



CHRONICLE

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From the Pulpit

Zokhreinu l'Chaym: Remember Us for Life



"Remember us for life, O Sovereign who delights in life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, O God of life." We chant this refrain and others akin to it multiple times at every service throughout the Ten Days of Repentance. From the opening Amidah on the eve of Rosh Hashanah through the closing of the gates as the sun sets during Neilah, we beseech God to grant us life.

But is it just a pulse and breath that we crave or something greater? We come to the synagogue acknowledging our frailties. We are mindful on these days especially of our mortality, but we know not the length of our days. All we know is that we have thankfully made it through another year, but such accomplishment brings us inevitably closer to the end of this life. Our mortality is a constant reminder that we have but limited days to undertake new challenges, to accomplish desired goals, to experience that which one human being might reasonably expect to taste in one lifetime. There is little time to waste on the frivolous.

Age is also invariably accompanied by a weakening of the body, a loss of youthful vigor, new aches and pains we do not welcome, but cannot outwit. Our marriages and friendships become ever more sacred as sources of love, companionship and affection. We may face thoughts of retirement with a combination of longing and terror. We marvel as our children grow, mature and become independent, seek their own life's partners and ways to contribute to society, eventually creating families of their own.

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From the President

Happy New Year! With a new year upon us, it is appropriate for me to discuss what the major goals are for the Board of Directors this year. Last month I reviewed the year just completed, let me discuss what we plan on accomplishing this year.

Our primary financial concern this year is to remain focused on running an efficient organization while continuing to provide superior services to our membership and keeping dues in line. Although last year's budget resulted in a small deficit, given the environment we found ourselves in, we were satisfied that we responded well to an extreme and unpredictable economy. We have decided to carry that deficit forward and deal with the financial issues posed in this fiscal year, and have planned for a balanced budget. It won't be easy and some services will be negatively impacted. Much will depend upon the success of our new Annual Giving program and the condition of the economic environment overall. But we are committed to continuing the tradition of running a fiscally sound Congregation.

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If Not Now, When? Today & Tomorrow

אם לא עכשו, אימתי? היום ומחר

The second in the "Jewish Giving" study series...Print or copy this "instant lesson" and start a discussion around your Shabbat dinner table – appropriate for ALL ages!

The great scholar Maimonides wrote about the Laws of Gifts to the Poor (10.7-15) in his book the Mishnah Torah. He took Jewish ideas about charity from the Bible, the Talmud and from other rabbinical books of wisdom to create an eight step code called **Ladder of Tzedakah**. It tells us about the *eight degrees of tzedakah* in order of increasing importance. During the coming months, we will briefly examine these steps.

Read and discuss this text below...

Who fulfilled a mitzvah?

A homeless woman named Ruth walks into a deserted doctor's office at 6:00 pm on a cold winter's evening. Doctor Smith comes out to find the woman weeping in the waiting area. "Whatever is the matter?" he asks.

"It's my arm," Ruth replies, "I think it's broken." Dr. Smith takes in her ragged appearance, her stench, and notices that while her arm is scraped and bloody, it is most definitely not broken. Dr. Smith widens his eyes in sympathy, smiles, reaches into his pocket for a dollar, and directs her toward the bus that will take her to the free clinic.

Meanwhile Dr. Jones enters the waiting room. She has her coat on and her briefcase in hand. When she catches sight of the homeless woman she shakes her head in disgust and mutters something about "darn freeloaders." Nevertheless she sits down to clean and dress Ruth's wound. She doesn't look up, not even to accept Ruth's feeble "thanks," and does not watch her walk out into the cold night.

So, who was it?

While Dr. Smith appeared sympathetic, he ultimately gave nothing. Dr. Jones gave grudgingly, but she still gave. According to Maimonides the lowest level of giving tzedakah (which means justice, not charity) is when the giver gives unwillingly.

Giving unwillingly, like Dr. Jones, is preferable to not giving at all, like Dr. Smith, and still fulfills the commandment of tzedakah.

When we are faced with the choice between giving begrudgingly and not giving at all, our tradition makes the choice easy! To make a donation to the Annual Giving campaign, please contact **Wendy Kahn**, Development Coordinator at 503-452-4614 or rifikashira@comcast.net.

High Holy Day Services

	DATE	TIME	SERVICE
SELIHOT	Saturday, September 12	8:30-11:45 pm 12:00 midnight	Jewish Educational Shul at MUCC Selichot Service at MUCC (immediately following the Shul)
ROSH HASHANAH	Friday, September 18	8:15 pm 8:15 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services (Sanctuary) Young Family Service (Stampfer Chapel)
	Saturday, September 19	8:00 am 8:30 am & 10:45 am 8:15 pm	First Day Services (Sanctuary & Birnback Hall) Family Services (reservations required) Maariv (Stampfer Chapel)
	Sunday, September 20	8:00 am 10:00 am	Second Day Services (Sanctuary) Family Services (open to all): (Birnback Hall). Concludes with Children's Tashlich
	Tashlich	1:30 pm	Fanno Creek (just off lower parking lot)
SHABBAT SHUVAH	Friday, September 25	8:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
	Saturday, September 26	8:00 am	Shabbat Shuvah Service (Stampfer Chapel)
	Sunday, September 27	10:00 am 10:00 am	Memorial Service at Neveh Zedek Cemetery Memorial Service at Ahavai Shalom Cemetery
YOM KIPPUR	Sunday, September 27	8:45 pm	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service (Sanctuary/Birnback Hall)
	Monday, September 28	8:00 am 8:30 am & 10:45 am 12:00 pm 2:15 pm 4:30 pm 8:30 pm	Yom Kippur Services (Sanctuary/Birnback Hall) Family Services (reservations required) Yizkor Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Birnback Hall) Learning Time Discussion (Library) Mincha (Sanctuary) Neilah (Sanctuary)

In Lieu of Participating in this Year's Race for the Cure, Neveh Shalom Will Honor Breast Cancer Survivors on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah



For many years Neveh Shalom's Women's League has organized a delegation to participate and support the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure". Unfortunately this year's 5K walk to raise community awareness and money for research and education conflicts with our observance of Rosh Hashanah. Since joining this worthwhile cause is not an option this year, we are reserving the fifth Aliyah on the second day of Rosh Hashanah for a group honor in which all Breast Cancer Survivors will be called to the Torah. Breast cancer is one of the greatest killers among women. Thankfully early detection and good medical care restores many women to health so that they can live normal lives. Please join us on Sunday, September 20, to recognize those in our synagogue community who are winning the battle for life.

Zoe Edelson

October 3rd & 4th

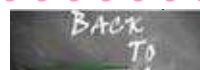


Mazel Tov to Zoe Edelson who is becoming Bat Mitzvah on 10.2.09 & 10.3.09. She is the daughter of Lisa Kaner and Jeff Edelson, sister to Jordan, and

granddaughter to Betty and Larry Kaner of Two Rivers, WI, and Sara and Don Edelson of Philadelphia, PA. Zoe is a 7th grader at West Sylvan Middle School and enjoys dancing with the state champion West Sylvan Dance Team.

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Back to Shul Schedule



9:00am 9:00am -12:00pm	Minyan (Zidell Chapel) Opening Session of Religious School (all students and parents gathering in sanctuary from 9-10)
9:00am - 12:00pm	Library Open House Men's Club (Zidell chapel)
9:40am - 11:30am 10:00am - 11:00am 10:00am -11:00am	13 Mitzvot (Stampfer Chapel) Adult learning: Exploring the Wisdom of our Sages with Neveh Shalom Community Jewish Educators and Rabbi Bradley Greenstein
11:00am - 11:30am 11:00am -12:00pm 11:30am - 1:30pm 11:30am - 12:30pm 12:30pm - 2:30pm	High Holy Day Usher Training (Stampfer Chapel) Chesed committee meeting BBQ Foundation School/Shoreshim Craft Activity Kick off program for Jr. Kadima/Kadima

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The life for which we pray to God over these Holy Days is one of health and quality. We long to be engaged in the world, to sustain a curious mind, to appreciate beauty and pleasure. We pray not only for sight, but for passion to sustain our appreciation for wonder and mystery. We yearn for stimulating conversation and friendship, for interaction and community, for loving family and with a bit of Mazal, descendants. We want to be able to dance and sing, to celebrate and even commiserate with those for whom we care.

Life is so very precious. In the end what we hope for most is not fame and fortune, but truly the simplest of blessings. Keyn Y'hi Ratzon. May that be God's will for us all in the year about the begin.

L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu v'Tekhatemu!
May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good, sweet, healthy and fulfilling new year.

Daniel Isaak, rabbi

From the President

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Jimmy Dean once wrote, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." And that is exactly the approach the Budget Committee and the Board of Directors has taken to this year's budgeting process.

Our second goal this year is to successfully transition to whatever new Cantorial model the Cantorial Transition Committee recommends. This committee is deep in the process of researching other congregations and surveying our own to determine our needs and desires, and matching them to an appropriate modern model. Their meetings are open to the congregation at large, and I am very impressed with the breadth and depth of the discussions they have had thus far. This decision is key to the long-term health of our congregation and our ability to continue to grow.

Our third goal this year is to continue to make progress improving the Youth services and programs available at CNS. Last year we put in place many of the structural and leadership changes needed for these programs to thrive. This year our focus will be on gaining participation and momentum by coordinating the various programs in place. Rabbi Greenstein will be at the forefront of this effort and we anticipate a truly enhanced youth program.

Certainly there are many other programs and projects that the Board of Directors will be focused on this year, but the afore-mentioned are key. Please participate in any of our committees or programs that are of interest to you. All of our committees need volunteers.

My family and I wish for a healthy, happy & peaceful New Year for you and your loved ones.

- Doug Lenhoff

5770 CHOIR

It's my pleasure and privilege to serve as your Interim High Holy Day Hazzan this year! With the guidance of your rabbis, I've spent the summer choosing and preparing music for Sanctuary services, aiming to:



- Facilitate a seamless flow of prayer
- Balance familiar melodies with newer ones
- Transition smoothly between cantor, choir, and congregational singing
- Strengthen community feeling
- Allow space for hearts to open in prayer and meditation.

We're exploring an additional role for the choir: in addition to singing from the bima, you'll hear the choir, at other times, singing among the congregation, encouraging you to lift your voices with theirs.

You can become familiar with melodies new and old, and begin to get in the mood for High Holy Day services, with these opportunities:

- High Holy Day melodies will be posted on the Neveh Shalom website for you to listen to or download – a few more melodies will be posted each week, and announced in the weekly Email Blast, with a link to the website. Go to <http://www.nevehshalom.org/worship/music> and click on High Holidays.
- Music sessions on each of the High Holy Day University evenings, Thursdays at 7:00pm led by me on Sept. 10, **Ilene Safyan** on Sept 17, and both of us together on Sept. 24! Come sing!

Warm regards,

Cantor Barbara Slader

High Holy Day Etiquette

In order to make our High Holy Day services meaningful and pleasant for everyone, please remember these guidelines:

- **Parking:** Cooperate with parking attendants and restricted zones. A limited number of parking spots in the Neveh Shalom lot are available by RESERVATION ONLY: Disabled (free with DMV permit) and Reserved (\$100 per space). Reservation deadline: September 16. Contact Marg Everett to reserve, meverett@nevehshalom.org or 503-246-8831x112.
- **Silence your cell phone/pager.** For emergencies during services, please call 503.475.2934.
- **Tickets** will be checked, please have them with you.
- **Service Decorum:** Kindly do not enter or exit the services while the ark is open or during the Rabbi's sermon. Our ushers will assist in upholding this decorum by closing doors during these solemn times. Please do your part to minimize disturbance to services by exiting at appropriate times.
- **Casual conversation** during services and in the entry is distracting to fellow worshipers. Please keep talking to a minimum, and that in a whisper. Appropriate places to visit with friends include the plaza, courtyard, parking lot, near the elevator, in the Foundation School hallway, and in the chapel or classrooms when children's services are not in session.
- **Behavior guidelines** should be discussed with your children before arriving at synagogue: Use "indoor" voices, no running, no rough-housing, stay with parents or in areas designated for children (childcare, game rooms, youth services). Ushers will escort unsupervised children back to their parents.

DAILY MINYAN

Zidell Chapel

Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Friday, 6:15pm

Saturday Shabbat Services 9 am

TOT SHABBAT

1st & 3rd Shabbat morning,

Will Resume In October

SHABBAT SCHOOL

for 6th Graders

Every Shabbat

Shabbat School Will Resume In

October

KEHILAT NOAR

1st -5th Graders

Youth Congregation

1st and 3rd Shabbat

Will resume in October.

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2nd and 4th Shabbat, in the

Zidell Chapel 9:30am

3rd Shabbat at the Robison Home

If you would like to lead the
davening for Shaharit, Torah, or

Mussaf please call **Mark Sherman,**

503.245.0571

The 2009-2010 Neveh Shalom school year will begin shortly All registration forms are due now!

Plan to attend our Back to Shul
and all member BBQ on Sunday,
September 13th. Contact **Susan**
at 503-293-7306 for more
information about religious school.



Jewish Film Club Sundays, 3:00pm

Every 4-6 weeks we gather
to enjoy a film of Jewish
interest, schmooze & nosh.
If you are interested in

receiving more information, please
contact **Joan and Paul Sher** at
joanzsher@aol.com; paulpsher@
gmail.com; or sherpohsu@aol.com to
be placed on the email list.



Taste & Travel

Tell us about your summer vacation!

Taste & Travel is a time of "Show-and-Tell" for grown-ups. Enjoy a virtual tour through sharing experiences via slides, PowerPoint, artifacts, souvenirs, and best of all, food! We will have treats, snacks, or finger foods so you may sample the region and culture. If you would like to share your travel experience with us, we have openings Nov. 12, Jan. 14, March 11, and May 13. For more information, contact **JoAnn** at 503-293-7309

SPECIAL NOTE:

Jamie and I wanted to express our overwhelming joy of receiving a new home at Neveh Zedek Cemetery. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve you and we look so forward to making this a place of beauty for many years to come. We want to acknowledge all those who were so gracious to see to it that our home would be as beautiful as it is.. and a wonderful place to raise our daughter Hope Grace. Thank you ever so much to the Cemetery committee, the board of directors and to all of you who have been so very good to us. Words cannot convey our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for all your prayers and love to us as we continue to serve you, our adopted family whom we love with all our hearts.

We love you all so very much~

Jamie & Julie & Hope Grace Monaghan

Shabbat Family Services Resume this October!

What: *Tot Shabbat* for families with children ages 0-5 years in the Zidell Chapel

Led by **Jordan Epstein** (1st Sat) & **Levia Friedman** (3rd Sat)

Kehillat Noar for families with children in 1st-5th grades in room 102

Led by **Amy Katz & Gershon Liberman** (alternating)

When: Saturday October 3, 10:15 am

Regularly, 1st and 3rd Saturdays/month (check weekly e-blast for updates)

Celebrate Shabbat together with family and friends in these warm, inviting family friendly services.

Tot Shabbat & Kehillat Noar will conclude with a NEW JOINT KIDDUSH in the Zidell Chapel following services

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

Ba-ruk'h atah A-do-nay, e-lo-hay-nu me-lekh ha-olam a-she'r kid-sha-nu be-mitz-votav ve-tzi-van-nu li-hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Thy commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Sabbath lights.

AUGUST CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, September 4th	7:26 pm
Friday, September 11th	7:13 pm
Friday, September 18th	6:59 pm
Friday, September 25th	6:46 pm

Refuah Shlema

Refuah Shelema, a speedy
recovery to:

**Arnold Hopfer, Wendy Miller,
Thomas Coughlin, Leslie Alter, Doug
Edwards, June Kabaker, Howard
Shapiro, Melanie Brinbach
and Simon Newman**



Eleanor Fischer Dial-In Service

Only available when services
are in the main Sanctuary.

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

Kol-ha-kavod

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

Milestone Birthdays

Jo Levy	Suzan Wapnick
Ariel Rogson	Bette Lynn Menashe
Brian Izenzon	Lawrence O'Glasser
Dan Barde	Lev Astrakhan
Dan Rubin	Melanie Birnbach
Harvey Becker	Nancy Diamond
Kiki Adamovics	Ernest Waxman
Elizabeth Samuels	Christine Gottlieb
Dmitriy Shore	Carmit McMullen
Alene Bikle	Jeanette Philan
Izrail Dekhtyar	Don Stephens

Milestone Anniversaries

David & Miri Hosenpud	Edward & Jill Neuwelt
Stuart & Geri Luxenberg	Todd & Felicia Rosenthal
Lee & Isabel Sturman	Efim Bresler & Sofia Zalmanova
Jeff & Felicia Blauer	Jerome & Janet Menashe
Jared & Cindi Gellert	Elizabeth & Michael Hayward
David & Roxanne Kotansky	Mark & Johnnalee Friedman
Deborah & Jason Reynolds	Larry & Jan Skolnik
Gary & Esther Liberman	Bob & Debra Matulef
John & Barbara Dunn	Sam & Veta Monastyrsky
Jon Henrichsen & Monica Brenner	

Welcome to New Members:

David H. Ramirez
Daniel & Marsha Hurwitz
Deborah & Jason Reynolds
Joel & Bethany Friedlander
Jacob & Jaimie Harper
Joshua & Jessica Lubek
Dana Kostiner and Eric Simpson

Discovering God in the Environment / A photo exhibit



To celebrate Neveh Shalom's 140th year anniversary we're holding a special photo event for all members of the Neveh Shalom synagogue community, children as well as adults. What inspires your spirituality, where do

you find God, or where is God evident? Is it a mountain lake, a beautiful sunset, the clear night sky, a newborn? Be personal; take time to find what speaks to you. No judges, no prizes, no rules (well almost none). Send your prints, clearly printed on the back with your name and address and phone number, no digital files or CD's please, to the office by August 28th and we'll put them up in the hallways for Rosh Hashanah. Please send a print that you are willing to part with, as we won't be able to return them. Prints must be 8 1/2" x 11" or smaller. Don't be shy! Thanks so much for participating.

– Carol Isaak & Barry Finkel



Career Transition Network Wednesdays, 7:45am

Susan Goldstein, an experienced career transition consultant/coach, facilitates this no-cost networking group for individuals seeking to expand their network in specific industries, organizations, communities, or jobs.

There is no long-term commitment—attend when you can. If you are looking for a job, your network is the best path to that next position.

For details contact **Susan** at 503.880.1473 or susan@sgoldsteinpdx.com.

Synagogue Skills Volunteers

We are seeking to build our corps of Neveh Shalom members who are able to help lead various parts of services, from davening to Torah reading and everywhere in between. Please fill out the online form at: <http://nevehshalom.org/worship/volunteers> with information on the skills you have or would like to learn. Thank you!

Membership Committee



Congregation Neveh Shalom is our extended living room. It's where we gather together with our friends and family. It's a special place where we share our joys have found comfort during times of grief. Neveh has something for all three generations of our family. For us, our children and Susan's parents it is our community.

One of our first experiences was when we were living in Auburn, WA and we were going to move back to Portland, **Rabbi Isaak** called us to welcome us back. We weren't even members but he let us know we were welcome. Our children are both connected and have their own special communities. The upcoming Bar Mitzvah class of Seth's is truly amazing. I've never seen a tighter groups of kids, whether it's in class, at services or going off to Schechter together, they are a joy to see.

At Neveh Shalom we feel we truly belong!

B'Shalom! **Susan Greenberg**, Membership Committee Member.

THE GLORIA BACHARACH JUDAICA SHOP AT CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

Fall is in the air and the Judaica Shop "Back to Shul" sale is right around the corner. Come see us Sunday September 13th from 9:30 am-1:30pm and peruse, shmooze and purchase lovely items for your Shabbat table, Rosh Hashanah celebration or maybe even pick up a shofar-you know you've always wanted to own one!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity with a regular schedule? Always wanted to learn more about Jewish ritual objects or be the first to admire new merchandise? Consider joining Women's League and volunteering at the gift shop. Most shifts are 2-3 hours. Scheduling is flexible-once a month, twice a month, once a week or more! Training is fun and free! Please call or email me to learn more. Hope to hear from you!

Warmly,

Stefani Cozine

skcozine@gmail.com, hm 503-296-8622

Cafe V'lvrit 3rd Mondays, September 21, 7:30pm



Coffee, Refreshments, and Social, Educational & Intellectual Conversation IN HEBREW for adult Hebrew learners and speakers. 3rd Mondays at Neveh Shalom, 7:30pm. Suggested donation \$5-10. For more information, contact **Mel Berwin** at michaelvmel@gmail.com.

Neveh Shalom says, "Never Again" (Darfur Awareness) Poetry Contest, High Holy Days 5770/2009

The Never Again Coalition is Portland's Jewish response to the situation in Darfur and other genocidal atrocities. As we join together from different synagogues, organizations, and backgrounds, we provide opportunities for Portland Jews to stand together and work towards revitalizing the phrase "Never Again." As we enter 5770, we hope the new year will usher in renewed *ruach*, a Hebrew word meaning spirit and energy. It is with this newfound *ruach* that the Never Again Coalition is proud to present the High Holidays Youth Poetry Contest. Winning poems will be published in the Coalition's High Holiday insert, which will be distributed to thousands of Jews in Portland during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in participating synagogues and organizations. The contest is open to youth ages 17 and under. See the flyer with more information about the contest at http://www.nevehshalom.org/flyers/poem_flyer.pdf. If you would like more information about the contest or the coalition please email us at NeverAgainCoalition@gmail.com or check out our website at www.NWNeverAgain.weebly.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Veterans Day Program Sunday, November 8, 10:00am



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for Neveh Shalom's Bi-Annual Veterans Day Program. This year we will have Col.

Mel Garten, USA (Ret) as our special guest and speaker. Col. Garten is a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam and was nominated for the Medal of Honor during his service in Korea. Col. Garten represents the finest example of a Jewish soldier serving his country. Please join us for this special event.

Harold & Jackie Lesch, Program Chairs

Kvell with Us

Mazel Tov to Dodi Li Rogoway, daughter of **Miriam Rogoway**, and Brad Guillet on their marriage July 23. They are ecstatically happy at home in Vancouver, WA.

Mazel Tov to CNS Congregant and NS Babies Chair **Mindy Zeitzer** on completing her doctorate in nursing. Kol HaKavod!

Mazel Tov to **Elissa & Justin Morris** on the birth of their daughter: **Claire Rowan Morris**, born on July 28th, 2009. Claire joins big sister **Abigail**.



Mazel Tov to the happy parents, **Dr Aaron and Vanessa Gorin** on the birth of their twin boys, Max and Leo. Max and Leo were born on July 29th. Grandparents are **Larry and Carolyn Gorin** and Yolanda Bogaert, and Great Grandparents, **Leonard and Goldie Barde**.

Mazel Tov to **Anna and Eric Kodesch** on the birth of their son, Sol Shabse Kodesch. Sol was born on July 29th. Sol joins sisters Dora and Molly. Grandparents are Peter Singer, **Sharon Stern**, **Steve Rallison**, Bonnie and Ray Kodesch, and Great Grandparents are **Helen and Jerry Stern**.



Mazel Tov to **Dana and Steve Sirkin** who are celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Dorian Emma Sirkin. She came into the world at 4:35 a.m. July 15th. As an added mitzvah, she is sharing her birthday with her Great Grandmother Enid Watsky and Great Uncle Mark Sirkin!

Israel Affairs Committee



The Israel Affairs committee has been busy planning some incredible events for you all to attend. Get out your calendars now and come to these wonderful activities!

On the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm, the Israel Affairs committee, along with other Jewish communal entities, is hosting **Cafe V'Ivrit** at CNS. There will be two sections--one for learners (those who have had a least one year of college-level Hebrew) and one for fluent speakers (to practice that tricky vocabulary and verb tenses). No reservations needed--just a suggested donation of \$5-\$10. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar for our first **Israeli Movie Night** on October 26 at 7pm. We are hoping to show *Yossi & Jagger*, a movie about an illicit romance in the Israeli military. Check the Neveh website and weekly email for more details as they become available. We'll watch a movie, participate in a discussion led by PSU Guest Scholar David Ehrlich, and gain further insight into Israeli culture through this experience.

We are excited to announce a new **partnership with Hod V'Hadar**, an environmentally conscious Masorti (Israeli Conservative) synagogue near Tel Aviv. In the future, keep a lookout in this space for updates from this exciting new venture.

We always need new members for our committee and welcome your ideas for our we can further enhance Neveh's relationship with Israelis and Israel. If you are interested in helping our congregation create a link and love with the land and people of Israel, please join us! Contact **Caron Blau Rothstein** at crothstein@nevehshalom.org for details.

--**Dana Sacks, Committee Chair**

Notes from Shomrei Teva



5770: Looking Back, Looking Forward

During the High Holidays we look inward, and we can also look outward, toward the earth. How have we treated it? Have we changed our life-styles and habits to reduce our "environmental footprint"? What have we done to teach our children to care for the earth? What will we do next year as environmental concerns grow? These, like questions we ask about our relationships with people and God, are also valid for consideration during this personal and most holy of times.

Shomrei Teva planted over 350 native plants last year in our creek restoration project. For next year we'll continue to maintain the site and expand it, adding plants as they become available. We'll again plan for a synagogue Tu B'Shvat seder, in late January. The Portland Tuv Ha'Aretz project, which Shomrei Teva helped create, continues to grow and thrive. Now we're considering new projects.

Creating a community garden on site, making synagogue events more sustainable (especially those involving food), conducting an environmental audit at the shul, setting up car pools, and providing members with more information to make their simchas "greener" are some of the ideas we're considering. Would you like to help?

Quoting Rabbi Tarfon in Pirke Avot (2:16): "It is not your obligation to complete the task, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it entirely..." Come join us during this next year. Contact **Jordan Epstein**: 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net.

L'shana tovah

Jordan (Yaakov) Epstein

Chair, Shomrei Teva of Neveh Shalom

Lunch Bunch for 65+

We will resume our 2nd Tuesday monthly luncheon on October 13. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! PLEASE NOTE: To save postage we are limiting our postcard reminders to those who REQUEST to receive the mailing. If you would like to receive a Lunch Bunch reminder in the mail, please call the office at 503.246.8831x100.



First Friday Shabbat Dinner

Resumes November 6! Watch your Chronicle or email for updates!



Make Your Mark!

Every brick represents an unique opportunity to perpetuate your name or the name of a loved one. There are 1000's of opportunities. There is a paver for you!

\$180 for an Individual Paver

\$1800 for 6 Patron Pavers

Order today by downloading an order form (2 pages). For questions contact **Wendy Kahn**, Development Coordinator at 503-452-4614.



Feldstein Library



Preparing for the High Holy Days always starts at the FELDSTEIN LIBRARY

Suggestions for Adults: Celebrating the Jewish Year – The Summer Holidays by Paul Steinberg

- *Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur Survival Kit* by Shimon Apisdorf
- *Tapestry of Jewish Time* by Nina Cardin
- *1001 Questions and Answers on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Jeffrey Cohen
- *Preparing Your Heart for the High Holidays* by Kerry Olitzky

Suggestions for Boys and Girls:

- *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride* by Deborah Cohen
- *Even Higher* by Eric Kimmel
- *Sound the Shofar* by Leslie Kimmelman
- *When the Chickens Went on Strike* by Erika Silverman
- *The Day the Rabbi Disappeared* by Howard Schwartz

Fall Library Hours starting September 13th:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Wednesday evening 5 pm to 8:30 pm when Religious School is in session

Sunday 8am to noon when Religious School is in session

Looking forward to seeing YOU!

SHANAH TOVAH!

Hilde Jacob, Librarian

Women's League



Women's League wishes you a L'Shana Tova, as we arrive at the new year. We are planning something for everyone to come to and enjoy with us. We look forward to seeing you at one of our programs.

Are you a Women's League member? Be a part of the largest Synagogue based women's organization; we support both our synagogue and our community. Our dues are \$36; this enables us to provide our many programs throughout the year. Our membership is open to all women in our synagogue.

Did you order your new Torah Fund pin? Contact **Jackie Constantine**, 503.520.1222 or **Sandi Fulcher**, 503.430.8375 for more information, they can send a Torah Fund card for you or you can purchase a card at our Gift Shop., for an occasion, congratulations, get well, or sympathy needs.

Our Gloria Bacharach Judaica Gift shop is open and ready for you to purchase a L'Shana Tova gift for your home. Volunteer with us, shop with us, and tell your friends about us. Contact our Gift Shop Manager **Stefani Cozine**, 503.296.8622 or Co-Manager **Samantha Johnson**, 503.482.5142 for information. We'll see you at the Shop!

Women's League annually sponsors the Break-the-fast meal after Yom Kippur services. Your assistance enables us to continue this wonderful and endearing tradition at Neveh Shalom. We appreciate and thank you for past donations.

Our monthly Potluck & Planning Board meeting is Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm at **Chris Gottlieb's** home. Do you have an idea for a program or event? This is your opportunity to reach us, everyone is welcome, contact me, 503.626.6611 for details.

Susan Sutherlin

President, Neveh Shalom Women's League

Men's Club



Our first program of the fall season will be on **Sunday, September 13th**. We will start at about 9:40 am in the Zidell Chapel with a light brunch and a chance to socialize. You will have an opportunity to meet new members and hear about the upcoming Men's Club programs and events for the new year.

Please invite a friend to come and learn about Men's Club.

After the program please join the congregation at 11:30 am for the annual synagogue membership bar-b-que.

A group of Men's Club members volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please contact **Dr. David Sibell** at sibellld@ohsu.edu if you are interested in helping.

Another mitzvah opportunity is to help in the Hand-To-Hand program on **Sunday, October 18th** at the MJCC. This program is sponsored by several ecumenical organizations to obtain and distribute donated items for the needy in our community. If you'd like to take a 90 minute shift and help this worthy cause please contact **Dr. David Sibell** at sibellld@ohsu.edu.

We will be constructing the congregational sukkah that Men's Club purchased last year on **September 29th**. Due to a number of constraints we'll have to do this mid-week. If you have an interest in helping please call **Dr. Gary Laroff** at 503-691-1691.

If you would like to join Men's Club, please contact either of our membership chairmen, **Jeremy Kelter** at timberlineadvisors@comcast.net or **Gabe Markiz** at Gabe@MandFcpas.com. In addition to our monthly programs, we do a lot to help the synagogue and greater community. Your membership support helps us accomplish this.

We hope you are enjoying your summer and we look forward to seeing you at our Men's Club events this year.

Dr.'s Gary Laroff and Bruce Stern, Men's Club Co-Presidents

Darfur Awareness

Neveh Shalom Says Never Again: Darfur Awareness Committee Update

Genocide is happening right now in the Darfur region of Sudan. The Neveh Shalom Says Never Again Darfur Awareness Committee is our Congregation's active and present voice to raise awareness and bring change for the people of Darfur.

Please join us for these upcoming activities and add your voice and support to our cause.

- **Ruth Messinger**, president and executive director of the American Jewish World Service, will be speaking on the topic of Darfur on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm** at Congregation Neveh Shalom. The event is sponsored by the Never Again Coalition, Neveh Shalom as well as other local congregations.
- Join our Postcard Brigade. Receive monthly updates on the situation in Darfur and stamped and addressed postcards for you to sign and mail. Join the Brigade by emailing postcardbrigade@gmail.com.
- Host a Darfur Action House Party. Raise awareness about Darfur among your family and friends. We have all the information and resources you need. Email greenstein_sarah@yahoo.com to find out more.
- Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, September 2 at 7:30pm** in the CNS Board room.
- Call 1-800-GENOCIDE once a day or once a week for the opportunity to tell your elected officials to give aid to the people of Darfur.
- Read *Not on Our Watch* by Don Cheadle and John Prendergast and participate in our fall book discussion. Look for announcements for our congregational book discussion coming in November.

Are you raising Jewish children, but you're not Jewish?

Don't do it alone: Join us for The Mothers Circle!



The Mothers Circle is a free program empowering non-Jewish mothers to create Jewish homes. All are welcome and no prior knowledge or affiliation is necessary. The interactive curriculum explores Jewish holidays, practices, rituals, and ethics while providing resources and tools for enriching Jewish family life at home. **FREE** childcare is also available upon request.

For more information please contact
Caron Blau Rothstein at 503.246.8831 or
Portland@TheMothersCircle.org

 **FREE** Resources.
Education. Events.

Shalom Neveh Families,

As I am writing this article, I am sitting in the beautiful land of Israel, soaking up the sun, sounds, sights (and tastes, of course) of this amazing place. It is hard not to feel a deep connection to the land and the Jewish people as I walk the narrow streets of Jerusalem, soak in the Dead Sea and hike in the Carmel mountains. However, on this trip to Israel I was surprised by my close connection to the coastal metropolis of Tel Aviv, a place I have always enjoyed but now experience in a new way. This busy city is filled with coffee shops, museums, restaurants and shops, and sometimes feels like many other cities in the world, even Portland in some ways. However, one thing is clear...it's a Jewish city. Our own Susan Bernstein has said that what she loves the most about Israel is that you feel Judaism everywhere. The bus drivers, waiters, phone operators and the homeless on the streets are all Jewish, and they have some connection to this land and to the Jewish people. Though this feeling is felt deepest in Israel, as it has for thousands of years, it is also possible to find it right at home, in our Neveh Shalom community. In many ways the youth activities at Neveh highlight this connection by building bonds between friends and peers that are uniquely Jewish. The relationships built in our programs will last a lifetime, and will also give our youth the tools to create these Jewish connections through adulthood. I know this because my strongest personal friendships are those based on Jewish connections that I made in youth group, camp, and trips to Israel.

This fall at Neveh we have amazing opportunities to build these Jewish bonds through Jr. Kadima, Kadima and our re-charged Teen USY Youth Group! I am extremely excited for the year that lies ahead for our community, especially as it is being led by some of the coolest Jews I have ever met, our new Neveh Teen Board! You will have an opportunity to see all the excitement yourselves this **Sunday, September 13th** at our "Back to Shul" kick-off event! Neveh Shalom Youth Activities invites all kids, 3-12th grade to join us for fun, friends and more fun as we start the year off with a bang, and continue to strengthen the Jewish bonds that have made us the great people that we are today, and have been since we crossed the Jordan River together to this beautiful place that I am sitting in now.

Well that's it for now...I need to go get some ice cream from the Jewish ice cream man down the street. See you at Neveh!

L'hitraot,

Jonathan Emanuel, Youth Director

jemanuel@nevehshalom.org

Kadima (6-8th grade)

Kadima has much in store this year for our 6th - 8th grades! Join us on **September 13** for an all-out Kadima extravaganza! This fun-filled day of activities and games is sure to get Kadima off to a rousing beginning. In store for the coming weeks is a scavenger hunt in Forest Park, an overnight movie and dance party, as well as tie-dyeing our own Kadima t-shirts! For further information drop by the Youth Lounge to pick up fliers or email **Cara Buchalter Emanuel** at kadima@portlandrishonim.org.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Cara Buchalter Emanuel

MOTHERS CIRCLE COURSE BEGINS THIS FALL



Are you a mother raising Jewish children... but you're not Jewish? Don't do it alone

The Mothers Circle provides FREE education and support for women of other religious backgrounds who are raising Jewish children, or who with their partners plan on raising Jewish children in the future. The course is now accepting registrations for Fall '09. Classes meet 2x/ month and focus on Jewish rituals, ethics, and the how-to's of creating a Jewish home. Come be a part of this warm and nurturing environment and feel empowered to take on the responsibility of raising children in Judaism. Mothers Circle: The Course is taught by locally renowned Jewish educator, author and life coach Lois Shenker. For more information or to register, please contact **Caron Blau Rothstein** at Portland@TheMothersCircle.org or 503.246.8831, or visit www.TheMothersCircle.org.

Sessions to be held at the MJCC:

Introductory Session on the High Holy Days

Sunday, September 13, 9:30-11am

Course

1st & 3rd Sundays, 9:30-11:30am, Starting this October FREE
Childcare offered during the course for children 18 months+

HEBREW IMMERSION AT NEVEH SHALOM

REGISTER NOW FOR SESSIONS OF KOCHAVIM & NOTZ'TZIM
HEBREW IMMERSION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-8!

Kochavim (Stars) is Neveh Shalom's unique and exciting Hebrew immersion program for pre-K through 2nd graders. Children are engaged in learning modern, conversational Hebrew through fun and active play, music, art, drama, stories, and games. Kochavim meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:45 p.m. with free drop-off from 3:30 p.m. Check out the slideshow from our wonderful summer camp, find registration materials, and get more information from our website: http://www.nevehshalom.org/learning/youth_education/kochavim.

Notz'tzim (Sparkles) is for tots ages 0-4 years and their parents or caregivers. Come meet other young families, sing and dance and play with your child, while being immersed in modern Hebrew. Parents do not need to know Hebrew--we all learn together! Notz'tzim is offered on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings. See our website for details and registration forms: http://www.nevehshalom.org/learning/early_childhood_education/notz.

Kochavim and Notz'tzim are open to the entire Jewish community. Contact director **Mel Berwin** 503-452-6890 or



Neveh Shalom Babies

Welcome back from summer! We hope everyone is adjusting and easily getting back into the swing of things. We have some exciting new things this program year and hope to see you there!

Playgroup: Starting this fall, we will be introducing a new version of the playgroup. Instead of the drop in playgroup, there will be 8 week sessions, the first pair starting October 19th and 21st. On Mondays for parents/caregivers of babies ages 0-12 months: a more structured support/discussion group. On Wednesdays for 12-36 month olds and their parents: less structure, more play. Stay tuned for further details and to sign up!

Parent ed: First workshop will be this winter. They promise to be interesting and educational! Have an idea for a workshop you or someone you know can teach? Let us know!

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

Want to get involved? Like planning? We'd love to have you join the CNS Babies planning committee! Please contact Mindy if you're interested!!

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



Foundation School

Foundation School is ready to welcome all new and returning families for a wonderful year of Jewish Early Childhood Education.

September is when we all get to know each other and build our classroom communities. Old friendships will be renewed and new friendships will be made among the children. Our teachers will be learning about each child's personality and learning style so that we can meet their individual needs. All classes will create a learning environment that is caring, inviting and fun.

This month we celebrate the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Children at Foundation School will learn that a new year is beginning; one that we hope will be good and sweet like the delicious apples dipped in honey that we will taste. We will make "Buzzy Bee Hats" and join together to sing and hear the sound of the Shofar blast. Neveh Shalom congregant Bobbie Kramer will be our special guest to describe her experience as a bee keeper teaching us how those magnificent honey bees make that delicious honey.

It will be delightful to have the sounds and energy of the young children back in our building this month.

L'Shana Tova – Happy New Year!

Jan Skolnik



Shoreshim

Shoreshim kicked off another year of fun and educational programs for Neveh families with children under the age of five with a great turnout for our summer picnic. There was schmoozing, noshing, blowing bubbles, and throwing water balloons – a great time was had by all.

Are you looking for ways to get involved at Neveh Shalom? We would LOVE to have your help on the Shoreshim Committee! We really need your ideas and energy, and the responsibilities are simple and straightforward – work with other members to plan one event and volunteer at one or two Tot Shabbat services/year (telling the children a story and greeting people at the door). Your kids will get to see you as a role model in the Jewish community, and the work is really meaningful to Shoreshim – it's a win/win experience for everyone! Our next program will be a High Holy Day-themed craft project with Foundation School at the All Member BBQ

on **Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**. Look for our table, come make a great take-home craft, and meet other Shoreshim families.

Join us for the first Tot Shabbat service of 5770 on **Saturday October 3rd, 10:15 am** in the Zidell Chapel. We will celebrate Shabbat AND usher in Sukkot. Tot Shabbat services are on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, and are led by **Jordan Epstein and Levia Friedman**, respectively.

For questions about Shoreshim or information on how you can get involved, please contact co-chairs **Rachel Pines** (503) 531-0110 rachelpines@yahoo.com or **Sarah Zakreski** (503) 288-6544 sjbz_pdx@yahoo.com.

Religious School



Jews are known to answer a question with another question. Why do we do this? Why not? Because we value a good education for ourselves and our children, we can appreciate the notion of asking questions. What would the Pesach Seder be if not for the myriad of questions and answers that were compiled by the ancient scholars and complemented by modern commentary? We learn by asking and wondering, curious to know what lies hidden from our understanding.

We want our children to be problem-solvers, to think independently, and to eventually arrive at their own theories about life. In order to help them along this path, we must create the positive environment that encourages the asking. Most children and adults feel stupid when asking questions because nobody wants to admit that they don't know something; this is part of being human. As parents and teachers, we should create the positive, relaxed environment that says to the learner "this is a safe place to ask one's questions".

Showing that we are attentive to our children and that we care to know what they have learned helps in their feeling good about what they know. With this in mind, I will be offering ways to engage in your child's education throughout the coming year. Summaries of class lessons and suggested discussion openers will be posted on our website to help you know what your child has learned, but more importantly, to give you opportunities to discuss these lessons with your child and learn together.

Wishing you all a Sweet Year of Learning and Growing Together.

Susan Bernstein

Education Director
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Vaad Shel Chesed Group

L'Shanah Tovah ~ From the Chesed Committee!



On behalf of the Chesed Committee, we would personally like to wish all of our Neveh Shalom Members a Happy and Health New Year! The Chesed, (Caring) Committee, is comprised of a community of Neveh Shalom volunteers who care. We visit people, cook meals, make birthday

calls to seniors, and care for those in need of healing. We study what our tradition has to teach us, we learn practical tips about how to comfort people, and we talk/process our experiences. We would love for you to be part of our growing Chesed Volunteer Team!

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Our Chesed Volunteers play a vital and needed role in our NS Community. In order to provide quality caring support to our NS members in need, Chesed Volunteers are needed to provide rides to Shabbat services, prepare meals/deliver a meal to a family in need, visit a congregant in the hospital, and make birthday calls to seniors.

WHY DO WE NEED VOLUNTEERS?

Our committee believes that Chesed Volunteers bring enthusiasm, energy, and an enriching approach that supports the caring needs of our community. If you feel you are able to contribute to the Chesed approach, we would love to have you join our team! We need you!!

For more information regarding The Chesed Committee or how you can become a Chesed Volunteer, please contact **Barbara Barde**, 503.293.1222 or Barb@Bardepdx.com

Below are the Chesed Committee's meeting dates. Save the dates!! Come check us out and learn more about what we do – we know you'll be hooked instantly! (Location for all meetings: NS Board Room).

- September 13, 2009 – (Sunday), 10am to 12pm – Chesed Volunteer Appreciation/Yearly "Kick-off" Meeting
- General Chesed meetings are Sundays 10-12 noon in the NS Board Room. Dates: 10/18, 11/8, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16

Chesed group information, please contact **Barbara Barde**, Committee Chair, 503-293-1222 or Barb@Bardepdx.com.

Congregation Neveh Shalom Membership Incentive...

As our economy has hit us all hard, help your congregation as we help you....

For current members of Congregation Neveh Shalom in good standing...

Recruit 1 new family/single member unit and receive 10% off your current dues.

Note:

- If already paid in full Neveh Shalom will refund the difference to you or credited to your account.
- New Member must pay dues and JOIN CNS in order for current member to receive discount. If potential family is sponsored by a current family they can receive comp High Holy tickets. (CNS family responsible for taking Potential member all through the holidays)
- New member can not have been a member of another local congregation within the last 12 months.

Please contact **Michelle Caplan** for more information at 503.293.7305 or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

Lifelong Learning Fall 2009

High Holy Day University

Wednesdays, 9:15am, Sept. 16, 23, 30

Thursdays, 7:00pm and 8:15pm, Sept. 10, 17, 24

We invite members of Congregation Neveh Shalom and the whole Portland Jewish community to prepare themselves body and soul through study and self-examination for entrance into the sacred season of the Days of Awe.

All classes will be held at: Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, 97239.

For information, contact JoAnn Bezodis at 503-293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

All courses are open to the public.

Neveh Shalom members: \$18 donation requested.

Non-Members: a one-time \$18 registration fee allows you to attend any/all of the classes. Refreshments will be served. See the enclosed flyer for all the class descriptions.

High Holy Day

Usher Training followed by Member BBQ

Sunday, September 13, 11:00am (BBQ at 11:30am)

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

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

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

Then, we invite you to attend our brief training & review for ushers, **Sunday, 9/13, at 11am**. You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about parking, security, and ushering. Afterwards, please stay and join us for the all-member barbecue luncheon.

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

Thank you!

Ron Morris

Ruth Messinger

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00pm at Neveh Shalom



Ruth Messinger of American Jewish World Service will be giving a community-wide lecture on Tuesday evening, **Sept. 8, 7-8:30 pm**, at Congregation Neveh Shalom. She will be presenting the latest on the situation in Darfur along with her assessment of the Obama administration's response thus far to the genocide there. The lecture will be co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Portland Community Relations Committee, Never Again Coalition, Congregation Neveh Shalom, and others.

Shomrei Teva Creek Side Restoration

September 13, 9:00am
(NOTE: 2nd Sunday this month!)

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

Portland Tuv ha'Aretz

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



Congregation Neveh Shalom on Facebook!

Please join our online community on Facebook. Just search for Congregation Neveh Shalom!

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Food Barrels



Neveh Shalom has 2 food barrels benefiting Neighborhood House and the Sunshine Pantry. Bring in your non-perishable food items to the barrels located in the Religious School Hallway and in the foyer outside the Zidell Chapel.

Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Gardeners and CSA members!

Produce Collection,
Thursday mornings until 1pm

Fresh produce is needed for the Oregon Food Bank! Bring your surplus fresh fruit and vegetables to Neveh Shalom on Thursday mornings. At 1pm Xuan Sibell will pick up and deliver produce to the Food Bank for distribution to people in need. Questions? Contact Xuan at 503-887-9350 or sibell4@comcast.net

Donate Your Car

We would like to thank our recent donor:
Jean Shirkoff

You can receive a tax write-off by donating your unused or unwanted vehicle, running or not. Call the JoAnn in the Neveh Shalom Office for more info: 503-293-7309, or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.

Bar Mitzvah Suit Closet Reduce – Reuse – Recycle!

Yossi's Closet is ready for sharing. Borrow a boy's suit for any synagogue occasion. We have shirts, pants, shoes, and suits. We only ask that you dry-clean any borrowed suit before returning it. Save money & the environment! We accept donations of suits in "like-new" condition, as well as shirts and shoes. To donate or to borrow please call **Stephanie Arnheim** at 503-539-2602 or stephanie@getusafit.com

Shomrei Teva, Watering Our Garden

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers are needed to water the many young plants we put in the ground last February. We need to get them through one hot, dry season. Ideally, you would volunteer for one week, coming out two days. Instructions will be provided and backup will be available (if a hose begins to leak or a sprinkler head starts to madly squirt water in all directions). It's easy work, just takes time, and would be a lovely mitzvah for Neveh Shalom and the future of our burgeoning site. Questions or need more info? Contact: **Jordan Epstein** or call 503-245-6580.

Support Neveh Shalom while shopping!

Got an Albertson's Card or Safeway Card? Name Neveh Shalom as your Community Partner and a portion of all your purchases will support the synagogue. This does NOT cost you any money, so it's WIN-WIN! No computer skills necessary. Send JoAnn Bezodis the following information and she will take care of the rest. Contact **JoAnn Bezodis** at 503-293-7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org.



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May their memories be a blessing.

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Share your life-cycles events and accomplishments with your congregation. Please e-mail submissions to mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

Deadlines

October Chronicle - September 4th

November Chronicle - October 2nd

December Chronicle - November 6th

Erev Shabbat Services

All Erev Shabbat services are at 6:15pm.

Each 6:15 service has a distinct flavor of it's own. We invite you to sample:

1st Friday-Kabbalat Shabbat Singing Service with Ilene Safyan
(monthly Shabbat dinners will resume in November; reservations required).

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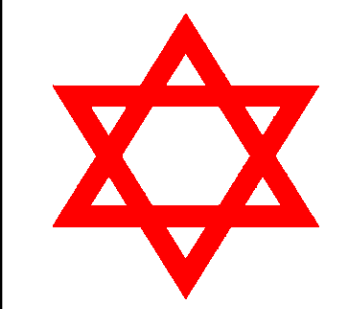
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CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM SEPTEMBER 2009/5770- ELUL-TISHRI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		12 ELUL	13 ELUL	14 ELUL	15 ELUL	16 ELUL
		1 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud	2 7:15am Minyan 7:45am Career Transition Ntwk 7:30pm Choir Practice	3 7:15am Minyan 4:30pm Bible Class 7:30pm Executive Committee	4 7:15am Minyan Joseph & Suzannah Dickerson B'Nai Mitzvah 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.	5 Joseph & Suzannah Dickerson B'Nai Mitzvah 9am Shabbat Service
					7:26pm 	KI TAVO
17 ELUL	18 ELUL	19 ELUL	20 ELUL	21 ELUL	22 ELUL	23 ELUL
6 9:00am Minyan	7 9:00am Minyan 7:30pm Choir Practice OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	8 7:15am Minyan 5pm Talmud 7pm Ruth Messinger Lecture	9 7:15am Minyan 7:45am Career Transition Ntwk 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Foundation School Parent Orientation	10 7:15am Minyan 4:30pm Bible Class 7pm High Holy Day University 8:15pm High Holy Day Univ.	11 7:15am Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.	12 9am Combined Shabbat Serv. 9am Shabbat School
					7:13pm 	NITZAVIM/VAYELECH
24 ELUL	25 ELUL	26 ELUL	27 ELUL	28 ELUL	29 ELUL	1 TISHRI
13 9:00am Minyan 9am Religious School 9:30am Mother's Circle offsite @ MJCC 8:45am Men's Club 10am Chesed Meeting 10am 13 Mitvot Meeting 10am Tzedakah Proj/Ann Giving 11am High Holy Day usher train. 11:30am All Member BBQ 11:30pm Shoreshim Crafts 12:30pm Youth Activities 2pm Choir Practice	14 7:15am Minyan 1pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm Hebrew School 7:30pm Choir Practice	15 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Hebrew School 5pm Talmud	16 7:15am Minyan 7:45am Career Transition Ntwk 9:15am High Holy Day Univ. young parents class 4:15pm Hebrew School 6pm High School 7:30pm Choir Practice	17 7:15am Minyan 9am Melton Grad Class 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class 7pm High Holy Day University 7:30pm Board Meeting 8:15pm High Holy Day Univ.	18 7:15am Minyan 6:15pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:15pm Young Family Service (SEE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS)	19 9am First Day Rosh Hashanah (SEE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS)
					EREV ROSH HASHANAH 6:59pm 	ROSH HASHANAH after 8:00pm 
2 TISHRI	3 TISHRI	4 TISHRI	5 TISHRI	6 TISHRI	7 TISHRI	8 TISHRI
20 9am 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah 1:30pm Tashlich (SEE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS)	21 7:15am Minyan 1pm Mah Jongg 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 7:30pm Cafe V'Ivrit 7:30pm Choir Practice	22 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Hebrew School 5pm Talmud	23 7:15am Minyan 7:45am Career Transition Ntwk 9:15am High Holy Day Univ. young parents class 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 6pm High School 7:30pm Choir Practice	24 7:15am Minyan 9am Melton Grad Class 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:30pm Bible Class 6:30pm College Outreach 7pm High Holy Day University 8:15pm High Holy Day Univ.	25 7:15am Minyan 6:15am Kabbalat Shabbat Serv.	26 9am Combined Shabbat Serv.
ROSH HASHANAH					6:46pm 	SHABBAT SHUVAH HA'AZINU
9 TISHRI	10 TISHRI	11 TISHRI	12 TISHRI			
27 9:00am Minyan 10am Memorial Services at Ahavai Shalom & Neveh Zedek 6:45pm Kol Nidre Services (SEE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS)	28 9am Yom Kippur Services 4:30pm Yom Kippur Services 7:45pm Break the Fast (SEE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS)	29 7:15am Minyan 4:15pm Hebrew School 5pm Talmud	30 7:15am Minyan 7:45am Career Transition Ntwk 9:15am High Holyday Univ. young parents class 4:15pm Hebrew School 4:15pm Kochavim 6pm High School			
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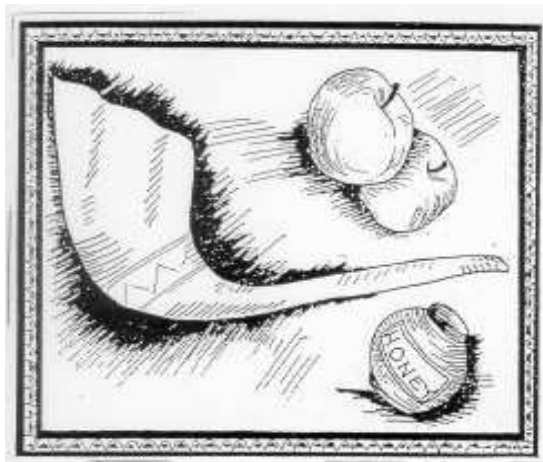
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TIME	Wednesday, SEPT. 9	Wednesday, SEPT. 16	Wednesday, SEPT. 23
9:15am	<u>Mel Berwin</u> High Holy Days with young children	<u>Amy Katz</u> High Holy Days with young children	<u>Sarah Greenstein</u> High Holy Days with young children
TIME	Thursday, SEPT. 10	Thursday, SEPT. 17	Thursday, SEPT. 24
7:00pm	<u>Deb Freedberg</u> , Part 1/3 Introduction to Shabbat Torah Tropes	<u>Deb Freedberg</u> , Part 2/3 Introduction to Shabbat Torah Tropes	<u>Deb Freedberg</u> , Part 3/3 Introduction to Shabbat Torah Tropes
7:00pm	<u>Gail Sherman</u> Teshuvah in fiction and poetry: Contemporary American and Israeli writers provide insightful paths toward the High Holy Days.	<u>Rosana Berdichevsky</u> , Part 1/2 "Building spiritual health" This theme includes Torah: the pursuit of wisdom Avodah/Service of God: spirituality G'milut Hasadim: Acts of Loving Kindness	<u>Rosana Berdichevsky</u> , Part 2/2 "We are Your people, and You are our God" Based on the Piyyut (poem) "Kee Anu Amecha" (in the Machzor) we'll explore our own interpretations of the poem.
7:00pm	<u>Gary Laroff</u> , Part 1/2 Printing the Talmud. The history of the Talmud, the principal compendium of ancient Jewish law and lore. A PowerPoint Presentation and exciting look at our heritage written over a period of 1000 years illustrated with a photographic panorama of Talmud editions printed over a period of 500 years.	<u>Charles Elder</u> , Part 1/2 Ayurvedic Tips for a Healthy New Year. Ayurveda is an ancient system of natural medicine dating back 4000-5000 years. We'll review its general principles then discuss how to apply these principles to food preparation, daily routine, and managing our health all year 'round.	<u>Priscilla Kostiner</u> Birkat HaMazon: The perfect ending for a wonderful meal! We'll learn about why it is done, types of blessings, preparing for the Birkat, invitation to chant, content, themes and variations.
7:00pm	<u>Barbara Slader</u> Part 1/3 Open the Gates: Music for the High Holy Days	<u>Ilene Safyan</u> Part 2/3 Open the Gates: Music for the High Holy Days	<u>Barbara Slader & Ilene Safyan</u> , Part 3/3 Open the Gates: Music for High Holy Days
8:15pm	<u>Natan Meir</u> Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Liturgy of the Days of Awe...but were afraid to ask" AKA: High Holyday Liturgy for Beginners	<u>Eddy Shuldman</u> , Part 1/2 Journeying on a path toward T'shuvah. We'll review & discuss mussar readings, prayers, poetry. As a participant you will design individualized plans for arriving at T'shuvah. Let the journey begin!	<u>Eddy Shuldman</u> , Part 2/2 Journeying on a path toward T'shuvah
8:15pm	<u>Sylvia Frankel</u> , Part 1/2 Contemporary Women Torah Scholars: with a focus on Nehama Leibowitz: her life and work	<u>Rabbi Daniel Isaak</u> The Laws of Teshuvah from Maimonides' Mishnah Torah	<u>Sylvia Frankel</u> , Part 2/2 Contemporary Women Torah Scholars
8:15pm	<u>Gary Laroff</u> , Part 2/2 Printing the Talmud	<u>Charles Elder</u> , Part 2/2 Ayurvedic Tips for a Healthy New Year	<u>Steve Wasserstrom</u> Repentance, as understood from Franz Rosenzweig's "Star of Redemption."
8:15pm	<u>Gary Fiske</u> In the Beginning. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world. But what does our tradition teach us about what happened on that first day? Search the answer to that question by looking at some biblical, rabbinic and other texts.	<u>Susan Bernstein</u> Preparing for the High Holy Days	<u>Rabbi Bradley Greenstein</u> Jewish Creative Writing



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