



NEVEH SHALOM'S EFFORT TO CONQUER HUNGER!

Congregants celebrate High Holy Days by donating over 2500 pounds of edibles to food bank and shelters. What a great way to start the year!



Jonathan Morgan, Rabbi Isaak and Neighborhood House Volunteer.

Neveh Shalom's congregants take their mitzvahs seriously! Our devoted youth groups (3rd-12th graders) spent time handing out bags and promoting our food drive and Tzedakah during the High Holy Days. Implementing what they learned at CNS, it was the largest social action effort of the year. Their efforts led to a donation of 2500 pounds of food for those in need. Some of the food will be used to support **Outside-In** (<http://www.outsidein.org>), whose mission is to help homeless youth and other marginalized people move towards improved health and self-sufficiency. A CNS group meets up once a month to cook for them. The biggest contribution, about 2100 pounds of the food, was donated to the emergency food bank at **Neighborhood House** (<http://www.nhpdx.org>). This food bank serves approximately 18,000 low-income children, families and seniors each year across the greater Portland area. A portion was donated to **Eastminster Family Shelter** run by Human Solutions.

"Thank you to everyone that contributed and to the custodial staff for their assistance" said *Jonathan Morgan*, the Youth Director, who lead the effort "it is inspiring for our youth to see the difference we can all make when we work together!"

Please remember that Neveh Shalom has an ongoing relationship with all three institutions and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Contact Cathy Blair (Blaircblair55@yahoo.com) for Cooking For Outside-In, Joyce Mendelsohn (joyce@mendelsohngroup.com) for Eastminster Shelter and watch out for an ongoing food barrel collection for Neighborhood House.

Written By Noa Rubin

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As many of you know, I grew up in our Kehilah. I am old enough to remember a time when there was no Kol Nidre appeal from the bima. Back then, the President of the Kehilah,

along with many other members, had the honor of sitting in the really big chairs that look out from the bima. Nowadays, those chairs are reserved for the purpose of honoring the founders of our kehilah during the N'ilah Service and, of course, for our CNS youth on the occasion of their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

I had never before considered what an honor and privilege it would be for me to address our whole kehilah on Kol Nidre. I must say, when the main sanctuary is filled, as it was on Kol Nidre, it is an awesome sight. And it is an awesome responsibility to come to the support of our kehilah, as so many of you did. I want to thank our entire kehilah for the generosity and support you all demonstrated in responding to our Annual Giving Campaign. Record pledges were received on Kol Nidre which will help us

FROM THE PULPIT



The Jewish Love Affair with Democracy
by *Rabbi Daniel Isaak*

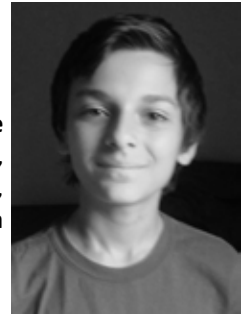
My parents treated voting as a religious obligation. They would sit together the night before elections and write out on two 3 x 5 cards exactly whom they would vote for and which ballot measures deserved their support. They would take these cards with them to the polls. (I don't think they ever canceled out each other's votes.) In my childhood they made it a point of taking me with them into the voting booth to model good citizenship and to emphasize how important they felt fulfilling one's civic obligation was.

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NOAH RUEBEN WENDROW

NOVEMBER 10

Mazel Tov to **Noah Reuben Wendrow**, son of **Michael and Susanne Wendrow**, grandson of **Bert and Laurie Rogoway and Dr. Bernard and Marketa Wendrow**. As a 7th grader at Hosford Middle School, Noah enjoys soccer, basketball, biking, his friendships, attending BB Camp and swimming at Sauvie Island. Noah has three siblings, **Rael, Levi and Seth** and is the first to be called to the Torah. We hope you will be able to celebrate this simcha with Noah and our family and friends.



NATALIE ISENBERG

DECEMBER 1

Mazel Tov to **Natalie Isenberg**, daughter of **Neil and Nicole Isenberg**, and sister of **Naomi**. Natalie will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 1st.



JENNIFER CAPLAN

DECEMBER 29

Mazel Tov to **Jennifer Caplan**, daughter of **Michelle and Jon Caplan**, sister to **Andrew**, and granddaughter of **Barbara and Ronald Blumental** of Chicago and **Barbara and Barry Caplan** of Portland. Jennifer is a 7th grader at Whitford Middle School and is an active fencer at the Northwest Fencing Center. Jennifer loves to travel when given the opportunity and, in her spare time, she is often found at the mall with her friends. She spends the school year counting down the days until BB Camp starts where she will be spending her 6th summer.



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I had originally thought this enthusiasm a product of their being refugees from Hitler's Germany. But I learned that my parents were in no way unique. Jews vote and they vote in far greater numbers as a percentage of their population than any other religious, ethnic or racial group. That may in large measure be attributed to our long history of political impotence. Throughout the Middle Ages Jews lived largely at the mercy of the ruling power. That power promised protection in exchange for loyalty, and taxes often far in excess of what the local population paid. During transitions of power, Jews always had reason to be anxious. Full citizenship in Europe was first granted only after the French Revolution in France and then slowly and grudgingly in the rest of the continent. Thus for Jews equality was never to be taken for granted, but always cherished and enthusiastically exercised.

Though Jews constitute less than 2% of the American public, politicians ignore Jews at their peril. They know that our influence far exceeds our numbers not only because we can be counted on to vote, but also because we enthusiastically support causes and candidates who espouse policies and programs we find consistent with Jewish values. Though Israel and anti-Semitism rank high on our agenda, so too are education, poverty, economic welfare, equality of opportunity for minorities and women, as well as social policies regarding abortion, homosexuality, and separation of church and state. We are a well informed community and though we may disagree, our

voting patterns have been fairly consistent from election to election.

We all recognize that democracy is a Greek rather than a Jewish creation. The Torah assumes God as legislator, with a king and public subject to God's rule. The rabbis of the Talmud in a famous Aggadah accepted the concept of majority rule among rabbinic authorities in deciding religious issues, but for the most part such questions were left to the local religious authority or to the recognized authority at that time and place.

In fact extreme right wing religious authorities in Israel have claimed vociferously that democracy is alien to Jewish life. They reject the secular power of the state to impose its will over that of recognized Orthodox rabbis. Nevertheless Israel prides itself on free and open elections of its political leadership. In lieu of a Constitution, the premise of democracy has been laid forth in Israel's Basic Laws, which serve as the underpinning for decisions of Israel's Supreme Court.

In January Israeli citizens, Jewish, Muslim, Christian and other, will go to the polls to elect its next leadership just as we will have done on the first Tuesday in November. Let us hope and pray that in both cases the choices of the people will lead to a greater sense of domestic harmony and increased opportunity, of justice and peace.

"A VERY POTTER PURIM"

Purim in November? You bet! After the success of last year's "Wednesday Night Live" Purimspiel with our teens in the Tichon program, we're back to tell the famous tale of Esther and Mordechai in a very different way. In February 2013, come along with us to "Chagschwartz" as we brew up "A Very Potter Purim!"

Last year was the first time in Neveh Shalom history that our teens were essentially in charge of programming a major holiday for the congregation. Over the course of the school year, Jon Morgan and I watched as new friendships developed among students in different grade levels. The class provided an open forum where the kids could share ideas and demonstrate teamwork, while enhancing their knowledge of Purim and gaining the experience of community-building.



Our class is twice as big this year with approximately 20 of our teens helping to mastermind this year's big Purim celebration. As the tales of the bespectacled Harry Potter are enjoyed by all ages, we hope that you will join us onstage or behind the scenes to help produce a wonderful community-wide event at Neveh Shalom.

Feel free to contact Jon Morgan or me and find out how you can be a part of this magical evening. Grab your sorting hat, magic wand, and Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans and join us on Saturday evening, February 23rd for "A Very Potter Purim!"

Cantor Bletstein

Catch Cantor Bletstein at these special events this month: Mizrach's Friday Night service on Nov 2nd, PDX Live on Nov 7th and she will be a guest at the Rick Recht concert on Nov 18. Check out page 12 for event details.

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continue to support the needs of our entire kehilah.

As this was my first High Holidays experience as President, my perspective was very different than in the past. All those things we all take for granted, all those things that make our High Holiday experience more meaningful, all those things that allow us to focus on our own personal or communal experience, are viewed in a much different light when seen from the perspective of our staff and clergy. It is a real revelation to see how much time and effort our staff and clergy devote during the months leading up to Rosh Hashanah to make everything seem effortless and natural. But all the things that I had previously taken for granted, such as tickets, parking, shuttles, security, honors, aliyot, Torah readers, Haftarah readers, ushers, making the building clean and beautiful and making our prayer space pristine, the program guide, the memorial book, and on and on, require hours of work and dedication by our staff and

clergy. I want to acknowledge, in particular, our office staff, who clearly care deeply about our kehilah and work very hard to help create such a wonderful and meaningful experience.

Kol Hakavod to everyone who made an effort to make the High Holidays seem so effortless.

As I wrote in my first Chronicle column, I plan on using this space to highlight some of the board's activities. To that end, I need to alert our kehilah about what the board is doing about our most pressing need as a kehilah: Finishing our Capital Campaign. As most of you know, in 2007, we set out to renovate and grow our facility by conducting a capital campaign that raised \$8.1 million through the generosity of many members of our kehilah. Unfortunately, the amount we raised in the course of a year was shy of the cost of the project and we suspended our capital raising efforts when the recession hit. As a result, we took out a mortgage (which we have negotiated to pretty favorable terms with the Umpqua Bank) to pay for the \$10.6 million project.

We cannot wait any longer to resume

our efforts to raise the remaining \$2.5 million. If we do not achieve this goal within the next 2 and a half years, we will no longer be able to pay the mortgage from our capital raised, but we will need to pay it out of our operating budget, which is not a tenable proposition if we intend to remain a kehilah that provides a robust array of services and programs provided by professionals, clergy and by staff. Bottom line, not fulfilling our capital needs will change us as a kehilah in very remarkable and noticeable ways.

In the coming weeks and months, we will all hear a lot more about our capital challenges and our efforts, as a board, but also as a kehilah, to rise to this most pressing challenge. I encourage our entire kehilla to become engaged in this process. I can assure you that this challenge facing our kehilla will remain the most important item on my agenda during the remainder of my term, but hopefully, not beyond it. Looking out from the bima on Kol Nidre and seeing our kehilla, I have every confidence that we will rise to this challenge.

Steven Kahn

CANDLE LIGHTING

NOV 2 5:38PM
NOV 9 4:29PM
NOV 16 4:21PM
NOV 23 4:15PM
NOV 30 4:11PM
DEC 7 4:09PM
DEC 14 4:10PM
DEC 21 4:12PM
DEC 28 4:17PM
JAN 4 4:22PM

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.

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SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Fridays with Ilene Safyan

1st Fridays, 6:15pm (Nov 2, Dec 7)

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

Chik-Chak Service

3rd Fridays, 6:15pm (Dec 21)

A traditional, lay-led service featuring Carlebach tunes followed by delicious, volunteer-catered dinner. Reservations required for dinner (\$12/adult, \$6/child, \$36 max/family). Dinner RSVP required by the preceding Wednesday to chikchakrsvp@gmail.com. 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 (Nov 30, Dec 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!

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SPECIAL SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays: 9:30am (only Nov 10, Dec 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 (Nov 17, Dec 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 (Nov 17, Dec 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: 10:00am (Nov 3, 17; Dec 10, 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 – Youth Congregation (Grades 1-5)

3rd Saturdays, October-May: 10:00am (Nov 17, Dec 15)

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

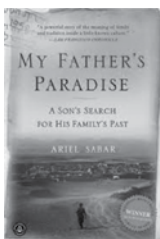
DIAL-IN SERVICE

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

Call 503.246.8832

Book Talk @ Neveh

Book Talk @Neveh is a series of community book discussions held throughout the year. Come to one or dive into them all - meet others and connect over good literature. The first 30 minutes of each date is a pre-discussion social time with refreshments.

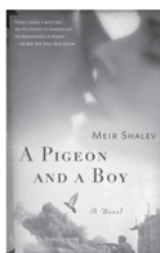


November

***My Father's Paradise*
by Ariel Sabar**

Sun 11, 10am - 12pm
Wed 14, 7pm - 9pm

Presented by:
Merridawn Duckler



January

***A Pigeon and a Boy*
by Meir Shalev**

Sun 13, 10am - 12pm
Wed 16, 7pm - 9pm

Presented by:
Gloria Borg Olds

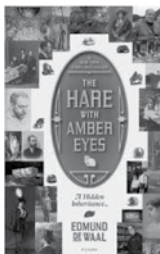


March

***The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*
by Naomi Ragen**

Sun 10, 10am - 12pm
Wed 13, 7pm - 9pm

Presented by:
Robin Shapiro



May

***The Hare With Amber Eyes*
by Edmund de Waal**

Sun 28, 10am - 12pm
Wed 1, 7pm - 9pm

Presented by:
Kaiya Wertheim-Knapp

UGANDAN JEWISH LEADER TO VISIT PORTLAND

NOVEMBER 16-18, 2012 at Neveh Shalom



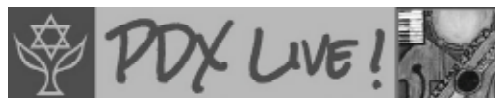
Aaron Kintu Moses, a leader of the Abayudaya Jewish community in Mbale, Uganda, will be visiting Portland, Oregon as part of a North American speaking tour sponsored by U.S.-based Kulanu, Inc., a grassroots non-profit organization supporting isolated and emerging Jewish communities worldwide. Brought to Portland by Congregation P'nai Or, he will be speaking to the greater Portland community and sharing traditional Abayudaya music at **"The Abayudaya Jews of Uganda: A Benefit Talk & Music Performance" November 17, 7-9 pm** at Neveh Shalom.

Mr. Moses will be sharing the inspiring story of the 1000-member Abayudaya community established in 1919 and its struggle to maintain its Jewish identity in Uganda in the face of persecution and intolerance, particularly during the regime of Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. In addition he will describe the extraordinary progress the community has made and the leadership role it has forged among its neighbors. Mr. Moses, a talented musician, will also perform songs composed by members of this Jewish community in Uganda.

Mr. Moses will discuss several Abayudaya led development projects including the "Delicious Peace" fair trade organic coffee program, which has brought together approximately 1,000 Jewish, Christian and Muslim farmers in a cooperative to produce fair-trade certified coffee.

In addition, Mr. Moses will update audiences on the Kulanu-supported Abayudaya primary and secondary schools, which provide education and meals to some 700 Jewish, Muslim and Christian children studying together in peace. Other Abayudaya-Kulanu programs include a child hunger project, health education and women's empowerment programs, micro-finance, eco-tourism, and more.

For more information about Kulanu and the Abayudaya, please visit www.kulanu.org/abayudaya



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CHANUKAH CAN BE A GREEN MIRACLE

So what's so green about Chanukah? Lighting candles (usually made from paraffin – a petrochemical)? Giving presents (we often don't need, made from non-renewable resources, overwrapped)? Decorating and dreidels (plastic decorations, plastic dreidels)? Doesn't sound very environmentally friendly. Let's take another look. The Talmudic legend about using one day's oil to meet eight days' needs reminds us to conserve resources. The vision of the prophet Zechariah (read on Chanukah), in which the Temple Menorah is viewed as a living being, flanked by two olive trees feeding oil into it, helps us unite nature and humanity. A small band of Maccabees defeating a mighty army inspires us to face and change the actions of powerful industrial and corporate empires. So what can YOU do? At home, light beeswax candles or buy oil cups and burn oil each night just like the Maccabees. Give fewer presents, don't wrap, make gifts of your time and service. Avoid plastics, buy wooden dreidels and gather the family to make decorations from renewable sources. Hazon, the national Jewish organization dedicated to "healthier and more sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond" has a wonderful webpage with many ideas for you on Chanukah.

With your family, look over their suggestions and thoughts at: www.hazon.org/education/holidays/healthy-sustainable-hanukkah-resources/.

We can be the miracle of the oil. Chanukah Sameach.

Jordan Epstein, Chair, Shomrei Teva



Shomrei Teva Monthly Mitzvah Crew 3rd Sundays (Nov 18, Dec 16) 9:45 am

Join us as we remove invasive plants (ivy, blackberry, etc.) and restore the natural habitat of the lovely creekside area along the synagogue. Make it a double mitzvah by going first to Morning Minyan. Bring a small digging/weeding tool (trowel, small shovel, etc.), and work as long as you want. Dress for the weather. It's surprisingly enjoyable work, a good schmooze, warm camaraderie, and a rewarding transformation. Meet in the wooded area off our lower parking lot. Questions: Jordan Epstein, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net

HYGIENE KITS

113 HYGIENE KITS ASSEMBLED! THANK YOU!

Thanks to **Mimi Sorkin, Jennifer Zitomer, Judy Goodman, Dana Sirkin, Julie Lawrence, Sofie Lawrence, Chris Blair**, and the generosity of many Congregation Neveh Shalom members, we were able to put together and deliver 113 Hygiene Kits on October 7.

Because 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. The cheapest places to pick up travel size deodorant are WalMart, Fred Meyer, and the Dollar Store. The Dollar Store has 5 toothbrushes for \$1. Ask your dentist for a case of toothpaste for the homeless. Pick up bulk packs of razors on sale. If you find tampons at a good price, think of the homeless!

Good job and thank you to all of you, who helped, for making life sweeter!
Cathy Blair cathyblair55@yahoo.com

CNS DARFUR/SUDAN/CONGO COMMITTEE & NEVER AGAIN COALITION

1st Monday of each month, 7pm at Neveh Shalom November 5, December 3

Neveh Shalom is proud to be a central part of the Never Again Coalition. We are dedicated to raising awareness about the genocide in Darfur and the ongoing violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Through education, advocacy and tzedakah we strive to help the people in Sudan and the DRC and encourage our elected leaders to stand with us to support the people suffering there. We are always eager to have new participants help stamp our postcards and plan awareness events. Go to www.neveragaincoalition.org to learn more about our activities

and consider coming to a meeting. We have many exciting upcoming plans and we are always looking for new members whether you can attend once in awhile or are interested in playing a larger role. Contact Sarah Greenstein or Lauren Fortgang at neveragaincoalition@gmail.com



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Call for Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Neveh Shalom is expanding its partnership with Habitat for Humanity to both their west and east side efforts. **We are looking for from 10 to 15 volunteers on each of the five build days this year to lend a hand.** No formal construction skills or prior training is necessary. You just need a desire to contribute and volunteer your time. If you are interested, contact either Mike Titelbaum (titelb@gmail.com; 503 626-6265) or Steve Sirkin (stevejew18@frontier.com; 503 454-0610) to sign up or to ask any questions you may have about our efforts.

East Side (Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro/East) - Sunday, December 16, 2012

MEMBER SERVICES

CNS CONNECTIONS: THE MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

NEVEH SHALOMERS STARTS THE YEAR OFF WITH FOOD AND FUN

Portland, Ore. Over 400 adults, teens and children joined their fellow Neveh Shalom “family” for the annual Back to Shul event on Sunday, September 9. In what’s become an annual tradition, Neveh Shalom’s congregants make time to catch up with each other during the waning days of summer and just before the New Year begins. Hosted by CNS Connections: The Member Services Committee, Back to Shul is a outdoor gathering on the plaza with concurrent activities for children, live Klezmer music by the Percy Berstein Orchestra for adults, and a great hot dog BBQ for all. Board President Steven Kahn introduced himself and spoke to the enthusiastic and hungry crowd. Ethan Brenner, our USY leader used this opportunity to introduce himself and explain USY’s programs for the year. This year also marked the second year for the ever-so-popular shave ice cart, a treat for both kids and adults.

Also new for 2012 was a hot dog fixins bar containing more toppings than ever which allowed guests to have their dogs New York style (mustard and sauerkraut), Los Angeles style (chili and chopped onions) and, as David Meltzer, Committee Chair, referred to them, “Mr. Kitzele Style” with “a peekle in the middle with the mustard on top. Mr. Kitzele was a fictional Jewish character who made many appearances on the radio and television versions of “The Jack Benny Program” in the 1940s and 50s. His signature line about hot dogs was made into a Billboard Top Ten novelty record in the late 1940s.

CNS Connections is a volunteer committee which serves to welcome new members and hosts such major CNS social events to help connect members with each other throughout the year. To get involved with CNS connections: The Member Services Committee contact chair, David Meltzer (pictured above) at davidtheshulman@outlook.com



Dreidels, Dine, & Dance is returning this year on **Saturday, December 15.**

Plan on spending final night of Chanukah with us. **Light It Up** and celebrate with full menorahs! Bring your family and friends because everyone is welcome to join us on the 8th night of Chanukah at Neveh Shalom. Cantor Deborah Bletstein will begin Havdalah at 5:45pm followed by dinner, dancing for the adults, lots of candles, singing, dreidels, gelt, latkes, sufganiyot and free childcare all night long! Get your last fill for the year of your holiday favorites!

We will also have youth activities and other programming available so you can have fun at your own pace throughout the evening. Invitations will be mailed in early November. So save the date now, clean off your menorah, and get ready to join us as we **Light It Up** and celebrate together!

MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT

Top Seven Reasons to use MMOnTheWeb

Login to www.nevehshalom.org and click on the blue Member Login button Login with your user name and password and click on an activity on the left side pane.

1. Update demographic data
2. Register for ALIYAH K-12
3. Make payments via your online statement
4. Make a Donation
5. View Yahrzeit Information
6. Register for an event (event sign-up registration vary)
7. Use the member directory

This allows you to view your account at anytime that is convenient to you and make payments and donations at a time that works for you rather than when the office is open. If you have lost your user name and/or password please contact Karen at kwilkins@nevehshalom.org or call the office at 503-246-8831 ext. 100 or 111.

We would like to welcome our new members:

Gadi and Bella Dvir

Allan Feldman

Devin Getreu

Doris Gonzales

Edward and Jill Hershberg

Joshua and Jen Hornick

Misha and David Isaak

Lauren Johnson

Christine and Ken Klein

Warren and Sharon Moliken

James Northrop

Jill and Aaron Pelavin

Barry and Dena Ross

Peter and Melissa Schulman

Tzviah and Rand Schwartz

David and Janine Segal

Jamie and John Sherman

Alexia Steffen

David and Rachel Stein

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

SISTERHOOD

Greetings Sisters!

What an amazing 90th Birthday Party our Sisterhood had on October 14th! We had good food, good company and plenty to drink!

Don't miss our book review on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:15 P.M. for an informative review by Natan Meir, Professor of Jewish Studies at Portland State University. The book, *The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza* by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, is available in the Gift Shop.



You can also check the book out from the Neveh Shalom library. Our annual Marianne Wollstein Mah Jongg Tournament and Luncheon will be on March 3, 11 am – 4 pm. Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss it!

We have many wonderful programs in store for you this year. Sisterhood is about fun, friendship, and service! What are you waiting for?

*B' Shalom, Cathy Blair, Sisterhood President
cathyblair55@yahoo.com (503)675-1328*

MEN'S CLUB

NEWS FROM YOUR MEN'S CLUB:

This season your Men's Club has had a very energetic beginning--starting with a series of exciting speakers. In September *Melissa Bloom* and other staff from Jewish Child and Family Services spoke to us --explaining the services provided by the agency. In October *Tim Hibbits*, a local political pollster, presented us with his predictions for the November election. In November we heard from *Akiva Miller* speaking about the challenges of Jews in the military.

Right after Yom Kippur the Men's Club assembled the Sukkah in the Synagogue's front courtyard. Under the coordination of Gary Laroff (see attached picture), we are very thankful to the following member who put up the Sukkah: **David Honigstock, Bruce Stern, David Ushman, Harold Lesch, Peter Bedrick, Mike Titelbaum,**



Alan Biedermann, Jonathon Lietz. Jonathan Morgan, Edward Jacobowitz, and Bob Weiner.

On November 1st the Men's Club was given a private, exclusive tour of the Portland Art Museum's "Body Beautiful in Ancient Greece" exhibit, and we gratefully thank Carol Isaak for being one of our tour docents.

As we have stated before, if there is an event or project, which benefits the Synagogue and volunteers are needed, PLEASE get in touch with Gabe Markiz, the club's President (Gabe@mandcpas.com), or Peter Wigmore, the club's Communications V.P. (aussiewig711@gmail.com); and your volunteer request will be sent to our membership. If you wish to be a member of our club, PLEASE get in touch with our membership co-chairs, David Honigstock (zimchuck@frontier.com) and David Wallack (matzoh1234@gmail.com).

Health, Happiness, & Good Memories;
Gabe Markiz & Peter Wigmore

MIZRACH: A NEVEH COMMUNITY



It was a gorgeous day for biking or just hanging out by the Willamette on September 23rd when we gathered for Tashlich! We were all welcomed together by the sounds of the shofar from our very own **Glenn Coblens**. More than 80 people joined us from both the East and West-side, for a meaningful service by Rabbi Greenstein, songs with Cantor Bletstein, and a chance to throw our sins into the River.

Thanks to everyone who joined us!

Our next community gathering is a special Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck on the Eastside with Cantor Bletstein at **Friday, November 2nd at 6:15**. Our Eastside Service location is Western Seminary – Chapel Sanctuary 5511 SE Hawthorne Blvd Portland, 97215. (Look for the flyer inside and Mizrach Eblasts for all of the details)

For more information about Mizrach or to get involved contact....Tamar Wyte-Lake at tamarwyte@yahoo.com or Wendy Kahn at wkahn@nevehshalom.org



LIBRARY NEWS

We are proud to announce that you are now able to access the Neveh Shalom library catalog online, just like the public libraries. Just go to **library.nevehshalom.org**, and you will be able to search our catalog. Our collection includes novels, cookbooks, history, children's books, and of course religious texts, commentaries, etc. Come in and see for yourself what we have available.

The Feldstein Library at Neveh Shalom needs your help! We are missing over 2,300 of our almost 10,000 books. Please check your shelves at home for any books that might belong to the library. All books will be welcomed with open arms and NO LATE FEES!

We have a new policy in place regarding overdue books that everyone who uses the library needs to be aware of. **Beginning November 1**, all books will be checked out for a period of three weeks. We will not charge you a fine if you return the book late. However, if the book is more than two months overdue, you will be charged the replacement cost of the book, on your regular synagogue bill. Once the book is returned, the replacement cost will be removed from your bill.



Hinenu is Neveh Shalom's group for young professionals who are post-college and pre-kids. Co-chairs Devin Getreu and Rachel Stein, along with David Stein serving as Treasurer, have been working to create a strong presence at shul and build a thriving community. Our programming is highlighted by a lay led Shabbat service in Zidell Chapel on

the fourth Friday of each month, followed by a vegetarian potluck either at a local congregant's house or at Neveh Shalom.

We're much more than Shabbat services though. Just over the last year we have hosted Sushi in the Sukkah, a joint movie showing of "Unsettled" with YASI (Young Adult Supporters of Israel), participated in this year's Crohn's walk, a Tashlich bike ride with Rabbi Greenstein, and much more! We welcome young adults at one of our upcoming events and if you're ambitious we have leadership opportunities.

Mark your calendars because on **November 30th** we will be having our monthly Shabbat service, note that this is actually the FIFTH Friday due to Thanksgiving. We are also having another Israeli Film

and Dessert Night with YASI on December 24th if you want to hang out with other Jews while all of the stores are closed. Also be on the lookout in February for Israeli Cooking and Games with Natalie, our Shlichah, will be a unique event!

Hinenu is the proud beneficiary of Neveh Shalom's newest Tribute fund. We have been engaged in a fund-raising effort to keep these programs coming and congregants have been amazing with their support. We would like to thank all of the donors who made contributions, large and small, to help us reach this lofty goal. A lot of work went into this and we would like to extend our gratitude to Jennifer Greenberg, Wendy Kahn, Fred Rothstein, and the Administrative Staff at Neveh Shalom for working with us to make this a reality. If you're still thinking about it making a donation to Hinenu it is easier than ever as you can find our fund online in the membership portal.

The Board of Directors also played a special role in helping with the continued vitality of Hinenu by listening to us in September and providing us with funding through the Rosenberg New & Special Projects Fund. Their support of Hinenu was overwhelming and we look forward to working with them in the future to keep the young adult community thriving and engaged in the synagogue.

Please join us for any of our future programs. We are looking forward to meeting you and having a fun time.

To contact us or RSVP for any of these events please find us on Facebook under "Hinenu" or e-mail at Hinenu.PDX@gmail.com.

5 QUESTIONS TO A BOARD MEMBER

This Month, we have board member **Stephen Sirkin** answer our 5 questions:

1. What is your favorite Jewish Memory?

A "favorite" Jewish memory probably implies one of great joy yet mine is perhaps better described as "meaningful." It is of a three day stretch around ten years ago when a tragic death carried me and my religious community through an intense weekend where I believed I felt the direct hand of G-d in my life. At the time I was president of a small synagogue located outside of Baltimore. On a Friday morning, not long before I intended to leave for work, came a call from my Vice President asking "if I had heard about our rabbi?" Rabbi Seymour Essrog, of blessed memory, had died that night. The two of us had chatted on the phone around 10 p.m. the night before when, in a very personal way, he shared that he had just begun a series of treatments for prostate cancer. I was likely the last person, other than his wife, he spoke to. In the remaining hours of that day, without the benefit of a synagogue staff, we had to coordinate logistics for a scheduled Bat Mitzvah the next day as well plan for the funeral that Sunday. It was during those hours that his wife, Toby, called and asked if I'd give a eulogy at his funeral. It was something I'd never done before or since. This was a funeral that would be held in the sanctuary of a nearby synagogue large enough to hold the 2,000 mourners that would attend the funeral of our nationally known and highly respected rabbi. Our rabbi served as a "Chaplin" for local police and firefighters, as well as with the military. He merited a police escort around the Baltimore Beltway that brought all other traffic to a halt. There is much more to the story. However the intensity of those days, the way it felt so clearly that there was a divine presence, how so many people both Jewish and gentile came together, and how that intensity touched me, has helped guide my Jewish journey in many to this very day.



2. Tell us about an interesting hobby you have - For almost 35 years, 20 years following in the footsteps of my wife Dana, I've been a member of the National Ski Patrol. It's an activity that not a lot of my fellow Tribe members have participated in. I've skied in such exotic locations as Wisp in Western Maryland, Brighton in Utah, Whitetail in southern Pennsylvania, and now with the Mount Hood Ski Patrol usually at Timberline or SkiBowl.

3. Favorite Jewish Holiday (and why) - Like most of the tribe Passover is my favorite holiday. Coming from a family that celebrated our Judaism but often not in the synagogue, it was the holiday we shared together, often with our extended family. Since coming to Portland seven years ago our seders have included gentile friends/neighbors as well as family and Neveh friends.

4. Favorite Movie - Dr. Strangelove or Princess Bride

5. What would your Bubbe Say? (about you) - Grandma Yetta left us 47 years ago. She was a small, thin, gentle, soft spoken Byelorussian born, women whose deeply wrinkled skin testified that she had lived through hard times. She lived with us for many years and I felt very close to her. I guess she would probably say, in her gently accented English, "He's a nice boy."

ALIYAH FOR K - 12

ALIYAH Volunteer designs Resource Guide for K-2 Families

This summer, Director of Congregational Learning Mel Berwin and ALIYAH parent of three, Debbie Plawner, took a walk and reviewed the school year, discussing what could be improved in the programming. Both agreed that parents would like to know more about the curriculum and activities their kids experience in the classroom, and that it would be beneficial to everyone if the school could provide more resources that families could use at home.



The outcome of that conversation is the new ALIYAH Family Resource Guide, designed to help families connect their own practices and conversations to the experiences of their children in our ALIYAH Sunday (Yom Rishon) and Shabbat programs. There is a different guide for each the Kindergarten (Mechina), 1st Grade (Kitah Alef), and 2nd Grade (Kitah Bet), classes, featuring one section for each month of the school year. Each section includes a story, prayer, or important Jewish idea on a theme that the class is covering—perhaps the evening Shema or the song Shalom Aleichem, the mitzvah of Talmud Torah (learning Torah) or Kibud Av v'Em (respecting parents and grandparents), or the formula for making a Hebrew blessing. Each theme includes "Ideas, Resources and Activities" that a family can implement together, as well as "Questions to Spark Conversation around your Shabbat table" to inspire meaningful conversations among family and friends.

Each time a family completes one of these activities, the child brings in an incentive sheet to collect a sticker, and at the end of the year, every child who participated will receive a prize.

Plawner, who is a professional market researcher and organizational facilitator, is also passionate about imagining and facilitating creative opportunities for Jewish learners. As an active member of the Jewish community of Portland, Debbie has applied her professional skills to help our local Jewish organizations strengthen their value proposition. She has guided focus group research for the Jewish Federation and recently conducted the analysis and developed the final report for the community's Demographic Survey. While not a Jewish educator, Debbie and her sister, Kim Rosenberg, were founders of the non-profit, Project Kedushah. Back in the 1990s, Project Kedushah brought Portlanders monthly opportunities to volunteer across the city and learn with rabbis and Jewish educators about the mitzvot they would be performing. These days, Debbie's focus is on enhancing the Jewish experience of her children, Efrem, Suretta and Mimi. She co-led Neveh Shalom's Shoshanim when her kids were tots and is currently helping B'Nai Brith Camp develop a new strategic plan.

The project was a true collaboration, says Berwin. "Debbie is a wonderfully creative thinker, and I loved the process of planning with her. She has a wealth of exciting ideas, and with my background in curriculum development, it was an easy partnership. Many people have helpful ideas, but fewer are willing to really work with you to make the idea come to fruition. This partnership led to a really valuable new resource for families; I would love to work with other parents and community members in the same way."

We invite you to come check out the new ALIYAH Family Resource Guides in our Education office!



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FOUNDATION SCHOOL

What Happens at Foundation School?



Foundation School is a program that is based on the values and beliefs of the Jewish faith and the highest quality early childhood education. By valuing play as a child's natural way of learning we assist in the development of the total child; physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual.

A day in the life of a child at The Foundation School provides social experiences along with opportunities to play, use materials in a variety of ways, explore the natural environment, engage in small and large motor activities, learn problem solving skills and personal interaction skills.

Here is a sample morning for a child at Foundation School:

Our morning starts with free choice play for about 45 to 50 minutes. It fosters choices, social interaction, use of a variety of materials including small motor development, free art expression, sensory and imaginary play.

Next many of us have group time or "Circle Time" which fosters growth in attention span, expressive language, and experiences with music, puppets, books, finger plays, and emerging literacy.

Some of us go from this to the Large Muscle Room or Outdoor play. This is where the children's need for active play is met along with more social interaction.

Snack is then offered about half way through the morning which includes an assortment of crackers, pretzel, cheese, yogurt, humus, fruit and water. On Fridays juice and challah are offered.

Some other activities that fill out the morning may be music, creative movement, bikes, art activities, science and exploration. Holidays and Blessings are integrated in age appropriate activities throughout the morning.

Our extended care program includes a kosher dairy lunch, followed by brushing teeth, story time, rest time, snack and an outdoor and indoor play time!!! And... We still have room for more students!



Registration for next year's program, 2013-2014, will begin in February! Contact Kathy Wolfson for more information at 503-293-7307 or email her at kwolfson@nevehshalom.org



We've had quite an awesome start to our Youth Activities programming for the year and I am excited for what is to come. In the past couple months our kids had Camp at Neveh, hosted a food drive, led multiple High Holiday prayers, baked challah with Cantor and Chanan, made pizza and played capture the flag, and we painted a mural next to room 101 (to name a few). By the time this Chronicle prints, 16 of our USYers will have participated in their Regional Kinnus at Camp Solomon

Schechter as the largest (and coolest) group in attendance. It makes me proud to see the leadership from our USY Board and the momentum in our youth activities members. November and December will feature Trailblazers games, an Iron Chef cook-off, a trip to Big Al's, and sleepovers. Please contact me regarding membership and scheduling.

I also want to give a shout out all of my Wednesday night school students who I have never mentioned in a Chronicle article before. Thank you to my 7/8th grade class for your energy and participation as we explore our Chumash and weekly Parshot. You may not realize how much you force me to keep up with my Torah study! To my Purim Spielers...I believe in you and

I know you all want to make this Purim even more special than last year's. And of course I owe a special 'thank you' to Cantor B for your guidance and creativity. We will be announcing this year's theme shortly, but writing and casting is in the works! Mark your calendars for Feb 23rd!

B'Shalom,

Jonathan Morgan



Visit our new mural near room 101. Painted by Neveh's Youth guided by artist Diane Fredgant.

NEW FACES AT NEVEH

NEW FACES AT NEVEH: THE MOLIKEN FAMILY

Meet the Molikens! Parents Warren and Sharon and girls Dylan and Jordan joined Neveh Shalom this fall, shortly after moving to Portland. Although Warren hails from Philadelphia and Sharon grew up in Atlanta, the family had made their home for the last 5 years in Christchurch, New Zealand, where they created a family start up venture, Earthwise Gourmet. Bringing together Sharon's qualifications as a natural foods chef and Warren's expertise in marketing and management, the business was their "dream come true." However, the devastating series of earthquakes that destroyed much of the city of Christchurch between September 2010 through December 2012 also destroyed the Molikens' home, school, and business and forced them to look for a new home back in the States. Now they are re-building their lives—and their business—here in Portland.



Sharon & Warren will be "Guest Chefs" for our **ChikChak dinner on Friday, December 21**—come and cook with them on **Thursday the 20th** or sign up to eat a meal and hear them talk about nutrient-rich foods you can prepare at home on Friday Dec. 21!

Q: Why did you choose New Zealand?

A: We had travelled there several times and felt a connection, and Sharon's father and step-mom were living there as well. Our primary reason for moving was to slow down from the Northern California rat-race pace we were living. Warren was commuting to Los Angeles from The Bay Area, and Sharon was running her own business. We knew we wanted to slow down, and suddenly we were invited to move to New Zealand. We looked at each other and decided it was an adventure we had to try.

Q: What was the Jewish community like in Christchurch?

A: It was a lovely, old Jewish community. There was one beautiful old synagogue—was—it was very badly damaged in the earthquake—and an active Chabad. But we missed our connection to a larger Jewish community, the feeling of being among our tribe and having community for our children.

Q: Tell me more about Earthwise Gourmet.

A: Earthwise Gourmet's mission is to steer conscious and inquiring epicureans onto the path of health and well-being. Our food philosophies are based on the collective wisdom of indigenous peoples worldwide. We prepare food slowly, and in ways that bring out the nutrients in the food.

Q: When you returned to the States, why did you choose Portland?

A: We looked for several things. We wanted a Jewish community—a choice of synagogues, a Jewish Community Center—and also Montessori schools for the girls. We were attracted to Portland because it's on the West Coast and we have friends here who have moved up from Northern California, but the pace of life is reasonable—it's a little closer to what we grew attached to in New Zealand.

Q: How has it been, settling into your new home?

A: It's been great. We feel so blessed. Joining Neveh Shalom, we've felt such an immediate connection with the Jewish community. It's phenomenal, really, it's what I dreamed of. The girls have always known they're Jewish—we celebrate Shabbat and the holidays—but for the first time, they're really feeling what it means to be Jewish. We're so excited about the future now that we—and they—have these connections. It's a huge relief to have this sense of being among like-minded people after having been away so long.

Q: You're truly starting over again from scratch. What are your plans?

A: Our dream is to rebuild our business and bring nourishing food to Portland. I know there's a lot of great food products out there, but I also know that we have unique products that appeal to all dietary needs, including vegan and vegetarian. Our hope is to re-grow the business that we lost in the earthquakes. We'd love to get our products into the health food shops around here, and into the Farmer's Markets. Ultimately, I'd love to be teaching people and empowering them how to bring more healthful food into their lives.

Q: What will you talk about on Friday, December 21 at Neveh?

A: We'll explain our philosophy of food and some basic techniques everyone can use to make the food they already eat more healthful. For example, soaking and sprouting nuts and seeds. We'll talk about the connection between what you eat and your psychological state—this is important for all of us and can particularly help people who have children with special needs. And we'll also talk about the new fad of the "paleo-diet"—what the real health benefits to this diet are, but also what to ignore. To welcome the Molikens to Neveh, or to find out more about their Earthwise Gourmet products, email Sharon@earthwisegourmet.com or check out their website (from NZ): www.earthwisegourmet.com

Written By Mel Berwin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov 2

6:15pm Eastside Shabbat With Mizrach - Join us for a family friendly song-filled service and a potluck (dairy/veggie) dinner immediately following. For details check out flyer attached to Chronicle.

Nov 3

9am New Baby Shabbat - Calling all new babies, their parents and their grandparents. At this special service we will welcome the youngest in our community. Main Sanctuary.

8pm USY Survivor Themed Sleepover - Featuring lap-tag, late night movies and of course some survivor themed activities. \$10

Nov 4

9:30am Shoshim (young family activities) Planning Meeting -

For more info contact Julia Robinson, huliagulia@juno.com

Nov 9

7:30 pm PDX Live - 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.

Nov 10

7pm USY Iron Chef Competition, \$5

7pm JR.Kadima Sleepover - Be a judge of USY's Iron Chef competition and stay overnight for a sleepover in the Shul. \$10

Nov 11

9:40am Men's Club Meeting - Join us for a conversation, enjoy a light breakfast, and schmooze

8:30am-noon Blood Drive - please donate blood - Sign up at www.mysignup.com/nevehblood

10am Book Talk @ Neveh New program! Merridawn Duckler leads a discussion on "My Fathers Paradise" by Ariel Sabar, this year's One Book, One Community selection. Two sessions held - come to the one that works for you

Nov 13

Noon-1:30pm Lunch Bunch- Speaker from Elders in Action please RSVP to main office

Nov 14

7pm Book Talk @ Neveh New program! Merridawn Duckler leads a discussion on "My Fathers Paradise" by Ariel Sabar, this year's One Book, One Community selection. Two sessions held- come to the one that works for you

Nov 16

7pm, Learner's Minyan - "Stand Up, Sit Down, Turn Around, Three Steps Forward and Back, Bow to the Right, Left and Center: The Choreography of Jewish Prayer" class with Rabbi Issak. Room 102

Nov 16

7pm "The Abayudaya Jews of Uganda: A Benefit Talk & Music Performance" see details on page 5.

Nov 17

12-2pm - Cooking for Outside-In - Join us as we cook something new and wonderful for 60 homeless teens at Outside-In. Kiki Adamovics will be Head Chef and Coordinator for November. **Thank you, Rick Botney**, for a wonderful job as Head Chef and Coordinator on October 21st. Watch the CNS E-Blast or contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com if you would like to be informed of future dates.

4:30pm Rick Recht Concert, Our own Cantor Bletstein, will be guest starring

as renowned Jewish rock musician Rick Recht brings his tunes to Portland. Tickets: 5 & under FREE; Ages 6-Adult: \$7, Entire Family: \$18, Special Family pack: \$36; includes Rick Recht CD (Advance Tickets ONLY), MJCC

Nov 30 - Dec 1

Weekend Scholar in Residence, Professor Yona Sabar.

Spend a weekend with UCLA professor of Aramaic and Folklore.

Dec 1 7pm Havdalah and Program with Yona Sabar.

Check our website for additional events on this special weekend.

Dec 3

7pm - Chesed Meeting - Be part of creating our warm community - Rabbi Greenstein invites you to help us look at the future of Neveh Shalom's Chesed Efforts.

Dec 4

7:15pm, Sisterhood book review / discussion - Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza. Discussion and review led by Natan Meir Professor of Jewish Studies Portland State. Book is for sale in the gift shop. For more information contact Marlene at 503-297-0138, marlene424comcast.net .Room 102.

Dec 14

7pm Learner's Minyan - "Shir B'yachad (Sing Together): The nusach (Jewish modes) and melodies of the Friday Night Service." Class led by Cantor Bletstein. Zidell Chapel.

Dec 15

5:45pm Dreidels, Dine, & Dance - Neveh Shalom's annual Chanukah party - details on page 7.

Dec 16

11-2pm - Cooking for Outside-In - Join us as we cook something new and wonderful for 60 homeless teens at Outside-In. In December we will make a hearty black bean soup and corn muffins with Cathy & Chris. Watch the CNS E-Blast or contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com for more info.

East Side Habitat For Humanity Volunteer day

We are looking for from 10 to 15 volunteers. No formal construction skills or prior training is necessary. You just need a desire to contribute and volunteer your time. If you are interested, contact either Mike Titelbaum (titelb@gmail.com; 503 626-6265) or Steve Sirkin (stevejew18@frontier.com; 503 454-0610) to sign up or to ask any questions you may have about our efforts.

Dec 24

7pm Hinenu Israeli Film and Dessert Night with YASI. If you want to hang out with other young Jews while all of the stores are closed, Stampfer Chapel. Contact hinenu.PDX@gmail.com

Dec 25

3pm Film Club - Come watch a film on Christmas then enjoy a good old fashion Traditional mitzvah - Chinese on Christmas! room 102. contact Paul or Joan Sher at Joanzsher@aol.com or Paul at paulsher@me.com.

For Service times and other regularly scheduled events, check out the monthly calendar insert that comes with the Chronicle.

Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop at Neveh Shalom

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Sunday: 9:00 am - noon*

***Religious school is in session**

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Mazal tov to *Phil and Ros Kane* on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie Jerusha-Rose Silver. Born Friday, August 24, 2012. Sophie Jerusha-Rose Silver entered this world in San Francisco joining her brother Samuel Jared Silver. She came five weeks ahead of schedule but both she and her mom are doing well and she has a very healthy pair of lungs. Parents are Stephen and Shoshana Silver of San Francisco.



Jenna and Mark Barnett are happy to announce the adoption of *Yatta* from Liberia. Yatta is 15 years old and attends Lincoln High School as a Freshman.



Mazal Tov to *David and Liz Mallov* who gave birth to a baby boy Monday August 27th

Mazal Tov to members *Faina and Moisey Talal*! Their son, *Tony*, became engaged to his sweetheart *Kelly* on October 11th

THINK GREEN

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

5 QUESTIONS TO A BOARD MEMBER

This Month, we have Vice President/CNS Board Of Directors *Beverly Bookin* answer our 5 questions:



1.What is your favorite Jewish memory?

The b'nai mitzvah of my children, Jenna, now 39, and Joshua, now 36. Both simchas were held at CNS, where we have been members for about 45 years.

2.Tell us about an interesting hobby you have? My husband and I took up cycling about six years ago in preparation for a 10-day bike tour from Prague to Budapest. We have been biking recreationally ever since and I bike commute to my office downtown from John's Landing most of the year. Combining exercise and transportation is really efficient too as well as environmentally sound!

3.What is your favorite Jewish holiday, and why?

Rosh Hashanah. I love to spend the High Holy Days in the shul with my husband and to see all my friends and acquaintances. It is when I really feel the sense of spiritual community of CNS. Also, the blowing of the shofar is the most evocative and spine-tingling sound in Judaism, tying us to millennia of Jewish history. It's almost like being at the foot of Mt Sinai.

4.What is your favorite movie?

I have lots of favorites. One of my latest favorites is "The King's Speech". I also found "The Rape of Europa", the story of the Nazis plundering of the art treasures of Europe before and during WWII and the Americans efforts to track it down after the war, extremely interesting.

5.What would your Bubbe say (about you)? Both of my grandmothers were remarkable women who experienced terrible hardship and demonstrated amazing courage to come to America from Russia, my paternal grandmother just before WWI and my maternal grandmother after the Russian Revolution. Both became successful business women who supported their families. Growing up in the safe haven of the United States, never facing the hardships that Jews encountered everywhere in Europe culminating in the Holocaust, my accomplishments pale in comparison. However, I am like both of them – feisty, hard-working and family-centric. I am sure both would be very proud of me.

IN MEMORIAM



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

**HARVE BELLOS
SEYMOUR HABER
MARVIN LAZARUS
YEFIM MESSIN
NINA NARINSKYAY
PESYA NUSINOVA
MERRITT YOELIN**

CONDOLENCES

*Our condolences to David Wallack on the passing of his beloved mother, **Pearl Wallack** (z"l) on August 30.

*Our Condolences to Wendy Miller, whose mother, **Mildred Miller**, passed away in September.

*Our Condolences to the family of **Seymour Haber** (z"l), beloved husband of Carol Haber and the father of Martha Crittenden, Eric Haber and Gordon Haber.

*Our Condolences to Lev Astrakhan on the passing of his beloved wife **Nina Narinskyay** (z"l), the mother of Alex and Boris Astrakhan.

*Our condolences to Sheri Cordova on the loss of her beloved uncle and long time CNS member, **Hilliard Golden** (z"l), whom passed away September 24, in Seattle.

Our condolences to the family of **Merritt Yoelin** (z"l), Merritt is remembered by his dear children: Amara and Brian Norman, Adam and Ann Yoelin, and his girlfriend, Bobbie Fields. Merritt Yoelin served as a community and synagogue leader for many years. Here at Neveh Shalom, Merritt was Treasurer, President, Chair of our Capital Campaign, and a regular attendee of our weekday morning minyan among so many other past and continuing leadership roles and responsibilities. He will be missed.

*Our condolences to the family of **Marvin Lazarus** (z"l), beloved husband of Marlene Lazarus and father of Traci (Freddy) Sultan and Jeff Lazarus, and grandfather of his precious Erica Sultan.

*Our condolences to the family of **Pesya Nusinova** (z"l), beloved aunt of Alex Baram.

Cemetery Headstone Unveilings:

Jack Zidell(z"l), Sun. November 11, 1:00pm at Ahavai Shalom Cemetery, 9323 SW First Ave, 97219

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

In this section, we wish a speedy recovery to those members who are ill or having surgery. Since the Chronicle is published only six times per year, we are moving the "Refuah Shelma" list to our weekly eBlast, in order to keep our news relevant and up-to-date.

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

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

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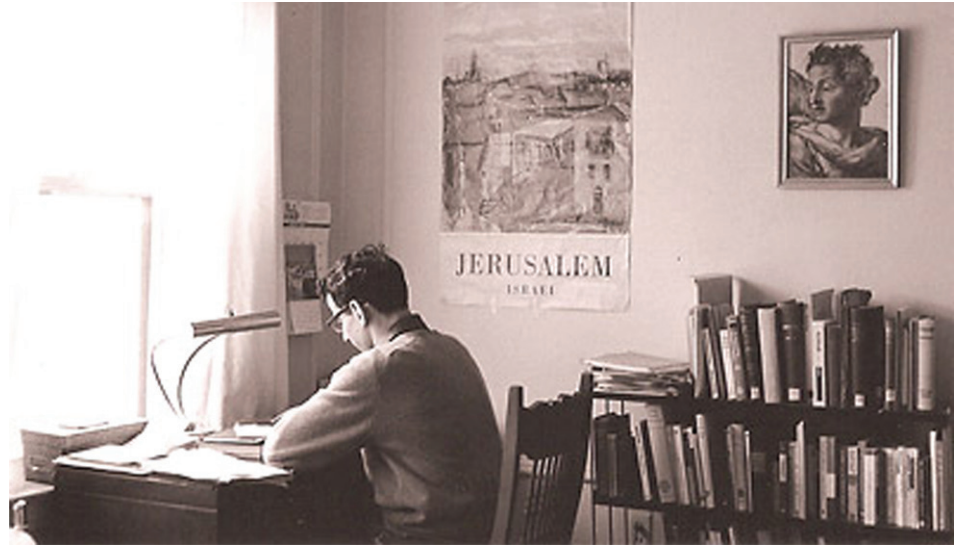
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Schedule of Events:

Friday, November 30

6:15pm Shabbat services, D'var Torah given by Professor Sabar

7:15pm Shabbat Dinner with Professor Sabar presenting:

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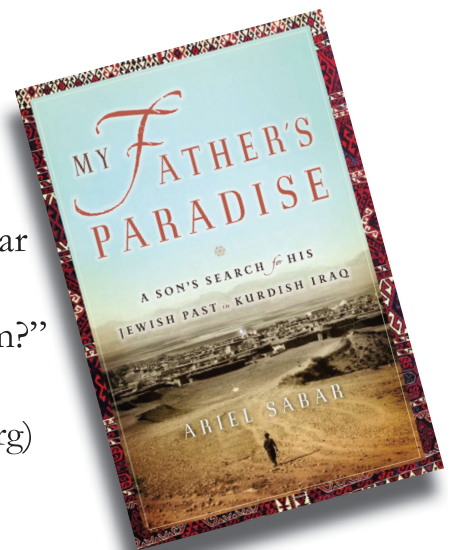
Saturday, December 1

9:00am Shabbat services, D'var Torah given by Professor Sabar

11:00am 6th Grade Family Program: “What was it like to have a Bar Mitzvah in Kurdish Iraq?”

12:30pm Shabbat Symposium: “Aramaic and Hebrew as Sister Languages of Judaism”

7:00pm Community Havdalah, Armchair Q+A and Kurdish cultural experience.



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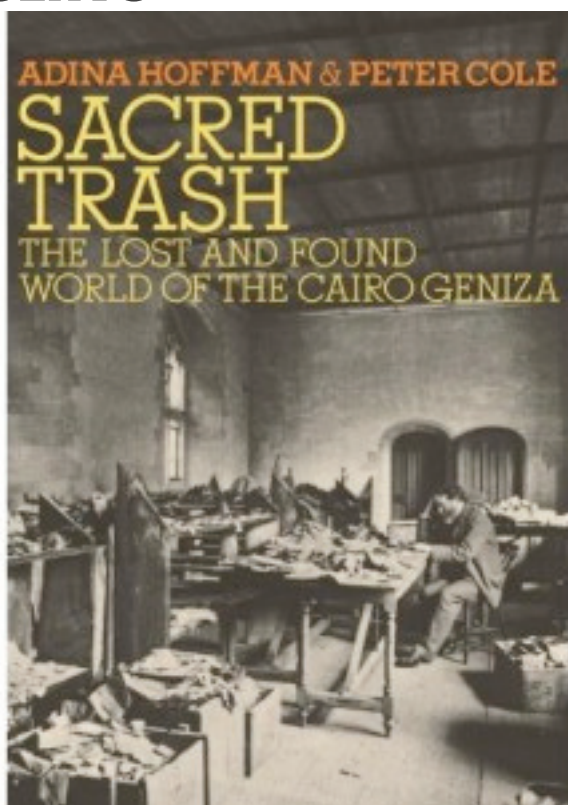
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