



## NEW! SHALOMZONE AFTERSCHOOL CARE

### Looking for after-school care for your children ages 2-12?

Starting in September, Neveh Shalom is offering an exciting new option! ShalomZone afterschool care will combine the comfort of familiar faces, plenty of engaging activities from music to art to outdoor play, time for homework and down-time, **all in a bilingual Hebrew-English environment.** *ShalomZone* offers its unique care program from 3:00-6:00 Monday through Friday, and welcomes drop-ins. With the addition of ShalomZone, children in Neveh Shalom's Foundation School preschool now have enrollment options from 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.

**For more information,**

**Join us at a ShalomZone Open House Friday,  
May 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**



**Information about our ALIYAH and Foundation School programs will also be available  
Questions? Contact Mel Berwin [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org) 503.293.7306**

## FROM THE PULPIT

### The Gift of the Jews



We live in extraordinary times. Centuries from now scholars and historians will look back at our Jewish lives with intrigue and exposition describing those who lived during the crossroads of Jewish history. Jewish life has shifted dramatically in the last one-hundred years; consider Israel's independence, the horror of the Holocaust and establishing ourselves in America, to say the least. As

synagogues and Jewish communities across the globe work to define and re-define concepts like mitzvah, affiliation, Hebrew school and spirituality, there is no doubt that the Judaism of tomorrow will be different than the one we know today...and thank God! The evolution of our torah and our communities is what we pray for when we sing the song *Etz Hayyim* because Judaism is indeed A Tree of Life.

A tree has strong roots but perhaps even more important is that a tree grows continuously with new blossoms and adapts to its surroundings. However, there are those who wonder what Judaism has to offer to the 21st century? Religion no longer holds a monopoly on living a meaningful life and finding community. There are myriads of places and activities in our world today

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



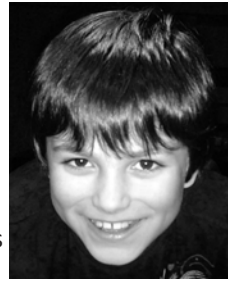
**This month's President's space is devoted to thanking some of our extraordinary volunteers.**

First, as many of you know, our ALIYAH Jewish Learning program for K-6th grades is undergoing significant change beginning with the next school year. For as long as I am aware, the Jewish education of Neveh Shalom youth required Sunday School attendance and twice a week Hebrew School in the afternoon. For me, that meant two afternoons per week at the JCC for the community Hebrew School plus Sunday mornings at our synagogue. For those of you younger than me, or with children currently in our program, it meant two afternoons in our own Hebrew School plus Sunday (or sometimes Saturday) mornings. When I became president, and even before then, I heard from many congregants who found it becoming

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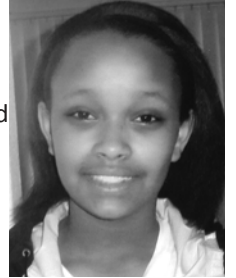
## MOSES FELBERG MAY 11

Moses Felberg, son of Sony and Jennifer Felberg, Grandson of Bob Ginsberg and the late Carol Ginsberg (z'l) and great-grandson of Alice Potter and Ed Potter (z'l) will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 11th in Seaside, Oregon.. Moses is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy where he enjoys being the class prankster and involved in theater. He has a great love of reading, playing the saxophone, and hanging out with his sister, cousins and dog - especially at the beach. He volunteers at least once a week at The Robison Jewish Health Center where he enjoys conversations with his elderly friends. Moses enjoys spending his summers at B'nai Brith Summer Camp following his family's long tradition of attending.



## NAOMI EZRA MAY 16

Mazel Tov to Naomi Ezra, daughter of Zemenay Alemu and Solomon Ezra. Sister to Jonathan Ezra. She is a 7th grader at Highland park middle school where she excels in advanced math. Naomi enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She also enjoys music, reading books and running. She is a graduate of foundation school.



## KAYLA KLEIN-WOLF MAY 25

Mazel Tov to Kayla Klein-Wolf on her Bat Mitzvah May 25th! Kayla is the daughter of Lisa Klein-Wolf and Michael Wolf, big sister to JJ and granddaughter of Arlene and Tom Klein and Ken and Madeline Wolf. Kayla is a 7th grader at The Odyssey School in SW Portland where she is a school leader with a love of drama, dance and anything that allows her to be creative and artistic. Kayla has been active with the Northwest Children's Theater since moving to Portland in 2006. While it is difficult to find Kayla's feet still (and not tap dancing!), she is a grounded kid who has strong personal values. She is an incredibly loyal friend, and a terrific big sister. Kayla loves spending time with her friends- laughing and joking- and singing (loudly!). Kayla shows a remarkable creative side with a keen sense for design, fashion and photography. She is a vibrant young woman who is passionate about family, learning and her Jewish identity.



## ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH JUNE 1



David Biggam, Teresa Coughlin, Stephanie Arnheim, Jan Rosenthal

Please join us on June 1 to celebrate this year's Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. The students have been working for the past year both as a group and individually. Each student will lead a part of the service and chant from the Torah. They will also share personal thoughts about the parsha and this meaningful process. The Adult B'nai Mitzvah program is one of many offerings in adult education at Neveh Shalom. Our adult education committee, chaired by Toby Blake, has been working to create a more comprehensive array of offerings starting in September 2013. Watch for a new adult education supplement to our Program Guide this fall, and let us help you find a meaningful fit for your learning needs!

## DALYA MEYER JUNE 15

Mazel tov to Dalya Meyer, who will celebrate her bat mitzvah June 14-15. Dalya is the daughter of Erika and Rich Meyer and sister of Avi and Orly. Her grandparents are Lora and Jim Meyer of Portland, Nicole Kempler and Jerome Kluever of San Pedro, California, and the late Alan Kempler. She is in the seventh grade at West Sylvan Middle school. Dalya enjoys playing soccer, running, dancing, drawing, and surfing. She loves to spend time with friends and family, travel and is looking forward to spending her seventh summer at Camp Solomon Schechter this July.



## DANNY MENDELSON JUNE 22

Mazel tov to Danny Mendelson, son of Joyce and Larry Mendelson, brother to Rachel and Alexis. Danny's grandparents are Ruth Mendelson and Mort Mendelson z'l and Dara and Marty Shuhandler. Danny is currently completing 7th grade at Riverdale Grade School. His favorite subjects include Science and Social Studies. Danny is an avid sports fan! He loves to play soccer and basketball year round with his many friends and on teams that he has played on for many years. He also has developed a passion for international travel, sports and cuisine. In the past few years, Danny has taken four international trips and had the opportunity to attend several sporting events in these countries. In addition to his Bar Mitzvah studies, Danny has participated in several volunteer projects including preparing and serving meals at a local family shelter.



## “A Very Potter Purim”—Much More than Magic

Little did we realize when we began the process of putting together Little did we realize when we began the process of putting together “A Very Potter Purim” that it would hit so close to home. Megillat Esther has its cast list of good guys and bad: Esther and Mordechai are good; Haman is bad; King Achashveirosh is a follower rather than a leader and with Esther’s help, becomes good. Synopsis: Esther saves the Jewish people from death by the hands of Haman. Consequently, most stories that are told through books, television and film also illustrate good and bad, right and wrong and, in the end, the good guys usually win. Hence, we selected one to parody our Purim story—Harry Potter. I admit, I knew very little about the Harry Potter stories when the High School students and I began our adventures, but the more I learned, the more I was blown away by the parallels between the challenges that Harry Potter and his friends face and the ones that we confront as Jews.

I’m sure many of you are avid Harry Potter fans, but for those who aren’t—allow me to share a brief summation. Harry Potter and the Gryffindors are the good bunch in the chronicles. They’re a motley crew of witches and wizards of various backgrounds; they are not necessarily the most popular kids in the Hogwarts School, but those trying to do a little good in the world—spread some chesed if you will, doing a mitzvah here and there to save a fellow Gryffindor, an animal from an unjust death, a good professor who just happens to be a werewolf...you get the drift.

Some of the aforementioned kids are known in the Potter tales as *Mudbloods*, that is, descendants from no *wizarding* parents or grandparents. Their parents are known as *Muggles*, a racial moniker given to those civilians who are not blessed with magical powers of any kind. Furthermore, there are kids considered to be Half-bloods, those born to mixed-marriages. Both terms, *Mudbloods* and *Half-bloods* imply that these wizards are considered to be of lower breeding and not deserving of magical powers, despite the fact that there is no difference in magical powers between the wizards and witches of *Pure-blood* and those deemed not to be. Quite a similar classification to the German term, *Mischling*, crossbreed, used during the Nazi era to denote people considered to have only partial *Aryan* blood, and varying degrees of Jewish ancestry.

A wide array of evil magical beings set out to destroy Harry Potter, the son of two very powerful wizards who died at the hands of Voldemort aka He-Who-Shall-Not-Be-Named aka Haman in our Purim tale. Harry is the only wizard to have outlived the wrath of Voldemort, so all of the bad guys are out to get him. Their mission

is to eliminate

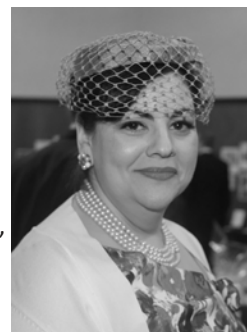
Harry so

that Voldemort and evil can prevail in their world. In addition, there are similarly damaging villains throughout the series like classmate Draco Malfoy from the House of Slytherin—the bullying group of wizards possessing the *Yeitzer HaRa* “the evil inclination,” and his father, school alum, Lucius Malfoy. Lucius makes it abundantly clear that as a Board Member of the Hogwarts School, he seeks to eliminate students that are not *Pure-blood* from the institution. A scary coincidence to the Nazi government passing the Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service in 1933, which excluded Jews from university and governmental positions, and soon to follow, laws enacted to degrade Jewish lawyers, judges, doctors and teachers. These laws were only one element of the intricate groundwork being laid for what would be the “Final Solution.” Lucky for us, Haman, the Hitler of his day, didn’t succeed in carrying out his plans, nor did Voldemort and his henchmen in the Potter tales. J.K. Rowling who penned the Harry Potter stories succeeded in reminding us of the horrors that can result from just one person set out to do evil in the world.

The Purim Elective was a big class of almost 20—much like The Gryffindors, equally diverse in their walks of life. The class was usually not easy to manage and we certainly had our ups and downs working together. Sometimes there were back-handed comments dropped—sometimes even not so subtle. Feelings got hurt. We had to constantly stop and remind ourselves that amidst the fun and craziness of putting together a show, we had to uphold our Jewish values—for the sake of ourselves, the Jews that came before us and for future generations. We had to respect and treat our neighbor as we wanted to be treated. We had to exercise patience and show loving-kindness. That was the only way we could teach our *kehilah* through the *Purimspiel*, and walk away having learned a multitude of things about good and evil, what it feels like to be marginalized, and what it’s like to be Esther or Harry Potter surrounded by those who seek to destroy us just because they perceive us to be different from the norm. I have no idea what Purim has in store for us next year, but I know that I will not soon forget the crucial work that we did this past year. *Yasher Kochachem* to everyone involved in Purim 2013.

B’shalom, **Cantor Bletstein**

## NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



Melissa Bloom and I have recently stepped into the role of co-chairs of the Chesed Committee. Together with Rabbi Greenstein, we are looking at how we

reach out to help more people, how to update our communication structure, and how to help more people get involved in our wonderful *kehilah*. We have congregants in need of Chesed outreach on a regular basis. I would like to know how you would like to be involved in the Chesed outreach. **Your involvement could be one or both of the following:**

1. Attend Chesed Committee Meetings and/or be involved in Chesed Committee projects such as advertising, phone calls, computer issues, etc.
2. Prepare a meal for a Neveh member who lives nearby who has had a baby, has had surgery, is undergoing chemo/radiation, or has recently lost a loved one.

Please call or e-mail us and let us know how you would like to be involved. Thank you for all you do!

**Cathy Blair**

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## CANDLE LIGHTING

MAY 03	8:01PM
MAY 10	8:10PM
MAY 17	8:18PM
MAY 24	8:26PM
MAY 31	8:33PM
JUNE 07	8:38PM
JUNE 14	8:42PM
JUNE 21	8:45PM
JUNE 28	8:46PM

## Shavout Services

Wed May 15th and

Thurs May 16th:

9:00am Stampfer

Chapel followed by a  
kiddush lunch at noon.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

#### Every Friday: 6:15pm

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

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

#### Every Saturday: 9:00am

Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service. Free Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831x100 by noon on the preceding Wednesday to reserve space.

### DAILY MINYAN: SUNDAY-FRIDAY

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

**\*Shabbat child care available beginning at 9:30am by advance reservation only. Please call 503.246.8831x100 by noon on the preceding Wednesday to reserve space.**

## SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

### First Fridays

#### 1st Fridays, 6:15pm (June 7)

Bring your spirit and your voice to join together on the first Friday of the month. Accompanied by Ilene Safyan on guitar, this service is one of beautiful music, filled with much singing and participation. New melodies are intermixed with congregational favorites. It's a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat together, as a community. A light oneg follows the service. **Ilene Safyan will be guest cantor at PDX Live! on May 3rd.**

### Chik-Chak Service

#### 3rd Friday (May 17, June 21)

Carlebach A traditional, heimishe, kid friendly, lay-led service featuring Carlebach tunes followed by a delicious dinner. Services at 6:15pm followed by dinner at 7:15pm. Reservations are required for dinner by the preceding Wednesday, via a link in the congregation email blast. NOTE: on 3rd Fridays when there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the main service is combined with ChikChak in one service.

### Hinenu Erev Shabbat Service

#### 4th Fridays, 6:30pm (May 31, June 28)

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

### PDX Live!

Fridays, Special 7:30pm service time (May 3)

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

## SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

### Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (May 11, 25 June 8, 22, 29) Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot. Want to lead a part of the service or read Torah? Contact Eddy Shuldman at mameleh@comcast.net. On "Combined Minyan" dates we meet at 9am.

### KEVA with Rabbi Greenstein:

3rd Saturdays, 10:00-11:45am (May 18, June 15)

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

### Rose Schnitzer Manor, "Darchei Noam" service

3rd Saturdays, 10:00am (May 18, June 15)

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

## SHABBAT MORNING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

### Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5 years old)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:15am (May 4, 18, June 1, 15)

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

### Kehillat Noar (Grades 1-5)

3rd Saturdays, October-May: 10:00am (May 18)

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

### ELEANOR FISCHER

### DIAL-IN SERVICE

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

**Call 503.246.8832**

where one who is looking can find a life of fulfillment. Moreover, for better or for worse, Jewish survival does not quicken the pulse of this generation as it did for us, our parents and grandparents.

What does Judaism have to offer the 21st century? I recently spent time learning with Arthur Green, one of modern Jewry's most prominent scholars and rabbis. One definitive answer for this master is the model of Shabbat. In a world that has become faster than ever, where sending something federal express overnight is considered "snail mail", we all feel the need to slow down. In a world where not responding to your e-mail daily is considered rude and where we carry our work home and in our pockets there is a demand for less distraction. Judaism has the profound gift of detailing how to step off the treadmill of life and renew and refresh your soul. Even though we are able to text "I love you" and see each other's faces through Skype light particles millions of miles away, we are somehow more isolated than ever. As we evolve and re-discover the concept of Shabbat I cannot think of an idea more relevant to our time than the concept of spending one day un-plugged. One day without distraction to be with our family, our communities, ourselves, and the mystery we call God.

We live in the crossroads of Jewish history yet we also live during a most inauspicious moment for humanity. For the first time in the history of the world one species controls the fate of all other species and we are slowly killing our planet. Shabbat is the idea that one-seventh of our lives can be spent without manipulating our surroundings. By spending one sunset stepping back and giving pause we begin to notice the humility of the world's functioning without us...and sense also the positive potential of our own life's influence. Shabbat is a gift to the world and the world is listening. We are a tiny percent of the world's population yet Christianity and Christian leaders who represent one of the largest populations are very interested in what the Jewish community cares about. We are a tiny percent of the world's population yet incidentally we are amongst the most highly educated and economically advanced of all ethnic minorities...placed in the most powerful country in the world, in the most important time, with the most freedom that we have ever known. The gifts of Jews will be received if only we can first accept them in our own hearts and minds. May we be humble in our responsibility and creative in our giving, for our time calls for nothing less than what was called for by Abraham Joshua Heschel, the teacher and mentor of Art Green, "Moral grandeur and spiritual audacity."

I look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you soon,

**Rabbi Bradley Greenstein**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

increasingly more difficult to fulfill these learning commitments along with all of the other secular commitments (sports, school, music, etc.) of their children. Also, as greater Portland and its Jewish community has grown, many more of our congregants no longer live within a close radius of our campus. Commutes are longer, more families have both parents working full time. Additionally, in talking to my peers from other Conservative Jewish congregations, I learned that our three day a week program was no longer the standard. Many Conservative congregations had already changed to a two day a week program. As a result, I asked our education committee to put together a task force to study this issue and make a recommendation to our Board at our February board meeting. That task force, chaired by **Jenn Director Knudsen** and **Toby Blake**, worked with our Education Director, **Mel Berwin**, to thoroughly study this issue through surveys of our families, surveys of other congregations, meetings with congregants, and much more. The resulting recommendation, adopted by our board, was to change and revamp our ALIYAH program. The most significant change is that our students will now be required to attend only once during the week (albeit for a bit longer) with greater options for working families, including Wednesday nights. The other significant change is that, instead of starting in 2nd grade, CNS youth education will now begin with kindergarten.

Our Board would have not been able to endorse these changes without the utmost confidence in the work of all of our task force volunteers, our education staff, and the support of our clergy and Executive Director. For our Board, it was a demonstration of the care, commitment, and expertise of our lay leaders. Kol Hakavod.

And speaking of care, commitment and expertise, I cannot let this column end without thanking and honoring our auction chairs, **Todd and Felicia Rosenthal**, and their outstanding auction committee. Even if you were unable to attend this year's Mad Mensch themed auction, I am certain you have heard how much fun we all had dressing up, celebrating, bidding and donating to support our Kehilah. This auction was an absolute success on every level, including its budgetary goal. For the second year in a row, the Rosenthals and their committee raised the bar ever higher.

Last, as I write this in April, we are in the midst of preparing our budget for the next fiscal year. If all goes according to plan, it appears we will continue to be able to avoid any budgetary deficits and shortfalls for the coming year, while only minimally raising dues to meet the increase in expenses brought on by our contractual obligations and rising costs of goods and services. Much thanks goes to our Finance Committee for scrubbing the numbers and coming up with a plan and budget that works.

Here at Neveh Shalom, we have a great staff, but we have amazing volunteers who work selflessly to make this an outstanding Kehilah.

B'shalom,

**Steven Kahn**

## The Cheesecake Conundrum:

*Starvation, Hunger, and Food Insecurity. A Tikun Leyl Shavout Discussion.*

Typically on Erev Shavout our synagogue sponsors a very long evening of scholarly Talmudic and Torah discussion. Yet it is not necessarily the brilliant speakers or the segments of prayer that bring us to shul. It is the cheesecake. At some point late in the evening we break for cheesecake. How typically Jewish!

This year, on the evening of May 14th, we will still have the cheesecake but with a bit of a twist. The evening will start early, around 7 p.m., with the showing of a documentary on hunger in America and ways it can be addressed. After a short evening service we will then have an array of speakers with expertise on the hunger challenges faced in the Portland community and how we are addressing them. We'll also have insights from our clergy on Judaism's view of our personal and community responsibility to those who are facing hunger. As we commemorate the passing of the Torah from God to the Jewish people that evening just perhaps it will provide the inspiration for many of us to find way we can help ease the suffering of the hungry in our community and beyond.

## NOTES FROM SHOMREI TEVA

### Shavuot and Your Backyard

The two Shavuots: the revelation at Sinai, and the harvest festival where the Israelites made pilgrimage to Jerusalem with offerings, which were "elevated" as noted in Leviticus 23:20-21. Commenting on this act, Rabbi Rafael Samson Hirsch (German Orthodox, late 1800's) wrote that "the vitality of the Earth, anywhere, is indeed dependent on humankind becoming 'unselfish'. We must learn to feel that we are but stewards for future generations, who depend on our unselfishness regarding a planet already overtaxed with resource extraction and depletion."

Become "unselfish" and a better steward for future generations by starting in your own backyard! On Sunday, May 12th, 9am-10, Shomrei Teva will present a talk on the Backyard Habitat Improvement Certification program (<http://www.columbialandtrust.org/get-involved/act/backyard-habitats>). Come learn about the program, its benefits, how to do it (it's really easy), and why it's the Jewish thing to do. The Backyard Habitat program



will help you make simple changes to your yard and yard practices resulting in a healthier habitat, with more birds and butterflies, safer for you and your children.

As for that Shavuot pilgrimage, come to our **ongoing Shomrei Teva nature hikes**. So far we've been to Woods Memorial Park, Hoyt Arboretum (a hiking seder on Tu b'Shvat), Tryon Creek, and a Pesach hike in Tualatin Hills Nature Park (pictured). More is planned --- at least one a month. If you're interested, get on our mailing list. Contact Jordan Epstein at [yaakovm@comcast.net](mailto:yaakovm@comcast.net).

*Chag Sameach from Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom*

## NEVER AGAIN COALITION

### Never Again Coalition's Good Deeds Day Project

The Jewish Federation of Portland, familiar with the Never Again Coalition, invited NAC to sponsor a volunteer project for Portland's first Good Deeds Day. NAC chose clay bone-making, thus joining the One Million Bones global effort to raise awareness of mass atrocities happening today in Congo, Sudan, Burma and Somalia.

Why bones? Bones are universal and symbolize our common



humanity. They are the physical evidence that individuals -- people! -- ever existed.

For a few hours we were a community of interests, ages, and backgrounds with a surprising and heart-warming number of elementary and high school students. Altogether there were some forty of us, seated across from each other molding lumps of clay into a variety of human bones. Our collection of 126 bones were fired, and along with other bones made in the Portland area, had their first public viewing in the Portland Park Blocks on April 25th. From June 8th to June 10th, One Million Bones----including our creations----will be installed at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The bone-laying is the intersection of art and activism, of education and action. It will represent the mass graves that are the result of ongoing conflict, and it will be a visual reminder that we belong to each other.

If you are interested in this or other ways that you can help our efforts and put an end to genocide, visit our website at [www.neveragaincoalition.org](http://www.neveragaincoalition.org) or stop by one of our next meetings (May 6 and June 3). We'd love to have you there.

## HYGIENE KITS PROJECT



### 149 Hygiene Kits!

Thanks to **Susan Sutherlin**, our wonderful volunteers and the generosity of many Congregation Neveh Shalom members, we were able to put together 149 Hygiene Kits on March 10th: The Federation's Good Deeds Day.

Portland is 3,000 shelter beds short each night, there is a 10-week wait to get into a shelter. While waiting for a shelter bed, the homeless can take showers at the Transition Projects facility at Broadway & Hoyt. We are continuing to collect hygiene kit items. The two most needed items are deodorant and toothbrushes. Also needed are razors, tampons, and travel size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner.

Thanks to all of you, for making life sweeter and more just for Portland's homeless.

**Cathy Blair**, [cathyblair55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyblair55@yahoo.com)

## FAMILY WINTER SHELTER

A huge thank you to our Neveh volunteers who donated, prepared and/or served dinner at the Parkrose Family Winter Shelter over the last few months - our delicious, warm meals were greatly appreciated by all. We had a large crew of volunteers this winter and I would like to acknowledge all who participated in this worthy mitzvah:

**Debra Altmark, Rebecca Bard, Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, Lori Ann Burd, Lauren Botney, Ethan Brenner, Eli Brenner, Jennifer Caplan, Deb Freedberg and her Knit/Bake Class, Arnold and Elaine Cogan, Jon Cohen, Jorden Cohen, Sallie Cohen, Sheri and Lee Cordova, Maude Elovitz, Mitch Elovitz, Mary and Harry Goldhammer, Jenn Kalenscher, Jenn Knudsen, Nancy Keates, Michelle-Shari Kruss, Noah Kruss, Shoshana Jacoby, Priscilla and Tony Kostiner, Julianne Levinson, Kathrine Levinson, Ronnie Malka, David Meisels, Gavin Meisels, Melissa Meisels, Alexis Mendelsohn, Danny Mendelsohn, Joyce Mendelsohn, Larry Mendelsohn, Karen Metter, Brauna Ritchie, Marty and Sharyn Schneiderman, Sharon and Al Segal, Vaughan Siker, Teddy Siker, Benji Spector, Joshua Spector, Lee and Leslie Spector/Beaverton Pizzicato, Shari Levinson Spector, Annie Zigman, Andrew Zigman, Aviva Zigman and Jonah Zigman.**

Neveh Shalom is adding one more date to serve a meal at the Family Winter Shelter – please email Joyce Mendelsohn ([joyce@mendelsohngroup.com](mailto:joyce@mendelsohngroup.com)) if you are able to prepare or serve the meal on **Monday, April 29**.

The following meal items are needed for approx 40/50 adults/children: Bread, Salad, Fruit, Main Meal (several casseroles are needed), veggies, desserts, drinks (lemonade and juice). Also, take away breakfast items are appreciated for the next morning (granola bars etc.). If you are interested in delivery/serving, that would be very much appreciated also.

Thank you in advance for helping with this mitzvah!

## OUTSIDE IN

**Chris Blair** will lead us in cooking for the 60 homeless teens of Outside-In during the months of May and June. Why not meet us in the Neveh Shalom kitchen, and see how rewarding it can be to make life sweeter for those in need. We are especially in need of bakers!



Sunday, May 26, 9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Sunday, June 23, 9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Watch the CNS E-Blast or contact **Cathy Blair at [cathyblair55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyblair55@yahoo.com)** if you would like to be informed of future dates by e-mail.

## CHEVRA KAVOD HAMET

The Chevra Kavod Hamet is a voluntary group devoted to preparing the dead for burial. Traditionally, the Chevra also served as shomrim, staying near the body of the deceased from the time of death until burial. In the past, the Chevra Kavod Hamet has not offered the services of shomer (guard) for the deceased, but we would like to begin to do that, at least from the time of tahara (ritual preparation of the body) until the time of burial. Volunteers who serve as shomrim would need to have their own transportation and a flexible schedule, as most of our ritual preparation concludes at around 9 am and often the funeral is not until 11 am or as late as 3 pm. One person would not need to cover that entire time; volunteers would be scheduled for one to two hour shifts. We usually have no more than 72 hours notice, and sometimes as little as 18 hours notice, of the need for shmira. Usually the volunteer shomer reads Psalms or other devotional texts in a room with or near the casket of the deceased. If you would like to volunteer for shmira, please contact the Chevra coordinator at [chevrakavodhamet@gmail.com](mailto:chevrakavodhamet@gmail.com)

## SISTERHOOD

### Greetings Sisters!



Please celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat with us. Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be on Friday, May 31, at 6:15 P.M. Experience an amazing service that is entirely led by women! If you would like to participate in leading the service call Dana Sirkin at (503)454-0610.

Sisterhood will host a June BARBECUE at the home of Marsha Strongin – date and details to be announced!

With the summer coming up, plan to invite other women for coffee, iced tea, or a picnic. Summer is a great time to get to know other astounding Neveh Shalom women in small groups. I would love to get to know all of you better!

Hope to see you all soon!

B' Shalom,

Cathy Blair, *Sisterhood President*

cathyblair55@yahoo.com (503)675-1328

## MEN'S CLUB



**Morris Engelson**

On April 14th we had our annual Yom Hashoah program, featuring **Morris Engelson**, a Holocaust survivor, formerly a Chief Engineer at Tektronix, an author, and an Adjunct Professor at Oregon State University. This presentation was co-sponsored with the Neveh Shalom Sisterhood.

April 23rd: film & discussion, featuring the film "Dig-The Short Film" and taking place at the home of Harold Lesch. Facebook states, "Dig is a short film about a young, Jewish Holocaust survivor who, twenty years following his exodus from Europe, sees the Nazi responsible for his family's death, kidnaps him, and orders him to dig his own grave."

### Sunday, May 19th: our annual Texas Hold'em Tournament.

This year our Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held during the afternoon in Birnbach Hall starting at 1:30pm and ending approximately 4:30pm. This year's prize pool consists of over \$1,000 worth of prizes. Registration forms can be obtained online at (<http://>

[nevehshalom.org/flyers/texasholdem2013.pdf](http://nevehshalom.org/flyers/texasholdem2013.pdf)) or by contacting one of the event coordinators -Peter Bedrick, Harold Lesch, or Bruce Stern. Up until May 13th the registration fee is \$56, which includes wine, beer, soda, snacks, and other goodies. After May 13th the registration fee jumps to \$63.



As our 2012-13 season comes to an end, we are beginning to plan our programs for the forthcoming season, and we are requesting suggestions from our fellow congregants as to speakers, topics, and events you would like us to consider. Please submit your

thoughts to either Gabe Markiz, our President, or Peter Wigmore, our Communications V.P. Your suggestions are very important to us, for we are always striving to meet the needs of our beloved synagogue!

Health & Happiness to All,

Gabe Markiz,

Peter Wigmore

Men's Club President

Men's Club Communications V.P.

[gabe@mandfcpas.com](mailto:gabe@mandfcpas.com)

[aussiewig711@gmail.com](mailto:aussiewig711@gmail.com)

## ORA



### Friday Night, May 3rd, our synagogue will introduce another ORA Art Show in conjunction with PDX Live!

Not only will the lobby showcases be filled with art, but several of the artists will be on hand to personally greet you and talk about their art. As always, the art work can

purchased after Shabbat and a portion of the proceeds will go to the shul!

The theme for this show is Shavuot and summer. You can expect to see a variety of interpretations of the themes represented in the artwork: Roberta Cohen is a skilled jewelry artist who specializes in sterling silver and beadwork. Her inventiveness and creativity are reflected in the designs of her adornments. She is one of the owners of Art on Broadway, a Beaverton gallery.

Judith Hankin is a Eugene-based artist with a national reputation! She does papercuts, mixed media and etched glass Judaica. Judith designs have been included in architectural features of synagogues. Anna Kodesch creates lively and colorful paintings. She has gained a reputation for her land-

scapes, still life work and animals. She was recently featured in Oregon Jewish Life and at the Gerding Theater Gallery. Bob Sorkin is a photographer who has redefined the notion of taking snapshots while on vacation. Anyone can aim a camera and shoot a picture, but Bob knows how to "see" form, patterns, shapes. Bob invites the viewer to join him in his photographic stories.

Artwork will be on display through the summer



Hinenu members had a great time volunteering at Neveh Shalom's "Party Like A Mad Mensch" auction! We had twelve volunteers who worked extremely hard throughout the evening. During the silent auction, we were the driving force behind \$8,000 worth of raffle ticket sales. Others helped close out bidding on silent auction items. At the end of the evening we were literally running to bring auction attendees their winning silent auction items. After an enjoyable night, Neveh Shalom's mad menschen were met at the exit by Hinenu volunteers handing out parting favors. Members of the Moishe House also joined us as volunteers during various parts of the evening. We would like to give special thanks to Vicki Rotstein for all of her help in organizing the raffle sales. Hinenu Member-At-Large Jen Salzberg said "that 'Party Like A Mad Mensch' was a successful and enjoyable evening for both attendees and the volunteers." We are looking forward to being just as involved with next year's auction!

Want to enjoy a fun and educational Shavuot dinner? Hinenu is hosting a private Shavuot dinner on Wednesday, May 15th at the Kennedy School! This private event will be limited to the first twenty five RSVPs and will feature a vegetarian buffet with an educational component. You won't want to miss this event! The next Sunday, May 19th, a few of us will be joining the Men's Club at Neveh for their annual poker tournament fundraiser. On Saturday, June 15th, we will be walking at the annual Crohn's and Colitis Walk in Willamette Park. Last summer more than twelve Hinenuites and adults showed up on a drizzly day to participate and honor our lost friend, Dan Steinberg. A few Sundays later, on June 30th, we will be teaming up with Natalie Nahome, Portland's own Shlichah, for a hike in Forest Park. This hike and lite picnic will be a fun program for us to participate in.

Of course, Hinenu is all about enjoyable Shabbats; the last Friday of every month, we have a lay-led Shabbat service. On May 31st, we will be hosted after our service by Nate Janove, our programming coordinator, for a fun potluck. Also, on June 28th, we will have our service in Zidell Chapel beginning at 6:30pm which will be followed by a vegetarian summer potluck at nearby Gabriel Park. This potluck will be sponsored by Stephen Brenner and Ariella Ross.

***Hinenu is Neveh Shalom's community for young adults who are post-college and pre-kids. We are always planning an exciting program and would love to see you there. In order to get more information or suggest a new program please find us on Facebook under "Hinenu" or email at [Hinenu.PDX@gmail.com](mailto:Hinenu.PDX@gmail.com).***



*Hinenu at last year's walk*



**Martinis and Mitzvot** was a smashing success! Thank you to all who came and who supported the effort. We exceeded our goals and raised \$90k, and couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Guests came dressed elegantly, in keeping with the early '60's **Mad Men** theme. From the Rat Pack Lounge to the Martini Bar, it was quite the swinging night!





## Exciting New Options for ALIYAH Families

Neveh Shalom runs one of the most comprehensive, in-depth and fun(!) Jewish education programs in the Portland area. The youth in our programs demonstrate a high level of Jewish know-how and Hebrew skills, look forward to spending time with our dynamic and nurturing teachers, and consider this community an important social sphere. From learning the alef-bet to celebrating their b'nai

mitzvah to becoming leaders in our youth groups and teen aides in our classrooms, we see our children grow up with a strong sense of self and community.

This year, we engaged in an important task force process to evaluate the structure of our ALIYAH Jewish Learning program for Kindergarten-6th grades. We had a high level of thoughtful participation in this process, and our families' clear requests for structural changes were heard. We are very pleased to roll out the new plan for ALIYAH which responds to the real needs of our families while maintaining the high quality of educational programming you expect from Neveh Shalom.

Our new schedule for next year allows flexibility for families in a 2-day-a-week program:

- \*Sundays from 9:00-12, students are engaged in our fun and content-filled Jewish studies curriculum, Hebrew, and cultural electives known as "chugim" such as art, music, drama, Hebrew yoga, or nature.

- \*Families choose between weekday options of Monday afternoons (4:15-6:00), Wednesday afternoons (4:15-6:00) or, for 3rd-6th graders, an evening option of Wednesday evenings (6:30-8:15). There will also be a Wednesday evening dinner option at 6:00 p.m.

- \*For students with significant prior exposure to Hebrew, we offer a Hebrew immersion option that runs on Mondays AND Wednesdays (4:15-6:00).

- \*One-on-one enrichment sessions for each student built in throughout the year

The benefit of this new schedule is that it allows families the convenience of children participating in our programs at the same time (a 1st and 4th grader both attend on Monday afternoons; or a 5th and 8th grader both come on Wednesday evenings); another is the head-start our youngest kids will have in Hebrew language learning.

We invite you to attend an Education Open House to find out more, or to visit our programs and see for yourself why our kids love attending. Join us on May 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m. to learn more about ALIYAH, Foundation School, and our new ShalomZone afterschool care program.

**To find out more:**

**Join us at an Education Open House, Friday May 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Contact Mel Berwin [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org) or 503-293-7306**



*Michelle Caplan and our Kitah Alef class with song leader Justin "Jude" Carroll.*

## FOUNDATION SCHOOL



### Spring time at Foundation School

With spring under way, Foundation School children have been very busy growing peas in the court yard garden boxes, observing the daffodils they planted in the fall on the playground, and watching caterpillars turn into butterflies.

The children pretended to fly to Israel for Yom Ha'Atzma'ut and had an all school picnic for Lag B'Omer.

We are preparing for our last month of school with our last parent coffee on May 8 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the atrium and the pre-k plays as we say farewell to them and wish them well. We will celebrate Shavuot by attending services and placing flowers in the ark and making butter.

Foundation School families and friends are welcome to join us for our last all school Shabbat and last day of school on June 7 at 11:15 in the Birnbach Hall.

It has been a wonderful year. I want to thank all the parents for sharing your children with us.



*Can you guess which butterflies are hiding behind their wings?*

Thank you for your support.  
Shalom and enjoy the summer.  
Morah Kathy

**Registration for next year is ongoing. Contact me for more information.**

**[Kwolfson@nevehshalom.org](mailto:Kwolfson@nevehshalom.org) or 503-293-7307**

## New Art Work in Room 102

On Saturday, March 16th, a set of beautifully handcrafted fabric panels was dedicated in room 102, which is home to Keva with Rabbi Bradley and Sarah Greenstein and other meetings. These panels complete the room that features a gorgeous hand-made ark designed by Gary Pearlman.

The two ladies we need to thank for this fantastic project are **Laura Fendel and Sharon Segal**, both members of ORA and Neveh Shalom. They answered some of our questions about the work.

### ***How did the idea for the panels come about?***

We attend Rabbi Greenstein's monthly Keva service. We both felt the desire to enhance the atmosphere of the room.

### ***what do they represent?***

The panels are named "Seasons of Keva". We see the trees throughout the seasons from the windows in the room.

In fabric and paint we have depicted each season by designing and creating ten panels including Hebrew song and prayer. The name of Hashem blesses the creation.



***Sharon Segal and Laura Fendel in front of thier work***



### ***how long did it take to create them and what was the process like?***

It took a year and a half from conception to creation. As Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan claims "Radical Amazement is appreciating each day and finding things in life that are phenomenal striving to never treat life casually." That is what spirituality is - to be amazed. In noticing the details of each season we found spirituality in the process of the project.

## 5 QUESTIONS TO A BOARD MEMBER

**In this edition we are profiling Glen Coblens, who serves as a board member and is on the Long Range Plan steering committee, Youth Activities Committee, CNS Membership Model Task Force, Chessed Committee and the Board Nominating Committee.**

### ***1. What is your favorite Jewish Memory?***

My wedding to Mia Birk at CNS, Nov. 6, 2011 and the Bar Mitzvah of my son Skyler, June 23, 2012

**2. Tell us about an interesting hobby you have** I've got this little "hobby" called basketball. Actually it's more than a hobby, it's been a major influence on my life. Growing up playing against two older brothers, doing drills with my uncle before Shabbat dinner and attending Trail Blazers practices at the JCC are some of my fondest memories. After high school and college, coaching became my obsession and my career. Now, more than 20 years later, I continue coaching various levels from youth, high school and adults. The thrill of playing will culminate this summer as I am honored to represent the USA on the Masters Basketball team at the 19th World Maccabiah Games in Israel. Follow our journey at <http://www.maccabiusa.com>.

Other hobbies include running, cycling and triathlons. Oh yeah, almost forgot... blowing Shofar. Following in the footsteps of my uncle, Alan Montrose, I am honored to blow shofar during the high holidays. My favorite moment came this past year, when my baby son, Levi, joined me in a front pack.

He was so used to hearing me blast in our home, it didn't bother him in the least. Give him a few years and he will be on his own.

**3. Favorite Jewish Holiday (and why)** All - Holidays are just another great opportunity to be with family! If I had to pick one it would be Shabbat. I am blessed with a large, close, extended family, most of whom live in Portland. When I was a small child, my grandparents started a tradition of having family Shabbat dinner every week. My grandmother taught my brothers and me, we should go enjoy our lives, but know we will always have Shabbat dinner. There was no place my brothers and I would rather be. We would light the candles, say the blessings and spend the evening together. We would also celebrate birthdays on Shabbat, strengthening our bond and the meaning of Shabbat. While the family has grown over the years, not much has changed. We continue the tradition today... the best night of the week!

**4. Favorite Movie** - "Life Is Beautiful."

**5. What would your Bubbe Say? (about you)** "OY... was he a great grandson. So devoted and he just adored me... and I him. After I broke my hip, he was determined to help me walk again and led the therapy I never received from the hospital. Boy was he a demanding coach! Payback for all those years where I tested him and his brothers for school and their Bar Mitzvah's. He helped me learn all the prayers and corrected my pronunciation while I prepared for my Bat Mitzvah at age 70."



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This schedule is for one of a kind events.  
For Service times and other regularly scheduled events, check out the monthly calendar insert that comes with the Chronicle.

## WED MAY 1

**7:00pm Book Talk@Neveh** “*The Hare With Amber Eyes*” by Edmund de Wall. Discussion lead by Kaiya Goldhammer. Meets in board room - open to everyone.

## WEEKEND MAY 3 - 5

**Kadima Kinnus at Neveh Shalom**

## FRI MAY 3

**5:45pm Shabbat B’yachad** - a special dinner celebrating our members, come to dinner then PDX Live!

**7:30pm PDX Live!** Join Cantor Bletstein, Ed Kraus, and Klezmocracy for a high-energy Shabbat service with instruments that will rock your soul! Stay afterwards and schmooze at our signature Neveh Shalom oneg. Special guest Ilene Safyan.

## FRI MAY 10

**High School Graduation** - Please join us on Friday evening, May 10th, as we celebrate the graduation of all of our High School seniors. Neveh Shalom has established a tradition of recognizing these students as they are about to embark on their new adventures. We look forward to this joyous evening, celebrating a parent’s pride and young person’s accomplishments every year.

## SUN MAY 12

**3:00pm Film Club** - Jewish themed films and discussion. Refreshments served. E-mail Joan Sher at joanzsher@aol.com

## TUE MAY 14

**7:00pm Tikkun Leil Shavout** - more info on page

## SUN MAY 19

**1:30pm Men’s Club Texas Hold’em tournament**

## WED MAY 22

**6:30pm Tichon Graduation**

## FRI MAY 31

**9:00am Educational Open House** (see page 10)

**6:15pm Sisterhood Shabbat** (see page 8)

## SAT JUNE 1

**9:00am Adult B’nai Mitzvah service** (see page 2)

## THU JUNE 20

**7:00pm Annual Meeting** - We invite all our members attend this important meeting. Hear administrative, program and financial reports from our clergy, staff and lay leadership; meet and elect our officers and Board of Directors. Coffee & Tea with dessert will be served.

## May 3rd, Celebrate Shabbat Together... an evening of **Shabbat B’Ychad & PDX Live!**

**Membership Connections – Remember them,  
make them and cherish them!**

Let’s fill Birnbach Hall with lively song, cheerful dinner chatter and delightful fun. **Together** we will raise our voices even higher when we join together with the entire community at PDX Live! to sing and dance with Cantor Bletstein and Ilene Safyan.

Invite your friends and families to celebrate the joy of Shabbat and our kehilah! Reserve your place for dinner by May 1st with Karen at kwilkins@nevehshalom.org or call 503.246.8831.

**You won’t want to miss out!  
This is the last PDX Live! of the season.**

Dinner 5:45pm  
PDX Live! 7:30pm

Price: \$14/person \$7/child or \$42/family  
RSVP by Wednesday, May 1st.

We will have a special “thank you” for our Annual Giving donors and supporters at the Shabbat B’Ychad dinner.

Thank you to our 2012-2013 Annual Giving Campaign Committee: **Jason Kaufman, chair, Steve Blake, Leah Joy, Steven Kahn, Mark Kalenscher, Jeffrey Robinson, Steve Sirkin and Mark Zeitzer.**

Mazal Tov to **Steven Heiteen** for being nominated as the 2013 president of the Home Builder's Association of Portland. Steven, owner of Portland Remodel has been one of the leaders in the organization and now is the very first Jewish President. Steven and his wife, **Susan Kuznitsky** and their two sons, **Jacob and Matthew** are long time Neveh Shalom members.

Mazal Tov to **Ellen Kalenscher** received the Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Community Enrichment Award in the Youth Category for "Exceptional Devotion to Tikkum Olam." She was given this award for her long time leadership involvement in USY as well as being engaged in JSU at Wilson High School and OJCYP.

Mazal tov to **Leslie Hammer P.h.D.**, who received a five-year \$5 million Defence Department grant to create training for veterans and their families in the workforce.

Mazal tov to **Carolyn Weinstein** who will be the recipient of the PMAR Good Neighbor Award for the third consecutive year.

Mazal Tov to **Abram and Elizabeth Falk** on their marriage. Abram is the son of **Leila and Ted Falk**.

Mazal Tov to **Rachel and David Stein** on the birth of their daughter **Julia Esther Stein** (pictured), named after two of her great-grandmothers and in honor of her great-grandfather Edward. Julia arrived on April 5th, 2013 at 1:29am weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches long.

Mazal Tov to **Benjamin Olds and Nadine Gartner** on the birth of **Yael Nava Gartner Olds** born during Passover. The proud grandparent are **Michael Olds and Gloria Borg Olds**.

A special Mazal Tov and happy birthday to **Lilian (babe) Weiner** who turned 101 years old on April 5, 2013!



**Mazal Tov to the following couples on their engagement:**

**Arielle Rosenberg**, daughter of **Ilene Safyan and Mark Rosenberg**

is engaged to to **Nate DeGroot**. Both of them are currently

rabbinical students. **Hanna Berg**, daughter of **Gabe and Phyllis**

**Berg**, is engaged to **Danny Mandel**. **Arianna Falk**, daughter of **Leila**

**and Ted Falk**, is engaged to **David Gruenberg**. Congratulations to

**Shira Hasson-Schiff**, daughter of **Kathy Hasson and Daniel Schiff** and granddaughter of **Milton and Jean Hasson**, on her engagement to **Liza Ziliak**.

**We would like to welcome our new member:**

*Ruth Friedel*

*We are happy to have you as part of our Neveh family!*

**מזל טוב!**

**MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY**

Seth & Rose Alford  
Misha & David Isaak  
Eric & Anna Kodesch  
Irving & Arlene Potter  
Mark Rosenberg & Ilene Safyan

**MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE**

Jeffrey & Roz Babener  
Todd & Sarah Bedrick  
Mark Berkson & Lorissa Klaus  
Melvin & Cathy Berlant  
Gary & Stacey Condren  
Ian & Bev Getreu  
Robert & Lesley Glasgow  
Joe & Judi Goodman  
Irvin & Gail Handelman  
Jason & Allison Kaufman  
Albert & Sophia Kryszek  
Leonard & Mimi Lewitt  
Earl & Elaine Mooso  
Michael Olds & Gloria Borg Olds  
Richard & Mary Peizner  
Robert & Harriet Perkel  
Neil & Nahid Rolnitzky  
William & Goldie Rosenbaum  
Fred & Nora Rothstein  
Sam & Beulah Schaffer  
Kenneth & Carolyn Shine  
Mervin & Lucille Solomon  
Ed & Barbara Steinberg  
Jerry & Helen Stern  
Eric & Kathleen Stone  
Robert & Arleen Zucker

**MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**

Seth Alford  
Amy Alpern  
Debra Bellos  
Dana Benson-Melnick  
Anna Davis  
Sandey Fields  
Peter Goodkin  
Helaine Gross  
Steve Heiteen  
Gwen Hollcraft  
Jennifer Kalenscher  
Ellen Kipnis  
Lisa Klein-Wolf  
Thomas Kramer  
Rachella Kryszek  
Gail LeVine  
Earl Mooso  
Thelma Newson  
Benjiman Philan  
Sharon Segal  
Robert Sorkin  
Leslie Spector  
Rick Vagy  
Michael Wolf  
Liliya Zaltsman

**MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE**

Debra Altmak  
Barbara Bernstein Fant  
David Biggam  
Molly Bodner  
Stephen Bookin  
Sheri Cordova  
Reena Davis  
Nicole Feldman  
Burton Gevurtz  
Mary Goldhammer  
Tim Hibbitts  
Roman Munblit  
Lucille Neusihin  
Harold Nevis  
Mark Rubin  
Gail Sherman  
Tina Smith  
Mervin Solomon  
Robert Weiner



# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Oleg Bakutin(z"l)**  
**Eleanor Horenstein(z"l)**  
**Pinya Khait(z"l)**  
**Abraham Perlstein(z"l)**  
**Carole Rotstein(z"l)**  
**Nina Yurevich(z"l)**

## CONDOLENCES

- \*Our condolences to **Dan Reisberg**, on the passing away of his father.
- \*Our condolences to **Rachel Burstein** and her family on the passing of her beloved mother **Carole Rotstein (z"l)**.
- \*Our condolences to **Susan Carol Perlstein**, **Judith Perlstein Kane** and **Bernard William Perlstein** and families on the passing of their beloved father **Dr. Abraham Perlstein (z"l)**.
- \*Our condolences to **Robert (Bob)**, **Michael** and **Larry Horenstein** and their families on the passing of their beloved mother, **Eleanor Horenstein (z"l)**.
- \*Our condolences to **Jay Horenstein** and his family on the passing of his beloved mother, **Bette Jean Londer (z"l)**.
- \*Our condolences to **Sherry Scheinman** and her family on the passing of her mother and loving nana of **Daniel and Michael Scheinman**, **Mildred (Millie) Enten (z"l)** in Maryland.
- \*Our condolences to **Robert Michel**, **Paul Michel**, **David Michel**, **Dina Berger** and their families on the passing of **Jacob Michel(z"l)**.
- \* Our condolences to **Luiza (Eduard) Vaynberg** and her family on the passing of her beloved father **Pinya Khait (z"l)** on March 20th.
- \*Our condolences to the family of **Nina Yurevich (z"l)** who passed away on March 18th.
- \*Our condolences to **Melanie Fried-Oken** and her family on the passing away of her father, **Curt Fried (z"l)** on April 12th in Florida.

## Cemetery Headstone Unveilings:

- Unveiling of **Arnold Weiner** - May 5, 12:00pm Neveh Zedek
- Unveiling of **Edward Rosenfield** - May 17, 11:00am , Shaarie Torah cemetery
- Unveiling of **Eleanor Haas** - June 23, 10:30am, Neveh Zedek

## When a Death Occurs

If you wish *Tahara* for your loved one--respectful preparation for burial according to ancient Jewish tradition--you may request it from Holman's Funeral Home, 503. 232.5131; Riverview Funeral Service 503.246.6488; or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify the Chevra.

## Refuah Shelma

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

## Clergy Visits

To assure that clergy make visits to congregants in the hospital, extended care facilities and hospices, please contact the office at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 503.246.8831. In an effort to comply with the new patient privacy laws, healthcare facilities may not release the names of their patients; it is imperative that you provide the name of the member, the facility name, patient's room number, length of anticipated stay, your relationship to the patient and a number where you can be reached if further information is needed.

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30am - 12:00pm</b> <b>4:00pm - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30am - 12:00pm</b> <b>4:00pm - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30am - 12:00pm</b> <b>4:00pm - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Friday -Saturday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

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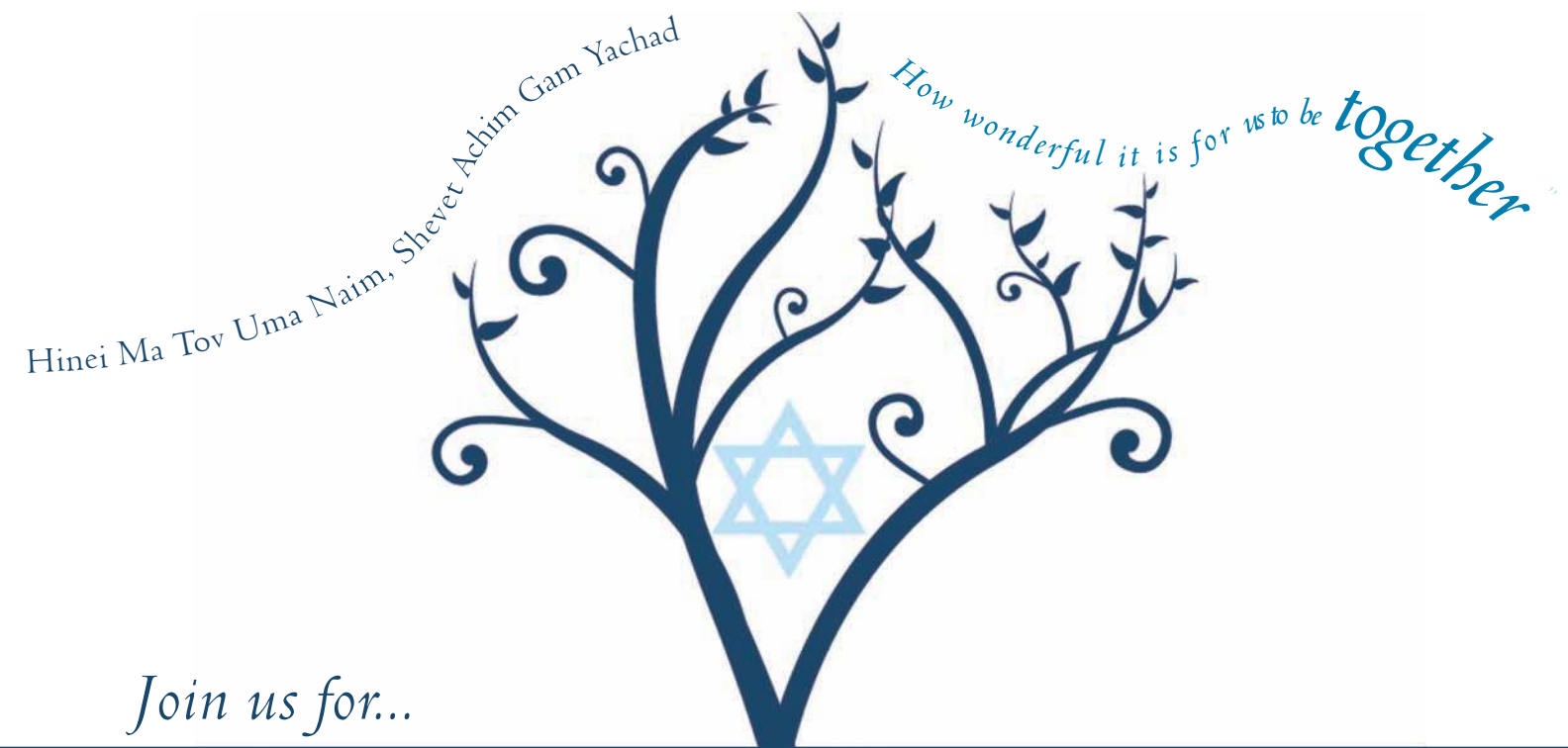
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 21 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  4:15pm ALIYAH 6:30pm Tichon 7:00pm Book Talk @ Neveh	<b>2</b> 22 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Philosophy Group 7:00pm Executive meeting	<b>3</b> 23 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  <b>5:45pm Shabbat B'yachad</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>PDX Live! With Ora Art Opening</b>  8:01pm	<b>4</b> 24 Iyar  9:00am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat  <i>Behar/Bechukotai</i>
<b>5</b> 25 Iyar 9:00am Morning Minyan  9:00am Yom Rishon 12:00pm Arnold Weiner Unveiling	<b>6</b> 26 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>7</b> 27 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>8</b> 28 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  9:00am Foundation School Parent Coffee 4:15pm ALIYAH 6:30pm Tichon	<b>9</b> 29 Iyar 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class 4:15pm ALIYAH	<b>10</b> 1 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat and High School Graduation  Rosh Hodesh 8:10pm	<b>11</b> 2 Sivan  9:00am ALIYAH Shabbat 9:00am Combined Services  <i>Bemidbar</i>
<b>12</b> 3 Sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan  3:00pm Film Club	<b>13</b> 4 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>14</b> 5 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan <b>Erev Shavuot</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class <b>8:30pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</b>	<b>15</b> 6 Sivan  <b>Shavuot</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00am Shavuot Service 4:15pm ALIYAH 6:30pm Tichon	<b>16</b> 7 Sivan  <b>Shavuot</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00am Shavuot Service/Yizkor 4:15pm ALIYAH	<b>17</b> 8 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Ezra  11:00am Edward Rosenfield unveiling 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  8:18pm	<b>18</b> 9 Sivan  Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Ezra  9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Kehillat Noar 10:15am Tot Shabbat  <i>Naso</i>
<b>19</b> 10 Sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am Yom Rishon 9:40am Men's Club Meeting 9:45am Creekside Restoration 12:00pm Jr Kadima - Capture the Flag 2:00pm Texas Hold'em	<b>20</b> 11 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>21</b> 12 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>22</b> 13 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  4:15pm ALIYAH- Last Class 6:00pm Tichon Graduation Dinner 6:30pm Tichon Graduation	<b>23</b> 14 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class 4:15pm ALIYAH - Last class 7:00pm Board Meeting	<b>24</b> 15 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Klein-Wolf  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  USY Convention May 24-27  8:26pm	<b>25</b> 16 Sivan  Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Klein-Wolf  9:00am Shabbat Services 9:30am Downstairs Minyan  <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
<b>26</b> 17 Sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan  USY Convention May 24-27	<b>27</b> 18 Sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan  <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> 19 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>29</b> 20 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Kochavim Siyum	<b>30</b> 21 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class	<b>31</b> 22 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  6:15pm Sisterhood Shabbat and dinner 6:30 Hinenu  8:33pm	

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# June

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Tammuz

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						<b>1</b> 23 Sivan  9:00am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat  <i>Shelach</i>
<b>2</b> 24 Sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan  9:40am Men's Club Meeting	<b>3</b> 25 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>4</b> 26 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>5</b> 27 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan	<b>6</b> 28 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class 7:00pm Executive meeting	<b>7</b> 29 Sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan  6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan USY Dinner and Elections  8:38pm 	<b>8</b> 30 Sivan  9:00am Combined Services  Rosh Hodesh <i>Korach</i>
<b>9</b> 1 Tammuz 9:00am Morning Minyan  Rosh Hodesh	<b>10</b> 2 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Machon Ivrit - Last class	<b>11</b> 3 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>12</b> 4 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan	<b>13</b> 5 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class	<b>14</b> 6 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan <i>Bat Mitzvah of Dalya Meyer</i>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  8:42pm 	<b>15</b> 7 Tammuz  <i>Bat Mitzvah of Dalya Meyer</i>  <b>Hinenu: Crohn's and Colitis Walk</b> 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat  <i>Chukat</i>
<b>16</b> 8 Tammuz 9:00am Morning Minyan  9:45am Creekside Restoration	<b>17</b> 9 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg	<b>18</b> 10 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>19</b> 11 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan	<b>20</b> 12 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class <b>7:00pm Annual Meeting</b>	<b>21</b> 13 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan <i>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Mendelsohn</i>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  8:45pm 	<b>22</b> 14 Tammuz  <i>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Mendelsohn</i>  9:00am Shabbat Service 9:30am Downstairs Minyan  <i>Balak</i>
<b>23</b> 15 Tammuz 9:00am Morning Minyan 10:30am Eleanor Haas Unveiling	<b>24</b> 16 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  12:30pm Mah Jongg	<b>25</b> 17 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  5:00pm Talmud Class	<b>26</b> 18 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan	<b>27</b> 19 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan  3:30pm Bible Class	<b>28</b> 20 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan <i>Bat Mitzvah of Molly Rubin</i>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  8:46pm 	<b>29</b> 22 Tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan <i>Bat Mitzvah of Molly Rubin</i>  9:00am Shabbat Service 9:30am Downstairs Minyan  <i>Pinchas</i>
<b>30</b> 22 Tammuz 9:00am Morning Minyan Hinenu: Young Adult Hike						



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