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# Surprise Parties and the Blindness of Fluency

## Rabbi David Kosak

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*"Read the bible as though it were something entirely unfamiliar." - Martin Buber*

One of the great translations of the Bible was penned by the influential German Jewish philosophers and educators, Martin Buber and Franz Rozenzweig. What they sought to capture in their words was the sound and cadence of the Hebrew scriptures, the essential oddness that is the Bible. They understood that those of us who were raised with the Torah sometimes become inured to seeing how very unusual the Torah is. Our very literacy makes us blind to it. Although I don't read German, Everett Fox has been involved in continuing Buber's endeavor over the last three decades. His well-regarded translation of the Torah, and more recently of the Early Prophets, brings English readers face to face with what is perennially alien in our most sacred writings. Part of the secret to the Bible's longevity is founded upon that strangeness. When read with a practiced naiveté, the Torah continues to surprise us.

Surprise, like change, offers us tremendous possibilities. It informs us that the world is not exactly as we had imagined. How we react to surprise is quite telling. Do we laugh or cringe? Do we pause in wonder, or do we hurry to explain the moment, filing it into some category we've already created in our minds? Regardless of our reactions, being awake to life is an inherent invitation to allow ourselves to be taken aback. I've often considered creating a bumper sticker that would read, "If you are not confused, you are not paying attention." I find young children heroic precisely because they have no choice but to be surprised. The world is so new, and they have not yet developed a series of scripts to handle the torrent of information that comes at them. They are called upon to demonstrate tremendous courage, though we also know that there are children with avoidant personalities for whom the onslaught of the new is difficult, and who tend to withdraw initially.

Not so for adults. Much drama is erased from our lives because we allow ourselves to become set in our ways. We tend to shy from change and surprise, in part because we have lost those childhood skills of sitting with our confusion, and in part because the world asks us to develop useful and productive skills. As we ply our trades, most of us are called upon to solve problems. We are meant to dispel, rather than arouse questioning.



A handful of jobs do the opposite. A good teacher, a philosopher, a research scientist or a visionary entrepreneur are some of the people we hope teach us to look at the world with fresh eyes. A saavy business consultant or psychologist can also help us to do so.

As Jews, we are privy to a tradition that constantly emphasizes wonder. Abraham Joshua Heschel made awe and wonder centerpieces of his theology. We all are also aware that our boisterous culture historically has been in love with questions. Mel Berwin's article about asking beautiful questions

addresses these very concerns that I have been pondering. So we know that historically, we Jews have romanced the question. Do we still? I think that on a societal level, the question is imperiled, and it is endangered for a host of reasons large and small.

As you hopefully know by now, dialogue forms a central part of my own theology. All of life is in a constant exchange with the world around it. The atoms that most readily form new substances do so because they leave a space in their outer shells that are receptive to other atoms and are willing to trade their electrons in this molecular dialogue. They share their difference to become something new. Honeybees explore their world and dance their findings to a waiting colony. The moon and the tides have been conversing for billions of years. According to many scientists, that conversation may be largely responsible for life on Earth.

Yet in recent decades the dialogue and interchange that are so essential to life itself have become imperiled among us humans. One of the reasons that we are so polarized is that we seem to have lost sufficient curiosity about why people think differently than we do. We assume we know the answers, or that we know why a Democrat thinks as he does and why a Republican thinks as she does. Not only that, but we also assume that they are wrong and that we are right. Dialogue always entails some sort of motion, whether that motion occurs in the electron orbits of atoms, in the pull and churn of the ocean, or in our attempts to understand one another. I don't pretend to know all the reasons for our current cultural impasse. Part of it probably goes back to the speed and pace of life. We may feel so overwhelmed that we can't muster the curiosity of a child or a honeybee. We may want the security of the ready-made answer. We may all suffer from pervasive forms of alienation because of chronic stress. There is no shortage of possible reasons.

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## President's Corner

Rich Meyer

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At the funeral of our longtime gabbai, Milt Horenstein, z"l, in 2008, Rabbi Stampfer told a story about Milt. He said that one of Milt's great joys as gabbai was to be on the bima for a bar or bat mitzvah. "Each one is better than the last," Milt had told Rabbi Stampfer.



I can relate. As part of our gabbai team (yes, it now requires a team of more than a dozen of us to do the volunteer work that Milt and a few others did for many years!), president of the shul and father of three b'nai mitzvahs in the past five years, I have been fortunate to get an up-close position as we have welcomed new Jewish adults into our community. And I think our b'nai mitzvah program is a shining example of how Neveh Shalom continues to thrive.

Without exception, our teens rise to the occasion for their b'nai mitzvah. In an almost magical way, children who the day before the simcha seemed passive and disinterested, chant beautifully and confidently and deliver divrei torah that captivate the congregation; future leaders display their mastery of our liturgy as all of us schep naches -- derive joy -- from their accomplishments. It has always been a privilege for me to be on the bima and observe our teens chanting Torah and haftarah and to watch parents' faces as they see their sons and daughters cross our symbolic threshold into adulthood.

As the years pass, we watch our Neveh Shalom children grow and mature, from Foundation School, to Shoreshim and Tot Shabbat, to Aliyah and Tichon. Given all the activities competing for our families' time and attention, it is remarkable how much these children learn over the years. At Neveh Shalom, this is no accident. Our thoughtful and devoted team of clergy and educators ensure that we provide outstanding educational opportunities for all our kids. By the time they reach the age of b'nai mitzvah, each one is well-prepared to become a Jewish adult.

In January, Erika and I had the pleasure of watching our daughter Orly bloom on the day of her bat mitzvah. She worked hard for many months leading up to that day, but we know that her simcha was the result of not just her own efforts, but the efforts of our whole community, as we place a high priority on helping each child to reach this special day. Milt Horenstein would be proud -- they keep getting better, and our synagogue community is better because of it.

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**On the cover:** Foundation School students  
celebrating Passover

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## Four Weeks

### Rabbi Eve Posen

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Purim and Passover are separated by a mere four weeks in time but a wide chasm of differences. Purim is easy to prepare for (once you figure out your costume), while Passover takes more work than any other holiday. We have four short weeks to go from the raucous celebration of Queen Esther and Mordechai into the serious story of leaving Egypt and liberation from slavery. Their proximity means that one always seems to foreshadow the other in my mind. The minute I start hearing the kids sing their Purim songs, I start to twitch with that subtle reminder that all too soon I'll stop making hamantaschen and start searching for those little crumbs. Those four weeks - from the time we start giving mishloach manot to the time we finish devouring the last bits of chametz in our house - go by at what feels like lightning speed. This is perhaps the beauty of these two holidays. Connected by the common thread of dictatorial leaders trying to control and destroy our nation, there is little else these two have in common, giving us a stark contrast going from one to the other.

This year I've decided to make meaning out of each of these four weeks. Instead of letting the sound of Purim songs make me nauseous thinking about my Passover preparation, I want to enjoy their gift. Rather than let the month in between stress me out, I'll assign each week its own special role in my personal transition from one holiday to the other.

This year in the first week after Purim, I will bask in the glow of scrumptious Hamantaschen. Purim is a holiday that necessitates communal enjoyment and celebration. To fulfill the mitzvah of Purim, you need to hear the Megillah, give gifts to one another, eat a festive meal, and give tzedakah to the



poor. The overarching theme is one of extreme joy, and that includes indulging in delicious treats.

Week two is when I will start my cleaning. I'll begin the second week by engaging in another mitzvah of Purim by handing out the extra snacks and treats that I cannot possibly finish before Passover to those who day after day don't know if they'll have to go without any food at all.

Week three is for shopping, mostly because if I don't do it then, the stores will run out of what I want to have on-hand for Passover. Week three is for additional cleaning, organizing, and menu planning. In reality week three is for preparing myself physically so that I can use week four to work up to mental readiness. It's part of my plan not to leave everything until the day before. We have four weeks; let's make them count.

Week four is usually the most dreaded week because of that sinking feeling about everything that remains to be done. Not this year. This year, week four is simply for getting myself in the right mindset. What does freedom look like for me? How can I experience the joy of Purim melded with the liberation of Passover?

Whereas the whirlwind that makes up the fall holidays moves with a beautiful progression from renewal of the year to regrowth in the sukkah, the four weeks between Purim and Passover seem to come out of nowhere and leave me panting for my breath at the end. With a little mindful planning, it doesn't have to be that way. This year may these four weeks guide us not from joy to chaotic scrambling, but purely from joy to joy.

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## Surprise Parties and the Blindness of Fluency, *continued from page 2*

What does seem clear to me is that dialogue is something that we avoid at our own peril—and here I am speaking of our species. If all of life is based on fruitful interchange, we need to find our ways to ask the deepest questions, to probe in a respectful manner. Some of the skills needed in this are openness, respect, and concern. A less obvious skill is our willingness to be surprised.

As we approach Pesach, let me end with four new questions for you to ponder:

When was the last time you were genuinely surprised?

What caused it?

How did you respond to it?

Can you create opportunities where you might be surprised more often?

Warmth and blessings,

Rav D

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## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

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### **Sarina Kaufman - March 5**

Sarina Kaufman is the daughter of Allison and Jason Kaufman, sister to Eliana and Adena, and granddaughter of Dick and Sue Anderson of Lincoln City, Oregon, and Martha Kapusta and Sandy Kaufman of Dallas, Texas. Sarina is a 7th grader at Athey Creek Middle School where she plays French Horn in the band. She spends her summers at B'nai B'rith Camp where she has made friends from all over the United States and the world, and at Camp Sherman, her family's annual vacation location. Sarina loves to help out at the Oregon Food Bank and help the homeless by filling and distributing easy-to-carry food bags. Sarina is a Cadette Girl Scout and has earned her Blue Belt in Taekwondo. Sarina also loves to hang out with friends, listen to music, watch TV, and walk the family dog, Dreidel.



### **Lyle McCaffrey - March 12**

Mazel tov to Lyle McCaffrey on his Bar Mitzvah on March 12th. Lyle is the son of Robin and John McCaffrey and big brother to Maggie McCaffrey. He is the grandson of Susan and the late Michael Katz and of Darlene and Larry McCaffrey. Lyle is a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy, which he has attended since pre-Kindergarten. Lyle is an excellent all-around student, but particularly enjoys being outdoors and playing games with his friends.



### **Daniel Williams - March 26**

Daniel Williams will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 26th. Daniel is the son of Cam Williams and Enie Vaisburd and brother of Jonathan. His grandparents are Leon Vaisburd (z"l) and Sara Zaidman of Niteroi, Brazil, Mike and Suzy Williams of Portland, and JoAnne Williams of Marietta, Georgia. Daniel is in the seventh grade at Portland Jewish Academy. He loves spending time with friends and family and enjoys soccer, music, watching movies, writing, drama, watching sports, and reading.



### **David Altmark - April 2**

Mazel tov to David Altmark on his Bar Mitzvah April 2nd. David is the son of Asa and Debra, and big brother to Eric. He is a seventh grader at the Health and Science School, where his favorite subjects are math and science. David fills his free time playing and spectating all sports (especially baseball), as well as reading, engineering, and creating and playing video games. His friends and family enjoy David's passion, competitiveness, love of music, and sense of humor. David likes to travel, especially where there are Major League Baseball teams, as it is his goal to visit every MLB stadium.



### **Travis Leo Popkin - April 9**

Travis is the son of Erika and Larry Popkin and an awesome brother to Hannelie and Izzie. He is a seventh grader in Naselle, Washington where he is Vice President of the middle school and Captain of the Knowledge Bowl team. Travis plays trombone in the school band, bass marimba on the marimba team, snare on the drum line, and piano. He is a member of the Astoria Swim Team, a Boy Scout, and a volunteer for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in Cannon Beach as well as a volunteer for Oregon State Parks Whale Watching. Travis enjoys designing and building things, soccer, cycling, hiking, and kayaking. Please join us as we celebrate. Mazel Tov!





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# “We inhabit the world our questions create.”

By Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning



This quote from Warren Berger’s book “A More Beautiful Question” has stuck in my mind. What a beautiful way to articulate the importance of curiosity and wonder, and to reinforce how many of the inventions we depend on in our lives were created by people who began with an innocent question: “Why can’t we...” or “What if...” Questions generate a more productive and innovative environment for learning or work, and Berger discusses the types of questions that are most curiosity-inspiring: beautiful questions, which are “catalytic”: both ambitious and actionable.

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Among the rituals of the Jewish year, none promote questions as much as the Passover seder. The very design of the seder includes ritualized questions, and most of us encourage our seder participants to bring questions of their own. However, many of the questions of the seder have become rote: What does the parsley remind us of? What do the four children symbolize? Did the Red Sea really split?

But we can put “beautiful questions” to work even in this ritualized environment. Two examples:

We are told that it is our responsibility to answer the central questions of the seder with a first-person response: “We were slaves in Egypt” and “It is because of what God did for me when God brought me out of Egypt.” So here’s a beautiful question: What happens when we tell this story in the first person?

## Questions are egalitarian

Recently, we held an intergenerational program with our ALIYAH 2nd graders, their families, and members/friends of our Sisterhood. Each of the participants, ranging in age from 7 years old to 82 years old, had been asked to tell a story of their family overcoming a challenge. In small groups, we shared and listened to each others’ stories: stories of moving to a new country, of overcoming poverty and challenging family situations, of enduring discrimination... so many stories with similar themes, each of them personal and each of them ending on this happy note: here we are, at a synagogue in Portland, carrying on the traditions of Jewish learning, despite it all. What happens when we tell a story in the first person? We connect with others who can relate and empathize, we invite curiosity and questions and interest in our community and history, we find strength from the resilience of our ancestors who came before us. What if everyone at your seder told a story in the first person?

Questions, Berger points out, are egalitarian: “You don’t have to hold a position of authority to ask a powerful question.” This year, our theme in ALIYAH is “Telling Our Stories.” I’m already curious: What will look different next year in ALIYAH if we focus on the power of questions?

What are the beautiful questions you will ask to create a more meaningful Pesach experience this year?

## Asking a question: Ideas for your Pesach

By Mel Berwin

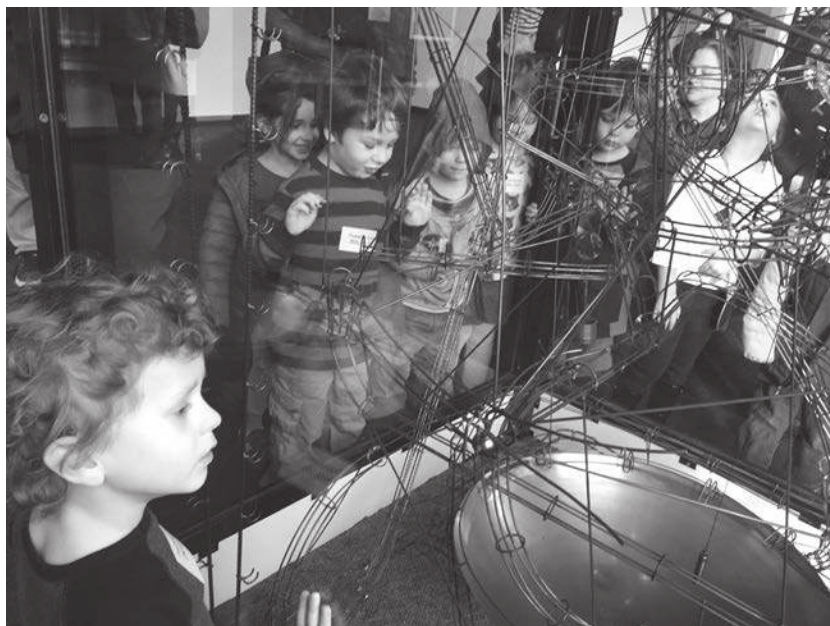
When my children were young, I was stuck between wanting to retain the traditional framework and order of the seder, and wanting the kids to have a fun and meaningful experience. I asked this question: What would it take to create a seder that is developmentally appropriate for young children, but still engaging to the adults?

These are the elements that we ended up with:

- Start with the **order** of the seder.
- During the first steps, begin a **trivia game in which an adult asks kids questions**, (you know the rote ones that I mentioned above). Every time a child answered correctly, I gave them a puzzle piece, and at the end of the seder, the kids would collaboratively assemble the puzzle, which was a picture of the location of the hidden afikomen. (Last year, our older kids were promoted to producing and facilitating the trivia question game.)
- When we get to the Magid section, in which we tell the story of Pesach (although most hagadot don't actually tell the story in a satisfying way), **we got up and went to the living room or play room where each family acted out one part of the story**, to hilarious and entertaining effect.
- After dinner—and this was key to the adult time of the seder—a **babysitter took the kids to the playroom and the adults finished out the seder**, bringing our own questions for discussion, singing the traditional songs, and whatever else felt like it made the seder complete.

# Why is this preschool different from all other preschools?

By Jenn Director - Knudsen



**As all parents know, children hit a certain age – often around 3 – and their second-favorite word is, “Why?” (Their most-favorite word, of course, is “no.”)**

A Reggio-Emilia-inspired school, Neveh Shalom's Foundation School – now in its 61st year – has at its core a single, powerful belief: “That children are absolutely capable of collaborating with each other and their teachers in creating their curriculum,” says **Leah Conley**, the synagogue's director of early childhood education.

A mother of two preschoolers herself, Conley says this happens via three pillars from the long-standing and increasingly relied upon Reggio-Emilia philosophy of early childhood education: Inquiry, Documentation, and Environment.

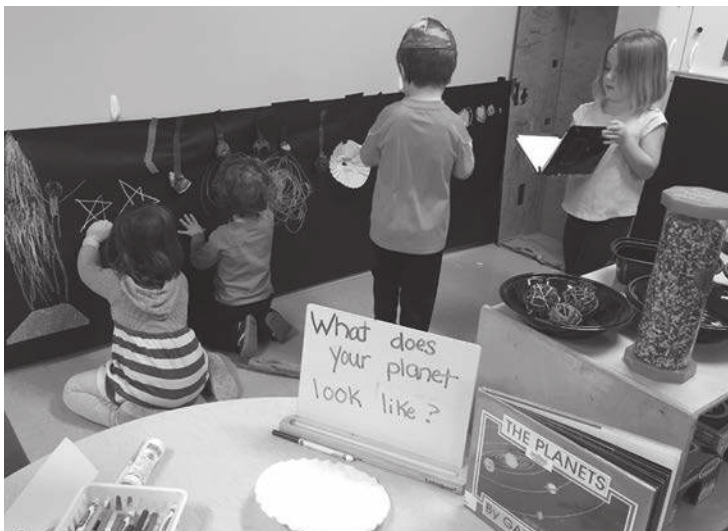


“When I became director, there were elements of Reggio in the school already,” says Conley, speaking of the learning philosophy like it’s a dear friend. “Our teachers are researchers and always listening to the child, learning about the child, and using this knowledge to create a unique, inspiring, and meaningful experience for each unique learning community. Reggio is best practice through early childhood learning. It just is.”

And here’s but one example of where that all-important “Why?” – the most Jewish of questions – comes in.

**Jennifer Kalenscher** (“Morah Jennifer”), who has been a Foundation School teacher since 2003, explains that her class of 3-year-olds at the start of the year asked lots of questions about “roots.”

So Kalenscher and Duck classroom teaching partner, “Morah Barb” Stephens ran with it. They have infused their very flexible, inquiry-based curriculum with Jewish content and ever-expanding projects to give their kids increasing understanding of roots and all their literal offshoots.



Kalenscher says the Duck kids created a mural that hangs outside their classroom; the story time book, “Over and Under the Snow,” by Kate Messner, served as the work’s inspiration.

And the mural changes as the kids’ understanding and curiosity grow. Kalenscher continues, “We will soon be taking down the snow and put ‘seeds’ in the ground. We’ll be watching seeds in our class to determine what to do with the seeds in the mural. ... We teach the children songs of our faith to match holidays, and as we move into Purim and Passover with very strong Jewish roots, we’ll be able to explore more about their own traditions and how these roots support us.”

All these details – for every one of the school’s 68 students this year – are communicated each day to the kids’ parents, such as via documentation practices like pictures and the children’s own words, which not only inform the parents and



other family members, but increase children’s self-esteem and early literacy, Conley explains.

When children see that their words are so important that we not only listen to them, but write them down for the whole community to see, they begin to understand in a fundamental way, that their words have value, that they have value.

For example, she says, “We don’t have some random penguin hanging on the wall with cotton balls glued to it, with no explanation.” Rather, she says, “In the classroom and in what we provide for our families is an understanding of the penguin art project’s genesis so there’s a connection to the entire cycle of learning.”

Parent **Aura Sagner**, whose pre-K son, Noah Leitheiser enrolled in Foundation School last year, says, “I knew the day I toured the school that it would be a perfect fit for Noah and our family.”

She loves the halls filled with kids’ art, the ongoing documentation of what Noah does each day – including during his after-school activities like chess and yoga – and the low teacher-to-child ratio.

“What I didn’t realize the day I enrolled Noah was that these things were only the tip of the iceberg in terms of what Foundation School was going to offer us,” Sanger continues.

“His curiosity is fully engaged by the rich curriculum and he looks forward to school each day,” she says. “The gift of his time at Foundation School will serve him well academically but more importantly in his social and emotional life as he moves on to Kindergarten and beyond.”

Conley says, “It’s all for a greater purpose, teaching the next generation. It’s our obligation.”

One needs not ask “Why?”



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# Do Tell by Tamar Wyte-Lake

## CNS Members Answer A Few Intriguing Questions

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**Dana Sirkin** and her husband Steve, moved to Portland in 2005, from Baltimore County. Dana worked as an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist until her 2014 retirement. She has been the president of CNS' Sisterhood since 2013, and was also elected as president of NxNW region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

### What is your favorite book?

I just finished reading "The Secret Chord", by Geraldine Brooks. It's about King David, and was a recent selection for a book review by Women's League.

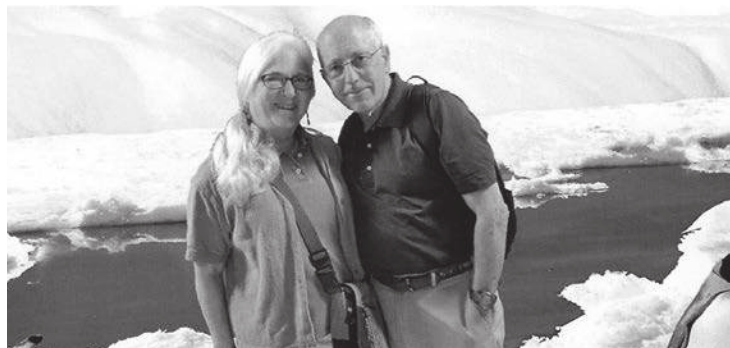
### If you could have lunch with any three people, which three people would you choose and why?

My grandmother, who was a modern woman of her time, so I could share with her all that has happened in my adult life. Eleanor Roosevelt, whom I admire for all her work for people's rights, and Neil DeGrasse Tyson, because he is fascinating and funny and has such a grasp of science and culture.

### What is your favorite Hebrew word, and why?

Mishpachah, because care and love of family are so important in our lives. Then again, Shechinah, the spiritual feminine form of God feels good to me.

**Steve Sirkin** moved to Portland to be close to their son and daughter-in-law. Steve had a 37 year career in education, spanning both classroom and union roles. Past



chair of the Tikkun Olam Committee, he spends his time involved in a variety of volunteer activities at Neveh Shalom, where he is the Men's Club President.

### If you could have lunch with any three people, which three people would you choose and why?

My mother and father because they are missed and, in the 40 and 45 years since they died so many questions have come up that remain unanswered. My friend David Honigstock because I miss his very special personality.

### What is your favorite Hebrew word, and why?

I really don't have one, so many have special meanings, so I'll pick "Shema" because it's so important in our prayers and listening is so essential in life.

### Can you give us your favorite Portland tidbit?

Much of it is on land that was filled in as a result of great floods during the Ice Age.

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## Wondering Jews Art Tour

### by Barbara D. Cohen

This was my second outing with the "Wondering Jews," Neveh Shalom's social group for older adults, and socialize we do!

Our previous trip was a wine tasting and this one was an art tour. Both were lovely excuses to get together and make new friends. Our organizer Jennifer Greenberg put out the news of our trip and eight interested and interesting members showed up in the lobby of Neveh Shalom at 12:30pm on a Wednesday and the bonding began.

Where are you from? Are you an Oregon native or why did you move here? Do you know about this restaurant? That event? The chatting was explosive and emails were exchanged for future contact and the tour hadn't even begun!

During the van ride downtown the excitement of making new friends was palpable. Even our driver Adam and the van

company leader Shireen became involved. Common ground was found in many ways as we shared ideas and made plans to get together for lunch or theater or just coffee.

Oh, and did I mention how much we enjoyed the paintings by Florence Saltzman and the more than forty handmade yads, both ancient and contemporary, at the Oregon Jewish Museum? And the dramatic anti-war photographs by Jim Lommasson at Blue Sky Photography Gallery? Plus coffee and pastries with more conversation at the Lovejoy Bakery?

For me, this was a memorable gathering and I look forward to the next one and meeting those of you who will join us.

**Join the Wondering for their monthly "Tuesday Tea at Two" speaker series, Rabbi Posen's Monthly Nosh and Drash at Café at the J (second Thursday at 10am) and for upcoming tours. E-mail [news@nevehshalom.org](mailto:news@nevehshalom.org) and ask to be added the Wondering Jews e-mail list.**

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# On the Calendar

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## Join In

### March 6th, 9:45am

Representatives from the Oregon Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity, charities our community supports, will share information about their charities. In the Stampfer Chapel

### March 13, 10am Sisterhood Sunday

Join us for a special time to embrace Rosh Chodesh, a women's sacred time. Bring the spiritual themes of each Jewish month into our lives in a new way, using tastes and smells from herbs and foods. Learn how Jewish life can be more grounded in our experience as women. Led by Karen Sharp, who is an herbalist and student of spiritual thought.

### March 13, 9:45am Men's Club Meeting with Rabbi Kosak

**Mach 15, 2pm, Room 111, Tea at Two with the Wondering Jews**, Neveh Shalom's 65+ crowd (but open to all ages!) Rabbi Stampfer returns by popular demand, discussing the Jews of China. Free.

**March 16, 6pm, Vashti's Banquet A Women's Night Out**, an evening of food, music and fun at Marrakesh Restaurant on NW 21st. Sisterhood-sponsored event, open to all women. \$36 for members, and \$40 for non-members includes all food, henna, dancing, and gratuities. To RSVP or for questions, Sheryl Robert at 503-349-1090 or chocosheryl@yahoo.com.

**March 18-19, Sisterhood Shabbat**- Sisterhood members will assist in leading services on both Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please join us, and offer to take a part. Contact Jennifer Kalenscher (503-245-3864, jenkal@comcast.net) or Sue Axel (503-297-9140, e.axel@outlook.com)

**March 20, Davita's Harp Performance and Discussion, Milagro Theater.** Join Librarian, Kaiya Goldhammer for a matinee performance of the Jewish Theater Collaborative's adaptation of Chaim Potok's "Davita's Harp." Play begins at 2pm. A discussion will follow at a site nearby. Tickets \$30 at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2252797> then RSVP at [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org)

**March 23, Fiesta De Esther** - Dinner begins at 6pm by RSVP only - Dairy taco fiesta with all the fixin's, margaritas, cervezas, and more! \$15/adult, \$10/child, \$50/family max. RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/fiestadeesther](http://www.tinyurl.com/fiestadeesther)  
7pm: Megillah reading and 'Omentashen' (Spanish for Hamantaschen), come in costume and join in the Celebration!

### April 3, 12pm, Sisterhood's Torah Fund Luncheon

highlighting Cantor Linda Shivers and her path to becoming one of the first women cantors in the Conservative movement and hospital chaplain. Learn about the Torah Fund, which supports Conservative Jewish educators and community service workers. \$18 suggested donation supports the fund. Contact Jackie Lesch 503-626-2176, [leschslive@comcast.net](mailto:leschslive@comcast.net)

### April 3, 9:45am

"Live Long and Prosper: A Doctor's Advice on Preventative Care for You, Your Children and your Parents" Ellen I. Singer, MD.

**April 10 Sisterhood Sunday**, see description March 13

### April 10, 4:00pm, room 111, PJ Our Way Book Club

Dive into a great Jewish book! Dynamic book discussions for kids age 9-11. Drop in for one meeting or come to all three! We will meet in Room 111, next to the CNS Library.

### April 10, 3pm, Pre-Passover Cooking with Keren Barbash

Come cook with Keren, a beloved ALIYAH and Foundation school teacher and passionate Israeli cook. We will prepare an appetizer, a main dish and gluten-free Passover dessert! \$15/person Sisterhood member, \$20/ non-member. RSVP by April 3 to Catherine Hartoch, [csaundersiam@yahoo.com](mailto:csaundersiam@yahoo.com), or 503-309-3718.

### April 12, 2pm Zidell Chapel, free

**Tea at Two with the Wondering Jews**, Neveh Shalom's 65+ crowd (but open to all ages!) Adam Davis- The Political Landscape Today: Winners and Losers and What it All Means Adam Davis is a founding partner of DHM Research, a non-partisan and independent opinion research firm and a nationally recognized authority on survey research design.

### Thursday, April 14, 6:30pm Birnback Hall.

**Women's Passover Experience** - Join Rabbi Eve Posen for an evening of insight and inspiration as we gear up for Passover. Sample good wines and enjoy dessert with friends as we explore some of the central themes of the Seder. Contact: Rabbi Eve Posen [eposen@nevehshalom.org](mailto:eposen@nevehshalom.org) to help plan or with questions.

### Sunday, April 17, 5pm

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## Holiday Services

Erev Purim celebration, March 23, 6:00pm, Birnbach Hall  
Purim Services, March 24, 7:00am, Zidell Chapel  
Pesach day 1 - April 23, 9:00am, Stampfer Chapel  
Pesach day 2 - April 24, 9:00am, Stampfer Chapel  
Pesach day 6 - April 29, 9:00am, Stampfer Chapel  
Pesach day 7 - April 30, 9:00am, Stampfer Chapel

## Unveiling

Sunday, March 6, 1:00pm Ahavai Shalom Cemetery-  
Unveiling for Marilyn Rogoway

## Young Family Activities

**April 10, 3:00pm, Passover Story Walk:** "The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah" by *Leslie Kimmelman*, April 10, 3:00pm, Birnbach Hall. Help the Little Red Hen get ready for Passover on our Story Walk, where you can walk from one page of a story...to the next! Ages 2 and up. 3pm-4:15pm. Please RSVP to Kaiya at [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org)

### Little Ripples, Young Families and Good Deeds Day April 17, 10am – 12pm , MJCC

Teaching tzedaka and the power of building a strong community is a core value of our Foundation School, and all of our young family programming at Neveh Shalom. The Never Again Coalition is partnering with Shoreshim (young family activities at CNS) and PJ Library to create a Good Deeds Day experience geared to families.

Little Ripples is a preschool program that takes place in Darfur refugee camps.

Children will be able to experience a mini version of what the preschools in the camp are like, enjoy a story from PJ Library and create art projects that will later be shared with the children of Little Ripples.

Families will have the opportunity to bring donation items that will help refugee children who are being resettled in Portland.

### Saturday, April 30 New Babies and Fifth Shabbat

### Sundays, March 6, 13, April 10

#### Boker Tov Bunch, 9:00am, Feldstein Library

Wake up and get your wiggles out during Boker Tov Bunch at the Feldstein Library with Kaiya, our librarian. Listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy a snack! 9:00-9:45am. Questions? Contact [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org)

### Fridays, March 25, April 29

#### Fourth Friday, 5:15pm

Join Rabbi Eve and welcome Shabbat with music and stories, potluck dinner to follow. Co-sponsored by PJ Library

## Lend a Hand

### April 10 Men's Club Participating in Habitat for Humanity

Build 10am to 4pm for details or to assist, contact Mike Titelbaum - [titelb@comcast.net](mailto:titelb@comcast.net)

### Sundays, March 20, April 17

**Shomrei Teva** at the Creekside Wooded area next to the lower parking lot. Join us Sunday morning at 9:45am as we remove non-native, invasive plants. Bring a small tool (trowel, small shovel, pruner, clippers), gloves if you have them (we can supply them if you don't), sturdy shoes with good traction, and dress for the weather. Don't forget your sense of humor; we like to schmooze while we work. Spend an hour or so (it's up to you) and do a mitzvah for the earth. It's good for the soil - and good for the soul. Contact Jordan Epstein, 503-245-6580, [yaakovm@comcast.net](mailto:yaakovm@comcast.net)

### Sundays, March 13, April 10

#### Cooking for Outside-In, Neveh Shalom Kitchen

Join us from 12pm to 2pm in the Neveh Shalom kitchen to make dinner for 60 homeless teens in downtown Portland. To help contact Chris Blair (503) 675-1328.

**Tour Guides Needed!** Looking for upbeat, articulate, and knowledgeable people to lead an "information session" to local colleges, high schools and youth groups. Outlines are provided but your personal experiences and creativity are welcome in your presentation. Contact Marci Atkins [matkins@nevehshalom.org](mailto:matkins@nevehshalom.org) 503-293-7308

**Seeking experienced floral arranger!** Our dried floral arrangements, used in the Main Sanctuary, are desperately in need of some TLC! Contact Marci Atkins at 503-293-7308

### Mondays from 7:30-9:00pm

#### Koleinu, Stampfer Chapel

Join Koleinu, the Neveh Shalom choir, as we prepare music for synagogue holidays and events. Under the leadership of professional director, Becca Stuhlbarg, we meet Mondays 7:30pm-9:00pm in Stampfer Chapel. All are welcome. For more information: [joni.cady@comcast.net](mailto:joni.cady@comcast.net).

### Hygiene Kit Collection

Transition Projects provides showers for homeless people who are unable to find a shelter bed. Please leave the following NEW, UNOPENED, TRAVEL SIZE hygiene items in the boxes in the Neveh Shalom Administration Foyer: deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, tampons or sanitary napkins. You may also donate money by sending in a check to Neveh Shalom with "hygiene supplies" in the memo line. For more information contact: Cathy Blair at [cathyblair55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyblair55@yahoo.com)



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# Getting to Know You: The 2016 Auction Chairs

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**Jeff and Julia Robinson** have been involved in many aspects of life at Neveh Shalom, where Julia has been affiliated since childhood. Jeff, a professor of Communication at Portland State University, has chaired the Annual Giving Campaign. Julia, a Speech-Language Pathologist, co-chaired Shoreshim, our young family group, for three years. Their two girls have made good friends being part of the Neveh Shalom community.

**Q What is one special memory you have at Neveh Shalom?**

We have many special memories of Neveh Shalom. However, top on our list is seeing our children interact with Rabbi Stampfer, who has been a special person to Julia and her family for many years. L'Dor V'Dor!

**Ronnie and David Malka**, owners of Malka Diamonds, are excited to co-chair this event. Ronnie is on the CNS board, and their two girls are loving being part of the ALIYAH program. Dave and Ronnie, who have co-chaired off-the-chain events in the Jewish community, love Vegas and a good party. Together they inspired the casino theme.

**Q What makes a good party?**

The people! The Neveh Shalom community is what makes Neveh home for our family. The thought of combining great people and a fun party vibe is the ticket to a "good party." We can't wait to get together with everyone on April 17th and enjoy a memorable night!

**Mindy and Mark Zeitzer**, and their three boys, are active in Jewish life at Neveh Shalom, Portland Jewish Academy, and throughout Portland. Mark, an emergency physician, is on the CNS board, and Mindy is an Assistant Professor at Linfield College, School of Nursing. Mark has been key in starting a city-wide Dad's Night out.

**Q What is happening at Neveh Shalom that makes you excited about the future?**

We are excited about the future at Neveh Shalom because we have the amazing and talented Rabbi Eve Posen committed and directly engaged in youth activities. We love Rabbi Eve leading Kiddush Club and two of our boys had a blast at the 'It's a Schechter Shabbat' event she helped to coordinate and chaperone.



Auction Co-chairs from left to right: *Ronnie and David Malka, Julia and Jeff Robinson, Mindy and Mark Zeitzer*



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# A Place Where Everybody Knows Your Name

By Jessica Fenton

The show *Cheers* was always a favorite of mine. Who doesn't recognize the iconic lyrics, "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came"? When I was asked to write about the new greeter program at Neveh Shalom, *Cheers* immediately came to mind. There's a reason that Sam, Diane, Norm, Cliff, Woody, Frazier, Carla, Rebecca, Lilith, and others spent so much time at *Cheers*. They felt welcome. Everybody actually knew their names. How great would it be if people felt the same way about Congregation Neveh Shalom? Fortunately, there is a way to emulate that same welcoming feeling: through the Shabbat Greeter program.

Shabbat greeters welcome service attendees that may include current members, prospective members, visitors, bar/bat mitzvah guests, etc. As individuals walk through the synagogue gates and doors, they are welcomed with an inviting smile and a warm greeting. They are handed a prayer book and kippah, directed to the coat racks, and shown the location of the nearest restroom. Visitors and members alike are made to feel confident and comfortable coming to worship, celebrate, mourn, or learn at our synagogue with our kehilla. But why is this important?

I'm sure at least once in your life you have attended a party or gathering where you didn't know anyone other than the host. It might have even deterred you from going. A synagogue should be a place where that feeling is minimal to nonexistent so that each and every person may focus on his/her spirituality, relationship to G-d, or any other reason he/she may have for attending Shabbat services. We can help people be mindful if we can reduce stressors and sources of anxiety or discomfort. So how can you help?

Be a greeter, at least once. It is easy, engaging, and enlightening. The greeter committee produced an excellent YouTube video that tells you everything you need to know about being a Shabbat greeter.

**I was a greeter recently, and it was extremely rewarding.**

It was the Friday night service for a Bat Mitzvah, so there were many people there who were not members of our synagogue.



It was very apparent that they appreciated the warm welcome. I met very lovely people, performed a mitzvah, learned from a dvar torah, and recited tefilah all in one evening. It was so "user friendly" and benefited all parties involved.

## Serving my synagogue even made me feel more at home at Neveh Shalom!

The phrase Neveh Shalom means Oasis of Peace. *Cheers* was an Oasis of Peace for its patrons. It was a place where regulars and first-timers alike could go to escape their troubles, relax after a long day, and unwind with a conversation at the bar. Our Oasis of Peace is a place for us to be mindful as well. We can leave everything at the door and take comfort in our sanctuary. Just as Sam greeted his patrons as they walked through the door of *Cheers*, our greeters will welcome those who come through the doors of Neveh Shalom. And who knows, after a few glasses of wine at the Oneg, they may be singing the *Cheers* theme song too!

### Sign Up To Be A Shabbat Greeter: Easy as 1-2-3

1. Go to [tinyurl.com/ShabbatSchmoozer](https://tinyurl.com/ShabbatSchmoozer) OR Contact Wendy Kahn, Membership and Development Director, at 503-293-7305 or [cnsmembership@nevehshalom.org](mailto:cnsmembership@nevehshalom.org)
2. Watch the instructional YouTube video at the above link or meet with Wendy Kahn to receive information
3. Show up to greet!

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# An AshkiFardi Egg

By Cory Raiton

I have a love-hate relationship with Pesach. It's mostly love, but every year, the dread of adhering to a limited diet, getting my kids to cooperate with it, and cooking everything from scratch – for many (many) days, and many (many) people, frankly overwhelms me.

But then the holiday arrives, without fail, and my soul is flooded with memories of wonderful Passovers of the past. I am overcome with gratitude for precious time with family members who live far away and for freedom across the ages. But mostly, my heart skips a beat at the thought of eating my Bubby's hand-me-down holiday recipes.

**A little history:** Sephardi means “of Spain.” In Medieval Europe, slow-braising whole eggs was known as a technique unique to the Jews of Spain, and remains an important foundation of the Sephardic diet to this day. Ouevos Haminados originated as a dish that could be cooked low and slow on Friday night for enjoyment on Shabbat morning.

My grandparents were an intermarried couple – Bubby was Ashkenazi by ancestry and Papoo was Sephardi – born in Turkey, which makes me a little AshkiFardi, I suppose. I'll take it. Though Bubby and Papoo are both gone now, their presence at this holiday is profoundly present throughout the Seder. From charoset with dates, pistachios and cloves, to stuffed cabbage with sweet red sauce and of course, matzoh ball soup, the intermarriage of Ashkenazi and Sephardi cuisine makes for a deliciously rich Seder experience.

But the crowned jewel of our Pesach meal is the ground beef and matzoh “pie” we call pastel (more often called mina de carne) served with ouevos haminados or “warmed eggs.” These Sephardic recipes – and more – were taught to my Bubby when she married Papoo, and have been highlighted on our Seder table ever since. Unfortunately, Bubby's pastel recipe was never penned, making it hard to share. The closest recipe I found was on an NPR cooking site. However, the ouevos are a beautiful, delicious and easy recipe to relay.

It is my family's tradition to eat the pastel together with the warm, onion-skin-stained eggs. We squeeze them between our palms and season them with lemon juice before combining them with the salty, greasy pastel. Each bite is a return to every year past – and there is nothing to hate about that.

## Ouevos Haminados (Warmed Eggs)

Makes 12 eggs  
(all measurements are approximate)



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 dozen eggs
- 8-16 cups clean brown onion skins
- 2 tablespoons peppercorns
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 4 tablespoons of white vinegar (or 2 glugs, as Sierra says)
- 4 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 2 lemons, cut into six wedges each

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the onion skins in a large, lidded stock pot. Cover with water, and bring to a boil. Add peppercorns, salt and white vinegar; reduce to simmer.
2. Gently lower the eggs into the simmering water. Eggs should be completely covered with water – add if necessary. Add the oil and cover the pot tightly, leaving to simmer, covered, until the eggs are a rich mahogany color – three hours at least.
3. To serve the eggs hot, transfer the pot to the oven, warmed to 225-degrees until ready to drain and serve.
4. Serve eggs with a lemon wedge, salt and pepper.

Optional technique: Peel the egg and hold it in between the palms of your (clean) hands, interlacing your fingers. Squeeze the egg firmly until the whites begin to crack. Unclasp your hands and pull the egg apart, then squirt with lemon juice and season with salt and pepper.

### More Resources for Sephardic Passover Recipes

- [FistFullOfLentils.com](http://FistFullOfLentils.com)
- [TooGoodToPassover.com](http://TooGoodToPassover.com)
- [SephardicFood.wordpress.com](http://SephardicFood.wordpress.com)
- [ToriAvey.com](http://ToriAvey.com)



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## Member News

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### Kvell With Us

**Welcome Our New Members:** Robert & Lena Ioffe, Laurence & Marilyn Hornick, Lotus (Lois) Steering.

**Steven and Wendy Shain** announce the engagement of their daughter Leah to Bradley Burns of Seattle. A summer wedding is planned in Seattle. Bradley is the son of Brian Burns and Cindy and Bob Abramowitz. Leah is the granddaughter of Frieda and Louis (z"l) Tobin and Bernard (z"l) and Harriette (z"l) Shain.



Mazel tov to **Terry Howard** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Kenzington Jordan Michaels (pictured) born on December 3, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Parents are Rita and Clark Michaels and grandparents are Michele and Jeffrey Howard.

Mazel tov to **JoAnn and Chris Bezodis** on the birth of their new granddaughter, Wrenna Hope, to daughter Faith Dickerson of Jacksonville, NC. Wrenna was born on Jan. 28 at 8 lbs. 1 oz, and joins her proud older brother, Ezekiel. (Mother and daughter pictured)



Mazel tov to **Sandy and Jeff Axel** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Jean, in Va. Beach. Lily Jean Axel was born on January 19 to Taylor and Mike Axel. She weighed 5 lbs 8 oz; 19" long. She is the first grandchild of Jeff and Sandy Axel, and third great-grandchild of **Sue and Elliot Axel**.

**Elaine and Arnold Cogan, and Gloria Bacharach** are the proud great grandparents of Gideon Bacharach, born February 2. He is the son of the Cogan's granddaughter, Nikki and Gloria's grandson, Ari.

Mazel tov to **David Menashe**, son of **Rick and Abby Menashe**, who has been awarded the 2015-16 Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award. He was also voted second team All Portland Interscholastic Leagues in soccer.

Mazel tov to **Sarah Lappin & Kristen Noonan** on the birth of their son, Ari. Proud grandmother is **Sue Stone**.

Mazel tov to **Diane Solomon and Troy Mitchell** on their recent marriage.

Mazel tov to **Jan Freeman-Bauer and Larry Bauer** on the birth of their new granddaughter, Scarlett Elizabeth, to their son Brandon Bauer and Nicole Veith. Great grandparents are Lewis and Ruth Freeman (z"l). Scarlett was born December 7 and joins her proud older sister, Audrey.

### Yihi Zichram Baruch - Our condolences to CNS members who have recently lost loved ones

**Harriet (Chuck) Saxe**, on the passing of her father Alfred Rosenthal (z"l)

**Rick (Catherine) Hartoch**, on the passing of his mother, Helen Hartoch (z"l)

**Stefani (Andrew) Cozine** on the loss of her maternal grandmother, Meredyth Frances Schoenfeld (z"l).

### Correction from the last edition of the Chronicle:

**Rose Weider (May 22, 1917 - November 25, 2015.)** Beloved mother of Idelle Weinstein, Marcie Weider, Judy Barnes and Maury Weider, mother-in-law to Jerry King, Darrell Barnes and Betty Helanius, and grandmother to Michael Weinstein (Lily), David Weinstein (Shaina), Alex and Evan King, and Athena and Josi Barnes. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. Jonah Weider and her son-in-law Bob Weinstein. Rose grew up in Portland's



southwest Jewish community and she always had stories to share. Family was Rose's greatest joy. In 1949 she left her career as a private secretary and became a home executive dedicating her many talents to making home and life special for her family. She was involved in the Jewish community as well as the schools through work with parent teacher associations. The last of five siblings and a great, great aunt, she will be greatly missed by the entire family.

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## In Memoriam

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We mourn the recent loss of these cherished Neveh Shalom members:

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**Jerome "Jerry" Harold Stern (November 26, 1926 - December 20, 2015)** Jerome "Jerry" Stern passed away peacefully Dec. 20, 2015, at home. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Helen; children, Eve Stern and Les Gutfreund, Tom and Mary Jane Stern and Sharon Stern and Stephen Rallison; grandchildren, Benjamin and Gail Singer, Anna and

Eric Kodesch, Hailey and Evan Bernstein, Jonathan Singer, Bradley and Lara Stern, Harrison Hess, Alexander Hess and Lindsey Stern; and 12 great-grandchildren. Jerry was a devoted son, adoring little brother, loving husband and father, dependable cousin, entrepreneur, industry leader, favorite Sunday School teacher, community leader, national board member, traveller, tennis player, golfer, hiker, role model, philanthropist, generous friend, playful grandfather and adored great-grandfather. Jerry attended Lincoln High School and Reed College. Jerry had always been involved in the Portland Jewish Community. After retirement, he served on numerous boards, and countless local Jewish agencies and synagogues in Oregon and also quietly performed acts of kindness throughout his life.



**Aaron Langfus (July 15, 1926 - January 5, 2016)** Aaron is survived by his son Henry Langfus, his daughter Maya Sarna, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

**Charlotte Schwartz (November 29, 1921 - January 12, 2016)**  
- Cousin of Brenda & Larry, Rochelle and Cameron Schwartz



**Donald Eugene Olds (November 8, 1931 - January 15, 2016)** Donald was born in Portland, Oregon, to David and Mary Olds. He attended Grant High School in Portland, and earned a B.A. in Communications at The University of Oregon. His degree served him well as he went on to be a Communications Sergeant at Fort Huachuca in Arizona. It was in Arizona

that he met and married his wife of 60 years, Naomi Belman. Don co-founded Linoleum City, a Portland landmark. Don was a devoted member of Congregation Neveh Shalom, and was president of Camp Solomon Schechter from 1983 to 1985. After retiring, Don was able to pursue his lifelong passion for writing. He researched, wrote and finally published the book "Rescue in Kurdistan" under the pseudo name *Jonathan Lane*. Donald is survived by his wife, Naomi, his son, Daniel (Lori), his daughter, Debbie (Nels), as well as his 5 grandchildren: Jordana, Hannah, Josiah, Sabrina and Zachary.

**Yafa Yukhayeva (July 19, 1937 - January 16, 2016)** Mother of Yuria (Rena) Yukhayev.

**Michael Cohen (July 26, 1934 - January 20, 2016)** Michael is survived by his wife Marsha Sherman; his children Dan Cohen, Adena Cohen Kaplan, Mark Sherman, Lane Sherman, and Jamie Sherman; a sister, Havah Bobrov and a brother, Yoram Cohen; 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



**Merritt L. Linn, MD (February 10, 1937 - January 24, 2016)** Doctor Merritt Linn was responsible for helping create the Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Community Enrichment Award and bringing the Florence Melton Adult Mini School to Portland. He was a very loved and generous man to the Jewish community at large. Some of his beliefs are: Smile, share joy and kindness, play outside,

dance in the rain, eat a cupcake, smell the roses, sing loud and proud, be happy, listen and learn, laugh out loud, snuggle and hug, be thoughtful and gracious, dream big and enjoy life. He will be missed. Merritt is survived by his wife Susan Korey, his children Keith Ian Linn and Jodi Linn Coleman, his sister Karen Solomon, and three grandchildren.

*\*The photos and obituaries have been taken from Holman's Funeral Service's website. Missing photos and other information may not have been available for publication.*



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## 2900 Peaceful Lane

**Rick Hartoch asked members of our community about their Passover memory:**

**Sandy Axel** - Best Pesach memory is our daughter, Abigail's Bat Mitzvah. She was our 4th child, born on the 4th day of the 4th month in the middle of Pesach. Four questions, four cups of wine, four kinds of children! We celebrated at CNS on Shabbat Hol HaMoed Pesach, 2004.



**Brad and Jenn Topliff** - It is a Pesach tradition to invite strangers to your Seder. A year ago, when we moved to Portland we knew very few people. Fortunately the Lazarus family invited us to their beautiful Seder and we made a great start meeting lots of nice people in town. We plan to pay this kind deed forward.

**Jack Wolinsky** - Jack is a real expert on Passover having celebrated over 90! He recalls Seders in Cleveland. The stove was covered with a specially designed asbestos sheet. The four children each had their own red wine cups from Russia. Jack thinks today's Seders are pretty similar to the old days. The only difference is that 90 years ago, it was just your immediate family at the table, now the groups are really big!



**Marianne Zarkin** In Seattle, growing up, each child would stand and recite in Hebrew the four questions starting with the youngest. My father believed in reading around the table every page of the Haggadah, and as kids we each hoped to read the line "the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs." My mother's family tradition had everyone stand at the end of the seder and sing Hatikvah. Our Portland friends know that we have kept this tradition alive.

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## Adar I /Adar II



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
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|   |   | <b>1</b> 21 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit                       | <b>2</b> 22 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                             | <b>3</b> 23 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak<br>7:00pm Executive Meeting | <b>4</b> 24 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>Bat Mitzvah of Sarina Kaufman<br>6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan - Kabbalat Shabbat<br>5:45pm            | <b>5</b> 25 Adar I<br>Bat Mitzvah of Sarina Kaufman<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>10:15am Tot Shabbat<br>10:15am Kiddush Club<br>Vayakhel - Shabbat Shekalim |
| <b>6</b> 26 Adar I<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>9:00am ALIYAH<br>9:00am Boker Tov Bunch<br>9:45am Men's Club Meeting<br>1:00pm Unveiling for Marilyn Rogoway                       | <b>7</b> 27 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal   | <b>8</b> 28 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit                       | <b>9</b> 29 Adar I<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                             | <b>10</b> ROSH CHODESH 30 Adar I<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak               | <b>11</b> ROSH CHODESH 1 Adar II<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>Bar Mitzvah of Lyle McCaffrey<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat<br>5:54pm                               | <b>12</b> 2 Adar II<br>Bar Mitzvah of Lyle McCaffrey<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>9:30am Downstairs Minyan<br>12:30am Women's Torah Study<br>Pekude         |
| <b>13</b> 3 Adar II<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>9:00am ALIYAH<br>9:00am Boker Tov Bunch<br>9:45am Men's Club Meeting<br>10:00am Sisterhood Sundays<br>12:00pm Cook for Outside-In | <b>14</b> 4 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal  | <b>15</b> 5 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>2:00pm Tea at Two<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit | <b>16</b> 6 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>6:00pm Vashti's Banquet<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes | <b>17</b> 7 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak<br>7:00pm Board Meeting    | <b>18</b> 8 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat - Sisterhood Shabbat<br>7:04pm  | <b>19</b> 9 Adar II<br>9:00am Shabbat Services - Sisterhood Shabbat<br>10:15am Tot Shabbat<br>10:15am Kiddush Club<br>Vayikra - Shabbat Zechor               |
| <b>20</b> 10 Adar II<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>9:45am Shomrei Teva<br>2:00pm Davita's Harp  | <b>21</b> 11 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal | <b>22</b> 12 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>5:00pm Talmud Class  | <b>23</b> 13 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>EREV PURIM<br>6:00pm Fiesta De Esther - Purim Celebration<br>7:00pm Megillah Reading   | <b>24</b> 14 Adar II<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>PURIM   | <b>25</b> 15 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Williams<br>5:15pm Fourth Friday with Rabbi Posen<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat<br>7:13pm | <b>26</b> 16 Adar II<br>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Williams<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>9:30am Downstairs Minyan<br>Tzav  |
| <b>27</b> 17 Adar II<br>9:00am Morning Minyan   | <b>28</b> 18 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal | <b>29</b> 19 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit                     | <b>30</b> 20 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                           | <b>31</b> 21 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak                           |   |  |

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## Adar II/ Nisan



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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|  |   |   |   |   | <b>1</b> 22 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>Bar Mitzvah of David Altmark<br>6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan<br>7:22pm                | <b>2</b> 23 Adar II<br>Bar Mitzvah of David Altmark<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>10:15am Tot Shabbat<br>10:15am Kiddush Club<br>Shemini - Shabbat Parah                                    |
| <b>3</b> 24 Adar II<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>9:00am ALIYAH<br>9:45am Men's Club Meeting   | <b>4</b> 25 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal                | <b>5</b> 26 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit  | <b>6</b> 27 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                | <b>7</b> 28 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak<br>7:00pm Executive Meeting         | <b>8</b> 29 Adar II<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>Bar Mitzvah of Travis Popkin<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat<br>7:31pm                              | <b>9</b> ROSH CHODESH<br><b>1 Nisan</b><br>Bar Mitzvah of Travis Popkin<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>9:30am Downstairs Minyan<br>12:30pm Women's Torah Study<br>Tazria - Shabbat Hachodesh |
| <b>10</b> 2 Nisan<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>Volunteer Habitat for Humanity<br>9:00am ALIYAH<br>9:00am Boker Tov Bunch<br>10:00am Sisterhood Sundays<br>12:00pm Cooking for Outsideln<br>3:00pm Story Walk<br>4:00pm PJ Our Way | <b>11</b> 3 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal                  | <b>12</b> 4 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>2:00pm Tea at Two<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit<br>7:00pm Dad's Night Out | <b>13</b> 5 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                  | <b>14</b> 6 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak<br>6:30pm Women's Passover Experience | <b>15</b> 7 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat<br>7:40pm  | <b>16</b> 8 Nisan<br>9:00am Shabbat Services - Led by ALIYAH 5-6th grade<br>10:15am Tot Shabbat<br>10:15am Kiddush Club<br>Metzora - Shabbat Hagadol  |
| <b>17</b> 9 Nisan<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>Good Deeds Day<br>9:00am ALIYAH<br>9:45am Shomrei Teva<br>5:00pm Chai Stakes Casino Night and Auction  | <b>18</b> 10 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal                 | <b>19</b> 11 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit   | <b>20</b> 12 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes                 | <b>21</b> 13 Nisan<br>7:15am Morning Minyan<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak<br>7:00pm Board Meeting              | <b>22</b> 14 Nisan<br>7:00am Morning Minyan - Fast of the First Born<br>Erev Pesach - Seder at homes!<br>No Kabbalat Shabbat Service<br>7:49pm | <b>23</b> 15 Nisan<br>Pesach Day 1<br>9:00am Pesach Day 1 Service<br>Pesach   |
| <b>24</b> 16 Nisan<br>9:00am Morning Minyan<br>Pesach Day 2<br>9:00am Pesach Day 2 Service   | <b>25</b> 17 Nisan<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>Pesach Day 3<br>7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal | <b>26</b> 18 Nisan<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>Pesach Day 4<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>5:00pm Talmud Class<br>6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer II<br>7:00pm Machon Ivrit                               | <b>27</b> 19 Nisan<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>Pesach Day 5<br>4:15pm ALIYAH<br>6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course<br>6:30pm Tichon/ALIYAH<br>6:30pm Siddur Basics<br>7:30pm Learn Tropes | <b>28</b> 20 Nisan<br>7:00am Morning Minyan<br>Pesach Day 6<br>3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak                      | <b>29</b> 21 Nisan<br>Pesach Day 7<br>CNS OFFICES CLOSED<br>9:00am Pesach Service Day 7<br>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat<br>7:58pm                   | <b>30</b> 22 Nisan<br>Last Day of Pesach<br>9:00am Shabbat Services<br>Pesach Day 8/Yizkor<br>10:00am New Babies Shabbat and Fifth Shabbat<br>Pesach - Yizkor                               |





# FIESTA DE ESTHER

## MARCH 23, 2016

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

by reservation at [tinyurl.com/fiestadeesther](http://tinyurl.com/fiestadeesther)

Dairy taco fiesta with all the fixins, margaritas, cervezas, and more!

\$15/adult, \$10/child, \$50/family max. RSVP by March 15.

Megillah at 7:00 pm

Megillah reading and Hamantaschen free for the community!

Come in costume and join in the Celebracion! (no RSVP required)



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**Belly Dancing!**

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**And more!**

**Wednesday March 16**

**6:00pm to 9pm**

**Marrakesh Restaurant**

**1201 NW 21st**

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**'Cause girls just want to have fun!!!**

**\$36 for sisterhood members, \$40 for non-members**  
(Price includes all food, henna, dancing, and gratuities.)

**RSVP: by March 7, 2016 to Sheryl Robert, 503-349-1090**

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\$18/person

**RSVP required: Call 503.246.8831 or  
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