at home but in this class I was a stranger. But even within my own Jewish experience it took me quite a long time to feel like "I know what I am doing." Many nights were spent putting one foot in front of the other and walking through doorways towards classes or services that didn't yet feel like home. But I kept going because if I was going to learn any method it was going to be the one of my greatest grandparents. Humming along until I figured out the words, walking around the sanctuary until I felt like I could move while I prayed, and trying new practices and rituals even when they seemed a bit uncomfortable has been a long and rewarding journey. Practicing Judaism has been the central focus of my life for the last ten years and I am still looking for the "right" moves, still yearning to dive deeper, still searching for my ancestors dance. When class was over I spoke with another participant who seemed to know all the moves, who moved so gracefully. Turns out he too was still trying to figure it out... any practice worth learning takes a while. Certainly engaging traditions that have propelled humanity forward for thousands of years means lifelong learning. It will probably take me a little while to make it back to that class, but eventually I will go again. But for now, Shavuot, our holiday that embraces the amazement of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai is approaching and there is much to do...I will see you at the foot of the mountain.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Bradley Greenstein

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Save the date!!! June 11 will be the synagogue's Tribute Dinner for me and I expect all of you to be there! Nothing would make me happier than to be able to share this party with all of you.

Shavuot starts Thursday May 28 and we will have services here that evening followed by our annual tikkun leil Shavuot — an all night, or almost all night, study session that includes cheesecake and singing. I'm sure there will be more info about the study part elsewhere in this Chronicle but I wanted to encourage you to come and also join in the singing.

Those of you who come early to Shabbat morning services have heard me sing Psalm 148 to the tune of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore." I know some of you think it is rather inappropriate but I'd like to explain.

Psalm 148 is in Siddur Sim Shalom on page 99. It begins with the work "Halleluya" and ends with "Halleluya". The Psalms were sung by the Levites in the ancient temple in Jerusalem. At that time, there were no printed books and scrolls were very expensive and not owned by many people. The psalms were often chanted in a way that all could participate. One way to do this was to have a refrain after every line that could easily be remembered. We have an example of that on p. 92, Psalm 136 where the words, "Kee l'olam chasdo" (God's love endures forever) are repeated after every short verse. In the olden days, it is believed that in Psalm 148 and many others as well; the word "halleluya" was repeated after every phrase. Halleluya means "praise God". In the prayer book they often put the word halleluya at the beginning and end to indicate that it can be (or was) repeated after every line. The psalm starts by praising God for everything in the heavens. Then it goes on to praise everything on earth, the natural world as well as all different types of people.

I like the way that the melody emphasizes the praise for each of the beings and the entire natural world. It is a melody that just about everyone knows and is easy to catch onto if someone doesn't know it already. I first heard this melody used for this psalm by Rabbi Zalman Schachter- Shlomi in the 1980s. He departed from the actual text and added in things for which he and others in the congregation wanted to thank God. I don't remember exactly what he added at that time but they were things like "all of the wonderful people in this community/congregation, rainbows, those who work for peace and justice, and all who are oppressed.

When Rabbi Schachter-Shlomi spoke here in Portland a few years ago, I was surprised to hear him end with this Psalm/song. He spoke before an interfaith crowd and had them all singing and adding verses to the psalm. I invite you to think about the things for which you would like to praise God. If you wrote the psalm, what would you add?

-Cantor Linda Shivers

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shelema, a speedy recovery to:

Judith Berdichevsky
Julie Caron
Rose Redlich
Priscilla Kostiner
Rabbi Stampfer
Bob Weiner

Todah Rabah Special Thank You to Sandy Axel who prepared

Sandy Axel who prepared over 500 Hamantashen as well as 400 delicious truffles for the Religious School Mishloach Manot and College Outreach Packets.

Thank You to **Sherri Cook** who managed and supervised the kitchen while the Religious School baked hamantashen

DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel

Monday - Friday 7:15 am Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT MAY SERVICES

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

TOT SHABBAT

1st & 3rd Shabbat morning, 10:15 am in the Zidell Chapel SHABBAT SCHOOL

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

KEHILAT NOAR

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

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DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2nd and 4th Shabbat, in the Zidell Chapel

3rd Shabbat at the Robison Home If you would like to lead the davening for Shaharit, Torah, or Mussaf please call **Mark Sherman**, 503.245.0571



Kehilat Noar (KeN: Youth Congregation)

Kehilat Noar, Neveh Shalom's Junior Congregation, is going strong. We meet every week in room 102 for a spirited service which includes lots of opportunites for kids to lead. Our regular atendees have become quite proficcient daveners, and enjoy celebrating Shabbat together each week. Come join us!

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

Camp Chalutzim

Sports and Movement

Three times a week, Chalutzim will head to the recently remodeled Wilson Swimming Pool for open swim. Daily sports and other active games are a routine part of our schedule. We take full advantage of the beautiful grounds of Neveh Shalom.

Outing/

Neveh Shalom is our home-base but we love to go out! Two big outings will occur during the week. One will be an all day event, the other half a day. In previous years we have gone to Seaside, spent a day picking berries at Sauvie Island, and had a scavenger hunt in Multnomah Village.

Activities and Games

Several times a day, campers will have choices of arts and crafts, interactive games, cooking, drama, science experiments, and other exciting activities. Members of the community lead unique projects during camp.

Making friend,

Because we have campers from all over Portland and from a variety of schools and synagogues, there is focus on meeting new people and making meaningful friendships. Group-bonding activities, ice-breakers and various fun and creative activities to mix up the kids and introduce them to new friends are a major part of our routine.

love of Judaism

Throughout the day, campers will learn and sing zmirot (songs) and show off their ruach (spirit) as well as learn fun new prayers!

Kosher Lunches

Delicious Kosher luches are provided daily by our fabulous catering staff. Lunches are included in the camp price. Vegetarian options are always available.

Staff

We hire responsible and mature madrichim (counselors) who are experienced and have a strong background in Judaism, as well a love for children. Our ozerim (junior counselors) are chosen from amazing high school students who volunteer their time to help at camp. Our staff views safety as the primary concern.

THE JEWISH ART INSTITUTE An Exploration in Jacobsh Creativity Figure Yeary, American June 22-26 Session June 29-July 3 Concession Program Line and Information in June 29-July 3

The Jewish Art Institute

Get ready for a

fabulous first week

of summer!

June 15-19,

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Explore creativity through art, Judaica and nature at Congregation Neveh Shalom's Jewish Art Institute. Each one week session focuses on different activities providing new opportunities for your child's imagination to expand.

Directed by Cara Buchalter Emanuel, a professional Jewish artist, the Jewish Art Institute provides a Jewish arts curriculum with a focus on nature. Young artists are encouraged to explore their Jewish identity through:

- Painting
- Photography
- Metal work
- Screen-brinting
- Jewelry Making
- Gallery Curation
- Museum studies
- Calligraphy
- Collage
- Sculpture

Professionals lead all workshops and many projects take place outdoors. In addition, your child will enjoy field trips to museums, artists' studios and galleries in the Pearl District, as well as nature walks and swimming. Participants will curate their own gallery sharing their week's creations with parents and friends on Shabbat.

MAY CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, May 1st 7:59 pm
Friday, May 8th 8:07 pm
Friday, May 15th 8:16 pm
Friday, May 22nd 8:23 pm
Friday, May 29th 8:31 pm

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 April. In particular, Mazel Tov to the following members who are celebrating special milestones!

Milestone Birthdays

JoAnn Bezodis Sandor Felberg Irma Keller Jim Hollcraft Randall Lakefish Sallie Cohen Peter Korn Sheryl Sachter-Rudolph Judith Wollstein **Tyler Staggs**

Lauren Fortgang Steven Singer **Sherri Cook** Sarra Dekhtvar **Martin Chess Eric Peet** Jack Wolinsky **Robert Gatzemeyer**

Richard Spector Jack Raiton Yefim Faktorovich Erika Mever **Veta Monastyrsky** Eileen Kaplan Carol Cogan Koranda Wanda Fullwiler **Delphine Davis**

Milestone Anniversaries

Melvyn and Elaine Ball Paul and Ellen Kipnis Robert and Idelle Weinstein

All Member First Friday Dinner Friday, May 1, 6:15pm

Congregation Neveh Shalom's Israel Affairs Committee brings you its 2nd annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder. This year's seder theme: Israel & the Environment. Seder and First Friday Dinner follow Neveh's Friday night singing service at 6:15 pm. Rabbi Greenstein will conduct the

seder, and Ilene Safyan will provide music for both the service and the seder. Reservations required for seder/ dinner: \$14 per person, \$7 per child age 10 and under, \$42 maximum per family (parents & dependent children). RSVP by noon on Wednesday, April 29 (or \$5 convenience fee per person applies). Call Rebecca at 503.246.8831x100, rmoeri@nevehshalom.org.

Lunch Bunch for 65+

Tuesday, May 12, 12 noon

The Lunch Bunch invites you to join us for lunch us for a spectacular KOSHER lunch for only \$5 per person (65 and up) – reservations required. Save the date and plan to join us. We will be enjoying the music of Shlomo Carlebach together. RSVP by noon on Monday, May 11 to Rebecca Moeri in the office at 503-246-8831 ext. 100 or rmoeri@nevehshalom.org.

Membership Committee

"Synagogue membership is a sacred contract with a community, where our gifts and passions are

recognized, nourished, and directed toward the enrichment of others." - Rabbi Lawrence A. **Hoffman**

Did you know that each year the Membership Committee puts on 3 FREE events for you and our prospects? If you have attended the BBQ in the summer, the Hanukkah party in the winter and/ or the Pancake breakfast in February, you know these are well-attended and worthwhile events for connecting and appreciating our members. In addition, we invite our prospective members to attend to get a sense of how wide ranging our synagogue is, including members, programming and available space for functions.

What you may not know is that these FREE events are fully paid for by members like yourself when you contribute to the SYLVIA PEARLMAN **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT FUND.** This fund is used to tell our story - to you, to our prospects and to our community in the Greater Portland area and is a reflection of what Sylvia did and continues to do for our community. This fund supports a key component of who we are - a synagogue that outreaches to the widest possible group and then brings us together in a fun, festive and enjoyable event like the ones mentioned above. So, I encourage you to follow my lead by donating \$36 or more - please pick up the phone, email Michelle Caplan (mcaplan@nevehshalom. org) or mail a check today (unless it is Shabbat), to donate to this fund that has a positive impact on all of us.

All donations to this fund will be recognized at these events and you will not only make our scared place one of experience, but you will feel good about making a gift that enriches us all.

Jason Kaufman, Board Member and Membership Committee Member



Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service

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

Personalize a Paver Stone

Discussions of our ancestors walking across the desert from bondage to freedom are now a memory for this year...



Now, engrave a paver today and celebrate your simchas, honor loved ones, remember your history and become part of Neveh Shalom's larger communal history. We are creating an Upper Plaza where we all can linger, tell stories to our children, and leave a bit of our selves for current and future generations.

M'Dor L'Dor

Don't wait, it's your turn.

To order today download our NEW order form (2 pages) on line at

http://www.nevehshalom.org/flyers/pavers.pdf. For questions contact **Wendy Kahn**, Capital Campaign Director at

503-452-4614 or rifkashira@comcast.net.



Welcome to New Members:
Linda & Aaron Cohen
Randall Lakefish and Rebecca Smetana
Lynn Siegel

Jacob Haas and David Axel Will Run in 19th Maccabiah in Israel Summer 2009

Neveh Shalom members, **Jacob Haas and David Axel**, have been selected to represent the USA in the 19th Maccabiah Games to be held in Israel this summer where more than 7,000 athletes from nearly 60 countries around the world will participate in 35 different sporting events.

Jacob and David were Bar Mitzvah at Neveh Shalom and both graduated from Neveh Shalom's Hebrew High School in 2002. In addition, they also both attended Camp Solomon Schecter and both worked at camp during the summers after high school and college.

David and Jacob were also classmates at Sunset High School and were members of the 2001 Cross Country Metro League Championship team from Sunset. Axel went on to run for Rice University and Haas ran for Syracuse University and the College of Idaho. Each was selected for this USA delegation to the Maccabiah Games based on their past times in their respective events.

Presently the Director for Youth Activities at Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, BC, Jacob is in his second year of the Melton School program and continues to train for his long distance events. Axel continues to train in his specialty, the steeplechase, with a goal of qualifying for the US National Championships.

For information on how to contribute and help them get to Israel, please write them at daxel@alumni.rice.edu or jacob.haas@yotes.collegeofidaho.edu.

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.

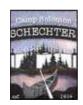
Feldstein Library

Sunday - 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM *
Monday & Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday - 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM *
Thursday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Friday & Saturday - CLOSED
* When Religious School is in session

Contact Hilde at 503.293.7311 or hjacob@nevehshalom.org.

Get Your Camp On!

Parents of current 5, 6 and 7th graders! Have you always wanted to send your child (and/or grandchild) to Jewish summer camp? There's never been a better summer to send first-time campers to Solomon Schechter.



The JWest Campership Program, now in its second year, aims to send 1,000 new campers from the thirteen Western States to camp this summer at extremely reduced costs. Here's what you do: enroll your child in a Jewish camp that has a three week session, and if s/he is entering 6, 7 or 8th grade in the fall of '09, has never been to Jewish overnight camp before and is not currently a day school student, s/he will qualify for a campership of up to \$1800! It's that easy!

To make the deal even sweeter, the JWest Program will even fund your camper to return to camp the summer of 2010! If your child receives \$1800 in the first year, s/he will receive up to \$1000 for the second camp season.

To learn more or to apply, visit www.onehappycamper.org.

If you have friends or relatives who also meet the eligibility requirements, please help us spread the word! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Michele Yanow at 206-527-5518 or email her at myanow@jewishcamp.org. Or contact Sam Perlin at 206-715-2588 or email him at director@campschechter.org

It's never too early to begin thinking about your child's summer plans, and there is really nothing comparable to spending a summer with Jewish friends at camp. I hope this program will enable them to attend camp this summer. Sign up for Camp Solomon Schechter at www.campschechter.org

Memorial Plaques

New Memorial Plaques Dedicated, May 30th

Dedication of new memorial plaques will take place during Shavout Yizkor Service, Saturday, May 30th at 9:00am.

At that time we will formally dedicate all new memorial nameplates installed since last Shavout.

In loving remembrance these names have been recently inscribed on the Memorial Wall in the main sanctuary.

Mark Ail
Sarabelle Ail
Gaby Barde
Lawrence Cohen
Raya Fiks
Beatrice Hochfeld
Phillip Izenson
Alfred Levinson
Henry Raiton
Melvin Rosenbloom
Mildred Sax
Anita Solash
Esther Stone
Phillip Sugar

May their memory be a blessing. Memorial plaques are a traditional and dignified way of honoring your dear departed. Each memorial plaque bears the name and their yahrzeit date of a loved one. The large plaque stays on the wall for the first year and then goes up every year on the yahrzeit. A smaller one is put on the wall permanently. These plaques are truly perpetual memorials.

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Caplan at mcaplan@ nevehshalom.org or 503.293.7305.

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

THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

The trees are in leaf, the air is warmer, and school is ending. Our thoughts turn to summer, vacation and travel. Do you have travelling Judaica....we can help. We have several types of travelling candlesticks, round, square, in a box and those that screw together that come in a cloth bag as well as others. These are also great for college students and campers. Additionally we have electric candlesticks for those places where the use of an open flame is prohibited.

Spring is a time too for weddings and graduations. Judaica items are always an appropriate and appreciated gift. There are candlesticks, challah plates and knives, Passover plates, menorahs, and Kiddush cups. Many of our cups are English pewter and imported. We also have mezuzah cases from the same company.

Most of our items are now made in Israel. All tallitot are Israeli with one exception of a woman's tallis and come in many sizes and fabrics including wool, chiffon, raw silk, etc. Several are in sets comprising the tallis, kippa and bag.

Spring is the time for a new kippa. Maya Works makes colorful ones that are made by woman in a Fair Trade environment. You probably have seen them in the window.

So do come in. If you need suggestions or have questions please call **Sue Axel** at 503-297-9140 or Ann **Yudman** at 503-352-4074 or better yet, come into the shop!

Notes from Shomrei Teva Spring and Tuy Ha'Aretz



Ah, spring is here, with lots of rain and little sun, but some people are already planting. On February 1st, Shomrei Teva coordinated more than 40 volunteers in a large-scale planting (about 300 plants!) at our creekside restoration site. Come out and view our work and think about our next "planting" project.

Shomrei Teva has partnered with members of Havurah Shalom to create the Portland Tuv Ha'Aretz project, focused on the intersection between Judaism, food, and agricultural practices. It's easy to join (just go to www.portlandtuv.org) and will give members the opportunity to study Jewish teachings about: how we plant, how we treat the land, harvesting and gleaning to be sure there is food for those in need, and more. We'll have fun, work in the dirt

sometimes, share recipes, visit our partner farm, Sauvie Island Organics, and become more firmly rooted both in Jewish learning and sustainable agriculture.

We're encouraging Tuv Ha'Aretz members and others to consider joining Sauvie Island Organics' CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. How to join (this is separate from membership in Tuv Ha'Aretz) and questions about the CSA are all on their website at www.sauvieislandorganics.com. They will be

delivering fresh, organic produce weekly to the MJCC starting in mid-May.

Tuv Ha'Aretz: "good for the land" and "good from the land". Come join other Jews in this wonderful food, land, Jewish project. B'tayavon.

Contact **Jordan Epstein** at 503.245.6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net for further information.

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

Join Women's League on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm, for The Art I Used to Love. We will have a silent auction, music, art talk, wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and we will raise money for our Religious School Scholarship Fund. We all have art in our homes that we no longer display, or no longer like, and now it sits in our closet, donate these items to Women's League. Contact **Addie Banasky** for donation and information,

503.246.4571.

Our May Potluck & Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm at Jackie Constantine's home. Bring us your voice, your questions, we WILL listen, this is your opportunity to reach us. We make your voice heard as part of the largest synagogue based women's organization in the world. Do you have an idea for a program? Is there a subject you want us to discuss in an upcoming program? At our monthly meeting, we can plan what you are looking for.

Are you shopping for a B'Nai Mitzvah gift, a wedding gift, or a housewarming gift? Come to our wonderful Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop for your purchase. Our Shop is managed and maintained with VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTEER with us, and be a part of our great Shop.

Contact **Sue Axel**, 503.297.9140, or **Ann Yudman**, 503.352.4074 for more information.

Our calendar is full with many events, 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**), 503.626.6611.

Susan Sutherlin, Neveh Shalom Women's League President

Women's League Calendar 2008-2009

May 17th

The Art I Used To Love



Men's Club

We would like to thank the following people who helped pack the Yom Hashoah candles you should have received by now: **Ricardo Berdichevsky**, **Dave Colborn**, **Steve Sirkin**, **Peter Wigmore** (overall coordinator), **Gary Laroff**, **David Honigstock**, **Bruce Stern**, **Bob**

Weiner, Mel Berlant, Ted Scheinman, Leon Tiger, Jonathan Levy, Harold Lesch, Bob Sorkin, Ed Steinberg, Abraham Furman, Peter Bedrick, Gary Martel, and Jeremy Kelter. Yom Hashoah Candle contributions we receive help benefit a variety of Holocaust Education programs. We hope you will be able to help our efforts.

Our next program will be Sunday, May 17 and the topic will be Jewish Travel Destinations. We will meet in the Zidell Chapel for brunch after the morning minyan around 9:40am with the program starting at 10am. Men and Women are welcome at our programs.

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.

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

Darfur Awareness

Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

In these days following our celebration of freedom commemorated by Passover and in anticipation of re-dedicating ourselves to constantly engaging Torah in new ways, marked by the upcoming holiday of Shavuot, we hope that you'll join us in advocating for the people of Darfur.

Upcoming opportunities:
Join us for our next meeting on
Wednesday night, May 6th at 7:30
in the Board room.
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!

elected officials! Darfur Action House Parties- Want to raise awareness among your friends and family, but don't know how? A committee member will help you host a House Party ... all you need to do is gather at least 10 people in your home. . . and we'll bring materials and action items to help take a stand. A "Drumming for Darfur" African drumming lesson taught by Darfur activist and musician Julie Lipson, can be part of the evening for free! 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. Buy a t-shirt designed by our committee to help raise money for Jewish World Watch projects benefitting Darfur as well as to raise

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

awareness.

Youth @ CNS

Shalom Neveh Families.

Spring is here in full bloom, and so are our kids, ready to burst free into the joys of summer, and Neveh is here to help them get their ya-ya's out!

That's right, Neveh's youth activities is swarming with excellent opportunities to get your kids out with their friends and peers at Neveh to celebrate spring festivals, Jewish identity and good old fun with friends! As we close out the 2008-09 activity season, we welcome all Neveh families to join us for our exciting year-end events with Jr. Kadima, Kadima and USY. We have had a fun filled year of activities, with this past month alone bringing social action, overnights, movies and a Jr. Kadima Israel experience that we will never forget! And it's not over yet! Overnights, conventions, social action, nature and celebrating, that's what Neveh Youth Activities is all about this spring, and we want you in on it! And don't forget to register for our exciting Day Camps this summer, Camp Chalutzim and the Neveh Shalom Art Institute. For enrolment or staffing, please contact our Kadima advisor, Cara Buchalter Emanuel at carathecowgirl@hotmail. com. We look forward to spending time with all of you here in the Neveh community as the days get longer and warmer. Come join the fun!

Jonathan Emanuel

Youth Director, jemanuel@nevehshalom.org

Kadima (6-8th grade)

April brought Passover and Spring Break holidays, Portland sunshine and Kadima fun! 3-D Black Light Glow in the Dark Mini Golf was loads of fun and more than a few holes-in-one. Look out for more incredible programs this year as will end with a bang. A Kadima only Saturday night movie on the big screen television as well as an outing to the Clackamas water park promises fun, bonding and a super good time!

Cara Buchalter Emanuel, Kadima Advisor

Jr. Kadima (3-5th grade)

Hi Jr. Kadima!

To the tune of Kids' Choice Award nominated "Best Song," and one of my personal favorites, Rihanna's "Please Don't Stop the Music":

Please Don't Stop Jr. Kadima!

It's gettin' late I can't wait for Sunday School to end I'm gonna make my way over to my favorite place

Nothing like Jr. Kadima to shake the stress away It's my favorite play-da-ate

Who knew that we'd have so much fun while just passing time, it's not always the sights and candy can't you see?

Because when we're talking it's just you and me. You're my Jr. Kadima friend, Ohhh!

Do you know what you started? I just came here to party! But now we're learning about Jews and how the ocean parted! What a miracle! Does that still happen now? I will think of a few! If Becca doesn't pass -ow-out!

Let's all run away and play! Let's escape, we're not grown-ups anyway! I just wanna throw it, Buid it and design it, Eat it sugarify it, Learn the Torah, pray with friends, and lots of hugs and pictures!

dadada dadadada dadada Please don't stop Jr. Kadima! dadada dadadada dadada dadada

Thanks for all your support in keeping the program going! Looking forward to a big end of the year bash on May 17th!

B'Shalom,

Becca Cigan

Jr. Kadima Advisor jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org



Neveh Shalom Babies



Playgroup: Please join us for our FREE drop-in playgroup that meets Fridays, 9-10 am in the large motor room at Neveh Shalom. First Fridays include a special guest from CNS Staff. The month of May, **Cantor Linda Shivers** will be joining us. Hope to see you there!

Parent Ed: We are hoping to reschedule our last workshop of the year, "Raising a Financially Fit Jewish Child." Email crothstein@nevehshalom.org if you are interested in a rescheduled workshop

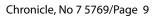
End of the programming year Zoo outing: Please join us for an end of the year outing at the zoo! While we're there we have a BYO snack/lunch on the grass!

Date/Time: Sunday, May 31st, 10:30a - 12:30ish

Place: Oregon Zoo; meet at the front gate, after the entrance. We'll plan to start walking around at 10:30a. Please email or call Mindy to let her know if you'll be coming!

(icedteagal@gmail.com or 267-269-7723)

For more information on any of our upcoming events, please contact Mindy Zeitzer at icedteagal@gmail.com. Thanks!! or **Hilary Barthold** at hiltim@aol.com. Thanks!!



School @ CNS





6th Grade Hebrew School class visits Robison Home

Shoreshim

Did you know Shoreshim means "roots"? This month, we have a special opportunity to further strengthen the roots of the youngest members of the congregation--by learning more about T'uv Ha'Aretz. Launching at the end of this month, Tuv Ha'Aretz is a new community project that will explore the intersection of food, agriculture, and Judaism.

Shoreshim wants to encourage families to attend Tuv Ha'Aretz's inaugural event at Sauvie Island Organics (SIO). A great family event, attendees will tour the farm, learn from SIO farmer Shari Raider, and hopefully pick something wonderful and pop it in their mouths! During the visit to the farm, attendees will explore the agrarian roots of Shavuot-- sometimes called the 'festival of first fruits' or of 'reaping the wheat'. It's a

perfect time to wander around the beautiful fields of Sauvie Island and to really gain a sense of where our food comes from. Join Shoreshim and the rest of Portland's Jewish community-- young and old-- to kick off this exciting new project.

Where: Sauvie Island Organics

When: A Sunday in late may or early June, see www.portlandtuv.org for more details on Tuv Ha'Aretz and

a finalized date soon!

RSVP: Please email csa@portlandtuv.org to let us know you'll be coming

During the month of May, Tot Shabbat storytellers will highlight for the children the connection between food, sustainability and Jewish tradition. We hope this whets your appetite for May's Tot Shabbat services and a season of bounty! Tot Shabbat Services are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Services start at 10:15am. Services on May 2 will be led by Jordan Epstein, and on March 16 by Rabbi Greenstein

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

To learn more about Tuv Ha'Aretz log on to www.portlandtuv.org.



Foundation School

The month of May at Foundation School will find the children celebrating other cultures during "International Week". Classes will be learning about traditions of children in other lands such as Mexico, Japan, Africa and England through stories, songs, games, special foods and dramatic play. We will have a special

guest artist here to demonstrate different types of ethnic drumming from around the world to enhance the experience.

Mid May brings the observance of another Jewish Spring Holiday – Lag B'Omer. It is traditionally celebrated by going on picnics and hikes, so Foundation School children will have a special Lag B'Omer Picnic Day. Weather permitting we will be out in our new courtyard on blankets enjoying the sunshine and noshing on bagels and cream cheese from our picnic baskets!

The end of the month brings the beautiful holiday of Shavuot which celebrates God giving Moses the Ten Commandments (laws) to follow for a good life. Jews have followed these laws ever since. At Foundation School we will read "10 Good Rules" and discuss how rules help us behave correctly and keep us safe. We also emphasize the number 10 in various ways in categorizing and counting projects. It is a custom to decorate homes and synagogues with flower blossoms during Shavuot so the children will create paper flowers to carry up to the sanctuary.

The end of May brings us near the end of another wonderful year learning and playing together at Foundation School. We have so appreciated being part of each child's growth and development this year! Shalom.

Jan Skolnik & Kathy Wolfson

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Religious School

What is an Omer? An omer is a measure of barley. In biblical times,

on the second day of Pesach, it was a mitzvah to bring barley the size of an omer to the Temple in Jerusalem as an offering. Then fifty days later, on Shavuot, it was a mitzvah to bring the first offering of the new wheat harvest. There are seven weeks (49 days) between the second day of Pesach and Shavuot. The period of these 7 weeks is called the Counting of the Omer (Sefirat HaOmer).

"From the day after the Shabbat, the day that you bring the sheaf of wave-offering, you shall keep count until seven full weeks have elapsed: you shall count 50 days until the day after the seventh week, then you shall bring an offering of a new grain to the Lord. You shall bring from your settlement two full loaves of bread as a wave-offering...On that same day you shall hold a celebration, it shall be a sacred occasion for you...(Lev. 23:15-21).

The Torah itself does not give us a reason for why we should Count the Omer. In the Bible, Shavuot was an agricultural festival. Some say we were commanded to count the time from the second day of Pesach when we gave an offering of the omer until the time of the wheat harvest when we needed to bring an offering of the new grain. Some say the Omer Count links Pesach and Shavuot. While Pesach commemorates our liberation from slavery to Pharoah, the Israelites were not truly free until they received the rules and laws of the Torah and agreed to become servants to God. We were given freedom on Pesach, and were given the purpose of our freedom on Shavuot.

This year Shavuot will be celebrated beginning on Thursday evening, May 28th when the tradition of Leil Tikkun Shavuot (all night Torah study) will take place. Please refer to the Chronicle for details on this program and other Holiday services.

Susan Bernstein Director of Education

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, June 11 6:00pm

Special Tribute Dinner honoring the 20+ years **Cantor Linda Shivers** has given of herself to Neveh Shalom.

Sunday, June 28 4:00pm

Congregation Neveh Shalom Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition.

CHESED

Creating A Caring Community

We are CHESED! – We are a Neveh Shalom community of people who CARE.

CHESED volunteers:

- Provide rides to synagogue happenings
- Prepare meals for Neveh Shalom members in crisis
- Make phone calls to members who are feeling down
- Make hospital visits to members who are ill or recovering from surgery
- Provide rides to doctor appointments on an acute basis for members

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

We support our CNS members in need – that is what we like to do!

We hope you will keep the CHESED and their volunteers in mind when you or another NS member you know needs a meal, a ride to shul, a hospital visit, and/or a ride to the doctor.

We help our CNS members in need - that is what we like to do!

For more information about the CHESED and our support services, please contact **Barbara Barde** at, 503-293-1222 or Barb@ bardepdx.com.

Don't forget...if you or another CNS member and/or family you know needs a meal prepared, a ride to shul or would welcome a hospital visit or two, we hope you will keep our Neveh Shalom CHESED volunteers in mind – that is what we like to do!! Pass the word...

Thank you!

Lifelong Learning Spring 2009

Neveh Shalom READS!

Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels

May 3-7, 2009 (please make sure to check for updates)

On the model of "Portland Reads," "Neveh Shalom Reads" began in spring of 2008 to encourage a broad readership within our Neveh Shalom community. After selecting a featured novel, we schedule a number of opportunities in the spring to share our reactions in group settings at Neveh Shalom and in the homes of our members. We hope you will join us for this intellectually stimulating annual event. For more information, contact JoAnn Bezodis at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.

Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels on the following dates:

Sunday, May 3 Host: Sheri Cordova Discussion Leader: Cheryl Livneh
Monday, May 4 Karen Berman Gloria Olds
Tuesday, May 5 Trudy Stone & Mel Hoffman Toinette Menashe
Wednesday, May 6 Fanny Horowitz Selma Duckler
Thursday, May 7 Gayle Marger Carol & Daniel Isaak

News from Kochavim & Notztzim

Neveh Shaloms Unique Hebrew Immersion Programs for 0-8 year-olds: It's the season for figuring out summer schedules for our kids, and we are very pleased to be offering "Kaytanat Kochavim" -- Kochavim Hebrew immersion summer camp program. Our Kaytanat Kochavim offers two exciting week-long camps that are open to entering Pre-K through 2nd graders. The two weeks can be attended together or separately:

- Shavua Alef (Week One), July 13-17, Theme: Chokrei HaTeva/ Nature Explorers (nature walk, beach party, animal scavenger hunt, colors, water play, make & take your own birdbath!)
- Shavua Bet (Week Two), July 20-24, Theme: Bonim G'dolim/ Big Builders (trains & tracks, boats & bridges, LEGO & bricks, make & take recyclables art projects, castles & pyramids)

Camps are 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday at Neveh Shalom.

We will also be offering a summer schedule for Notz'tzim Hebrew Music & Activity classes for 0-4 year-olds and their parents or caregivers.

For more information on these fun & active summer activities, please contact **Mel Berwin** at 503-452-6890 or michaelvmel@gmail.com

L'hitra'ot!

Israel Affairs Committee

We hope you all enjoyed our Yom Ha'atzmaut seder on May 1st. This is the second time we've held this event to celebrate Israel's birthday--filled with Israeli songs, readings, and food. A special thank you to Lidia Krivoy and Jason Kaufman (two wonderful volunteers) who put together such a meaningful dinner that discussed the many ways that Israel is leading the way in environmental policies. Thank you to Rabbi Bradley Greenstein and to Ilene Safyan for leading the service and the seder. They make everything they do fun and meaningful.

We also held our second and third showing of "A Touch Away," a popular Israeli TV show, with our Shaliah Adi Fardjon. Adi was on hand for our second installation to answer questions and bring another connection to Israel. The folks who attended commented on how interesting and entertaining the TV show was. The DVD will be available in our library for those of you who were unable to make our showings.

This month's Hebrew is asking someone how old they are.... (male) ben kama? or (female) bat kama? Be careful who you ask....he or she might not want to tell you!

Happy 61st Birthday Israel! **Dana Sacks**, Israeli Affairs chair

Tikkun Olam

Shomrei Teva Creek Side Restoration

May 17, 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

Blood Drive May 17, 8am-1pm

The Red Cross
Bloodmobile will be on site at Neveh Shalom. All blood types are needed.
To sign up, please call JoAnn at 503.293.7309 or reply to jbezodis@ nevehshalom.org and we



will schedule you to the nearest half-hour you indicate. Don't wait for someone else to be the hero. We're counting on YOU!

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



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.

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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

Let All Who are Hungry Come and Eat

From Passover to Shavuot, 2009

What can our 1000 household Neveh Shalom community do to relieve the devastation of job loss, foreclosure, exhaustion of savings??? How can we impact the suffering of so many fellow Oregonians?

Through the seven week period from Passover (April 9) until Shavuot (May 28), we at Neveh Shalom through our Tikkun Olam committee, will do our small part to relieve food insecurity for 1000 local families!

Amazingly just \$12 will provide staples for a family of 4 for 3-4 days, according to the Oregon Food Bank. With your generous help let us commit ourselves to raise sufficient funds to feed 1000 Oregon families.

Each of us can feed at least one additional family (\$12). Some of us can feed 10 (\$120). Are there those among us who would be willing to feed 50 families (\$600)?

Our ultimate goal (\$12,000) is ambitious, but accomplishable with the generous efforts of all of us. Behind every emergency food box that leaves the Food Bank stands a family in crisis struggling to feed themselves and their loved ones. Help us help them.

Please make checks out to the Oregon Food Bank and send them to Neveh Shalom, so that we can determine how much more we need to reach our goal. We will immediately transmit the funds to the Food Bank so they can be put to immediate use.

"This is the fast I desire...It is to share your bread with the hungry" (Yom Kippur Haftarah taken from Isaiah 57)

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!

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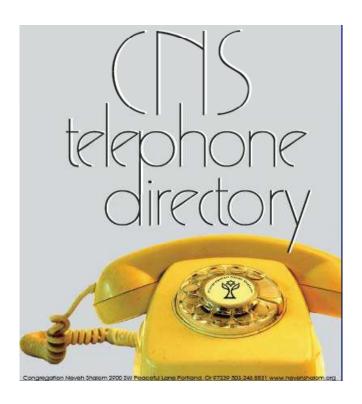
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